

**SAMPLE PAPER**

Class	:	XII
Subject	:	English (Core)
Time Limit	:	3 hours
Maximum Marks	:	80

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**SECTION – A: UNSEEN COMPREHENSION****[15]**

**1. Read the passages given below and answer the questions that follow. Do any one.**  $1 \times 10 = 10$

- (i) World Conservation Day is celebrated internationally to increase awareness about the best practices needed to protect our natural resources. The Earth is supplied with a limited amount of resources that we all rely upon, like water, air, soil and trees. The World Nature Conservation Movement is a great opportunity to celebrate the progress we've made and determine to take action, wherever needed. It is time to remind ourselves that we need to give back to nature instead of just using resources without thinking about conservation. There is a need to replenish and recycle the resources we consume from nature.

Our forests, rivers, oceans and soils provide us with the food we eat, the air we breathe, the water we irrigate our crops with. We also rely on them for numerous other goods and services. We depend on them for our health, happiness and prosperity. We have a cycle of biodiversity which needs proper conservation.

The population explosion remains one of the major reasons why natural resources are getting depleted at a very fast rate. Technological advancement and luxurious lifestyles have led to several environmental problems like global warming, ozone layer depletion, river water pollution and deforestation which threaten the planet's future.

Humans, animals, marine creatures and the environment, all need to be protected and conserved for the planet's future well-being. There are many examples of conservation. One is a programme to try to preserve wetlands or a programme to try and save old buildings. Another example is of an attempt to minimise the amount of electricity used by turning off lights when leaving a room or an attempt to turn off the running tap to avoid wastage of water. There are lots of examples like these which need implementation.

Following these small steps in our daily lives, we can help to maintain the balance of nature, thereby saving humankind from the kinds of natural disasters we may face in the near future.

Nature also has a profound impact on our minds and our behaviour, helping reduce anxiety, brooding, and stress and increase our attention, capacity, creativity and ability to connect with other people. So, there is a need to save nature if we want to save life as the two are interconnected and need each other. If we hurt or destroy the environment, surely we will be ruined. We must create awareness among family members and try and practise a sustainable lifestyle to protect and conserve our nature.

- (a) There is an urgent need to conserve our natural resources because
- we are aimlessly using the natural resources and not replenishing them.
  - they will be replaced by manmade resources.
  - serious efforts are needed to cut down the consumption of these resources.
  - we must become alert before it is too late.
- (b) In the opinion of the writer, which are the primary natural resources without which our life is not possible?

- (c) In Paragraph 1, the writer talks about 'celebrating the progress'. Explain in context.
- (d) The writer would agree with the given statements based on Paragraph 6, EXCEPT
- (A) Stress can be relieved by working overtime.
  - (B) Nature can affect man's emotional well-being.
  - (C) Lifestyle cannot be changed permanently.
  - (D) Destruction of the environment is a temporary measure undertaken by man.
- (e) In the context of the given passage, what is the synonym of 'replenish' (Para 1)? Choose the correct option.
- (A) Scarcity
  - (B) Restore
  - (C) Reconcile
  - (D) Minimise
- (f) List two ways in which forests and rivers help mankind.
- (g) How can the solutions suggested in Paragraph 4 be best described?
- (A) Unrealistic
  - (B) Practical
  - (C) Short term
  - (D) Challenging
- (h) Why is it fair to say that population explosion remains one of the major reasons why natural resources are getting depleted rapidly?
- (i) Complete the given sentence with an appropriate inference with respect to the following. The writer quotes the example of family awareness in order to (Paragraph 6)
- (j) Select the most suitable title for the above passage.
- (A) Ways to Save the Environment
  - (B) Save Nature Save Life
  - (C) Nature-A Pharmacy
  - (D) Nature - A Food Factory
- (ii) 1. While there is no denying that the world loves a winner, it is important that you recognize the signs, of stress in your behaviour and be healthy enough to enjoy your success. Stress can strike anytime, in a fashion that may leave you unaware of its presence in your life. While a certain amount of pressure is necessary for performance, it is important to be able to recognize your individual limit. For instance, there are some individuals who accept competition in a healthy fashion. There are others who collapse into weeping wrecks before an exam or on comparing marks sheets and finding that their friend has scored better.
2. Stress is a body reaction to any demands or changes in its internal and external environment. Whenever there is a change in the external environment such as temperature, pollutants, humidity and working conditions, it leads to stress. In these days of competition when a person makes up his mind to surpass what has been achieved by others, leading to an imbalance between demands and resources, it causes psychosocial stress. It is a part and parcel of everyday life.
3. Stress has a different meaning, depending on the stage of life you are in. The loss of a toy or a reprimand from the parents might create a stress shock in a child. An adolescent who fails an examination may feel as if everything has been lost and life has no further meaning. In an adult the loss of his or her companion, job or professional failure may appear as if there is nothing more to be achieved.

