

## Sample Paper -2 (2023-24)

CLASS –XII

SUBJECT:ENGLISH CORE

Time Allowed: \_\_\_ Hours

Maximum Marks: 80

### General Instructions:

1. The Question Paper contains THREE sections-READING, WRITING and LITERATURE.
2. Attempt questions based on specific instructions for each part.

### SECTION A : READING SKILLS (22 marks)

#### 1. Read the following text

What's the one thing that you associate with your college days? For me, it was consuming copious amounts of chai. A cup of tea was a panacea to all troubles and the companion to all joys. In this exclusive interview, we caught up with 65-year-old Deepak Garg, owner of Ganga Dhaba, a spot that every officer from National Academy of Administration has visited multiple times.

Deepak begins, "My family has been here for almost 90 years. It was my grandfather who first started working here as the supplier to the hotel that existed then." In 1964, when Deepak was all of eight, he lost his father and the responsibility of raising four children fell on his mother.

Our growing up years were a huge struggle. "My mother used to teach home science at a local Balwadi school, and which was also where my siblings and I studied," he says. In 1978, Deepak says that he started a food joint that he named "Om Chinese restaurant." "In those days, there was a huge liking for Chinese food and hence the name and the choice of cuisine," he says.

For almost 17 years, things continued and then Deepak got a Public Call Office (PCO) installed for the Officer Trainees. The business did so well that soon he had installed more than ten telephones, with separate cabins, to allow them privacy while they made and received their calls.

The OTs who would talk on the PCO from here would always refer to the place as 'Ganga Dhaba'. It was because this place is so close to the Ganga hostel inside the academy, that slowly the name changed and it became Ganga Dhaba. "Since it was the OTs that gave us our identity, we decided to change the name and call it Ganga Dhaba," he says.

6. There have been instances when Deepak and his family members learnt dishes from the OTs. He says, "So many dishes on our menu today are because some officer came in and decided to teach us how to make them."

7. "We have seen two generations of officers, served the parents, who now as the Activate W parents come back to drop their children at the academy and tell us to take care of them. What more can we ask for? While the money we make is not great, the respect and the love we have accumulated over the years is what keeps us going." says Deepak, proudly.

**On the basis of your understanding of the above passage, answer the questions given below:12MARKS**

A. What, according to the author, gave him solace during his bad times in his college days? (1)

- (i) Friends      (ii) Family      (iii) Tea      (iv) Telephone

B. Read the following statements:

- (i) Mr. Deepak named his food joint Om Chinese.  
(ii) Chinese food was then popular among people.

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- (a) (ii) is the cause for (i).    b (i) is the cause for (ii).    (c) (i) is true and (ii) is false.  
(d) (i) is false and (ii) is true.

C. In about 40 words write about the struggle Mr. Deepak faced in his younger days. (2)

D. 'Soon he had installed ten telephones.' In the light of the above statement, comment on Mr. Deepak's business. (2)

E. There have been instances when Deepak and his family members learnt dishes. From OTS. Choose the option that lists the influences with reference to the above statement: (1)

- (a) OTs were equally good connoisseurs of food.  
b) His family was mediocre in cooking.  
(c) His family had close association and good rapport with OTS  
d) His family wanted to learn more recipes to expand their business

F. Choose the option that aptly defines Deepak Garg's life story "from struggling childhood days to becoming a successful businessman". 1

- (a) Where there is a will, there is a way.  
(b) Make Hay while the Sun shines  
(c) A good fire makes a good cook.  
(d) Despair gives courage to a coward.

G. In about 40 words give reason behind the requests made by parents to Mr. Deepak to take care about their children. (1)

H. For me, it was consuming copious amount of it.' What does the word copious suggest? (1)

I' ".....many dishes on our menu today are because some officer came in and decided to teach us." Write a word or phrase that rightly suggests the tone of speaker. 1

J. "...OT's that gave us our identity." He means to say: 1

- (a) His canteen was in the vicinity of OT's hostel.  
(b) The canteen was named after the OTS hostel.  
(c) It was OTs who helped his family to learn new recipes.  
(d) It was OTs who patronized his canteen business

## 2. Read the passage given below.

10x1= 10 Marks

1. Digital technology is pushing communications to an advanced level, resulting in the creation of virtuous data systems to transform the way we make, sell and buy. The Internet fast emerged from a modest research network to a robust commercial infrastructure with an exponentially growing number of user base. Consequently, novel business functionalities such as E-Commerce and Digital Marketing are redefining the way businesses reach and interact with customers.

