

CBSE Class 10 English Unofficial Answer Keys 2026 PDF -  
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**Question Paper Set Code: 2/1/3**

**Below are the questions along with their answers:**



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## Section A – Reading

**Q. 1. Meaning of “long and diverse history”**

**Answer:** Pancake has been cooked for 30,000 years across various cultures.

**1.1 Uniqueness of the ‘tinnai’**

**Answer:** It can be used for cooking and also for eating.

**1.2 How are American pancakes light?**

**Answer:** Made with baking powder; popular in the 18th century.

**1.3 True/False: Every culture adopted the pancake.**

**Answer:** True

**1.4 Which pancake uses fermentation?**

**Answer:** (A) Dosa and appam

**1.5 Meaning of ‘blank canvas’**

**Answer:** (A) Like a painter starts with a blank canvas, a diner can get creative.

**1.6 Two positive food connects people**

**Answer:** Symbolizes community, celebration, and shared cultural identity.

**1.7 Meaning of ‘warm, edible hug’**

**Answer:** (A) Comfort food that provides emotional security.

## Section B – Grammar:

**Q. 2. Term ‘active internet user’ conveys**

**Answer:** (B) People who use internet actively.

**2.1 Assertion (Language is a reason gender gap)**

**Answer:** (B) Both true, but Reason is not the correct explanation of Assertion.

**2.2 Word meaning ‘comparatively’**

**Answer:** Relatively

**2.3 Period of maximum internet usage**

**Answer:** (C) 2020 to 2023 (Percentage grew by 9%)

**2.4 Reason for fewer women users**

**Answer:** Digital divide, lack of awareness, or infrastructural limitations.

**2.5 Fill: Infrastructure limitations \_\_\_\_ impact.**

**Answer: Impact**

**2.6 Reason for urban connection increase**

**Answer: Higher density of population.**

**2.7 Two ways to bridge digital gap**

**Answer: Targeted awareness campaigns and digital literacy programs.**

**2.8 Judy's 'welcomed digital living'**

**Answer: Indian use of research, shopping, entertainment, and smart homes.**

### **Section C – Literature**

**Q. 3. Mocoa completion (tense)**

**Answer: (C) Have not eaten**

**3.1 Identify error: "to identifying"**

**Answer: Error: Identifying; Correction: Identify**

**3.2 Report Vanish asked her friend Shifa if she would like to come for her birthday party next day.**

**Answer: (Correct sentence structure)**

**3.3 Choose option: jaw (gums)**

**Answer: Jaw**

**3.4 Report: "Sonali might not mother if he could reach his son."**

**Answer: (Sentence correction required)**

**3.5 Correction: appear 'hear'**

**Answer: (A) Error: Their; Correction: To**

**3.6 School diary completion**

**Answer: (A) Monday**

**3.7 Newspaper report correction**

**Answer: (D) These (to match proposal)**

**3.8 Report dialogue: "Did you have dinner?"**

**Answer: The attendant asked the passenger if he had had his dinner.**

**3.9 Grandparent's mention (modal)**

**Answer: (D) Would**

**3.10 Question tag: “lived, carry”**

**Answer: (D) Didn't**

**3.11 Report student's question**

**Answer: The student asked the writer what had prompted him/her to become a professional writer.**

**Question Paper Set Code: 2/5/2**

**Below are the questions along with their answers:**



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### Section A – Reading

**Q. 1 (i) Meaning of “Lungs of the Earth” (Para 1)**

**Answer:** Refers to forests because they regulate temperature and help clean the air.

**1 (ii) Forests sustain biodiversity by —**

**Answer:** (A) Balancing climate change and creating livelihoods for people.

**1 (iii) Evidence of critical ecosystem services (Para 2)**

**Answer:** Forests provide water conservation, soil fertility, and carbon sequestration.

**1 (iv) Statistics on deforestation reveal —**

**Answer:** (C) Forest cover is rapidly declining (66,000 hectares lost between 2019–2021).

**1 (v) True/False: Deforestation causes erratic rainfall**

**Answer:** True

**1 (vi) Challenge in compensatory afforestation (Para 5)**

**Answer:** Planting monoculture species can disrupt ecosystems rather than restore natural biodiversity.

### Section B – Grammar & Writing

**Q. 2 (i) Assertion–Reason: EVs are gaining traction. Reason: Government wants to reduce carbon emissions.**

**Answer:** (A) Both are true, and the reason is the correct explanation.

**2 (iv) Inference from 1.5 million EV sales in 2023**

**Answer:** The Indian EV market is expanding rapidly and has shown significant growth compared to previous years.

**2 (v) Meaning of ‘range anxiety’**

**Answer:** The fear of running out of battery charge.

**2 (vi) Type of EV that dominated 2023 sales**

**Answer:** Two-wheelers

### Section B – Grammar:

**Q. 3 (i) Fill in the blank:**

**“The assistant manager \_\_\_\_\_ on this campaign for eight months.”**

**Answer: (B) Will have been working.**

**3 (ii) Error Correction:**

**“Being checked all the figures.”