

**INDIAN SCHOOL AL WADI AL KABIR**  
**DEPARTMENT OF ENGLISH**  
**SAMPLE PAPER - TERM 1**  
**CLASS XII**  
**ENGLISH CORE**

**Section A: Reading Comprehension**

**01. Read the passage given below.**

Hobbies help us grow as a person. The best way to have a new hobby is to try something new. All of us are unique, and this is the reason why our hobbies and interests are different. Once we find an activity we are passionate about, we can explore that activity more. When you get hooked, you will realize that your hobby has become an integral part of your life. Having a hobby that we enjoy brings us joy and refreshes us. Hobbies help us to manage our leisure and unplanned time more productively. It also affords you the opportunity to learn new skills in your work. But these are not the only benefits of having a hobby.

It feels great to be skilled and good at something, doesn't it? And this is what that makes you confident. It can take some time to develop your hobby so that you may be able to tell that you are skilled. But, the journey of experiencing your hobby is very rewarding in itself. With the exposure to different types of activities these days, it doesn't matter which activity you choose. Whether you are pursuing a craft, sports, puzzles, or skill development, your hobby should be a diversion and a passion. Simultaneously, if your hobby gives you a sense of purpose, then you will be more confident about challenging yourself in your hobby and help you prepare for learning new things at work. Hobbies give you an opportunity to enhance your life.

Hobbies allow you to de-stress yourself while remaining mentally productive. Having hobbies promotes better health and may lower the risk of having high blood pressure. Enjoying a few hours of your hobby a week can also reduce the risk of depression and dementia. Hobbies refocus your mind on to something that you enjoy doing. Hobbies that include physical activities create chemical changes in your body that help to reduce stress.

Even if it doesn't involve physical activities, you can still reap the benefits of having a hobby. Getting a short break from work and doing something you are passionate about can rejuvenate your mind and help prepare you to handle challenges in the future in a better way.

Hobbies may provide an opportunity for you to socialize with people and that can be an additional benefit for your overall well-being. You can connect with people who enjoy doing the same things that you do. You can meet new people, discuss your hobby and get connected to a bigger circle that may even help you turn your hobby into your profession. The internet provides numerous groups and forums to connect with people that enjoy doing the same things that you want to do.

Some hobbies require creativity and if you develop creativity through your hobby, it can be beneficial. Creativity can help you experience new things at school and work. The skill of being creative is essential in today's world.

**On the basis of your understanding of the passage, answer any eight questions from the nine that follow.**

**(i) When a person gets hooked on a hobby, he realizes that: (1)**

(a) it has become an integral part of our life.

- (b) it has much more benefits than we realised.
- (c) it is much more enjoyable to have a hobby.
- (d) it is quite essential for us to learn some skills through our hobbies. (

**ii) “your hobby should be a diversion and a passion.” Pick the option in which the meaning of ‘diversion’ is NOT the same as it is in the passage. (1)**

- (a) Our party believes in encouraging cultural diversity, not diversion.
- (b) We made a short diversion to go and look at the castle.
- (c) The person's talk created a diversion of attention.
- (d) High tariffs often cause a diversion of trade from one country to another.

**(iii) Which of the following is NOT a way through which hobbies enhance your life? (1)**

*I. may lower the risk of having high blood pressure*

*II. reduce the risk of depression and dementia*

*III. distracts the mind from other useless problems*

*IV. promotes better health*

*V. reduces stress*

*VI. manages the regular balanced exercise*

- (a) I, II, III and IV
- (b) I, III, IV and VI
- (c) I, II, IV and V
- (d) I, III, V and VI

**(iv) The journey of experiencing a hobby is quite (1)**

- (a) challenging for a person.
- (b) rewarding in itself.
- (c) demanding in itself.
- (d) inspirational for a person.

