

CBSE Class 10 English Language and Literature Question Paper 2

(Based on 2024-25 Pattern)

Time Allowed: 3 Hours

Maximum Marks: 80

General Instructions:

1. The question paper contains three sections – A, B, and C.
2. All questions are compulsory.
3. Attempt questions based on specific instructions for each part.

Section A: Reading Skills (20 Marks)

Question 1 (10 Marks)

Read the following text.

(1) Climate change is one of the most pressing issues facing humanity today. Rising global temperatures, caused primarily by human activities such as burning fossil fuels and deforestation, are leading to extreme weather events, sea-level rise, and biodiversity loss. International agreements like the Paris Accord aim to limit warming to below 2°C, but collective action is essential.

(2) The impacts are already visible: more frequent hurricanes, droughts, and floods disrupt communities and economies. In agriculture, changing weather patterns affect crop yields, threatening food security. Wildlife habitats are shrinking, pushing species toward extinction.

(3) Mitigation strategies include transitioning to renewable energy sources like solar and wind, promoting energy efficiency, and reforestation. Adaptation measures, such as building resilient infrastructure and sustainable farming, are also crucial.

(4) Education and awareness play a key role in driving change. Schools and media can inform the public about sustainable practices, encouraging individual actions like reducing plastic use and conserving water.

(5) Skeptics argue that economic growth will suffer from strict regulations, but green technologies create jobs and foster innovation.

(6) Ultimately, addressing climate change requires global cooperation, policy changes, and personal responsibility to ensure a habitable planet for future generations.

Answer the following questions, based on the passage above.

- I. What does the phrase 'pressing issues' in paragraph 1 highlight? (1)
- II. Complete the following with the correct option from the two given. Climate change is caused by human activities because _____. (a) they have minimal impact on the environment (b) they release greenhouse gases (Paragraph 1) (1)
- III. Support the idea that education is vital for combating climate change. (Paragraph 4) (2)
- IV. Select the option that best describes 'biodiversity loss' in the context of climate change. (a) Increase in species variety due to warmer climates. (b) Decline in ecosystems and species extinction from habitat changes. (Paragraph 2) (1)
- V. State whether the following statement is True or False: Renewable energy sources are part of mitigation strategies. (Paragraph 3) (1)
- VI. The writer mentions 'green technologies' in paragraph 5. Which of the following is an example? (A) Coal mining. (B) Solar panels. (C) Plastic production. (D) Deforestation. (1)
- VII. List any two adaptation measures mentioned. (Paragraph 3) (2)
- VIII. Fill in the blank with the correct option. In the phrase 'global cooperation,' 'global' implies _____. (A) Limited to one country (B) Involving the entire world (C) Ignoring international agreements (D) Focused on economy only (Paragraph 6) (1)

Question 2 (10 Marks)

Read the following text.

- (1) A recent study on mental health among young adults aged 18-25 shows that 70% experience stress from work or studies, with 40% reporting anxiety symptoms. Social media contributes to 50% of cases, while exercise helps 60% manage stress. Therapy is sought by 25%.
- (2) Gender differences: Women report higher anxiety (45%) than men (35%). Urban areas see more cases than rural due to fast-paced life.
- (3) Common coping mechanisms include music (55%), talking to friends (65%), and meditation (30%). Negative habits like overeating affect 20%.

(4) Access to mental health services is limited, with only 30% of respondents aware of free helplines. Schools provide counseling in 40% of cases.

(5) Experts recommend early intervention, promoting work-life balance, and digital detox to improve mental well-being.

Answer the following questions, based on the passage above.

I. What does 'anxiety symptoms' in paragraph 1 indicate about the study's focus? (A) Happiness (B) Concern (C) Indifference (D) Excitement (1)

II. Select the option that is true for the assertion and reason. Assertion: Social media affects mental health. Reason: It contributes to 50% of stress cases. (A) Both true, reason explains. (B) Assertion true, reason false. (C) Both false. (D) Reason true, assertion false. (1)

III. Identify the word showing comparison in gender differences. (1)

IV. How does exercise benefit mental health per the passage? (1)

V. Fill in: In urban areas, mental health issues are higher due to (fast-paced life / rural calm / music). (1)

VI. What does the highest coping mechanism percentage suggest? (1)

VII. Complete: Limited access to services highlights _____. (1)

VIII. The writer believes early intervention is needed because it can _____. (1)

IX. Describe the role of schools in mental health support. (2)

Section B: Grammar and Creative Writing Skills (20 Marks)

Question 3 (10 Marks)

Complete any ten of twelve of the following tasks, as directed.

