

ENGLISH

LANGUAGE AND
LITERATURE

MOCK TEST PAPER

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Practice Question Paper for
CBSE, Class X Examination

Time : 3 hrs.

M. Marks: 80

General Instructions:

1. This paper is divided into three sections: A, B and C. All questions are compulsory.
2. Separate instructions are given with each section and question, wherever necessary. Read these instructions very carefully and follow them.
3. Do not exceed the prescribed word limit while answering the questions.

Section 'A' Reading

1. Read the passage given below:

- (1) Necessity is indeed the mother of invention. When areas in and around Leh began to experience water shortages, life didn't grind to a halt. Why? Because Chewang Norphel, a retired civil engineer in the Jammu and Kashmir government came up with the idea of artificial glaciers.
- (2) Ladakh, a cold desert at an altitude of 3,000-3,500 metres above sea level, has a low average annual rainfall rate of 50 mm. Glaciers have always been the only source of water. Agriculture is completely dependent on glacier melt unlike the rest of river/monsoon-fed India. But over the years with increasing effects of climate change, rainfall and snowfall patterns have been changing, resulting in severe shortage and drought situations. Given the severe winter conditions, the window for farming is usually limited to one harvest season.
- (3) It is located between the natural glacier above and the village below. The one closer to the village and lowest in altitude melts first, providing water during April/May, the crucial sowing season. Further, layers of ice above melt with increasing temperature, thus, ensuring continuous supply to the fields. Thus, farmers have been able to manage two crops instead of one. It costs about ₹ 1,50,000 and above to create one.
- (4) Fondly, called the "glacier man", Mr. Norphel has designed over 15 artificial glaciers in and around Leh since 1987. In recognition of his pioneering effort, he was conferred the Padma Shri by President Pranab Mukherjee, in 2015.
- (5) There are few basic steps followed in creating the artificial glacier.
- (6) River or stream water at higher altitude is diverted to a shaded area of the hill, facing north, where the winter sun is blocked by a ridge or a mountain range. At the start of winter/November, the diverted water is made to flow onto sloping hill face through distribution channels. Stone embankments are built at regular intervals which impede the flow of water, making shallow pools and freeze, forming a cascade of ice along the slope. Ice formation continues for 3 – 4 months resulting in a large accumulation of ice which is referred to as an "artificial glacier".

1.1 Attempt the following questions on the basis of the passage you have read.**[1 × 8 = 8]**

- (i) Who was Chewang Norphel?
 (a) a doctor (b) a civil engineer (c) an accountant (d) a businessman
- (ii) What kind of land form is Ladakh?
 (a) desert (b) plain (c) cold desert (d) none of these
- (iii) _____ is/are the only source of water for Ladakh.
 (a) rain (b) canals (c) glaciers (d) rivers
- (iv) The pattern of snowfall and rainfall changed due to _____.
 (a) climate change (b) human interference (c) harvesting (d) glaciers
- (v) Ice formation containers for _____ months
 (a) two (b) 3-4 (c) four (d) five
- (vi) Farming window is limited to harvest season because of _____ in Ladakh.
 (a) severe winter (b) severe summer (c) rain (d) none of these
- (vii) Glaciers are significant for irrigation because _____.
 (viii) Mr. Norphel was conferred the Padma Shri in 2015. (True/False)

2. Read the passage given below:**[12]**

- (1) I rested for a moment at the door of Anand Bhawan, on Market Road, where coffee-drinkers and tiffin-eaters sat still at their tables, uttering low moans on seeing me. I wanted to assure them, “Don’t mind me, you hugging the cash box — you are a coward, afraid even to breathe. Go on, count the cash, if that is your pleasure. I just want to watch, that’s all. If my tail trails down to the street, if I am blocking your threshold, it is because, I’m told, I’m eleven feet tip to tail. I can’t help it. I’m not out to kill — I’m too full. I found a green pasture full of food on my way. I won’t attack until I feel hungry again. Tigers attack only when they feel hungry, unlike human beings who slaughter one another without purpose or hunger.”
- (2) To the great delight of children, schools were being hurriedly closed. Children of all ages and sizes were running helter-skelter, screaming joyously, “No school, no school. Tiger, tiger!” They were shouting and laughing and even enjoying being scared. They seemed to welcome me. I felt like joining them. So, I bounded away from the restaurant door. I walked along with them, at which they cried, “The tiger is coming to eat us; let us get back to school!”
- (3) I followed them through their school gate while they ran up and shut themselves in the school hall securely. I climbed up the steps of the school, saw an open door at the far end of a veranda, and walked in. It happened to be the headmaster’s room. I noticed a very dignified man jumping on the table and having himself up into an attic. I walked in and flung myself on the cool floor, having a special liking for cool stone floors.
- (4) As I drowsed, I was aware of cautious steps and hushed voices all around. I was in no mood to bother about anything. All I wanted was a little moment of sleep; the daylight was very bright.

