

# Sample Paper -3 (2023-24)

CLASS -XII

SUBJECT:ENGLISH CORE

Time Allowed: \_\_\_ Hours

Maximum Marks: 80

## General Instructions:

1. The Question Paper contains THREE sections-READING, WRITING and LITERATURE.
2. Attempt questions based on specific instructions for each part.

## SECTION A : READING SKILLS (22 marks)

1.

**Read the following text**

**12 Marks**

1. In this jet age, everyone is interested in having an easy life. Thanks to the advancement in science and technology, these days life has become more easy and comfortable than earlier with a lot of domestic gadgets as well as instantaneous food recipes available in the market. This has resulted in making people develop a mindset of having everything immediately without waiting for even at the traffic signals!

2. A piano teacher described an interesting encounter she had with a young lady who came to inquire about music lessons. The young lady asked her, "How long will this course take? My father tells me that it is in fashion now to be able to play musical instruments and that I should learn one quickly. I want something that will be quick, fast and easy, like...." When the amused teacher explained that it would take a lifetime of meticulous practice to learn music, her face fell and, needless to say, she never came back.

3. The single most important factor that distinguishes those of us who succeed in any venture from those of us who don't is this instant-coffee" attitude. Most of us want results quickly. We want to reach the top immediately and get worked up when things go wrong. Perseverance and patience are forgotten Words, We get upset, frustrated and angry when a skill or activity requires us to put in a lot of effort and time. We get rejected and want to give it up

4. Success, real success and happiness come to those who have a bread-making' attitude. Those who are willing to knead the dough, wait for hours for it to rise only to punch it down and knead some more, wait for another couple of hours for it to rise again, then bake it before it is ready to be eaten. Nothing is instantaneous. For every endeavour-whether in the area of career, academics, music sports relationships physical fitness or even in spirituality it is a long arduous journey.

5. The major problem with these instant-coffee" solutions is that they are invariable short-lived. If we stubbornly refuse to give up this search for quick solutions, all we do is end up on the wrong track. We never gain anything lasting from them. However, if we just pause to analyse what we are doing, we will realize how much time we are wasting searching for such magical solutions which simply do not exist. We actually save time when we stop this futile search and accept the proven methods of treading the straight and narrow path however difficult it may seem initially.

Based on your understanding of the passage, answer the questions given below.

**On the basis of your understanding of the above passage, answer the questions given below:**

**12MARKS**

**i. Complete the sentence by choosing an appropriate option.**

According to the author, modern life can be compared to the jet age due to (1)

- (a) Everything being fast, easy and comfortable.
- (b) Availability of domestic gadgets.
- (c) Advancement in science and technology.
- (d) Instantaneous food recipes.

ii. Comment on the writer's reference to the traffic signals in paragraph one, as a social problem for Indian society. 2

iii. The author gives a reference to an anecdote between a piano teacher and a young lady who wished to learn music. List two reasons why the deal fell through. 2

1. \_\_\_\_\_

2. \_\_\_\_\_

iv. Select the option that conveys the synonym of 'meticulous, as contextually used in paragraph two. (1)

(a) scrupulous (b) fussy (c) painstaking (d) detailed

v. The writer would not agree with the given statements based on paragraph three, EXCEPT \_\_\_\_ (1)

(a) Getting worked up will help you succeed in any venture.

(b) Perseverance and patience are nevertheless prized by some.

(c) Excessive effort and time make us unruffled.

(d) We give up a little too soon on ventures.

vi. For every endeavour—whether in the area of career, academics, music, sports, relationships, physical fitness or even in spirituality it is a long arduous journey. Based on your understanding of paragraph four, list one major reason why the author labels the journey of every endeavour in life 'arduous.' 1

vii. Why is it fair to say that adopting a bread-making' attitude in life is a sure-shot recipe for real success and happiness and both go hand-in-hand? (1)

viii. Complete the given sentence with an appropriate inference, with respect to the following: The writer quotes the example of the 'instant-coffee' attitude (Paragraph 3), in order to \_\_\_\_\_ (1)

ix. How can the solutions, suggested in paragraph five, best be described? (1)

(a) popular (b) practical (c) unfeasible (d) naïve

x. Select the most suitable title for the above passage. (1)

