

Sample Question Paper (2026-27) English Class X

Complete Step-by-Step Official Solutions & Hindi Explanations

MASTER SOLUTIONS

Time: 3 hr 15 min | Max Marks: 70

Sections: Part A (20 Marks OMR) & Part B (50 Marks Descriptive)

PART A: MULTIPLE CHOICE QUESTIONS (20 Marks)

1 Mark Each | Blue/Black Ballpoint Pen on OMR

Passage Extract (Q1 - Q3): "Rama has ten mangoes with which he wants to earn fifteen annas. Krishna wants only four mangoes. How much will Krishna have to pay?" Swaminathan felt in a fearful maze, wondered about Rama's character and felt sympathy for Krishna...

Q1. What kind of a child Swaminathan seems to be?

[1 Mark]

Correct Option: B - Imaginative

व्याख्या: स्वामीनाथन गणित के सीधे सवाल को हल करने के बजाय आमों के स्वाद, राम के स्वभाव और कृष्ण की स्थिति की कल्पना करने लगता है। इसलिए वह एक कल्पनाशील (Imaginative) बालक प्रतीत होता है।

Q2. Which of the following can be determined on the basis of the passage?

[1 Mark]

Correct Option: D - Only (ii), (iii) and (iv)

व्याख्या: (ii) आम की सोच से उसके मुंह में पानी आता है (उसे आम पसंद हैं), (iii) वह सवाल में उलझ जाता है (गणित में कमजोर है), (iv) 10 आम = 15 आने, तो 4 आम = $(15/10) \times 4 = 6$ आने। अतः (ii), (iii) और (iv) सही हैं। कथन (i) पैसेज में नहीं दिया गया है।

Q3. Which word in the passage means 'to obtain'?

[1 Mark]

Correct Option: D - acquire

व्याख्या: 'Acquire' का सटीक अर्थ 'प्राप्त करना' (to obtain या gain) होता है। पैसेज में वाक्य है: "...it seemed to acquire a new meaning."

Q4. Tell me ----- help me. (i. if you had | ii. if you will | iii. if you can | iv. if you want)

[1 Mark]

Correct Option: C - Only iii and iv

व्याख्या: वर्तमान काल के विनम्र निवेदन या बातचीत में "if you can (help me)" (योग्यता/क्षमता) अथवा "if you want (to help me)" व्याकरण और भाव की दृष्टि से सही बैठता है।

Q5. What is the time----- your watch?

[1M]

Answer: C - by

नियम: घड़ी के अनुसार समय पूछने के लिए Preposition 'by' का प्रयोग होता है (What is the time by your watch?)।

Q6. Rearrange:

[1M]

last/raining/it/been/has/night/since

Answer: B - It has been raining since last night.

नियम: Present Perfect Continuous: Sub (It) + has been + V1+ing + since/for + time।

Q7. Which of the following word is misspelt?

[1M]

Answer: C - acceptable

व्याख्या: सही स्पेलिंग acceptable (-able के साथ) होती है।

Q8. Identify the word 'spent' in the sentence

[1M]

Answer: B - verb

व्याख्या: 'Spent' शब्द क्रिया 'spend' का Past Tense (V2) रूप है।

Extract (Q9 - Q10 - Madam Rides the Bus): The bus went along the canal bank, palm trees, mountains, blue sky, and acres of green fields... Suddenly startled by a voice: "Listen, child, you shouldn't stand like that. Sit down."

Q9. Why is 'she' startled by the voice? [1M]

Answer: B

व्याख्या: वल्ली (Valli) बाहर के प्राकृतिक नजारों को मंत्रमुग्ध होकर देख रही थी, तभी अचानक एक यात्री की आवाज से वह चौंक गई।

Q10. Why words 'blue' & 'green' repeated? [1M]

Answer: C

व्याख्या: साफ मौसम और चारों ओर फैली अनंत हरियाली की प्रचुरता को दर्शाने के लिए इन शब्दों का दोहराव किया गया है।

Q11. Lencho's house was situated... (A Letter to God) [1 Mark]

Correct Option: C - on the top of a low hill in a valley.

टेक्स्ट प्रमाण: NCERT पुस्तक के अनुसार: "The house — the only one in the entire valley — sat on the crest of a low hill."

Q12. Narrator's plane name in 'The Black Aeroplane'? [1M]

Answer: C - Dakota DS 088

विवरण: लेखक अपने पुराने डकोटा विमान DS 088 को फ्रांस से इंग्लैंड उड़ा रहा था।

Q13. The baker's musical instrument is made of: [1M]

Answer: C - bamboo stuff

विवरण: पारंपरिक बेकर (Pader) बांस की छड़ी (bamboo staff) से इंग-इंग की आवाज निकालता था।

Extract (Q14 - Q15 - Poem: Amanda!): "I am an orphan, roaming the street. I pattern soft dust with my hushed, bare feet. The silence is golden the freedom is sweet."