2. Digital Marketing allows businesses to reinvent their marketing strategies to better connect with target customers and to stay relevant in the customer's perspective. In the process, businesses leverage the technology-enabled tools such as emails, blogs and social media to expand the reach of their offerings.

3. Digital marketing is entering deeper into the worldwide market, driven largely by innovations such as Internet of Things (IOT), extensive data integration and Big Data technologies. Businesses now realize the importance of customer behaviour information and usage data to draft new marketing strategies. Furthermore, this has reinvented the advertising approaches to providing more focused and accurate messages to customers.

4. It provides considerable cost benefits to businesses in terms of affordability. Unlike the conventional marketing media such as a print or television, using digital media such as social media or an email can

convey the message to a greater number of audiences at just a fraction of the cost. Another significant advantage of it is the ease of tracking and monitoring results through customer response patterns.

5. Businesses need Digital Marketing professionals to plan and execute digital campaigning techniques. To stay competitive in this digital age, businesses should focus on hiring professionals with strategic, creative and people skills. Such professionals should possess the digital talent to tap the technology-habituated customers. The reality however mirrors a serious shortage of digital skills, even in few of the leading, well-resourced organizations



**Based on your understanding of the passage and the chart, answer the questions given below. 10 Marks**

Q1. Select the option that displays the true statement with reference to Paragraph 1 1

- a) The emergence of the Internet has slowed down in E-Commerce and Digital Marketing.
- b) Digital technology is transforming the methods of manufacturing, selling and buying.
- c) The creation of virtuous data systems has complicated the way businesses have been carried out.
- d) Today's digital marketing needs a simple data source and a manually operated communication system.

Q2. Which of the options is correct based on the given statements? 1

- I. Internet of Things (IOT), data integration and Big Data technologies are helping digital marketing.
  - II. To stay competitive in this digital age, businesses should focus on hiring professionals with strategic, creative and people skills.
- a) Statement I is the cause but Statement II is not the effect.
  - b) Statement II is the cause and Statement I is the effect.
  - c) Statement I is the cause and Statement II is the effect.
  - d) Statement II is not the cause but Statement I is the effect.

Q3. What are the technology-enabled tools that businesses use as mentioned in Paragraph 2? 1

Q4. —Businesses now realize the importance of customer behaviour information and usage data to draft new marketing strategies. This statement implies that 1

- a) the businesses have already started providing more focused and accurate input to customers.
- b) customer behaviour information and usage data is essential for businesses to plan marketing strategies.
- c) Commerce and business can flourish when there are good customers and trusted business outlets.
- d) Whenever good business happens, it is due to the impact of reinvention of advertising approaches.

Q5. Choose the option that displays the purpose of Paragraph 4. 1

- a) Listing the advantages of conventional marketing media and the digital marketing media.
- b) Showing the cause-effect relationship between television and social media.

- c) Comparing and contrasting between conventional marketing media and digital marketing media.  
d) Sequencing the events in the growth of digital marketing media and digital marketing.

Q6. According to the information contained in Paragraph 5, who can have greater chances of employment opportunities in the digital marketing sector? 1

Q7. Choose the option that conveys the meaning of the word \_'tap' as used in paragraph 5. 1

- a) She used to make rhythmic sounds with her fingers to the song.  
b) We heard a sudden knock at the door in the morning.  
c) We should know how to make use of the online resources for education.  
d) He bought a faucet and fixed it in the kitchen.

Q8. The bar chart shows that the number of online buyers in India is steadily increasing from 2015 to 2020. What can we conclude about the online business in India? 1

Q9. What is the writer's complaint about the digital marketing professionals as mentioned Para 5? 1

Q10. According to the information in the bar chart, the amount spent on online purchase was extremely low in 2015. From this data, we can infer that online business in India \_\_\_\_\_ only after 2015. 1

### Section B – Creative Writing Skills(18 Marks)

**3. Attempt ANY ONE of two , in about 50 words. (4 Marks)**

.A. You are Man/Mani, secretary of the History Club of K.V. Sr. Sec. School, Badodhra. Draft a notice in not more than 50 words informing the students of class XI and XII about a proposed tour to Rajasthan during the coming summer vacations.

