

# Sample Paper – 2010

## Class – X

### Subject – English

**A1. Read the following passage carefully. (12 marks)**

1. The newspapers have taken the place of the Gita, the Bible and the Quran with the people. For them, the printed sheet is gospel truth. The fact throws a great responsibility on the editors and newswriters.
2. Newspapers are a powerful influence. It is the duty of the editors to see that no false report or report likely to excite the public is published in their newspapers. The editors and their assistants have to be extra careful about the news they give and the manner in which they dress it. In a state of independence, it is practically impossible for Governments to control the Press. It is the duty of the public to keep a strict watch on the newspapers and keep them on the right path. An enlightened public would refuse to patronize inflammatory or indecent newspapers.
3. Newspapers which indulge in untruth or exaggeration harm the cause they profess to espouse. I admit that there is enough untruth in enough newspapers to warrant action. But my experience is that no amount of public criticism will affect the policy of newspapers which make their livelihood by such policy. But I write this in no way to condone untruths in newspapers. I am quite clear that if newspapers weighed every word that is printed therein, we should have a speedier removal of abuses whether in the States or elsewhere.
4. The superficiality, the one-sidedness, the inaccuracy and often even dishonesty that have crept into modern journalism, continuously mislead honest men who want to see nothing but justice done.
5. The sole aim of journalism should be service. The newspaper press is a great power, but just as an unchained torrent of water submerges whole country sides and devastates crops, even so an uncontrolled pen serves but to destroy. If the control is from without, it proves more poisonous than want of control. It can be profitable only when exercised from within. If this line of reasoning is correct, how many of the journals in the world would stand the test? But who would stop those that are useless? And who should be the judge? The useful and the useless must, like good and evil, go on together, and man must make his choice.

A1.1 On the basis of your reading of the passage complete the following sentences. Write the answers in your answer sheet against the correct blank numbers. (1 x 6 = 6 marks)

- (a) It is the duty of the editor to see that .....
- (b) As it is practically impossible for the Governments to control the press, .....
- (c) Newspapers which indulge in untruth or exaggeration need to be rejected by the people because .....
- (d) The modern journalism suffers from ..... which mislead honest men.
- (e) The sole aim of journalism should be because it .....
- (f) As the useful and the useless must, like good and evil go on together, man .....

A1.2 On the basis of your reading of the passage answer the questions given below in one or two lines only. (1½x2=3 marks)

- (a) What is the duty of the enlightened public with respect to the newspapers?
- (b) If newspapers weighed every word that is printed therein, we should have a speedier removal of abuses whether in the States or elsewhere. Why?

A1.3 Find words / phrases from the passage which mean the same as the following from the paragraphs indicated. (1 x 3 = 3 marks)

- (a) intending to cause very strong feelings of anger (para 2)
- (b) not studying or looking at something thoroughly (para 4)
- (c) to go under the surface of water (para 5)

**A.2. Read the following passage carefully and answer the questions that follow: (8)**

### **FACING OLD AGE WITH ZEST**

The phenomenon of ageing has been with us. Anything that is born must disappear. We cannot avoid old age, but how to face it and add zest to life in the remaining years of our living on this earth?

Ageing should bring control over three human passions- lust, anger and greed. Controlling these forces changes the mode of our living and our thinking.

There are two factors which are responsible for our well being. First, keeping ourselves fully occupied both mentally and physically, with something we like. The second is directing ourselves towards spirituality. Spiritual learning makes us calmer and gives inner peace.

Meditation, reading books and keeping company with spiritually-enlightened people keep us mentally occupied and bring tranquility. A life full of contentment at this stage particularly would make the remaining years of our life happier.

We understood the meaning of renunciation, wrongly perhaps. Running away from the world and its material attractions is not the path being professed. The stage of life that we are at, is one in which we must not ignore the spark that guides us to the correct path.

We are not the external body alone, but the soul within also. According to our scriptures, God resides in every soul.

There are three weapons, which God has given us for our happiness – awareness, wisdom and goodness.

Awareness refers to knowing one's real self. It means to be aware of our real personality. Wisdom is our second weapon. Most of us lead this life without being aware of our aim, goal and priorities and each one's inherent capacities. A person of wisdom will succeed by disciplining his life, fixing the priorities and reorganizing his reactions, emotions and thoughts. Wisdom lies in knowing our goal in life. Goodness is in fact the core of all philosophies. It is the sheet anchor of the teaching of various religions. What are the Ten Commandments? What is compassion taught by Buddha? What is Ahimsa taught by Saint Mahavir? The Gita repeats, again and again, that unless we enhance our content of nobility and purity, the goal of self realisation will remain beyond reach.

Goodness and humility go hand-in-hand and complement each other. One has to replace selfishness with selflessness and bring one's ego under control

To practice compassion you have to have all the qualities of goodness – truth, love, purity and humility.

The Dalai Lama has repeatedly brought out in his discourses that love and anger cannot be generated exactly at the same time in the same person. Once you become accustomed to one class of attitudes, the other side automatically will diminish.

