

ENGLISH LANGUAGE AND LITERATURE

CLASS III

Maximum Marks: 50

SECTION A

READING

10 marks

Q1. Read the passage.

One morning, Kate was late for school. She could not find her things. Her Maths book, as she said to herself, 'had gone and lost itself'. She ran about searching for it and banging doors, till Aunt Lizzie lost her patience.

"As for your Maths," she said, "if it's that very dirty book with only one cover and scribbled all over its pages, you'll find it under the kitchen table. Your sister Philly was playing before breakfast and pretended it was a mouse. How do you manage to spoil your books like this, Katy? It's less than a month since your father got you a new Maths book and look at it now—not fit to be carried about. I hope you know how much these books cost!"

Katy flew into the kitchen, grabbed the Maths book and rushed out because she did not want to be late that day.

A. Tick (✓) the correct answer.**(2 marks)**

1. *It's less than a month since your father got you a new Maths book...* What does this say about Katy?
 - a. She loved Maths.
 - b. Her father was very fond of her.
 - c. She was a careless girl.
2. The word *spoil* in paragraph 2 is closest in meaning to:
 - a. muddle
 - b. damage
 - c. improve

B. Say whether the statements are true (T) or not true (NT).**(3 marks)**

1. Katy blamed her books when she misplaced them. _____
2. Katy put all the books she needed into the school bag the previous day. _____
3. Philly pretended the Maths book was a mouse because it was dirty. _____
4. Katy's father had bought her an old Maths book. _____
5. Aunt Lizzie wanted Katy to be careful with her books. _____
6. Katy liked to be late for school. _____

b. Why does the speaker think that she wastes time?

c. What does nature make the speaker realise?

Q8. Tick (✓) the correct answer.

(4 X 1 = 4 marks)

1. Ultapur was called a ghost town because—
 - a. ghosts lived in it.
 - b. the streets of Ultapur were empty in the daytime.
 - c. all the people left Ultapur.
2. The flower that Bambi sees flying away is actually
 - a. a bird.
 - b. a butterfly.
 - c. a grasshopper.
3. As the speaker lies on the grass, the brook tells her tales of—
 - a. her joining the river as it goes rippling on its way.
 - b. the beauty of the summer days.
 - c. the hills from which it came and where it goes.
4. When Maggie lost the basketball match
 - a. she felt sad that they had lost.
 - b. she felt happy that she had found new friends.
 - c. she felt she could have chosen better players.

Q9. Answer any TWO of the questions in about 20–25 words.

(2 X 2 = 4 marks)

1. What did Bambi learn about the grasshopper's wing?

2. Why didn't Benjamin's parents get him any pictures?

3. What makes Maggie choose the players in her team?

Q10. Answer the any TWO questions in about 30-40 words.

(2 X 3 = 6 marks)

