

**MOCK BOARD PAPER (ENGLISH)**  
**Class 10 - English Language and Literature**

**Time Allowed: 3 hours**

**Maximum Marks: 80**

**General Instructions:**

1. 15-minute prior reading time allotted for Q-paper reading.
2. The Question Paper contains THREE sections-READING, GRAMMAR & WRITING and LITERATURE.
3. Attempt questions based on specific instructions for each part.

**Section A**

**1. Read the text carefully and answer the questions:**

**[10]**

The choices we make on a daily basis-wearing a seat belt, lifting heavy objects correctly or purposely staying out of any dangerous situation-can either ensure our safety or bring about potentially harmful circumstances. You and I need to make a decision that we are going to get our lives in order. Exercising self-control, self-discipline and establishing boundaries and borders in our lives are some of the most important things we can do. A life without discipline is one that's filled with carelessness.

We can think it's kind of exciting to live life on the edge. We like the image of "Yeah! That's me! Living on the edge! Woo-hoo!" It's become a popular way to look at life. But if you see, even highways have lines, which provide margins for our safety while we're driving. If we go over one side, we'll go into the ditch. If we cross over the line in the middle, we could get killed. And we like those lines because they help to keep us safe. Sometimes we don't even realize how lines help to keep us safe.

I'm not proud of this, but for the first 20 years of my life at work, I ignored my limits. I felt horrible, physically, most of the time. I used to tell myself "I know I have limits and that I've reached them, but I'm going to ignore them and see if or how long I can get by with it." I ran to doctors, trying to make myself feel better through pills, vitamins, natural stuff and anything I could get my hands on. Some of the doctors would tell me, "It's just stress." That just made me mad. I thought stress meant you don't like what you do or can't handle life, and I love what I do. But I kept pushing myself, travelling, doing speaking engagements and so on-simply exhausting myself. Finally, I understood I was living an unsustainable life and needed to make some changes in my outlook and lifestyle.

You and I don't have to be like everyone else or keep up with anyone else. Each of us needs to be exactly the way we are, and we don't have to apologize for it. We're not all alike and we need to find a comfort zone in which we can enjoy our lives instead of making ourselves sick with an overload of stress and pressure.

- (i) The reason why living on the edge has become popular, is because of the
  - a. constant need for something different
  - b. population being much younger
  - c. exhausting effort to make changes
  - d. strong tendency to stay within our limits
- (ii) Choose the option that best captures the central idea of the passage from the given quotes.
  - a. It's all about quality of life and finding a happy balance between work and friends. **-Philip Green**

- b. To go beyond is as wrong as to fall short. -**Confucius**
- c. Life is like riding a bicycle. To keep your balance you must keep moving. -**Albert Einstein**
- d. Balance is not something you find, it's something you create. -**Jana Kingsford**

(iii) Which of the characteristics are apt about the writer in the following context:

I know I have limits and that I've reached them, but I'm going to ignore them and see if or how long I can get by with it?

(1) negligent (2) indecisive (3) spontaneous (4) reckless (5) purposeless (6) patient

- a. 2 and 5
- b. 3 and 6
- c. 1 and 4
- d. 2 and 3

(iv) Complete the following from the passage:

Option	Related Example in Passage
The importance of discipline and boundaries in our lives	_____

(v) The writer has used the phrase **potentially harmful circumstances** in this passage. What does it refer to?

(vi) Give two examples that show the correct use of **unsustainable**, as used in the passage

1. \_\_\_\_\_
2. \_\_\_\_\_

(vii) The author attempts to \_\_\_\_\_ the readers through this write-up.

- a. rebuke
- b. question
- c. offer aid to
- d. offer advise to

(viii) The author uses colloquial words such as **yeah** and **Woo-hoo!**. Which of the following is NOT a colloquial word?

- a. hooked
- b. guy
- c. stuff
- d. stress

(ix) What does the author mean when he says, **to get our lives in order**

(x) Choose the option that correctly states the two meanings of **outlook**, as used in the passage.

(1) A person's evaluation of life (2) A person's experiences in life (3) A person's point of view towards life  
(4) A person's regrets in life (5) A person's general attitude to life

- a. (1) and (4)
- b. (2) and (3)
- c. (3) and (5)
- d. (4) and (5)

2. **Read the text carefully and answer the questions:**

[10]

1. Millions of tons of small waste from plastic bags, bottles and clothes in the world's ocean present a serious threat to human health and marine environment. This is a warning issued by the U.N. in a report on the

most dangerous environmental problem facing the world today. Global plastic production has increased considerably in years nearly by 38%.

