

CBSE Class 12 • English Core

Important Questions 2027

Most repeated questions from the last few years of board and sample papers, grouped chapter-wise.

Unseen Passage - Factual/Discursive

1. Science fiction passage: Provide one textual evidence with reference to paragraph 4 to prove that there is a lack of mainstream platforms.

Seen in: Board 2025, 2026 • Sample 2025

2. Science fiction passage: Complete the analogy with one word from paragraph 4 - possibility : potential : : unique : _____ (mainstream/access/homegrown/niche) - MCQ.

Seen in: Board 2025, 2026 • Sample 2025

3. Science fiction passage: '...science fiction provides a creative lens through which these problems can be examined.' In the given line, what does the phrase 'creative lens' refer to?

Seen in: Board 2026 • Sample 2025

Unseen Passage - Case-based/Analytical (note-making or data)

4. Job preferences case study: Fill in the blank with reference to the bar graph - The profession preference for which policymakers primarily need to provide encouraging incentives is _____. [For Visually Impaired Candidates: When the researcher uses 'a broad spectrum of opinions', the researcher refers to _____.]

Seen in: Board 2022, 2023 • Sample 2026

5. Case study passage on changing nutritional requirements across age groups (dietitians' three-month observational study). Complete suitably - In the introduction, the researcher links changing dietary requirements to highlight _____.

Seen in: Board 2025, 2026 • Sample 2025

6. Nutrition case study: What would the following be classified as? 'Nutritional intake was recorded using food diaries.' (Primary purpose/Secondary objective/Method of analysis/Research outcome) - MCQ.

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7. Nutrition case study: Give two points to support how the case study explored various age groups. (Paragraphs 2, 3)

Seen in: Board 2025, 2026 • Sample 2025

- 8. Nutrition case study:** Classify the following sentences as 'development' and 'prevent' - Sentence A: Children had higher energy and protein needs per kilogram of body weight, essential for growth. Sentence B: Adolescents need increased calcium so that their bone growth is not impacted.

Seen in: Board 2025, 2026 · Sample 2025

- 9. Tourism case study:** What is the ultimate goal for stakeholders, based on the insights from the study? (tourists desire to revisit / visit historical sites / domestic tourism increase / to promote India as a tourist destination) - MCQ.

Seen in: Board 2025 · Sample 2025

- 10. Youth happiness survey passage:** State True or False - 'It is not necessary to provide financial support to the youth as only academic performance plays an upper hand in deciding the stress level.'

Seen in: Board 2023, 2024

Notice / Classified Advertisement

- 11.** Attempt any one of (a)/(b) in about 50 words. (a) Your school is planning an inter-house handball tournament. Write a notice for the school notice board informing students of the details, including participation criteria, registration process and contact information. You are Shivani/Shivam, President, Sports Club of ABC International School, Newtown. Put your notice in a box.

Seen in: Board 2024, 2025, 2026 · Sample 2025, 2026

- 12.** Attempt any one of (a)/(b) in about 50 words. (a) You are the President of Student Council of XYZ Public School, Hawapur. Your school is organising an Arts and Crafts Exhibition as part of its Annual Day celebrations. On behalf of the Principal, draft a formal invitation card to be sent to parents and guests, mentioning a compelling highlight of the programme.

Seen in: Board 2024, 2025, 2026 · Sample 2025, 2026

- 13.** Attempt any one of (a)/(b) in about 50 words. (b) You are Mr. Sunil Joshi, General Secretary of Resident Welfare Association, Laxman Society, Rivernagar. Write a notice calling for a meeting of the residents to discuss the proposal of installing solar panels in your locality. Put your notice in a box.

Seen in: Board 2023, 2024, 2026

Formal/Informal Letter (letter to editor, job application, enquiry, order, complaint)

- 14.** Attempt any one of (a)/(b) in 120-150 words. (b) You are Arati/Ashok from New Colony, Bamapur. You read the given advertisement and wish to apply for the post of Event Manager at Raleigh Planners. Write a job application with your bio-data.

