

Sample Paper – 2008
Class – X
Subject - English

SECTION - A (READING)

A1. Read the following passage carefully. (12 marks)

If we would see our dream of *Panchayat Raj*, i.e., true democracy realized, we would regard the humblest and lowest Indian as being the ruler of India with the tallest in the land. This presupposes that all are pure, or will become pure if they are not. And purity must go hand-in-hand with wisdom. No one would then harbour any distinction between community and community, caste and out-caste. Everybody would regard all as equal with oneself and hold them together in the silken net of love. No one would regard another as untouchable. We would hold as equal the toiling labourer and the rich capitalist. Everybody would know how to earn an honest living by the sweat of one's brow, and make no distinction between intellectual and physical labour. To hasten this consummation, we would voluntarily turn ourselves into scavengers. No one who has wisdom will ever touch opium, liquor or any intoxicants. Everybody would observe *Swadeshi* as the rule of life and regard every woman, not being his wife, as his mother, sister or daughter according to her age, never lust after her in his heart. He would be ready to lay down his life when occasion demands it, never want to take another's life. If he is a Sikh in terms of the commandment of the Gurus, he would have the heroic courage to stand single-handed and alone-without yielding an inch of ground-against the "one lakh and a quarter" enjoined by them. Needless to say, such a son of India will not want to be told what his duty in the present hour is.

A1.1 On the basis of your reading of the above passage, complete the following sentences. Write the answers in your answer sheet against the correct blank numbers. (1 x 3 = 3 marks)

- (a) *Panchayat Raj* is true democracy because
- (b) When purity goes hand-in-hand with wisdom there will not be any
- (c) A man of wisdom will never usein democracy.

A1.2 On the basis of your reading of the passage write two advantages of true democracy. (1 x 2= 2 marks)

A1.3 On the basis of your reading of the passage answer the following questions: (2 x 2½ = 5 marks)

- (a) The *Panchayat Raj* will eradicate untouchability. How?
- (b) How will *Swadeshi* promote patriotism and a sense of national pride?

A1.4 Find words / phrases from the passage which mean the same as the following from the paragraphs indicated. (1 X 2 = 2 marks)

- (a) The act of making something complete or perfect.
- (b) Without being forced.

A2. Read the following poem carefully. (8 marks)

ODE ON SOLITUDE

Happy the man, whose wish and care
A few paternal acres bound,
Content to breathe his native air,
In his own ground.

Whose herds with milk, whose fields with bread,
Whose flocks supply him with attire,
Whose trees in summer yield him shade,
In winter fire.

Blest, who can unconcern'dly find
Hours, days, and years slide soft away,
In health of body, peace of mind,
Quiet by day.

Sound sleep by night; study and ease;
Together mixt ; sweet recreation:
And innocence, which most does please
With meditation.

Thus let me live, unseen, unknown,
Thus unlamented let me die,
Steal from the world, and not a stone
Tell where I lie.

A2.1 Below is the summary of the poem. Complete it by writing the missing word or phrase against the correct blank number in your answer sheet. ($\frac{1}{2} \times 10 = 5$ marks)

The poet's (a)is to live in his (b) place cultivating his (c)and tending his (d) He hopes to spend his days (e)and quietly mixing (f)with relaxation. After death he doesn't want to be (g)He hopes to leave the (h) ...stealthily with not even a (i) marking the place of his (j)

A2.2 The poet uses certain expressions in the poem to suggest something to the reader. There are some suggestions given below. Choose one suggestion that best fits each of the expressions in the table, and write the answer against the correct blank number in your answer sheet . ($\frac{1}{2} \times 6 = 3$ marks)

Expressions form teh poem	What they mean
1. Wish and care	(a)
2. Paternal acres	(b)
3. Slide soft away	(c)
4. Steal from the world	(d)
5. Not a stone	(e)
6. Unlamented	(f)

die
memorial
land inherited
pass by
hope

without being mourned
steal from someone
carry a stone
not mourned over death

SECTION B (WRITING)

B1. You are Akash. During your holidays you went to Lucknow to visit your cousin. You took part in a hiking expedition, to Nainital, with your cousin and his friends. Write a post-card to your friend Gaurav, B-21, Pandav Nagar, Delhi, about your expedition, in not more than 50 words. Copy the format of the post-card from the question paper in your answer sheet. **(5 marks)**

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B2. Read the information on communal weavers and complete the paragraph below. Write the answers in your answer sheet against the correct blank numbers. **(1 x 5 = 5 marks)**

communal weavers - build large nests - like a city apartment block - each apartment - upto 100 nest holes - rainy season - nests wet and soggy - collapse under weight.

The largest nests built by birds are those (a)Unlike, most other birds, they (b)Each block may (c)In the rainy season (d)and they are in danger (e)

B3. Philip is a class X student. He happened to read the following newspaper article. He decided to write a letter to the editor of 'The Indian Times' giving his strong views on the health hazards caused by pesticides. Using ideas from the unit on 'Health and Hygiene', together with your own ideas, write the letter in not more than 150 words. **(10 marks)**

THERE IS POISON IN YOU

It's there in your water, milk, fruits, vegetables, eggs, meat, flour and now soft drinks. For sometime now evidence about the harmful effect of pesticides has been mounting. From brainless babies in one part of the country and cancer cases in the other part, it's been an unending saga of death and misery.

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B4. Sheshadri is a boy who has survived more than 25 major accidents; it makes you wonder about the cause of accidents in the Indian cities. You decide to write an article for the school magazine titled 'Driving India Crazy'. Taking ideas from the data below and your own ideas

write the article in about 150-200 words. **(10 marks)**

Number of persons killed in cities.

