

Class XII | Session 2026-27
Subject - English Core
Sample Question Paper - Set 2

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. What do we typically do when we find our children doing something we don't approve of? We become reactive parents. Often, we pepper our reactions with lectures. When it doesn't work and predictably so; we end up screaming and dole out a punishment. And our children react with anger, resentment or 'can't-be-bothered' attitude.
2. Buddhist Zen Master Thich Nhat Hanh put it beautifully when he described how each child has both negative seeds- of anger, despair, hatred, fear and violence- and wholesome seeds- of love, happiness, compassion and forgiveness. According to him, what will blossom depends on the seeds we nurture.
3. A parenting and educational approach that's gaining a large following internationally, called the Nurtured Heart Approach (NHA) by Howard Glasser, is very much in keeping with this Zen approach. The three main aspects of this approach are:
 - Refuse to energize negativity.
 - Relentlessly energize their positives.
 - Reset: Do not react negatively and stay calm when the child does something wrong.Parents following this approach commit to not saying or doing anything that may fuel negativity in the child. But the parent has to make sure she/he does this very calmly, without any anger or resentment.
4. While on a mission to cut the negative, the parent looks for every opportunity to energize the positive in the child. This is done through persistently appreciating the goodness in the child in the smallest of ways: You were really generous about sharing your pizza with your sister; I appreciate the hard work you have put in your project; It takes courage to stand up to a bully. If you observe, the appreciation is not about saying "excellent", "amazing" or "good", which is really an empty praise and does not speak much to the child.

Qualifying a praise, on the other hand, gives the child direction and she/he begins to understand what qualities, values and strengths are appreciated. These are also necessary ingredients of life skills and success.

5. This approach is not merely about noticing when the child is being good, it is about recognizing the child's worth at every step. It's about aligning his energy in believing that he has great qualities, which are being identified and validated by the parents at every step. He realizes that there is no point choosing negativity, as there are no pay-offs in it. So, start building your child's inner wealth - there is nothing to lose.

Answer the following questions, based on the given passage:

- i. Complete the following sentence with an appropriate word:

" - we end up screaming and dole out punishment."

In the above sentence, the author criticizes the _____ approach of the parents. (1)

- ii. Explain in about 40 words, when and how do parents become reactive. (2)

- iii. In the line 'what will bloom will depend on the seeds we nurture' - what seeds does the author refer to? (1)

- A. Seasonal seeds
- B. Societal news
- C. Parental attitude
- D. Values and emotions

- iv. Explain in about 40 words why does NHA focus on reforming parents to reform children. (2)

- v. Share evidence from the text, to support the view that parents appreciate the goodness of the child at every opportunity. (1)

- vi. In paragraph 5, in what way does 'This approach' differ from the earlier approach? (1)

- vii. Select the option that can be classified as qualifying a praise as explained in the passage: (1)

- A. You can be more helpful.
- B. You demonstrated patience while teaching your junior.
- C. Use your skill to be an excellent sportsman.
- D. You have to be amazing in your work.

- viii. The phrase 'to cut the negative' in para 4 most nearly means: (1)

- A. to reduce wasteful expenditure
- B. to stop criticizing
- C. to eliminate challenges
- D. to humiliate someone

- ix. Read the five headlines (a) - (e) given below: (1)

- a. New Age Parenting
- b. Children - A Rebellious Generation
- c. Channelizing Energy
- d. Teacher - A Nation Builder
- e. Skill Development - Careers Ahead

Identify the option that displays the headline/s that Does/Do not correspond with the occurrences in the text

- A. (a) and (e)
- B. (c) and (e)
- C. (b) only

D. (a) and (c)

x. What determines what blossoms in a child, according to Thich Nhat Hanh? (1)

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

[10]

