

Solution
PRELIMINARY EXAM - II
Class 10 - English Language and Literature
Section A - Reading Skills

1. (I) It suggests that technology allows people to explore and learn about the world without needing to physically travel.
 (II) (b) efficient and cost-effective
 (III) Mobile phones help students by enabling them to:
 1. Research new concepts, such as unfamiliar words, using the internet.
 2. Access online teaching resources and complete assignments on time.
 (IV) (a) They help in saving lives by enabling quick communication.
 (V) True
 (VI) (b) They allow flexibility without a contract.
 (VII) Answer is
 1. Mobile phones enable instant communication with loved ones worldwide.
 2. They allow users to convey messages efficiently without incurring high costs.
 (VIII) (a) A contract-free payment plan allowing users to recharge as needed
2. i. largest glaciers in the higher elevation to the subtropical forests in the lowest elevation
 ii. cleared, large scale
 iii. Haridwar
 iv. (C) - ends
 v.
 - the rain in Uttarakhand starts by the end of April and it lasts till September
 - the monsoon rainfall is 78% of the annual rainfall
 vi. (D) - Bageshwar and Haridwar
 vii. Due to the differences in topographical features
 viii. The moist deciduous forest of the Upper Gangetic plains form the Bhabhar belt.
 ix. (B) - The mean maximum and mean minimum temperatures range from 15°C to 20°C at altitudes of 2 km.

SECTION B GRAMMAR

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

(a) explains

(b)	error	correction
	supporting	support

(c) Mathew asked Maria whether/if she was nervous on her first flight.

(d) (b) why he wasn't playing with his friends.

Explanation:

why he wasn't playing with his friends.

(e) many

(f)	Error	Correction
	are	is

(g) **Error** - by, **Correction** - from

(h) (b) have heard

Explanation:

have heard

(i) Ramesh asked Rakhi what challenge she had faced on her trek.

(j) (b) She said that she didn't speak Urdu.

Explanation:

She said that she didn't speak Urdu.

Simple Present becomes Simple Past; note that the pronouns have to be changed accordingly.

(k) A. Awoke, saw

The situation describes the past event.

(l) error	correction
for	on

SECTION B CREATIVE WRITING SKILLS

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Hyderabad

3rd January 2018

The Editor

The Daily Times

Hyderabad

Sir,

Subject: Poor Living Conditions of Child Labourers

I shall feel grateful if you allow some space to my views in your esteemed newspaper. I want to draw the attention of the concerned authorities and the public towards the problem of child labor in our country. The problem of child labor has become very serious. Children are forced to work under very inhumane conditions. They are forced to work for very long hours, but paid very poorly. They are not provided even the basic facilities at their places of work. Moreover, there is a total lack of sanitation, safe drinking water, and proper lighting. Children fall victims to many diseases.

These children are deprived not only of basic education but also of entertainment. Childhood becomes drudgery for them. The government has already framed laws which prevent employing children in factories and other places of work but like all other laws, these laws are on paper only. The concerned authorities turn their faces away from this evil.

It is the moral duty of all of us to fight against this evil whole-heartedly. Young children can take the lamp in their hands to educate some of such children. Social organizations should come forward to eradicate this evil.

We can do a lot to stop this and we need to do that. It is so easy to help you can just easily spread the word of child labour. You can also donate to charities that fight to stop child labour like for example Kids Can. So spread the word stop child labor once and for all.

I hope this enlightened everyone who read this to the horrible thing that is child labor and I hope that you fight to stop it.

Yours truly,

Rajan Sharma.

OR

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15 November 20XX

The Director

Alternate Energy Commission

New Delhi

Subject: Promoting Renewable Energy to Reduce Carbon Footprint

Sir/Madam,

I am writing to share my views on the urgent need to reduce our carbon footprint by adopting environmentally responsible practices. Increasing pollution and climate change demand immediate action from both citizens and authorities.

To address this, we must encourage the wider use of renewable energy sources such as **solar and wind power**. These clean alternatives can significantly reduce dependence on fossil fuels. I also request the Commission to **provide subsidies to families** who wish to install solar panels or other renewable energy systems, as this financial support will motivate more households to adopt green energy.

