

CBSE CLASS 12 – ENGLISH

MODEL QUESTION PAPER (SET–9)

Time: 3 Hours

Maximum Marks: 80

General Instructions:

1. The Question Paper contains THREE sections – A, B and C.
 2. Attempt all questions.
 3. Internal choices are provided in some questions.
 4. 20% MCQs (including Assertion–Reason), 30% Competency-Based, 50% Descriptive.
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SECTION A – READING SKILLS (22 Marks)

Q1. Read the passage carefully and answer the questions. (12 Marks)

Leadership in the modern era is no longer defined by authority alone but by empathy, collaboration and ethical responsibility. Successful leaders inspire trust and motivate teams to achieve collective goals. In times of crisis, transparent communication becomes essential to maintain stability.

Research shows that emotionally intelligent leaders create inclusive environments where innovation flourishes. However, leadership also demands accountability and the ability to make difficult decisions. The balance between compassion and firmness defines effective leadership.

(A) MCQs (1×4 = 4 Marks)

1. Modern leadership emphasizes:
 - (a) Authority only
 - (b) Empathy and collaboration
 - (c) Isolation
 - (d) Fear

2. During crisis, leaders must ensure:
 - (a) Silence
 - (b) Transparent communication
 - (c) Delay
 - (d) Avoidance
 3. Emotional intelligence promotes:
 - (a) Conflict
 - (b) Innovation
 - (c) Fear
 - (d) Isolation
 4. The tone of the passage is:
 - (a) Analytical
 - (b) Comic
 - (c) Angry
 - (d) Casual
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(B) Assertion–Reason (1×2 = 2 Marks)

Choose the correct option:

- (a) Both A and R are true and R is the correct explanation of A.
 - (b) Both A and R are true but R is not the correct explanation of A.
 - (c) A is true but R is false.
 - (d) A is false but R is true.
5. Assertion (A): Empathy is important for leadership.
Reason (R): It helps in building trust among team members.
 6. Assertion (A): Leadership requires avoiding difficult decisions.
Reason (R): Accountability is an essential leadership quality.
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(C) Short Questions (2×3 = 6 Marks)

7. Why is emotional intelligence crucial for leaders?
 8. How does transparency help during crises?
 9. Mention two qualities of effective leadership.
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Q2. Case-Based Passage (10 Marks)

A national survey on education reform suggests that blended learning—combining online and offline modes—improves student performance. While online platforms offer flexibility and accessibility, classroom interactions strengthen conceptual clarity and social skills. Experts believe that hybrid models are the future of education.

(A) MCQs (1×4 = 4 Marks)

1. Blended learning combines:
 - (a) Exams and sports
 - (b) Online and offline modes
 - (c) Only digital teaching
 - (d) Only classroom teaching

 2. Online platforms provide:
 - (a) Flexibility
 - (b) Confusion
 - (c) Isolation
 - (d) Fear

 3. Classroom interaction improves:
 - (a) Social skills
 - (b) Laziness
 - (c) Disinterest
 - (d) Avoidance

 4. Experts consider hybrid models as:
 - (a) Outdated
 - (b) Risky
 - (c) Future of education
 - (d) Temporary
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(B) Analytical Questions (2×3 = 6 Marks)

5. Why is blended learning more effective than a single mode of teaching?
 6. How does classroom learning enhance conceptual clarity?
 7. Suggest two improvements for effective hybrid education.
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SECTION B – WRITING SKILLS (18 Marks)

Q3. Notice Writing (4 Marks)

You are the School Head Boy/Head Girl. Draft a notice informing students about an Inter-School Leadership Workshop.

Q4. Letter to the Editor (6 Marks)

You are Satyendra Pratap Singh of Class XII-I. Write a letter to the Editor discussing the importance of value-based education in schools.

Q5. Article Writing (8 Marks)

Write an article in 120–150 words on:

“Empathetic Leadership in the 21st Century”

SECTION C – LITERATURE (40 Marks)

(From the prescribed textbook **Flamingo**)

Q6. Extract-Based Questions (10 Marks)

(A) From *Indigo*

“The Champaran episode was a turning point in Gandhi’s life.”

1. The episode refers to:
 - (a) Education reform
 - (b) Indigo cultivation issue
 - (c) War
 - (d) Business

2. It became a turning point because it:
 - (a) Failed completely
 - (b) Strengthened Gandhi’s leadership
 - (c) Ended politics
 - (d) Reduced awareness

3. The theme highlighted is:
 - (a) Social justice
 - (b) Comedy

- (c) Adventure
 - (d) Romance
4. The tone of the chapter is:
- (a) Critical and respectful
 - (b) Humorous
 - (c) Casual
 - (d) Angry
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(B) Assertion–Reason (1×2 = 2 Marks)

5. Assertion (A): Saheb lost his freedom after getting a job at the tea stall.
Reason (R): He gained financial independence and happiness.
6. Assertion (A): Aunt Jennifer’s tigers symbolize courage.
Reason (R): Aunt Jennifer herself is fearless and confident.
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(C) Short Questions (2×3 = 6 Marks)

7. How did Franz’s attitude change in *The Last Lesson*?
8. What message does *Deep Water* convey about fear?
9. How does *The Rattrap* highlight human compassion?
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Q7. Long Questions (5×2 = 10 Marks)

10. Discuss the theme of social injustice in *Lost Spring*.
11. Analyze the emotional conflict in *My Mother at Sixty-Six*.
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Q8. Long Questions (8 Marks)

12. Compare the leadership qualities in *Indigo* and *The Last Lesson*.
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Q9. Long Questions (12 Marks)

13. “Literature teaches moral courage and resilience.”
Discuss with reference to any two chapters from **Flamingo**.
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