

UP Board Class 10 – English

Model Paper Set 10 –Answer Key

SECTION A – READING

Q1. Answers:

- (a) Success depends upon strong determination and continuous effort.
 - (b) Only those students who work sincerely reach their goals.
 - (c) Time management plays a crucial role in success.
 - (d) Two distractions mentioned in the passage are excessive use of mobile phones and social media.
 - (e) The word which means “regular” is **continuous**.
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Q2. Answers:

- (a) The poet is **Henry Wadsworth Longfellow**.
 - (b) The poet says that life is real and meaningful. It should not be wasted in idleness.
 - (c) The lives of great men remind us that we can make our lives noble and successful.
 - (d) “Footprints on the sands of time” mean the good deeds and achievements that leave a lasting impact on the world.
 - (e) The central idea of the poem is that life is meaningful and we should work hard to leave a positive mark on the world.
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SECTION B – WRITING

Q3. Application for Extra Classes

To,
The Principal,
ABC Inter College,
Lucknow.

Subject: Request for extra classes in English

Respected Sir/Madam,

I beg to say that the Board Examination is approaching soon. Many students feel the need for additional guidance in English. Therefore, I request you kindly to arrange extra classes for English.

This will help students perform better in the examination.

Thanking you.

Yours obediently,

Rahul Kumar

Class 10

Roll No. 10

Q4. Letter to Friend (Board Preparation Plan)

15, Station Road

Kanpur

Date: 5 March 2026

Dear Amit,

I hope you are fine. I have made a proper plan to prepare for the Board Examination. I follow a strict timetable and revise each subject daily. I solve previous years' question papers and avoid distractions like mobile phones.

Regular practice and self-confidence are helping me a lot. I hope we both score good marks.

Yours lovingly,

Rahul

Q5. Essay – Importance of Hard Work

Hard work is the foundation of success. Without hard work, dreams cannot be achieved. Students who study regularly and sincerely perform better in examinations.

Hard work builds discipline and confidence. It helps overcome difficulties and achieve goals. Therefore, hard work is essential for success in life.

SECTION C – GRAMMAR

Q6. Answers:

- (a) A letter has been written by her.
 - (b) He is so proud that he cannot admit his mistake.
 - (c) Although the weather was cold, we enjoyed the picnic.
 - (d) He said that he was going to school.
 - (e) No sooner had he reached home than it started raining.
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Q7. Answers:

- (a) She **has been preparing** for the exam since morning.
 - (b) They **visited** Agra last year.
 - (c) I **was reading** when the phone rang.
 - (d) He **has not completed** his work yet.
 - (e) We **will go** to Delhi next week.
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Q8. Answers:

- (a) He is fond **of** cricket.
 - (b) She was born **in** 2009.
 - (c) I saw **an** eagle in the sky.
 - (d) He has been living here **for** five years.
 - (e) The book is **on** the table.
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SECTION D – TEXTBOOK

Q9. Answers:

(a) Lencho's Faith in God

Lencho had complete faith in God because he believed that God would help him in his difficult time. Even after his crops were destroyed, he trusted God completely.

(b) Character of Nelson Mandela

Nelson Mandela was a courageous and determined leader. He fought against racial discrimination and worked for equality. He believed in justice and freedom for all people. His leadership inspired millions.

(c) Change in Bholi

At the end of the story, Bholi became confident and courageous. She refused to marry a greedy man who demanded dowry. She stood for her self-respect and proved that she was not foolish.

Q10. Central Idea

(Fire and Ice)

The poem shows that extreme emotions like desire and hatred can destroy the world. Both are equally powerful and dangerous.

Q11. Explanation

Context: These lines are taken from the poem “A Tiger in the Zoo” by Leslie Norris.

Explanation: The poet describes how the tiger should be roaming freely in the forest, hiding in shadows and moving through the grass near the water hole. Instead, he is confined in a cage. The stanza highlights the tiger’s lost freedom.

Q12. Importance of Self-Discipline

Self-discipline is essential for achieving success. It helps a person stay focused and avoid distractions. Students with self-discipline follow a timetable and complete their tasks on time.

Self-discipline builds character and confidence. Therefore, it plays a vital role in achieving goals.