2.1 On the basis of your reading of the above passage, answer the following questions:**[2 × 4 = 8]**

- (i) How did the dinners at Anand Bhawan react on seeing the tiger?
 (ii) When do tigers attack? How are human beings different from tigers?
 (iii) Why were children happy and even enjoying being scared?
 (iv) What did the tiger like to do in the headmaster’s office?

2.2 Answer the following:**[1 × 4 = 4]**

- (i) The word which means the same as ‘hugging’. _____.
 (ii) Identify the word which means the same as ‘delight’.
 (a) pleasure (b) fear (c) sorrow (d) nervousness
 (iii) The word which means the same as ‘dignified’ is _____. (Para 3)

- (iv) Identify the meaning of the word, 'bounced'. (Para 2)
 (a) walked (b) jumped forward (c) walked with heavy steps (d) ran lazily
 (v) The narrator sat on the floor because _____.

Section 'B' Writing & Grammar

3. You are Ravi Kumar of Horizon Public School. You had ordered some books for the library. But when you received the books, you found some of them to be defective. Write a letter of complaint in **100-150** words to the Manager, Kavya Book Depot, Gurgaon. [8]

OR

There is a busy road in front of your school. A large number of students have to cross the road while going back home. They run a great risk. Write a letter in **100-150** words to the Editor, Navjiwan Times, Agra drawing attention of the concerned authorities to the problem. Make a request to mark a zebra crossing and to put traffic light in front of your school. You are Amit/Anita, Class X, New Age Public School, Ram Nagar, Agra.

4. **Complete the story in 150-200 words where beginning is given below:** [10]
 Ram had lost one leg due to polio. He had a brilliant mind. He wanted to attend a school. Luckily one day _____

OR

Once there lived a king. He was very religious. Everyday in the morning he would offer flowers to...

5. **Read the passage given below and fill in the blanks by choosing the most appropriate options from the ones that follow:**

There are ways and ways (a) _____ tackling (b) _____ problem.

(c) _____ governments all over the world

(d) _____ only one system which is : the carrot-and-stick one.

[1 × 4 = 4]

- (a) (i) in (ii) of (iii) from (iv) on
 (b) (i) some (ii) a (iii) the (iv) many
 (c) (i) and (ii) If (iii) Although (iv) But
 (d) (i) prefer (ii) prefers (iii) preferred (iv) preferring

6. **The following paragraph has not been edited. There is one error in each line against which a blank has been given. Write the incorrect word and the correction in your answer sheet against the correct blank number.** [1 × 4 = 4]

	Error	Correction
A king reached a ashram. A	e.g.,	a
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 ashram.		

7. **Rearrange the following words or phrases to make meaningful sentences.** [4]

- (a) enters / millions tons / the every year / of / ocean / plastic
 (b) are / waters/ sightings / junk—filled /of /common
 (c) population / middle-class / increasing / is / coastlines / along
 (d) trash / increase / has led / waste management / lack / of / in / to

Section ‘C’ Literature: Textbooks and Supplementary Reading Text**8. Read the extract given below and answer the questions that follow:** [1 × 4 = 4]

The most laidback individuals become converts to the life of high-energy adventure with river rafting, canoeing, rappelling, rock climbing and mountain biking. Numerous walking trails in this region are a favourite with trekkers.

- (a) The laidback persons get converted to _____.
- (b) What is liked by trekkers?
(i) rock climbing / (ii) mountain biking / (iii) river rafting / (iv) all the above.
- (c) Find the word from the extract which means ‘paths’.
(i) canoeing (ii) trails (iii) adventure (iv) trekker
- (d) The favourites of trekkers in this region are _____.

OR

I think I could turn
and live with animals,
they are so placid and self-contained,
I stand and look at them long and long.

- (a) The poem is written by
(i) William Blake (ii) Rabort Frost
(iii) Leslie Norris (iv) Walt Whitman
- (b) Which poetic device has been used in the last line.
(i) simile (ii) repetition (iii) metaphor (iv) alliteration
- (c) Find the word from the extract which means ‘calm’.
- (d) The poet want to live with the animals because _____.

