

**Sample Paper 1****Class X Exam 2023-24****English Language and Literature (184)****Time Allowed : 3 Hrs. Maximum Marks: 80****General Instructions:**

1. The Question Paper contains THREE sections READING, GRAMMAR & WRITING and LITERATURE.
2. Attempt question based on specific instructions for each part.

**SECTION A - READING SKILLS 20****Reading Comprehension Through Unseen Passages****1. Read the following text. 10**

1. Although pollution of land, sea and air has been well documented, the latest and the least recognised version is the swelling tide of noise which is engulfing urban as well as rural areas. This has long-term implications on the ecology, health, and productivity of a fast developing country like India.
2. Unlike other pollutants, noise lacks visibility, seldom registering on the consciousness, except as a trifling irritant to be dismissed at will, therefore, less likely to be perceived as a threat. Available data indicates that noise does pose a threat and is known to have caused a number of complications. Declining productivity among workers in certain industries has been directly correlated with noise levels, particularly these under constant exposure to the menace.
3. The first ever survey of the impact of noise on health, conducted by All India Institute of Medical Sciences, has established that noise not only impairs the physical and psychological functioning of the human organism, but also causes nausea, vomiting, pain, hypertension and a lot of other complications, including cardio-vascular complaints.
4. A study by Post Graduate School of Basic Medical Sciences, in Chennai, confirms such conclusions. In 50 per cent of industries, it was found that workmen exposed to higher intensities of noise in occupational capacities were often irritated, short-tempered, and impatient and more likely to resort to agitation and disrupt production. This was true of units in heavy industrial pockets in and around the four metropolitan centres.
5. Recreational noise, another ugly facet, is becoming more widespread in cities and towns. Loudspeakers are turned at full volume during marriages, festivals, jagrans, musical programmes, particularly at night, without the least consideration for others. Even at 50 db sound can awaken a person from a deep slumber. As experiments have shown, loudspeakers with output from 60 to 80 db cause the pupils of a slumbering person to dilate, with increasing intake of oxygen, resulting in palpitation. The effect is more pronounced in narrow lanes. TV sets are played at full volume at prime time, invariably disturbing neighbours. Noise-making seems to have become the latest status symbol, be it an election campaign or slogan shouting or advertising ownership of a TV set.

**Answer the following questions, based on the passage above.**

- i. Why does the writer say that noise has implications on our nation's ecology, health, and productivity?

Eliminate the incorrect option. 1

- (a) Because it has overwhelmed both urban and rural areas.



- (b) Because it is conveniently dismissed.
- (c) Because its effects are well-documented.
- (d) Because its effects are not well-documented.
- ii. What is the tone of the writer in the given line- 'Even at 50 db, sound can awaken a person from a deep slumber.' from paragraph 5? Rationalise your response in about 40 words. 2
- iii. Complete the sentence appropriately. 1  
The author cites examples of noise pollution in heavy industrial pockets to conclusively prove to the reader that .....
- iv. The passage includes some words that are opposites of each other. From the sets (a)-(e) below, identify two sets of antonyms. 1  
(a) physical and psychological  
(b) in and around  
(c) sea and air  
(d) urban and rural  
(e) cities and towns
- v. Complete the sentence appropriately. 1  
The survey conducted by AHMS has established that noise not only impacts ..... but also impairs ..... by causing nausea, vomiting, pain, hypertension and cardio-vascular complaints.
- vi. Based on the reading of the passage, answer in about 40 words. How does the author define the consequences of recreational noise? 2
- vii. The author emphasises that 'The swelling tide of noise has long-term implications on the environment, human health, and productivity.' Which of the following options corroborates this? 1 (a) It has a lot of health complications.  
(b) Human apathy to noise makes it an omniscient threat.  
(c) It is considered a trifling irritant to be dismissed at will.  
(d) It can make a person violent and disruptive.
- viii. What is the message conveyed by the author in the article? 1

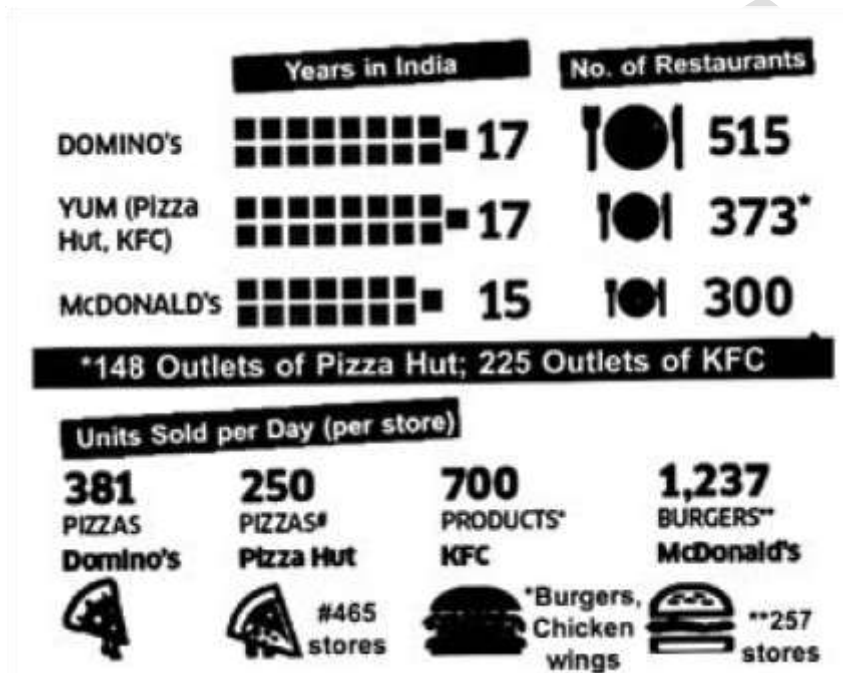
**2. Read the following text. 10**

- According to the National Institutes of Health (NHI), fast foods are a quick alternative to home-cooked meals. They are also high in saturated fat, sugar, salt and calories. Eating too much fast food has been connected to, among other things, obesity, colorectal cancer and high cholesterol. Still the traditional family dinner is increasingly being replaced by eating "on the run". As a result, the time invested in food preparation is getting lower and lower. 54% of the Indians are aged below 25 years and eating out is their favourite outdoor entertainment. Much of the retail boom in India could be attributed to these young consumers.
- Organized fast food service sector in India and elsewhere, busy lifestyles of people and dual-working families with children have provided the perfect platform for fast food companies to flourish, which offer quick meal



solutions. As a result, the fast food industry has witnessed a tremendous growth rate. McDonald’s alone serves 46 million people worldwide each day. Fast-food chains are still less than 5% of India’s food services market-the global average rests at 20%.

3. India’s food services market was estimated at 24,236 billion in 2020. Fast food chains in India have a market size of 2348 billion and account for 54% of the total sales. This is estimated to reach 64% by 2025. Covid dealt a body blow to the food services industry because of long lockdowns. However, large players were quick to remedy the impact on business by scaling their existing delivery capabilities. Fortunately, these chains had the infrastructure and process for delivery services in place long before the spread of the pandemic, which enabled them to adapt swiftly to government regulations.



4. The large food chains are set to gain a bigger share of the food services market on the back of a young population, value pricing, and increased penetration in tier two and three cities. The more recent popularity of online food ordering and food delivery platforms has enabled food chains to reach more consumers. Fast food chain Burger King reported a blockbuster IPO last year; meanwhile, Domino’s pizza franchise in India recently revised its potential store opening target in India from the earlier 2,000 to 3,000. McDonald’s, Burger King, Domino’s plan to deepen their reach in India’s smaller cities, and benefit from a younger demographic expecting to clock a compound annual growth rate of 23% between 2021 to 2025.

**Answer the following questions, based on the passage above.**

i. Complete the following analogy appropriately, based on your understanding of paragraph 1. 1 The convenience that fast food can be eaten ‘on the run’ is comparable with ..... on one’s person or in a handbag as opposed to having a desktop that keeps one tied to their work desk.

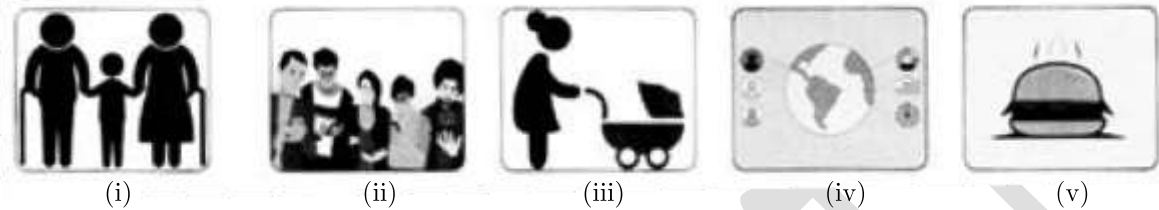
ii. Fill in the blanks with the appropriate option from those given in brackets, based on your understanding of the passage. 1

We can infer that the large food service chains particularly in India were able to buffer their businesses and revenues during the pandemic owing to their ability to adapt to the new regulations, infrastructure and the flexibility of their delivery service is a ..... (fact/ opinion) because it is a/an .....( subjective judgement/ objective detail ).

iii. “The traditional family dinner is increasingly being replaced by eating on the run”. Justify the following, in about 40 words. 2



- iv. Based on the results of the study, which two concerns showcase the flip side of the popularity of fast foods as referred to in the passage? 1
- v. Study the statement: 'McDonald's alone serves 46 million people worldwide each day.' State any one inference that can be drawn from this. 1
- vi. Select the option that correctly displays what 'demographic' signifies. (Reference-Paragraph 4) 1



- (a) Only (i) (b) Only (ii)  
 (c) (ii), (iv) and (v) (d) (i) and (iii)
- vii. Infer the reasons responsible for the large food chains set to gain a bigger share of the food services market on the back of a young population in India. Answer in about 40 words. 2
- viii. Three sets of statements about the trends in fast food sector in India are given below. Which of the following statements is CORRECT with reference to the study mentioned in the passage? 1
- (a) The share of fast food chains in food services market is below 5%.  
 (b) The share of fast food chains in food services market is 20%.  
 (c) Branded fast food services fall under unorganized sector in India.  
 (d) By 2025, the total sales in fast food market size will grow by 10%

### SECTION B - GRAMMAR & WRITING SKILLS 20 GRAMMAR 10

#### 3. Complete ANY TEN of twelve of the following tasks, as directed. 1#10=10

- i. Fill in the blank by choosing the correct option to complete the sentence. 1  
 The boys \_\_\_\_\_ to my lecture since 8 O'clock this morning.  
 (a) were listening (b) have been listening (c) had been listening (d) None of these
- ii. Read the conversation between a mother and her daughter. Complete the sentence by reporting daughter's reply correctly. 1  
 Mother: Why are you looking so worried?  
 Daughter: My exams are approaching.  
 Mother asked her daughter why she was looking very worried. The daughter replied that \_\_\_\_\_.
- iii. Select the correct option to fill in the blank for the given line. 1  
 I \_\_\_\_\_ rather die than join the gang of terrorists.  
 (a) could (b) should (c) would (d) can



- iv. Select the option that identifies the error and supplies the correction for the following line : 1 A little  
 political thinkers think that liberty and equality can't go together.

Option No.	Error	Correction
(a)	can't	couldn't
(b)	think	thinks
(c)	A little	Some
(d)	go	goes

- v. Complete the given sentence, by filling in the blank with the correct option : 1

They met you at night after you \_\_\_\_\_ your work.

- (a) had finished      (b) have finished  
 (c) finished      (d) will finish

- vi. Fill in the blank by using the correct form of the word in the bracket. 1

Chris, in addition to his brother Zack, \_\_\_\_\_ (play) hockey on Saturday.

- vii. Report the dialogue between a doctor and a patient, by completing the sentence : 1 Doctor : You should take this medicine every day.

Patient : Should I take it before dinner or after dinner? Doctor :  
 No, you should take it after breakfast.

The Doctor advised the patient that he should take that medicine every day. The patient further asked if he should take it before dinner or after dinner. The doctor replied negatively and then said that \_\_\_\_\_.

viii. Identify the error in the given sentence and supply the correction. 1

Some guys like to fights on even playing grounds, and some guys like to cheat.

Use the given format for your response.

Error	Correction

- ix. Transform the following direct speech into reported speech : 1

He asked, "Will you be coming?"

- x. Identify the error in the given sentence and supply the correction. 1

My class teacher told me that I can work hard.

Use the given format for your response.

Error	Correction

- xi. Select the correct option to complete the narration of the dialogue between Radha and Shikha. 1 Radha : Do you know how to swim?

Shikha : Yes I know. I have learnt it during this summer vacation.

Radha asked Shikha if/whether she knew how to swim. Then Shikha replied in affirmative and also added that \_\_\_\_\_.

- (a) she had learnt it during the summer vacation



- (b) she has learnt it during the summer vacation  
 (c) she have learnt it during the summer vacation (d) she had learn it during the summer vacation

xii. Identify the error and supply the correction, for the following sentence : 1

Every people went to welcome the Indian Cricket team.

Error	Correction

### WRITING 10

Note : All details presented in the questions are imaginary and created for assessment purpose.

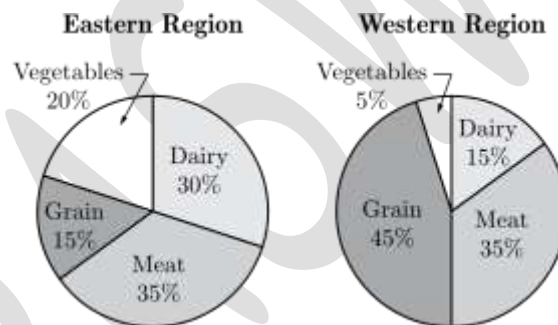
#### 4. Attempt ANY ONE from A and B given below. 5

A. Write a letter to the Editor of "The Times of India", Delhi expressing your concern over the increase in the rate of road accident, rash driving and overcrowded road transport. You are Priya/Priyanshu living at B-47 Avas Vikas, Mayur Vihar, New Delhi.

B. Write an application to your principal asking permission to remain absent from school for 5 days on account of your brother's marriage.

#### 5. Attempt ANY ONE from A and B given below. 5

A. The charts below show agricultural production in two different regions of the country. Write an analytical paragraph in 100-120 words by selecting and reporting the main features, and making comparisons where relevant.



B. Given below is a newspaper report on the state of cancer prevailing in India. You have been asked to write an analytical paragraph on 'Cancer - a silent killer' Taking information from the clipping given below together with your own ideas, write this paragraph in 100-120 words.

"In India, cities are more cancer-prone than rural areas. In the early 1990's, we expected one out of 1015 urban Indians to get cancer in their life-time, that is every second or third family would have to face this disease. This is partly due to high levels of benzene in the air and also that the metros are exposed to high levels of pesticides in their foods. In order to check the steady growth of cancer in the country, the Government shall have to give priority to preventive action. At the same time measures to undertake improvement in facilities for the treatment of cancer shall have to be adopted."

### SECTION C - LITERATURE 40

6. Read the given extracts and answer the questions for ANY ONE of the two, given. 5



- A. I think he knew I made a little money this way but he did not seem to mind. Anil made money by fits and starts. He would borrow one week, lend the next. He kept worrying about his next cheque, but as soon as it arrived, he would go out and celebrate. It seems he wrote for magazines—a queer way to make a living!  
(*The Thief's Story*)
- i. Why did 'I' feel that uniting for magazines was a queer way to make a living? Answer in about 40 words. 2
- ii. State True or False. 1  
None of the terms (a)-(d) can be applied to the statement — I think he knew I made a little money this way but he did not seem to mind.
- (a) A hypothesis - a proposed explanation for a phenomenon  
(b) An assumption - something that is taken for granted or assumed to be true  
(c) A hyperbole - exaggerated statements or claims not meant to be taken literally  
(d) A premise - a proposition that forms the basis of an argument
- iii. The information in the extract suggests that Anil could be a \_\_\_\_\_. 1 iv. What did the narrator mean by 'I made a little money this way'? 1

B. I finished my poem, and it was beautiful! It was about a mother duck and a father swan with three baby ducklings who were bitten to death by the father because they quacked too much. Luckily, Mr. Keesing took the joke the right way. He read the poem to the class, adding his own comments, and to several other classes as well.  
(*From the Diary of Anne Frank*) i.

Anne Frank says that 'Mr. Keesing took the joke the right way.' What does she mean by this? 1 (a) Anne had turned the tables on her teacher.

- (b) The teacher was already tired of her constant jokes in class.  
(c) Anne Frank had a nasty sense of humour.  
(d) Students are not supposed to crack jokes on their teachers.
- ii. What had transpired between Mr. Keesing and Anne Frank for her to feel relieved on seeing his response to her poem? Answer in about 40 words. 2
- iii. Why do you think Mr Keesing chose the title— 'An Incurrigible Chatterbox' — for Anne, to write on? This was so because he expected \_\_\_\_\_. 1  
(a) Anne to express her inability to elaborate on such a topic.  
(b) that this would embarrass Anne and would check her indiscipline.  
(c) her to apologise and not repeat her talkative behaviour.
- iv. What does this extract tell us about Mr. Keesing as a teacher? Mention two qualities. 1

### 7. Read the given extracts and answer the questions for ANY ONE of the two, given. 5

A. Ink trickled down to the bottom of the household A little mouse Blink strategically mouseholed.

But up jumped Custard, snorting like an engine,



Clashed his tail like irons in a dungeon,

With a clatter and a clank and a jangling squirm, He  
went at the pirate like a robin at a worm.

( *The Tale of Custard the Dragon* ) i.

Fill in the blank with suitable words on the basis of your understanding of the given lines. 1 Belinda paled and cried for help because she was \_\_\_\_\_ with \_\_\_\_\_.

ii. What is the significance of the use of the words: fled, trickled down and mouseholed to describe the reactions of Belinda's pets and how does this word choice contribute to the overall situation in the poem? Answer in about 40 words. 2

iii. The words, 'But up jumped Custard, snorting like an engine' show that \_\_\_\_\_. 1

- (a) Custard was angry and ready to fight Ink and Blink.
- (b) Custard was ready to move energetically.
- (c) Custard was ready to attack the pirate.
- (d) Custard was clearing his throat.

iv. Comment on the poet's use of language in these lines. 1

**B.** Some say the world will end in fire, Some  
say in ice.

From what I've tasted of desire

I hold with those who favour fire.

But if it had to perish twice,

I think I know enough of hate

To say that for destruction ice

Is also great And  
would suffice.

( *Fire and Ice* )

i. How can 'Ice' bring an end to the world? Answer in about 40 words. 2 ii. What figure of speech is used in the first line of the extract? 1

iii. \_\_\_\_\_ can correctly replace the underlined phrase in the give line from the extract? 1 I hold with those who favour fire.

iv. Pick the option that is NOT TRUE about the poet according to the extract. The poet 1

- (a) is inclined to believe that the world would most likely end with fire.
- (b) has heard divided opinions about the way the world would end in all likelihood.
- (c) preaches love and kindness to combat the spread of hate among all.
- (d) declares the power of ice to be as destructive as that of fire.





**8. Answer ANY FOUR of the following five questions, in about 40-50 words. 4#3=12 i.** What was the effect of hailstones on Lencho's crop? 3  
( *A Letter to God* )

**ii.** Young seagull tried to fly but he could not. Why was he afraid to fly? 3  
( *Two Stories About Flying* )

**iii.** Why should the tiger snarl around houses at the edge of the forest? 3  
( *A Tiger in the Zoo* )

**iv.** What makes Chubukov misunderstand the purpose of Lomov's visit? 3  
( *The Proposal* )

**v.** "Money is external". What does the poet mean by this expression taken from 'The Ball Poem'? 3

**9. Answer ANY TWO of the following three questions, in about 40-50 words. 2#3=6 i.** How did Ausable fool Max about the balcony? 3  
( *The Midnight Visitor* )

**ii.** Griffin's brilliance as a man of science fades before his darker traits. Comment. 3  
( *Footprints Without Feet* )

**iii.** What does Noodle tell Think-Tank about the books? 3  
( *The Book that Saved the Earth* )

**10. Answer ANY ONE of the following two questions, in about 100-120 words. 1#6=6**

**A.** Gotami comes to Buddha praying to him to revive her dead son. Buddha asks her to bring a handful of mustard seeds from a house where no one has lost a child, husband, parent or friend. Through this simple act, Buddha communicates the most profound truth of life, not only to Gotami but also to the whole mankind. What is the truth that Buddha communicates? What lesson does Gotami learn? What changes would take place in a common man's life if that truth is understood?  
( *The Sermon at Benares* )

**B.** "Difficulties do come in our lives, but they are not there to stay forever." Comment on this statement with reference to the poem 'Fog' by Carl Sandburg.

**11. Answer ANY ONE of the following two questions, in about 100-120 words. 1#6=6**

**A.** Albert Einstein said, 'The important thing is to never stop questioning.' Richard was a genius who proved this quote true. Justify.  
( *The Making of a Scientist* )

**B.** Give a brief character sketch of Mrs. Pumphrey. What values are reflected through her character?  
( *A Triumph of Surgery* )

## Sample Paper 2

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#### SECTION A - READING SKILLS 20

##### Reading Comprehension Through Unseen Passages

**1. Read the following text. 10**

1. It is an indisputable fact that the world has gone too far with the innovation of new technologies such as mobile phones, the internet and so on, due to which, people are able to tour the cosmos virtually sitting in one place using their smart devices or other technological gadgets. Though mobile internet access is often-times hurried and short, it can still provide common internet features like alerts, weather data, emails, search engines, instant messages and game and music downloading.
  2. Due to the easy access to smartphones, communication has been very effective and instant. People are able to convey their message all around the globe to their loved ones without spending hefty sums of money. Adults are always fond of such gadgets and they always welcome and adopt such new technology readily. Further, young people have been able to broaden their minds and improve their skills by doing research on the Internet. For instance, they use smartphones to look up any new word they come across. As we know that most of universities have online teaching provisions and smartphones assist students to complete their assignments on time.
  3. The mobile phone has been a lifesaver for a lot of people in case of an emergency. Likewise, use of smartphones can be of vital importance in preventing crimes in society by providing information to the security forces in time.
  4. Nonetheless, for the young, the use of the mobile phone can be like an addiction and they can misuse it. Young people are also prone to getting involved in undesirable activities on the Internet. This might have an adverse effect on their academic performance. Therefore, young people should always be monitored and made aware of its adverse/negative outcomes.
  5. Also a major contributor to its popularity is the availability of prepaid or pay-as-you-go services from a phone shop or an online store. This allows subscribers to load text or airtime credits to their handsets by the use of their credit cards, debit cards or by buying a prepaid card from the network they subscribe to. If a prepaid card is not that appealing to you, then you can opt to subscribe using the pay-by-month plan. **Answer the following questions, based on the passage above.**
- i. What does the author mean when he says 'tour the cosmos'? 1 (a) Booking foreign tours. (b) Seeing so far as one can go.

- (c) Seeing things which were part of the dream. (d) Seeing different parts of the universe.
- ii.** Based on your reading of the text, list two reasons why the writer approves of smart phones. Answer in about 40 words. 2
- iii.** Fill in the blank. 1  
Grown-ups should \_\_\_\_\_ the use of new technology by the young people.
- iv.** The passage includes some words that are similar in meaning to each other. From the sets (a)-(e) below, identify two sets of synonyms. 1
- (a) Preventing and providing  
(b) World and cosmos  
(c) Adverse and negative  
(d) Addiction and misuse  
(e) Effective and instant
- v.** Complete the sentence appropriately. 1  
Smart phones today have become crucial to education because \_\_\_\_\_.
- vi.** Do you think that the author warns young people from use of smart phones? Give reasons for your answer in about 40 words. 2
- vii.** Select the correct option to fill in the blank. 1  
Internet does not help young ones to \_\_\_\_\_.
- (a) complete their assignments in time (b) differentiate between good and bad  
(c) broaden their mind by doing research (d) learn and know more words
- viii.** Mobile phone is called a lifesaver. State the reasons for the same. 1

**2. Read the following text. 10**

1. Data released by India's food quality regulator, the Food Safety and Standards Authority of India (FSSAI) earlier, shows that nearly 25% of samples of edible goods it tested this year were found to be adulterated or in violation of prescribed standards.
2. The samples included milk and dairy products, spices, cereals as well as branded food products. A total of 85,729 samples were sent, so far. FSSAI carried out the testing following a spike in complaints from consumers over quality and adulteration, said an agency official.
3. According to the data, 20,390 samples of the 85,729 sent to the agency were found to be non-conforming to prescribed standards. While agency officials maintain that Food Safety Officers in each state regularly test samples to check for compliance and also take recourse in cases of violations according to the Food Safety and Standards Act, 2006, experts claim that poor enforcement on the ground and a lack of awareness plague the process.
4. Consumer activist Bijon Mishra said the lengthy legal procedure involved in penalizing violators provides an opportunity to the accused to keep doing business. "Law enforcement is very poor. It takes years to finalise a

case and by that time, sellers keep on making profits. Moreover, people are also not aware. Hardly anybody complains about adulteration,” he added.

- 5 Umesh Sharma, an advocate, said enforcement of rules is very poor on the ground. “The issue is directly related to public health and the government should take serious initiatives to implement food safety rules,” he said. Data from the agency shows an abysmal conviction rate.
6. In 2017, the Law Commission issued a set of recommendations regarding the issue. The panel had recommended that IPC Sections 272 (dealing with adulteration of food and drinks) and 273 (dealing with the sale of noxious food and drinks) be amended to make adulteration a serious crime. It was also recommended that depending on the gravity of the offence, punishment can include life imprisonment and the minimum sentence should be six months in jail term.
7. The panel, headed by former Supreme Court judge BS Chauhan, also wanted amendments to Section 357 of the Criminal Procedure Code so that courts can order compensation for victims.

**Answer the following questions, based on the passage above.**

- i.** Complete the following sentence. 1  
IPC 272 and 273 amendments were added to \_\_\_\_\_.
- ii.** Fill in the blank to complete the following sentence. 1  
..... allows the penalised to continue their business.
- iii.** Explain why penalising adulteration in India is challenging in about 40 words. 2
- iv.** What did the data revealed by FSSAI show? 1
- v.** Substitute the word ‘punishing’ with ONE WORD similar in meaning, in the following, sentence from Paragraph 4. 1  
The lengthy procedure involved in punishing violators provides an opportunity to the accused to keep doing business.
- vi.** Based on your understanding of the passage, choose the option that lists the punishments set for offenders. 1  
(a) Life imprisonment (b) Public shaming  
(c) Sentence of 6 months (d) Both (a) and (c)
- vii.** Which samples were tasted by FSSAI and why? Also, what did the data suggest? (Answer in about 40 words) 2
- viii.** Which of the following recommendations were made by the law commission regarding the issue? 1 (a)  
Minimum sentence should be six months’ jail term.  
(b) Depending on the gravity of the offence, punishment can include life imprisonment.  
(c) Adulteration became a serious crime.  
(d) All of the above

## SECTION B - GRAMMAR & WRITING SKILLS 20

### GRAMMAR 10

#### 3. Complete ANY TEN of twelve of the following tasks, as directed. 1#10=10

i. Fill in the blank by choosing the correct option to complete the sentence. 1

If we \_\_\_\_\_ one more batsman in our team, we would have won the match.

- (a) had had                      (b) would have been  
(c) would have                      (d) would have had

ii. Read the conversation between Reena and Rakesh. Complete the sentence by reporting Rakesh's reply correctly. 1

Reena : Have you seen 'Three Idiots'?

Rakesh : I saw them yesterday in my class.

Reena asked Rakesh if he had seen 'Three Idiots'. Rakesh replied that \_\_\_\_\_.

iii. Select the correct option to fill in the blank for the given line. 1

The swimmer was tired but he \_\_\_\_\_ reach the shore before he collapsed.

- (a) will                      (b) could  
(c) may                      (d) must

iv. Select the option identifies the error and supplies the correction for the following line: 1 Have you ever learn from a mistake you have made?

Option No.	Error	Correction
(a)	learn	learnt
(b)	Have	Has
(c)	a	the
(d)	made	make

v. Complete the given sentence, by filling in the blank with the correct option : 1

I bought a new car last year, but I \_\_\_\_\_ my old car yet, so at present I have two cars.

- (a) sell                      (b) have not sold  
(c) sold                      (d) did not sell

vi. Fill in the blank by using the correct form of the word in the bracket. 1

Neither you nor your sister should \_\_\_\_\_ (talk) to them.

vii. Report the dialogue between Sanjay and Madan, by completing the sentence : 1

Sanjay: I am surprised to see you here in Delhi. When did you come?

Madan: I came here yesterday. I have been offered a job here.

Sanjay told Madan that he was surprised to see him there in Delhi and asked when he had come. Madam replied that he had come there the previous day and added that \_\_\_\_\_.

viii. Identify the error in the given sentence and supply the correction. 1

A good business letter is one that get results.

Use the given format for your response.

Error	Correction

ix. Transform the following direct speech into reported speech : 1

He said, "Reena, do you want to buy a house in Noida?"

x. Identify the error in the given sentence and supply the correction. 1

He said I will use his car whenever I wanted.

Use the given format for your response.

Error	Correction

xi. Ram and Shyam are discussing their plans for the weekend. Fill in the blank to complete the dialogue below by choosing the correct options. 1

Ram: What are you doing this weekend, shyam?

Shyam: I don't have any special plan.

Ram: How do you like the idea \_\_\_\_\_.

(a) of go for a picnic to the Dal Lake? (b) of going for a picnic to the Dal Lake?

(c) of went for a picnic to the Dal Lake? (d) of going for a picnic by the Dal Lake? **xii.** Identify the error

and supply the correction, for the following sentence : 1

Every trees have a single woody stem called a trunk which supports a mass of branches carrying leaves.

Use the given format for your response.

Error	Correction

## WRITING 10

Note : All details presented in the questions are imaginary and created for assessment purpose.

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**4. Attempt ANY ONE from A and B given below. 5**

**A.** You are Praveen of 23, Civil Lines, Jaipur. Write a letter to the Editor of Dainik Bhaskar, Jaipur about frequent break-down of electricity.

**Or**

**B.** You have seen an advertisement of a new model sports bike launched by Honda. You are a passionate racer and are keen to buy the new model of racing bikes being offered. Next month a zonal level Bike Marathon is taking place and you are keen to enroll your name as a contestant. Write a letter to M/s Honda Bikes and Scooters, Kashmere Gate, New Delhi enquiring about the price, specifications and availability of accessories that long distance racers would require. You are Man Singh living in Green Park, New Delhi.

**5. Attempt ANY ONE from A and B given below. 5**

**A.** You are Suresh/Lalita. Given below is a table based on data given about the number of tourists who visited your city in the past two years. Write an analytical paragraph on 'Promotion of Tourism' taking information from the table given below together with your own ideas in 100-120 words.

Year	Tourists Who Visited	
	Domestic	International
2020	444569	8563
2021	436350	11478

**Plans of Tourism Department:**

- To develop a wildlife park.
- Illumination and light and sound programme at one of the places of tourist interest in the city.
- To develop a big amusement park.
- Convention centre and a multiplex in the city.

**Or**

**B.** You are the Head Boy/Head Girl of your school. You decided to make the school population aware of the advantages of tree plantation and tell them how trees can serve as better air-conditioners. Write an analytical paragraph in 100-120 words. Take help of the cues given below.

**Cues :**

Trees keep environment cool by

- taking heat of earth and air
- absorbing carbon-dioxide that helps in controlling temperature rise
- bringing rains
- checking direct sunlight
- providing shade

**SECTION C - LITERATURE 40**

**6. Read the given extracts and answer the questions for ANY ONE of the two, given. 5**

A. The village constable was secretly sent for. Instead of waiting for the constable, Mrs. Hall went to the scientist, who had somehow mysteriously appeared from his empty bedroom. "I want to know what you have been doing to my chair upstairs," she demanded. "And I want to know how it is you came out of an empty room and how you entered a locked room." The scientist was always quick-tempered; now he became furious. "You don't understand who or what I am!" he shouted. "Very well — I'll show you."

( *Footprints Without Feet* ) i. Why did Mrs. Hall feel that the room was haunted by spirits? 1

ii. State TRUE or FALSE. 1

The neighbours thought the trouble was caused by 'witchcraft'. This statement tells us that the neighbours were superstitious.

iii. Why was the village constable secretly sent for? Answer in about 40 words. 2

iv. What did the scientist do on becoming furious? 1

Or

B. The following Sunday Lencho came a bit earlier than usual to ask if there was a letter for him. It was the postman himself who handed the letter to him while the postmaster, experiencing the contentment of a man who has performed a good deed, looked on from his office. Lencho showed not the slightest surprise on seeing the money; such was his confidence - but he became angry when he counted the money. God could not have made a mistake, nor could he have denied Lencho what he had requested.

( *A Letter to God* )

i. According to the extract, what was the belief of Lencho? 1

- (a) God couldn't make a mistake in sending the money.
- (b) God couldn't deny what he had requested.
- (c) Money was stolen.
- (d) Both (a) and (b)

ii. Why did Lencho go a bit early to the post office the following Sunday? (Answer in about 40 words) 2 iii.

Read the following descriptions (a)-(c) and identify which one correctly corresponds to Lencho. 1

- (a) Blind faith in God
- (b) Superstitious nature of village people
- (c) Suspicious of all government authorities

iv. How much money did Lencho receive? 1

7. Read the given extracts and answer the questions for ANY ONE of the two, given. 5

A. The way a crow Shook  
down on me

The dust of snow

From a hemlock tree



Has given my heart  
A change of mood  
And saved some part Of  
a day I had rued.

( *Dust of Snow* )

i. Complete the sentence appropriately. 1

The poet was out on the cold snowy day when the dust of snow fell on him and \_\_\_\_\_.

ii. What is 'dust of snow'? 1

iii. The crow and hemlock are usually used as negative references in literature. How is this different in this poem? 2

iv. How does the use of 'a crow' and 'a hemlock tree' impact this extract? 1

- (a) If forces the beauty of nature (b) Represents prosperity  
(c) Sets a gloomy atmosphere (d) Tells about happy times

**Or**

B. I heard an old religious man  
But yesternight declare  
That he had found a text to prove  
That only God, my dear,  
Could love you for yourself alone And  
not your yellow hair.

( *For Anne Gregory* )

i. The above stanza strongly defies the idea of \_\_\_\_\_. 1

- (a) internal qualities (b) external beauty  
(c) spiritual self (d) divinity

ii. What does the poet mean by the word 'yesternight', in the extract? 1 iii. What wisdom was imparted to the poet and by whom it was imparted? Answer in about 40 words. 2

iv. Where did the religious man find that God loves everyone selflessly? 1

**8. Answer ANY FOUR of the following five questions, in about 40-50 words. 4#3=12**

i. Nelson Mandela speaks of twin obligations. What are they? 3

( *Nelson Mandela - Long Walk to Freedom* )

ii. What does Anne write in the diary about herself and her sister ? 3

( *From the Diary of Anne Frank* )

iii. How did the Buddha teach Kisa Gotami the truth of life? 3

( *The Sermon at Benares* )

iv. How did Belinda, Ink, Blink and Mustard react on seeing the pirate ? 3

( *The Tale of Custard the Dragon* )

v. The tigers in the poem 'A Tiger in the Zoo' has some obvious limitations, describe them in contrast to its natural habitat.

