

# Mastering Unseen Passage For Class 10: Journey into Text

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## Unseen Passage for Class 10 – 1

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**Read the passage given below and answer the questions that follow: 5 Marks**

Once a man saw three masons along with some workers building a temple. He observed the bricklayers for three days and discovered that, although all three did the same type of work, there was a marked difference in the approach to their work.

He saw that the first bricklayer arrived late for his job, did it slowly and half-heartedly, enjoyed a longer respite, frequently checked his wristwatch, and left work early.

The second bricklayer was very punctual in arrival and departure, and he carried out his work methodically. The third bricklayer, however, arrived early, took little rest, and often worked overtime.

The man was naturally curious and wanted to know the three bricklayers' perspective on his work. He asked them what they were doing. The first bricklayer slapped his big belly with his hand and said, "I'm earning my food." The second said: "I am building a building." The third mason looked at the huge building and said, "I am building the house of God."

### Questions:

- Q 1: What were the three masons doing ?
- Q 2: For how long did 'a man' observe them ?
- Q 3: What made the man curious ?
- Q 4: How did the first mason do his job ?
- Q 5: What was the second mason's approach towards his job ?

### Answers:

- A 1: constructing a temple
- A 2: three days
- A 3: the different approach of the three masons towards their job
- A 4: reported late/ did his work half-heartedly and sluggishly/ enjoyed a longer respite/ left the work before time
- A 5: punctual in arriving and leaving/ did his work methodically

## Unseen Passage for Class 10 English – 2

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**Read the passage given below and answer the questions that follow: 5 Marks**

Cataract is the leading cause of blindness, which is also caused by damage to the cornea. It occurs more frequently in old age. As one ages, the lens of the eye hardens, loses its transparency and becomes opaque. It obstructs the entry of light rays into the eye.

The appearance of cataracts clouds vision. Sometimes the cataract patient sees multiple images instead of a single object image. Due to the gradual development of cataracts, the affected person loses his vision and the world becomes dark for him.

Cataract development is a complex process. However, the following factors can be attributed to their training. Cataracts usually develop in old age, but sometimes children are born with cataracts due to a hereditary defect. Eye injuries can also cause cataracts.

People exposed to the sun's rays for longer periods develop cataracts sooner than others. Researchers believe that the smoke inhaled when smoking carries substances that internally damage the eyes. Ultraviolet radiation, invisible to the human eye, is linked to skin cancer. The victim loses vision and the world becomes dark for him.

### **Questions:**

Q 1: What is the major cause of blindness?

Q 2: Why does the lens of the eye become opaque in old age?

Q 3: How does cataract affect its victim ultimately?

Q 4: How does one detect cataract in the early stages?

Q 5: Give any two factors which are responsible for the formation of cataract.

### **Answers:**

A 1: cataract

A 2: lens of the eye hardens and loses its transparency.

A 3: may lead to complete loss of vision

A 4: vision becomes blurred/sees multiple images in place of one. (anyone)

A 5: eye injury / long exposure to sun rays / hereditary factors (any two)

## **Unseen Passage for Class 10 MCQ – 3**

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**Read the passage given below and answer the questions that follow: 5 Marks**

Keep your watch accurate. For some people, setting their clocks forward will help them wake up earlier. Others will remember that the clock time is incorrect and ignore it completely. It may be helpful to set the clock forward just two minutes instead of five or ten.

Keep a clock, phone, computer or anything that shows time in every room of your house. One of the easiest ways to be late is to simply not notice that time passes so quickly.

Set all your clocks to the same time. Don't be optimistic. Things often take longer than expected, even without major delays. If you have a dinner date at 7:30 p.m. m., don't think you can work until 7 p.m. m., then shower, get dressed and arrive on time. Realistically, estimate how long it will take for each step and then add 10 more minutes to allow for unexpected delays or you won't be able to finish your work on time.

Wake up when you're supposed to wake up. Don't hit the snooze button, continue lying in bed and watching TV at the beginning of the day. Maybe you can even try setting the clock 10 minutes earlier than needed. If you have difficulty with this, move your alarm clock somewhere away from your bed; that way, you'll have to get up to turn it off. Commit to arriving 15 minutes early to everything. If you have to get to your workplace at 8:00, don't even mention it. Simply repeat to yourself (and to everyone who will listen, but don't bother them or make them think they are late or early!) "I have to be at work at 7:45." If you do this, you will be on time even with small unforeseen delays. You will arrive on time even in a traffic jam.

### Questions:

Q 1: The narrator does not deny which of the following activities just after waking up:

Q 2: It is good to commit yourself \_\_\_\_\_ to everything.

Q 3: The passage highlights:

Q 4: To be punctual we should \_\_\_\_\_.

Q 5: What does the author mean when he uses the word "delay"?