**

**Answer: Error: Being checked**

**Answer: Correction: Having checked**

**3 (iv) Fill in the blank:**

**“\_\_\_\_\_ candidates must carry their identification proof.”**

**Answer: (B) All**

**3 (vi) Error Correction:**

**“...there was less books on the subject.”**

**Answer: Error: less**

**Answer: Correction: fewer**

**3 (vii) Fill in the blank:**

**“My friends \_\_\_\_\_ the movie tickets before we reached.”**

**Answer: (B) Had collected**

**3 (x) Fill in the blank:**

**“If we had consulted the engineer, we \_\_\_\_\_ this mistake.”**

**Answer: (C) Would have avoided**

### **Section C – Literature**

**Q. 6A (i) Fowler’s feeling on seeing Ausable**

**Answer: (C) Surprised and disappointed**

**6A (ii) Ausable’s reaction shows he was —**

**Answer: Observant**

**7B (ii) “The long branches are compared to —”**

**Answer: Newly discharged patients.**

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## Section A – Reading

**1 (i) Primary psychological trigger behind FOMO**

**Answer: (D) Fear of being left out of rewarding experiences**

**1 (ii) Reason FOMO pervades every dimension**

**Answer: (B) Constant edits and updates on social media platforms**

**1 (iii) Impact of the ‘experience economy’**

**Answer: Intensifies pressure to participate in events (music festivals, food events), as experiences are commodified.**

**1 (iv) Impact of FOMO on decision-making**

**Answer: Causes worry and hesitation in plans; leads to impulsive choices like overspending or overcommitting.**

**1 (v) Emotional consequences of FOMO**

**Answer: Leads to lowered self-esteem, impaired concentration, exhaustion, and possible depression.**

**1 (vi) Two effective ways to deal with FOMO**

**Answer: Setting specific time limits for social media and practicing mindful breathing/meditation.**

**1 (vii) Statement: Effort is needed to exit FOMO state**

**Answer: TRUE**

**1 (viii) Meaning of ‘resilience’ in context**

**Answer: (B) Ability to withstand emotional anxiety caused by FOMO.**

## Section B – Writing & Grammar

**2 (i) Why global demand for beauty products increased**

**Answer: Evolving beauty standards and influence of social media.**

**2 (ii) Meaning of ‘thrives on innovation’**

**Answer: (B) The industry is growing and evolving day by day.**

**2 (iii) Word indicating anticipated growth**

**Answer: Projected**

**2 (iv) Factors shaping daily buying**

**Answer: Trend-driven and innovative solutions; increasing awareness of skincare routines.**

**2 (v) Assertion–Reason (Indian market profit/growth)**

**Answer: (D) Assertion is false (It refers to revenue, not profit), but Reason is true.**

**2 (vi) Impact of e-commerce on revenue**

**Answer: Expanded access to Tier II and Tier III cities; online sales contribute 25% of total sales.**

**2 (vii) Dominant skincare segment share**

**Answer: 35%**

**2 (viii) Significance of men’s grooming demand**

**Answer: Symbolizes aspirational pursuit of refinement and diminishing traditional cosmetic stereotypes.**

**2 (ix) Two major challenges faced by the industry**

**Answer: Intense competition and concerns over copied products/ethical sourcing.**

**3 (i) Correct form: “The group \_\_\_ (walk).”**

**Answer: Had been walking / Walked (as per context)**

**3 (ii) Correct option: “Several/Both/All people...”**

**Answer: Several**

**3 (iii) Error Correction: “...but he had forget...”**

**Answer: Error: forget**

**Answer: Correction: forgotten**

**3 (iv) Report: “...but remarked \_\_\_”**

**Answer: ...that those were hard times.**

**3 (v) Error Correction: “It feel like...”**

**Answer: Error: feel**

**Answer: Correction: feels**

**3 (vi) Report: “Which are your books?”**

**Answer: Sahil asked Shekhar which his books were.**

**3 (vii) Verb form: “A case \_\_\_ against the driver.”**

**Answer: (A) Was registered**

**3 (viii) Correct option: “Anita \_\_\_ likely complete.”**

**Answer: Would**

**3 (ix) Error Correction: "...must be disinfect."**

**Answer: Error: disinfect**

**Answer: Correction: disinfected**

**3 (x) Report Question: "Which books are we going...?"**

**Answer: Suhani asked Sneha which books they were going to purchase that day from the Book Fest.**

**3 (xi) Replace: "Since Sheenam study..."**

**Answer: (C) Has been studying**

**3 (xii) Error Correction: "...culture we carries..."**

**Answer: Error: carries**

**Answer: Correction: carry**

### **Section C – Literature**

**6 (i) Mandela: "We, who were outlaws..."**

**Answer: (B) Due to Apartheid, many countries broke diplomatic relations with South Africa.**

**6 (ii) Tone of Mandela in the excerpt**

**Answer: (C) 1 and 2 (Unifying and Determined)**

**6 (iii) Description of Richard Ebright**

**Answer: Persistent**

**6 (iv) What is NOT true about Ebright**

**Answer: (D) Irrational**

**7 (i) Description of crocodile's tears**

**Answer: (C) False and deceptive**

**7 (ii) Amanda's tone when imagining herself an orphan**

**Answer: (D) Peaceful**



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