

O.P.Jindal School

Class 10

Subject : English

Sample Paper

Part A (40 marks)

Reading (20 marks)

1. Read the passage carefully:

Beowulf is the longest epic poem in Old English, the language spoken in Anglo-Saxon England before the Norman Conquest. More than 3,000 lines long, *Beowulf* relates the exploits of its eponymous hero, and his successive battles with a monster named Grendel, with Grendel's revengeful mother, and with a dragon which was guarding a hoard of treasure.

Beowulf survives in a single medieval manuscript. The manuscript bears no date, and so its age has to be calculated by analysing the scribes' handwriting. Some scholars have suggested that the manuscript was made at the end of the 10th century, others in the early decades of the 11th, perhaps as late as the reign of King Cnut, who ruled England from 1016 until 1035.

The most likely time for *Beowulf* to have been copied is the early 11th century, which makes the manuscript approximately 1,000 years old. But nobody knows for certain when the poem was first composed.

The story is set in pagan Scandinavia in the 6th century. Beowulf, a hero of the Geats, comes to the aid of Hrothgar, the king of the Danes, whose mead hall in Heorot has been under attack by the monster Grendel. After Beowulf slays him, Grendel's mother attacks the hall and is then defeated. Victorious, Beowulf goes home to Geatland (Götaland in modern Sweden) and becomes king of the Geats. Fifty years later, Beowulf defeats a dragon, but is mortally wounded in the battle. After his death, his attendants cremate his body and erect a tower on a headland in his memory.

Scholars have debated whether *Beowulf* was transmitted orally, affecting its interpretation: if it was composed early, in pagan times, then the paganism is central and the Christian elements were added later, whereas if it was composed later, in writing, by a Christian, then the pagan elements could be decorative archaizing; some scholars hold an intermediate position. *Beowulf* is mostly written in the West Saxon dialect of Old English, but many other dialectal forms are present, suggesting that the poem may have had a long and complex transmission throughout the dialect areas of England.

On the basis of your understanding of the passage, answer ANY TEN questions from the twelve that follow: (1x10=10)

- i. In the epic, Beowulf fights _____
 - a. Geraldine
 - b. Grendel
 - c. The dacoit
 - d. None of these
- ii. King Cnut ruled England between _____
 - a. 1016 , 1035
 - b. 1020, 1035
 - c. 1015, 1035
 - d. 1016, 1055
- iii. Beowulf's home is situated in _____
 - a. Greenland
 - b. Greenwich
 - c. Germany
 - d. Geatland
- iv. _____ is the king of the Danes
 - a. Hrothgar
 - b. Beowulf
 - c. Heorot
 - d. Geats
- v. Choose the characteristics that best define Beowulf

1 Coward	2 Courageous	3 Valiant	4 Emotional
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- a. 1,2,3
 - b. 1,4
 - c. 2,3
 - d. 2,3,4
- vi. State which of the statements are true:
A *Beowulf* was probably transmitted orally
B The story is set in pagan Scandinavia
- a. Only A true
 - b. Only B true
 - c. Both true
 - d. Both false
- vii. What do you surmise from the fact that Beowulf's attendants cremate his body and erect a tower on a headland in his memory
- a. His followers loathed him
 - b. His followers venerated him
 - c. His followers were callous about him
 - d. They envied him
- viii. What does the author imply when he says that the paganism is central and the Christian elements were added later in *Beowulf*?
- a. It was penned by a single person
 - b. It was composed in the 11th century
 - c. It was composed in different phases of history
 - d. It was created by Cambridge scholars
- ix. *Beowulf* is mostly written in _____ of Old English
- a. The east Anglian
 - b. The West Saxon dialect
 - c. The Scottish dialect
 - d. The Irish dialect
- x. State which of the statements are true:
A Beowulf becomes king of the Geats
B Fifty years later, Beowulf defeats a dragon
- a. Only A true
 - b. Only B true