Q14. Who does 'I' refer to in the extract? [1M]

Answer: D - Amanda

व्याख्या: 'I' शब्द अमांडा के लिए है जो अपनी माँ की रोक-टोक से तंग आकर अनाथ होने की कल्पना करती है।

Q15. Word opposite of 'restriction'? [1M]

Answer: C - Freedom

व्याख्या: 'Restriction' का अर्थ बंधन/पाबंदी होता है, इसका विलोम 'Freedom' (स्वतंत्रता/आजादी) है।

Q16. True statements with reference to 'A Triumph of Surgery': [1 Mark]

Correct Option: B - Only (ii) and (iv)

व्याख्या: (ii) ट्रिकी ज्यादा खाने (overeating) से बीमार हुआ और (iv) मिस्टर हैरियट पशु चिकित्सक (veterinary surgeon) थे। मिसेज पैम्फ्रे अमीर थीं (अतः i गलत है) और ट्रिकी सुस्त/मोटा था (iii गलत है)।

Q17. What did Hari Singh actually want from Anil? [1M]

Answer: B - Work (अप्रत्यक्ष लक्ष्य चोरी करना था, पर उसने अनिल से काम माँगा: "I want to work for you.")

Q18. Horace Danby: 'honour among thieves'? [1M]

Answer: D - All of the above

विवरण: चोरों की आचार संहिता: आपस में धोखा न देना, चोरी न करना व परस्पर सम्मान रखना।

Q19. Age of Bholi when Mangla was married? [1M]

Answer: B - Seven years old

टेक्स्ट प्रमाण: "Bholi was seven years old when Mangla was married." (भोली 7 वर्ष की थी)।

Q20. Why did Think Tank say 'no invasion today'? [1M]

Answer: A - He misinterpreted the rhyme.

व्याख्या: उसने हम्प्टी डम्प्टी की नर्सरी राइम का गलत मतलब निकाला और डर गया।

Q1. Reading Comprehension Solutions (Taverns and Restaurants Passage) [7 Marks]**a. Why did taverns become popular in the 16th century? [2 Marks]**

Answer: Taverns became popular because they offered a good meal at a fixed hour for an affordable price (a shilling or less, with wine and ale as extras). Consequently, townspeople of all social classes formed the habit of dining out, and taverns served as social meeting places for leading personalities like Shakespeare.

हिंदी सारांश: 16वीं सदी में सरायों (Taverns) में एक शिलिंग या उससे कम में नियमित भोजन मिलता था और लोग वहां मिलने-जुलने के लिए इकट्ठा होते थे।

b. How did the word 'restaurant' come into existence? [2 Marks]

Answer: In 1765, a man named Boulanger opened an eating establishment in Paris that served meals and light refreshments. He named his place a 'restaurant'. This was the very first recorded use of the word.

हिंदी सारांश: 1765 में पेरिस के बूलेंजर (Boulanger) ने नाश्ता व भोजन परोसने वाले स्थान को पहली बार 'रेस्टोरेंट' नाम दिया था।

c. Arrange the main events mentioned in the passage in chronological order: [2 Marks]

Answer: 1. **15th Century:** First taverns and dining clubs established in England.

2. **Mid-16th Century:** Dining out in taverns becomes a common habit across England.

3. **Circa 1650:** Coffee houses sprang up across England serving tea, coffee, and meals.

4. **1683:** The first recorded restaurant was opened in the United States.

5. **1765:** Boulanger coined and opened the first 'restaurant' in Paris, France.

6. **End of 19th Century:** The term 'restaurant' finally came into common use in England.

d. Find out a word from the passage that means 'light food and drink': [1 Mark]

Answer: The word is 'refreshments' (or light refreshments).

Q2. Informal Letter Writing [4 Marks]

12/48, Civil Lines, Kanpur
24th October 2026

Dear Rahul,

I hope this letter finds you in high spirits and good health. Thank you so much for your warm invitation to spend the upcoming autumn vacation with you at your hometown. I was truly thrilled to receive your letter.

However, I deeply regret to inform you that I will not be able to join you this time. Our Class X board pre-examinations are scheduled right after the break, and I have enrolled in special tutorial sessions and remedial classes here in Kanpur.

Besides, my grandmother has been unwell and requires assistance at home.

I am really going to miss all the fun we had planned. Please convey my heartfelt regards to your parents. I promise we will make a great trip together right after our board examinations.

