

CBSE Sample Paper

Time – 3 Hours

Maximum Marks – 50

GENERAL INSTRUCTIONS

- I. The question paper is divided into three sections :

SECTION A :	Reading	20 MARKS
SECTION B :	Writing and Grammar	30 MARKS
SECTION C :	Literature (Not Attempted)	30 MARKS
- II. All questions are compulsory.
- III. You may attempt any section at a time.
- IV. All questions of that particular section must be attempted in the correct order.

Section A – Reading (20 Marks)

1 Read the passage given below and answer the questions that follow. **(8 Marks)**

1. Cricket is a global passion, played everywhere from Test match arenas to village greens, tropical beaches and dusty back lots. Cricket is the world's second most popular spectator sport after football.
2. The origin of cricket is somewhere in the Dark Ages. All research concedes that the game derived from a very old, widespread and uncomplicated pastime by which one player served up an object, be it a small piece of wood or a ball, and another hit it with a suitably fashioned club. Cricket was first recorded in 16th-century England, and it was played in grammar schools, farm communities and everywhere in between. But things really took off when 18th-century nobles realised it was a great sport.
3. The oldest surviving set of cricket laws date from 1744 – printed on a handkerchief, naturally. It's now in the MCC Museum at Lord's in London. The oldest permanent fixture is the annual Eton v Harrow match, played since 1805. A young Lord Byron turned out for Harrow in the first match, though history doesn't record how poetic – or "mad, bad and dangerous" – his bowling was.
4. The first international match was in 1877 when Australia beat England in Melbourne. The match was dubbed a "Test", since the gruelling nature of playing over five days was deemed the ultimate "test" for any side. But it was Australia's first win on English soil – in 1882 at The Oval in London – that led to matches between the two nations being christened the Ashes. Following the defeat, newspapers published an obituary mourning "the death of English cricket", adding that "the body will be cremated and the ashes taken to Australia".
5. A One Day International (ODI) is a form of limited overs cricket, played between two teams with international status, in which each team faces a fixed number of overs, usually 50. The Cricket World Cup is played in this format. The international one-day game is a late twentieth-century development. The first ODI was played on 5 January 1971 between Australia and England at the Melbourne Cricket Ground.

(344 words)

(Abridged from :<http://www.espnricinfo.com/ci/content/story/239757.html>,

<http://www.telegraph.co.uk/only-in-britain/odi-cricket/very-brief-history-of-cricket/>)

1.1 Attempt any eight of the following questions on the basis of the passage you have read. (1 × 8 = 8 Marks)

- i. According to the passage, how did the game of Cricket originate?
- ii. Where can we find the oldest sets of Cricket laws?
- iii. Which match did Lord Byron play?
- iv. When was the first international match played?
- v. Which countries played that match?
- vi. Why were the matches between Australia and England titled "The Ashes"?
- vii. In which format is the Cricket world cup played?
- viii. When did the ODIs begin?
- ix. Which word in paragraph no.5 means the same as 'exhausting'?

2 Read the passage given below and answer the questions that follow. (12 Marks)

1. Politeness has been well defined as benevolence in trifles. It is the desire to put those whom we meet perfectly at their ease, and save them from every kind of petty discomfort and annoyance. The limited part of benevolence called politeness requires only an inclination to make them happy temporarily, while they are in our presence, and when this can be done without any sacrifice on our part or only with a slight sacrifice of personal comfort.
2. Politeness is said to be one of the important characteristics of civilised person. Politeness is the art of choosing among your thoughts. It must be implemented in every walk of life. When we deal with people elder to us we are polite. But, an honest polite person is polite with everyone, people of lower status, workers and even children. Not only with humans but also with animals we must be polite as they are our helpers.
3. Politeness is a skill. Like any other skill, you can master it with practice. The greatest enemy of politeness is ego. To be a polite person, you have to sacrifice your ego. It is difficult for an egoist to be polite. You have to imply politeness in your thinking, speech and actions. Actions work more than words. Polite actions will give fine results. Politeness will reduce your stress and boost you to be productive. Apart from your present benefits, you protect your future. Being polite makes you mentally healthy. In our daily life we come across many incidents with people nearby and ourselves.
4. Different rules of behaviour have to be observed, accordingly as we are in the street or in the drawing-room, at home or at school, in the company of friends or of strangers. There is also to be considered the great diversity of social etiquette which distinguishes one country from another.
5. Politeness, besides being a duty that we owe to others, is a valuable possession for ourselves. It costs nothing, and yet may in many cases bring much profit. The great advantage of this excellence of conduct was very clearly expressed by Dr. Johnson, when he said that the difference between a well-bred and an ill-bred man is that one immediately attracts your liking, the other your dislike. (378 words)

