

Solution

PREBOARD EXAM- 2 2025-26

Class 10 - English Language and Literature

Section A - Reading Skills

1.
 - i. **(b)** Renewable energy sources are inexhaustible whereas alternative energy sources could be exhaustible.
 - ii. The tone of the writer in the given lines from paragraph 4 is optimistic and confident. The writer acknowledges past challenges but emphasizes the positive changes that have occurred due to advancements in technology and increased demand, making alternative energy sources more accessible and practical for consumers.
 - iii. Geothermal electricity is generated by tapping into underground reservoirs of hot water and steam to produce heat and electricity, often used for heating and cooling buildings. Hydroelectricity, on the other hand, is produced from the energy of moving water, typically from dams, which causes turbine blades to move and generate electricity.
 - iv. In the past, alternative energy sources were not used much by the consumers because the equipment necessary to harness energy from these sources was too expensive.
 - v. The two sets of antonyms are: **(b)** exhaustible and inexhaustible **(e)** sustainable and exhaustible
 - vi. The leader of the renewable energy pack is wind energy because it is versatile and can be used for both small-scale individual use and large-scale community power generation.
 - vii. **(c)** There are plenty of renewable energy sources that can be used to replace traditional energy sources.
 - viii. **True**
2.
 - i. The cost of solving or reducing traffic congestion is enormous.
 - ii. 1, 2
 - iii. Proper implementation of corrective measures by citizens.
 - iv. (1) People prefer to travel on roads
(2) Growth in demand of private vehicles
 - v. Peak
 - vi. environment
 - vii. traffic congestion
 - viii. A. Both (A) and (R) are true, and (R) is the correct explanation of (A).

SECTION B GRAMMAR

3. Complete ANY TEN of twelve of the following tasks, as directed

(i) The correct form of the word is **“damaged”**.

(ii)	error	correction
	Boast	Boasts

(iii)not to play on the grass.

(iv) **(c)** The teacher said that the boy might be allowed to go home then.

Explanation:

The teacher said that the boy might be allowed to go home then.

(v) Much

(vi)	Error	Correction
	foods	food

(vii)	Error	Correction
	in	on

(viii) **(b)** turn to

Explanation:

turn to

(ix)and asked when the competition was.

(x) **(a)** He prayed that his son might live long.

Explanation:

He prayed that his son might live long.

(xi) A. has been broken

The whole situation presented in the extract states the present condition.

(xii)	error	correction
	of	from

SECTION B CREATIVE WRITING SKILLS

4. 3B, Sector II,
Rajendra Nagar,
New Delhi
June 5, 2018
The Editor,
The India Daily Times,
New Delhi
Sir,

Subject: Importance of Subways

Through the columns of your esteemed daily, I'd like to express my concern over the use of subways in New Delhi. Actually, these infrastructures are meant to ease the traffic problem for pedestrians but instead of using subways, they are in the habit of jumping railings as a shortcut to reach the other side of the road and by doing this, pedestrians are prone to accidents. Many footpaths are occupied by vendors, there is stagnant water, accumulation of filth near or around these footpaths and people and throw garbage on footpaths but not in the dumping yards. Some subways are totally in poor condition, don't have proper infrastructure. In spite of bearing these causes of apathy, pedestrians don't feel the importance of these subways, constructed for their convenience and incurring a great amount of government expenditure.

For the safety of these pedestrians, the government should spread awareness about the importance of these subways. They should be properly maintained.

Thank you,

Yours sincerely,

Somya.

OR

A-6, 258, Paschim Vihar
Delhi-110 063
6th November 2018
The Editor
The Hindustan
Kasturba Gandhi Marg
Delhi

Subject: Poor maintenance of public parks

Sir

Through the columns of your esteemed newspaper, I would like to draw the attention of the concerned authorities towards the poor maintenance of the public parks.

It saddens me to say that parks. Serve so many purposes in a community. It provides playing space to children, socializing space to adults and a healthy environment to people, are in a pathetic state these days. The gardeners are not regular and the plants are not pruned regularly as a result, the park gives an ugly look. Heaps of garbage can be seen everywhere, also the boundaries are broken. Also, the park has become the favorite halting place of stray cattle and dogs.

There is cow dung all around, making the place a breeding ground for insects and they, in turn, welcome diseases.

The same public park once used to be the pride of our society and a common place for community interaction. Children too are forced to play on the streets due to their unkempt condition.

Therefore, I would like to request the concerned authorities to improve the condition of the park for the convenience of the local residents.

I request you to give some space to my voice in your esteemed newspaper.

Thanking you,

Yours truly,

Reshma.

