CBSE 2024 English — Set 3

English Medium

Time Allowed: 3 Hours | Maximum Marks: 80

General Instructions:

1. This question paper contains 45 questions. All questions are compulsory.
2. Section A — Reading Skills (20 marks).
3. Section B — Creative Writing Skills (16 marks).
4. Section C — Grammar (8 marks).
5. Section D — Literature (36 marks).

Section A — Reading Skills

Comprehension (1-2 marks each)

Q.1 [1 mark]

(Q1.i) Which of the following statements best describes the difference between renewable energy sources and alternate energy sources?

(a) Alternative energy sources are more expensive than renewable energy sources.

(b) Renewable energy sources are inexhaustible whereas alternate energy sources could be exhaustible.

(c) Alternative energy sources are as renewable as renewable energy sources.

(d) Renewable energy sources are exhaustible but alternative energy sources are inexhaustible.

Q.2 [1 mark]

(Q1.ii) What is the tone of the writer in the given lines from para (4)? Rationalise your response in about 40 words.

"However, thanks to increased demand, more experienced energy developers, competitive supply chains, improved renewable technologies, and enhanced energy efficiency capabilities, that's no longer the case."

Q.3 [1 mark]

(Q1.iii) Complete the sentence appropriately:

In the past, alternative energy sources were not used much by the consumers because _____.

Q.4 [1 mark]

(Q1.iv) The passage includes some words that are opposites of each other.

From the sets (a) to (e) below, identify 2 sets of antonyms:

(a) (b) exhaustible and inexhaustible, and (e) sustainable and exhaustible
(b) (a) generate and produce, and (c) subtle and versatile
(c) (c) subtle and versatile, and (d) power and energy
(d) (a) generate and produce, and (d) power and energy

Q.5 [1 mark]

(Q1.v) Who is the leader of the renewable energy pack and why?

Q.6 [1 mark]

(Q1.vi) Based on the reading of the passage, examine, in about 40 words, the difference between geothermal electricity and hydroelectricity.

Q.7 [1 mark]

(Q1.vii) What is the message conveyed by the passage?

(a) Only those energy sources should be used which are renewable.
(b) Wind energy is a renewable as well as inexhaustible source of energy.
(c) There are plenty of renewable energy sources that can be used to replace traditional energy sources.
(d) Alternative energy sources are the emerging energy trends and are still evolving.

Q.8 [1 mark]

(Q1.viii) State whether the following statement is True or False with reference to the given extract:

Hydroelectricity as a renewable energy source is used for residential as well as commercial purposes.

Q.9 [1 mark]

(Q2.i) Infer one reason for the following, based on the information given in

paragraph 4:

'Colourful badge was sewn on to the uniform and bags of the Scouts.'

Q.10 [1 mark]

(Q2.ii) From paragraph 1, we can infer that Scout Movement was set up _____.

Section B — Creative Writing Skills

Writing (3-5 marks each)

Q.11 [5 marks]

(Q2.iii) Complete the following analogy correctly with a word/phrase from paragraph 4:

10 years : decade :: 100 years : _____

Q.12 [5 marks]

(Q2.iv) After reading the passage, bring a contrast between the books 'Aids to Scouting' and 'Scouting for Boys'.

Q.13 [5 marks]

(Q2.v) What does the writer mean by the following phrase?

'One world one promise'

Q.14 [5 marks]

(Q2.vi) According to the chart, which country took maximum time to introduce 'Guiding' after 'Scouting'? Choose your answer from the options given below:

(a) India

(b) Indonesia
(c) Thailand
(d) Philippines

Q.15 [5 marks]

(Q2.vii) List two reasons why a flame was lit at Baden-Powell's grave in 2007.

(a) _____
(b) _____

Section C — Grammar

Grammar (1-3 marks each)

Q.16 [1 mark]

(Q2.viii) Fill in the blank by selecting the correct option:

The establishment of Scout movement from 1907 to 2006 showed _____ results.

(a) uniform
(b) encouraging
(c) inconsistent
(d) disappointing

Q.17 [1 mark]

(Q3.i) Fill in the blank by using the correct form of the word in the bracket, for the given portion of a letter.

Sir,
Enclosed is the report that _____ (summarize) the study conducted on the impact of climate change on crop yield in the region.

Q.18 [1 mark]

(Q3.ii) Read the given sentence from a recipe review article. Identify the error and supply the correction in the sentence.

The cake recipe was to sweet for my liking, but the texture was perfect.

Error | Correction

Q.19 [1 mark]

(Q3.iii) Marie and Peter had a conversation about volunteer work. Report Marie's question.

What kind of skills have you imbibed from this volunteer work?

Q.20 [1 mark]

(Q3.iv) Read the dialogue between Adam and Emma about a career option.

