

**Class XII | Session 2026-27**  
**Subject - English Core**  
**Sample Question Paper - Set 10**

**General Instructions:**

1. Read the following instructions very carefully and strictly follow them:
2. This question paper has **13** questions. **All** questions are **compulsory**.
3. This question paper contains **three** sections - Section A : **Reading Skills**, Section B : **Creative Writing Skills** and Section C : **Literature**.
4. Attempt all questions based on specific instructions for each part. Write the correct question number and part thereof in your answer sheet.
5. Separate instructions are given with each question/part, wherever necessary.
6. Adhere to the prescribed word limit while answering the questions.

**SECTION A – READING SKILLS**

1. **Read the following passage carefully:**

[12]

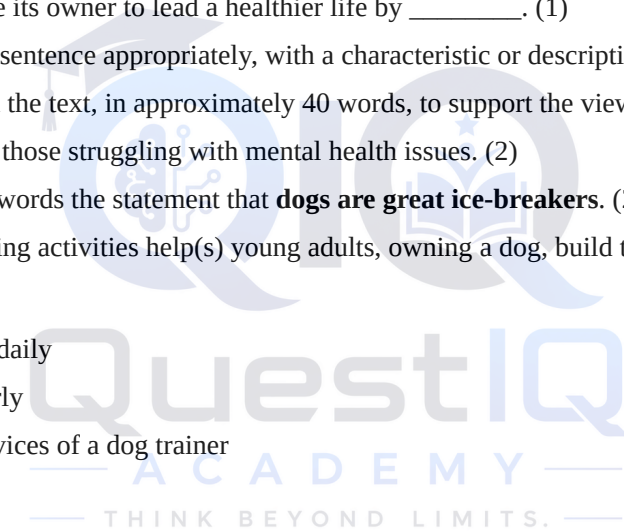
1. As a young adult, life can be stressful and overwhelming at times. Juggling among school, work, social life, and other responsibilities, it can be easy to feel alone and disconnected from the world around us. Dogs are the ultimate companions for anyone looking to alleviate stress and loneliness. We'll explore many reasons why dogs make the best companions for young adults.
2. **Unconditional love:** Dogs are known for their loyalty and love for their owners, no matter what. They don't judge us, criticize us, or hold grudges against us. No matter how flawed or imperfect we may be, our dogs will always love us unconditionally. This kind of unwavering support and affection can be incredibly comforting for young adults struggling to find their place in the world.
3. **Social connection:** Dogs are great ice-breakers and conversation starters. Whether you're walking them in the park, taking them to the dog beach, or simply hanging out at home, dogs have a way of bringing people together. For young adults who may feel isolated or disconnected from their peers, having a dog by their side can be a great way to connect with others and form new friendships.
4. **Increase physical activity:** Dogs require regular exercise in order to stay healthy and happy. This means that young adults who own dogs are more likely to engage in physical activity themselves. Whether its going for a run, playing frisbee, or simply taking a leisurely stroll, getting out with your dog can be a great way to boost your mood and energy levels.
5. **Emotional support:** Dogs are also great emotional support animals for those struggling with mental health issues such as anxiety and depression. Their presence alone can provide a sense of calm and comfort, and their ability to sense their owner's emotions can be incredibly comforting. For young adults dealing with mental health challenges, having a dog as a companion can be a life-changing experience.

6. **Improve responsibility and self-care:** Owning a dog also comes with a great deal of responsibility and self-care. Dogs require regular feeding, grooming, exercise, and attention, which can be a great way for young adults to develop a sense of responsibility and self-discipline. Additionally, having a dog as a companion can encourage young adults to take better care of themselves, such as making sure they get enough sleep, eat healthy, and engage in regular exercise.
7. For all these reasons and more, dogs make fantastic companions for young adults. Whether you're looking for emotional support, social connection, increased physical activity, or simply someone to love and be loved by, a dog can provide all these things and more. So the next time you're feeling stressed or overwhelmed, consider finding a furry friend to take on the world with you.