4. Such signs appear in the attitude and behaviour of the individual, as muscle tension in various parts of the body, palpitation and high blood pressure, indigestion and hyperacidity. Ultimately the result is self-destructive behaviour such as eating and drinking too much, smoking excessively, relying on tranquilisers. There are other signs of stress such as trembling, shaking, nervous blinking, dryness of throat and mouth and difficulty in swallowing.
5. The professional under stress behaves as if he is a perfectionist. It leads to depression, lethargy and weakness. Periodic mood shifts also indicate the stress status of the students, executives and professionals.
6. In a study sponsored by World Health Organization and carried out by Harvard School of Public Health, the global burden of diseases and injury indicated that stress diseases and accidents are going to be the major killers in 2020.
7. The heart disease and depression both stress diseases are going to rank first and second in 2020. Road traffic accidents are going to be the third-largest killers. These accidents are also an indicator of psychosocial stress in a fast-moving society. Other stress diseases like ulcers, hypertension and sleeplessness have assumed epidemic proportions in modern societies.
8. A person under stress reacts in different ways and the common ones are flight, fight and flee depending upon the nature of the stress and capabilities of the person. The three responses can be elegantly chosen to cope with the stress so that stress does not damage the system and become distressed.
9. When stress crosses the limit, peculiar to an individual, it lowers his performance capacity. Frequent crossings of the limit may result in chronic fatigue in which a person feels lethargic, disinterested and is not easily motivated to achieve anything. This may make the person mentally undecided, confused and accident-prone as well. Sudden exposure of unnerving stress may also result in a loss of memory. Diet, massage, food supplements, herbal medicines, hobbies, relaxation techniques and dance movements are excellent stress busters.
- (a) What factors lead to stress?
- (b) What are the signs by which a person can know that he is under stress?
- (c) What are the different diseases a person gets due to stress?
- (d) Give any two examples of stress busters.
- (e) How does a person react under stress?
- (f) What is stress?
- (A) A body reaction
- (B) A chemical reaction
- (C) A mental reaction
- (D) A misconception
- (g) What does **not** happen when a person is under stress?
- (A) Performance capacity decreases
- (B) Lethargy
- (C) Chronic Fatigue
- (D) Peace of mind
- (h) When a professional is under stress, he behaves as if he is a \_\_\_\_\_.
- (A) Lay man
- (B) Perfectionist
- (C) Philanthropist
- (D) None of these
- (i) Find the word in paragraph 1 which means the same as 'Fall down'.

- (A) collapse
- (B) flop
- (C) downfall
- (D) trip

(j) Which among the following is the most suitable title to the given passage?

- (A) Why is stress important?
- (B) Stay Stress-free
- (C) Stress might be beneficial
- (D) Stay stress-free; stay disease and accident free

2. Read the passage given below and make notes. Also, supply a suitable title. (4 + 1)

Artificial intelligence (AI) is making a difference to how legal work is done, but it isn't the threat it is made out to be. AI is making impressive progress and shaking up things all over the world today. The assumption that advancements in technology and artificial intelligence will render any profession defunct is just that, an assumption and a false one. The only purpose this assumption serves is creating mass panic and hostility towards embracing technology that is meant to make our lives easier.

Let us understand what this means explicitly for the legal world. The ambit of AI includes recognizing human speech and objects, making decisions based on data, and translating languages. Tasks that can be defined as 'search-and-find' type can be performed by AI.

