

All India 2020

CBSE Board Solved Paper

Time Allowed : 3 Hours

Maximum Marks : 80

General Instructions:

- (i) The question paper is divided into three sections :

Section A: Reading 20 Marks

Section B: Writing and Grammar 30 Marks

Section C: Literature/Textbooks and Long Reading Text 30 Marks

- (ii) All questions are compulsory.

- (iii) Marks are indicated against each question.

SECTION A: Reading

(20 Marks)

1. Read the following passage carefully.

Caged behind thick glass, the most famous dancer in the world can easily be missed in the National Museum, Delhi. The Dancing Girl of Mohenjo-daro is that rare artefact that even school children are familiar with. Our school textbooks also communicate the wealth of our 5000-year heritage of art. You have to be alert to her existence there, amid terracotta animals to rediscover this bronze image.

Most of us have seen her only in photographs or sketches, therefore the impact of actually holding her is magnified a million times over. One discovers that the dancing girl has no feet. She is small, a little over 10 cm tall __ the length of a human palm __ but she surprises us with the power of great art __ the ability to communicate across centuries.

A series of bangles __ of shell or ivory or thin metal __ clothe her left upper arm all the way down to her fingers. A necklace with three

pendants bunched together and a few bangles above the elbow and wrist on the right hand display an almost modern art.

She speaks of the undaunted over hopeful human spirit. She reminds us that it is important to visit museums in our country to experience the impact that a work of art leaves on our senses, to find among all the riches one particular vision of beauty that speaks to us alone.

On the basis of your reading of the above passage, answer the following questions.

- (a) The Dancing Girl belongs to

- (i) Mohenjo-daro
- (ii) Greek culture
- (iii) Homosapiens
- (iv) Tibet

- (b) In the museum she's kept among

- (i) dancing figures
- (ii) bronze statues
- (iii) terracotta animals
- (iv) books

- (c) Which information is not given in the passage?
- (i) The girl is caged behind glass
 - (ii) She is a rare artefact
 - (iii) School books communicate the wealth of our heritage
 - (iv) She cannot be rediscovered as she's bronze
- (d) 'Great Art' has power because:
- (i) it appeals to us despite a passage of time
 - (ii) it is small and can be understood
 - (iii) it's seen in pictures and sketches
 - (iv) it's magnified a million times
- (e) The jewellery she wears:
- (i) consists of bangles of shell, ivory or thin metal
 - (ii) is a necklace with two pendants
 - (iii) both (i) and (ii) are correct
 - (iv) neither (i) nor (ii) is correct
- (f) She reminds us
- (i) of the never say-die attitude of humans
 - (ii) why museums in our country are exciting
 - (iii) why she will make us come into money
 - (iv) of dancing figures
- (g) The synonym of the word "among" in para 1 is _____.
- (h) The size of the dancing girl is equal to the length of human palm. (True/False)

2. Read the following passage carefully.

As the family finally sets off from home after many arguments there is a moment of lull as the car takes off. "Alright, so where are we going for dinner now?" asks the one at the driving wheel. What follows is a chaos as multiple voices make as many suggestions.

By the time order is restored and a decision is arrived at, tempers have risen, feelings injured and there is at least one person grumbling.

Twenty years ago, you would step out of home, decision of meal and venue already made with no arguments or opposition and everybody looked forward to the meal with equal enthusiasm. The decision was made by the head of the family and the others fell in line. Today every member of the family has a say in every decision which also promotes a sense of togetherness and bonding.

We empower our kids to take their own decisions from a very early age. We ask them the cuisine they prefer, the movies they want to see, the holiday they wish to go on and the subjects they wish to study.

It's a closely connected world out there where children consult and guide each other. A parent's well meaning advice can sound like nothing more than unnecessary preaching. How then do we reach our children through all the conflicting views and make the voice of reason be heard? Children today question choices and prefer to go with the flow.