Answer the following questions, based on the above passage:

- i. What is the significance of owning a dog for a young adult who is striving for acceptance in society? (1)
  - A. It means increased physical activity.
  - B. It builds a sense of responsibility.
  - C. It helps young adults get more sleep.
  - D. It is a source of unconditional love.
- ii. A dog can encourage its owner to lead a healthier life by \_\_\_\_\_. (1)

Complete the above sentence appropriately, with a characteristic or description.
- iii. Share evidence from the text, in approximately 40 words, to support the view that dogs provide a sense of calm and comfort to those struggling with mental health issues. (2)
- iv. Explain in about 40 words the statement that **dogs are great ice-breakers**. (2)
- v. Which of the following activities help(s) young adults, owning a dog, build their sense of responsibility and self-discipline? (1)
  - A. walking the dog daily
  - B. feeding it regularly
  - C. engaging the services of a dog trainer
  - D. Both (A) and (B)
- vi. What does this article aim to do? (1)
  - A. Explain the benefits of owning a dog.
  - B. Provide advice on how to get a dog.
  - C. Discuss how to take proper care of a dog.
  - D. Describe the experiences of dog owners.
- vii. Select the option that is similar in meaning to the phrase **take on the world**. (1)
  - A. travel the world
  - B. accept a responsibility
  - C. to be pessimistic
  - D. have a global outlook
- viii. What does the underlined part in the sentence **consider finding a furry friend to take on the world with you** refer to? (1)
- ix. What is the tone of the article? (1)
  - A. critical but supportive
  - B. indifferent and bored



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- C. positive and informative
- D. humorous and casual

x. How do dogs help young adults connect with others and form friendships? (1)

2. **Read the following text carefully and answer the questions that follow:**

[10]

1. We're all familiar with the usual reasons workers cite for wanting to stay away even after lockdowns have long ended: flexible schedules, not having to commute, and of course, increased productivity. However, productivity isn't the only reason people want to stay away from the office. We recently surveyed 1,000 remote workers to find out what's really keeping them tied to their work-from-home lives.
2. The findings include: 72% want to be able to take a nap or exercise during the day. Nearly three out of four remote workers surveyed stated that the ability to take a nap or workout during the workday was one of the reasons they wanted to stay home. Though these activities may very well increase worker productivity, there's no doubt that a nap on the kitchen couch would be frowned upon in the office.
3. 73% want to be able to watch TV while they work. Three out of four respondents again say that being able to entertain themselves with TV, podcasts, music, or other media is one of the reasons they want to keep their work-from-home lifestyle.
4. 62% cite concerns about their appearance. Well over half of respondents stated that they are concerned about their co-workers seeing them in-person again after such a long time apart. Whether it's weight loss or gain, not having the right clothes, or another concern about appearance, most would rather not have to worry about the way they look to their co-workers outside a Zoom call.
5. When asked to choose the reason that most affects their desire to keep working from home, predictable answers like caring for children and lack of a commute were still the most common number one reasons. 14% of respondents stated that working remotely was so important to them, that they would not go back to work in-person even if their employers required it.

**Answer the following questions, based on the given passage:**

i. '..... these activities will increase productivity'. By 'productivity.' the author refers to (1)

- A. products produced
- B. efficiency of the employee
- C. time spent by the employee
- D. number of activities

ii. What change in the work place would bring those people back to office who want amusement? (1)

- A. giving long breaks
- B. free coffee and tea
- C. building entertainment lounge
- D. spacious conference hall

iii. As per the survey, why do health conscious people prefer to work from home? (1)

iv. Complete the following sentence appropriately: (1)

The passage ends on a note that some people are resolved to \_\_\_\_\_.

v. Explain one inference that can be drawn from para 1 about the reason for people's preference to work from home. (1)

vi. State whether the statement given below is True or False: (1)

The survey reveals that people deeply miss socializing in the work from home style.

vii. Explain in your own words how appearance is one of the factors for people's preference for work from home. (2)

viii. As per the survey, what top priorities of people prevent them from going to office? (2)

### SECTION B – CREATIVE WRITING SKILLS

3. As Principal of Gyan Mandir School, Gyanpur, draft a notice in not more than 50 words informing the students of the extension in school timings, with effect from 1<sup>st</sup> of April, 2024. State valid reasons. Invent necessary details. You are Reena/Rakesh. [4]

OR

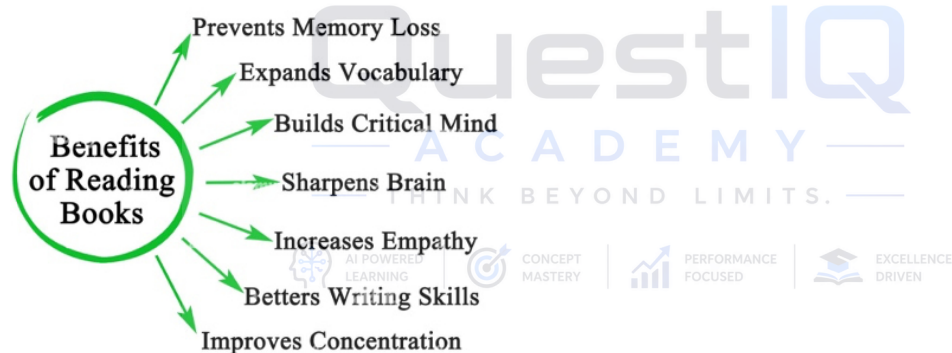
You are Secretary of Highrise Society, Vayu Nagar. Write a notice to the homeowners inviting them to attend the forthcoming meeting to discuss the election of the new committee and the changes to be made in the regulations. Include necessary details about the time and duration of the meeting.