9. Answer ANY TWO of the following three questions, in about 40-50 words. 2#3=6

i. Why did Hari Singh think that Anil's job was queer? 3

( *The Thief's Story* )

ii. Why did Horace Danby feel sure of his success in that year's robbery? 3

( *A Question of Trust* )

iii. Which character traits of Bholi have had an everlasting impression on you? Why? 3

( *Bholi* )

10. Answer ANY ONE of the following two questions, in about 100-120 words. 1#6=6

A. One is known by one's roots. The people of Coorg are also recognized for their values and traits in spite of being thousands of miles away from their places of origin-Greece and Arabia. Describe their values and traits.

( *Glimpses of India* )

Or

B. If the Buddha were to summarise the life lessons of 'The Ball poem' what would that sermon be? Think and create this address for people of your age.

11. Answer ANY ONE of the following two questions, in about 100-120 words. 1#6=6

A. Not to accept the limitations of our life makes us unhappy in our lives. Describe how Matilda Loisel suffers in her life because she does not accept that she is not a rich person.

( *The Necklace* )

Or

B. Give a brief character sketch of Fowler ? What are the values reflected in his character?

( *The Midnight Visitor* )

## Sample Paper 3

### Class X Exam 2023-24

#### English Language and Literature (184)

**Time Allowed : 3 Hrs. Maximum Marks: 80**

**General Instructions:**

1. The Question Paper contains THREE sections READING, GRAMMAR & WRITING and LITERATURE.
  2. Attempt question based on specific instructions for each part.
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#### SECTION A - READING SKILLS 20

##### Reading Comprehension Through Unseen Passages

**1. Read the following text. 10**

1. In the classroom, broadening your thinking can mean emphasizing something called problem based learning. In this approach, a teacher presents a problem or question with no clear or obvious solution. Students are then asked to think broadly about how to solve it.
2. Problem-based learning can help students think like scientists, Wallace says. He cites an example from his own classroom. Last fall, he had students read about fruit flies that lack an enzyme-a molecule that speeds up chemical reactions-to break down alcohol. "I had seven groups of students, and got seven different ways to measure," he says. "That's what I would call creativity in a science class."
3. "Creativity means taking risks and not being afraid to make mistakes," adds Andrews. In fact, she and many educators agree, when something comes out differently than expected, it provides a learning experience. A good scientist would ask "Why?" she says, and "What's happening here?"
4. Talking with others and teamwork also help with associative thinking-allowing thoughts to wander and freely associating one thing with another-that DeHaan says, contributes to creativity. Working on a team, he says, introduces a concept called distributed reasoning. Sometimes called brainstorming. This type of reasoning is spread out and conducted by a group of people.
5. "When you talk about creativity in science, it's not about, have you done a nice drawing to explain something," she says. "It's about, What are we imagining together? What's possible, and how could we figure that out? That's what scientists do all the time."
6. Although using arts and crafts to represent ideas can be helpful, Smith says, it is not the same as recognizing the creativity inherent in science. "What we've been missing is that science itself is creative," she explains.
7. "It's a creativity of ideas and representations and finding things out, which is different from making a Player-mâché globe and painting it to represent the Earth," she says.
8. In the end, educators and scientists agree that anyone can learn how to think like a scientist. "Too often in school, students get the impression that science is for a specially gifted subspecies of humanity," Herschbach says. But he insists just the opposite is true.

9. “Scientists don’t have to be so smart,” he continues. “It’s all there waiting for you if you work hard at it, and then you have a good chance of contributing to this great adventure of our species and understanding more about the world we live in.”

( Adapted from the American Heritage Children’s Science Dictionary )

**Answer the following questions, based on the passage above.**

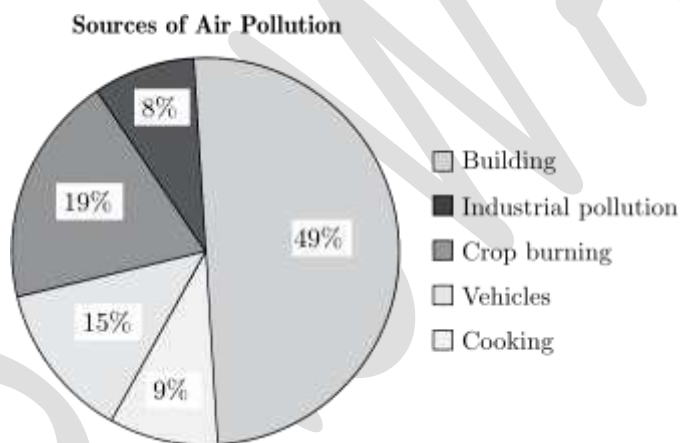
- i.** Why does the writer say that problem-based learning can ‘broaden one’s thinking? 1
- (a) It can lead to creative resolution of an issue at hand.
  - (b) It can lead to people working in a pedantic manner.
  - (c) It can lead to the expansion of the human brain literally.
  - (d) It can lead to people working independently.
- ii.** What makes Herschbach debunk the popular misconception that scientists are more gifted than others? Rationalise your response in about 40 words. 2
- iii.** Complete the sentence appropriately. 1  
The author tries to establish a link and a point of similarity between problem-based learning and thinking like a scientist when he says that .....
- iv.** The passage includes some word-pairs that are closely related or similar to each other. From the sets (a)-(e) below, identify sets that go against the essence of the passage. 1
- (a) arts and crafts
  - (b) ideas and representations
  - (c) educators and scientists
  - (d) distributed reasoning and brainstorming
  - (e) scientists and gifted subspecies
- v.** Complete the sentence appropriately. 1  
DeHaan lays deep emphasis on the benefits of associative thinking in science and emphasises that its maximum benefits can be drawn out .....
- vi.** Based on the reading of the passage, examine, in about 40 words, what disconnect or point of difference does the writer draw out between creativity in art and craft and creativity in science. 2
- vii.** Which of these explanations does not relate to the concept of distributive reasoning? 1 (a) It is synonymous with brainstorming.
- (b) It is prevalent among the scientific community only.
  - (c) It is a part of associative thinking.
  - (d) t requires a team to conduct it successfully.

viii. Fill in the blank with suitable word/words. 1

This great adventure of our species in Paragraph 9 refers to .....

**2. Read the following text. 10**

1. Air pollution affects health seriously. Of the most polluted 30 cities in the world, 21 were in India in 2019. As per a 2016 study, at least 140 million Indians breathe air that is 10 times or more over the WHO safe limit and 13 of the world’s 20 cities with the highest annual levels of air pollution are in India.
2. Air pollution kills 2 million Indians prematurely every year. Emissions come from vehicles and industry, whereas in rural areas, much of the pollution stems from biomass burning for cooking and keeping warm. In autumn and winter months, large scale crop residue burning in farms — a cheaper alternative to mechanical tilling — is a major source of smoke, smog and particulate pollution.
3. India has a low per capita emissions of greenhouse gases but the country as a whole is the third largest greenhouse gas producer after China and the United States. A 2013 study on non-smokers has found that have 30% have weaker lung function than Europeans.
4. The Air (Prevention and Control of Pollution) Act, 1981 has failed to reduce or regulate pollution because of poor enforcement of the rules



5. In 2015, GOI, together with IIT Kanpur launched the National Air Quality Index. In 2019, India launched ‘The National Clean Air Programme’ with tentative national target of 20%–30% reduction in PM2.5 and PM10 concentrations by 2024, considering 2017 as the base year for comparison. It will be rolled out in 102 cities that are considered to have air quality worse than the National Ambient Air Quality Standards.
6. There are other initiatives such as a 1,600 kilometre-long and 5 kilometre-wide The Great Green Wall of Aravalli-an ecological corridor along Aravalli range from Gujarat to Shivalik Hills with the planting of 1.35 billion native trees over 10 years to combat the pollution.
7. In 2019, IIT Bombay, in partnership with the McKelvey School of Engineering (USA), launched the Aerosol and Air Quality Research Facility to study air pollution in India.

**Answer the following questions, based on the passage above.**

i. Complete the following analogy appropriately, based on your understanding of paragraphs 1 and 2. 1 The fact- ‘Of the most polluted 30 cities in the world, 21 were in India in 2019’ is comparable with urban Indians living in gas-chambers and the air that we breathe can be compared to a mixture of .....

- ii.** Fill in the blanks with the appropriate option from those given in brackets, based on your understanding of paragraph 2. 1

Air quality in India has worsened so much in the last few years that is contributing to the premature deaths of 2 million Indians every year is ..... (a fact/ opinion) because unfortunately, it is ..... (a/an subjective judgement/ objective detail) that proves that air pollution can be fatal to human health.

- iii.** Toxic air emissions are not just rampantly widespread in the cities but are equally pervasive in rural areas threatening the health of people. Justify the following, in about 40 words. 2

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iv. List any two examples of indoor or domestic pollution as mentioned in the passage.

v. Study the statement. 1

Mechanical tilling is an unpopular method to remove stubs from the fields. State any one inference that can be drawn from this.

vi. Select the options that correctly display what 'tilling' signifies. (Reference-Paragraph 2)



(i)



(ii)



(iii)



(iv)



(v)

(a) Only (i)

(b) Only (ii)

(c) (ii), (iii) and (iv)

(d) (i) and (v)

vii. Mention a few steps taken by the government to tackle the problem of air pollution and why some of the efforts fail to make a mark. (Answer in about 40 words) 2

viii. Select the correct option to complete the following sentence. 1

In 2019, India Launched. The National Clean Air Programme with tentative national target of \_\_\_\_\_.

1. 20 %- 30% reduction in PM 2.5.
2. Study air pollution in 102 cities that are worst affected.
3. 20 %-30% reduction in PM 10.
4. Take 2017 as the base year.

## MMAR & WRITING SKILLS 20

### GRAMMAR 10

3. Complete ANY TEN of twelve of the following tasks, as directed. 1#10=10

i. Fill in the blank by choosing the correct option to complete the sentence. 1

The bridge is being \_\_\_\_\_ at the moment so it can't be used.

- (a) repaired (b) repairing  
(c) repair (d) repairs

ii. Read the conversation between Raman and Anitha. Complete the sentence by reporting Anitha's reply correctly.

Raman : What’s the matter, Anitha?

Anitha : Oh, nothing. You cannot help me. I only want that blue umbrella.

Raman asked Anitha what the matter was. She replied that it was nothing and he could not help her as \_\_\_\_\_

iii. Select the correct option to fill in the blank for the given line. \_\_\_\_\_ I suggest a slight change in your plan ?

- (a) May
- (b) Would
- (c) Must
- (d) Will

iv. Select the option that identifies the error and supplies the correction for the following line :  
 people of India show remarkable unity at the time of Kargil Conflict.

1

The

Option No.	Error	Correction
(a)	time	times
(b)	conflict	conflicts
(c)	show	showed
(d)	The	A

v. Complete the given sentence, by filling in the blank with the correct option : 1

When I was a child, I \_\_\_\_\_ to school everyday instead of going by cycle.

- (a) walked
- (b) have been walking
- (c) had walked
- (d) have walked

vi. Fill in the blank by using the correct form of the word in the bracket. 1

Many a student \_\_\_\_\_ (try) hard to pass his entrance exam.

vii. Report the dialogue between Gardener and Dev, by completing the sentence : 1

Gardener: Did you water the plant today?

Dev: No, but I will, today.

Gardener: Then tomorrow I will get a sapling of sunflower.

The Gardener asked Dev if he had watered the plant that day. Dev replied negatively but said he would that day. Then the gardener said that \_\_\_\_\_

viii. Identify the error in the given sentence and supply the correction. 1



Diwali, well known as the festival of lights, is a festival that is celebrated in almost all parts of India.

Use the given format for your response.

Error	Correction

- ix. Transform the following direct speech into reported speech : 1

The beggar said to the old man, "Can you tell me the way to the nearest temple?"

- x. Identify the error in the given sentence and supply the correction.

You have a large number of shirts. You can not buy any more.

Use the given format for your response.

Error	Correction

- xi. Rohit and Rajat are discussing their plans for the weekend. Complete the dialogue below by choosing the correct option. 1

Rohit : How do you like the idea of going to the zoo?

Rajat : That sounds good, But I \_\_\_\_\_ my parent's permission.

- (a) needs to take
- (b) need not to take
- (c) needs not to take
- (d) need to take

- xii. Identify the error in the given sentence and supply the correction. 1

At the age of seventeen, Galileo know that he had discovered an important law- a law of a pendulum.

Use the given format for your response.

Error	Correction

## WRITING 10

**Note : All details presented in the questions are imaginary and created for assessment purpose.**

### 4. Attempt ANY ONE from A and B given below. 5

- A. Write a letter to the editor of a newspaper highlighting the problem of traffic jam near Chinpumi Temple Crossing and suggesting some remedy for it.

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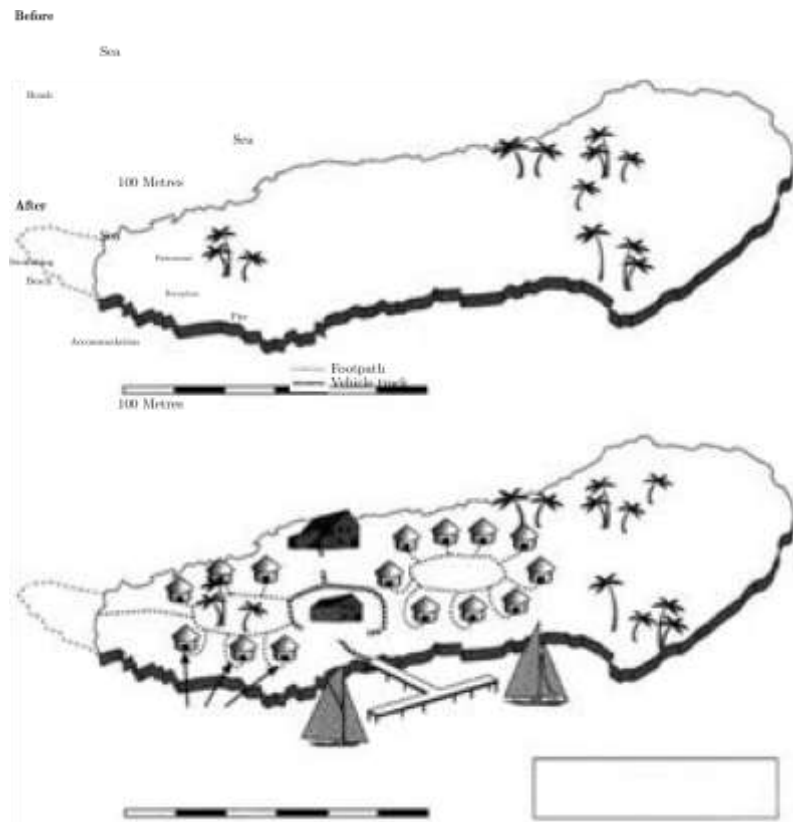
- B.** You are Neelam/Rakesh, Store Incharge Diksha Stores, 32/54, Rajeev Nagar, Delhi. Your school requires school bags and accessories in bulk for the commencement of the new session. Write a letter of inquiry to the Sales Manager, Sky Bags Industries Ltd. 15/3, Ravi Nagar, Delhi enquiring about the details of goods manufactured.

**5. Attempt ANY ONE from A and B given below. 5**

- A.** The two maps below show an island, before and after the construction of some tourist facilities. Write an analytical paragraph in 100-120 words by selecting and reporting the main features, and making comparisons where relevant.

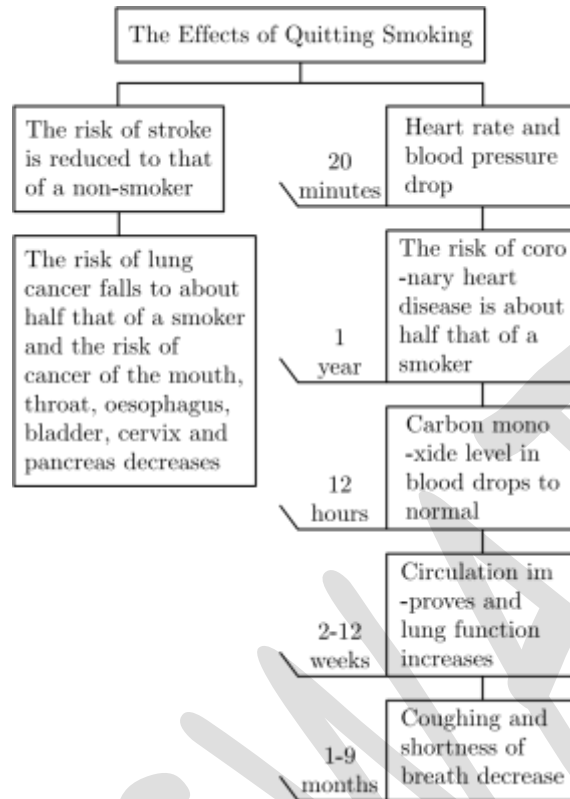
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Or

- B. Study the concept chart from a recent study by WHO that has described some positive effects of quitting smoking.



Write an analytical paragraph in 100-120 words, analysing the given information.

### SECTION C - LITERATURE 40

6. Read the given extracts and answer the questions for ANY ONE of the two, given. 5

A. Oop: I haven't a clue. I've been to seven galaxies, but I've never seen anything like this. Maybe they're hats. (He opens a book and puts it on his head.) Say, maybe this is a haberdashery!

Omega: (bowing low) Perhaps the Great and Mighty Think-Tank will give us the benefit of his thought on the matter.

Think-Tank : Elementary, my dear Omega. Hold one of the items up so that I may view it closely. (Omega holds a book on the palm of her hand.) Yes, yes, I understand now. Since Earth creatures are always eating, the place in, which you find yourselves is undoubtedly a crude refreshment stand.

( *The Book that Saved the Earth* ) i.

Why did Omega bow low before Think-Tank? 1

ii. Choose the option that associates the person to a haberdashery. 1

- (a) Jagdeep is a primary school teacher who teaches English.
- (b) Tanishq is a tailor who makes garments for men only.
- (c) Falguni is a chemist who manufactures her own medicine.
- (d) Asma is an engineer who works on designing space stations.

- iii.** What is Think-Tank proud of? Answer with reference to the extract in about 40 words. 2
- iv.** Which phrase would correctly substitute in the given sentence from the extract ? 1 Elementary, my dear Omega.
- (a) 'It's simple general knowledge, Omega.'
- (b) 'It's something that a primary school person won't understand, Omega.'
- (c) 'It's quite obviously deducible, Omega'
- (d) 'It's a little more than complicated, Omega.'

**Or**

B. On the day of the inauguration, I was overwhelmed with a sense of history. In the first decade of the twentieth century, a few years after the bitter Anglo-Boer war and before my own birth, the white skinned peoples of South Africa patched up their differences and erected a system of racial domination against the dark-skinned peoples of their own land. The structure they created formed the basis of one of the harshest, most inhumane, societies the world has ever known.

( *Nelson Mandela : Long Walk to Freedom* )

- i.** The system of racial domination against the dark-skinned people was called as \_\_\_\_\_. 1
- (a) the policy of apartheid (b) racial discrimination
- (c) inhumane system (d) harshest system
- ii.** Why did the speaker call that structure 'one of the harshest and the most inhumane'? Answer in about 40 words. 2
- iii.** Fill in the blank with ONE WORD only. 1  
Mandela is filled with \_\_\_\_\_ in the given extract.
- iv.** Read the following descriptions (a)-(c) and identify which one correctly corresponds to the extract. 1
- (a) A debate
- (b) A soliloquy
- (c) A reflection

**7. Read the given extracts and answer the questions for ANY ONE of the two, given. 5**

A. If ever you should go by chance  
To jungles in the East;  
And if there should to you advance  
A large and tawny beast, If he roars  
at you as you're dyin' You'll know it is  
the Asian Lion ....

( *How to Tell Wild Animals* )

- i.** Fill in the blank with ONE word only. 1

A person's heart begins to beat when the lion roars because he is \_\_\_\_\_.

ii. What does the poet mean by 'Jungles in the East'? 1

- (a) Forests in East direction (b) Forests of India  
(c) Forests in Asian countries (d) Forest in the East of London

iii. What does the poet say about the Asian Lion in this extract? Answer in about 40 words. 1

iv. Which genre is most appropriate for the poem? 2

Or B. The fog comes on little cat feet. It sits looking over harbour and city on silent haunches and then moves on.

- (Fog) i. Highlight any two characteristics of fog from its description in the poem. 1 ii.  
How does the poet compare fog to a cat? Answer in about 40 words. 2

iii. Why do you think fog is a free verse poem? 1

- (a) It has only six lines. (b) It has no regular rhyme scheme.  
(c) It is divided in two paragraphs. (d) Both (a) and (b) iv. Comment, in detail, on the

significance of the closing phrase of the poem- 'moves on'. 1

8. Answer ANY FOUR of the following five questions, in about 40-50 words. 4#3=12

- i. Why does the postmaster send money to Lencho? Why does he sign the letter 'God'? 3  
( A Letter to God )  
ii. What special characteristic of Mijbil did Maxwell learn after he took him to the bathroom? 3  
( Mijbil the Otter )  
iii. Why did the Buddha ask Kisa Gotami to bring a handful of mustard seeds? 3  
( The Sermon at Benares )  
iv. Describe the method Anne Gregory suggested in order to prove that she is loved for who she is. 3 ( For Anne Gregory )  
v. "Fire and Ice" project a pessimistic outlook. Comment. 3

9. Answer ANY TWO of the following three questions, in about 40-50 words. 2#3=6

- i. Why was Tricki an uninteresting object for other dogs at the surgery? 3  
( A Triumph of Surgery )  
ii. Henry unintentionally saved Ausable's life. Briefly comment. 3  
( The Midnight Visitor )

iii. How did the Loiseles react when they realized that the necklace had been lost? 3

( *Necklace* )

10. Answer ANY ONE of the following two questions, in about 100-120 words. 1#6=6

A. Valli was sensitive, but at the same time, she was fearless and quite determined. Think of another character from your textbook, First Flight, who displayed similar character traits. Compare and contrast the lives of Valli and the other character.

Or

B. Explain the phrase “the forest that was empty all these days”. After reading the poem “The Trees”, for whom do you think are the forests needed ? Imagine you are a tree in a forest, what values would you like the humans to learn from the tree ?

11. Answer ANY ONE of the following two questions, in about 100-120 words. 1#6=6

A. “And in her smiling eyes was the right of deep satisfaction that an artist feels when he is contemplating the completion of his masterpiece.” Imagine you are Bholi’s teacher. You are overwhelmed with a sense of satisfaction to see the conversion of ‘Bholi’ to ‘Sulekha’. Express your feelings in the form of a diary entry.

Or

B. Give a character-sketch of Hari Singh.

( *The Thief’s Story* )

## Sample Paper 4

### Class X Exam 2023-24

#### English Language and Literature (184)

**Time Allowed : 3 Hrs. Maximum Marks: 80**

**General Instructions:**

1. The Question Paper contains THREE sections READING, GRAMMAR & WRITING and LITERATURE.
  2. Attempt question based on specific instructions for each part.
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#### SECTION A - READING SKILLS 20

##### Reading Comprehension Through Unseen Passages

**1. Read the following text. 10**

1. Like all bad news and the common cold, allergies can pop up when you least expect them. I suddenly developed an allergy to Cronin (Paracetamol) some years ago after having it all my life to treat everything from headaches to fever and toothache. A seafood-loving friend found himself unable to breathe after having Thai food for dinner. After undergoing a battery of expensive tests, he was told the chest tightness was not caused by a heart attack but by an allergy to shellfish, something he ate once a week and had never reacted to before.
2. A stuffed or drippy nose, frequent sneezing, an itchy throat, rash, sinus, ear pain, difficulty in breathing, stomach cramps and itchy, red or watery eyes are some of the common symptoms of an allergic reaction. Pollen, dust, polluted air and indoor pollutants such as dust mites, cigarette smoke and mould are among the common environmental pollutants, while other triggers include medicines, paint and chemicals in cleaners and cosmetics such as hair colour and skin creams. Among foods, eight allergens account for almost 90% of food allergies: milk, soy, wheat, egg, peanut, tree nuts, fish and shellfish.
3. Most of us wrongly believe that people with allergies are either born with the condition or develop identifiable symptoms in early childhood. An allergy can occur at any time in your life and experts say its prevalence among adults is rising. While most people who develop allergies as adults have experienced some allergic reaction- either to the same or an unrelated trigger before- a few have no history of sensitivity.
4. In an acute immune reaction, the allergy trigger may be one, but the symptom is usually caused by a combination of factors. Stress, a sterile environment that prevents the body from developing robust natural immunity and lifestyle-induced changes in the body's hormonal balance are thought to be some triggers. This is borne out by clinical evidence that shows that women are more likely to develop allergies at puberty, after pregnancy and at menopause, all of which point to hormonal causes.
5. Of course, avoiding the allergy trigger and taking an anti-allergy medication as soon as you can, after exposure to an allergen is the best possible protection. Since, pollen levels generally peak in the morning, people with airway sensitivity and Asthma should postpone outdoor exercises to later in the day or stick to exercising indoors as deeper and more rapid breathing induced by aerobic exercise causes more pollen and dust being inhaled, which can wreck your airways and lungs.



6. Allergies in adults can be treated using some anti-allergic medicines. For those who do not respond to the standard treatment, there's always the option of a series of allergy shots to help the immune system to build up a tolerance to the allergy. In most cases, though, identifying and avoiding the allergen is enough to stay free of trouble.

**Answer the following questions, based on the passage above.**

**i.** How can you prevent/treat yourself from getting allergies? 1

- (a) By taking an anti-allergy medicine as soon as there is exposure to an allergen.
- (b) By avoiding the allergy trigger.
- (c) Both (a) and (b)
- (d) None of the above

**ii.** What are the common symptoms of an allergic reaction? Answer in about 40 words. 2

**iii.** Complete the sentence appropriately. 1

Those people who do not respond to anti-allergy medicines can be given a \_\_\_\_\_ to strengthen the immune system's tolerance to allergy.

**iv.** The passage includes some words that are opposites of each other. From the sets (a)-(e) given below, identify two sets of antonyms. 1

- (a) Stuffed and sneezing
- (b) Developed and undergoing
- (c) Before and after
- (d) Same and unrelated
- (e) Rapid and wreck

**v.** Complete the sentence appropriately. 1

The relation that the author draws between age and allergy is that \_\_\_\_\_ .

**vi.** How does exercising later in the day or indoors help people with airway sensitivity and asthma? Answer in about 40 words. 2

**vii.** When are women more likely to develop allergies? 1

- (a) At pregnancy
- (b) At puberty, after pregnancy and at menopause
- (c) At menopause
- (d) At puberty

**viii.** Write some of the common environmental pollutants. 1

**2. Read the following text. 10**

1. Universal access to adequate sanitation is a fundamental need and human right. Securing access for all would go a long way in reducing illness and death, especially among children. 'Safely managed' sanitation services represent a higher service level that takes into account the final disposal of excreta, in addition to the 'basic' service level which requires an improved sanitation facility (such as flush toilets or latrine with a slab) not shared with other households.
2. Between 2000 and 2020, the global population increased by 1.7 billion people, but 2.4 billion people gained access to safely managed sanitation services, i.e. a basic facility where excreta are disposed of in situ or treated off-site. Still, in 2020 3.6 billion people lacked safely managed services, of which approximately half (1.9 billion) had basic services. Among the 1.7 billion people lacking even basic services, 580 million shared improved sanitation facilities with other households, counted as 'limited' services and 616 million used 'unimproved' facilities. The data reveal pronounced disparities, with two-thirds of people who still lacked even basic services living in rural areas. Nearly half of them lived in sub-Saharan Africa.
3. Almost all developed countries have achieved universal access, but sanitation coverage varies widely in developing countries. In 2020, 62 countries achieved universal (>99 percent) access to basic services. Yet, in 48 countries, less than half of the population had safely managed services.
4. Defecating in the open is an affront to dignity and a risk to children's nutrition and to community health. The elimination of open defecation is recognised as a top priority for improving the health, nutrition and productivity of developing country populations and is explicitly mentioned in SDG target 6.2.
5. Among the 1.7 billion people without basic sanitation services in 2020, nearly a third (494 million) used no form of a toilet and practised open defecation. In 55 countries, more than 5 per cent of the population practised open defecation in 2020. Open defecation is most widespread in sub-Saharan Africa but is also high in Central and Southern Asia as well as Oceania.
6. In 17 countries, open defecation decreased by more than five percentage points between 2015 and 2020. Assuming current rates of progress continue the world and most SDG regions are on track to eliminate open defecation before 2030.

**Answer the following questions, based on the passage above.**

- i.** Complete the following sentence. 1  
According to the passage, 'limited' services refers to \_\_\_\_\_ .
- ii.** Fill in the blanks with appropriate word/words. 1  
There is a need to improve the health, nutrition and productivity of developing country populations to \_\_\_\_\_ .
- iii.** Why is universal access to sanitation a central human right? 1
- iv.** Why is open defecation widespread in Sub-Saharan, Central and Southern Asia and Oceania? 1
- v.** Mention the progress made in eliminating open defecation. Answer in about 40 words. 2
- vi.** The statement "there is a wide difference between developed and developing countries in the sanitation coverage" means that 1

- (a) in 48 countries, less than half of the population has safely managed services.
- (b) 1.7 billion people are without basic sanitation services.
- (c) nearly two-thirds of people still lack even basic services that live in rural areas.
- (d) 62 countries in the world have achieved universal access to basic sanitation services

**vii.** List any two ill effects of open defecation. (40 words) 2

**viii.** What are the consequences of unsanitary conditions? 1

- (a) Breeding grounds for mosquitoes
- (b) Illness and deaths
- (c) Contaminated food and water
- (d) All of the above

## SECTION B - GRAMMAR & WRITING SKILLS 20

### GRAMMAR 10

**3. Complete ANY TEN of twelve of the following tasks, as directed. 1#10=10**

**i.** Fill in the blank by choosing the correct option to complete the sentence. 1

The higher you go, the more difficult it \_\_\_\_\_ to breathe.

- (a) had become
- (b) becomes
- (c) is becoming (d) became

**ii.** Read the conversation between Abhishek and Inspector. Complete the sentence by reporting Abhishek's reply correctly. 1

Abhishek : I have lost my wallet.

Inspector : How did you lose it?

Abhishek : My pocket was picked.

Abhishek reported to the inspector that he had lost his wallet. The inspector asked him how he had lost it. Abhishek replied that \_\_\_\_\_

**iii.** Select the correct option to fill in the blank for the given line. 1

I \_\_\_\_\_ go on with the work, cause what may.

- (a) may
- (b) will
- (c) shall

(d) can

iv. Select the option that identifies the error and supplies the correction for the following line : 1 I don't think there will be a severe shortage of usable water because there was some rain fall yesterday.

Option No.	Error	Correction
(a)	some	a lot of
(b)	will	should
(c)	think	thinks
(d)	was	were

v. Complete the given sentence, by filling in the blank with the correct option : 1

Had the police not reached there in time, the bandits \_\_\_\_\_ him.

- (a) did have killed
- (b) will have killed
- (c) would kill
- (d) would have killed

vi. Fill in the blank by using the correct form of the word in the bracket. 1

The level of intoxication \_\_\_\_\_ (vary) from subject to subject.

vii. Report the dialogue between Buddha and his disciple, by completing the sentence : 1 Buddha : Honesty is the best policy.

Disciple : Does honesty always pay?

Buddha : It may or may not, but at least you will never feel guilty.

Buddha in his preaching said that honesty is the best policy. A disciple asked him if honesty always pays.

Buddha replied that \_\_\_\_\_

viii. Identify the error in the given sentence and supply the correction. 1

Neil Alden Armstrong was an American astronaut and aeronautical engineer, and the first person to walking on the Moon.

Use the given format for your response.

Error	Correction

ix. Transform the following direct speech into reported speech : 1

I said to my friend, "Can I borrow your dictionary for one day ?"

x. Identify the error in the given sentence and supply the correction. 1

We could eat lots of fruit and vegetables every day.

Use the given format for your response.

Error	Correction

- xi.** Select the correct option to complete the narration of the dialogue between Garima and Karan. 1 Garima : So, after a decade in the industry, are you truly 'satisfied'? Karan : I love the film industry. It has its flaws though.

Garima asked Karan if after a decade in the industry he was truly 'satisfied'. Karan told her that \_\_\_\_\_ although it had its flaws. (a) he loved the film industry

- (b) I loved the film industry
- (c) I love the film industry
- (d) he loves the film industry

- xii.** Identify the error in the given sentence and supply the correction. Our defence academies are better than that of Afghanistan. 1

Use the given format for your response.

Error	Correction

### WRITING 10

*Note : All details presented in the questions are imaginary and created for assessment purpose.*

#### 4. Attempt ANY ONE from A and B given below. 5

- A.** You are Tushar Mathur of D-95, Sindhu Nagar, Jaipur. Write a letter to the General Manager of the Jaipur Transport Undertaking complaining about the local bus service.

**Or**

- B.** You are Anita/Amit, the student prefect and incharge of the school library. You have been asked to place an order for textbooks on Mathematics. Write a letter to M/s Good Marks (P) Ltd., 8A/1, Ansari Road, Daryaganj, New Delhi placing an order for the books. Invent the necessary details.

#### 5. Attempt ANY ONE from A and B given below. 5

- A.** The graph below shows the number of visitors to two different tourist attractions in the city of Grenby during one particular week. Write an analytical paragraph in 100-120 words by selecting and reporting the main features, and making comparisons where relevant.



Or

- B.** “The ban on single-use plastic is impractical. The purpose of articles like bags and packaging is ultimately to make human life easier. Plastic articles do this well, so they shouldn’t be banned.”

Write an analytical paragraph in 100-120 words to analyse the given argument. You could think about what alternative explanations might weaken the given conclusion and include rationale/evidence that would strengthen/counter the given argument.

### SECTION C - LITERATURE 40

**6. Read the given extracts and answer the questions for ANY ONE of the two, given. 5**

**A.** Max was slender, a little less than tall, with features that suggested slightly the crafty, pointed countenance of a fox. There was about him - aside from the gun - nothing especially menacing. “The report,” he murmured. “The report that is being brought to you tonight concerning some new missiles. I thought I would take it from you. It will be safer in my hands than in yours.” Ausable moved to an armchair and sat down heavily. “I’m going to raise the devil with the management this time, and you can bet on it,” he said grimly. “This is the second time in a month that somebody has got into my room through that nuisance of a balcony!”

( *The Midnight Visitor* )

- i.** State TRUE or FALSE. 1

None of the terms (a) - (d) can be applied to the statement - The report that is being brought to you tonight concerning some new missiles.

- (a) A hypothesis - a proposed explanation for a phenomenon
- (b) An assumption - something that is taken for granted or assumed to be true (c) A statement - a definite or clear expression of something in speech or writing.
- (d) A premise - a proposition that forms the basis of an argument.

- ii.** Which word replaces ‘sat down heavily’ in the sentence- Ausable moved to an armchair and sat down heavily’?