(a) The Instant-coffee" Attitude

(b) The Bread-making' Attitude

(c) The Magic of Quick Solutions

(d) The Mirage of Instant Results

## 2. Read the passage given below.

1. When plastic waste is burnt, a complex weave of toxic chemicals is released. Breaking down Poly Vinyl Chloride (PVC) used for packaging, toys and coating electrical wires. It produces dioxin, organo chlorine which belongs to the family of Persistent Organic Pollutants (POPs). A recent Dioxin

Assessment Report brought out by the United States Environment Protection Agency (USEPA) says the risk of getting cancer from dioxin is ten times higher than reported by the agency in 1994.

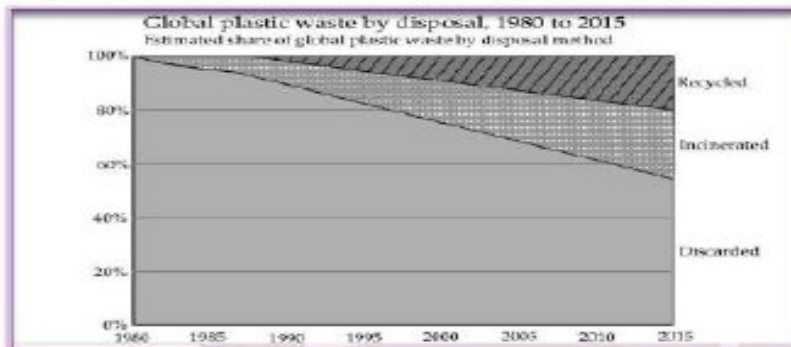
2. The Delhi government is giving the green signal to a gasification project which will convert garbage into energy without removing plastic waste. This way, no air pollution will be caused and the ash produced can be used as manure. The project built with Australian assistance will cost 200 crore. It will generate 25 megawatts of power and gobble 1,000 tons of garbage every day.

3. Technologies like gasification are a form of incineration. Incineration merely transfers hazardous waste from a solid form to air, water and ash. Toxins produced during incineration include acidic gases, heavy metals as well as dioxins and furans.

4. Municipal solid waste contains a mix of plastics. Breaking down this waste emits hydrochloric acid which attacks the respiratory system, skin and eyes, resulting in coughing, vomiting and nausea. Polyethylene generates volatile compounds like formaldehyde and acetaldehyde, both suspected carcinogenic. Breathing styrene from polystyrene can cause leukemia. Polyurethane is associated with asthma. Dioxin released by PVC is a powerful hormone disrupter and causes birth defects and reproductive problems.

5. Even the best run incinerators in the world have to deal with stringent norms. In Germany, air pollution devices accounted for two-thirds the cost of incineration. Despite such efforts, the European Dioxin Inventory noted that the input of dioxin into the atmosphere was the highest from incineration.

6. In the chart, we see the share of global plastic waste that is discarded, recycled or incinerated from 1980 through to 2015. Prior to 1980, recycling and incineration of plastic was negligible; 100 percent was therefore discarded. From 1980 for incineration and 1990 for recycling, rates increased on average by about 0.7 percent per year. In 2015, an estimated 55 percent of global plastic waste was discarded, 25 percent was incinerated and 20 percent recycled.



7. Indian garbage has a low calorific content of about 800 kg and it has high moisture and requires additional fuel to burn. Toxics link calculates that the electricity generated from such technology will cost between 5 and 7 per unit, which is six times higher than conventional energy. India has chosen a dioxin preventive route and burning of chlorinated plastics is prohibited under Municipal Solid Waste and Biomedical Rules. Nearly 80 percent of Indian garbage is recyclable or compostable.

**On the basis of your understanding of the passage, answer the questions given below:10 x1=10**

(i) Does the following statement agree with the information given in paragraph 6 Discarded plastic waste produces greenhouse gas emissions when exposed to sunlight in both air and water if it is not recycled or disposed of in a controlled manner. Select from the following:

True if the statement agrees with the information

False if the statement contradicts the information

Not Given - if there is no information on this

(ii) Do you think that garbage from India has a high calorific content? Support your answer with reference to the passage.

