



**CLASS : 10 ICSE**

**SUBJECT : ENGLISH LANGUAGE**

**FULL MARKS-80**

**TIME: 2HRS**

Answer to this paper must be written on the paper provided separately.

You will not be allowed to write during first 15 minutes.

This time is to be spent in reading the question paper.

The time given at the head of this paper is the time allowed for writing the answers.

Attempt all five questions.

The intended marks for questions or parts of questions are given in []

**QUESTION 1**

The time given at the head of the paper is the time allowed for writing the answers (Do not spend more than 30 minutes on this question) Write a composition (300-350 words) on any one of the following: [20]

- I. Write an original short story that begins with: " A year ago, the streets were lined with crowds welcoming General Allen home. However  
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- II. The purpose of fairs is to exhibit and sell products. Describe one such fair you visited in your city. Mention the sights and sounds that you saw and heard. How was your experience at the fair ?
- III. 'Books are always better than their movie adaptations.' Give your views either for or against the statement.
- IV. You were an eyewitness to a heated argument between two of your neighbours which got out of control. Narrate the incident in detail. Discuss what was done to solve the issue.

- V. Study the picture given below. Write a Story or an account of what the picture suggests to your composition may be about the subject of the picture or you may take suggestions from it; however, there must be a clear Connection between the picture and your composition.



#### QUESTION 2

(Do not spend more than 20 minutes on this question)

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Select one of the following:

- I. Write a letter to your friend telling him /her about your school fete and exhibition. You must mention what duty were you assigned and how did you execute it.
- II. Write a letter to the Editor of an English daily expressing your views on Digital India. (You can mention various digital services and apps launched and its impact).

#### QUESTION 3

- I. You are the secretary of the Cultural Club of your school. Your club is hosting a stand-up comedy competition for the students of Classes IX and X. Write a notice inviting students to participate in the competition.

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- II. Write an email to a renowned stand-up comedian requesting him/her to judge the competition mentioned in question 3 (i)

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#### QUESTION 4

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Read the following passage carefully and answer the questions that follow:

A guard came to the prison shoe-shop, where Jimmy Valentine was assiduously stitching uppers, signed that morning by the governor. Jimmy took it in a tired kind of way. He had served nearly ten and escorted him to the front office. There the Warden handed Jimmy his pardon, which had been months of a four--year sentence. He had expected to stay only about three months, at the longest. When a man with as many friends on the outside as Jimmy Valentine had is received in the 'stir' it is hardly worthwhile to cut his hair.

"Now, Valentine," said the warden. "You'll go out in the morning. Brace up, and make a man of yourself. You're not a bad fellow at heart. Stop cracking safes, and live straight."

"Me?" said Jimmy in surprise. "Why, I never cracked a safe in my life."

"Oh, no", laughed the warden. "Of course not. Let's see, now. How was it you happened to 10 get sent up on that Springfield job? Was it because you wouldn't prove an alibi for

fear of compromising somebody in extremely high-toned society? Or was it simply a case of mean old jury that had it in for you ? It's always one or the other with you innocent victims."

"Me?" said Jimmy, still blackly virtuous. "Why, warden, never was in Springfield in my life!

"Take him back Cronin," smiled the warden, "and fix him up with out-going clothes. Unlock him at seven in the morning, and let him come to the bull-pen. Better think over my advice, Valentine." At a quarter to seven on the next morning Jimmy stood in the warden's outer office. He had on a suit of the villainously fitting, readymade clothes and a pair of the stiff, squeaky shoes that the state furnishes to its discharged compulsory guests. The clerk handed him a railroad ticket and the five-dollar bill with which the law expected him to rehabilitate himself into good citizenship

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and prosperity. The warden gave him a cigar, and shook hands. Valentine, 9762, was chronicled on the books "Pardoned by Governor", and Mr. James Valentine walked out into the sunshine.

Disregarding the song of the birds, the waving green trees, and the smell of the flowers, Jimmy headed straight for a restaurant. There he tasted the first sweet joys of liberty. Quin the shapes of a broiled chicken and a bottle of white wine- followed by a cigar, a grade better than the one the warden had given him. From there he proceeded leisurely to the depot. He tossed a quarter into the hat of a blind man sitting by the door, and boarded his train. Three hours set him down in a little town near the state line. He went to the café of one Mike Dolan and shook hands with Mike, who was alone behind the bar.

"Sorry we couldn't make it sooner, Jimmy", said Mike. "But we had that protest from

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Springfield to back against, and the governor nearly balked. "Fine", said Jimmy. "Got my key?" He got his key and went upstairs, unlocking the door of a room at the rear. Everything was just as he had left it. There on the floor was still Ben Price's collar-button that had been torn from that eminent detective's shirt-band when they had overpowered Jimmy to arrest him. Pulling out from the wall a folding-bed, Jimmy slid back a panel in the wall and dragged out a dust-covered suitcase. He opened this and gazed fondly at the finest set of burglar's tools in the East. It was a complete set, made of specially tempered steel, the latest design in drills, punches, braces and bits, jimmies, clamps and angles, with two or three novelties invented by Jimmy himself, in which he took pride. Over nine hundred dollars they had cost him to have made at a place, where they make such things for the profession. In half an hour Jimmy went downstairs and through the café. He was now dressed in tasteful and well-fitting clothes, and carried his dusted and cleaned suitcase in his hand.