Seen in: Board 2022, 2023, 2024, 2025, 2026 · Sample 2025, 2026

- 15.** Attempt any one of (a)/(b) in 120-150 words. (a) Waste management in your colony is becoming an issue of grave concern. Write a letter to the editor of a local daily discussing the reasons for poor waste management and suggesting ways to resolve it, using the given cues. You are Shireen/Sahil of Prestige Colony, Rahagarh.

Seen in: Board 2023, 2024, 2025, 2026 · Sample 2025, 2026

- 16.** Attempt any one of (a)/(b) in about 50 words. (b) You are Meena/Manoj Tiwari, an experienced student counsellor invited by the Principal of MN Public School, Jawanshahr, to take a workshop on the importance of emotional well-being of teenagers. Draft a reply in not more than 50 words accepting the invitation.

Seen in: Board 2025, 2026 · Sample 2025, 2026

- 17.** Attempt any one of (a)/(b) in about 50 words. (b) You are a renowned doctor invited as Chief Guest to the Annual Graduation Ceremony of Green School on 24th March 2024. Write a letter to the President of the Alumni Association expressing your inability to attend due to a prior commitment and convey congratulations to the graduating students.

Seen in: Board 2023, 2024

Article / Report Writing

- 18.** Attempt any one of (a)/(b) in 120-150 words. (a) You are Rajni/Raghav, upset about the increase in cyber bullying among school students. Write an article exploring the reasons and suggesting solutions to help students live in a safe space in the digital world, using the given cues.

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- 19.** Attempt any one of (a)/(b) in 120-150 words. (b) Write a comprehensive report of the Inter-House Cuisine Competition on the theme 'Healthy Eating' held in your school, including event details, participation, students' feedback and overall impact. You are Sunidhi/Sudhakar, Student Editor. Organize it as Who-What-When-Where-Why-How.

Seen in: Board 2022, 2023, 2025, 2026 · Sample 2025, 2026

The Last Lesson

- 20.** Answer any five of six in 40-50 words: What role does the French language play in 'The Last Lesson', in the context of the narrator's feelings towards it?

Seen in: Board 2024 · Sample 2025, 2026

- 21.** The Last Lesson extract: Complete suitably - The activities of seeking birds' eggs and sliding on the Saar reveal, first, Franz's youthful carefree nature and second, his preference for _____.

Seen in: Board 2023 · Sample 2025

- 22.** Answer any five of six in 40-50 words: 'I won't scold you, little Franz; you must feel bad enough.' What was it that Franz must be feeling bad about? (The Last Lesson)

Seen in: Board 2025, 2026

Lost Spring

- 23.** Lost Spring extract: State one reason for the boy wearing shoes that did not match.

Seen in: Board 2024, 2025

- 24.** Lost Spring extract: Select the textual option that is closest to acceptance of their plight (next to lines of flames of flickering oil lamps / they often end up losing their eyesight / welding pieces of coloured glass / sit boys and girls with their fathers and mothers) - MCQ.

Seen in: Board 2023, 2026

Deep Water

- 25.** Answer any one in 120-150 words: Analyse the portrayal of fear and freedom in 'Deep Water' and 'Aunt Jennifer's Tigers'.

Seen in: Board 2025, 2026 · Sample 2026

The Rattrap

- 26.** The Rattrap extract: Complete suitably - When the peddler says, '...I will never get out,' his statement stems from his guilt over stealing 'that fellow's' money and his fear that _____.

Seen in: Board 2022 · Sample 2025, 2026

- 27.** The Rattrap extract: Justify that guilt was the primary cause of the peddler's sense of evil foreboding, based on the information in the extract.

Seen in: Board 2025 · Sample 2026

Indigo

- 28.** What factor/s were largely instrumental in the victory of the peasants in 'Indigo'?

Seen in: Board 2023 · Sample 2025

Poets and Pancakes

- 29.** In what manner was the make-up department ahead of AIR and Doordarshan, according to Asokamitran? (Poets and Pancakes)

Seen in: Board 2023, 2026

The Interview

- 30.** How does Rudyard Kipling's refusal to be interviewed point towards the intrusive and unwelcome nature of interviews? (The Interview I & II)

Seen in: Board 2025 · Sample 2026

- 31.** What does Umberto Eco refer to as 'interstices' in 'The Interview'?