**(v) Getting a hobby means having a short break from work and doing something you are passionate about which can: (1)**

- (a) give you a peace of mind from all the other problems of daily hectic life and make you feel refreshed.
- (b) help you enhance and improve your skills and push you forward on your path to success.
- (c) make you enjoy and appreciate your life much more as you are happy pursuing what you love.
- (d) rejuvenate your mind and help prepare you to handle challenges in the future in a better way.

**(vi) Choose an option that is NOT a benefit of having a hobby. (1)**

- (a) Provides an opportunity for us to socialize with people.
- (b) Gives us an opportunity to enhance our life.
- (c) Help us to manage our planned time more beneficially.
- (d) Makes us more confident in ourselves.

**(vii) Choose an option that can be considered as an appropriate title for the passage. (1)**

- (a) The Importance of Having a Hobby
- (b) The Usage of Hobby

- (c) The Advantages and Disadvantages of Having a Hobby  
(d) The Correct Usage of Free Time- A Hobby

**(viii) Hobby provides you with an opportunity to socialise with people by making. (1)**

*I. you get connected to a bigger circle that may even help you turn your hobby into your profession.*

*II. you meet new people with whom you can discuss your hobby.*

*III. you connect with people who enjoy doing the same things that you do.*

*IV. you get together with people of your own age and profession.*

- (a) I, III and IV  
(b) II, III and IV  
(c) I, II and III  
(d) I, II, III and IV

**(ix) Choose an option that is clearly a synonym of the word 'hooked'. (1)**

- (a) opposed  
(b) indifferent  
(c) willing  
(d) captivated

**02. Read the passage given below.**

The ocean is one of the most unexplored parts of our planet, with a magnitude of undiscovered species and mysteries. It turns out from the studies conducted over the last few decades, this magnificent environment is under serious threat from human intervention, with plastics set to outnumber fish by 2050. Marine life, as we know it, is suffering irreparable damage from the chemical pollution of the waters and the millions of tons of mismanaged waste dumped in the oceans each year. The result is a planetary crisis with over 100 million marine animal's lives get lost every year, and the decay of the ocean's ecosystem.

**Shocking Ocean Pollution Statistics**

- 100 million marine animals die each year from plastic waste alone.
- 100,000 marine animals die from getting entangled in plastic yearly - this is just the creatures we find. 1 in 3 marine mammal species get found entangled in litter, 12-14,000 tons of plastic are ingested by North Pacific fish yearly.
- China is ranked #1 for mismanaged waste and plastics. However, the US is in the top 20 with a more significant waste per person contribution.
- 300 Million tons of plastic gets created yearly, and this weighs the same as the entire human population, and 50% is single-use only.
- 500 marine locations are now recorded as dead zones globally, currently the size of the United Kingdom's surface (245,000 km<sup>2</sup>)
- 80% of global marine pollution comes from agriculture runoff, untreated sewage, discharge of nutrients and pesticides.
- 90% of the worldwide ocean debris comes from 10 rivers alone.

Almost 1,000 species of marine animals get impacted by ocean pollution, and we now have over 500 locations recorded as dead zones where marine life cannot exist. How did this happen, what is causing the most damage, find out everything above in the marine pollution statistics roundup. The Great Pacific Garbage Patch is a floating island of debris, accumulated in the North Pacific

Ocean by an extensive system of currents called gyres. It is built up from two other waste patches, the western garbage patch near Japan and the eastern garbage patch near America's west coast near California and Hawaii.

The North Pacific Subtropical Convergence Zone links the east and western garbage patches, acting as a highway for waste to move from one to the other. Because of this, a small item of debris dropped near California can travel across to Japan, then eventually get sucked up by these swirling garbage patch vortexes.

The great Pacific garbage patch size is quite shocking. These patches of trash are said to be twice the size of Texas and float on the surface but do drop several meters into the ocean in places, which makes the correct size challenging to measure.

The world's largest garbage site is mainly made up of microplastics creating a vast cloud, with newer items of debris that haven't broken down as much floating around like chunks in a soup. The great Pacific garbage patch effects on marine life are extremely significant.