Promoting such initiatives will help build a sustainable and eco-friendly future.

Yours sincerely,

Neha / Nehal Panjwani

5. The survey conducted by *Budding Minds* paints a concerning picture of the mental health landscape among young adults in the modern world. A staggering 70% of the respondents indicated experiencing adverse effects due to stress and pressure, with 29% stating that their mental health was "much worse" and 41% feeling it was "bit worse." The data underscores the immense impact of societal pressures and competition on the younger generation, leading to increased stress levels and compromised mental well-being. These findings emphasize the urgent need for comprehensive support systems and mental health resources tailored to the unique challenges faced by young adults today, ensuring they have the necessary tools to cope with stress and maintain their mental health in the face of modern pressures.

OR

The argument presented in the excerpt contends that banning single-use plastic items is impractical because they serve the purpose of making human life easier. While it's true that plastic products offer convenience, it's crucial to weigh this against the severe environmental consequences they pose. Single-use plastics contribute significantly to pollution, clogging waterways, harming marine life, and releasing harmful chemicals during production and disposal. Moreover, their non-biodegradable nature means they persist in the environment for centuries. Alternatives like reusable bags and eco-friendly packaging can provide the same level of convenience without ecological harm. In light of these environmental concerns, the ban on single-use plastics appears not only practical but imperative for a sustainable future.

SECTION C - LITERATURE

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

- (a) i. Max was standing in the room with a pistol in his hand.
ii. (d) started to think of how to get rid of the man.
iii. looked like a real thriller scene finally. The kind of action and scene he had been expecting while he was on his way.
iv. authentic
- (b) i. The postmaster decided to help Lencho because he didn't want to shake Lencho's faith in God.
ii. He collected money from his employees, friends and himself gave a part of his salary to send to Lencho.
iii. several.
iv. He was a good, sensible and compassionate person who was impressed by the depth and sincerity of Lencho's faith in God.

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

- (a) i. The whispers will be silent because the trees will move outside to the forest.
ii. The trees of the forest were cut down by man for selfish purposes. The forest was turned into a barren land as the trees were captivated inside the house as a part of interior decoration. However, the trees struggled very hard to free themselves from the confines of the house and return to their natural habitat which is forest. The roots of these trees are engaged in the cracks of the veranda floor. At night, these roots try to free themselves from the cracks. The leaves try to move towards the glass. Twigs become hardened and the boughs try to expand under the roof. Thus, Andreine Rich tries to convey in his poem "The Trees" that trees should be kept alive not by imprisoning them inside the house merely to beautify indoors.
iii. The word is 'silent'.
iv. Option (c)- imagery
- (b) i. Belinda lives with her pets - kitten, mouse, dog and dragon in a little white house.
ii. (a) 1, 4 (Character- Belinda, Animals/pets- black kitten, a little gray mouse, a little yellow dog and a little dragon)
iii. Custard, the dragon.
iv. The words 'realio and trulio' refer to really and truly respectively. They have been invented by the poet and repeated in different stanzas to enhance the rhythm and lyrical quality of the poem. This also adds the humour in the poem.

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

- (a) The visitors are attracted by **the evergreen forests, the hills and river Kaveri, the various adventure sports and India's largest Tibetan settlement**. Coorg is the land of rolling hills. During monsoons, it has lots of rains. The air breaths of coffee, the people of Greek and Arabic descent, their attire, the most decorated Coorg regiment; high energy adventures like river rafting, canoeing, rock climbing, trekking, mountain biking, etc.; panoramic view from Brahmagiri hills, Tibetan settlement at Bylakuppe are the attractions in Coorg for the tourists.
- (b) The tiger is confined in the narrow cell and paces up and down in the cage restlessly. In the cage, the tiger walks stately and furiously. He moves very slowly and quietly in a threatening way.
- (c) The play, "The Proposal" is about Lomov's visit to his neighbour's house. Lomov visits Chubukov with the intention of making a marriage proposal to Chubukov's daughter, Natalya. But they end up quarrelling with each other over petty issues.
- (d) Anne writes that talking is a student's trait and that she will do her best to keep it under control. She says that she has inherited the trait from her mother and hence, she cannot do much about her talkative nature. She decides to come up with convincing arguments to prove the necessity of talking to her teacher.
- (e) The poem was published shortly after WW I and weighs up the probability of two different scenarios represented by the elements of the poem's title. The speaker believes fire to the world ender. Ironically, he also adds that ice representing hate-world 'also' be 'great' to bring the end of the world.

