

Class XII | Session 2026-27
Subject - English Core
Sample Question Paper - Set 6

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 passage given below:**

[12]

1. I know many friends of mine who drink coffee regularly but do not know that coffee exists in different forms other than instant coffee. There are many who swear by Flora café Classic or Coco Gold, which they consider premium coffee. I may sound offensive but instant coffee is not the only way; in fact it's a very bad way of making coffee! Instant coffee cannot match up to brewed coffee's flavour nor does it have Arabica beans. It uses Robusta beans that are lower in flavour. Don't know the difference?! Read on ...
2. That plant might be a genius! It created a chemical that would keep pests away. Fortunately for us and unfortunately for the plant - that plan did not work the way it was intended to. The chemical might have averted a few pest attacks, but attracted a far greater threat human beings. The plant I am talking about is coffee and the chemical is caffeine.
3. To begin from the beginning - coffee is from a more mature part of the tree - the seed - unlike other stimulants. The ripe berry is picked and de-pulped leaving us with a seed called 'green bean' or 'green coffee'. Green bean is uncharacteristically bland with a taste nowhere close to that of coffee, but it is valued for its higher antioxidant levels.
4. It's an interesting phenomenon to see how this bland green bean turns to a flavourful coffee bean. The coffee bean is a seed and like any other seed is rich in proteins, fats and all necessary ingredients for giving birth to a new plant. When exposed to heat, the fats and carbohydrates in the bean turn into essential oils, which give the characteristic taste and aroma to the coffee bean. The degree of roasting depends on the need or purpose of use.
5. These beans are ground so that the surface area of the bean is increased, which makes extraction easier. The bean can be ground or crushed but making the particles uniform will ensure equal extraction, or else the

smaller particle will get over-extracted and the larger one under-extracted. Hence, the burr grinder is used to ensure that the coffee bean gets ground in a uniform way in which all particles are of similar sizes.

6. Does under-extraction give a lighter coffee and over-extraction a stronger one? No. For a lighter or stronger coffee less or more coffee powder has to be used. Why? Under extraction will not get all the flavours of the coffee as the water runs too quickly. It will not get what you want - it will taste sour. Over-extraction will bring out all unnecessary flavours rendering the taste bitter.

Answer the following questions, based on the above passage :

- i. Complete the sentence by choosing an appropriate option. (1)

The author complained that his friends _____.

- a. consumed only Flora classics.
- b. were not aware of different forms of coffee.
- c. were severely addicted to drinking coffee.
- d. considered Coco Gold as premium coffee.

- ii. Comment on the writer's reference to the unique feature of the coffee plant. (paragraph 2) (1)

- iii. List the reasons why the author refers to humans as a **great threat to coffee** plants. (2)

- iv. Select an option that conveys the same meaning as **energiser** from words used in paragraph 3. (1)

- a. bland
- b. mature
- c. antioxidant
- d. stimulants

- v. Complete the given sentence with an appropriate inference with respect to the following: (1)

Fats and carbohydrates turn into essential oils leading to _____.

- vi. Comment on the writer's reference to the interesting phenomenon in paragraph 4. (1)

- vii. Over-extraction does not give a stronger coffee. Based on your understanding of paragraph 6, list one method to get stronger coffee. (1)

- viii. The writer would not agree with the given statements based on paragraph five EXCEPT (1)

- a. The burr grinder grinds coffee beans uniformly.
- b. Less surface area makes extraction easier.
- c. Grinding gives a stronger aroma.
- d. Good coffee is a mix of smaller and bigger particles.

- ix. Why is it fair to say that the right degree of extraction of coffee is important? (1)

- x. What unintended consequence did the coffee plant's production of caffeine have? (1)

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

[10]

1. When plastic waste is burnt, a complex weave of toxic chemicals is released. Breaking down Poly Vinyl Chloride (PVC) used for packaging, toys and coating electrical wires. It produces dioxin, organochlorine which belongs to the family of Persistent Organic Pollutants (POPs). A recent Dioxin Assessment Report brought out by the United States Environment Protection Agency (USEPA) says the risk of getting cancer from dioxin is ten times higher than reported by the agency in 1994.