2. A poor waste management means when we have finished with our takeaways contains cigarette butts and party balloons, they are worn down into trillions of even small particles by the waves. Therefore, there is a growing presence of these micro plastic the world's oceans.
3. It was estimated in 2010 that millions of tons of plastic was washed into the sea and have since shown up in the stomachs of whales, plankton and other marine life. Richard Thompson, professor of marine biology said that in laboratory experiments the proof that micro plastic can cause harm to organisms.
4. More than a quarter of all fish now contained plastic, according to a recent study which analysed the guts of fish sold in California. Scientists fear that chemicals in plastic also chemicals which attach themselves to plastic in natural environment could each poisoning and many disorders in marine life if consumed in huge quantities.
5. Even human could be adversely affected by the plastic. People could even be breathing in plastic micro-particles suspended in the air with the risk of harmful effect on the lungs similar to air fumes.
6. Volunteers around the world collect trash and tally up what they find on the annual Ocean's Conservancy's Annual International Coastal Cleanup. The result item-by-item, location-by-location Ocean Trash Index provides the only snapshot of marine debris littering coasts and waterways around the world, according to Ocean Conservancy.



7. Boyance Slat, a Dutch student has developed a technology that could sift dangerous plastic particles out of the ocean and sell them for profit or re-cycling. Richard Thompson recommended that people avoid using products with micro beads and to make sure they dispose of all plastic products in an appropriate way by, if possible.
  - (i) Select the option that is true for the two statements given below.
    - (1) More than a quarter of all fish now have plastics present in them.
    - (2) Millions of tons of plastic waste is present in the world's oceans.
      - a. (1) is the result of (2)
      - b. (1) is the reason for (2)
      - c. Both (1) and (2) are true
      - d. (1) contradicts (2)
  - (ii) According to the passage, Richard Thompson is a \_\_\_\_\_.
  - (iii) \_\_\_\_\_ provides the only snapshot of marine debris littering coasts and waterways.
  - (iv) Through what does the cigarette butts and party balloons worn down into smaller particles?

- (v) We can find out that more than a quarter of all fish contained plastics in them by:
- the stark warning issued by the UN in a report on the most dangerous environmental problems facing the world today.
  - collecting trash and tallying up what they find each day.
  - laboratory experiments performed by Richard Thompson a profession marine biology.
  - analysing the fish sold in California.
- (vi) Choose the correct set of statement which is NOT TRUE.
- (I) Plastic could have similar effects like car fumes.
- (II) Chemicals which attach themselves to plastic in natural environment could cause poisoning in marine life.
- (III) Humans will never be adversely affected by the plastic.
- (IV) In 2001, Millions of tons of plastic was washed into the sea.
- (V) There is a growing presence of micro plastics in the world's oceans.
- (II), (V)
  - (I), (V)
  - (I), (II)
  - (III), (IV)
- (vii) What amount of paper bags in the index are diffused into the oceans?
- (viii) Fill in the blank with with the correct option.  
There are \_\_\_\_\_ beverage cans found in the index.
- 337,865
  - 339,875
  - 339,445
  - 333,347
- (ix) Richard Thompson has recommended to use product that has no micro-beads of plastic into them.  
True/False.
- (x) How can the technology developed by Beyonce Slat help to curb the plastic issue?

## SECTION B –GRAMMAR

### Attempt any 10 questions

3. Fill in the blank by choosing the correct option to complete the following. [1]  
The police told the protesters to \_\_\_\_\_.
- |              |              |
|--------------|--------------|
| a) back off  | b) back down |
| c) back into | d) back up   |
4. **Read the conversation and complete the sentence by reporting the reply correctly.** [1]  
**Liz:** Hey Mike, good to see you!  
**Mike:** Hi Liz, I haven't seen you since June.  
Liz greeted Mike when they met accidentally and said it was good to see him. Mike greeted back and replied that \_\_\_\_\_.
5. Select the correct option to fill in the blank for the given line, explaining the effects of global warming. [1]  
Plants and animals \_\_\_\_\_ not be able to survive the rapid changes caused by global warming and could become extinct.



c) He wanted to know if she knew Robert.

d) He wanted to know if she has known Robert.

14. Identify the error in the given sentence, from a report from the News for Kids site and supply the correction. [1]  
In an effort to help out important insects like bees and butterflies, bus stops across the United Kingdom (UK) and Europe are getting live roofs.