(Abridged from: <http://www.shareyouessays.com/3444/563-words-short-essay-on-politeness>
and <http://syedasarrahmed.blogspot.in/2012/02/importance-of-politeness.html>)

2.1 On the basis of your reading of the passage, answer any four of the following questions in about 30–40 words each: (2 × 4 = 8 Marks)

- i. Why is politeness called a limited part of benevolence?
- ii. List some of the persons we should be polite to?
- iii. Why is it difficult for an egoist to be polite?
- iv. What are the benefits of being polite?
- v. Which rules of behaviour are to be observed?

2.2 On the basis of your reading of the passage, fill in any two of the following blanks with appropriate words/phrases. (1 × 2 = 2 Marks)

- i. Politeness is an art of choosing
- ii. An honest polite person is polite with
- iii. To others, we

2.3 Attempt any two of the following. Find out the words that mean the same as under: (1 × 2 = 2 Marks)

- i. 'insignificant' (Paragraph 1)
- ii. 'manners' (Paragraph 4)
- iii. 'civil' (Paragraph 5)

Section B – Writing and Grammar (30 Marks)

- 3 (a) You are Sonal/ Samkit of Vidyanjali Public School, Lucknow. You have seen an advertisement in 'The Times of India' related to new batches of 'Astronomy Club' initiated by National Science Centre, Lucknow starting from the coming fortnight. You wish to join the Club. Write a letter to the Director, enquiring about the venue, duration, fee-structure, activities, transportation etc. Invent other necessary details. (100–120 words) (8 Marks)**

OR

(b) You are the In-charge of the Medical Section of Gyanodaya Public School, Nehru Vihar, Alwar. Your stock of medicines is about to finish. Write a letter to the Director of Jambo Medicare, Delhi, ordering medical items like glucose, crocin, bandages, tincture, pain-healers, ointments etc. Ask for discount on bulk order. Invent other necessary details. (100–120 words) (8 Marks)

4 Write a short story, in about 200–250 words, with any one set of the cues given in the boxes below. Give a suitable title to the story. (10 Marks)

Jasmine, Ali and two other friends decided to go on a picnic to a beach. They packed their bags and were quite excited. They reached the picnic spot and came across a small child who was crying ...

OR

On October 4, we all were decorating our house to celebrate the most long awaited festival, Diwali. My heart was filled with excitement to meet my father after a long gap of six years. But a call from the army headquarter left us stunned ...

5 Fill in any four of the following blanks choosing the most appropriate option from the ones given below. Write the answers in your answer-sheet against the correct blank numbers. (4 Marks)

- A. Sanitation and hygiene are also important (a) the well-being of society and biodiversity conservation.
- B. The government has (b) a programme.
- C. It aims to develop (c) riverfronts.
- D. It will solve the problem of pollution (d) the rivers.
- E. The need has been (e) for a long time.
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| a. i. by | ii. from | iii. for | iv. into |
| b. i. initiates | ii. initiated | iii. initiate | iv. initiating |
| c. i. an | ii. a | iii. in | iv. the |
| d. i. in | ii. on | iii. onto | iv. by |
| e. i. feeling | ii. feel | iii. felt | iv. have felt |

6 In the following passage, one word has been omitted in each line. Write the missing word, in any four sentences of the given paragraph, along with the word that comes before and the word that comes after it in the space provided. (4 Marks)

	Before	Missing Word	After
Himachal Pradesh a good place for Eco Camp	Eg. Pradesh	is	a
Pine Hill Eco Camp one of the ecotourism resorts	(a)	_____	_____
near Barog Himachal Pradesh. Ecotourism is	(b)	_____	_____
gaining popularity each passing day as more	(c)	_____	_____
and more people want get away from the	(d)	_____	_____
hectic schedules. This become a favourite tourist spot.	(e)	_____	_____

7 Rearrange any four of the following word clusters to make meaningful sentences. (1 × 4 = 4 Marks)

- a. rainwater / flooding / helps / harvesting / in / chances of / reducing
- b. storm / helps / also / better / water / it / water management / in
- c. plant growth / in / storing / rainwater / can / help / improving
- d. is / from / stored / natural and / pollutants / rainwater / free / man-made
- e. out / the / street / earthquake / another / on / people / came / fearing

Subject: Enquiry about Astronomy Club

Dear Sir/Ma'am

Having read your advertisement in *The Times of India* dated 10 March 20XX about new batches of Astronomy Club, I feel interested in learning a few more details about the Club advertised by you. I am a student of X class of a prestigious school.

