

ENGLISH CORE PRACTICE PAPER (2020-21)
CLASS-XII (Rationalised syllabus)
SET-4

Time allowed: 3 Hrs.

Maximum Marks: 80

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 COMPREHENSION (20 marks)

A. Read the passage given below.

1. Everything you do in your day-to-day life has an impact on the planet, from the food you eat to the car you drive. Sustainable living includes prioritizing the use of natural and renewable resources instead of creating excess waste and depleting resources for future generations. At the moment, we are producing resources, using energy and creating waste at a rate which isn't sustainable. This leads to environmental issues, such as pollution and climate change, which cause harm to the environment, wildlife and humans. By making some small changes to your lifestyle, you can reduce your carbon footprint and help to tackle these issues.
2. **Save energy:** By using less energy, you can help to reduce carbon emissions. There are a number of ways you can save energy at home, including switching off standby appliances and hanging clothes to dry instead of using a drier.
3. **Use reusable alternatives:** Single-use products, particularly plastic ones, tend to end up in landfill and the ocean, causing harm to wildlife and the environment. Prevent this by choosing to use reusable and eco-friendly alternatives instead.
4. **Go paperless:** To avoid wasting paper, choose to receive letters over email and only print off documents if necessary.
5. **Recycle and reuse:** Make sure you're recycling by putting your rubbish in the correct bins. Also, try to reuse products and items as many times as possible before binning them to reduce waste.
6. **Donate unused items:** If you don't use a product or wear a piece of clothing anymore, give it to a charity shop or someone you know would make use of it to help reduce waste.
7. **Save water:** You can save water in and around your home by making a number of small changes.
8. **Drive less:** Walk or ride a bike to your destination instead of driving if it's close enough – it's better for the environment and your health. Using public transport is another good way to help reduce greenhouse gas emissions.

9. **Don't waste food:** If you have leftovers, don't throw them away. However, if they do go off, use them to create compost for you garden.

On the basis of your understanding of the above passage, answer **ANY TEN** questions from the eleven given below.

i. Sustainable living encourages:

- a. increasing carbon footprint
- b. creating excess waste
- c. depleting resources for future generations
- d. prioritizing the use of renewable resources

ii. "...hanging clothes to dry instead of using a drier." Pick the option in which the meaning of 'hang(ing)' is the same as it is in the passage.

- a. I am going to have a Christmas tree and hang all my gifts upon it.
- b. I will go to market to hang out after finishing my work.
- c. I'll text you when we hang up next.
- d. Its lots of fun to hang out with friends.

iii. Pick the option that correctly lists the idea of sustainable living

1. reduce wastage.
 2. use non-renewable resources
 3. use renewable resources
 4. recycle rubbish
 5. increase green house gas emissions
 6. misuse energy
- a. 1, 3 and 4
 - b. 2, 5 and 6
 - c. 3, 4 and 6
 - d. 1, 2 and 3

iv. The narrator says that we can prevent this by choosing to use reusable and eco-friendly alternatives instead. **NOT** preventing means, being

- a. hindering.
- b. averting.
- c. promoting.
- d. forbidding.

v. Pick the option that is **NOT TRUE** in respect of Hanging clothes to dry instead of using a drier :

- a. It saves energy.
- b. It is an outdated practice.
- c. It is a better use of renewable resource.
- d. It saves money.

vi. Pick the option that lists statements that are **NOT TRUE** according to the passage with respect to leftover food.

1. It is miserable to reuse it.
 2. It can be reused as food.
 3. It can be used for compost.
 4. It can only be thrown away.
- a. 1 & 2
 - b. 3 & 4
 - c. 2 & 3

- d. 1 & 4
- vii. The word 'depleting', as used in paragraph, means the same as
- 'increasing'.
 - 'expanding'.
 - 'growing'.
 - 'decreasing'.
- viii a. Based on the passage, choose the option that **is not** one of the step towards sustainable living



- OPTION 1
- Option (1)
 - Option (2)
 - Option (3)
 - Option (4)