1. Who did Dorothy meet and why did they want to meet the great wizard of Oz?

2. What did the priest tell Benjamin's parents?

3. Why does the speaker like to watch the brook pass by?

Answer Key

- Q1. A. 1. c 2. b
B. 1. T 2. NT 3. T 4. NT 5. T 6. NT
- Q2. A. 1. The yeti is found in the mountains of Nepal.
2. People say that they stand on two legs like humans and run on four legs like animals.
3. *Free response*
B. 1. c 2. c
- Q3. 1. 1. One hot day a lion is hungry and hunts in the forest for something to eat.
2. He sees a rabbit but does not catch it because he feels a small rabbit cannot satisfy his hunger so he walks away.
3. Then, a beautiful deer passes by and he knows this is what he likes to eat.
4. He runs and runs after the deer but he is weak because he is hungry.
5. The deer runs very fast and he struggles to keep up.
6. The deer escapes and he feels tired and hungry.
7. Then, the lion goes back to search for the rabbit but cannot find it.
8. He searches and searches for food, but cannot get any food.
9. The lion is sad and remains hungry for a long time.
2. *Free response*
- Q4. 1. *bunch*: collective noun; *grapes*: common noun; *kindness*: abstract noun
- Q5. 1. b 2. c 3. a
- Q6. 1. and 2. so 3. and 4. or
- Q7. 1. a. The windhover says these words.
b. There is no wind and sky, because he is in a cage instead of the hole in the high wall.
c. He tries to fly and escape.
2. a. They were wise because they get up early with the rising of the sun.
b. The speaker thinks that getting up late and being lazy in bed is actually a waste of time.
c. Nature makes the speaker realise that life is short and we must not waste time by being lazy.
- Q8. 1. b 2. b 3. c 4. b
- Q9. 1. Bambi first thought there was a leaf on the grasshopper's back. But his mother told him that it was actually the grasshopper's wing.
2. His parents did not get him any pictures, because they thought it was a waste to spend money on them. They thought the pictures might stop him from doing useful things.
3. Maggie understands how these people feel at always being picked the last for teams and so she chooses them.
- Q10.1. Dorothy met the Lion, the Tin Woodman and the Scarecrow, in the magical Land of Oz. Dorothy wanted to go back home, the Lion wanted to become courageous, the Tin Woodman wanted a heart and the Scarecrow wanted a brain, from the Wizard of Oz.
2. The priest told Benjamin's parents that Benjamin should never be stopped from doing what he loved. He also said that Benjamin would become a famous painter later and would make his country proud.
3. The speaker loves to watch the brook, because she feels the brook is very happy. The cheerful movement of the brook sounds like a song to the speaker. She feels the brook is like a friend, telling her stories about hills and rivers as it flows past her.

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READING

10 marks

Q1. Read the passage.

Catrina!

My mother told us this funny story. My grandfather was a zookeeper, so when Mother was a child, she lived in a zoo with her parents.

One day, her friends came to visit her. Mother wanted to show them her pet cat. Her friends sat down and Mother called out to her pet *Catrina*. Her friends waited to see the cat.

“Is she grey or brown?” they asked.

“You’ll see in a moment” laughed Mother.

But they all screamed loudly and ran away when *Catrina* came running in and put her paws on Mother’s knees.

Catrina was a tiger cub!

A. Tick (✓) the correct answer.

(3 marks)

1. When the writer’s mother was young she lived
 - a. near a zoo.
 - b. in a zoo.
 - c. in the woods.
2. The meaning of *in a moment* is
 - a. after some time
 - b. importance
 - c. very soon
3. The opposite of *loudly* is
 - a. softly
 - b. harshly
 - c. noisily

B. Answer the following questions.

(2 marks)

1. Why did mother’s friends run away when her pet cat came running in?

2. Pick out words to show that *Catrina* liked the writer’s mother?

Q2. Read the passage.

Baby elephants are adorable and fascinating creatures. They are born weighing around 250 pounds and can stand on their wobbly legs within hours. These cute little elephants stay close to their mothers for protection and love. They drink their mother’s milk for the first two years and slowly start eating plants as they grow older. Baby elephants love to play in the water and use their trunks to spray water on themselves. They learn important skills from their mothers and other older elephants in the herd. With time, these baby elephants grow into strong and magnificent animals.

Answer the questions.

(3 marks)

A. Tick (✓) the correct answer.

1. What is special about baby elephants?
 - a. They leave their mother immediately after birth.
 - b. They go in search of plants to eat after a week of birth.
 - c. They stand on their unsteady feet within hours of their birth.
2. How long do baby elephants drink their mother's milk?
 - a. For the first year
 - b. For two months
 - c. For two years
3. Which word does NOT mean *magnificent*?
 - a. wonderful
 - b. cheap
 - c. splendid

B. Answer the question.

(2 marks)

1. What do baby elephants love to do?

2. Who teaches baby elephants important skills?

SECTION B

WRITING

10 marks

Q3. Answer the following.

(5 marks)

1. Complete these paragraphs about what happens in your own words.

I went for an exciting trip to the zoo with my family members during the summer vacation. This was my first trip to a zoo. I liked the monkeys very much. They were playing and _____ from branch to branch in their cage.

