

Time : 3 Hours
Maximum Marks : 80

ENGLISH LANGUAGE & LITERATURE CBSE Sample Question Papers

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Self Assessment Paper

Solved _____

General Instructions :

1. This paper is divided into two parts: A and B. All questions are compulsory.
2. Separate instructions are given with each section and question, wherever necessary. Read these instructions very carefully and follow them.
3. Do not exceed the prescribed word limit while answering the questions.

PART - A

(40 MARKS)

READING

(20 MARKS)

Q. 1. Read the passage given below and answer any ten of the questions that follow : (10×1 = 10)

- (1) An escalating epidemic of overweight and obesity is affecting many countries in the world; more than 300 million people are overweight or obese. Obesity could be region specific. In India, some people tend to be overweight because of their high calorie diet and lack of physical activity. In the United States, obesity is more prevalent in lower economic groups. Obesity is now well recognized as a disease in its own right. Though, obesity commonly means very overweight, it is defined as an excess amount of body weight that includes muscles, bone, fat and water. 'Obesity' specifically refers to an excess amount of body fat. Some people such as body builders or other athletes with a lot of muscle, can be overweight without being obese.
- (2) A certain amount of body fat is needed for stored energy, heat insulation, shock absorption and other functions. Generally, women have more body fat than men. Usually men with more than 25% body fat and women more than 30% body fat are regarded as obese. Obesity tends to run in families suggesting a genetic cause. Environmental factors mean lifestyle behaviour such as what a person eats and his or her level of physical activity. Although you cannot change your genetic makeup, you can change your eating habits and levels of activity. You can learn how to choose more nutritional meals which are low in fat to become more active.
- (3) Then there are psychological factors. Negative emotions such as boredom, sadness or anger, respond to people who overeat. There is also 'binge eating' i.e. when people eat large amounts of food thinking that they cannot control how much they are eating. Those with the most severe binge eating problems are also likely to have symptoms of depression

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and low self-esteem. These people may have more difficulty in losing weight and keeping it off, than people without binge eating problems.

- (4) Obesity is more than a cosmetic problem; it is a health hazard. Several serious medical conditions have been linked to obesity, including type-2 diabetes, heart disease, high blood pressure and heart stroke. Obesity is also linked to higher rates of certain types of cancer. Other diseases and health problems linked to obesity include gall bladder disease and gallstones, liver disease and osteoarthritis which leads to deterioration of joints and gout which also affect the joint and reproductive problems in women.
- (5) As the trend is to equate attractiveness with slimness, especially for women, obesity makes people feel unattractive. There are many methods of treatment but, the benefits of exercise are much more than any other way of losing weight. Not only does exercise help you lose weight but also improves your fitness and flexibility and improves skin texture. Exercises are also free from the side effects of crash dieting, slimming capsules and the heat treatment used by slimming centres.

On the basis of your reading of the above passage, answer any ten of the following by choosing the correct option:

- (i) **Obesity is more prevalent in lower income group in**
- (a) India (b) through out the world
(c) United States (d) none of the above
- (ii) **More than million people in the world are obese making it an epidemic.**
- (a) 200 (b) 300
(c) 400 (d) 500
- (iii) **What among the following are considered as obese?**
- (a) men with 35% body fat (b) women with 25% body fat
(c) men with 30% body fat (d) women with 30% body fat
- (iv) **..... can be the cause of a person being obese.**
- (a) Environmental factors (b) Heredity
(c) Psychological factors (d) All the above
- (v) **..... are considered as negative emotions.**
- (a) lifestyle behaviour (b) boredom
(c) sadness and anger (d) boredom, sadness and anger
- (vi) **People with binge-eating problem may have also.**
- (a) depression (b) confidence
(c) confidence and high self esteem (d) depression and low self esteem
- (vii) **Obesity can be taken as**
- (a) pandemic (b) endemic
(c) epidemic (d) none of these
- (viii) **Exercises are free from the side effects of**
- (a) crash dieting (b) cold treatment used by slimming centres
(c) clash dieting (d) binge eating
- (ix) **Find a word in para, which is the antonym of 'abundance'.**
- (a) obese (b) lack
(c) escalating (d) affect
- (x) **The synonym of 'intense' in para 3 is**
- (a) depression (b) self-esteem
(c) severe (d) control
- (xi) **The word which means the same as 'to make work decline in para 4 is**
- (a) negative (b) deterioration
(c) depression (d) stroke

