SUMMATIVE ASSESSMENT – I - 2011
Class X
Sample Question Paper
English
(Language and Literature)
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The Question paper is divided into four sections:

Section A: Reading Comprehension 15 Marks
Section B: Writing 15 Marks
Section C: Grammar 15 Marks
Section D: Literature/Text Books 35 Marks

All questions are compulsory.

Marks are indicated against each question.

Section A

Reading – 15 Marks

1. Read the passage given below and write the options that you consider the most appropriate in your answer sheets:

(1x5 = 5 marks)

Experts in climatology and other scientists are becoming extremely concerned about the changes to our climate which are taking place. Admittedly, climate changes have occurred on our planet before. For example, there have been several ice ages or glacial periods.

These climatic changes, however, were different from the modern ones in that they occurred gradually and, as far as we know, naturally. The changes currently being monitored are said to be the result not of natural causes, but of human activity. Furthermore, the rate of change is becoming alarmingly rapid.

The major problem is that the planet appears to be warming up. According to some experts, this warming process, known as global warming, is occurring at a rate unprecedented in the last 10,000 years. The implications for the planet are very serious. Rising global temperatures could give rise to such ecological disasters as extremely high
increases in the incidence of flooding and of droughts. These in turn could have a harmful effect on agriculture.

It is thought that this unusual warming of the Earth has been caused by so-called greenhouse gases, such as carbon dioxide, being emitted into the atmosphere by car engines and modern industrial processes, for example. Such gases not only add to the pollution of the atmosphere, but also create a greenhouse effect, by which the heat of the sun is trapped. This leads to the warming up of the planet.

1. The chief worry regarding changes in climate is……………………
   a. that they are gradual and natural
   b. that they are rapid and brought about by man
   c. that they have never occurred before
   d. that they are not perceptible

2. ‘Global warming’ means…………………………
   a. decreasing temperature
   b. melting of ice bergs
   c. rise in temperature
   d. longer summers

3. Rising temperature leads to…………………………
   a. pollution
   b. natural disasters
   c. illness
   d. greenhouse gases

4. Greenhouse effect is……………………………
   a. trapping of solar heat
   b. reduction of sunlight
c. pollution on earth

d. flooding on earth

5. Climatology means……………………………

a. study of climate

b. study of changes in weather

c. study of global warming

d. study of natural disasters

2. Read the poem given below and write the option that you consider the most appropriate in your answer sheets:

Earth

I am your favourite planet,
The one that gave you birth,
A green spot,
A clean spot,
That’s known as Mother Earth.

My orbit never changes
On my journey round the Sun,
Circling through Space,
Leaving no trace.
(Each lap means one year gone.)

I spin upon my axis
Once every day and night;
Observers say
I lean one way;
I’m inclined to think they’re right!
I have a Moon that sometimes comes
Between the Sun and me;
And for a time
I know that I’m
Plunged in obscurity.
Consider the Sun, Moon and Stars,
The other eight planets and I.
Ask, ‘Who put them in place?
Who arranged them in Space?
When did it happen and why?’
Experts say the whole scheme will collapse
And there’s nothing mankind can do.
Not much longer to go—
A billion light years or so—
So I’m not going to worry. Are you?
--Charles Connell

1. The speaker of the poem is………………………………
a. sun
b. moon
c. earth
d. space

2. The earth is ‘Plunged in obscurity’ during…………..

a. night
b. day
c. eclipse
d. winter

3. The earth is not worried about………………

a. people dying
b. everything coming to an end
c. growing pollution
d. water drying up