Adam: Why did you opt for a career in journalism?
Emma: I couldn't resist my love for storytelling and my desire to expose the truth.

Select the option to complete the reporting of the above dialogue:

Adam asked Emma _____ in journalism. Emma passionately expressed that she couldn't resist her love for storytelling and her desire to expose the truth.

Q.21 [1 mark]

(Q3.v) Fill in the blank by choosing the correct option to complete an issued circular by an organisation, to its Managers.

Please refer to the attached conference schedule and _____ (it/these/them)

should be circulated among all attendees for their reference.

Q.22 [1 mark]

(Q3.vi) Identify the error and supply correction for the given sentence from a public health campaign.

The campaign's focus is on reduce sugar intake among children by promoting healthier snacks.

Error | Correction

Q.23 [1 mark]

(Q3.vii) Select the option that identifies the error and supplies the correction from a scientific review.

The study examines the association among exposure to sunlight and vitamin D levels in the body.

Option No. | Error | Correction
(A) examines | examine
(B) to | for
(C) among | between
(D) levels | level

Q.24 [1 mark]

(Q3.viii) Complete the given narrative, by filling in the blank with the correct option.

The opportunity to volunteer at the local food bank made me _____ the challenges faced by underprivileged communities.

(a) realizing
(b) to realize
(c) realized
(d) realize

Q.25 [1 mark]

(Q3.ix) Report the dialogue between a vendor and his customer, by completing the sentence:

Vendor: We missed your usual visits, sir.
Customer: I know, I had to travel for work.

The vendor expressed that the customer's regular visits were missed, reaching out to the customer. The customer acknowledged this and clarified that _____.

Q.26 [1 mark]

(Q3.x) Fill in the blank by choosing the correct option to complete the update on the school's chess team.

It's a victorious day!
Our school's chess team _____ the interschool chess championship.

(a) has been won
(b) will winning
(c) was winning
(d) has won

Q.27 [1 mark]

(Q3.xi) Complete the line from a song by filling in the blank with the correct option.

The whispering leaves tell your tale,
The silent stones _____ your journey,
The sun casts light on your path,
Leading you towards tomorrow's glory.

(a) have echoed
(b) echo
(c) echoes
(d) shall echo

Section D — Literature

Textbook Questions (2-5 marks each)

Q.28 [2 marks]

(Q3.xii) Identify the error and supply correction for this sentence from an economic analysis.

The relationships of the country's inflation rate and the GDP growth was analysed.

Error | Correction

Q.29(a) [2 marks]

(Q4.a) You are Kapil/Kavita, sports secretary of Ajax World School, Gurugram. You want to place an order for sports articles for the school cricket team to Rotary Sports, Janakpuri, New Delhi. Write a letter in about 120 words. Remember to include relevant information about quantity and quality of products, specific details, school discount, delivery date and mode of payment.

Q.29(b) [2 marks]

(Q4.b) You are Rahul/Rita, a student of DRR World School, Preet Vihar,

Prem Nagar. You have recently noticed that the street in front of the school is being used as a thoroughfare by vehicles because of the construction work on the main street. This has led to a number of near fatal accidents involving school students who have become vulnerable to road injuries and exposure to toxic air and noise pollution while going to school. Write a letter to the Editor of a local daily in about 120 words highlighting the problem. You may also suggest possible solutions such as road safety signages, speed breakers, traffic timings.

Q.30(a) [2 marks]

(Q5.a) Read the following excerpt from a newspaper on the problem of car parking and its impact.

A survey conducted on the residents showed that car parking in colonies has risen due to an increase in the number of cars per family. This has resulted in ugly incidents of road rage. Most of the families revealed that they are facing multiple issues due to this situation. There is no place for visitors to park and residents themselves park their cars haphazardly. In addition there is an increase in commercial vehicles parked outside colony gates, thus blocking exits.

Write a paragraph in about 120 words to analyse the news clipping.

OR

Q.30(b) [2 marks]

(Q5.b OR) The following data shows global literacy rates of different age groups and gender in a particular year. Write an analytical paragraph describing and analysing the given data.

Global literacy rate %:

	12-15 years	15-24 years	25-64 years	65 years and older
Men	88	90	88	80
Women	80	88	79	75

Q.31(a) [2 marks]

(Q6.a.i) What do you infer from the following statement?

"The inauguration would be the largest gathering ever of international leaders on South African Soil."

Q.0 [0 mark]

(Q6.a.ii) Explain in about 40 words the effective shift from white supremacy to a rainbow gathering.

Q.0 [0 mark]

(Q6.a.iii) Which phrase would correctly substitute 'pleasantly besieged' in the given sentence from that extract?

Q.0 [0 mark]

(Q6.a.iv) State true or false with reference to the given extract:

In the past the 'amphitheatre' had been a seat for theatrical performances.

