

CBSE Class 10

English

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ENGLISH

(Language and Literature)

General Instructions:

- I. This question paper contains three sections READING, WRITING & GRAMMAR, and LITERATURE**
- II. Attempt questions based on specific instructions for each Part/Section.**

Section-A

(Reading)

- 1. Read the passage given below: **10 Marks****

(1) Milkha Singh, also known as The Flying Sikh, was an Indian track and field sprinter who was introduced to the sport while serving in the Indian Army. He is the only athlete to win gold in 400 meters at the Asian Games as well as the Commonwealth Games. He also won gold medals in the 1958

and 1962 Asian Games. He represented India in the 1966 Summer Olympics in Melbourne, the 1960 Summer Olympics in Rome, and the 1964 Summer Olympics in Tokyo. He was awarded the Padma Shri, India's fourth-highest civilian honor, in recognition of his sporting achievements.

(2) The race for which Singh is best remembered is his fourth-place finish in the 400 meters final at the 1960 Olympic Games. He led the race till the 200 m mark before easing off, allowing others to pass him. Singh's fourth-place time of 45.73 seconds was the Indian national record for almost 40 years.

(3) From beginnings that saw him orphaned and displaced during the partition of India, Singh became a sporting icon in the country. In 2008, journalist Rohit Brijnath described Singh as "the finest athlete India has ever produced".

(4) He was disappointed with his debut performance at the 1966 Melbourne Olympics. I returned to India, chastened by my poor performance in Melbourne. I had been so excited by the prospect of being part of the Indian Olympics team, but, hadn't realized how strong and professional the competition would be. My success in India had filled me with a false sense of pride and it was only when I was on the track that I saw how inconsequential my talents were when pitted against superbly fit and seasoned athletes. It was then that I understood what competition actually meant, and that if I wanted to succeed on the international arena, I must be prepared to test my mettle against the best athletes in the world."

(5) Then he decided to make sprinting the sole focus of his life. "Running had thus become my God, my religion and my beloved. "My life during those two years was governed by strict rules and regulations and a self-imposed penance. Every morning I would rise at the crack of dawn, get into my sports kit, and dash off to the track, where I would run two or three miles cross-country in the company of my coach.

(6) On how he pushed himself through the tough days of vigorous training. I practiced so strenuously that often I was drained of all energy, and there were times when I would vomit blood or drop-down unconscious through sheer exercise. My doctors and coaches warned me and asked me to slow down to maintain my health and equilibrium but my determination was too strong to give up. My only focus was to become the best athlete in the world. But then images of a packed stadium filled with cheering spectators, wildly applauding me as I crossed the finishing line, would flash across my mind and I would start again, encouraged by visions of victory."

Based on your reading answer any five questions from the six given below:

1x5=5

- i. What is Milkha Singh known as? What realization did Milkha Singh have when he was on the track during the Melbourne Olympics?**

Ans: Milkha Singh is known as the Flying Sikh. During the Melbourne Olympics, he realized that his international competitors were fitter and stronger than him. He needs to prepare himself more to succeed.

- ii. List any two of Milkha Singh's achievements.**

Ans: The two achievements of Milkha Singh are:

Milkha Singh is the only athlete to win a Gold medal in 400 meters in the Asian and Commonwealth Games.

He also won the Gold medal in the 1958 and 1962 Asian Games.

- iii. What strict rules and regulations did Milkha Singh follow?**

Ans: The strict rules and regulations followed by Milkha Singh are;

- 1) He always wakes up before the sun rises.
- 2) He used to run two or three miles across the country daily.

- iv. State two consequences of his hard and strenuous practice.**

Ans: His hard and strenuous practice drained him so much that he vomited blood and even dropped unconscious many times.

- v. What motivated Milkha Singh to become the best athlete in the world?**

Ans: Whenever he felt exhausted he visualized the images of a crowd-packed stadium cheering him up and applauding him near the finish line. These things motivated him to become the best athlete in the world.

vi. Explain the phrase 'I would start again' in the last sentence.

Ans: The phrase 'I would start again' means Whenever he was on the verge of giving up and losing hope he would remember the cheerful faces of his spectators and encourage himself to gain up the strength and again start practicing.

2. Read the following excerpt from a Case Study.

J.K. Rowling-A Journey The story of Joanne Kathleen Rowling's near magical rise to fame is almost as well known as the characters she creates.