4. The Earth is a/an……………………………..

a. pessimist
b. optimist
c. realist
d. naturalist

5. The two meanings of ‘inclined’ are………………

a. favour/ think
b. tilted/ be of the opinion
c. push/ feel
d. like/ desire

3. Read the passage given below and answer the questions that follow.
   (1x5 = 5marks)

1. In 1789, France was a powerful country but its people were divided into different groups and there was dissension among these groups.
2. The aristocrats who owned one-fifth of the land in France did not have to pay taxes. They resented the power the ministers had but they themselves were unpopular with the people. The clergy also had special privileges. Not all the clergymen were wealthy but the Catholic Church possessed large areas of land.
3. The middle class were not entitled to the same privileges although they were becoming as rich as the nobles. Some of the peasants owned land but had only sufficient to feed themselves. They had to pay money to their lords as well as hefty taxes to the state.
4. In the late 1780s, the newly appointed finance ministers introduced new taxes which caused much unhappiness to the rich land owners. A committee known as ‘Third
Estate' was formed to voice the people's grievances. They condemned the power of the King and adopted the charter, 'The Declaration of the Rights of Man'. The charter proposed church and government reforms and set out the basic rights of the citizens.

5. Meanwhile, a rebellion was brewing in the streets of Paris as there was a famine. The streets were crowded with starving people who had lost their patience with the long debates that did not seem to achieve any result. The citizens took their guns and stormed the Bastille, which was a large stone fortress.

6. After the fall of the Bastille, there followed a second revolution and the end of monarchy. France declared itself a republic and both the King and Queen were guillotined. (280)

1. What was the privilege that the aristocrats enjoyed in France?
2. What was the economic burden imposed on the peasants?
3. What did the Charter adopted by the Third Estate propose?
4. What was the main cause of the rebellion in Paris?
5. Pick out a word from the passage that means the same as “disagreement”.

Section B
Writing-15 Marks

4. You are Shyam Sunder of Arya School, Patna. Your school provides facilities for evening coaching classes for sports. You are interested in joining these classes. Write an application to your sports teacher requesting her to permit you to join the coaching classes. (100 words) (6 marks)

Or

You come across the photograph given below and feel sorry for young students who are losing out on very important years of their life due to unnecessary stress. Write a letter to the editor of Hindustan Times, Kasturba Gandhi Marg, protesting against the physical and mental stress on school children in India. (100 words) (6 marks)
5. You read the following article in a magazine but you do not agree with the views expressed. Write a speech for your school assembly telling the students how television can be a blessing if used wisely. (120 words) (6 marks)

TV is the major distraction in the life of a student today. Students waste time watching TV and are less interested in reading. It harms their eyes and ears. Concentration powers of a child also decrease. The students are not taking part in outdoor activities because of TV. Confined to the ac rooms watching TV is making their health and mind suffer. TV watching hours should be restricted.

Or

There have been a lot of thefts in your locality. Write a speech to be delivered at the community centre in your building asking people to take precautions because prevention is better than cure. (120 words) (6 marks)

6. It is your mother’s birthday. Your sister and you want to give her a surprise. Plan a dialogue with your sister about what you could do to make your mother happy. (80 words). (3 marks)

Or

Complete this story, ‘Sometimes I think my friend has strange powers. Every time he's around……………….’ (80 words) (3 marks)

Section – C
Grammar – 15 Marks

7. Choose the most appropriate option from the list to complete the following passage. Write the answers in your answer sheet against the correct blank number. Do not copy the whole passage. (½ x 6= 3 marks)

Coral reefs are one of the (a) ___________ sensitive ecosystems of all. A large number of reefs all (b) ___________ the world are on the brink of extinction. (c) ___________ major factor for the destruction of coral reefs (d) ___________ global warming due to increased carbon dioxide in the atmosphere. Studies (e) ___________ that even one degree C rise (f) ___________ normal temperature can result in large-scale destruction.
8. Ram and Sohan are two friends who met after a few years. Complete the dialogue between them in a suitable way by choosing the correct alternative from those given below. Write only the correct answer against the correct blank number in your answer sheet. (1x3=3 marks)

Ram: Hello Sohan. How are you.

Sohan: Ram! What a pleasant surprise! I am fine. How are you?

Ram: It’s a long time since we met. (a) ___________________________________?

Sohan: I’ve been working in Delhi for the past five years. (b) __________________?

Ram: I am the Manager of Munjal Cycles at Ludhiana. I am in Delhi on business.

