

**Solution**  
**MOCK EXAM - PAPER 3**  
**Class 10 - English Language and Literature**  
**Section A - Reading Skills**

1. i. (a) It provides a sense of freedom and relief from the congestion and noise of city life.  
 (b) It connects us with nature, allowing us to observe and appreciate the beauty around us.  
 ii. (b) The fresh air refreshes and strengthens the mind.  
 iii. Hiking allows us to immerse ourselves in the natural environment, where we can observe and appreciate details like the sounds of a brook, the songs of birds, and the movement of animals. This experience fosters a deep connection with nature.  
 iv. The tone of the writer is enthusiastic and appreciative. The writer expresses excitement about the adventure and beauty of hiking in mountainous regions, highlighting the unique charm and interest it brings to the experience.  
 v. (a) a wide and deep gap  
 vi. (a) c and e  
 vii. Hiking is thrilling because it involves exploring challenging terrains and enjoying the excitement of adventure.  
 viii. The fresh air and beautiful scenery during a hike bring peace and relaxation to both mind and soul.
2. I. One reason for sewing the colourful badge onto the uniforms and bags of the Scouts could be to commemorate the 100 years of the Scout Movement and to create a sense of unity and belonging among the members.  
 II. From paragraph 1, we can infer that the Scout Movement was set up to help young people achieve their full potential as they grow up.  
 III. 10 years: decade :: 100 years: century  
 IV. 'Aids to Scouting' focused more on survival skills and military aspects, while 'Scouting for Boys' had less emphasis on the military and aimed to provide a broader set of skills and activities for young boys.  
 V. The phrase "One world one promise" signifies the unity and solidarity among Scouts worldwide, emphasizing their commitment to a shared set of values and ideals regardless of geographical or cultural differences.  
 VI. Thailand  
 VII. a. To honor the 150th anniversary of Baden-Powell's birth.  
 b. To commemorate the 100 years of the Scout Movement.  
 VIII. A. Both (A) and (R) are true, and (R) is the correct explanation of (A).  
 IX. The Scout Movement was founded in **1907** by **Robert Baden-Powell**, a British general.

**SECTION B GRAMMAR**

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

(a) The correct form of the word is **"apprised"**.

(b)	Error	Correction
	pay	pays

(c) she hasn't seen him since lunchtime.

(d) **(c)** My father told us that we should study and got a good division in the examination.

**Explanation:**

My father told us that we should study and got a good division in the examination.

(e) Much

(f)	<b>error</b>	<b>correction</b>
	transforming	transform

(g) (A) child - children

(h) **(b)** has been questioned

**Explanation:**

has been questioned

(i) he got a bad bruise on his left knee

(j) **(a)** He told me that he had often told me not to play with fire.

**Explanation:**

He told me that he had often told me not to play with fire.

(k) B. stretches, has lost

The whole stanza describes the general situation, i.e., present state.

(l)	<b>error</b>	<b>correction</b>
	for	of

#### SECTION B CREATIVE WRITING SKILLS

4. 25, Green View Apartments

Pune

15 September 2023

The Editor

The Tribune

New Delhi.

Sir,

**Subject: Concerns Over Rising Prices of Daily Commodities**

I am writing to express my deep concern about the relentless rise in prices of essential commodities. As a resident of Green View Apartments, Pune, I witness the impact of inflation on our daily lives. The soaring costs of food, fuel, and basic necessities are putting immense pressure on the common man's budget. It has become increasingly difficult to make ends meet, and this is causing widespread distress. I urge the concerned authorities to address this issue urgently and take measures to control inflation. It is imperative for the well-being of the citizens that steps are taken to stabilize prices and ensure that every individual can afford their daily needs. Your newspaper's support in highlighting this matter would be greatly appreciated.

Yours sincerely,

Preeti/Pramod

OR

**Ramjas School**

Ranchi, Jharkhand

3 February 2025

**To**

The Secretary

Ministry of Health & Family Welfare

New Delhi

**Subject: Need for compulsory nutrition and fitness programmes in schools**

Sir/Madam,

I, Shiksha/Sumit, a student of Ramjas School, Ranchi, wish to draw your attention to the alarming rise in obesity among youngsters. Recent data shows that 39% of individuals worldwide are overweight and 13% are obese. The absence of regular physical fitness programmes and reduced participation in extra-curricular activities have worsened the situation.

