

**CBSE**  
**Class X Summative Assessment – II**  
**English**  
**(Language and Literature)**  
**Board Question Paper – 2018 (Set 2)**

**Time: 3 hours**

**Max. Marks: 80**

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Note:

- Please check that this question paper contains **8** printed pages + 1 Map.
  - Code number given on the right hand side of the question paper should be written on the title page of the answer-book by the candidate.
  - Please check that this question paper contains **11** questions.
  - **Please write down the Serial Number of the question before attempting it.**
  - 15 minutes time has been allotted to read this question paper. The question paper will be distributed at 10.15 a.m. From 10.15 a.m. to 10.30 a.m., the students will read the question paper only and will not write any answer on the answer-book during this period.
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**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** (30 Marks)

(ii) *All questions are compulsory.*

(iii) *Marks are indicated against each question.*

(iv) *All questions of that particular section must be attempted in the correct order.*



**1. Read the passage given below.**

- (1) It is an indisputable fact that the world has gone too far with the innovation of new so technologies such as mobile phones, the internet and so on, due to which people are able to tour the cosmos virtually sitting at one place using their smart devices or other technological gadgets. Though mobile internet access is oftentimes hurried and short, it can still provide common internet features like alerts, weather data, emails, search engines, instant messages, and game and music downloading.
- (2) Due to the easy access of smart phones, communication has been very effective and instant. People are able to convey their message all around the globe to their loved ones without spending hefty sums of money. Adults are always food of such gadgets and they always welcome and adopt such new technology readily. Further, young people have been able to broaden their minds and improve their skills by doing research on the internet. For instance, they use smart phones to look up any new word they come across. As we know the most of the universities have online teaching provision and smart phones assist the students to complete their assignments on time
- (3) The mobile phone has been a lifesaver for a lot of people in case of emergency. Likewise, use of smart phones can be of vital importance in preventing crimes in the society by providing information to the security forces in time.
- (4) Nonetheless, for the young the use of mobile phone can be like an addiction and they can misuse it. Young people are also prone to getting involved in undesirable activities on the internet. This might have adverse effect on their academic performance. Therefore, young people should always be monitored and made aware of its bad outcomes.
- (5) Also a major contributor to its popularity is the availability of prepaid or pay as you go services from a phone shop or online store. This allows subscribers to load text or airtime credits to their handsets by the use of their credit cards, debit cards or by buying a prepaid card from the network they subscribe to. This plan also doesn't commit a particular customer to a contract. If prepaid card is not that appealing to you, then you can opt to subscribe using the pay by month plan.

**1.1** On the basis of your reading of the passage, answer any four of the following questions in 30-40 words each: $2 \times 4 = 8$ 

- (i) How are smart phones helpful in communication?
- (ii) What are the benefits of mobile phones for young generation?
- (iii) How can mobile phones be considered 'lifesavers'?
- (iv) Mention any two demerits of mobile phones.
- (v) How is a prepaid card useful to mobile phone users?



1.2 on the basis of your reading of the passage, answer any four of the following: 1 × 4 = 4

(i) In para 1, synonym of 'innovation' is \_\_\_\_\_

- (i) Production
- (ii) Sincerity
- (iii) Invention
- (iv) Prevention

(ii) Mobile internet can provide access to :

- (a) Telegram
- (b) Emails
- (c) Schools
- (d) University

(iii) Grown-ups should \_\_\_\_\_ the use of new technology by the young people.

- (i) Reject
- (ii) Criticize
- (iii) Monitor
- (iv) Accept

(iv) According to the passage, one can opt for \_\_\_\_\_ plan if prepaid plan doesn't suit.

- (i) Yearly
- (ii) Weekly
- (iii) Monthly
- (iv) Daily

## 2. Read the passage give below

1. Tourists to Jammu and Kashmir have another attraction - a floating post office on the Dal Lake in Srinagar, the first in the country. 'Floating Post office, Dal Lake' – Claimed to be the only one such post office in the world – is built on an intricately carved maroon houseboat, fastened on the western edge of the Dal Lake.
2. This post office lets you avail of all the regular postal services available in the country while being afloat. The seal used on everything posted from floating Post office is unique- along with the date and address, it bears the design of a boatman rowing a shikara on the Dal Lake. The special feature of the post office is that letters posted from here carry a special design which has the picturesque scenery of Dal Lake and Srinagar city. These pictures reach wherever these letters are posted to and hence promote Kashmir as a tourist destination across the world
3. This is actually a heritage post office that has existed since British times. It was called Nehru Park Post office before 2011. But then the chief postmaster John Samuel renamed it as 'Floating Post office'.