OPTION 2

OPTION 3

OPTION 4

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- viii b . Based on the passage, choose the option that is not one of the step towards sustainable living
- Reduce CO2
 - Single use plastic objects.
 - Reusable bag
 - Reusable drink containers.
- ix. "By making some small changes to your lifestyle, you can reduce your carbon footprint"
The idea of making small changes, is mainly a reference to
- luxurious living.
 - Stingy living.
 - sustainable living.
 - unsustainable living.
- x. Pick the option showing the **CORRECT** use of the word 'sustainable'.
- Although Rahul is able to work 16 hours a day right now, this kind of work schedule is sustainable for long term.
 - Generating power through the use of fossil fuels is a sustainable and environment damaging.
 - Exploitation of natural resources is a sustainable option.
 - Organic farming promotes the sustainable health and productivity of the ecosystem.
- xi. Which of the following statements is **NOT** substantiated by information in passage?
- Single-use plastic bottles are an eco-friendly option.
 - Using less energy, can help to reduce carbon emissions.
 - Walk, ride a bike or use public transport to reduce greenhouse gas emissions.
 - If possible reuse products to reduce waste before discarding them.

2. A Read the passage given below.

1. Would you like a job where you work long hours, are not eligible for any leave and there is no chance of promotion? What's more, there is no payday because you won't get any salary.
2. Don't be shocked. Mothers across the world do this thankless job without complaining. The household tasks done by women are neither acknowledged as work, nor do they get paid for them.
3. According to a 2011 The Organization for Economic Cooperation and Development (OECD) study, the average Indian woman spent nearly six hours a day doing unpaid work. Economists believe that though it is unpaid, the household work done by homemakers constitutes economic activity and should be included in the national income. By ignoring it, we underestimate women's contribution to the economy.
4. Manushi Chhillar's answer in the final round of the Miss World pageant has briefly brought it into the limelight. When she said mothers deserve the highest salary, Chhillar did not put a number to the economic value of a mother.

All In A Day's Work

What housewives do and what it is worth



| Task | What it entails | Value (per month) |
|---------------------------|--|-------------------|
| Daycare for two kids | Taking care of kids for 12-14 hours during the day | ₹12,000 |
| Personalised cooking | Taking into account the preferences of 3-4 people | ₹6,000 |
| Housekeeping | Supervising laundering, house cleaning by maids and servants | ₹3,000 |
| Budgeting & accounting | Keeping record of expenses, purchases and allocating funds | ₹4,000 |
| Nursing for kids, elderly | Attending to elderly family members, kids when sick | ₹6,000 |
| Tutor | Teaching kids and helping with homework, projects | ₹6,000 |
| Driver | Taking kids, other family members around town | ₹8,000 |
| TOTAL | | ₹45,000 |

5. A mother wears several hats during the day, but let's start with day care for kids. The average day care charges in a metro are ₹ 6,000 per child. Then comes personalised cooking for stubborn teenagers and fussy elders. Instead of 1-2 dishes in a day, the typical housewife is cooking 2-3 dishes per meal. A paid personalised cooking service would cost ₹ 6,000 for a family of four members. Even with household helps around, to do the laundry and sweeping, a homemaker has to supervise the process. She also has to oversee repairs and ensure everything is in working order. Try hiring a housekeeper instead and you will have to pay at least ₹3,000 a month.
6. Besides these menial tasks, a housewife is also the family's finance minister, burdened with managing the household budget. She keeps a record of all household purchases and ensures that no bill remains unpaid. This budgeting and accounting job would cost you another ₹4,000. Attending elderly family members and kids when they are sick is part of a homemaker's routine, chargeable ₹ 6,000 otherwise. She is also the driver who ferries kids to tuitions, parties and shopping malls and the errand girl who buys groceries and other stuff for the household. Once back, she is the tutor who helps them with homework and school projects. That amounts around ₹6,000 saved on tutor and ₹8,000 saved on a driver. All these task's worth sums up to ₹45,000 a month.
7. Working women have it even worse. After a gruelling day at work, the "second shift" begins at home. It doesn't matter whether you are a clerk in a bank or head a multinational.