1. Educational technology is the combined use of computer hardware, software, educational theory, and practice to facilitate learning. When referred to with its abbreviation EdTech, it points to the industry of companies that create educational technology. With education growing online, India's EdTech market size is expected to grow 3.7 times in the next five years.
2. Education in both rural and urban India is expected to be supported by technology in the near future.
3. As per a 2019-2020 report, only 22.3 percent of schools had an internet connection. Moreover, 61 percent of schools in the country didn't even have computers.
4. With the internet rate estimated to reach above 55 percent by the end of 2025 in India, digitisation of education will impact the country's development and become one of the topmost priorities for the government.
5. Budget 2021-22 allocated ₹ 93,224.31 crore to the Ministry of Education. It was an increase of over ₹ 8,100 crore from the revised estimates for the current fiscal year and the Department of Higher Education was allocated ₹ 38,350.65 crore.
6. The role of technology in education is more critical now than ever in addressing educational disparity. It has already made learning affordable and accessible. In particular, the use of technology in education in rural India is one of the biggest boons of recent times.
7. With help from apps and software, teachers can enhance their teaching ability and provide information about the most recent developments. Students can enjoy an interactive learning experience. Teachers can employ animation, powerpoint slides and graphs to catch the interest of their pupils. Gamification lends interest in the subject.
8. The online education system is a sector in which growth and development will work for the betterment of many sectors which include educating learners and increasing job opportunities for educators and technical teams.

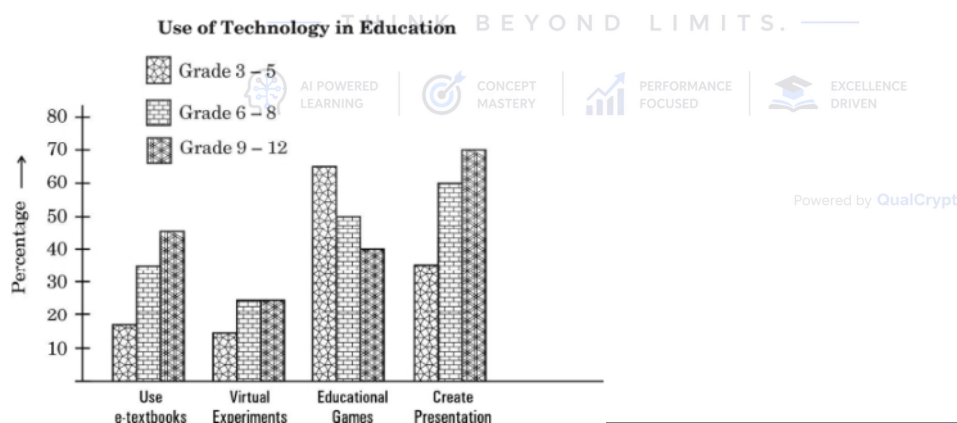


TABLE I.

REASONS FOR BOOM IN EDTECH

1. Lower cost involved in the dissemination of online education
2. Convenient, flexible and affordable
3. Initiatives by the Government which include programmes like SWAYAM and DIKSHA
4. Increasing number of education-based startups
5. Increment in the internet user base

6. Increasing penetration of mobile devices
7. Inflow of investments and acquisitions in this sector
8. It overcomes the geographical barriers

Answer the following questions, based on the above passage :

- i. Does the following statement agree with the information given in para 1? **(1)**
Education technology is the practice of introducing information and communication technology tools into the classroom.
Select from the following:
True - If the statement agrees with the information
False - If the statement contradicts the information
Not Given - If there is no information on this
- ii. What are the two essentials for digitization of education? **(2)**
- iii. Select the option that displays that the use of technology in education in rural India is one of the biggest boons of recent times. **(1)**
 - a. Frees up the teacher to be able to concentrate on farming.
 - b. Teachers can enhance their teaching ability and provide more value to the students.
 - c. It understands what is needed and technology is subsequently developed effectively.
 - d. Simplifies assignment management with user-friendly methods.
- iv. Complete the sentence based on the following statement: **(1)**
The role of EdTech is more critical now _____.
- v. The word **critical** in para 6 most nearly means **(1)**
 - a. difficult
 - b. crucial
 - c. complementary
 - d. causative
- vi. Complete the given sentence by selecting the most appropriate option: **(1)**
Technology in education works for the betterment of many sectors such as _____.
 - a. farmers, educators and businessmen
 - b. educating learners, job opportunities for educators and technical teams
 - c. doctors, engineers and technocrats
 - d. banking, construction workers and software technicians
- vii. Digital education will become a top priority for the government because _____. **(1)**
- viii. Based on the reading of the passage, state a point to challenge the given statement: **(2)**
India's EdTech market size is expected to double in the next five years.