What then is the best path to take? I would say the most important thing one can do is to listen. Listen to your children and their silences. Ensure that you keep some time aside for them, insist that they share their stories with you. Step into their world. It is not as complicated as it sounds; just a daily half an hour of quality time would do the trick.

2.1. On the basis of your reading of the above passage, answer the following questions in 30-40 words each.

- (a) Write one advantage and one disadvantage of allowing every family member to be part of the decision making process.
- (b) In today's world, what are parents asking their kids?
- (c) Which two pieces of advice does the writer give to the parents?
- (d) The passage supports the parents. How far do you agree with the author's views? Support your views with a reason.

2.2. On the basis of your reading of the above passage, answer the following:

- (a) The synonym of 'hurt' as given in paragraph 2 is _____.

(b) The word which means the same as 'a style or method of cooking' in paragraph 4 is:

- (i) Cuisine
- (ii) Gourmet
- (iii) Gastric
- (iv) Science

(c) The antonym of 'agreeable' as given in paragraph 5 is _____.

(d) The antonym of 'simple' as given in paragraph 6 is

- (i) difficult (ii) complicated
- (iii) easy (iv) tricky

SECTION B: Writing and Grammar

(30 Marks)

3. You are Sonia/Sunil of M-3, Ashok Vihar, New Delhi. You placed an order with Messers Bright Publishers, Darya Ganj, Delhi for the supply of some books and stationery item. When you checked the received parcel, you found that it contained some damaged items. Write a letter to the publishers to replace the defective items at their cost [100 – 150 words].

OR

Children are the future of the nation. Schools play an important role in shaping a child's personality. Taking help from the hints given below, write an article for your school magazine on the topic, 'Role of School in a Child's Life', in 100 – 150 words. You are Sujal/Sujata.

Hints:

- shaping of physical and mental health
- development of right attitude to life
- character building
- providing opportunities to develop talents in each child
- opportunity to meet, mix and work with others.

4. Complete the following story in 150–200 words:

While walking back from school, Arun heard a grinding sound coming from behind the closed shutters of a shop. He went close to the shop and _____

OR

Taking help from the cues given below, develop a story in 150–200 words:

A stag admires his horns – hates his ugly, long legs – once chased by hunters and dogs – his horns got caught in a bush – his legs helped him to escape – thanked his ugly legs.

5. Read the paragraph given below and fill in the blanks by choosing the most appropriate words from the given options:

A great advantage (a) _____ early rising is the good start it gives us to our days' work. An early riser has done a large amount of hard work (b) _____ other men have got out of their beds. In the early morning, the mind is fresh and there (c) _____ few noises or other distractions, so that the work done (d) _____ that time is generally well done.

- (a) (i) and (ii) of
- (iii) but (iv) from
- (b) (i) at (ii) or
- (iii) upon (iv) before
- (c) (i) are (ii) is
- (iii) will (iv) was
- (d) (i) at (ii) for
- (iii) from (iv) on

6. The following paragraph has not been edited. There is one error in each line. Write the error and the correction in your answer book against the correct blank number.

Error Correction

The city police have decide

(a) _____

to taking stern action against

(b) _____

drivers which attempt to

(c) _____

overtake in the left side

(d) _____

on city roads.

7. Rearrange the following words and phrases to form meaningful sentences.
- (a) wear / these / people / a majority / of / days / a watch
- (b) time / it / in / measures / seconds / and / hours / minutes
- (c) shapes / different / a wristwatch / sizes / and / is available / in
- (d) like / digital / while / prefer / wristwatches / mechanical ones / others / some people

SECTION C: Literature / Textbooks

(30 Marks)

8. Read the extract given below and answer the questions that follow:
- The trees inside are moving out into the forest,
the forest that was empty all these days
where no bird could sit
no insect hide
no sun bury its feet in shadow
the forest that was empty all these nights
will be full of trees by morning.
- (a) What are the trees trying to do?
- (b) Why was the forest empty?
- (c) All these days, the forest referred to here was _____.
- (i) filled (ii) empty
- (iii) hidden (iv) separated
- (d) The figure of speech used in these lines is _____.
- (i) Simile (ii) Alliteration
- (iii) Personification (iv) Metonymy

OR

Ausable was, for one thing, fat. Very fat. And then there was his accent. Though he spoke French and German passably, he had never altogether lost the American accent he had brought to Paris from Boston twenty years ago.