On the basis of your understanding of the passage, answer **ANY TEN** questions from the eleven that follow. (1x10 = 10)

- i. According to the passage, why mother's job is undesirable:
 - a. as mother's job is highly irresponsible one.

- b. as mothers become too bossy.
 - c. as it is taken for granted despite hard work involved.
 - d. as it is too easy to earn respect.
- ii. Pick the option that lists statements that are **NOT TRUE** according to a 2011 The Organization for Economic Cooperation and Development (OECD) study:
1. The average Indian woman spent nearly six hours a day doing unpaid work.
 2. The household work done by homemakers does not constitutes economic activity
 3. The household work should be included in the national income.
 4. We are underestimating women’s contribution to the economy by ignoring it.
- a. 1 & 2
 - b. 3 & 4
 - c. 2 & 3
 - d. 1 & 4
- iii. The word ‘stubborn’, means the same as
- a. ‘flexible’.
 - b. ‘obstinate’.
 - c. ‘docile’.
 - d. ‘compliant’.
- iv a. Based on the passage, choose the option that incorrectly depicts tasks that are part of job of a homemaker :



OPTION 1



OPTION2



OPTION 3



OPTION 4

- a. Option (1)
- b. Option (2)
- c. Option (3)
- d. Option (4)

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- iv b. Based on the passage, choose the option that incorrectly states tasks that are part of job of a homemaker :
- a. Cooking.
 - b. Monthly Salary.
 - c. Grocery shopping.
 - d. Taking care of children.
- v. “A mother wears several hats during the day.” The idea of wearing several hats, is mainly a reference to:
- a. fondness of women for accessories.
 - b. women preference for keeping their head covered
 - c. women likeness towards collecting many hats.
 - d. handling many jobs or roles at a time.

vi. Based on the given graphical representation of data in the passage, choose the option that lists the statements that are **TRUE** with respect to the usage of email.

1. The average daycare charges in a metro are ₹ 6,000 per child.
2. A housewife saves ₹ 12,000 on nursing for kids and elderly.
3. The estimated housekeeping charges are ₹ 6,000.
4. She is also does a driver's and tutor's job and saves ₹14,000.
 - a. 1 and 3
 - b. 2 and 3
 - c. 1 and 4
 - d. 3 and 4

vii. In the final round of the Miss World pageant Manushi Chhillar said that mothers deserve the highest salary, pick the option that lists the reason that why Chhillar's did not put a number to the economic value of a mother:

- a. Her mother was already earning high.
- b. She felt ₹ 45,000 would be too less to admit.
- c. Nothing can repay the hard work a mother puts.
- d. She could not calculate the right amount.

viii. According to the table, the estimated worth of a housewives work per month is:

- a) less than ₹ 45,000
- b) equal to ₹ 45,000
- c) equal to ₹ 4,500
- d) more than ₹ 45,000

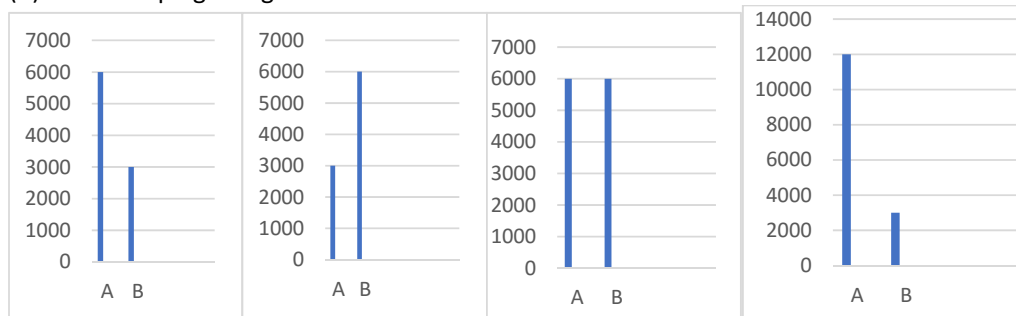
ix. The narrator says that after a grueling day at work. NOT HAVING grueling means, having :

- a. relaxing.
- b. exhausting.
- c. tiring.
- d. demanding.

x a. According to the table, which is the option that correctly displays –

(A) A daycare charge for one kid.

