



**CLASS IX-X**  
**ENGLISH GRAMMAR**  
**PART II**  
**CHAPTER 4**  
**THE USE OF TENSES**

**SOLUTIONS**

**A. Do the exercises as directed.**

**Answer the following questions: (Page 27)**

**i. When do you go to school?**

Ans: I go to school at about 8:30 a.m.

**ii. What is the name of your school?**

Ans: The name of my school is Malom Megha High School.

**iii. Where is your school?**

Ans: My school is at Malom Tuliyaime, Imphal west.

**iv. How far is your school from your house?**

Ans: It is about a kilometre away from my house.

**v. Which is the longest river in your state?**

Ans: The Iri River is the longest river in our state.

**vi. Which country is in the east of your state?**

Ans: Myanmar is in the east of our state.

**vii. What flower is famous in your state?**

Ans: Shirui Lily is famous in our state.

**viii. What is the staple food of Manipur?**

Ans: The staple food of Manipur is rice.



ix. **What games do you play in your school?**

Ans: I play football and chess in my school.

x. **Who is the Chief Minister of your state?**

Ans: Shri N. Biren Singh is the Chief Minister of our state.

**2. Fill in the blanks with the correct tense of the verbs in brackets. Use the Simple Present or the Present Continuous Tense only. (Page 28)**

i. I generally eat rice, but I am eating bread today. (eat)

ii. The telephone bell is ringing again. It sometimes rings many times. (ring)

iii. Tendulkar is playing cricket. He plays for India. (play)

iv. The Manipuris eat fish. I am eating fish curry now. (eat)

v. The man who is talking (talk) to me now speaks three languages. (speak)

vi. She generally wears jeans but now she is wearing a salwar. (wear)

vii. He seldom sits (sit) when he is teaching. (teach)

viii. The family generally spend (spend) their holiday in Shillong but this year they are going (go) to Shimla.

ix. Shimray is coming (come) to see me this evening.

x. Guite is joining (join) the college soon.



**3. Fill in the blanks with the correct forms of the Present Perfect tense and the Simple Past Tense. (Page 28)**

- i. She has bought (buy) a new mobile handset. She bought (buy) it yesterday.
- ii. We have seen (see) the photograph of the man. We saw (see) it in the newspaper sometime ago.
- iii. I don't know how Coca-Cola tasted (taste) like. I have not tasted (not taste) it before.
- iv. Since they started (start) the fight for a cause, they have followed (follow) a strict discipline.
- v. It rained (rain) for a month. It has stopped (stop) now.
- vi. India has been (be) independent since 1947.
- vii. Every road in the city has been dug (dig) up.
- viii. She has taught (teach) in the school for two years.
- ix. My daughter has left (leave) for Nepal.
- x. I wrote (write) the letter but I did not send (send) it.

**B. Do as directed:**

**1. Fill in the blanks with the correct form of the Present Perfect Continuous tense of the verbs within brackets: (Page 29)**

- i. My daughter has been doing (do) very well in her class.
- ii. Renedy has been playing (play) football for many years.
- iii. For the last six days, he has been taking (take) the medicine.
- iv. I have been reading (read) the lesson for four days.
- v. The MLA has been visiting (visit) Delhi several times.
- vi. Shantibala has been taking (take) care of her daughters.
- vii. He has been working (work) on the mathematical problem for a year.
- viii. Ibocha has been teaching (teach) Science for many years.
- ix. We have been living (live) in the village for three days.
- x. The people have been waiting (wait) for good water for years.



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**C. Do the exercises as directed:**

**Fill in the blanks with the Simple past tense of the verbs given within brackets: (Page 31)**

- i. I stayed (stay) in Hyderabad for two years.
- ii. The boy went (go) to Churachandpur yesterday.
- iii. The bird built (build) a nest last summer.
- iv. She passed (pass) her HSLC examination last year.
- v. There was (be) a good harvest in the past.
- vi. Australia defeated (defeat) India in the last World Cup.
- vii. She read (read) the book carefully.
- viii. The drama began (begin) late.
- ix. The children played (play) football.
- x. The rain stopped (stop) in the evening.
- xi. I sold (sell) my car as I needed (need) money.
- xii. We visited (visit) Pune for a conference.
- xiii. I took (take) many photographs at the Gateway of India.
- xiv. She made (make) a stroll at Marine Drive.
- xv. In 2007, we enjoyed (enjoy) the beauty of Shillong.
- xvi. They met (meet) at Rishikesh for the work.
- xvii. People wanted (want) to visit Kachai.
- xviii. The orange festival of Tamenglong attracted (attract) people from far and near.

**2. Make as many sentences as possible from the following: (Page 31)**

I	went to Chandel	last year
The Chairman	retired from service	five years ago.
She	returned from Mumbai	in February.
The boy	read the novel	in 2001.
They	bought the house	happily.



**Ans:**

- i. I went to Chandel last year.
- ii. I retired from service five years ago.
- iii. I returned from Mumbai in February.
- iv. I read the novel in 2001.
- v. I bought the house happily.
- vi. The Chairman went to Chandel last year.
- vii. The Chairman retired from service five years ago.
- viii. The Chairman returned from Mumbai in February.
- ix. The Chairman read the novel in 2001.
- x. The Chairman bought the house happily.