OR

Q.31(b) [2 marks]

(Q6.b OR.i) State any one inference about Anne from the given context.

"Anyone could ramble on and leave big spaces between the words, but the trick was to come up with convincing arguments to prove the necessity of talking."

Q.0 [0 mark]

(Q6.b OR.ii) In about 40 words, elaborate on the justification Anne gives for her talkative nature.

Q.0 [0 mark]

(Q6.b OR.iii) Which one of the following best describes the tone of the given extract?

(a) derogatory
(b) persuasive
(c) nostalgic
(d) cautionary

Q.0 [0 mark]

(Q6.b OR.iv) Which phrase would correctly substitute 'ramble on' in the given sentence from the extract?

Q.32(a) [2 marks]

(Q7.a.i) Explain the contrast created by the words, 'stalks' and 'few steps of his cage'.

Q.0 [0 mark]

(Q7.a.ii) Which of the following best describes the tiger's feelings in the context?

(a) anger
(b) conflicted
(c) pessimism
(d) apprehension

Q.0 [0 mark]

(Q7.a.iii) Comment in about 40 words on the poet's use of imagery in the above extract.

Q.0 [0 mark]

(Q7.a.iv) Which word in the stanza means the same as 'clear and bright'?

OR

Q.32(b) [2 marks]

(Q7.b OR.i) When the poet says that 'no one buys a ball back', what does he refer to in the context of the poem?

Q.0 [0 mark]

(Q7.b OR.ii) Complete the sentence with an appropriate option:

The lines from the poem tell us that the boy is experiencing _____.

(a) distress
(b) terror
(c) realisation
(d) elation

Q.0 [0 mark]

(Q7.b OR.iii) What is the significance of the term 'desperate' used to describe the boy's eyes in the poem, and how does it contribute to the overall mood and tone of the poem?

Q.0 [0 mark]

(Q7.b OR.iv) Identify and discuss the poet's use of metaphor in the poem 'The Ball Poem'.

Q.33 [2 marks]

(Q8.i) Explain the irony in the chapter, 'A Letter to God'.

Q.34 [2 marks]

(Q8.ii) "During our childhood in Goa, the baker used to be our friend,

companion and guide." What does this statement imply in relation to the character of the baker? (Glimpses of India)

Q.35 [2 marks]

(Q8.iii) It is our attitude towards a situation that makes it positive or negative. Do you agree? Express your views with reference to the poem, 'Dust of Snow'.

Q.36 [2 marks]

(Q8.iv) Belinda and other animals have been described as brave. But on seeing the pirate they behaved in a cowardly way. How did they react? (A Tale of Custard the Dragon)

Q.37 [2 marks]

(Q8.v) Flying is a natural act in birds. Then why was the young seagull 'exhausted by the strange exercise'? Justify the given statement with reference to baby seagull's fear. (His First Flight)

Q.38 [2 marks]

(Q9.i) Do you think Bholi could have confidently refused to marry Bishamber if she wasn't educated? Give reasons. (Bholi)

Q.39 [2 marks]

(Q9.ii) Who was Henry? What role did he play in Ausable's plan? (The Midnight Visitor)

Q.40 [2 marks]

(Q9.iii) How did Think - Tank interpret the following nursery rhyme?

"How does your garden grow with cockle shells and silver bells?"

(The Book That Saved the Earth)

Q.41(a) [2 marks]

(Q10.a) Valli was sensitive, but at the same time, she was fearless and quite determined. Think of another character from your text book, who displayed similar character traits.

Compare and contrast the lives of Valli and the other character, that you have chosen from the text of Two Stories about Flying.

You may begin this way.
The characters who are fearless and determined from two texts are Valli and .....

(Reference: Madam Rides a Bus & Two Stories about Flying)

OR

Q.41(b) [2 marks]

(Q10.b OR) Based on your understanding of the Play, 'The Proposal', what do you think of relationships?

Prepare a speech draft on relationships based on Natalya's and Anne Frank's characters.

You may begin this way.
Good morning everyone.
Relationships are the bond between two people based on mutual likes, understanding, need or love. I'd like to discuss relationships as portrayed in the two texts .....

You may end this way

To conclude, I'd like to say that ..... .
Thank you,

(Reference: The Proposal & from the Diary of Anne Frank)

Q.42(a) [2 marks]

(Q11.a) Griffin's brilliance as a man of science fades before his darker traits. Give reasons from the text to support your answer. (Footprints Without Feet)

OR

Q.42(b) [2 marks]

(Q11.b OR) Hari Singh says - "He knew it but neither his lips nor his eyes showed anything." Anil successfully addressed the situation by not addressing it all. Elaborate based on your reading of 'The Thief's Story'.