1

- iii.** Was there a balcony in Ausable’s room? 1

**iv.** How was Max described in the extract? Answer in about 40 words. 2 **Or**

**B.** Our entire class is quaking in its boots. The reason, of course, is the forthcoming meeting in which the teachers decide who'll move up to the next form and who'll be kept back. Half the class is making bets. G.N. and I laugh ourselves silly at the two boys behind us, C.N. and Jacques, who have staked their entire holiday savings on their bet. From morning to night, it's "You're going to pass", "No, I'm not", "Yes, you are", "No, I'm not". Even G.'s pleading glances and my angry outbursts can't calm them down. If you ask me, there are so many dummies that about a quarter of the class should be kept back, but teachers are the most unpredictable creatures on earth.

( From the Diary of Anne Frank ) **i.**

C.N and Jacques staking their entire holiday savings on their bet implies that \_\_\_\_\_. 1 (a) they are quite confident of not moving up the next form.

- (b) they are quite confident of just scraping through.
- (c) they are quite confident of passing with flying colours.
- (d) they both think that the other one will pass.

**ii.** Anne says that there were so many dummies in the class that about a quarter of them shouldn't be promoted. Is she being rude or brutally honest? Evaluate in about 40 words. 2

**iii.** Read the extract carefully and fill up the blanks with the best response from the following options. 1  
The reality was that \_\_\_\_\_ but the probability was that \_\_\_\_\_.

- (a) 1. the teachers will decide whom to promote to the next form  
2. some will be kept back
- (b) 1. the teachers will decide who should be kept back  
2. some will be moved up to the next form
- (c) 1. a quarter of the class was dummies who should be kept back  
2. the teachers would pass everyone **iv.** Which emotion is portrayed in the expression 'quaking in

their boots'? 1

**7. Read the given extracts and answer the questions for ANY ONE of the two, given. 5**

**A.** He should be lurking in shadow,  
Sliding through long grass  
Near the water hole Where  
plump deer pass.

( Tiger in the Zoo )

**i.** According to the extract, the poet wishes for the tiger to be 'sliding' through the foliage as this would 1 (a) assist in keeping the prey unsuspecting of the predator's sound.

- (b) aid in camouflaging the presence of the predator before it rushes in.

- (c) help the predator pounce on the prey comfortably without getting tired.
- (d) support the predator's vision as it eyes its prey.

ii. Fill in the blanks with appropriate word/words. 1

'Shadow' here, refers to the shadow of \_\_\_\_\_

- iii. What is the poet trying to convey in the given extract? Answer in about 40 words. 2
- iv. Which word in the extract means the same as 'fat'? 1

Or

B. There is a languid, emerald Sea  
where the sole inhabitant is me- a  
mermaid, drifting blissfully.

(Amanda!) i. The colour of the sea is 1

- (a) blue
  - (b) yellow
  - (c) red
  - (d) None of these
- ii. Identify the poetic device used in the lines 2 and 3 of the extract. 1
  - iii. Why is the extract given in parenthesis? 1
  - iv. What does Amanda want to be a mermaid? Answer in about 40 words. 2

8. Answer ANY FOUR of the following five questions, in about 40-50 words. 4#3=12

- i. What ideals does Mandela set out for the future of South Africa in his speech? 3  
( Nelson Mandela - Long Walk to Freedom )
- ii. What did Frederick Forsyth think when he called Paris Control ? 3  
( Two Stories About Flying )
- iii. What attractions in Coorg wait to be discovered by tourists? 3  
( Glimpses of India )
- iv. With what does the poet compare the fog? 3  
( Fog ) v. 'Dust of Snow' is one of Frost's most loved poems. Elaborate why you think this is so. 3

9. Answer ANY TWO of the following three questions, in about 40-50 words. 2#3=6



- i. Why did Mrs. Pumphrey take Tricki to the doctor? 3  
( *A Triumph of Surgery* )
- ii. How did Ebright's mother encourage his interest in learning? 3  
( *The Making of a Scientist* )
- iii. What was Oop's opinion about the 'sandwiches' he had eaten? 3  
( *The Book that Saved the Earth* )

**10. Answer ANY ONE of the following two questions, in about 100-120 words. 1#6=6**

- A. "If you don't help me, my family and I will go hungry this year." Lencho had faith in God but he didn't manage to solve the problem by himself. Did he lack the courage to resolve his matter himself? What values did he lack ? Explain.  
( *A Letter to God* )

**Or**

- B. Being impressed by Custard's feat, the young seagull's sister wrote a letter to Custard seeking advice on addressing the situation with her young brother. Write Custard's response to this letter. Base the advice from his experiences. You may begin like this:  
Dear Ms Seagull, Thank you for seeking me out. I am humbled. Based on my limited experiences I feel...  
( *The Tale of Custard the Dragon* )

**11. Answer ANY ONE of the following two questions, in about 100-120 words. 1#6=6**

- A. Who do you think is the real culprit in the story 'A Question of Trust'? Explain.

**Or**

- B. Read the following quote.  
"We are too involved in materialistic things, and they don't satisfy us. The loving relationships we have, the universe around us, we take these things for granted." – Mitch Albom  
Matilda was never satisfied with her life and desired more. The given quote reflects her character. Justify.  
( *The necklace* )

## Sample Paper 5

### Class X Exam 2023-24

#### English Language and Literature (184)

**Time Allowed : 3 Hrs. Maximum Marks: 80**

**General Instructions:**

1. The Question Paper contains THREE sections READING, GRAMMAR & WRITING and LITERATURE.
  2. Attempt question based on specific instructions for each part.
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#### SECTION A - READING SKILLS 20

##### Reading Comprehension Through Unseen Passages

**1. Read the following text. 10**

1. A youngster quit Facebook in December after spending over three years on the social networking site. With that one act, he bid a silent adieu to more than 300 contacts that he had added to his account during the period. Like almost everyone from his “friend’s circle,” the 20-year-old was a regular on the service; visiting it every day to post photos and status updates but last week a new feature on Facebook called Timeline forced him to reconsider the pros and cons of being on the networking site.
2. Everyone has some skeletons in their closet and I am just not comfortable with Facebook digging up and displaying all the facets of my life on a bulletin board,’ says this youngster who joined the network in July 2007, while he was in class 11th.
3. Facebook, you see, had compressed the time he spent on the site and arranged it in chronological order. While he initially liked the new neatly organised scrapbook-like feature he wasn’t happy to reveal posts from the past that until recently were hidden under layers and layers of recent updates. Just clicking on a date on the timeline could transport his friends back in time and enable them to view every embarrassing comment link or photo he had posted on his profile.
4. “I think it’s a recipe for disaster,” he says. “In 2007, I had some wall posts which seemed appropriate at the time but now after a lapse of four years, I have moved on and don’t want them to be openly displayed for all to see.”
5. He is not alone. Many users, worried about how the Facebook activity could possibly affect their offline lives, are choosing to commit “Facebook suicide.” While some have privacy concerns, others feel that the site meant to bring them closer to their friends actually does the opposite- it reduces their friendship to something superficial.
6. Poking and liking are not enough to keep a friendship going,’ says a business analyst. Having quit Facebook three years ago, she prefers meeting her “real” friends face-to-face, instead of reading their trite posts online. “On Facebook, people hype everyday issues including what they ate and where they went on a daily basis,” says this analyst who continues to use Twitter.
7. “Facebook has become a time sink and it could not justify the time I spent on it,” he says, “I spend more time calling up friends or relatives over the phone now I also go out and meet people whenever possible and have a

good offline life. I do not regret the change.” Today, Facebook has 800 million users of which 37 million are Indians. The site has become an online identity for most, and many of those who decided to quit cannot overcome the withdrawal symptoms and return. Facebook, fully aware of its addictive powers, facilitates this return by allowing users to ‘deactivate’ their accounts but continues to store information on its servers so that they can return from their ‘break’, whenever they wish.

**Answer the following questions, based on the passage above.**

- i.** Which of the following statements best describes the reason for the youngster’s reaction to the posts he made in the past? 1
- (a) He did not want to be reminded of the past.
  - (b) He was reminded of the bitter past.
  - (c) He felt it unnecessary.
  - (d) He was embarrassed of the post.
- ii.** Based on your reading of the text, list any two disadvantages of the social media site Facebook. 2
- iii.** Complete the sentence appropriately. 1  
People are choosing to commit Facebook suicide because .....
- iv.** The passage includes some words that are opposites of each other. From the sets (a)-(e) below, identify a set of antonyms. 1
- (a) Pros and disaster
  - (b) Superficial and real
  - (c) Quit and regular
  - (d) Addictive and lapse
  - (e) Facilitates and updates
- v.** Complete the sentence appropriately. 1  
According to the author, ..... feature of Timeline takes away a person’s privacy.
- vi.** Why did the youngster change his mind later regarding staying on Facebook? 2
- vii.** Evaluate the appropriate characteristic that can be apt for the lives of people who had quit Facebook. 1
- (a) Embarrassing and Addictive (b) Sad and Hysterical
  - (c) Social and Real (d) Nostalgic and Fear of missing out
- viii.** In Paragraph 7, the author says ‘allowing users to ‘deactivate’ their accounts but continues to store information on their servers so that they can return from their ‘break’, whenever they wish.’ 1 State the reason for doing so by Facebook.

**2.. Read the following text. 10**

1. Tourism, for millennia, has been a perpetual industry. Though initially unorganised and highly chaotic, it retained a place in each nook of history. The present tourism scenario in India is on the rise, with destinations grabbing eyeballs globally and domestically. Being the youngest nation in the world, it's no wonder that the aggregate of 'millennials' spends more time and money on travel than previous generations. This could be huge for the economy of various states that rely majorly on tourism, if only it were sustainable.
2. Unsustainability prevails throughout the country, in states with higher domestic tourist inflow than foreign. The Dev Bhoomi is a prime example. NO matter how popular, Uttarakhand tourism is loopholed through and through.
3. Approx. 80% of tourists arrive to complete the infrastructure of the Dham Yatra. Such unchecked tourism puts immense pressure on natural and infrastructure facilities. The extreme shortage of accommodation in correspondence with thriving footfalls has led to the construction of illegal buildings, the majority of which exist on riverbanks. With an increasing number of tourists coming in through private vehicles to save "transportation money", pollution levels are rising, increasing temperatures in return. With unlawful construction and pollution on riverbanks, the Ganges could cause direct harm to local species in Rishikesh and Haridwar.
4. Around 10,000 hilly areas are being convened for the construction of roads alone. We know roads are basic infrastructure but the Forest Conservation Act requires a project developer to plant trees in a nonforest/degraded forest area equal to or twice the trees, it's clearing respectively, to compensate which does not happen.
5. The India State of Forest Report illustrates how Uttarakhand is losing its forest cover, which has indirect development through tourism, at its core. The government and private tour operators may think they can deny allegations but the charts speak for themselves.
6. We, as consumers of the tourism industry, hold the power to cause a massive stir in this context. According to research conducted, Uttarakhand's mass tourism comprises people between 25-35 years of age, with higher education, out with either family or friends and enough average income to contribute to the local economy.
7. Regardless of what the figures say, if we look forward to sustainable tourism being the target market, it leaves little choice to the rest of the hierarchy.

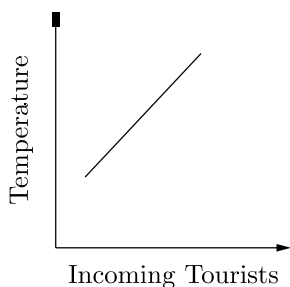
Consciously making efforts to be responsible tourists and thinking of how to provide for the local community/environment in a way - tiny or big, could act as a catalyst in obliterating this ruckus due to ignorance. After all, there can only ever be seven deadly sins and wanderlust isn't one of them.

**Answer the following questions, based on the passage above.**

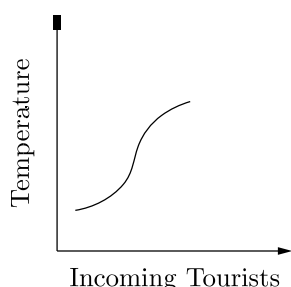
- i. Complete the following sentence appropriately. 1  
According to the passage, wanderlust is equated to reach the level of the seven deadly sins because .....
- ii. Fill in the blanks with the appropriate option from those given in brackets. 1  
From paragraph 1 we can infer that ..... (illegal construction/unchecked tourism) is the main cause for putting pressure on infrastructural and natural resources.
- iii. Justify the following, in about 40 words. 2  
We, as consumers of the tourism industry, hold the power to cause a massive stir.
- iv. How does the unchecked tourism in Uttarakhand affect the natural landscape? 1 v. Unsustainability prevails in Dev Bhoomi. List any two reasons for the same. 1 vi. According to the passage, select the

chart that is the correct depiction of the relation between incoming tourists and the temperature of the region.

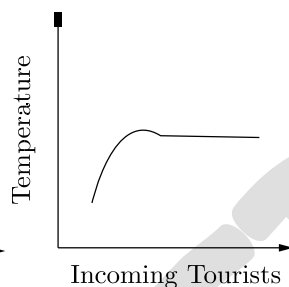
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(1)



(2)



(3)

- (a) Chart 1 (b) Chart 2  
 (c) Chart 3 (d) None of these

**vii.** Infer one consequence, based on your understanding of the passage, that highlights the result of the pressures of a large number of tourists. 2

**viii.** What do the tourist statistics show in the region of Uttarakhand? 1

- (a) Domestic footfall is equal to international footfall.  
 (b) Domestic footfall is less than international footfall.  
 (c) Domestic footfall is limited to certain seasons.  
 (d) Domestic footfall is greater than international footfall.

## SECTION B - GRAMMAR & WRITING SKILLS 20

### GRAMMAR 10

**3. Complete ANY TEN of twelve of the following tasks, as directed. 1#10=10**

**i.** Fill in the blank by choosing the correct option to complete the sentence. 1

If only he \_\_\_\_\_ us truth in the first place, things would not have gone wrong.

- (a) has told (b) would have told  
 (c) had told (d) should have told

**ii.** Read the conversation between Prateek and Raghav. and complete the narration that follows. 1 Prateek: I don't feel well today.

Raghav: What can I help you, Sir?

Prateek: Can you take me to the doctor?

Raghav: Yes, Sir.

Prateek told Raghav that he did not feel well that day. Raghav asked respectfully what he could help him. Prateek asked Raghav \_\_\_\_\_. Prateek replied in the affirmative.

iii. Select the correct option to fill in the blank for the given line. 1

If I dyed my hair green, everybody \_\_\_\_\_ laugh at me.

- (a) would (b) should  
(c) may (d) can

iv. Select the option identifies the error and supplies the correction for the following line : 1 As far as climate change is concerned, South Asia is one of a world’s most sensitive areas.

Option No.	Error	Correction
(a)	change	changes
(b)	is	was
(c)	most	many
(d)	a	the

v. Complete the given sentence, by filling in the blank with the correct option :

1 As he was crossing the road, a car \_\_\_\_\_ him down.

- (a) was knocking (b) had knocked  
(c) knocked (d) would have knocked

vi. Fill in the blank by using the correct form of the word in the bracket. 1

The woman in the pool \_\_\_\_\_ (swim) well.

vii. Report the dialogue between Mannu and Annu, by completing the narration : 1

Mannu: Where are you going to?

Annu: I am going to the market. Do you want anything?

Mannu asked Annu where she was going. Annu replied that she was going to the market and she further asked \_\_\_\_\_.

viii. Identify the error in the given sentence and supply the correction. 1

I met her by chance then I gone to get some Medicine which Sister Amy used to give.

Use the given format for your response.

Error	Correction

ix. Transform the following direct speech into reported speech : 1

I said to him, “Where have you lost the pen I brought for you yesterday ?

x. Identify the error in the given sentence and supply the correction. 1

I remember my promise. I would help you in the hour of your need.

Use the given format for your response.

Error	Correction

- xi.** Select the correct option to complete the narration of the dialogue between a teacher and a student. 1 Biology Teacher : I instructed you to draw the diagram of bacteria. Why did you submit a blank sheet? Sameer : Sir, I had drawn the diagram of bacteria, but you can't see it because it is not visible to the naked eye. The biology teacher had instructed Sameer to draw the diagram of a bacterial cell and asked him why he had submitted a blank sheet. Sameer respectfully answered that he had drawn the diagram but \_\_\_\_ (a) he can't see it because it is not visible to the naked eye.
- (b) he couldn't see it because it is not visible to the naked eye.  
 (c) he could see it because it is visible to the naked eye.  
 (d) he could not be seen it because it is not visible to the naked eye.
- xii.** Identify the error in the given sentence and supply the correction. 1  
 There are a little countries in the world where the population is not growing fast.

Use the given format for your response.

Error	Correction

### WRITING 10

*Note : All details presented in the questions are imaginary and created for assessment purpose.*

#### 4. Attempt ANY ONE from A and B given below. 5

**A.** Write a letter to the Municipal Commissioner bringing the problem of insanitary conditions in your colony to his notice and request him to take urgent action in the matter.

**Or**

**B.** You are Apoorva/Arpit. You bought a refrigerator from Ganesh Electronics and Electricals, Gandhi Marg, Nagpur. It does not function properly. Write a letter to the Sales Manager of the shop, complaining about the defect and asking for immediate replacement or repair, as necessary.

#### 5. Attempt ANY ONE from A and B given below. 5

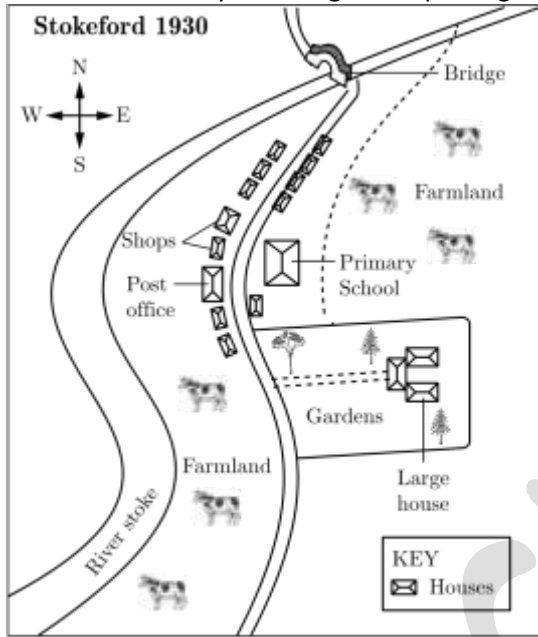
**A.** Given below is a newspaper report on the state of cancer prevailing in India. You have been asked to write an analytical paragraph on 'Cancer - a silent killer' Taking information from the clipping given below together with your own ideas, write this paragraph in 100-120 words.

"In India, cities are more cancer-prone than rural areas. In the early 1990's, we expected one out of 1015 urban Indians to get cancer in their life -time, that is every second or third family would have to face this disease. This is partly due to high levels of benzene in the air and also that the metros are exposed to high levels of pesticides in their foods. In order to check the steady growth of cancer in the country, the

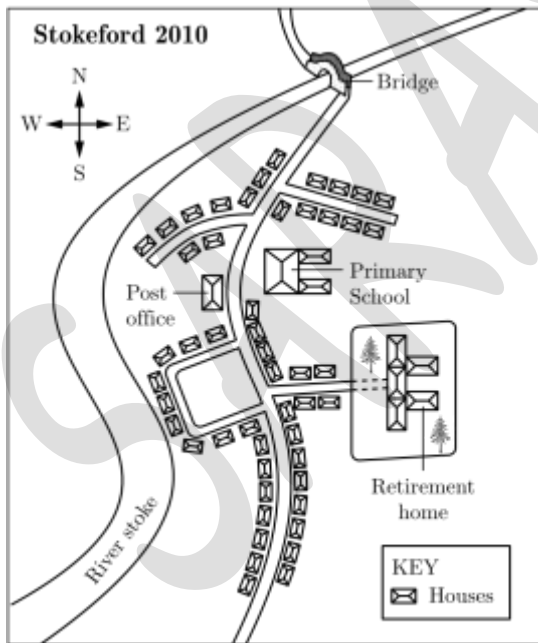
Government shall have to give priority to preventive action. At the same time measures to undertake improvement in facilities for the treatment of cancer shall have to be adopted.”

Or

B. The maps below show the village of Stokeford in 1930 and 2010. Write an analytical paragraph in 100-120 words by selecting and reporting the main features, and making comparisons where relevant.



(a)



(b)

**SECTION C - LITERATURE 40**

6. Read the given extracts and answer the questions for ANY ONE of the two, given. 5



**A.** But Horace found that the flowers were hindering him in his work He buried his face in his handkerchief

Then he heard a voice say from the doorway, "What is it? A cold or hay fever?" Before he could think, Horace said, "Hay fever," and found himself sneezing again.

The voice went on, "You can cure it with a special treatment, you know, if you find out just what plant gives you the disease. I think you'd better see a doctor, if you're serious about your work. I heard you from the top of the house just now."

( *A Question of Trust* )

**i.** State any one inference about Danby from the given context. But Horace found that the flowers were hindering him in his work. **1** **ii.** State TRUE or FALSE. **1**

None of the options from (a) to (d) can be applied to the given question or context. Who asked Horace, "What is it? A cold or hay fever"?

- (a) Probably, it was the mistress of the Grange.
- (b) Maybe, it was another thief.
- (c) It could have been the housekeeper of the Grange.
- (d) In all probability, it was a neighbour keeping an eye on the Grange.

**iii.** What advice did the lady give Horace regarding his hay fever? Was she really interested in his health? Elaborate in about 40 words, with reference to the extract. **2**

**iv.** Which phrase would correctly substitute 'buried' as given in the sentence? **1**  
He buried his face in his handkerchief.

**Or**

**B.** Our elders are often heard reminiscing nostalgically about those good old Portuguese days, the Portuguese and their famous loaves of bread. Those eaters of loaves might have vanished, but the makers are still there. We still have amongst us the mixers, the moulders and those who bake the loaves. Those age-old, time-tested furnaces still exist. The fire in the furnaces has not yet been extinguished. The thud and jingle of the traditional baker's bamboo, heralding his arrival in the morning, can still be heard in some places. Maybe the father is not alive, but the son still carries on the family profession. These bakers are, even today, known as pader in Goa. What are elders often heard reminiscing nostalgically?

( *Glimpses of India* )

**i.** The narrator says that the furnaces were 'time-tested' because **1**

- (a) they had been thoroughly tested each time before being used.
- (b) they had proved the test of time and were working well.
- (c) they had been tested by modern-day experts.
- (d) they had the power to withstand inexperienced usage.

**ii.** What does the "fire in the furnaces has not yet been extinguished" imply? **1**

iii. In the line “Those eaters of loaves might have vanished, but the makers are still there”, What is the tone of narrator and why? Answer in about 40 words. 2

iv. Read the following options from (a)-(c) and identify which word would correctly substitute ‘signalling’ in the given sentence from the extract. 1

A horn sounded, signalling the arrival of Peter’s opponent.

- (a) unimportant
- (b) heralding
- (c) mediocre

7. Read the given extracts and answer the questions for ANY ONE of the two, given. 5

A. Now he senses first responsibility

In a world of possessions. People will take Balls,  
balls will be lost always, little boy. And no one buys  
a ball back. Money is external.

( *The Ball poem* )

i. Complete the sentence appropriately. 1

In the given lines, the phrase ‘money is external indicates that \_\_\_\_\_.

ii. The poet has used a poetic device in the given lines. What effect does she wish to create by its use? 1

Balls, balls will be lost always,

- (a) emphasis (b) comparison
- (c) rhyme (d) humour

iii. ‘He senses first responsibility’. What ‘responsibility’ is referred here? 1 iv. “Money is external”. What does the poet mean by this expression? 2

Or

B. The fog comes

on little cat feet. It sits  
looking over harbour  
and city on silent  
haunches and then  
moves on.

( *Fog* ) i. The fog arrives and departs \_\_\_\_\_. 1

- (a) by announcing its arrival (b) silently
- (c) loudly (d) Both (a) and (c)

ii. Which image does the poet give to the fog? What are the similarities between that image and fog? Answer in about 40 words. 2

iii. Identify the figure of speech is prominent in the poem 'Fog' \_\_\_\_\_. 1

iv. What is fog doing? 1

**8. Answer ANY FOUR of the following five questions, in about 40-50 words. 4#3=12**

i. Why did the postmaster want to help Lencho? And how did he do that? 3

( *A Letter to God* )

ii. What arguments did Anne give in her essay titled 'A Chatterbox'? 3

( *From the Diary of Anne Frank* )

iii. What was a source of unending joy for Valli? What was her strongest desire? 3

( *Madam Rides the Bus* )

iv. What is the theme of the poem 'How to Tell Wild Animals' ? 3 v. What changes can be seen in the moon during the course of the poem 'The Trees'? 3

**9. Answer ANY TWO of the following three questions, in about 40-50 words. 2#3=6**

i. Why was it difficult for Hari Singh to rob Anil ? 3

( *The Thief's Story* )

ii. What lesson did Ebright learn when in the seventh grade he entered a country science fair? 3 ( *The Making of a Scientist* )

iii. Why did Bishamber's marriage with Bholi not take place? 3

( *Bholi* )

**10. Answer ANY ONE of the following two questions, in about 100-120 words. 1#6=6**

A. "Water must be kept on the move and made to do things; when static it is wasted and provoking." Do you think this statement was true in case of Mijbil, the otter ?

( *Mijbil the Otter* )

**Or**

B. Imagine Anne Gregory grows up to be a motivational speaker. As Anne Gregory, write a short speech on the importance of loving oneself.

You may begin this way:

Dear friends

The importance of believing in oneself can never be overstated. It becomes most important, therefore, to love oneself. I learnt this, as a young teen, the day a poet pointed out that (continue) .....

( *For Anne Gregory* )

**11. Answer ANY ONE of the following two questions, in about 100-120 words. 1#6=6**

A. Readers believe that Griffin was a man without a conscience. You have a class discussion on why our conscience plays a vital role in shaping our character. Present a summary of your views on this.

( *Footprints Without Feet* )

**Or**

**B.** Attempt character sketch of Great and Mighty Think-Tank.

*( The Book that Saved the Earth )*

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## Sample Paper 6

### Class X Exam 2023-24

#### English Language and Literature (184)

**Time Allowed : 3 Hrs. Maximum Marks: 80**

**General Instructions:**

1. The Question Paper contains THREE sections READING, GRAMMAR & WRITING and LITERATURE.
  2. Attempt question based on specific instructions for each part.
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#### SECTION A - READING SKILLS 20

##### Reading Comprehension Through Unseen Passages

**1. Read the following text. 10**

1. A UNICEF report, 2021 pointed out that some 100 million girls are at risk of child marriage over the next decade. The pandemic has led to “school closures, economic stress, service disruptions, pregnancy, and parental deaths”, leaving a further 10 million vulnerable girls facing the possibility of child marriage.
2. In Rajasthan, civil society organisations are battling the practice, empowering the girls and succeeding. Launched on International Women’s Day in 2019, Naubat Baja relies largely on the strength of mobile phones, which have penetrated the remotest corners of India and are the youth’s favourite mode of communication, particularly in areas with little access to television, cable, or the internet.
3. The words Naubat Baja, stand for an ensemble of musical instruments that were played together in earlier times to catch the attention of people. This initiative is a new incarnation of the digital age, relaying messages against harmful practices such as child marriage and gender discrimination. Posters against early marriage are a part of the campaign by Naubat Baja Missed Call Radio, a cloud telephonebased radio channel in Rajasthan, that addresses issues of adolescents’ well-being, empowerment and health. Volunteers and adolescent group leaders associated with Naubat Baja are called champions.
4. Girls phone the Naubat Baja number and receive a callback, which contains a 15-minute recording of free entertainment, peppered with Hindi film songs, short stories and audio dramas themed around social issues narrated through comedy or satire. There is news about job opportunities, general knowledge facts and information about government welfare schemes aimed at the youth. Messages on themes such as child marriage, domestic violence, adolescent girls’ health, menstrual hygiene, gender sensitisation, financial awareness are conveyed through the dramas.
5. The regularly updated programme, overseen by UNFPA representatives, is produced in studios with the help of a content team of researchers and presented by professional audio content makers and popularised through social media, graffiti and awareness campaigns in rural and urban areas by volunteers, community leaders, Panchayats (rural governing bodies), Anganwadi (rural child care centres) and ASHA (Accredited Social Health Activist) workers.
6. In Rajasthan, efforts are on to draw in more partners in the drive like the Nehru Yuva Kendra Sangathan (NYKS)- one of the largest youth networks in the world to popularize messages aired by Naubat Baja.

Once the strategies start to bear fruit, thousands of ordinary girls will dare to dream.

**Answer the following questions, based on the passage above.**

- i.** Why does the writer wish to project when he says this? 1  
A UNICEF report, 2021 pointed out that some 100 million girls are at risk of child marriage over the next decade.
- (a) agitation against the authorities
  - (b) insecurity about the world trend
  - (c) alarm for the lives of the girls
  - (d) conviction about the helpless situation
- ii.** The writer emphasizes that Naubat Baja uses its content very cleverly to rake up sensitive social issues through theatrical performances (Paragraph 4). 2  
What is the similarity between the two? Rationalise your response in about 40 words.
- iii.** Complete the sentence appropriately. 1  
The campaign content used in Naubat Baja is being done with a professional touch \_\_\_\_\_.
- iv.** The passage includes some words that are opposites of each other. From the sets (a)-(e) below, identify two sets of antonyms. 1
- (a) rural and urban areas
  - (b) child marriage and early marriage
  - (c) gender discrimination and sensitisation
  - (d) well-being and health
  - (e) television and cable
- v.** Complete the sentence appropriately. 2  
The representatives of the United Nations and champions keep the youth updated by providing them with \_\_\_\_\_.
- vi.** Based on your reading of the passage, prove that Naubat Baja has successfully reached even the remotest corners of inaccessible areas. 1
- vii.** How are civil society organisations using technology to their advantage to bring about social change? 1 (a)  
They are using a cloud-based telephone service to reach people.
- (b) They are using poster campaigns at grass root levels.
  - (c) They are using satire and comedy to push their social messages.
  - (d) They are relying on their collaboration with UNO.

- viii. The mass reach of the Naubat Baja in both rural and urban areas involving local community platforms in Rajasthan has been made possible due to the combined efforts of \_\_\_\_\_. 1

**2. Read the following text. 10**

1. Today sustainability-environmental, social and economic-is increasingly recognised as the benchmark for all tourism businesses. As noted by the UN World Tourism Organisation, 57 per cent of international tourist arrivals will be in emerging economies, by 2030.
2. The various 'Tourism Terms' are : Eco Tourism, Ethical Tourism, Geo Tourism, Pro-Poor Tourism, Responsible Tourism and Sustainable Tourism. Based on the study conducted by Travel Bureau, the market profile of an ecotourist is given below :

**Age :** 35-54 years old, although age varied with activity and other factors such as cost.

**Gender :** 50 per cent females and 50 per cent males, although, clear differences based on activity were found.

**Education :** 82 per cent were college graduates, a shift in interest in ecotourism from those who have high levels of education to those with less education was also found, indicating an expansion into mainstream markets.

3. Household Composition: No major differences were found between general tourists and experienced tourists.  
Party Composition : A majority (60 per cent) of experienced ecotourism respondents stated they prefer to travel as a couple, while only 15 per cent stated they preferred to travel with their families, and 13 per cent preferring to travel alone.

4. Trip Duration: The largest group of experienced ecotourists (50 per cent) preferred trips lasting 8-14 days.  
Expenditure : Experienced ecotourists were willing to spend more than general tourists, the largest group (26 per cent).

Important Elements : The top three responses of experienced ecotourists were:

- (a) wilderness setting
- (b) wildlife viewing
- (c) hiking/trekking.

**Answer the following questions, based on the passage above.**

- i. Complete the following analogy appropriately, based on your understanding of paragraph 1. 1 We can say that as sustainable development should be integral to careful consumption of resources similarly, multi-dimensional sustainability \_\_\_\_\_. 1
- ii. Fill in the blanks with the appropriate option from those given in brackets, based on your understanding of paragraph 2. 1  
The profile of an ecotourist varies according to the level of education, gender, age, etc. but a clear differentiation in choice of activities between males and females is a/an \_\_\_\_\_ (fact/opinion) because it is a/an \_\_\_\_\_ (subjective judgement/ objective detail).
- iii. Justify the following, in about 40 words. 2  
An experienced ecotourist is not averse to spending more money and time on his travel.

- iv. Based on the survey results, which two factors indicate a shift in mainstream travel markets when we talk about ecotourism? 1
- v. As noted by the UN World Tourism Organisation, 57 per cent of international tourist arrivals will be in emerging economies, by 2030. State any one inference that can be drawn from this. 1
- vi. Select the option that correctly displays what 'mainstream' signifies. (Reference-Paragraph 2) 1



- (a) Only (ii)
- (b) Only (i)
- (c) (ii), (iii) and (iv)
- (d) (i) and (v)

vii. Infer one benefit and one drawback of household composition in the survey on ecotourism. Answer in about 40 words. 2

- viii. Choose the option that is the correct answer for the following. 1
- 1. Rama Kant, an NRI, loves animals and wishes to travel to places that safeguard their rights and inculcate awareness of their rights. What kind of tourist is he?
  - 2. Vimal Singh from the USA is an environmental scientist and has always chosen to travel to places that are examples of a symbiotic relationship between man and nature. What kind of tourist is he?
- (a) 1 is a geotourist and 2 is a responsible tourist.
  - (b) 1 is an ecotourist and 2 is a geotourist.
  - (c) 1 is a sustainable tourist and 2 is a pro-poor tourist.
  - (d) 1 is an ethical tourist and 2 is a geotourist.

## SECTION B - GRAMMAR & WRITING SKILLS 20

### GRAMMAR 10

3. Complete ANY TEN of twelve of the following tasks, as directed. 1#10=10

- i. Fill in the blank by choosing the correct option to complete the sentence. 1  
When the third entered the house, the inmates \_\_\_\_\_ in the hall.  
(a) were slept (b) were sleeping  
(c) slept (d) had been sleeping
- ii. Read the conversation between Harry and Cobbler. Complete the sentence by reporting cobbler's reply correctly. 1  
Harry : Can you polish my shoes?  
Cobbler : Yes sir. But I will take 10 rupees for each shoe.



Harry asked the cobbler if he could polish his shoes. The cobbler replied affirmatively but said that

\_\_\_\_\_

**iii.** Select the correct option to fill in the blank for the given line. 1

You \_\_\_\_\_ work hard if you want to get good marks.

- (a) must            (b) might  
(c) can            (d) should

**iv.** Select the option that identifies the error and supplies the correction for the following line, from a news report : 1

Our soldiers are better equipped than that of Pakistan.

Option No.	Error	Correction
(a)	are	is
(b)	equipped	equip
(c)	that	those
(d)	of	at

**v.** Complete the given sentence, by filling in the blank with the correct option : 1

Rohit \_\_\_\_\_ when we arrived at the party.

- (a) had already left  
(b) has already left  
(c) have already left  
(d) was already left

**vi.** Fill in the blank by using the correct form of the word in the bracket. 1

The Sushi and the pasta \_\_\_\_\_ (look) delicious.