He said: "Ignorance, anger, attachment and pride are your ultimate enemies. They are not outside but within you and must be fought with the weapons of wisdom and concentration. Have a good heart, a good mind and warm feelings?" This will lead us to live a beautiful life.

*Source: The Tribune*

**A2.1. On the basis of your reading the passage complete the notes. Write your answers in your answer sheet against the correct blank number. (4marks)**

a) To add zest to old age one should control three human passions:

- i) \_\_\_\_\_
- ii) \_\_\_\_\_

and lust.

b) One should keep oneself occupied:

- i) \_\_\_\_\_ and mentally.

c) One should be spiritually inclined through

- i) \_\_\_\_\_
- ii) \_\_\_\_\_

and reading books.

d) Three weapons God has given us for happiness are

- i) \_\_\_\_\_
- ii) \_\_\_\_\_

and awareness.

e) One should follow:

- i) \_\_\_\_\_

**A2.2. On the basis of your reading paras 7-11, complete the following sentences briefly. Write your answers in your answer sheet against the correct blank number.**

(2marks)

- a) Wisdom lies in \_\_\_\_\_
- b) We cannot achieve self-realisation unless \_\_\_\_\_
- c) Truth, love, purity and humility are essential to practise \_\_\_\_\_
- d) According to Dalai Lama our four ultimate enemies are -----

**A2.3. Find words/phrases in the passage that have the same meaning as the following. Write your answers in your answer sheets against the correct blank number. (2marks)**

- a) enjoyment (para 1)
- b) asserted; stated (para5)

### SECTION B – WRITING

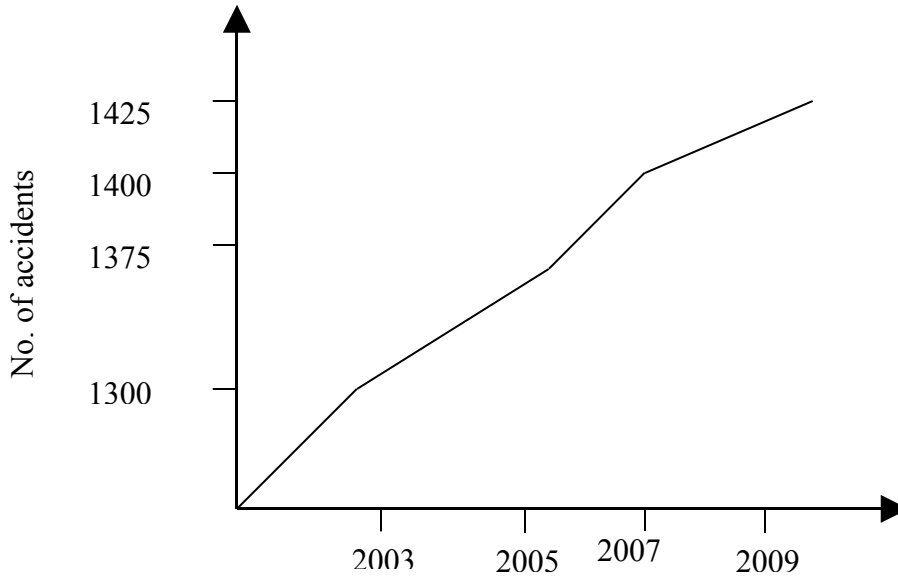
**B1.** You are Kaushik Rana from Secunderabad. You are studying in class X. You have received a letter from your grandmother who is in Delhi advising you on how to work hard for your board exams. She has also given you some tips on optimum utilization of your time and energy. In her letter she has promised that she will get you a motorbike if you score more than 85% in the examination. Reply to this letter in a postcard. Copy down the correct format of the post card. The body of the letter should not exceed 50 words. (5 marks)

**B.2.** You have received the following invitation with a note from Mr. Peter requesting you to inform Mr. Charles, a common friend living in your neighbourhood. Mr. Peter has somehow misplaced Mr. Charles address. Write a message to Mr. Charles, giving the details about the wedding. Also mention in the message your willingness to go together to the wedding. (5 marks)

**Mrs. & Mr. Peter D'Silva**  
*Invite you*  
*To*  
**The Wedding of their daughter**  
**Lucy**  
*With*  
**Daniel**  
*(Son of Mrs. & Mr. Samuel D' Costa)*  
**on Friday, the 24 February, 2006**  
**at 8 pm at Rosy Banquet Hall,**  
**Subhash Enclave,**  
**Haridasnagar**

**Peters**  
**596324**

**B3.** All the Schools in Bikaner are celebrating a Road Safety month now. You being the Head Boy/ Head Girl of your school have been asked to deliver a short speech on the subject of Road Safety for school children. Study the graph given below showing the number of school children who lost their lives in road accidents. Using the information together with your own ideas, write a short speech stressing the importance of road safety for children. Also make some practical suggestions in this regard. Do not exceed 200 words. (10marks)



**B3.** Read the newspaper article below: Using the information given in the article and ideas from the Unit on 'Environment' write a letter to the editor of 'The Hindu', expressing your concern over the threat to the Environment. The body of the letter must not exceed 150 words. (10 marks)

**THE HINDU**  
Tuesday, September 06, 2005  
**CHINA DUMPING N WASTE: DALAI**  
New Delhi: There were reasons to suspect that the Chinese Government was dumping nuclear waste in Tibet which was a matter of serious concern, the excited Tibetan Head of State, the Dalai Lama who is on a state visit, said here today. He said that this was adversely affecting the region's environment. Many major rivers flowing from Tibet were being contaminated causing immense damage to the crops, livestock and the people of Tibet.

