



**ENGLISH**

**Class 10 - English Language and Literature**

**Time Allowed: 3 hours**

**Maximum Marks: 80**

**General Instructions:**

Read the instructions very carefully and strictly follow them :

1. This question paper comprises 11 questions. All questions are compulsory.
2. The question paper contains THREE sections -
  - Section - A : Reading Skills
  - Section - B : Grammar and Creative Writing Skills
  - Section - C : Literature Text Book
3. Attempt questions based on specific instructions for each part.

**Section A - Reading Skills**

**1. Read the following passage carefully:**

**[10]**

1. Organic food is very popular these days. It can also be very expensive. Some organic food costs twice as much as non-organic food. Parents of young children and even some pet owners, will pay high prices for organic food if they think it is healthier. But many others think organic food is just a waste of money.
2. There is one main difference between organic and non-organic food. Organic farms do not use agricultural chemicals such as pesticides that stop insects from damaging crops. In many countries, foods that claim to be organic must have special labels that guarantee they're grown organically.
3. Some people think organic also means 'locally grown' and originally it was indeed true. But over a period of time organic farming has become a big business, with many organic foods now being grown by large agricultural companies that sell their products far from where they're grown. Processed food made with organic ingredients has also become more popular. At first, only small companies produced these products. But as demand overtook supply, big food companies that had been selling non-organic products for many years also began selling organic products.
4. Is organic food safer and more nutritious? This is an important part of the debate. Many farmers and consumers believe it is safer and more nutritious. They think agricultural chemicals can cause serious illnesses such as cancer, but there isn't much evidence proving this is true. However, recent studies have shown that eating organically-grown produce reduces your chances of developing heart diseases. Many doctors think it is more important to stop dangerous bacteria from contaminating foods. These bacteria can contaminate both organic and non-organic fruits and vegetables, and doctors recommend washing produce carefully before eating it. Meat, fish and chicken can also become contaminated so washing your hands before handling these foods is also very important.

**Based on your understanding of the passage, answer the questions given below: (10)**

- i. People are willing to pay high prices for organic food because **(1)**
  - a. it is not easily available.
  - b. it helps in weight loss.
  - c. it is produced by small companies.
  - d. it does not contain agricultural chemicals.
- ii. Select the option that displays what the writer projects with reference to the following: **(1)**  
 Is organic food safer and more nutritious? This is an important part of the debate.
  - a. denial
  - b. confirmation
  - c. caution
  - d. acceptance

- iii. The writer contrasts organic food to non-organic food. State one point of comparison between the two. **(2)**
- iv. Based on your reading of the text, list two benefits of eating organic food. **(2)**
- v. Complete the following with a phrase from paragraph 3. **(1)**

Opinion	Reason
Big food companies have started selling organic food products	

- vi. What connect does the writer draw between contamination of food and washing hands? **(1)**
- vii. The writer says that people believe that it is safer and more nutritious to eat organic food. Select the reason for his sceptical view. **(1)**
  - a. the price decides the popularity
  - b. there is no confirmed evidence
  - c. it is tastier
  - d. it is marketed by big food companies
- viii. Supply one point to justify the following: Some people think organic also means 'locally grown'. **(1)**

**2. Read the following passage carefully:**

**[10]**

1. After more than two years of halted travel, India's tourism and hospitality industry is now cautiously hopeful. Tourism constituted almost 3% of India's GDP and generated around 100 million jobs in 2019. But the sector was severely hit in India - like in other countries - in the past two years.
2. Indians are now travelling with a vengeance - 'revenge travel', as the phenomenon is called. And many, experts say, now prefer to travel within the country instead of flying to more expensive destinations abroad. The industry is also benefitting from new trends borne of the pandemic such as micro-holidays and workcations.
3. According to a survey, 51 percent of Indian travellers believed that international travel remained an important means of expanding their horizons and connecting with other cultures. Over two years, the survey said, Indian travellers are now dreaming about their next international trip and more than 70 percent of Indians are excited about being able to travel internationally.
4. There has also been an increase in the number of students going abroad to study. The increasing desire to study overseas is credited to the pent-up demand from the pandemic's two-year duration. This has got further pronounced because of growing aspirations and affordability among the middle-class students from

Tier II and Tier III cities.

The table below shows foreign travel by Indians for different purposes from 2019 to 2022.

Purpose	2019	2020	2021	2022
Business	14.7 L	2.6 L	1.2 L	4.6 L
Job	25.2 L	7.1 L	8.3 L	21.4 L
Residency	89.5 L	28.9 L	34.6 L	72.5 L
Education	5.8 L	2.6 L	4.4 L	6.5 L
Tourists	63.8 L	13.1 L	12.8 L	30.8 L
Visit	42.1 L	10.1 L	15.1 L	40.9 L
Medical	1,448	390	545	1,253
Pilgrimage	8.8 L	1.1 L	4,139	4.6 L
Others	2.6 L	54,775	58,767	1.6 L
Total	2.5 Crore	66.2 L	77.2 L	1.8 Crore

Answer the following questions, based on the above passage:

- i. Complete the following analogy appropriately, based on your understanding of paragraphs 1 and 2. **(1)**

We can say that the situation when people were travelling with a vengeance is comparable to people going out to dine in hordes, because \_\_\_\_\_.

