

# Solved Paper 2018

## ENGLISH LANGUAGE & LITERATURE

### CLASS-X

Time : 3 Hours

Max. Marks : 80

#### General Instructions :

- (i) The question paper is divided into three sections :
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| Section A—Reading             | 20 marks |
| Section B—Writing and Grammar | 30 marks |
| Section C—Literature          | 30 marks |
- (ii) All questions are compulsory.
- (iii) You may attempt any section at a time.
- (iv) All questions of that particular section must be attempted in the correct order.

Delhi Set I

Code No. 2/1

#### SECTION -A (Reading) 20 marks

#### 1. Read the passage given below:

- (1) Tourists to Jammu and Kashmir have another attraction – a floating post office on the Dal Lake in Srinagar, the first in the country. 'Floating Post Office, Dal Lake – claimed to be the only one such post office in the world – is built on an intricately carved maroon houseboat, fastened on the western edge of the Dal Lake.
- (2) This post office lets you avail of all the regular postal services available in the country while being afloat. The seal used on everything posted from 'Floating Post Office' is unique – along with the date and address. It bears the design of a boatman rowing a shikara on the Dal Lake. The special feature of this post office is that letters posted from here carry a special design which has the picturesque scenery of Dal Lake and Srinagar city. These pictures reach wherever these letters are posted to and hence promote Kashmir as a tourist destination across the world.
- (3) This is actually a heritage post office that has existed since British times. It was called Nehru Park Post Office before 2011. But then the chief postmaster John Samuel renamed it as 'Floating Post Office'.
- (4) The post office's houseboat has two small rooms – one serves as the office and the other a small museum that traces the philatelic history of the state postal department. It has a shop that sells postage stamps and other products.
- (5) But for the locals. Floating Post office is more than an object of fascination. ₹1-2 crore is deposited per month in Floating Post Office by communities living in and around the Dal Lake. The lake has several islets that are home to more than 50,000 people.

- (6) The greatest fear is the recurrence of 2014 like floods in which the houseboat had gone for a toss uncontrollably pushed by the flood. Rescue teams had to anchor it using special mechanism in a nearby highland. Then it was brought back on the Dal after the water receded. The biggest boon is that at no time of the year, you need a fan in this post-office!

**Attempt any eight of the following questions on the basis of the passage you have read: 1×8=8**

- (i) What is the location of the Floating Post Office in Srinagar ?
- (ii) What is special about the seal used in the post office ?
- (iii) How is the post office helpful in promoting tourism ?
- (iv) Who renamed the post office as 'Floating Post Office' ?
- (v) What are the two rooms of the post office used for ?
- (vi) How is the post office beneficial to the locals ?
- (vii) What is the greatest fear that the post office has ?
- (viii) How is the post office a big boon to the people ?
- (ix) Find the word from the passage which means the same as 'attraction'

- Ans. (i) Dal Lake / Dal Lake in Srinagar / Houseboat on the western edge of Dal Lake;
- (ii) It bears the design of a boatman rowing a Shikara on the Dal Lake it carries date and address.
- (iii) Pictures on stamps attract tourists/ Pictures on stamps promote Kashmir/ tourism.
- (iv) John Samuel.
- (v) One as office, the other a museum that traces the philatelic history of the state postal department / shop that sells postage stamps and other products.

- (vi) Helps them deposit / save money/ helps them as a bank.
- (vii) Floods / recurrence of floods.
- (viii) No fan at any time of the year needed /tourist attraction / source of income.
- (ix) Fascination (Any Eight)