Introducing AI to this profession will primarily be for the purpose of automating mundane, tedious tasks that require negligible human intelligence. The kind of artificial intelligence that is employed by industries in the current scene, when extended to the law will enable quicker services at a lower price. AI is meant to automate a number of tasks that take up precious working hours lawyers could be devoted to tasks that require discerning, empathy, and trust- qualities that cannot be replicated by even the most sophisticated form of AI. The legal profession is one of the oldest professions in the world. Thriving over 1000 years; trust, judgement, and diligence are the pillars of this profession. The most important pillar is the relationship of trust between a lawyer and clients, which can only be achieved through human connection and interaction.

While artificial intelligence can be useful in scanning and organizing documents pertaining to a case, it cannot perform higher-level tasks such as sharp decisionmaking, relationship-building with valuable clients and writing legal briefs, advising clients, and appearing in court. These are over and above the realm of computerization.

The smooth proceeding of a case is not possible without sound legal research. While presenting cases lawyers need to assimilate information in the form of legal research by referring to a number of relevant cases to find those that will favour their client's motion. Lawyers are even required to thoroughly know the opposing stand and supporting legal arguments they can expect to prepare a watertight defence strategy. AI, software that operates on natural language enables electronic discovery of information relevant to a case, contract reviews, and automation generation of legal documents.

AI utilizes big-data analytics which enables visualization of case data. It also allows for creation of a map of the cases which were cited in previous cases and their resulting verdicts, as per the website Towards Data Science. The probability of a positive outcome of a case can be predicted by leveraging predictive analytics with machine learning. This is advantageous to firms as they can determine the return on investment in litigation and whether an agreement or arbitration should be considered.

**SECTION – B: WRITING SKILLS****[15]**

3. **Answer any one of the following questions in about 100 words.** 5
- (i) Water supply will be suspended for eight hours (10 am to 6 pm) on 6th of March for cleaning of the water tank. Write a notice in about 50 words advising the residents to store water for a day. You are Karan Kumar/Karuna Bajaj, Secretary, Janata Group Housing Society, Palam Vihar, Kurnool.
- (ii) You are Krishna/ Tisha, Secretary, Greenland Enterprises Ltd, Delhi-110006. Your Chairman has asked you to draft an advertisement for a local daily under the classified columns for the vacant posts of one accountant and two office assistants.  
Draft an advertisement.
- (iii) Design a poster on the theme of “Climate change and the world in 2050”.
4. **Answer any one of the following questions in about 100 words.** 5
- (i) Write a paragraph on ‘Friendship’.
- (ii) Government Senior Secondary School, Nuh, recently organised a science symposium on the topic: ‘Effect of pollution on quality of life’. You are Amit/Amita Raazdan, editor of the school magazine. Write a report on the event for your school magazine.
5. **Answer any one of the following questions in about 100 words.** 5
- (i) While riding the Metro, you may have seen that, despite increased surveillance, people attempt to deface Metro trains and stations. Write a letter to the editor of an evening newspaper urging DMRC, Delhi, to begin school-based awareness programmes in collaboration with the Directorate of Education, describing how such programmes could assist to improve people’s attitudes. You are Sudhir/Sweety of 3-B DDA Flats, Punjabi Bagh, New Delhi.
- (ii) Bal Vidya Public School, Bhiwani, urgently requires a post – graduate teacher to teach political science for which they have placed an advertisement in The Daily Express. You are Sanjay/Sanjana Sharma from 21, Vasant Marg, Bhiwani, Haryana. Draft a letter including a CV, applying for the advertised post.

**SECTION – C: GRAMMAR****[10]**

6. **Answer any ten questions in all, choosing two from each sub-part.** 1 × 10 = 10
- (i) **Fill in the blanks with correct form of verb.** 1 × 2 = 2
- (a) May God \_\_\_\_\_ his soul!  
(A) blesses  
(B) bless  
(C) blessed  
(D) will bless
- (b) To \_\_\_\_\_ is human.  
(A) err  
(B) errs  
(C) erred  
(D) erring
- (c) An idle mind \_\_\_\_\_ the Devil’s workshop.  
(A) is  
(B) am  
(C) are  
(D) was
- (ii) **Change the narration.** 1 × 2 = 2
- (a) I said, “My father is a doctor.”
- (A) I said that his father is a doctor.

