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SAMPLE PAPER - 4 (2020-21)
ENGLISH - LANGUAGE AND LITERATURE
CBSE CLASS - X

QUESTIONS

Time : 3 hrs

Max. Marks : 80

Instructions

1. This question paper is divided into two parts.
 - Part – A 40 Marks
 - Part – B 40 Marks
2. All questions are compulsory.
3. Separate instructions are given with each section and question, wherever necessary. Read these instructions very carefully and follow them.
4. Do not exceed the prescribed word limit while answering the questions.

Part-A (40 Marks)

Reading

(20 Marks)

1. Read the passage given below.

(10)

1. In life we sometimes have disagreements with people. When this happens, the important thing is to try not to let a calm discussion turn into a heated argument. But of course this is easier said than done.
2. The way you begin the conversation is very important. Imagine you are a student sharing a flat with another student who you think isn't doing her share of housework. If you say, 'Look, you never do your share of the housework', the discussion will very soon turn into an argument. It's much more constructive to say something like, 'I think we'd better have another look about how we divide up the housework.'
3. If you're the person who is the wrong, just admit it! This is the easiest and best way to avoid an argument just apologise and move on. The other person will have more respect for you in the future if you do that.
4. Don't exaggerate. Try not to say things like 'You always come home late when my mother comes to dinner' when perhaps this has only happened twice. This will just make the other person think you're being unreasonable, and will probably make him or her stop listening to your arguments.

5. Sometimes we just can't avoid a discussion turning into an argument. But if you do start arguing with someone, it is important to keep things under control.
6. Don't raise your voice. Raising your voice will just make the other person lose their temper too. If you find yourself raising your voice, stop for a moment and take a deep breath. If you can talk calmly and quietly, you'll find your partner will be more ready to think about what you are saying.
7. It is also very important to stick to the point. Try to keep to the topic you are talking about. Don't bring up old arguments, or try to bring in other' issues. Just concentrate on solving the one problem, and leave the other things for another time.
8. If necessary call 'Time out'. If you think that an argument is getting out of control, then you must say, 'Listen, I'd rather talk about this tomorrow when we've both calmed down'. You can then continue the discussion the next day when both of you are less tense and angry. That way there is much more chance that you will be able to reach an agreement. You'll also probably find that the problem is much easier to solve.
9. Some people think that arguing is always bad. This is not true. Conflict is a normal part of life, and dealing with conflict is an important part of any relationship. If you don't learn to argue properly, then when a real problem comes along, you won't be prepared to face it together. Think of the smaller arguments as training sessions. Learn how to argue cleanly and fairly. It will help your relationship become stronger and last longer.

On the basis of your reading answer any ten of the following questions. (1 × 10 = 10)

- (i) What is easy to suggest but quite difficult to do?
 - (a) To have disagreements with people.
 - (b) Not to let a peaceful discussion change into a heated argument.
 - (c) Never raise your voice
 - (d) To have heated argument with friends.
- (ii) Which of the following steps should one follow to stop arguing, according to the passage?
 1. Keeping calm
 2. Leaving the room
 3. Stop talking
 4. Don't raise your voice
 5. Stick to your point
 6. Time out

(a) 1,2 and 3 (b) 4,5 and 6 (c) 1,3 and 5 (d) 2,4 and 6
- (iii) In case we are wrong what should we do to avoid argument?

(a) Be silent (b) Exaggerate (c) Respect (d) Apologize
- (iv) Which of the following will be the most appropriate title for the passage?

(a) How Not to Argue? (b) Discussion Vs Argument

(c) Stopping an Argument (d) How to Control Arguments?
- (v) What happens if a complaint is exaggerated?
 - (a) The other person thinks you are unreasonable
 - (b) The other person think that you are overbearing
 - (c) The other person finds you stupid
 - (d) The other person stops paying any attention to you
- (vi) Select the option that makes the correct use of 'agreement' as used in the passage, to fill in the blank space.
 - (a) This was proposed to the General Assembly in 1870.
 - (b) Dean was beginning to have serious about the trip.
 - (c) It is a willing to a set of values and procedures and a standard of conduct.
 - (d) In discussing nutrition, there is often on the nature of the problems.

