

SAMPLE PAPER FOR PERIODIC TEST 1
CLASS- X ENGLISH LANGUAGE & LITERATURE
SET I 2023-24

MARKS: 40

TIME: 90 MIN

READING [10 MARKS]

1 Read the passage given below:

1. The role, friends play in our lives, has become significantly greater than at any other time in our history. Today many of us live and work at great distances from where we were born or we grew up and are separated from our original families. The pain we feel when we are away from our families can be significant.
2. The happiness of the individual relies on friendships which form a necessary human connection. It is perfectly normal to need and want friends and depression is more prevalent among those who lack friends. They lack the intimacy and richness friends can bring into our lives. Frequently friends reflect similar values to us. Yet these values are often different from the ones we grew up with; they are the values we created for ourselves in our adult lives.
3. Communications skills are fundamental in all friendships. The more friends and acquaintances one has, the greater are one's communication skills. Some call these skills 'people skills'.
4. Like watering a plant, we grow our friendships (and all our relationships) by nurturing them. Friendships need the same attention as other relationships if they are to continue. These relationships can be delightfully non-judgmental, supportive, understanding and fun.
5. Sometime a friendship can bring our positive side that you never show in any other relationship. This may be because the pressure of playing a 'role' (daughter, partner or child) is removed. With a friend you are to be yourself and free to change. Of course, you are free to do this in all other relationships as well but in friendships you get to have lots of rehearsals and discussion about changes as you experience them. It is an unconditional experience where you receive as much as you give. You can explain yourself to a friend openly without the fear of hurting a family member. How do friendships grow? The answer is simple. By revealing yourself; being attentive; remembering what is most important to your friend and asking them about it; putting yourself in their position; showing empathy; seeing the world through the eyes of your friend, you will understand the value of friendship. In turn we gain values of tolerance and acceptance for our own differences.
6. Friendships offer a great opportunity to learn about yourself because a friend can reflect back to you 'how you come across in the world'. They also allow you practice skills in dealing with 'personal boundaries' by looking after yourself as well as your

friend. They help you develop resilience in relation to the wider social world beyond your family.

Based on your understanding of the passage ,answer the following questions. [10]

i. We are separated from our families as we-

- A. feel important
- B. have become significant
- C. Live and work at distant places
- D. rely on friendships

ii. According to the passage, one cause of depression is-

- A. lack of friends
- B. intimacy
- C. Richness
- D. values

iii. One can improve communication skills by

- A. creating richness
- B. by having more friends
- C. getting attention
- D. remaining silent

iv. Communication skills are also known as:

- A. Person skills
- B. Man skills
- C. Woman skills
- D. People skills

v. According to the passage, find out the odd one-

- A. technological skills
- B. active listening skills
- C. negotiation skills
- D. questioning skills

vi. Why do friends play a more significant role today than ever before?

- A. because of we can gain money through friendship.

B. because today we are staying away from our original family for work and other reasons .

C. because today friendship is a matter of status.

D. actually we don't need friends.

vii. Complete the line -

Friendships offer a great opportunity to learn about yourself
because.....

viii. Mention whether True or False -

Friendship is like other relationships .It needs the same attention that they need .

ix. Mention two essential human values that help friendship to grow.

A. tolerance and acceptance for our differences

B. perseverance and hard work

C. mentorship and protection

D. planting and watering trees

x. Pick out the word from the para 2 which is similar to 'sadness'.

WRITING AND GRAMMAR [10 MARKS]

II. You are Padam, office in-charge at Vayusena School, Sant colony, Vishakhapatnam. Place an order of stationery items for the school office to Modern store, New Market, Vishakhapatnam. [5]

III. Attempt **ANY FIVE** of the following questions. [5]

i. Pick the correct option:

Each student (has/have/are/were) to understand the issue.

ii. Correct the Error:

A typical mountain climbing group will have 8-15 people in it with a equal number of guides.

Use this format to write your answer

Error	Correction

iii. Read the sentence given below and complete the statement using the correct option :

‘We take care of our elderly parents and grandparents. It’s our duty .’

- A. ought to
- B. used to
- C. may
- D. could

iv. This is a line from a horoscope corner of a newspaper-

Supply the correct use of the word given in bracket.

‘Spend quality time with your family. A short trip (be) likely to happen in the coming days.’

v. Yesterday, Mom was out for the shopping. She came and said to me, “Bring a glass of water, please.” Choose the correct option reporting her sentence-

- A. She commands me to bring a glass of water.
- B. She requested me to bring a glass of water.
- C. She asked me to brought a glass of water.
- D. She ordered me to bring her a glass of water.

vi. This is a statement from the interview of a ranker in CSE

“A novice like me was guided by the able mentors of my school.”

Choose the correct reporting of his statement

- A. He said that a novice like him had been guided by the able mentors of his school
- B. He said that a novice like him is guided by the able mentors of his school
- C. He said that a novice like him was guided by the able mentors of my school
- D. He said that a novice like me was guided by the able mentors of his school

LITERATURE [20 MARKS]

IV Read the extract given below carefully and answer the questions that follow: [5]

“The way a crow

Shook down on me

The dust of snow

From a hemlock tree

Has given my heart

A change of mood

And saved some part

Of a day I had rued".

(a) What do the 'crow' and 'hemlock' symbolise?

(b) The mood of the poet changed because_____ .

(c) What does the poet mean when he says and saved some part of the day?

(d) Who shook the dust of snow?

(e) What did the tree have on it then?

V. Answer the following questions in 40-50 words: [3*3=9]

i. Why does the postmaster send money to Lencho? Why does he sign the letter 'God'?

ii. Lencho calls the raindrops 'new coins'. Why does he call them so?

iii. Lencho describes the post office employees as "a bunch of crooks."

(a) Were they a bunch of crooks?

(b) How would you describe them?

VI. What do the metaphors of 'ice' and 'fire' convey to the readers? Don't they represent the two extremes of human behaviour that can lead to the destruction and death of this world? What is the message that the poet wants to give to the readers? [6]