

**CBSE – Class X**  
**English Language & Literature**  
**MODEL QUESTION PAPER – (SET-4)**

**Time:** 3 Hours

**Maximum Marks:** 80

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**General Instructions**

1. The question paper consists of **Section A, B, C and D.**
  2. All questions are compulsory.
  3. Read the questions carefully before answering.
  4. Use appropriate grammar, spelling and vocabulary.
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**SECTION A – READING SKILLS (20 MARKS)**

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**Q1. Read the passage given below carefully:**

*(10 Marks)*

Honesty is one of the most valuable qualities a person can possess. An honest person gains the trust and respect of others. Though honesty may sometimes lead to temporary difficulties, it always brings long-term benefits. People who follow the path of honesty develop strong character and inner peace. In contrast, dishonesty may give short-term gains but often results in regret and loss of reputation. Therefore, honesty should be practised in every aspect of life.

**MCQs based on the passage:**

1. What does an honest person gain?
  - a) Wealth

- b) Power
  - c) Trust and respect
  - d) Fame
2. What kind of benefits does honesty bring?
- a) Temporary benefits
  - b) Long-term benefits
  - c) No benefits
  - d) Financial benefits only
3. What does dishonesty usually result in?
- a) Inner peace
  - b) Strong character
  - c) Regret and loss of reputation
  - d) Success
4. Which quality is developed by honesty?
- a) Fear
  - b) Inner peace
  - c) Greed
  - d) Laziness
5. Find a word from the passage meaning “**valuable**”.
- a) Temporary
  - b) Strong
  - c) Valuable
  - d) Respect

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**Q2. Read the passage given below carefully:**

*(10 Marks)*

Road safety is a major concern in today’s fast-paced world. Increasing numbers of vehicles and careless driving have led to a rise in road accidents. Wearing seat belts, following traffic rules and avoiding mobile phone use while driving can significantly reduce accidents. Road safety awareness should be taught from an early age so that people develop

responsible behaviour on roads. A small mistake on the road can cost a life.

**MCQs based on the passage:**

6. What is the major cause of road accidents?
  - a) Poor roads
  - b) Careless driving
  - c) Weather conditions
  - d) Old vehicles
  
7. Which action can reduce accidents?
  - a) Speeding
  - b) Ignoring rules
  - c) Following traffic rules
  - d) Using mobile phones
  
8. When should road safety awareness be taught?
  - a) In old age
  - b) After accidents
  - c) From an early age
  - d) Never
  
9. What can a small mistake on the road cost?
  - a) Time
  - b) Money
  - c) A life
  - d) Energy
  
10. The passage mainly talks about—
  - a) Traffic jams
  - b) Road construction
  - c) Road safety
  - d) Public transport

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**SECTION B – WRITING SKILLS (20 MARKS)**

**Q3. Write a formal letter to the Editor of a newspaper highlighting the problem of noise pollution in your area.**

*(10 Marks)*

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**Q4. Write an article on “*Importance of Cleanliness in Public Places*” in about 120–150 words.**

*(10 Marks)*

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**SECTION C – GRAMMAR (20 MARKS)**

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

*(5 × 1 = 5 Marks)*

11. She \_\_\_ been waiting for the bus for an hour.

- a) has
- b) have
- c) had
- d) having

12. We \_\_\_ not waste water unnecessarily.

- a) may
- b) must
- c) could
- d) might

13. He is proud \_\_\_ his achievements.

- a) of
- b) in
- c) on
- d) with

14. If you eat healthy food, you \_\_\_ stay fit.

- a) would
- b) will

- c) could
  - d) might
15. This solution is \_\_\_ than the previous one.
- a) effective
  - b) more effective
  - c) most effective
  - d) very effective
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**Q6. Identify and correct the errors:**

*(5 × 1 = 5 Marks)*

- 16. She do not understand the problem.
  - 17. He has drank all the milk.
  - 18. We was discussing the plan.
  - 19. She is more smarter than me.
  - 20. They did not completed the work.
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**Q7. Choose the correct option for reported speech:**

*(5 × 1 = 5 Marks)*

- 21. He said, "I have lost my keys."
    - a) He said he has lost his keys.
    - b) He said he had lost his keys.
    - c) He told he had lost his keys.
    - d) He says he had lost his keys.
  
  - 22. She said, "I am not feeling well."
    - a) She said she was not feeling well.
    - b) She said she is not feeling well.
    - c) She told she was not feeling well.
    - d) She says she was not feeling well.
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**Q8. Rearrange the words to form meaningful sentences:**

(5 × 1 = 5 Marks)

23. honesty / best / policy / is
  24. students / follow / rules / must
  25. exercise / keeps / healthy / us
  26. environment / protect / should / we
  27. success / dedication / needs
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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. What message does the poem “*Dust of Snow*” convey to the reader?
  29. Why did Lencho have complete faith in God?
  30. How did Anne Frank’s diary help her cope with loneliness?
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**Q10. Answer ANY ONE of the following questions in about 100–120 words:**

(10 Marks)

31. Describe how faith and determination helped Lencho face his problems in “*A Letter to God*”.

**OR**

32. Explain how the poem “*Fire and Ice*” reflects the destructive nature of human emotions.