9. Answer any five of the following questions in 30-40 words each. [2 × 5 = 10]

- (a) Why did the pilot think of going back to Paris?
- (b) What proves Kodavu people’s Arab descent?
- (c) Why is the lawyer sent to New Mullion?
- (d) What does Think-Tank infer on listening to the nursery rhyme, ‘Hey diddle diddle’?
- (e) Where in the classroom did Wanda sit and why?
- (f) ‘He senses first responsibility’. Elucidate these words from ‘The Ball Poem’.

10. Answer the following question in 100-150 words: [8]

Unlike other people, Valli was not selfish and insensitive to the sufferings of others. Comment on the statement with reference to ‘Madam Rides a Bus’.

OR

Comment on the dispute between Natalya and Lomov over the dogs and their superiority.

11. Answer any one of the following in 100-150 words: [8]

Who was Sulekha? How was she treated in her family?

OR

Why did Valli refuse to look out of the window on her way back home?

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SOLUTION MOCK TEST PAPER

Section 'A' Reading

1. (i) (b) a retired civil engineer
(ii) (c) cold desert
(iii) (c) glaciers
(iv) increasing effects of climate change
(v) (b) 3-4
(vi) (a) severe winter
(vii) agriculture is dependent on them
(viii) true [1 × 8 = 8]
- 2.1. (i) all the coffee drinkers and tiffin-eaters stopped eating and drinking; wailed and uttered low moans.
(ii) when they are hungry, but human beings kill or exploit one another to show off their pride, power and false prestige.
(iii) the school closed, screaming with joy of having 'no school'; seemed the welcome the tiger.
(iv) the tiger flung himself on the cool floor and drowsed, -special liking for cool stone floor [2 × 4 = 8]
- 2.2. (i) holding tightly in the arms
(ii) (a) pleasure
(iii) honourable
(iv) (b) jumped forward [1 × 4 = 4]

Section 'B' Writing & Grammar

3. Horizon Public School,
Gurgaon.
17 July 20XX
The Manager,
Kavya Book depot
Gurgaon.

Subject: Complaining Regarding Defective Books

Sir,

Through this letter of mine I wish to inform you that I had ordered some books for the school library. I have received the parcel but I regret to inform you that many of the books are not in good condition. Some of them have overlapping of print on same pages. There are some books where the pages are not in sequence. The quality of paper used in some books is also not good.

I request you to replace the defective books which I am sending back along with this order. I hope for an early action.

Thanking you

Yours sincerely

Ravi kumar

[8]

OR

New Age Public School,

Ram Nagar

Agra.

17 August 20XX

The Editor,

Navjiwan Times

Agra.

Subject: Heavy Traffic

Sir,

Through the columns of your esteemed newspaper I wish to draw the attention of one and all towards the busy road in front of our school.

A large number of students have to cross the road while going back home. They run at a great risk as there is always a heavy traffic on the road.

Kindly publish this letter of mine in your newspaper so that the concerned authorities may pay attention to it. Marking a zebra crossing or putting traffic lights in front of the school can solve the problems to a great deal.

Thanking you

Your sincerely

Amit

(class X)

4. My name is Ravi and I have a friend named Ram. He had lost his leg due to polio. But that never stopped him from studying as he had a brilliant mind. His goal was to be a teacher. At that time school fees were very reasonable and everyone could afford it, thus literacy rate was very high at that time. But one year, the school increased the fees and Ram could not afford it. He had to leave his studies in between. His father was a carpenter and it was the only source of their family income. I tried my best to cheer him up by telling him that there are many other ways to gain knowledge but it was very difficult as he was so depressed and wanted to go to school again. After seeing him like this I thought there may be many students who want to study and have some goals in mind, so, I started a class of my own. After talking to some parents, I was able to convince

them about this. At first there were no charges as there were very few students and all they need was slate, chalk and a blackboard. I started the class in a park where every one could see it and get inspired to send their children too.

Meanwhile, his parents were also trying their best in collecting money for his studies in any way they can as they cannot see him like that. While working, they heard about a scholarship which covers fees till high school.

They told Ram about it and he was so happy. He immediately started preparing as only few students will be able to get this scholarship.

Luckily one day, Ram came to my house and told me the good news that he had arranged the money for his studies until High school as he had got a scholarship and that he would work hard to gather money for graduation.