Ahmedabad	223
Bangalore	659
Chennai	692
Delhi	1,989
Kochi	148
Mumbai	449

"Admittedly, there is not a bone in his body that was not broken at some point or the other". This report on Sheshadri, who has survived more than 25 major accidents makes

you wonder about the cause of accidents in the Indian cities.
Write an article titled 'Driving India Crazy' for the school magazine

For Blind Candidates Only

"All work and no play makes Jack a dull boy." Write a speech on the relevance of this saying in the present day educational system in not more than 200 words. (10 marks)

SECTION C (GRAMMAR)

C1 Look at the notes below. Then use the information to complete the paragraph by writing a suitable word or phrase in each space. Do not add any new information. The first one has been done for you as an example. Write your answers in your answer sheet against the correct blank number. **(1x5 =5 marks)**

Galapagos Island

Visitors to these Pacific Island --- leave unstamped ---- main them ---- return home --- picture post ---show up ----since 1960s --- tradition persisted ---post office --- establish --- 1950s ---barrel ----replaced ----many --- weather worn ---- plaques remain.

Tradition has it that visitors to these Pacific Islands leave unstamped addressed post-cards and letters in a barrel at Post Office Bay, to await pick up by other tourists who affix postage and (a) when they return home. Picture post cards (b) in the barrel since the late 1960s, when tourists began visiting the Galapagos Islands. The self-perpetuating post office (c).... by whalers in the late 1790s as a way to get news to and from friends and family. The tradition persisted even after a post office (d) on the island of Floreana in the 1950s. The barrel (e) many times, but weather worn plaques, where sailors long ago and from far away carved their names, remain.

C2. Read the following passage and fill in the blanks with one word only. Write the answers in your answer sheet against the correct blank numbers. (½ x 8=4 marks)

If the modern man wants tips (a)good child care, he could (b)at a couple of frogs in Papua New Guinea . (c)remarkable behaviour of two species, (d)which males (e) ...only bear sole responsibility for looking (f)their offspring but (g)take the entire family for piggy-back rides (h)the forest, came to light recently.

C3. 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 numbers. (½ x 6 =3 marks)

depicted / architecture of / has been / the veena / about 500 A.D. / in temple *The veena has been depicted in temple architecture of about 500 A.D.*

(a) no takers / sadly / instruments / but / of all / this mother / has / Today

(b) to whom / there are / student / turn to / few / can / exponents / the rare

(c) subject in / it is / a subsidiary / not even / university curricula

- (d) it is / so! the instrument / we have / even before / buried / born
(e) hill-station! / / with / to the beautiful / am going / my parents / of Manali.
(f) aren't you / you disheartened / going anywhere / are / why /

C4. Look at the newspaper items below. Then use the information in the headlines to complete the paragraphs. Write the answers in your answer sheet against the correct blank numbers. Do not copy the whole sentence. ($\frac{1}{2} \times 6 = 3$ marks)

1. RAIN DISEASES KILL OVER TWO DOZEN

Kathmandu : About (a) in the remote villages of north-western Kalikot district (b)

2. LARGEST DISCOVERY OF DINOSAUR EGGS

Lerida : More than 100 eggs (c)in north-eastern Spain , reportedly the (d) in Europe .

3. RELIGIOUS SCHOOL REFORMS SEEN DOOMED

Islamabad : A half-hearted attempt by Pakistan 's military ruler to (e), despite warnings that they are breeding grounds for Islamic militancy, (f)

C5. Read the following conversation and complete the paragraph by writing suitable words and phrases in each space. Write the answers in your answer sheet against the correct blank numbers (5 marks)

Captain : Do you know how to play cricket?

Nitesh : Never had a chance to learn it.

Captain : In this school every student has to learn it.

Nitesh : Give me a chance and I shall learn it.

Captain : I am sure you will, Nitesh

The captain asked Nitesh (a)Nitesh replied (b)The captain then told Nitesh (c) Nitesh requested the captain (d)The captain said (e)

SECTION D (LITERATURE)

D1. Read the extract given below and answer the following questions. Write the answers in your answer sheet in *one or two lines* only. Remember to number the

answers correctly. (4 marks)

'Nor dim nor red, like God's own head,
The glorious sun uprist;
Then all averred, I had killed the bird
That brought the fog and mist.
'Twas right, said they, such birds to slay,
That bring the fog and mist.'

- (a) Why is the sun described as glorious?
- (b) How do the sailors contradict themselves?
- (c) Which is the bird referred to here?

D2. Read the extract given below and answer the following questions. Write the answers in your answer sheet in *one or two lines* only. Remember to number the answers correctly. (4 marks)

"Without proper training such as I
- And few others - can supply,
You'll remain a mere beginner
But with me you'll be a winner."

- (a) Who is the speaker? What trait of the speaker is brought about in these lines? (2)
- (b) What was the reaction of the listener? How did it affect her fate? (2)

D3. What impression do you form of the poet's father from the poem 'Night of the Scorpion'. Your answer should not exceed *100 words*. (5 marks)

D4. Read the extract given below and answer the following questions. Write the answers in your answer sheet. Remember to number the answers correctly. (5 marks)

"Let me see some tenderness connected with death."

- (a) Who is the speaker? Why did he make this comment? (1)
- (b) How did the ghost oblige him? (2)
- (c) What realization dawned on 'him' after the visit of the third ghost? (2)

D5. Give two incidents from the lesson 'The Cutie Pie' to show that he always logs for his mother. Your answer should not exceed *75 words*. (4 marks)

D6. You are one of the refugees who crossed the Kruger Park . You appreciate the efforts taken by the grandmother to take care of her family. Write a letter to your friend describing the traits of the grandmother in about *150-175 words*. (8 marks)