4. The post office's houseboat has two small rooms – one serves as the office and the other a small museum that traces the phyletic history of the state postal department. It has a shop that sells postage stamps and other products
5. But for the locals, Floating Post office is more than an object of fascination. ₹ 1-2 crore is deposited per month in Floating Post office by communities living in and around the Dal Lake. The lake has several islets that are home to more than 50,000 people.
6. The greatest fear is the recurrence of 2014 like floods in which the houseboat had gone for a toss uncontrollably pushed by the flood. Rescue teams had to anchor it using special mechanism in a nearby highland. Then it was brought back on Dal after the water receded. The biggest boon is that at no time of the year do you need a fan in this post office!

**2.1 Attempt any eight of the following questions on the basis of the passage you have read:**

1 × 8 = 8

- (i) What is the location of the Floating Post Office in Srinagar?
- (ii) What is special about the seal used in the post office?
- (iii) How is the post office helpful in promoting tourism?
- (iv) Who renamed the post office as 'Floating Post Office'?
- (v) What are the two rooms of the post office used for?
- (vi) How is the post office beneficial to the locals?
- (vii) What is the greatest fear that the post office has?
- (viii) How is the post office a big boon to the people?
- (ix) Find the word from the passage which means the same as 'attraction'. (para 5)

### SECTION B

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#### (Writing Skills and Grammar)

3. Write a story in **150-200** words with the help of the following outline : **10**  
Tortoise and hare – good friends – tortoise – known for his slow speed – hare has fast speed – makes fun of tortoise – challenges him – referee selected – race starts – hare over confident – takes a nap – tortoise wins.

OR

Complete the story in **150 – 200** words which begins as the following:

There was a join family of six members including grandparents. It was the 75<sup>th</sup> birthday of the grandmother and the family planned to celebrate .....

4. You are Prabhu Kumar/Parvati of 17E, Ravi Dass road, Kochi. Write a letter in **100-120** words to the editor of a newspaper about the nuisance caused by loudspeakers in the city during examination days drawing attention of the concerned authorities to the problem. **8**

OR



You are Prabhu/Rahul of Class X. Write an article in **100-120** words on 'Ill effects on students of too much of television'. You can use the following clues:

- Increasing addiction
- A great variety of programmes
- Easy availability
- Neglect of studies
- Drop in academic performance
- Result – poor physical and mental health

5. Rearrange the following words/phrases to form meaningful sentence. Do any **four**.

**1 × 4 = 4**

- (i) Work and play/things/different/parents see/ as two
- (ii) Is a /of time/ they/ waste/ think/that playing
- (iii) Important/games/studies/ areas / as
- (iv) A student / to both / proper /should / attention /pay
- (v) Can /life/only/succeed/he/in/then

6. Fill in any **four** of the blanks in the paragraph given below with the help of options that follow :

**1 × 4 = 4**

Two modern student \_\_\_ (a) \_\_\_ the importance \_\_\_ (b) \_\_\_ physical exercise. He spends one to two hours in open air \_\_\_(c) \_\_\_ he takes part in different sports. However, care should \_\_\_ (d) \_\_\_ not to overstrain \_\_\_ (e) \_\_\_.

- (a) (i) Understood (ii) understand
- (iii) have understand (iv) understands
- (b) (i) of (ii) by (iii) from (iv) with
- (c) (i) how (ii) which (iii) where (iv) why
- (d) (i) be taken (ii) took (iii) takes (iv) has taken
- (e) (i) a (ii) an (iii) the (iv) some

7. The following paragraph has not been edited. There is an error in each line. Write the error as well as the correction as shown in the example. Do any **four**.

**1 × 4 = 4**

	Error	Correction
In the prisoner's room a candle is	e.g. Is	was
Burning dimly. A prisoner himself	(a) _____	_____
Sat by the table. Only him back	(b) _____	_____
The hair by his head and his	(c) _____	_____
Hands are visible from outside	(d) _____	_____
Through any window	(e) _____	_____



SECTION C

(Literature: Textbooks and Long Reading Text)

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8. Read the extract given below and answer the questions that follow :

1 × 4 = 4

Belinda tickled him, she ticked him unmerciful,  
Ink, Blink and Mustard, they rudely called him Percival,  
They are sat laughing in the little red wagon  
At the realio, trulio, cowardly dragon.

- (a) Who was ticked by Belinda?
- (b) Why did she tickle 'him'?
- (c) Who are ink, Blink and Mustard?
- (d) Why did they all laugh at him?

