

RASHTRIYA MILITARY SCHOOL , BENGALURU
PRACTISE PAPER ENGLISH - 2
CLASS X

Duration: 3Hrs

Max Marks:80

General Instructions:

1. 15 minutes prior reading time to be allotted for question 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: READING SKILLS 20 Marks

Read the passage given below.

(1 x 10 = 10)

(1) Listening is the ability to accurately receive and interpret message in the communication process. One of the greatest gifts any of us can ever receive is the gift of listening. It is also one of the greatest gifts we can ever give. Unfortunately, it appears to be a lost art. We live in a world where everyone is talking but few are listening. What often passes for listening is simply one person pausing to collect their thoughts for their next soliloquy.

(2) Hearing refers to the sounds that you hear, whereas listening requires more than that it requires focus. Listening means paying attention not only to the story, but how it is told, the use of language and voice, and how the other person uses his or her body. In other words, it means being aware of both verbal and non-verbal messages. Your ability to listen effectively depends on the degree to which you perceive and understand these messages.

(3) Listening is a difficult task. Like every skill the more you do it, the better you get up. Listening can be developed through practice, or lost if not used regularly. Good listeners focus on what they are hearing. They pause to think about what they've heard before responding. They ask questions because they want to know the answers. Not just to keep the conversation going.

(4) So often, we are distracted with other things. We try to listen while continuing to work on the computer or watch television. To be fully present means we eliminate these distractions and focus exclusively on the other person. It takes great effort to be fully in the moment, leaning forward, eyes and heart open. Words are only the part of communication.

Sometimes we need to experience the other person's feelings to really understand. We need to listen with our heart as well as our mind. We must repeat back what the other person has said. When we do this-and do it accurately-we communicate that we understand. It also gives us an opportunity to re-calibrate our understanding if we have misunderstood something. Plenty of people are good talkers, few are good listeners. If you develop the latter skill, you will find yourself invited into amazing conversations that wouldn't otherwise happen.

Based on your understanding of the passage, answer the given questions:

(A) According to the passage, listening appears to be a lost art because we live in a world where [1]

(B) Choose the options with the sentences that are NOT TRUE according to the passage. [1]

- (I) Words are only the part of communication.
 - (II) Lots of people are good listeners.
 - (III) Listening refers to the voice that you hear.
 - (IV) Good listeners focus on what they hear.
 - (V) Listening is a tough task.
 - (VI) Hearing requires no focus.
- (a) II, III, VI
 - (b) III, V, VI
 - (c) I, III, IV
 - (d) I, IV, VI

(C) Fill in the blank with the correct option. [1]
..... focus on what they are hearing.

- (a) good listeners
- (b) good orators
- (c) good understanding
- (d) good speakers

(D) Select the option that best captures the central idea of the passage from the following. [1]

- (a) Do more listening than talking
- (b) Never stop listening
- (c) Learn by talking
- (d) Listening is talking

(E) We need to experience the other person's feelings: [1]

- (a) to really understand
- (b) to be the part of the communication
- (c) to recalibrate our understanding
- (d) to keep the conversation going

(F) On what does our ability to listen effectively depend on? [1]

- (a) how the other person uses his or her body
- (b) use of language and voice
- (c) both (a) and (b)
- (d) degree to which we perceive and understand the messages

(G) We need to with our heart as well as our mind. [1]

(H) 'hearing' is different from 'listening' as: [1]

- (a) Hearing eliminates distraction; Listening gives us an opportunity to re-calibrate our understanding
- (b) Hearing is the ability to receive message; Listening is the ability to interpret message
- (c) Hearing refers to the sounds that you hear; Listening means paying attention not only to the story, but how is it told
- (d) Option (a), (b) and (c)

(I) Listening refers to observing the sounds you hear. True/False [1]

(J) Complete the given analogy correctly with a word from the passage. [1]

Accurately: perfectly ::: unfocussed

2. Read the passage given below.

(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 plastics in the world's oceans.

(3) It was estimated in 2010 that millions of tons of plastic were washed into the water and has since shown up in the stomachs of whales, plankton and other marine life. Richard Thompson, professor of marine biology said that in laboratory experiments there is proof that micro plastic can cause harm to organisms.

(4) More than a quarter of all fish now contain plastic, according to a recent study which analysed the guts of fish sold in California. Scientists fear that chemicals in plastic and also chemicals which attach themselves to plastic in natural environment could lead to poisoning and many disorders in marine life if consumed in huge quantities.

(5) Even humans 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 fall in Ocean's Conservancy's Annual International Coastal Clean-up. 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 particle 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, if possible.