(xii) The antonym of 'rigidity' in para 5 is

- (a) flexibility (b) slimming
(c) losing (d) unattractive

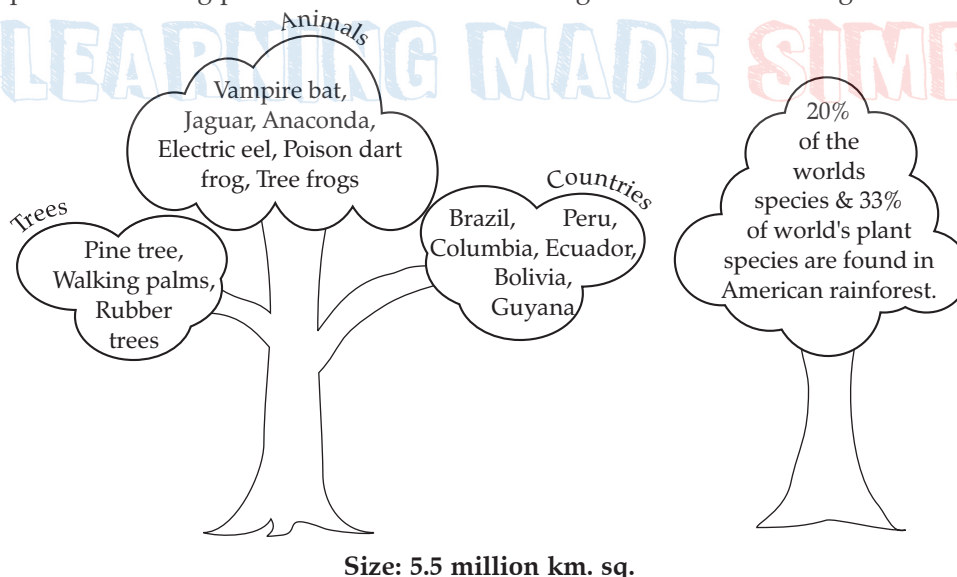
Q. 2. Read the passage given below and answer the questions that follow : (10×1 = 10)
(Ten out of twelve questions to be answered)

The Amazon is the world's largest tropical rainforest. It covers an area of nearly 2.8 million square miles, which is about the size of the continent of Australia. The Amazon rainforest gets its life from the majestic Amazon river, the world's second largest river, which runs directly through the heart of the region. The rainforest itself is simply the drainage basin for the river and its many tributaries. The vast forest itself consists of four layers, each featuring its own ecosystem and specially adapted plants and animals.

The forest floor is the lowest region. Since only two per cent of the sunlight filters through the top layers to the understory, very few plants grow here. The forest floor, however, is rich with rotting vegetation and the bodies of dead organisms, which are quickly broken down into nutrients and integrated into the soil. Tree roots stay close to these available nutrients and decomposers such as millipedes and earthworms use nutrients for food.

The understory is the layer above the forest floor. Much like the forest floor, only about 2-5 per cent of the sunlight reaches this shadowy realm. Many of the plants in the understory have large, broad leaves to collect as much sunlight as possible. The understory is so thick that there is very little air movement. As a result, plants rely on insects and animals to pollinate their flowers.

