

UP Board Class 10 – English

Model Paper Set 9 –Answer Key

SECTION A – READING

Q1. Answers:

- (a) Books are called our best friends because they provide us knowledge, wisdom and inspiration.
- (b) Books improve vocabulary by introducing us to new words and ideas.
- (c) The habit of deep reading has been reduced because many people prefer mobile phones over books.
- (d) We should cultivate reading habits early because books help us understand life, history and human nature.
- (e) The word which means “expand” is **broaden**.
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Q2. Answers:

- (a) Great heights were achieved through continuous hard work and effort, not by sudden success.
- (b) While others slept, great men were toiling upward in the night.
- (c) “Toiling upward” means working hard to achieve success.
- (d) The rhyme scheme of the poem is **ABAB**.
- (e) The poet conveys that success comes through hard work and dedication.
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SECTION B – WRITING

Q3. Application for Farewell Function

To,
The Principal,
ABC Inter College,
Lucknow.

Subject: Permission to organize farewell function

Respected Sir/Madam,

I beg to say that Class 10 students are going to complete their session soon. Therefore, we request permission to organize a farewell function for them.

We assure you that the function will be conducted in a disciplined manner. Kindly grant us permission.

Thanking you.

Yours obediently,

Rahul Kumar

Class 10

Roll No. 14

Q4. Letter to the Editor (Road Accidents)

15, Shastri Nagar

Kanpur

Date: 28 February 2026

To,

The Editor,

The Times of India,

Kanpur.

Subject: Increasing road accidents in the city

Sir/Madam,

Through your esteemed newspaper, I wish to draw attention to the rising number of road accidents in our city. Rash driving, violation of traffic rules and poor road conditions are the main causes.

Strict traffic rules, awareness campaigns and better road maintenance can reduce accidents. I request the authorities to take immediate action.

Thanking you.

Yours faithfully,

Rahul Kumar

Q5. Essay – Importance of Discipline in Student Life

Discipline is essential in student life. It helps students manage time and complete tasks properly. A disciplined student respects teachers and follows school rules.

Discipline develops character and responsibility. Without discipline, success is impossible. Therefore, students must cultivate discipline to achieve their goals.

SECTION C – GRAMMAR

Q6. Answers:

- (a) The thief was arrested by the police.
 - (b) She is so weak that she cannot lift the box.
 - (c) He was so honest that he was respected by all.
 - (d) Ramesh said that he had completed his homework.
 - (e) Can anyone solve this problem?
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Q7. Answers:

- (a) She **wrote** a letter yesterday.
 - (b) They **were playing** cricket when it started raining.
 - (c) He **has not finished** his work yet.
 - (d) We **will go** to Lucknow next week.
 - (e) The baby **is sleeping** now.
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Q8. Answers:

- (a) He is afraid **of** dogs.
 - (b) She is interested **in** music.
 - (c) I saw **a** tiger in the forest.
 - (d) He has been working here **since** 2018.
 - (e) The book is lying **on** the table.
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SECTION D – TEXTBOOK

Q9. Answers:

(a) Freedom is Indivisible

Mandela said that freedom is indivisible because if one group of people is oppressed, no one is truly free. True freedom means equality and justice for all.

(b) Character of Anil

Anil was kind, simple and generous. He trusted Hari Singh and gave him shelter. He believed in reforming people through kindness. His good nature changed Hari's life.

(c) Bholi's Courage

At the end of the story, Bholi refused to marry a greedy man who demanded dowry. She showed courage and self-respect by standing against injustice.

Q10. Central Idea

(Amanda)

The poem highlights the pressure children face from elders. Amanda imagines a free life away from constant scolding.

Q11. Explanation

Context: These lines are taken from the poem "Amanda" written by Robin Klein.

Explanation: Amanda is repeatedly scolded by her parents. She feels irritated and imagines herself in a free world. The poem shows the emotional pressure faced by children.

Q12. Advantages and Disadvantages of Modern Technology

Modern technology makes life easy and fast. It helps in communication, education and medical facilities.

However, excessive use leads to addiction, pollution and social isolation. Therefore, technology should be used wisely.