If not addressed urgently, this trend will severely affect the future health and productivity of our youth. It is therefore essential to introduce compulsory fitness periods, sports activities, and nutrition-awareness sessions in all schools. Government-mandated guidelines, regular health check-ups, and trained instructors can help promote healthy habits from a young age.

I request the Ministry to implement these programmes nationwide to safeguard the health of future generations.

Yours sincerely,

**Shiksha/Sumit**

5. The table provides a comprehensive overview of online activities among four distinct age groups across six categories. Notably, teenagers (Teens) display the highest engagement in online games, with 88% participation, while also actively engaging in downloads (85%) and news consumption (76%). In the 20s age group, online activities are varied, with relatively high percentages for downloading (55%), purchasing products (66%), and searching for people (33%). Interestingly, the 30s and 40s age groups tend to align closely in their online behaviour, both showing significant interest in news consumption (72% and 78%) and active engagement in various categories like buying products, online games, and searching for products. The data underscores the generational shift in digital preferences, with younger individuals favouring downloads and online gaming, while older segments prioritize news and online shopping.

OR

The chart illustrates the percentage of social media users by age group in India in 2020, focusing on various internet activities. Notably, teenagers (Teens) and those in their 20s exhibit high engagement in online gaming, with 81% of teenagers and 54% of individuals in their 20s participating. However, as age increases, the percentage of online gamers significantly declines, with only 25% of those in their 50s and 60s engaging in this activity. In contrast, older age groups (50s, 60s, and 70+) display a strong preference for using social media platforms for obtaining news, with approximately 74% to 76% participation. This suggests that different age groups in India have distinct online preferences, with younger individuals leaning towards gaming, and older generations utilizing social media primarily for accessing news and information.

### SECTION C - LITERATURE

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

- (a) i. (a) Fowler
- ii. Secret Agents are expected to be tall, smart, agile, dashing, and alert people surrounded by darkness, pistols and drugs in the wine. On the contrary, Ausable was fat and sloppy with heavy American accent. He was not at all flashy or romantic like other agents.
- iii. Ausable was not a secret agent
- iv. Option (b) is correct
- (b) i. Lencho asked God for hundred pesos and received seventy. So he was asking the remaining money which was thirty pesos which he denoted as 'the rest' in his second letter.
- ii. Lencho thought only God could help them in that hour of need. [cannot be (b) as Lencho was so innocent to punish someone; cannot be (c) because Lencho was not greedy, he wanted only the amount needed to grow the crop again]
- iii. He must be disappointed to see the ungrateful attitude of Lencho [For example: It was the postman himself who handed the letter to him while the postmaster, experiencing the contentment of a man who has performed a good deed, looked on from his office.]
- iv. crook

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

- (a) i. ....the sun, which is non-human, is attributed the human feature of having feet.
- ii. False - (Trees are symbolic of woman. Adrienne Rich is a feminist poet.)
- iii. Option - A (Trees are an integral part of nature/forest. So, it is unnatural to depict treeless forest.)
- iv. A forest is a natural habitat for numerous birds and insects. When forests are cleared, no bird can make its nest, nor can insects hide in the bark of the trees and there's nothing to shade the area from sunlight.
- (b) i. Custard, the dragon had big sharp teeth and spikes on its back that could easily scare anyone away. It had ability to spit fire which made his mouth like a fireplace and thus his nose became a chimney. The toes were so pointed and sharp, that it could cut anything like a dagger.
- ii. dragon
- iii. (a) Dragons are brave and feared.
- iv. The language used in these lines is simple and straightforward. The words and phrases are easy to understand and the poem is written in a conversational tone. Realio and Trulio words

are creating poetic effect. This is a humorous poem.

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

- (a) Although he was fond of detective stories, Rajvir did not like to read them during his journey. During his journey, Rajiv was keener on looking at the beautiful scenery outside the train. The allure of the scenic beauty riveted his attention promoting him to enjoy the view instead of indulging in his usual reading.
- (b) That's just one sided. Zoos are beneficial too. Firstly, they save species from extinction and other dangers by providing natural environment to live in. Secondly, it includes the conservation education and research programs that are designed to preserve and protect wild populations of animals as well as educate the public about the threats that they face.
- (c) Chubukov says that Lomov is not a hunter. He says that Lomov should sit at home with his palpitations instead of tracking animals. He says that Lomov only goes to argue with people and interfere with their dogs.
- (d) Anne felt isolated because she had many people around but no one to confide in. Lacking a true friend, she created "Kitty" to express her feelings. The Jews' forced hiding during the Holocaust deepened this loneliness, making her diary her only emotional outlet.
- (e) The word 'fire' stands for 'desire'. In the poem, it indicates all types of greed and lust to have more and more possessions. The word 'ice' in the poem indicates 'hatred and indifference' which is as cold as 'ice'. Unlike fire, it grows slowly but can be more destructive and is sufficient to devastate the world twice.

