

10 <sup>th</sup> CBSE Batch :	<b>MAHESH TUTORIALS</b> <b>SUBJECT : ENGLISH</b> <b>Fiction : 1 to 3, Poem : 1 to 3, Drama : 1</b> <b>Grammar and Writing Skills</b> <b>Model Answer Paper</b>	<b>Test -</b> Date: Time: 2 Hrs Marks : 60
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Q : 1	<b><u>Grammar and Writing Skills</u></b>	08
	<p><b>Read the following passage given below and answer the questions that follows :</b></p> <p>(i) Joel's courteous manner and sad expressions.  (ii) a civilized room into something resembling a bomb-site in an incredibly short space of time.  (iii) there was something that resembled a map of Japan  (iv) Joel might like some tinned raspberries.  (v) knowing that the handle opened and closed the door, but not knowing how to manipulate it, had pulled it down with all his might.  (vi) reflected that his strength would increase considerably as he grew older.  (vii) decided to have him spend a few days in their guest house.  viii) tinned raspberries.</p>	
Q : 2	<p><b>Read the outline and write a story using your ideas and creativity. Assign a suitable title and a moral to the story. [150 words]</b></p> <p style="text-align: center;"><b><u>BAD HABITS</u></b></p> <p>There lived a very rich man, who had a son. The man was fed up of his son's ill manners. He asked for advice from people. Somebody suggested to him a scholar in the village, so he called upon him and requested him to wean his son away from his bad habits. The scholar accepted the man's request and went to see his son.</p> <p>The scholar took the boy for a stroll through the garden. Suddenly the scholar stopped and asked the boy to pull out a tiny plant growing there. Obeying him the boy held the plant between his thumb and forefinger and pulled it out. It was an easy task and boy felt a winning sensation.</p> <p>After walking a while the scholar asked the boy to pull out a slightly bigger plant. This time the boy pulled a little harder and plant came out with its roots. Not bad he thought to himself.</p> <p>"Now pull that one", said the scholar pointing towards a bush. This time the boy used all his strength to pull out the bush as a result the bush came out.</p> <p>"Now take this one out" said the scholar indicating to a guava tree. The boy grasped the tree trunk and tried to pull it using all his strength but it wouldn't budge from its place. Panting with effort the boy said, "It's impossible".</p> <p>"Well, it is the same with the bad habits", said the scholar. "When they are young it is easy to pull them out but when they take a hold they cannot be uprooted".</p> <p>This stroll with the scholar changed the boy's life forever.</p> <p><b>Moral : Don't wait for bad habits to grow in you, drop them while you have control over them else they will get a control over you.</b></p>	07
	Q : 3	

19th January, 2017

**Subject :** Request to improve water facilities in the school.

Sir,

Most respectfully, I beg to draw your kind attention towards our problem regarding water facility in our school. Being the head girl I take the responsibility to inform you about the problems faced by the students. Our school has nearly two thousand students. Among all the facilities provided to us, the availability of drinking water is miserable. There is no supply of drinking water and no water in the washroom to wash hands. Though the students carry their own water bottle it is insufficient. Due to this at times it becomes difficult to sustain the whole day at school.

So I kindly request you to solve manage this problem as soon as possible. We will be greatly thankful to you.

Thanking You,  
Yours obediently,  
Shweta Jadhav.

**Q : 4 Gap Filling:**

(a) have (b) treat (c) steadily (d) advice (e) punishment  
(f) the rod (g) insulted (h) principle

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**Q : 5 Fill in the blanks by giving the appropriate word from the options given below.**

(a) can (b) in (c) to (d) their  
(e) the (f) Some (g) are (h) never

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**Q : 6 In the passage given below, one word has been omitted in each line.**

**Write the missing word along with the word that comes before and the word that comes after it. Ensure that the word that forms your answer is underlined.**

(a) shouted for help (b) passing by jumped (c) As the man  
(d) boy stopped him (e) him the reason (f) boy thanked him  
(g) that when you (f) your life was

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**Q : 7 Read the following dialogue and complete the paragraph below, using past tense :**

(a) wanted to know why they were asking money.  
(b) if they could give the fruits they had bought.  
(c) they would give them money to buy whatever they chose.

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**Textual**

**Q : 8 Answer the following questions :**

1. Miss Mebbin blackmailed Mrs. Packletide in order to procure the weekend cottage. She said that she would let out the secret that the tiger had actually died of a heart attack and not as a result of Mrs. Packletide's skill of shooting. Mrs. Packletide finally gave in to her demands and Miss Mebbin was successful in getting her weekend cottage. Miss Mebbin planted many tiger-lilies in order to remind herself how she had procured the cottage.
2. Most of the monuments and statues are made up of stone or metals. The monuments and statues get covered with dust and their shine fades due to the passage of time and environmental degradation. In order to preserve and protect

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them for a longer time they are either covered with gold or polished.

