



**CBSE Class 10 English Language and Literature
Question Paper 2019 Set 1**

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- Please check that this question paper contains **7** printed pages.
- Code number given on the right hand side of the question paper should be written on the title page of the answer-book by the candidate.
- Please check that this question paper contains **11** questions.
- **Please write down the Serial Number of the question before attempting it.**
- 15 minute time has been allotted to read this question paper. The question paper will be distributed at 10.15 a.m. From 10.15 a.m. to 10.30 a.m., the students will read the question paper only and will not write any answer on the answer-book during this period.

ENGLISH
(Language and Literature)

Time allowed : 3 hours

Maximum Marks : 80

General Instructions :

(i) *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*

(ii) **All** questions are compulsory.

(iii) You may attempt any section at a time.

(iv) All questions of that particular section must be attempted in the correct order.



SECTION A – (Reading)

20 marks

1. Read the passage given below and answer the questions that follow : 8

- 1 Once a man saw three masons along with some labourers constructing a temple. He observed the masons for three days and found that though the three of them were doing the same kind of work, there was a marked difference in their approach to their job.
- 2 He saw that the first mason reported for his work late, did his work halfheartedly and sluggishly, enjoyed a longer respite, frequently checked the time on his wristwatch and left the work before time.
- 3 The second mason was very punctual in arriving and leaving, and did his work methodically. The third mason, however, would come before time, take little rest in the interval and often worked overtime.
- 4 The man naturally got curious and wanted to know the three masons' outlook on their work. He asked them what they were doing. The first mason tapped his big belly with his hand and said, "I am earning food for myself." The second said, "I am constructing a building." The third mason looked at the huge building and said, "I am building the house of God."

1.1 On the basis of your understanding of the above passage, answer **any eight** of the following questions : 1×8=8

- (a) What were the three masons doing ?
- (b) For how long did 'a man' observe them ?
- (c) What made the man curious ?
- (d) How did the first mason do his job ?
- (e) What was the second mason's approach towards his job ?
- (f) How did the third mason view his job ?
- (g) With whom among these can you associate the phrase 'work is worship' ?
- (h) Which word in the passage means 'working lazily' ? (para 2)
- (i) Which word in the passage means the opposite of 'carelessly' ? (para 3)



2. Read the passage given below and answer the questions that follow :

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- 1 An epidemic of obesity or being overweight is affecting many countries in the world; more than 300 million people are obese or overweight. Obesity could be for a particular reason. In India, some people tend to be overweight because of their high calorie diet and lack of physical activities. In the United States, obesity is more prevalent in lower income groups. Obesity is now well recognised as a disease in its own right. Though obesity commonly means being overweight, it is defined as an excess amount of body weight that includes muscle, bone, fat and water. 'Obesity' specifically refers to an excess amount of body fat.
- 2 A certain amount of body fat is needed to store energy, keep warm and absorb the shocks. Usually men with more than 25% body fat and women with more than 35% body fat are regarded as obese. Obesity tends to run in families suggesting a genetic cause. Environmental factors include lifestyle behaviour such as what a person eats and his or her level of physical activity. So, one should choose more nutritious food which is low in fat, and become more active.
- 3 Then, there are psychological factors. Negative emotions such as boredom, sadness and anger are the main culprits. Then there is also 'binge eating' i.e. when people eat large amounts of food thinking that it is beyond their control how much they eat. Those with the most severe binge eating problem are also likely to have more symptoms of depression and low self-esteem.
- 4 Obesity is a health hazard giving rise to many serious medical conditions like type 2 diabetes, heart disease, high blood pressure and stroke. Obesity is also linked to a higher rate of certain types of cancer. There are many ways of losing weight but exercise is the best as it is free from any type of harmful side effects.

2.1 On the basis of your understanding of the above passage, answer **any four** of the following questions in 30 – 40 words each : $2 \times 4 = 8$

- (a) What are the main reasons for obesity in India ?
- (b) Why do we need body fat ?
- (c) What are the symptoms of people with 'binge eating problem' ?
- (d) Which are the most common negative emotions which lead to overeating ?
- (e) Write any four medical problems that can arise due to obesity.