Sohan: (c) _____________________________________________________?

Ram: I would love to. But I’ll be free only by 7:30 pm.

Sohan: That’s fine. I’ll pick you up from your hotel by 8 o’clock.

(a) (i) Where have you been all these years?   (ii) You are where all these years?

(iii) Where you have been all these years?   (iv) Where are you all these years?

(b) (i) How you have been till now?       (ii) How about you been till now?

(iii) How you are been till now?          (iv) How have you been till now?

(c) (i) Are you meet me tonight?        (ii) Will you meet me tonight?

(iii) Will we meeting tonight?        (iv) Can we meeting tonight?
9. Edit the letter given below by correcting the errors underlined. Write the answers in your answer sheet against the correct blank number. Do not copy the whole passage. 

(1x3 marks)

Sir

I acknowledge receipt of your letter and (a) accepts your invitation to speak to the children on dental care. I really (b) appreciated your effort to make children aware of dental hygiene should be appreciated.

The 25th of this month would be a convenient day for me. I (c) am speaking to them for an hour and make it interesting through demonstrations and slides.

Yours faithfully

Dr. Celine

10. Read the following dialogue and then complete the report by transforming the sentences from direct to reported speech. Write your answers in your answer sheet with correct blank number. Do not copy the dialogue and the report. (1x3 = 3 marks)

Patient : Doctor, I have a terrible toothache.

Doctor : Well, sit down. I need to examine your teeth. Please open your mouth wide.

Patient : Is there any serious problem, doctor?

The patient told the doctor (a) __________________________________________. The doctor told him to sit down as (b) __________________________________________. He also requested him to open his mouth wide. The patient then enquired (c) _________________________________.

11. Look at the words and phrases below. Rearrange them to form meaningful sentences. The first one has been done as an example. Write the correct sentences in your answer sheet against the correct blank number.

(1 x 3 =3 marks)

many Indians/ sandalwood/ to be/ is considered/ sacred by/

Sandalwood is considered to be sacred by many Indians.

(a) medicinal properties/ it is/ fragrance and/ for its/ highly valued/
(b) in ancient times/ sandal and turmeric/ blemish-free skin/ for a/ was used/ a paste of/ by women/

(c) the sandalwood trees/ the purest and/ comes from/ renowned sandal oil/ of Mysore/

Section ‘D’
Text Books-35 marks

12. (a) Read the extract given below and answer the questions that follow.
   (4 marks)

Wanda didn’t have any friends. She came to school alone and went home alone. She always wore a faded blue dress that didn’t hang right. It was clean, but it looked as though it had never been ironed properly. She didn’t have any friends, but a lot of girls talked to her. Sometimes, they surrounded her in the school yard as she stood watching the little girls play hopscotch on the worn hard ground.

   a. What do you learn about Wanda from this description?
   b. Why did the girls surround her in the school yard?
   c. Though Wanda always wore the same dress, it was clean. What does this reveal about her?
   d. Pick out a word from the extract that means the same as “discoloured”.

12. (b) Read the extract given below and answer the questions that follow by choosing the most appropriate alternative from those given below. (4 marks)

‘Paper has more patience than people.’ I thought of this saying on one of those days when I was feeling a little depressed and was sitting at home with my chin in my hands, bored and listless, wondering whether to stay in or go out. I finally stayed where I was, brooding: Yes, paper does have more patience, and since I’m not planning to let anyone else read this stiff-backed notebook grandly referred to as a ‘diary’, unless I should ever find a real friend, it probably won’t make a bit of difference.

   a. Who is the speaker in these lines? What does she call her diary?
   b. Why does she decide to write a diary?
   c. What, according to the speaker, is the advantage of a diary over people?
   d. Pick out a word from the passage that means the same as “lacking energy”?

13. Read the extracts given below and answer the questions that follow by choosing the most appropriate options from those given. [Any two extracts] (3x2=6 marks)

   a. (There is a languid, emerald sea, where the sole inhabitant is me—
a mermaid, drifting blissfully.)