Bowling was constantly writing and telling stories to her younger sister Dianne "The first story I ever wrote down was about a rabbit called Rabbit Rowling said in an interview. He got measles and was visited by his friends including a giant bee called Miss Bee. And ever since Rabbit and Miss Bee, I have always wanted to be a writer, though I rarely told anyone so

However, my parents, both of whom come from impoverished backgrounds and neither of whom had been to college, took the view that my overactive imagination was an amusing personal quirk that would

never pay a mortgage or secure a pension. A writer from the age of six, with two unpublished novels in the drawer, she was stuck on a train when Harry walked into her mind fully frothed. She spent the next five years constructing the plots of seven books, one for every year of his secondary school life.

Rowling says she started writing the first book, Harry Potter and the Sorcerer's Stone, in Portugal, where she was teaching English.

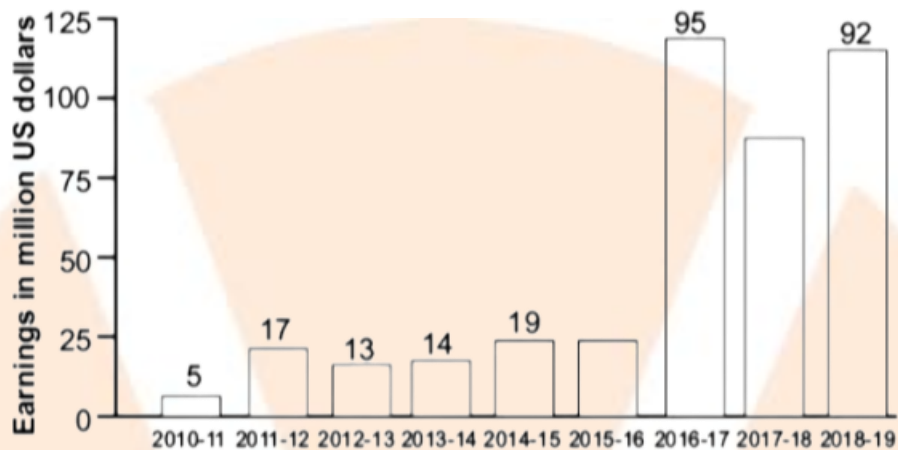
At first nobody wanted to publish Harry Potter. She was told that the plot was too complex. Refusing to promise, she found a publisher.

In 1997 Rowling received her first royalty cheque. By book three, she had skyrocketed to the top of the publishing world. A row of zeros appeared on the author's bank balance and her life was turned upside down. Day and night she had journalists knocking on the unanswered door of her flat.

Rowling's quality control has become legendary, as is her obsession with accuracy. She's thrilled with Stephen Fry's taped version of the books and

outraged that an Italian dust jacket showed Harry minus his glasses "Don't they understand that the glasses are the clue to his vulnerability."

Annual earnings of J.K. Rowling from 2010 to 2019.



On the basis of your understanding of the passage answer any five of the six questions given below.

i. Explain J.K. Rowling's 'near magical rise to fame'.

Ans: Jk Rowling's near magical rise to fame is well known as the character she creates I.e. Her popular characters led her to magical fame. She was on top of the world of publishing houses after book three was published and her bank balance increased.

ii. What reason did the publishers give for rejecting Rowling's book?

Ans: The reason that the publisher rejected Rowling's book is that She was told that her Harry Potter was too complex.

iii. What was the drawback of achieving fame?

Ans: The drawback of achieving fame was that she was approached day and night by journalists knocking at the door of her flat. It was becoming a nuisance and she did not respond to all of them.

iv. Why was Rowling outraged by the Italian dust jacket?

Ans: She was obsessed with quality and accuracy and therefore Rowling was outraged with the Italian dust jacket for showing Harry without glasses.

v. Find a word in the last para that means the same as 'insecure/helpless.'

Ans: Vulnerability is the word in the last para that means the same as insecure/helpless.

For the Visually Impaired Candidates:

vi. According to the graph, how many years did it take Rowling to become very successful?

