



Sample Paper 2022-23

SAMPLE PAPER 1

Class 12 - English Core

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, WRITING and LITERATURE.
3. Attempt questions based on specific instructions for each part. Write the correct question number in your answer sheet to indicate the option/s being attempted.

SECTION A – READING SKILLS

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

[10]

1. My father has always been a passionate man. He has always been passionate about the people of the Everest region - so much so that in 1960 he began the first of the many projects aimed at improving their lives. In 1975 he had begun building his second hospital in the Himalayas when tragedy struck our family. My mother and my youngest sister Belinda were flying into the mountains to join him when their small aeroplane crashed soon after take-off from Kathmandu.
2. I was in Assam when I first heard of the accident. I flew straight to Kathmandu and met my father and oldest sister Sarah on a narrow lane on the outskirts of the city. Any hope I had clung to, that my mother and sister were still alive, was extinguished the moment I saw father - bowed and broken. I knew then that Mum and Belinda would never return.
3. It was years before Dad fully came out of this period of darkness. Only by plunging himself into more adventures and ever more projects in Nepal, could he get through it. He has built 42 schools and hospitals there.
4. As I grew up, some of Dad's restlessness rubbed off on me. I know many people think there must be some compulsion for the son of Sir Edmund Hillary to climb mountains.
They assume that there was some imperative etched in stone that says, "Thou shalt climb mountains" - and in particular Everest, whether you like it or not. But for me, it's simpler than that. I think families are like factories: the Hillary family is a limited production mountaineering establishment.
5. Today, at the age of 48, I am an inveterate mountain man. I have been on more than 30 mountaineering expeditions, from the Himalayas to the Antarctic. And yes, I have climbed Everest - twice.
6. I treasure the same things that drew my father to climbing - the tremendous camaraderie involved, the intensity and adrenaline buzz especially in dangerous places where your life depends upon making the right call. I guess that I am luckier than most because I am able to fall back on all that my father has taught me.
 - (i) Complete the sentence by choosing an appropriate option.
The author's father was passionate about the people of the Everest region; so he _____.
 - i. Climbed mountains

- ii. Worked on the improvement of their lives
 - iii. Built schools and hospitals everywhere
 - iv. Invited all the family to stay there
- (ii) Comment on the effect of the plane crash in 1975 on the life Hillary family.
- (iii) List the two ways how author's father came out of the dark phase in his life
(**Clue:** Think about the type his engagements)
- (iv) Select the option that conveys the opposite of 'lethargy', from words used in paragraph six.
- i. treasure
 - ii. camaraderie
 - iii. intensity
 - iv. adrenaline
- (v) How did the author prove to be the true son of his father?
- i. He proved to be an excellent mountaineer
 - ii. He involved himself in social service
 - iii. He scaled the Everest twice
 - iv. All of these
- (vi) Based on your understanding of the last paragraph, list one major advantage that the author had which made him consider himself fortunate.
- (vii) Why did the author take up climbing like his father?
- (viii) Complete the given sentence with an appropriate inference, with respect to the following:
The phrase "Thou shalt climb mountains" means _____.
- (ix) A word similar in meaning to "section" in paragraph two is
- i. narrow
 - ii. outskirts
 - iii. extinguished
 - iv. broken
- (x) Select the most suitable title for the above passage.
- i. Mountaineering and Hillary family
 - ii. Tragedy that Struck the Hillary family
 - iii. Mountaineering - a passion of Hillary family
 - iv. Plane Crash and Mountaineering

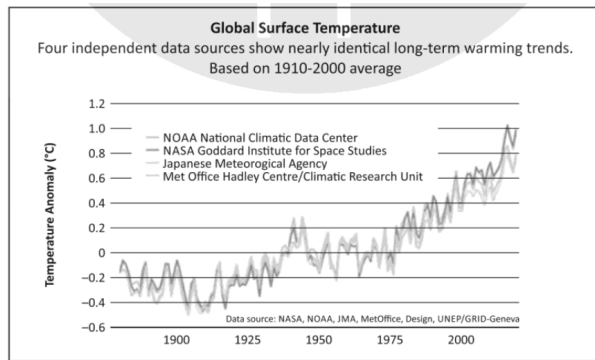
2. **Read the text carefully and answer the questions:**

[10]