- ii. Fill in the blanks with the appropriate option from those given in brackets, based on your understanding of paragraph 1. **(1)**

The statement that, 'Tourism constituted almost 3% of India's GDP and generated around 100 million jobs in 2019', is a/an \_\_\_\_\_ (fact/opinion) because it is a/an \_\_\_\_\_ (subjective judgement/objective detail).

- iii. Justify the following in about 40 words. **(2)**

After being cooped up inside their houses for more than two years, Indians are now excited about being able to travel internationally.

- iv. Based on the given table, for which 'purpose' did Indian foreign travel increase in 2022 as compared to 2019? **(1)**

- v. 'The industry is also benefitting from new trends borne of the pandemic such as micro-holidays and workcations.' Which 'industry' is being talked about here? **(1)**

- vi. As per the given table, for which purpose did maximum number of Indians undertake foreign travel in 2019 and in 2022? **(1)**

State any one inference that can be drawn from this.

- vii. Why are students today choosing to go abroad to study? (Answer in about 40 words.) **(2)**

viii. **Assertion (A):** The tourism and hospitality industry in India is experiencing a recovery due to domestic travel and new trends like micro-holidays and workcations.

**Reason (R):** The pandemic has created pent-up demand, with Indians eager for both domestic and international travel opportunities, along with an increased interest in studying abroad.

A. Both (A) and (R) are true, and (R) is the correct explanation of (A).

B. Both (A) and (R) are true, but (R) is not the correct explanation of (A).

- C. (A) is true, but (R) is false.  
 D. (A) is false, but (R) is true.

**SECTION B GRAMMAR**

3. **Complete ANY TEN of twelve of the following tasks, as directed** [10]

(a) Fill in the blank by using the correct form of the word in the bracket, for the given portion of a letter: [1]  
 I have just \_\_\_\_\_ (appear) for my senior secondary board examination and am interested in pursuing a course in Visual Communication.

(b) Identify the error in the given sentence from a school magazine report and supply the correction: [1]  
 When I was a child, my grandmother often repetition the story of her childhood days.  
 Use the given format for your response.

Error	Correction

(c) **Report the dialogue between grandmother and children, by completing the sentence:** [1]  
**Children:** Can we go to the park?  
**Grandmother:** Yes, but don't play on the grass, boys.  
 Giving permission to go to the park, Grandmother warned the children and told them \_\_\_\_\_.

(d) He said to the interviewer, "Could you please repeat the question?" [1]  
**Reported speech:** \_\_\_\_\_

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| a) He requested the interviewer if he could please repeat the question. | b) He requested the interviewer if he could repeat the question. |
| c) He requested the interviewer to repeat the question.                 | d) He requested the interviewer to please repeat the question.   |

(e) Fill in the blank by choosing the correct option. [1]  
 She was \_\_\_\_\_ (never / neither / either) ready for the interview nor wanted to take the job.

(f) Identify the error and supply correction for the given sentence from a restaurant's promotional material. [1]  
 Our restaurant serves authentic Indian foods celebrating the diversity of Indian Cuisine.  
 Use the given format for your response

Error	Correction

(g) Identify the error and supply correction for the given sentence taken from a case study: [1]  
 "We specializes in arranging bespoke tours to exotic locations around the world."

Error	Correction

(h) Complete the line from a self-awareness song, by filling in the blank with the correct option. [1]  
 The ocean waves carry your dreams  
 The seagulls and sky \_\_\_\_\_ your presence.  
 The clouds sketch your portrait,  
 As you sail towards the horizon's expanse.

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| a) signals | b) will signal |
| c) signal  | d) signalled   |

(i) **Report the dialogue between a mother and her son, by completing the sentence:** [1]



OR

In the technology-driven world, there is a need for complete digital transformation in business.

Write an analytical paragraph of 100-120 words on the importance of digital marketing.

You could use the following cues:

- It is cost effective, helps small businesses
- Wide reach, need not be limited to one area
- Global identity and brings about brand awareness
- Helps in growth of business
- Easy reach to customers

### SECTION C - LITERATURE

6. **Read the given extracts and answer the questions for ANY ONE of the two, given.** [5]

(a) Read the extract given below and answer the questions that follow: [5]

Instead of being delighted, as her husband had hoped, she threw the invitation spitefully upon the table murmuring, "What do you suppose I want with that"?

i. The invitation was (1)

- a. to attend a wedding ceremony
- b. to attend an opera
- c. to watch a horse race
- d. to attend an official dance party

ii. The husband had hoped for his wife's happy reaction because: (1)

- a. she rarely got a chance to attend a function.
- b. most employees used to get invited.
- c. both (a) and (b) are correct.
- d. both (a) and (b) are incorrect.

iii. Who is the speaker? Why was she frustrated? (2)

iv. Which word in the passage means the same as whispering? (1)

(b) **Read the extract given below carefully and answer the questions that follow:** [5]