I would be grateful to you if you could please enlighten me regarding the following points:

- i. Venue
- ii. Duration
- iii. Timings
- iv. Fees to be deposited
- v. Activities
- vi. Mode of transport

In case there is some brochure and prospectus containing detailed information, please send it by post to the address given above.

I would be thankful to you for this act of kindness.

Yours faithfully

Sonal Sharma

Answer 3 (b)

Gyanodaya Public School

Nehru Vihar

Alvar

11 April, 20XX

The Director

Jambo Medicare

Delhi

Subject: Placing an Order for Medical Supplies

Dear Sir/Ma'am

We would like to place an order for medicines urgently required for our school.

Following are the specifications of the order:

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|-----------------------------------|------------|
| i. Glucose | 15 bottles |
| ii. Crocin Advance 500 mg Tablet | 60 |
| iii. Crepe Bandage | 15 |
| iv. Tincture | 5 bottles |
| v. Moov Pain Relief Spray (80 gm) | 5 |
| vi. Burnol Ointment/Cream (20 gm) | 5 tubes |
| vii. Band-Aid | 10 packs |

We would like to avail the 20% discount that was given in the previous order. The medicines must be supplied within a fortnight as our stock is about to finish. Payment will be made by cheque after the inspection of supplies on delivery.

We hope to get a prompt response from you.

Yours sincerely

Sakshi Sharma

(In-charge Medical Section)

Answer 4 (a)

At the Beach

Jasmine, Ali and two other friends decided to go on a picnic to a beach. They packed their bags and were quite excited. They reached the picnic spot and came across a small child who was crying. They asked him what the matter was and if he was lost. He replied that he lived in a tiny cottage not very far from the beach with his parents who were artists. They learnt that his name was Adil. He said that whenever he was lonely, he would walk down to the beach with his puppy, Noodles, and play with him for an hour. However, today morning when he got up, Noodles had disappeared. In his despair, he had wandered onto the beach hoping to find him there.

Jasmine and his friends tried to cheer him up. They told him to join them in making sandcastles, which he reluctantly agreed. They also offered him the goodies that their mother had packed for them. When Adil was walking on the beach with them, gathering seashells, in a distance, they cited the silhouette of an old man. As he drew closer, they saw him holding a small puppy in his arms. The man, Adil's neighbour, exclaimed that he found the puppy in his garden, chasing butterflies. Noodles jumped from the man's arms and started sniffing around. When Adil held him up, he gave out a small bark and licked his face. Everyone exclaimed that the puppy had the cutest little bark ever.

Answer 4 (b)

The Homecoming

On October, 4, we all were decorating our house to celebrate the most awaited festival, Diwali. My heart was filled with excitement to meet my father after a long gap of six years. But a call from the army headquarters left us stunned. It informed us that Father, who was a surgeon in the Indian Army, would not be able to join us for the festivities since he had to operate on casualties that were injured in a bomb blast near Jammu. Nevertheless,

Mother tried to cheer me up. She told me that the news should not dampen my spirits; that I needed to be brave and have faith in God. I wiped my tears, called my younger sister, Mehgna, and went inside the garden shed where we were making recycled candles and diyas. We indulged in the activity for some time and then decided to go to the market to buy colours for making rangoli.

After we had selected a design which we all liked, Meghna, Mother and I created a beautiful rangoli with flowers, flower petals and rangoli powder. The diyas were lit, the marigold flowers and mango leaves were hung on entrance door, sweets were prepared, and incense sticks were burnt. Donned in silk lehengas, we all sat in the garden, hoping against hope. Just as the people of Ayodhya waited eagerly for the return of Lord Rama to his kingdom after an exile of 14 years, we all awaited Father's arrival. Suddenly, we heard the garden gate creak. A tall man, in an army tunic, walked towards us with a beaming smile on his face. 'Father!' we all exclaimed joyfully.

Answer 5

- A. iii. for B. ii. initiated C. iv. the D. i. in E. iii. felt

Answer 6

Before	Missing Word	After
Camp	<u>is</u>	one
Barog	<u>in</u>	Himachal
popularity	<u>with</u>	each
want	<u>to</u>	get
This	<u>has</u>	become

Answer 7

- Harvesting rainwater helps in reducing chances of flooding.
- It also helps in better storm water management.
- Storing rainwater can help in improving plant growth.
- Stored rainwater is free from natural and man-made pollutants.
- People came out on the street fearing another earthquake.