The City School

**North Nazimabad Boys Campus**

**Second Monthly Test Session 2019 – 20**

**Class - 10**

**Time: 35 Minutes English Marks 20**

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**Passage 2**  
***Jennifer***  
1 As some last-minute paperwork had to be dealt with, Jennifer was late getting away from the  
office, which upset her as this was the much-anticipated day when her daughter Anna was  
coming home from university for the long vacation. Jennifer’s boss was apologetic, but he  
was adamant that she should do the extra task, as the paperwork had to be completed that  
evening in time for the next morning’s post. 5

2 At long last, the work done, Jennifer rushed to the office car park and jumped into her car.  
The rain was pouring down and it was already dark; even worse, the high wind buffeted  
Jennifer’s little car, almost as if it were trying to force her off the road. She headed anxiously  
in the direction of the motorway which would take her to the airport. Her shoulders hunched  
up to her ears with tension, she peered out through the gaps created by the windscreen 10  
wipers as they swished quickly and rhythmically back and forth. Her heart raced with the  
effort of driving in such difficult conditions, but also at the thought of seeing Anna after her  
absence of almost a year. Jennifer thought yet again of her plans for Anna’s vacation: their  
visits to family members; their invitations to friends to share dinner with them; their shopping  
trips … Jennifer relaxed a little. 15

3 Suddenly the brake lights of the car in front glowed red as its driver slowed down, and  
Jennifer had no alternative but to do the same. Signs by the side of the motorway depicting  
matchstick-figure workmen warned of roadworks ahead. Jennifer sighed in exasperation,  
while realising that endurance and good humour were her best options. ‘Maybe it won’t  
take much longer,’ she thought, but after the car had crawled along for half a kilometre, and 20  
flashing orange lights confirmed the need for caution, she switched on the car radio to listen  
to some calming music. But, when the radio announcer gave his audience a time check, her  
anxiety increased and she hastily chose silence again. The queue of traffic edged almost  
imperceptibly forward.

4 Sooner than Jennifer had expected, a cluster of huge hotels, like shiny white teeth, rose 25  
against the skyline, indicating that she was approaching the airport. She took the appropriate  
exit from the motorway and headed for the airport car park. It appeared to be full, and driving  
up and down each lane looking for a space shaved even more precious minutes off her  
schedule, until, just as she was beginning to despair, her mission was accomplished.

5 The arrivals hall was busy. Jennifer made her way through a huddle of taxi-drivers who were 30  
noisily trying to attract prospective passengers, and drivers of hotel cars holding up cards on  
which were displayed the names of arriving guests. An extended family of at least 30 people,  
all wearing traditional dress in a blaze of colours, was gathered under the electronic board  
which displayed details of flight arrivals. Jennifer wove through this group, craning her neck  
to study the board. She felt her heart miss a beat at the absence of a reference to Anna’s 35  
flight, before realising she was looking at information about domestic and not international  
flights. She half-walked, half-ran, in the direction of international arrivals. ‘How could I be so  
stupid?’ she berated herself. To her relief, the new arrivals board told her that Anna’s plane,  
having been delayed by an hour, had just landed.

6 Jennifer picked a spot which gave her an excellent view of the automatic doors through 40  
which her daughter would emerge once she had cleared immigration and collected her  
luggage. At first the doors hissed open only occasionally as an irregular trickle of people  
came through. Airport meetings can be so emotional, thought Jennifer, as passengers  
arrived, their eyes scrutinising the crowd, before lighting up with joy as they recognised their  
loved ones. Children fell over themselves as they rushed towards grandparents; fathers 45  
and sons shook hands; friends embraced. The doors were opening more frequently now,  
releasing a steadier stream of people. And suddenly, at last, there she was – Anna herself!  
‘Are you all right, Mum?’ she asked anxiously, noticing her mother’s flustered expression.  
‘How was your journey?’

7 ‘Oh, absolutely fine,’ laughed Jennifer. ‘And look what I got at the end of it!’ 50

**Section 2: Reading for Meaning**

Read **Passage 2**, *Jennifer*, in the Insert and answer **all** the questions below.  
From paragraph 1  
**3(a)** Why was Jennifer upset that she was ‘late getting away from the office’ (lines 1–2)?  
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**(b)** ‘Jennifer’s boss was apologetic, but he was adamant that she should do the extra task’

(lines 3–4). Explain **in your own words** how Jennifer’s boss felt about giving her the extra task.  
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From paragraph 2

**4 (a)** Jennifer ‘headed anxiously in the direction of the motorway’ (lines 8–9). What are the **two**  
physical signs of Jennifer’s anxiety?  
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**(ii)........................................................................................................................................................** [2]  
**(b)** Jennifer was driving ‘in such difficult conditions’ (line 12). Which was the worst of these  
‘difficult conditions’?  
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**(c)** ‘Jennifer relaxed a little.’ (line 15) What made Jennifer relax?  
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From paragraph 3  
**5 (a)** ‘Jennifer had no alternative but to do the same.’ (line 17) What did she have to do?  
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**(b)** What were the **two** indications of roadworks ahead?  
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**(c)** ‘Jennifer sighed in exasperation, while realising that endurance and good humour were her  
best options.’ (lines 18–19) Explain **in your own words** what Jennifer’s ‘best options’ were.  
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**(d)** The car ‘crawled along’ (line 20). Give **one** word used later in the paragraph which conveys a  
similar idea.  
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**(e)** Jennifer ‘chose silence again’ (line 23). What did she do?  
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From paragraph 4  
**6** Her ‘mission was accomplished’ (line 29). What was Jennifer’s ‘mission’?  
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From paragraph 5  
**7** ‘“How could I be so stupid?” she berated herself.’ (lines 37–38) Why does Jennifer think she has  
been stupid?  
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**8** From paragraphs 3–6  
For each of the words below, circle the letter (**A**, **B**, **C** or **D**) which has the same meaning that the  
word has in the passage.  
**(1) hastily** (line 23)  
**A** carelessly **B** nervously **C** rapidly **D** crossly [1]  
**(2) appropriate** (line 26)  
**A** correct **B** suitable **C** convenient **D** subsequent [1]  
**(3) prospective** (line 31)  
**A** planned **B** visible **C** wealthy **D** possible [1]  
**(4) spot** (line 40)  
**A** patch **B** mark **C** position **D** glimpse [1]  
**(5) scrutinising** (line 44)  
**A** inquiring **B** examining **C** investigating **D** reading [1]

**9** Re-read paragraphs 4 and 6, which contain sentences telling us about **(a)** the hotels near the  
airport and **(b)** the meeting at the airport.  
Give:  
• the **meaning** of each sentence as it is used in the passage  
• the **effect** of each sentence as it is used in the passage.  
**(a)** ‘hotels, like shiny white teeth, rose against the skyline’ (lines 25–26)  
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**(b)** ‘And suddenly, at last, there she was – Anna herself!’ (line 47)  
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