

CBSE Sample Paper 2019-20 (Solved)

(English Language & Literature)

Time: 3 hrs.

Max. Marks: 80

General Instructions

- (i) This paper is divided into three sections: A, B and C. All questions are compulsory.
- (ii) Separate instructions are given with each section and question, wherever necessary. Read these instructions very carefully and follow them.
- (iii) Do not exceed the prescribed word limit while answering the questions.

Section-A: Reading (20 Marks)

1. Read the passage carefully.

Red Cross: How Hope Evolved

On June 24, 1859, Emperors Napoleon III and Franz Joseph I engaged in the Battle of Solferino, commanding a combined total of about 2,70,000 troops onto the field for a single day of battle. Nearly 40,000 were either dead, injured, or missing, many of whom were simply left to die on the battlefield. Later, spectators crowded the fields, looking for loved ones, searching for items they could sell, or simply taking in the horrors of the battle. A Swiss businessman and social activist Jean Henri Dunant, who was travelling in Solferino witnessed all this.

Jean Henri Dunant witnessed the atrocities of war as well as the countries not prepared or equipped to ease the suffering of those who had been injured in the Battle of Solferino. Dunant organised a group of volunteers to help bring water and food to the injured, to assist with medical treatment, or write letters to the families of those who were dying and he urged the public to create an organisation which would assist the wounded, regardless of which side they fought for during times of war. After that moment, he wrote the book, *A Memory of Solferino*, which urged the public to create an organisation which would assist the wounded, regardless of which side they fought for during times of war. His writing inspired countless others to rally behind him in the creation of the International Federation of the Red Cross.

The modern-day Red Cross began by devoting itself largely to disaster relief and epidemic treatment. This effort continues to this day. One of the easiest ways you can help the Red Cross is to make sure you are able to donate blood and make an appointment at the Red Cross website. But, donating blood isn't the only way you can help out—the Red Cross also encourages donating your time if you can. This is what the Red Cross wants everyone to know.

On the basis of your reading of the passage given above, answer the following questions: (1 × 8 = 8)

- a. How many soldiers fought in the battle of Solferino on June 24?
 - (i) 2,70,000
 - (ii) 40,000
 - (iii) 2,30,000
 - (iv) 23,000
- b. What is the correct order of the information given below:
 - I. Dunant organised a camp of volunteers.
 - II. Emperor Napoleon III and Franz Joseph I fought a battle.
 - III. The book 'A Memory of Solferino' was written.
 - IV. Dunant travelled in Solferino.
 - (i) IV, III, II, I
 - (ii) I, II, III, IV
 - (iii) II, I, IV, III
 - (iv) II, IV, I, III
- c. The writer of 'A Memory of Solferino' was:
 - (i) Emperor Napoleon III
 - (ii) Franz Joseph I
 - (iii) Jean Henri Dunant
 - (iv) International Red Cross
- d. The modern day Red Cross does not deal with:
 - (i) Blood donation
 - (ii) Disaster Relief
 - (iii) Epidemic Treatment
 - (iv) Writing a book
- e. The most appropriate sub-heading to para 2 of the passage is:
 - (i) How International Federation of Red Cross Evolved!
 - (ii) Functions of Red Cross
 - (iii) The Contributions of Jean Henri Dunant
 - (iv) The Battle of Solferino
- f. The aid provided by Dunant's volunteers during the battle of Solferino was:
 - I. to help bring water and food to the injured
 - II. to assist with medical treatment
 - III. to write a book
 - IV. to give relief in epidemic
 - (i) I and III
 - (ii) III and IV
 - (iii) I and II
 - (iv) II and III
- g. You can donate your blood and your _____ to Red Cross.
- h. Jean Henri Dunant participated in the war. (True/ False)

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2. Read the passage carefully.