**On the basis of your understanding of the given passage, answer any six questions from the seven that follow.**

**(i) The cause of irreparable damage of the marine life is attribute to (1)**

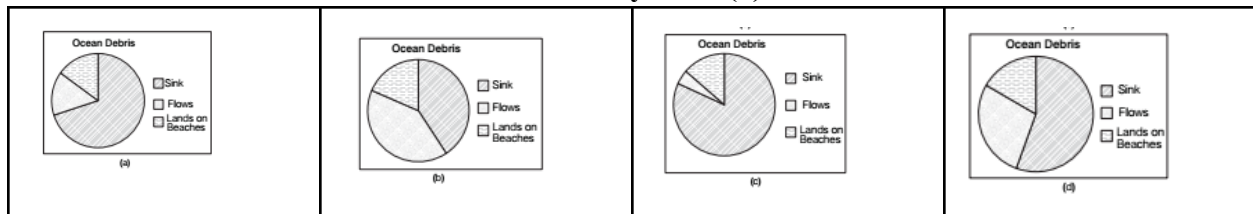
- I. tons of mismanaged waste*
- II. increasing death rate of the ocean ecosystems.*
- III. chemical pollution*

- (a) I and II
- (b) II and III
- (c) I and III
- (d) I, II and III

**(ii) Choose an option that is a synonym of the word 'irreparable'. (1)**

- (a) unrecoverable
- (b) mendable
- (c) cure
- (d) replace

**(iii) Based on the graphical chart in the passage, choose the option that correctly states the condition of the debris in the ocean's ecosystem. (1)**



**(iv) How many locations are recorded as dead zones where marine life cannot exist? (1)**

- (a) 400
- (b) 450
- (c) 500

(d) 550

(v) Which of the following is NOT a place from where 80% of global marine pollution comes? (1)

- (a) untreated sewage
- (b) agriculture run-off
- (c) discharge of nutrients and pesticide
- (d) factory waste disposal

(vi) Choose an option that lists a statement that is NOT TRUE. (1)

- (a) 700 marine locations are now recorded as dead zones globally.
- (b) 70% of our debris sinks into the ocean's ecosystem, 15% floats, and 15% lands on our beaches.
- (c) 100 million marine animals die each year from plastic waste alone.
- (d) 90% of the worldwide ocean debris comes from 10 rivers alone.

(vii) Which country is ranked number one for mismanaged waste and plastics? (1)

- (a) China
- (b) USA
- (c) India
- (d) France

## Section B: Creative Writing Skills

03. Given below is a notice with incomplete information. Complete with the help of options given below. (1)

<p>Sri Parthasarathy Sabha, Salem</p> <p><b>NOTICE</b></p> <p>10th March, 20XX</p> <p style="text-align: center;">Extraordinary Meeting</p> <p>All members are hereby requested to attend an extraordinary meeting to plan the forthcoming Diwali Celebrations. The details of the meeting are:</p> <p>_____</p> <p>_____</p> <p>_____</p> <p>For further details please contact the undersigned.</p> <p>Kamal (Secretary)</p>
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- (a) Date and time      (b) Day, date, time and place      (c) Day, Time      (d) Theme

04. Complete the given notice by choosing the correct answer.1

<p>For 'Deccan Herald'</p> <p><b>NOTICE</b></p> <p>3rd March, 20XX</p> <p style="text-align: center;">_____</p> <p>I have lost a leather wallet containing my examination entry ticket for Class XII, while travelling by bus from Banashankari to M.G.Road in Bengaluru. Anybody who finds it please return it to the address given below or contact on this number: 012365432XX The finder shall be suitably rewarded. For further details please contact the undersigned.</p> <p>Pranav 12, Gandhi, Road, Bengaluru</p>
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- (a) Lost!!!      (b) Lost and found      (c) Return if found      (d) Contact if found