2. The Delhi government is giving the green signal to a gasification project which will convert garbage into energy without removing plastic waste. This way, no air pollution will be caused and the ash produced can be

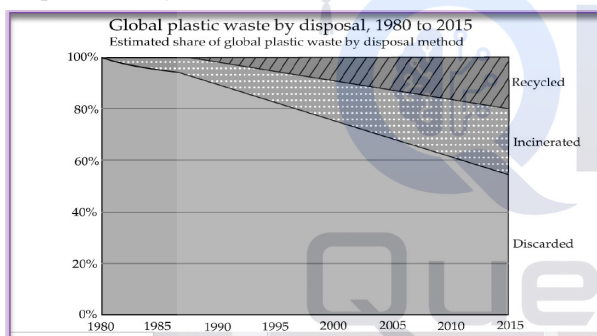
used as manure. The project built with Australian assistance will cost 200 crore. It will generate 25 megawatts of power and gobble 1,000 tons of garbage every day.

3. Technologies like gasification are a form of incineration. Incineration merely transfers hazardous waste from a solid form to air, water and ash. Toxins produced during incineration include acidic gases, heavy metals as well as dioxins and furans.

4. Municipal solid waste contains a mix of plastics. Breaking down this waste emits hydrochloric acid which attacks the respiratory system, skin and eyes, resulting in coughing, vomiting and nausea. Polyethylene generates volatile compounds like formaldehyde and acetaldehyde, both suspected carcinogenic. Breathing styrene from polystyrene can cause leukemia. Polyurethane is associated with asthma. Dioxin released by PVC is a powerful hormone disrupter and causes birth defects and reproductive problems.

5. Even the best run incinerators in the world have to deal with stringent norms. In Germany, air pollution devices accounted for two-thirds the cost of incineration. Despite such efforts, the European Dioxin Inventory noted that the input of dioxin into the atmosphere was the highest from incineration.

6. In the chart, we see the share of global plastic waste that is discarded, recycled or incinerated from 1980 through to 2015. Prior to 1980, recycling and incineration of plastic was negligible; 100 percent was therefore discarded. From 1980 for incineration and 1990 for recycling, rates increased on average by about 0.7 percent per year. In 2015, an estimated 55 percent of global plastic waste was discarded, 25 percent was incinerated and 20 percent recycled.



7. Indian garbage has a low calorific content of about 800 kg and it has high moisture and requires additional fuel to burn. Toxics link calculates that the electricity generated from such technology will cost between 5 and 7 per unit, which is six times higher than conventional energy. India has chosen a dioxin preventive route and burning of chlorinated plastics is prohibited under Municipal Solid Waste and Biomedical Rules. Nearly 80 percent of Indian garbage is recyclable or compostable.

Answer the following questions, based on the above passage :

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i. Does the following statement agree with the information given in paragraph 6? **(1)**

Discarded plastic waste produces greenhouse gas emissions when exposed to sunlight in both air and water if it is not recycled or disposed of in a controlled manner.

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. Do you think that garbage from India has a high calorific content? Support your answer with reference to the passage. **(2)**

iii. Based on the given graphical representation of data in the passage, choose the option that lists the statements that are TRUE. **(1)**

1. In the year 2015, the incinerated plastic waste disposal was 80%.

2. In the year 1980, the share of discarded plastic waste was 100%.

3. Discarded plastic waste was 60% in the year 2010.

4. Recycled plastic waste in the year 2000 was less than 70%.

Choose the correct option:

(i) 1,2 and 3

(ii) 2 and 3

(iii) 1 and 4

(iv) 1,3 and 4

iv. Complete the sentence based on the following statement. (1)

Burning plastic waste is harmful and causes cancer. We can say this because

_____.

v. Which statements are NOT TRUE according to the passage? (1)

1. India has adopted a preventive measure under which burning of chlorinated plastics is prohibited.

2. USEPA says that the risk of getting cancer from dioxin is hundred times higher than reported by the agency in 1994.

3. Incineration merely transfers hazardous waste from a solid form to air, water and ash.

4. Hydrochloric acid attacks the digestive system, nose and eyes which results in diabetes and nausea.

a. 1 and 3

b. 3 and 4

c. 1 and 2

d. 2 and 4

vi. The Delhi government is giving the green signal to a gasification project that will convert garbage into energy without removing plastic waste. Explain what is the purpose of the waste-to-energy project. (2)

vii. Complete the given sentence by selecting the most appropriate option. (1)

The respiratory system, skin, and eyes are affected by _____.

a. Polyethylene

b. Hydrochloric acid

c. Polystyrene

d. Dioxin

viii. Complete the sentence appropriately with one/two words. (1)

Dioxin disrupts hormones, causes birth defects and _____.

