

## SAMPLE PAPER – 5

### CBSE BOARD

### CLASS - X

### ENGLISH

Time : 3 Hours

Max. Marks : 80

#### SECTION - A

#### Reading section

**I. Read the following text.**

**[10]**

1. The story of Grace Darling has captured imagination for over a hundred years. Grace was an ordinary young woman who was boldly and unequivocally labelled a 'heroine' after the events of a stormy night in 1838. Being the daughter of a lighthouse keeper and having lived in various lighthouses, Grace was used to the harsh and dangerous environment around her. However, she had never experienced real danger until the night of the 7<sup>th</sup> September 1838 – the night that she entered the history books.
2. On the 5<sup>th</sup> September the steamship SS Forfarshire set off from Hull to Dundee. On board the vessel were 60 crew members and passengers as well as containers of valuable cargo. Disaster struck the next day when the ship's boiler began to leak and by the morning of the 7<sup>th</sup> September the engine had stopped. The Forfarshire began to drift. Suddenly at about 4 a.m., there was thunderous crash as the steamship collided with Big Harcar Rock. The impact was sudden and there was no time for the passengers to be called from their cabins and into smaller boats that would have taken them to safety.  
Within 15 minutes, the ship had broken in two. The sea waves pounded relentlessly at the fragile remnants of the ship until it had been reduced to a disintegrating wreck. The back half of the boat was swept away by the billowing waves and was quickly overpowered. The 48 people on board lost their fight for survival and were tragically consumed by the raging sea.
3. That night, Grace Darling and her parents were in the lighthouse. They knew a fierce storm was blowing and they watched as huge waves battered their lighthouse walls. Grace who knew the sea intimately, who, within minutes of being in the sea's presence could tell the mood it was in, who read sings and predicted its behaviour, had already sensed that something sinister was brewing. As a result, Grace stood by the lighthouse window that and watched nervously as her long-time companion transformed into an unrecognisable and brutal force of death, It wasn't long before Grace saw some desperate and shadowy figures waving, their cries inaudible above the deafening crash of the savage sea.
4. Grace's father knew that the local lifeboat service would not be able to launch their ship because of the brutal conditions ; if these people were to have any chance of survival then he and Grace were their only hope. Armed with blankets to warm any survivors, William and Grace took their tiny rowing boat and went into the vast and wild sea. Each wave appeared digger than the last and the force of the rain strung their cheeks. It was almost impossible to see where they were heading and the boat was being thrown off course constantly. They knew the area around the Farne Islands was notorious for being a ship's graveyard and yet they rowed with determination towards almost certain death.
5. As they approached the scene of the disaster, William went into the water to attempt to pull as many survivors into their boat as possible whilst Grace rowed frantically backwards and

forwards just could stay in the same place and not crash into the reef. The storm whirled around her and the waves were like mountains. It was too late for many of the victims but William and Grace rescued nine people that night and rowed them back to safety. They arrived back to the lighthouse exhausted yet safely. Grace worked hard to care for the victims before they were returned to the mainland.