OR

"But, please. Stephen Stepanovitch, how can they be yours? Do be a reasonable man! My aunt's grandmother gave the Meadows for the temporary and free use of your grandfather's peasants. The peasants used the land for forty years and got accustomed to it as if it was their own, when it happened that....."

- (a) Who is the speaker of the above lines?
- (b) Why did his aunt's grandmother give the meadows?
- (c) Why did the peasants treat the land as their Own?
- (d) What light do these lines throw on the speaker's character?

9. Answer any four of the following questions in **30-40** words each :

2 x 4 = 8

- (a) Why did Matilda (Mme Loisel) leave the ball in a hurry? What does it show about her character?
- (b) In which queer way did Anil make a living? (The Thief's Story)
- (c) What excited Rajvir? Why did Pranjol not share his excitement?
- (d) 'He senses first responsibility' — what responsibility is referred to here? (The Ball Poem)
- (e) What was Horace Danby's hobby? How did he manage to fulfil it?

10. Answer the following questions in **100-120** words:

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What lesson on death and suffering did the Buddha teach Gotami in the chapter, "The Sermon at Benaras?"

OR

In life, people who easily trust others are sometimes made to look 'foolish. One should not be too trusting. Describe how Oliver Lutkins made a fool of the young lawyer.

11. Answer the following questions in **200-250** words:

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Describe how Miss Sullivan succeeds in helping Helen Keller achieve her aim in life.

OR

Helen Keller's determination to study and compete with the normal children helps her to enter Radcliffe College. What does this show about her personality?

OR

Describe the importance of diary in Anne Frank's life

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**SECTION A - (Reading)**

**Answer 1.1**

- i) Smart phones have been helpful in communication as they allow people to reach their loved ones around the globe through instant messaging. It is a cost-effective means and the fastest medium.
- ii) Mobile phones help the young generation to broaden their minds. They can also help in vocabulary building as the young generation can look up every new word on their phones. Mobile phones also assist students in completing their assignments.
- iii) Mobile phones can be considered lifesavers as they can be used in emergencies. For example, phones can be used in preventing crime. Through phones, one can provide information to the security forces and call them, thereby preventing crime in time.
- iv) Mobile phone usage can become an addiction for students and could result in poor academic performance. Children are prone to getting involved in undesirable activities on the internet. So, excessive use should be restricted.
- v) A prepaid card does not bind its customer with a contract. So, one can change their plan as per their use and requirement.

**Answer 1.2**

- i) 'Innovation' means to create something new or invent, 'Sincerity' means showing genuine feelings, 'Prevention' means to restrict from doing something and 'Production' means to recreate something that already exists. Since invention means the same as innovation, it is the correct answer. Hence, the correct option is (iii).
- ii) One can access emails through the internet; you cannot access a telegram, a school or a university. Hence, the correct option is (ii).
- iii) As given in paragraph 4 of the passage, grown-ups should monitor the use of new technology, i.e. mobile phones by young ones. Hence, the correct option is (iii).
- iv) As given in paragraph 5, one can subscribe to a pay-by-month plan or a monthly plan. Hence, the correct option is (iii).

**Answer 2.1**

- i) The floating post office is located on the western edge of the Dal Lake in Srinagar.
- ii) The seal of this post office is unlike other seals. Along with the date and time, it shows a boatman rowing a shikara on the Dal Lake.
- iii) The post office is helpful in promoting tourism as the letters posted from here carry a special design that has the picturesque scenery of the Dal Lake and Srinagar city.
- iv) The chief postmaster John Samuel renamed the post office 'Floating Post Office'.





- v) Out of the two rooms of the post office, one serves as the office and the other serves as a small museum which traces the phyletic history of the state postal department.
- vi) The locals deposit money in the post office. Hence, it is beneficial for them as their money remains safe.
- vii) The greatest threat to the post office is the recurrence of 2014-like floods.
- viii) It is a big boon to the people as the weather remains pleasant, and they do not require a fan.
- ix) The synonym of 'attraction' is 'fascination'.

## Section B Writing

### Answer 3. Story writing

#### The hare and the tortoise

A tortoise and a hare were good friends. Both of them knew each other well. The tortoise was known for his slow speed, whereas the hare knew that he can run fast, so he frequently made fun of the tortoise. Not only did the hare make fun of the tortoise but also challenged him to a race. The tortoise agreed, and both herbivores prepared themselves to run a race the next day.

The race started at dawn, and the hare ran quite fast and went ahead of the tortoise. The tortoise kept moving at his pace steadily. The distance between the two of them was such that the tortoise could not even see the hare at his farthest distance, yet he kept moving without losing hope. The hare too tried to see the tortoise behind but he was nowhere to be seen.