### Answers:

A 1: wake up when you actually have to

A 2: to being 15 minutes early

A 3: the importance of being ahead of time

A 4: get up at the right time

A 5: Late

## Class 10 Short Passage – 4

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**Read the passage given below and answer the questions that follow: 5 Marks**

It is rare to find someone with good technical and communication skills. He can get far ahead of his colleagues by combining both early in his career. People will judge, evaluate, promote or block you based on your communication skills. Since habits are formed by repeating good and bad forms of communication, learn to observe great communicators and adopt their styles and traits, both written and verbal. The art of listening and learning from each and every interaction is another secret ingredient. Develop the subconscious habit of listening to yourself while you speak and knowing when to pause.

Learning what not to say is probably more important than learning what to say. As your career develops, you will notice that wise people talk less. Speak when you have value to add; Otherwise, abstain. Poorly worded emails with grammatical errors are acceptable

between friends, but should be seriously avoided when communicating formally with your superiors. Avoid any communication in an emotional state where you might say things you will later regret. One unnecessary word said at the wrong time or place can ruin a relationship, a career, or even your life. Such is the power of words. If such a thing happens, you must apologize immediately, otherwise it could haunt you for life.

### **Questions:**

Q 1: What combination of skills can set someone ahead in their career?

Q 2: Why is learning from great communicators emphasized in the paragraph?

Q 3: What advice is given about the timing and content of speech?

Q 4: Why does the paragraph caution against poorly constructed emails in formal communication?

Q 5: What potential consequences are highlighted if one speaks emotionally or without caution in communication?

### **Answers:**

A 1: Good technical and communication skills can advance someone's career.

A 2: Learning from great communicators is crucial because people are judged, promoted, or blocked based on communication skills.

A 3: Speak when you add value, avoid poorly constructed emails, and develop the habit of listening to oneself.

A 4: Poorly constructed emails should be avoided in formal communication, especially with seniors.

A 5: The consequences of speaking without caution include risking relationships, careers, or even lives, emphasizing the power of words. Immediate apologies are recommended.

## **Reading Comprehension For Class 10 – 5**

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**Read the passage given below and answer the questions that follow: 5 Marks**

Globalization is a way of opening businesses, improving technological growth, the economy, etc. internationally for all countries. It is the way in which manufacturers and producers of products or merchandise sell their products globally without any restrictions. It provides huge benefits to businessmen as they easily get cheap labor in poor countries. It provides a great opportunity to companies to face the global market.

Globalization helps to consider the entire world as a single market. Traders are expanding their business areas by treating the world as a global village. Previously, until the 1990s, there was a restriction on the import of certain products that were already manufactured in India, such as agricultural products, engineering goods, foodstuffs and toiletries. However, during the 1990s there was pressure from rich countries on poor and developing countries to allow them to expand their businesses by opening up their markets. In India the process of globalization and liberalization began in 1991.

After many years, globalization brought about a major revolution in the Indian market when multinational brands came to India and started offering a wide range of quality products at cheap prices. Prices of good quality products dropped due to cutthroat competition in the market.

Globalization and liberalization of business in India has flooded the market with quality foreign products, but has greatly negatively affected local Indian industries, resulting in loss of jobs for poor and uneducated workers. Globalization has been a bonanza for consumers, but a loss for small Indian producers. Globalization has had some very positive effects on the Indian consumer across all sections of society. It has greatly affected the students and education sector of India by making study books and a lot of information available on the internet. The collaboration of foreign universities with Indian universities has brought a great change in the field of education.

### **Questions:**

Q 1: What is globalization's role in international business and trade?

Q 2: How does the paragraph describe the impact of globalization on the world market?

Q 3: When did globalization and liberalization begin in India, as per the text?

Q 4: According to the paragraph, what changes did globalization bring to the Indian market?

Q 5: Summarize the positive and negative effects of globalization on India in terms of industries and education?

### **Answers:**

A 1: Globalization opens international trade and improves businesses.

A 2: Globalization sees the world as a single market.

A 3: Globalization started in India in 1991.

A 4: Globalization in India brought in multinational brands, lowering prices due to competition.

A 5: Positive effects: Consumer benefits, education access. Negative effects: Job loss, impact on local industries.

## **Unseen Passage for Class 10 NCERT – 6**

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The chimpanzee is one of the great apes and the closest in intelligence to man. Scientists examined his mental abilities and sent him into space ahead of man. Chimpanzees need little description. Being apes and not monkeys, they do not have tails. Their arms are longer than their legs and they usually stand on all fours. They can also walk upright with their toes pointing outward. When erect, they are 3 to 5 feet tall. The hair is long and coarse, black except for a white spot near the rump. The face, ears, hands and feet are naked and, except for the black face, the flesh is colored.