**Or**

B.You are Secretary of Gymkhana Club, Madurai. Write a notice in not more than 50 words informing the members to attend an extraordinary meeting of the governing body. Include details like date, time, venue etc. Sign as PrabhuPratibha.

**4. Attempt ANY ONE from A and B given below (4 Marks)**

A>You have received an invitation to attend the prize giving ceremony on the occasion of the Regional Social Sciences Exhibition. Write a letter to the Secretary of National Science Congress informing him about your inability to attend.

**Or**

B.You are opening a coaching institute for students of classes IX-XII. Write an informal invitation, inviting your best friend for its inauguration. Do not exceed more than 50 words. Invent necessary details.

**5. Attempt ANY ONE from A and B given below (5MARKS)**

You are Pushpit/PushpaPandey of 62 B, MayurVihar, Delhi. Write a letter to the editor of the Hindustan Times about 'Misuse of Computers, TV and Mobile Phones by Children". (word limit: 120- 150)

**Or**

You are Prem/Parul, 16, TT Nagar, Bhopal. You would like to apply for the post of the Marketing Manager in a reputable firm in Mumbai. Write a letter to the Public Relations Officer, Chaitanya Enterprises, Mumbai, applying for the job. Write the letter in 120 – 150 words giving your biodata

**6. Attempt ANY ONE from A and B given below (5MARKS)**

In many parts of our country girls are still discouraged from going to school. Consequently, a sizable section of the population is deprived of education. Schemes like SarvaShikshaAbhiyan, CBSE scholarship to the single girl child and the Government's policy of giving free education to girls have come as a boon to our society. You areRahav/Rohini write an article in 150-200 words on the education of the girl child in the country.

**Or**

You are Sanjay / Sanjana, a reporter with. The Hindustan Times. You witnessed a fire accident in a crowded market in Delhi. Write a report to be published in the newspaper. Invent necessary details

**SECTION C : LITERATURE TEXTBOOK AND SUPPLEMENTARY READING TEXT (40 marks)**

**7. Read the given extracts and answer the questions for ANY ONE of the two, given. 6Marks**

A. And such too is the grandeur of the dooms

We have imagined for the mighty dead;

All lovely tales that we have heard or read:

An endless fountain of immortal drink,

Pouring unto us from the heaven's brink.

(A Thing of Beauty)

i) Which of the following themes is best represented in the given extract? 1

- A. The beauty of nature                      B. The power of imagination  
C. The immortality of art and literature    D. The inevitability of death

ii) State whether the given statement is TRUE or FALSE, with reference to the extract.  
By referring to the dead as "mighty", the poet emphasizes their importance and the power they exerted on the people 1

iii) Complete the sentence appropriately.  
The "endless fountain of immortal drink" is an apt analogy for the tales of the mighty dead because \_\_\_\_\_ 1

iv) The use of the word "brink" in the extract suggests that the immortality that is being poured onto us is on the verge of overflowing. This creates a powerful image of \_\_\_\_\_ 1

v) Based on the poem rhyme scheme, evident in lines 2-5, of the given extract, which word would rhyme with line 1? 1

Said	Think	tomb
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vi) Select the option that is NOT true about the lack of punctuation at the end of line 1 in the extract. 1

- A. Creates a sense of continuity and flow that connects the line with the second line  
B. Encourages the reader to continue reading seamlessly without any pause.  
C. Creates a sense of anticipation and expectation for the reader.  
D. Encourages a revisit to the ideas in the preceding lines

**OR**

**B. And**

looked out at Young

Trees sprinting, the merry children spilling

out of their homes, but after the airport's

security check, standing a few yards

away, I looked again at her, wan, pale

as a late winter's moon and felt that old

familiar ache...

i. What is the most likely reason the poet capitalised 'Young Trees'? This was to 1

- a) convey a clearer meaning.
- b) highlight the adj.-noun combination.
- c) enhance the contrast.
- d) draw a connection with the title.

ii. Choose the option that appropriately describes the relationship between the two statements given below. 1

Statement 1: The poet knows her mother has aged.

Statement 2: The poet feels the pain of separation.

