

SAMPLE QUESTION PAPER

English Communicative Class X

Instructions

Time : 3 hrs Max. Marks : 80

1. 15-minute prior reading time allotted for Q-paper reading.
2. The Question Paper contains **Four** sections-Reading Skills, Writing Skills, Grammar and Literature Textbook.
3. Attempt questions based on specific instructions for each part.

■ Section A : Reading Skills

[22 Marks]

1. Read the following passage.

(12 m)

1. Care for the Wild conducted an undercover investigation into the conduct of staff and the treatment of tigers at Thailand's Tiger temple, a popular tourist attraction. The Tiger temple claims it received its first tigers legitimately as animals rescued from poachers. However, investigators obtained evidence that suggested that, rather than continuing as a rescue centre, the temple now operates as a breeding facility and may be involved in the illegal tiger trade.
2. Another concern is that the release of tigers that are used to human proximity is dangerous for the tigers and the public. Each day between 1 pm and 4 pm, tigers were put on public display, so that tourists can touch and pose with the animals for photographs for a fee. During these sessions, the tigers were given no shade and were exposed to 3 hours of direct sunlight in temperatures which often rose above 40°C.
3. The tigers are maltreated to make them compliant and perform for visitors. For instance, it was observed that temple staff would drag tigers into appealing photographic positions by pulling their tails or punching and beating the animals. Staff also controlled the tigers by squirting tiger urine from a bottle into the animal's face, an act of extreme aggression in tiger behaviour.
4. There are numerous well-documented and even fatal attacks on humans by 'trained' and apparently mild-mannered captive wild cats, including during photo sessions. However, temple staff failed to prevent direct contact even when the tigers were aggressive. As a result of their poor conditions and improper handling, temple tigers were identified to be suffering from several behavioural and physical problems. Several of the animals were observed to demonstrate stereotypical behaviour such as pacing and obsessive chewing of their paws. Other animals were visibly suffering from lameness and skeletal deformities. These complaints were thought to be further exacerbated by malnutrition and poor veterinary care.

(330 words)

Answer the following questions, based on the passage above.

- (i) How were the tigers made complaint? (1)
(a) By beating
(b) By maltreatment
(c) By training them
(d) With aggression
- (ii) What does the Tiger Temple claim about tigers? How are the tigers displayed in the Tiger temple? Answer in 30-40 words. (2)
- (iii) For how many hours were the tigers on display in public? (1)
(a) 4 hours (b) 3 hours
(c) 2 hours (d) 5 hours
- (iv) The tigers of the temple suffer from what type of behavioural and physical problems? (1)
- (v) Do humans get attacked in the temple by the tigers? Explain in 30-40 words. (2)
- (vi) Substitute the underlined word in the sentence with a word from the passage which means the same. (1)
The freeing of the convict angered the public.
- (vii) What shows that the tigers were being maltreated? (1)
(a) Performing in high temperatures
(b) Beating and punching them
(c) Squirting tiger urine on them
(d) All of these
- (viii) Complete the sentence appropriately (1)
..... found out about the ill-treatment of the tigers in Tiger Temple, Thailand.
- (ix) Complete the sentence appropriately (1)
The evidence suggests that the Tiger Temple
- (x) State whether the given assertion is True or False. (1)
The tigers get photographed by the temple staff in various poses with love.

2. Read the following passage.

(10 m)

1. Festivals are synonymous with celebration, ceremony and joy. However, festivals bring to for the flip side of celebrations - pollution - air, water, soil and noise. This led to the need of assessing the awareness level among people about ecological pollution during festivals. So, a study was conducted by scholars of an esteemed university in India. This study was titled Awareness Towards Impact of Festivals on Ecology.
2. There were two main objectives of the study. The first one was to assess the awareness level among people about ecological protection during festivities. Exploring solutions to bring awareness about celebrating festivals without harming ecology was the second objective. The method used to collect data was a simple questionnaire containing 6 questions, shared with 50 respondents across four selected districts of a state in the Southern region of India.
3. The research began by understanding the socio-economic conditions of the respondents before sharing the questionnaire. Once the responses were received, the data collected was tabulated (Table 1), for analysis.

