

**Solution**  
**PRELIMINARY EXAM - I - SET 1**  
**Class 10 - English Language and Literature**  
**Section A - Reading Skills**

1. I. - Tone - Informative / objective / formal / appreciative
  - Rationalization - Writer - presented factual information about the historical use of Saffron - its medicinal properties, without any particular emotional or subjective bias.
- II. (C) Saffron is considered to be the most valuable spice, similar to how gold is valued among metals.
- III. - Being used since ages in various foods made for the royals and elites/Forms the backbone of several iconic dishes from around the world
  - Contains medicinal properties.
  - Has strong aroma and unique flavour.
  - Has high retail value because of labour-intensive harvesting methods.
- IV. (B) widely recognised
- V. - hand-picking / drying over charcoal fires/spread on trays/forty hours of labour
- VI. True
- VII. (C) Due to its labour - intensive cultivation process and its relatively low yield per plant.
- VIII. - Beetroot and pomegranate are used as adulterants to enhance red colour of Saffron
  - because of its high price, adulteration is quite common
  - silk fibres, oil or wax - used to add bulk
  - Powdered saffron can be adulterated with turmeric and paprika

2. i. (A) Indian tourists prefer places in the country itself.
- ii. a fact, an objective detail
- iii. **Indian tourism - Outbound tourism**
  - 1.7 billion domestic tourists visited within India in 2022-21 million international departures in 2022.
  - historical - cultural diversity - offer mix of traditional and contemporary experiences
  - focus on tourist friendly infrastructure - unique cuisines and diverse landscapes
- iv. because of migration trends
- v. (C) The Assertion is true, but the reason is false.
- vi. Kuwait
- vii.
  - offers familiarity and comfort.
  - more affordable than international travel
  - offers diverse experiences
  - historical and cultural diversity
- viii.
  - a mix of traditional and contemporary experiences
  - unique cuisines
  - diverse landscapes
- ix. trends/ popularity

**SECTION B GRAMMAR**

3. Complete ANY TEN of twelve of the following tasks, as directed

(a) propose

(b)	Error	Correction
	turned	turn

(c) Ravi asked Reena to lend him hundred rupees, to which Reena replied that she didn't have it right then but she would arrange it for him.

(d) (c) The student requested that he might be allowed to come in.

**Explanation:**

The student requested that he might be allowed to come in.

(e) Little

(f)	Error	Correction

seller	sellers
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(g) (C) breaks - broke

(h) **(b)** do, work

**Explanation:**

do, work

(i) that he would send her/him an email and give the details.

(j) **(b)** He requested his friend to wait for him.

**Explanation:**

He requested his friend to wait for him.

(k) A. has been broken

The whole situation presented in the extract states the present condition.

error	correction
family	families

### SECTION B CREATIVE WRITING SKILLS

4. A-12, East of Kailash,

New Delhi

June 5, 2018

The Editor

The Times of India

New Delhi

Sir,

#### **Subject: Racial Discrimination**

'Incredible India', as it is popular all over the world is well-known for its culture and heritage but the current situation, especially the recent increase in crimes against people of the North-east, in the advanced cities has proved that humanity and moral values - the qualities which Indians are proud of, seem to have become an out dated concept.

Today the condition is that one would prefer only familiar people. People from other countries are treated differently by some Indian people, based both on skin colour and country of origin. African people are especially affected by racism in India, denied living accommodations and even attacked and killed. It is a matter of great concern that young students had to lose their life due to a racial comment against people from the North-East. Such an attitude not only causes disharmony among fellow human beings but also dents the image of our country all over the world. We should understand that this is a myopic viewpoint. Anti Discrimination and Equality bill is made to ensure equality to every citizen of the country by providing protection against all forms of social discrimination. It is important to pause and think that human relationships should not be sacrificed at the altar of racial discrimination. Humans without humanity are not humans at all. I hope this letter of mine will be published in your esteemed newspaper for the sake of a noble cause.

Thanking you.

Yours sincerely,

Aanchal

OR

Principal

Principal of Vasant School

Agra

29 March, 2022

The Manager

Melody House

M.G. Road

Agra

**Subject:** Placing order for musical instruments

Sir/Madam

I am writing to place an order for musical instruments for the newly established Music Department at Vasant School, Agra. We have heard great things about the quality of instruments that you supply and would like to order five different types of instruments for our students.