Suddenly a baby monkey came and snatched away my cap. I tried to _____ but it _____ high on a branch. Then it came back close to me and I knew it wanted to play. I plucked a leaf _____ and put it on my head. The monkey put my cap _____. Now, I knew that it was doing what I did. Next, I threw _____ the cage. Immediately it threw _____ and picked up the leaf. I took my _____ and _____!

2. My friends told me about aliens but I never believed them, until one day I looked out of my bedroom window and saw ...

Complete the paragraph describing the alien you saw:

(5 marks)

The alien was a strange and strong creature. It was very _____. (describe its height and colour) It had _____ (what kind of eyes it had). Its eyes _____ (the shape and colour of the eyes). It had no hair on its huge head which was shaped _____ (give details about its head). _____. Its head seemed too big for its thin tall body. _____ (write about the alien's nose and face) The alien had unusually _____ (the hands and fingers) long hands and short stubby fingers. The body of the alien was covered _____. The most interesting thing about this creature was a light flashing _____. It finally saw me and gave me a smile.

SECTION C

GRAMMAR

10 marks

Q4. Choose the correct possessive pronouns to complete these sentences.

(4 marks)

- 1. I painted this picture. It is _____.
a. yours b. mine c. his
- 2. The chair was gifted to us. It is _____.
a. ours b. hers c. yours
- 3. Sushma and Sarika won this prize. It is _____.
a. theirs b. yours c. ours
- 4. This is a gift for you. It is _____.
a. mine b. hers c. yours

Q5. Complete these sentences with the adjective phrases from the box.

(3 marks)

cold and windy	a little sad	dark brown
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- 1. I have washed my dress many times. There is still see a _____ stain near the collar.
- 2. She is _____ as her father did not come to pick her up from school.
- 3. If it's not too _____ we will walk to school.

Q6. Underline the noun phrases in the sentences.

(3 marks)

- 1. They are searching for the policeman's dog.
- 2. The lady who runs the shop has come.
- 3. The tall, strong, friendly man in a blue shirt is my uncle.

SECTION D

TEXT-BASED QUESTIONS

20 marks

Q7. Read the lines and answer the questions.

(2 X 3= 6 marks)

1. *"Nature has fooled us today, but we should not give in. Let's do the opposite..."*

a. Who has Nature fooled?

b. How has Nature fooled them?

c. According to the speaker, how will they not be made fools?

2. *"Why were those two being so nasty to each other?"*

(A Day in the Meadow)

a. Who was nasty to each other?

b. Why were they nasty?

c. Where were they?

Q8. Tick (✓) the correct answer.

(4 X 1 = 4 marks)

1. *Now I know I am safe*. How does the windhover know he is safe?

He knows he is safe

- a. because his brother and sister hiss at him and play games.
- b. because he is in his home with his parents, and his mother comes to feed him.
- c. because he hears the familiar sound of wings and gets plenty of food to eat.

2. The message in the poem, *Morning* is:

- a. Do not waste time.
- b. Be like the birds and bees.
- c. The sun shines brightly in the woods.

3. Why are Dorothy, the Cowardly Lion, the Tin Woodman and the Scarecrow all able to get over their problems?

- a. They all want to get something.
- b. The problems they face are simple.
- c. They work together.

4. Which sentence describes what the story, *The Champion of Quiet*, is about?

- a. It can be frightening to be the new student at school.
- b. Taking a chance can lead to making new friends.
- c. People who have things in common make good friends.

Q9. Answer any TWO of the questions in about 20–25 words.

(2 X 2 = 4 marks)

1. Why did the Badshah Batata of Ultapur want a change?

2. Why is Bambi terrified when he sees that a polecat killed a mouse?

3. Did the Lion's roar stop the Kalidahs? Why?

Q10. Answer the any TWO questions in about 30-40 words.

(2 X 3 = 6 marks)

1. What do you think would have happened if the girl had not spotted the bird with the boy?
Would the boy have put the bird back in its nest?