Yours lovingly,

Ankit

Q3. Paragraph Writing: 'The Big Decision of My Life' (Based on Clue Diagram)

[6 Marks | ~100 Words]

Passing Class 10th is a significant academic milestone, but it immediately confronts every student with the crucial question: "What next?" As depicted in the career roadmap, a student stands at a crossroads, pondering streams like Science (PCM/PCB for JEE and NEET), Commerce, Humanities, or Vocational Skill Education. For me, this is truly 'The Big Decision of My Life'. Rather than succumbing to peer pressure or parental expectations, one must evaluate one's genuine passion, aptitudes, and long-term career aspirations. Choosing the right path demands guidance from teachers, professional career counseling, and realistic self-appraisal. A thoughtful decision taken today lays the solid cornerstone for tomorrow's fulfilling career.

OR: Article on 'A Farewell Party' (Points i to v)

[6 Marks | 80-100 Words]

Last Saturday, our school auditorium hosted a memorable farewell party organized by Class 9 students for the outgoing Class 10 batch. The event commenced at 11:00 AM with an inspiring address by our respected Principal. The hall was colorfully decorated with balloons and inspirational banners. Juniors presented foot-tapping dance performances, hilarious skits, and a touching musical medley. Mementos and prestigious titles such as 'Master and Miss Farewell' were awarded. Delicious refreshments were served, followed by candid photography. The experience was bittersweet—mingled with nostalgia of leaving school and excitement for future challenges.

Q4. Grammar Section Solutions [10 Marks Total]**a) Indirect Speech [2M]:**

Direct: He said, "It has been raining since morning."

Indirect: He said that it had been raining since morning.

(Rule: 'has been' changes to 'had been' in past reporting verb).

b) Passive Voice [2M]:

Active: The children sang the national anthem.

Passive: The national anthem was sung by the children.

(Rule: Past Indefinite: was/were + V3 [sung] + by subject).

c) Punctuation [2M]:

Given: kumud said to his friend why had you not come to school yesterday

Punctuated: Kumud said to his friend, "Why had you not come to school yesterday?"

(Changes: Capital 'K', comma after friend, open quotes, capital 'W', question mark before closing quotes).

d) Hindi to English Translation [4 Marks]:

हिंदी गद्यांश: "वृक्ष हमारे देश की अमूल्य निधि हैं। वृक्ष हमें केवल ईंधन व फल ही नहीं देते बल्कि वे हमें इमारती लकड़ी भी देते हैं। वृक्ष वायु प्रदूषण को रोकते हैं। हमें अनावश्यक रूप से वृक्षों को नहीं काटना चाहिए।"

English Translation:

"Trees are an invaluable wealth (priceless asset) of our country. Trees provide us not only fuel and fruits, but they also give us timber. Trees prevent air pollution. We should not cut down trees unnecessarily."

Q5. Short Answer Questions (30-40 words each) [3 + 3 = 6 Marks]**Q5 (a) What quality of Lencho impressed the postmaster? How did he decide to help him? [3M]**

Answer: The postmaster was deeply impressed by Lencho's immense, unshakable faith in God. He wished he had the same faith. To prevent Lencho from losing faith in the Almighty, the postmaster decided to reply to the letter and collected 70 pesos from his salary, employees, and friends to send to him.

(हिंदी सार: लेंचो का ईश्वर के प्रति अटूट विश्वास देखकर पोस्टमास्टर प्रभावित हुआ और उसने अपने वेतन व साथियों से 70 पैसे एकत्र करके भेजे।)

OR: "The sight of food maddened him" What does this suggest? What compelled the young seagull to finally fly? [3M]

Answer: This line suggests that the young seagull was starving and desperately hungry, as he had eaten nothing for over twenty-four hours. His intense hunger compelled him: when his mother flew close with a piece of fish and halted, the maddened seagull dived at the fish, fell into space, and instinct forced his wings to spread and fly.

(हिंदी सार: अत्यधिक भूख ने सीगल को भोजन पर झपटने को विवश किया, जिससे वह हवा में गिरा और पंख खोलकर पहली उड़ान भरी।)

Q5 (b) What were the sights that moved Buddha? [3M]

Answer: While out hunting at the age of twenty-five, Prince Siddhartha saw four sights: a sick man, an aged man, a funeral procession carrying a corpse, and finally a monk begging for alms. Witnessing these human sufferings moved him so deeply that he renounced worldly pleasures to seek enlightenment.

(हिंदी सार: रोगी, वृद्ध व्यक्ति, शवयात्रा और भिक्षु को देखकर राजकुमार सिद्धार्थ का हृदय द्रवित हुआ और उन्होंने संन्यास ले लिया।)

OR: What did Rajvir see during his car journey to Dhekiabari? [3M]

Answer: During the journey, Rajvir saw vast stretches of neatly pruned tea bushes spreading across hills as far as the eye could see. He observed groups of tea-pluckers with bamboo baskets on their backs, wearing plastic aprons, diligently plucking freshly sprouted tea leaves.