The instruments that we would like to order are as follows:

1. Two acoustic guitars (model no. A-1)
2. One keyboard (model no. K-3)
3. One drum set (model no. D-5)
4. One violin (model no. V-2)

We are looking for high-quality instruments that will last our students for years to come, and we believe that your instruments will provide the best value for our investment. We would also appreciate it if you could provide us with a discount on the catalogue price, as we are ordering a bulk quantity of instruments.

Please let us know the availability of the instruments and the estimated time of delivery. Additionally, we would like to request a warranty on the instruments, so we would appreciate it if you could provide us with the details on that as well.

Thank you for your attention to this matter, and we look forward to hearing back from you soon.

Sincerely,

Signature

(Sudha/Sudhir)

5. The data representing the changes in women's education in Jind from 2010 to 2020 indicates a significant positive shift. The number of girls' schools and women colleges has notably increased from 40 to 45 and 23 to 34 respectively, showcasing a commitment to expanding educational opportunities. Additionally, the rise in student enrollment both in schools (from 40,000 to 46,000) and colleges (from 16,000 to 28,000) reflects the growing awareness and importance of education among young women. The literacy rate has seen a substantial improvement, jumping from 50% to 70%, indicating a remarkable stride towards enhancing the overall educational landscape. Furthermore, the establishment of more distance education centers, increasing from 2 to 6, signifies an effort to make education accessible to a wider audience. These positive changes signify a progressive approach, empowering women in Jind through education, and paving the way for a more educated and empowered society.

OR

The digital age and technology have revolutionized the traditional education system, making virtual teaching and learning a reality. During the pandemic-induced lockdown, when access to regular schools was restricted, technology opened new gateways to learning. Teachers and students interacted on digital platforms through smartphones, laptops, and iPads. However, virtual teaching was a challenge for both students and teachers. Teachers had to adapt their teaching methodologies to suit the online platform, and students had to adjust to learning in a virtual environment. Despite the challenges, virtual teaching and learning proved to be a successful alternative to traditional teaching methods, heralding a transition from old to new trends in our education system.

### SECTION C - LITERATURE

6. Read the given extracts and answer the questions for ANY ONE of the two, given.

(a) i. (a) a spy  
ii. Though Max was very cunning and he came prepared with a gun but he was indeed no match to Ausable. He was easily misled by Ausable into believing that there was a balcony attached to the room. So we can say that Max was a smaller spy before Ausable and he was also unprepared for his mission  
iii. a waiter  
iv. Hesitate

(b) i. Lencho, the farmer, lived on the only house that was there on the top of a hill. The hill was low-heighted. From there, a river and a ready-to-harvest corn field were visible.  
ii. One could see from this height the river and the field of ripe corn.  
iii. Downpour.  
iv. He was a **hardworking farmer with minimum resources and worked like an ox in the field. He was a man of faith and hope.** Even after losing their only source of income, he did

not lose his hope. He loved his family and was worried about it.

7. Read the given extracts and answer the questions for ANY ONE of the two, given.

- (a) i. confinement, It is so because the houses today are congested, small and lack ventilation
- ii. The second line uses alliteration-long letters whereas the last line uses a simile-like a voice into the rooms.
- iii. The correct meaning of open twice is allowing access and vision-expanses of space.
- iv. (A) tactfully

- (b) i. (b) .....chase lions down the stairs
- ii. dragon (as he was looking for a nice cage)
- iii. The poet describes the bravery of the pets in this extract. Ink and Blink have the power to chase away someone as strong as a lion. The bravery of the dog is compared to that of a tiger. But, the Custard was not at all brave as he was looking for a nice safe cage.
- iv. It is too much of an exaggeration that a small girl is as brave as many bears combined together into one. The comparison of the bravery of other pets is an example of hyperbole.

8. Answer ANY FOUR of the following five questions, in about 50 words each.

- (a) The river, Kaveri, obtains its water from the hills and forests of Coorg. Mahaseer, a large freshwater fish, abounds in these waters. Kingfishers dive for their catch, while squirrels and langurs drop partially eaten fruit for the mischief of enjoying the splash and the ripple effect in the clear water. Elephants enjoy being bathed and scrubbed in the river by their mahouts. Furthermore, people, including tourists, get an opportunity for rafting, rappelling and canoeing. The presence of the river Kaveri makes Coorg a beautiful place.
- (b) It is not safe to allow tigers to live in their natural habitat these days. Nowadays, living in the jungle will mean certain death for them. Fast diminishing jungles and danger posed by poachers have pushed tigers to the brink of extinction, making their natural habitat unsafe.
- (c) The intention of this play is to criticise the Russians' excessive materialism. Because of Lomov's formal dress, Chubukov misinterpreted the reason for his visit. Chubukov was led to believe that Lomov intended to borrow money when he too begged for assistance.
- (d) Dearestkittiblogger.com  
Anne Frank, 25 June, 1942

### **The Value of a True Friend**

Friendship is a virtue. It is a relationship of respect, peace and dignity. A true, sincere and sweet friend is worth than a thousand insincere fellows. He understands you and your feelings. A true friend is bonded by heart to you. You can pour yourself out and share your feelings in front of him.

