

ICSE CLASS 10

ENGLISH LANGUAGE

SAMPLE PAPER

(As Per Re-reduced Syllabus - For ICSE 2021 Exam)

Time - 2 Hours Max. Marks: 80

General Instructions -

- 1. Answers to this Question paper must be written on the answer sheet provided separately.
- 2. You will not be allowed to write for the first 15 minutes.
- 3. This time is to be spent in reading the question paper.
- 4. Attempt all the five questions.
- 5. The intended marks for the question or parts of questions are given in the brackets ().

Question 1

Write a composition (300 - 350 words) on any one of the following:

[25]

- (a) Write an original short story in which two children and their Grandfather are the main characters.
- (b) Imagine that you have changed your school recently. Narrate your experience on your first day in the new school. How did you feel at the end of the day?
- Your class had to conduct a Morning Assembly. Write an account of how you prepared for it, what your role was and what you gained from the experience.
- (d) Summers are becoming hotter with each passing year. Write a description of one such very hot day. What did you see and hear as you walked outside? How were birds and animals affected?

Question 2 [15]

(a) Your friend has not fared well in the recent examinations. Write a letter to him / her expressing your concern. Give him / her some advice on how to score better marks and offer to help him / her to improve his / her performance.

$Question \ 3 \ \ (Attempt \ any \ one \ question)$

[10]

- (a) Your school is hosting an Inter School Competition.
- (b) Write an email to the Principal of a neighboring school requesting him / her to send a team of three members to participate in the Quiz Competition.



Question 4

Read the following passage carefully and answer the questions that follow:

Billy Weaver had travelled down from London and by the time he arrived it Was nine o'clock in the night and the moon was coming uo.

"excuse me," he asked a porter. "but is there a cheap hotel nearby?"

"Try The Bell Hotel," the porter answered, pointing down the road.

Billy thanked him, picked up his suitcase and set out to walk the distance to The Bell Hotel. He had never been to Richmond before. But the man at the Office had told him it was a *splendid city*.

Billy was seventeen years old. He was wearing a new navy-blue overcoat, a new brown hat, and a new brown suit, and he was feeling fine. He walked briskly down the street. He was trying to do everything briskly these days. The big *shots* up at the Head Office were fantastically brisk all the time. They were amazing. The road was lonely and dark with a few scattered houses.

Suddenly, in a downstairs window Billy saw a printed notice propped up against the window glass It said Bed and Breakfast.

He moved a bit closer and peered through the window into the room, and the *first* thing he saw was a bright fire burning in the hearth. On the carpet in front of *the* fire, a little dog was curled up asleep with its nose tucked into its belly.

The room in half-darkness was filled with pleasant furniture. There was a piano and a big sofa and several plump armchairs, and in one corner he *spotted* a *large* parrot in a cage. Animals were usually a good sign in a place like this, Billy told himself and it looked to him as though it would be a pretty decent house to stay in.

Then a queerthing happened to him. He was in the act of stepping back and going away from the window when he felt a strange urge to ring the bell!

He pressed the bell. He heard it ringing, and then at once the door swung open and a woman was standing there.

She gave him a warm welcoming smile.

"Please come in," she said pleasantly. Billy found himself *automatically* moving forward into the house.

"I saw the notice in the window," he said, holding himself back.

"Yes, I know."

"I was wondering about a room."

"It's all ready for you, my dear," she said. She has a round pink face and very gentle blue eyes.

"How much do you charge?"

"Five dollars a night, including breakfast."

It was fantastically cheap. He could easily afford it.

(a) Give the meaning of the following words as used in the passage: [3]

One – word answers or short phrases will be accepted.

- (i) splendid (line 7)
- (ii) spotted (line 20)
- (iii) automatically (line 29)
- (b) Answer the following questions briefly in your own words. [2]
 - (i) How did the porter assist Billy?
 - (ii) Why did Billy want to do everything briskly?
 - (iii) Why did Billy think animals were good sign in a place like this?
 - (iv) How much did the room cost?
- (c) In not more than 50 words, give a brief account of what Billy saw as he looked through the window of the room.

[5]

With Exam18, your child writes ICSE exam i8 exams confidently. exam18.com 7506181854 Get 15% OFF when you order 5+ books **Question 5** Fill in each of the numbered blanks with the correct form of the word given in (a) brackets. [8] Do not copy the passage but write in correct serial order the word or phrase appropriate to the blank space. **Example:** I ______(slow) the car as I saw the new house. Answer: slowed. I ______(1) (pull) up into the driveway ______(2) (observe) the way they had ______(3) (build) up the balcony. I ______(4) (forgot) that the bricks of the house _____(5) (be) chocolate brown. The new people (6) (make) the tiny balcony into a study room. I _____(7) (stare) at this house _____ (8) (remember) my childhood there. Fill in each blank with an appropriate word: [8] **(b)** He hid the stolen goods ______ the floorboards. (i) The teacher knew all ______ the problem. (ii) The boy sat still _____ the night waiting to be called. (iii) My grandmother would have fallen ______ if I had not caught her (iv)

The sailor held on to the mast of the boat for fear of being down

in the storm.

hand.

(v)

	(vi)	All the boarders were taken a walk today.	
	(vii)	Even though she slept several mattresses she still felt t	he
		hard pea.	
	(viii)	Anup and Arun had quarrelled a silly matter.	
(c)	Join the following sentences to make one complete sentence without using and, but		
	or so,		
	(i)	He practiced every day. He came first in the race.	
	(ii)	She did such intricate embroidery. Her eyesight was affected.	
	(iii)	Molly has a very good vocabulary. She reads a lot.	
	(iv)	They broke open door. They saw everything was in a mess.	
(d)	Rewrite the following sentences according to the instructions given after each.		
	Make other changes that may necessary, but do not change the meaning of each		
	sentence. [8		[8]
	(i)	"Will you lend me the book tomorrow?" Priya asked her classmate.	
		(Begin: Priya asked her classmate if	
)	
	(ii)	The teacher scolded him for coming late.	
		(Begin: He)	
	(iii)	It was so hot that the P.T. period could not be held.	
		(Begin: It was too)	
	(iv)	As soon as her song was over, I knew that she had won the competition.	
		(Begin: No sooner)	
	(v)	Our school I sent up the best exhibit to the Town Hall. (Re-write using	
		'better')	
	(vi)	Visitors under eighteen were not allowed into the hall.	
		(Begin: Only visitors)	
	(vii)	As soon as the bell rang the children ran out.	
		(Begin: No sooner)	
	(viii)	They were asked to combine all their ideas into one document.	
		(Re-write using: 'combination')	