4. The Literary Club of your school is putting up the play 'Waiting for Godot'. As Secretary of the club, draft an invitation inviting the famous writer Sudeesh Gupta to be the guest of honour at the function. Write the invitation in not more than 50 words. You are Govind/Gauri. [4]

OR

You are the Student Head, Cultural Affairs at K.M Public School Roopshahar. Your school is organizing a two-week art and craft summer camp for the 10 - 14 year-olds. Create an invitation card, inviting renowned artist, Madhavan to inaugurate the exhibition-cum-sale of the products made during the camp. Invent necessary details.

5. National Book Trust organised a week-long book fair at Anna Grounds, Chennai. You visited the fair and bought a few books. You were pleased with the arrangements, enthusiasm of the visitors and the fact that books have not yet lost their relevance in the world of the Internet. Write a letter in 120-150 words to the editor of a local newspaper to express your feelings. You are Lalit/Latha, 112, Mount Road, Chennai. [5]



OR

JB Academy, Ayodhya urgently requires a post-graduate teacher to teach Political Science for which they placed an advertisement in 'The Bhilai Express'. You are Sanjay/Sanjana Sharma from 21, Vasant Marg, Bhilai. Draft a letter including a CV, applying for the advertised post (120-150 words)

| VACANCIES                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                           |                                                                                                                           |
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| <b>JB Academy</b>                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                   | Mob: 9405044444 Email: jbacademy.in                                                                                       |
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6. Corruption has become the order of the day. It has entered all walks of life. Write an article for your school magazine in 150-200 words on 'The role of youth in combating corruption. You are Vijay/ Vineeta. [5]

OR

Your school organised an exhibition-cum-sale of the items prepared under work experience by your school students. There was an overwhelming response from the public. Prepare a report in 100-125 words for a local daily. You are the Coordinator, SUPW activities, Nita School, Gurgaon.

### SECTION C - LITERATURE

7. **Read the following extract and answer the questions that follow:**

[6]

Aunt Jennifer's fingers fluttering through her wool

Find even the ivory needle hard to pull.

The massive weight of Uncle's wedding band

Sits heavily upon Aunt Jennifer's hand.

- i. Choose the option that displays the same poetic device as used in the first line of the extract.
  - a. Life is a roller coaster ride.
  - b. The dazzling drizzle drenched all.
  - c. I'm as happy as I can be.
  - d. Nature is God's gift to us.
- ii. Which of the following may NOT be (symbolically) associated with the phrase 'massive weight' in the given context?
  - a. cumbersome
  - b. stress
  - c. superiority
  - d. obligations
- iii. Which of the following is/are reflected in Aunt Jennifer's life/nature?
  - i. dominating
  - ii. bad experiences
  - iii. struggle-free life
  - iv. better relationships
  - v. positive outlook

Choose the most appropriate option.

- a. Only (ii)
- b. (i), (ii) and (v)
- c. (i), (iii) and (iv)
- d. (ii) and (iv)

iv. Answer in ONE word.

It became difficult for the aunt to pull her \_\_\_\_\_ up and down of the cloth out of fear.

- v. On the basis of the extract, choose the correct option with reference to the two statements given below.
  1. She trembles while she is embroidering the piece of cloth.
  2. She fears her husband as he doesn't approve of her hobby of embroidery.
  - a. (1) can be inferred from the extract but (2) cannot.
  - b. (2) can be inferred from the extract but (1) cannot.
  - c. Both (1) and (2) can be inferred from the extract.
  - d. (2) is the reason for (1) and can be inferred from the extract.

vi. Which of the following is an apt title for the extract?

