

CBSE – Class X
English Language & Literature
MODEL QUESTION PAPER – (SET-10)

Time: 3 Hours

Maximum Marks: 80

General Instructions

1. The question paper consists of **Section A, B, C and D.**
 2. All questions are compulsory.
 3. Attempt questions in sequence.
 4. Use correct grammar, spelling and vocabulary.
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SECTION A – READING SKILLS (20 MARKS)

Q1. Read the passage given below carefully:

(10 Marks)

Resilience is the ability to recover quickly from difficulties and keep moving forward. Life is full of unexpected challenges, failures and setbacks. Students who are resilient do not allow problems to weaken their confidence. Instead, they learn from their experiences and adapt to change. Resilience helps individuals manage stress, remain hopeful and maintain a positive attitude even in adverse situations. In the long run, resilience plays a key role in achieving success and emotional well-being.

MCQs based on the passage:

1. What is resilience?
 - a) Avoiding problems

- b) Recovering quickly from difficulties
 - c) Ignoring failures
 - d) Being emotionally weak
2. How do resilient students react to problems?
- a) They lose confidence
 - b) They give up easily
 - c) They learn and adapt
 - d) They blame others
3. Which quality does resilience help maintain?
- a) Laziness
 - b) Stress
 - c) Positive attitude
 - d) Fear
4. Resilience is important mainly for—
- a) Entertainment
 - b) Emotional well-being and success
 - c) Physical strength
 - d) Competition
5. Find a word from the passage meaning “**difficult or unfavourable**”.
- a) Unexpected
 - b) Adverse
 - c) Positive
 - d) Emotional

Q2. Read the passage given below carefully:

(10 Marks)

Community service helps individuals develop a sense of social responsibility. Activities such as cleaning public spaces, helping the elderly and teaching underprivileged children strengthen community bonds. Students who participate in community service gain empathy, leadership skills and awareness of social issues. Though such work may not offer monetary rewards, the satisfaction of helping others is invaluable. A

society grows stronger when its members actively contribute to its well-being.

MCQs based on the passage:

6. Community service mainly develops—
 - a) Competition
 - b) Social responsibility
 - c) Wealth
 - d) Popularity

7. Which activity is an example of community service?
 - a) Online gaming
 - b) Teaching underprivileged children
 - c) Shopping
 - d) Travelling

8. What do students gain from community service?
 - a) Money
 - b) Fame
 - c) Empathy and leadership skills
 - d) Punishment

9. Why is community service valuable despite no monetary reward?
 - a) It gives certificates
 - b) It builds confidence only
 - c) It gives satisfaction of helping others
 - d) It saves time

10. The passage mainly focuses on—
 - a) Student life
 - b) Importance of community service
 - c) Social media
 - d) Career growth

SECTION B – WRITING SKILLS (20 MARKS)

Q3. Write a formal letter to the Editor of a newspaper highlighting the need for community participation in keeping the city clean.

(10 Marks)

Q4. Write an article on “Importance of Resilience in Student Life” in about 120–150 words.

(10 Marks)

SECTION C – GRAMMAR (20 MARKS)

Q5. Choose the correct option to fill in the blanks:

(5 × 1 = 5 Marks)

11. She ___ facing challenges with confidence since childhood.
- a) has been
 - b) have been
 - c) is
 - d) was
12. Students ___ take responsibility for their actions.
- a) may
 - b) must
 - c) could
 - d) might
13. He is proud ___ his contribution to society.
- a) of
 - b) in
 - c) on
 - d) with
14. If we work together, we ___ solve many problems.
- a) would
 - b) will

- c) might
 - d) could
15. This solution is ___ than the earlier one.
- a) practical
 - b) more practical
 - c) most practical
 - d) very practical
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Q6. Identify and correct the errors:

(5 × 1 = 5 Marks)

- 16. She do not handle pressure well.
 - 17. He has took the responsibility seriously.
 - 18. We was discussing social issues.
 - 19. She is more confident than her classmates. *(incorrect form)*
 - 20. They did not contributed to the project.
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Q7. Choose the correct option for reported speech:

(5 × 1 = 5 Marks)

- 21. He said, "I am helping the community."
 - a) He said that he was helping the community.
 - b) He said he is helping the community.
 - c) He told that he was helping.
 - d) He says he was helping.

 - 22. She said, "I have learnt an important lesson."
 - a) She said she has learnt an important lesson.
 - b) She said she had learnt an important lesson.
 - c) She told she had learnt an important lesson.
 - d) She says she had learnt an important lesson.
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Q8. Rearrange the words to form meaningful sentences:

(5 × 1 = 5 Marks)

23. resilience / builds / strength
 24. community / service / benefits / society
 25. students / challenges / face / daily
 26. cooperation / success / ensures
 27. learning / continuous / is
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SECTION D – LITERATURE (20 MARKS)

Q9. Answer ANY TWO of the following questions in 40–50 words:

(2 × 5 = 10 Marks)

28. How did the dust of snow bring a positive change in the poet's attitude?
 29. What inner strength helped Lencho continue trusting God?
 30. How did Anne Frank's diary help her become emotionally stronger?
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Q10. Answer ANY ONE of the following questions in about 100–120 words:

(10 Marks)

31. Explain how resilience and faith help people overcome difficulties in "A Letter to God".
- OR**
32. How does the poem "Fire and Ice" present human emotions as powerful and dangerous forces?
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