

Solution
MOCK EXAM - PAPER 1
Class 10 - English Language and Literature
Section A - Reading Skills

1.
 - i. (a) The seasonal nature of rainfall, where concentrated volumes of rain cannot be absorbed by the earth.
(b) Human actions such as deforestation, leading to erosion and siltation, which increase the risk of flooding.
 - ii. (a) Flood information is timely but often ineffective due to lack of infrastructure.
 - iii. Climate change may result in shorter but more intense monsoon seasons, leading to greater precipitation in a shorter time frame. This could significantly increase the risk of flooding, especially in areas already prone to such events.
 - iv. The tone is cautious and speculative, reflecting a concern about potential changes in monsoon patterns due to climate change, which could exacerbate flooding issues in the region.
 - v. (a) Water overflowing its usual boundaries
 - vi. (a) b and e
 - vii. The cutting of trees in the mountains has led to **erosion and increased siltation, which contribute to the severity of floods.
 - viii. Flood forecasting is critical because **it helps minimize damage by alerting the public and mobilizing preventive and relief measures in advance.
2.
 - I. The cost of solving or reducing traffic congestion is enormous.
 - II. 1, 2
 - III. organized : chaotic : : lowest : peak
 - IV. The vehicles emit pollutants which affect the environment badly.
 - V. Use of public transport will reduce traffic congestion, air pollution, and the overall burden on the city's infrastructure.
 - VI. (d) 1, 3
 - VII. The provided data shows fluctuations in traffic congestion levels between 2019 and 2022:
 - In 2019, traffic congestion was at its peak with 56%.
 - However, in 2020, there was a significant decrease to 44% likely due to lockdowns and restrictions.
 - In 2021, traffic congestion slightly increased to 48%.
 - By 2022, congestion had risen again to 51%.
 - Overall, despite variations, traffic congestion remained a persistent issue throughout these years, indicating the need for sustainable solutions to alleviate congestion and its associated problems.

For the visually challenged candidates only.

To establish an organized traffic management system, it requires active citizen participation, adoption of carpooling and vehicle sharing, improved infrastructure, along with government initiatives to enhance public transportation facilities, synchronize traffic signals, implement technological solutions, conduct awareness campaigns, formulate supportive policies, conduct data analysis, and foster collaboration among stakeholders for effective implementation of corrective measures.

- VIII. The increase in vehicular congestion is attributed to rising vehicle numbers, inadequate public transport infrastructure, preference for private vehicles due to inefficiencies in existing transport systems, insufficient carpooling and lack of effective traffic management measures in Delhi/NCR.
- IX. (b) adverse
- X. Citizens of Delhi/NCR have, time and again, contemplated over the possibilities of how to reduce the traffic congestion in the city, especially during the peak hours.

SECTION B GRAMMAR

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

(a) promoting

| | | |
|-----|-------|------------|
| (b) | Error | Correction |
|-----|-------|------------|

| | |
|------|-----------|
| Must | can/could |
|------|-----------|

(c) he had not seen her since June.

(d) **(b)** She asked him why he did not go that day.

Explanation:

She asked him why he did not go that day.

(e) Neither

| | | |
|-----|----------------------------|----------------------|
| (f) | Error | Correction |
| | physiologists would travel | physiologists travel |

| | | |
|-----|-------|------------|
| (g) | Error | Correction |
| | has | Have |

(h) **(a)** came / had been carrying

Explanation:

came / had been carrying

(i) The policeman asked the driver why he had parked the car there and if he didn't see it was a 'no parking area'. The driver felt sorry and explained that the engine had broken down.

(j) **(b)** They said that they really had enjoyed a movie they had never seen such a movie in life.

Explanation:

They said that they really had enjoyed a movie they had never seen such a movie in life.

(k) C. Love, spoke

The first blank is in a direct speech where the situation is of present. The second blank shows the past situation where action started in the past and was completed in the past itself.

| | | |
|-----|-------|------------|
| (l) | error | correction |
| | short | shot |

SECTION B CREATIVE WRITING SKILLS

4. 77, Kamla Nagar

Agra

7 September 2018

The Editor

The Times of India

Agra

Sir,

Subject: Inhospitable Behaviour Towards Tourists

Since last few weeks, I've been reading incidents of foreign tourists being duped and cheated of their money, valuables by anti-social elements and eve-teased. I got to know that visiting India becoming a harrowing experience for the tourist. These people misbehave with them and show inhospitable behaviour towards them.