- a) Beginning – Ending
- b) Cause – Effect
- c) Question – Answer
- d) Introduction – Conclusion

iii. Choose the option that completes the sentence given below. 1

Just as the brightness of the winter's moon is veiled behind the haze and mist, similarly, \_

- a) the pain of separation has shaded mother's expression.
- b) age has fogged mother's youthful appearance.
- c) growing up has developed a seasoned maturity in the poet.
- d) memories warm the heart like the pale moon in winter.

iv. Choose the correct option out of the ones given below 1

<b>Simile</b>	<b>Metaphor</b>
the merry children spilling	old familiar ache

(1)

<b>Metaphor</b>	<b>Imagery</b>
pale as a late winter's moon	Young Trees sprinting

(2)

<b>Imagery</b>	<b>Personification</b>
all I did was smile	the merry children spilling

(3)

<b>Personification</b>	<b>Simile</b>
Young Trees sprinting	pale as a late winter's moon

(4)

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

v. The phrase 'old familiar ache' has been used to refer to a fear, in this extract. This phrase can also be used to 1

- a) compare physical pain with mental agony.
- b) elicit someone's unanswered queries.
- c) substantiate reasons for aches and pains.
- d) describe a longing one has been aware of.

vi. The tone of the poet in the poem is primarily a combination of \_\_\_\_\_ and \_\_\_\_\_. 1

1. dauntlessness
2. apprehension
3. dejection
4. disappointment

- a) 1, 2
- b) 2, 3
- c) 3, 4
- d) 1, 4

**8. Read the given extracts and answer the questions for ANY ONE of the two, given. 4Marks**

Everyone is. It doesn't matter who they are, or what they say, or how they look. How they pretend. I know. I can see.

Q1. Why does Derry say that everyone is afraid of him? 1

- a) He is short tempered                      b) He is reserved  
c) He hates others                              d) His face is ugly because of the scar

Q2. What is it that he can see? 1

- a) What others think                      b) What others read  
c) What others see                              d) What others feel

Q3. What do others think when they see his face? 1

- a) That's a terrible thing  
b) That's the ugliest thing  
c) They feel sorry for the boy  
d) All of these

Q4. Select the option that does not display a cause-effect relationship. 1

a)	Cause	Effect
	Half burned face	People are afraid

b)	Cause	Effect
	Half burned face	People feel sorry

c)	Cause	Effect
	Half burned face	People laugh at him

d)	Cause	Effect
	Half burned face	Looks ugly

- a) Option a                                      b) Option b                                      c) Option c                                      d) Option d

Or

B) He said I was unhappy. That made my wife kind of mad, but he explained that he meant the modern world is full of insecurity, fear, war, worry, and all the rest of it, and that I just want to escape. Well, who doesn't? Everybody I know wants to escape, but they don't wander down into any third level at Grand Central Station. But that's the reason, he said, and my friends all agreed. Everything points to it, they claimed.

My stamp collecting, for example; that's a 'temporary refuge from reality.' Well, maybe, but my grandfather didn't need any refuge from reality.

i) What made his wife angry? 1

ii) Select the option that signifies the condition of people of the 'modern world' mentioned in the extract. 1

1. unsure                      2. Lazy                      3. offensive                      4. Anxious                      5. afraid

- a. (1) and (3)  
b. (2) and (5)  
c. (2), (3), and (4)  
d. (1), (4), and (5)

iii) Which of the following is a conclusion that can be drawn from the story? 1

- a) Reality is indeed stranger than fiction.  
b) With all its worries, modern life is not worth living.  
c) The past is undoubtedly better than the present.  
d) Imagination might be the only great escape.

iv) Why didn't Charley's grandfather need refuge from reality?

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**9. Read the given extracts and answer the questions for ANY ONE of the two, given. 6Marks**

A.M. Hamel went on to talk of the French language, saying that it was the most beautiful language in the world — the clearest, the most logical; that we must guard it among us and never forget it, because when a people are enslaved, as long as they hold fast to their language it is as if they had the key to their prison. Then he opened a grammar book and read us our lesson. I was amazed to see how well I understood it. All he said seemed so easy, so easy!

i.. Which of the following can be attributed to M. Hamel's declaration about the French language? 1

a. subject expertise b. nostalgic pride c. factual accuracy d. patriotic magnification

ii. Read the quotes given below. Choose the option that might best describe M. Hamel's viewpoint 1

(i) Those who know nothing of foreign languages know nothing of their own—Johann Wolfgang von Goethe

(ii) Language is the road map It tells you where people come from and where they are going. –Rita Mae Brown