- I. Fill in the blank: The principal announced that the event _____ postponed. (A) has (B) has been (C) being (D) been (1)
- II. Identify error and correction: She don't like coffee. Error: _____ Correction: _____ (1)
- III. Mother said to child, "Have you eaten?" Report the question. (1)
- IV. Choose: The report _____ by the committee next month. (will submit / will be submitted / submitting) (1)
- V. Report: "I will help you," said the teacher. The teacher said that _____. (1)
- VI. Correct: Neither of the boys are coming. Option: (A) Neither Either (B) are is (C) boys boy (D) coming come (1)
- VII. Select: The play _____ well-received by the audience. (A) was (B) were (C) is (D) are (1)
- VIII. Error: He should of gone home. Error: _____ Correction: _____ (1)
- IX. Report dialogue: Friend: Where are you going? You: To the market. The friend asked where you were going, and you replied _____. (1)
- X. Choose: They _____ the movie before. (A) saw (B) have seen (C) sees (D) seeing (1)
- XI. Complete: The news _____ shocking. (A) is (B) are (C) were (D) have (1)
- XII. Report: Doctor: How do you feel? Patient: Better now. The doctor asked how the patient felt, and the patient replied _____. (1)

Question 4 (5 Marks)

You are Riya Gupta from Kolkata. Write a formal letter in about 120 words to the Editor of The Hindu, discussing the problem of plastic pollution in rivers and proposing solutions.

OR

You are Karan Sharma from Bangalore. Write a letter in about 120 words to your school Principal, suggesting improvements in the library facilities.

Question 5 (5 Marks)

Read the product details for a smartwatch: 1. Heart rate monitor. 2. GPS tracking. 3. Waterproof. 4. Battery life up to 7 days. 5. Multiple color options.

Analyse the advantages of this smartwatch. Write an analytical paragraph in 120 words, considering health tracking, convenience, durability, battery efficiency, and aesthetics.

OR

Read the details of a library: 1. Vast collection of books. 2. Reading areas. 3. Digital resources. 4. Study rooms. 5. Events and workshops.

Analyse why this library is ideal for students. Write an analytical paragraph in 120 words, focusing on resources, environment, technology, privacy, and learning opportunities.

Section C: Language through Literature (40 Marks)**Question 6 (5 Marks)**

Read the given extracts and answer the questions for any one of the two.

A. "He stalks in his vivid stripes
The few steps of his cage,
On pads of velvet quiet,
In his quiet rage." (A Tiger in the Zoo)

- i. What does 'stalks' mean? (1)
- ii. Describe the tiger's movement. (1)
- iii. Explain 'quiet rage'. (1)
- iv. Where is the tiger? (1)
- v. Theme of freedom vs captivity. (1)

OR

B. "Some say the world will end in fire,
Some say in ice." (Fire and Ice)

- i. What do 'fire' and 'ice' symbolize? (1)
- ii. Tone of the poem. (1)
- iii. Poet's view on destruction. (1)
- iv. Rhyme scheme. (1)
- v. Relation to human desires. (1)

Question 7 (5 Marks)

Read the given extracts and answer the questions for any one of the two.

A. "I would not intrude on him; A dime, another ball, is worthless." (The Ball Poem)

- i. Who is 'him'? (1)
- ii. Why not intrude? (1)
- iii. Message of the poem. (1)
- iv. Symbolism of the ball. (1)
- v. Theme of loss. (1)

OR

B. "The baker usually collected his bills at the end of the month." (Glimpses of India)

- i. Context of the baker. (1)
- ii. Cultural significance. (1)
- iii. Description in the story. (1)
- iv. Tradition in Goa. (1)
- v. Nostalgia in the narrative. (1)

Question 8 (5 Marks)

Read the given extracts and answer the questions for any one of the two.

A. "She suffered incessantly, feeling herself born for all delicacies and luxuries." (The Necklace)

- i. Who is 'she'? (1)
- ii. Why did she suffer? (1)
- iii. Irony in the story. (1)
- iv. Theme of vanity. (1)
- v. Outcome of her actions. (1)

OR

B. "The young lawyer was sent to New Mullion to serve summons on Oliver Lutkins." (The Hack Driver)

- i. Who is the lawyer? (1)
- ii. What happened in New Mullion? (1)
- iii. Explain 'hack driver'. (1)
- iv. Character of Lutkins. (1)
- v. Humor in the story. (1)

Question 9 (6 Marks)

Answer any four of the following five questions in 40–50 words each from First Flight.