SECTION B – CREATIVE WRITING SKILLS

3. You are Sunil/Sunila, Head Boy/Girl of Lotus Valley Public School, Ahmedabad. Your school is planning to organise a theatre workshop for students. Draft a notice in about **50** words informing the students about the workshop mentioning day, date, time and venue. **[4]**

OR

You are Aman/Archana, President of the Drama Club of Oxford Public School, Bengaluru. On the occasion of Children's Day, your club is planning to visit and old-age home. Draft a notice in about 50 words informing the

members of the visit and asking them to bring some food items to share with the residents. Mention the day, date, time and venue.

4. You are Sachin Bansal, the Head Boy of Springdales Public School, Gurgaon. Your school is holding an inter-school T-20 cricket championship from 2 Oct. to 8 Oct, 20XX. Write a formal invitation to Sh. B.S. Bedi, the legendary cricketer, to inaugurate the championship on 2 Oct. 2019 at 10 a.m. at your school premises. [4]

OR

You are Mrs. Krishnamurthi. Your son is getting married. You are throwing a party to celebrate the occasion. On behalf of your husband and yourself draft a formal invitation in not more than 50 words inviting friends and relatives to attend the function.

5. Day by day lavish weddings are becoming more and more fashionable. Hotels, farm houses and banquet halls are booked months in advance. Even lower middle class families are entertaining thousand plus guests. Write a letter to the editor of a national daily advocating simple weddings. You are Rani/Raj, 121 Bank street, Kanpur. [5]



OR

You are Sudha / Sudhir resident of A-7, Shanti Park. You read the following advertisements in a newspaper.

SITUATION VACANT

I wanted a young and experienced graduate with fluency in English and Hindi to work as a receptionist at Customer Care booths of NCR Groups of Hotels, Delhi. Contact Manager along with your complete C.V. within 7 days of this advertisement.

Draft an application in response to the advertisement giving your detailed resume.

6. Rising prices of essential commodities make life difficult for the common man. You are Nalini/Ranbir. Write an article in 150-200 words describing the causes, possible solutions and how students can help their parents to cope with the problem. [5]



OR

REVIVE PLAYTIME

Powered by QualCrypt

- Shapes better personalities
- Builds physical and mental health
- Develops life skills
- Keeps them in touch with nature

You are Jessica/John, a budding journalist for a local daily. You covered the symposium on 'Play Time - The Vanishing Joy of Childhood'. The event was attended by students and teachers from different schools. The group discussions were on how playing makes children fitter, unstructured playing vs. high-tech toys, and how spontaneous group play helps build life skills. Write a report in 120 - 150 words for the local daily on the event. You may use the above given input.

SECTION C - LITERATURE

7. Read the following extract and answer the questions that follow: [6]

“Aunt Jennifer's tigers prance across a screen,
Bright topaz denizens of a world of green.
They do not fear the men beneath the tree;
They pace in sleek chivalric certainty.”

- i. How are Aunt Jennifer's tigers described?
 - a. As bold and fearless
 - b. As cruel and menacing
 - c. As rober and serene
 - d. As sleek and slender
- ii. Why are they described as denizens of a world of green?
 - a. Because they eat the herbivores
 - b. Because they are green in colour
 - c. Because they live in dense green forests
 - d. Because they are bright and beautiful
- iii. Identify the rhyme scheme of the given lines.
 - a. Abcd
 - b. Abab
 - c. Abca
 - d. Aabb
- iv. The word **prance** in the extract means
 - a. destroy
 - b. camouflage
 - c. shriek
 - d. move about or leap
- v. On the basis of the extract, choose the correct option with reference to (1) and (2) given below.
 - (1) There is a contrast between Aunt Jennifer and her tigers.
 - (2) Aunt Jennifer's tigers were afraid of men.
 - a. (1) is true but (2) is false.
 - b. (2) is true but (1) is false.
 - c. (2) is the reason for (1).
 - d. Both (1) and (2) cannot be inferred from the extract.
- vi. Answer in ONE word.