Use the given format for your response.

error	correction

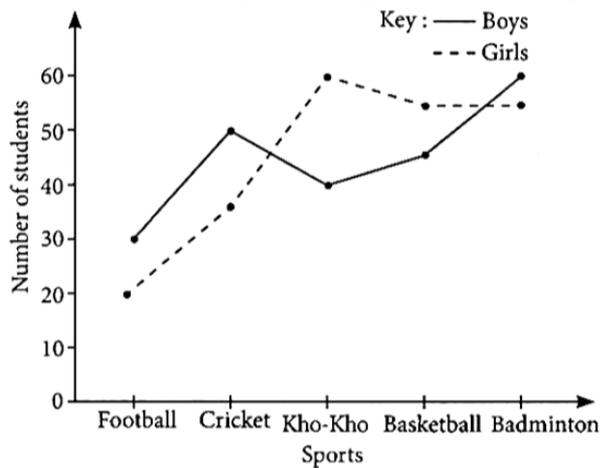
### SECTION B – CREATIVE WRITING SKILLS

15. The road that leads to your market is broken and full of potholes. Mosquitoes and flies breed there. Write a letter to the editor of a local newspaper drawing attention of the concerned authorities to get the road repaired. You are P.V. Prabhu/Prabha, 112, Aram Nagar, Delhi. [5]

OR

Express your views by writing a letter to the Editor of the daily local newspaper on the subject 'Reforming Beggars'.

16. The given double line graph shows the number of boys and girls who participated in different types of sports in a school. Write an analytical paragraph summarising the information and make comparisons wherever relevant. [5]



OR

Look at the data given below which shows the changes that have occurred between 1995 to 2010 in Bilaspur regarding the women education. Write a paragraph to record the changes by interpreting this data.

Female Education in Bilaspur	1995	2010
1. No. of Girl's school	10	15
2. No. of Women Colleges	3	4
3. No. of students in schools	10,000	16,000
4. No. of students in colleges	6000	10,000
5. Literacy rate	30%	55%
6. Distance Education Centres	Nil	03

### SECTION C - LITERATURE

17. Read the text carefully and answer the questions: [5]

“We, who were outlaws not so long ago, have today been given the rare privilege to be host to the nations if the world on our own soil. We thank all of our distinguished international guests for having come to take possession

with the people of our country of what is, after all, a common victory for justice, for peace, for human dignity.”

- (i) Why are the guests at the spectacular ceremony being called distinguished?
- (ii) It is a victory for ‘human dignity’. Pick the option that lists the correct answer for what ‘human dignity’ would include.
- a. (i) equality (ii) liberty (iii) indecency
  - b. (i) liberty (ii) indecency (iii) self-respect
  - c. (i) immorality (ii) self-respect (iii) equality
  - d. (i) equality (ii) liberty (iii) self-respect
- (iii) To be host to the nations of the world on their own soil was a \_\_\_\_\_.
- (iv) How do you think the speaker feels? Choose the option that best fits his state of mind.



- a. (i) emotional (ii) elated (iii) unmindful
  - b. (i) elated (ii) unmindful (iii) overwhelmed
  - c. (i) overwhelmed (ii) elated (iii) honoured
  - d. (i) elated (ii) honoured (iii) unmindful
- (v) Pick the option that showcases the usage of ‘host’ as in the extract.
- a. He was praised for his hospitality as the host of the party.
  - b. She was able to host the event without any hindrance.
  - c. She met the host and apologised for her friend’s misbehaviour.
  - d. He is the best host that one can ever come across.

OR

**Read the text carefully and answer the questions:**

[5]

However, during the third lesson, he’d finally had enough. “Anne Frank, as punishment for talking in class, write an essay entitled - **Quack, Quack, Quack, Said Mistress Chatterbox.**”

The class roared. I had to laugh too, though I’d nearly exhausted my ingenuity on the topic of chatterboxes. It was time to come up with something else, something original. My friend, Sanne, who’s good at poetry, offered to help me write the essay from beginning to end in verse and I jumped for joy. Mr. Keesing was trying to play a joke on me with this ridiculous subject, but I’d make sure the joke was on him.

- (i) Anne's friend helped her to write the essay in:
- a. paragraph
  - b. verse
  - c. dialogues
  - d. other languages
- (ii) Who was trying to play a joke on Anne?
- a. Sanne
  - b. Anne's sister
  - c. Mr. Keesing
  - d. None of these
- (iii) The word \_\_\_\_\_ from the extract means **ability** or **creativity**.

- (iv) Why was Anne punished?
- (v) Why did the whole class roar with laughter?
  - a. Because Anne was making funny faces
  - b. Because Anne had cracked a joke
  - c. Because the topic of the essay given to Anne was funny
  - d. Because Anne was being absurd

18. **Read the text carefully and answer the questions:**

[5]

He should be lurking in the shadow,  
Sliding through long grass  
Near the water hole  
Where plump deer pass.