(iii) Based on the given graphical representation of data in the passage, choose the option that lists the statements that are TRUE.

1. In the year 2015, the incinerated plastic waste disposal was 80%.
2. In the year 1980, the share of discarded plastic waste was 100%. Activate
3. Discarded plastic waste was 60% in the year 2010.
4. Recycled plastic waste in the year 2000 was less than 70%.

Choose the correct option:

- (i) 1,2 and 3    (ii) 2 and 3                      (iii) 1 and 4                      (iv) 1,3 and 4

(iv) Complete the sentence based on the following statement. Burning plastic waste is harmful and causes cancer. We can say this because \_\_\_\_\_

(v) Which statements are NOT TRUE according to the passage?

1. India has adopted a preventive measure under which burning of chlorinated plastics is prohibited.
2. USEPA says that the risk of getting cancer from dioxin is hundred times higher than reported by the agency in 1994.
3. Incineration merely transfers hazardous waste from a solid form to air, water and ash.
4. Hydrochloric acid attacks the digestive system, nose and eyes which results in diabetes and nausea.

- a. I and 3                      b. 3 and 4                      c. I and 2                      d. 2 and 4

(vi) Garbage can be converted into energy by

- a. gratification    b. a chemical process    c. gasification    d. incinerators

(vii) The Delhi government is giving the green signal to a gasification project which will convert garbage into energy without removing plastic waste. Explain what is the purpose of the waste to energy project ?

(viii) Complete the given sentence by selecting the most appropriate option.

The respiratory system, skin, and eyes are affected by,

- a. Polyethylene    b. Hydrochloric acid    c. Polystyrene    d. Dioxin

ix) Complete the sentence appropriately with one/two words.

Dioxin disrupts hormones, causes birth defects and \_\_\_\_\_

x) Based on the reading of the paragraph, state a point to challenge the given statement.

India should promote the use of incinerators.

### Section B – Creative Writing Skills(18 Marks)

3. Attempt ANY ONE of two , in about 50 words.

(4 Marks)

A. You, as the School Secretary of the Social Service Club, have to write a notice to be put up on the school noticeboard regarding the need to raise funds for lepers in your city. Funds collected will be sent

to the Red Cross, New Delhi. Each donor will be issued a formal receipt for the donation. The Red Cross will award a Red Cross to the donor donating more than 500. (Word limit: 50)]

**Or**

B. You are planning a four-week course for the children of your housing society complex for developing their soft skills as part of school project. Prepare a notice to be put up on the society's noticeboard stating the purpose of the course and giving all necessary details asking the children to join the course. You are Yashika/ Yasu, studying in Class XII in a reputable public school. (Word limit: 50).

**4. Attempt ANY ONE from A and B given below**

**(4 Marks)**

AA. Your parents have completed 25 years of happy married life. Invite your uncle, living in Surat, to join you in the silver jubilee celebrations of their marriage at your residence C-4/Sector 9, Kumar Enclave, Sagar

**Or**

B. You have received an invitation to preside over the annual function of Goodwill Public School, Noida. But due to some urgent prior engagement, you have to decline the invitation. Send a formal letter of reply. You are M. Mohan, Secretary, M.D.B. International School, Delhi..

**5. Attempt ANY ONE from A and B given below**

**(5 MARKS)**

A. You are Anushka/Amit staying at A-23/1, Ashok Nagar, Delhi. You find it disturbing that despite a ban on smoking in public places, people are seen smoking in cities. It shows a lack of civic sense in the people. Write a letter to the editor of a national daily expressing your concern about indifference of people to their own as well as others' health. It is harmful to the environment too. Suggest some ways to sensitize city dwellers about the safe environment. (Word limit: 120-150)

**Or**

B. You have seen an advertisement in a national newspaper for the post of Senior Teacher in English at Sunrise Global School, Noida. You are Karuna, M-114, Mall Road, Delhi. You are MA (English), B.Ed. from Delhi University and yet to have any teaching experience. Write a job application in 120- 150 words to the principal.

**6. Attempt ANY ONE from A and B given below**

**(5 MARKS)**

A. You are Priya/ Piyush. You find illiteracy as the biggest impediment to the development of a nation. You strongly believe that education can play a very important role in the progress of a country. Write an article in 120-150 words on Education The Biggest Tool of Progress...