**05. You want to sell off your motor bike which you have been using for five years, since you have decided to buy a car. Choose an advertisement to be published under the classified columns of a national daily. (1)**

(a) Available Splendor motor bike 2010 model, in good condition, original documents, black colour, excellent mileage, self driven. Price negotiable. Contact: XYZ Mobile No.: 78965000XX

(b) Available Splendor self driven. Price negotiable. Contact: XYZ Mobile No.: 78965000XX

(c) Splendor motor bike, in good condition, excellent mileage, self driven. Price negotiable. Contact: XYZ

d) Available motor bike, black colour, excellent mileage, self driven. Price negotiable. Contact Mobile No.: 78965000XX

**Directions (Q. Nos. 6-10) Complete the letter given below by choosing the correct option.**

C-156, Janakpuri

New Delhi

\_\_\_ 6 \_\_\_

The Editor

The Times of India

Bahadur Shah Zafar Marg

New Delhi

Subject: \_\_\_ 7 \_\_\_

Sir,

\_\_\_\_\_ 8 \_\_\_\_\_ towards the grave issue of rash driving being done by school-bus drivers which poses a threat to the lives of innocent school children and trespassers.

Driving in a zigzag manner on packed roads, crossing speed-limits, not following traffic lights has become very common.

Despite such strict regulations regarding speed, none of these drivers seem to follow them. This shows that there is lack of implementation. This is a menace to other road users as the bus drivers that drive at high speed might crush down whoever comes in their way.

By addressing this issue, it is \_\_\_ 9 \_\_\_ that the public awareness towards the threat of reckless drivers can be raised. It is also the time for the traffic authorities to take strong measures against the reckless drivers, which includes levying heavy fines and forfeiting of their licenses if they are found guilty of breaching the traffic rules. Waiting for your prompt response.

Thanking You

\_\_\_ 10 \_\_\_ Dipti/Deepak

**06.**

(a) Monday

(b) July 6, 20XX

(c) July 6

(d) None of these (1)

**07.**

- (a) Regarding reckless driving of school-bus drivers
- (b) Problem of accidents by school bus drivers
- (c) Lack of strict regulation for school bus drivers
- (d) Rash driving by school bus drivers (1)

**08.**

- (a) Through the column of your esteemed newspaper, I wish to draw the attention of the concerned authorities
- (b) By the means of this letter, I want the concerned authorities
- (c) With the hope that you would publish this letter, I want to draw the attention of the government
- (d) The problem of road rash has been prevalent in the country for a long time and now the issue is shifting

**09.**

- (a) Desired
- (b) Wanted
- (c) Wished
- (d) Hoped (1)

**10.**

- (a) Yours friendly
- (b) Yours sincerely
- (c) Yours only
- (d) Yours dearly (1)

**Or**

**Directions (Q. Nos. 6-10) Complete the article given below with the help of the options following it.**

\_\_\_\_\_6\_\_\_\_\_  
By \_\_\_\_\_7\_\_\_\_\_

In India we celebrate every auspicious occasion with great devotion and dedication. Every happy moment is pious. We make the occasion more welcoming by decorating the place but at times we overdo the things.

\_\_\_\_\_8\_\_\_\_\_

Especially on weddings we see that people spend so much on decoration which is not required. It is their way to flaunt their wealth and show their social status but they forget that with simple decoration also the moments can be enjoyed and made equally pious whereas this money being spent on decoration can be used for other social causes.

\_\_\_\_\_9\_\_\_\_\_ many hungry mouths are fed and many enjoy a few good moments of life. Therefore if thought positively the money spent on pomp and show of decorations can be stopped.