The policy of apartheid created a deep and lasting wound in my country and my people. All of us will spend many years, if not generations, recovering from that profound hurt. But the decades of oppression and brutality had another, unintended effect and that was that it produced the Oliver Tambos, the Walter Sisulu, the Chief Luthuli's, etc., men of such extraordinary courage, wisdom and generosity that their like may never be known again.

i. State any one of inference about Nelson Mandela from the given extract: (1)

The policy of apartheid created a deep and lasting wound in my country and my people.

ii. State TRUE OR FALSE. (1)

None of the terms (a)-(d) can be applied to the question- All of us will spend many years, if not generations, recovering from that profound hurt. (1)

- a. A hypothesis- a proposed explanation for a phenomenon
- b. An assumption- something that is taken for granted or assumed to be true without proof.
- c. A premise- a proposition that forms the basis of an argument.
- d. A theory- a well-substantiated explanation for a natural phenomenon.

iii. Nelson Mandela is of the view that the 'depths of oppression' create 'heights of character'.

Elaborate in about 40 words with reference to the extract. (2)

iv. Which phrase would correctly substitute the word 'profound' in the given sentence from the extract.

All of us will spend many years, if not generations, recovering from that profound hurt. (1)

7. **Read the given extracts and answer the questions for ANY ONE of the two, given.** [5]

(a) Read the following extracts and answer the question/complete the sentences that follow: [5]

If when you're walking round your yard

You meet a creature there,

Who hugs you very, very, hard

Be sure it is a Bear.

If you have any doubt, I guess

He'll give you just one more caress

- i. The word 'You' in the first line here is the \_\_\_\_\_. (1)
- ii. Which distinctive feature of a bear is mentioned here in these lines? (1)
- iii. Why does the poetess say that a bear's hug may confuse a novice? (2)
- iv. Which poetic device is used here? Choose the correct option: (1)

- a. Simile
- b. Alliteration
- c. Hyperbole
- d. Repetition

(b) Read the following extracts and answer the question/complete the sentences that follow: [5]

He stalks in his vivid stripes

The few steps of his cage,

On pads of velvet quiet,

In his quiet rage.

He should be lurking in shadow,

Sliding through long grass

Near the water hole

Where plump deer pass.

- i. The image poet has created through the line "The few steps of his cage" describes that the tiger's movements are \_\_\_\_\_. (1)
- ii. Which of these activities is mentioned in the extract as something the tiger should do in the jungle? (1)
  - a. roar at visitors
  - b. stare at people
  - c. wait for his prey
  - d. drink clean water
- iii. Complete the sentence with reference to the extract. He is in a rage because \_\_\_\_\_. (1)
- iv. Comment on the contrast indicated in the given extract. (2)

8. **Answer ANY FOUR of the following five questions, in about 40-50 words** [12]

(a) What does the writer recall about his childhood in Goa? (**Glimpses of India**) [3]

- (b) It is our attitude towards a situation that makes it positive or negative. Do you agree with it? Express your views with reference to the poem, **Dust of Snow**. [3]
- (c) How do you know that Lencho was a hard-working farmer? Give some extracts from the lesson. [3]
- (d) Why does Anne need to give a brief sketch about her family? Does she treat **Kitty** as an insider or an outsider? [3]
- (e) The poem (**The Tale of Custard the Dragon**) is a light-hearted ballad with a powerful message. If the poem was written in any other style, do you think it would have created the same effect on readers? Justify your response with reason(s). [3]

9. **Answer ANY TWO of the following three questions, in about 40-50 words.** [6]

- (a) What was Mr. Herriot's strict advice? Did Mrs. Pumphrey pay heed to his advice? What excuses did she make? [3]
- (b) You've read the quote: **A teacher affects eternity. He can never tell where his influence stops.** In the context of this statement, comment on the role of Bholi's teacher in her life. [3]
- (c) Discuss, briefly, the reasons owing to which Fowler was interested in meeting Ausable. [3]

10. **Answer ANY ONE of the following two questions, in about 100-120 words** [6]

- (a) Look at the given image of different parenting styles and what they signify. [6]

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DOESN'T ENFORCE LIMITS	PERMISSIVE	UNINVOLVED

Which of the given parenting styles would you attribute to the young seagull's parents? Do you think there was a difference between the mother's and father's attitude? Support your answer with reference to the text.

- (b) Imagine yourself to be the narrator of **Mijbil the Otter**. A friend of yours is confused about whether to adopt an otter as a pet or not and has asked for your advice. Based on the experiences described in the chapter, write a letter to your friend giving your opinion on the matter. You may use the prompt given below: [6]

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4 December '61

Dear Gavin

Trust you and Mij are doing well. I am writing for a special reason that will surely interest. This is because it concerns the love of your life-otters! I have been...

Yours affectionately

Kevin

11. **Answer ANY ONE of the following two questions, in about 100-120 words.** [6]

- (a) How can one become a scientist, an economist, a historian.....? Does it simply involve reading many books on the subject? Does it involve observing, thinking and doing experiments? [6]
- (b) Sometimes deception is a way of life. Explain this statement by citing facts from the lesson 'The Thief's Story'. [6]