**2. Read the passage given below: 12**

- (1) It is an indisputable fact that the world has gone too far with the icon active of new technologies such as mobile phones, the internet and so on, due to which people are able to tour the cosmos virtually sitting at one place using their smart devices or other technological gadgets. Though mobile internet access is of ten times hurried and short, it can still provide common internet features like alerts weather data emails, search engines, instant messages, and game and music downloading.
- (2) Due to the easy access of smart phones, communication had been very effective and instant. People are able to convey their message all around the globe to their loved ones without spending hefty sum of money. Adults are always fond of such gadgets and they always welcome and adopt such new technology readily. Further, young people have been able to broaden their minds and improve their skills by doing research on the Internet. For instance, they use smart phones to look up any new word they come across. As we know that most of the universities have online teaching provision and smart phones assist the students to complete their assignments on time.
- (3) The mobile phone has been a lifesaver for a lot of people in case of an emergency Likewise, use of smart phones can be of vital importance in preventing crimes in the society by providing information to the scrutiny forces in time.
- (4) Nonetheless, for the young the use of mobile phone can be like an addiction and they can misuse it. Young people are also prone to getting inviolate in undesirable activities on the Internet. This might have adverse effect academic performance. Therefore, young people should always be minored and made aware of its bad outcomes.
- (5) Also a major contributor to its popularity is the availability of prepaid or pay as you go services from a phone shop or an online store, This allows subscribers to load text or airtime credits to their handsets by the use of their credit cards, debit cards or by buying a prepaid card from the network they subscribe to. This plan also doesn't commit a particular customer to a contract. If prepaid card is not that appealing to you, then you can opt to subscribe using the pay by month plan.

**2.1. On the basis of your reading of the passage, answer any four of following questions in 30-40 words each : 2 × 4 = 8**

- (i) How are smart phones helpful in communication ?
- (ii) What are the benefits of mobile phones for the young generation ?
- (iii) How can mobile phones be considered 'lifesavers' ?
- (iv) Mention any two demerits of mobile phones.
- (v) How is a prepaid card useful to mobile phone users ?

**Ans. (i)** Communication has become effective / instant message all around the globe without spending hefty sums.

- (ii) — able to broaden their minds and improve their skills by doing research on the internet.  
— help in online learning.  
— help look up new word they come across.  
— help complete assignments on time.  
— provide online teaching.

**(any four each half mark)**

- (iii) Can help in any emergency prevent crimes by providing information on to security.
- (iv) Adverse impacts/affects academic performance can lead to addiction / waste of time/ misuse get involved in undesirable activities. **(any two)**
- (v) Allows subscribers to load text / airtime credits to their handsets it doesn't commit a particular customer to a contract one can opt to subscribe using the pay by monthly plan. **(any two)**

**(CBSE Marking Scheme, 2018) 12**

**2.2. On the basis of your reading of the passage, answer any four of following : 1 × 4 = 4**

- (i) In para 1 synonym of 'innovation' is \_\_\_\_\_.  
(a) production                      (b) sincerity  
(c) invention                         (d) prevention
- (ii) Mobile internet can provide access to :  
(a) telegram                         (b) emails  
(c) schools                             (d) university
- (iii) Grown-ups should \_\_\_\_\_ the use of new technology by the young people.  
(a) reject                              (b) criticize  
(c) monitor                            (d) accept
- (iv) Meaning of the word 'adverse' in para 4 is:  
(a) positive                            (b) negative  
(c) admirable                         (d) unguided
- (v) According to the passage, one can opt for \_\_\_\_\_ plan if prepaid plan doesn't suit.  
(a) yearly                                (b) weekly  
(c) monthly                             (d) daily

**Ans. (i)** — (c) invention

**(ii)** — (b) emails

**(iii)** — (c) monitor

**(iv)** — (b) negative

**(v)** — (b) monthly

(CBSE Marking Scheme, 2018) (1×4=4)

### SECTION -B

#### (Writing Skills with Grammar) 30 marks

3. You are Prabhu Kumar/Parvati of 17E, Ravi Dass Road, Kochi, Write a letter in 100-120 words to the editor of a newspaper about the nuisance caused by loudspeakers in the city during examination days drawing attention of the concerned authorities to the problem. 8

OR

- \* You are Pratibha/Rahul of Class X. Write an article in 100-120 words on 'Ill effects on students of too much of television'. You can use the following clues:

- Increasing addiction
- A great variety of programmes
- Easy availability
- Drop in academic performance
- Result - poor physical and mental health
- Neglect of studies.

