

**Mock Test / Guessed Paper class X**

**ENGLISH LANGUAGE AND LITERATURE**

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**Time allowed: 3 hours**

**Maximum Marks: 100**

**General Instructions:**

1. This paper consists of four sections :
2. Section A — Reading 20 marks  
Section B — Writing 20 marks  
Section C — Grammar 15 marks  
Section D — Literature 45 marks
3. Attempt all questions.
4. Marks are indicated against each question.
5. Do not write anything in the question paper.
6. All the answers must be correctly numbered as in the question paper and written in the answer sheet provided to you.
7. Read each question carefully and follow the instructions.
8. Strictly adhere to the word limit given with each question. Marks will be deducted for exceeding the word limit.

**SECTION – A**

**Reading (20 marks)**

**Q. 1. Read the passage given below and answer the questions that follow: (12 marks)**

1. Last June, my elder daughter Sylvie, finished kindergarten at the school near our home in Bethlehem, USA. If my wife, Theresa, and I have our way, Sylvie will graduate from the same school. I am eyeing Sylvie's graduation because I want this to be her only school and Bethlehem to be her hometown. Both goals first one a school, the second a hometown - eluded me. My father was in the army, and I attended numerous schools. Our transient lifestyle offered a grand upbringing, but it came at a cost. Of all those people I befriended on the run, for instance, I've maintained contact with exactly one. I'm generally from everywhere and exactly from nowhere.

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2. I want Sylvie and her two year old sister Linnea, to have that hometown that I missed. It would be a place they know intimately, care about, return to with a thrill. So when Theresa took a teaching post in Bethlehem, we moved from Chicago and decided to settle down here. That was almost six years ago, and the transition was rough. We did not like the paucity of movie houses, usedbook stores and great restaurants. We found instead, cheap shopping malls and cornfields being transformed into faceless suburbs. It was hard to imagine blossoming in such a place. We began to seek out the good things in Bethlehem, of which, we discovered, there are many. In short order we turned up the children's corner of the public library, a number of parks and the folkmusic club that draws top performers to a venue no bigger than our living room.
3. Where we found good places, we found good people. Slowly their numbers increased. Soon we discovered we had knit together a circle of dear friends. As our friendship strengthened, so, too did an unspoken belief that we would be here for each other over the long haul. We'd watch each other's children grow up; offer them a hand where we could, support each other through the joys and travails of parenthood.
4. There's a yearly party, a joint sale and more potluck dinners than I can count. We've celebrated both of Linnea's birthdays with a bash on our front lawn. On Saturday mornings when many of us converge downtown, the shopkeepers greet me and my children by name, and hand out goodies. To the old-timers here, all this might be unremarkable. But to the vagabond like me, this acceptance is heart-warming, nourishing and ultimately sustaining. So why resist its pull ? Because it's a mistake to take for granted a good community, or to assume we'd be lucky enough to find one somewhere else. In the end, good and lasting community arises from a commitment to it. And there's no more basic commitment than staying put.

**1.1 Complete the summary given below. Use only a word to fill in the blanks. (1×5=5)**

The author decided to stay put at Bethlehem as he wanted it to be his (a) \_\_\_\_\_ hometown. Though upset about the lack of (b) \_\_\_\_\_, he and his wife started to seek out the good things there. Soon a strong bond developed between them and their (c) \_\_\_\_\_. He resisted his (d) \_\_\_\_\_ to move to greener pastures. He also (e) \_\_\_\_\_ that only with commitment can a lasting community arise.

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1.2 Complete the following sentences : (1×3=3)

- The author could not refer to any place as his hometown because \_\_\_\_\_ .
- The author had contact with only one friend \_\_\_\_\_ .
- The realization that lasting community arises \_\_\_\_\_ .

