

UP Board Class 10 – English

Model Paper Set 7 –Answer Key

SECTION A – READING

Q1. Answers:

- (a) Competition has increased in every field in the era of globalization.
 - (b) Students face pressure today because they have to perform well in academics as well as extracurricular activities.
 - (c) Excessive stress can affect students' mental health and overall well-being.
 - (d) Two ways to reduce stress are proper time management and regular physical exercise (balanced lifestyle).
 - (e) The word which means “determination” is **perseverance**.
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Q2. Answers:

- (a) The poet is **Rabindranath Tagore**.
 - (b) The poet wishes for a fearless mind where people can hold their heads high with dignity.
 - (c) “Knowledge is free” means education should be accessible to everyone without restrictions.
 - (d) “Narrow domestic walls” refer to divisions based on caste, religion, region or narrow-minded thinking.
 - (e) The central idea of the poem is the poet's dream of an ideal nation where people are fearless, united and enlightened.
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SECTION B – WRITING

Q3. Application for Debate Competition

To,
The Principal,

ABC Inter College,
Lucknow.

Subject: Permission to participate in inter-school debate competition

Respected Sir/Madam,

I beg to say that our school has received an invitation to participate in an inter-school debate competition. I am interested in representing our school in this event.

Therefore, I request you kindly to grant me permission to participate in the competition. I assure you that I will do my best.

Thanking you.

Yours obediently,
Rahul Kumar
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Q4. Letter to the Editor (Cyber Crime)

15, Shastri Nagar
Kanpur
Date: 22 February 2026

To,
The Editor,
The Hindustan Times,
Kanpur.

Subject: Increasing cyber crime among students

Sir/Madam,

Through your esteemed newspaper, I would like to highlight the growing problem of cyber crime among students. Many students are misusing the internet for illegal activities, online fraud and cyber bullying.

This problem affects their studies and moral values. Strict laws and awareness programs should be introduced to prevent cyber crime. Parents and teachers must guide students properly.

Thanking you.

Yours faithfully,
Rahul Kumar

Q5. Essay – Importance of Hard Work in Student Life

Hard work is the key to success in student life. Without hard work, no student can achieve good results. Regular study and dedication help students build confidence and knowledge.

Hard work develops discipline and perseverance. It prepares students for future challenges. Therefore, students must understand that success comes only through continuous effort and determination.

SECTION C – GRAMMAR

Q6. Answers:

- (a) The project was completed by the students.
 - (b) She is the most intelligent girl in the class.
 - (c) Although he was tired, he continued working.
 - (d) The teacher said that honesty is the best policy.
 - (e) As soon as he reached home, it started raining.
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Q7. Answers:

- (a) She **had studied** for two hours before she went to sleep.
 - (b) They **play** football every evening.
 - (c) He **has not received** the letter yet.
 - (d) We **will travel** to Delhi tomorrow.
 - (e) The train **had arrived** before we reached the station.
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Q8. Answers:

- (a) He insisted **on** paying the bill.
- (b) She is fond **of** reading novels.
- (c) I met him **at** the railway station.
- (d) This is **an** honest officer.

(e) He jumped **into** the river to save the child.

SECTION D – TEXTBOOK

Q9. Answers:

(a) Mandela’s Understanding of Freedom

When Mandela was young, he thought freedom meant personal freedom. As he grew older, he realized that freedom means equality and justice for all. He understood that his freedom was meaningless if his people were not free.

(b) Character of Mme Loisel

Mme Loisel was beautiful but dissatisfied with her simple life. She desired luxury and wealth. Her pride and greed led her into trouble when she lost the necklace. Later, she became hardworking and responsible.

(c) How did Ausable outwit Max?

Ausable cleverly invented a story about a balcony outside his room. He frightened Max by saying that police would arrive soon. When someone knocked at the door, Max jumped out of the window thinking there was a balcony, but there was none. Thus, Ausable saved himself through intelligence.

Q10. Central Idea

(A Tiger in the Zoo)

The poem contrasts the life of a tiger in captivity with its natural life in the jungle. It highlights the cruelty of keeping wild animals in cages.

Q11. Explanation

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

Explanation: The poet describes the tiger hearing the sounds of patrolling cars at night. He stares helplessly from inside the cage. The stanza shows the tiger’s frustration and longing for freedom.

Q12. Importance of Moral Education

Moral education teaches students values like honesty, kindness and respect. It helps in character building and personality development.

Without moral education, society cannot progress peacefully. Therefore, moral education is essential in schools.