**06.**

- (a) Wedding Celebrations- A Waste
- b) Wedding Decorations- A waste of money
- (c) The useless wedding decorations
- (d) Need to stop wasting money on wedding décor (1)

**07.**

- (a) Class
- (b) Student Correspondent, Rahul
- (c) Rahul
- (d) None of the above

**08.**

- (a) We over shop at times and waste money on non-sensical things.
- (b) In a race to show off our wealth and luxury we buy things that we do not even use.
- (c) We leave no space for complaints.
- (d) We keep on buying things to decorate our houses and in the end waste them.

**09.**

- (a) By putting our money to charitable causes, we
- (b) By using the money in charitable causes, we can make sure that
- (c) Using the money for charitable causes and ensuring that
- (d) Instead of wasting money use the money for

**10.**

- (a) I hope we all can bring the change towards positivity.
- (b) Thank you
- (c) I hope my words bring a change in you
- (d) No sentence or closure to be added.

### **Section C: Literature**

**11. Answer any ONE of the two extracts.**

*He yelled, "Hi, Skinny! How'd you like to be ducked?"*

*With that he picked me up and tossed me into the deep end. I landed in a sitting position, swallowed water, and went at once to the bottom. I was frightened, but not yet frightened out of my wits. On the way down I planned: When my feet hit the bottom, I would make a big jump, come to the surface, lie flat on it, and paddle to the edge of the pool.*

**(i) Which of the following issues make the situation presented in the given extract problematic? (1)**

- (a) Body shaming
- (b) Bullying
- (c) Eve-teasing
- (d) Misadventure



**(ii) Which of the following idioms might be an alternative to ‘out of my wits’? (1)**

- (a) Scare stiff
- (b) Beat around the bush
- (c) Get out of hand
- (d) Under the weather

**(iii) Choose the correct option with reference to the two statements given below. (1)**

*Statement I Samuel was one of the target of the bullies.*

*Statement II The bully should have been punished by the authorities.*

- (a) Statement 1 can be inferred from the extract but Statement 2 cannot be.
- (b) Statement 1 is cannot be inferred from the extract but Statement 2 can be.
- (c) Both Statement 1 and Statement 2 can be inferred.
- (d) Both Statement 1 and Statement 2 cannot be inferred.

**(iv) Choose the most appropriate option to complete the given sentence. (1)**

In the given lines, the narrator had been \_\_\_\_\_ into the pool and he was \_\_\_\_\_ to come out of the pool.

- (a) Thrown, trying
- (b) Pushed, determined
- (c) Thrown, determined
- (d) Pushed, trying

Or

*“And yet, for these*

*Children, these windows,*

*not this map, their world,*

*Where all their future is painted with fog,*

*A narrow street sealed in with a lead sky Far far from rivers, capes and stars of words.”*

**(i) What do these children have in reality? (1)**

- (a) Beautiful houses
- (b) Beautiful pictures and maps
- (c) Living in dismal poverty and illnesses
- (d) Natural scenic beauty all around

**(ii) Explain ‘future is painted with a fog’. (1)**

- (a) Future is bright but not clear
- (b) Dark and uncertain
- (c) Full of hopelessness and sufferings
- (d) Both (b) and (c)

**(iii) What is the actual life of these slum children? (1)**

- (a) Living in small cramped houses
- (b) They are emaciated and poverty stricken
- (c) Duffer everyday

(d) All of the above

**(iv) What all things are distant dream for these slum children? (1)**

- (a) Beautiful natural surroundings
- (b) Modern cities with all amenities
- (c) Bright future
- (d) All of the above

**12. Attempt any fourteen out of the sixteen questions given below. (1)**

**(i) Choose the option that applies correctly to the two statements given below.**

*Assertion* Douglas's instructor knew very well how to help him remove his fear.

*Reason* Believing in his instructor, Douglas got over his fear.

**Codes**

- (a) Assertion can be inferred but the Reason cannot be inferred.
- (b) Assertion cannot be inferred but the Reason can be inferred.
- (c) Both Assertion and Reason can be inferred.
- (d) Both Assertion and Reason cannot be inferred.