Table-1: Awareness level among respondents

Questions	YES%	NO%	CAN'T SAY%
1. Do you feel that bursting crackers is a must during festivities?	46	54	0
2. Do you think most people abuse environmental resources during celebration of festivals?	72	28	0
3. Do you think that celebrations and festivities result in uniting people?	64	32	4
4. Do you enjoy bursting crackers for amusement?	68	32	0
5. Do you feel pressured to burst crackers during festivals as an expectation of your social status?	82	12	6
6. Are you aware of waste segregation and disposal guidelines for better ecology?	56	40	4

4. The study recommended the imposition of strict rules and regulations as opposed to a total ban on all festive activities which have a drastic impact on our environment. The researchers believed that such measures would help in harnessing some ill-effects that add to the growing pollution and suggested further studies be taken up across the country to assess awareness about ecological degradation.
5. The observations made in the study pointed to the environmental groups and eco-clubs fighting a losing battle due to city traffic issues, disposal of plastics, garbage dumping and all sorts of ecological degradation. The researchers stressed that the need of the hour is increasing awareness among people to reduce ecological pollution which can be facilitated by celebrating all festivals in an eco-friendly manner. (291 words)

Answer the following questions, based on the passage above.

- (i) What was the objective of the study mentioned in the passage? (2)
- (ii) According to the study, what percentage of people do not enjoy bursting crackers? (1)
 (a) More than half (b) Less than half (c) A hundred percent (d) Only adults
- (iii) Justify the researcher's recommendation for limiting the drastic impact of festival pollution on the environment with reference to lines 16-21. (1)
- (iv) According to the passage, festival is synonymous with (1)
 (a) celebration (b) ceremony
 (c) joy (d) All of these
- (v) Even though a larger number of people say 'no' to bursting crackers than those who say 'yes', festival pollution persists. How does evidence from table 1 support this statement? (2)
- (vi) Complete the sentence given below. (1)
 The eco-clubs are losing the battle because
- (vii) Comment on the significance of the second objective of the study with reference to lines 7-12. (1)
- (viii) Which of the following was NOT recommended by the study? (1)
 (a) Imposition of strict rules
 (b) A total ban on festive activities
 (c) Punishment for the violators of the regulations
 (d) Both (a) and (c)

■ Section B : Writing Skills

[22 Marks]

3. Write an e-mail to the principal of your school requesting them for a change in the timing of the school bus. Invent necessary details and mention the reason. (3)

You may copy the given template to write your email.

From :	
To :	
Cc :	
Date :	
Subject :	

4. Write a descriptive paragraph on a computer. (4)

5. A. India's growing population has been accompanied by massive urbanisation. However, this rapid urbanisation has been accompanied by an alarming rate of environmental degradation and a growing scarcity of natural resources. Write a letter to the editor of a national daily, drawing attention of the public towards the development that is taking place at the cost of ecology and causing widespread environmental destruction and violation. Take clues from MCB unit 'Environment'. You are Riya Khurana. (7)

OR

- B. You bought a Samsung fully automatic washing machine from KBM Electronics, Laxmi Nagar, Delhi. After a month only, it developed great noise and its spin button is also not working. Write a letter of complaint to the sales manager of KBM electronics. You are Medha/Manas, 226/B, Pandav Nagar, Delhi.

6. A. According to 2011 Census, literacy rate of hundred per cent or around has been achieved by only a couple of states in India. Illiteracy is found mostly among the old and the deprived sections of society. What can the youth do to spread literacy in society? Write an article on 'Role of students in eradicating illiteracy'. Use the ideas that you may have gathered from MCB Unit 2 : Education. (8)

OR

- B. Increase in the number of private vehicles has caused problems like rising air pollution, traffic jams, lack of parking space, road rage etc. The solution lies in the use of public transport. Write an article on 'The Importance of Public Transport'. Use the ideas that you may have gathered from MCB Unit 4 : Environment.