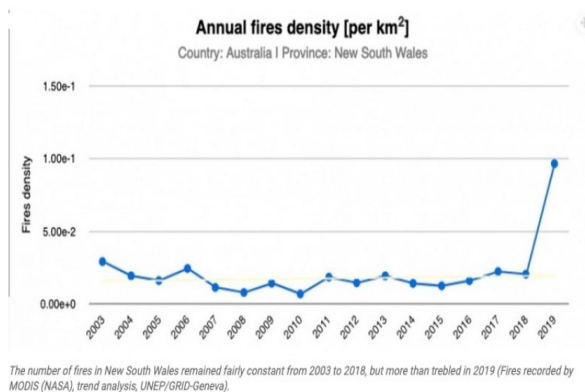
Australia's 2019-2020 Bushfire Season was not Normal

1. Data from satellite sources assembled by the United Nations Environment Programme's (UNEP) World Environment Situation Room confirms that the wildfires in Australia in the last two months of 2019 and the first six weeks of 2020 were far from normal. 2019 was the second hottest year on record since 1880, and Australia recorded its warmest temperatures ever in December 2019.
2. "Rising temperatures continue to melt records. The past decade was the hottest on record. Scientists tell us that ocean temperatures are now rising at the equivalent of five Hiroshima bombs a second. One million species are in near-term danger of extinction. Our planet is burning," says United Nations Secretary-

General António Guterres.



3. “The trend is very clear: 37 of the last 40 years were the warmest recorded since 1880, and the six warmest years recorded were the last six years,” says Pascal Peduzzi, Director of UNEP’s Global Resource Information Database in Geneva. “For those who think Australia is always burning, graphs clearly show that these fires were exceptional.”



4. “This service, accessible via the UNEP’s World Environment Situation Room, is provided for all countries at national and provincial levels. It identifies trends in wildfire activity since 2003, when the data first became available and monitoring began. We have sliced and diced the satellite-based data on wildfires worldwide from 2009 to the present day. We analyse the wildfires’ data by month, type of land cover, protected area, province and nation to produce information products,” Peduzzi adds. (Source: UN Environment)

- (i) Does the following statement agree with the information given in the extract?
When temperatures rise and ice melts, more water flows to the seas from glaciers and ice caps, and ocean water warms and expands in volume.
Select from the following:
True - if the statement agrees with the information
False - if the statement contradicts the information
Not Given - if there is no information on this
- (ii) Do you think that ocean temperatures are currently rising at a rate of five Hiroshima bombs every second?
Support your answer with reference to the text.
- (iii) Select the option that lists the CORRECT statement.
A. Pascal Peduzzi is the Director of UNEP’s Global Renaissance Information Database
B. Pascal Peduzzi is the Director of UNO’s Global Resource Information Database
C. Pascal Peduzzi is the Manager of UNEP’s Global Resource Information Database
D. Pascal Peduzzi is the Director of UNEP’s Global Resource Information Database
- (iv) Complete the sentence based on the following statement.

In December 2019, Australia experienced its warmest temperatures ever.

We can claim that the warmest temperature is because of _____.

- (v) The graph compiled with data from four different sources shows that the global surface temperatures have been ____.
- A. steady
 - B. falling
 - C. rising
 - D. not changed
- (vi) How can you say that the UN is concerned about the rising numbers of coal plants?
- A. UNDP Secretary General António Guterres is calling for curbs on new plants
 - B. UN Secretary General António Guterres is calling for curbs on new plants
 - C. UN Executive Secretary António Guterres is calling for curbs on new plants
 - D. UN Secretary General Antony Guterres is calling for curbs on new plants
- (vii) The passage talks about Australia's 2019-2020 Bushfire Season was not Normal. With respect to the given statement, describe what is highlighted in the first graph.
- (viii) Complete the given sentence by selecting the most appropriate option.
For those who believe that Australia is constantly on fire, the graph makes it abundantly clear that these _____.
- A. fires were normal
 - B. fires were usual
 - C. fires were exceptional
 - D. fires were steady
- (ix) Complete the sentence appropriately with one word.
Since 1880, 37 of the last 40 years have been the _____ on record, and the last six years have been the warmest on record.
- (x) Based on the reading of the text, answer how the analysis of the wildfires' data is done.