Which word in the given extract means being courteous, especially to women, an act of a gentleman?

OR

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

A thing of beauty is a joy forever

Its loveliness increases, it will never

Pass into nothingness; but will keep

A bower quiet for us, and a sleep

Full of sweet dreams, and health, and quiet breathing. (A Thing of Beauty)

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

- A. Beauty provides security and peace.
- B. Beauty lies in possession of expensive things.
- C. Beauty is synonymous with power and riches.
- D. Beauty lies in our rich heritage and palaces and temples.

ii. Complete the following sentence appropriately. (1)

A thing of beauty never passes into nothingness because it is _____.

iii. **Quiet bower** means a pleasant, shady, quiet place under trees or in the woods. This creates a sense of _____. (1)

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

The quality of a thing ensures that its beauty lasts forever.

v. Based on the rhyme scheme in lines 3 and 4 of the given extract, which word will rhyme with them? (1)

- A. please
- B. sweep
- C. help
- D. self

vi. The use of the word **health** in the extract suggests that beautiful things will give us a happier and more wholesome life. It creates a powerful image of _____. (1)

- A. rejuvenation
- B. attachment
- C. long life
- D. eternity

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

[4]

The clerk figured the fare - he glanced at my fancy hat band, but he figured the fare - and I had enough for two coach tickets, one way. But when I counted out the money and looked up, the clerk was staring at me. He nodded at the bills. "That ain't money, mister," he said, "and if you're trying to skin me, you won't get very far," and he glanced at the cash drawer, beside him. Of course the money was old-style bills half again as big as the money we use nowadays and different looking.

i. Why did Charley ask for two tickets?

ii. Complete the sentence by choosing the correct option:

When Charley offered money to the booking clerk, the latter stared at Charley because the booking clerk

- a. thought it wasn't money.
- b. did not trust Charley.
- c. thought Charley was trying to tease him.
- d. thought that Charley had given him less money.

iii. Select the option that best describes Charley in this extract. He is

- a. a cheat
- b. gullible
- c. an opportunist
- d. an escapist

iv. **If you're trying to skin me** suggests _____.

OR

Read the following extract and answer the questions that follow:

You think 'Here's a boy.' You look at me ... and then you see my face and you think. 'That's bad. That's a terrible thing. That's the ugliest thing I ever saw.' You think, 'Poor boy.' But I'm not. Not poor. Underneath, you are afraid. Anybody would be. I am. When I look in the mirror, and see it, I'm afraid of me.

- i. Who is the speaker and who is he speaking to?
 - a. Derry; His mother
 - b. Derry; Mr. Lamb
 - c. Derry; Ladies at the bus stop
 - d. Mother; Mr. Lamb
- ii. According to the speaker, what do people feel about him?
 - a. People are empathetic towards him.
 - b. People are repulsed by his appearance.
 - c. People are annoyed by his presence.
 - d. People are unhappy at his association with his neighbours.

iii. Complete the following statement with reference to the extract:

When I look in the mirror, and see it, I'm afraid of me _____.

iv. Explain the following statement with reference to the given extract:

You think, 'Poor boy.' But I'm not.

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

[6]

My introduction to the Y.M.C.A. swimming pool revived unpleasant memories and stirred childish fears. But in a little while I gathered confidence. I paddled with my new water wings, watching the other boys and trying to learn by aping them. I did this two or three times on different days. (Deep Water)

- i. Identify the phrase from the given extract that bears evidence to the fact that the narrator's association with **childish fears** was not a recent one. (1)
- ii. How does the writer try to learn it? Mention any two ways. (1)
- iii. What did the Y.M.C.A. pool bring back to Douglas? (1)
 - A. Unpleasant memories
 - B. Memory of a boat
 - C. Meeting a bruiser of a boy
 - D. Memory of his visit to the Yakima River
- iv. The two emotions of Douglas mentioned in the given extract are _____ and _____. (1)
- v. Why did Douglas ape the other boys? (1)
- vi. The writing style of the extract is autobiographical because _____. (1)