■ Section C : Grammar Skills

[10 Marks]

7. Complete the tasks A-C, as directed.

- A. Fill the blanks (i)—(iii) with the appropriate option from those given in brackets. (3)

When I (i) (come/return/turned) back, I saw my friends laughing. I wondered what (ii) (could/can/is) be the reason. Then I (iii) (stare/noticed/realised) that my shirt had a black stain on the sleeve.

- B. In the following paragraph, one word has been omitted in each line. Write the missing words in the lines of the given paragraph, along with the words that come before and after it in the space provided. The first one has been done as an example. (4)

		Before	Missing	After
For far wide till your eyes	e.g.	far	and	wide
could seen, there was only an	(a)	.....	.....	.....
expanse desert stretching	(b)	.....	.....	.....
into never ending horizon. It	(c)	.....	.....	.....
was really revelation.	(d)	.....	.....	.....

- C. Do as directed.

- (i) Rearrange the following jumbled words/phrases in the given information to create a meaningful sentences. (1)

born/life/led/John Keats/was/family/in/a/poor/and/humble/a

He was only a small boy when his father died. His guardian provided him training to be a surgeon. But he is fond of writing and composing poems.

- (ii) Report the dialogues to complete the paragraph that follows.

Marie : Did you see my new umbrella? Isn't it fine? (1+1)

Tony : Yes, it is! Did you buy it from the mall?

Marie : No, your father has brought it for me.

Marie asked her son Tony(a) umbrella and she wanted to know whether it was a fine one. Tony agreed and asked his mother(b) the mall. His mother replied in the negative and added that his father had brought it for her.

■ Section D : Literature Textbook

[26 Marks]

8. Read the extracts given below and answer the questions briefly for ANY TWO extracts of the three given. (4+4=8)

- A. "And looked around like a God, unseeing, into the air,
And slowly turned his head,
And slowly, very slowly, as if thrice a dream,
Proceeded to draw his slow length curving around.

(Snake)

- (i) Explain the meaning of the expression 'unseeing, into the air'. (1)
 (ii) Where does 'he' move to? (1)
 (iii) Which literary device is used in line 1? (1)
 (iv) Who is 'he' mentioned in these lines? (1)

B. "I believe it's ill", said Louisa Mebbin, loudly in Hindustani, for the benefit of the village headman, who was in ambush in a neighbouring tree.

"Hush!" said Mrs. Packletide, and at that moment the tiger commenced ambling towards its victim.

"Now, now!" urged Miss Mebbin with some excitement; "if he doesn't touch the goat we needn't pay for it."
(Mrs. Packletide's Tiger)

(i) Which word/phrase in the extract means the same as "waiting to attack by surprise"? (1)

(ii) Why did Louisa talk loudly in Hindustani? (1)

(iii) Why was the village headman lying in ambush? (1)

(iv) Where was Louisa Mebbin at this time? (1)

C. You know not what you do: do not consent
That Antony speak in his funeral:
Know you how much the people may be moved
By that which he will utter!

(Julius Caesar)

(i) Identify the speaker of the given lines. (1)

(ii) Whose 'funeral' is being talked about? (1)

(iii) Why did the speaker raise this objection? (1)

(iv) Give the antonym of the word 'consent'? (1)

9. Answer Any Five of the following six questions in about 30-40 words each. (5×2=10)

(i) Why did Lavinia buy an Ouija Board? (*A Shady Plot*) (2)

(ii) Why was the albatross called a Christian Soul? (*The Rime of The Ancient Mariner*) (2)

(iii) What are the three things that grandfather plans to do on next Monday? (*The Dear Departed*) (2)

(iv) How was the frog benefitted in two ways? (*The Frog and The Nightingale*) (2)

(v) "Give me my robe, for I will go." Bring out the irony of Caesar's decision in the light of what happens at the capitol immediately after he reaches there? (*Julius Caesar*) (2)

(vi) What was the aim of the game Dragon Quest? (*Virtually True*) (2)

10. Answer any one of the following questions in 150 words. (8)

A. How does the poet describe his loved one in the poem *Not Marble, Nor the Gilded Monuments*? Discuss how the values in the poem have been brought out.