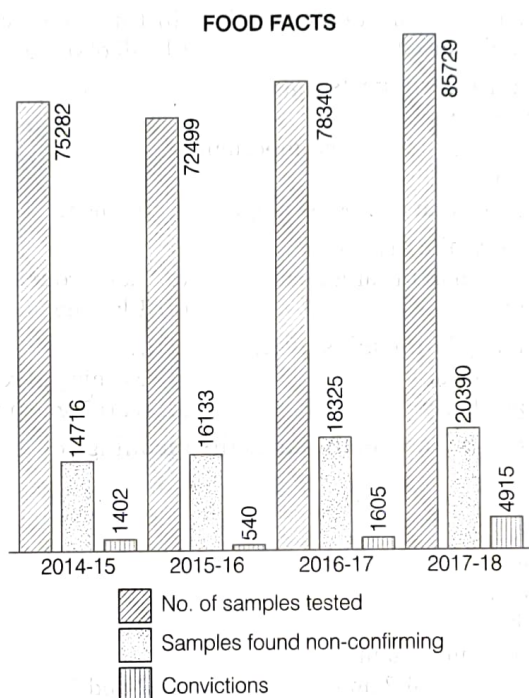
- (vii) Which activities can help to keep arguments under control?
 (a) Learning to remain calm (b) Learning to apologise
 (c) Taking a break from the argument (d) All of these
- (viii) How does 'Time Out' help' in argument?
 (a) Both people in the argument become calm (b) One can easily come to an agreement
 (c) Argument is easily solved (d) All of these
- (ix) The second paragraph suggests that
 (a) we must share our workload
 (b) how we start a discussion is very important
 (c) our words can hurt people
 (d) we must use words that do not presuppose an argument
- (x) What must one do while arguing?
 (a) Bring other topics into the argument (b) Raise your voice
 (c) Stop exaggerating (d) Blaming one another
- (xi) We can strengthen relationships by
 (a) learning to argue clearly (b) learning to remain calm
 (c) learning to argue fairly (d) learning to avoid arguments
- (xii) Choose the option that correctly states the meanings of 'exaggerate, as used in the passage.
 1. To make it large
 2. To underestimate it
 3. To overvalue it
 4. To overestimate it
 5. To undermine it
 6. To understand it as important
 (a) 1,3 and 6 (b) 2 and 4 (c) 2 and 5 (d) 3,4 and 6

2. Read the passage given below.

(10)

1. Data released by India's food quality regulator, the Food Safety and Standards Authority of India (FSSAI) earlier, shows that nearly 25% samples of edible goods it tested this year were found to be adulterated or in violation of prescribed standards.
2. The samples included milk and dairy products, spices, cereals as well as branded food products. A total of 85,729 samples were sent, so far. FSSAI carried out the testing following a spike in complaints from consumers over quality and adulteration, said an agency official.
3. According to the data, 20,390 samples of the 85,729 sent to the agency were found to be non-confirming to prescribed standards. While agency officials maintain that Food Safety Officers in each state regularly test samples to check for compliance and also take recourse in cases of violations according to the Food Safety and Standards Act, 2006, experts claim that poor enforcement on the ground and a lack of awareness plague the process.
4. Consumer activist Bijon Mishra said the lengthy legal procedure involved in penalizing violators provides an opportunity to the accused to keep doing business. "Law enforcement is very poor. It takes years to finalise a case and by that time, sellers keep on making profits. Moreover, people are also not aware. Hardly anybody complains about adulteration," he added.
5. Umesh Sharma, an advocate, said enforcement of rules is very poor on the ground. "The issue is directly related to public health and the government should take serious initiatives to implement food safety rules," he said. Data from the agency shows an abysmal conviction rate.
6. In 2017, the Law Commission had issued a set of recommendations regarding the issue. The panel had recommended that IPC Sections 272 (dealing with adulteration of food and drinks) and 273 (dealing with the sale of noxious food and drinks) be amended to make adulteration a serious crime. It was also recommended that depending on the gravity of the offence, punishment can include life imprisonment and the minimum sentence should be six months' jail term.