5. The given bar graph depicts the number of students of class eleventh opted for stream of arts, science and commerce in the years 2017 to 2019 in a school in Gurugram.

The graph clearly illustrates that the number of students opted for arts is comparatively less than the number of students opted for science and commerce in all the given three years. The year 2018 has shown a hike of approximately 5 more students but it declined again in 2019 where only five students have opted it.

In contrast, the scenario is completely different when it comes to the stream of science and commerce, where 25 out of 40 students opted have for science whereas 32 students preferred commerce stream in 2017. In 2018, a hike of 5 students has been seen in science stream whereas there is a decline of 3 students in commerce levelling off to 27 students only. In 2019, the number of students opted for science is almost equal to the year 2018. There is striking increase in the number of students opted for commerce in 2019 which is the highest number in the given three years.

On comparing the three type of given streams, commerce has the highest number of students. Science is also preferred by a good number of students but arts is the least preferred among all the three streams. In a nutshell interest of commerce has increased among students. Science also, has a significant number of students interested in it. However, very less number of students preferred arts over science and commerce.

OR

Loss of Forest Cover in Uttarakhand

The chart shows the loss of forest cover in Uttarakhand due to various development and commercial activities. It can be seen that mining activities have resulted in the largest loss of forest cover, with 8,760 hectares being impacted. Road construction has also contributed significantly to the loss, with 7,539 hectares being affected. The installation of power distribution lines and hydropower plant projects has resulted in a lesser loss of forest cover, with 2,332 hectares and 2,295 hectares being impacted respectively. However, various other smaller activities, such as railway construction, defence work, and building construction, have together resulted in a significant loss of 20,998 hectares of forest cover. These findings highlight the need for careful planning and implementation of development and commercial activities in order to minimize their impact on the environment and protect valuable forest cover.

SECTION C - LITERATURE

6. Read the given extracts and answer the questions for ANY ONE of the two, given.

- (i) i. (a) a spy
- ii. Though Max was very cunning and he came prepared with a gun but he was indeed no match to Ausable. He was easily misled by Ausable into believing that there was a balcony attached to the room. So we can say that Max was a smaller spy before Ausable and he was also unprepared for his mission
- iii. a waiter
- iv. Hesitate
- (ii) i. The postmaster decided to answer the letter.
- ii. (C) Thoughtful [The postmaster asked for money from his employees, friends and he himself gave part of his salary to help the writer of the letter.]
- iii. With good intentions, the postmaster read the letter and thought of replying to it so as to keep the writer's trust in God intact. But the writer expected the reply in a different way that could not be fulfilled with pen, paper, and morals as he had demanded for 100 pesos.
- iv. clear/noticeable

7. Read the given extracts and answer the questions for ANY ONE of the two, given.

- (i) i.the sun, which is non-human, is attributed the human feature of having feet.
- ii. False - (Trees are symbolic of woman. Adrienne Rich is a feminist poet.)
- iii. Option - A (Trees are an integral part of nature/forest. So, it is unnatural to depict treeless forest.)
- iv. A forest is a natural habitat for numerous birds and insects. When forests are cleared, no bird can make its nest, nor can insects hide in the bark of the trees and there's nothing to shade the area from sunlight.
- (ii) i. (b) Students trickled into the classroom as the teacher entered.
- ii. Blink hid in his little mouse hole in order to save himself.
- iii. Fled
- iv. When Belinda looked at the pirate she turned pale with fear and cried loudly for help. All her brave pets fled from the place. Mustard cried and ran away. Ink silently went to the bottom of the house and Blink very smartly disappeared in a mouse hole, leaving Belinda all alone.

8. Answer ANY FOUR of the following five questions, in about 40-50 words

- (i) In olden times, the baker had great importance among the villagers. Every festival and occasion would be incomplete without anything made from bread. The baker's sweet-bread was very popular among the villagers. Marriage gifts were meaningless without this sweet bread known as the 'Bol'.
- (ii) The poet in "A Tiger in the Zoo" contrasts the tiger's natural habitat in the jungle with its captivity in a zoo. This movement underscores the confinement and loss of freedom experienced by the tiger, highlighting the contrast between its wild, predatory nature and its subdued, restricted existence in captivity. It evokes a sense of pity for the tiger and raises awareness about the impact of human intervention on wild animals.
- (iii) Chubukov receives Lomov and gives him a warm welcome. He treats him with a lot of respect and politeness. However, when Lomov tells him that he has come to trouble him, Chubukov thinks that he has come to borrow money.
- (iv) Anne believed that paper had more patience than people because it listens silently without interruption, remains non-judgmental, allows her to confide secrets securely, and never interrupts her. This patient listening provided her with a safe and non-reactive outlet for expression, unlike interacting with other people
- (v) 'Desire' propels us in hot pursuit of something, hence, it is compared with fire. The lust to fulfil uncontrolled desires inundates a person into a bog from where he cannot be saved and hence, demolished in every possible manner. 'Hatred' makes us cold towards others' feelings. The coldness of ice can numb our senses and the coldness of our hearts can numb our kindness.