"You are disappointed," Ausable said wheezily over his shoulder.

- (a) Who is 'you' here?
- (i) Fowler (ii) Ausable
- (iii) Waiter (iv) Max
- (b) Ausable was a native of _____.
- (i) France (ii) Germany
- (iii) the U.S. (iv) Sweden
- (c) 'You' believed that Ausable was a _____.
- (d) He spoke French like an _____.
9. Answer any five of the following questions in 30–40 words each.
- (a) What did Lencho's happy happy mood change into concern?
- (b) What did Nelson Mandela remember on the day of the inaugural ceremony?
- (c) What vices in human beings does Whitman notice? (Animals)
- (d) Why did Bholi dislike Bishambar?
- (e) How did Richard Ebright's mother help him?
- (f) In which queer way did Anil make a living?

10. What lesson on death and suffering did the Buddha teach Kisa Gotami in the chapter, "The Sermon At Benares"? (100-150 words).

OR

Whenever we want to achieve something, difficulties always come in our way. What did Valli have to do to go and ride in a bus? (Madam Rides the Bus) (100-150 words)

11. We should be happy with what we have and should not crave for what we don't have. Matida suffered in her life because she was not contented. Comment (The Necklace) (100-150 words)

Or

A brilliant scientist though he was, Griffin misused his scientific discovery. Illustrate this point by giving any two examples from the story. (Footprints without Feet) (100-150 words)

Solutions

SECTION - A

1. (a) (i) Mohenjo-daro **(1×8=8 Marks)**
 (b) (iii) terracota animals
 (c) (iv) she can not be rediscovered as she's bronze
 (d) (i) it appeals to us despite a passage of time
 (e) (i) consists of bangles of shell or ivory or thin metal only
 (f) (ii) why museums in our country are exciting
 (g) amid
 (h) true

2. **(2×4=8 Marks)**

- 2.1. (a) **Advantage:** It promotes a sense of togetherness and bounding.

Disadvantage: by the time a decision in reached at; tempers have risen, feelings injured and at least one person grumbling.

- (b) Parents ask their kids:
 (i) the cuisine they prefer
 (ii) the movie they want to see
 (iii) the holiday they wish to go on
 (iv) the subjects they wish to study
 (c) Two pieces of advice given by the writer are:
 (i) Listen to your children and their silences.
 (ii) Step into their world.
 Both the objectives can be achieved by spending at least half an hour quality time with your kids.
 (d) The author appears to be supporting the parents but he actually presents both sides of the coin. He sympathises with parents but also suggests that they should listen to their children and understand their silences as well. So, I agree with him.

2.2.

(1×4=4 Marks)

- (a) injured (b) cuisine
 (c) conflicting (d) complicated

SECTION - B

3. Messers Bright Publishers **(8 Marks)**

Daryaganj,
 New Delhi

Date: 15th Feb. 2020

Subject: Consignment received against my order is spoiled.

Sir,

This is to bring to your kind notice that the consignment received against my order no 153216 did 10th Jan. 2020 is of no use because almost every important page is either faulty or spoiled. The book 'The wheel of Fire' misses pages from 113 to 159. The pen and register supplied are faulty and do not serve the purpose.

I therefore, request you to replace the defective items at your cost and save me from the encumbrances that I am going through.

Thanking you

Yours faithfully

Sonia/Sunil

M-3, Ashok Vihar

New Delhi

OR

Role of school in a child's life

by Sujal/Sujata.