- (B) I said that my father is a doctor.
- (C) I said that my father was a doctor.
- (D) I said that my father had been a doctor.

(b) She said, "I was a teacher."

- (A) She said that she was a teacher.
- (B) She says that she had been a teacher.
- (C) She says that she is a teacher.
- (D) She said that she had been a teacher.

(c) I say, "I go to school."

- (A) I said that he went to school.
- (B) I say that I go to school.
- (C) I said that he goes to school.
- (D) I said that I went to school.

(iii) **Fill in the blanks with suitable articles.**

$1 \times 2 = 2$

(a) I saw \_\_\_ one – eyed man.

- (A) a
- (B) an
- (C) the
- (D) ×

(b) Where there is \_\_\_\_\_ will, there is \_\_\_\_\_ way.

- (A) a, a
- (B) an, an
- (C) the, the
- (D) ×, a

(c) India is \_\_\_ big country.

- (A) a
- (B) an
- (C) the
- (D) ×

(iv) **Change the following sentences in active voice into their passive form.**  $1 \times 2 = 2$

(a) Children like sweets.

- (A) Sweets like children.
- (B) Sweets are liked by children and adults.
- (C) Sweets are liked by children.
- (D) None of these

(b) Rita will take a photograph.

- (A) A photograph will be taken by Rita.
- (B) A photograph will take Rita
- (C) Rita takes a photograph.
- (D) A photograph shall not be taken with Rita.

(c) Who hit you?

- (A) By whom were you hitten?
- (B) By whom were you hitted?
- (C) By whom were you hit?
- (D) Who hit your face?

(v) **Fill in the blanks with suitable modals.**

$1 \times 2 = 2$

(a) I \_\_\_\_\_ to serve the country.

- (A) should
- (B) will

- (C) ought  
(D) might
- (b) Work hard lest you \_\_\_\_\_ fail.  
(A) would  
(B) could  
(C) should  
(D) might
- (c) You \_\_\_\_\_ not hurt me.  
(A) need to  
(B) dare  
(C) ought to  
(D) None of these

7. Read the passages given below and answer the questions that follow. Do any *one*.  $1 \times 2 = 2$

(i) Subbu was the No. 2 at Gemini Studios. He couldn't have had a more encouraging opening in films than our grown-up make-up boy had. On the contrary he must have had to face more uncertain and difficult times, for when he his career, there were no firmly established film producing companies or studios. Even in the matter of education, specially formal education, Subbu couldn't have had an appreciable lead over out boy. But by virtue of being born a Brahmin-a virtue, indeed!-he must have had exposure to more affluent situations and people. He had the ability to look cheerful at all times even after having had a hand in a flop film.

- (a) Name the chapter.  
(A) The Last Lesson  
(B) Poets and Pancakes  
(C) The Rattrap  
(D) Going Places
- (b) Name the author.  
(A) Asokamitran  
(B) Anees Jung  
(C) Alphonse Daudet  
(D) A.R. Barton
- (c) Subbu was no. 2 at \_\_\_\_\_ studios.  
(A) Virgo  
(B) Gemini  
(C) Aries  
(D) Pisces
- (d) Who had the ability to look cheerful even in a flop film?  
(A) Subbu  
(B) Stephen  
(C) Subbu's boss  
(D) None of these
- (e) Find the word which means the same as 'contrary'.  
(A) conflicting  
(B) opposing  
(C) Both (A) and (B)  
(D) None of these
- (ii) The experience had a deep meaning for me, as only those who have known stark terror and conquered it can appreciate. In death there is peace. There is terror only in the fear of death, as Roosevelt knew when he said, "All we have to fear is fear itself." Because I had experienced both the sensation of dying and the terror that fear of it can produce, the will to live somehow grew in intensity.
- (a) Name the chapter.  
(A) The Last Lesson  
(B) Poets and Pancakes

(C) The Rattrap

(D) Deep Water

(b) Name the author.

(A) Asokamitran

(B) William Douglas

(C) Alphonse Daudet

(D) A.R. Barton

(c) Does one fear death itself?

(A) Yes

(B) No

(C) Sometimes

(D) Maybe

(d) Which word has the meaning similar to 'feeling'?