The Road to Success

1. The Road to success is not straight; there is a curve called failure, a loop called confusion, speed bumps called friends, caution lights called family, and you will have flats called jobs. But, if you have a spare called determination, an engine called perseverance, insurance called faith, and a driver called God, you will make it to a place called success!
2. In spite of all our planning and preparation, unexpected challenges are certain to arise. The bumps in the road are unavoidable, but you'll never get to your destination if you aren't willing to drive over them. The difference between a disaster and triumph lies in whether or not you're prepared and willing to weather the storm. If you're ready, those bumps will become stepping-stones.
3. The key thing to realise is that working harder is same as working smarter. How do you work smarter? You just need to have the right skills. People want improved circumstances and better life without an improved self. They want victory without paying the price or making efforts. It really cannot happen without the other. Any improvements that have not been generated by improving yourself are superficial and short-lived. If you want to have a better future, you have to change yourself. Stop worrying about the various challenges that will come your way. Just believe in yourself and use them as stepping-stones.
4. "Success" is getting whatever you want out of life without violating the rights of others." It is not an accident. Success is the result of our attitude and our attitude is a choice. Hence, success is a matter of choice and not chance.
5. Today success represents a holistic and positive attitude to life. Attitude is everything. Success is not restricted within some kind of brick and mortar premises. It assumes the individuality of a complete act executed with perfection; material achievements do not define life. We don't remember sports stars for the products they endorse but the spirit of achievement they represent. In the abundance of positive attitude underline the grandeur of a truly rewarding rich life.
6. Success can be measured from two stand points—the external and the internal. Externally it is the measure of a job well done and recognition. Internally it the feeling of achievement and wholeness derived from the completion of a task or fulfillment of desire.

2.1. On the basis of your reading of the above extract, answer the following questions in 30-40 words each: (2 × 4 = 8)

- (a) What qualities lead one to the place called success?
- (b) What is the difference between disaster and triumph?
- (c) How can one have a better future?
- (d) Describe two ways to measure success.

2.2. On the basis of your reading of the above extract, answer the following: (1 × 4 = 4)

- (a) The synonym of 'victory' as given in paragraph 2 is _____.
(i) Planning (ii) Preparation
(iii) Triumph (iv) Challenges
- (b) The synonym of 'surplus' as given in paragraph 5 is _____.
- (c) The antonym of 'Defeat' as given in paragraph 6 is _____.
(i) Recognition (ii) Achievement
(iii) Completion (iv) Success
- (d) The antonym of 'deep' as given in Paragraph 3 is _____.

Section-B: Writing & Grammar

(30 Marks)

3. You are Neha/Nihal Singh, Computer In-charge of Army Public School. Your school wishes to buy 20 computers and computer accessories from Apple Inc., Nehru Place, New Delhi. Draft a letter placing an order for the same. (100-150 words) (8)

OR

The government has urged the people of India to realize the dream of 'Clean India'. Write an article describing the measures that people can take for a cleaner and greener India. You are Anju/Amit Kumar. (100-150 words)

4. Complete the following story: (150-200 words) (10)
Once there was an old man. He had four sons. They always quarreled with one another. One fine day.....

OR



Taking cue from the picture given above, write a story in 150-200 words.

For Visually Impaired candidates only—

Kunal— good student- determined- scored good marks- examination- got late- helping an old man- teacher scolded- later appreciated- gave exam- stood first

5. Complete the paragraph given below by filling in the blanks choosing the correct option from those that follow— (1 × 4 = 4)

Elephants (a) ____ the largest land mammals. Three species of elephants (b) ____ today. Elephants (c) _____ other Elephantidae were once classified with other thick skinned. The elephant's gestation period is 22 months, (d) _____ longest for any land animal.

- (a) (i) is (ii) are (iii) was (iv) were
 (b) (i) are living (ii) have been living
 (iii) had been living (iv) will be living
 (c) (i) with (ii) also (iii) and (iv) but
 (d) (i) a (ii) an (iii) which (iv) the

6. The following paragraph has not been edited. There is one error in each line. Write the incorrect word and the correction in your answer sheet against the correct blank number. (1 × 4 = 4)

Error Correction

Tsunami is a series in waves (a) _____
 generated in a body from water (b) _____
 through an impulsive disturbance (c) _____
 causing damage to property or (d) _____
 loss of life.

7. Rearrange the following sets of words and phrases to form meaningful sentences- (1 × 4 = 4)
- of/ the world's /sugarcane / in Asia / over 40 percent / is produced
 - can be /used as fuel / ethyl alcohol / for cars / extracted / sugarcane / from
 - not the /only thing / can power/ automobiles / gasoline is / that
 - can be / alternative /energy source / an / hydrogen/ also

Section-C: Literature (30 Marks)

8. Read the extract given below and answer the questions that follow. (1 × 4 = 4)

"He should be lurking in shadow,
 Sliding through long grass
 Near the water hole
 Where plump deer pass."

- a. The poem, "A Tiger in the Zoo" is written by:
 (i) Leslie Norris (ii) William Blake

- (iii) Peter Niblett (iv) Robert Frost
 b. The tiger should be lurking in the shadow
 (i) for his prey (ii) for taking rest
 (iii) for leisure (iv) for scaring others
 c. The deer frequents the water hole to _____.
 d. The phrase 'lurking in the shadow' here means _____.