- c. Both true
- d. Both false
- xi. The age of the manuscript has to be calculated by _____
 - a. analysing the leaves of the manuscript
 - b. analysing the scribes' handwriting
 - c. gathering information from the regions
 - d. Not mentioned in the passage
- xii. What, according to you, is the central idea of the passage:
 - a. The significance of *Beowulf* in the socio-political context
 - b. The enormity and complexity of the narrative
 - c. The greatness and simplicity of the protagonist
 - d. The love of Grendel's mother

2. Read the passage given below:

Cricket is not just a sport, it is a religion for some of the nations in the world. Unlike One Day Internationals, Test matches consist of two innings per team, with no limit in the number of overs. Test cricket is first-class cricket, so statistics and records set in Test matches are also counted toward first-class records. The duration of Tests, currently limited to five days, has varied through Test history, ranging from three days to timeless matches. The earliest match now recognised as a Test was played between England and Australia in March 1877. Since then there have been over 2,000 Tests played by 13 teams. The frequency of Tests has steadily increased partly because of the increase in the number of Test-playing countries, and partly as cricket boards seek to maximise their revenue.

Cricket is, by its nature, capable of generating large numbers of records and statistics. This list details the most significant team and individual records in Test cricket.

Team wins, losses and draws in Tests:

Margin	Teams	<u>Venue</u>	Season
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Team	Matches	Won	Lost	Drawn
 Australia	830	393	224	211
 Bangladesh	119	14	89	16
 England	1028	374	305	349
 India	542	157	167	217
 Ireland	3	0	3	0
 New Zealand	443	102	175	166
 Pakistan	431	138	131	162
 South Africa	439	165	150	124
 Sri Lanka	289	92	109	88
 West Indies	549	175	198	175

<i>The following list depicts the greatest win margin (by runs)</i>			
675 runs	 England (521 & 342–8 d) beat  Australia (122 & 66)	Brisbane Exhibition Ground	1928–29
562 runs	 Australia (701 & 327) beat  England (321 & 145)	The Oval, London	1934
530 runs	 Australia (328 & 578) beat  South Africa (205 & 171)	Melbourne Cricket Ground	1910–11

492 runs	 South Africa (488 & 344-6 d) beat  Australia (221 & 119)	Wanderers Stadium, Johannesburg	2018
491 runs	 Australia (381 & 361–5 d) beat  Pakistan (179 & 72)	WACA Ground, Perth	2004–05

In September 2005 the England cricket team played its fifth and final test match of a series against Australia, and at its conclusion had won back the *Ashes*, a trophy dating back to 1882 comprising an urn of the ashes of a burnt ‘bail’. This contest between the two countries is steeped in history because it came after a 16 year wait having lost the *Ashes* back in 1989, and they had been unable to triumph until this recent series. The whole series was electrifying, not least because of the closeness of some of the matches, and has been called ‘The greatest test series ever’. What made a tense and exciting series even more so

was the fact that the outcome of the series was still in the balance at the start of the final match.

For a long time, world cricket was something of a duopoly between Australia and England. The West Indian team of the 60s, 70s and 80s challenged that. The 1975 and 1979 World Cup wins showed that they were determined to share the spoils. The Indo-Pak rivalry has always been fierce. Every time these two teams play, almost a billion people around the world tune in – surely this proves there is no greater rivalry in world cricket! Pakistan like to boast about the 2017 Champions Trophy final, Miandad’s last-ball six and Afridi’s sixes off Ashwin; meanwhile India will point to their 11-0 record at World Cups (ODI and T20I), the 2007 T20I World Cup Final and their dominance in the Asia cup.