(Note: Many more sentences can be made by replacing the subjects, verbs and adverbials as shown above.)

**D. Do the exercise as directed:**

**1. Fill in the blanks with the right forms of the verbs given in brackets. Change the verbs to Simple Past or Past Continuous: (Page 32)**

- i. The boy was swimming (swim) in the river. Suddenly he saw (see) the big turtle.
- ii. It was raining (rain) when I went (go) to school.
- iii. As I was talking (talk) to Shantibala, the telephone rang (ring).
- iv. While we were standing (stand) at the bus-stop, Gangte came (come).
- v. The accident happened (happen) while the bus was coming (come) from Ukhrul.
- vi. The boy scored (score) the goal when the defender was chasing (chase) him.
- vii. The light went (go) out when she was reading (read).
- viii. The bird hit (hit) the plane as it was landing (land).
- ix. I was sleeping (sleep) soundly when a shout in the street woke (wake) me up.
- xi. The students were writing (write) when the teacher dictated (dictate) the lesson.



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**E. Do the exercise as directed:**

**1. Fill in the blanks with the Simple Past or Past Perfect Tense of the verbs given within brackets: (Page 33)**

- i. When I went (go) to Tamenglong, they had sold (sell) the oranges.
- ii. The girls reached (reach) Sandra in the morning. But the people had left (leave) the place earlier.
- iii. The student listened (listen) to the advice of the teacher.
- iv. When Purnima went (go) for the medical test, they had closed (close) the centre.
- v. Asha wanted (want) a telephone call but her friend left (leave) the place.
- vi. Gangte tried (try) to catch the bus but it had left (leave) the station earlier.
- vii. When Hungyo met (meet) his friend, the film had started (start).
- viii. Bimol contacted Singson but the latter went (go) to Ukhrul.
- ix. Esther consulted Suchitra but the latter had found (find) the result earlier.
- x. When I entered (enter) the Post Office, the Post Master had left (leave) the office.

**G. Do the exercise as directed:**

**1. Give Past Perfect Continuous Form of the verbs given within brackets: (Page 34)**

- i. The little boy had been skipping (skip) for half an hour in the morning.
- ii. The girl had been reading (read) the book for some time.
- iii. I had been working (work) on the freedom for a long time.
- iv. Shanti had been waiting (wait) for the bus for an hour.
- v. It had been raining (rain) heavily for a week.
- vi. We had been climbing (climb) the hill for two hours.
- vii. The dacoit had been attacking (attack) the buses along the national highway.
- viii. He had been smoking (smoke) for the last year until he saw the advertisement.
- ix. They had been cutting (cut) the trees for years.
- x. People had been eating (eat) raw food until the discovery of fire.



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## H. More exercises for Future Time Expression:

### 1. Fill in the blanks with suitable verb construction that express future time: (Page 36)

- i. She will return (return) from the school after the class.
- ii. The school is going to open (open) next Monday after the summer vacation.
- iii. The school examination will begin (begin) in the month of March next year.
- iv. Everybody is going to come (come) to the function next Friday.
- v. The Christians are going to celebrate (celebrate) Christmas from December next.
- vi. Everyone is going to take (take) part in the coming Christmas.
- vii. The Muslims are going (go) to observe fast during the month.
- viii. Every community is to take (take) part in the function.
- ix. We shall live (live) in peace and harmony.
- x. They are leaving (leave) for Jiribam next morning.

### 2. Fill in the blanks with –shall /will +be + present participle: (Page 37)

- i. She will be singing (sing) on the radio.
- ii. I shall be meeting (meet) my friends in Nepal.
- iii. They will be living (live) together in Manipur.
- iv. Purnima will be going(go) to Delhi for higher studies.
- v. Shantilata will be coming (come) to my house for learning English.
- vi. The students will be sitting (sit) together in the class.
- vii. It will be raining (rain) in July in Manipur.
- viii. They will be growing (grow) lemons in Grehang.
- ix. The people will be fishing (fish) in Loktak.
- x. The young people will be thinking (think) of the future of Manipur.



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**Fill in the blanks with the Future Perfect forms of the verbs given in the brackets:**

**(Page 37)**

- i.** I am saving some money every month to buy a bicycle. By the end of the year I shall have saved (save) enough money to buy one.
- ii.** You will have come (come) to the new school next year by this time.
- iii.** You will have known (know) your results before your summer holiday begin.
- iv.** The school will have been moved (move) into its new building by April next.
- v.** By the end of this year, he will have worked (work) in this school for ten years.
- vi.** She hopes they will have received (receive) her at the airport by 11 a.m.
- vii.** Rima will have surely reached (reach Kathmandu) by now.
- viii.** By next year, Sarita will have seen (see) five Hindi films.
- ix.** She saves Rs. 20 a month, and she started it in January. So, by the end of the year she will have saved (save) Rs. 240.
- x.** By the end of this year, many of the problems will have been solved (solve).
- xi.** By the time you reach school, classes will have been closed (close).
- xii.** You will have read (read) the letter I wrote last year.
- xiii.** Biren hopes they will have repaired (repair) the house by next Monday.
- xiv.** By the time you reach the place, the meeting will have started (start).

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