2. What did Bambi see and feel when they reached the meadow?

3. Who were Maggie's team members? What was special about her team?

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READING

10 marks

Q1. Read the passage.

In a peaceful pond in a forest, a small turtle called Tinu lived with his family. Tinu was the tiniest among his brothers and sisters, but he had the biggest heart. One day, as dark clouds gathered, heavy rain poured, and the pond started to flood. Tinu knew he had to act quickly. Bravely, he guided all the baby turtles to higher ground, making sure they were safe. Though he was scared, Tinu's courage saved the day. From that moment on, everyone admired the brave little turtle, and Tinu learned that even the smallest of creatures can make a big difference.

A. Tick (✓) the correct answer.**(4 marks)**

1. Where did Tinu live with his family?
 - a. In a forest in a peaceful pond
 - b. On the banks of a river
 - c. On high ground near the pond
2. What did Tinu do when it began to rain?
 - a. Tinu got scared and hid in the forest.
 - b. Tinu tried to help his brothers and sisters to stay safe.
 - c. Tinu swam across the pond with his brothers and sisters.
3. Why did everyone admire Tinu?
 - a. They admired him because he was a brave turtle.
 - b. They admired him because he acted quickly.
 - c. They admired him because he was the smallest turtle.
4. What did Tinu learn from the experience?
 - a. He learnt that one should be brave always.
 - b. He learnt that he should help his brothers and sisters.
 - c. He learnt that even the smallest creature can make a difference.

B. Answer the following.**(1 mark)**

Which word in the passage is closest in meaning to *afraid*?

Q2. Read the passage.

In a tiny anthill, there lived three little ants named Beena, Meena, and Sheena. They love to work together and help their community. Every day, they search for food and carry it back to the anthill. Once, they find a big piece of sweet fruit and decide to share it with everyone. The ants work as a team, cutting the fruit into tiny pieces and distributing them. Their teamwork makes everyone happy, and they feel proud of their helpfulness. From that day on, they are known as the helpful ants, admired by all the other ants in the anthill.

c. What does the little boy want him to do?

2. *It's a much-improved roof now, and we look forward to the next storm with confidence!*

a. When did the roof get repaired?

b. What did the speaker say much-improved?

c. Why were they confident?

Q8. Tick (✓) the correct answer.

(4 X 1 = 4 marks)

1. How do we know Noi treated the whale as a friend?

a. He told it stories about himself and his father living by the sea.

b. He put the whale in a bucket and took it home.

c. He told his father to treat the whale like a friend.

2. What is the Umbrella Brigade?

a. a group of people who make and fix umbrellas

b. a group of soldiers who use umbrellas while marching

c. a group of children with umbrellas

3. What did Isatou decide to do about the pile of plastic bag garbage?

a. She began to collect the plastic bags and recycle them.

b. She washed the bags and gave them to people to use again.

c. She told people to stop using plastic bags.

4. In the narration, *Storm at Night*, Dolly squealed because

a. the roof was falling down.

b. she was afraid of the storm.

c. she saw a large field rat leap onto the desk.

Q9. Answer any TWO of the questions in about 20–25 words.

(2 X 2 = 4 marks)

1. Why was Mrs Barn Owl worried?

2. Why did Isatou think plastic bags were not beautiful anymore?

3. *On chestnut or charcoal / on sleek arctic white / on silver they gallop / in place day and night.*
What is the speaker describing here? (*Carousel*)

Q10. Answer the any TWO questions in about 30-40 words.

(2 X 3 = 6 marks)

1. How did Noi's father react when he came to know about the whale? What did he do?

2. Why does the brother fix a horn, a rear-view mirror and special wheels on his wheelchair? How do these things help?

3. How did the old man and the children show respect for each other?

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READING

10 marks

Q1. Read the passage.

The bamboo belongs to the grass family and can grow up to 60 to 80 feet. It grows in warm countries like China, Japan, Malaysia, India and Sri Lanka. Like the coconut palm, the bamboo too has many uses.

The tender shoots are eaten. The Chinese and the Japanese make many tasty dishes with tender bamboo.