SECTION B – CREATIVE WRITING SKILLS

3. You lost your wrist watch in your school auditorium. Write a notice in not more than 50 words for your school notice board giving a detailed description of the watch. You are Anirudh/Arundhati of class XII of the Springfields School, Pune. [4]

OR

You are Ravi/Rachna. As President of the Cultural Forum of your school, you have organized an inter-school orchestra competition on the occasion of the Silver Jubilee celebrations of your school. Write a notice in about 50 words, informing the students of your school about this competition.

4. Write a letter to your friend inviting him on the house-warming-ceremony of your newly constructed house. [4]

OR

The Literary Club of Geetanjali Public School, Prithvi Nagar is putting up the play, **Waiting for Godot**. You have

been invited to be the guest of honour at the function. Create an appropriate reply congratulating the students and accepting the invitation. You are Sumita/Sanjay Gupta.

5. After passing the secondary school examination, a candidate has to make a very difficult choice from a number of streams available to him at the senior school level for further studies. There is not a valid mechanism to assess the suitability of a candidate for a particular stream. Write a letter to the Editor of a national daily emphasising the need for educational counsellors for guidance in this matter in each school. You are Vinita/Vinay, 48, Agra Fort, Agra. [5]



OR

Draft an application for the post of accountant in Pioneers (Pvt.) Ltd. Co., Qatar, in response to their advertisement that appeared in **The Times of India** dated 1st April, 2022. Prepare a biodata to be enclosed. You are Nipun/Aparna.

Immediate Vacancies – Finance and Accounts

A reputed Construction Company in Qatar requires the following candidates, who can start immediately

1. SENIOR ACCOUNTANT:
Post Graduation or above in Accounts with 10 years experience in Construction industry. Should be well versed in all aspects of Construction accounting and reports.

2. ACCOUNTANT (CASHIER)
Degree holder in Accounts with 10 years experience in handling Cash, bank and accounts, related transactions.

Both candidates should be locally available with sponsorship transfer. Package will be at par with industry standards.

6. The word **father** is synonymous with strict discipline etc. but it is not completely true. The father fulfils his responsibilities affectionately for the family. Write an article in 150-200 words on the topic, **Role of the father in the family**. You are Dhruv/Deepa. [5]

OR

You are Roshan/Rohini, School Pupil Leader of Meerut Public School, Meerut. Your school joined a campaign organised by various agencies of your city to create awareness among people to conserve water. Write a report in 100-125 words highlighting the activities such as rain water harvesting, etc.

SECTION C - LITERATURE

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

When Aunt is dead, her terrified hands will lie
Still ringed with ordeals she was mastered by.
The tigers in the panel that she made
Will go on prancing, proud and unafraid.

- i. What does the phrase 'terrified hands' indicate?
- Hands that shivered out of fear
 - Hands that shivered due to Parkinson's disease
 - Hands that were bruised
 - Hands that were fractured
- ii. What does implication does the poet intend to make when he writes **ringed with ordeals**?
- Desire to buy rings
 - Chained with responsibilities
 - Trapped underwater
 - A magical ring
- iii. On the basis of the extract, choose the correct option with reference to the two statements given below.
- (1) Aunt Jennifer's tigers were as timid as her.
(2) Aunt Jennifer designed the tigers in the panel.
- (1) can be inferred from the extract but (2) cannot.
 - (2) can be inferred from the extract but (1) cannot.
 - Both (1) and (2) can be inferred from the extract.
 - (2) is the reason for (1) and can be inferred from the extract.
- iv. What is Aunt Jennifer's death symbolic of?
- Her unfulfilled desires
 - Her suppression
 - Her weakness
 - All of these
- v. Identify the word from the extract, that suggests the following:
To walk or move in a spirited manner.
- vi. Choose the correct option. — A C A D E M Y —
_____ is the poetic device used in the last line of the given extract. _____
- Metaphor
 - Oxymoron
 - Alliteration
 - Refrain



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OR

Read the following extract and answer the questions that follow:

"Such the Sun, the Moon,
Trees old and young, sprouting a shady boon
For simple sheep; and such are daffodils
With the green world they live in; and clear rills
That for themselves a cooling covert make
'Gainst the hot season."