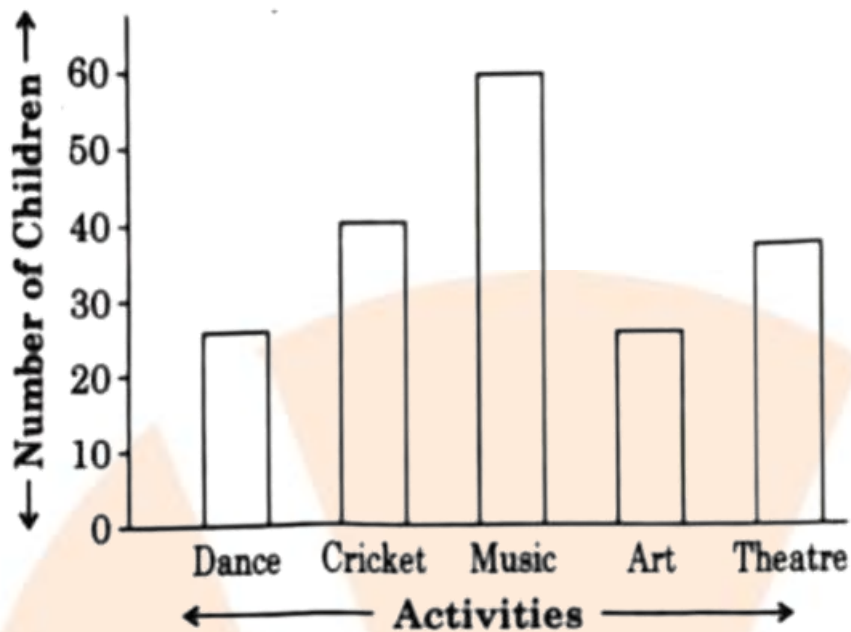
Ans: It took around 6 years for Rowling to become very successful.

Section-B

(Writing and Grammar)

3. Attempt any one from (i) and(ii) 10

i. A survey was conducted in the National Capital in over twenty schools about the different activities that interest the children in the age group of 13 years to 15 years. Write a paragraph in not more than 120 words, the following information. 5



Ans: The bar graph shows children aged between 13 – 15 years from twenty schools interested in different activities ranging from dance, cricket, music, art, and theatre.

It is evident from the graph that music is a clear-cut choice of all the students retaining a 100% preference by students in the schools. Cricket and theatre get an almost equal selection of approximately two-thirds of the students in the school. Dance and art are the least preferred leisure time activities with slightly less than half of the total students choosing them as their favourite activity.

Music is favoured by all the respondents. We must understand that each child is unique with a different set of interests and hobbies. Hence, they are widely distributed in their choice of free-time activities.

For the Visually Impaired Candidates

The school library is moving towards setting up a section of digital and audiobooks. However, teachers feel that the touch and feel of a paper book enhance the reading experience

Write an analytical paragraph on the above argument in not more than 120 words.

Ans: I do not disagree with the teachers' statement that touch and feel enhance the reading experience of a paper book. But one can't overlook the existence of digital and audiobooks in this tech era. Digital books serve

so many purposes – ease of access 24 hours reach and availability, no wear and tear reduction in handling and maintenance costs. Besides, teachers can conveniently share the screen of a digital book with the whole class and save time and energy and make the lessons interesting.

If an institution sticks to the traditional teaching ways and habits it will lag behind in the race of competition. To conclude, we should look forward and adapt our education system to ever-progressing technology.

- ii. **You are Niharika, in charge of the Neighborhood Library for children. Write a letter to Manautal Publishers placing an order for books 2 sets each of Panchatantra and Amar Chitra Katha in about 120 words. Mention mode of payment, library discount and date of delivery. 5**

Children's Library

Ram garh

Rajasthan

May 2nd, 2022

The Sales Manager

Manautal Publishers

Rajasthan

Subject: Online Order of Books

Dear Sir/Madam,

We wish to place an order of children's books for our library. Currently, we need 2 book sets each of Panchatantra and Amar Katha in English. We are expecting long business relations with your company if terms and conditions are favourable.

You are requested to send the above items properly packed within a period of one week of receiving this letter. Any damage to the products during transportation will be your responsibility. Instant cash payment shall be made to the delivery person. I expect a reasonable library discount would be adjusted in the invoice.

Waiting for your response.

Thank You

Yours sincerely,
Niharika (Incharge)
Children's Library

4. Read the conversation and complete the passage that follows: 2

Hitika: Can I borrow your Math book for a couple of days?

Mohit: Yes certainly, I have already studied for the test tomorrow.