The layer above the understory is the canopy. This is where much of the action in the rainforest occurs. Many canopy leaves have specially adapted leaves which form "drip tips". Drip tips allow water to flow off the leaves which prevents mosses, fungi, and lichens from occupying the leaves. Leaves in the canopy are very dense and filter about 80 per cent of the sunlight. The canopy is where the wealth of the rainforest's fruits and flowers grow. Bromeliads-cup-like plants, provide drinking pools for animals and breeding locations for tree frogs.



Size: 5.5 million km. sq.

On the basis of your understanding of the passage, choose the correct option.

(i) The Amazon is the world's largest river.

- (a) first (b) second
(c) third (d) fourth

(ii) Which of the following is not true about the Amazon rainforest?

- (a) It covers an area about the size of the continent of Australia.
(b) It get its life from Amazon river.
(c) The Amazon forest consists of three layers.
(d) Very few plants grow in the forest Flora.

- (iii) percent of world's plant species are found in the Amazon rain forest.
 (a) 33% (b) 43%
 (c) 30% (d) 20%
- (iv) According to the information given above, some of the animals found in the Amazon rainforest are :
 (a) Vampire bat, bear (b) tigers, fox
 (c) jaguars, vampire bats (d) anaconda, walking palms
- (v) The plants in the understory have leaves.
 (a) small (b) thin & small
 (c) large and broad (d) tiny
- (vi) Leaves in the canopy filter eighty percent of in the Amazon rainforest.
 (a) sunshine (b) air
 (c) water (d) rain
- (vii) Why is there very little air movement in the under story?
 (a) it is the layer above the forest floor
 (b) very few plants grow here
 (c) understory is so thick and also covered with large, broad leaves
 (d) 2.5 percent of the sunlight reaches this shadowy realm
- (viii) What is the layer above the understory called?
 (a) top layer (b) canopy
 (c) canopy (d) None of the above
- (ix) How are bromeliads useful for animals and tree frogs?
 (a) allow water to flow off the leaves
 (b) provide drinking pools
 (c) provide nutrients
 (d) filters about 80 per cent of the sunlight
- (x) Find the word from the passage which means 'grand'.
 (a) miles (b) majestic
 (c) vast (d) None of the above
- (xi) The word which is the antonym of 'unmixed' in para 2 is
 (a) filters (b) integrated
 (c) rotting (d) decomposers
- (xii) The word which means the same as 'stops' in the last paragraph is
 (a) prevents (b) canopy
 (c) occurs (d) dense

LITERATURE

Q. 3. Read the extract given below and attempt ANY ONE by answering the questions that follow : (5×1 = 5)

A headmaster once told his father that what Einstein chose as a profession wouldn't matter, because "he'll never make a success at anything." Einstein began learning to play the violin at the age of six, because his mother wanted him to; he later became a gifted amateur violinist, maintaining this skill throughout his life.

- (i) The headmaster's opinion about Einstein was that he would in life.
 (a) be successful (b) not fail
 (c) never be successful (d) rise
- (ii) How long did he maintain his skill as a violinist?
 (a) 2 years (b) long time
 (c) throughout his life (d) none of the above

- (iii) Find a word from the passage that means 'having great natural ability'.
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| (a) success | (b) gifted |
| (c) learning | (d) profession |
- (iv) Einstein learnt to play violin at the age of
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| (a) five | (b) six |
| (c) ten | (d) eleven |
- (v) The word which means the same as 'doing something as a hobby and not job' is
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| (a) amateur | (b) profession |
| (c) maintain | (d) success |

OR

But it was for your b-b-birthday." Down came the ruler on her little, pink palms. Hours later, when Grandmother had wrapped her in a shawl and rocked her in the rocking-chair, the child clung to her soft body." What did God make fathers for?" she sobbed.