A. Who is the ‘me’ in these lines?
   a. Anne
   b. Amanda
   c. Wanda
   d. Peggy

B. What do these lines tell you about her?
   a. she is energetic
   b. she loves friends
   c. she loves to relax
   d. she loves to have fun

C. What does her desire to be “sole inhabitant” tell you about her?
   a. she likes to play
   b. she likes water
   c. she likes to be alone
   d. she loves to swim

b. But he’s locked in a concrete cell,
   His strength behind bars,
   Stalking the length of his cage,
   Ignoring visitors.

A. The ‘he’ in the poem is……………………
   a. a criminal
   b. a tiger
   c. a child
   d. a visitor

B. He is ignoring visitors because ...........
   a. he is happy
   b. he is sad
   c. he is angry
   d. he is hungry

C. Here ‘stalking’ means ..................
   a. following
b. pacing  
c. roaring  
d. staring

c. 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 doubts, I guess  
He’ll give you just one more caress.

A. According to the poet, we can recognize a bear by its  
a. growls  
b. strength  
c. hug  
d. gait

B. ‘If you have any doubts’ means……….  
a. if you don’t like  
b. if you run away  
c. if you are afraid  
d. if you are not certain

C. The word ‘caress’ in this extract means………….  
a. embrace  
b. hate  
c. growl  
d. push

14. Answer any three of the following questions in 30-40 words each  
(2X3=6 marks)

1. Nelson Mandela felt that both the oppressor and the oppressed need to be liberated. How did he justify this statement?  
2. Why did Lenclio’s happy mood change to concern?  
3. How was the pilot in the story “Black Aeroplane” successful in coming out of the stormy clouds?  
4. What was Anne’s relationship with her grandmother?

Q 15 Answer ONE out of two of the following questions in about 80 words.  
(5 marks)

Describe the scene that the seagull saw on the plateau across the ledge.  
Or
Describe Maddie’s feelings after Wanda left the school.

Q 16 Answer ONE out of two of the following questions in about 80 words. (4 marks)

Why was Trecki happy in the doctor’s house?

Or

How did Ausable prove to Fowler that appearances can be deceptive?

17. Answer any two of the following questions in 40-50 words each (2x3 = 6 marks)
   a. Why was it difficult for Hari to rob Anil?
   b. Horace was no ordinary thief. How can you say this?
   c. What important documents did Ausible have in his possession?
Q 1 to 3  **Objective:** To identify the main points of the text.

**Marking:** 5 marks- 1 mark for each correct answer.

No penalty for spelling, punctuation or grammar mistakes.

**Passage 1**
1. b. that they are rapid and brought about by man
2. c. rise in temperature
3. b. natural disasters
4. a. trapping of solar heat
5. a. study of climate

**Passage 2**
1. c. earth
2. c. eclipse
3. b. everything coming to an end
4. b. optimist
5. b. tilted/ be of the opinion

**Passage 3**
1. Not paying taxes
2. They had to pay money to their lords and taxes to the state
3. The Charter proposed church and government reforms and basic rights of the citizens
4. Famine was the main cause
5. dissension

**Section B**
**Writing-15 Marks**

Q 4  **Objective:** To use an appropriate style to write a formal letter.

**Marking:**
- Content: 3 marks
- Fluency: 2 marks
- Accuracy: 1 mark

**Marking:** 6 marks

Content: 3 marks
Fluency: 2 marks
Accuracy: 1 mark
Under content credit should be given for the candidate’s creativity in presenting ideas. However, some of the following points may be included.

Suggested Value points
- Reference to Notice—evening classes for sports
- Sports enthusiast
- Have represented the school earlier
- Wish to enroll for the classes
- Request permission to join

Or

- Unhealthy cut throat competition
- Parents run around seeking good schools/ coaching classes
- Pressure on the child to excel
- Rise in cases of early stress and stress related problems
- Heavy bags- physical exhaustion
- Education system needs to be overhauled

Q 5 Objective: To plan, organize and present ideas coherently in a speech.