**vii.** Report the dialogue between a doctor and patient, by completing the narration : 1

Doctor : You should take this medicine every day.

Patient : Should I take it before dinner or after dinner? Doctor :

No, you should take it after breakfast.

The Doctor advised the patient that he should take that medicine every day. The patient further asked \_\_\_\_\_.  
The doctor replied negatively and then said that he should take it after breakfast.

**viii.** Identify the error in the given sentence and supply the correction. 1

The boys were played in the park when it started raining.

Use the given format for your response.

Error	Correction

ix. Transform the following direct speech into reported speech : 1

The principal said, "Why didn't you attend the flag hoisting ceremony, Anuj?"

x. Identify the error in the given sentence and supply the correction. 1

The German force lost no time in retreat lest they might be cut off and surrounded.

Use the given format for your response.

Error	Correction

xi. Select the correct option to complete the narration of the dialogue between Sunita and Neetu. 1 Sunita : Tomorrow is your birthday, what do you want as a gift? Neetu : That is a lovely thought but I don't want anything.

Sunita asked Neetu since the next day was her birthday, what she wanted as a gift. Neetu replied that that was a lovely thought but \_\_\_\_\_.

- (a) she do not want anything. (b) she did not wanted anything.  
 (c) she did not want anything. (d) she wants something.

xii. Identify the error in the given sentence and supply the correction. Have you got some proof that he committed the crime? 1

Use the given format for your response.

Error	Correction

### WRITING 10

Note : All details presented in the questions are imaginary and created for assessment purpose.

#### 4. Attempt ANY ONE from A and B given below. 5

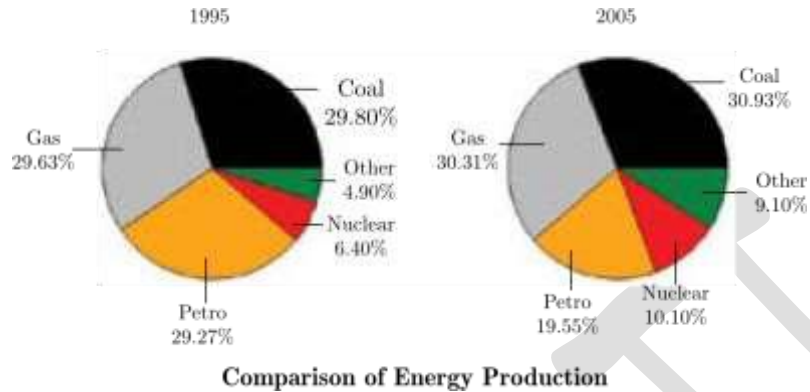
A. Increase in the number of private vehicles coupled words to the editor of a local daily urging people with the lack of civic sense has led to several road to use public transport and to have patience while accidents in your city. Write a letter in 100-120 words. You are Ram/Rama, 4 Raja Road, Karnal.

Or

B. You are Parvati/Praveen, Store In-Charge of Aman Stores, 32/54, Ravi Nagar, Delhi. Your school requires school bags and accessories in bulk for the commencement of the new session. Write a letter of enquiry to the Sales Manager, Duckback Industries Ltd. 13/4, Maharajpur, Delhi enquiring about the details of goods manufactured.

#### 5. Attempt ANY ONE from A and B given below. 5

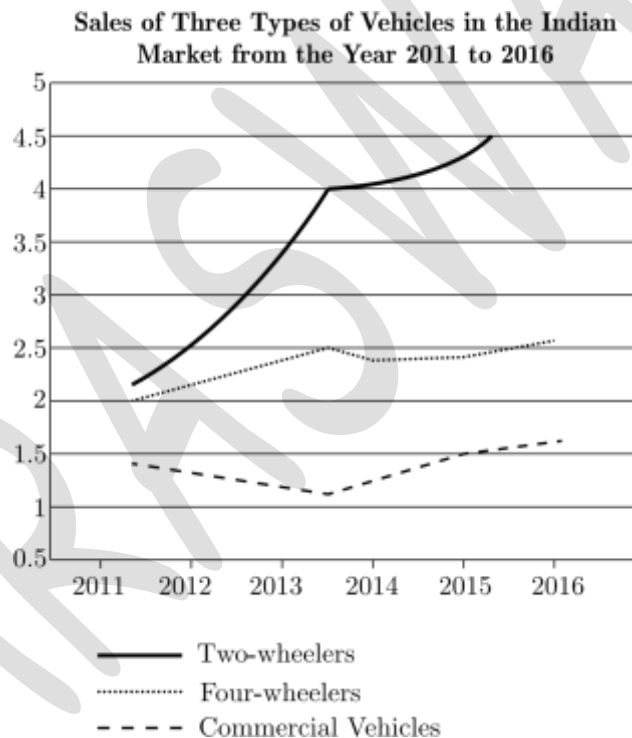
- A. The following pie-chart shows the comparison of different kinds of energy production in France in two different years.



Study the pie-charts and summarise them into an analytical paragraph of 100-120 words.

Or

- B. Study the given line graph carefully and summarise it into a paragraph of 100-120 words.



## SECTION C - LITERATURE 40

6. Read the given extracts and answer the questions for ANY ONE of the two, given. 5

A. Coorg, or Kodagu, the smallest district of Karnataka, is home to evergreen rainforests, spices and coffee plantations. Evergreen rainforests cover thirty per cent of this district. During the monsoons, it pours enough to keep many visitors away. The season of joy commences from September and continues till March. The weather is perfect, with some showers thrown in for good measure. The air breathes of invigorating coffee. Coffee estates and colonial bungalows stand tucked under tree canopies in prime corners.

**i.** What do you understand by the term colonial bungalow? 1

**ii.** What can be inferred from the given line? 1

“During the monsoons, it pours enough to keep many visitors away”

**iii.** State TRUE or FALSE. 1

Only (b) correctly corresponds to the extract.

- (a) A debate is a formal discussion on a particular topic, usually with two or more people presenting different viewpoints and arguments.
- (b) A description is the pattern of narrative development that aims to make vivid a place, object, character, or group.
- (c) An aside is a brief comment or remark made by a character directly to the audience, which is not intended to be heard by other characters on stage.
- (d) A Ballad is a short poem that tells a simple story and has a repeated refrain.

**iv.** Which is the best time to visit Coorg? Answer in about 40 words. 2

**Or**

**B.** “But, please, Stephen Stepanovitch, how can they be yours? Do be a reasonable man! My aunt’s grandmother gave the Meadows for the temporary and free use of your grandfather’s peasants. The peasants used the land for forty years and got accustomed to it as if it was their own, when it happened that.....

( *The Proposal* )

**i.** Why did the peasants treat the land as their own? 1

- (a) They used the land for forty years.
- (b) They got accustomed to using the land.
- (c) Both (a) and (b)
- (d) None of the above

**ii.** Who is the speaker of the above lines? What light do these lines throw on the speaker’s character? What reaction did his words get? Answer in about 40 words. 2

**iii.** Read the following descriptions (a)-(c) and identify which one correctly corresponds to the extract. 1

- (a) A debate is a formal discussion on a particular topic, usually with two or more people presenting different viewpoints and arguments.
- (b) A soliloquy is a speech given by a character alone on stage, which reveals their innermost thoughts and feelings to the audience.
- (c) None of the above

**iv.** Why did his aunt’s grandmother give the meadows? 1

**7. Read the given extracts and answer the questions for ANY ONE of the two, given. 5**

**A.** “Ink trickled down to the bottom of the household, And  
little mouse Blink strategically mouseholed.

But up jumped Custard, snorting like an engine,

Clashed his tail like irons in a dungeon,

With a clatter and a clank and a jangling squirm, He  
went at the pirate like a robin at a worm.”

( *The Tale of Custard the Dragon* )

**i.** Fill in the blank with suitable words on the basis of your understanding of the given lines. 1 The outcome of the clash between Custard and the pirate was that \_\_\_\_\_.

**ii.** What is the significance of the use of the words - ‘trickled down’ and ‘mouseholed’ to describe the reactions of Belinda’s pets and how does this word choice contribute to the overall situation in the poem? 1

**iii.** Match the figures of speech with their correct definitions that have been used by the poet in the given extract. 1

	Column A		Column B
A.	alliteration	1.	words like ‘and’ like’ used repetitively
B.	repetition	2.	repetition of the sounds ‘k’ and ‘s’
C.	onomatopoeia	3.	repetition of the sounds ‘n’ and ‘el’
D.	consonance	4.	use of sound words like clatter, snorting, jangling, etc.

	A	B	C	D
(a)	1	3	2	4
(b)	2	1	4	3
(c)	3	2	1	4
(d)	4	3	2	1

**iv.** Comment on the poet’s use of language in these lines. 2

**Or**

**B.** What is the boy now, who has lost his ball,

What, what is he to do? I saw it go

Merrily bouncing, down the street, and then Merrily  
over-there it is in the water!

( *The Ball Poem* )

**i.** In what way does the language used in this poem challenge traditional ideas of what poetry should be? 1

**ii.** What is the significance of the use of no punctuation after the words ‘What is the boy now, who has lost his ball,’ and the use of a dash in ‘Meetly over-there it is in the water!’ in the poem and how does this contribute to the overall mood and tone of the poem? Answer in about 40 words. 2

iii. Complete the sentence with the appropriate option. 1

The poet seems to have indicated the merry bouncing of the ball to \_\_\_\_\_.

- (a) create a sense of rhythm in these lines.
- (b) support the happiness of the experience of playing.
- (c) contrast with the dejected feeling of the boy.
- (d) indicate the cheerful mood of the boy.

iv. Identify the use and purpose of repetitive sounds used in the given lines of the poem. 1

8. Answer ANY FOUR of the following five questions, in about 40-50 words. 4#3=12 i. Do you consider Amanda's mother to be a nagging mother? 3

( Amanda !)

ii. How did Anne justify her being a chatterbox in her essay? 3

( From the Diary of Anne Frank )

iii. How does the tiger walk in the cage? 3

( A Tiger in the Zoo )

iv. After achieving political emancipation what does Mandela want to do in South Africa? 3 ( Nelson Mandela : Long Walk to Freedom )

v. "He disappeared at high speed down the aircraft." What did Mij do when he came back to Maxwell's seat ? 3

( Mijbil the Otter )

9. Answer ANY TWO of the following three questions, in about 40-50 words. 2#3=6

i. Do you think Mr. Loisel had an enjoyable evening at the ball? 3

( The Necklace )

ii. How does Think-Tank interpret the library found by his crew on earth ? Why does he ask Omega to eat a book? 3

( The Book that Saved the Earth )

iii. Why did the police arrest Horace Danby when he had not kept the jewels stolen from Grange safe? 3 ( A Question of Trust )

10. Answer ANY ONE of the following two questions, in about 100-120 words. 1#6=6

A. Valli was a young girl yet she shows the characteristics of a mature and practical person which were beyond her years. Justify the statement by giving the character sketch of her personality. 3 ( Madam Rides the Bus )

Or

B. 'Departure is painful'. So is the departure of the trees painful for the poetess. What will happen after their departure? 3

( The Trees )

11. Answer ANY ONE of the following two questions, in about 100-120 words. 1#6=6

- A.** Dr. James Herriot was a competent veterinary surgeon. His practical approach and common sense helped in the rapid recovery of Tricki. Comment. 3

( *A Triumph of Surgery* )

**Or**

- B.** Love, human sympathy and education can transform even a thief. How could Anil bring such a change in Hari Singh? 3

( *The Thief's Story* )

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## Sample Paper 7

### Class X Exam 2023-24

#### English Language and Literature (184)

**Time Allowed : 3 Hrs. Maximum Marks: 80**

**General Instructions:**

1. The Question Paper contains THREE sections READING, GRAMMAR & WRITING and LITERATURE.
  2. Attempt question based on specific instructions for each part.
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#### SECTION A - READING SKILLS 20

##### Reading Comprehension Through Unseen Passages

**1. Read the following text. 10**

1. They've also got huge educational success. It is a complicated cultural phenomenon. The pursuit of educational excellence to the exclusion of other aspects of life, such as spending time outside, can be detrimental to eye health believe eye specialists.
2. In low and middle-income countries, myopia rates still tend to be lower-Bangladesh and India for example report rates of about 20-30% in adults-but this is changing. In Africa, for example, myopia used to be comparatively uncommon, but over the past ten years, the prevalence of childhood myopia has been rising fast. As literacy rates improve in those countries-an otherwise welcome developmentthat problem could grow unless there is a big effort to also provide eye tests and glasses, experts warn.
3. School time in itself is, however, not necessarily the root of the problem, as the Covid-19 pandemic lockdowns have shown. It is staying indoors that appears to be. During the lockdowns, schools shut down all over the world-but children's eye health became even worse. Typically, they stayed inside during the lockdowns, and spent hours staring at screens, either following classes or watching TV, as other forms of learning and entertainment disappeared.
4. This complex problem-myopia as a bad side effect of an otherwise positive trend-also shows up in another area: income levels. Like education, a higher income is generally associated with greater wellbeing in children-but not when it comes to eye health. Instead, myopia is associated with higher socioeconomic status. The richer we get, the better we are at protecting our children from ever going outdoors, because they've got more things to do. They've got to learn music, play video games and watch TV, and so forth.
5. Is there a way out? In China, trials have been conducted in classrooms that mimic learning outdoors. Children and teachers preferred the bright new classrooms that resemble a glasshouse, as compared with a traditional classroom. However, in summer and on sunny days, the light intensity was at the 'practical upper limit for routine use'. The bright classroom is also twice as expensive to build as a regular classroom, because of building materials and cooling mechanisms that are required.
6. The most effective, evidence-based prevention strategy is also surprisingly low-tech and applies to all countries regardless of their wealth or resources: more time outdoors. Researchers are still investigating exactly why



being outdoors, and being in natural light, helps prevent myopia-but for now, their perhaps most important conclusion is that it does. The challenge is to ensure that children make use of this natural boost.

**Answer the following questions, based on the passage above.**

- i.** Why does the writer say that myopia is ‘a complicated cultural phenomenon’ in South-East Asia? Which of these statements does not corroborate the given statement? 1
- (a) The rate of educational success is very high.
  - (b) The rate of myopia is here higher than other countries.
  - (c) The rate of spending time outdoors is very low.
  - (d) The rate of spending time indoors is very low.
- ii.** Why does the writer deduce that spending too much time in classrooms is not necessarily the root of the problem of myopia? Rationalise your response in about 40 words. 2
- iii.** Complete the sentence appropriately. 1
- The author says that “Like education, a higher income is generally associated with greater well-being in children-but not when it comes to eye health.” The analogy is interesting but \_\_\_\_\_.
- iv.** The passage includes some word pairs from the passage that are opposites of each other. From the sets (a)-(e) below, identify two sets of pairs that do not classify under antonyms. 1
- (a) glasshouse classrooms and traditional classrooms
  - (b) learning and entertainment
  - (c) low and middle-income countries
  - (d) outdoors and indoors
  - (e) pandemic and lockdowns
- v.** The writer thinks that the glasshouse classrooms in China built with the objective of bringing the outdoors inside are not feasible in all kinds of weather. (Paragraph 5) 1
- State one point that the author puts forward in defence of his argument.
- vi.** Based on your reading of the text, list two reasons why the writer says that in low and middle-income countries, the problem of myopia could grow manifold in the coming years. 2
- vii.** The writer says, “The richer we get, ....the more things our children have to do.” 1  
( Paragraph 3)
- Select two suitable reasons responsible for this social phenomenon.
- 1. We consider it a status symbol.
  - 2. We want them to have varied learning experiences.
  - 3. We consider it a family tradition.

4. We follow the herd mentality.
  5. We think this was their talent increases.
  6. We have the availability of resources.
- (a) 1 and 3      (b) 4 and 5  
(c) 2 and 6      (d) 1 and 4

**viii.** Supply one point to justify the following : 1

Ironically, widespread and long lockdowns gave a real push to the number of children getting myopia.

**2. Read the following text. 10**

1. People worldwide are living longer. Today most people can expect to live into their sixties and beyond. Every country in the world is experiencing growth in both the size and the proportion of older persons in the population. By 2030, 1 in 6 people in the world will be aged 60 years or over- the share of this group will increase from 1 billion in 2020 to 1.4 billion and by 2050, the world's population of people aged 60 years and older will be 2.1 billion. The number of persons aged 80 years or older is expected to triple between 2020 and 2050 to reach 426 million.
2. While this shift in distribution of a country's population towards older ages-known as population ageing started in high-income countries (for example in Japan 30% of the population is already over 60 years old), it is now low- and middle-income countries that are experiencing the greatest change. By 2050, two-thirds of the world's population over 60 years will live in low- and middle-income countries.
3. By income group, the sharpest growth in the numbers of older people will occur in countries currently classified as middle income. This is unsurprising, as these countries make up 74 per cent of the world's population. What's surprising is that these numbers are increasing at a much faster rate than in either low or high-income countries.
4. Population aging is sounding alarms worldwide. The older people will have to spend their investments to support themselves pulling money from the economy. Another issue is fiscal stress. Government treasuries will be strained by rising pension liabilities, the cost of health and long-term care associated with the expected growth in the incidence of chronic diseases such as diabetes, heart ailments, dementia, cancer, among others.
5. Various responses could cushion the economic burden of population aging. These include policy reforms to promote the health and pension financing of the old. Raising the legal age of retirement, which has been relatively stable in nearly all countries for the past several decades would also ease the burden. Additional approaches include efforts to increase health systems' emphasis on early detection and on prevention of disease through, for example, better awareness of the benefits of physical activity and subsidization of such activity. Relaxing the institutional and economic barriers to international immigration from regions with relatively large working-age populations could alleviate labour shortages.

**Answer the following questions, based on the passage above.**

- i.** Complete the following analogy appropriately, based on your understanding of paragraphs 1 and 2. 1 From the passage, we can infer that the dynamics of greying population shifting from high-income to low and middle-income countries, is comparable with the regular oscillation \_\_\_\_\_.
- ii.** Fill in the blanks with the appropriate option from those given in brackets, based on your understanding of paragraph 2. 1

The population researchers say that it is unsurprising that the middle-income countries will see the sharpest growth in the numbers of older people because these countries currently make up 74 percent of the world population is ..... (a fact! opinion) because it is ..... (a/an subjective judgement! objective detail ).

- iii. With vast numbers of greying population inundating the world, the effects on the economies of the countries would be devastating. How could this situation be tackled? Answer in about 40 words. 2
- iv. List any two examples of 'cushioning economic burdens' as referred to, in Paragraph 5. 1
- v. The rate of growth of size and the proportion of older persons in the population has gone up for every country in the world. 1

State any one inference that can be drawn from this based on information in paragraph 1.

- vi. Select the option that correctly displays what 'immigration' signifies in the passage. (Reference Paragraph 5) 1



(i)



(ii)



(iii)



(iv)



(v)

- (a) Only (i)    (b) Only (ii)
  - (c) (ii), (iii) and (iv)    (d) (i) and (v)
- vii. The greying population numbers in the world are set to get concentrated in the low and middle-income countries by 2050 that were hitherto higher in rich countries. Infer one benefit and one drawback of this great shift. (Answer in about 40 words) 2

- viii. Select the correct option to complete the following sentence. 1

The aging of global population is going to have far-reaching consequences for the world economy also because the old people will have to \_\_\_\_\_.

- (a) liquidate their investments.    (b) take bank loans.
- (c) borrow from relatives    (d) be dependent on their children

## SECTION B - GRAMMAR & WRITING SKILLS 20    GRAMMAR    10

### 3. Complete ANY TEN of twelve of the following tasks, as directed. 1#10=10

- i. Fill in the blank by choosing the correct option to complete the sentence. 1

My mother \_\_\_\_\_ my clothes at this time.

- (a) is washing    (b) was washing

(c) has washin (d) will be washing

**ii.** Read the conversation between Anamika and Ronak. Complete the narration correctly. 1 Anamika : Can you teach me how to swim?

Ronak : Yes, I will. Come to my swimming club tomorrow.

Anamika asked Ronak if he could teach her how to swim. Ronak replied that he would. He also asked Anamika \_\_\_\_\_.

**iii.** Select the correct option to fill in the blank for the given line. 1

However honest he \_\_\_\_\_, I do not trust him.

- (a) is (b) may be  
(c) might be (d) could be

**iv.** Select the option that identifies the error and supplies the correction for the following line : 1 A little political thinkers think that liberty and equality can't go together.

ption No.	Error	Correction
(a)	A little	Some
(b)	think	thinks
(c)	can't	couldn't
(d)	that	those

**v.** Complete the given sentence, by filling in the blank with the correct option : 1

Many researchers \_\_\_\_\_ how small business owners can be successful beyond the initial few years in business.

- (a) have studied (b) has studied  
(c) had studied (d) is studied

**vi.** Fill in the blank by using the correct form of the word in the bracket. 1

Age and experience \_\_\_\_\_ (bring) wisdom to man.

**vii.** Report the dialogue between a teacher and children, by completing the sentence : 1

Teacher : Children, let us all pledge to save trees.

Children : Yes, mam, we all pledge to save our trees as the trees are the lungs of the city.

The teacher asked all the children to pledge to save trees. The children replied affirmatively saying that \_\_\_\_\_ as the trees are the lungs of the city.

**viii.** Identify the error in the given sentence and supply the correction. 1

A teacher can tell you that learning English is not an easy job. Use the given format for your response.

Error	Correction
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**ix.** Transform the following direct speech into reported speech: 1  
He said, "Ravi, why are you sounding so depressed today ?"

**x.** Identify the error in the given sentence and supply the correction. 1  
The news I heard just now is so strange that you could not believe it.

Use the given format for your response.

Error	Correction

**xi.** Anil recently attended an interview for the selection of a computer programmer. Select the correct option to complete the narration of the dialogue between Interviewer and Anil. 1

Interviewer : So, why do you want to be a computer programmer? Anil :  
Well, I have always been interested in computers.

At the interview, he was asked why he wanted to be a computer programmer. To this question he replied that he wanted to change his job because \_\_\_\_\_. (a) he had always be interested in computers

- (b) he had always been interested in computers
- (c) he has always been interested in computers
- (d) he have always been interested in computers

**xii.** Identify the error in the given description about sachin tendulkar and supply the correction. 1 Sachin Tendulkar is the best cricketer in India. He has played for many than twenty years for the Country.

Use the given format for your response.

Error	Correction

### WRITING 10

*Note : All details presented in the questions are imaginary and created for assessment purpose.*

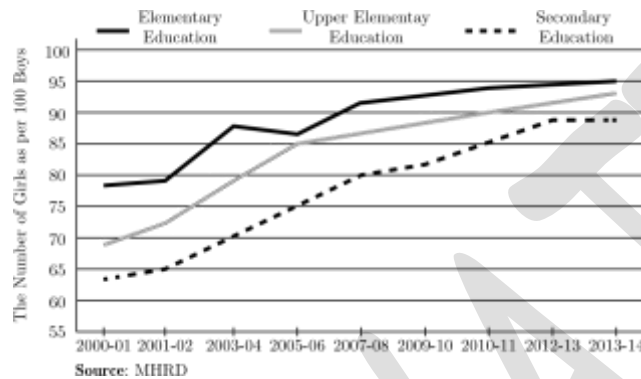
#### 4. Attempt ANY ONE from A and B given below. 5

**A.** Owing to the MCD employees' strike, the roads in your area are littered with garbage. The place not only is stinking but also has become a health hazard. As Mini/Manish of 112, Laxmi Nagar, Delhi, write a letter in 100-120 words to the editor of a local newspaper informing the concerned authorities of the unhygienic conditions and requesting them to take appropriate and necessary actions in the matter. **r B.** You are Nikhil/Nisha staying at 53, Banjara Hills, Hyderabad. Last week you bought a new laptop from 'M/S Clear Vision' of Hyderabad, with a warranty of 2 years. You worked on the laptop all week and finished writing a Long assignment that is due shortly. However this week, the laptop doesn't even switch on. Write a letter to the dealer complaining about the problem and requesting him to get the defect rectified.

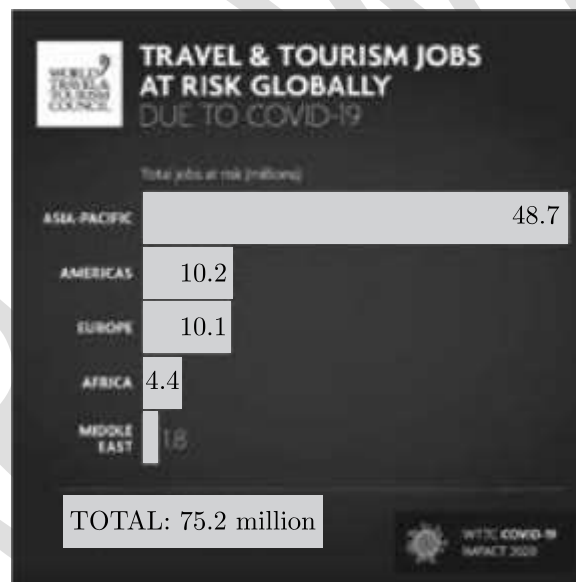
**5. Attempt ANY ONE from A and B given below. 5**

**A.** On the basis of the given line graph, write an analytical paragraph in about 100-120 words describing the given information. 5

The Number of Girls per 100 Boys in Elementary and Lower-Secondary Education in India Selected Between 2000 and 2014



**r B.** On the basis of the given bar graph, by analysing and carefully understanding the data, write an analytical paragraph in not more than 120 words.



**SECTION C - LITERATURE 40**

**6. Read the given extracts and answer the questions for ANY ONE of the two, given. 5**

**A.** "Tell me another!" scoffed Pranjol.

"We have an Indian legend too.

Bodhidharma, an ancient Buddhist ascetic, cut off his eyelids because he felt sleepy during meditations. Ten tea plants grew out of the eyelids. The leaves of these plants when put in hot water and drunk, banished sleep.”

“Tea was first drunk in China,” Rajvir added, “as far back as 2700 B.C.! In fact, words such as tea, chai and chini are from the Chinese. Tea came to Europe only in the sixteenth century and was drunk more as medicine than as beverage.”

( *Glimpses of India* )

- i.** What is the main idea of this extract? 1
- ii.** Why do you think Pranjol ‘scoffed’? Answer in about 40 words. 2
- iii.** When did tea come to Europe 1
- iv.** State TRUE or FALSE. 1
- None of the descriptions (a)-(d) correctly corresponds to the extract.
- (a) A conversation is a talk between two or more people, in which news and ideas are exchange.
- (b) A soliloquy is a speech given by a character alone on stage, which reveals their innermost thoughts and feelings to the audience.
- (c) An aside is a brief comment or remark made by a character directly to the audience, which is not intended to be heard by other characters on stage.
- (d) A climax is a turning point in a narrative the moment when the conflict is at its most intense. r
- B.** “He knows that I am lost”, I thought ‘He’s trying to help me.” He turned his aeroplane slowly to the north, in front of my Dakota, so that it would be easier for me to follow him. I was very happy to go behind the strange aeroplane like an obedient child. After half an hour the strange black aeroplane was still there in front of me in the clouds. Now, there was only enough fuel in the old Dakota’s last tank to fly for five or ten minutes more. I was starting to feel frightened again. But then he started to go down and I followed through the storm.
- ( *Two Stories about Flying—Black Aeroplane* )
- i.** Which of the following options perfectly justifies this statement. “He knows that I am lost”, I thought ‘He’s trying to help me.” 1
- (a) It’s true because the stranger-pilot knew how to negotiate the storm quite well.
- (b) It’s false because the stranger-pilot was out to trick the author.
- (c) Definitely true because the stranger pilot had been sent by God to help the author.
- (d) It was probably the author’s subconscious that was trying to find a way out.
- ii.** The author says, “But then he started to go down and I followed through the storm.” What happened after this? Answer in about 40 words. 2
- iii.** Read the following options (a)-(c) and identify which figure of speech has been used in the given statement: “I was very happy to go behind the strange aeroplane like an obedient child”? 1 (a) simile
- (b) contrast

(c) consonance

iv. If this extract were to be filmed, what would be required to bring out the dramatic effect of this moment? 1

**7. Read the given extracts and answer the questions for ANY ONE of the two, given. 5**

A. The way a crow

Shook down on me

The dust of snow

From a hemlock tree

Has given my heart

A change of mood

And saved some part Of  
a day I had rued.

( *Dust of Snow* )

i. Fill in the blank appropriately And saved some part/of a day I had rued'. The poetic device used here is \_\_\_\_\_. 1

ii. What was the reaction of poet when the dust of snow fell on him? 1

iii. Rationalise what you think the poet was probably doing when the dust of snow fell on him? 2 iv. Choose the option showing the reason NOT corresponding with '... a crow/shook down on me/The Dust of Snow.' 1

- (a) The crow's landing on the branch of the tree.
- (b) The shivering of the crow, due to the cold.
- (c) The readjustment of the position of the crow on the branch.
- (d) The cawing of the crow is hidden in the foliage.

B. But up jumped Custard, snorting like an engine,  
Clashed his tail like irons in a dungeon, With a  
clatter and a clank and a jangling squirm He went  
at the pirate like a robin at a worm.

( *The Tale of Custard the Dragon* )

i. What is the poet's purpose of using the onomatopoeic words given in the extract? 1 (a) It is to emphasise on the might and boldness of Custard.

- (b) It is to introduce the character Custard to the readers.
- (c) It is to impress upon the readers that Custard was ready.
- (d) It is to make Custard bold enough to face the situation.

ii. Mention what the poet wants to convey through these lines. Answer in about 40 words. 2



iii. What does Custard do to the pirate? 1

iv. Complete the sentence appropriately. 1

Custard's comparison to an engine shows a literary device of \_\_\_\_\_.

8. Answer ANY FOUR of the following five questions, in about 40-50 words. 4#3=12

i. How did Valli develop a longing for the bus ride? 3

( *Madam Rides the Bus* )

ii. What did the Buddha preach to the people? 3

( *The Sermon at Benares* )

iii. How can you differentiate between a hyena and a crocodile? 3

( *How to Tell Wild Animals* )

iv. Describe the havoc created by Mijbil on the airplane when it came out of the box. 3

( *Mijbil the Otter* )

v. What do you think would be enough to destroy the world? Can Fire and Ice contribute to it? 3

( *Fire and Ice* )

9. Answer ANY TWO of the following three questions, in about 40-50 words. 2#3=6

i. What did Griffin, the scientist, do to escape after setting the fire to his landlord's house? 3

( *Footprints Without Feet* )

ii. Did Ebright have other interests besides science? Mention them. 3

( *The Making of a Scientist* )

iii. For what unusual reasons was Bholi sent to school? 3

( *Bholi* )

10. Answer ANY ONE of the following two questions, in about 100-120 words. 1#6=6

A. "So, in order not to shake the writer's faith in God, the postmaster came up with an idea to answer the letter".

What does this statement tell us about the postmaster? Was his idea successful? How did the receiver react?

( *A Letter to God* )

r B. The poet's views about beauty are not justified. Anne's arguments are correct. Express your views in support of Anne.

( *For Anne Gregory* )

11. Answer ANY ONE of the following two questions, in about 100-120 words. 1#6=6

A. What kind of person is Matilda's husband? Support your answer giving examples from the text.

( *The Necklace* )

r B. Herriot enjoyed the lavish meal during Tricky's stay but still, he felt compelled to inform Mrs. Pumphrey about the recovery of Tricky. Why did he not keep Tricky for a longer time? Did he feel concerned for Mrs. Pumphrey?

( *A Triumph of Surgery* )

## Sample Paper 8

Class X Exam 2023-24

### English Language and Literature (184)

Time Allowed : 3 Hrs. Maximum Marks: 80

**General Instructions:**

1. The Question Paper contains THREE sections READING, GRAMMAR & WRITING and LITERATURE.
  2. Attempt question based on specific instructions for each part.
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#### SECTION A - READING SKILLS 20

##### Reading Comprehension Through Unseen Passages

**1. Read the following text. 10**

1. A black vulture (*Coragyps atratus*) is a carrion feeder that pilots and air traffic specialists have long considered a collision threat, given both its size and flight behaviour. Of Brazil's animal-aircraft incidents in 2020, eight percent involved black vultures. Even discounting the danger, they pose to aircrafts, vultures are widely seen as harbingers of death and decay. Yet, they play an important role in the humanbuilt environment.
2. These carrion-eaters fly in committees and when they are not airborne, camp out on large stands of refuse, packed together like feather-clad beggars. With their sooty plumage and crusty skin, black vultures fit right in with their rank surroundings. Boasting a wingspan of around five feet and the ability to fly at speeds surpassing Usain Bolt in his prime, they are mostly habituated to the many collectors, sifters, and other (bipedal) scavengers who spend quality time at the dump. Gazing, waiting-they will make their move when the time is right.
3. A trash mound is essentially a rookery and nursery for a bird that evolved to eat the flesh of the dead and dying but now thrives on the abundance of trash. Here, where human-coordinated management is absent, vultures are efficient managers of waste.
4. For each story of a potential airline collision resulting from the birds, they cycle millions of tons of nutrients and other material through the food web, eating dog faeces and fish bones with equal gusto. The average Brazilian household throws away 353g of trash per day; the average black vulture consumes 140g a day. Not all household waste is edible-although *Coragyps atratus* does seem to have an affection for gobbling up shreds of plastic grocery bags. Their powerful stomach acid breaks down harmful pathogens of cholera, brucellosis, and anthrax too.
5. As the planet seems to be roiled in flames and losing biodiversity at a rapid clip, vultures are as opportunistic as ever, with their populations growing in both South and North America which makes continued conflict with humans inevitable.
6. Solid waste is typically strewn about communities in rural Latin America. The vultures have taken care of everything; the city has no hope of taking care of itself." In this light, the vultures' general unsightliness, and perhaps the occasional aircraft collision, is a small price to pay. "They're the best thing that ever happened to the Amazon town," says a conservationist.