Every school acknowledges and believes that the all round development of a child is the ultimate aim of our education system. Undoubtedly the

aim is huge and it is difficult, if not impossible, to hit the target. Any way a student's personality has many facts like—emotional, physical, spiritual, mental, psychological so on and so forth. All these are guided mainly by mental and physical health. Our education system imparts knowledge of the facts and knowhow of certain things of the current world. It also emphasises physical health by promoting different kinds of sports and games. Simultaneously the emotional health of the student also remains at check in school. The way a child behaves is always moulded/guided by the teachers present there and in so doing, our students become strong character wise. Our teachers also play ideal characters before them so that they emulate them and learn good ways. And I feel that a school offers conducive atmosphere to develop and present their inherent talents. Mixing and mingling come naturally to such children and the students get ready to work in a team. Therefore, the role of school in a child's life is highly laudable.

4.

(10 Marks)

While coming back from school, Arun heard a grinding sound coming from behind the closed shutters of a shop. He went close to the shop and put his ears to the shutters to make out what was going on inside. After having strained his ears for some time, he came to the conclusion that there were two-three intruders probably cutting some safe or almirah inside. He looked around to seek help but could see no one. He stood thinking for a while, then ran to find the nearest telephone booth. He felt thankful to find one not too far. He narrated what he had come across to the operator and requested to call the police. He quickly dialled 100 and informed the Police about it all.

Within minutes a Police team arrived. It broke open the shutters of the shop and nabbed the burglars.

Next morning, beaming with immense pride, Arun stood in glory right there on stage in the school assembly. He was holding the special prize for bravery awarded to him by the city Police. The Principal Ma'am was standing beside him, looking at him happily and clapping, and so was the whole school!

It was a memorable day!

OR

While wandering across the forest; a stag felt thirsty and leaped to the fresh water pond nearby to satisfy his thirst. He took his time and enjoyed the cool water to his heart's content.

As he was about to move away, his eyes caught his own reflection in the water.

Behold! What beautiful horns he had!

He swelled with pride to see this gift of God he possessed. He looked at them repeatedly and was all praise for them. He was, at the same time; filled with hatred for his ugly legs; he wanted to dispossess them but alas; he couldn't do so.

One day, he was spotted by some hunters and their dogs; he ran fast through the thickets to escape their clutches but alas, his beautiful horns got entangled in them and stopped his run. He cursed his horns as he struggled to break free. With all their beauty, his horns were of no use to him! They had actually led him to the doors of death.

The hunters closed in and their dogs were about to pounce on the stag when he managed to free his horns from the thickets.

Thanking his stars, he bounded away with full might. His legs carried him far far away from the hunters into the lap of safety.

The stag looked at his legs lovingly. They were not ugly. He was proud of his legs!

5.

(a) (ii) of

(1×4=4 Marks)

(b) (iv) before

(c) (i) are

(d) (i) at

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| <p>6. Error Correction (1×4=4 Marks)</p> <p>(a) decide decided</p> <p>(b) taking take</p> <p>(c) which who</p> <p>(d) in from</p> | <p>9. (2×5=10 Marks)</p> <p>(a) Lencho's crop was almost ready; it needed just a little shower. At that time it began to rain. Lencho was filled with happiness but it continued for long and turned into snowfall damaging his crop completely. Lencho's happy mood therefore changed into concern.</p> <p>(b) On the day of inaugural ceremony, Nelson Mandela remembered his fellow freedom fighters who had sacrificed their lives for the sake of the freedom of the country.</p> <p>(c) Whitman in the poem 'Animals', notices that human beings are not reliable; at least as reliable as animals. A man/woman forgets the gratitude showered on him/her but an animal never does so.</p> <p>(d) Although Bholi was not good to look at; she was young and educated. For the sake of her parents, she consented to marry 55 year old Bishambhar but Bishambhar put a condition that he will take ` 5000/- to marry Bholi. Bholi could not tolerate him and protested. She therefore; did not like him.</p> <p>(e) Dichard Ebright's mother was always there with him; she gossiped about scientific discoveries/inventions; she also brought him books on science and encouraged him to experiment. Thus she was a great help to him.</p> <p>(f) Anil income was irregular. We did some freelance work in publishing houses. His income was meagre but he was able to pull on his life. We had no permanent source of income.</p> |
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7. (1×4=4 Marks)
- (a) A majority of people these days wear a watch.
- (b) It measures time in seconds minutes and hours
- (c) A wrist watch is available in different shapes and sizes
- (d) Some people like digital wrist watches while others prefer mechanical ones.