(हिंदी सार: राजवीर ने डेकियाबाड़ी के रास्ते में चारों तरफ चाय के व्यवस्थित बागान और प्लास्टिक एप्रन पहने चाय की पत्तियां तोड़ते मजदूर देखे।)

Q6. Long Answer Questions (Answer any ONE in ~60 words) [4 Marks]**a) How did the bus conductor receive Valli?**

Answer: The bus conductor was a jolly, good-humoured man who enjoyed teasing. When eight-year-old Valli acted self-confidently like an adult and refused his physical help to climb into the bus, the conductor playfully addressed her as "Madam". He humorously asked the other passengers to make way for 'Madam Valli', offered her a front seat, and treated her independent spirit with affectionate amusement throughout the journey.

(हिंदी सार: कंडक्टर हंसमुख स्वभाव का था। वल्ली के आत्मविश्वास को देखकर उसने मजाक में उसे 'मैडम' कहकर सम्मान दिया और आगे की सीट दी।)

b) Why does Anne Frank want to keep a diary?

Answer: Anne Frank felt she had no true, intimate friend with whom she could share her deepest secrets and innermost thoughts. Although she had loving parents, a sister, and many acquaintances, she could only have casual conversations with them. Believing firmly that "paper has more patience than people," she named her diary 'Kitty' and treated it as her dearest confidante.

(हिंदी सार: ऐन फ्रैंक के पास कोई ऐसा सच्चा मित्र नहीं था जिससे वह मन की बात कह सके। इसलिए उसने डायरी (किटी) को अपना सच्चा मित्र बनाया।)

Q7. Animals in 'How to Tell Wild Animals' [3M]

1. Asian Lion: A large, majestic, tawny-coloured beast that roars terrifyingly as you die.

2. Bengal Tiger: A noble wild beast with distinctive black stripes on a bright yellow coat who eats you quietly.

हिंदी: शेर बादामी रंग का दहाड़ने वाला जीव है और बाघ पीली त्वचा पर काली धारियों वाला राजसी जानवर है।

OR: Four Lines of Prescribed Poem [3M]

*"Some say the world will end in fire,
Some say in ice.*

*From what I've tasted of desire
I hold with those who favour fire."*

— Robert Frost (Fire and Ice)

Q8. Central Idea: 'A Tiger in the Zoo' (by Leslie Norris)

[3 Marks | 40-50 Words]

The poem contrasts the agonizing life of a caged tiger with his natural life in the wild jungle. The poet conveys that wild animals belong in their natural habitats where they can roam freely and hunt. Imprisoning them in concrete cages robs them of their majesty, freedom, and happiness, leaving them quiet in helpless rage.

हिंदी सार: कवि स्वतंत्र वन्य जीवन और पिंजरे की बेबसी के बीच अंतर दिखाते हुए वन्य जीवों की आजादी के महत्व को उजागर करता है।

Q9. Supplementary Reader Solutions (Answer any ONE in 30-40 words) [3 Marks]**a) Extraordinary things at the inn ('Footprints Without Feet'):**

Mrs. Hall found the scientist's bedroom door wide open, which was unusual. Suddenly, the bedclothes leapt up, the bedroom chair flew into the air, and charged straight at Mrs. Hall, pushing her and her husband out of the room before locking itself mysteriously.

हिंदी: सराय में चादरें खुद हिलने लगीं और कुर्सी हवा में उड़कर मिसेज हॉल पर हमला करने लगी।

b) OR: Two characteristics of Ausable that differentiate him from Max:

Unlike the slender, menacing Max who relied on physical weapons (a revolver), Ausable was very fat, sloppy, spoke with an American accent, and relied completely on extraordinary presence of mind, wit, and mental calm to outsmart his rival without firing a shot.

Q10. Supplementary Long Answer (Answer any ONE in ~60 words) [4 Marks]**a) Working like Richard Ebright — Preferred Field and Why:**

If given an opportunity like Richard Ebright, I would like to work in the field of **Molecular Biology and Genetics**, specifically researching cellular regeneration and cancer cure. Just as Ebright discovered how cells read their DNA blueprints, unlocking genetic mechanisms could help cure life-threatening hereditary diseases, develop eco-friendly biofuels, and enhance crop resilience against climate change.

b) OR: What could have happened if Matilda had not lost the necklace?

If Matilda had not lost the necklace, her life would not have plunged into ten years of crushing debt, extreme poverty, and physical ruin. She and her husband would have lived their comfortable, modest middle-class life peacefully. Furthermore, she might have continued living in vanity, but she would have been spared the harsh reality that the original necklace was a cheap imitation worth only 500 francs.