

CBSE – Class X
English Language & Literature
MODEL QUESTION PAPER – (SET-6)

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)

Curiosity is the driving force behind learning and innovation. Children who ask questions tend to understand concepts more deeply than those who merely memorise facts. Curiosity encourages exploration, critical thinking and creativity. In classrooms where students are allowed to question freely, learning becomes meaningful and engaging. Suppressing curiosity, on the other hand, limits growth and reduces interest in learning. Therefore, nurturing curiosity is essential for academic and personal development.

MCQs based on the passage:

1. Curiosity mainly helps in—
 - a) Memorisation

- b) Deep understanding
 - c) Discipline
 - d) Competition
2. Curious students learn better because they—
- a) Ask questions
 - b) Remain silent
 - c) Depend on teachers
 - d) Avoid mistakes
3. What does curiosity encourage?
- a) Fear
 - b) Exploration and creativity
 - c) Laziness
 - d) Confusion
4. Learning becomes meaningful when—
- a) Students memorise facts
 - b) Teachers speak more
 - c) Students question freely
 - d) Exams are frequent
5. Find a word from the passage meaning **“to support or develop”**.
- a) Limit
 - b) Reduce
 - c) Nurturing
 - d) Suppressing

Q2. Read the passage given below carefully:

(10 Marks)

Public transport plays a crucial role in reducing traffic congestion and pollution in cities. Buses and trains help save fuel and reduce the number of private vehicles on roads. Despite these benefits, many people prefer personal vehicles due to comfort and convenience. Improving the quality, safety and punctuality of public transport can encourage more people to

use it. A shift towards public transport is necessary for sustainable urban living.

MCQs based on the passage:

6. Public transport helps reduce—
 - a) Population
 - b) Traffic and pollution
 - c) Travel time
 - d) Fuel prices

7. Why do people prefer personal vehicles?
 - a) Cost
 - b) Comfort and convenience
 - c) Safety
 - d) Environment

8. What can increase the use of public transport?
 - a) Higher fares
 - b) Better quality and safety
 - c) More traffic
 - d) Fewer routes

9. Public transport is important for—
 - a) Tourism
 - b) Luxury travel
 - c) Sustainable urban living
 - d) Entertainment

10. The main idea of the passage is—
 - a) Road construction
 - b) Benefits of public transport
 - c) Vehicle pollution
 - d) Urban population

SECTION B – WRITING SKILLS (20 MARKS)

Q3. Write a formal letter to the Principal of your school requesting the introduction of a library reading hour.

(10 Marks)

Q4. Write an article on “*Role of Curiosity in Learning*” 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 ___ preparing notes for the test all evening.
- a) has been
 - b) have been
 - c) is
 - d) was
12. Students ___ avoid wasting time on mobile phones.
- a) may
 - b) must
 - c) could
 - d) might
13. He is interested ___ science projects.
- a) on
 - b) in
 - c) with
 - d) at
14. If we use public transport, we ___ reduce pollution.
- a) would
 - b) will

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

(5 × 1 = 5 Marks)

- 16. She do not enjoy reading books.
 - 17. He has finish the assignment.
 - 18. We was discussing the topic.
 - 19. She is more kinder than her friend.
 - 20. They did not followed the rules.
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Q7. Choose the correct option for reported speech:

(5 × 1 = 5 Marks)

- 21. He said, "I am completing my project."
 - a) He said that he was completing his project.
 - b) He said he is completing his project.
 - c) He told that he was completing it.
 - d) He says he was completing it.

 - 22. She said, "I have seen this movie."
 - a) She said she has seen that movie.
 - b) She said she had seen that movie.
 - c) She told she had seen that movie.
 - d) She says she had seen that movie.
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Q8. Rearrange the words to form meaningful sentences:

(5 × 1 = 5 Marks)

23. curiosity / learning / improves
 24. public / saves / transport / fuel
 25. students / questions / should / ask
 26. pollution / reduce / can / we
 27. reading / knowledge / increases
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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 lesson does the poem “*Dust of Snow*” teach about small moments?
 29. Why did Lencho remain hopeful even after the hailstorm?
 30. How did Anne Frank’s diary help her express her thoughts freely?
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Q10. Answer ANY ONE of the following questions in about 100–120 words:

(10 Marks)

31. Describe how faith and perseverance are central themes in “*A Letter to God*”.

OR

32. Explain how “*Fire and Ice*” presents a warning against uncontrolled human emotions.
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