**Ans.** 17 E, Ravi Dass Road,  
Kochi

April 06, 20XX

The Editor

The Times of India

New Delhi

Subject: Nuisance caused by Loud speakers

Sir

Through, the columns of your esteemed newspaper, I would like to draw your kind attention towards the nuisance caused by the excessive use of loudspeakers in my city. In fact, this is the high time for the students as they are busy in their preparation for the upcoming examinations. Students prepare till late at night. They want to have peace of mind for preparation and thereafter sound sleep but the loudspeakers continuously disturb their peace of mind.

6. The following paragraph has not been edited. There is an error in each line. Write the error as well as the correction as shown in the example. Do any four: 1 × 4 = 4

In the prisoner's room a candle is  
burning dimly. A prisoner himself  
sat by the table Only him back,  
the hair by his head, and his  
hands are visible from outside  
through any window.

I would request you to publish this letter of mine in your newspaper so that the concerned authorities initiate necessary steps to ban the loudspeakers during the examination.

Thank you

Yours truly

Parnati/Prabhu Kumar

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- \*4. Write a story in 150-200 words with the help of the following outline:

Tortoise and hare — good friends — tortoise — known for his slow speed — hare has fast speed — makes fun of tortoise — challenges him — referee selected — race starts — hare overconfident — takes a nap — tortoise wins. 10

OR

- \* Complete the story in 150-200 words which begins as the following:

There was a joint family of six members including grandparents. It was the 75<sup>th</sup> birthday of the grandmother and the family planned to celebrate.

5. Fill in any four of the blanks in the paragraph given below with the help of options that follow:

1 × 4 = 4

The modern student (a) \_\_\_\_\_ the importance (b) \_\_\_\_\_ physical exercise. He spends one to two hours in open air (c)\_\_\_\_\_ he takes part in different sports. However, care should (d) \_\_\_\_\_ not to overstrain (e)\_\_\_\_\_ body.

(a) (i) understood (ii) understand (iii) have understand (iv) understands

(b) (i) of (ii) by (iii) from (iv) with

(c) (i) how (ii) which (iii) where (iv) why

(d) (i) be taken (ii) took (iii) takes (iv) has taken

(e) (i) a (ii) an (iii) the (iv) some

**Ans. (a)** — (iv) understands **(b)** — (i) of

**(c)** — (iii) where **(d)** — (i) be taken

**(e)** — (iii) the 1 × 4 = 4

(CBSE Marking Scheme, 2018)

**Error**

**Correction**

e.g.

is

was

(a)

\_\_\_\_\_

\_\_\_\_\_

(b)

\_\_\_\_\_

\_\_\_\_\_

(c)

\_\_\_\_\_

\_\_\_\_\_

(d)

\_\_\_\_\_

\_\_\_\_\_

(e)

\_\_\_\_\_

\_\_\_\_\_

Ans.	Error	Correction
(a)	A	The
(b)	him	his
(c)	by	on
(d)	are	were
(e)	any	the

1×4=4

(CBSE Marking Scheme, 2018)

\*7. Rearrange the following words/phrases to form meaningful sentences. Do any four. 1 × 4 = 4

- (i) work and play / things / different / parents see / as two  
 (ii) is a / of time / they / waste / think / that playing  
 (iii) important / games / studies / are as / as  
 (iv) a student / to both / proper / should / attention / pay  
 (v) can / life / only / succeed / he / in / then

## SECTION -C

(Literature Textbooks and Supplementary Reading Text) 30 marks

8. Read the extract given below and answer the questions that follows: 1 × 4 = 4

But, please, Stephen Stopanovitch, how can they be yours ? Do be a reasonable man. My aunt's grandmother gave the Meadows for the temporary and free use of your grandfather's peasants. The peasants used the land for forty years and got accustomed to it as if it was their own, when it happened that .....