Based on your understanding of the passage, answer the given questions:

(A) Select the option that is true for the two statements given below. [1]

(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 false

(d) (1) contradicts (2)

(B) According to the passage, Richard Thompson is a[1]

(C) provides the only snapshot of marine debris littering coasts and waterways. [1]

(D) Through what does the cigarette butts and party balloons worn down into smaller particles? [1]

(E) It's clear that more than a quarter of all fish contained plastics in them by: [1]

(a) the stark warning issued by the UN in a report on the most dangerous environmental problems facing the world today.

(b) collecting trash and tallying up what they find each day

(c) laboratory experiments performed by Richard Thompson a profession marine biology.

(d) analysing the fish sold in California

(F) Choose the correct set of statement which is NOT TRUE. [1]

(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.

(a) (II), (V)

(b) (I), (V)

(c) (I), (II)

(d) (III), (IV)

(G) What amount of paper bags in the index are diffused into the oceans? [1]

(H) Fill in the blank with the correct option. [1]

There are beverage cans found in the index.

(a) 337,865

(b) 339,875

(c) 339,445

(d) 333,347

(I) Richard Thompson has recommended to use product that has no micro-beads of plastic into them. True/False. [1]

(J) How can the technology developed by Beyonce Slat help to curb the plastic issue? [1]

SECTION B- GRAMMAR

3. Attempt **ANY TEN** of the following questions. 10

- i. Fill in the blank by choosing the correct option to complete an online update.

The mystery of why, home____biggest tech COs, can't solve visa backlog.

- (a) for world's (b) to world's
(c) of world's (d) on world's

- ii. Read the conversation and complete the passage given below :Gardener : Did you water the plant today?

Dev : No, but I will today.

Gardener : Then tomorrow I will get a sapling of sunflower.

The gardener asked Dev whether he had watered the plant that day. Dev replied negatively but further informed that_____.

- iii. Select the correct option to fill in the blank for the given line, from an International front.

UN World Population Prospects 2022 predict that on November 15, global population will cross 8billion, and during 2023, India will take over China's.

- (a) is predicting (b) had predicted
(c) predicts (d) has predicted

- iv. Select the option that identifies the error and supplies the correction for the following line, from an article:

Environment pollution has posed a serious threat not only on man but also among all living beings.

Option No.	Error	Correction
(a)	has	had
(b)	threat	threatened
(c)	on	in
(d)	among	amongst

- v. Complete the given narrative, by filling in the blank with the correct option:
A. J. Cronin was a Scottish novelist and physician whose---
---combining realism with social criticism won a large Anglo-American readership.
(a) was working (b) will be working
(c) works (d) has been working
- vi. Fill in the blank by using the correct form of the word in the bracket, for the given portion of a letter: Subject: Bullying of a Class X student
Respected Sir/Madam,
With due respect, I bring to your notice that my brother, Ashutosh Roy, of Class X D----- (stay) in dormitory No. 20 for last 6 months.
- vii. Report dialogue, by completing the sentence:
Reena : Do you know how to swim?
Surbhi : Yes, I know. I have learnt it during this summer vacation.
Reena asked Surbhi whether she knew how to swim. To this, Surbhi replied.....
- viii. Identify the error in the given sentence, from a magazine report and supply the correction.
Of all the honours bestowed in Indian Cinema, Dada Sahib Phalke award is a jewel in the crown. Use the given format for your response.

Error	Correction

- ix. Place the correct form of the word in the blank:

A metaphor is a figure of speech that, for___(rhetoric) effect, directly refers to one thing by mentioning another.

- x. Fill in the blank by choosing the correct option, to complete the slogan by the Ministry of Forest.

_____ effort towards saving the environment is better than no effort.

- (a) A little (b) The little
(c) Little (d) None of these

- xi. Select the correct option to complete the narration of the dialogue between Umar and his friend, Lalit. Umar :
Where have you been all these days, Lalit?

Lalit : I was a little occupied with my board's preparation. Umar asked Lalit where he had been all those days. In response to the question, he replied.....

- (b) he has been a little occupied with his board's preparation.
(c) that he had been a little occupied with his board's preparation.
(d) if he has been a little occupied with his board's preparation.
(e) that he has been a little occupied with his board's preparation.

- xii. Identify the error on a newspaper headline and supply the correction. In 5 years, the web of ropeways could help end Shimla city's traffic woes. Use the given format for your response.