"Got anything on?" asked Mike Dolan, genially. "Me?" said Jimmy, in a puzzled tone. "I don't understand. I'm representing the New York Amalgamated Short Snap Biscuit Cracker and Frazzled Wheat Company.

i. For each word given below choose the correct meaning (as used in the passage) from the options provided:

(2)

a. Alibi

i. Guilt      ii. Blame      iii. Excuse      iv. Elsewhere

b. Virtuous

i. Pious      ii. Violent      iii. Neutral      iv. Vicious

ii. Which word in the passage means the opposite of the word 'guilty'?

[1]

iii. Answer the following questions briefly in your own words.

[2]

a. Where was Jimmy at the beginning of the extract? What was he doing?

[1]

b. Quote the line from the passage which shows that the warden liked Jimmy?

[2]

c. What advice did the warden give Jimmy?

[2]

d. What clothes did Jimmy wear next morning?

[2]

e. What did Jimmy receive before he left the prison?

[2]

iv. Describe, in not more than 50 words, where Jimmy went after leaving the prison and what he do there.

(8)

#### QUESTION 5

I. Fill in each of the numbered blanks the correct form of the word given in brackets. Do not copy the passage, but write in correct serial order of the word or phrase appropriate to the blank space:

Example: One morning | (0) \_\_\_\_\_ (see) a disheveled urchin on my way to school.

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Answer : saw

The street urchin (1)..... (lean) against the boxes kept near the entrance of the alley.He.....(2) (walk towards the old in at the end of the street when he(3)

.....(slip) on some debris. He (4)..... \_(raise) himself up and began (5)

.....(limp) towards the inn. The old innkeeper (6) .....(allow) him to stay there earlier but was not (7).....(incline) to do so today. The urchin, who(8).....(hope) for a source of income to feed his family today, walked away disappointed.

ii. Fill in the blanks with appropriate words.  
[4]

a. The cook took.....his kitchen knife and set to work.

b. He had no intention of imposing his will.....her.

c .Mike knocked his opponent.....in the very first round.

d. All the children lived.....one roof.

e. Smoking.....public places is now banned.

f. He is not afraid.....the consequences.

g.The quality of this umbrella is inferior.....that one.

h. The boy parted.....his family at the airport.

iii. Join the following sentences to make one complete sentence without using and, but or so.

Choose the correct option.

[4]

1. I don't gossip. I don't listen to it.

a. Neither do I gossip nor do listen to it.

b. Neither do I gossip or listen to it.

- c. Neither do I gossip nor listen to it.
  - d. Neither do I gossip and listen to it.
2. This is the English Language paper. We can't predict its outcome accurately.
- a. This is the English Language paper, whom outcome cannot be predicted accurately by us.
  - b. This is the English Language paper, the outcome cannot be predicted accurately by us.
  - c. This is the English Language paper, which outcome cannot be predicted accurately by us.
  - d. This is the English Language paper, the outcome of which cannot be predicted accurately by us.
3. I am tired. That is why I am taking a break.
- a. As I am tired, I am taking a break.
  - b. As I am tired because I am taking a break.
  - c. I am tired while I am taking a break.
  - d. I am tired that I am taking a break.
4. Niti opened her purse. She found the notes missing.
- a. Before opening her purse, Niti found the notes missing.
  - b. On opening her purse, Niti found the notes missing.
  - c. After opening her purse, Niti found that the notes missing.
  - d. When opening her purse, Niti found the notes missing.
- iv. Choose the correct option to rewrite the following according to the instructions given after each sentence.

[8]

1. No sooner did she see the cat than she tried to pet it.

(Begin: As soon as .....)

- a. As soon as she sees the cat, she tried to pet it.
- b. As soon as she saw the cat, she tried to pet it.

- c. As soon as she saw the cat, she tries to pet it.
- d. As soon as she has seen the cat, she tried to pet it.

2. Though they are busy, they find time for hobbies.

(Begin: Despite.....)

a. Despite being busy, they find time for hobbies. b.

Despite of being busy, they find time for hobbies.

Despite busy, they find time for hobbies.

d. Despite being very busy, they find time for hobbies.

3. I am not interested in going out now, said Madhav to Bhuvan

( Begin: Madhav told Bhuvan that.....)

a. Madhav told Bhuvan that he was not interested in going out now.

b. Madhav told Bhuvan that he is not interested in going out then.

c. Madhav told Bhuvan that he was not interested in going out then.

d. Madhav told Bhuvan that he is not interested in going out then.

4. She is the best artist in this exhibition.

( Use : better)

None is better than her in this exhibition

b. She is better than any other artist in this exhibition.

c. None is the better artist than her in this exhibition.

d. No one is better than her as an artist in this exhibition.

6. This article is too interesting for me to stop reading.

(Use : so....that)

a. This article is so interesting for me to stop reading.

b. This article is so interesting for me I can't stop reading.

c. This article so interesting that I can't stop reading it.

d. This article is so interesting for me that I can't stop reading.



People believe that laughter is the best medicine.

(Begin : Laughter...)

- a. Laughter is believed as the best medicine.
  - b. Laughter is believed to be the best medicine.
  - c. Laughter was believed to be the best medicine.
  - d. Laughter has been believed to be the best medicine.
7. The executive will resign if he is not given a promotion.

(Begin: Unless.....)

- a. Unless the executive is given the promotion, he would resign.
- b. Unless the executive was given the promotion, he will resign.
- c. Unless the executive is given a promotion, he will resign.
- d. Unless the executive is given a promotion, he will not resign.

8. Food and sleep were all we cared for.

(Begin : All...)

- a. All we cared for was food and sleep.
- b. All we cared for was food and sleep.
- c. All we cared for were food and sleep.
- d. All we cared of was food and sleep.