On the basis of your understanding of the passage, answer ANY TEN questions from the twelve that follow: (1x10=10)

- i. When was the first recorded test match played?
 - a. June 1987
 - b. March 1897
 - c. May 1877
 - d. None of these
- ii. The frequency of Tests has steadily increased because -

 - a. the number of Test-playing countries has increased
 - b. cricket has become popular in the US
 - c. cricket boards seek to maximise their revenue
 - d. both a & c
- iii. Which ground records the greatest win margin in terms of runs?
 - a. Waca
 - b. Brisbane
 - c. Oval
 - d. Johannesburg

- iv. Which two countries have played the most and the least number of test matches?
- England and Australia
 - India and Ireland
 - Australia and Ireland
 - England and Ireland
- v. Which word means the same as 'arousing great excitement':
- Fierce
 - Comprising
 - Electrifying
 - Spoils
- vi. England regained the Ashes in 2005 after a long span of _____
- 5 years
 - 11 years
 - 106 years
 - 16 years
- vii. In 2018, South Africa defeated _____ by _____ at the Wanderers Stadium, Johannesburg.
- India, 492 runs
 - Australia, 492 runs
 - Pakistan, 8 wickets
 - England, 9 wickets
- viii. State which of the following statements are true:
A India has played more tests than Pakistan
B New Zealand has won more test matches than India
- Only A true
 - Only B true
 - Both true
 - Both false
- ix. In which two years did the West Indies win the World Cup?
- 1979 & 1986
 - 1955 & 1975
 - 1979 & 1975
 - None of these
- x. State which of the following statements are true:

A Pakistan tops the list of teams with greatest margin of Victory in test cricket

B The 2005 Ashes was tense and exciting because the outcome of the series was still in the balance at the start of the final match.

- a. Only A true
 - b. Only B true
 - c. Both true
 - d. Both false
- xi. Test matches consist of _____ innings per team.
- a. 2
 - b. 3
 - c. 1
 - d. Uncountable
- xii. What does the Ashes trophy comprise?
- a. A vase that looks like an urn
 - b. An urn of the ashes of a burnt 'bail'
 - c. A cap of King Henry IV
 - d. Not mentioned in the passage

Literature (10)

3. Read the extracts given below and attempt ANY ONE by answering the questions that follow:

(5x1=5)

(A)

"Please don't shout! You can shout yourself hoarse in your own house but here I must ask you to restrain yourself!"

- i. Who is the speaker of the given lines?
 - a. Lomov
 - b. Natalya
 - c. Chubukov
 - d. Mrs. Chubukov

- ii. What is the dispute over?
 - a. Oxen Meadows
 - b. Chubukov's house
 - c. Birchwoods
 - d. Burnt marsh
- iii. What does the word 'restrain' mean?
 - a. Restrict
 - b. Oblige
 - c. Honour
 - d. Cherish
- iv. Who is the speaker conversing with?
 - a. Chubukov
 - b. Lomov
 - c. Anton Chekov
 - d. Lomov's mother
- v. Which word in the given lines mean **harsh**?
 - a. Restrain
 - b. Shout
 - c. House
 - d. Hoarse

OR

(B)

While the class was circling the room, the monitor from the principal's office brought Miss Mason a note.

Miss Mason read it several times and studied it thoughtfully for a while.

Then she clapped her hands.

“Attention, class. Everyone back to their seat.”

When the shuffling of feet had stopped and the room was still and quiet, Miss Mason said, “I have a letter from Wanda’s father that I want to read to you.”

Miss Mason stood there a moment and the silence in the room grew tense and expectant.

The teacher adjusted her glasses slowly and deliberately.

Her manner indicated that what was coming — this letter from Wanda’s father — was a matter of great importance. Everybody listened closely as Miss Mason read the brief note.

- i. Why did Miss Mason read Wanda’s father’s letter several times?
 - a. **Because she studied it thoughtfully**
 - b. For she studied it inattentively
 - c. Because she could not comprehend it
 - d. Because it was written very shabbily
- ii. What happened when Miss Mason started to read the letter?
 - a. She started laughing
 - b. She started crying
 - c. **She adjusted her glasses**
 - d. She cleared her throat
- iii. Find out a word from the passage similar in meaning to **knowingly**.
 - a. **Deliberately**
 - b. Expectantly
 - c. Circling
 - d. Thoughtfully
- iv. What can you say about Wanda’s father’s feelings as highlighted in the letter?
 - a. He was delighted
 - b. He was petrified
 - c. **He was annoyed**
 - d. He was thrilled
- v. Who wrote the note?
 - a. Wanda