And from the next day he started coming back to school. I told him about the class I had started and he also started coming and helping me out with the class. As now I was charging fee from students which was affordable by their families, so he could kill two birds with one stone as he could gain money and also increase his knowledge by teaching.

Today, that class of mine has become a huge success and many students and teachers are joining us in this noble work. [10]

OR

There was a king who was very religious. In the morning everyday, he offered flowers to his diety. He had deputed a servant named Yaksha to collect flowers from the garden. The king instructed Yaksha to collect flowers from the garden after the sunrise. Yaksha had to leave his beautiful wife in the early hours of the morning, which he did not like. His wife also did not like this. They decided to collect flowers in the evening and present them to the king. Yaksha went to the garden as decided, plucked the buds and 'closed' the flowers which were to open. He gave these flowers to the king and came back.

When the king was offering these flowers, one of the flowers opened its petal to free a bee which was caught in the petals. The bee stung the king on his finger. Being annoyed, the king called for Yaksha. When asked the reason for his negligence, he confessed stating the fact. The king banished Yaksha for one year. Thus, Yaksha, suffered due to his act of negligence.

5. (a) (ii) of (b) (ii) a (c) (iv) but (d) (i) prefer [1 × 4 = 4]

6. **Error** **Correction**

(a) is was

(b) tire tired

(c) or and

(d) on At [1 × 4 = 4]

7. (a) Millions tons of plastic enter the ocean every year.

(b) Sightings of junk filled waters are common.

(c) Middle class population is increasing along coastlines.

(d) Lack of waste management has led to increase in trash. [1 × 4 = 4]

Section 'C' Literature: Textbooks and Supplementary Reading Text

8. (a) becomes active and convert to the life of the high energy adventure.

(b) (iv) all the above.

(c) (ii) trails.

(d) Numerous walking trails are the favourites of trekkers in this region.

[1 × 4 = 4]

OR

(a) (iv) Walt Whitman

(b) (ii) repetition

(c) placid

(d) they look so calm, peaceful and self-contained.

9. (a) The pilot thought of going back to Paris because the black clouds made his way invisible due to stormy weather. Moreover he didn't have enough fuel to fly around the clouds. [2]
- (b) Kodavu people wear a long black coat with embroidered waist belt as the Kuffia of Arabs and the Kurda. It is a traditional dress and proves their Arab descent. [2]
- (c) The lawyer is sent to New Mullian to serve summons as a man called Lutkins. He needed the man as a witness in a law case as he had ignored all their letters. [2]
- (d) 'Think Tank', on listening to the nursery rhyme, infers that the earthlings have reached a high level of civilization. He feels that their domestic animals have been taught musical culture and space techniques. He finds their dogs also with a sense of humour. It is as if they are about to launch an interplanetary attack. [2]
- (e) Wanda always sat at the back of the class. She felt comfortable sitting there because the clothes she wore were not in good condition and her feet were also dirty. So, she always preferred to sit at the back. [2]
- (f) In 'The Ball Poem', the boy has lost his ball. He realises that he won't be able to get it back. It is at this point when he senses the responsibility of taking care of his things in the world of possession and cope up with the loss. [2]
10. Valli was a very sensitive girl. In modern era, people are selfish and insensitive to the sufferings of their neighbours but Valli grieved over the accidental death of a cow. She was sympathetic towards the cow and was shocked to notice that the playful cow had died. Valli was a good planner as well as a good time-manager. She had planned before hand when to board the bus and the time she would return. She did not depend on anyone. She saved money to enjoy her first ride in the bus. She believed in self-respect. She did not want that the bus conductor should not charge money from her since she was a child. In fact she paid for the ticket like every other travellers, from the money that she had saved. [8]

OR

Ivan Lomov, a wealthy man, wanted to marry his neighbour's daughter Natalya. He came to propose her but the discussion drifted into a debate. They started fighting over the superiority of their dogs-squeezer and Guess. Squeezer was a high pedigree dog, overshot and a bad hunter Lomov commented that such kind of dogs were found under every bush. On the other hand, Guess who was a lame but he was a good hunter. Natalya called Guess old and as ugly as a worn-out carb horse. This silly argument over dogs kept on increasing. It did not solve the problem rather arguments and disputes aggravate a problem. They should never come in the way of matrimony. It is only tolerance and acceptance which pave the way to good relationship.

