

**PRACTICE PAPER 1**  
**ANSWER KEY**  
**CLASS: X**  
**ENGLISH LANGUAGE & LITERATURE**

**SECTION :A (READING)**

1.1 i. a)

ii. b)

iii. as the letters posted from here carry a special design which has the picturesque scenery of Dal Lake and Srinagar city

iv. a)

v. one serves as the office and the other a small museum that traces the philatelic history of the state postal department

vi. Floating Post office is more than an object of fascination. 1-2 crore is deposited per month in Floating Post Office by communities living in and around the Dal Lake. The lake has several islets that are home to more than 50,000 people.

vii. a)

viii. a)

ix. 2014

2.1

a) Due to the easy access of smart phones, communication has been very effective and instant. People are able to convey their message all around the globe to their loved ones without spending hefty sums of money.

b) Through mobile phones ,young people have been able to broaden their minds and improve their skills by doing research on the Internet. For instance, they use smart phones to look up any new word they come across. As we know that most of the universities have online teaching provision and smart phones assist the students to complete their assignments on time.

c) The mobile phone has been a lifesaver for a lot of people in case of an emergency. Likewise, use of smart phones can be of vital importance in preventing crimes in the society by providing information to the security forces in time.

d) Demerits :

i. The young the use of mobile phone can be like an addiction and they can misuse it.

ii. The mobile phone has been a lifesaver for a lot of people in case of an emergency. Likewise, use of smart phones can be of vital importance in preventing crimes in the society by providing information to the security forces in time.

2.2 .a)iii Invention

b).ii. emails

c).ii.negative

d).iii.monthly

**SECTION - B (WRITING and Grammar)**

### 3. Letter/Article Writing

Letter

Objective: - To use an appropriate style and format to write a formal/an informal letter

Format - 1 Mark

- i. sender's address
- ii. date
- iii. receiver's address
- iv. subject/Heading
- v. salutation
- vi. closing

Content - 4 Marks

Expression: 3 Marks (*coherence, relevance of ideas (1½ mark)*  
(*Accuracy, appropriate words and correct spellings (1½ mark)*  
(*Value points are suggested in the Question paper itself*)

OR

#### Article

Format - 1 Mark

*Title– ½ mark & name of the writer – ½ mark*

Content- 4Marks(*any other relevant point besides the hints given*)

Expression- 3Marks

*coherence and relevance of ideas and style –1½ mark*  
*grammatical accuracy, appropriate words and spellings – 1½ mark*  
(*Value points are suggested in the Question paper itself*)

### 4. Story Writing :

Title & Moral - 1

Content - 4

Expression -5

(*coherence, relevance of ideas*) (2½ marks)

(*Accuracy, appropriate words and correct spellings*) (2½ marks)

Suggested value points: (The beginning of the story is given in the question)

Or

Title & Moral - 1

Content - 4

Expression-5

(*coherence, relevance of ideas*) (2½ marks)

(*Accuracy, appropriate words and correct spellings*) (2½ marks)

Suggested value points :( Hints given in the question )

### 5. Fill in the blanks:

- a) iii. a
- b) i.who
- c) becomes
- d) iii.from

6.	error	correction
a)	a	the
b)	or	and
c)	peoples	people's
d)	but	and

**7. Jumbled words:**

- a) A house becomes a home when it reflects the personality of the residents.
- b) There are no rules as to how our home has to look.
- c) The important thing is that we should enjoy inhabiting them.
- d) Houses are personal statement about our lives.

**SECTION C  
(LITERATURE)**

**8.**

- a) iv. Richard
- b) ii. in an article
- c) National Academic of Science
- d) i. Letter

**OR**

- a) ii. animals
- b) iv. all of the above
- c) i. always complaining
- d) whine

**9. Short answer questions:**

- a) Bakers used to record the monthly account on some walls with pencil. We still find this practice followed by panwallahs in many towns and villages in India. The panwallah write monthly dues account on their shops walls.
- b) Bholi was the youngest daughter . She suffered some damage in brain due to fall and she was slow in learning things. Due to small pox , her face had pock marks. So, she was not loved so much by her family and nobody cared for her.
- c) Wanda's house was a little one up on the hill. There were dry grasses all around it but no sign of life could be seen near it. The surroundings looked shabby but clean. This reminded Maddie of Wanda's faded blue dress which looked clean but shabby as if it was never ironed.
- d) Anne justified her being a Chatterbox in her essay. She agreed that talking is a student's trait. She would never be able to cure herself of the habit. He mother talked as much as she did if not more. She promised to do her best to keep her habit of talking under control. However, not much can be done about inherited traits.
- e) Hari Singh thought Anil's job was queer as Anil made living by writing for magazines in which there was no steady income. Money was earned in intervals and not on regular basis.

**10. Long answer questions:**

Nelson Mandela is a great patriot. He loves his country and countrymen. For him, the greatest wealth of South Africa is her people. He has a sacrificing nature. He sacrificed his life of comfort,

family and home and plunged into the struggle for freedom. He believes in equality for all. He opposed the rule of Apartheid for which he was declared an outlaw. He was oppressed and tortured in jail for several years but he never broke. It shows his traits of tolerance, courage and perseverance.

OR

Yes, It is true that fear and lack of confidence stop one from learning new things as in the story, the young seagull lacked the value of courage and confidence in his character. He was too scared of flying. His family tried hard to make him fly but he refused to do so because of his fear of sinking in the seawater. They even scolded him for his cowardice. They tried to tempt him with food but he was not willing to learn flying. Once he dived, his fear disappeared and he enjoyed his first flight. It is a fact that unless we try for something and overcome our fear, we can't learn anything. Confidence and motivation are two most important traits that make any learning possible.

11. Richard's genius was obvious by the time he was in his second grade. He managed to collect all twenty-five. Species of butterflies around his hometown and classify them. He also loved to collect coins, fossils and rocks. Science was not his only passion. He was an active member of his school's oratory club and model United Nations club and was an effective debater and a public speaker. He loved photography as well. He was an enthusiastic canoeist and an all-around outdoors person. Learning was easy for him. So he found it simple to devote time and energy to many other interests. He became a champion in whatever he did. He believed in the spirit of competition to win. But, he did not wish to defeat others just to win. He wanted to win to do his best. Thus, he displayed a well-rounded personality.

OR

Griffin was a brilliant and competent scientist. He discovered that the human body could become invisible and transparent as a sheet of glass. It was the result of his long and constant experimentation. However, he misused his discovery only for his personal gains, committing theft and burglaries and beating and robbing innocent persons. He could have earned fame and respect had he utilised his great discovery for the welfare of humanity. But activities made him a lawless person and an anarchist. Griffin proved how the misuse of science and its great discoveries can be misused. An eccentric scientist can degenerate himself into a lawless anarchist. He can become devilish and a disaster for himself and society. Lawlessness and anarchist behaviour make him a homeless wanderer, without clothes and money. He has to remain without clothes even in the chilly weather of mid-winter to remain invisible. He has to make illegal entries and burglaries in a clergyman's house, a big store in London and a shop in Drury Lane. This brings him to disrepute and dishonour instead of fame and respect.