7. The panel, headed by former Supreme Court judge BS Chauhan, also wanted amendments to Section 357 of the Criminal Procedure Code so that courts can order compensation for victims.



On the basis of your reading answer any ten of the following questions. (1 × 10 = 10)

- (i) What did the data revealed by FSSAI show?
- Branded food contains cancer causing adulterants
 - Food items consumed violate the food quality standards
 - With food adulteration, food quality checks have increased
 - Food adulteration has grown exponentially over the years
- (ii) Based on your understanding of the passage, choose the option that lists the punishments set for offenders.
- Life imprisonment
 - Fine
 - Sentence of 6 months
 - Death sentences
 - Public shaming
- (a) 1,2 and 3 (b) 1,4 and 5 (c) 1,3 and 4 (d) 2,3 and 5
- (iii) What was the reason behind the survey?
- The increasing number of complaints regarding quality and adulteration
 - Increasing mortality rate
 - For consumer awareness
 - Increasing malnutrition
- (iv) Which amendments were added to regulate the quality of food in India?
- (a) IPC 271 (b) IPC 272 (c) IPC 273 (d) Both (b) and (c)
- (v) What do the experts claim regarding the data?
- Quality of food is as per the Food Safety and Standards Act, 2006
 - The poor enforcement on the ground and a lack of awareness results in adulteration
 - The procedure of penalization is very lengthy
 - The officials are corrupted to the core allowing the penalized to escape
- (vi) allows the penalized to continue their business.
- Poor law enforcement
 - Higher connections
 - Lengthy process
 - The scope of the business

- (vii) What does Umesh Sharma suggest?
- Revision of the acts making them stricter
 - Strict initiatives to implement food safety rules
 - Involving a third-party for solving the issue
 - To apply strict action against the violators
- (viii) Which of the following recommendations were made by the law commission regarding the issue?
- Adulteration became a serious crime
 - Depending on the gravity of the offence, punishment can include life imprisonment
 - Minimum sentence should be six months' jail term
 - All of the above
- (ix) The panel head also called for
- checking of the food safety officers
 - video data of all safety tests
 - compensation for the victims
 - Both (a) and (c)
- (x) Which food items became the sample of the survey?
- Milk and milk products
 - Spices
 - Cereals
 - All of these
- (xi) The agency officials claim that
- there is a reduction in the number
 - they are regularly test samples to check for compliance
 - take recourse in cases of violations
 - Both (b) and (c)
- (xii) Which of the following DO NOT define adulteration?
- Added food coloring to food items.
 - Using chemicals in food.
 - Making food items that are not organic.
 - Using unnatural ways to enhance the quality of food.

Literature Textbooks

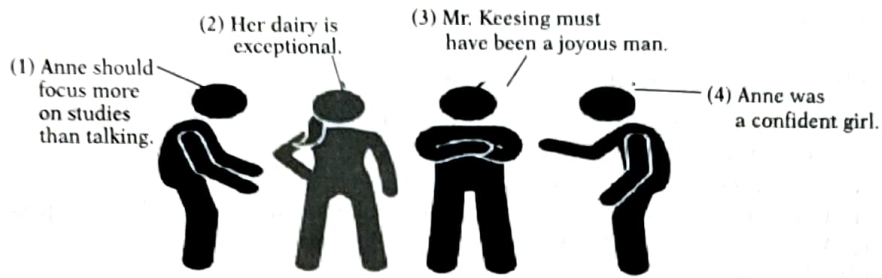
(10 Marks)

3. Read the extract given below and answer the questions that follow. (1 × 5 = 5)

I wrote the three pages Mr Keesing had assigned me and was satisfied. I argued that talking is a student's trait and that I would do my best to keep it under control, but that I would never be able to cure myself of the habit, since my mother talked as much as I did.