Seen in: Board 2023, 2026

Going Places

- 32.** 'Christ, Sophie, you're still at school.' What image do you form of Geoff as a brother from the above context? (Going Places)

Seen in: Board 2023, 2025

My Mother at Sixty-Six

- 33.** Why does Kamala Das compare her mother's face to 'late winter's moon'? (My Mother at Sixty-six)

Seen in: Board 2026 · Sample 2026

- 34.** My Mother at Sixty-Six extract: Complete the sentence by filling in with a suitable phrase - The primary theme highlighted in the extract is the _____, as the narrator reflects on her mother's frailty and aging.

Seen in: Board 2023 · Sample 2026

- 35.** My Mother at Sixty-Six extract: How does the phrase 'merry children spilling out of their homes' contribute to the tone of the passage?

Seen in: Sample 2025, 2026

- 36.** It is said that the 'Face is a mirror of one's emotions.' Why did the poet 'smile and smile'? (My Mother at Sixty-Six)

Seen in: Board 2023, 2024

Keeping Quiet

- 37.** Keeping Quiet extract: What does the poet want us to stop?

Seen in: Board 2026 · Sample 2025

- 38.** Keeping Quiet extract: Assertion - The poet advocates the importance of keeping quiet. Reason - He believes that silence can bring out profound changes in our perspective and lifestyle. Choose the correct option (MCQ).

Seen in: Board 2023, 2025, 2026 · Sample 2025

- 39.** Read any one extract (a)/(b). Extract from 'Keeping Quiet' ('Now we will count to twelve and we will all keep still ... and not move our arms so much.'). The expression 'we will all keep still' reflects (the poet's willingness to keep quiet / significance of stillness / poet's appeal for collective engagement / the purpose of counting up to twelve) - MCQ.

Seen in: Board 2023, 2026

- 40.** What does the reference to fishermen not harming whales and the man gathering salt looking at his hurt hands signify in the poem? (Keeping Quiet)

Seen in: Board 2025 · Sample 2026

- 41.** Keeping Quiet extract: How can the message in the excerpt, about silence and stillness, be applied to promote peace in today's world?

Seen in: Board 2026 · Sample 2025

A Thing of Beauty

- 42.** Read any one extract (A)/(B). Extract from 'A Thing of Beauty' ('A thing of beauty is a joy forever ... A flowery band to bind us to the earth.'). By the phrase 'joy forever' the poet refers to things (that make people extremely happy / a feast to eyes / a constant source of happiness / beautiful but transient) - MCQ.

Seen in: Board 2024, 2025

- 43.** Based on what Keats suggests in 'A Thing of Beauty,' how can recognising the lasting value of beauty help someone in the real world cope with challenges or difficulties?

Seen in: Board 2022, 2024 · Sample 2026

- 44.** A Thing of Beauty extract: Complete the sentence - 'a sleep full of sweet dreams' implies _____.

Seen in: Board 2024, 2025

- 45.** A Thing of Beauty extract: Select one phrase from the extract which implies that man wants to continue his life on this earth despite innumerable problems.

Seen in: Board 2022, 2025

Aunt Jennifer's Tigers

- 46.** Read any one extract (A)/(B). Extract from 'Aunt Jennifer's Tigers' ('When Aunt is dead, her terrified hands will lie ... Will go on prancing, proud and unafraid.'). What does the phrase 'terrified hands' suggest about Aunt's life?

Seen in: Board 2024 · Sample 2026

- 47.** Aunt Jennifer's Tigers extract: Complete suitably - The tigers' proud and playful movements reflect _____.

Seen in: Board 2023, 2024 · Sample 2026

- 48.** Aunt Jennifer's Tigers extract: Fill the blank - The phrase 'still ringed' refers to both the literal _____ (shape of the embroidery panel / wedding band on her finger) and the figurative 'ring' of constraints and ordeals imposed by her marriage.

