Model Solutions

CBSE Class 10 English Language and Literature – SET 5

The paper solved the way a student should write it in the answer book: every step, every keyword and every labelled diagram that earns marks.

How to read this script

Black ink is the written answer, as in the board answer book.

Pencil is used for every diagram, neatly labelled.

[2] at the right edge shows the marks for that question.

Marks are shown for every question, as in the marking scheme.

Written in a neat handwriting style to show how a model answer should look.

Always check the answer against your textbook. Questions: support@zyllabo.com

Section A – Reading Skills (20 marks)

Ans 1.

I. (d) People now depend on vehicles even for short distances [1]

The paragraph gives examples of people using cars, lifts and scooters for very short distances.

II. (c) making a person run faster than athletes [1]

The paragraph does not claim that it makes a person faster than athletes.

III. injury [1]

IV. (b) Walking helped them to think more clearly [1]

The paragraph says that a walk clears the mind and improves mood and memory.

V. (a) notices the surroundings [1]

The person on foot sees the tree in bloom, the old doorway and the child flying a kite.

VI. Every short journey on foot means one fewer trip by vehicle, so less fuel is burnt and there is less smoke in the air. [2]

It also reduces traffic, making the streets cleaner and quieter.

VII. (a) (i) - (iii) [1]

Paragraph 4 is about noticing the surroundings; paragraph 6 is about safe walking spaces.

VIII. Broken footpaths, parked vehicles and unsafe crossings make walking difficult. [2]

Planners should give pedestrians importance by providing wide pavements, shade and safe crossings.

Ans 2.

I. (c) the preferences of students may change from one class to another [1]

The department wanted to compare the choices.

II. 'The most visible change' [1]

III. badminton (15% to 25%) [1]

IV. The burden and stress that come from studies and examinations. [1]

V. (b) It can be played indoors, in a short time and with a single partner [1]

Paragraph 3 gives these reasons.

VI. 25 - 20 = 5 percentage points. [1]

VII. They gave them an opportunity to spend time with friends. [1]

VIII. It wants to provide facilities such as an indoor court, so that the older students can play their preferred game. [2]

It also wants the playground to be free in the evenings, so students can relax despite academic pressure.

IX. equally [1]

Section B – Writing Skills and Grammar (20 marks)

Ans 3.

I. decision [1]

II. Error: are Correction: is ('furniture' is an uncountable noun and takes a singular verb) [1]

III. had started [1]

IV. they would win the match. [1]

V. (a) since [1]

VI. to close the window. [1]

VII. (d) May [1]

VIII. (b) Error: was - Correction: were [1]

The verb agrees with the nearer subject, 'students'.

IX. The teacher asked the boy why he was late. [1]

X. should [1]

XI. (c) few [1]

XII. (d) for [1]

Ans 4. [5]

Aditya Kulkarni, 14, Ganga Nagar, Pune
12 November 2026
The Editor, The Daily Herald, Pune
Subject: Poor condition of footpaths in Ganga Nagar
Sir/Madam,
Through the columns of your newspaper, I wish to draw the attention of the civic authorities to the poor condition of the footpaths in Ganga Nagar. They are broken, covered with garbage and often blocked by parked vehicles and hawkers. As a result, children and the elderly are forced to walk on the busy road, which is dangerous.
The authorities should repair the footpaths, remove encroachments and mark safe crossings near the school and the market. Regular inspection should also be carried out.
I hope that prompt action will be taken in the interest of the public.
Yours truly,
Aditya Kulkarni

Ans 5. [5]

The table compares the modes of transport used by the commuters of a city in 2015 and 2025. The most striking change is the arrival of the metro, which had no commuters in 2015 but carries 22% in 2025. As a result, the share of buses has fallen sharply from 38% to 28%, and that of auto-rickshaws and taxis from 17% to 12%. Local trains continue to be popular, though their share has dropped slightly from 30% to 26%. The use of private vehicles has also declined, from 15% to 12%. The data suggests that people prefer fast, reliable public transport. If the metro network grows, the city may see less traffic and pollution.

Section C – Literature Textbook (40 marks)

Ans 6. Extract A

I. (a) She had no friends to play with [1]

II. She learnt the bus timings by listening to the grown-ups. [2]
She saved the fare and chose the afternoon, when her mother was asleep.

III. (c) Determined and clever for her age [1]

IV. 'when her mother was asleep' / 'went quietly out' [1]

Ans 7. Extract A

I. (d) Desire and hatred [1]

II. Burning desire (fire) and cold hatred (ice) can ruin people and their relationships. [2]
If such feelings spread, they can bring about the end of the world.

III. 'icy blame' [1]

IV. Metaphor [1]

Ans 8. I. The postmaster laughed at first, but he became serious and was moved by Lencho's faith in God. [3]
He did not want to shake that faith, so he collected money from his employees and gave part of his own salary to help Lencho.

II. Valli enjoyed the ride, the green fields and the conductor calling her 'madam'. [3]
On the way back, she saw a dead, bleeding cow, the same cow that had run in front of the bus earlier. This made her sad and taught her about life and death.

III. The poet links fire with desire and ice with hatred. [3]
Both are strong and destructive feelings; if they spread, they can end the

world.

IV. Lomov is a nervous man and an excitable hypochondriac, who is anxious about proposing. [3]

He becomes agitated during the quarrel over the Oxen Meadows and complains of palpitations, which are partly due to nervousness.

V. The poem contrasts the tiger's caged life with his life in the wild. [3]

It shows that wild animals suffer when they lose their freedom, and that the caged tiger is full of anger.

Ans 9. I. Bishamber, a lame, middle-aged grocer, agreed to marry her without dowry, but at the wedding he saw her pockmarked face and demanded 5,000 rupees. [3]

Bholi, now confident, threw the garland into the fire and refused to marry a greedy man.

II. Griffin suffered from cold, hunger and lack of money, and was forced to steal. [3]

He needed clothes and a disguise, and his footprints in the mud showed that he was there, though invisible.

III. Ebright's mother gave him a book, 'The Travel of Monarch X', which opened his mind to science. [3]

His interest in butterflies grew into projects on the monarch and viceroy, and his curiosity made him a scientist.

Ans 10. Valli, an eight-year-old girl, is full of curiosity. She has no friends and watches the bus passing by. She learns its timings, saves thirty paise for the fare, and takes the ride in the afternoon when her mother is asleep, which shows her independence. [6]

On the bus, she enjoys being called 'madam' and the sights of the

countryside. She sensibly refuses the conductor's offer to explore the town stalls as she needs her money for the return fare. On the way back, she sees the dead cow and is deeply saddened; this teaches her about life and death. The journey is her first step towards maturity.

Ans 11. In H.G. Wells's story, Griffin, a brilliant scientist, discovers how to become invisible, but uses the discovery for selfish ends. After testing the formula on himself, he sets his landlord's house on fire and wanders about without clothes or money. [6]

At Iping, he stays at Mr and Mrs Hall's inn, and when his money runs out, he steals. He damages the furniture and terrifies the villagers. When the constable Mr Jaffers arrives to arrest him, he removes his disguise and vanishes. His discovery could have been useful, but his greed and lawlessness make him a menace to society.

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