OR

"I agreed that it was pretty disrespectful treatment. We did, however search the house. Since it was only one storey high, Bill went round it, peering in at all the windows. We examined the barn and stable."

- a. Who does 'I' refer to:
 (i) Sinclair Lewis (ii) Carol Lewis
 (iii) Oliver Lutkins (iv) Leslie Norris
 b. What was Bill's profession?
 (i) Lawyer (ii) hack driver
 (iii) guide (iv) drama artist
 c. The disrespectful treatment faced by the speaker was _____.
 d. The phrase 'peering in at all windows' here means _____.

9. Answer any five of the following questions in 30 to 40 words each: (2 × 5 = 10)

- Why did Hari Singh think that Anil's job was queer?
- Bholi was a neglected child. Explain.
- Why did Mr. Keesing call Anne 'an incorrigible chatterbox'?
- Nelson Mandela speaks of 'Twin Obligations'. Elucidate.
- Why did Belinda tickle the dragon?
- How is bread an important part of life in Goa?

10. Lencho had faith in God but lacked faith in humanity. Elaborate with reference to 'A Letter to God'. (100-150 words) (8)

OR

Life is full of trials and tribulations which can be overcome by a human being through his own efforts. Explain with reference to Kisa Gotami's life. (100-150 words)

11. Ostentation and vanity often land people in trouble. Matilda is an apt example of this. Justify. (100-150 words) (8)

OR

Valli shows extraordinary courage in taking a bus journey all alone. Explain how ability and courage are essential to fulfill one's dream. (100-150 words)

Answers

1. a. (i) 2,70,000 soldiers
 b. (iv) II, IV, I, III
 c. (iii) Jean Henri Dunant
 d. (iv) Writing a book
 e. (iii) The Contributions of Jean Henri Dunant
 f. (iii) I and II
 g. time
 h. False
- 2.1. (a) A spare called determination, an engine called perseverance, insurance called faith, and a driver called God can lead one to the place called success.
 (b) The difference between a disaster and triumph lies in whether or not we are prepared and willing to weather the storm. If we are ready, those bumps will become stepping-stones.
 (c) One can have a better future if he changes himself. He should have to stop worrying about the various challenges that will come in his way. He has to believe in himself and use them as stepping-stones.
 (d) Success can be measured by two ways—the external and the internal.
 (i) Externally, it is the measure of a job well done and recognition.
 (ii) Internally, it the feeling of achievement and wholeness derived from the completion of a task or fulfillment of desire.
- 2.2. (a) (iii) Triumph (b) Abundance
 (c) (ii) Achievement (d) Superficial

3. Letter to place an order

Computer In-charge
 Army Public School,
 New Delhi
 28th September, 20XX
 The Manager
 Apple Incorporation
 Nehru Place,
 New Delhi

Subject : Placing an order for 20 computers and computer accessories

Sir/Ma'am

This is to inform you that our school management has decided to place an order for 20 computers and their accessories from your company since your computers are of superior quality.

I have gone through your latest catalogue of computers and the list of items are mentioned herewith. All the computers should be genuine Apple including some necessary softwares. Also, we have accepted the

institutional discount of 10% as has been offered by you.

List of Items	Apple Computer	Apple Headphones	Apple I-pad	Apple Laptop
No. of items	25	25	20	25

Kindly send the delivery within 15 days of the issue of this letter. Please note that all the ordered items—computers and computer accessories will be properly packed and there will be no damage caused during transportation. Any responsibility in this regard whether for future repairs or maintenance of items will be yours. All the payments will be made after the safe delivery of the systems through a crossed cheque within a month.

I hope you will adhere to the delivery timeline and will provide the best of the services.

Your truly
 Neha/Nihal Singh
 (Computer In-charge)

OR

Clean India, Green India

Cleanliness is next to Godliness and this can be achieved if we are clean and tidy as well as we keep our surroundings clean. The government has urged the people of India to realise this dream of clean India by maintaining cleanliness all the time.

It is appalling to see the people throwing trash in the open. We can see garbage dumped on the roadside and at the crossings. All this cause nauseating environment and influence various diseases like Cholera. Garbage should be thrown in dustbins and be disposed off after collecting. People should not throw polythene bags in the street and should reduce the use of materials which are non eco-friendly. They have to increase the use of cloth bags and plant more and more trees. Each of us should inculcate the habit of maintaining personal hygiene as well to lead a healthy life. We should not litter in public places and should not spit in the open. In fact, we have to pay a lot of attention towards cleaning ourselves as well as our environment.