Seen in: Board 2022 · Sample 2026

The Third Level

- 49.** Answer any two of three in 40-50 words: Why was Charley in 'The Third Level' keen to buy old currency?

Seen in: Board 2023, 2026 · Sample 2026

- 50.** The Third Level extract: Complete with a correct option based on the context - The phrase 'I went back to my stamps' suggests _____ (finding comfort in a familiar hobby / choosing a new hobby / attempting to engage in a new hobby / approaching a familiar hobby with enthusiasm) - MCQ.

Seen in: Board 2024, 2025 · Sample 2026

- 51.** Interpret the significance of both literal and metaphorical journeys in the story, 'The Third Level.'

Seen in: Board 2024 · Sample 2025

The Tiger King

- 52.** Answer any one in about 120-150 words: Analyse how the narrative technique used in 'The Tiger King' enhances the impact of the story on the reader.

Seen in: Board 2025 · Sample 2026

- 53.** The Maharaja, on the third birthday of the crown prince, gave him a special gift. What was special about the gift? (The Tiger King)

Seen in: Board 2026 · Sample 2025

Journey to the End of the Earth

- 54.** Answer any two of three in 40-50 words: How can participating in educational programmes like 'Students on Ice', which take students to places like Antarctica, help raise awareness about the impact of geological changes and environmental issues? (Journey to the End of the Earth)

Seen in: Board 2025 · Sample 2026

- 55.** Answer any one in 120-150 words: 'Journey to the end of the Earth' gives an awakening call to man to act with responsibility to save the environment. Substantiate the above statement with textual evidence.

Seen in: Board 2023, 2026

The Enemy

- 56.** Answer any one in about 120-150 words: Justify how Sadao's character arc is more central to the moral dilemma in 'The Enemy' as opposed to Hana's.

Seen in: Board 2023, 2024, 2025 · Sample 2026

On the Face of It

- 57.** Read any one extract (A)/(B). Dramatic extract from 'On the Face of It' (Derry and Mr Lamb - 'You think.... Here's a boy ... I'm afraid of me.' / 'No, Not the whole of you. Not of you.'). What does Mr. Lamb mean when he says, 'No. Not the whole of you. Not of you'?

Seen in: Board 2024, 2025 · Sample 2026

- 58.** On the Face of It extract: What might Derry be thinking during the pause after he insists, 'Yes!?' (Why doesn't he understand me? / He's pretending to care like everyone else / Maybe he really sees more than just my face / I should leave. He doesn't get it.) - MCQ.

Seen in: Board 2023 · Sample 2026

- 59.** On the Face of It extract: What does this exchange reveal about the emotional distance Derry feels and Mr. Lamb's attempt to bridge it?

Seen in: Board 2023, 2024 · Sample 2026

- 60.** Answer any one in 120-150 words: People with physical impairments deserve acceptance, not sympathy. How does the play 'On The Face Of It' advocate the above philosophy through the characters of Mr. Lamb and Derry?

Seen in: Board 2026 · Sample 2026

Memories of Childhood

- 61.** What efforts did Zitkala-Sa make to save her hair from being cut? (Memories of Childhood)

Seen in: Board 2026 · Sample 2025

- 62.** What does Zitkala-Sa's description of being 'tossed about in the air like a wooden puppet' reveal about her feelings of powerlessness and cultural displacement? (The Memories of Childhood: The Cutting of My Long Hair)

Seen in: Sample 2025, 2026

- 63.** Memories of Childhood extract: What, according to the speaker, is the way out of the situation? (education/aggression/compliance/legislation) - MCQ.

Seen in: Board 2023, 2026

- 64.** Memories of Childhood extract: List one personality trait that is exhibited by the speaker in the above extract.

Seen in: Board 2023, 2026

- 65.** Read any one extract (a)/(b). Extract from 'Memories of Childhood' (Bama/Annan - 'Because we are born into this community, we are never given any honour or dignity or respect ... So study with care, learn all you can. ...'). The expression 'these indignities' in the above extract refers to _____.

Seen in: Board 2023, 2026