Error	Correction

SECTION B- CREATIVE WRITING SKILLS 10

4. All the names and addresses used in the questions are fictitious. Resemblance, if any, is purely coincidental.

Attempt **ANY ONE** from A and B given below. **5**

- A. Your school had organized an educational trip to Fatehpur Sikri and Agra. You notice the dilapidated condition of some of the monuments. Write a letter to the Municipal Chairman of Agra mentioning the condition and requesting him to take urgent steps for the prevention of this valuable heritage. You are Anuj/Anju, 40 Civil Lines, New Town. (100-120 words)

OR

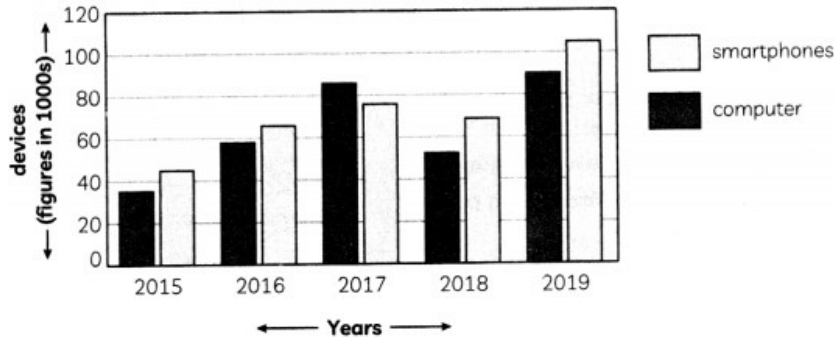
- B. You are Anshul/ Anshika, a student of Grade X and a resident of 36 D Ring Road, ITO, New Delhi, wants to be a choreographer. Recently you came across an advertisement by Set Fire Dance Academy, MG Road, New Delhi, which offers various forms of dancing. Write an enquiry letter seeking information about the course and its package. (100-120 words)

5. . Given below is a tabular statistic showing the quality of life in five countries, assessed under specific parameters. Write an analytical paragraph on the given information by selecting and reporting the main features, and make comparisons where relevant. Write in 100-120 words.

Country	GNP per head (1982 : US dollars)	Daily calorie supply per head	Life expectancy at birth (years)	Infant mortality (per1000 live births)
Bangladesh	140	1877	40	132
Bolivia	570	2086	50	124
Egypt	690	2950	56	97
Indonesia	580	2296	49	87
USA	13160	3653	74	12

OR

The chart below displays data about the number of digital devices purchased in Rishunagar across the years 2015-2019. Write a paragraph analyzing the given data. Digital devices purchased across years in Rishunagar.



Section – C Literature (40 Marks)

6. Attempt ANY ONE of the two extracts (1 x 5 = 5)

Tenth May dawned bright and clear. For the past few days, I had been pleasantly besieged by dignitaries and world leaders who were coming to pay their respects before the inauguration. The inauguration would be the largest gathering ever of international leaders on South African soil. The ceremonies would take place in the lovely sandstone amphitheatre formed by the Union Buildings in Pretoria.

For decades this had been the seat of white supremacy, and now, it was the site of a rainbow gathering of different colours and nations for the installation of South Africa's first democratic, non-racial government.

(A) Identify the emotion of the people of South Africa. [1]

(B) Choose the option that lists the set of statements that are NOT TRUE according to the given extract: [1]

- (1) The ceremony took place in grand amphitheatre.
- (2) The inauguration was experienced as the largest gathering.
- (3) It was the time for the formation of non-racial government

- (4) The incident was noticed on Tenth June.
- (5) The white men ruled Africa decades back.
- (6) It was the installation ceremony.
- (7) It was South Africa's republican day.
- (a) (4) and (5)
- (b) (1) and (2)
- (c) (5) and (6)
- (d) (3) and (4)

(C) Pick the option that correctly classifies fact/s (F) and opinion/s (O) of the statement below: [1]

- (1) I think it is the installation ceremony of the first non-racial government of South Africa.
- (2) It is a moment of pride for all the South Africans.
- (3) This moment in South Africa came after great bloodshed.
- (4) South Africa would now be called as a republic and secular country.
- (a) F- (2), (3), (4) and O – (1)
- (b) F- (3), (2) and O – (4), (1)
- (c) F- (2), (4) and O – (3), (1)
- (d) F- (1), (2) and O – (3), (4)

(D) Which word does 'lovely' NOT correspond to? [1]

- (a) happy
- (b) beautiful
- (c) charismatic
- (d) ugly

(E) Which word in the extract means the same as 'placement of a person in office with ceremony'?

OR

Coorgi homes have a tradition of hospitality, and they are more than willing to recount numerous tales of valour related to their sons and fathers. The Coorg Regiment is one of the most decorated in the Indian Army, and the first Chief of the Indian Army, General Cariappa, was a Coorgi. Even now, Kodavus are the only people in India permitted to carry firearms without a licence. The river, Kaveri, obtains its water from the hills and forests of Coorg. Mahaseer – a large freshwater fish – abound in these waters. Kingfishers dive for

their catch, while squirrels and langurs drop partially eaten fruit for the mischief of enjoying the splash and the ripple effect in the clear water. Elephants enjoy being bathed and scrubbed in the river by their mahouts.

(A) How is the environment of Coorgi?

- (a) mechanically beautiful
- (b) traditional and serene
- (c) beautiful but dangerous
- (d) polluted [1]

(B) Choose the option that lists the set of statements that are not true according to the given extract.

