

# ISC Class 10 English Language Question Paper

**Time Allowed :2 Hours**

**Maximum Marks :80**

**Total questions :38**

## General Instructions

**Read the following instructions very carefully and strictly follow them:**

1. The ISC Class X (ICSE) English Language paper is of a total of 80 marks and the duration of the examination is 2 hours.
2. The paper is divided into two main sections – Section I (Compulsory) and Section II.
3. Section I is compulsory for all candidates and generally includes Composition Writing, Letter Writing (formal or informal), and a short précis or functional writing task as prescribed.
4. In the Composition section, candidates are required to write one composition (essay) from the given options. The composition should be relevant to the topic and within the prescribed word limit.
5. In the Letter Writing section, candidates must follow the correct format (formal or informal as required) and adhere strictly to the word limit mentioned in the question.
6. Section II generally includes Comprehension and Grammar. All questions in this section must be attempted as directed.
7. Answers to comprehension questions must be based strictly on the given passage. Candidates should use their own words as far as possible.
8. All answers must be written in English. Candidates should write neatly and clearly. The use of unfair means or electronic devices is strictly prohibited.

**Choose the correct option to make one complete sentence without using and, but or so.**

**1. He picked up the bundle. He walked away.**

- (A) He picked up the bundle and walked away.
  - (B) Packing up the bundle, he walked away.
  - (C) Picking up the bundle, he walked away.
  - (D) He walked away by picking up the bundle.
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**2. Ravi is not a technician. Ravi is not a musician.**

- (A) Ravi is both a technician also a musician.
  - (B) Ravi is neither a technician nor a musician.
  - (C) Besides not being a technician, Ravi is a musician.
  - (D) Ravi is not a musician but a technician.
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**3. Tanya is extremely polite. We like her.**

- (A) Tanya is extremely polite but we like her.
  - (B) We like Tanya despite her being extremely polite.
  - (C) Tanya's extremely polite ways make us like her.
  - (D) We like Tanya because she is extremely polite.
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**4. The construction started on time. It was delayed due to the bad weather.**

- (A) Although the construction started on time, it was delayed due to the bad weather.
  - (B) Since the construction started on time, it was delayed due to the bad weather.
  - (C) The construction started on time, so it was delayed due to the bad weather.
  - (D) The construction started on time, as well as got delayed due to the bad weather.
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**5. Choose the correct option and rewrite the sentence according to the instruction given after each.**

**(A). Samudragupta was one of the greatest of the Indian kings.**

**(End with: ...Samudragupta.)**

- (A) No other king is as great as Samudragupta.
- (B) All other kings are greater than Samudragupta.

- (C) Very few Indian kings were as great as Samudragupta.  
(D) Some Indian kings are greatest as Samudragupta.
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**(B). One should keep one's promises.**

**(Begin with: Promises ...)**

- (A) Promises should keep one.  
(B) One's promises are not meant to be kept.  
(C) Promises should be kept.  
(D) Promises are one's to keep.
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**(C). He said, "I have passed the examination."**

**(Begin: He said that...)**

- (A) He said that he had passed the examination.  
(B) He said that he passed the examination.  
(C) He said that he has passed the examination.  
(D) He said that he will pass the examination.
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**(D). He finished his exercise and put his books away.**

**(Begin: Having ...)**

- (A) Having his books put away, he exercised.  
(B) Having put his books away, he finished his exercise.  
(C) Having finished his exercise, he put his books away.  
(D) Having to finish his exercise, he put his books away.
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**(E). Unless she practises every day, she will not be able to meet her goal.**

**(Begin with: If...)**

- (A) If she practises every day, she will be able to meet her goal.  
(B) If she practises every day, she will not be able to meet her goal.  
(C) If she does not practise every day, her goal will be met.  
(D) If she practises every day, her goal will not be met.

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**(F). Rashmi was too late to hear the first speech.**

**(Use: ...so...that...)**

(A) Rashmi was so late for the first speech.

(B) Rashmi was so late that she could hear the first speech.

(C) Rashmi is so late that she cannot hear the first speech.

(D) Rashmi was so late that she could not hear the first speech.

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**6. Write a composition (300–350 words) on any one of the following:**

**(A). Write an original short story beginning with the words: It was midnight and the doorbell rang...**

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**(B). If you could change one period in your school timetable, which one would you choose? Why do you think it needs to be changed and with which subject or activity would you replace it?**

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**(C). You and your family enjoy eating out. Give a description of your favourite restaurant or food stall, and the sights and smells that attract you to the place. Explain why you like eating here.**

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**(D). ‘Homework is a necessary evil.’ Express your views either for or against this statement.**

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**5. Study the picture given below. Write a story or a description or an account of what it suggests to you. There must be a clear connection between the picture and your composition.**

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**6(A). Your examinations are drawing near, and you would like to form a study group. Write a letter to one of your classmates inviting him or her to join it. Give details of how you plan to revise and explain why it would be helpful.**

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**6(B). The drainage system in your locality needs repair. Write a letter to the Municipal Commissioner stating the problems caused due to this. Suggest solutions to improve the situation.**

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**7(A). Your school is organising an Inter House Non-Flame Cooking Competition. Write a notice informing the students about the event.**

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**7(B). Write an email to a famous chef, inviting him/her to judge the event.**

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