Marking: 6 marks
Content: 3 marks
Fluency: 2 marks
Accuracy: 1 mark

Under content credit should be given for the candidate’s creativity in presenting ideas. However, some of the following points may be included.

Suggested Value points
- Events across the world affect us
- Get to learn about other cultures
- Informative/ Educative programmes
- Information/ warnings in public interest
- Entertainment at a very low cost
- As a tool for mass education

Or

- Cooperate as responsible citizens
- Keep valuables in banks
- Don’t talk to strangers
- Lock houses properly
- Verify credentials before hiring help
Volunteer for night vigil

Q 6 Objective: To write a dialogue using informal language
**Marking:** 3 marks
**Content:** 2 marks
**Expression:** 1 mark

Under content credit should be given for the candidate’s creativity in presenting ideas. However, some of the following points may be included.

Suggested Value Point:
The dialogue should revolve around mother’s birthday present
The surprise element

Or

Objective: To write a story using the trigger.
**Marking:** 3 marks
**Content:** 2 marks
**Expression:** 1 mark

Using the beginning given, the student should be able to extend it into a story. Proper development of the theme, appropriate conclusion and effective use of characters should be given weightage.

Suggested Value Point:
The students will develop the story on the basis of their own imagination. But it should be a natural extension of the given beginning.

Section – C
Grammar – 15 Marks

7. Objective: To test the appropriate use of grammatical items like prepositions, Determiners, connectors, modals etc.
**Marking:** ½ mark for each correct answer (1/2x6= 3 marks)

(a) (ii) most
(b) (iv) over
(c) (iii) The
(d) (i) is
(e) (iv) have shown

(f) (ii) above

8. Objective: To test the ability of using clauses in a conversation

   Marking: 1 mark for each correct answer.                         (1x3 = 3 marks)

(a) (i) Where have you been all these years

(b) (iv) How have you been till now?

(c) (ii) Will you meet me tonight

9. Objective: To test the use of proper tense forms and modals.

   Marking: 1 mark for each correct answer                      (1x3 = 3 marks)

(a) accept

(b) appreciate

(c) will speak

10. Objective: To test the use of reported speech

    Marking: 1 mark for each correct answer                    (1x3 = 3 marks)

(a) that he had a terrible toothache

(b) he needed to examine his teeth.

(c) whether/ if there was any serious problem

11. Objective: To test the ability of reordering sentences/ knowledge of syntax

    Marking: 1 mark for each correct answer                 (1x3 = 3 marks)

a. It is highly valued for its medicinal properties and fragrance.

b. In ancient times a paste of sandal and turmeric was used for a blemish-free skin by women/ A paste of ................................. in ancient times.

c. The purest and renowned sandal oil of Mysore comes from the sandalwood trees
Section ‘D’
Text Books-35 marks

Q. No.12 a. **One mark for each correct answer.**
   **Objective:** knowledge of the plot and characters
   **Marking:** 1 mark for each correct answer

A. Wanda is from a poor family and has no friends
B. To poke fun at her
C. She had self-respect
D. faded

Q. No.12 b. **One mark for each correct answer.**
   **Objective:** knowledge of the plot and characters
   **Marking:** 1 mark for each correct answer

A. Anne Frank; Kitty
B. Because she does not have a true friend/ To get her thoughts and feelings off her chest
C. A diary can keep secrets
D. “listless”.

Q. No. 13 **One mark for each correct answer.**
   **Objective:** to test the global and local comprehension of the poem
   **Marking:** 1 mark for each correct answer

a.
A. b. Amanda
B. c. she loves to relax
C. c. she likes to be alone
b.
A. b. a tiger
B. c. he is angry
C. b pacing
c.
A. c. hug
B. d. if you are not certain
C. a. embrace

14. Short Answer Type **(2x3=6 marks)**
   **Objective:** knowledge of the plot and the main characters
   **Marking:** 2 marks

1. A man who takes away another man’s freedom is a prisoner of hatred; he is locked behind the bars of prejudice and narrow-mindedness. Man is not truly free if he is taking away someone else’s freedom. The oppressed and the oppressor alike are robbed of their humanity.
2. Lenclio felt delighted and exclaimed that it was not raindrops but coins – five and ten cents. Just then a strong wind started blowing and hailstones that resembled coins dropped from heaven. This continued till the whole earth looked white as if covered by salt and no leaf remained on the tree. Lenclio was filled with grief as the entire crop was destroyed and he felt they would go hungry that year.