**Answer the following questions, based on the passage above.**

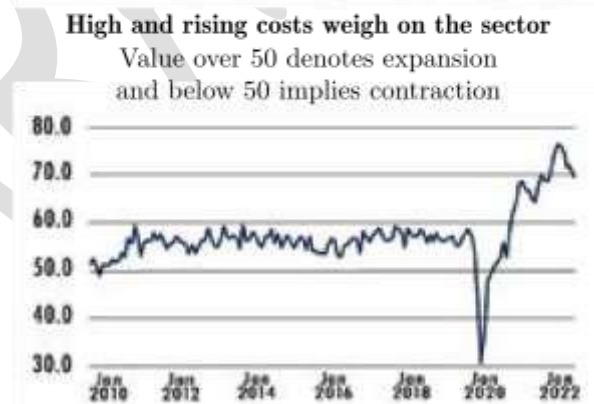
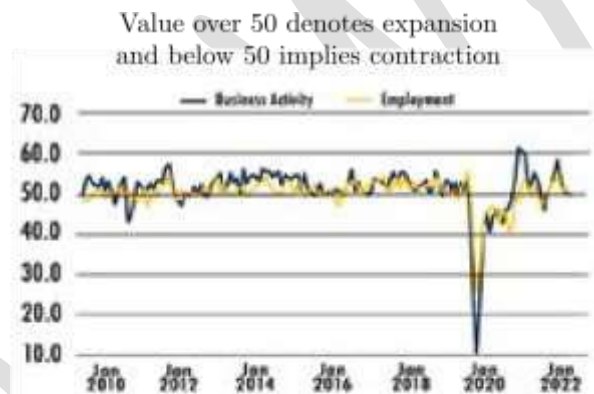
- i.** Why does the writer say that vultures are harbingers of death and decay? 1
- (a) They are responsible for animal-aircraft incidents in Brazil.
  - (b) They collide with aircrafts and feed on dead flesh.
  - (c) They are responsible for animal-aircraft incidents everywhere in the world.
  - (d) They are carrion feeders.
- ii.** Based on your reading of the text, explain why the writer says that *Coragyps stratus* thrives on the abundance of human-made piles of trash. Rationalise your response in about 40 words. 2
- iii.** Which outstanding trait of the black vultures the writer wishes to project, with reference to the following statement? 1
- Not all household waste is edible-although '*Coragyps atratus*' does seem to have an affection for gobbling up shreds of plastic grocery bags.
- iv.** The passage includes some word pairs that denote consecutive stages in a process for example, moulding and baking a bread. From the sets (a)-(e) below, identify two sets of words that do not correspond to this relation. 1
- (a) South and North America
  - (b) dead and dying
  - (c) rookery and nursery
  - (d) death and decay
  - (e) pilots and air traffic specialists
- v.** Complete the sentence appropriately. 1
- The writer compares the black vultures with Usain Bolt because \_\_\_\_\_.
- vi.** Based on the reading of the passage, examine, in about 40 words, that the black vultures despite their general unsightliness are highly social birds. 2
- vii.** "They're (the black vultures) the best thing that ever happened to the Amazon town," says a conservationist in Paragraph 6. The options given below provide enough evidence to substantiate this claim except one. Choose the correct option. 1
- (a) They take care of waste management better than humans.
  - (b) They consume even plastics.
  - (c) They protect humans from the spread of harmful pathogens.
  - (d) They single-handedly keep rural Latin America spick and span.

**viii.** Complete the statement. 1

Despite the fact that the growing populations of black vultures in both South and North America have sharpened the conflict with humans, they are a blessing for mankind because they consume even nonedible waste like \_\_\_\_\_.

**2. Read the following text. 10**

1. Domestic tourism in India reached a peak in 2019, with more than 232 crores of domestic tourist visits and 3.14 crore international tourist visits, the highest since 2001 according to the tourism ministry. India moved to the 34th position on the World Economic Forum’s Travel & Tourism Competitiveness Index in 2019 from the 65th rank in 2013. Covid, however, halted the robust performance in its tracks, with domestic tourist visits falling to just 61 crore and international tourist visits to 71.7 lakh in 2020. However, tourism ministry data shows that while international visits to India dropped even further in 2021, to just 10.5 lakh, domestic visits increased by 11 per cent.
2. While rising costs are having an impact, all flights and hotels are fully booked, and prices for both are higher than they have been for some time. People who would otherwise have travelled abroad, are travelling within India instead. While branded and luxury hotels were among the earliest ones to recover their loyal clientele, small-scale and medium enterprises, which constitute more than 80 percent of the tourism industry, have not been able to recover fully yet. However, the domestic industry is gaining footfall.



3. Rajasthan, which has been heavily dependent on foreign visitors, saw much distress. Most of its luxury heritage Havelis and palaces that earlier saw occupancy throughout the winter months with foreign tourists, now remain available and within reach for domestic tourists. The prices went almost down 30 per cent from their 2019 peak numbers. Likewise, prices in some Goa and Kerala hotels, too, dropped to almost one-third. These are now starting to recover due to the increasing number of domestic as well as inbound tourists.

4. Prices of hotels at weekend destinations increased after the tourist rush, thanks to the techie crowd of Bengaluru and Hyderabad. In northern India, tourists flooded holiday destinations like Srinagar, Gulmarg, and Rishikesh. The young consumer is moving towards private and experiential stays and wellness experiences. The booking windows have become shorter and the length of stays is longer.

Inbound tourism will recover by 2023 despite the hiccups.

**Answer the following questions, based on the passage above.**

i. Complete the following analogy appropriately, based on your understanding of paragraphs 1 and 2. 1 The fact that branded and luxury hotels in India were among the earliest ones to recover their loyal clientele, small-scale and medium enterprises, which constitute more than 80 per cent of the tourism industry, have not been able to recover fully is comparable with big movie production houses who survive even big flops but \_\_\_\_\_.

ii. Fill in the blanks with the appropriate option from those given in brackets, based on your understanding of paragraph 1. 1

International tourism trends in India from 2020 to 2021 show that the actual impact of Covid on tourism was felt more in 2021 and not in 2020 when international visits to India dropped even further in 2021, to just 10.5 lakhs from 71.7 lakhs is ..... (a/an fact/opinion) because it is ..... (a/an subjective judgement'/objective detail).

iii. "People who would otherwise have travelled abroad, are travelling within India instead." 2 Justify the statement in about 40 words with reference to 2019.

iv. Based on the report released by the Ministry of Tourism, which two main tourism trends mark the young consumers' choices in selecting holiday destinations? 1 v. Study the statement : 1

Hotels in the suburbs of Bengaluru and Hyderabad were able to recover from dipping tourist footfalls sooner than expected.

State any one inference that can be drawn from this.

vi. Select the option that correctly displays what 'inbound' signifies contextually in the passage. (Reference- Paragraph 3) 1



(i)



(ii)



(iii)



(iv)



(v)

- (a) Only (i)
- (b) Only (ii)
- (c) (ii), (iii) and (iv)
- (d) (i) and (v)

**vii.** Infer one benefit and one drawback of Coronavirus on domestic tourist footfalls. Answer in about 40 words.

2

**viii.** Study the statement given below. 1

Domestic tourism is showing positive trends despite being weighed down by inflation.

Which of the following options substantiate this statement?

- (a) All flights and hotels are fully booked.
- (b) Luxury hotels have recovered their loyal clientele.
- (c) Heritage properties in Rajasthan are now in the reach of domestic tourists.
- (d) Room rents in Goa and Kerala have dropped to one third of the earlier rates.

**SECTION B - GRAMMAR & WRITING SKILLS 20 GRAMMAR 10**

**3. Complete ANY TEN of twelve of the following tasks, as directed. 1#10=10**

**i.** Fill in the blank by choosing the correct option to complete the sentence. 1

The director had come out of the office before I \_\_\_\_\_.

- (a) arrived
- (b) arrive
- (c) was arrived
- (d) had arrived

**ii.** Read the conversation between a father and his son. Complete the sentence by reporting son's reply correctly. 1

Father : How was the paper? Son :  
It was easy.

The father asked his son how the paper had been. Son replied that \_\_\_\_\_.

**iii.** Select the correct option to fill in the blank for the given line. 1

I doubt, if it \_\_\_\_\_ be of any use telephoning them so late.

- (a) would
- (b) could
- (c) should (d) might

**iv.** Select the option that identifies the error and supplies the correction for the following line : 1 A  
pleasure in being outdoors is fundamental for human happiness.

ption No.	Error	Correction
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(a)	being	be
(b)	A	The
(c)	is	are
(d)	in	at

v. Complete the given sentence, by filling in the blank with the correct option : 1 When he died, Ramanujan \_\_\_\_\_ behind 3 notebooks.

- (a) was leaving (b) had left  
 (c) left (d) leaves

vi. Fill in the blank by using the correct form of the word in the bracket. 1

The furniture in his house \_\_\_\_\_ (look) impressive.

vii. Report the dialogue between Anita and Seema, by completing the narration. 1 Anita : Do you know how to swim?

Seema : Yes I know. I have learnt it during this summer vacation.

Anita asked Seema \_\_\_\_\_. Then Seema replied in affirmative and also added that she had learnt it during the summer vacation.

viii. Identify the error in the given sentence and supply the correction. 1

The movie, including all the previews, take about two hours to watch.

Use the given format for your response.

Error	Correction

ix. Transform the following direct speech into reported speech: 1

He said to us, "Why are you all sitting about there doing nothing?"

x. Identify the error in the given sentence and supply the correction. 1

You may be hungry after all that walking.

Use the given format for your response.

Error	Correction

xi. Select the correct option to complete the narration of the dialogue between electrician and Mohan. 1

Electrician: When did your electricity go? Mohan: It is not working since evening.

The electrician asked Mohan when his electricity had gone. Mohan replied that \_\_\_\_\_.

**xii.** Identify the error and supply the correction for the following sentence : 1

Countries near on equator are some warmer than countries farther to the North and South.

Use the given format for your response.

Error	Correction

**WRITING 10**

*Note : All details presented in the questions are imaginary and created for assessment purpose.*

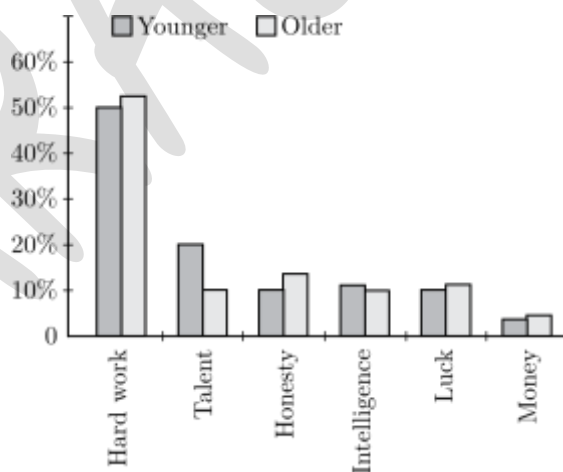
**4. Attempt ANY ONE from A and B given below. 5**

**A.** You are Aman/Amita, Blue Bells Public School, Delhi. Write a letter to UK Publishers, Pratap Vihar, Delhi to place an order for English to Hindi, encyclopedia, fiction books etc. for your school library. Request them for a catalogue, discount offered and other necessary details.

**r B.** You are Mohit/Mohini, a resident of 32/B, Ravi Nagar, Delhi. Last week, you came across an advertisement pertaining to city tour of Kerala and wish to avail it during the vacations. Write a letter of enquiry to the Tour Manager, Balaji Tours and Travels, Connaught Place, Delhi, enquiring about the itinerary for 7 children and 20 adult members.

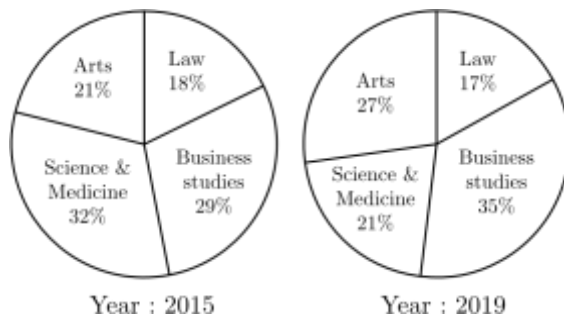
**5. Attempt ANY ONE from A and B given below. 5**

**A.** The bar graph given below contains data related to the people’s opinion about their consideration for the most important factor for success. Write an analytical paragraph in 100-120 words after observing the graph carefully and analysing; highlight the main features and make suitable comparisons The Most Important Factor For Success



**r B.** The following pie charts show the percentage of students taking admission in different faculties of XYZ University over a certain period of time. Write an analytical paragraph on your understanding of the given data.





### SECTION C - LITERATURE 40

#### 6. Read the given extracts and answer the questions for ANY ONE of the two, given. 5

A. "Richard would always give that extra effort, Mr. Weiherer said. What pleased me was, here was this person who put in three or four hours at night doing debate research besides doing all his research with butterflies and his other interests. 'Richard was competitive,' Mr. Weiherer continued, 'but not in a bad sense'. He explained, "Richard wasn't interested in winning for winning's sake or winning to get a prize. Rather, he was winning because he wanted to do the best job he could. For the right reasons, he wants to be the best."

( *The Making of a Scientist* )

- i. Why did Mr. Weiherer consider Richard to be a hard worker? 1
- ii. State TRUE or FALSE. 1  
Only option (d) correctly corresponds to the extract.  
(a) A review (b) An interview  
(c) An analysis (d) A comment
- iii. Why did Mr. Weiherer call Richard a true winner?. Answer in about 40 words. 2
- iv. Why was Richard trying to win? 1

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B. That evening, after I'd finished the rest of my homework, the note about the essay caught my eye. I began thinking about the subject while chewing the tip of my fountain pen. Anyone could ramble on and leave big spaces between the words, but the trick was to come up with convincing arguments to prove the necessity of talking.

( *From The Diary of Anne Frank* )

- i. According to the passage and the story, Anne was 1  
(a) thinking about what to write in the essay  
(b) angry with Mr Keesing  
(c) too tired to write the essay  
(d) unable to write the essay
- ii. What does she (Anne Frank) write in her essay? Answer in about 40 words. 2

- iii.** Read the following descriptions (a)-(c) and identify which one correctly corresponds to the extract. 1
- (a) A debate is a formal discussion on a particular topic, usually with two or more people presenting different viewpoints and arguments.
  - (b) A soliloquy is a speech given by a character alone on stage, which reveals their innermost thoughts and feelings to the audience.
  - (c) An aside is a brief comment or remark made by a character directly to the audience, which is not intended to be heard by other characters on stage.

**iv.** What is integral to writing her essay according to Anne? 1

**7. Read the given extracts and answer the questions for ANY ONE of the two, given. 5**

**A.** An ultimate shaking grief fixes the boy As he stands rigid, trembling, staring down

All his young days into the harbour where His ball went. I would not intrude on him;

A dime, another ball, is worthless. Now He senses first responsibility In a world of possessions.

( *The Ball Poem* )

- i.** Complete the sentence appropriately. 1  
The mood of the boy in the extract is \_\_\_\_\_.
- ii.** What literary device has been used by the usage of 'ball' in the poem? 1
- iii.** Which ultimate grief has fixed the boy? 1
- iv.** A ball is an easily available, inexpensive thing. Then, why is the boy so sad to lose it? Answer in about 40 words. 2

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**B.** He should be lurking in shadow,  
Sliding through long grass  
Near the water hole Where  
plump deer pass.

( *A Tiger In the Zoo* )

- i.** According to the extract, the poet wishes for the tiger to be 'sliding' through the foliage as this would 1 (a) assist in keeping the prey unsuspecting of the predator's sound.
  - (b) aid in camouflaging the presence of the predator before it rushes in.
  - (c) help the predator pounce on the prey comfortably without getting tired.
  - (d) support the predator's vision as it eyes its prey.

ii. What would the tiger do in the forest? Answer in about 40 words. 2

iii. 'Shadow' here, refers to the shadow of \_\_\_\_\_. 1

iv. It is clear that metaphor is the poetic device used for 'pads of velvet'. Give evidence. 1

**8. Answer ANY FOUR of the following five questions, in about 40-50 words. 4#3=12**

i. What brought a sudden change in the poet of 'Dust of Snow'? 3  
ii. What is the greatest wealth of a country according to Nelson Mandela? 3

( Nelson Mandela : Long Walk to Freedom )

iii. Describe the dreadful appearance of the pirate? 3

( The Tale of Custard the Dragon )

iv. What were Lencho's feelings when he found the letter with money in it? What did he do after opening the letter?  
? 3

( A Letter to God )

v. How did Chubukov react when Lomov told him that he had come to propose to his daughter, Natalya? 3

( The Proposal )

**9. Answer ANY TWO of the following three questions, in about 40-50 words. 2#3=6**

i. How did Bholi's teacher play an important role in changing the course of her life? 3

( Bholi )

ii. What did Griffin, the scientist, do to escape after setting the fire to his landlord's house? 3

( Footprints Without Feet )

iii. Why does Mrs. Pumphrey think the dog's recovery is "a triumph of surgery"? 3

( A Triumph of Surgery )

**10. Answer ANY ONE of the following two questions, in about 100-120 words. 1#6=6**

A. Rajvir felt too excited on reaching Assam while Pranjol showed least interest in his excitement. What could be the reason behind this? Do you think it is appropriate on Pranjol's part to react like this? Justify your answer with reason.

( Glimpses of India )

r B. Humour is the best medicine for every ailment in life. Is the poem humorous? Give reasons for your answer.

( How to Tell Wild Animals )

**11. Answer ANY ONE of the following two questions, in about 100-120 words. 1#6=6**

A. Looking back at the story, when do you think Ausable thought up his plan for getting rid of Max? Do you think he had worked out his plan in detail right from the beginning? Or did he make up a plan taking advantage of events as they happened?

( *The Midnight Visitor* )

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**B.** Read the following quote.

“We are too involved in materialistic things, and they don’t satisfy us. The loving relationships we have, the universe around us, we take these things for granted.”

Mitch Albom Matilda was never satisfied with her life and desired more. The given quote reflects her character. Justify.

( *The Necklace* )

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## Sample Paper 9

### Class X Exam 2023-24

#### English Language and Literature (184)

**Time Allowed : 3 Hrs. Maximum Marks: 80**

**General Instructions:**

1. The Question Paper contains THREE sections READING, GRAMMAR & WRITING and LITERATURE.
  2. Attempt question based on specific instructions for each part.
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#### SECTION A - READING SKILLS 20

##### Reading Comprehension Through Unseen Passages

**1. Read the following text. 10**

1. Nature depletion to most of us has been reduced to threats of global warming. With the forest cover depleted to a minimum, animals poached to extinction and holidays in wildlife sanctuaries, the interest of a few to link with nature seems like a distant possibility. Zoos and zoological parks remain the only places for the multitudes to connect with wildlife.
2. Traditionally, zoos have provided an economic form of recreation for people from various strata of society, income and educational levels, ages and socio-economic backgrounds. They offer a large vista of possibilities to educate and sensitise people. According to CEE India, "In India there are more than 150 zoos and they attract as many as 50 million visitors annually."
3. Today, children have a wide disconnect with nature. An attractive place is required for nature education that will provide a competition to internet, television and play stations. Zoos are a place where children get to see the animals. It gives form to their imagination and opens a new world of curiosity. Many grow up to become crusaders of wildlife protection.
4. In India, Reuben David, a champion of wildlife, created the Ahmedabad zoo. During his time, the zoo became one of the most remarkable zoos of India and contributed substantially to conservation and research. Animals are exchanged between zoos of the world.
5. Man-animal conflict continues to intensify. The Wildlife Protection Society of India estimated that at least 3189 leopards were killed from 1994 to 2010. Leopards are targeted as they attack livestock and enter human habitation. Wild animals need protection.
6. Some animal activists talk about banning zoos. What is the alternate plan to save various critically endangered species? Banning zoos might just accelerate their extinction. Zoos provide breeding places for the species that face a threat of extinction in the jungles. When a species is confined to one place, it faces a threat of being wiped away by disease, famine or epidemic. Many species are bred in zoos and reintroduced in their natural habitats.
7. The issue should not be to ban the ill-maintained zoos but to put more investment into creating a naturalized environment, keeping animals healthy and well fed, facilitating captive breeding programmes, carrying out researches, restoring endangered species, understanding animal behaviour, improving animal husbandry, develop

conservation initiatives and educate the visitors. Zoos, a substantial way of conservation, provide life-system education and have immense educational and research value.

**Answer the following questions, based on the passage above.**

- i.** Many species are bred in zoos and reintroduced in their natural habitats. The word 'reintroduced' means. 1
- (a) sent back to their original surroundings.
  - (b) introduced to animals.
  - (c) familiarized with the jungle.
  - (d) introduced to humans
- ii.** List the reason why zoos offer a large vista of possibilities to the multitudes. Rationalise your response in about 40 words. 2
- iii.** Complete the sentence appropriately. 1  
The author's use of the phrase 'wildlife crusaders' for children stems from \_\_\_\_\_.
- iv.** The passage includes some words that are related to each other in functionality. From the sets (a)-(e) below, identify two such sets. 1
- (a) famine and epidemic
  - (b) television and play stations
  - (c) zoos and zoological parks (d) conservation and research
  - (e) healthy and well-fed
- v.** Use information from the passage to complete the sentence given below appropriately. 1 The author advocates that even ill-maintained zoos should not be closed or banned; instead \_\_\_\_\_.
- vi.** Based on the reading of the passage, examine, in about 40 words, what makes the author say that the link between man and nature has been broken. 2
- vii.** Zoos help children become 'crusader's of wildlife protection because 1
- (a) they do not like animal locked in cages,
  - (b) they understand that caring for animals is a good profession.
  - (c) zoos sensitise children to animals (d) they learn to help animals.
- viii.** Some activists have suggested banning zoos. Why is this not a viable scenario according to the author? 1

**2. Read the following text. 10**

1. Data released by India's food quality regulator, the Food Safety and Standards Authority of India (FSSAI) earlier, shows that nearly 25% of samples of edible goods it tested this year were found to be adulterated or in violation of prescribed standards.

2. The samples included milk and dairy products, spices, cereals as well as branded food products. A total of 85,729 samples were sent, so far. FSSAI carried out the testing following a spike in complaints from consumers over quality and adulteration, said an agency official.
3. According to the data, 20,390 samples of the 85,729 sent to the agency were found to be non-conforming to prescribed standards. While agency officials maintain that Food Safety Officers in each state regularly test samples to check for compliance and also take recourse in cases of violations according to the Food Safety and Standards Act, 2006, experts claim that poor enforcement on the ground and a lack of awareness plague the process.
4. Consumer activist Bijon Mishra said the lengthy legal procedure involved in penalizing violators provides an opportunity to the accused to keep doing business. "Law enforcement is very poor. It takes years to finalise a case and by that time, sellers keep on making profits. Moreover, people are also not aware. Hardly anybody complains about adulteration," he added.
5. Umesh Sharma, an advocate, said enforcement of rules is very poor on the ground. "The issue is directly related to public health and the government should take serious initiatives to implement food safety rules," he said. Data from the agency shows an abysmal conviction rate.
6. In 2017, the Law Commission issued a set of recommendations regarding the issue. The panel had recommended that IPC Sections 272 (dealing with adulteration of food and drinks) and 273 (dealing with the sale of noxious food and drinks) be amended to make adulteration a serious crime. It was also recommended that depending on the gravity of the offence, punishment can include life imprisonment and the minimum sentence should be six months in jail term.
7. The panel, headed by former Supreme Court judge BS Chauhan, also wanted amendments to Section 357 of the Criminal Procedure Code so that courts can order compensation for victims.

**Answer the following questions, based on the passage above.**

- i. Complete the following sentence. 1  
IPC 272 and 273 amendments were added to \_\_\_\_\_.
- ii. Fill in the blank to complete the following sentence. 1  
..... allows the penalised to continue their business.
- iii. Explain why penalising adulteration in India is challenging in about 40 words. 2
- iv. What did the data revealed by FSSAI show? 1
- v. Substitute the word 'punishing' with ONE WORD similar in meaning, in the following, sentence from Paragraph 4. 1  
The lengthy procedure involved in punishing violators provides an opportunity to the accused to keep doing business.
- vi. Based on your understanding of the passage, choose the option that lists the punishments set for offenders. 1  
(a) Life imprisonment

- (b) Public shaming
- (c) Sentence of 6 months
- (d) Both (a) and (c) **vii.** Which samples were tasted by FSSAI and why? Also, what did the data suggest?

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viii. Which of the following recommendations were made by the law commission regarding the issue?

- (a) Minimum sentence should be six months' jail term.
- (b) Depending on the gravity of the offence, punishment can include life imprisonment.
- (c) Adulteration became a serious crime.
- (d) All of the above

## SECTION B - GRAMMAR & WRITING SKILLS 20

### GRAMMAR 10

3. Complete ANY TEN of twelve of the following tasks, as directed. 1#10=10

i. Fill in the blank by choosing the correct option to complete the sentence. 1

The mechanic \_\_\_\_\_ the vehicle since the morning.

- (a) repaired
- (b) repairing
- (c) has been repairing
- (d) will be repairing

ii. Read the conversation between customer and shopkeeper. Complete the sentence by reporting shopkeeper's reply correctly. 1

Customer : Can I have a bottle of juice?

Shopkeeper : Sorry, we only have milk bottles.

The customer asked the shopkeeper if he could have a bottle of juice. The shopkeeper apologized and said \_\_\_\_\_.

iii. Select the correct option to fill in the blank for the given line. 1

Genius does what it must, and talent does what it \_\_\_\_\_.

- (a) can
- (b) would
- (c) may
- (d) should

iv. Select the option that identifies the error and supplies the correction for the following line : 1 There are not some buses because the drivers have gone on a strike.

Option No.	Error	Correction
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(a)	are	is
(b)	the	a
(c)	some	any
(d)	have	has

v. Complete the given sentence, by filling in the blank with the correct option : I have \_\_\_\_\_ Lakshmi for the past twelve years.

- (a) know
- (b) knew
- (c) known
- (d) knows

vi. Fill in the blank by using the correct form of the word in the bracket. 1

According to the news, the shower \_\_\_\_\_ (were) to take place.

vii. Report the dialogue between Meena and Neha, by completing the narration : 1

Meena : Tomorrow is your birthday, what do you want as a gift? Neha :  
That is a lovely thought but I don't want anything.

Meena asked Neha since the next day was her birthday, \_\_\_\_\_. Neha replied that that was a lovely thought but she did not want anything.

viii. Identify the error in the given sentence and supply the correction. 1

Dawn's favorite activity is draw sketches of her family.

Use the given format for your response.

Error	Correction

ix. Transform the following direct speech into reported speech : 1

He said, "Has anybody been unkind to you ?"

x. Identify the error in the given sentence and supply the correction. 1

There must have been something wrong with the cooker today.

Use the given format for your response.

Error	Correction

- xi.** Select the correct option to complete the narration of the dialogue between Tanmay and Astha. 1 Tanmay : How did you spend your vacation? Astha : I visited Kashmir with my parents.

Tanmay asked Astha how she had spent her vacation. Astha replied that \_\_\_\_\_.

- (a) she has visited Kashmir with her parents  
 (b) she had visited Kashmir with her parents  
 (c) she have visited Kashmir with her parents  
 (d) she hadn't visited Kashmir with her parents
- xii.** Identify the error in the given sentence and supply the correction. We can expect few more mosquitoes after continued falls of rain.

Use the given format for your response.

Error	Correction

## WRITING 10

*Note : All details presented in the questions are imaginary and created for assessment purpose.*

### 4. Attempt ANY ONE from A and B given below. 5

- A.** You are Arihant/Ananya of Ashok Vihar. Write a letter of complaint to Cabinet World regarding the faulty cabinet that they have sold to you. Invent the necessary details on your own.

**Or**

- B.** You are Mohammad Ali/Sahiba Ali, residing in 1545, Kirti Nagar, New Delhi. Write a letter to the Deputy Commissioner of Police, drawing his attention to the deteriorating law and order situation in the city.

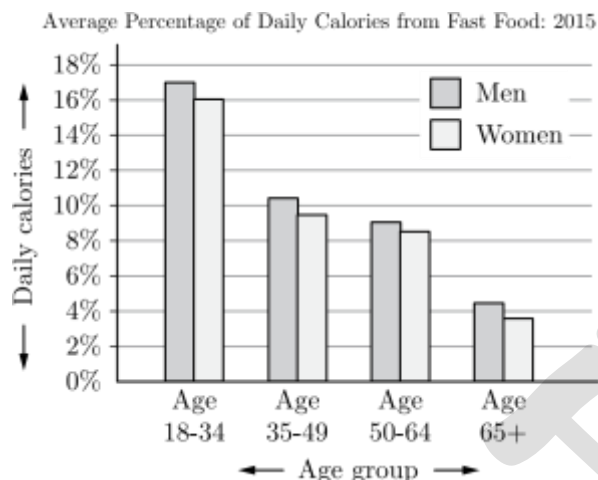
### 5. Attempt ANY ONE from A and B given below. 5

- A.** The following line graph shows the average monthly temperatures in three major cities. Write an analytical paragraph on the basis of the line graph reporting the important information and making comparisons where relevant.



Or

**B.** The graph below shows fast food consumption among men and women in 2015. Write an analytical paragraph in 100-120 words by selecting and reporting the main features, and make comparisons where relevant.



### SECTION C - LITERATURE 40

#### 6. Read the given extracts and answer the questions for ANY ONE of the two, given. 5

A. “He knows that I am lost”, I thought ‘He’s trying to help me.” He turned his aeroplane slowly to the north, in front of my Dakota, so that it would be easier for me to follow him. I was very happy to go behind the strange aeroplane like an obedient child. After half an hour the strange black aeroplane was still there in front of me in the clouds. Now, there was only enough fuel in the old Dakota’s last tank to fly for five or ten minutes more. I was starting to feel frightened again. But then he started to go down and I followed through the storm.

( *Two Stories about Flying—Black Aeroplane* ) i.

State TRUE or FALSE. 1

None of the following points perfectly justifies this statement.

“He knows that I am lost”, I thought ‘He’s trying to help me.”

- (a) It’s true because the stranger-pilot knew how to negotiate the storm quite well.
- (b) It’s false because the stranger-pilot was out to trick the author.
- (c) Definitely true because the stranger pilot had been sent by God to help the author.
- (d) It was probably the author’s subconscious that was trying to find a way out.

ii. The author says, “But then he started to go down and I followed through the storm.” What happened after this? Answer in about 40 words. 2

iii. Which figure of speech has been used in the given statement: “I was very happy to go behind the strange aeroplane like an obedient child”? 1

iv. If this extract were to be filmed, what would be required to bring out the dramatic effect of this moment? 1

Or

**B.** “We have an Indian legend too. Bodhidharma, an ancient Buddhist ascetic, cut off his eyelids because he felt sleepy during meditations. Ten tea plants grew out of the eyelids. The leaves of these plants when put in hot water and drunk banished sleep.”

“Tea was first drunk in China,” Rajvir added, “as far back as 2700 B.C.! In fact, words such as tea, ‘chaff’ and ‘chini’ are from Chinese. Tea came to Europe only in the sixteenth century and was drunk more as medicine than as a beverage.” The train clattered into Mariani Junction. The boys collected their luggage and pushed their way to the crowded platform.

( *Glimpses of India* )

- i.** In the statement, ‘The boys collected their luggage and pushed their way to the crowded platform’ the meaning of ‘pushed their way’ means \_\_\_\_\_. 1
- (a) to remove physical obstacles
  - (b) to ward away rules and restrictions
  - (c) to shove someone
  - (d) to make way for yourself
- ii.** Why did Rajvir have to convince Pranjol with an Indian legend about the origin of tea too? Answer in about 40 words. 2
- iii.** Below are given some sentences with the word ‘legend.’ Which of these has expressed the same meaning as in the passage? 1
- (a) The football superstar, Messi is a living sports legend of our times.
  - (b) The Legend of Rama also has an animated version very popular even in Japan.
  - (c) The arrogance of some world politicians cum dictators is legendary.
- iv.** Which word in the extract is similar in meaning to a ‘short loud repeated sound’? 1

**7. Read the given extracts and answer the questions for ANY ONE of the two, given. 5**

**A.** Belinda embraced him, Mustard licked him, No one mourned for his pirate victim.

Ink and Blink in glee did gyrate Around the dragon that ate the pirate.

( *The Tale of Custard the Dragon* ) **i.**

Fill in the blanks. 1

The figure of speech other than alliteration in ‘Ink and Blink in glee did gyrate’ is \_\_\_\_\_ because of \_\_\_\_\_.

- ii.** What is the reason for this sudden show of affection? Which words indicate this change in behaviour and mood in the extract? 1

- iii. Which of the following best describes the way the dragon drove fear into the heart of the pirate? 1 (a) He whistled like an engine.  
(b) He snorted like an engine.  
(c) He cluttered, clinked, and jingled.  
(d) He clashed and crushed the pirate.
- iv. Comment on the poet's use of repetition of sounds in these lines. 2

Or

B. "The way a crow shook  
down on me The dust of  
snow From a hemlock  
tree."

( *Dust of Snow* ) i.

In what way does the language used in this poem challenge traditional ideas of what poetry should be? 1

- ii. What is the significance of an uncommon bird like a crow and a poisonous tree in the poem? What do they reflect about the poet and his overall mood and tone of the poem? Answer in about 40 words. 2
- iii. Complete the sentence with the appropriate option. 1  
Of the many symbols the Hemlock tree represents, the one that Frost drew upon in all likelihood, for this poem is \_\_\_\_\_. (a) longevity  
(b) togetherness  
(c) healing  
(d) protection
- iv. Identify how has Frost used contrast in the given lines of the poem. 1

8. Answer ANY FOUR of the following five questions, in about 40-50 words. 4#3=12

- i. What does Chubukov at first suspect Lomov had come to his house for ? 3  
( *The Proposal* )
- ii. How did Valli manage to leave her house? 3  
( *Madam Rides the Bus* )
- iii. 'Money is external.' What does the poet John Berryman mean by these words? 3 ( *The Ball Poem* )
- iv. The "yellow hair" is a symbol in the poem. Briefly support the statement with reference to the poem "For Anne Gregory". 3
- v. How far would you agree that one's positivity can bring in a spark of brightness even in adverse circumstances? 3

( A Letter to God )

**9. Answer ANY TWO of the following three questions, in about 40-50 words. 2#3=6**

- i.** Was there any balcony outside the window? What role does it play in the story, 'The Midnight Visitor'? 3
- ii.** 'If the theory proves correct, it will be a big step towards understanding the processes of life.' What is the theory and who proposed it? 3  
( The Making of a Scientist )
- iii.** What happened at the ball ? Was Matilda's dream fulfilled? 3  
( The Necklace )

**10. Answer ANY ONE of the following two questions, in about 100-120 words. 1#6=6**

- A.** According to Nelson Mandela, every man in life has twin obligations. What are these obligations ? Do you agree with Nelson Mandela's opinion about the 'twin obligations'?  
( Nelsom Mandela : Long Walk to Freedom )

**Or**

- B.** How does Amanda tackle the nagging nature of her parents? Explain with examples from the poem 'Amanda!'. What values does it portray about Amanda?

**11. Answer ANY ONE of the following two questions, in about 100-120 words. 1#6=6**

- A.** "Oh I will, Mr Herriot. I'm sure you are right, but it is so difficult, so very difficult."  
Above statement easily shows that Mrs Pumphrey is a very loving and caring mistress for Tricki. Explain the truth with instances from the story 'A Triumph of Surgery'.

**Or**

- B.** "A lawless scientist is a curse to the society."  
Discuss with reference to the story 'Footprints without Feet'.