Hitika asked Mohit (1)_____for a couple of days. Mohit agreed and said that(2)_____

Ans: Hitika asked Mohit (1) if she can borrow his Math book for a couple of days. Mohit agreed and said that(2) he already studied for the test.

5. The following paragraph has an error in each line with a blank. Write the correct and the incorrect word in the blanks provided. The first one has been done for you. 1×3=3 Marks

	Incorrect	Correct
A first Indian woman physician eg	A	The
Anandibai Joshi graduated at 1886.	_____	_____
About 125 years later, Indian women had start to outnumber men in	_____	_____
admissions of medical colleges	_____	_____

Ans:

	Incorrect	Correct
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Section – C
(Literature)

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6. Answer any six questions in 30-40 words each. 2 x 6 =12

i. Why are Kodavus permitted to carry firearms without (Glimpses of India)

Ans: Coorgi homes have a tradition of hospitality and they told the tales of their ancestors to their sons and fathers. The Kodavas carry firearms without a license because the firearms are a part of their tradition. Due to their tradition and culture, they were permitted to carry firearms. Even now, Kodavus are the only people in India permitted to carry firearms without a license.

ii. Why did Chubukov misunderstand the purpose of Lomov's visit? (The Proposal)

Ans: Chubukov misunderstands that Lomov has come to borrow money. He does not reveal his purpose of coming directly, instead, he says that he has come to trouble him with a request for help. He is utterly nervous and confused. Moreover, he mentions that he had already asked for his help twice before.

iii. As a reader do you identify with Amanda? How?

Ans: Amanda is a small girl who wants to be free of stress around her. The poem is a search for liberty where nobody should be there to command her. This little girl teaches me as a reader that a child is innocent and very sensitive and very creative.

iv. What two attributes of the Animals please the poet?

Ans: Calmness and self-contentedness are the two attributes of the animals that please the poet. These qualities of animals are deeply admired by the poet.

v. Why did everyone laugh at the realio, trulio dragon? (The Tale of Custard the Dragon)

Ans: Belinda tickled the dragon unmercifully because the dragon was very scared and always cried for a safe cage. They all laughed at him as the dragon was very cowardly.

vi. How did Ebright get the idea of his new theory about cell life? (Making of Scientist)

Ans: During junior year, Ebright got the idea for his new theory about cell life. He was looking at X-ray photos of the chemical structure of a hormone. Seeing the photos, he knew how the cells could read the blueprint of their DNA. In this way, Ebright got the idea for his new theory about cell life.

vii. Why was the narrator happy to go to New Mullion? (The Hack Driver)

Ans: The narrator did not like the dirty and dark sides of city life. He thought that he would find some beautiful sights in New Mullion. So, he was happy to go there.

7. Answer *any two* of the following in about 120 words each. 4 x 2

i. As Valli, make a diary entry about your experience of riding the bus alone for the first time. (Madam Rides the Bus) 4

Ans: 01/05/2022

Sunday

11.35 PM

Dear Dairy,

Today, I travelled in a Bus alone for the first time. I saved the bus fair for today's ride from a long time. In the journey I met a jolly conductor who greeted me saying "Madam". The bus was new and painted in green and white colour stripes. The bus was comfortable and seats were luxurious. I enjoyed watching mountains, green fields, and palm trees grassland on the way. After some time the bus reached the final destination and all the passengers got down. As I was only there for a ride so I stayed back in bus for return.

On return I saw a cow dead on the street which was very heart breaking. I felt very sad and my whole mood was spoiled, but at last I enjoyed a lot and it was remembrable ride for me.

ii. How does Buddha bring about a different perspective in Kisa Gotami's understanding of life''? (The Sermon at Benaras) 4

Ans: Buddha brought about a different perspective in such a way that Gautama Buddha told her to bring a handful of mustard seeds from a house where death had never knocked at the door. She moved door to door for a handful of mustard seeds but she didn't get a handful of mustard seeds from any house. This way she became aware that death is common to all human beings. The Buddha changed her perception. She understood that man could not get peace of mind by grieving.

iii. As a reader do you sympathize with Matilda? Give reasons from text to support your answer. (The Necklace) 4

Ans: I did not sympathize with Matilda because if he had earlier told her friend about the whole incident, then she would be living a better life than her present situation. She didn't believe her friend, that's why she hadn't told her. She was born into a poor family and got married to a common clerk. She knows her condition yet she dreams of things that are beyond her control.