- a. Joy of Aunt's Wedding
- b. Uncle's Gift of Ivory
- c. Aunt's Heavy Ring
- d. The Ivory's Anguish

OR

**Read the following text carefully and answer the questions that follow:**

Therefore, on every morrow, are we wreathing  
A flowery band to bind us to the earth,  
Spite of despondence, of the inhuman dearth  
Of noble natures, of the gloomy days,  
Of all the unhealthy and -darkened ways  
Made for our searching:

(A Thing of Beauty)

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

- A. The beautiful things in nature
- B. Things that cause unhappiness
- C. The immortality of human beings
- D. The early morning fragrance of flowers

ii. State whether the given statement is True or False, with reference to the extract. (1)

The paths we follow are often not worthy of our noble nature.

iii. Complete the following sentence appropriately: (1)

We wreathe for ourselves a flowery band every morrow because \_\_\_\_\_.

iv. The use of the word dearth creates a powerful image of \_\_\_\_\_. (1)

v. Based on the rhyme scheme in lines 4 and 5, which of the following word will rhyme with days? (1)

- A. craze
- B. pays
- C. haste
- D. waste

vi. The lack of punctuation at the end of line 3 in the extract is to: (1)

- A. create a sense of continuity and flow that connects it with the fourth line.
- B. encourage the reader to understand grammar.
- C. forewarn the reader of gloomy days ahead.
- D. keep us connected to this earth.

8. Read the following extract and answer the questions that follow:

[4]

To make sure, I walked over to a newsboy and glanced at the stack of papers at his feet. It was The World, and The World hasn't been published for years. The lead story said something about President Cleveland. I've found that front page since, in the Public Library files, and it was printed June 11, 1894.

i. Answer in one word:

The World is the name of a \_\_\_\_\_ that the narrator glanced at.



ii. Complete the sentence:

The significance of the year 1894 was \_\_\_\_\_.

iii. The phrase **Lead Story** means

- a. story about VIPs
- b. story about the President
- c. news given greatest prominence
- d. news read by a prominent actor

iv. Identify the textual clue that allows the reader to infer that the author had reached the third level. (Clue : a line)

OR

**Read the extract and answer the questions that follow:**

**DERRY:** I hate it here.

**MOTHER:** You can't help the things you say. I forgive you. It's bound to make you feel bad things....and say them. I don't blame you.

**DERRY:** It's got nothing to do with my face and what I look like. I don't care about that and it isn't important. It's what I think and feel and what I want to see and find out and hear. And I'm going back there. Only to help him with the crab apples. Only to look at things and listen. But I'm going.

**MOTHER:** You'll stop here.

**DERRY:** Oh no, oh no. Because if I don't go back there, I'll never go anywhere in this world again. And I want the world....I want it....I want it....

- i. What does Derry not care about now? What was Mr. Lamb's contribution to this change?
- ii. Which of the following characteristics of Derry's mother reflects in this extract?

- a. She is very understanding
- b. She treats him with a sense of pity
- c. She treats her son with a sense of dignity
- d. She contributes to her son's isolation

a. a and c

b. c and d

c. b and c

d. b and d

iii. Which of the following is the correct reason for Derry's mother stopping him to stay with Mr. Lamb?

- a. She feared that Mr. Lamb would scold him
- b. Because Mr. Lamb was not well and she didn't want Derry to bother him
- c. She thought Mr. Lamb would influence her son negatively
- d. She was overprotective and didn't want him to stay with a stranger

a. Option (a)

b. Option (b)

c. Option (c)

d. Option (d)

iv. **And I want the world**, to which **world** Derry wanted to go and why

9. **Read the following extract and answer the questions that follow:**

[6]

I used every way I knew to overcome this fear, but it held me firmly in its grip. Finally, one October, I decided to get an instructor and learn to swim. I went to a pool and practised five days a week, an hour each day. The instructor put a belt around me.

- i. What did the author finally decide?
  - a. To quit swimming
  - b. To get an instructor and learn to swim
  - c. To call father
  - d. None of these
- ii. For how long did the author practise in a pool?
  - a. Five days a week, an hour each day
  - b. Only weekends, four hours each day
  - c. Six days a week, an hour each day
  - d. Two days a week, five hours each day

iii. Rewrite the sentence by replacing the underlined phrase with its inference.

William used every way he knew to overcome this fear.

iv. Replace the underlined word with its antonym from the extract.

William's fear had released him over time.

v. On the basis of the extract, choose the correct option with reference to the two statements given below.

- (1) The author decided to get an instructor.
  - (2) He wanted to learn to swim and get rid of his fear.
- a. (1) Can be inferred from the extract but (2) cannot.
  - b. (1) cannot be inferred from the extract but (2) can.
  - c. (1) is true but (2) is false.
  - d. (2) is the reason for (1).

vi. Rationalise, to support the given opinion:

The belt around William's waist was put purposefully for safety reasons.

