



CLASS X

Pre - Board Paper

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ENGLISH

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SECOND PRE BOARD EXAMINATION 2019-20
 SUBJECT : ENGLISH LANGUAGE AND LITERATURE
 CLASS : X

Time : 3 hours

Marks : 80

General Instructions:

The question paper is divided into three sections.

Section A: Reading 20 marks

Section B: Writing and Grammar 30 marks

Section C: Literature 30 marks

1. *All questions are compulsory.*
2. *Any section can be attempted first.*
3. *All questions of that particular section must be attempted in the correct order.*

SECTION - A (READING)

Q1. Read the following passage and answer the questions that follow:
 (8 marks)

When rescue workers pulled Cao Jianqiang out of the rubble, the first thing he did was cover his eyes against the sun, which he had not seen in 75 hours. Then overjoyed that his life had been spared, he gave a big wave to the cheering crowd.

May 12 dawned sunny and temperate in Hanwang, Cao recalls. He breezed through his morning classes in the school and enjoyed a

lunch of fried rice before heading for his 2 o'clock Maths class on the fourth floor.

At 2.28, China's worst earthquake in three decades upended his world. As the shaking intensified, he crept under his desk on the advice of his teacher. Within seconds, the ceiling started falling, then the desk started sliding across the collapsing floor. He grabbed a leg of the desk and held on as the building went into free fall. Within seconds, he was buried alive.

As the dust settled, he heard cries for help, then silence. Slowly Cao took stock. He lay faced down, crouching, with his legs pinned under a chunk of concrete. He soon realized someone was nearby. They introduced themselves in the dark. Gou ke, also 18, had been in a classroom, one floor below. They had not met previously, but having someone six feet away was an enormous comfort.

Gou had a cellphone. He tried to send messages, but the service was down. In a bid to boost morale, he played some downloaded music from his phone into the void.

In the pitch dark, Cao cleared a little more space by moving small pieces of concrete and brick. He found it hard to gauge the passage of time. Periodically he would sleep, getting some relief from the claustrophobia. Upon awakening, however, he'd assume a day had passed when it was probably only a few hours. Slowly his legs were growing increasingly numb.

Cao was extremely hungry and unbelievably thirsty. On Thursday afternoon, his fate finally changed. After he had heard emergency workers for hours, light appeared from a hole, a yard above his head. His throat was too parched to shout, but he saw three rescue workers. He asked for water. The workers lowered a tube and he sucked down a container of dehydration solution. After an agonizing

wait, he was on his way to a waiting ambulance.

1. What was Cao's first reaction when he was pulled out of the rubble?
2. Why was he overjoyed?
3. How did Cao try to save himself when the earthquake destroyed his school?
4. Who played the music from the phone and why?
5. How did Cao spend time while he was in the rubble?
6. What problems did he face there?
7. What did he do to quench his thirst?
8. What was Cao doing when earthquake struck China?

Q 2. Read the following passage and answer the questions that follow:
(12 marks)

My mother began developing a cataract in her eyes when I was very small. At that time, the eldest among my brothers got a teaching job at the university in Bhubaneswar and had to prepare for the civil services examination. So, it was decided that my mother would move to cook for him and, as her appendage, I had to move too. For the first time in my life, I saw electricity in homes and water coming out of a tap. It was around 1965 and the country was going through war with Pakistan. My mother was having problem in reading and in any case, being Bengali, she did not know the Oriya script. So, in addition to my daily chores, my job was to read her the local newspaper — end to end. That created in me a sense of connectedness with a larger world. I began taking interest in many different things. While reading out the news about the war, I felt that I was fighting the war myself. She and I discussed the daily news and built a bond with the large universe. In it, we became part of a larger reality. Till date, I measure my success in terms of that sense of larger connectedness.

Over the next few years, my mother's eyesight dimmed but in me she created a larger vision, a vision with which I continue to see the world and, I sense, through my eyes, she was seeing too. As the next few years unfolded, her vision deteriorated and she was operated for cataract. I remember when she returned after her operation and she saw my face clearly for the first time, she was astonished. She said, "Oh my God, I did not know you were so fair." I remain mightily pleased with that adulation even till date. Within weeks of getting her sight back, she developed corneal ulcer and, overnight, became blind in both eyes. That was 1969. She died in 2002. In all those 32 years of living with blindness, she never complained about her fate even once. Curious to know what she saw with blind eyes, I asked her once if she sees darkness. She replied, "No, I do not see darkness. I only see light even with my eyes closed." Until she was eighty years of age, she did her morning yoga every day, swept her own room and washed her own clothes. To me, success is about the sense of independence; it is about not seeing the world but seeing the light.