11. Sulekha was called 'Bholi' as she was very innocent. She was neither beautiful nor worldly wise. She was rather ugly because of the pock-marks due to the small pox which she had when she was a child. That's why she was not given much importance in her family. She was in fact, ignored by her

family members. Her speech was not clear as she stammered and other children teased her due to her stammering. Her father didn't buy new clothes for her and she had to wear the clothes of others. She was also not sent to a good school but to a primary village school but her teacher had full confidence in her and changed her life by building up her confidence with each day. [10]

OR

On her way back home, Valli refused to look out of the window as she had seen the dead cow on the road. It was the same cow which she had seen earlier when she was on her way to the town. The thought of the cow which was alive a few moments ago dampened her spirits and she refused to look out. (Elaboration needed.)

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Section 'A' Reading

1. Read the passage given below:

[8]

- (1) Tourists to Jammu and Kashmir have another attraction—a floating post office on the Dal Lake in Srinagar, the first in the country. 'Floating Post Office, Dal Lake'—claimed to be the only one such post office in the world – is built on an intricately carved maroon houseboat, fastened on the western edge of the Dal Lake.
- (2) This post office lets you avail of all the regular postal services available in the country while being afloat. The seal used on everything posted from Floating Post Office is unique — along with the date and address, it bears the design of a boatman rowing a shikara on the Dal Lake. The special feature of this post office is that letters posted from here carry a special design which has the picturesque scenery of Dal Lake and Srinagar city. These pictures reach wherever these letters are posted to and hence promote Kashmir as a tourist destination across the world.
- (3) This is actually a heritage post office that has existed since British times. It was called Nehru Park Post Office before 2011. But then the chief postmaster John Samuel renamed it as 'Floating Post Office'.
- (4) The post office's houseboat has two small rooms — one serves as the office and the other a small museum that traces the philatelic history of the state postal department. It has a shop that sells postage stamps and other products.
- (5) But for the locals, Floating Post office is more than an object of fascination. ₹ 1 – 2 crore is deposited per month in Floating Post Office by communities living in and around the Dal Lake. The lake has several islets that are home to more than 50,000 people.
- (6) The greatest fear is the recurrence of 2014 like floods in which the houseboat had gone for a toss uncontrollably pushed by the flood. Rescue teams had to anchor it using special mechanism in a nearby highland. Then it was brought back on the Dal after the water receded. The biggest boon is that at no time of the year do you need a fan in this post office !

1.1 Attempt the following questions on the basis of the passage you have read:

[1 x 8 = 8]

- (i) What is the location of the Floating Post Office in Jammu & Kashmir?
(a) Dal lake (b) Srinagar (c) Nehru Park (d) both (a) & (b)

- (ii) What is special about the seal used in the Post office?
 (a) It bears the design of a boatman sowing a boat.
 (b) It bears the design of picturesque scenery of Dal lake.
 (c) It bears the design of a boatman rowing a shikara.
 (d) None of the above
- (iii) _____ renamed the post office as 'Floating Post Office'?
- (iv) What are the two rooms of the post office used for?
 (a) shop (b) office (c) museum (d) both (b) & (c)
- (v) How is the post office beneficial to the locals?
 (a) helps them deposit money (b) save money
 (c) helps them as a bank (d) all of these
- (vi) Find the word from the passage which means the same as 'attraction'.
- (vii) The islets on the lake are a home to
 (a) less than 50,000 people (b) 1-2 crore people
 (c) more than 50,000 people (d) none of these
- (viii) The post office a big boon to the people (True/False)

2. Read the passage given below and answer the questions that follow: [12]

- (1) On November first, Chandran left his bed at 5 a.m., bathed in cold water, and sat at his study table, even before his mother, the earliest riser the house, was up. He sat there, strengthening himself with several resolutions. One was that he would get up every day at the same hour, bathe in cold water, and get through three hours of solid work before starting for the college. The second resolution was that he would be back home before eight in the evening and study till eleven-thirty. He also resolved not to smoke because it was bad for the heart, and a very sound heart was necessary for the examination.
- (2) He took out a sheet of paper and noted down all subjects. He calculated the total number of preparation hours that were available from November first to March. He had before him over a thousand hours, including the twelve hour, preparation on holidays. Of these thousand hours, a just allotment of so many hundred hours was to be made for Modern History, Ancient History, Political Theories, Greek Drama, Eighteenth-century Prose, and Shakespeare. He then drew up a very complicated time-table, which would enable 'one to pay equal attention to all subjects. Balance in preparation was everything. What was the use of being "able to score a hundred per cent in Modern History, if Shakespeare was going to drag you in the mire? Out of the daily six hours, three were to be devoted to the Optional Subjects and three to the compulsory. In the morning, the compulsory subjects, and Literature at night. European History needed all the freshness and sharpness of the morning brain, while it would be a real pleasure to read Literature in the evenings. He put down for that day Othello and the Modern Period in Indian History. He would finish these two in about forty-eight hours and then take up Milton and Greek History.
- (3) And he settled down to his programme with a scowl on his face.
- (4) The Modern Period in Indian History, which he had to take up immediately, presented innumerable difficulties. The texts on the subject were many, the notes of class lectures very bulky. Chandran sat for nearly half an hour lost in this problem.
- (5) The household was up by this time. His father was in the garden, minutely examining the plants for evidence of any miracle which might have happened overnight.