(A) sensation

(B) stark

(C) intensity

(D) fear

(e) "All we have to fear is fear itself." – Who said this?

(A) Franklin D. Roosevelt

(B) Abraham Lincoln

(C) John F. Kennedy

(D) Richard Nixon

8. Answer any *one* of the following questions in about 100 words.

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(i) What made the peddler finally change his ways?

*(The Rattrap)*

(ii) How was Gandhi able to influence lawyers?

*(Indigo)*9. Answer any *four* of the following questions in about 20-30 words. $2 \times 4 = 8$ (i) When Franz reached his school, what unusual situation did he observe? *(The Last Lesson)*(ii) How was Saheb's life at tea stall? *(Lost Spring)*(iii) Why did Sophie long for her brother's affection? *(Going Places)*(iv) What are some positive views on interviews? *(The Interview)*(v) Why did the Peddler sign himself as 'Captain Von Stahle'? *(The Rattrap)*10. Read the extracts given below and answer the questions that follow. Do any *one*.  $1 \times 5 = 5$ 

(i) Yes, in spite of all,

Such the sun, the moon,

Trees old, and young, sprouting a shady boon

For simple sheep; and such are daffodils

With the green world they live in;

and clear rills

That for themselves a cooling covert make

'Gainst the hot season; the mid forest brake,

Rich with a sprinkling of fair musk-rose blooms.

(a) Name the poem.

(A) My Mother at Sixty-Six

(B) A Thing of Beauty

(C) A Roadside Stand

(D) Aunt Jennifer's Tigers

(b) Name the poet.

(A) Kamala Das

(B) John Keats

(C) Robert Frost

(D) Adrienne Rich

(c) What moves away the pall?

(A) A Thing of Trust



- (B) A Thing of Beauty  
 (C) A Thing of Poetry  
 (D) None of these
- (d) What does the word 'boon' mean?  
 (A) Blessing  
 (B) Bush  
 (C) Beauty  
 (D) None of these
- (e) Which of the following is a thing of beauty?  
 (A) Daffodils  
 (B) Sun  
 (C) Moon  
 (D) All of these
- (ii) Aunt Jennifer's fingers are fluttering through her wool.  
 Find even the ivory needle hard to pull.  
 The massive weight of Uncle's wedding band.  
 Sits heavily upon Aunt Jennifer's hand.
- (a) Name the poem.  
 (A) My Mother at Sixty-Six  
 (B) A Thing of Beauty  
 (C) A Roadside Stand  
 (D) Aunt Jennifer's Tigers
- (b) Name the poet.  
 (A) Kamala Das  
 (B) John Keats  
 (C) Robert Frost  
 (D) Adrienne Rich
- (c) What is Aunt Jennifer doing?  
 (A) Embroidery  
 (B) Painting  
 (C) Reading  
 (D) Dancing
- (d) What are the characteristics of Uncle's behaviour?  
 (A) Cruel  
 (B) Dominating  
 (C) Abusive  
 (D) All of these
- (e) 'Ivory' means  
 (A) Elephant's tail's hair  
 (B) Elephant's teeth and tusk  
 (C) Elephant's nails  
 (D) Elephant's bones

11. Answer any *two* of the following questions in about 50 words.

3 × 2 = 6

- (i) Why are the cars called 'selfish'? (*A Roadside Stand*)  
 (ii) What does the poem 'Keeping Quiet' teach us?  
 (iii) What kind of pain does Kamala Das feel in the poem 'My Mother at Sixty-Six'?

### [III. VISTAS (Supplementary Reader)]

12. Answer any *one* of the following questions in about 100 words.

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- (i) Describe briefly the scene at the third level. (*The Third Level*)  
 (ii) Why is Antarctica the place to go for the scientists today? (*Journey to the End of the Earth*)

13. Answer any *three* of the following questions in about 30-40 words. 2 × 3 = 6

- (i) How did the Tiger king acquire his name? (*The Tiger King*)
- (ii) Why was Dr. Sadao not sent abroad with the troops? (*The Enemy*)
- (iii) Why does Derry not like being with people? (*On the Face of It*)
- (iv) How did Zitkala-Sa feel when her hair were cut? (*Memories of Childhood*)