(iii) A poor man is like a foreigner in his own country- Ali IbnAbiTalib

(iv) The greatest propaganda in the world is our mother tongue, that is what learn as children, and which we learn –unconsciously. That shapes our perceptions for life. – Marshal McLuhan

(a) Option (i)

(b) Option (ii)

(c) Option (iii)

(d) Option (iv)

iii. Why according to M. Hamel is Language the key to freedom? 1

a. Because it is beautiful

b. Because it is logical

c. Because it helps to keep united d. Because it is the only means of communication

iv. The emotion that swayed away everyone during the last lesson was 1

a. forgiveness

b. Patriotism

c. Happiness

d. Ecstasy

V. When people are enslaved, what key do they have to the prison, according to M. Hamel? 1

a. their behavior

b. power

c. aggressiveness

d. mother tongue

VI. 'When a people are enslaved.....' Choose the word that does not mean enslaved'. 1

a. liberated

b. captive

c. subjugated

d. bound

**OR**

B. Read the given extract to attempt questions that follow: Each time the instructor relaxed his hold on the rope and I went under, some of the old terror returned and my legs froze. It was three months before the tension began to slack. Then he taught me to put my face under water and exhale, and to raise my nose and inhale. I repeated the exercise hundreds of times. Bit by bit I shed part of the panic that seized me when my head went under water. Next, he held me at the side of the pool and had me kick with my legs. For weeks I did just that. At first my legs refused to work. But they gradually relaxed; and finally, I could command them.

i. Select the option that describes the qualities of the instructor. 1

(1) patient (2) intelligent (3) brave (4) overconfident (5) dedicated (6) affectionate



A. (1), (4) and (6)

B. (2), (4) and (5)

C. (4), (5) and (6)

D (1), (2) and (5)

.ii. Pick out an idiom which does NOT describe the authors effort to learn swimming 1

A. Go the extra mile.

B. Pull out all the stops.

C Keep nose to grindstone.

D. Be in the seventh heaven.

iii. Based on the given context, choose the option that illustrates- "I could command them" 1

A. Akash tried to command his sister to do her chores, but she didn't follow his orders.

B. After yoga practice I could command my body and mind to relax.

C. Though he continued to command the robber to stop, the police officer wasn't able to catch him.

D. Since his superior was killed in action, Captain Vikas will now command the troops.

iv. According to the author any fear can be conquered with 1

A. ease

B. sheer determination

C. proper tools

D. an instructor

v. The instructor made Douglas a good swimmer 1

A. through step-by-step planning.

B. with the technique of inhaling and exhaling.

C. by pushing him into the pool.

D. with the help of ropes and belts.

vi. Douglas decided to hire an instructor . Why? 1

**10 Answer ANY FIVE of the following six questions, in about 40-50 words. 5x2=10**

i) From where did the peddler get the idea of the world being a rattrap? Write your answer in the context of The Rattrap. context of The Rattrap.

ii) "Life is what it is all about"; ..... How is keeping quiet related to life?

(iii) What spreads the pall of despondence over our dark spirits? How is it removed?

(iv) The artist has weaved her wrath in the tapestry. Justify this statement with the reference to the poem Aunt Jennifer's Tigers

(v) Subbu is described as a many-sided genius. List four of his special abilities.

(vi) State the reason for the huge success of the novel, The Name of the Rose.

**11. Answer ANY TWO of the following three questions, in about 40-50 words. 2x2=4**

i. Why did the General overlook the matter of the enemy soldier?

ii. When did the Tiger King stand in danger of losing his kingdom? (The Tiger King)

iii. How did Antarctica amaze the writer when he first saw it? (Journey to the End of the Earth)

**12. Answer ANY ONE of the following two questions, in about 120-150 words. 5 Marks**

A. The beauty of the glass bangles of Firozabad contrasts with the misery of the people who produce them". Elaborate (The Lost Spring)

Or

B. Nature is a perennial source of ecstasy for the entire world. Keats truly asserted “A thing of beauty is joy forever..... it will never pass into nothingness.” Comment on this statement with the reference to the poem “A Thing of Beauty”.

**13 Answer ANY ONE of the following two questions, in about 120-150 words. 5Marks**

A. Bama's experience is that of a victim of the caste system. What kind of discrimination does Zitkala-Sa's experience depict? What are their responses to their respective situations?

( Memories of Childhood )

**OR**

B. How Tishani Doshi has analyzed the problem of environment and global warming in the chapter lesson Journey to the End of the Earth?

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