1.3 Find words which mean the same as the following : (1×4=4)

- many/in large numbers (para 1)
- change (para 2)
- sorrows/unpleasant experiences (para 3)
- a person who travels from place to place (para 4)

Q. 2. Read the passage given below and answer the questions that follow: (8)

- Set in the declining but still green Western Ghats in the South-West of Karnataka, Coorg is the heart of India's coffee country. Coffee is the world's most heavily traded commodity after crude oil. Coorg boasts a land area four times larger than Hong Kong and seven times the area of Singapore. Most of it is under tree cover because unlike tea plants, the coffee bush requires shade.
- India is acknowledged as the producer of the finest mild coffees. With their tropical climate, high altitude, abundant rainfall and fertile soil, Coorg and the neighbouring Chickmangalur districts in Karnataka have consistently produced and exported high quality coffee for over 150 years. The coffee output of these two districts accounts for 70 percent of the total coffee produced in the country. Coorg coffee is valued for its blue colour, clean beans and fine liquoring qualities and hence is in demand in the international markets.
- In March and April, the coffee blossom time in Coorg, when blossoms transform into berries, the bushes are cropped. The cherry-red fruit is then pulped; the seeds separated, dried and sent for curing. Coorg or Kodagu is the district which is one of the largest producers of pepper, cardamom and honey in the world.

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4. Not much is known about the early history of Coorg. Recorded history is available only from 1600 A.D. onwards when Kodava Rajas ruled over the region and established their capital at Mercara by constructing a mud-walled fort. The martial Kodavas troubled Hyder Ali and his son Tipu Sultan, who ruled the Mysore region in the 18th century, by way of sporadic rebellions. But in 1785, Tipu's large army marched into Kodagu and devastated the kingdom. Fourteen years later, with the help of the British, who defeated Tipu Sultan following the historic siege of Srirangapatana in 1799, Coorg regained independence and under the leadership of Raja Veerarajendra rebuilt the capital. Later in 1834, the British exiled its ruler Chikkaveera Rajendra and assumed administrative charge of the district. The British left India in 1947, leaving behind a legacy of coffee plantations, colonial buildings and well-planned road networks.

**2.1 Complete the following:**

(1×4=4)

- The tea plants are unlike coffee plants as the latter \_\_\_\_\_.
- Coorg coffee is internationally acclaimed for its \_\_\_\_\_.
- Coorg is famous not only for coffee but also for \_\_\_\_\_.
- After crude oil, coffee is the \_\_\_\_\_.

**2.2 Complete the table given below:**

(1×4=4)

| Year      | Events                                   |
|-----------|--|
| (a) _____ | Recorded history of Coorg available from |
| 1785 AD   | (b) _____                                |
| (c) _____ | Coorg regained independence              |
| 1834 AD   | (d) _____                                |

**SECTION B- WRITING**

- Q.3** You are Lucky/Leena staying at G45 Pandav Nagar Delhi. You are very shocked to see that there is no proper drinking Water Causing Serious diseases. Write complain letter to Editor of daily Hindustan 2 P.t. Road, Delhi. (8)

Or

Write a letter to S.H.O. Police station, complaining against deteriorating Law and order Situation in your locality. You are Sumit/Saroj from 41, Raj Vihar, Dhaka. Do not exceed 100 words.

**Q.4 Write a paragraph on the topic of “Trees are our friend” for your school magazine. (8)**

Or

**Write a paragraph on any one of the following in about 80 words:**

- (a) A visit to a Book fair.
- (b) Child labour.
- (c) Bad effect of cable T.V.

**Q.5 You are Ranjan/Rajni a reporter of a local newspaper as the “dream of Delhi” Metro spreading its feet and changing the shape of Delhi. You have attended an inauguration of Metro station of Metro station of Akshardham which is joining to Delhi and NCR. Write report in 50-60 words. (4)**

Or

Your friend wants to open an account in national bank. Describe the process of opening an account.