- (i) Mr Keesing asked Anne to write
- an essay on herself
 - an essay on chatterbox
 - an essay on her friend
 - an essay on her family
- (ii) Anne argued that
- talking was a necessary trait for any student.
 - sleeping was a necessary trait for any student.
 - cleaning was a necessary trait for any student.
 - thinking was a necessary trait for any student.
- (iii) Who was Mr Keesing?
- Anne's relative
 - Anne's teacher
 - Anne's counsellor
 - Anne's principal
- (iv) Choose the option that lists the set of sentences that are NOT TRUE according to the given extract.
- Anne Frank was very talkative.
 - She was punished for her talkative nature.
 - She had inherited that trait from her mother.
 - Mr, Keesing was satisfied with her essay.
 - Anne was punished thrice.
 - She was failed by Mr, Keesing.
- (a) Only 6 (b) 1 and 2 (c) 3 and 4 (d) Only 5

- (v) Pick the option that correctly classifies fact/s (F) and opinion/s (O) of the students below.

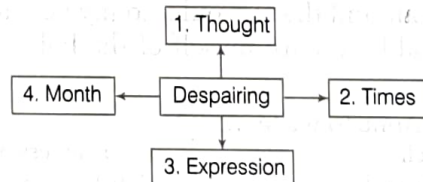


- (a) F- 1,2 and O-3,4 (b) F-3,4 and O-1,2 (c) All are facts (d) All are opinions

Or

As I moved off, Mrs. Pumphrey, with a despairing cry, threw an armful of the little coats through the window. I looked in the mirror before I turned the corner of the drive; everybody was in tears.

- (i) Where was the speaker going?
 (a) To the hospital (b) To the church
 (c) To the cemetery (d) To attend a meeting
- (ii) Why was everybody in tears?
 (a) Because the speaker will never return. (b) Because the speaker was ill.
 (c) Because Tricki was being hospitalised. (d) Because Tricki will never return.
- (iii) Who was Mrs. Pumphrey in the above lines?
 (a) Tricki's owner (b) Speaker's friend (c) Tricki's helper (d) Speaker's relative
- (iv) Why was Tricki sent to the hospital?
 (a) Because Tricki refused to eat anything.
 (b) Because Mrs Pumphrey was worried about Tricki's health.
 (c) Because Tricki had bouts of vomiting.
 (d) All of the above
- (v) The extract uses the phrase 'with a despairing cry'. Which of the following expressions is incorrect with respect to the word 'despairing'?



- (a) Option 1 (b) Option 2 (c) Option 3 (d) Option 4

4. Read the extract given below and answer the questions that follow. (1 × 5 = 5)

*Belinda embraced him, Mustard licked him,
 No one mourned for his pirate victim.
 Ink and Blink in glee did gyrate
 Around the dragon that ate the pirate.*

- (i) Which of the following is NOT true, according to the passage?
 (a) Belinda loved her pets. (b) The Dragon was a coward.
 (c) Ink and Blink are brothers. (d) Everyone was happy.
- (ii) Why did Belinda embrace her pet?
 (a) Because he saved everyone's life (b) Because of his nature
 (c) Because of his behaviour (d) Because he was different from other pets.
- (iii) Whom did the dragon ate?
 (a) Belinda's friend (b) Belinda's relative
 (c) Pirate (d) None of these

- (iv) The rhyme scheme of the given lines is
 (a) Abaab (b) Abcb (c) abcd (d) Aabb
- (v) Which of the following words indicates the happiness felt by everyone?
 (a) Embraced (b) Glee (c) Licked (d) Mourned