OR

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

This settlement was adopted unanimously by the commission. Gandhi explained that the amount of the refund was less important than the fact that the landlords had been obliged to surrender part of the money and, with it, part of their prestige. Therefore, as far as the peasants were concerned, the planters had behaved as lords above the law. Now the peasant saw that he had rights and defenders. He learned courage.

(Indigo)

- i. What was Gandhi's purpose in agreeing to the settlement, even at a lesser amount? (1)

ii. Complete the sentence with one word: (1)

The commission agreed by common consent, or in other words,
they agreed to the settlement _____.

iii. Explain the impact on the landlords as a result of the settlement. (1)

iv. Based on the content provided in the extract, select the most likely option about the behaviour of the landlords.

(1)

- A. The landlords were sorry for their behaviour.
- B. The landlords were obstinate and refused Gandhi's suggestion.
- C. The landlords had to refund the money.
- D. The landlords and the planters became partners in the Indigo plantation.

v. What did the peasants realize from the Champaran incident? (1)

vi. Complete the sentence appropriately. (1)

The phrase 'lords above the law' suggests that _____.

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

- (a) Why was the crofter so kind and generous to the peddler? [2]
- (b) **See you soon Amma.** How are these words contrary to the speaker's emotions? (My Mother at Sixty-six) [2]
- (c) How does the poet criticise the city's ways? (**A Roadside Stand**) [2]
- (d) Why did Sophie long for her brother's affection? (Going Places) [2]
- (e) Stephen Spender's visit to the Gemini Studios was viewed as an unexplained mystery by the Gemini family. How did Asokamitran solve this mystery years later? (Poets and Pancakes) [2]
- (f) Did Umberto Eco like to be identified as a novelist? Give reasons in support of your answer. [2]

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

- (a) How does one lose all earthly sense of perspective and time in Antarctica? [2]
- (b) Why did Doctor Sadao save the life of the prisoner of war? [2]
- (c) How was Antarctica a chilling prospect for a South Indian, Tishani Doshi? (**Journey to the End of the Earth**) [2]

12. 'The cry of not having money to do anything except carry on the business of making bangles, not even enough to eat, rings in every home.' (The Lost Spring) [5]

'...far from the city we make our roadside stand and ask for some city money to feel in hand'. (A Roadside Stand)

Create a conversation between a bangle maker and the owner of a roadside stand with reference to the above extracts.

You may begin the conversation like this: Owner of a roadside stand: Your bangles are pretty. Tell me about your experience in this business.

OR

Neruda in Keeping Quiet writes, we work endlessly so that we can achieve everything quickly because we are continuously *threatening ourselves with death*. While the lesson **Deep Water**, deals with the subject of conquering fear.

You are Pablo Neruda. Write a letter to Douglas and appreciate him for his attempts to get over the fear.

You may begin this way:

Dear William

I recently read your autobiographical book "Of Men and Mountains" and...

You may end this way:

People fear death in vain as it is destined for one and all. They fail to identify the real fear. I hope your story will inspire people who are rushing against the timeline.

Warmly,

Pablo Neruda

13. In the story, **The Tiger King** the protagonist is obsessed with finding the hundredth tiger and goes on mindless tiger hunting. [5]

In an attempt to lash out at the king for his obsession as an overall harmful one, as a resident of Pratibandapuram express your thoughts in a diary entry.

Support your response with reference to the story.

You may begin this way:

The king has now doubled the land tax this week. We are under a constant state of terror fearing what crazy step would he take now...

OR

It may take a long time for oppression to be resisted, but the seeds of rebellion are sowed early in life.

As Bama's brother, express your concern about the impact of prejudices like discrimination and oppression on the children's minds in a diary entry.

You may begin like this:

Injustice in any form cannot escape being noticed even by children...



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