SECTION B – CREATIVE WRITING SKILLS

3. On behalf of the Vice-Principal of your school write a notice regarding the implementation of new school uniform in your school. Mention the given guidelines for purchasing new uniform and relaxation given to students of some classes. Write the notice in not more than 50 words. [5]

OR

You are Jay/Jaya, Secretary, Interact Club, Shyamala Memorial Hall, Trichy. Draft a notice in not more than 50 words to be put up on your school notice board, asking all the students to persuade their parents and neighbours to donate blood in the blood donation camp to be organised in your school campus by Lion's Club, as part of your club activity.

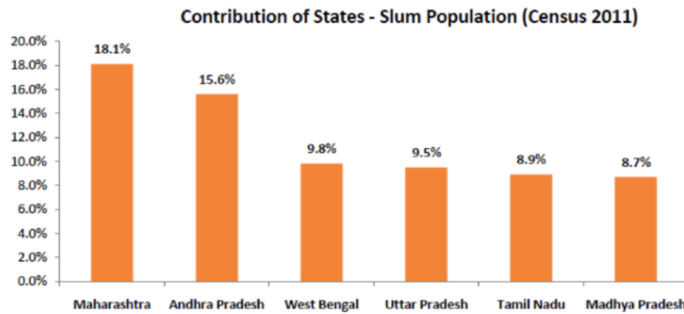
4. You are Sachin Bansal, the Head Boy of Springdales Public School, Gurgaon. Your school is holding an inter-school T-20 cricket championship from 2 Oct. to 8 Oct, 20XX. Write a formal invitation to Sh. B.S. Bedi, the legendary cricketer, to inaugurate the championship on 2 Oct. 2019 at 10 a.m. at your school premises. [5]

OR

On 15th April, your school is going to hold its annual sports day. You want Mr. Dhanraj Pillai, a noted hockey player to give away the prizes to the budding sportspersons of the school. Write a formal invitation in about 50 words requesting him to grace the occasion. You are Karuna/Karan, Sports Secretary, Sunrise Global School, Agra.

5. Lack of job opportunities in the rural areas is forcing people to migrate to cities. Every big city thus has a [5]

number of slums in it. Life in these slums is miserable. Write a letter in 120-150 words to the Editor of a national newspaper on how we can improve the living conditions in these slums. You are Aditi/Aditya, F112, Mall Road, Delhi.



OR

Apollo International School, Karnal requires sports coaches and some other teachers. Each should be a degree holder in physical education as well as an SAI-certified coach in athletics. You have seen their advertisement and you know that you have these qualifications. Write an application in 120-150 words along with your resume. You are Praveen/Praveena, M-114, Najafgarh, Delhi.

**APOLLO INTERNATIONAL SCHOOL
VILLAGE DADUPUR, KARNAL**

Invites application from trained and experienced candidates with bright academic career, proficiency in co-curricular activities, computer literate, comfortable with technology, good communication skills, for the following posts :-

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Eligibility:-

(1). Post Graduate / Graduate, B.Ed. (2). At least two year of experience in their respective subject.

No constraint of salary for desrving candidates. Accommodation available for outstation candidates

6. A spurt of violence previously unknown in Indian schools makes it incumbent on the educationists to introduce value education effectively in schools. Write an article in 150-200 words expressing your views on the need of value education. You are Anu/Arun. [5]

OR

A net indoor gymnasium has recently been constructed and inaugurated at APJ International School at Goa. As special correspondent of 'The Hindu' draft a report in 100-125 words on the gymnasium and the inauguration ceremony.

SECTION C - LITERATURE

7. **Read the text carefully and answer the questions:** [6]

"A thing of beauty is a joy forever
Its loveliness increases, it will never
Pass into nothingness; but will keep
A bower quiet for us, and a sleep
Full of sweet dreams, and health, and quiet breathing."
Therefore, on every morrow, are we wreathing
A flowery band to bind us to the earth

- (i) How does a thing of beauty give us everlasting joy?
- a. It gives sound sleep.

- b. It increase in loveliness.
 - c. It never fades.
 - d. It provides shady place.
- (ii) What is the effect of increase in its loveliness?
- a. It gives a peaceful sleep.
 - b. It provides good health.
 - c. It allows quiet breathing.
 - d. All of these
- (iii) Which one example of the beauty of nature which the poet has given in these lines?
- a. A sound sleep
 - b. Trees and gardens
 - c. A shady place
 - d. Mental peace
- (iv) The expression **pass into nothingness** implies that, beautiful things
- a. never increase
 - b. create unhappiness among friends
 - c. always bring unhappiness
 - d. never fade away
- (v) Answer in one word.
The extract highlights the healing quality of the _____.
- (vi) On the basis of the extract, choose the correct option with reference to the two statements given below.
- (1) We are surrounded by beautiful things.
(2) Beautiful things provide us joy.
- a. (1) can be inferred from the extract but (2) cannot.
 - b. (2) can be inferred from the extract but (1) cannot.
 - c. Both (1) and (2) can be inferred from the extract.
 - d. (2) is the reason for (1) and can be inferred from the extract.