- b. Wanda's father
- c. Peggy
- d. Maddie

4. Read the extracts given below and attempt ANY ONE by answering the questions that follow:

(5x1=5)

(A)

Don't bite your nails, Amanda!
Don't hunch your shoulders, Amanda!
Stop that slouching and sit up straight,
Amanda!
(There is a languid, emerald sea,
where the sole inhabitant is me—
a mermaid, drifting blissfully.)

i. Who is the poet of the poem "Amanda"?

- A) Leslie Norris
- B) Robert Frost
- C) Carolyn Wells
- D) Robin Klein

ii. What is the colour of the sea?

- a. Blue
- b. Yellow
- c. Red.
- d. None of these

iii. Which word means "to bend (the top of one's body) forward"

- a. slouch

- b.hunch
- c.Languid
- d.None of these

iv. Which poetic device is used here “where the sole inhabitant is me—
a mermaid, drifting blissfully”

- a. Metaphor
- b. Simile
- c. Alliteration
- d. Assonance

v. Name the literary devices used in the line "Stop that slouching and sit up
straight".

- a.Anaphora
- b. Assonance
- c. Metaphor
- d. Alliteration

OR

(B)

I think I could turn and live with animals, they are
So placid and self-contained
I stand and look at them long and long.
They do not sweat and whine about their condition.

- i. Name the poet.
 - a. Walt Whitman
 - b. Robert Frost
 - c. Ruskin Bond
 - d. WB Yeats

- ii. What does the poet say about animals?
 - a. They are calm
 - b. They have a pure soul
 - c. They are self-contained
 - d. All of these
- iii. Trace a word from the extract that means **serene**.
 - a. Placid
 - b. Self- contained
 - c. Turn
 - d. Whine
- iv. The poet looks at the animals _____
 - a. Recklessly
 - b. Briefly
 - c. For a long time
 - d. Angrily
- v. What do the animals NOT do
 - a. Sleep and complain
 - b. Pray to God and complain
 - c. Work and complain
 - d. Complain to humans

Grammar (10)

5. Choose the correct options to fill in the blanks to complete the note about the spread of the English language: (3x1=3)

An important reason for the spread of English language _____ i _____ economic. English is the language of international business and commerce. It is also the native language of the United States. So, any country _____ ii _____, for example, to trade with the United States, or to take advantage of its technology, _____ iii _____ to operate in English.

- i.
 - a. were
 - b. have been
 - c. is
 - d. be
- ii.
 - a. wants
 - b. wanting
 - c. wanted
 - d. being wanted
- iii.
 - a. need
 - b. needs
 - c. needed
 - d. None of these

6. Choose the correct options to fill in the blanks to complete Leonard's narration of his conversation with his father:



I told my father that _____ i _____. I was upset because I could not go to the theatre or pizza parlour, I missed my classes. My father replied that _____ ii _____. I uttered a hopeless 'yeah' and told him that _____ iii _____.

- i.
 - a. it would feel like I had been inside forever.
 - b. that feels likel had been inside forever.
 - c. it felt like I had been inside forever.

d. that had felt like I had been inside forever.

ii.

- a. Anne Frank and her family had spent two years in an attic.
- b. Anne Frank and her family spent two years in an attic.
- c. Anne Frank and her family would have spent two years in an attic.
- d. Anne Frank and her family were spending two years in an attic.

iii.

- a. he had expected that blank look and comment.
- b. I expected that blank look and comment.
- c. he expects that blank look and comment.
- d. None of these.

7. Fill in the blanks by choosing the correct options for ANY FOUR of the six sentences given below:

(4x1=4)

i. Rohan _____ the movie before he read the review.

A watches

B have watched

C had watched

D was watching

ii. The wise leader and politician _____ assassinated.

A are

B has been

C have been

D have had been

iii. The Chief guest, with his wife, _____.