SECTION - C

(1×4=4 Marks)

8. (a) The trees are trying to move out into the forest
- (b) Because the trees and plants had been confined into houses.
- (c) (ii) empty
- (d) (iii) personification



Note

- a. Extract based questions contain only 1 mark and usually require exact answers.
- b. Be careful not to exceed 2 sentences even while answering 'why' questions. Be precise and to the point.
- c. In case of MCQs, sometimes, the correct option is not obvious; but, it is relatively easy to see which ones are incorrect. So, you should eliminate the incorrect ones to get the correct answer.

OR

- (a) (ii) Fowler
- (b) (iii) the U.S.
- (c) Slim trim and smart guy full of energy and dynamism.
- (d) amateur

10. As her son had died; somebody advised Kisa Gotami to meet Buddha who possibly could bring him back to life. With thin view in mind, Kisa Gotami approached him and asked Buddha to inject life in her son's dead body. Buddha

asked her bring a handful of mustard seeds from a house in which nobody had ever died. Kisa Gotamic went door to door with the request but to her bad luck; she could not get such a house. Disappointed, she came back to Buddha and he preached then ____ life and death are preconceived part of thin world; nothing can change life rule. The one who has been born; has to die one day. There in no escape from this rule.

(8 Marks)

OR

Valli was a girl of poor family; she saw a bus passing by the road daily. The bust went to a nearby town which was around 30 kms away from her village. Since she saw the bus daily; there grew a strong desire in her heart that she will one day take a ride on that. For this, she started collecting money for the to and journey ticket; she avoided buying toffees on ice-crea. She also collected information about the bus like — how much time it took to reach the town and how much time to come back. She also learnt at what time it began its journey and it came back. After that she observed closely her mother who took a rap in the noon. She slept around 2.3 hrs. During this period she decided to take a ride to the town and the was successful in her attempt because of reserved nature and meticulous planning.



Note

- a. These long answer questions are value based. They are designed to test your awareness of human values.
- b. Your answer should show that you know the story well and have learnt the moral lesson and value conveyed by it.
- c. These questions have different parts. Your answer should be written in different paragraphs for each part.

11. Being gorgeous and beautiful Matida thought that she was made to enjoy all the comforts of the world but she belonged to poor family

and was married to a clerk. Her husband was already ready to fulfill her wishes but she was not satisfied. Once her husband brought passes for the party and asked her to get ready. Matilda borrowed a necklace from her friend and attended the party but the necklace was unluckily lost. For 10 years to come, she and her husband worked hard to buy that kind of necklace and sacrificed all their happiness. Matilda's friend told that the necklace was an imitated one. Anyway life span was gone. Thus they suffered because they were not contented with what they possessed.

(8 Marks)

OR

Griffin was undoubtedly a brilliant scientist who had invented a formula with which he could become invisible. No one in this world has achieved so far this wonderful know how. But he used it for his benefit and to loot others due to which he met with his death.

Remaining invisible, he murdered his own father and fled away from there. Since he was invisible the police would not catch him. Later in the town, he commits a theft in the house of the Vicar. There also he employs his formula to stay invisible.

Apart from these he steals clothes from a shop and runs away. Had he employed his invisibility for the welfare of the society, he would have been honoured suitably.



Note

- a. To answer these LA questions based on the prescribed novel, you must have read the novel completely at least once.
- b. Often, new questions not discussed before are asked. If you have read the complete novel, you will find it easy to frame your answer to such a question.
- c. You should know the theme and moral values and lessons conveyed in the novel to answer these questions well.