Or

*Don't eat that chocolate Amanda!
 Remember your acne, Amanda!
 Will you please look at me when
 I'm speaking to you, Amanda!*

- (i) Why is Amanda not looking at the speaker?
 (a) Because she is lost in her thoughts.
 (b) Because she is not paying attention to the speaker.
 (c) Because she is not paying attention to the instructions.
 (d) Both (a) and (c)
- (ii) The speaker is so worried about acne. What does it show?
 (a) This shows importance is given to physical beauty.
 (b) This shows her concern towards Amanda.
 (c) This shows Amanda's carelessness.
 (d) Both (a) and (b)
- (iii) Which word in the extract means the same as 'to gaze'?
 (a) To admire (b) To look
 (c) To beautify (d) To show concern
- (iv) Why is Amanda getting scolded in the above extract?
 (a) Due to having chocolates (b) Due to her behaviour
 (c) As she is not paying attention to the speaker (d) Both (a) and (c)
- (v) Who is the speaker in the above lines?
 (a) Amanda's mother (b) Amanda's sister
 (c) Amanda's teacher (d) Amanda's grandmother

Grammar

(10 Marks)

5. Fill in the blanks given below with the help of options that follow. (1 × 3 = 3)

In the last hundred years, travelling (i) much easier and very comfortable. In the 19th century, it (ii) two or three days to cross North America by a covered wagon. The trip (iii) very rough and often dangerous. Things changed a great deal in the last hundred and fifty years. Now you can fly from New York to Los Angeles in a matter of hours.

- (i) (a) has become (b) became (c) becomes (d) will become
 (ii) (a) took (b) takes (c) take (d) will take
 (iii) (a) is (b) was (c) has been (d) would

6. Choose the correct options to fill in the blanks to complete the narration. (1 × 3 = 3)



Himani was sitting with her mother, when her father entered. He (i) a bouquet of flowers and a box of chocolates. Beside her, her mother was delighted to see them. Before Himani could say anything, her father happily (ii) that he got both of them for his best girls. Suddenly, Himani (iii) She whispered to her mother that dad had broken something and was trying to hide it.

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| (i) (a) was carrying | (b) had | | |
| (c) came along with | (d) has been carrying | | |
| (ii) (a) exclaimed | (b) asked them | (c) told them | (d) said |
| (iii) (a) reminded of | (b) remembered something | | |
| (c) got a hint | (d) had a remembrance | | |

7. Fill in the blanks by choosing the correct option for any four of the six sentences given below. (1 × 4 = 4)

- (i) According to the schedule, the teachers have to come together _____ other week to discuss the problems of their students.
 (a) any (b) some (c) each (d) every
- (ii) Children have difficulty numbers two until the age of three or four.
 (a) in grasping, as many as (b) to grasp, as big as
 (c) grasping, greater than (d) having grasped, fewer
- (iii) Although the scientific community had hoped that the field of transplantation, the shortage of organ donors has curtailed research.
 (a) has progressed (b) would progress
 (c) must have progressed (d) is progressing
- (iv) In some ways, we know little more about the planets than the ancients who worshipped them.
 (a) had done (b) have done (c) did (d) would do
- (v) A lot of people want to become surgeons, but make the grade.
 (a) few (b) not much
 (c) very little (d) any
- (vi) While the parades for the opening of Parliament were being rehearsed, the President a sobering message for his countrymen.
 (a) prepared (b) has prepared
 (c) was preparing (d) is preparing

Part - B (40 Marks)

Writing

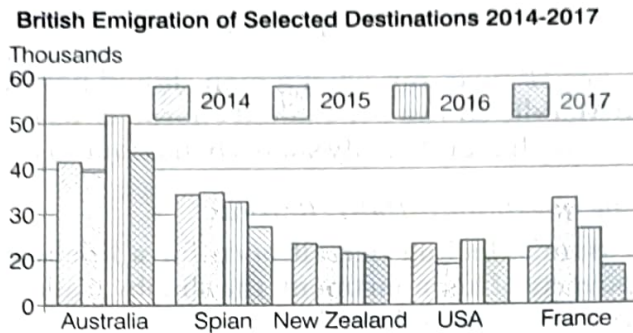
(10 Marks)