2.2 On the basis of your understanding of the above passage, answer **any four** of the following with the help of the given options : $1 \times 4 = 4$

- (a) Women having _____ body fat are regarded as obese.
- (i) more than 35%
 - (ii) more than 25%
 - (iii) less than 30%
 - (iv) less than 25%
- (b) Obesity can be defined as a/an _____ amount of body weight.
- (i) less
 - (ii) excess
 - (iii) optimum
 - (iv) balanced
- (c) In the United States obesity is more prevalent among _____ people.
- (i) high income
 - (ii) homeless
 - (iii) low income
 - (iv) affluent
- (d) Environmental factor refers to _____ behaviour.
- (i) indecent
 - (ii) decent
 - (iii) lifestyle
 - (iv) loud
- (e) Binge eating is when people eat _____ of food.
- (i) a meagre amount
 - (ii) a small portion
 - (iii) extra organic type
 - (iv) a large portion



SECTION B – (Writing and Grammar)

30 marks

3. You are Shalini/Shashank living at 39, Kailash Colony, New Delhi. You have noticed that children are working in tea stalls, begging at intersections, etc, in spite of laws prohibiting child labour. Write a letter in 100 – 120 words to the Commissioner, Delhi Police, showing your concern about it and requesting strict implementation of law. 8

OR

Your friend Reema was teased by a male co-passenger in a bus. She asked for help but no one helped her in this embarrassing situation. Write an article in 100 – 120 words on ‘Safety and Protection of Women in our Country’. You are Fatima/Faizal.

4. Develop a short story in 200 – 250 words with the help of the following cues. Give a suitable title to your story. 10

A merchant deals in salt has an ass loads it with salt ass falls into the river load lighter next day falls purposely feels happy master loads it with cotton ass repeats the trick load heavier repents.

OR

Develop a story in 200 – 250 words which begins as the following, providing a suitable title also :

Ram was in a hurry. He came running out of his house. He was feeling very excited. All of a sudden he saw

5. Fill in the blanks in the sentences given below by choosing the most appropriate options from the ones that follow. Attempt **any four**. Write the answers in your answer sheet against the correct blank numbers. 1×4=4

He has (a) ulcer on his leg.

The teacher made the students (b) the lesson.

He tried to prevent me (c) doing my duty.

Rivers are considered holy (d) India.

There has been a popular survey (e) latest fashion trends.

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| (a) | (i) | a | (ii) | an | (iii) | every | (iv) | big |
| (b) | (i) | repeat | (ii) | repeated | (iii) | repeating | (iv) | had repeated |
| (c) | (i) | against | (ii) | at | (iii) | with | (iv) | from |
| (d) | (i) | in | (ii) | on | (iii) | at | (iv) | of |
| (e) | (i) | in | (ii) | on | (iii) | for | (iv) | of |



6. The following paragraph has not been edited. There is one error in each line. Identify the error and write down its correction against the correct blank number. The first one has been done for you. Attempt **any four**. 1×4=4

		<i>Error</i>	<i>Correction</i>
A king reached a ashram. A	e.g.	a	the
sadhu is watering some plants. The	(a)	_____	_____
sadhu saw that the king was tire.	(b)	_____	_____
He ran up to the king or gave	(c)	_____	_____
him some fruits. On that time	(d)	_____	_____
a wounded men was brought to the	(e)	_____	_____
ashram.			

7. Rearrange **any four** of the following groups of words/phrases to make meaningful sentences : 1×4=4
- (a) is / all over / world / Lord Buddha / revered / the
- (b) children / toys / many / playing / with / were
- (c) the / a / wise / king / helped / minister / very
- (d) celebrations / in / part / took / people / the / happily
- (e) adventurous / expedition / risky / very / our / was / and

SECTION C – (Literature)

30 marks

8. Read the extract given below and answer the questions that follow : 1×4=4
- It sits looking
over harbour and city
on silent haunches
and then moves on.
- (a) What does 'It' refer to here ?
- (b) Where does 'It' settle over ?
- (c) What does 'It' do sitting on its haunches ?
- (d) Name the figure of speech used in these lines.

OR



.....long-cramped boughs shuffling under the roof
like newly discharged patients
half-dazed, moving
to the clinic doors.

- (a) What are the boughs doing ?
- (b) What are the boughs compared to ?
- (c) Why does the poet use this comparison ?
- (d) What does 'half-dazed' mean ?

9. Answer **any four** of the following questions in 30 – 40 words each : 2×4=8

- (a) What importance does a baker enjoy in a Goan village ?
- (b) What according to Nelson Mandela are a man's twin obligations ?
- (c) Why was the boy upset on losing his ball ?
- (d) Why did the thief change his name every month ? How did he rob people ? (The Thief's Story)
- (e) Why did the lawyer hate his work ? (The Hack Driver)

10. Answer the following question in 100 – 120 words : 8

At the end of the story, how does Wanda succeed in winning the love and confidence of her classmates ?

OR

Matilda wanted to live a life above her status. How did this desire of hers lead to her sufferings ?

11. Answer the following question in 200 – 250 words : 10

What effect does living in the Annexe have on Anne Frank ?

OR

Write a character sketch of Alfred Dussel.

OR

Describe Helen's love for poetry.

OR

What were the difficulties faced by Helen while at Radcliffe College ?