OR

**Read the following extract and answer the questions that follow:**

They thought he would demand repayment in full of the money which they had illegally and deceitfully extorted from the sharecroppers. He asked only 50 per cent. "There he seemed adamant," writes Reverend J. Z. Hodge, a British missionary in Champaran who observed the entire episode at close range. "Thinking probably that he would not give way, the representative of the planters offered to refund to the extent of 25 per cent, and to his amazement Mr. Gandhi took him at his word, thus breaking the deadlock." This settlement was adopted unanimously by the commission.

- i. Gandhi knew that he would not get an agreement on the demand for 50% repayment because
  - a. he had anticipated the negotiating tactics of the planter's representative.
  - b. he had been informed about the depleting funds of the planters.
  - c. he had taken the advice of the Reverend on board.
  - d. he had evaluated the commission's attitude towards Indians.
- ii. Given below are four real-life situations. Choose the option that perfectly describes a deadlock.

**Situation 1** Tariq is unable to manage the front-end and the backend forums at his company without any support.



**Situation 2** Sunita cannot get a job because she has no experience and she can't have any experience because she has no job.

**Situation 3** The bank employees started protesting against their receding annual salary and other incentives.

**Situation 4** Harpreet was stuck between deciding whether to go to the USA or the UK for higher studies.

- a. Situation 1
- b. Situation 2
- c. Situation 3
- d. Situation 4

iii. Rewrite the sentence by replacing the underlined phrase with its inference.

The money which they had illegally and deceitfully extorted from the sharecroppers.

iv. Complete the sentence with an appropriate explanation, as per the extract.

The deadlock ended with Gandhiji \_\_\_\_\_.

v. Based on the above extract, choose the statement that is TRUE about the repayment of the peasants' money.

- a. The moneylenders had thought that Gandhi would ask for the full payment.
- b. But Gandhiji asked for only eighty percent of the amount.
- c. The planters offered to pay only 75 percent.
- d. For Gandhiji peasants bowing down was more important than money.

vi. Replace the underlined word with its antonym from the extract.

The commission arrived at a discordant decision.

10. **Answer any five of the following questions in 40-50 words each:** [10]

- (a) Why did the peddler sign himself as Captain Van Stahle ? [2]
- (b) What were the thoughts that the poet had to put away by looking out of the car? Answer in reference to the poem **My Mother at Sixty-Six**. [2]
- (c) What sort of calculation is made to **soothe the wits of the poor**? Does this calculation work? How? **(A Roadside Stand)** [2]
- (d) Sophie flits from one dream to another. What trait of her character is brought out by this action? [2]
- (e) Account for Subbu's importance in Gemini Studios. **(Poets and Pancakes)** [2]
- (f) State the reason for the huge success of the novel, **The Name of the Rose**. [2]

11. **Answer any two of the following questions in 40-50 words each:** [4]

- (a) How was Gondwana different from today's world? Describe it. (Journey to the end of the Earth) [2]
- (b) Why did the servants decide to leave Dr. Sadao's house? [2]
- (c) How did Antarctica amaze the writer when he first saw it? **(Journey to the End of the Earth)** [2]

12. The different portrayals of grit in the character of Rajkumar Shukla (Indigo), William Douglas (Deep Waters), and Mukesh (Lost Spring) emerge due to their circumstances that render them strong. [5]

You have been asked to address your peers and share-

- the ways these portrayals highlight firm grit and determination.
- the importance of understanding each individual man's challenges and experiences which impel them to take steps that eventually build their characters.

Compose this draft, with reference to the prescribed texts listed above.

You may begin this way:

*Good morning, everyone.*

*As I analysed the allotted texts...*

You may end this way.

*To conclude, I'd like to say that ...*

OR

In an analytical paragraph, explain drawing a comparison of how the word **quiet** has different implications in the given context:

*Now I'll count up to twelve*

*and you keep quiet and I will go.* (Keeping Quiet)

*...that day everything had to be as quiet as Sunday morning.* (The Last Lesson)

13. In the story, **The Tiger King**, the Maharaja was annoyed when he was unable to find the hundredth tiger. [5]

Create a diary entry as the irate King, expressing his anguish referring to the steps he took in his tiger-killing spree.

You may begin this way:

Earlier when I was informed about the frequent disappearance of sheep from a hillside village, I was so happy that...

OR

In the story, **Memories of Childhood** two autobiographical accounts are presented based on two distant cultures. But there runs a commonality of theme in both of them.

As a reader, express your observation of this commonality in a diary entry commenting on the culture of oppression that it brings forth.

You may begin this way:

The **Memories of Childhood** presents autobiographical accounts of two women from socially marginalized sections in two distant cultures of the world...

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