3. A loon is a kind of water fowl. A loon's call sounds like weeping so the poet uses this image to suggest that the nightingale's singing made all the birds emotional and they too felt like singing. Also, the poet is poking fun at the frog by suggesting he is like a solitary loon, or crazy person, who is weeping at the attention that's been directed towards the nightingale.
4. Coachman Ali used to come to the post office everyday since five years in hope of getting a letter from his daughter, Miriam. Miriam had got married and left him to stay with her husband in Punjab. Ever since her marriage, Miriam had neither written to Ali nor come to meet him. Ali was therefore very worried for Miriam's welfare and wanted to know if everything was fine at her end. He was lonely after she left and drew comfort from the idea that she would write to him.
5. The mirror keeps meditating on the pink wall that is opposite to it. The wall has speckles. It seems sometimes to the mirror that the wall is a part of it. But this contemplation of the mirror is disturbed by people who come to see themselves in the mirror and also when there is darkness during night time the mirror cannot contemplate the wall.

**Q : 9 Answer in detail :**

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1. Mrs. Slater sends Victoria to grandfather's room to fetch the keys of the bureau. When Victoria enters the room, she realises grandfather is getting up. She rushes down and grandfather too walks down. Then the blame game between the two sister starts. Mrs. Jordan realises that Mrs. Slater had already laid her hands on the slippers, bureau and clock of grandfather. She calls Mrs. Slater as double faced and even compares her to a thief in the night. After Mrs. Slater is exposed, she retaliates by telling grandfather the reason of the big quarrel that had happened between them three years ago. Mrs. Jordan had then clearly told Mrs. Slater that she would have to keep grandfather from then because she had enough of him to last a lifetime. Though both of them apologise to grandfather for the way they have treated him, the spat between them surely brings out the reality in open.

**OR**

1. It is said that appearances are deceptive. A person may actually be a wolf in sheep's clothing. He may look decent but may be a cheater. It is true in the case of Nicola and Jacopo too, but in a positive sense. When the narrator noted that the two boys earned a lot of money by doing several odd jobs like selling fruit, newspaper, polishing shoes, being tourist guides etc, he guessed that perhaps they were saving money for their future. He felt that they probably wanted to migrate to America. However, the boys who seemed very childish, innocent and lively were actually quite mature beyond their age. They had taken up the responsibility of their ailing sister. They had persuaded the hospital authorities to admit her in the hospital and they made payment every week towards her treatment like responsible adults. Though the war had destroyed their entire family, they did not lose hope. Behind their ragged appearances, there existed noble souls.

**Q : 10 Read the passage and answer the questions :**

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- (a) Ali asked the clerk to get his letter to his grave.
- (b) Ali's eyes were filled with tears as he felt that he would not last till the next day and he had neither seen Mirium nor received any letter from her.
- (c) puzzled / confused

**Q : 11 Read the poem and answer the questions :**

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- (a) A traveller makes this statement to the narrator (poet).
- (b) He was coming from an ancient land where civilization had flourished in ancient times. He is probably referring to Egypt.
- (c) The traveller has found two huge legs of stone without a trunk and a damaged face nearby.

**Q : 12 Write a detailed answer for any one of the following questions :**

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1. Pen stands for 'literature', that comes out of a writer's pen. It is true that literature or writing wields far more power than arms can ever wield. Battles are fought over a certain period of time and within a particular area. They certainly affect and influence events but in a limited way. The impact of wars cannot last long. It can last for a few centuries, at most. But books can last for thousands of years. The messages of Buddha, Christ, Confucius, Gandhi and Marx are universal in their appeal. They are valid for times.

The sword has a physical effect; it hardly affects the mind, intellect and spirit. The pen affects the mind, intellect and spirit. The pen can shape the minds, hearts and spirits of people only if the wielder has the mastery of its use in the required measure.

The fact of superiority of the pen over the sword should not lead us to believe that the sword has no value. Arms have changed history. Sometimes only force brings about results. If the great war of 'Mahabharata' had not been fought, the forces of evil which the Kauravas represented would have continued to plague the kingdom and the rule of justice and righteousness could never have been established. The American Revolution of 1776 was the product of the writings of a host of political philosophers and statesmen. The slogan 'Liberty, Equality and Pursuit of Happiness' given by the American Revolutionaries and the slogan 'Liberty, Equality and Fraternity' raised in the writings of French revolutionaries not only did much to change the history of these two countries, but also revolutionized the very thought and outlook of the people about the role of the state.

Indians would not have won freedom if the people would not have been inspired by the writings of a host of patriotic writers and men of literature who contributed very significantly to burning of the fire of patriotic zeal in the hearts of the multitudes of people, inspiring them to sacrifice their lives for the sake of freedom.

2. Ali used to live with his daughter. But after she got married and left him he felt very lonely. He used to be a hunter, but his daughter's going away made him re-evaluate his life. He understood the meaning of love and separation. He gave up his sportsman's pleasure of hunting. All that mattered to him was that his daughter should be fine. He loved her and missed her. The daily visit to the post office for five years proved that he was full of love for his daughter and his leaving hunting showed how he had come to love the life around him. Not giving up a single day to visit the post office showed how patient Ali was and how staunch his belief was he would hear from his daughter. Also, the composed way in which he tolerated the jibs and jokes of the post office employees proved his forbearance. The fact that he gave a post office clerk money to deliver his daughter's letter to his grave showed that he would continue to love his daughter and patiently wait for her letter beyond his grave.

★★★★ *Best of Luck* ★★★★★