OR

Read the text carefully and answer the questions:

[6]

What I want should not be confused with total inactivity.

Life is what it is about;

I want no truck with death.

- (i) What is it that should not be confused with total inactivity?
- a. Silence
 - b. Lack of desires
 - c. Illness
 - d. Sufferings
- (ii) On the basis of the extract, choose the correct option with reference to (1) and (2) given below.
- (1) The poet wants people to adopt a new approach to life.
(2) Life is all about introspecting deeply.
- a. (1) is true but (2) is false.

- b. (2) is true but (1) is false.
- c. (2) is the reason for (1).
- d. Both (1) and (2) cannot be inferred from the extract.

(iii) Explain **no truck with death**?

- a. Silence is not completely associated with death
- b. No accident with a truck
- c. Death caused by a truck
- d. Death caused due to a silent disease

(iv) What should be the aim of our life?

- a. To walk on a meaningful and purposeful path
- b. To travel
- c. To fight our foes
- d. To reach heights

(v) The name of the poet is:

- a. Pablo Neruda
- b. Kamala Das
- c. Pearl Sydenstricker Buck
- d. None of these

(vi) The poet does not want people to stop their _____, rather he wants them to take some time and analyze the results of their deeds.

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

[4]

With Students on Ice, he offers the future generation of policy-makers a life-changing experience at an age when they're ready to absorb, learn, and most importantly, act.

The reason the program has been so successful is that it's impossible to go anywhere near the South Pole and not be affected by it.

- (i) With context to the given extract, who is "He" referred to?
- (ii) The **future generation of policy-makers** refers to
 - a. high school students
 - b. teenagers
 - c. college students
 - d. environmentalists
- (iii) Complete the sentence appropriately, with reference to the extract.
Going to Antarctica is referred to as _____ experience in the above lines.
- (iv) Choose the ODD one out with reference to the last line of the given extract.
 - a. It here refers to the Student on Ice programme
 - b. It shows the retreating glaciers to the students
 - c. It makes the students realise the prospective threat
 - d. It was successful because of the celebrities

OR

Read the text carefully and answer the questions:

[4]

"I wondered, Your Excellency," Sadao murmured.

"It was certainly very careless of me," the General said. "But you understand it was not lack of patriotism or dereliction of duty." He looked anxiously at his doctor. "If the matter should come out you would understand that, wouldn't you?"

"Certainly, Your Excellency," Sadao said. He suddenly comprehended that the General was in the palm of his hand and that as a consequence he himself was perfectly safe. "I swear to your loyalty, Excellency," he said to the old General, "and to your zeal against the enemy."

- (i) Identify the phrase from the given extract which means **a person's purposeful or accidental failure to perform an obligation without a valid excuse.**
- (ii) At the end of the conversation with the General, Sadao felt
- rejuvenated and guilt-free
 - conceited and egotistic
 - refreshed and self-conscious
 - relieved and guilt-free
- (iii) Read the analysis of the General based on the given extract. Choose the option that fills in the given blanks most appropriately:

The General (i) _____ power but is (ii) _____ of the obligations of his job. He is so (iii) _____ with his health that he forgets to send the assassins to kill the prisoner. Due to his (iv) _____ interests, he doesn't want to expose Sadao and agrees to keep the prisoner's escape a secret.

- fantasizes
 - lonely
 - consumed
 - vested
- relishes
 - weary
 - self-absorbed
 - selfish
- fancies
 - apathetic
 - negligent
 - worthless
- desires
 - concerned
 - indisposed
 - narrow

(iv) What does Sadao swear upon to convince the General?

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

[6]

It takes longer to build a school,' I say, embarrassed at having made a promise that was not meant. But promises like mine abound in every corner of his bleak world.

After months of knowing him. I ask him his name, 'Saheb-e-Alam,' he announces. He does not know what it means. If he knew its meaning - lord of the universe - he would have a hard time believing it. Unaware of what

his name represents, he roams the streets with his friends, an army of barefoot boys who appear like the morning birds and disappear at noon. Over the months, I have come to recognise each of them.