2.1 Answer the following questions in 30-40 words. [2 × 4 = 8]

- (i) What was Chandran's resolution related to health?
 (ii) Why did he form a very complicated time-table?
 (iii) Why did he prefer literature for the evening?
 (iv) Why did he have a scowl on his face?

2.2 Select the correct word/phrases from the given options which mean the same as the following:

[1 × 4 = 4]

- (i) not optional:
 (a) resolution (b) compulsory (c) preparation (d) immediately
- (ii) very difficult:
 (a) strengthening (b) necessary (c) evidence (d) complicated
- (iii) determination:
 (a) resolution (b) freshness (c) sharpness (d) innumerable
- (iv) gloomy expression:
 (a) drag (b) scowl (c) bulky (d) pleasure

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4. **Complete a story in 150-200 words based on the clues given below:**

Develop a short story with the help of the given visual . Give a suitable title to your story. (150-200 words) [10]

**OR**

Two friends were going through a forest. They saw a bear coming towards them. One of the boys laid down on a ground and the other.....

5. **Read the passage given below and fill in the blanks by choosing the most appropriate words from the given options.** [4]

Sher Singh's father was (a) _____ far and wide as Sher Singh Bahadur. He (b) _____ a quiet life here in Laldwani village, grazing his cattle. But (c) _____ there was an expedition in the jungle in search (d) _____ a big game, either shoot or photograph them, they sent for this man.

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|---------------|----------------|-------------|----------------|
| (a) (i) know | (ii) knew | (iii) known | (iv) knows |
| (b) (i) lived | (ii) had lived | (iii) lives | (iv) has lived |
| (c) (i) when | (ii) whenever | (iii) after | (iv) since |
| (d) (i) of | (ii) at | (iii) for | (iv) in |

6. In the following passage, one word has not been edited in each line. Write the incorrect word along with the correct word in the space provided. [4]

	Error	Correction
In Himalayas, the desert is turning green.	e.g., the	a
Climate change in a Indian region of	(a) _____	_____
Ladakh has shrunk glaciers or has made rainfall	(b) _____	_____
and temperature unpredictable. Water has	(c) _____	_____
needed to irrigating the fields.	(d) _____	_____

7. Rearrange the following words and phrases into meaningful sentences. [1 × 4 = 4]

- (a) Man's/are/spiders/friends
Spiders are man's friends.
- (b) our are/friends/among/the spiders/best.
- (c) some of/enemies/them/worst/destroy/our
- (d) the world/can/spiders/found/be/any/of/in/corner

Section 'C' Literature: Textbooks and Supplementary Reading Text

8. Read the extract given below and answer the questions that follow: [1 × 4 = 4]

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- (a) The laidback persons get converted to _____.
- (b) What is liked by trekkers?
(i) rock climbing / (ii) mountain biking / (iii) river rafting / (iv) all the above.
- (c) Find the word from the extract which means 'paths'.
(i) canoeing (ii) trails (iii) adventure (iv) trekker
- (d) The favourites of trekkers in this region are _____.

OR

I think I could turn
and live with animals,
they are so placid and self-contained,
I stand and look at them long and long.

- (a) The poem is written by
(i) William Blake (ii) Rabort Frost
(iii) Leslie Norris (iv) Walt Whitman
- (b) Which poetic device has been used in the last line.
(i) simile (ii) repetition (iii) metaphor (iv) alliteration
- (c) Find the word from the extract which means 'calm'.

(d) The poet want to live with the animals because _____.