The hare very confident of winning thought of resting, and so he took a nap under a shady tree. He got into such a deep sleep that he did not realise when the tortoise had crossed him. He woke up and was startled to see that the tortoise was about to reach the finish line. He tried hard and ran fast to reach him, but the tortoise had already won the race by then. He could hear the jungle animals who knew about the race applauding the tortoise. The hare realised that it was his overconfidence that made him lose the race. Slow and steady wins a race.

#### Grandma's 75<sup>th</sup> Birthday

There was a family with six members, including grandparents. The family was really excited as grandma's 75<sup>th</sup> birthday was soon approaching. They decided to make her feel special, and so thought of celebrating the day by planning a surprise party for her. They invited all their relative sand all of grandma's friends home.

The children of the house were told to take grandma out, so she doesn't come to know about the surprise and also so the relatives could come home without grandma's keen notice of things. The children happily took grandma to the garden nearby. They talked to their grandmother about her childhood memories and about her likes and dislikes. They kept their beloved grandmother engaged till quite late, till the garden watchman blew his whistle for people to leave.

When they reached home, the grandmother found the home in complete silence and darkness. She got worried and called out to her son. The lights suddenly turned on with all

the relatives wishing her. She did not expect such a wonderful birthday surprise. She had tears in her eyes. She was overwhelmed seeing her loved ones around. It was a moment of joy for her.

#### **Answer 4. Letter writing**

17E, Ravi Das Road  
Kochi  
5 April 2018  
The Editor  
The Times of India  
New Delhi

Sub: Nuisance caused by loudspeakers in the city

Dear Sir/Ma'am,

I take this opportunity to draw the attention of the concerned authorities through the esteemed column of your newspaper about the nuisance created by loudspeakers in the city during the examination days.

It cannot be denied that people require loud music to celebrate, but they should be considerate towards others. There should be certain rules that one needs to abide with. While some people have an occasion to celebrate, others may be in a time of mourning. Importantly, for young children or students, it is examination time. People who blast loudspeakers would need to be sensitive about this.

I request the concerned authorities to kindly take some action so that it does not create any hindrance for students who are studying.

Thank you.  
Yours sincerely,  
Prabhu/Parvati

#### **Article writing**

### **Ill effects of watching excessive television**

By Prabhu/Parvati

It has been observed that students are getting too addicted to television. They find watching television as the best recreational activity and a major source of entertainment. Students do not realise that it is a mere waste of time after a certain point in time. Watching too much television affects the thinking abilities of a person as a person usually never watches informative programmes. Especially students prefer watching cartoons, movies and so forth. Kids become so engaged in television that they neglect their studies, resulting in a drop of academic performance. Children lose interest in studies and



that leads to poor results. They also do not participate in outdoor activities and thus become poor in health. It is high time for students to realise that they should engage in productive activities where they learn something new every day and just not make themselves lethargic.

### Answer 5. Jumbled sentences

- i) Parents see work and play as two different things.
- ii) They think that playing is a waste of time.
- iii) Games are as important as studies.
- iv) A student should pay proper attention to both.
- v) Then only he can succeed in life.

### Answer 6.

- a) As we refer to a generic idea and the subject is also general, the present plural form of the verb 'understand' will be used. Hence, the correct option is (ii).
- b) We understand the importance of something, so 'of' will be used. Hence, the correct option is (i).
- c) In the context given, we refer to a place and define the action he does. So 'where' will be used. Hence, the correct option is (iii).
- d) 'Should' always takes the passive verb and so 'be taken' will be used. Hence, the correct answer is (i).
- e) Some missing information in the question.

### Answer 7. Editing

Error	Correction
a) A	the (referring to the same prisoner, so a definite article is used)
b) him	his (possessive pronoun used for the prisoner)
c) by	of (hair belonging to the prisoner)
d) are	were (we are talking of a past event)
e) any	the

## Section C Literature

### Answer 8.

- i) The dragon Custard was tickled by Belinda.
- ii) Belinda tickled him as he was afraid, so all of them made fun of Custard.
- iii) Ink, Blink and Mustard are the black kitten, grey mouse and yellow dog. They are all Belinda's pets.
- iv) They laughed at him because he used to be afraid all the time.

**OR**

- i) Lomov is the speaker of these lines.
- ii) Aunt's grandmother gave the meadows to the peasants in return for the bricks they would make for her.