OR

B. What do you learn about the family of Nicola, Jacopo and their sister Lucia? What did Nicola and Jacopo do to maintain the family values? (*Two Gentlemen of Verona*)

Answers

1.
 - (i) (b) By maltreatment
 - (ii) The 'Tiger Temple' organisation claims that it received the first tiger legitimately as it has rescued the tiger from poachers. Tigers are put on display for tourists to touch and pose for photographs and are exposed to temperatures that often rise above 40°C.
 - (iii) (b) 3 hours
 - (iv) The tigers of the temple suffered from many physical and behavioural problems like lameness and other deformities. They also used to pace and indulge in obsessive chewing of their paws.
 - (v) Yes, humans do get attacked by the tigers, especially during photo sessions. Sometimes, the temple staff failed to prevent direct contact with humans even when the tigers were aggressive.
 - (vi) release
 - (vii) (d) All of these
 - (viii) The NGO 'Care for the Wild'
 - (ix) is now involved in an illegal tiger trade
 - (x) False
2.
 - (i) The objective of the study mentioned in the passage is to assess how much people knew about ecological protection during festivals and to find ways to bring awareness to people about celebrating festival without harming ecology.
 - (ii) (b) Less than half
 - (iii) The researcher's recommendation suggests bringing strict rules to ensure a decrease in pollution during festivals. It is much better than the alternative which is to impose a complete ban as it will not only make the people aware about the problems but also increase the chance of a revolt against the ban. Hence, strict rules along with some freedom are a better option.
 - (iv) (d) All of these
 - (v) The table states that a large percentage of people abuse environmental resources to celebrate festivals. As a result, they fail to see its effect on the environment.
 - (vi) of city traffic issue, plastic disposal and garbage dumping
 - (vii) The lines mentions exploration of solutions to bring about awareness about celebrating festivals without harming the environment as the second objective of the study. It is significant because we need to know what steps can be taken to deal with the issue and what should be avoided to fix the problem of increase in pollution during festivals.
 - (viii) (b) A total ban on festive activities
3. From : Garimas@gmail.com
 To : principal@vps.org
 Date : 10th April, 20XX
 Subject : Application for Change of Bus Timing
 Respected Sir/Ma'am

This is to inform you that due to the installing of gas pipelines on the Jaha Street, the condition of the road is very pitiful. This is causing the students living in the nearby area, including me, to arrive late on the Main Road where the school bus arrives to pick us up.

Consequently, most of the students miss the bus, especially due to it being rush hour, no matter how early we leave from our homes. I myself have missed it 5 times in the past two weeks. I request you to change the timing of the bus from 7:20 a.m. to 7:40 a.m. for the span of the renovation of the road so that everyone can arrive on time.

I hope you will accept my request as soon as possible.

Yours obediently
 Garima Sethi
 Class X-C
 Roll No. 18

4. A computer is an electronic gadget used to process, store and show information. In any case, this is an act of excessive simplification of what a computer is as the gadget has developed to play out a few different capacities that surpass the above depiction. Computers are commonly grouped into three kinds, depending on how they process data. To this end, they have delegated the simple, digital, and hybrid computers. This characterisation decides the speed and precision of every computer. A computer can serve a few capacities besides storing and preparing information. Some of them are to control machine and hardware, to arrange business and adventure, to sell items and services, and to direct research for scholarly purposes. The computer is now a member of our everyday lives. The innovation has discovered its way into all parts of our lives. Till the end, the computer will remain valuable in each field.

5. A. C-111, Phase I, Ashok Vihar
New Delhi
Date : 12th October, 20XX
The Editor
The Times of India
Delhi

Subject Development at the Cost of Ecology

Sir/Ma'am

Through the columns of your esteemed newspaper, I would like to draw the attention of the general public towards the development that is taking place at the cost of ecology and is causing widespread environmental destruction and violation. Our rivers are just as polluted with many stretches becoming dry in lean season. The garbage in cities is growing day-by-day. With an increase in plastic waste and e-waste, the scarcity of landfill poses another challenge. Water scarcity is also becoming a major concern due to the severe pollution in the water bodies.