8. You have recently had an ear surgery and are on rest period. Some construction work had started by your neighbour while you were away. The noise from the work is loud and it disturbs you. You had tried to tell them to postpone the work for sometime but with no avail. Write to the housing president regarding the situation. You are Akshat/Akshara. (100-120 words). (5)

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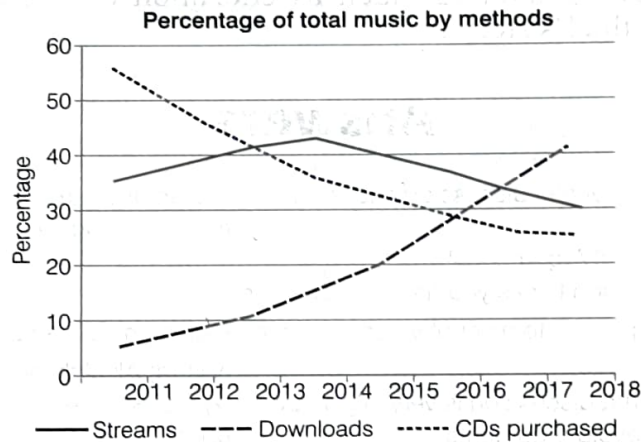
You were supposed to go on an interview in a few weeks, but you have since found out you cannot go on the date arranged. Write a letter to the potential employer explaining your situation and why you cannot go on the date arranged. (100-120 words).

9. The chart shows Indian students travelling to foreign destination for further studies to selected destinations between 2014 and 2017. Write an analytical paragraph on the given data in about 100-120 words. (5)



Or

- The graph below shows how people buy music. Analyse the given data and write an analytical paragraph in 100-120 words.



Literature Textbooks

(30 Marks)

10. (a) Answer any two of the following questions in 20-30 words each. (2 × 2 = 4)
- How is the wildlife of coorg?
 - What could Amanda do if she were a mermaid?
 - What does courage mean to Mandela?
- (a) Answer any two of the following questions in 20-30 words each. (2 × 2 = 4)
- Why did Hari Singh approach Anil?
 - What did the Griffin do inside the store?
 - Why did Bholi refuse to marry Bishamber at last?
11. (a) Answer any two of the following questions in 40-50 words each. (3 × 2 = 6)
- What does Anne Frank tell about her family in her diary?
 - What did the Buddha do after he had attained enlightenment? Why?
 - Write the message given by the poet of the poem 'Fire and Ice'.
- (b) Answer any two of the following questions in 40-50 words each. (3 × 2 = 6)
- What was Loisel's reaction to his wife's desire for a new dress?
 - How did the author feel upon reaching the town of New Mullion to serve summons? Who befriended him there?
 - What was Tricki's ailment? How did it worry Mrs. Pumphrey?

12. *Answer the following question in 100-120 words.* (5)

"The narrator knew that he could not fly up due to storm and lack of fuel but still he continued". What do you gather about the narrator from the above lines?

Or

'The Hundred Dresses-II' gives out what a man should be. Wanda by her behaviour towards Peggy and Maddie shows her exalted character as is seen in her letter. How far would you agree with her and justify such a behaviour in all persons as essential?

13. *Answer the following question in 100-120 words.* (5)

"She suffered incessantly, feeling herself born for all delicacies and luxuries. She suffered from the poverty of her apartment, the shabby walls and the worn chairs. All these things tortured and angered her."

It was Mme Loisel's disposition invites her doom. Comment.

Or

"Money can't make a man as much as education can" Elaborate the line with reference to 'The thief's story'.