It can be said that clean India is an important issue to be dealt with public awareness regarding it must certainly be spread. Clean India should be the rallying cry of the entire nation. Swachh Bharat Abhiyan is an effective way in this direction which can help to achieve cleaner and greener India.

4. Unity is Strength

Once there was an old man. He had four sons. They always quarrelled with one another. One fine day, the

old man thought of a plan to teach his sons the value of work as well as to bring unity among them. He called his sons and asked them to bring a bundle of few sticks. They brought the sticks. The old man gave one stick to each of his son and told them to break them. His sons broke the sticks.

Again, the old man gave his sons a big bundle of sticks and told to his sons now to break this bundle. They all tried hard to break that but they were not successful in this. Then, this time the old man told that a bundle of sticks was so difficult to be broken but a single stick had not any power and was broken easily. So, if all the sticks would together meet then no one could break them. In the same way, if you all would be united together then no one could defeat you.

Now, his sons realised their mistakes and they stopped quarrelling with each other. They began to live with happiness and were careful to each other.

OR

Franz and John Smith were two old men living in old age home near Cassine Square in Park Street. They were all alone as their wives were dead and their sons had settled abroad. But still they were enjoying their lives in this old age home. They used to go for morning walk together and do meditation and yoga in the nearby park. One day, while going across the road together, Franz saw his childhood friend, Jerome who too was suffering from the same disgust. All three went to the park and sat on a bench to share their miseries and memories.

Franz told his story about how he stopped into this old age home. He was finding difficult to accept his grim reality. It was only some years before yesterday that his children fought for a place in his arms. But when his children couldn't afford the steep medical expenses of their father, they abandon him. The tears came to his eyes. Jerome and John holded his hands and consoled him. Franz continued. He said his sons had taken all his property and left him alone there. How could a son thought his parents as unwanted burden and a source of hindrance in their progress and family. How could the children whom they brought up the young during their infancy and youth neglect their parents. This way, the three shared their feelings with each other. Soon, it became dark. Jerome hugged his friend and decided to return back to his home. Franz and John too stood up and said Jerome to meet again. Both returned to the old age home which was now a prison for them to spend rest to their lives.

For Visually Impaired Candidates Only

Once there was a boy named Kunal. He was a good student in his class and was well determined towards his studies. He scored good marks in all the subjects. His annual examinations were going on and was well prepared for them.

This was the day for English exam. He stood up early at about 4 a.m. to revise all his lessons and notes which he had prepared for practice. Thoroughly completing his revision, he got ready for school. He ate his breakfast and took his bag to arrive soon at the bus stop. The bus arrived but as he was going to enter the bus, he saw an old man crossing the road caught by a car. The old man fell down and hurt his left leg. Kunal instead of sitting in bus for school, ran towards the old man and held his arms. But the man was unconscious. Kunal called a passer-by to help him took the old man to a nearby hospital. Kunal admitted him and called the doctor to attend the old man. Immediately, Kunal rushed back to take a taxi for school. But he got late by one hour. The exam was going on. The teacher in the class scolded him for coming late. Kunal narrated the whole incident in brief to his teacher. The teacher became proud of him and appreciated him for his kind deed. Even, she allowed him to give exam. Kunal was so happy in doing such a kind act. When Kunal returned home, he told the whole story to his parents who were surprised to listen this soon, the examinations were over and it was time for his result. Kunal and his parents approached the school on the day of result. It was a matter of great excitement for them when they heard that kunal has stood first in the class. All were happy and were appreciating Kunal.

5. (a) (ii) are (b) (ii) are living
(c) (iii) and (d) (i) the
6. (a) in- of (b) from – of
(c) through- by (d) or - and
7. (a) Over 40 percent of the world's sugarcane is produced in Asia.
(b) Ethyl alcohol extracted from sugarcane can be used as fuel for cars.
(c) Gasoline is not the only thing that can power automobiles.
(d) Hydrogen also can be an alternative energy source.
8. (a) (i) Leslie Norris
(b) (i) for his prey
(c) drink water
(d) stay hidden, not coming to the forefront

OR

- (a) (i) Sinclair Lewis
(b) (ii) hack driver
(c) that oliver's mother had shouted at them, threatened them with an iron from the stove, laughed at them and driven them away.
(d) looking inside and trying to find something.
9. (a) Anil was contributed to magazines and wrote for a living. He didn't earn much so it was difficult for Hari Singh to understand his profession and thought his job was queer.