Moreover, to cater to the needs of the increasing population, an increase in the urbanisation has led to deterioration of our resources and the environment, threatening the existence of all living beings. This deterioration has also taken a toll on the people's health and productivity.

I hope the concerned authorities and the government adopt stringent and positive measures to maintain the ecology.

Thanking you

Yours sincerely
Riya Khurana

OR

B. 226/B
Pandav Nagar
East Delhi
18th June, 20XX
The Sales Manager
KBM Electronics
Laxmi Nagar
Delhi-110093

Subject Complaint regarding faulty washing machine

Sir/Ma'am

This is with reference to the receipt No EZ 2158. I bought a fully automatic Samsung Washing Machine from your showroom on 15th May, 2018. I paid ₹ 21500/- in cash. It worked fine for a month but suddenly it has developed many problems.

It has started making too much noise while washing clothes. Moreover, its spin button is not functioning so I am unable to dry spin the clothes. Sometimes, it stops working and does not start even after many attempts.

As the machine is in under the warranty period, you are requested to get its defect rectified. If problem persists, replace the machine. Please do the needful at the earliest.

Thanking you

Yours sincerely
Medha

6. A.

Role of Students in Eradicating Illiteracy*by XYZ*

Illiteracy is truly a curse to society. It not only makes the masses helpless but also hinders their development. According to the 2011 census, the 100% literacy rate of Kerala and Lakshadweep is just a small achievement on the path of literacy in the country where a majority of people are still illiterate. If we look at the proportion of the illiterate population in the nation, one can easily point out that the old and deprived section of the society majorly constitute the category. Children and even adults who want to study are not properly educated due to the lack of financial resources. Even with many government schemes, the aim is yet to be fulfilled where we see everyone getting at least the required level of education.

The youth are the leaders of tomorrow. Hence, only the youth can achieve this goal because they are active, full of energy and have nimbleness in their actions. If the youngsters adopt the motto "Each one, Teach one" and devote time to teach illiterates during their vacations literacy can improve drastically. If they create awareness among people about the importance of literacy, people will not resist supporting them to achieve their target. Infact, they can also involve NGOs, Nation Literary Missions and other social groups towards the cause. Thus, the youth must involve themselves in the enhancement of literary and eradication of the curse of illiteracy.

OR

B.

The Importance of Public Transport*by PQR*

Transport accounts for a substantial and growing proportion of a number of problems prevalent in Indian cities. Besides causing traffic jams, parking space problems and road rage, the increasing number of vehicles lead to increasing air pollution. This calls for a greater share of public transport in meeting mobility needs. Public transport has many advantages. The first is that it saves fuel, reduces an individual's carbon footprint, and reduces traffic congestion. Public vehicles move people efficiently while producing significantly less air pollution to move one passenger one mile. It is easier to implement the usage of eco-friendly fuels in public transportation systems.

A bus with 7-8 passengers is more fuel efficient than an average single occupant car. It not only saves fuel, but also money and energy. Understanding the need of the hour, the government is introducing many rules so that people start using public vehicles. The odd-even rule started by Chief Minister of Delhi, was initiated to encourage the use of public transport and thereby reduce pollution caused by traffic. The authorities are working hard to make public aware of how useful, efficient and less damaging to the environment the use of public transport is.

7. A. (i) turned (ii) could (iii) noticed

B. Before	Missing	After
(a) could	have	seen
(b) expanse	of	desert
(c) into	a	never
(d) really	a	revelation

- C. (i) John Keats was born in a poor family and led a humble life.
 (ii) (a) if he had seen her new (b) if she had bought it from

8. A. (i) The expression 'unseeing, into the air' means 'in a carefree, easy and fearless manner'.
 (ii) 'He' moves to a hole in the wall. (iii) The literary device used in line 1 is 'simile'.
 (iv) 'He' here is a snake.