- 6.** Within a few days of the rescues, news of Grace's bravery had spread across the country. Newspaper reporters flocked to the village wanting to follow her every move. Requests for her to visit different places flooded in and many artists wanted her to sit for portraits. Such extraordinary bravery was a source of inspiration for many. Queen Victoria sent her Rs. 50 and she was awarded gold medals from a number of societies. However, Grace soon became increasingly weary of all attention and the commitments that came with it, feeling that she was unable to live a normal life any more. In a cruel twist of fate. Grace Darling succumbed to tuberculosis a mere four years later.
- (i)** Grace was used to the harsh and dangerous environment around her as she \_\_\_\_\_.  
(A) lived a life in the forest all her younger years  
(B) was the daughter of a lighthouse keeper and lived in various sea conditions  
(C) used to live on the sea with her family  
(D) live in the mountains in extreme conditions
- (ii)** Why did Grace stand by the lighthouse window that night ? Write your answer, in about 40 words.
- (iii)** Based on the reading of the passage, describe, in about 40 words, how Grace and William saved the victims that night.
- (iv)** The rescues mission seemed more like a suicide mission. Which line/phrase supports this statement.  
(A) They watched as huge waves battered their lighthouse walls  
(B) Each wave appeared bigger than the last and the force of the rain stung their cheeks  
(C) They rowed with determination towards almost certain death  
(D) They went in the water to attempt to pull as many survivors into their boat.
- (v)** Select the option that makes the correct use of 'notorious', as used in the passage, to fill in the blank.  
(A) The new Italian restaurant is \_\_\_\_\_ for its risotto.  
(B) The pet made \_\_\_\_\_ noise as the master came home.  
(C) Maxwell road is \_\_\_\_\_ for its deathly traffic accidents.  
(D) Harry is always the one being \_\_\_\_\_ in the class for his impeccable handwriting.
- (vi)** Which attributes can be used for describing Grace Darling ?
- (vii)** Complete the sentence appropriately.  
'Newspaper reporters flocked to the village wanting to follow her every move'. By this line the author meant, Grace was dealing with \_\_\_\_\_.
- (viii)** In the last paragraph, the author makes Grace's act of bravery sound like a burden. When phrase/lines implies that ?  
(A) News of Grace's bravery had spread across the country  
(B) Many artists wanted her to sit for portraits  
(C) She succumbed to tuberculosis a mere four years later  
(D) She was unable to live a normal life any more

**II. Read the following text.****[1 × 10 = 10]**

1. The number of children and teens that are overweight or obese had more than tripled between the years of 1980 and 2004. While obesity is not restricted by gender, ethnicity or socio-economic status, there is a slightly increased risk for those who are from poorer families. Girls are more likely to be overweight than boys, and Hispanic and African American teens are slightly more likely to be obese than other races.
  2. Younger people, especially teens who are obese, face multiple problems caused by their weight. First, they face the same health problems that an overweight adult would, including cardiovascular disease, diabetes kidney disease, hypertension and cancer. Second, they face development troubles because of their weight and their health, especially if they are unable to go to school on a regular basis. And finally, they also face social development problems as they struggle to develop their personality while facing peer pressures beyond what the average child is facing.
  3. Children and teens become obese for a variety of reasons : they tend to eat a poorly balanced diet filled with fast foods and very limited fruits and vegetables. One study showed that girls and boys ages 10 to 15 admitted that French fries were the only vegetable that they consumed on a regular basis. Another study showed that girls would eat other vegetables but only if they were covered in a cheese sauce.
  4. In addition to poor food choices, they tend to be very sedentary, most of them spending most of their time in front of a television or computer screen or texting and talking on their cell phones. Finally, the children in the study that were found to be the most overweight also had overweight parents, suggesting not only a genetic link to explain their weight but an atmospheric one as well. After all, children of smokers tend to be smokers themselves, so it would stand to reason that obese parents typically will produce obese children.
  5. The problem with weight and young teens, especially girls, is the fact that dieting and weight loss programs tend to backfire. In a three year study that monitored boys and girls, ages 9 to 14, the dieters ultimately gained more weight than those who did not diet at all. It is necessary to use a different approach when dealing with young children and teens who are overweight. First, the family must be in total agreement that there is a problem. Several school districts came under fire in recent years when they sent home letters regarding a child's weight and the health risks. The parents were either unaware that their child could develop such "adult" health problems as Type II diabetes or heart disease, or they did not accept that the child was anything but "stocky" or "husky". Rather than face the legal ramifications, the school districts stopped informing the parents, hoping that the child's doctor would take on the battle instead.
  6. It is normal for a girl to increase her body fat during puberty; it is simply the way that the female body works. At this time, it is common for the girls to start paying more attention to their physical appearance, with many of them developing eating disorders because they are unhappy with what they see. It should also be noted that these girls are more likely to develop depression which may also increase their chance of gaining even more weight.
  7. Boys start adding more muscle and also increase in height, leading them to feel more satisfied with their bodies, while young girls are getting increasingly more upset by what they see in the mirror. By the age of 15, over half of the girls in 16 countries are dieting. The United States is the country that has the most weight-obsessed girls, with 47% of girls aged 11, dieting and 62% of 15 year olds doing so. Ethnicity plays a role in how the girls feel about their bodies, with African American girls feeling more body satisfaction than Caucasian girls of the same age group.
- (i) What are the problems that overweight children develop ? Answer in about 40 words.