In the East, the hard woody stem is used to build houses, agricultural and fishing implements; the fibre is made into hats, baskets, ropes, mats and screens. The hollow stem is used as water pipes in the fields. The Chinese make paper with a pulp from the inside of the stem.

In the West, the bamboo is used to make decorative things like wicker furniture and fancy walking sticks.

Tick (✓) the correct answer.

(5 marks)

1. The bamboo grows
 - a. throughout Asia
 - b. in warm countries
 - c. in forests
2. The bamboo
 - a. is a short, wide-spreading tree.
 - b. is a long grass.
 - c. is a coconut palm.
3. Which word is NOT the meaning of *implements*
 - a. tools
 - b. instrument
 - c. wheel

Say whether the following are true (T) or not true (NT).

4. It is a very valuable tree. _____
5. In the East, the bamboo is used to make decorative things. _____

Q2. Read the passage.

Anil had to go for a fancy dress party. He put on his mask. He flapped his cape in front of the mirror. This is the best costume, he thought.

I'm sure to win the contest. Anil skipped downstairs. "Here I come to rescue you!" Anil shouted.

"Nice costume," said Anil's father. "I'm a superhero," said Anil.

"Anil," said Mother, "I need you to watch over Anya at the party."

Anil looked at his little sister. "But Mother, superheroes don't have kid sisters."

"Well this superhero has a sister," said Mother.

"What will Anya's costume be?" asked Father. "I'm not sure," said Mother.

Anil got an idea. "I know!"

Anil took Anya upstairs to his room. He dug through his cupboard and found his baby blanket. He put it around Anya's shoulders.

At the party, Superhero Anil and Supergirl Anya won the first prize.

Answer the questions.

(5 marks)

1. Why was Anil dressed like a superhero?

2. Name all the people in this passage.

3. What did Anil put on Anya when he dressed her up as Supergirl?

Tick (✓) the correct answer.

4. What was Anil supposed to do at the party?

- a. fly in the air
- b. help make the food
- c. watch over his little sister

5. Anil was dressed as

- a. Superman
- b. Superhero
- c. Spiderman

SECTION B

WRITING

10 marks

Q3. Answer the following.

(5 marks)

1. Write a letter to your grandmother / grandfather, telling her / him about your plans for the holidays. Say how you, along with your friends plan to reuse plastic bottles. You may use these hints.

vacations start from (date) – lots of fun — going to start a new project – reuse plastic bottles – go to beach on Sunday – collect all the waste bottles – wash them – make cups for pens, pencils, and craft supplies – make planters for houseplants or herbs – make a piggy bank out of old plastic bottles – paint them

2. Amit watches the 9 pm news.

3. Sheeba and I play the guitar.

4. I make a beautiful shawl for you.

Q5. Underline the main verbs and circle the helping verbs in these sentences. (3 marks)

1. The price of most food is rising again.
2. The buses are leaving in about ten minutes.
3. I am driving the car right now.

Q6. Underline the adverbs and say what type they are: P (Place), T (Time) (3marks)

1. There was a snow storm during the night.
2. Arjun is the person standing below the staircase.
3. It is difficult to get inside the truck because the seats are high.

SECTION D

TEXT-BASED QUESTIONS

20 marks

Q7. Read the lines and answer the questions. (2 X 3= 6 marks)

1. *'Now, I must be quick,' he thought. He ran home again and brought back his pull cart.*

a. Who is 'he' and where was he?

b. Why did he bring the pull cart?

c. Why did he want to be quick?

2. *"There's more in the city."*

a. Who said this and what are they speaking about?

b. Why was 'the thing' more in the city?

c. How did the used bags effect the surroundings?

Q8. Tick (✓) the correct answer.