## Sample Paper 10

Class X Exam 2023-24

### English Language and Literature (184)

Time Allowed : 3 Hrs. Maximum Marks: 80

**General Instructions:**

1. The Question Paper contains THREE sections READING, GRAMMAR & WRITING and LITERATURE.
  2. Attempt question based on specific instructions for each part.
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#### SECTION A - READING SKILLS 20

##### Reading Comprehension Through Unseen Passages

**1. Read the following text. 10**

1. The funding crisis at many zoos has reopened the debate over the value of zoos and whether they should be allowed to exist at all. People who are in favour of zoos argue that they perform an essential role in conserving rare animal species. Over the past 20 years zoos have developed programmes designed to help preserve endangered species. This involves breeding animals in captivity in 'captive breeding programmes'-and then reintroducing them into their natural habitats to replenish the number living in the wild.
2. Zoos cooperate with each other in order to ensure the success of their breeding programmes. Animals are passed from one zoo to another in order to prevent inbreeding-breeding from closely related animals. If animals that are closely related to one another mate there is a danger that they will produce deformed offspring.
3. Supporters of zoos argue that they have an important role in educating children, millions of who visit zoos every year. Television-viewing is no substitute for encountering real animals, they argue. Zoos also carry out important research, for example, on the best conditions for rare species to reproduce. If zoos were forced to close, it would be disastrous for world conservation, zoo supporters say. And most animals in captivity would have to be killed.
4. Opponents of zoos accept that some species have been saved from extinction by 'captive breeding programmes', but they argue that this offers no solution to the worldwide conservation crisis. The number of animals protected by zoos is tiny compared with the overall problem. It cost millions to save the Arabian onyx from dying out; but could that amount be available for every species that is endangered? The value of zoo-breeding programmes is also questioned as some species, such as the African elephant, do not reproduce well in captivity.
5. Captive animals are often kept in poor and inhumane conditions, opponents say. In the worst zoos, animals are still displayed for the entertainment of the public. Where animals are placed in impoverished and unsuitable surroundings, they often behave in abnormal and neurotic ways. It is common for polar bears constantly to pace up and down or twist their heads and circle over and over again. This behaviour is now recognised by scientists as a sign of stress and frustration. When children visit zoos where animals are acting in neurotic and abnormal ways, they are not being educated. Instead, opponents say, they are being given inaccurate information.

**Answer the following questions, based on the passage above.**

- i.** What are the advantages of zoos? 1
- (a) Children are educated about wildlife in zoos.
  - (b) Breeding of endangered species is done.
  - (c) Both (a) and (b)
  - (d) None of the above
- ii.** How would closing of zoos be disastrous? Answer in about 40 words. 2
- iii.** Complete the following with a reason from paragraph 2 : 1  
Inbreeding can lead to deformed animals because \_\_\_\_\_.
- iv.** The passage includes some words that are opposites of each other. From the sets (a)-(e) below, identify a set of synonyms. 1
- (a) Reproduce and breed
  - (b) Rare and endangered
  - (c) Supporters and opponents
  - (d) Crisis and solution
  - (e) Reintroduce and replenish
- v.** Complete the sentence appropriately. 1  
Cooperation amongst zoos support Captive Breeding Programme by \_\_\_\_\_ .
- vi.** Supply the disadvantages of zoo. (Answer in about 40 words.) 1  
real animals, \_\_\_\_\_
- (a) which can irritate the animals in the zoo
  - (b) which gives visitors a chance to take pictures with animals
  - (c) but visitors do not always see the natural behaviour of animals
  - (d) None of the above
- vii.** Zoos provide a chance to encounter
- viii.** Do you think captive breeding programmes are 100% successful? 1

**2. Read the following text. 10**

1. Access to primary education is a basic right of every child. An effective primary education can build a solid foundation and open avenues for future success. With its profound implications on both the individual and society, primary education plays a crucial role in reducing extreme poverty and promoting social changes. The Sustainable Development Agenda acknowledges the importance of primary education in Goal 4 which stipulates that by 2030, the world should ensure inclusive and equitable quality education and promote lifelong learning

opportunities for all, including a target on universal access to primary education. Though there are varying standards, primary education is typically designed for children 6 to 11 years of age.

2. Significant progress has been made toward achieving universal primary education. Globally, the adjusted net attendance rate reached 87 percent in 2019 and about four out of five children attending primary education completed it. Additionally, over the past two decades, the number of out-of-school children was reduced by over 40 percent. However, there is still a long way to go: 58 million children of primary school age remain out of school, with the majority of them coming from marginalised groups. In addition, recent Multiple Indicator Cluster Surveys (MICS) results show that many children do not have foundational reading and numeracy skills, highlighting the massive challenge to achieving inclusive and equitable quality education for all.
3. Globally, a lower proportion of children from the poorest families attend primary education compared with their wealthier peers. While almost all children from the top wealth quintile attend primary education, only 75 percent of children from the bottom wealth quintile do.
4. Across different regions, household wealth impacts primary school completion rates differently. West and Central Africa has the largest gap of 58 percentage points in primary school completion rates between the richest and poorest quintiles. In contrast, in East Asia and the Pacific and Latin America and the Caribbean, children from the top and bottom wealth quintiles complete primary school at more similar rates, with a gap of just 13 percentage points.
5. In the past 20 years, the number of out-of-school children of primary education age fell by more than 40 per cent, from 99 million in 2000 to 58 million in 2019. However, 54 per cent of these out-of-school children were girls. Despite this tremendous progress, the world must accelerate the pace at which the number of out-of-school children is reduced, as the total has remained stagnant since 2007.

**Answer the following questions, based on the passage above.**

- i. Complete the following sentence appropriately. 1  
\_\_\_\_\_ have the highest rates of primary education completion in the rich quintile.
- ii. Fill the blanks with the appropriate option from those given in brackets, based on your understanding of the passage : 1  
There was a decline of \_\_\_\_\_ (from 99 million in 2000 to 58 million in 2019/ from 99 million in 2000 to 68 million in 2019) in the number of out-of-school children of primary education age is seen in the past two decades.
- iii. How is primary education critical to both an individual and a society? 2
- iv. State one target related to primary education. 1
- v. How much decline in the number of out-of-school children of primary education age is seen in the past two decades? 1
- vi. Which word can substitute the word 'Foundational' in the following, sentence from paragraph 2. 1 In addition, recent Multiple Indicator Cluster Surveys (MICS) results show that many children do not have foundational reading and numeracy skills, highlighting the massive challenge to achieving inclusive and equitable quality education for all.  
(a) Essential

- (b) Fundamental
- (c) Required
- (d) Primary

- vii.** How does the Sustainable Development Goals give importance to primary education? 2 **viii.** In 2019, about four out of five children attending primary education completed it suggests that 1
- (a) almost 100% children completed primary education
  - (b) about 80% children completed the primary education
  - (c) more than 80% children completed primary education
  - (d) less than 80% children completed primary education

## SECTION B - GRAMMAR & WRITING SKILLS 20 GRAMMAR 10

### 3. Complete ANY TEN of twelve of the following tasks, as directed. 1#10=10

- i.** Fill in the blank by choosing the correct option to complete the sentence. 1  
At one time, Mr. Nigel \_\_\_\_\_ this supermarket.
- (a) owned
  - (b) used to own
  - (c) had owned
  - (d) was owing
- ii.** Read the conversation between Nisha and Anjali. Complete the narration by reporting Anjali's reply correctly. 1  
Nisha : I want to improve my command over the English language. Anjali : For that you need to do a lot of reading in English.  
Nisha said she wanted to improve her command over the English language. Anjali said that \_\_\_\_\_.
- iii.** Select the correct option to fill in the blank for the given line. 1  
Principal to a student : You \_\_\_\_\_ with bad girls.
- (a) must not mix
  - (b) cannot mix
  - (c) may not mix
  - (d) None of these
- iv.** Select the option that identifies the error and supplies the correction for the following line : 1 We, here in India have so many religions, we eat so many different foods, we wear so much different kinds of dresses.

Option No.	Error	Correction
(a)	much	many
(b)	eat	ate
(c)	have	has
(d)	wear	wears

v. Complete the given sentence, by filling in the blank with the correct option : 1

Two years have passed since he \_\_\_\_\_ here.

- (a) has come
- (b) come
- (c) came
- (d) had come

vi. Fill in the blank by using the correct form of the word in the bracket. 1

They \_\_\_\_\_ (wish) me on my birthday every year.

vii. Report the dialogue between Parul and Nikhil, by completing the narration : 1

Parul : Where did you spend your holidays? Nikhil : I went to many hill stations.

Parul asked Nikhil \_\_\_\_\_. Nikhil replied that he had gone to many hill stations.

viii. Identify the error in the given sentence and supply the correction. 1

I like to drinking juice in the morning, and tea at lunchtime.

Use the given format for your answer:

Error	Correction

ix. Transform the following direct speech into reported speech : 1

“Who now”, they had asked, “will listen to our troubles and protect us from the crocodiles ?”

x. Identify the error in the given sentence and supply the correction. 1

The father divided his property among his three sons lest they will quarrel afterwards.

Use the given format for your response.

Error	Correction

- xi.** Select the correct option to complete the narration of the dialogue between Arthur and Kevin. 1 Arthur :  
 Kevin, are you going to the hospital again? Is your mother okay?  
 Kevin : My mother is now better. Thank God, she has been back to normal since Friday.

Arthur asked Kevin if he was going to the hospital again. He also asked him whether his mother was okay. Kevin replied that \_\_\_\_\_ and thanking God, the boy said that his mother had been back to normal since.

- (a) his mother was better now
- (b) his mother had been better now
- (c) his mother is better now
- (d) his mother has been better now

- xii.** Identify the error in the given sentence and supply the correction. 1  
 I walk 3 kilometres each day to reach my school.

Use the given format for your response.

Error	Correction

### WRITING 10

*Note : All details presented in the questions are imaginary and created for assessment purpose.*

#### 4. Attempt ANY ONE from A and B given below. 5

- A.** You are Nitish /Nikita, the Head Boy/ Girl of Tagore Public School, Agra. Write a letter to Messers New Star Sports, Kalkaji, New Delhi asking them to send sports equipment for the games and sports department of your school.

**Or**

- B.** Write a letter to the editor of a local daily complaining against the school-bus drivers for rash-driving and overcrowding of buses causing risk to the lives of innocent school children. You are Dipti/Deepak of C-156, Janakpuri, New Delhi.

#### 5. Attempt ANY ONE from A and B given below. 5

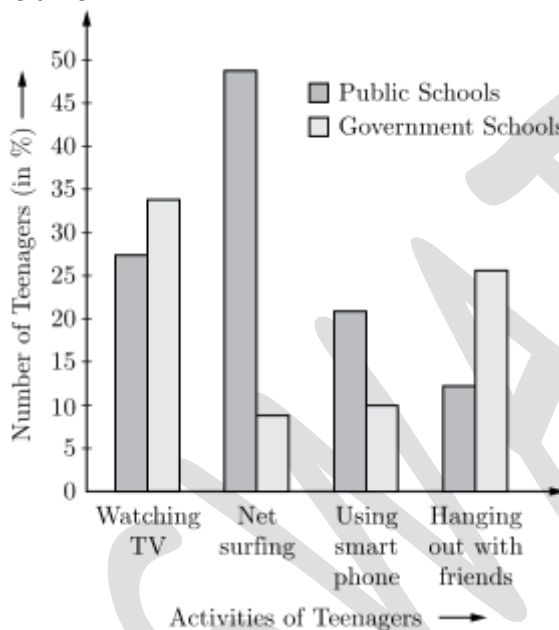
- A.** The following table gives information about some of the world’s most studied languages. Write an analytical paragraph summarizing the given information by analyzing and reporting the main and relevant information.

S. No.	Languages	No. of people studying a language	Native speakers of a language	Speakers in
1.	English	1.5 billion	527 million	101
2.	French	82 million	118 million	51
3.	Chinese	30 million	1.39 billion	33
4.	Spanish	14.5 million	389 million	31

5.	Italian	8 million	67 million	29
6.	Japanese	3 million	123 million	25

Or

**B.** Look at the given bar graph which shows the result of a survey conducted in the public and government schools of Mathura. The graph depicts the types of activities the teenagers from the age of 14 years to 19 years are involved in during their leisure time.



Write an analytical paragraph highlighting the result of the survey, including all the main points and relevant information.

### SECTION C - LITERATURE 40

**6. Read the given extracts and answer the questions for ANY ONE of the two, given. 5**

**A.** It was only when I began to learn that my boyhood freedom was an illusion when I discovered as a young man that my freedom had already been taken from me, that I began to hunger for it. At first, as a student, I wanted freedom only for myself, the transitory freedoms of being able to stay out at night, read what I pleased and go where I chose. Later, as a young man in Johannesburg, I yearned for the basic and honourable freedoms of achieving my potential, of earning my keep, of marrying and having a family - the freedom not to be obstructed in a lawful life.

( Nelson Mandela: Long Walk to Freedom ) **i.**

Why was freedom an illusion for the speaker? 1

**ii.** Why do you think the speaker mentions some freedoms as ‘transitory’? Answer in about 40 words. 2

**iii.** From where does the speaker’s hunger for freedom begin? 1

**iv.** State TRUE or FALSE 1

None of the terms (a)-(d) can be applied to the statement - "I yearned for the basic and honourable freedoms of achieving my potential".

- (a) A hypothesis - a proposed explanation for a phenomenon
- (b) An Assumption - Something that is taken for granted or assumed to be true
- (c) A hyperbole - exaggerated statements or claims not meant to be taken literally
- (d) A premise - a proposition that forms the basis of an argument

**Or**

**B.** "Marriage gifts are meaningless without the sweet bread known as the 'bol' just as a party or a feast loses its charm without bread. Not enough can be said to show how important a baker can be for a village. The lady of the house must prepare sandwiches on the occasion of her daughter's engagement. Cakes and 'bor are a must for Christmas as well as other festivals. Thus, the presence of the baker in the village is absolutely essential."  
( *Glimpses of India* )

- i.** Breads are a very important part of the culture of the people in Goa. Which of the given options does not corroborate the statement? 1
  - (a) Bols are central to marriage celebrations and festivals.
  - (b) Festivals especially Christmas are incomplete without cakes.
  - (c) Every house has their own furnace in Goa.
  - (d) Special sandwiches are made on a daughter's engagement.
- ii.** What makes the marriage gifts meaningless? Answer in about 40 words. 2
- iii.** The word 'sandwich' is named after the Earl of Sandwich who loved eating sandwiches. 1 Read the following descriptions (a)-(c) and identify which one does not correspond to the name of a person in its origin as shown in the extract.
  - (a) It is Murphy's Law.
  - (b) Maintain the temperature at 200 Fahrenheit.
  - (c) We are leaving for the Indira Gandhi International airport.
- iv.** What is the traditional name of bakers in Goa and what made them different from other people in appearance? 1

**7. Read the given extracts and answer the questions for ANY ONE of the two, given. 5**

**A.** An ultimate shaking grief fixes the boy As he stands rigid, trembling, staring down

All his young days into the harbour where His ball went. I would not intrude on him; A dime, another ball, is worthless. Now he senses first responsibility In a world of possessions.



( *The Ball Poem* ) i.

Fill the blank with one word. 1

The boy's ball went into the dark waters of the \_\_\_\_\_.

ii. What is the significance of the use of the words 'All his young days into the harbour' to describe the loss of the ball in the poem and how does this word choice contribute to the overall mood and tone of the poem? 1

iii. Complete the statement with correct facts : 1

'I' will not intrude on the boy because \_\_\_\_\_.

(a) he won't like the intrusion. (b) 'I' wants him to face the situation.

(c) another ball can be given to him. (d) the boy is stubborn.

iv. Comment on the poet's use of language in these lines. 2

Or

B. He stalks in his vivid stripes

The few steps of his cage,  
On pads of velvet quiet, In  
his quiet rage.

He should be lurking in shadow,

Sliding through long grass

Near the water hole Where  
plump deer pass.

( *A Tiger in the Zoo* ) i.

Why is the tiger in a 'quiet rage'? 1

ii. Complete the following sentence with the appropriate option. 1

The meaning of the line 'in his quiet rage' is \_\_\_\_\_.

(a) The tiger is hungry

(b) The tiger is sleepy

(c) The tiger is unhappy and controlling his anger

(d) The tiger is lazy

iii. How does the tiger show his presence? 1

iv. Why does a tiger express his rage quietly ? Answer in about 40 words. 2

8. Answer ANY FOUR of the following five questions, in about 40-50 words. 4#3=12

i. Mr. Keesing was a strict but kind teacher. Explain the truth of this statement. 3 ( *From the Diary of Anne Frank* )

- ii. What does Natalya say about the dog named Guess? 3  
( *The Proposal* )
- iii. How did the young seagull try to catch the attention of his family? 3  
( *Two Stories About Flying* )
- iv. How would a life on a tower be different from a life anywhere else for Amanda ? 3 ( *Amanda !* )
- v. Do you think the trees are justified in the revolt? State two values which man should possess to stop the revolt.  
3  
( *The Trees* )

**9. Answer ANY TWO of the following three questions, in about 40-50 words. 2#3=6**

- i. How and when did Matilda find the borrowed necklace missing ? 3  
( *The Necklace* )
- ii. “The two boys stared in surprise at the fresh muddy imprints of a pair of bare feet.” What did the bewildered boys observe while looking at these footprints ? 3  
( *Footprints Without Feet* )
- iii. Had Anil really forgiven Hari Singh ? Support your answer with evidence. 3 ( *The Thief’s Story* )

**10. Answer ANY ONE of the following two questions, in about 100-120 words. 1#6=6**

- A. “So, in order not to shake the writer’s faith in God, the postmaster came up with an idea to answer the letter”. What does this statement tell us about the postmaster? Was his idea successful ? How did the receiver react?  
( *A Letter to God* )

**Or**

- B. Being impressed by Custard’s feat, the young seagull’s sister wrote a letter to Custard seeking advice on addressing the situation with her young brother. Write Custard’s response to this letter. Base the advice from his experiences. You may begin like this:  
Dear Ms Seagull, Thank you for seeking me out. I am humbled. Based on my limited experiences I feel...  
( *The Tale of Custard the Dragon* )

**11. Answer ANY ONE of the following two questions, in about 100-120 words. 1#6=6**

- A. After reading the story ‘Bholi’ by the author K.A. Abbas, what impression do you form of the protagonist of the story Bholi?

**Or**

- B. “Horace had some hope because she seemed to be amused at meeting him.” Why did Horace feel so? Did he consider the young lady compassionate towards him? Did he find her free from biases? Discuss the values Horace should have imbibe understanding of the person.  
( *A Question of Trust* )

## Sample Paper 11

### Class X Exam 2023-24

#### English Language and Literature (184)

**Time Allowed : 3 Hrs. Maximum Marks: 80**

**General Instructions:**

1. The Question Paper contains THREE sections READING, GRAMMAR & WRITING and LITERATURE.
  2. Attempt question based on specific instructions for each part.
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#### SECTION A - READING SKILLS 20

##### Reading Comprehension Through Unseen Passages

**1. Read the following text. 10**

1. The seasonal problem of water taps running dry is plaguing most of our major cities. With the bigger rivers flowing in trickles and ponds and wells reduced to clay pits, village women in remote areas have to fetch every drop of water for drinking, cooking, washing and so on, across large distances. This has only worsened a perennial problem, that of widespread pollution of water, rendering it unfit for human consumption. The monsoons and the attendant floods will not solve this problem.
2. The Delhi Administration is seriously worried about the threat to civic health posed by the polluted waters of the Yamuna. Two main tanks are to be set up to treat sewage. At present, only 60 per cent of the 200 million gallons of the city's sewage receives any kind of treatment before it is dumped into the river which supplies water not only to this city but to innumerable towns and villages downstream. The Ganga, the Yamuna, the Kaveri, in fact, all our important rivers serving many urban conglomerations, are fast becoming a major source of diseases.
3. A comprehensive bill introduced in the Parliament recently envisages the setting up of central and state boards for the prevention and control of water pollution. But it will obviously take some time before legislation is passed and effectively implemented. Meanwhile, the problem continues to swell. According to a survey of eight dwelling countries conducted a couple of years ago, 90 percent of all child deaths were due to water-borne diseases. It is the same unchanged story today.
4. In a country like India, a burgeoning population continuing to use the open countryside as a lavatory means that with every dust storm and rain, human excreta laden with germs and parasites find their way to ponds, shallow wells and even the streams and rivers. Only 18 percent of the rural folk have access to potable water.
5. A new threat that has already assumed alarming proportions is industrial waste which is generally dumped untreated into the nearest river. For instance, for every kilogram of process hide, 30-40 litres of foul-smelling, wastewater has to be disposed of. There are at least 900 licensed tanneries in the organised sector. Putrefied paper and jute waste, metallic waste from strawboard and textile mills, sulphur, ammonia, urea, metallic salts and corrosive acids all find their way to the rivers of India.

6. It is important not only to make new laws to ensure the purity of water but also to realise the urgency of implementing them ruthlessly if we are to avoid a national health disaster cutting across the barrier between towns and the countryside.

**Answer the following questions, based on the passage above.**

- i.** Why does the writer say that 'this has only worsened a perennial problem'? 1
- (a) There is climate change and increasing floods.
  - (b) More and more is becoming unfit for human use.
  - (c) The water table has gone down.
  - (d) There is no more clean water.
- ii.** Based on your reading of the text, list two reasons why the writer says that 2  
According to a survey of eight dwelling countries conducted a couple of years ago, 90 percent of all child deaths were due to water-borne diseases. (Answer in about 40 words)
- iii.** Complete the sentence appropriately. 1  
Only 18 percent of the rural folk have access to potable water because \_\_\_\_\_.
- iv.** The passage includes some words that are opposites of each other. From the sets (a)-(e) given below, identify two sets of antonyms. 1
- (a) Reduce and swell
  - (b) Prevention and control
  - (c) Burgeoning and becoming
  - (d) Running and plaguing
  - (e) Town and countryside
- v.** Complete the sentence appropriately. 1  
The need of the hour to avoid a national health disaster is to \_\_\_\_\_.
- vi.** Which new threat is the writer talking about in Paragraph 5? Answer in about 40 words. 2
- vii.** Select the option that corresponds to the following relation below. 1  
A new threat that has already assumed alarming proportions is industrial waste which is generally dumped untreated into the nearest river. (Paragraph 5)
- (a) The crime rate is at its peak mainly caused due to inequality, financial burden and overexposure to television.
  - (b) Human behaviour is often affected by the people around them.
  - (c) Happiness can be found in even the smallest of things in life, said a wise person.
  - (d) In order to be successful, one needs to have patience and perseverance.

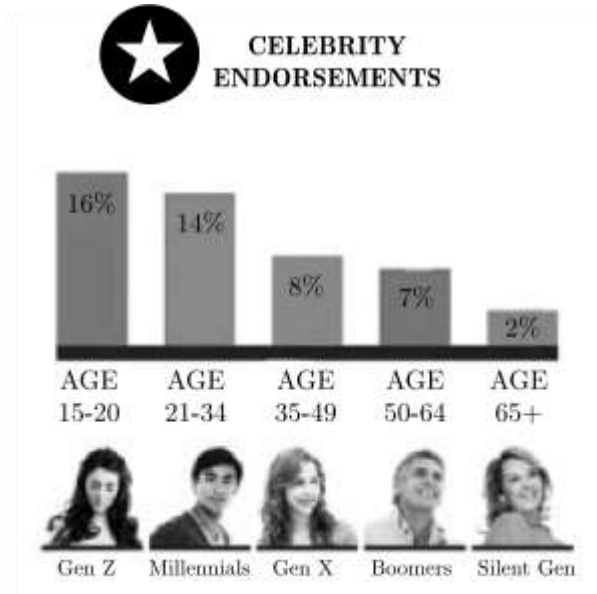
viii. The writer expresses his concern when he says only 18 percent of the rural folk have access to potable water.

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State one point that supports the above statement.

**2. Read the following text. 10**

1. Celebrities advertising products is nothing new, in fact, it has been part of our lives for years. Back in the 2000's, you couldn't sit through a commercial break without seeing the teen pop icon of that time, Britney Spears, endorsing Pepsi. The Pepsi legacy was later continued by the most famous celebrity Beyonce. She was paid millions to promote the carbonated drink, which outraged health advocacy groups. Many concerned people questioned her ethics, as to why she was supporting a drink that plays a major role in causing obesity.
2. With the growing importance of social media in a shopper's purchase journey, companies are evolving and stepping up the endorsement game across different channels. With celebrities vouching for promoting their products, brands can increase awareness, trust, and familiarity, which are important variables in the purchase decision-making process.
3. Consumers feel more sympathetic towards a brand if their products are promoted by a celebrity they admire or relate to. It's a simple psychological effect: people believe that purchasing a product that's promoted by a celebrity they admire, will allow them to emulate the celebrity's desired traits or attract similar people into their lives. They will associate the celebrities' success, beauty, athletic skill, etc. with a particular product.
4. Research by Nielson conducted in 2015 broke down the level of trust in advertising formats by different generations. It found that celebrity endorsements resonate more strongly with Generation Z (ages 15-20) and Millennial (ages 21-34) audiences. Brands are taking advantage of that by increasingly utilising the social media communities of celebrities. Social media is a way for consumers, in particular, those of younger demographics, to engage and build intimate connections with the celebrities they follow, making it the place for these celebrities to plug a company or a product on their personal social media accounts.
5. While celebrity endorsements certainly help to attract consumers, their direct influence on the consumers' purchasing decisions is inconclusive. As consumers are becoming better educated and have faster access to information, blind faith in celebrity endorsement is beginning to wane. They will be attracted to a brand because of a celebrity but they will quickly move away if the product does not perform. It's the quality of your product that will keep consumers coming back, not a celebrity link.
6. A brand needs to tell the consumer why a product makes sense for them as individuals and what problem they can solve with it, not solely rely on a real-life Barbie doll, athlete or pop-culture icon. If they can't, their products will lose value over time and consumers will be the first ones to turn their backs.

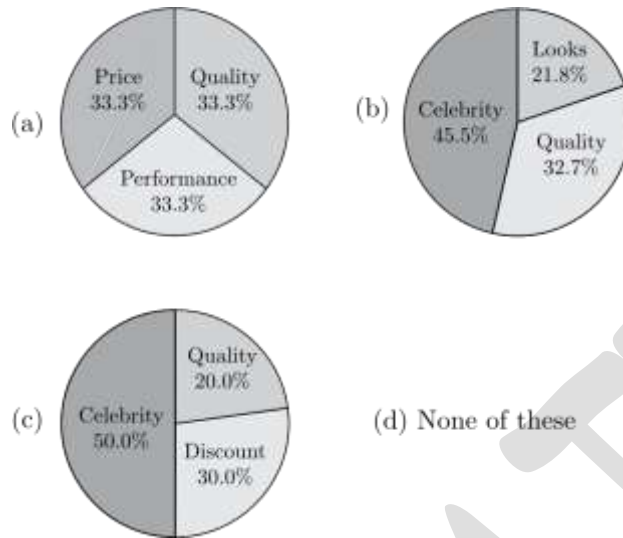


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Answer the following questions, based on the passage above.

- i. Complete the following sentence appropriately. 1  
Blind faith in celebrity endorsement is beginning to wane because \_\_\_\_\_.
- ii. Fill in the blanks. 1  
From Paragraph 3 we can infer that people believe that purchasing a product that's promoted by their favourite celebrity will help them \_\_\_\_\_ (emulate/desire) their traits or \_\_\_\_\_ (attract/repel) similar people into their lives.
- iii. Infer one reason for the following, based on information in Paragraph 2. Answer in about 40 words. 2 With celebrities vouching for promoting their products, brands can increase awareness, trust and familiarity.
- iv. List any one advantage of social media in brand promotion. 1 v. On the basis of the figure, which age group can be said to be believing of the celebrity endorsement? 1
- vi. Select the pie chart that appropriately depicts the needs of the customers that are well-informed and educated.

1



vii. List any 2 benefits of 'celebrity endorsement' as mentioned in paragraph 2 in about 40 words. 2

viii. Select the correct option to complete the following sentence. 1

Consumers are no longer lured by celebrity endorsements because \_\_\_\_\_ (Paragraph 5) (a) celebrities are too busy to promote these brands and their products.

(b) the brands are not collaborating with celebrities as they did earlier.

(c) they do not like celebrities anymore.

(d) they are more informed and will discontinue if the product lacks quality and does not perform.

**SECTION B - GRAMMAR & WRITING SKILLS 20 GRAMMAR 10**

3. Complete ANY TEN of twelve of the following tasks, as directed. 1#10=10

i. Fill in the blank by choosing the correct option to complete the magazine article. 1 The status of women in India \_\_\_\_\_ a gradual change.

(a) undergo (b) is undergoing

(c) undergoes (d) has undergone

ii. Read the conversation between a child and a balloon man. Complete the passage in the reported speech. 1

Child : I want a balloon, which I can release into the air.

Balloon man : Which colour do you want?

Child : Which colour will take me up with it?

A child told a balloon man that he wanted a balloon to which the balloon man asked \_\_\_\_\_. And the child then asked \_\_\_\_\_.

iii. Select the correct option to fill in the blank for the given narrative. 1

If you are nervous, \_\_\_\_\_ I speak to her?

- (a) shall (b) would  
(c) can (d) could

iv. Select the option that identifies the error and supplies the correction for the following line, from a news report : 1

Ten labourers are killed and four injured when the van in which they are travelling rammed into a truck parked at Rampura crossing.

Option No.	Error	Correction
(a)	are	were
(b)	into	at
(c)	when	where
(d)	at	by

v. Complete the given sentence by filling in the blank with the correct option. 1

Joshua, with his members, \_\_\_\_\_ really well.

- (a) sing (b) singing  
(c) have sung (d) sings

vi. Fill in the blank by using the correct form of the word in the bracket, for the given portion of a letter: 1 **Subject** : Increase of air pollution in East Hyderabad

Respected Sir/Ma'am,

I am writing to you \_\_\_\_\_ (bring) to your notice the increasing effect of air pollution in our neighbourhood and in the surrounding area.

vii. Report the dialogue between a policeman and a driver by completing the sentence: 1 **Policeman** : Why were you driving at such a high speed?

Driver : Sorry sir! The engine is not working properly.

Policeman : Come to the police station and bring your car.

The policeman asked the driver the reason for his high speed to which he replied \_\_\_\_\_.

viii. Identify the error in the given sentence from a book review and supply the correction. 1 **Money** is certainly necessary to survive. But is money the more important part of life?

Use the given format for your response:

Error	Correction

ix. Sushila shared some information with Uma about a visit to a zoo. Report Uma's question. 1 **Did you see the Royal Bengal Tiger?**

x. Identify the error in the given sentence and supply the correction. 1



You could not disturb him during his work.

Use the given format for your response.

Error	Correction

**xi.** Select the correct option to complete the narration of the dialogue between a mother and son: 1 Mother :  
What career do you want to choose in life?

Son : I want to become a doctor and serve my fellow beings.

The mother asked her son what career he wanted to choose in life, to which the son replied \_\_\_\_\_.

- (a) that he wanted to become a doctor and serve his fellow beings.
- (b) that he wants to become a doctor and serve his fellow beings.
- (c) that he wants to be a doctor
- (d) that I want to become a doctor and serve my fellow beings.

**xii.** Identify the error in the given sentence and supply the correction. 1

My writing is better than those of my friend.

Use the given format for your response.

Error	Correction

### WRITING 10

*Note : All details presented in the questions are imaginary and created for assessment purpose.*

#### 4. Attempt ANY ONE from A and B given below. 5

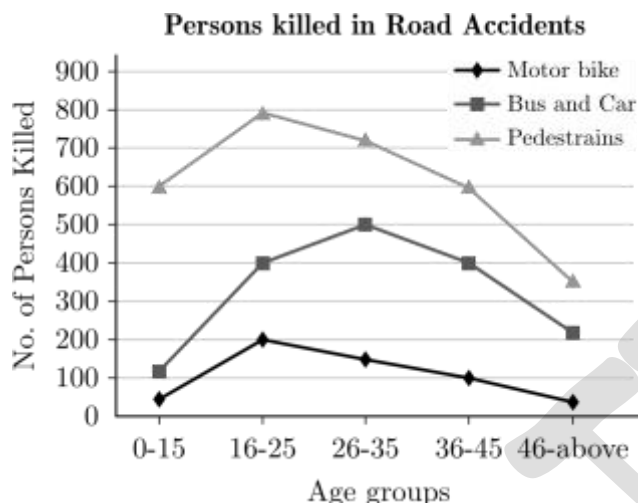
**A.** You are Amit Kapoor, resident of 43/9, Shyam Enclave, Delhi. You visited Manali with your family during the summer vacation. You had two double suites at Lake View resort. Your stay at the hotel fell far short of the description in the brochure. Write a letter of complaint to the Customer Service Department to refund for your hotel stay.

**Or**

**B.** Your music academy is planning to organise musical shows next month on the occasion of Janmashtmi. You are Minakshi/Pavan, the band leader of Sargam Music Academy, 55, Dwarka, Ahmedabad. You require some musical instruments for the smooth running of the events. Write a letter to the Store Manager, M/s. Sangeet Instruments, Daya Nagar, Ahmedabad placing an order for the specific instruments required by you.

#### 5. Attempt ANY ONE from A and B given below. 5

**A.** A line graph is given below. The graph shows the number of persons of different age groups killed in accidents. Analyse the given data in an analytical paragraph of 100-120 words.



Or

- B.** Read the following excerpt from a speech by Malala Yousafzai in her address to the United Nations, July 2013. The wise saying, “A pen is mightier than a sword” was true. The extremists are afraid of books and pens. The power of education frightens them. They are afraid of women. The power of the voice of women. Write a paragraph to analyse the given argument.

You could think about what alternative explanations might weaken the given conclusion and include rationale/evidence that would strengthen/counter the given argument.

### SECTION C - LITERATURE 40

**6. Read the given extracts and answer the questions for ANY ONE of the two, given. 5**

- A.** “It’s me! It’s my Great and Mighty Balloon Brain. The Earthlings have seen me, and they’re after me. “Had a great fail”.... That means they plan to capture Mars Central Control and me! It’s an invasion of Mars! Noodle, prepare a space capsule for me. I must escape without delay. Space people, you must leave Earth at once, but be sure to remove all traces of your visit. The Earthlings must not know that I know”  
 ( *The Book that Saved the Earth* ) **i.**

State any one inference about the speaker from the given context. 1

It’s an invasion of Mars!

- ii.** State TRUE or FALSE. 1

Think Tank was worried about his ‘Great and Mighty Balloon Brain’ and thought that the earthlings would catch him because of this. This thought matches none of the options given below.

- (a) It was a hypothesis.
  - (b) Think tank’s thought was based on an assumption.
  - (c) Think Tank’s premise was incorrect.
  - (d) This is not a valid theory.
- iii.** Elaborate in about 40 words the irony in the statement. 2

“Had a great fail”.... That means they plan to capture Mars Central Control and me!’ with reference to the extract.

- iv. Which rhyme would correctly substitute ‘signs’ in the given sentence from the extract? 1 No signs of Jewish worship have been found at Ostia, but at Portus a considerable number of Jewish inscriptions in Greek have come to light.

Or

B. The creature that emerged from this sack on to the spacious tiled floor of the Consulate bedroom, resembled most of all a very small mediievally-conceived, dragon. From the head to the tip of the tail he was coated with symmetrical pointed scales of mud armour, between whose tips was visible soft velvet fur like that of a chocolate-brown mole. He shook himself and I half expected a cloud of dust, but in fact, it was not for another month that I managed to remove the last of the mud and see the otter, as it were, in his true colours.

( *Mijbil the Otter* ) i.

Pick the option that classifies (F) Fact from (O) opinion. 1

1. I think the otter was caked with mud, initially.
2. I feel he was a fine pet for the author.
3. Oh come on, his fur was like that of a mole.
4. Let’s not forget the otter needed to be cleaned for a month.