- (ii) Select the incorrect statement from the ones given below.  
 (A) The number of children and teens that are overweight had decreased  
 (B) Girls are more likely to be overweight than boys  
 (C) The family must be in total agreement that there is a problem  
 (D) Hispanic and African teens are slightly more likely to be obese than other races
- (iii) What can be inferred from the following sentences ?  
 'While boys grow leading them to feel more satisfied with their bodies, young girls are getting increasingly upset'.  
 (A) Boys are made to feel bad about growing  
 (B) Growing up is not good for girls.  
 (C) Women are made to feel bad about their bodies  
 (D) It is better to remain as children
- (iv) According to the study, the girls that develop eating disorders are more likely to develop depression which in turn can also \_\_\_\_\_.  
 (A) help them gain self-esteem  
 (B) lead to malnutrition  
 (C) lead them to gain even more weight  
 (D) cause them to feel better
- (v) In which period of life are girls more likely to become obese and what they do ? Answer in about 40 words.
- (vi) Select the option that lists what the given sentence refers to. 'Finally, the children in the study that were found to be the most overweight also had overweight parents.'  
 (A) Obesity is caused by virus  
 (B) Obesity is contagious  
 (C) There is a genetic disposition to being obese  
 (D) Children shouldn't imitate parents' food habits
- (vii) Which country had the most weight obsessed girls ?
- (viii) Complete the sentence appropriately. According to the study, girls would eat other vegetables but only were covered in a \_\_\_\_\_.

### SECTION – B

#### Writing Section

- III.** Complete ANY TEN of twelve of the following tasks, as directed. **[10]**
- (i) Fill in the blanks by choosing the correct form of the word given in the bracket, to complete the given paragraph.  
 Being considerate is a beautiful trait. It doesn't take much to be considerate to the people around us. Every day we \_\_\_\_\_(meet) different types of people. They give us an opportunity of learning more about human nature.
- (ii) Identify the error and supply its correction for the given sentence.  
 Excellent new surgical techniques are restore the vision in most cases.
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| Error | Correction |
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- (iii) Choose the correct option to complete the given narration.  
 Meena : I am hungry.  
 Pari : \_\_\_\_?  
 Meena : Really ! Are you sure ?  
 Pari : Yes, it's fine. I am free anyways.  
 Meena : Thank you so Much !  
 (A) Should I go home  
 (B) Will you go home  
 (C) Do you want to eat now  
 (D) Should we go together and grab something to eat
- (iv) Convert the given direct speech into indirect speech.  
 She said, 'I told Damantji to send you an e-mail three days ago.'
- (v) Complete the given narration by choosing the correct option.  
 Deepa was standing in the rain waiting for her father to pick her up. Saloni saw her and asked, 'Do you want an umbrella ? I can lend you mine since I am wearing a raincoat already.'  
 Deepa replied, 'Oh no that's fine, \_\_\_\_.'  
 Saloni was a little taken aback and said, 'Then may be I should also try, let's see if this is fun.'  
 She took off her raincoat and they both started laughing tighter.  
 (A) I hate standing in the rain (B) I am waiting for my father  
 (C) I don't need it (D) I love standing in the rain
- (vi) Identify the error and supply the correction for the given sentence.  
 There was no altruistic motive that prompt him to help her.  

Error	Correction
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- (vii) Fill in the blank with the correct option.  
 I \_\_\_\_ finished my graduation by 2025.  
 (A) will (B) will have  
 (C) have had (D) had
- (viii) Identify the error and supply its correction for the given sentence.  
 The leader might have has some covert reason for the change of his political affiliations.  

Error	Correction
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- (ix) Fill in the blank with the correct option.  
 Mothers like \_\_\_\_ their daughters.  
 (A) nag (B) nagged (C) nagging (D) will nag
- (x) Select the option that identifies the error and supplies the correction for the following line.  
 It is surprising to find her condoned such an act.  