- (i) Where should he be lurking?
  - a. In the shadow
  - b. In his den
  - c. In a field
  - d. In his cage
- (ii) What should he be sliding through?
  - a. Hills
  - b. Swings
  - c. Trees
  - d. Long grass
- (iii) What would have the tiger done, had the tiger been free?
- (iv) Who would pass through the water hole?
  - a. A cat
  - b. A tiger
  - c. A deer
  - d. A leopard
- (v) State whether the following statement is TRUE or FALSE:  
The poet here says that the actual life of a tiger is to live in jungle where he could catch his prey.

OR

**Read the text carefully and answer the questions:**

[5]

Some say the world will end in fire,  
Some say in ice.  
From what I've tasted of desire  
I hold with those who favor fire.  
But if it had to perish twice,  
I think I know enough of hate  
To say that for destruction ice  
Is also great

- (i) Choose the CORRECT statement about the given poem.
  - a. Fire and ice are images-they help the readers visualise the power of nature over man.

- b. Fire and ice are symbols-not of natural disasters, but of humanity’s ability to create disasters of its own.
- c. Fire and ice are elements-not of Nature but man-made and possess the ability to create havoc for mankind.
- d. Fire and ice are agents-they change the thinking of mankind from negative to positive and bring harmony.

(ii) Select the option that correctly classifies the connotations for fire and ice, as suggested in the poem.

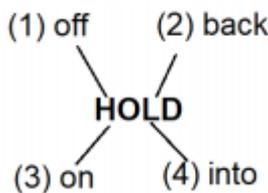
(1) rage (2) violence (3) indifference (4) hate (5) greed

- a. Fire- 3, 4; Ice- 1, 2, 5
- b. Fire- 2, 5; Ice- 1, 3, 4
- c. Fire- 1, 3, 5; Ice- 2, 4
- d. Fire- 1, 2, 4; Ice- 3, 5

(iii) The poem is a powerful \_\_\_\_\_ put across by the poet.

(iv) The poet uses the phrasal verb-hold with.

Choose the option that DOES NOT indicate a valid phrasal verb.



- a. Option (1)
- b. Option (2)
- c. Option (3)
- d. Option (4)

(v) State whether the following statement is TRUE or FALSE:

In the given extract the poet preaches love and kindness to combat the spread of hatred. among all.

19. Answer ANY FOUR of the following in about 40-50 words each.

[12]

- (i) What did Kisa Gotami do after the Buddha had asked her for a handful of mustard seeds?
- (ii) What changes can be seen in the moon during the course of the poem “The Trees”?
- (iii) What was Valli’s reaction after hearing the word ‘child’ for herself? Who called her so?
- (iv) Does the lost ball stand as a metaphor for the boy’s lost childhood? How? Answer in the context of the poem **The Ball Poem**.
- (v) What was the point of controversy between Lomov and Natalya about the Oxen Meadows?

20. Answer ANY TWO of the following in about 40-50 words each.

[6]

- (i) Imagine that one of Mr. Herriot’s partners can understand the language of dogs and listens to Tricky on his last night with them
  - a. What might Tricky share about his experience?
  - b. How would he evaluate it in comparison to his home experience?
- (ii) What did Ausable do when he saw Max with a pistol?
- (iii) Why did Ebright lose interest in tagging butterflies?

21. Answer ANY ONE of the following in about 100-120 words.

[6]

- (i) After having read the lesson on the oppression that communities faced in South Africa, you were deeply hurt. You could also relate to the struggles and hardships of millions of Indians who fought against the oppressive British rule.

Write a diary entry expressing your feelings about oppression faced by people in their homeland. You may begin like this:

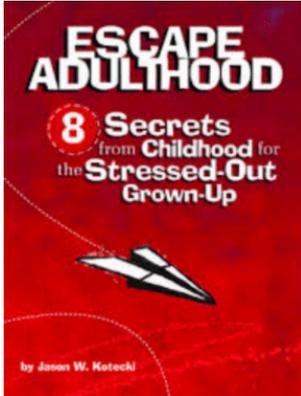
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Monday 9:00 pm My heart is filled with sadness as I think of the oppressed who had to tolerate the inhuman attitude of the oppressors in their own land ...

(ii) Look at the given image of a book cover.

If the author, Jason Kotecki were to ask a grown-up Amanda to help with his book by writing one of the 8 secrets based on her experiences, what might she share?

Elaborate based on your understanding of the poem.



22. Answer ANY ONE of the following in about 100-120 words.

[6]

(i) Bholi was believed to be a **dumb cow**. What turned her into a fearless, bold and confident girl?

(ii) Matilda goes home after meeting Madam Forestier after ten years and shares the fact with M Loisel that the necklace was a false one. Write the 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

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

**Matilda:** ...

**M Loisel:** ...