- (e) 'Ice' symbolises 'hatred'. Hate is powerful as desire and maybe, more powerful and ferocious than it. While desire consumes quickly, hate can occur and linger in people's minds and hearts for years and sometimes even lifetimes. Hate consumes the hater perhaps even more than the person or groups. Thus the hate is sufficient to bring destruction.

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

- (a) The deteriorating condition of Mrs Pumphrey's pet Tricki' condition made her call the vet for help. Tricki had become fat and lazy. He just used to lie on his rug and pant. He also refused to eat food, even his favourite dishes. His vomiting bouts increased Mrs. Pumphrey's concern. Therefore, she sought James Herriot's intervention.
- (b) It is really feels sad that a dumb cow like Bholi who was so good at heart was ill-treated by her parents. Bholi was a gem of a person who delivered much better treatment from her loved ones. All he needed was love and care.
- (c) Griffin had entered the store secretly and used the goods without permission. When the employees discovered him, he feared being caught for stealing. To escape punishment and avoid arrest, he fled quickly before anyone could grab or identify him.

10. Answer ANY ONE of the following two questions, in about 100-120 words

- (a) Both Lencho and the pilot of the Dakola plane needed help and there is no doubt that both of them received the help too. But still there is a lot of difference between the help received by both of them.

In 'The Black Aeroplane' the pilot was caught in the storm and it was difficult to come out of it. But suddenly, out of nowhere, a black aeroplane appeared and helped him come out of the storm. The black aeroplane was without lights but it steered the pilot through the dark clouds. He landed at an airport. He was so happy. He decided to thank the pilot of that mysterious aeroplane but was told by the lady in the control room that there was no other aeroplane in the air other than his. It is a mystery which was not resolved. The only thing was that he received an unexpected help and was thankful for it.

On the other hand, in 'A letter to God', Lencho needed help in the form of pesos to look after his family. He wrote a letter to God and asked for hundred pesos. His conviction touched the postmaster who raised money from his staff and sent it to Lencho. In this case, Lencho received help as he had asked for it. The source of his aid has clearly been revealed whereas it was not revealed in the case of pilot unlike the pilot in 'The Black Aeroplane', Lencho is not happy and satisfied with the help that he had received.

(b) A very good morning, to each and everyone present in this room. Today I'm here to express my beliefs with respect to the poem 'Fire and Ice'. Dear friends, I strongly believe that 'Fire and Ice' in Mankind can be addressed to create a harmonious world.

We, humans are swaying between two extremes 'Fire and Ice'. Sometimes we are torn by our unbridled fire of passions, desires, lusts, longings and fury. This further results in greed, avarice and passionate love. All such extreme can lead to conflicts and disasters. If not controlled, they can help in bringing an early end of the world. Humanity can redeem itself and possibly save or delay the end of the world by giving up such extremes of thinking and behaviour.

So let us keep burning the fire of patriotism, solidarity and sensitivity and put ice on indifference and rigidity to create a harmonious world around us.

11. Answer ANY ONE of the following two questions, in about 100-120 words.

(a) Frequently in life is the ideal way to live 'is being as simple as possible. Buying a costly dress doesn't mean you would look the best in the party. One can look pretty even in a simple attire. So, go for something very normal in best colours.

Friend

Just suggest something...

You

May be a saree. It makes the woman look beautiful in all situations in all times. So, why don't you go for it. There are a number of varieties like tussar, chanderi, mogra, eerie to choose from.

Friend

That's a good idea. Let me just try it. You are the best adviser when it comes to suggest something. Thanks any ways.

(b) The thief wanted to rob Anil after gaining his trust. So he made friends with him to have an acquaintance with him before making him his next victim. Moreover, he needed a place to live in. He started to work for Anil who was a credulous person. Anil started teaching him how to read and write. One day, Anil brought a bundle of notes. Though the thief was out of practice and had not robbed anyone for so many days, he stole the money. He planned to go to Lucknow after stealing the money. However, his inner conscience pricked him on the station and did not allow him to go. He realised that he wanted to be an educated man. So his heart changed. That's why he returned back and placed the money back to its place.