- (a) Who is the speaker of above lines ?  
 (b) Why did his aunt's grandmother give the meadows ?  
 (c) Why did the peasants treat the land as their own ?  
 (d) What light do these lines throw on the speaker's character ?

OR

Belinda tickled him, she ticked him unmerciful,  
 Ink, Blink and Mustard, they rudely called him Percival,  
 They all sat laughing in the little red wagon  
 At the realio, trutio, cowardly dragon.

- (a) Who was tickled by Belinda ?  
 (b) Why did she tickle 'him' ?  
 (c) Who are Ink, Blink and Mustard ?  
 (d) Why did they all laugh at 'him' ?

Ans. (a) Lomov.

- (b) in return for making bricks for her / for temporary and free use.  
 (c) used it for forty years and got accustomed to it as their own.  
 (d) logical / rational / polite / any other relevant adjective. (any one)

(CBSE Marking Scheme, 2018) 1×4=4

OR

- (a) Custard, the dragon  
 (b) To tease/ make fun of him  
 (c) Ink- black kitten, Blink- the little grey mouse, Mustard- a little yellow dog / they are Belinda's pets  
 (d) because he was a coward

(CBSE Marking Scheme, 2018) 1×4=4

9. Answer the following questions in 30-40 words each: 2 × 5 = 10

- (a) What excited Rajvir ? Why did Pranjol not share his excitement ?  
 (b) 'He senses first responsibility' What responsibility is referred to here ? (The Ball Poem).  
 (c) What was Horace Danby's hobby ? How did he manage to fulfil it ?  
 (d) Why did Matilda (Mme Loisel) leave the ball in a hurry ? What does it show about her character ?  
 (e) In which queer way did Anil make a living ? (The Thief's Story)

- Ans. (a) The splendid and eye catching view with so much of greenery outside the train excited Rajvir. He was fascinated by the sprawling tea gardens, spreading like a green sea of wetly pruned bushes but Pranjol did not share his excitement because he had been brought up on a plantation.  
 (b) The responsibility referred here is that the poet thinks that it is of no use to purchase another ball. He must feel his responsibility of the loss.  
 (c) Horace Danby was not an ordinary thief. He loved rare and expensive books. So he robbed a safe every year and secretly through an agent bought the books he loved.  
 (d) Matilda left the ball in a hurry so that no one could notice her shabby shawl. It shows that she was dissatisfied and discontented in her life. It also shows here false pride and vanity.  
 (e) Anil made a living in a queer way by borrowing money but repaid the loan whenever he earned money through his writings for magazines. He lived life according to the flow of money. When he got money, he enjoyed out with his friends.

When he was having less money, he reduced his expenses.

**10. Answer any one of the following question in 100-120 words : 8**

- \* In life, people who easily trust others are sometimes made to look foolish. One should not be too trusting. Describe how Oliver Lutkins made a fool of the young lawyer.

**OR**

What lesson on death and suffering did the Buddha teach Gotami in the chapter, 'The Sermon at Benaras'?

**Ans. OR**

Kisa Gotami was devastated by the death of her only son and wandered door to door, seeking help.

Someone directed her to Sakyamuni, the Buddha, who asked her to bring a handful of mustard seeds. This raised a hope in Gotami's heart that her son could be revived. But the condition imposed by Sakyamuni was that the seeds should be from a house where people had not lost a loved one to death. Kisa Gotami's futile search made her realize the bitter truth that sorrows are a part and parcel of life and one can attain peace only by acceptance.

The Buddha says that everything in this world is subject to death. He further says that the world is deeply affected by suffering, disease or pain. Inevitably there is death and decay.