- i. Describe the pilot's experience in 'Black Aeroplane'. (3)
- ii. What does the fog represent in 'Fog'? (3)
- iii. Explain Valli's adventure in 'Madam Rides the Bus'. (3)
- iv. Theme of 'The Trees'. (3)
- v. Lomov's proposal in 'The Proposal'. (3)

Question 10 (6 Marks)

Answer any two of the following three questions in 40–50 words each from Footprints Without Feet.

- i. Transformation in 'Bholi'. (3)
- ii. Why did Hari Singh return the money? (The Thief's Story) (3)
- iii. Message of 'The Making of a Scientist'. (3)

Question 11 (6 Marks)

Answer any one of the following two questions in 100–120 words from First Flight.

- a. Analyze the role of family in 'His First Flight'.

OR

- b. Discuss cultural aspects in 'Glimpses of India'.

Question 12 (6 Marks)

Answer any one of the following two questions in 100–120 words from Footprints Without Feet.

- a. Irony in 'The Necklace'.

OR

- b. Character sketch of Griffin in 'Footprints without Feet'.

Answer Key for Question Paper 2 with Solutions and Explanations**Section A**

Question 1

- I. The urgency and importance of the problem.
- II. (b) they release greenhouse gases
- III. Education informs about sustainable practices, encouraging actions like reducing plastic, leading to broader change.
- IV. (b) Decline in ecosystems and species extinction from habitat changes.
- V. True
- VI. (B) Solar panels.
- VII. Building resilient infrastructure, sustainable farming.
- VIII. (B) Involving the entire world

Reference to Textbook: Themes of environmental responsibility link to 'Mijbil the Otter' (First Flight, p86), showing human-nature interaction.

Question 2

- I. (B) Concern
- II. (A) Both true, reason explains.
- III. Higher
- IV. Helps 60% manage stress.
- V. fast-paced life
- VI. Talking to friends is most preferred for support.
- VII. need for awareness
- VIII. prevent worsening of issues
- IX. Schools offer counseling in 40% cases, providing early support and resources for students' mental health.

Reference: Personal challenges in 'From the Diary of Anne Frank' (First Flight, p49), exploring emotional resilience.

Section B

Question 3

- I. (B) has been
- II. Error: don't Correction: doesn't
- III. Mother asked the child if they had eaten.
- IV. will be submitted
- V. she would help you
- VI. (B) are is
- VII. (A) was
- VIII. Error: of Correction: have
- IX. that you were going to the market
- X. (B) have seen
- XI. (A) is
- XII. that they felt better then

Explanations: Passive voice, subject-verb agreement, reported speech rules (CBSE grammar syllabus).

Question 4 (Sample for First Option)

[Letter on plastic pollution: causes, effects, solutions like bans, cleanups.] Explanation: Formal structure, persuasive language.

Question 5 (Sample for First Option)

[Paragraph on smartwatch: health monitoring aids fitness, GPS for safety, waterproof durability.] Explanation: Data interpretation for analysis.

Section C

Question 6 A

- i. Walks stealthily.
- ii. Limited to few steps in cage.
- iii. Suppressed anger.
- iv. In a zoo cage.
- v. Contrasts natural freedom with captivity.

Reference: First Flight, p30. Explanation: Poetic devices highlight animal rights.

Question 7 A

- i. The boy who lost the ball.
- ii. To let him learn from loss.
- iii. Accepting loss is part of life.
- iv. Symbolizes childhood innocence.
- v. Teaches maturity through grief.

Reference: First Flight, p47. Explanation: Philosophical on possessions.

Question 8 A

- i. Madame Loisel.
- ii. Desire for luxury beyond means.
- iii. Necklace was fake, suffering unnecessary.
- iv. Vanity leads to downfall.
- v. Years of hardship to repay debt.

Reference: Footprints Without Feet, p39. Explanation: Moral on contentment.

Question 9 i

Pilot faces storm, guided by mysterious plane, learns courage.

Reference: First Flight, p40. Explanation: Mystery and self-reliance.

Question 10 i

Bholi overcomes stammer, gains confidence through education.

Reference: Footprints Without Feet, p55. Explanation: Empowerment theme.

Question 11 a

[Family motivates seagull to fly, showing support overcomes fear.]

Reference: First Flight, p36. Explanation: Allegory for growth.

Question 12 a

[Loisel's vanity causes loss, irony in fake necklace reveals misplaced priorities.]

Reference: Footprints Without Feet, p39. Explanation: Critique of materialism.