This gives a bad impression towards other countries. They leave a bad impact on the tourists which make them think once before they plan to visit our country. It is a blot to our country's name and fame. Citizens of the country are the true reflections of moral values followed by a nation. Such incidents must be stopped by the quick and early action of government authorities. The proper security should be provided to the tourist at all the tourist's destination. The government should try its level best to make our city a safer tourist place. I hope that immediate action will be taken by the concerned authority as soon as possible.

Thanking you,

Yours sincerely,

XYZ.

OR

**67/98, Simargarh
Himachal Pradesh**

21 November 2025

To

The Municipal Commissioner
Simargarh, Himachal Pradesh

Subject: Poor maintenance of public parks

Sir/Madam,

I wish to draw your attention to the neglected condition of the public parks in our town. Most parks are poorly maintained, with garbage lying in corners and pools of stagnant water creating an unhealthy environment. Children and elderly people hesitate to visit these parks due to the unhygienic surroundings.

I request the authorities to ensure regular cleaning, proper waste bins, timely removal of garbage, and maintenance of greenery. The stagnant water should be drained to prevent mosquito breeding. Installing lights and appointing caretakers would greatly improve the situation.

I hope prompt action will be taken.

Yours sincerely,

Raashi/Rahul

5. Children between 14 and 17 years enjoy many activities that help in their overall growth. Creative interests like dance, music and art allow them to express emotions and develop imagination. Outdoor sports such as cricket, hockey, basketball, soccer and tennis are suitable for building physical strength, teamwork and confidence. Computer games can improve focus and thinking skills if played in a limited amount. Net surfing and social media help children gain information and stay connected, but they must be used carefully to avoid misuse. All these activities are useful in different ways, and when balanced well, they support the physical, mental, emotional and personality development of teenagers, making them active, confident and aware individuals.

OR

The given pie chart shows the discipline-wise average percentage of the candidates appeared in an interview.

The given data shows that among 22,500 applicants, the highest percentage of candidates applied for the job is in accounts. The second most applied discipline is marketing, then comes the medical field which has 15% of the total candidates and the arts and HR section has almost the same number of candidates. The others section has only 16% of candidates which shows that very less number of candidates are interested to get job in others section.

The pie chart shows a vast difference between the number of candidates applied for accounts and the other disciplines. It clearly shows that most of the candidates which sums up a total of 23% are interested and willing to get job in accounts section. Marketing is also preferable over other disciplines mentioned in the chart.

To conclude the given chart, it clearly shows that accounts is the most preferred choice. This has helped us in understanding the candidates' choice and preference to get job at the most designated sections which might fetch them a lucrative salary package.

SECTION C - LITERATURE

6. Read the given extracts and answer the questions for ANY ONE of the two, given.
- (a) i. Fowler was disappointed to see Ausable because he had unrealistic views about secret agents.
ii. Fowler wanted to meet him because he was a writer and wished to meet a real spy.
iii. He was disappointed to meet Ausable who looked ordinary, slow, sluggish and a very fat person who lived in a small room on the top floor of a cheap hotel.
iv. (a) Finding out secret information
 - (b) i. The postman laughed heartily because he saw the letter addressed to 'God'. In his career as a postman, he never knew that address.
ii. The postmaster became **serious** suddenly because he was impressed to see Lencho's faith in God.
iii. In his letter to god, he communicated his poverty-stricken situation and mentioned that he needed 100 pesos to regenerate the crops along with surviving until they are ready to

harvest.

- iv. Lencho went town to the post office, he placed a stamp on the letter and dropped it into the mailbox.

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

- (a) i. Option (B) is correct.
 - ii. The leaves strain towards the glass to escape their captivity.
 - iii. It seems like the trees work silently in the night in order to complete their mission of getting free from the boundaries of the house. The leaves of the trees try very hard to put a lot of pressure on the glass so that they could break it.
 - iv. In the poem, the poet compares the 'trees' to 'newly discharged patients'. Firstly, the trees were enslaved inside the house like patients in the hospital. Secondly, the trees were exerted like patients, due to the effort that they had to put in order to be freed from the house.
- (b) i. (b) Students trickled into the classroom as the teacher entered.
 - ii. Blink hid in his little mouse hole in order to save himself.
 - iii. Fled
 - iv. When Belinda looked at the pirate she turned pale with fear and cried loudly for help. All her brave pets fled from the place. Mustard cried and ran away. Ink silently went to the bottom of the house and Blink very smartly disappeared in a mouse hole, leaving Belinda all alone.