(B) Housekeeping charges



OPTION(1)

OPTION (2)

OPTION (3)

OPTION(4)

- a. Option (1)
- b. Option (2)
- c. Option (3)
- d. Option (4)

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x b. Which of the following is **TRUE** about charges that various tasks of a homemaker carries:

- a. A day care would charge for a kid exactly double of what a housekeeper would charge.
- b. A housekeeper would charge exactly double of what a day care would charge for a kid.
- c. A day care would charge for a kid exactly same what a housekeeper would charge.
- d. A day care would charge for a kid exactly four times of what a housekeeper would charge.

xi. Arrange the housewives job in respect of its monetary worth from the least costing to the most costing, from the following –

1. As a tutor
 2. As a housekeeper.
 3. As a accountant.
 4. As a driver
- a. 1, 3, 4, 2
 - b. 3, 2, 1, 4
 - c. 2, 4, 3, 1
 - d. 4, 1, 3, 2

Literature (20 marks)

3. Read the extracts given below and attempt **ANY TWO** of the three given by answering the questions that follow. (4+4=8)

A) But now it was all so still! I had counted on the commotion to get to my desk without being seen; but, of course, that day everything had to be as quiet as Sunday morning. Through the window I saw my classmates, already in their places, and M. Hamel walking up and down with his terrible iron ruler under his arm. I had to open the door and go in before everybody.

i) Why did Franz count on the commotion?

- a) He enjoyed it
- b) It was something new that excited Franz
- c) He thought it was Sunday morning as it was completely silent
- d) He was late for the class and wanted to enter it without being noticed

ii) What was so still?

- a) The students in the classroom
- b) The villagers in the classroom
- c) The environment of the class and school
- d) All of the above

iii) 'M. Hamel walking up and down with his terrible iron ruler under his arm.' Why was M. Hamel walking up and down the class?

- a) He seemed upset
- b) It was his regular practice
- c) He was very angry
- d) He enjoyed it

iv) Franz had to go passing by everybody in the class because__

- a) He was the youngest in class
- b) He had not done his homework
- c) He was the last to arrive
- d) All of the above

B) But one day this man had fallen had into a line of thought, which really seemed to him entertaining. He had naturally been thinking of his rattraps when suddenly has was struck by the idea that the whole world about him-the whole world with its land and seas, its cities and villages-was nothing but a big rattrap.

i) Who does "this man" refer to in the first line?

- a) The narrator
- b) The peddler
- c) The crofter
- d) The Ironmaster

ii) What does "this man" compare the world to?

- a) A stage
- b) A big rattrap
- c) land of seas, villages and cities
- d) a rich man's world

iii) "this man" was struck by

- a) an idea
- b) hammer
- c) rattrap
- d) all of the above

iv) What did the rattrap seller fall into?

- a) An idea
- b) A big rattrap
- c) A line of thought
- d) A big hole

C) In the evenings and for Saturday naps like today's, Jack told his daughter Jo a story out of his head. This custom, begun when she was two, was itself now nearly two years old, and his head felt empty.

i) 'out of his head' means

- a) Well in advance
- b) Read from books
- c) Created spontaneously
- d) Memorised in the past

ii) What was a custom?

- a) To take naps in the evenings
- b) To tell a story everyday
- c) to tell a story for Saturday naps
- d) both b) and c)

iii) How old is Jo?

- a) One to two years old
- b) Two to three years old
- c) Three to four years old
- d) Four to five years old

iv) How does the narrator feel about the practice of telling stories?

- a) He was bored and tired
- b) He was very enthusiastic
- c) He enjoyed himself
- d) None of the above

4. Read the extracts given below and attempt **ANY ONE** of the two given by answering the questions that follow. (1X4=4)

**A) I looked again at her, wan,
pale
as a late winter's moon and felt that
old
familiar ache, my childhood's fear,
but all I said was, see you soon,
Amma,
all I did was smile and smile and
smile.....**

i) What is the familiar ache?