A has left

B are leaving

C have left

D leave

iv. If you had not consulted me, the situation _____ worse for you.

a. had been

b. would be

c. would have been

d. will have

SECTION B (40 MARKS)

WRITING

(2*5=10 marks)

Q8. Attempt **ANY ONE** of the following in 100-120 words. (5 marks)

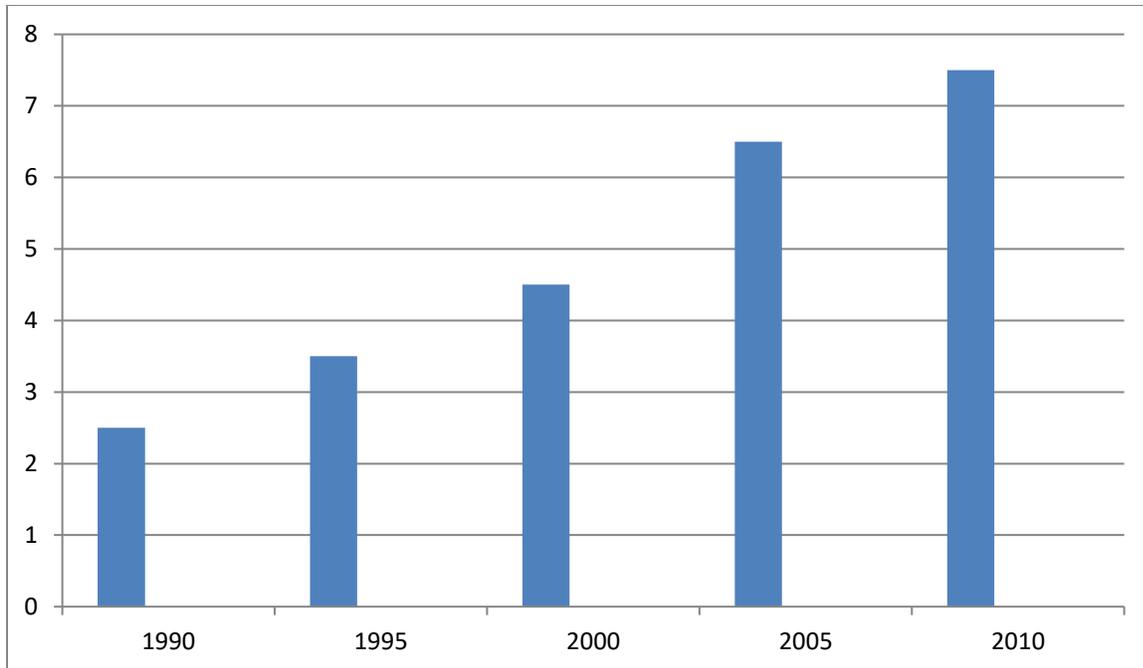
(A) Last month you bought a 5G mobile phone with a yearlong guarantee. Unfortunately, the set has developed a snag and is no longer working. You had a talk with the brand representative but got a rude reply. Write a letter to the Customer Care Manager of the manufacturer explaining the situation. You are Amit Chauhan, resident of 52 to Rose Apartments, Rohini, Delhi 1100 85. (100-120 words)

OR

(B) Your car insurance company has told you that they are going to increase the amount you have to pay in insurance for your car each month. You are not happy about this. You are Roshni Yadav/ Rohan Yadav. Write a letter to your Insurance Company explaining the situation in about 100 - 120 words.