(a) F 1 and 3, O 2 and 4 (b) F 2 and 3, O 1 and 4

(c) F 1 and 4, O 2 and 3 (d) F 1 and 2, O 3 and 4

- ii. What do these words reveal about the author’s personality? Answer in about 40 words. 2

‘But in fact, it was not for another month that I managed to remove the last of the mud and see the otter, as it were, in his true colours.

- iii. Study the statement, ‘From the head to the tip of the tail he was coated with symmetrical pointed scales...’ In which of the options given below, the meaning of the word coated as used in the statement has been used? 1

- (a) Roll the potato wedges in crumbs and fry.
- (b) His tongue is layered yellow due to long sickness.
- (c) My shoes were covered with mud after a long walk.

- iv. The meaning of the word armour in, ‘From the head to the tip of the tail he was coated with symmetrical pointed scales of mud armour’ is \_\_\_\_\_. 1

7. Read the given extracts and answer the questions for ANY ONE of the two, given. 5

- A. An ultimate shaking grief fixes the boy As he stands rigid, trembling, staring down All his young days into the harbour where His ball went.

( *The Ball Poem* ) i.

Fill the blank with one word. 1

The poet establishes the dark mood of the boy and the sad atmosphere that is reflected in the choice of words : 'rigid,' trembling,' and \_\_\_\_\_.

- ii. What themes are explored by the poet John Berryman in the poem 'The Ball Poem'? 1
- iii. The boy's reaction to the loss of the ball shows that \_\_\_\_\_. 1
  - (a) he would never feel happy again
  - (b) he would never play with another ball
  - (c) he would ask for a new ball
  - (d) he was very attached to the lost ball and was very upset about losing it.
- iv. Comment on the poet's use of symbolism in these lines. 2

Or

B. (There is a languid, emerald sea,  
where the sole inhabitant is me- a  
mermaid, drifting blissfully.)

( Amanda ! ) i. Complete the sentence with the appropriate option. 1

"There is a languid, emerald sea, where  
the sole inhabitant is me"

The poet has used \_\_\_\_\_ poetic device in the given lines.

- (a) Assonance (b) Personification
- (c) Enjambment (d) Synecdoche

ii. Comment on the imagery that the poet creates in these lines in about 40 words. 2

- iii. Why does Amanda want to be sole inhabitant of sea? 1
- iv. Why is this stanza given within brackets in the poem? 1

8. Answer ANY FOUR of the following five questions, in about 40-50 words. 4#3=12

- i. What saddened Valli on her first journey by bus? How did it affect her? 3 ( *Madam Rides the Bus* )
- ii. Explain the symbols used in the poem "Fire and Ice" by Robert Frost. 3
- iii. "You seem to have done your homework before coming,". Who has done the homework and why is it so impressive? 3  

( *Glimpses of India* )
- iv. Describe the pirate who comes through the window? What do all of them do when the pirate comes? 3 ( *The Tale of Custard the Dragon* )
- v. 'Sympathy and kindness are human virtues'. Write a character sketch of the postmaster with reference to these human virtues. 3  

( *A Letter to God* )

**9. Answer ANY TWO of the following three questions, in about 40-50 words. 2#3=6**

- i.** Why is Horace described as good and respectable, but not completely honest? 3 ( *A Question of Trust* )
- ii.** Why was the entire staff of Mrs. Pumphrey at work while Tricki was being taken to the hospital? 3 ( *A Triumph of Surgery* )
- iii.** Describe the internal conflict in Hari Singh's mind before the theft. 3

( *The Thief's Story* )

**10. Answer ANY ONE of the following two questions, in about 100-120 words. 1#6=6**

- A.** Nelson Mandela and Carl Sandburg both described the arrival of things that were inevitable to stop democracy and fog, respectively. Assume that they both discuss their viewpoints.

Write this conversation as per your understanding of Nelson Mandela and Fog. You may begin like this:

Mandela : I could feel the change in weather of South Africa's political environment when our voice became united against apartheid.

Sandburg : And I could sense the literal change in weather with the arrival of fog. Some things have way of announcing their coming.

**Or**

- B.** "I was very happy to go behind the strange aeroplane like an obedient child."

Analysing the message of newfound hope in the given quote by the pilot (The Black Aeroplane), how can we say the feeling was mutual regarding the poet's upliftment of the mood (Dust of Snow)? Also, evaluate how both situations were similar or different.

**11. Answer ANY ONE of the following two questions, in about 100-120 words. 1#6=6**

- A.** Give the character-sketch of Matilda.

( *The Necklace* )

**Or**

- B.** "A good education can change anyone. A good teacher can change everything." Discuss this with reference to Bholi.

## Sample Paper 12

### Class X Exam 2023-24

#### English Language and Literature (184)

**Time Allowed : 3 Hrs. Maximum Marks: 80**

**General Instructions:**

1. The Question Paper contains THREE sections READING, GRAMMAR & WRITING and LITERATURE.
  2. Attempt question based on specific instructions for each part.
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#### SECTION A - READING SKILLS 20

##### Reading Comprehension Through Unseen Passages

**1. Read the following text. 10**

1. I know poverty and misery and I quite appreciate by personal experience what it is to be poor, what it is to have no clothes, what it is to have no books, what it is to struggle through life and what it is to walk through the streets without an umbrella, without conveyance along miles on dusty roads. I have been through it all and I can understand the difficulties that most of you graduates have to face today. I am speaking from a long experience of 60 years. Please do not imagine that all the 60 years are milk and roses. To be able to accomplish something, I want to tell you that you have to go through such experiences.
2. I admit success in life is not always to be intelligent or strong and it is to some extent a bit of a gamble, but those who get their minds right and those who know their job sooner or later, will sooner perhaps than later make their way in life. But they should not be disappointed if they do not, they have to face up to life and take it as they find it.
3. What I say is that the great things in life are not really great things in life. What I love is to enjoy the common things of life. I am happy that I am still able to sleep at night provided I have three miles walk in the evening. I am still able to enjoy a good lunch or a good dinner. I am still able to look at the blue sky and like it. I still like to walk in the open fields and like the smell of the Ragi or the Jowar.
4. We think that happiness consists of going to pictures and seeing thrilling films and technological dramas. Not at all, the great things in life are the God-given things which cost nothing. What you need is the desire to appreciate them. If you have your minds and hearts open, you have around you, things which give you joy. There is the butterfly jumping about in flourishing colours on all sides. Look at the the wonderful thing that God has given for our enjoyment.
5. We have to love nature and appreciate nature and appreciate the wonderful gifts of nature's marvellous ingenuity, resourcefulness and infinite variety. It is the same thing that has inspired me all of my life. **Answer the following questions, based on the passage above.**

**i. How had CV Raman's childhood been difficult? 1**

- (a) He had to run on the streets. (b) He never drank milk as a child.

- (c) He had lived life as a poor. (d) He had access to books only.
- ii.** What is the greatest lesson being taught by C V Raman’s speech? Answer in about 40 words. 2
- iii.** Complete the sentence appropriately. 1  
Life has been termed a gamble because \_\_\_\_\_.
- iv.** The passage includes some words that are opposites of each of each other. From the sets (a)-(e) below, identify two sets of antonyms : 1
- (a) Poverty and misery  
(b) Sooner and later  
(c) Ingenuity and infinite  
(d) Intelligent and strong  
(e) disappointed and happy
- v.** Complete the sentence appropriately. 1  
According to the author, the great things in life are \_\_\_\_\_.
- vi.** What are the qualities from the passage that the author wants us to imbibe? Answer in about 40 words. 2 **vii.** The writer says, “What I say is that great things in life are not really great thing in life.” 1 State the tone with which the writer says so.
- (a) Lively (b) Disdain  
(c) Humorous (d) Factual **viii.** What does the speaker love in life? 1

**2. Read the following text. 10**

1. Universal access to adequate sanitation is a fundamental need and human right. Securing access for all would go a long way in reducing illness and death, especially among children. ‘Safely managed’ sanitation services represent a higher service level that takes into account the final disposal of excreta, in addition to the ‘basic’ service level which requires an improved sanitation facility (such as flush toilets or latrine with a slab) not shared with other households.
2. Between 2000 and 2020, the global population increased by 1.7 billion people, but 2.4 billion people gained access to safely managed sanitation services, i.e. a basic facility where excreta are disposed of in situ or treated off-site. Still, in 2020 3.6 billion people lacked safely managed services, of which approximately half (1.9 billion) had basic services. Among the 1.7 billion people lacking even basic services, 580 million shared improved sanitation facilities with other households, counted as ‘limited’ services and 616 million used ‘unimproved’ facilities. The data reveal pronounced disparities, with twothirds of people who still lacked even basic services living in rural areas. Nearly half of them lived in sub-Saharan Africa.
3. Almost all developed countries have achieved universal access, but sanitation coverage varies widely in developing countries. In 2020, 62 countries achieved universal (>99 percent) access to basic services. Yet, in 48 countries, less than half of the population had safely managed services.

4. Defecating in the open is an affront to dignity and a risk to children's nutrition and to community health. The elimination of open defecation is recognised as a top priority for improving the health, nutrition and productivity of developing country populations and is explicitly mentioned in SDG target 6.2.
5. Among the 1.7 billion people without basic sanitation services in 2020, nearly a third (494 million) used no form of a toilet and practised open defecation. In 55 countries, more than 5 per cent of the population practised open defecation in 2020. Open defecation is most widespread in sub-Saharan Africa but is also high in Central and Southern Asia as well as Oceania.
6. In 17 countries, open defecation decreased by more than five percentage points between 2015 and 2020. Assuming current rates of progress continue the world and most SDG regions are on track to eliminate open defecation before 2030.

**Answer the following questions, based on the passage above.**

- i. Complete the following sentence. 1  
According to the passage, 'limited' services refers to \_\_\_\_\_ .
- ii. Fill in the blanks with appropriate word/words. 1  
There is a need to improve the health, nutrition and productivity of developing country populations to \_\_\_\_\_ .
- iii. Why is universal access to sanitation a central human right? 1
- iv. Why is open defecation widespread in Sub-Saharan, Central and Southern Asia and Oceania? 1 v.  
Mention the progress made in eliminating open defecation. Answer in about 40 words. 2
- vi. The statement "there is a wide difference between developed and developing countries in the sanitation coverage" means that 1
  - (a) in 48 countries, less than half of the population has safely managed services.
  - (b) 1.7 billion people are without basic sanitation services.
  - (c) nearly two-thirds of people still lack even basic services that live in rural areas.
  - (d) 62 countries in the world have achieved universal access to basic sanitation services
- vii. List any two ill effects of open defecation. (40 words) 2
- viii. What are the consequences of unsanitary conditions? 1
  - (a) Breeding grounds for mosquitoes (b) Illness and deaths
  - (c) Contaminated food and water (d) All of the above

**SECTION B - GRAMMAR & WRITING SKILLS 20**

**GRAMMAR 10**



**3. Complete ANY TEN of twelve of the following tasks, as directed. 1#10=10**

**i.** Fill in the blank by choosing the correct option to complete the magazine article. 1 The thief and the eye-witness \_\_\_\_\_.

- (a) has escaped (b) has been escaping  
(c) was escaping (d) have escaped

**ii.** Read the conversation between Rohit and Amal and complete the narration that follows : 1 Rohit : I'm really looking forward to the class picnic tomorrow.

Amal : Yes, after a long time we will be meeting all our friends and teachers.

When Rohit said that he was looking forward to their class picnic, Amal affirmed that \_\_\_\_\_.

**iii.** Select the correct option to fill in the blank for the given line to complete an online update. 1 During the college days, I \_\_\_\_\_ beat them all in the race!

- (a) could (b) should  
(c) can (d) might

**iv.** Select the option that identifies the error and supplies the correction for the following line, from self-help book: 1

Goals provides direction to our behaviour and guide our actions and thoughts.

Option No.	Error	Correction
(a)	provides	provide
(b)	behaviour	behaviours
(c)	to	for
(d)	guide	guides

**v.** Complete the notice by filling in the blank with the correct option: 1

The swimming pool \_\_\_\_\_ at 6 a.m. daily.

- (a) open (b) is opening  
(c) opened (d) opens

**vi.** Fill in the blank by using the correct form of the word in the bracket. 1

The forecast \_\_\_\_\_ (mention) a quiet start to the day with a spell of rain to come later on in the afternoon.

**vii.** Report the dialogue between two friends, by completing the sentence: 1

Susan : Do you have any story books to read, Dorothy?

Dorothy : I prefer watching movies in my free time.

In response to the question about story books, Dorothy says that \_\_\_\_\_.

**viii.** Identify the error in the given sentence from an article and supply the correction. 1 Overeating is one of the more wonderful practices among those who think that they can afford it.

Use the given format for your response.

Error	Correction

**ix.** Rohit shared some information with Ankit, about a movie. Report Ankit’s question. 1 Is the movie enjoyable?

**x** Identify the error in the given sentence and supply the correction. 1

It was a long day. You should be hungry.

Use the given format for your response.

Error	Correction

**xi** Select the correct option to complete the narration of the dialogue between Abraham and his brother John. 1

Abraham : (humming) By the rivers of Babylon we sat and wept at the memory of Zion,.....

John : What are you singing , Abraham ?

Abraham : Dear me , don’t you know its Psalm number 137?

John : If one priest found it difficult, then I’ll keep asking, till you know about it!

While Abraham was singing, John asked him what he was singing. Abraham, surprised, asked John if he did not know that it was Psalm number 137. John exclaimed good-humouredly that if a priest found it difficult then \_\_\_\_\_.

- (a) he would kept asking till he know about it.
- (b) he would keep asking till he knew about it.
- (c) he would be keeping to ask until he came to know about it.
- (d) None of the above

**xii** Identify the error in the given sentence and supply the correction. 1

There are so much ways of entertainment in life.

Use the given format for your response.

Error	Correction

### WRITING 10

Note : All details presented in the questions are imaginary and created for assessment purpose.

**4. Attempt ANY ONE from A and B given below. 5**

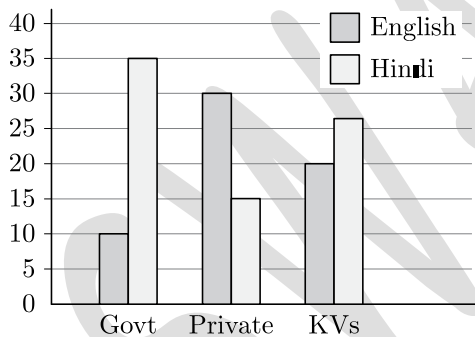
**A.** Write a formal letter (100-120 words) to the principal about the unhygienic conditions in the school washrooms.

**Or**

**B.** Write a letter to the Editor of a local newspaper complaining about employing minor children both boys and girls as full domestic help is a common feature, also advocating the need to stop such practice which deprives the children of their basic rights. You are Kumar/Nita, B-30, Mayur Vihar, Phase-II, Delhi.

**5. Attempt ANY ONE from A and B given below. 5**

**A.** Study the graph given below. The graph depicts the number of students of class tenth speaking English and Hindi in three different types of schools in New Delhi. Based on the details given in the bar graph given below, write an analytical paragraph in 100-120 words.



**Or**

**B.** Read the following excerpt from an article that appeared in the magazine section of a local daily: "Technology is addicting, and like any drug, it is especially effective on children. Be it cell phones, iPods, tablets, computers, or a simple television set, technology hooks children." Write a paragraph to analyse the given argument.

You could think about what alternative explanations might weaken the given conclusion and include rationale/evidence that would strengthen/counter the given argument.

**SECTION C - LITERATURE 40**

**6. Read the given extracts and answer the questions for ANY ONE of the two, given. 5**

**A. A.** He came with a big party of relations with him for the wedding. A brass-band playing a popular tune from an Indian film headed the procession, with the bridegroom riding a decorated horse. Ramlal was overjoyed to see such pomp and splendor. He had never dreamt that his.

( Bholi )

**i.** The given extract depicts an Indian wedding about to happen. Whose wedding is it? Does the wedding take place? Elaborate in about 40 words with reference to the extract. 2

**ii.** What had Ramlal never dreamt? 1

iii. State TRUE or FALSE. 1

None of the terms (a)-(d) can be applied to the statement - He came with a big party of relations with him for the wedding.

- (a) A hypothesis - a proposed explanation for a phenomenon
- (b) An assumption - something that is assumed to be true without proof or taken for granted
- (c) A hyperbole - exaggerated statements or claims not meant to be taken literally
- (d) A statement - a definite or clear expression of something in speech or writing

iv. Which phrase would correctly substitute 'splendor' in the given sentence from the extract? 1 Ramlal was overjoyed to see such pomp and splendor.

Or

B. "Now we're really going to get some water, woman." The woman who was preparing supper, replied, "Yes, God willing". The older boys were working in the field, while the smaller ones were playing near the house until the woman called to them all, "Come for dinner". It was during the meal that, just as Lencho had predicted, big drops of rain began to fall. In the north-east, huge mountains of clouds could be seen approaching. The air was fresh and sweet. The man went out for no other reason than to have the pleasure of feeling the rain on his body, and when he returned, he exclaimed, "These aren't raindrops

falling from the sky, they are new coins. The big drops are ten cent pieces and the little ones are fives."

( A Letter to God )

i. "These aren't raindrops falling from the sky, they are new coins. The big drops are ten cent pieces and the little ones are fives." 1

In which of the following examples has the same figure of speech been used to describe raindrops in the above lines?

- (a) She looked as fresh as morning dew.
- (b) Waves heaved heavily.
- (c) Glow worms are tiny lights floating around in the forest.
- (d) Break, break, break On thy cold gray stones, O Sea!

ii. How does Lencho's mood progress along with the progress of the? Answer in about 40 words. 2

iii. In the statement made by Lencho "Now we're really going to get some water, woman," water denotes rainfall. Which of the following pairs does not denote the same relationship? 1

- (a) earth - soil
- (b) sun - sky
- (c) fire - embers

iv. In the statement, 'The man went out for no other reason than to have the pleasure of feeling the rain on his body' use one word to replace the underlined part of the sentence. 1

**7. Read the given extracts and answer the questions for ANY ONE of the two, given. 5**

**A.** Some say the world will end in fire  
Some say  
in ice.

From what I've tasted of desire I  
hold with those who favour fire

( *Fire and Ice* )

**i.** Fill the blank with one word. 1

The poetic device used in the line 'Some say the world will end in fire' is \_\_\_\_\_.

**ii.** What is the speaker's mood when he talks of 'what I've tasted of desire'? 1 **iii.** State which of the terms given below, can be applied to the statement taking into account the poet's belief system. 1

The above stanza ponders over whether the world will end due to fire or ice.

- (a) It is a hypothesis.
- (b) It is an irrefutable belief.
- (c) It is a debatable issue.
- (d) It is a scientific theory.

**iv.** Comment on the poet's use of language in these lines. 2

**Or**

**B.** He should be lurking in shadow,  
Sliding through long grass  
Near the water hole Where  
plump deer pass.

( *A Tiger In the Zoo* ) **i.**

According to the extract, the poet wishes for the tiger to be 'sliding' through the foliage as this would 1 (a) assist in keeping the prey unsuspecting of the predator's sound.

- (b) aid in camouflaging the presence of the predator before it rushes in.
- (c) help the predator pounce on the prey comfortably without getting tired.
- (d) support the predator's vision as it eyes its prey.

**ii.** What would the tiger do in the forest? Answer in about 40 words. 2

**iii.** 'Shadow' here, refers to the shadow of \_\_\_\_\_. 1

**iv.** It is clear that metaphor is the poetic device used for 'pads of velvet'. Give evidence. 1

**8. Answer ANY FOUR of the following five questions, in about 40-50 words. 4#3=12**

- i. What does Mandela thank the international leaders for? 3  
( *Nelson Mandela - Long Walk to Freedom* )
- ii. Anne says teachers are most unpredictable. How? 3  
( *From the Diary of Anne Frank* )
- iii. How does tiger feel in the zoo? 3  
( *A Tiger in the Zoo* )
- iv. What is 'dust of snow'? What does the poet say has changed his mood? How has the poet's mood changed? 3  
( *Dust of Snow* )
- v. Why was Chubukov sure that Natalya would give her consent for the proposal? 3 ( *The Proposal* )

**9. Answer ANY TWO of the following three questions, in about 40-50 words. 2#3=6**

- i. How did the invisible man first become visible? 3  
( *Footprints without Feet* )
- ii. Why did Ebright lose interest in tagging butterflies? 3  
( *The Making of a Scientist* )
- iii. Why did Hari Singh change his name every month? 3  
( *The Thief's Story* )

**10. Answer ANY ONE of the following two questions, in about 100-120 words. 1#6=6**

- A.** Carl Sandburg and Carolyn Wells happen to meet each other during a conference and discuss the treatment of animals in their respective poems based on their traits. (Fog & How to Tell Wild Animals) They initiate a conversation, frame it in your own way.

You may begin like this :

Carl Hi, Carolyn , I really appreciated the poem How to tell Wild Animals composed by you.

Carolyn : Same here , I think it is mutual admiration (laughs).

**Or**

- B.** "How to tell Wild Animals" and "The Tale of Custard Dragon" both the poems deal with ferocious animals with a different perspective. Humour necessarily does not come from funny situations. Humour can be seen when there is none.

**11. Answer ANY ONE of the following two questions, in about 100-120 words. 1#6=6**

- A.** Appearances are often deceptive; hence the book should not be judged by its cover. Analyse this in detail, with reference to the character Ausable of The Midnight Visitor.

**Or**

- B.** "Intentions always do not justify actions,". Analyze this quote with reference to "The Question of Trust".

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## Sample Paper 13

### Class X Exam 2023-24

#### English Language and Literature (184)

**Time Allowed : 3 Hrs. Maximum Marks: 80**

**General Instructions:**

1. The Question Paper contains THREE sections READING, GRAMMAR & WRITING and LITERATURE.
  2. Attempt question based on specific instructions for each part.
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#### SECTION A - READING SKILLS 20

##### Reading Comprehension Through Unseen Passages

**1. Read the following text. 10**

1. In the summer of 1967, when I was ten years old, my father caved into my persistent pleas and took me to get my own dog. Together we drove in the family station wagon far into the Michigan countryside to a farm run by a rough-hewn woman and her ancient mother. The farm produced just one commodity dogs. Dogs of every imaginable size and shape and age and temperament. They had only two things in common: each was a mongrel of unknown and distinct ancestry, and each was free to a good home.
2. I quickly decided the older dogs were somebody else's charity case. I immediately raced to the puppy cage. "You want to pick one that's not timid," my father coached. "Try rattling the cage and see which ones aren't afraid."
3. I grabbed the chain-link gate and yanked on it with a loud clang. The dozen or so puppies reeled backward, collapsing on top of one another in a squiggling heap of fur. Just one remained. He was gold with a white blaze on his chest, and he charged at the gate, yapping fearlessly. He jumped up and excitedly licked my fingers through the fencing. It was love at first sight.
4. I brought him home in a cardboard box and named him Shaun. He was one of those dogs that give dogs a good name. He effortlessly mastered every command I taught him and was naturally well-behaved. I could drop a crust on the floor and he would not touch it until I gave the okay.
5. Relatives would visit for the weekend and returned home determined to buy a dog of their own, so impressed were they with Shaun-or "Saint Shaun," as I came to call him. Born with the curse of an uncertain lineage, he was one of the tens of thousands of unwanted dogs in America. Yet by some stroke of almost providential good fortune, he became wanted. He came into my life and I into his-and in the process, he gave me the childhood every kid deserves.
6. The love affair lasted fourteen years, and by the time he died I was no longer the little boy who had brought him along on that summer day. I was a man, out of college and working across the state in my first real job. Saint Shaun had stayed behind when I moved on. It was where he belonged. My parents, by then retired, called to break the news to me. My mother would later tell me, "In fifty years of marriage, I've only seen your father cry twice. The first time was when we lost Mary Ann"-my sister, who was stillborn. "The second time was the day Shaun died."



7. Saint Shaun was the companion of my childhood. He was a perfect dog. At least that's how I will always remember him. It was Shaun who set the standard by which I would judge all other dogs to come.

**Answer the following questions, based on the passage above.**

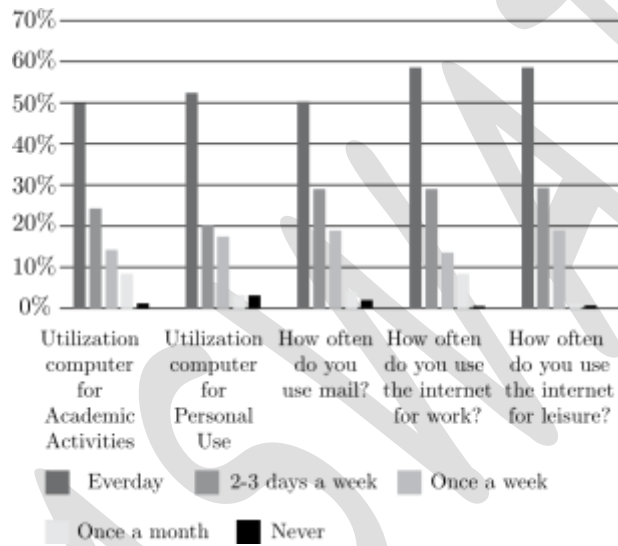
- i.** Why does the writer say that he 'grabbed the chain-link and yanked on it with a loud clang'? 1 (a)  
Because all the other dogs didn't attract him.
- (b) Because that was the standard procedure to select a dog.
- (c) Because he wanted to pick the dog who was afraid of him.
- (d) Because he wanted to see which of the dogs in that cage were timid.
- ii.** "It was Shaun who set the standard by which I would judge all other dogs to come." What is the tone of the writer in the given lines from paragraph 7? Rationalise your response in about 40 words. 2
- iii.** Complete the sentence appropriately. 1  
The author's anointing his dog as 'Saint Shaun' is the ultimate honour he could bestow on his pet because \_\_\_\_\_.
- iv.** The passage includes some words that occur as companions with each other. From the sets (a)-(e) below, identify two sets of word-companions. 1
- (a) unknown and distinct ancestry
- (b) dozen and so
- (c) age and temperament
- (d) size and shape
- (e) stayed behind and moved on
- v.** Complete the sentence appropriately. 1  
For the author, Shaun became a benchmark for a good pet. It is evident from this statement \_\_\_\_\_.
- vi.** Based on the reading of the passage, examine, in about 40 words, how the passage is as much a tribute to the author's dog as is to his father too. 2
- vii.** Select the option that corresponds to the underlined phrasal verb in the statement. 1 "In the summer of 1967, when I was 10 years old, my father caved into my persistent pleas and took me to get my own dog." (Paragraph 1)
- (a) He made his father succumb to his demand.
- (b) He made persistent demands on his father for a pet.
- (c) He consistently requested his father.
- (d) His father withstood his pleas.
- viii.** Complete the lines from a famous poem by supplying the missing word/words taking cue from the word given in brackets. 1

...Among the laurel bushes  
 And snagging goose-grass and rabbit holes,  
 I found what I \_\_\_\_\_ (forget), hidden

Under a wide oak

**2. Read the following text. 10**

1. The present generation is well updated with the use of internet and computers. The rapid development in computer technology and increase in accessibility of the internet for academic purposes has changed the face of education for everyone associated with it. Let’s look at the data arising out of a recent survey that was done to ascertain the time spent on utilisation of the computer and internet.



2. At present, many schools and universities have been implementing internet-based learning, as it supplements the conventional teaching methods. The internet provides a wide variety of references and information to academics as well as scientific researchers. Students often turn to it to do their academic assignments and projects.
3. However, research on Internet is very different from traditional library research, and the differences can cause problems. The Internet is a tremendous resource, but it must be used carefully and critically.
4. According to a 2018 Academic Student e-book Experience Survey, conducted by LJ’s research department and sponsored by EBSCO, when reading for pleasure, almost 74% of respondents said they preferred print books for leisure whereas, 45% of respondents chose e-books rather than the printed versions, for research or assignments.
5. When asked what e-book features make them their favourite for research, the respondents were clear. Having page numbers to use in citations, topped the list (75%); followed by the ability to resize text to fit a device’s screen (67%); the ability to bookmark pages, highlight text, or take notes for later reference (60%) ; downloading the entire e-book (57%); and allowing content to be transferred between devices (43%) were the varied responses.

**Answer the following questions, based on the passage above.**

- i. Rearrange the following features of an e-book from the most favourite to the least favourite. 1

1. Downloading the entire e-book
2. Using page numbers in citations
3. Highlighting text
4. Transferring content between devices
5. Resizing text to fit the screen of a device

**ii.** Fill in the blanks with the appropriate option from those given in brackets, based on your understanding of paragraph 2. 1

At present, many schools and universities have been implementing internet-based learning, as it supplements the conventional teaching methods in assignments and projects with information and references is \_\_\_\_\_ (a fact/ an opinion) because it is \_\_\_\_\_ (a/an subjective judgement/ objective detail).

**iii.** Justify the following, in about 40 words. 2

People have marked preferences when it comes to reading for pleasure or for research.

**iv.** Based on the survey results, which two features have changed the face of education in recent times? 1 **v.**

State any one inference that can be drawn from the following statement. 1

“The present generation is well updated with the use of the internet and computers.”

**vi.** Select at least two options that correctly display what ‘citation’ signifies. (Reference-Paragraph 5). 1



(i)



(ii)



(iii)



(iv)



(v)

- (a) Only (i)      (b) (ii) and (v)  
(c) Only (iv)    (d) (ii), (iii) and (v)

**vii.** Infer one benefit and one drawback of using the internet as specified by the author in the passage.

(Answer in about 40 words) 2

**viii.** Which of the following is the main takeaway from the study mentioned in the passage? 1 (a) More than 50% of respondents stated enjoying both versions of books for leisure reading.

- (b) A little less than 50% of the respondents voted for e-books for research or assignments.  
(c) About three-quarters of the respondents preferred print books for recreational reading.  
(d) The survey was intended for understanding the e-book experience among students.

## SECTION B - GRAMMAR & WRITING SKILLS 20

### GRAMMAR 10

#### 3. Complete ANY TEN of twelve of the following tasks, as directed. 1#10=10

- i. Fill in the blank by choosing the correct option to complete the online update. 1

By the next month, we shall \_\_\_\_\_ the project.

- (a) has completed (b) completing  
(c) completed (d) have completed

- ii. Read the conversation between a traveller and a peasant. Then complete the following in the reported speech. 1

1

Traveller : Can you tell me the way to the nearest inn?

Peasant : You must go to the Aheli inn.

The traveller asked the peasant if he could tell him the way to the nearest inn to which the peasant suggested him \_\_\_\_\_.

- iii. Select the option to fill in the blank for the given line. 1

He is our colleague. We \_\_\_\_\_ invite him.

- (a) can (b) must  
(c) dare to (d) will

- iv. Select the option that identifies the error and supplies the correction for the following line, from a news report: 1

1

The State police have launched a special drive against tractors and trolleys which created chaos in residential areas these days.

Option No.	Error	Correction
(a)	Against	For
(b)	Have	Has
(c)	Tractors	Has
(d)	These	This

- v. Complete the given narrative by filling in the blank with the correct option. 1

I \_\_\_\_\_ this book since morning.

- (a) had been reading (b) has been reading  
(c) have had read (d) shall be reading

- vi. Fill in the blank by using the correct form of the word in the bracket, for the given portion of a letter: 1 Subject:

Request for leave to attend cousin's marriage

Respected Sir/Madam

I am a student in your prestigious institution. I respectfully beg that you \_\_\_\_\_ (grant) me a five-day leave of absence to attend my cousin's wedding.

**vii.** Report the dialogue between a merchant and his servant by completing the sentence: 1 Merchant : Do you really want any work?

Servant : Yes, if you have any.

The merchant asked the servant if he really wanted any work to which the servant replied \_\_\_\_\_.

**viii.** Identify the error in the given sentence from a school magazine report and supply the correction. 1 It was the amazing sight to see, a sight which no one could help admiring in spite of the trouble it has caused us all.

Error	Correction

**ix.** Lata shared some information with John about a visit to a hill station. Report John's question. 1 How was your experience with the snow?

**x.** Identify the error in the given conversation and supply the correction. 1

Whose bag is this?

I am not sure. It must be Ann's.

Use the given format for your response.

Error	Correction

**xi.** Select the correct option to complete the narration of the dialogue between Neha and Priya. 1 Neha : Tomorrow is your birthday, what do you want as a gift?

Priya : That is a lovely thought but I don't want anything.

Neha asked Priya what gift she wanted for her birthday the next day. Priya replied \_\_\_\_\_.

- (a) I don't want anything.
- (b) it is a lovely thought but she didn't want anything.
- (c) that it was a lovely thought but she did not want anything for her birthday.
- (d) that it was a lovely thought but she did not wanted anything for her birthday.

**xii** Identify the error in the given sentence and supply the correction. 1

I have met some people in my life but the person who has influenced me the most is Mother Teresa.

Use the given format for your response.

Error	Correction

## WRITING 10

Note : All details presented in the questions are imaginary and created for assessment purpose.

### 4. Attempt ANY ONE from A and B given below. 5

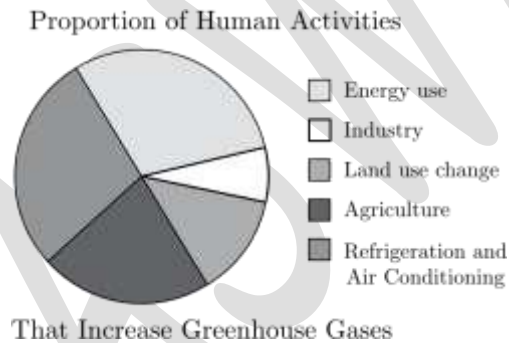
- A. You are Anita of Adarsh Public School, Nagal, Punjab who had arranged a trip for fifty students of Nanital in summer vacations for ten days with 'Mount Travel, and Tourism'. The arrangements done by the travel agency were far below standard. The accommodation and food facilities were inferior in quality. Write a letter of complaint to the director of the agency to stop duping tourists with false promises as it tarnishes the image of locals. (100-120 words)

Or

- B. You are Vinita/Vinit, a customer of Excitel Broadband. Write a letter to the Customer Care Department, Excitel regarding the poor service of Internet connection. You are a resident of 485, Ram Nagar, Shandara.

### 5. Attempt ANY ONE from A and B given below. 5

- A. Global warming is primarily a result of the greenhouse effect caused by too much carbon dioxide in the atmosphere which acts as a blanket, trapping heat. Global warming is leading to Arctic meltdown. Study the following pie chart and write an analytical paragraph in 100-120 words on factors affecting global warming.



Or

- B. Manisha is to write an analytical paragraph on 'Smoking is a silent killer of life'. Using your own ideas and the outline given below, write this paragraph on her behalf in 100-120 words.

Smoking is actually a silent killer \_\_\_\_\_ nicotine is a poison \_\_\_\_\_ dangerous to various vital organs \_\_\_\_\_ smoking a cigarette shortens \_\_\_\_\_ causes a deadly disease \_\_\_\_\_ guide our smoking youth \_\_\_\_\_ ensure good health to all Indians.

