

**Solution**  
**PRELIMINARY EXAM - 5**  
**Class 10 - English Language and Literature**  
**SECTION A - (Reading) (20 marks)**

1.
  - i. they move up the time on their watch
  - ii. that the time on the watch is wrong
  - iii. clock, phone, computer or anything that displays time
  - iv. to set your watch just two minutes ahead instead
  - v. time is moving/passing very quickly
  - vi. wake up when you are supposed to wake up
  - vii. keep the alarm clock away from your bed
  - viii. move the alarm clock
  - ix. to being 15 minutes early
2.
  - I.
    - i. desire to sing before audience is an innocent and genuine desire / perfectly alright to have such a desire; but music a highly refined art which requires systematic, prolonged and strict training. The desire to gain overnight fame and adulation and earn well through such concerts is what makes many aspiring singers take shortcuts.
    - ii. music - magic medicine because it can make one cry or bring a smile on one's face; it has the ability to heal; people seek refuge in it when depressed or stressed.
    - iii. crash courses - hurried shortcuts and half-hearted attempts to gain some knowledge and training.
    - iv. mindset of a student of music should be to undergo rigorous training, make mistakes and rectify them under the supervision and guidance of the teacher while under training and seek to perfect the art.
    - v. music requires systematic / prolonged and rigorous training / to be acceptable.
  - II.
    - i. (a)
    - ii. (c)
    - iii. (b)
    - iv. (c)
    - v. (b)

**SECTION B - (Writing and Grammar) (30 marks)**

3. 14/9, Hill Apartments

Jaipur

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The Editor

The Times of India

Jaipur

**Subject: Insufficient facilities for Tourists**

Respected Sir,

Through the columns of your reputed newspaper, I would like to raise my voice against the insufficient facilities provided to the tourists of Jaipur.

Everyone is well aware that Jaipur has many historical places which attract tourists not only from India but abroad as well. But when they reach here, they are not properly guided. They are mishandled by crooks who rob them of their valuables, thus leaving a bad name to our country. The hotel rooms are not available at reasonable rates. They have to pay a hefty amount for it. Most of them come on package tours but they are refused the facilities mentioned in their package.

It is our prime duty to look into the matter as it may hit the tourism industry badly. The tourism industry should be well-managed so that the tourists leave Jaipur with a happy note and return again. It is my humble request to the concerned authorities to look into the matter and do the needful.

Thanking you

Yours sincerely

Hemant

OR

### **Tone Down the Tunes: Respect the Zone!**

Have you ever felt that blaring music disrupts your focus? It does the same for drivers! While music can be a mood booster, Tanvi/Tarun here, reminds you to keep it down, especially near hospitals, schools, and residential areas. Loud music can drown out sirens or warning honks, posing a safety risk. Let's be considerate drivers and create a calmer environment for patients, students, and residents. Enjoy your tunes, but keep the volume low in sensitive zones.

#### **4. The Honest Woodcutter's Reward**

A woodcutter earned his living by cutting wood from the jungle and selling it in the market. One day, while he was cutting down a tree on the bank of a river, his axe slipped from his grasp and plunged into the murky depths. He was devastated. That one axe was his livelihood, the only way to provide for his family. Despair etched itself onto his face as he slumped down beside the river, tears welling in his eyes. Suddenly, a gentle voice broke through his despair. "Why do you cry, good man?" A beautiful woman, adorned with jewels and shimmering scales, emerged from the river. The woodcutter, awestruck, explained his predicament. The woman, a river nymph, listened patiently. With a reassuring smile, she dived into the river. Moments later, she resurfaced, holding a magnificent golden axe. "Is this your axe?" she inquired. The woodcutter, though tempted by the gleaming gold, shook his head. "No, kind lady, mine was a simple iron axe." Impressed by his honesty, the nymph disappeared again. This time, she returned with a silver axe. Again, the woodcutter declined, his heart set on his own tool. Finally, she retrieved a rusty iron axe from the riverbed.

"Is this yours?" she asked with a hopeful smile. The woodcutter's face lit up. "Yes, yes, that's my axe! Thank you so much, kind nymph!"

Touched by his honesty, the nymph offered him both the silver and golden axes as a reward for his truthfulness. Overjoyed, the woodcutter returned home, not just with his lost axe, but with a newfound fortune, a testament to the power of honesty.

moral: Honesty is the best policy

OR

#### **A Night Before Celebration**

The next day was the annual day of my school. I was practically vibrating with excitement. I had participated in a record number of activities - the spelling bee, the solo singing competition, and even a skit with my classmates. The cherry on top? I was slated to receive the Best Student Trophy for the 2017-18 session! As I drifted off to sleep that night, dreams of holding the gleaming trophy danced in my head.

Suddenly, a loud crash jolted me awake. My heart hammered against my ribs as I strained to listen. There it was again - a muffled thud, followed by a low whine. Fear prickled my skin. Just then, my bedroom door creaked open and a sliver of light sliced through the darkness.

"Don't worry, beta," my mother's voice, usually so soothing, sounded strained. "There's been a power outage in the neighborhood. It seems a tree branch fell on the power lines during the storm this afternoon."

Relief washed over me. The whine I heard was probably the downed transformer. Disappointment flickered momentarily - no fairy lights or the booming school speaker system tonight. But then I remembered the trophy presentation, likely to be held under the warm glow of the stage lights. My excitement bubbled back up, erasing any remnants of worry. With a contented sigh, I snuggled back into bed, the promise of a momentous day and a shiny trophy keeping me company.