**(ii) Imagine that Franz from 'The Last Lesson' turned his life around, and decided to write of his childhood experience. Which of the following is likely to be the Franz book, from the popular books shown below? (1)**



**(iii) But now we're both looking, every weekend, because now we have proof that the third level is still there. (1)**

The proof referred to in the given extract is

- (a) Sam's being missing
- (b) Sam's letter
- (c) Sam's act of buying old notes
- (d) Sam's going to Galesburg

**(iv) "He would tell Hana nothing," Sadao takes the decision because \_\_\_\_\_ (1)**

- (a) He knew Hana would be against it
- (b) He knew Hana would be upset
- (c) He knew Hana would get scared
- (d) He knew Hana would want to leave

**(v) What does the poet, Stephen Spender mean when he says ‘blot their maps with slums’? (1)**

- (a) No promising future
- (b) Future blotted with gloom and misery
- (c) They are too deep rooted in poverty and gloom
- (d) They have no hope for anything

**(vi) ‘Trees sprinting’ and ‘merry children spilling’ is an attempt by the poet to create (1)**

- (a) suspense
- (b) laughter
- (c) visual imagery
- (d) chaos

**(vii) “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” It is as if they have the key to the prison as long as they (1)**

- (a) do not lose their language.
- (b) are attached to their language.
- (c) quickly learn the conqueror’s language.
- (d) Are fluent in their language.

**(viii) Choose the correct option with reference to the two statements given below. (1)**

*Statement I Mukesh lived in a primeval state of poverty.*

*Statement II The condition of Mukesh and his family is like they are stuck in a loop.*

- (a) Statement 1 can be inferred from the extract but Statement 2 cannot be.
- (b) Statement 1 is cannot be inferred from the extract but Statement 2 can be.
- (c) Both Statement 1 and Statement 2 can be inferred.
- (d) Both Statement 1 and Statement 2 cannot be inferred.

**(ix) Which of the following quotes can be used to describe Mukesh? (1)**

- (a) “You are never too old to set another goal or to dream a new dream.”– C.S. Lewis
- (b) “Start where you are. Use what you have. Do what you can.”– Arthur Ashe
- (c) “Never limit yourself because of others’ limited imagination; never limit others because of your own limited imagination.”– Mae Jemison
- (d) “The only thing that will stop you from fulfilling your dreams is you.” – Tom Bradley

**(x) Charlie rushed back from the third level because: (1)**

- (a) He did not like the third level
- (b) He was accused of stealing
- (c) He was going to be handed over to the police
- (d) He was sleepy

**(xi) Choose the statement which is NOT TRUE with reference to Charley. (1)**

- (a) Charley loved his wife very much.
- (b) Charley was an anxious fellow.
- (c) Charley loved collecting samples.
- (d) Charley wanted to find the third level.

**(xii) “Strange,” he thought. “I wonder why I could not kill him?” This indicates Dr. Sadao’s (1)**

- (a) Humanity
- (b) Kindness
- (c) Expertise
- (d) Conscience

**(xiii) Why does Hana call Yumi stupid? (1)**

- (a) As Yumi was afraid of the white man
- (b) As Yumi refused to cook food
- (c) As Yumi wanted to leave
- (d) As Yumi refused to clean the white man

**(xiv) What was the first reaction of the servants when they were told about the injured man? (1)**

- (a) They were confused
- (b) They were willing to help
- (c) They were frightened
- (d) They ran away

**(xv) What was Franz afraid to enter the class? (1)**

- (a) Because he was not prepared
- (b) Because the villagers had gathered over there
- (c) Because he was late and saw M Hamel walking up and down
- (d) Because he was not dressed properly

**(xvi) What happens when Charley enters the Grand Central Station? (1)**

- (a) He finds a huge tree like station.
- (b) New staircases, corridors and tunnels
- (c) Tree keeps spreading its roots throwing rooms and windows
- (d) All of the above