Option No.	Error	Correction
A.	surprising	surprises
B.	find	finding
C.	condoned	condoning
D.	such	few
- (xi) Choose the correct option to fill in the blank to complete the sentence.  
 While being rude and selfish \_\_\_\_get immediate results, being considerate will take us a long way to building character and relationships.  
 (A) ought (B) need (C) shall (D) might
- (xii) Fill in the blank by choosing the correct options to complete the given sentence.  
 There's never \_\_\_\_ (much/many/a little) petrol left after Rahul uses the car.

### SECTION – C

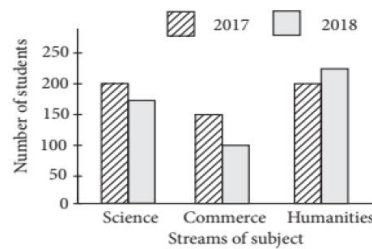
#### Grammar

- IV.**
- (i) You are Maggie, who happened to encounter the lack of organisation of the casualty ward at your district hospital. Write a letter to the Chief Medical Officer, in about 120 words, bringing to light the situation and asking for action. Give necessary details. **[5]**
- OR**
- (ii) You are Mr. Malik, the coordinator of the ABC Public School, 12, Pandeer Road, Write a letter, in about 120 words, to place a bulk order for school uniform to M/s Sinha Garments. **[5]**

### SECTION – D

#### Literature

- V.**
- (i) The number of student opting for humanities is higher than commerce and science in given two years. Write an analytical paragraph, in about 120 words, based on the statistics of the given chart **[5]**



- OR**
- (ii) 'Martial arts is for self defense and discipline'. Write a paragraph, in about 120 words, supporting or tearing down the statement with proper reasoning and facts. **[5]**

- VI.**
- (a) Read the given extracts and answer the questions for ANY ONE of the two, given. **[5 × 1 = 5]**

Enlightened after seven days, he renamed the tree the Bodhi Tree (Tree of Wisdom) and began to teach and to share his new understandings. At that point, he became known as the Buddha (The Awakened or the Enlightened).

- (i) What enlightenment came over him ?  
 (A) He was enlightened about family and his loved ones  
 (B) He was enlightened about his purpose in life  
 (C) He was enlightened about the true meaning of pain and suffering  
 (D) He was enlightened about his kingdom
- (ii) Where did Buddha sit down for mediation, and what did he do after being enlightened ? Elaborate your answer in about 40 words.
- (iii) After attaining enlightenment, other than Buddha, he was known as \_\_\_\_\_
- (iv) Which statement is false from the following ?  
 (A) Buddha is also known as the Awakened  
 (B) Buddha renamed the Tree of Wisdom  
 (C) Buddha took 7 years to be enlightened  
 (D) Buddha took 7 days to be enlightened

OR

- (b) 'I returned another to you exactly like it. And it has taken us ten years to pay for it. You can understand that it was not easy for us who have nothing. But it is finished and I am decently content.'

Mme Forestier stopped short. She said, 'You say that you bought a diamond necklace to replace mine ?'

[5 × 1 = 5]

'Yes. You did not perceive it then ? They were just alike.'

- (i) 'You' in the first line is \_\_\_\_\_.  
 (A) Mme Loisel (B) M Loisel  
 (C) Mme Forestier (D) Mme Ramponneau
- (ii) 'It' in the first line of the extract is referring to \_\_\_\_\_.  
 (A) things (B) satisfied (C) worried (D) regretted
- (iii) Meaning of word 'content' is \_\_\_\_\_.  
 (A) things (B) satisfied (C) worried (D) regretted
- (iv) What took Loisel's ten years, and why ? Elaborate your answer in about 40 words.