- (i) Who is responding in first line and to whom?
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| (a) Kezia of grandmother | (b) grandmother to father |
| (c) Kezia to father | (d) Kezia in mother |
- (ii) She sobbed. Who is 'She'?
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| (a) her mother | (b) Kezia |
| (c) grandmother | (d) both (b) and (c) |
- (iii) Find a word from the passage that means 'wept'.
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| (a) palms | (b) wrapped |
| (c) sobbed | (d) clung |
- (iv) Kezia was of her father.
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| (a) scared | (b) nervous |
| (c) unhappy | (d) affectionate |
- (v) 'Down came the ruler on her little, pink palms.' Why did this happen?
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| (a) Kezia had misbehaved | (b) Kezia had torn the bedsheet |
| (c) Kezia had torn an important document | (d) Kezia was an indisciplined child. |

Q. 4. Read the extract given below and attempt ANY ONE by answering the questions that follow : (5×1 = 5)

Wind, come softly
 Don't break the shutters of the windows.
 Don't scatter the papers
 Don't throw down the books on the shelf

- (i) Whom does the poet request in the above lines?
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| (a) rain | (b) wind |
| (c) sunshine | (d) water |
- (ii) What is the name of poet?
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| (a) Subramania Bharti | (b) Robert Frost |
| (c) Coates Kinney | (d) William Butler Yeats |
- (iii) Trace a word from the extract which means 'thrown in different directions'.
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| (a) shutters | (b) scatter |
| (c) shelf | (d) none of the above |
- (iv) Which among the following does the wind NOT do?
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| (a) break the shutters of the window | (b) arrange the books on the bookshelf |
| (c) scatter the papers | (d) throw down the books |
- (v) The wind here has been shown as very
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| (a) weak | (b) low |
| (c) powerful | (d) gentle |

OR

He came to the door of a cottage,
In travelling round the earth,
Where a little woman was making cakes,
And baking them on the hearth.

(i) What request did 'he' make to the woman?

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| (a) to give him shelter | (b) to give him something to eat |
| (c) to give him water | (d) to give him clothes |

(ii) Why was the little woman punished?

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| (a) She was greedy and mean. | (b) She made cake as thin as a water |
| (c) She was highly stingy | (d) Both (a) and (b) |

(iii) Give a word from the passage that means 'fireplace'.

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| (a) cottage | (b) hearth |
| (c) baking | (d) None of the above |

(iv) The rhyme scheme of these lines is..... .

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| (a) aabb | (b) abcb |
| (c) abcc | (d) abab |

(v) Name the poet?

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| (a) Phoebe Cary | (b) Gieve Patel |
| (c) Coates Kinney | (d) James Kirkup |

GRAMMAR

Q. 5. Read the dialogue and complete ANY THREE of the passage given below by choosing the correct option from those given : (3×1 = 3)

Manu: Is there any problem with the car?

Woman: I've a flat tyre, but I just don't know how to change the tyre.

Manu: Let me give you a helping hand. I will try to do it.

Woman: Oh! that very nice of you, thanks so much indeed, you were a great help.

Manu: It was my pleasure.

Manusawawomanstandingnearhercarbytheroad.Heaskedher...(i)_.Thewomanreplied...(ii)_,but...(iii)_.Manuofferedtotheladyahelpinghand.Thewomanthankedhimandsaid...(iv)_.TheManurepliedthatitwashispleasuretobeofhelp.

(i) (a) is there any problem with the car

(b) that there was any problem with the car

(c) if there was any problem with the car

(d) if there is any problem with the car

(ii) (a) that she had a flat tyre

(b) she had a flat tyre

(c) she has had a flat tyre

(d) that she is having a flat tyre

(iii) (a) she is not knowing how to change it

(b) that she doesn't know how to change it

(c) she just hadn't known how to change it

(d) she just didn't know how to change it

(iv) (a) that he had been a great help

(b) that he has been a great help

(c) that he is a great help

(d) that he was a great help

- Q. 6. Read the passage given below and fill in the blanks by choosing the most appropriate words from the given options. (3×1 = 3)

Sir Winston Churchill was a British statesman, painter and writer(i)..... some have labelled as the greatest man ever to speak English language. But many call him the greatest English man(ii)..... the present century. While in India, he taught himself to write good prose and he(iii)..... a grand masterly style which captured the greatness of his times.