2.1 On the basis of your reading of the passage above, answer the following questions: (8 marks)

- a) How do you know that the writer might have been living in an undeveloped remote village before coming to Bhubaneswar?
- b) Give two reasons as to why the writer had to read out the local newspaper to his mother?
- c) How did the reading of the local newspaper to his mother benefit the writer?
- d) Pick out an example for each to show the writer's mothers
 - ✓ Tolerance
 - ✓ Positive Outlook

2/2 On the basis of your reading of the passage complete the following sentences appropriately (2 marks)

a) The writer's mother was troubled by _____
 _____ even when the writer was a small boy.

b) Though the mother's vision dimmed, she was successful in creating in her son _____

2/3 Find words from the passage which mean the same as the following (2 marks)

a) Admiration and praise, especially when this is greater than is necessary _____

b) very surprised _____

SECTION - B (WRITING AND GRAMMAR)

3. Vehicular smoke, stubble burning and construction work have created havoc. Write an article on the topic 'Pollution — the Killer'.

OR

You are interested in doing a short term course in computer graphics during your holidays. Write a letter to the Director, Easy Computers enquiring about their short term courses and asking for all the necessary details. You are Nitin /Nandini.

4. Write a story on the basis of the clues given in about 150 – 200 words : (10 marks)

An old lady on road — — — — — a biker with a pillion rider- -
 - - - - — pulls her gold chain - - - - - — -is chased by a young
 man - - - - - -finally caught - - - - - -beaten - - - - - handed over
 to police.

OR

I was walking with my dog last night, when I saw a strange light.
 I wondered if it could be a UFO.....

5. Fill in the blanks with correct form of the words given in brackets: (4 marks)

A mini bus _____ (carry) school children b) _____
 _____ (overturn) in East Delhi on Monday killing a teacher and c) _____
 _____ (serious) injuring several students. The condition of
 two girls d) _____ (be) critical.

6. In the passage below, one word has been omitted in each line. Write the missing word along with the word that comes before and the word that comes after it. 4 marks

When in evening Hari's son did not come, he _____ in the evening
 and his wife very much sad and worried. The son a
 arrived three days. When Hari asked him where b
 He had been for three days, he replied that he
 had to Goa c
 and not return due to the late running of the train. d
 Hari asked him to inform him he go out again e
 The son told him that he do so in future. He f
 stuck his promise and never gave g
 any chance complaint to anybody. h

7. Rearrange the following words and phrases to form meaningful sentences four): 4 marks

- a) the watermelon/thirst quenchers/ in summers/ is / one of the
 best u 1 3 5 2 3
- b) around/ it is / 96 countries/ cultivated in/the world u 3 2 5
- c) in Africa/ about 5000 years/ grown/ ago/ it was/ first u 5 3 4 2
- d) say that / at the / it was grown / some researchers / same
 time / in India 2 3 5 1 4
- e) the travelers / across a desert / it was / when they / used by
 / travelled

SECTION - C (LITERATURE)

8. Read the following passage and answer the questions that follow:
(4 marks)

But up jumped Custard, snorting like an engine,
Clashed his tail like irons in a dungeon,
With a clatter and a clank and a jangling squirm,
He went at the pirate like a robin at a worm.

1. How did Custard face the pirate?
2. How did he attack the pirate?
3. Which word from the extract means the same as 'struck'?
4. Which poetic devices are used in the extract? (two poetic devices)

OR

I thought and thought, and suddenly I had an idea. I wrote the three pages Mr. Keesing had assigned me and was satisfied. I argued that talking is a student's trait and that I would do my best to keep it under control, but that I would never be able to cure myself of the habit, since my mother talked as much as I did, if not more, and that there's not much you can do about inherited traits.

- a) What made Anne think so deeply?
 - b) How much did she write?
 - c) What, according to Anne, is a student's trait?
 - d) Why would she not be able to cure herself?
9. Answer any five of the following questions: (10 marks)
1. Why did the young lawyer wish to return to New Mullion?
 2. How did the Buddha teach Kisa Gotami the truth of life?

3. Who is the real culprit – the lady or Horace? How did he/she manage to rob the safe?
 - ✓ 4. Why does Ivan Lomov come to meet Stepan Chubukov? What does Chubukov think he has come for?
 - ✓ 5. How did Mijbil behave for the first twenty four hours?
 - ✓ 6. How did Valli react when she saw the dead cow by the roadside?
10. Attempt any one of the following questions in 100- 150 words:

(8 marks)

Presence of mind and intelligence are more powerful than a gun. How far is it true in case of Ausable, the secret agent?

OR

Bholi's whole personality underwent a complete transformation towards the end of the story. Explain.

11. Attempt any one of the following questions in 100 – 150 words:

(8 marks)

What legends are associated with the origin of tea?

OR

'A mother's role is very important in shaping the future of her child.' Explain how Richard Ebright's mother helped him?