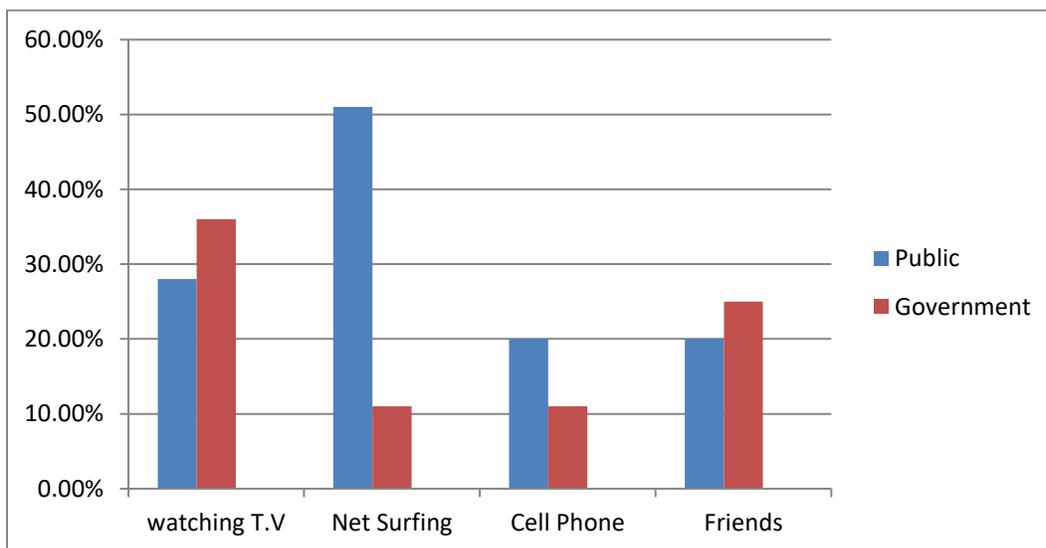
Q9. Attempt **ANY ONE** of the following in 100-120 words. (5 marks)

(A) The following data shows that death due to violence has considerably increased during recent years. Using this data, write an analytical paragraph in 100 - 120 words focusing on how the educated youth can play a major role in establishing peace in the society.



OR

(B) Study the chart given below. The chart is a result of a survey conducted by the Ministry of Education in public and government schools of Vadodara. The chart depicts the types of activities that teenagers like to get involved in during their free time. Write an analytical paragraph based on the chart in 100 - 120 words.



LITERATURE

Q10. Answer ANY TWO questions in 20 - 30 words each, from (A) and (B) respectively. (2*4=8)

(A) (any two). (2×2=4)

- i. What was the effect of the storm on Lencho's farm?
- ii. What is Mandela's opinion regarding the oppressor and oppressed?
- iii. What is the underlying message for us in our busy life with reference to the poem 'Dust of Snow' ?

(B) (any two) (2×2=4)

- i. Why was the lawyer not happy with his job?
- ii. How was Griffin a lawless man?
- iii. What conditions did Anil put forward before appointing Hari Singh as a servant?

Q 11. Answer ANY TWO questions in 40-50 words each, from (A) and (B) respectively.

(A) (any two) (3×2=6)

- i. Why does Anne provide a brief sketch of her life?
- ii. Why did the poet not offer the boy money to buy another ball?
- iii. Which part of the town did Valli see after the train station?

(B) (any two) (3×2=6)

- i. Why did Jeanne not recognise her friend Madame Loisel?
- ii. What other interests, besides Science, did Richard Ebright pursue?
- iii. What happened to Jaffers when he tried to catch the invisible scientist?

Q12. Answer ANY ONE of the following in 100 - 20 words (5×1=5)

(A) The characters Natalya and Lomov lose their temper on trivial issues. It shows their poor skills at anger management. Suggest some ways that help you in maintaining cordial relationship with people around you.

OR

(B) " So the world is afflicted with death and decay, therefore the wise do not grieve, knowing the terms of the world." says Buddha.
The chapter "The Sermon at Benares" justifies this statement with the help of the story of Kisa Gotami. Elucidate.

Q 13. Answer ANY ONE of following in 100-120 words. (5×1=5)

(A) Our inability to accept our circumstances may lead to an unhappy life. Analyse with reference to the story 'The Necklace'.

OR

(B) After reading the story 'Bholi', what do you understand about the social evil that is still deep- rooted in our society ? Throw light on how dowry is a negation of a girl's dignity. Suggest some measures that can be adopted to eradicate this Evil from our society.

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