- B. (i) The phrase is 'in ambush' which means the same as 'waiting to attack by surprise'.
 (ii) Louisa talked loudly in Hindustani so that the village headman could hear and understand that she and Mrs. Packletide knew that they had given more money for a sick tiger.
 (iii) The village headman was lying in ambush so that he could help Mrs. Packletide in killing the tiger.
 (iv) Louisa Mebbin was with Mrs. Packletide in the forest where she had accompanied her for tiger hunting.
- C. (i) The given lines are spoken by Cassius, a senator and conspirator of Caesar's assassination.
 (ii) Caesar's funeral is being talked about in the given lines.
 (iii) The speaker, Cassius, raises this objection because he fears that Antony, a great friend of Caesar's, could sway the masses against them for murdering Caesar.
 (iv) The antonym of the word 'consent' is 'dissent'.

9. (i) Lavinia bought an Ouija Board because she had found it to be the 'luckiest, darling' thing and had got it at a bargain sale. She supposedly bought it so that her husband Hallock could use it to get ideas for new stories but actually the real motive behind her buying it was to have fun working it with her Book Club friends.
- (ii) The albatross was called a 'Christian Soul' because it was welcomed by sailors as Christ was welcomed in this world. Further, the albatross proved to be auspicious for the ship. As soon as it came, the wind started blowing, the ice split and the ship could steer out into the ocean.
- (iii) The three things that grandfather plans to do on next Monday are
- (a) Go to the lawyer and alter his will.
 - (b) Visit the Insurance Office and pay the insurance premium.
 - (c) Go to the church and get married to the Ring-o-Bells owner, Mrs Shorrocks.
- (iv) The frog benefitted greatly by using his crafty quality in a sinister way. First, he made a lot of money by exploiting the nightingale and charging entry fee at her concerts. Second, he treated the nightingale very cruelly by putting her to physical and mental tortures. As a result, the nightingale died as her vein burst and the frog established his supremacy.
- (v) Caesar feels that Calpurnia's dream has been misinterpreted by her. He finds Decius Brutus' interpretation of it more convincing and goes to the Senate House. His robe is pierced through and he is brutally assassinated there by the conspirators led by Cassius. Hence, his words prove to be ironical as he was murdered there, proving Calpurnia's dream to be true.
- (vi) The game 'Dragon Quest' was a very simple game. Here, the narrator had to rescue the fair princess Aurora who had been imprisoned at the top of a tall tower by the wicked dragon and collect his wicked treasures. During the course of the game, he is also requested to rescue the knight Sebastian.
10. A. The poet describes his loved one in this poem beautifully. He says that princes, kings etc. build marbled and gilded monuments to perpetuate their memories but wars, fights and time destroy them. Unlike such monuments his loved one has been immortalised in this sonnet. The main value in this sonnet is that literary art is not affected by time but marbled and gilded monuments are. This value has been brought out by using phrases such as 'But you shall shine more bright in these contents', 'Nor Mars fire his sword, nor war's quick shall burn the living record of your memory' and 'your praise shall still find room, even in the eyes of all posterity.'

OR

- B. Before the war, Nicola and Jacopo and their sister Lucia belonged to a good and well-off family. Their father was a well-known singer, who was killed in the early part of the war. A bomb destroyed their family home and they were forced to go on the streets. Before the war, the siblings had always known a comfortable and respectable life. Lucia was getting trained to be a singer. However, after the war they had barely kept themselves alive in a shelter. Both the boys now undertook odd jobs to earn enough money to pay the medical expenses for their sister who was suffering from tuberculosis of the spine. She was admitted in a hospital in Poleta. The boys did various odd jobs, but never begged, thus maintaining their family values and their self-respect. They worked really hard, took up all sorts of jobs and never complained. They carried on their duty willingly and cheerfully. It was through the values of strong will and determination that they managed to pay the expenses at the hospital.