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

- (a) Every morning, he came with the jingling jhang-jhang sound of his bamboo staff. This familiar sound always announced his arrival even before he was seen. The steady thudding of the staff on the ground became his unique identity, and people immediately recognized that he was approaching.
- (b) Please stop staring. You have no idea how uncomfortable and restless your stare is to me. I'm trying to ignore each one of you as I consider you humans to be devoid of feelings. None had ever tried to help me out to make me free from this cage. My freedom has been curtailed by you humans. I'm forced to live in a cage which is so small. I'm just fed up of this situation and these visitors.
- (c) Lomov and Natalya argue over the superiority of their dogs, Guess and Squeezer, citing traits like strength, hunting skills, and lineage. They try to prove which dog is better based on these qualities, showing their competitive nature and pride in their pets.
- (d) Anne's grandmother died in January 1942. The line mentioned by Anne, "No one knows how often I think of her and still love her" gives us a deep insight into the feelings of sadness that surrounded her and the magnitude of love that she had for her grandmother. Further, the lighting of a candle by Anne on her birthday to mark the loving memory of her grandmother brings together those poignant feelings that hid inside Anne.
- (e) According to me, 'Fire and Ice' projects a realistic outlook rather than a pessimistic one. The poet brings forth the view that the world will soon end. It can be either by fire or ice. He mentions that he has tasted everything in life after the World War I. So, it would soon end either with greed or indifference.

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

- (a) Mrs. Pumphrey loved her pet dog, Tricki from the core of her heart. She overfed him out of love and concern. As a result, Tricki fell seriously ill. Mr. Herriot hospitalised him and gave nothing him to eat except water. He gave him a lot of exercise. When she came to take Tricki back, she saw that he had fully recovered and that's why she said, "This is a triumph of surgery."
- (b) Bholi found her school teacher to be different from her family members because the teacher was a kind and considerate lady. She had a soft and soothing tone. She gave Bholi a lot of encouragement and inspiration which she was not getting from her family.
- (c) The story based on being invisible is a mere figment of one's imagination. It is very difficult to imagine the life of an invisible man. However, with the advancement in science and technology, becoming invisible may be easier.

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

(a) According to me, the young seagull's parents were authoritative parents. As in this case, parents have clear standards for their children. While the parents set limits, they also give the children an opportunity to explore and learn. Parent also explain why they punish the child when the punishment is given and give positive encouragement at the right time.

Yes, there was a great difference between the mother's and father's attitude. The mother used sensitive and responsive approach. She is actually portrayed as a tough but motivating character. She understood that her child needed a lot of motivation to achieve its fad of flying. Initially, she tried to threaten the young seagull in many way ways but to no avail. She knew very well that fear was the only thing that actually had to be feared. So, she used food to arouse young seagull's need.

(b) The poet provides and deals with two possible causes for the end of the world. He points more towards the emotional and sentimental side of the issue. As for him, fire denotes deep passion and burning desire, while ice is highlighted for its icy cold and hatred side of the emotions. He favours both the arguments and says that either the deep burning passion or the cold hatred and jealousy factor will push the people to walk on the path of destruction. The poet is sure of this destruction of humanity. He first talks about the destruction because of fire and in case this fails, then ice will end the world. The love that people have for one another will turn into hatred. In race of climbing up and out to one another, people will tend to hate each other. These negative emotions will become so strong that it will surpass all the love and lead to the destruction of humanity.

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

(a) The Editor

Mr Jay,

It's a pleasure to write of my woes in your column. You are the best adviser to everybody's problems. You lent a patient ear to each of your guests. Now listen and be the best adviser to me.

I am into depression mode as I recently lost a diamond necklace of my best friend which I had borrowed for a party. No amount of pacifying from my husband M Loisel could bring me out of this feeling. Though I was cynosure of everybody's eyes in the party. The loss of necklace brought it all down. After losing it, I got so worried as how I will face my friend now. All through this my husband has been very supportive of me, his immense love and faith me in me sailed me through this time. He did all in his capacity to get me out of it. To repay the necklace we borrowed her another necklace which has made our lives very difficult and we now live a life of penury with meager income to support us. How should I help myself to get out of this!

Mr. Jay: Well Matilda! Whatever happens, happens for the best. So put your worries across and think of your future ahead. You have suffered enough, now think of brighter side of life and learn from your mistakes. I am sure you will be out of it soon.

(b) Anil's behaviour in The Thief's Story reflects true empathy and generosity. When the young thief, Hari Singh, steals money from Anil and then returns it out of guilt, Anil realizes the truth but chooses not to confront or scold him. Instead, he offers the boy a fresh start by continuing to treat him kindly. He even gives Hari a fifty-rupee note the next morning, subtly letting him know the money has been returned and that trust has been restored.

Anil's decision not to report the theft to the police or punish Hari shows his deep understanding of the boy's situation. He knows that Hari is young, misguided, and in need of guidance-not condemnation. By forgiving him, Anil gives Hari the chance to change his life and choose honesty over crime.