(i) What is the most likely reason for the narrator's embarrassment?

It could be because -

- a. She was not able to build the school in time.
- b. She does not know the name of the boys.
- c. She is guilty of giving a false hope to the boy.
- d. She is not aware of his bleak world.

(ii) Rewrite the sentence by replacing the underlined phrase with its inference.

He was oblivious to the literal meaning of his name.

(iii) On the basis of the extract, choose the correct option with reference to the two statements given below.

(1) The boy's name was ironical.

(2) The boy had a hard time believing it.

- a. (1) Can be inferred from the extract but (2) cannot.
- b. (1) cannot be inferred from the extract but (2) can.
- c. (1) is true but (2) is false.
- d. (2) is the reason for (1).

(iv) Select the option that describes the literary device used in the expression '**an army of barefoot boys who appear like morning birds**'.

- a. Metaphor
- b. Simile
- c. Hyperbole
- d. Alliteration

(v) Rationalise, to support the given opinion:

The boy had many hollow promises in his bleak world.

(vi) Replace the underlined word with its antonym from the extract.

The narrator forgot each of their faces.

OR

Read the text carefully and answer the questions:

[6]

"She thinks money grows on trees, don't she, Dad?" said little Derek, hanging on the back of his father's chair. Their mother sighed. Sophie watched her back stooped over the sink and wondered at the incongruity of the delicate bow which fastened her apron strings. The delicate-seeming bow and the crooked back. The evening had already blacked in the windows and the small room was steamy from the stove and cluttered with the heavy-breathing man in his vest at the table and the dirty washing piled up in the corner. Sophie felt a tightening in her throat. She went to look for her brother Geoff.

(i) Choose the correct option about Sophie's parents based on the extract given above.

- a. Sophie's parent's marriage was an example of harmony and affection.
- b. Sophie's relationship with her parents was warm and friendly.
- c. Sophie's mother was subdued while her father was detached.
- d. Sophie and her brother didn't like to stay with their parents.

(ii) Identify the textual clue that allows the reader to infer that Derek thought of his sister as someone who was not realistic. (Clue: a dialogue)

- (iii) It could be inferred that Sophie's mother was fatigued and burdened. Choose the option listing the elements that form the basis of this inference.
1. her sigh
 2. her delicate bow
 3. her apron's strings
 4. her crooked back
- a. 1, 2
 - b. 3, 4
 - c. 2, 3
 - d. 1, 4
- (iv) Sophie felt uncomfortable so she went up to her brother Geoff. Which phrase indicates Sophie's feelings?
- (v) On the basis of the extract, choose the correct option with reference to the two statements given below.
- (1) Sophie belonged to a lower middle class family.
 - (2) The financial condition of the family was very good.
- a. (1) Can be inferred from the extract but (2) cannot.
 - b. (1) cannot be inferred from the extract but (2) can.
 - c. (1) is true but (2) is false.
 - d. (2) is the reason for (1).
- (vi) Rewrite the sentence by replacing the underlined phrase with an appropriate word from the given extract.
Sophie's mother was busy with her work and breathes out, maybe due to her daughter's fantasies.

10. Answer any five of the following questions in 40-50 words each: [10]
- (i) What conclusion did the ironmaster reach when he heard that the crofter had been robbed by the peddler?
 - (ii) How did Kamala Das's mother look during the drive to Cochin?
 - (iii) What is city money? How is city money expected to help the poor people? (**A Roadside Stand**)
 - (iv) How did his experience at the YMCA swimming pool affect Douglas?
 - (v) Why was Subbu considered number two at Gemini Studios? (**Poets and Pancakes**)
 - (vi) Why did Umberto Eco prefer himself to be called an academician than a novelist? (**The Interview**)
11. Answer any two of the following questions in 40-50 words each: [4]
- (i) How did Dr. Sadao plan the American prisoner's escape?
 - (ii) When did the **Tiger King** decide to get married?
 - (iii) What was the attitude of the mother towards Derry?
12. Give an account of the efforts put in by Gandhiji to secure justice for the poor indigo sharecroppers of Champaran? [5]

OR

What is the message of the poem, 'A thing of beauty'? (A Thing of Beauty)

13. Describe how Zitkala-Sa tried in vain to save her hair from being cut. Why did she want to save her hair? [5]

OR

Bring out the contrast between the world the Charley lived in and the one that he strayed into.

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