Chimpanzees show great concern for others. When chimpanzees meet after being separated, they greet each other in a very human way by touching or even shaking hands. Chimpanzees have amazing social discipline. When a dominant male arrives, the

other chimpanzees rush to pay their respects. The dominant male is not allowed to take food from his inferiors. Group members also spend a considerable amount of time grooming each other and themselves. Mothers check their babies' fur for foreign particles, dirt, and ticks, and help each other when they get hurt.

Chimpanzees are the best tool users besides men. Sticks 2 to 3 feet long are picked up from the ground or from the branches of the baalnfjai and inserted into the nests, then removed and licked for honey or insects. The stones are used as nuts and bolts or as projectiles to keep humans and baboons away from their food. Chimpanzees are not only tool users, but also tool makers. They make their own sticks by tearing the leaves off a twig or breaking them into pieces. Chimpanzees learn all this by watching how older chimpanzees make and use them. So, it is not easy for a man to make tools, he is simply better than his relatives.

### Questions:

- Q 1: Chimpanzees are as \_\_\_\_\_ as men.  
Q 2: Chimpanzees greet each other by \_\_\_\_\_ each other.  
Q 3: Like man, chimpanzees are \_\_\_\_\_  
Q 4: Chimpanzees \_\_\_\_\_ tails.  
Q 5: Baby chimpanzees learn, all by \_\_\_\_\_  
Q 6: Chimpanzees have amazing \_\_\_\_\_  
Q 7: The dominant male chimpanzees are not allowed \_\_\_\_\_  
Q 8: The word 'wrest' means \_\_\_\_\_

### Answers:

- A 1: intelligent.  
A 2: touching.  
A 3: both tool users and toolmakers.  
A 4: have no.  
A 5: observing the older chimpanzees.  
A 6: social discipline.  
A 7: to take food from inferiors.  
A 8: take away violently.

## Unseen Passage for Class 10 CBSE – 7

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(1) Energy foods are foods that provide rich levels of nutrients such as fiber, potassium and minerals. Since people are increasingly concerned about their health today, many fitness trainers encourage their clients to include these foods in their daily diet to increase muscle development. There are several ways to incorporate energy-dense foods into your daily diet. Of course, the key to enjoying energy foods is proper preparation of these foods, using fresh, seasonal foods, and identifying the flavor chosen among energy foods.

(2) Some of the recommended energy food combinations are those that are prepared in our kitchens on a regular basis. Take, for example, the combination of chickpeas and onions. This combination is a powerful source of iron that the body needs to transport oxygen to its different parts. Iron deficiency can cause anemia, fatigue, brain fog, and tiredness. A study in the Journal of Agriculture and Food Chemistry says that sulfur compounds in onion and garlic help in the absorption of iron and zinc from chickpeas. The combination is a hit among teenagers who need to be diligent about incorporating iron into their diet. A quick way to prepare this powerful food is to make a chickpea salad with chopped onion, chaat masala, and cilantro.

(3) Another favorite combination among energy food consumers is yogurt and bananas. It's a perfect snack after a hard game of soccer. Exercise burns glucose and therefore lowers blood sugar. Yogurt is packed with protein that helps preserve muscle mass and bananas are packed with carbohydrates that help replenish energy and prevent muscle soreness. A quick and easy recipe with bananas is a banana smoothie topped with cold yogurt.

(4) Among drinks, green tea is the best source of catechins that are effective in stopping oxidative damage to cells. According to researchers at Purdue University, adding a pinch of lemon juice to green tea makes it even easier for your body to absorb catechins. So the next time you have friends over, serve them rounds of iced green tea with mint and lemon juice.

### **Questions:**

Q 1: What are power foods ?

Q 2: Why is yoghurt and bananas, an enriching power food ?

Q 3: Why is green tea a recommended power food ?

Q 4: What are the rules regarding the partaking of power foods ?

Q 5: What is the advantage of combining green tea with lemon juice ?

Q 6: What is the key to enjoying power foods in a wholesome way ?

Q 7: What is the advantage of including onions and garlic in our diet ?

Q 8: Suggest a quick recipe with chickpea and onions.

### **Answers:**

A 1: Power foods are foods which provide rich level of nutrients like fibre, potassium and minerals.

A 2: Yoghurt is full of proteins that help preserve muscle mass and bananas are packed with carbohydrates that help in refuelling energy and preventing muscle soreness.

A 3: Green tea contains catechins which are effective in halting oxidative damage to cells.

A 4: Power foods should be prepared properly using season-fresh foods and identifying one's choice of flavour among power foods.

A 5: Combining green tea with lemon juice helps the body to absorb catechins more easily.

A 6: Power foods can be enjoyed in a wholesome way by including them in our daily diet

to increase muscle development.

A 7: Onion and garlic help in the absorption of iron and zinc from the chickpeas.

A 8: A quick way to prepare chickpea and onions is to make a chickpea salad with chopped onions, chaat masala and cilantro.

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