

Solution
PRELIMINARY EXAM -4
Class 10 - English Language and Literature
Section A - Reading Skills

1. I. because it counters the dominance of mass-produced goods, supports sustainability, and helps preserve cultural and artistic traditions.
- II. D. easily accessible
- III. eco-friendly
- IV. (a) Artisans use traditional techniques that have been refined and proven effective over generations
- V. (a) employment : job security
- VI. Supporting indigenous crafts improves the economic conditions of small communities by providing artisans with a stable source of income. This empowers them to sustain their livelihoods and encourages the continuation of their craftsmanship. Additionally, it reduces economic challenges in areas where other employment opportunities are limited, creating a positive cycle of growth within these communities.
- VII. C. i -iii (iii.) [Paragraph 4 emphasises the preservation of cultural heritage (i), while paragraph 5 highlights the uniqueness and creativity reflected in indigenous crafts]
- VIII. While governments and organisations can create supportive policies and platforms, consumers play a crucial role in driving demand for indigenous crafts. Without consumer interest and investment, these efforts may fail to translate into tangible benefits for artisans. Consumers' choices directly impact the visibility and survival of handmade crafts, making their active participation crucial.

2. i. B. are when students develop and refine their writing habits.
[Option B is the most likely because the study aims to explore writing preferences, which are likely to evolve during these developmental stages.]
ii. 'trends in writing habits'
iii. precision
iv. By 'affordability,' the writer refers to the lower cost of ballpoint pens compared to micro-tip pens, making them accessible and budget-friendly for students.
v. B. The preferences for pens varied according to the students' age and the type of writing task.
vi. Ballpoints do not dry out quickly unlike micro-tips/Ballpoints work on a variety of surfaces unlike microtips/Ballpoints are less likely to smudge unlike microtips/Ballpoints pens are usually more affordable
vii. The 'aesthetic appeal' is closely connected to 'finer lines' because finer lines create neat, elegant, and visually pleasing writing.
viii. Hybrid features in pens, such as combining the speed and reliability of ballpoint pens with the precision and aesthetic appeal of micro-tip pens, would likely result in a commercially viable product as such pens would cater to a broader demographic, meeting the needs of students across different age groups and writing tasks. This would capitalise on the growing demand for versatile and functional writing tools. Which would enhance its commercial success.
ix. functional/useful

SECTION B GRAMMAR

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

(a) entreat

Error	Correction
use	uses

(c) that he would be there at eight.

(d) (a) that all the students would get

Explanation:

that all the students would get

(e) some

error	correction
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live	living
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(g) (D) option - options

(h) **(b)** waited

Explanation:

waited

(i) The guest replied that it's always nice to be back there.

(j) **(d)** The Captain commanded his men to stand at ease.

Explanation:

The Captain commanded his men to stand at ease.

(k) B. bent

Stanza is written in past tense.

error	correction
You're	Your

SECTION B CREATIVE WRITING SKILLS

4. RWA, Anand Niketan

Agra

March 16, 2018

The Editor

The Heritage

Agra

Sir,

Subject: Increasing Incidents of Mobile and Chain Snatching.

Through the columns of your esteemed daily, I wish to bring to your kind attention towards the deteriorating law and order situation in the city. Many incidents of daylight mobile and chain snatching have been reported during recent days. The residents of the locality are frequently becoming the victims of mobile and chain snatchers. Masked youth come on motorbikes, commit the crime and run away without being caught or traced. All that has caused a lot of insecurity and fear among residents.

Repeated complaints have been lodged by the victims but to no avail. The officials just give assurance but nothing has been done so far to control the situation. It has caused a lot of insecurity and fear among the residents and the absence of law and order in the town has been making the culprits bolder. There are cases of chain snatching and even kidnapping. None of these criminals is arrested so far. It seems there is no law and order to control this kind of incidents. So, I request you to look into this matter and take necessary action immediately.

Thanking you

Yours sincerely,

Shweta Kapoor

(Secretary, RWA).

OR

ABC Matriculation School,

Civil Lines,

Pune.

29 May 20XX

Sales Manager

Bharat Electronics and

Domestic Appliances

Park Street

Mumbai.