- a) her childhood fear of losing her mother
- b) her mother's weak health
- c) her duties towards her family
- d) her helplessness

ii) 'winter's moon' is a reference to the mother's

- (a) old age
- (b) illness
- (c) colour of skin
- (d) young age

iii) Smile and smile and smile is an example of-

- (a) alliteration
- (b) repetition
- (c) simile
- (d) metaphor

- iv) Why did the poet keep smiling?
- a) she didn't feel like saying anything
 - b) she was sad but couldn't show it
 - c) due to her inability to express her sorrow
 - d) in order to hide her disturbed condition, feelings

**B) On their slag heap, these children
Wear skins peeped through by bones and spectacles of steel
With mended glass, like bottle bits on stones.
All of their time and space are foggy slum
so blot their maps with slums as big as doom**

- i) The poet's mood and tone in the given stanza is----
- a) gloomy and angry
 - b) reflective and angry
 - c) frustrated and reflective
 - d) elated and reflective
- ii) 'Wear skins peeped through by bones' means that the slum children are -----
- (1) malnourished and worn-out
 - (2) weak and exhausted
 - (3) thin and lanky
 - (4) tall and energetic
- a) (1) and (2)
 - b) (1) and (3)
 - c) (2) and (3)
 - d) (3) and (4)
- iii) The map in the classroom represents the
- a) beautiful Tyrolese valley
 - b) the world of rich and opportunist people
 - c) classroom and streets of slum children
 - d) world created by the poet
- iv) According to the poet, what is 'foggy slum'
- a) slum area in which the children live
 - b) time of slum children
 - c) space of slum children

d) Both b) and c)

5. Attempt **ANY EIGHT** questions from the ten given below. (1X8=8)

i) M. Hamel concluded his last lesson with writing "Vive la France", It shows that M. Hamel-

- a. was overwhelmed with emotions
- b. wanted to distract everyone so as not to feel sorry
- c. was keen on not leaving the country
- d. wanted to teach French participles through it

ii) Why did the General not arrest Dr. Sadao for sheltering an enemy?

- (a) because he trusted him
- (b) because he needed him for his own surgery
- (c) they were good friends
- d) he was impressed by Dr. Sadao's good gesture

iii) Derry thinks that everyone is afraid of him since he..

- a) is afraid of himself
- b) has a burnt and ugly face
- c) can read people's mind
- d) can overhear them whispering

iv) Why does Charley want to visit Galesburg?

- a) to escape from the troublesome world
- b) to enjoy an idyllic and static life
- c) to see the beautiful landscape
- d) to meet his old friends

v) According to the author what was garbage for the parents?

- a) means of entertainment
- b) means of joy
- c) means of sorrow
- d) means of survival

vi) Which was the first accident that led Douglas to being afraid of water?

- a) he was knocked down by a huge wave on a beach in California
- b) he was tossed in nine feet deep water by a boy at YMCA pool
- c) his instructor nearly drowned him in the swimming pool
- d) his mother warned him against the drowning of children at Yakima river

vii) In the poem 'A Thing of Beauty', "clear rills" represent the..

- (a) clean windows
- (b) streams of clear water
- (c) clear thoughts
- (d) clear future

viii) Why was Motihari black with peasants?

- a) to protested for their rights
- b) to create a ruckus
- c) to disobey the authorities
- d) to support Gandhi

ix) "Do you mind telling me why you've brought this, sir?" 'He held up a smallish semi-inflated rubber ring.' Who do 'you' and 'me' refer to here?

- a) McLeery and Evans
- b) Jackson and McLeery
- c) Jackson and Evans
- d) Governor and McLeery

x) Why was Franz feeling regretful and sad?

- a) for reaching late
- b) for not learning participles
- c) for change of the Government
- d) for not learning his mother tongue

xi) Who is the poet of the poem Aunt Jennifer's Tigers?