9. Answer the following questions in 30 – 40 words each:

[2 × 5 = 10]

(a) Why did the children run to meet the baker every day?

(b) Why did the Buddha ask Kisa Gotami to bring a handful of mustard seeds?

(c) When Matilda lost the necklace, what should she have done?

(d) What kind of mother was Ramlal's wife?

(e) What were Lencho's feelings when he found the letter with money in it? What did he do after opening the letter?

(f) Why did Custard cry for a nice, safe cage?

10. Answer the following questions in 100-150 words:

[8]

What are some of the things we come to know about Otters from 'Mijbil, the Otter'?

OR

What did the military generals do? How did their attitude change and why? (Nelson Mandela...)

11. Answer the following question in 100-150 words:

[8]

Horace Danby was a meticulous planner but still he faltered. Where did he go wrong and why?

OR

What was the cause of Matilda's dissatisfaction? How could she have avoided it?

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Section 'A' Reading

- 1.1 (i) (d) both (a) & (b)
(ii) (c) It bears the design of a boatman rowing a shikara on the Dal Lake it carries date and address.
(iii) John Samuel
(iv) (d) both (a) & (b)
(v) (d) all of these
(vi) (c) Fascination
(vii) (c) more than 50,000 people
(viii) True [1 × 8 = 8]
- 2.1 (i) Chandran's resolution was that he would get up everyday at 5 am and bathe in cold water. He also resolved not to smoke. He also decided to work for 3 hours every day.
(ii) Chandran formed a very complicated time table to enable him to pay equal attention to all subjects.
(iii) He preferred Literature for the evening because it would be a pleasure to enjoy literature in the evening. He decided to devote three hours on his compulsory subject.
(iv) He had a scowl on his face because the time table presented innumerable difficulties. It was not as easy to follow it as he thought. [2 × 4 = 8]
- 2.2 (i) (b) compulsory (ii) (d) complicated (iii) (a) resolution (iv) (b) scowl [1 × 4 = 4]

3. Horizon Public School,
Gurgaon.

17 July 20XX

The Manager,

Kavya Book depot

Gurugram.

Subject: Complaining Regarding Defective Books

Sir,

Through this letter of mine I wish to inform you that I had ordered some books for the school library. I have received the parcel but I regret to inform you that many of the books are not in good condition. Some of them have overlapping of print on same pages. There are some books where the pages are not in sequence. The quality of paper used in some books is also not good.

I request you to replace the defective books which I am sending back along with this order. I hope for an early action.

Thanking you
Yours sincerely
Ravi kumar

[8]

OR

New Age Public School,
Ram Nagar
Agra.

17 August 20XX
The Editor,
Navjiwan Times
Agra.

Subject: Heavy Traffic

Sir,

Through the columns of your esteemed newspaper I wish to draw the attention of one and all towards the busy road in front of our school.

A large number of students have to cross the road while going back home. They run at a great risk as there is always a heavy traffic on the road.

Kindly publish this letter of mine in your newspaper so that the concerned authorities may pay attention to it. Marking a zebra crossing or putting traffic lights in front of the school can solve the problems to a great deal.

Thanking you
Your sincerely
Amit
(class X)

Section 'B' Writing & Grammar

4. A boy was waiting for the bus at the bus stop. He saw an old man who was just crossing the road, as he was old and unable to walk very fast. Suddenly, a car came from the opposite side, the old man tried to move faster but his old age prevented him. The car hit the old man, he fell down. The boy was watching everything from a distance. He ran towards the old man who was bleeding profusely. The little boy did not know what to do. He started crying for the help and to draw the attention of the people passing by. A crowd started gathering near the old man but none was ready to help him. They were afraid of a police-case. Suddenly, a man appeared from nowhere, he was the son of that old man. Someone had informed him about the accident of his father. Since, he lived nearby, he immediately reached the spot. He picked up the bleeding old man, shifted him to his car and rushed to the hospital. The crowd started dispersing. Then someone noticed that a wallet and some papers were lying on the road. Most probably, they had fallen from the old man's bag. He collected all the papers and wallet and secured with himself immediately before some undesirable person grab them. He then followed the car of the old man's son and handed over every thing to him, who in return thanked him humbly.

OR

Two Friends and a Bear

Once, there were two friends Mohan and Rakesh. One day, they went into a forest. They were enjoying the beauty of nature. Suddenly, they saw a bear coming towards them, they were frightened and confused.

Rakesh knew how to climb the tree, so, he ran up to a tree and climbed up quickly. He did not think of Mohan who did not know the tree climbing.