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

- (a) The above line shows the narrator's concern about Tricky when the narrator saw the dog after a long time he was really in bad health. And when he asked Mrs. Pumphrey about his diet and exercises, she made excuses and was not following it.
- (b) When Bholi reaches the school, She is fearful. She doesn't know exactly what to do. But when she sees many other girls of her age, she feels comfortable and happy. She thinks that one of these girls might become her friend. After getting a book full of different pictures, She becomes happy. She never expects that it would be that wonderful. She feels happier there as compared to her house. It is a wonderful experience for her.
- (c) Griffin was received with suspicion and curiosity at the inn in Iping. The innkeeper and the locals were wary of his strange appearance, covered from head to toe in bandages and wearing dark goggles. They found his behaviour and secretive nature unsettling, which created a sense of unease and intrigue among them.

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

- (a) Food is the most essential ingredient that sustains all life on earth. But the young seagull, it was not eating that mattered, but flight. Whenever he tried to flap his wings to fly, he was seized with fear. He felt certainly that his wings would never support him. He had seen his elder brother catch his first Herring and devour it. It compounded his helplessness even more. He uttered a joyful scream when he saw his mother holding a piece of fish in her beak and flying quite near him. Hunger became motivation for the young seagull. Maddened by hunger, he fell outwards and downward into space. Then a monstrous terror seized him but only for a minute. The next moment, he felt his wings spread outwards. The fear left him. Soon, he was floating on the green sea.
- (b) In this poem, Frost presents two darkest traits of humanity: 'growing desires' which are symbolised by 'fire' and a strong feeling of 'hatred and dislike' which is symbolized by 'ice'. Here the poet reveals the bitter truth of humanity which is the capacity to hate and the capacity to be consumed by lust or desire. Out of these two, he attributes the greater destructive and evil traits to desire. In giving desire the foremost position in regards to the destruction of the world, Frost provides a powerful statement on the subject of greed and jealousy, stating that these traits of humanity are most likely to lead to its demise. Desire represents the greatest problem that attributes to the cause of the war. Frost then attributes hatred with the same capacity to do harm. However, he lessens the relative importance of hatred but still presents it as possessing the ability to lead to the destruction of the world if it were to happen for a second time.

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

(a) Dialogue between Matilda and M. Loisel \_\_\_\_\_

**Matilda:** I don't know how to tell you this but I met Madam Forestier today and she told me that her necklace was false one.

**M Loisel:** What! I can't believe my ears. That huge debt was for nothing!

**Matilda:** Yes, M Loisel it is really surprising that we had to go through so much. I don't know what God had in store for us.

**M Loisel:** Shocking it is really! Unbelievable. She told you all this herself.

**Matilda:** Madam Forestier was shocked, even she could believe that we had to go through so much just for the sake of this false necklace.

**M Loisel:** Now what do you think we should do?

**Matilda:** Well! We can ask her to give back the real diamond necklace to us. So, that we can repay our debts.

**M Loisel:** What if she refuses?

**Matilda:** Well! Madam Forestier is a friend of mine. She will never refuse. I am sure. Let me just speak to her.

**M Loisel:** Do what you feel like.

(b) For some people, deception is a way to lead life easily, i.e., by changing name, by making excuses, by making new way of making money etc. Anil was the most trusting person. Hari Singh had ever met. But he took undue advantage of his trust. He was a thief and couldn't be expected to be honest with Anil. He came to Anil with a false identity. Anil had a blind faith in human nature. He employed him just out of sympathy and compassion for him. He trusted him and ignored his misdeed. He handed over all the financial transactions without any verification. In a way, he gave him a chance to improve. Hari stole money and then came back with a change of mind. Anil knew even this fact also, but said nothing. It made Hari Singh to decide to leave the style of deception as a way of life. Living a simple and straight life over-powered Hari's deceptive life. Finally, he opted for the simple life by educating himself and becoming a clever, big and respectable man in future. It was very good decision of Hari Singh.