- (b) Bholi was a backward child. She had pockmarks all over her body and she stammered while speaking. She was not healthy and strong like her other siblings. Being the youngest in the family, the other children made fun of her and mimicked her. As a result, she talked very little. Her parents also thought that she was neither pretty nor intelligent and it would be difficult to marry her off. So, everyone in the family thought that Bholi was of no use and hence neglected her.
- (c) Anne was very talkative in nature. She didn't stop despite being punished. So her maths teacher punished her and asked her to write an essay as a punishment in which she expressed her talking as a student's trait. She defied the injustice through her three essays on the same topic. Her writings changed Mr. Keesing who justified her over-talkative nature. Mr. Keesing then never punished her.
- (d) According to Nelson Mandela, every man has the following two obligations in his life:
- (i) Obligations to his family— to his parents, to his wife and children.
 - (ii) Obligation to his people, his community, his country.
- (e) Custard, the dragon was very scared and always cried for a safe cage. So, Belinda and the others tickled him and always make fun of Custard for his cowardice. All of them considered the dragon to be a coward.
- (f) Bread is an important part of life in Goa as it is needed for all sorts of functions like marriages, birthdays, part of traditional cuisine etc. Marriage gifts are meaningless without the sweet bread known as *bol*. Sandwiches are prepared by mothers on the occasion of daughter's engagement. Cakes are a must for Christmas and other festivals. So, it can be said that bread is a must for Goan people.
10. Lencho had deep faith in God. He believes that God sees everything, even what is deep in one's conscience. So, when his crop is totally destroyed by the hailstorm, he decides to ask for help from God. He writes a letter to God asking for 100 pesos to provide for the sustenance of his family and to sow new crop. He addresses the letter 'To God', affixes a stamp and then posts it. When the postman reads the address he shows the letter to the postmaster. The postmaster reads the letter and is moved by the man's belief in God. He decides to help Lencho and also safeguard his belief in God. So, he collects money from his acquaintances and also donates a part of his salary. Still he is able to collect only 70 pesos. He puts the money in an envelope which is then delivered to Lencho. Lencho is not at all surprised to find an envelope with money addressed to him. He had full belief in God and was sure that God would definitely help him. However, when he counted the money, he grew angry on finding only 70 pesos. He thought that God had sent him 100 pesos but the

post office employees had stolen 30 pesos. So, it can be said that Lencho had deep faith in God but lacked faith in Humanity.

OR

It is a fact that the life of mortals in this world is full of troubles. It is brief and has pain. So, human life is a sad and unhappy experience. Death is a reality. Anyone who is born has to die one day. This reality is learnt by Kisa Gotami when she goes to get mustard seeds from a house where death has not occurred to be able to bring alive her dead son. She is not able to find such a house. Then she realises the basic truth of life. This is what Gautama, the Buddha, wanted to teach her. Wise men do not grieve at the death as they know this truth. Human life is full of trials and tribulations. It is filled with suffering and each person must overcome them. Real wisdom is to accept the inevitable truth and to continue the journey of life.

11. Matilda though born into a family of clerks and married to a petty clerk with the Board of Education, remains unhappy. She suffers from the feeling that she is born for all delicacies and luxuries but has to live miserably in poverty. So, when she has to attend the office party with her husband, she asks him for money to get a new dress. Her husband sacrifices the money he has saved to buy a gun to get her the dress. Then also, she is not content. She feels that she could look still more beautiful with a jewel. So, she borrows a necklace from her friend thinking that it is made of diamonds. At the party, she remains elegant, gracious, smiling and absolutely happy. She was thus the prettiest of all. But this vanity is short-lived and is the beginning of all troubles in her life. She loses the necklace and she gets a new diamond necklace as its replacement by borrowing heavily. Subsequently, she is pushed to live in poverty as she slogs for ten years to save money to pay back the huge debt. Then the horrible reality frightens her. She realises how her false pride has taken away her otherwise happy contented life.

The story of Matilda thus discusses the negative effects of ostentation and vanity which has landed her in trouble. It also stresses the importance of being satisfied with what one has with honesty, love and sacrifice.

OR

It is seen that human beings are in the habit of dreaming. They always dream about one thing or the other. Dreaming is very important for human progress. But, to fulfil one's dream, one needs ability and courage to take risks. One needs planning, courage and willingness to take risks. If one doesn't have these, one's life becomes boring. So, one must be able to take risks. All the great men have become great only by taking risks. They had the courage to pursue their dreams. When ordinary people slept, they worked hard to achieve their dreams. Valli's character shows all this. So, ability and courage to take risks are essential to fulfil one's dream.