Mohan thought an idea, he had heard that animals do not prefer dead bodies. He fell to the ground and held his breath. The bear came near him, sniffed him and thought that he was dead. So, he went away.

Rakesh came down the tree and asked Mohan, " what did the bear whisper into your ears?"

Mohan replied, "The bear asked me to keep away from friends like you" and went on his way.

Moral: A friend in need is a friend indeed.

5. (a) (iii) known (b) (i) lived (c) (ii) whenever (d) (i) of [1 × 4 = 4]

6. EDITING

	Incorrect words	Correct words	
(a)	a	the	
(b)	or	and	
(c)	has	is	
(d)	irrigating	irrigate	[1 × 4 = 4]

7. (a) Spiders are man's friends.
 (b) The spiders are among our best friends.
 (c) Some of our worst enemies destroy them.
 (d) Spiders can be found in any corner of the world. [1 × 4 = 4]

Section 'C' Literature: Textbooks and Supplementary Reading Text

8. (a) becomes active and convert to the life of the high energy adventure.
 (b) (iv) all the above.
 (c) (ii) trails.
 (d) Numerous walking trails are the favourites of trekkers in this region. [1 × 4 = 4]

OR

- (a) (iv) Walt Whitman
 (b) (ii) repetition (Any one)
 (c) placid
 (d) they look so calm, peaceful and self-contained.
9. (a) The children ran to meet the baker every day because they loved the loaves of their favourite bread which he brought daily. They also liked the bread which was of special made and the bangles brought by him. [2]
 (b) The Buddha asked Kisa Gautami to bring a handful of mustard seeds from a family where death had not knocked at their door. He, in fact, wanted her to realize that there was no household or family which had not witnessed death. [2]

- (c) Matilda lost the necklace which she had borrowed from her friend. She did not tell her but this was wrong. She should have taken her friend into confidence and should have told her the truth. [2]
- (d) Ramlal's wife was an irresponsible lady. She was indifferent to her plight. She neglected her daughter Bholi when she passed on her responsibility to the school teachers. She can be called an unkind lady also. [2]
- (e) When Lencho received the letter which had money in it, he was delighted. He felt happy that God had sent him money in, answer to his letter. But when he opened it, he found lesser money in it than he had asked for. He became angry and wrote another letter to God asking him to send the remaining pesos. [2]
- (f) Custard cried for a nice safe cage because he was not brave. He was a coward who always waited to escape the situation and stay at a safe place.
10. An otter is a small animal which belongs to a group called Mustellines. It is generally found in marshes. Other animals which belong to the Mustelline group are weasel, mink, mongoose, badger, etc. Otters are fond of playing water-games. That's why mijbil was also fond of playing and rolling in water. Mijbil was also an intelligent animal which responded to its name. He was also playful as he loved playing with marbles and ball. [8]

OR

When Nelson Mandela reached the amphitheatre, the military generals saluted him and pledged to be loyal to him. Mandela realised that their mindset had changed. It was not so earlier when they would have arrested him if they had seen him. But now the situation had changed. The people of South Africa had gained freedom after a long struggle. They were no longer under the rule of the white. That is why there was a change in the military generals of South Africa Defence Force.

11. Horace Danby was a meticulous planner. Before robbing any house, he used to keep a watch on the house for a long time. Before robbing any house, he knew about the rooms, the electric wiring, the number of people living in that house and so on but this time he faltered and fell into the trap of the sweet young lady. Before breaking any safe, he used to wear gloves so as not to leave any finger prints here and there. But he misjudged the lady as the owner of the house. In order to please her, he offered her a lighter to light her cigarette and removed his gloves before doing that. It was here that he went wrong which resulted in the police finding his finger-prints everywhere in the house and he was caught. [8]

OR

Matilda was a discontented young woman who was never satisfied with her life. She always wanted to be a rich woman who would have new dresses and would attend parties. So, when she got the invitation to a party, she wished to be in her best attire at the party she had a new dress but no jewellery matched with her new dress. She decided to borrow a necklace from her friend. This was a wrong step taken by her. She should never have done that and if at all, she had borrowed it, she should have taken good care of it. Once lost, she could have discussed it with her friend. But she never did anything of the sort and bought a new diamond necklace to replace the previous one. She exhausted all her savings and had to borrow some amount also to pay for the necklace. This step ruined her life. She could have avoided the situation by discussing with her friend.