SECTION C (GRAMMAR)

C1. The following passage has not been edited. There is one error in the lines indicated. Write the Incorrect word and the correction in your answer sheet as given below against the correct blank number. Remember to underline the word that you have supplied. ( $\frac{1}{2} \times 8 = 4$  marks)

In a larger interests of the children, the e.g. a.....the principal, the teachers or the (a) students must all be involved with subtle (b) relationship-building exercises each years. This (c) requires a lot in effort, understanding (d) and planning, but the reward (e) are well worth it all. In the end of the (f) threatening first week, the students would had (g) settled down on their new classes. (h)

C2. Look at the words and phrases below. Rearrange them to form meaningful sentences. The first one has been done as an example.

Write the correct sentences in your answer sheet against the correct blank numbers. ( $1 \times 4 = 4$  marks)

a long / India has / conservation of/ history of / forests  
India has a long history of conservation of forests.

(a) closed seasons / many communities / follow traditional practices / of forest dwellers / of maintaining / and fisherpeople

(b) as no hunting / the wildlife population / its numbers / or fishing/ during this time / can recoup / is allowed /

(c) have been/ and social customs / because of / many species / centuries / conserved / such religious / through the /

(d) of living beings / conservation of/ large mammals / to maintain / will help /the entire web /

C3. Read the conversation given below and complete the paragraph that follows. Write the answers in your answer sheet against the correct blank numbers. (4 marks)

Mother : I have washed the car for you today also.

Daughter : Thank you, Mom.

Mother : Now, do not drive fast, dear.

Daughter : I need to as I have to blow dry the car.

The mother told the daughter that (a) ..... The daughter (b) .....The mother (c) ..... But the daughter contradicted by saying that (d).....

C4. Fill in the blanks with a suitable word. Write the answers in your answer sheet against the correct blank numbers (4 marks)

Most people have an intuitive sense that walking (a) ..... calm them down. Now scientists (b) ..... trying to find some evidence for such a claim. An American investigation researcher observed people who were (c) ..... care of relatives with dementia, a stressful situation almost

(d) .....one of us will face. It was found that those who began walking four times a week, reported feeling (e) .....distressed and were sleeping (f) .....

Tests (g) ..... that their blood pressure was more likely to (h)..... C5. In the paragraph given below, one word has been omitted in each line. Write the missing word along with the word that comes before and the word that comes after it in your answer sheet against the correct blank number. Make sure that the word that forms your answer is underlined.

[04]

The television has always very controversial.

e.g. always been very

While the positive aspects the electronic

a) \_\_\_\_\_

media innumerable, their negative

b) \_\_\_\_\_

impact children cannot be denied.

c) \_\_\_\_\_

For new piece of information that

d) \_\_\_\_\_

a child learns the Discovery or National

e) \_\_\_\_\_

Geographic channel, are also

f) \_\_\_\_\_

unrealistic stunt shows parents dislike.

g) \_\_\_\_\_

Computers and TV have students to lose interest

h) \_\_\_\_\_

in studies.

#### SECTION D (LITERATURE)



D1. Read the extract given below and answer the following questions. Write the answers in your answer sheet in one or two- lines only. Remember to number the answers correctly. (4 marks)

I remember the night my mother  
was stung by a scorpion. Ten hours  
of steady rain had driven him  
to crawl beneath a sack of rice.

- (a) Who does 'him' refer to? (1)
- (b) Why did it come in the house? (1)
- (c) Why does the poet remember that night? (2)

D3. The poet reiterates the 'might' of the West Wind in the poem. Give two examples from the poem that show its 'power' and 'might'. Your answer should not exceed 100 words. (5 marks)

D4. Read the extract given below and answer the following questions. Write the answers in your answer sheet in one or two lines only. Remember to number the answers correctly. (5 marks)

"It matters very little to you. Another idol has displaced me, a golden one."

- (a) Who said this to Scrooge and why? (2)
- (b) Who showed this image? (1)
- (c) Where did the Third Ghost take Scrooge and why? (2)

D5. Though Cutie-Pie escaped from prison, he was unable to go to his planet immediately. Why? Your answer should not exceed 75 words. (4 marks)

D6. Ali displays remarkable qualities of love and patience. Do you agree? Give evidence from the story in support of your answer. Your answer should be in about 150-175 words. (8 marks)