**Or**

B. Your school started cleanliness drive in the neighbourhood. As a student representative of your school's EcoClub, write a report in 150-200 words giving details of the programme. You are Mahua of S.G. International School, Delhi.

### **SECTION C: LITERATURE TEXTBOOK AND SUPPLEMENTARY READING TEXT**

**40 M**

**7. Read the given extracts and answer the question FOR ANY ONE of the two.**

**6**

**A.** All lovely tales that we have heard or read

An endless fountain of immortal drink,  
Pouring unto us from the heaven's brink.

(a) Which lovely tales does poet mention here?

- (i) the mythological stories                      (ii) glorious stories of ancestors  
(iii) the stories of bravery                        (iv) the folk tales

(b) Which image used by the poet tells that the beauty is never ending?

- (i) 'endless fountain of joy'                      (ii) 'lovely tales'  
(iii) 'immortal drink'                              (iv) 'heaven's drink'

(c) Which literary device is used by the poet in “An endless fountain of immortal drink, Pouring unto us from the heaven’s brink”?

- (i) personification      (ii) allegory      (iii) imagery      (iv) metaphor

(d) From where is this ‘immortal drink’ pouring?

- (i) from the river      (ii) from the mountains  
(iii) from the angel’s palms      (iv) from nature’s endless fountain

(e) What is the thing of beauty mentioned in these lines ?

- (i) Beauty in death      (ii) stories of ancestors  
(iii) Lovely tales      (iv) all of the above

(f) What is the effect of the ‘immortal drink’ on us ?

**OR**

**B. Now we will count to twelve,  
and we will all keep still.  
For once on the face of the Earth,  
let’s not speak in any language, let’s stop for one second,  
and not move our arms so much.**

(a) For how long does the poet want to stay still?

- (i) for twelve hours      (ii) for twelve days      (iii) for twelve months      (iv) for twelve seconds

(b) What could be achieved by keeping quiet?

- (i) mental peace      (ii) war could be avoided  
(iii) knowledge for the importance of silence      (iv) rest to our body

(c) The literary device used by the poet in the lines ‘Now we will count to twelve’ is

- (i) alliteration      (ii) symbol      (iii) metaphor      (iv) simile

(d) Why is the poet asking not to speak in any language?

- (i) to retain harmony      (ii) languages may create trouble  
(iii) no one will understand each other’s language      (iv) to simply be quiet for an instant

(e) What is poet’s request to the readers here ?

(f) Why does the poet want us “ not to move our arms” ?

**8. Read the given extracts and answer the question FOR ANY ONE of the two.**

**4**

A. Sometimes I think Grand Central is growing like a tree, pushing out new corridors and staircases like roots. There’s probably a long tunnel that nobody knows about feeling its way under the city right now, on its way to Times Square, and maybe another to Central Park. And maybe, because for so many people through the years Grand Central has been an exit, a way of escape maybe that’s how the tunnel I got into. But I never told my psychiatrist friend about that idea.

(a) Why did he think that Grand Central was growing like a tree?

- (i) because it had a lot of trees in it      (ii) because it had a lot of corridors and staircases  
(iii) because it had a lot of trees around it      (iv) because it had a continuously been under construction

(b) Identify the figure of speech used in the sentence ‘pushing out new corridors and staircases like roots’.

- (i) metaphor      (ii) imagery      (iii) simile      (iv) personification

(c) Why did anybody not know about the long tunnel?

- (i) it is a secret tunnel under the city      (ii) it is kept hidden from public  
(iii) it is a kind of magical tunnel      (iv) because nobody went to that part

(d) What were the speaker's feelings when he described the Grand Central?

- (i) he was shocked      (ii) he got upset      (iii) he got anxious      (iv) he was fascinated

**OR**

MOTHER: Listen to what?

DERRY: Bees singing. Him talking.

MOTHER: And what's he got to say to you?

(i) Why did Derry's mother stop him from meeting Mr. Lamb?

- (a) Because he was an eccentric person      (b) Because he would scold him.  
(c) Because he lived alone and talked too much.      (d) Because she didn't want him to meet a stranger.