(4 X 1 = 4 marks)

1. *The owl decides to watch the fireworks at night, although he is afraid of the dark. Which quality of Plop is NOT TRUE?*
 - a. He is eager to go out in the dark and show the boy that he is not afraid..
 - b. He is eager to try out new things to better himself.
 - c. He is ready to listen to the good things others say.
2. *The market is full of candy wrapped in rainbows of plastic. What does rainbows of plastic mean?*
 - a. rainbow coloured plastic bags
 - b. reflection of the rainbow on the plastic bags
 - c. plastic bags in various colours that look as colourful as a rainbow
3. *Picking up my precious typewriter, I stumbled into the front room. Why does the speaker say 'precious typewriter'?*
 - a. The typewriter was valuable to him as he was a writer.
 - b. The typewriter was a very expensive one.
 - c. The typewriter was made up of very costly material.
4. Granddad tells stories to the dandelion because
 - a. no one else is interested in his stories.
 - b. it is a good listener.
 - c. the stories are long and boring.

Q9. Answer any TWO of the questions in about 20–25 words.

(2 X 2 = 4 marks)

1. What efforts did Noi take to make the whale comfortable?

2. What is the connection between the dandelion seeds and the stories?

3. Does the speaker want to be friends with the shooting star?

Q10. Answer the any TWO questions in about 30-40 words.

(2 X 3 = 6 marks)

1. How was the little boy responsible in preparing Plop to come out in the night?

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2. What was Isatou's dream? What problems did she face, and how did she keep trying to make her dream come true?

3. What difficulties did the narrator and others face during the storm?

Answer Key

- Q1. 1. b 2. b 3. c 4. T 5. NT
- Q2. 1. There was a contest at the fancy dress party so Anil dressed like a superhero.
2. There was Anil, his father and mother, and his sister Anya.
3. Anil put his baby blanket around Anya's shoulders and she was dressed like Supergirl.
4. c 5. b
- Q3. 1 & 2 *Free response*
- Q4. 1. You baked the cake very well. 2. Amit watched the 9 pm news.
3. Sheeba and I played the guitar. 4. I made a beautiful shawl for you.
- Q5. Main verbs: is, are, am
Helping verbs: rising, leaving, driving
- Q6. 1. during – T 2. below – P 3. inside – P
- Q7. 1. a. He is Noi and he is at the beach.
b. He brought the pull cart to carry the baby whale home.
c. He knew that the whale would die if it was out of water for long. So, he wanted to take the whale home to save it.
2. a. Grandmother said this, about the plastic bags.
b. It was more commonly used in the city because cities use more plastic than villages.
c. These bags were carelessly discarded, leading to an ugly heap of plastic waste along the roads. The stagnant water in the bags provided a breeding ground for mosquitoes and diseases, while the burning of bags left behind a foul smell. The bags killed livestock, and polluted the environment.
- Q8. 1. a 2. c 3. a 4. b
- Q9. 1. First, Noi poured a bucket of cold water on the whale. After that he took the whale home and put it in the bathtub and told stories to the whale. He fed the whale some supper too.
2. Just like the seeds spread and sprouted far and wide, over and over again, so did Grandad's stories spread far and wide from generation to generation.
3. Yes, the speaker wants to be friends with the shooting star. She admires its beauty, feels curious and marvels about its actions. She imagines the different reasons why the shooting star could be whizzing across the night sky, and says that if the shooting star notices her, then she would love to fly through the Milky Way too.
- Q10.1. Compelled by his mother, the baby owl jumped from the tree in front of the boy and they soon started talking. The boy explained to the owl what fireworks were, and how beautiful they looked in the night. The way the boy explained about the fireworks impressed the owl, and for the first time, he did not mind being in the dark to see the fireworks.
2. Isatou's dream was to reduce plastic waste and make something beautiful and useful out of it. She faced a lot of problems, like people not believing in her, very few people to help, and having to dig plastic from the dump yard. She continued making these purses, even as her hands were sore and full of blisters until people saw them as beautiful and bought them.
3. The storm had taken off the roof of their building. The house was filled with storm water and they had no place to go. Only the children's room had some protection, so they all huddled in there with their feet freezing. Even after the storm stopped, snowflakes settled on the roof that was still remaining overhead and the window panes were covered with snow and icicles.