- i. Which of these provide joy and respite in the hot season?
- Shades of trees in forests
 - Daffodils

- c. Clear water streams
- d. Both Shades of trees in forests and Clear water streams

ii. What does the word **brake** implies?

- a. Undergrowth of ferns or bush
- b. Burning of forest
- c. Stubble fire
- d. Large area of grasslands

iii. Describe the role of clear rills.

- a. Cool and clear streams
- b. Cooling shelter
- c. Flowing in green surroundings
- d. Getting away our thirst

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

statement 1: The sun, The Moon, and the Young trees provide us joy.

statement 2: We feel joyous when surrounded by natural things.

Options:

- 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.

v. What are the things of beauty mentioned in the poem?

- a. Sun and Moon
- b. Young trees and streams
- c. Flowers
- d. All these

vi. Answer in one word:

According to the poet, all of the beauties of nature are like a _____.

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

[4]

941 Willard Street

Galesburg, Illinois

July 18, 1894

Charley

I got to wishing that you were right. Then I got to believing you were right. And, Charley, it's true; I found the third level! I've been here two weeks, and right now, down the street at the Daly's, someone is playing a piano, and they're all out on the front porch singing 'Seeing Nelly Home'. And I'm invited over for lemonade. Come on back, Charley and Louisa. Keep looking till you find the third level! It's worth it, believe me!

The note is signed Sam.

i. What emotion did Sam express in the letter? Choose the appropriate option in the context of the extract.

- a. surprise
- b. doubt
- c. excitement

- d. anger
- ii. How did Sam Weiner respond when Charley informed him about the existence of the third level?
- a. acceptance
 - b. wonderstruck
 - c. puzzled
 - d. dismissal
- iii. The phrase 'Charley, it's true' in the context of the extract implies which of the given options?
- I. Sam is relaxed
 - II. Charley had migrated with Louisa
 - III. The existence of the third level
 - IV. Sam had met Charley's grandfather
- Choose the most appropriate option:
- a. I and II
 - b. II and IV
 - c. I and III
 - d. IV only
- iv. Sam wrote the letter to Charley in order to _____.

OR

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

MR LAMB: Mind the apples!

DERRY: What? Who's that? Who's there?

MR LAMB: Lamb's my name. Mind the apples. Crab apples those are. Windfalls in the long grass. You could trip.

DERRY: I....there....I thought this was an empty place. I didn't know there was anybody here....

MR LAMB: That's all right. I'm here. What are you afraid of, boy? That's all right.

DERRY: I thought it was empty....an empty house.

- i. What is the author's motive behind using ellipses (...) in this extract. (1)
- ii. Select the option that best describes Derry and Mr. Lamb in the extract. (1)

Derry: _____ :: Mr. Lamb: Vigilant

- a. Anxious
 - b. Weird
 - c. Charming
 - d. Domineering
- iii. Which of the following best summarises Derry's reaction in the given extract? (1)
- a. Surprised
 - b. Shocked
 - c. Elated
 - d. Pensive
- iv. Why did Derry think that was an empty place? (1)

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

[6]

Then all effort ceased. I relaxed. Even my legs felt limp; and a blackness swept over my brain. It wiped out fear; it wiped out terror. There was no more panic. It was quiet and peaceful. Nothing to be afraid of. This is nice... to

be drowsy... to go to sleep... no need to jump... too tired to jump... it's nice to be carried gently... to float along in space... tender arms around me... tender arms like Mother's... now I must go to sleep...

I crossed to oblivion, and the curtain of life fell.

i. With reference to the given extract, according to the narrator death was:

- a. Brutal
- b. Peaceful
- c. Merciless
- d. Frightening

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

(1) The author stopped making efforts to save himself.