(ii) Why did Derry go back to meet Mr. Lamb?

- a) Mr. Lamb's attitude towards life changed the mindset of Derry.  
b) Derry found wings, a new perception about himself which opened a new world of thought and wisdom for him.  
c) He was comfortable and happy in Mr. Lamb's presence.  
d) All of the above

iii) What quality of Mr. Lamb attracted Derry to him the most?

- e) Mr. Lamb also suffered physical impairment.  
f) Mr. Lamb was the only person to treat Derry as a normal individual.  
g) Mr. Lamb instilled in Derry a positive attitude to life.  
h) Mr. Lamb's enthusiasm for life and his friendly, cheerful attitude.

(iv) Why did Derry refuse to believe what his mother said against Mr. Lamb?

- i) Derry tried to impress upon his mother that there was always a vast gap between what he really was and what people said about him.  
j) One should not believe in hearsay. He liked the things what Mr. Lamb said.  
k) Mr. Lamb made him think positively. He accepted him as he was and gave him confidence.  
l) All of the above

9. Read the given extracts and answer the question FOR ANY ONE of the two.

6

A. Why not organise yourself into a cooperative?" I asked a group of young men who have fallen into the vicious circle of middlemen who trapped their fathers and forefathers.

(a) Who is asking to organise into a cooperative?

- (i) Gandhiji      (ii) Rajkumar Shukla      (iii) Rajendra Prasad      (iv) none of these

(b) Why does the writer say that the young men have fallen into the vicious circle of middlemen?

- (i) because they are not able to form cooperative societies for their betterment.  
(ii) because they are exploited by them  
(iii) because they fall prey to middlemen  
(iv) all of these

- (c) Which of the following words cannot replace the word, 'vicious'?
- (i) ruthless (ii) remorseless (iii) malevolent (iv) benevolent
- (d) Since when the so called 'young men' had been exploited?
- (i) since their childhood (ii) when they grow up
- (iii) since the time of their father (iv) since the time of their ancestors
- (e) Why could the bangle makers not organize themselves into a cooperative ?
- (f) Why are people of Firozabad burdened under baggage to two worlds ?

**OR**

Did you know what will happen if you eliminate the empty spaces from the universe, eliminate the empty spaces in all the atoms? The universe will become as big as my fist.

Answer the following.

- (a) By eliminating empty spaces in atoms, the universe will be as big as an atom. (True/False)
- (b) Besides the universe, where else does the speaker want to eliminate empty spaces.
- (c) Find a word from the extract that means to 'remove'.
- (d) If the empty spaces in the universe and in atoms were measured, then the universe would be as big as the writer's fist.
- (e) Who have been referred to as 'I' and "You" in the extract ?
- (f) What does the expression ' empty place' imply here ?

**10. Answer ANY FIVE of the following six questions in about 40 -50 words**

**5X2 = 10**

- (a) How does the metaphor of rattrap serve to highlight the human predicament?
- (b) How do 'denizens' and 'chivalric' add to our understanding of the tiger's attitudes?
- (c) Why was Saheb not bothered about wearing the torn shoes?
- (d) ' The next day both men got up in good, season.' Who are the men who are mentioned in the line and what did they both do when they got up?
- (e) 'Those who prepare green wars', who are 'those' in the poem 'Keeping Quiet'?
- (f) What does the image of merry children imply in the poem 'My Mother At Sixty Six' by Kamala Das?

**11. Answer ANY TWO of the following three questions, in about 40-50 words.**

**2X2 = 4**

- (a) Why did Judewin's information frighten Zitkala-Sa ?
- (b) Why did Charley suspect that Sam had gone to Galesburg?
- (c) How did Dr. Sadao help the American soldier to escape?

**12. Answer ANY ONE of the following two questions, in about 120-150 words.**

**5**

How did Gandhiji secure justice for the poor share croppers of Champaran?

OR

Which two incidents made Douglas develop an aversion to water?

**13. Answer ANY ONE of the following two questions, in about 120-150 words.**

**5**

What message is conveyed through the story 'On the face of it'?

OR

By whom and with what objective was the "Students on the Ice" program started? How has it achieved its goals?