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

- (a) In "A Triumph of Surgery," Mrs. Pumphrey's over-indulgence towards Tricki Woo stems from her deep affection for him. Despite veterinary advice to restrict Tricki's diet and increase exercise, Mrs. Pumphrey spoils him with excessive food and treats, fearing he might pine away without her attention. This over-indulgence initially harms Tricki's health, highlighting how love and concern can sometimes lead to misguided actions.
- (b) Bholi's parents, in their ignorance and backward thinking, felt that daughters were a liability or a burden to dispose of marriage. Bholi's disadvantageous look and stammering had little chance of that. If they don't accept it then she would not be married for the rest of her life. As well, Bishamber has a big shop and his own house. He also does not ask for dowry.
- (c) Griffin slipped into a big London store to save himself from the unbearable cold. He drank and wore shoes, an overcoat and a wide-brimmed hat. He became a fully dressed and visible person. He found cold meat, coffee and sweets there. Finally, he slept on a pile of quilts.

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

- (a) **The old Dakota**
 ...I waved the pilot of the old Dakota and gestured him to follow me. Like an obedient child, he started do so. He followed me until he could see the runaway. I was tensed whether he would land safely or not. Because he had already made me understand that he was running short of fuel. I saw him landing safely on the runway. I was relaxed. I felt there was no need to wait. The good deed of the day was done. Once again, I had rescued a plane stuck in storm. So, I decided to fly away from there in search of someone else who may be in need of my help.
 I, as the Marshal of the Air Force, had been using my skills of flying Air planes in the harshest weather since past ten years. Surprising the rescue ones by my mysterious entry and exists.
- (b) In the poem, 'Fire and Ice', the poet, presents the two of the darkest traits of humanity, hatred and lust or desire. Of the two, he attributes, the greater of the two evils is desire. In giving desire the foremost position with regard to the destruction of the world, he provides a powerful statement on the subject of greed and jealousy. He says that lust is above all the traits of humanity and is most likely to lead to its demise. Desire represents the greatest problem that attributes to the cause of war. He then attributes hatred with the same capacity to do harm. However, he lessens the relative importance of hatred but still presents it as having the ability to lead to the destruction of the world if it were to happen for a second time, as there is enough hatred in the world.

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

(a) For the motion

You may begin like this...

Being frugal is the quality of a prudent person who is economical in the consumption of resources available to him. These resources can be in any form be it food, clothes money or just about anything. Avoiding wastage of any kind is the greatest virtue of man. We should always remember that resources available to us by mother earth are scanty, we should make judicious use of them. Today, the whole world is hit by deadly Corona, people are out of jobs, some are working from home, some are doing nothing. In such a scenario the prudent use of money becomes all the more important. So, always use money wisely.

Against the motion,

There are no two ways about it that money makes the world go round. It's the power of money that rules the world in today's time. The more we flaunt it, the more progressive we are thought to be. Everybody loves to possess it. So, if we have more why not just show it. After all being thrifty always doesn't pay, one needs to look for one's own comfort as well. Spend what you have today, do not bother for tomorrow. For no one knows what tomorrow has in store for us.

(b) After stealing Anil's money, Hari Singh grappled with guilt and internal conflict. The two possible courses of action for him were:

- **Temptation and Regret:** Initially, excitement might have driven him to spend the money quickly on treats or small pleasures. However, this initial thrill is soon replaced by guilt and fear of getting caught. He would have constantly worried about Anil discovering the theft and the consequences he'd have to face.
- **Change of Heart:** Unable to bear the guilt, Hari might return the stolen money anonymously leaving it where Anil would find it, or confess to his actions, seeking forgiveness. This act could reflect a dawning sense of remorse and a desire to repair the broken trust. He ultimately decides to take the second course of action which highlights the transformation in him.