Sir,

Subject: Placing an Order for Hostel

We want to place a bulk order for the supply of fans, microwave ovens and geysers for our hostel at Kosikalan. It would be very kind of you if you could send your terms and conditions for the supply of the

above-mentioned articles. The particulars of the items and their numbers to be supplied are given below:

S.No.	Particulars	No. of Items
1.	Fans	20
2.	Microwave Ovens	10
3.	Geysers	25

If your rates and other terms and conditions suit us, we shall be pleased to place you the order. Therefore, kindly send the rates and the discount permissible on the gross purchase and also terms of payment at the earliest.

Thanking you.

Yours faithfully,

Nalini

(Hostel Warden).

5. The pie chart provides information about the amount of money a family has spent on different items in a month. On an average, the family has spent majorly on grocery which is twenty-three percent of the total expenses. Whereas it has spent 20 percent on education which shows that it's the second priority for the family.

The other item on which it has spent the most is clothes and transportation which levels off 19 and 18 percent respectively. Fifteen per-cent of their expenses were on other items that might include stationery, cosmetics, accessories, etc. and the least they had spent was on their rent. The maximum amount was spent on grocery, education, transportation and clothes.

Overall the data shows that they have not spent much on the unnecessary items or miscellaneous. After spending on grocery which is of utmost importance they have spent a significant amount on education.

The least money is spent on miscellaneous items after spending on their rent which is their liability. Thus, it is evident that 85% of their total amount of money was spent on their liabilities whereas only 15 percent was spent on other items that might not be necessary to spend on.

OR

The life cycle of a butterfly is a fascinating process known as complete metamorphosis, which includes four distinct stages: egg, larva (caterpillar), pupa (chrysalis), and adult butterfly. Each stage has unique characteristics and functions.

i. **Egg Stage:** The cycle begins when a female butterfly lays eggs on a plant. These eggs are tiny, often round or oval, and vary in color. The duration of this stage depends on environmental conditions, typically lasting a few days to weeks. The eggs are usually laid on the underside of leaves to protect them from predators and environmental factors.

ii. **Larva (Caterpillar) Stage:** Upon hatching, the caterpillar emerges and begins its primary task: eating. This stage is marked by rapid growth as the caterpillar consumes leaves and undergoes several molts, shedding its skin multiple times. The caterpillar's sole purpose is to eat and grow, preparing for the next stage. During this period, the caterpillar can increase its body mass several thousand times.

iii. **Pupa (Chrysalis) Stage:** Once the caterpillar reaches its full size, it forms a chrysalis. Inside this protective casing, the caterpillar undergoes a remarkable transformation. This stage can last from a few weeks to several months, depending on the species. During this time, the caterpillar's body is reorganized into that of an adult butterfly. The chrysalis often blends into its surroundings, providing camouflage from predators.

iv. **Adult Butterfly Stage:** The final stage is the emergence of the adult butterfly from the chrysalis. Initially, the butterfly's wings are soft and folded against its body. It must pump blood into its wings to expand and strengthen them before it can fly. The adult butterfly's primary functions are to reproduce and lay eggs, thus continuing the cycle. Adult butterflies typically have a short lifespan, ranging from a few weeks to several months, during which they focus on mating and laying eggs.

Comparatively, each stage serves a distinct purpose: the egg stage is for development, the larva stage for growth, the pupa stage for transformation, and the adult stage for reproduction. This cyclical process

ensures the survival and continuation of butterfly species. The transformation from a caterpillar to a butterfly is particularly noteworthy, showcasing nature's incredible ability to adapt and evolve. This metamorphosis not only highlights the complexity of biological processes but also symbolizes change and renewal in the natural world.

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. The air was fresh and sweet so he went out to have the pleasure of feeling the rain on his body.
- ii. False. Statements (a) and (d) are true references to the statement 'Lencho compared the rain drops to new coins.'
- iii. very big or large
- iv. Lencho is optimistic and hopeful towards the situation.