Or

You are Deepak/Deepika, head girl of Gurunanak Mata public school, Mayur vihar, Delhi. A dress competition was organized in your school on the occasion of annual day of your school. Write brief report

**SECTION C – GRAMMAR**

(15)

**Q.6 The following passage has not been edited. There is one error in each of the indicated lines. Incorrect word and the correction in your answer sheet as given below against the correct blank number. Remember to underline the word that you have supplied. (3)**

In ancient days, doctor use to  
treat their patients by the help  
of leeches, It to was belief that  
certain diseases were caused by to much  
blood or by impure blood getting

e.g. use--used

- (a)
- (b)
- (c)
- (d)

blocked in one of the organ  
of the body. The doctor wills

- (e)
- (f)

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**Q.7 Read the conversation given below and complete the report. Do not add any new information. Write the answer in your answer sheet against the correct blank number. Do not copy the whole sentence. (3)**

Father : Ramesh, where are you?

Ramesh : What is the matter?

Father : Go to the chemist and bring this medicine immediately.

Ramesh : Is there anything serious?

Father asked Ramesh where he was. Ramesh enquired (a) \_\_\_\_\_ . Father told

him (b) \_\_\_\_\_ . Ramesh wanted to know (c)

\_\_\_\_\_ .

**Q.8 Look at the words and phrases below. Rearrange them to form meaningful sentences. The first one has been done as an example. Write the correct sentence in your answer sheet against the correct blank number. (Do any 2) (2)**

(a) left me / my / city / parents / her / with / they / in / went / live / when / to / the

(b) morning / to / wake / used / up / the / in / she / me

(c) said / in a / prayers / singsong / monotonous / morning / she / her

(d) listened / I / loved / I / voice / because / her

(e) always / with / school / she / me to / went

(f) school / together / after / walk / always / we / would / back

**Q.9 Given below are different sets of information. Use the information to complete the following paragraphs. Do not add any new information. Write the answers in your answers sheet against the correct blank number. Do not copy the whole sentence. (3)**

**Suffering from influenza**

1. Avoid milk and milk products
2. make a decoction of about ten mint leaves in a cup of water
3. add a teaspoonful of honey before drinking it at bedtime
4. keep a cut onion by the side of the bed to inhale
5. take a salad prepared from radish twice a day

Milk and milk products are to be avoided a decoction of about (a).....in a cup of water a teaspoonful of (b) before it is drunks at bedtime a cut onion (c).....so that it can be inhaled as a salad (d) a day.

**Q.10 Make question of the following answers (2)**

q.

a. The birds used twigs and stray to build their nests.

q.

a. No, I am not going Delhi.

**Q.11 Fill in the blanks with the non-finites. (2)**

It was a cloudy day when I was going\_\_\_\_\_ (take) my umbrella. I took my umbrella and moved for bus at bus stand. There I have\_\_\_\_\_ (wait) for half an hour. I saw that a boy was running very fast while police was following him. Police caught him. When I asked police about whole matter I came \_\_\_\_\_ (know), whole matter.

**SECTION D – TEXT BOOKS**

**45 MARKS**

**Q.12 Read the passage given below and answers the questions that follow:**

My country is rich in the minerals and gems that lie beneath its soil, but I have always known that its greatest wealth is its people, finer and truer than the purest diamond. It is from these comrades in struggle that I Learned meaning of courage. Time and again, I have seen men and women risk and give their lives for an idea. I have seen men stand up to attacks and torture without breaking, showing a strength and resilience that defies the imagination. I learned that courage was not the absence of fear, but the triumph over it. The brave is not he who does not feel afraid but he who conquers that fear.

a. Choose the correct option for the following statement:

According to Nelson Mandela the greatest wealth of South Africa is

(1)

i. Minerals

ii. Gems

iii People

iv. Diamonds

b. Name at least two comrades of Nelson Mandela, who fought against Apartheid. (2)

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c. On the basis of your reading of the passage find out the word which means the same as the following:

The ability to deal with any kind of hardship and recover from its effects (1)

d. What does 'courage' mean to Mandela (2)

**Q.13. Read the passage given below and answer the questions that follow:**

Lencho showed not the slightest surprise on seeing the money; such was his confidence-but he became angry when he counted the money. God couldn't have made a mistake, nor could he have denied Lencho what he had requested. Immediately Lencho went up to the window to ask for paper and ink. On the public writing table, he started to write, with much wrinkling of his brow, caused by the effort he had to make to express his ideas, when he finished, he went to the window to buy a stamp which he licked and then affixed to the envelope with a blow of his fist.

a. Why did Lencho become angry when he counted the money? (1)

b. Who sent him the money and why? (2)

c. What request did he make to God when he wrote another letter after receiving the money? (1)

d. Use the phrase in sentence of your own:- Wrinkling of one's brow. (1)

**Q.14 Answer the following questions in about 80 words: (6)**

Why was Mr. Harriot shocked at tricki's appearance? What advice did he give to Mrs. Pumphary

Or

Write the Character Sketch based on her life (Bholi).

**Q.15 Answer any two of the following questions in 30-40 words each (2x2=4)**

1. Why was Mr. Herriot shocked at trick's appearance?

2. Draw a brief character sketch of Anil?

3. How did Ausable get rid of max?

4. How did Griffin escape from the London store?

5. How did Matilda run her own life?

Or

What did Loisel do to replace the necklace?

Q.6 Why did Jeanne not recognize her friend?

**Q.16** Read the extract given below and answer the questions that follow. Write the answers in your answer sheet in one or two sentences: (1 x 5)

But he's locked in a concrete cell,  
His strength behind bars,  
Stalking the length of his cage,  
Ignoring visitors.

1. Where is the tiger locked now?
2. Why there are bars in a cell?
3. Whom does the tiger ignore and why?
4. What is the difference between 'a cell' and 'a cage' for the tiger?
5. Trace a word that means 'power'.

Or

I sit inside, doors open to the veranda  
Writing long letters  
In which I scarcely mention the departure  
Of the forest from the house.  
The night is fresh,  
the whole moon shines  
In sky still open

1. Identify 'I' above
2. What does the speaker do?
3. What does he not write?
4. What does the speaker say about the moon?
5. Trace a word that means 'hardly'.

Or

Custard the dragon had big sharp teeth  
And spikes on top of him and scales underneath,  
Mouth like a fire place, chimney for a nose,  
And regalia, truly daggers on his toes.

1. Whose the Custard? Write his one quality.
2. What was beneath his body?
3. How does its nose look?
4. What was seen on his toes.
5. Trace a word which is the synonym of "below"?

**Q.17 Answer any three of the following questions. (20-30 words)**

**(3 x 2) = 6**

1. How has the poet spread “nature’ in the poem’ Dust of Snow’?
2. How does the tiger feel in the cage?
3. What does Amanda feel ‘I am an orphan, roaming the street’?
4. Write the Central theme of the poem” The Tree’?

**Q.18 Answer in 80-100 words.**

“Paper has more patience than people”. Elucidate.

**(8)**

Or

How did Vali control her Problems of a bus ride?

**Q.19 Answer in 30 – 40 words (Do any three)**

**(3 x 2) = 6**

1. What are the rained drops compare to and why?
2. Why does Mandela address the freedom as new born liberty?
3. The black storm cloud affected the pilot. How?
4. How did Anne answer her essay on “A chatterbox”?
5. What punishment was given to Anne and how?
6. When did Maddie feel embraced? What did she do then?
7. What used to be usual mode of baker’s entry in a house?
8. Which compulsive habits were developed in Mij?
9. What did the Londoners says about Mijbill?
10. When the conductor called Valli “My fine madam” how did Valli feel?
11. Why did Valli rebuke the elder women?
12. Write down the Buddha’s advice?

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