5. a. (iii) has  
b. (i) of  
c. (iv) that  
d. (iii) very  
e. (i) a

| 6. | Error   | Correction |
|----|---------|------------|
|    | (a) on  | up         |
|    | (b) got | get        |

|              |         |
|--------------|---------|
| (c) by       | to      |
| (d) but      | so      |
| (e) scolding | scolded |

7. a. Airports have become an essential part of every developing city.  
b. Air taxi services will boost tourism in the states.  
c. More runways are required for landing facilities.  
d. This will surely promote our tourism sector.  
e. This will help in increasing connectivity between cities.

### SECTION C - (Literature) (30 marks)

8. i. The baker recorded his accounts on a wall in pencil at the end of the month, as mentioned in the passage from "Glimpses of India."  
ii. The baker and his family never starved because baking was a profitable profession in the old days.  
iii. The word "**prosperous**" in the extract is a synonym of rich.  
iv. In Goa, a baker can be identified by their plump physique, which is often compared to a jackfruit-like appearance.

OR

- i. The poem is "**The Tale of Custard the Dragon**" by **Ogden Nash**.  
ii. Belinda's dog is **yellow**.  
iii. The kitten was called **Ink** and the mouse was called **Blink**.  
iv. The word sharp is the antonym of dull.
9. Answer any four of the following questions in 30 – 40 words each: (2 × 4=8)
- (a) After the hailstorm destroyed his crops, Lencho and his family were in despair. They thought that they would have to remain hungry that year. But Lencho had great faith in God and he was only his last hope. So he wrote a letter to God to send him one hundred pesos to sow the fields again and also to survive till the new crop would grow.
- (b) At first, Chubukov was dubious and believed Lomov had come to demand money. But when he realised the true reason, he was ecstatic since he thought Lomov would be a good fit for his daughter. So he gave Lomov a hug and a kiss.
- (c) Wanda always sat at the back of the class where the noisy rough boys, who got low marks. She did so as she came all the way from Boggins Heights and her feet were usually dirty. No one really thought much about Wanda Petronski, once she sat in the corner of the room. Moreover, she wanted to avoid the ridicule by other girls in the class as she did not have different dresses to wear.
- (d) Ebright's mother dreamed of making her son a scientist. She provided him with intensive training to improve himself and develop a scientific bent of mind. She took him on trips, bought him telescopes, microscopes, cameras, mounting materials, and other equipment. If she found him sitting idle, she would find work for him-not physical work, but learning things. His mother was very supportive. She wrote to Dr. Urquhart so that her son could be busy doing research. She inspired him to explore new things and instilled a sense of discovery into her child.
- (e) Anil saw that beyond his identity as a thief, Hari Singh was actually a good human being. He knew the risk of letting him into his life but trusted him to do the right thing in the end. Had he handed him over to the police, Hari Singh would have continued in his path and become a hardened criminal. However, the trust that Anil put in him, made him grateful and won him away from a life of crime.
10. Answer any one of the following question in 100 - 120 words:
- (a) Mme Forestier was Matilda Loisel's childhood friend. Matilda was invited to a grand party at the education minister's house. She had a beautiful dress but no jewellery so she went to her friend, Mme Forestier in order to borrow some jewels. She quite generously asked Matilda to choose any jewel. Matilda chose a superb diamond necklace. Mme Forestier immediately agreed to lend it to Matilda. Unfortunately, the necklace was lost. Mme Forestier was considerate when Matilda could not return the jewels on time. At the end of the story, when she came to know that Matilda gave her real jewels in place of the artificial jewels she had lost, Mme Forestier did not hide the

truth from her friend and immediately told Matilda that her jewels were fake. She did not bother about the fact that she would have to return them. Thus, we can say that Mme Forestier was a true friend of Matilda.

- (b) Kisa Gotami went to the Buddha and asked him to give her some medicine for her child. The Buddha asked her to bring a handful of mustard seeds from a house where there had been no death. She went from home to home but she could not find any house where nobody had ever died. The Buddha told her that the life of the mortals in this world is troubled and brief and combined with pain. The Buddha further told Kisa Gotami that every person who is born has to die one day. Thus, the Buddha was able to teach Gotami the lesson about the inevitability of the death.

11. Answer any one of the following question in 200 - 250 words:

- (a) Chapter Deleted from the Textbook. now novels are not part of syllabus.
- (b) Anne Frank, the author of The Diary of a Young Girl was born in Frankfurt Germany on 12 June 1929. She was an intelligent child. She was very wise for her age. She was different from the other children of her age. She was only 13 but could think very clearly and deeply. She knew the difference between friendship and true friendship. She had many friends before going into hiding. She had loved parents and a good home. Yet, she felt herself alone in the world. There was no one in whom she could confide. So, she decided to keep a diary as a friend. She gave it the name of 'Kitty.' The very first entry in her diary reveals many things about her. She had a very sharp memory. She could write about her experiences in a clear and interesting manner. She had a keen sense of humor. She could invent amusing arguments for any subject. She was mature in her thoughts and presented herself as a promising writer. Anne felt very strongly about the freedom of women and that women should get their due respect. If she had lived longer, she would have been one of the greatest writers in the world.
- (c) Chapter Deleted from the Textbook.
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