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. 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) Coorgi households are known for their warm hospitality, and they eagerly share countless stories of bravery about their fathers and sons. The Coorg Regiment stands as one of the most decorated in the Indian Army, and the first Chief of the Indian Army, General Cariappa, hailed from Coorg. Even today, the Kodavus remain the only community in India allowed to carry firearms without a license.
- (b) From this poem, we come to know that animals like to live freely in the forest. The animals do not want to live in the zoo. Their life is pitiable in it. The poet tries to expose the miserable life led by the animals in the zoo. He compares the life of the tiger in the zoo with its life as a natural habitat. The animals have the right to freedom and should not be caged. They should be allowed to run free in the wild.
- (c) Indeed, Lomov is looking to marry but only Natalya because he considered her as a good home makes. Though he was not in love with Natalya, he wanted to marry her as he was suffering due to weak heart and sleep sickness. He wanted a companion who could look after him.
- (d) According to Anne Frank, people are not always interested in listening to what one is telling them. They get bored and lose patience, but it is not so with paper. One can go on writing whatever one likes, and as long as one likes. Anne feels that she can confide in her diary as she

cannot share her feelings with her friends. So, according to her, the paper has more patience than people.

(e) The poem revolves around the age-old question of whether the world will end in fire or ice or the world will freeze to death or burn to death. The poet warns the readers to not let desire, lust, greed, dislike, envy and hatred grow within else it should manifest the human destruction. The poet determines that either option would achieve its purpose sufficiently well.

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

(a) Mr. Herriot and his partners enjoyed a "happy period" during Tricki Woo's recovery because they received lavish gifts like fresh eggs, wine, and brandy from Mrs. Pumphrey. These treats were meant to help Tricki regain his strength. The indulgence made their days feel content and luxurious, with special breakfasts and ceremonial lunches, all while Tricki improved under their care, symbolizing the success of their veterinary efforts.

(b) It was not easy for Bholi to refuse the marriage because her parents' honour was at risk and she had never stood up for herself before. However, her education and her teacher's constant encouragement gave her the confidence to speak clearly and reject the unfair marriage.

(c) Griffin was a brilliant scientist who discovered the scientific formula to make the human body invisible. However, he was not a law-abiding person. He misused his intelligence by robbing people, setting his landlord's house on fire, and throwing a chair at Mr. and Mrs. Hall. Instead of using his knowledge for the good of humanity, Griffin abused his powers and became a criminal with no respect for human values.

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

(a) The young seagull's first flight can be located in the category of 'Basic Needs' in this hierarchy of needs. These needs are most essential for the very survival and maintenance of self. These include food, warmth and shelter. These needs must be met repeatedly within short time period such as hunger.

The seagull was very hungry. He hadn't eaten anything for last twenty four hours. When he saw his mother bringing food in her beak, he died towards her. But fell from the brink of the ledge. He screamed with fear. But his fear lasted only for a moment. The next moment, he felt that his wings spread outwards instinctively. He was flying now. Thus, hunger motivated him.

(b) Extreme behaviour always leads to destruction. In this poem, 'fire' symbolises 'desire' and 'ice' symbolises 'hatred'. Desire is a kind of intense love that insists people to possess and acquire something that they want. This kind of desire can lead people to destruction in the form of bankruptcy or even broken relationships. Increasing desire triggers the wrong approach to achieve things. Frost's poem speaks on the issue of greed corrupting people and hence, society. The power of hate, which is symbolised by 'ice', is just as great as a desire. It is strong enough to destruct the world twice. It is a weapon that causes greater devastation to the world and mankind than the destruction done by never-ending cravings of people. Moreover, it consumes the hater more than the person hated. It, thus, ruins lives.

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 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) Hari Singh, ultimately, realized the significance of education in life. He understood the robbing would only provide him money temporarily. Also there was the risk of being caught. Education provides one with respectability. Education can heal a wrongly talented soul. Educated people may see the difference between right and wrong and enables them to choose the right path. It leads them on the path of truth and rational thinking. Education could bring one respect and money. After robbing Anil, the boy thief realized the value of education that could give him respect and more money than he could get by stealing. He realized where he should go. Large hearted Anil not only forgave him but also gave him a fifty rupee note, and promised to pay him regularly. Thus, education is an essential aspect of any child's life and can help enable an honourable way of living.

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