VII. Read the given extracts and answer the questions for ANY ONE of the two, given. [5 × 1 = 5]

- (a) The way a crow  
 Shook down on me  
 The dust of snow  
 From a hemlock tree  
 Has given my heart  
 A change of mood  
 And saved some part  
 Of a day I had rued.
- (i) Choose the option that lists the possible feelings of the poet to the experience shared in the poem.  
 1. reassured 2. disappointed  
 3. curious 4. demotivated  
 5. thankful 6. disheartened  
 7. impulsive  
 (A) 1, 3 and 7 (B) 2, 4 and 6 (C) 5 and 7 (D) 1 and 3
- (ii) Synecdoche is a poetic device that uses to represent the whole. E.g. That's a great set of wheels ! (Set of wheels has been used for car.)  
 Pick an example of synecdoche from the poem.  
 (A) Has given my heart/A change  
 (B) The way a crow/Shook down on me  
 (C) The dust of snow/From a hemlock tree  
 (D) And saved some part/Of a day I had rued
- (iii) Choose the option showing the reason NOT corresponding with "...a crow/Shook down on me/ The dust of snow".  
 (A) The crow's landing on the branch of the tree  
 (B) The shivering of the crow, due to the cold  
 (C) The readjustment of position of the crow on the branch  
 (D) The cawing of the crow hidden in the foliage
- (iv) What does the presence of the hemlock tree signify in the poem ? Justify your answer in about 40 words.

OR

- (b) He should be lurking in shadow,  
Sliding through long grass  
Near the water hole  
Where plump deer pass. [5 × 1 = 5]
- (i) Which fact DOES NOT connect with the significance of the water hole for the tiger ?  
(A) Many tigers chase prey into the water and hold the victim's head under water until it drowns  
(B) Prey feeds in the water on water-lilies, and often wanders into the middle of the water hole, where it is vulnerable and easy for the tiger to kill  
(C) Prey that has quenched its thirst ensures consumption of hydrated meat for the tiger  
(D) Chasing the panicked prey from shallow to deep water where the tiger grabs it
- (ii) Pick the option that DOES NOT use 'lurking' correctly to fill in the blank.  
(A) The thus was \_\_\_\_ in the alley late evening, for unsuspecting passers-by.  
(B) The hyena was \_\_\_\_ in its den after a good meal  
(C) The detective cautioned her team about the \_\_\_\_ dangers likely to impact the case  
(D) The prejudices \_\_\_\_ beneath the surface create misunderstandings
- (iii) 'shadow' her, refers to the shadow of \_\_\_\_.
- (iv) What do the first two lines of the poem signify ? Answer in about 40 words.
- VIII.** Answer ANY FOUR of the following five questions, in about 40-50 words. [4 × 3 = 12]
- (i) How does Natalya excite Lomov to the point of verbal fighting ?
- (ii) How has the Coorgi tradition of courage and bravery recognised in modern India ?
- (iii) Why did Lencho become furious when he counted the money ?
- (iv) Why did Prince Siddhartha Gautam leave the place and become a beggar
- (v) What happened after the narrator flew straight into the storm ?
- IX.** Answer ANY TWO of the following three questions, in about 40-50 words. [2 × 3 = 6]
- (i) Mention any two contributions of Ebright to the world of science.
- (ii) How did Horace Danby plan his robberies ?
- (iii) How did Griffin find himself butt naked in the chill January air for the second time ?
- X.** Answer ANY ONE of the following two questions, in about 100-120 words. [6]
- (a) Individual freedom is curbed by form of authority within restrictive boundaries. Comment on the above statement with reference to 'A Tiger in The Zoo' and 'Amanda'.
- OR**
- (b) The principle 'forgive and forget' helps a lot in maintaining cordial relations with our neighbours. Do you think Chubukov conveys this message in the play 'The Proposal'". [6]
- XI.** Answer ANY ONE of the following two questions, in about 100-120 words. [6]
- (a) 'The Necklace' reveals that vanity is an evil. It may bring joy for a short period but ultimately it leads to ruin. If you were placed in a situation similar to that of Matilda, what would you have done? Write your views.
- OR**
- (b) The story, 'Bholi' throws light on some social evils being practised in our society. Bholi took a stand and succeeded in overcoming social barriers. What can you contribute to change the social attitudes illustrated in the story? [6]