- a) Jonathan Aaron
- b) Stephen Spender
- c) Adrienne Rich
- d) John Keats

Part B (20 Marks)

Writing skills

6. You are the Principal Gandhi Public school, C-Block, Indore. A post of TGT English lying vacant in your school. Draft a classified advertisement inviting applications for same.

OR

The Resident's Welfare Association of Sakshi Enclave, Pitampura, Delhi is starting a cleanliness drive. Write a notice inviting residents to the inauguration of the same. Also

mention the plan of action and invent necessary details. You are Roshan/Roshni the president of the society.

7. Anubhav Public School, Dehradun is celebrating The School Annual Day in the month of December. As Rohit Arora, the Principal of the School, draft a formal invitation to invite noted author Ruskin Bond to preside over the function.

OR

You are Mukund Sahay, a well-known TV personality living in GK-II, Delhi. You have been invited to inaugurate the 'Niketan studios' for upcoming artists. Draft a suitable reply for accepting the invitation.

8. You are Anu/Soha, a student of Class XII of SKV, Brij Vihar, Delhi. The pandemic, COVID-19 led to closure of schools, resulting in students attending online classes. The students are required to cope with a lot of pressure as they are not trained for the same. Write a letter to the editor of a national daily highlighting the increasing stress being faced by the students and suggesting ways to combat the same.

OR

You are Varun/Vidhi of 23, Express Apartments, Rajnagar, Ghaziabad. You come across the following advertisement in a national daily. You consider yourself suitable and eligible for the following post. Apply to the Principal in response to the advertisement, giving your detailed bio-data.

Applications are invited for the post of a Nursery teacher/PRT in Newland International School, Ghaziabad, UP. The candidate must have a minimum experience of 3 years of teaching at the primary and pre-primary level. The applicant must have a pleasant and energetic personality. She/he should be creative and adaptable. Attractive salary. Interested candidates should apply to the Principal with a detailed resume.

9. Due to sudden outbreak of the pandemic of COVID- 19, the 21st century has seen a complete change in the norms of behaving in society, leading to a feeling of loneliness and depression amongst people. Write an article, in not more than 125 words, highlighting the need to follow the norms prescribed and suggesting ways to stay connected and helping people in need.

- People avoiding people
- Mistreating corona infected patients and families
- Quarantine affecting people, leading to loneliness
- Need for sensitising people regarding the pandemic

OR

Robindro Government School, Chanakyapuri, New Delhi recently organized a symposium on acute water shortage and the need to conserve it. Its aim was to create awareness about water conservation. As secretary of the eco-club of the school, prepare a report on the proceedings of the Symposium, to be published in the school magazine

- Date of the symposium
- Location
- Number of participants
- programme
- Chief guest
- Amenities provided to the participants

Literature

10. Attempt any five out of six questions given below, in 30-40 words each. (2X5=10)

- What was the main problem of sharecroppers in Champaran?
- Did the peddler respect the confidence reposed in him by the crofter? Wh/why not?
- What are the 'ordeals' Aunt Jennifer is surrounded by?
- What do the poet's parting words to her mother signify?
- How did Civil Disobedience triumph for the first time in modern India?
- What is the irony in the name "Saheb-e-Alam"?

11. Attempt any two out of three questions given below, in 30-40 words each. (2X2=4)

- Why Did Derry come back to meet Mr. Lamb?
- Was Roger skunk's mother justified in forcing him to retain his original smell?
- Why did the servants leave Dr. Sadao's house?

12. Attempt any one of the following questions in 120-150 words. (1X5=5)

Why did Gandhiji agree to a settlement of 25% refund to the farmers? How did it influence the peasant-landlord relationship in Champaran?

OR

Desire, determination and diligence lead to success. Explain the value of these qualities in the light of Douglas' experience in "Deep Water".

13. Attempt any one of the following questions in 120-150 words. (1X5=5)

What were the precautions taken for the smooth conduct of the examination, in the story "Evans tries an O-level"?

OR

The story, 'The Third Level' reveals refuge from reality to illusion. Do you think it is possible to escape from reality of life as Charley's friend, Sam did?