- (1) Coorgi follows a tradition of hospitality.
- (2) Coorg regiment is one of the most famous in the Indian Army.
- (3) The river Kaveri takes the water from the hills and forests of Coorg.
- (4) Animals enjoy the flora and fauna of Coorg.
- (5) Elephants hate being scrubbed by mahouts.
- (6) Kodavas carry firearms without a license.
- (7) Coorg is a destructive place.

(a) (1) and (2)

(b) (3) and (4)

(c) (5) and (7) (d) (6) and (5)

[1]

(C) Choose the option that correctly classifies fact/s

(F) & opinions/s (O) of the statements below:

(1) Coorgi is the pride of Indian Army.

(2) Animals can survive were in the freshwater of Coorgi.

(3) Coorgi should be visited with great safety.

(4) Coorgi and its people are highly

hospitable. (a) F – (1), (3), (4) and O – (2)

(b) F – (1), (2), (4) and O – (3)

(c) F – (1), (2), (3) and O – (4)

(d) F – (2), (3), (4), and O – (1)

[1]

(D) Which word does 'mischief' NOT correspond to?

- (a) funny
- (b) bad behaviour
- (c) calmness
- (d) naughtiness [1]

(E) What special privilege has been accorded to the people of Coorg? [1]

7. Attempt any one of the two extracts:

5 Marks

*Some say the world will end in fire
some say in ice.*

*From what I've tasted of desire
I hold with those who favour fire.*

(A) In the given line, "I hold with those who favour fire". The synonym for the word 'favour' is: [1]

- (a) rejects
- (b) service
- (c) aligns
- (d) end

(B) What is the rhyme scheme for the given stanza? [1]

(C) What is the similarity between fire and ice? [1]
They both

(D) What does the stanza NOT LIKELY to represent? [1]

- (a) human emotion
- (b) desire
- (c) jealousy
- (d) happiness

(E) What do fire and ice represent? [1]

OR

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

- (A) What is the creature doing inside the cage? [1]
- (B) What is the statement 'his strength behind bars' mean ?
- (a) The tiger is strong behind the bars.
 - (b) The tiger is behind the bars.
 - (c) The tiger is helpless behind bars.
 - (d) The tiger is helpless in a cage. [1]
- (C) The word "strength" DOES NOT have a meaningsimilar to:
- (a) power
 - (b) happiness

- (c) determination
- (d) courage [1]
- (D) "Ignoring visitors", what does the poet mean by this?[1]
- (E) The word that DOES NOT indicate a stalking attitude of the tiger towards the indicators is:
 - (a) helplessness of tiger
 - (b) deprivedness of tiger
 - (c) happiness of tiger
 - (d) desperation of the tiger for freedom

[1]

8. Answer ANY FOUR questions in 40-50 words each. (4 x 3 = 12)

- (A) What happened when the young seagull dived at the fish picked up by his mother?
- (B) Why does Amanda want to be Rapunzel?
- (C) How did the bakers dress during the narrator's childhood days?
- (D) Anne's creativity saved her from punishment. Explain
- (E) What life changing decision has the poet Walt Whitman taken? Why?

9. Answer ANY TWO questions in 40-50 words each. (2 x 3 = 6)

- (A) How can you say that Hari was happy working for Anil?
- (B) How does dowry negate a girl's dignity? Write your answer with reference to Bholi.
- (C) What was the impact of Ebright's study of monarch pupas?

10. Read the extracts given below and comment on the similarity of protagonists' experiences as given in the text.

(A) "God: Of the money that I asked for, only seventy pesos reached me. Send me the rest, since I need it very much. But don't send it to me through the mail because the post office employees are a bunch of crooks. Lencho."

(B) "Another aeroplane? Up there in this storm? No other aeroplanes were flying tonight. Yours was the only one I could see on the radar." [6]

OR

Read the extracts given below and comment on the similarity of tone in both the extracts. Also, analyse the situations in the context.

(A) CHUBOKOV: To court? You can take it to court, and all that! You can! I know you; you're just on the look-out for a chance to go to court, and all that. You pettifogger! All your people were like that! All of them!

(B) "God! Of the money that I asked for, only seventy pesos reached me. Send me the rest, since I need it very much. But don't send it to me through the mail because the post office employees are a bunch of crooks. Lencho"

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

(6)

"How would it have been if she had not lost the necklace? Who knows? How singular is life, and how full of changes! How small a thing will ruin or save one!"

If you were placed in a situation like that of Matilda, what would you have done? Write your views in context with the lesson, 'The Necklace'. Would you have displayed the trait of vanity similar to hers?

OR

"The ones who create chaos in society, dismantle the notion of quietude for their own vested interest, are indeed termed as lawless." Analyse the character of Griffin in the light of the statement given above.