(2) The author was very anxious in water.

- 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).

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

At one moment the author thought that the curtain of (his) life fell.

iv. List the author's purpose of using ellipses (...) in this extract.

v. Select the phrase that matches the given inference appropriately.

Which phrase indicates that the poet lost consciousness?

- a. 'It was quiet and peaceful.'
- b. 'I crossed to oblivion.'
- c. 'Tender arms like Mother's.'
- d. 'It wiped out fear.'

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

He was not afraid of drowning anymore because _____.

OR

Read the following extract and answer the questions that follow:

He had gone to the December 1916 annual convention of the Indian National Congress party in Lucknow. There were 2,301 delegates and many visitors. During the proceedings, Gandhi recounted, "a peasant came up to me looking like any other peasant in India, poor and emaciated, and said, "I am Raj Kumar Shukla. I am from Champaran, and I want you to come to my district!"

i. Which of the following do you infer from the last sentence?

- a. Champaran was a major city.
- b. Champaran was a popular destination.
- c. He wanted the Indian National Congress to be in Champaran.
- d. There was a problem in Champaran which needed Gandhi's attention.

ii. Select a suitable word from the extract to complete the following analogy.

adventurous : risk-taking :: starved : _____

iii. On the basis of the extract, choose the correct option with reference to I and II

I. Raj Kumar Shukla met Gandhi during the proceedings of the annual convention of Indian National Congress.

II. Raj Kumar Shukla was a lawyer from Champaran.

- a. I is true but II is false.
- b. II is true but I is false.
- c. Both I and II are true.
- d. Both I and II are false.

iv. The purpose of Raj Kumar Shukla's visit was to _____.

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

A peasant came up to me looking like any other peasant.

vi. Answer in one word.

Gandhi met Shukla in _____.

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

- (a) Did the stranger agree to go to the ironmaster's house? Why or why not? [2]
- (b) Why did the poet smile in the poem 'My Mother At Sixty-Six'? [2]
- (c) Why do the people at the roadside stand talk **crossly** with the rich people? [2]
- (d) What was Sophie dreaming to do after schooling? [2]
- (e) Why did the writer pray for crowd shooting all the time in Poets and Pancakes? [2]
- (f) What evidence from the text reveals that Rudyard Kipling did not walk the talk? (The Interview) [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) What impression do you form of Dr. Sadao's father from the story **The Enemy**? [2]
- (c) What was the objective of the **Students on Ice Programme? (Journey to the End of the Earth)** [2]

12. Imagine Saheb-e-Alam from **Lost Spring** as a young man who gets a job in Mumbai, the city of dreams. He [5]

works as an office boy in Gemini Studio (Poets and Pancakes) and is **perplexed** to find the way things are done there. His friend, Ahmed is influenced by him, and he too wants to go to Mumbai and work there.

As Saheb, write a letter to Ahmed in 120-150 words discussing your personal experience at Gemini and telling him how strange you find it to see the different ways in which people work together despite having a dislike for each other. Also, discuss how the reel life differed from real life.



Your English teacher has divided the classroom into two groups and wants them to have a constructive debate based on their understanding of their lessons. She writes on the board:

The world has enough for everyone's need, but not enough for everyone's greed - M.K. Gandhi

Pen down your arguments referring to the lesson Indigo and Neruda's poem Keeping Quiet.

You may begin this way:

The purpose of life should be Greater Goodness which demands us to cut across our personal interests and have a wider version of the Global Family...

13. Why did the Tiger King decide to kill a hundred tigers? Describe the efforts he made to attain his target. [5]

OR

Little Bama had been a victim of caste discrimination and untouchability, but following Annan's advice she becomes studious and studies hard to stand first in her class to overcome this discrimination.

She adopts every possible way to win everyone's respect and become a role model for all Dalits. Now she is a grown-up lady, working in an administrative position.

Grown-up Bama goes to her village and was upset to find that discrimination still exists. Create a diary entry as a

grown-up Bama expressing your agony on seeing so.

You may begin like this:

My moment of happiness to visit my native village faded soon when I could still sense the...



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