9. Answer ANY TWO of the following three questions, in about 40-50 words.

- (i) Mrs. Pumphrey treated Tricki, her Pekingese dog, with excessive pampering. She indulged him with luxurious meals and treats, leading to Tricki's obesity. She served him with cream cakes, chocolates, cod liver oil and treated him like her son. Her overbearing care and devotion to Tricki contributed to the dog's health problems and the need for surgery in the story.
- (ii) Bholi first did not want to go to school along with her father because she did not know anything about school. When her father suddenly caught by her hand, she got frightened. She thought she would also be sold as her old cow, Lakshmi was sold. But when she was bathed and was given a clean dress and her hair was oiled, she thought that she was going to a better place than her home. As no one took her care like that earlier.
- (iii) The two boys were chasing the footprints of a scientist whose name was Griffin. He had just discovered how the human body could be invisible. He had set his landlord's house on fire, so he was wandering without clothes. His feet had created imprints on mud and the boys were surprised to see them.

10. Answer ANY ONE of the following two questions, in about 100-120 words

- (i) Yes, two interpretations of the story would be different. Spiritually, a person has deep faith in God and he recalls him in the time of distress he will definitely be answered. God will surely send help through his messengers as done in chapter 1. A letter to god. The postmaster became the messenger of God. Whereas psychologically, it interprets 'Never say die' till the end.

The narrator might also have got the insight of never to lose hope in the most hopeless situation. No one knows who may come to save you. The narrator was hopeless when he was caught in the storm. He lost all contact with Paris control and all his instruments were dead. Then came a help from unknown source in form of the mysterious pilot of the black aeroplane to guide the narrator to safety.

- (ii) **Nelson Mandela:** Greetings, trees. It is an honour to speak with you today.

Trees: It is an honour to speak with you as well, Nelson Mandela.

Nelson Mandela: I am interested in hearing your thoughts on freedom.

Trees: For us, freedom means being able to grow and reach for the sky without being hindered by humans.

Nelson Mandela: That is a beautiful way of looking at freedom. I think humans could learn a lot from you trees about what freedom really means.

Trees: But what does freedom mean to you, Mr. Mandela?

Nelson Mandela: With age and experience I understood the real meaning of freedom. As I grew older, freedom to raise a family and freedom to earn livelihood started dominating my thoughts. Tell me about your struggles for freedom, would you please?

Trees: Every confined part of us rose in revolt and struggle. Our roots struggle all night to break free from the cracks in the veranda floor. Our leaves struggle to come out of the glass. Small twigs have become hard due to overwork. Long cramped boughs broke open the roof and came out. How you fought against the apartheid system?

Nelson Mandela: I joined African National Congress and the desire for my own freedom got converted into the larger desire for freedom of every one of my communities.

Trees: Bravo! Freedom is the most important thing. No matter what happens, we must always fight for our freedom.

11. Answer ANY ONE of the following two questions, in about 100-120 words.

(i) 20th July Monday 9:00 PM

I couldn't recognise Matilda at all. I wish she had told me the truth about the necklace, which she didn't. I feel so sorry for her. The poor lady had to go through so much just for the sake of one artificial necklace worth 400 francs. I am surprised she hid this all from me fearing I would demand the real price of the necklace from her. Oh! I wish she should have at least spoken to me once, so that I could have got her out of this predicament. My innocent friend, Matilda, whom I love so dearly, had to go through this pain of having lost my necklace in the ball. She during this course of life has become a much tougher person. She no longer is that sweet face of woman she used to be. It clearly pains to see her like this. I would like to help her.

Madam Forestier

(ii) Hari Singh was 15 years old. He was an experienced and successful thief. His cleverness and intelligence were the reasons for his success. He planned everything meticulously before choosing his victims. He went to places where he would meet an unsuspecting victim. He would then veer his confidence to get a job and then run away after stealing money from there. Then, he used to change his name to fool the police and his former employers. He got a job as a cook, though he could not cook well. He was a greedy boy. He was a liar. He was cruel enough to rob a simple and trusting man like Anil. He was able to steal six hundred rupees from his house. But, at the end of the story, a transformation took place in his heart and he decided to go back to Anil and keep his trust alive. In my opinion, this shows that there is goodness concealed in even the worst of men. He overcame his evil thoughts with the help of his conscience.