

**CBSE – Class X**  
**English Language & Literature**  
**MODEL QUESTION PAPER – (SET-8)**

**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. Attempt questions in sequence.
  4. Use correct 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)*

Adaptability is one of the most important life skills in the modern world. Rapid changes in technology, education and work environments demand that individuals adjust quickly to new situations. Those who are adaptable do not fear change; instead, they see it as an opportunity to learn and grow. Students who develop adaptability can handle academic pressure, unexpected challenges and failures more effectively. Adaptability not only improves problem-solving skills but also builds confidence and resilience.

**MCQs based on the passage:**

1. Why is adaptability important today?
  - a) Because life is easy

- b) Because changes are rapid
  - c) Because education is simple
  - d) Because work is limited
2. Adaptable people see change as—
- a) A threat
  - b) A burden
  - c) An opportunity
  - d) A failure
3. How does adaptability help students?
- a) By reducing learning
  - b) By avoiding challenges
  - c) By handling pressure better
  - d) By escaping failure
4. Which skills are improved by adaptability?
- a) Physical strength
  - b) Confidence and resilience
  - c) Speed and accuracy
  - d) Memory only
5. Find a word from the passage meaning “**ability to recover from difficulties**”.
- a) Confidence
  - b) Resilience
  - c) Adaptability
  - d) Opportunity

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

*(10 Marks)*

Volunteering is a powerful way to contribute to society. It allows individuals to help others while developing valuable skills such as leadership, communication and empathy. Students who volunteer often gain a deeper understanding of social issues and become more responsible citizens. Although volunteering requires time and effort, the satisfaction it provides

is priceless. Encouraging young people to volunteer can create a more caring and united society.

**MCQs based on the passage:**

6. Volunteering mainly helps in—
  - a) Earning money
  - b) Gaining popularity
  - c) Contributing to society
  - d) Passing exams
  
7. Which skill is developed through volunteering?
  - a) Laziness
  - b) Empathy
  - c) Fear
  - d) Competition
  
8. What do students gain by volunteering?
  - a) Stress
  - b) Responsibility
  - c) Punishment
  - d) Fame
  
9. Volunteering provides satisfaction because—
  - a) It is easy
  - b) It is compulsory
  - c) It helps others
  - d) It gives rewards
  
10. The passage mainly focuses on—
  - a) Social problems
  - b) Importance of volunteering
  - c) Student life
  - d) Career growth

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

**Q3. Write a formal letter to the Editor of a newspaper expressing concern about the increasing problem of plastic waste in your city.**

*(10 Marks)*

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**Q4. Write an article on “Importance of Adaptability in Student Life” 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 \_\_\_ preparing for the scholarship test for months.
- a) has been
  - b) have been
  - c) is
  - d) was
12. Students \_\_\_ follow school rules sincerely.
- a) may
  - b) must
  - c) could
  - d) might
13. He is capable \_\_\_ handling difficult situations.
- a) in
  - b) of
  - c) with
  - d) for
14. If we volunteer regularly, we \_\_\_ understand society better.
- a) would
  - b) will

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

*(5 × 1 = 5 Marks)*

- 16. She do not adjust easily.
  - 17. He has broke his promise.
  - 18. We was discussing the issue seriously.
  - 19. She is more braver than her friend.
  - 20. They did not followed the schedule.
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**Q7. Choose the correct option for reported speech:**

*(5 × 1 = 5 Marks)*

- 21. He said, "I am learning new skills."
    - a) He said that he was learning new skills.
    - b) He said he is learning new skills.
    - c) He told that he was learning skills.
    - d) He says he was learning skills.
  - 22. She said, "I have volunteered before."
    - a) She said she has volunteered before.
    - b) She said she had volunteered before.
    - c) She told she had volunteered before.
    - d) She says she had volunteered before.
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**Q8. Rearrange the words to form meaningful sentences:**

*(5 × 1 = 5 Marks)*

23. adaptability / success / ensures
  24. students / volunteer / should
  25. empathy / builds / volunteering
  26. change / accept / must / we
  27. learning / lifelong / 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 help the poet overcome his sadness?
  29. Why did Lencho never lose faith in God despite repeated losses?
  30. How did Anne Frank’s diary help her grow emotionally?
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**Q10. Answer ANY ONE of the following questions in about 100–120 words:**

*(10 Marks)*

31. Explain how adaptability and hope are reflected in “*A Letter to God*”.
- OR**
32. How does the poem “*Fire and Ice*” suggest that human emotions can lead to destruction?
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