3. There was no visibility and the pilot had lost his flight path. Suddenly an aeroplane appeared and the pilot of the aeroplane waved to him. He followed him. He was afraid that the fuel would not last. But he was able to land safely on the runway.

4. Anne loved her grandmother dearly. Her grandmother fell ill in the summer of 1941. She had to have an operation and so Anne’s birthday passed with little celebration. Her grandmother died the following year. Anne thought of her often. On her birthday in 1942, she lit her grandma’s candle along with the rest.

Q 15 Any one questions

(5 x 1=5 Marks)

1. 3 marks for content
2. 2 marks for expression as shown below:
   - 2 marks-Effective Organisation with very few errors.
   - 1 mark-Some weaknesses in Organisation; fairly frequent language errors
   - 0 mark-Poor Organisation; many language errors

Watched his parents flying about with his brothers and sister, perfecting them in the art of flight, teaching them how to skim the waves and how to dive for fish; saw his older brother catch his first herring and devour it, standing on a rock, while his parents circled around raising a proud cackle

Or

Maddie tried to prepare her lessons, but she could not put her mind on her work. She had a very sick feeling in the bottom of her stomach. True, she had not enjoyed listening to Peggy ask Wanda how many dresses she had in her closet, but she had said nothing. She had stood by silently, and that was just as bad as what Peggy had done. She was a coward. At least Peggy hadn’t considered they were being mean but she, Maddie, had thought they were doing wrong. She could put herself in Wanda’s shoes. She wanted to tell Wanda she hadn’t meant to hurt her feelings. Maddie decided to find Wanda Petronski.

Q 16 Answer one

(4x1=4 Marks)

1. 3 marks for content
2. 1 mark for expression as shown below:
   - 1 mark-Effective Organisation with very few errors.
   - ½ mark-Some weaknesses in Organisation; fairly frequent language errors
   - 0 mark-Poor Organisation; many language errors
Placed in a warm loose box, next to the other dogs; given only water but no food; second day he met the other dogs; by the fourth day he ran towards food; joined dogs in their friendly, energetic struggles; discovered the joys of being squashed every few minutes; accepted member of the gang, fought for his share at meals and hunted rats and hen at night; never experienced such pleasures earlier; transformed into a flexible, hard-muscled animal

Or

Both men entered Ausable’s room, Max, a man with pistol stood halfway across the room. They were taken aback. He had come for the same report that Ausable had come to collect. It was a secret document about some missiles. Ausable cursed the balcony, under the window saying that it was the second time in the month someone had come into his room through it. Fowler gazed out of the window, but saw no balcony. Max said that he had come in through the door, with the help of a key. Just then the door bell rang. Ausable said it was the police to check the extra protection ensuring safety of the papers. Max decided to jump out of the window into the balcony to evade the police. As he jumped out, he screamed. There was no balcony to the window on the sixth floor.

17. Short Answer type questions. (2X3=6 Marks)
   Objective: knowledge of plot and character
   Marking: 3 marks

   a. Anil was the most trusting person Hari had met; had given him a key to the door, that was why it was so difficult to rob him. It’s easy to rob a greedy man, because he can afford to be robbed; but it’s difficult to rob a careless man — sometimes he doesn’t even notice he’s been robbed and that takes all the pleasure out of the work.
   b. He loved rare, expensive books. So he robbed a safe every year. Each year he planned carefully just what he would do, stole enough to last for twelve months, and secretly bought the books he loved through an agent.
   c. important document that was likely to change the course of history; concerning missiles; many people after it.