- (i) (a) who (b) which (c) whom (d) whose
 (ii) (a) and (b) of (c) but (d) nor
 (iii) (a) develops (b) develop (c) developed (d) developing

- Q. 7. Fill in the blanks by choosing the correct options for ANY FOUR of the six sentences given below : (4×1 = 4)

- (i) There are more 6,000 million people living on our planet.

- (a) then (b) some
 (c) than (d) over

- (ii) The traditional colours of Christmas red and green.

- (a) is (b) was
 (c) are (d) were

- (iii) Haemophilia is a disorder by a defective gene.

- (a) cause (b) caused
 (c) causing (d) has caused

- (iv) I shall continue my studies I fail.

- (a) although (b) however
 (c) moreover (d) even if

- (v) I wish I a bird!

- (a) were (b) was
 (c) am (d) has

- (vi) A man on a bicycle will go than a man on foot.

- (a) fast (b) faster
 (c) fastest (d) as fast

PART-B

(40 MARKS)

WRITING

- Q. 8. Attempt ANY ONE of the following in 100-120 words : (5 marks)

[AI] Write a short description of Shivaji, the Great Maratha. Use the hints given below :

Born in 1627... in the hillfort of Shivner... father-Jagirdar, Mother-Jijabai – a religious lady... influenced by Guru Ramdas;... learnt horse-riding, swimming, use of weapons at a young age... won the fort of Toran, built a strong fort at Durg... killed Afzal Khan... Aurangzeb sent Shaista Khan but lost battle... became independent king... source of inspiration.

OR

[AI] Make an entry in your diary on your hesitation to speak in English and you wish to improve your English speaking skills.

- Q. 9. Attempt ANY ONE of the following in 100-120 words : (5 marks)

Write a short story on the basis of the given clues :

Robert Bruce, king of Scotland – often fought for the freedom of the country – no success – hiding in a cave – dejected – a spider drops by its thread from the ceiling – tries to get back to its web – again drops – succeeds in ninth attempt – inspired by the example, Bruce tries again.

OR

Develop a story with the following beginning. Also give a suitable title.

An old couple was living in Shobit's adjacent flat. One day, he saw some commotion in their house. He went there and found.

LITERATURE

Q. 10. Answer ANY TWO of the following in 20-30 words each from (A) & (B) respectively : (4×2 = 8)

- A. (i) Describe the central idea of the poem, "Wind".
 (ii) Why did emperor Aurangzeb ban the playing of Pungi in the royal residence?
 (iii) Where did the snake hide itself?

- AI** B. (i) What did Prashant do for the orphans?
 (ii) Why did the king decide to postpone the execution of the Guru and his disciple?
AI (iii) Why did the grandfather decide to take Toto along with him to Dehradun?

Q. 11. Answer any four of the following in 40-50 words : (4×3 = 12)

- A. (i) How did the child react when there was no sign of his parents?
 (ii) How did Maria achieve her success?
AI (iii) 'They can't hang me twice' who said this and to whom 'If I were you'? What did the speaker mean?
- AI** B. (i) Animals too feel the pain of separation. Elucidate with reference to the story *The Bond of Love*.
 (ii) Who is the real culprit according to the king? Why does he escape from the punishment?
 (iii) Why does Sue rush down to meet Mr. Behrman?

Q. 12. Answer ANY ONE of the following in 100-120 words : (5 marks)

- A. Does the poem, *The Road Not Taken*, symbolise or reveal a meaning or aspect of freedom or responsibility?

OR

- B. What incident took place at the Rameshwaram Elementary School when a new teacher came to the class?

Q. 13. Answer any one of the following in 100-120 words : (5 marks)

- A. The cat and the author are very fond of each other. How has this been shown in *A House is Not a Home*?

OR

- AI** B. Explain why Sergie is extremely delighted to see Lushkoff at the theatre.

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