- iii) Since it was disputed land and the land was given to them in perpetuity, they developed a habit of calling the land their own.
- iv) Ivan is a humorous fellow who is prone to arguments. Not only does he counter argue but also goes up to an extent that he suffers anxiety attacks. He forgets his real purpose of visiting his neighbours and rushes home losing his temperament. He is a comic character who adds humour to the play.

**Answer 9.**

- a) Mathilde Loisel was the centre of attraction at the ball as she was looking extremely beautiful. She hurried from the ball because the wrap her husband gave her to cover her shoulders was not complementing her clothes and jewellery. This shows that Madame Loisel was conscious of her appearance and would not compromise on her looks. She enjoyed seeking attention from others.
- b) Anil made his queer living by writing for magazines or selling his books to publishers. He would also make it with fits and starts. He would borrow one week and lend the next week.
- c) The tea gardens of Assam excited Rajvir. He had never seen such a beautiful site. Pranjol could not share Rajvir's excitement because he was born and brought up in Assam among the tea plantations. So, he was not as excited as his friend.
- d) The transformation of the little boy is being referred to here where he realises that the ball was also his responsibility. As he is growing up, he is getting the sense of realising that whatever he possesses is his responsibility.
- e) Horace Danby's hobby was to buy rare and expensive books. In order to fulfil it, he used to plan a burglary once a year. As part of his planning, he used to gather information on the house he planned to steal.

**Answer 10.**

Buddha told Gotami that life and death are life processes that no one can escape from. A human being is mortal; the one who takes birth has to die one day. He explains this concept with the help of various examples. As ripe fruits have the danger of falling, similarly every living being is afraid of dying. As the vessels made by the potter break, so do human beings die after a point in time. He tells that human beings have to accept fate. No father can save his son, no kinsmen can save their relations. So, it is wise to accept it as a reality of life that something or someone who is born has to decay and die with time. That marks the real wisdom of humankind. Death is the reality, and there is no point grieving about it.

**OR**

It is rightly said that people should not be too trusting as this always leave them to be a fool. This is how Lutkins made a fool of the young lawyer. He deceived the young lawyer by pretending to help him find Lutkins. He rather made a fool of the young lawyer by hiding his true identity and keeping the young lawyer moving in vain. He kept taking the young lawyer to various places knowing that all his efforts would be futile and he won't be able to get Oliver Lutkins to the court.

**Answer 11.**

Miss Sullivan played an important role in changing Helen's life for good. Helen had no hope of being able to learn something until she met Miss Sullivan. Miss Sullivan was the source of her knowledge; she offered her insights and made her learn certain words through the sense of touch. In order to make her learn simple words like water, she made her feel it, to make her aware of nature, she took her to experience nature, she made her understand the feeling of love, and she trained her to think. Miss Sullivan helped Helen grow step by step. In her lessons in reading, she trained Helen how to read words and then sentences. She made Helen learn through experiences, through travelling and her vivid descriptions. Helen's visit to Boston and some valuable time spent with children who were also visually challenged like her made her more confident. She started taking life positively and decided to make life worth living. After becoming an expert in reading, she started her lessons in speaking. It altogether came as a surprise to her that she could also learn to speak.

Not only did she learn to read and speak but she also made a successful attempt in writing which left a scar on her mind as there was a huge hue and cry over her writing. It was through this bitter experience that she got determined to publish her story as an original piece of writing. Miss Sullivan can be seen as Helen's shadow who was with her at every step, and she took it as a responsibility to shape Helen's life.

Helen was hardworking, optimistic and full of perseverance. She never let darkness overpower her in any way. She always moved in life with high spirits. Every failure was taken as a stepping stone by her. She made the best use of present opportunities, never worried about the future and never did she let her past interfere with her present. At the first instance, when Miss Sullivan made her sit on the branch of the tree and she experienced a storm, she was scared of the incident initially but overcame it later easily. Her drowning in the sea was another incident that left her petrified, but she won over her fear to stand up again and face the challenges. She understood the real-life challenges keeping in mind the circumstances she was in which made her strong. Her patience is another trait that led her to her success. She understood that she was not an ordinary child; so, learning things won't be as easy for her as for an ordinary child. It was Helen's optimism, patience and strong spirit which shaped her life and led to her success.

Anne's diary served as her confidante in her times of isolation and confinement. Anne's diary was where her heart poured out into words and her feelings expressed. It was the record of her fears, anxieties, hatred and hopes. She had written everything in it without any manipulation. It was a place where she could confess anything and within which she could confide. She mentions that she has had no real friends; so, the diary was her best friend whom she gave a name too. Her diary was her only solace in her tough times of hiding. It was her living hope. It was the only thing she could talk to whenever she wanted and in the purest form possible.