## SECTION C - LITERATURE 40

### 6. Read the given extracts and answer the questions for ANY ONE of the two, given. 5

- A. "What's the matter with you, you fool? Shouted Ramlal. "I am only taking you to school." Then he told his wife, "Let her wear some decent clothes today or else what will the teachers and the other school girls think of us when they see her? New clothes had never been made for Bholi. The old dresses of her sisters were passed on to her. No one cared to mend or wash her clothes. But today she was lucky to receive a clean dress which had

shrunk after many washings and no longer fitted Champa. She was even bathed and oil was rubbed into her dry and matted hair. Only then did she believe that she was being taken to a place better than her home! When they reached the school, the children were already in their classrooms.”

( *Bholi* ) i. Why was Bholi’s hair matted? 1

ii. State TRUE or FALSE. 1

None of the terms (a)-(d) can be applied to the statement - What’s the matter with you, you fool?

- (a) A hypothesis - a proposed explanation for a phenomenon
- (b) An assumption - something that is taken for granted or assumed to be true
- (c) A statement - a definite or clear expression of something in speech or writing.
- (d) A premise - a proposition that forms the basis of an argument

iii. Bholi had many apprehensions about going to school. What made her feel that she was going to a better place than her home? Answer in about 40 words. 2

iv. How did Bholi feel at the end of her first day in school? 1

**Or**

B. He wrote “To God’ on the envelope, put the letter inside, and still troubled, went to town. At the post office, he placed a stamp on the letter and dropped it into the mailbox. One of the employees, who was a postman and also helped at the post office, went to his boss laughing heartily and showed him the letter to God. Never in his career as a postman had he known that address. The postmaster-a fat, amiable fellow-also broke out laughing, but almost immediately he turned serious and, tapping the letter on his desk, commented, “What faith! I wish I had the faith of the man who wrote this letter. Starting up a correspondence with God!”

( *A Letter to God* )

i. The author says, “He wrote, ‘To God’ on the envelope, put the letter inside, and still troubled, went to town.” Why was the man troubled? 1

- (a) He had no money for an envelope and a stamp.
- (b) He needed a hundred pesos to rebuild his life.
- (c) He needed seventy pesos to buy corn seeds.
- (d) He knew God wouldn’t bother to reply.

ii. What do the words, “What faith! I wish I had the faith of the man who wrote this letter. Starting up a correspondence with God!” reveal about the postmaster? Answer in about 40 words. 2

iii. Below are given a few sentences (a)-(c) with various meanings of ‘shake’. Which of the following sentences has used the word ‘shake’ in a similar meaning as in the passage? 1

- (a) The armies did not want to unsettle the situation so they declared a truce.
- (b) As soon as we finished bathing the dog, it wiggled itself vigorously.
- (c) The jelly wobbled daintily n a pool of creamy custard.

iv. How would you describe the postmaster based on your understanding of the passage. 1

**7. Read the given extracts and answer the questions for ANY ONE of the two, given. 5**

A. "I heard an old religious man  
But yesternight declare  
That he had found a text to prove  
That only God, my dear,  
Could love you for yourself alone And  
not your yellow hair."

( For Anne Gregory ) i.

Fill the blank with one word. 1

The above stanza strongly defines the idea of external and internal \_\_\_\_\_.

ii. Choose the phrase that best represents, 'love you for yourself alone'. 1

- (a) Unconditional love
- (b) Unseemly love
- (c) Unrequited love
- (d) Understated love

iii. What did the speaker of the above lines hear? 1

iv. Identify the poetic device used in the line 'And not your yellow hair'. How does it impact this extract? 2

**Or**

B. .... Winds rush to meet them. The  
moon is broken like a mirror, its  
pieces flash now in the crown of the  
tallest oak.

( The Trees )

i. Fill in the blank with suitable words on the basis of your understanding of the given lines. 1 The figure of speech used by Adrienne Rich in '.... Winds rush to meet them' is \_\_\_\_\_.

ii. Why does the moon look like a broken mirror? 1

iii. Who is the wind rushing to meet? 1

- (a) the birds and the insects
- (b) the trees
- (c) the poet
- (d) the sun and the moon.



iv. Comment on the poet's use of language in these lines in 40 words. 2

**8. Answer ANY FOUR of the following five questions, in about 40-50 words. 4#3=12**

i. What was the 'appalling spectacle' Maxwell noticed when he returned from having a hurried meal? 3 ( *Mijbil the Otter* )

ii. How did Anne finally stop Mr. Keesing from punishing her? 3

( *From the Diary of Anne Frank* )

iii. Do you think Chubukov is a good father? Justify your opinion based on your reading of the text. 3 ( *The Proposal* )

iv. How does the poet suggest that you identify the lion and the tiger? When can you do so, according to him? 3

( *How To Tell Wild Animals* ) v.

What impression of Amanda do you get from the poem 'Amanda!'? 3

**9. Answer ANY TWO of the following three questions, in about 40-50 words. 2#3=6**

i. Whose footprints did the two boys follow? Why were they charmed then? 3

( *Footprints Without Feet* )

ii. What did Ebright do for his eighth-grade project? 3

( *The Making of a Scientist* )

iii. What are the subtle ways in which the lady manages to deceive Horace Danby into thinking she is the lady of the house? 3

( *A Question of Trust* )

**10. Answer ANY ONE of the following two questions, in about 100-120 words. 1#6=6**

A. The narrator asks a question at the end : "Who was the pilot on the strange black aeroplane, flying in the storm, without lights?" Discuss.

( *Two Stories About Flying* )

Or

B. Discuss how extreme behaviour can hasten the end of the world with respect to the poem 'Fire and Ice'.

( *Fire and Ice* )

**11. Answer ANY ONE of the following two questions, in about 100-120 words. 1#6=6**

A. Sometimes appearance can be deceptive. How is this statement proved in the story The Midnight Visitor?

Or

B. "If you ask for too much, you lose even that which you have." Elaborate this with reference to the character of Matilda Loisel in "The Necklace".

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## Sample Paper 14

### Class X Exam 2023-24

#### English Language and Literature (184)

**Time Allowed : 3 Hrs. Maximum Marks: 80**

**General Instructions:**

1. The Question Paper contains THREE sections READING, GRAMMAR & WRITING and LITERATURE.
  2. Attempt question based on specific instructions for each part.
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#### SECTION A - READING SKILLS 20

##### Reading Comprehension Through Unseen Passages

**1. Read the following text. 10**

1. Corruption, terrorism, communal-ism, greed for power and wealth and the list of ailments that affect modern society continues. More than half the population of India is below the age group of 25 and the future of the country will only be bright if youngsters are equipped to deal with these ailments.
2. A child is a storehouse of potential and it is essential to nurture and develop these attributes from a very young age. Since they spend much of their time in school, the curriculum in school should be such that it enables children to understand, care and practise ethical values like respect, justice and civic sense. Education should aim to develop a sense of rights and duties as well as moral values like honesty, responsibility and respect for others.
3. Moral education should be directed towards enhancing a child's ability to critically analyse situations, make decisions, empathise with people and work in cooperation towards a common goal.
4. As a means of direct instruction to students, schools are very influential in the character development of a child and the methods of education affect the development of morally upright citizens who can bring about a much-needed change in the country.
5. The youth of today have to face many problems like drug abuse, violent behaviour and family issues. If they are not taught morals, they would fail to differentiate between good and bad values. Hence, they would be incapable of dealing with different types of issues. A sound moral base would help a child make the right decisions, especially in an era where the youth is increasingly coming under the negative influence of the media.
6. Schools in India have introduced moral education as part of their curriculum because they realise that morally sound citizens are the need of the hour. Since most children look up to their teachers as role models, it is most appropriate that they be the facilitators of moral values.
7. Thus, schools should focus more on the personality development of children since it is one of the most important responsibilities of a school. Schools should take the initiative to mould children into better human beings so that they can make the world a better place to live in.

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**Answer the following questions, based on the passage above.**

- i.** Select the option that conveys the message, “Morally sound citizens are the need of the hour.” 1 (a)  
Moral citizens can only be possible by giving moral education to the mass population.  
(b) Better human beings can make the world a better place to live in.  
(c) Developing moral qualities is the only way to solve these social issues.  
(d) Government should take major decisions about spreading moral education.
- ii.** Why is it important to inculcate moral values since childhood? Answer in about 40 words. 2
- iii.** Complete the sentence appropriately. 1  
According to the given passage, schools are integral in the \_\_\_\_\_ of a child.
- iv.** The passage includes some words that are similar in meaning to each other. From the sets (a)-(e) below, identify two sets of synonyms. 1  
(a) Youth and youngsters  
(b) Affect and equipped  
(c) Nurture and develop  
(d) Corruption and terrorism  
(e) Behaviour and values
- v.** Complete the sentence appropriately. 1  
According to the passage, moral education helps children in \_\_\_\_\_, decision making, cooperation and \_\_\_\_\_.
- vi.** Which moral values are important for children to learn? 2 **vii.** What kind of problems are being faced by today’s youth? 1  
(a) Influence of social media.  
(b) Violent behaviour and peer pressure.  
(c) Drug abuse and family issues.  
(d) All of the above
- viii.** State a solution to the given problem. 1  
Incapable of differentiating between good and bad, children would be unable to deal with everyday issues.

**2. Read the following text. 10**

1. Through the Sustainable Development Goal (SDG), the countries of the world have resolved to achieve universal access to safe drinking water and adequate sanitation and hygiene for all by 2030. The aim is to ensure the

consumption of safe drinking water and practice safe sanitation and hygiene, resulting in lower exposure to a contaminated environment, resulting in lower morbidity and mortality, especially amongst children.

2. The Swachh Bharat Mission was launched by the Government of India on 2nd October, 2014 to achieve the vision of 'Swachh Bharat' by 2nd October, 2019. The Swachh Bharat Mission Gramin-SBM (G) endeavours to accelerate rural sanitation coverage, reduce open defecation and improve the management of solid and liquid wastes in rural areas. The implementation of SBM (G) is the responsibility of the Ministry of Drinking Water and Sanitation (MDWS). The MDWS, while issuing guidelines for Open Defecation Free (ODF) verification stressed on "safe technology option which aimed at no contamination of surface soil, groundwater or surface water; excreta management inaccessible to flies or animals; no human handling of fresh excreta and freedom from odour and unsightly condition". Over the past 4 years, over 92 million new households have received access to household toilets and by the end of the SBM (G) programme, all 16.5 million rural households will have such access. However, the issue is of usage and thus, the goal is to create ODF communities and villages, with no one defecating in the open.
3. The status of ODF villages published on the website of MDWS indicates that as of 01.04.2019, over 99% of rural HHs in India have toilet access. The declared ODF villages at all India levels accounted for 556,824 spreading over 247,723 Gram Panchayats, 6,031 Blocks and 616 Districts.
4. UNICEF in India accords high priority to the provision of safe sanitation and water services to people in rural areas and has over the past many years aided through catalytic technical support to MDWS, the Government of India and 15 state governments in the implementation of the various sanitation programmes and since 2014, specifically to the SBM (G). With the progress of the SBM (G) and the declaration of ODF communities, there is an emerging question on whether the campaign to eliminate open defecation and create ODF communities is resulting in a decrease in faecal contamination in the environment.

**Answer the following questions, based on the passage above.**

- i. Complete the following analogy appropriately. 1  
There will be a decrease in faecal contamination in the environment because \_\_\_\_\_.
- ii. Fill the blank with appropriate word. 1  
The passage provides data that proves that over 99% of rural households have access to \_\_\_\_\_.
- iii. Describe the purpose of the launch of Swachh Bharat Mission (G). Answer in about 40 words. 2      iv.  
According to the passage, who is responsible for the progress of the Swachh Bharat Mission? 1      v.  
Suggest a suitable title for the passage. 1
- vi. Select the option that the given sentence refers to "Over the past 4 years, over 92 million new households have received access to household toilets." 1  
(a) There is an increase in the usage of toilets among rural households.  
(b) There is an increase in the construction of community-shared toilets.  
(c) There is an increase in the building of toilets inside households.  
(d) There is an increase in access to toilets but are not being used by the villagers.

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**vii.** Which international organisation is helping in providing sanitation and how? (Answer in about 40 words) 2

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- viii.** Why is the government successful in providing access to toilets to over 99% of rural households?
- (a) Government is giving false data.
  - (b) Villagers also want to have access to toilets to minimize the negative impact of open defecation.
  - (c) Villagers are cooperative.
  - (d) Rural households have become educated .

**SECTION B - GRAMMAR & WRITING SKILLS 20 GRAMMAR 10**

**3. Complete ANY TEN of twelve of the following tasks, as directed. 1#10=10**

- i.** Fill in the blank by choosing the correct option to complete the sentence. 1

A school of fish \_\_\_\_\_ spotted in the lake.

- (a) are
- (b) have
- (c) has
- (d) was

- ii.** Meenu : Will you attend Pamela’s birthday party? 1

Mayank : My father will not give me permission.

Meenu : But why?

Mayank : He wants me to prepare for tomorrow’s test.

Meenu asked Mayank if he would attend Pamela’s birthday party, to which Mayank replied that \_\_\_\_\_.

- iii.** Select the correct option to fill in the blank. 1

You \_\_\_\_\_ use mobile phones inside the aircraft.

- (a) had to
- (b) can
- (c) could
- (d) mustn’t

- iv.** Select the option that identifies the error and supplies the correction for the following line. 1 An entire household was in the control of my mother-in-law.

Option No.	Error	Correction
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(a)	An	The
(b)	The	An
(c)	was	is
(d)	of	with

v. Complete the notice by filling in the blank with the correct option:

I knew that Ramesh \_\_\_\_\_ Jaipur before, so I asked him to recommend a good hotel.

- (a) had visited
- (b) has been visiting
- (c) visited
- (d) been visiting

vi. Fill in the blank by using the correct form of the word in the bracket. 1

The servants \_\_\_\_\_ (quarrel) for half an hour when we arrived home.

vii. Report the dialogue between a soldier and a boy, by completing the narration. 1

Boy : Sir, you are a war veteran , how does it feel to receive the adulation?

Soldier : Son, it is very difficult question. We kill our enemies to keep our nation safe. But it is just humans killing humans.

In response to the question the boy has asked, the soldier says that \_\_\_\_\_

viii. Identify the error in the given sentence and supply the correction. 1

Discipline in life ensure peace and harmony which in turn, offers the impetus for a nation’s progress.

Use the given format for your response.

Error	Correction

ix. Transform the following direct speech into reported speech : 1

I said to him, “Will you teach me?”

x. Identify the error in the given sentence and supply the correction. 1

You can pay attention in the class.

Use the given format for your response.

Error	Correction

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**xi.** Select the correct option to complete the narration of the dialogue between a father and a son. 1 Father : Why do you keep breaking a new toy, Son?

Son : If I keep it, will you buy me a new one?

Father asked Son the reason for breaking a new toy every time to which Son asked good humouredly that if he kept it safe \_\_\_\_\_ .

- (a) will you buy me a new one.
- (b) if she would buy me a new one.
- (c) then would she buy a new one for him or not
- (d) if she would herself buy a new one

**xii.** Identify the error in the given sentence and supply the correction.

We have the little money right now; we should go out for dinner another day.

Use the given format for your response.

Error	Correction

### WRITING 10

*Note : All details presented in the questions are imaginary and created for assessment purpose.*

#### 4. Attempt ANY ONE from A and B given below. 5

**A.** Write a formal letter to the commissioner of police in about 100-120 words, to employ extra constables at the beat box close to the locality to check on crimes.

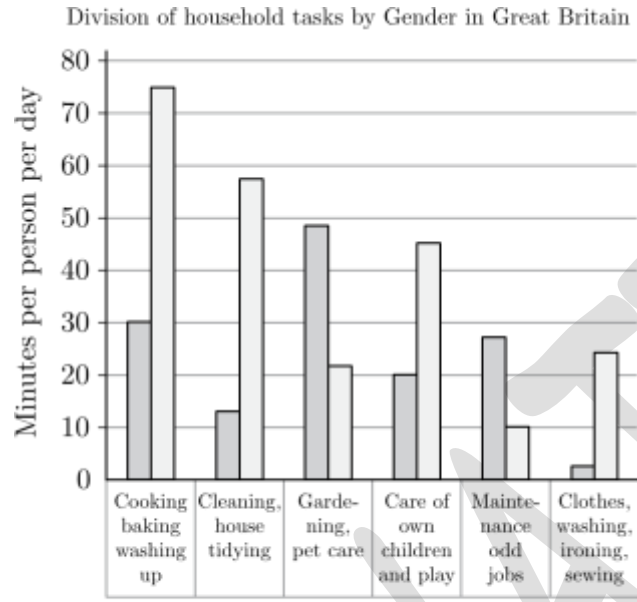
**Or**

**B.** Write a formal letter to the editor of a newspaper in about 100-120 words, highlighting the need to learn English communication for basic necessities.

#### 5. Attempt ANY ONE from A and B given below. 5

**A.** The chart shows the division of household tasks by gender in Great Britain. Write an analytical paragraph describing the chart given in 100-120 words.

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■ Males	30	13	49.5	20	26	2
□ Females	74	58	21	45	9.5	25

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Or

- B.** Read the following excerpt from an article that appeared in the magazine section of a local daily: The World Health Organization defines mental health as a “state of well-being whereby individuals recognize their abilities, are able to cope with the normal stresses of life, work productively and fruitfully, and make a contribution to their communities.”

Write a paragraph to analyse the given argument.

You could think about what alternative explanations might weaken the given conclusion and include rationale/evidence that would strengthen/counter the given argument.

## SECTION C - LITERATURE 40

### 6. Read the given extracts and answer the questions for ANY ONE of the two, given. 5

- A.** “We have an Indian legend too. Bodhidharma, an ancient Buddhist ascetic, cut off his eyelids because he felt sleepy during meditations. Ten tea plants grew out of the eyelids. The leaves of these plants when put in hot water and drunk banished sleep.”

“Tea was first drunk in China,” Rajvir added, “as far back as 2700 B.C.! In fact, words such as tea, ‘chaff’ and ‘chini’ are from Chinese. Tea came to Europe only in the sixteenth century and was drunk more as medicine than as a beverage.” The train clattered into Mariani Junction. The boys collected their luggage and pushed their way to the crowded platform.

( *Glimpses of India* )

- i.** In the statement, ‘The boys collected their luggage and pushed their way to the crowded platform’ what does ‘pushed their way’ mean? 1
- ii.** Why did Rajvir have to convince Pranjol with an Indian legend about the origin of tea too? Answer in about 40 words. 2
- iii.** State TRUE or FALSE. 1

Below are given some sentences (a)-(d) with the word ‘legend.’ Only (b) has expressed the same meaning as in the passage?

- (a) The football superstar, Messi is a living sports legend of our times.
- (b) The Legend of Rama also has an animated version very popular even in Japan.
- (c) The arrogance of some world politicians cum dictators is legendary.
- (d) That the cantonment is haunted is merely an urban legend.
- iv.** Which word in the extract is similar in meaning to a ‘short loud repeated sound’? 1

Or

- B.** She was not convinced. ‘No’, she replied, “there is nothing more humiliating than to have a shabby air in the midst of rich women.”

Then her husband cried out, "How stupid we are! Go and find your friend Madame Forestier and ask her to lend you her jewels." She uttered a cry of joy. 'It is true!' she said. "I had not thought of that."

( *The Necklace* )

i. Why did she need the jewels? 1

- (a) To go to a party of rich people
- (b) For a photoshoot
- (c) To get a replica made
- (d) For wearing them at home

ii. What kind of a person is Mme Loisel and why is she always unhappy?

Answer in 40 words. 2

iii. Read the following descriptions (a)-(c) and identify which one correctly corresponds to the extract. 1 (a) A debate is a formal discussion on a particular topic, usually with two or more people presenting different viewpoints and arguments.

- (b) A soliloquy is a speech given by a character alone on stage, which reveals their innermost thoughts and feelings to the audience.
- (c) A dialogue is a conversation between two or more people as a feature of a book, play, or film.

iv. What did Matilda's husband suggest her? 1

**7. Read the given extracts and answer the questions for ANY ONE of the two, given. 5**

A. The way a crow Shook  
down on me  
The dust of snow  
From a hemlock tree  
Has given my heart  
A change of mood  
And saved some part Of  
a day I had rued.

( *Dust of Snow* )

i. Complete the sentence appropriately. 1

The poet was out on the cold snowy day when the dust of snow fell on him and \_\_\_\_\_.

ii. The poetic device used in the line 'And saved some part' is Alliteration. 1

What effect does the poet wish to create?

- (a) Emphasis

- (b) Comparison
- (c) Humour
- (d) Personification

- iii.** Of the many symbols the hemlock tree represents, state the one that Frost drew upon, in all likelihood, for this poem. 1
- iv.** Comment on the poet's use of language in these lines. 2

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Or

**B.** "He stalks in his vivid stripes  
The few steps of his cage. On  
pads of velvet quiet, In his quiet  
rage.  
He should be lurking in shadow,  
Sliding through long grass  
Near the water hole Where  
plump deer pass.

( *A Tiger in the Zoo* )

- i.** In what way does the description of the tiger in this poem challenges traditional ideas of what a tiger should be? 1
- ii.** What is the significance of the use of the word "shadow" in the poem and how does this word choice contribute to the overall mood and tone of the given extract? Answer in about 40 words. 2
- iii.** Select the option that describes the tiger in the following lines. 1  
'On pads of velvet quiet, In his quiet rage.'
- 1. nervous
  - 2. scared
  - 3. distraught
  - 4. light-footed
  - 5. majestic
  - 6. indignant
- (a) 1 and 2
  - (b) 2 , 3 and 4
  - (c) 3 , 4 and 6
  - (d) 1 , 5 and 6
- iv.** Identify the type of imagery used in the lines of the poem. 1

**8. Answer ANY FOUR of the following five questions, in about 40-50 words. 4#3=12**

**i.** What does the author think of the wealth of the country? 3

*(Nelson Mandela : Long Walk to Freedom)*

**ii.** While alone on the ledge, how did the little seagull try to draw the attention of his family? 3

*(Two Stories About Flying)*

**iii.** Why was Anne's entire class anxious and nervous? 3

*( From the Diary of Anne Frank )*

**iv.** How does everyone celebrate Custard getting rid of the pirate? 3

*(The Tale of Custard the Dragon)*

**v.** Kisa compared human life to an inanimate object. What is it and why does she do so ? 3 *( The Sermon at Benares )*

**9. Answer ANY TWO of the following three questions, in about 40-50 words. 2#3=6**

**i.** Why did the thief smile without any effort towards the end of the story? 3

*(The Thief's Story)*

**ii.** "Horace Danby was good and respectable-but not completely honest". Why do you think this description is apt for Horace? 3

*(A Question of Trust)*

**iii.** Why was "the strange scientist strongly suspected of having had a hand" in the burglary at the clergyman's home ? 3

*( Footprints Without Feet )*

**10. Answer ANY ONE of the following two questions, in about 100-120 words. 1#6=6**

**A.** Describe Lencho's qualities in light of his faith in God. Was Lencho's reaction towards post office employees' justified?

*( A Letter to God )*

**Or**

**B.** How is the lost ball, the metaphor of the lost childhood of the boy ? Why doesn't the poet want to 'intrude on' the boy by offering him money to buy another ball ?

*( The Ball Poem )*

**11. Answer ANY ONE of the following two questions, in about 100-120 words. 1#6=6**

**A.** "Too much of anything is good for nothing." Justify it with regard to "A Triumph of Surgery".

**Or**

**B.** Noodle avoids offending Think-Tank but at the same time corrects his mistakes. What does this say about the character of Noodle?

*( The Book That Saved the Earth )*

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## Sample Paper 15

### Class X Exam 2023-24

#### English Language and Literature (184)

**Time Allowed : 3 Hrs. Maximum Marks: 80**

**General Instructions:**

1. The Question Paper contains THREE sections READING, GRAMMAR & WRITING and LITERATURE.
  2. Attempt question based on specific instructions for each part.
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#### SECTION A - READING SKILLS 20

##### Reading Comprehension Through Unseen Passages

**1. Read the following text. 10**

1. The conquest of happiness has meant different facts to different generations. Our forefathers took pride in scholarship, a spirit of sacrifice and solicitude for the welfare of others. Gone are those days. Today we live only for ourselves. We are jealous of the advancement of our neighbours. We end up tense and unhappy.
2. The term 'happy' has a variety of meanings. It stands for the lucky, fortunate, content, glad or apt. Happiness lies within the mind of the individual. No amount of external wealth may be helpful in making him happy.
3. Our forefathers had lifestyles, very much different from those we have today. Their life was based mainly on the concept of 'Simple living and high thinking.' People were satisfied with whatever they obtained after working hard. Excessive material wealth did not mean much for them. They aimed at deriving mental satisfaction and enrichment from whatever they did.
4. The structural framework of our forefathers' families was different from those of ours. They lived in a cohesive joint family structure where they were happier than we. They cared for each other. The siblings grew up with their cousins. The bond of love which they shared cannot be easily found in the nuclear family of the day. The family provided an emotional cushioning effect against tension and stress. However, in the nuclear family, we are detached from the feelings towards our kith and kin. At times even the cousins do not recognise one another, when they happen to be self-centred. Disputes in the family may lead to divisions. This may finally destroy the family psyche.
5. The joint family system provided a proper environment for the child to grow up. The value of respect, tolerance, responsibility, integrity, etc. were internalised in the child. In the long run, they became better human beings, compared to those in the present generation. Our forefathers felt happiest if their children became 'honest' human beings. But today we are happy only if we attain our coveted material ends. We are ready to resort to any means to attain that end. Our philosophy of life has turned out totally Machiavellian.
6. Our forefathers had a vision to make India the best. To attain their ambitions, they were ready to make all sorts of personal sacrifices. Their happiness lay in that of the millions of Indian brothers and sisters. On the other hand, today people are ready to migrate to the West, to enjoy a comfortable life. They run away from the evils of the Indian society without trying to remedy them. Often they become successful



in foreign lands. But in the process, they become alienated from their motherland. The nostalgic feeling of their childhood and the relationship they left lingered on which cannot make them happy. Distance from their ailing parents is a worrying factor and keeps them perturbed. It is not easy for them to return, as their children will not be able to adjust to the Indian environment and the way of life. Thus, in our generation, tradition and modernity have intermingled to form our special system.

**Answer the following questions, based on the passage above.**

- i.** What concept was our forefathers' life based upon? 1
- (a) Satisfied with whatever they obtained after working hard.
  - (b) Simple living and high thinking.
  - (c) Excessive material wealth did not mean much for them.
  - (d) All of the above
- ii.** According to the passage, state two aspects which bring out the difference between lives of our forefathers and today's generation. Answer in about 40 words. 2
- iii.** Complete the sentence appropriately. 1
- People are ready to migrate to the West because .....
- iv.** The passage includes some words that are opposites of each other. From the sets (a)-(e) below, identify two sets of antonyms : 1
- (a) Sacrifice and solicitude
  - (b) Happy and unhappy
  - (c) Satisfaction and enrichment
  - (d) Joint family and nuclear family
  - (e) Perturbed and compared
- v.** Complete the sentence appropriately. 1
- People who migrate to foreign lands are \_\_\_\_\_ which makes them feel anxious and concerned.
- vi.** Supply one point to justify the following. (Answer in about 40 words.) 2
- The conquest of happiness has meant different facts to different generations.
- vii.** The intermingle of modernity and tradition is shown by ..... 1
- (a) parents going to live at their children's place.
  - (b) children staying away from their families.
  - (c) children helping their parents or grandparents in using smart gadgets.
  - (d) None of the above
- viii.** How does the joint family system make a child a good human being? 1

**2. Read the following text. 10**

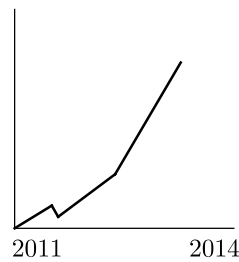
1. The emergence of novel COVID-19 epidemic has been spreading in India which brought the sudden lockdown situation in the country. After government execution of lockdown with different stages, beings rapidly change their pattern of living. The affection of such controls affected entertainment with several entities. Many productions of entertainment programs get stopped that results the broadcast of new programs and several episodes has been stationary till the unlocked. To avoid the forfeiture in revenue, production houses used the concept of minimax programming that belongs to repeated telecast of running or evergreen programs. "Their current success may seem as an aberration at first glance. Doordarshan itself has replayed its old shows in the past too and these have always gone unnoticed," says Shailesh Kapoor, founder and CEO at Ormax Media. Meanwhile, the condition of movie theatre is much similar to other entertainment substances that have been closed and unable to perceive the entertainment.
2. Under such circumstances, web series enable to emphasis the audiences with its own concept of 'anywhere-anytime' where audience can watch and interact with programs with their convenience and of personal medium. Web series are developing a new breed for new content providers, who produce fresh content for digital audiences. Spreading the Internet access in rural and urban areas is much responsible for increasing of audience of web series in digital platform. Since, the revolution of 4G in India, OTT (Over-The-Top) platform such as Hotstar, Netflix, Amazon Prime video, ALTBalaji are delivering the content like web series, movies, TV serials, sports and news with different languages to the user (audience) with a boundless quality. A study revealed that 95% youth (age between 18 and 25) have admitted to watching web series in a metro city like Mumbai and approximately 81% audiences are watching in online manner by using OTT platform where in 42% of audiences watching web series on a daily basis, by using OTT high rate.
3. In a study, certain responses were collected on watching habits of web series between before and after lockdown. It was clear that approximately 15% of rise was seen in audiences during lockdown. Audiences showed their interest more towards web series. In the same study, another interpretation showed the meaning of free time to watch web series during lockdown. Before lockdown, 'all day' users of web series were quite low to approximately 4% but during lockdown, an increase of users approximately 36 % was seen in category.

**Answer the following questions, based on the passage above.**

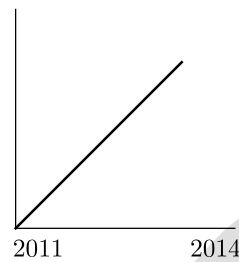
- i. Complete the following sentence appropriately. 1  
A study revealed that \_\_\_\_\_ (age between 18 and 25) have admitted to watching web series in a metro city like Mumbai.
- ii. Fill in the blank with appropriate word/words. 1  
Web series are creating a new kind of \_\_\_\_\_ who produce fresh content for people who watch movies or series on OTTs.
- iii. State one example which proves the statement. (Answer in about 40 words) 2  
COVID19 induced lockdown affected entertainment industry.
- iv. State the reason in the increase in the trend of web series in digital platform. 1
- v. Substitute the word 'forfeiture' with ONE WORD similar in meaning, in the following, sentence from Paragraph 1. 1  
To avoid the forfeiture in revenue, production houses used the concept of minimax programming that belongs to repeated telecast of running or evergreen programs.

vi. Select the chart that appropriately represents the trend in the audience of watching web series: 1

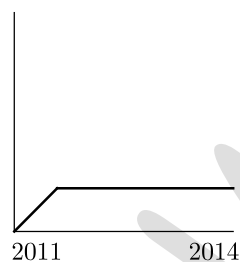
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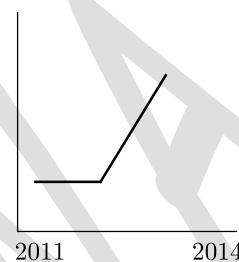
(1)



(2)



(3)



(4)

- (a) Option 1
- (b) Option 2
- (c) Option 3
- (d) Option 4

vii. What do you understand by 'Minimax Programming'? How did Doordarshan apply it in India? (Answer in about 40 words.) 2

viii. Which of the following is over the top platforms delivering to the audience? 1 (a) Movies and sports  
(b) Web and TV series  
(c) News with different languages  
(d) All of these

### SECTION B - GRAMMAR & WRITING SKILLS 20 GRAMMAR 10

3. Complete ANY TEN of twelve of the following tasks, as directed. 1#10=10

i. Fill in the blank by choosing the correct option to complete the sentence. 1  
I \_\_\_\_\_ following you in the evening today.

- (a) will
- (b) will be
- (c) will have been
- (d) would have been

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ii. Read the conversation between Radha and Anu. Complete the narration by reporting Radha's reply correctly.

1

Anu : Today, it was boring at school, don't you think so?

Radha : No, I think it was a fun day today.

While walking back from school, Anu and Radha were discussing their day, when Anu asked Radha about her day at school and Radha replied \_\_\_\_\_.

iii. Select the correct option to fill in the blank for the given line, from a newspaper. 1 In India, the death toll due to road accidents has increased drastically. Wider road awareness among road users \_\_\_\_\_ be taught to all the people.

- (a) ought to                      (b) could
- (c) should                        (d) will

iv. Select the option that identifies the error and supplies the correction for the following line, from a news report:

1

Dolphins and killer whales has learned an elaborate routine to entertain aquarium audiences.

Option No.	Error	Correction
(a)	an	a
(b)	to entertain	entertaining
(c)	audiences	audience
(d)	has	have

v. Complete the given sentence by filling in the blank the correct option : 1

I tried the new dish to see how it \_\_\_\_\_.

- (a) taste                        (b) tasting
- (c) tasted                        (d) will taste

vi. Fill in the blank by using the correct form of the word in the bracket for the given portion of a magazine: 1

High-fat diets and 'life in the fast lane' have long \_\_\_\_\_ (know) to contribute to the high incidence of heart failure.

vii. Report the dialogue between a teacher and a student, by completing the sentence: 1 Teacher : I instructed you to draw a diagram of bacteria. Why did you submit a blank sheet?

Student : Sir, I had drawn the diagram of bacteria, but you can't see it because it is not visible to the naked eye.

In response to the question about submitting a blank sheet, student respectfully answered \_\_\_\_\_.

- viii.** Identify the error in the given sentence from an article and supply the correction. 1 What many people do not knew is that unlike most of their fellow astronauts, Neil Armstrong was a civilian.

Use the given format for your response.

Error	Correction

- ix.** Mohit shared some information with Jyoti about a visit to a circus. Report Jyoti’s question. 1 Did you see the clowns in the circus?

- x.** Identify the error in the given sentence and supply the correction. 1 Will you show me the road to the market?

Use the given format for your response.

Error	Correction

- xi.** Select the correct option to complete the narration of the dialogue between Sarita and Gayatri. 1 Sarita : I’m really looking forward to the class picnic tomorrow.

Gayatri : Yes, after a long time we will be meeting our friends and teachers.

Sarita told Gayatri that she was really looking forward to the class picnic the next day. Gayatri agreed that after a long time \_\_\_\_\_.

- (a) they will be meeting their friends and teachers.
  - (b) they would be meeting their friends and teachers.
  - (c) they should be meeting their friends and teachers.
  - (d) they shall be meeting their friends and teachers.
- xii.** Identify the error in the given sentence and supply the correction : 1 I haven’t got many change; I’ve only got a hundred rupee note.

Use the given format for your response.

Error	Correction

### WRITING 10

*Note : All details presented in the questions are imaginary and created for assessment purpose.*

#### 4. Attempt ANY ONE from A and B given below. 5

- A.** You are Abhimanyu Sikri, resident of 119, Nilgiri Apartments, Kirti Nagar, Delhi. You purchased a wardrobe made of recycled wood shaving; from M/s Pawan Sales, Ramesh Nagar, Delhi. Write a letter of complaint to the Sales

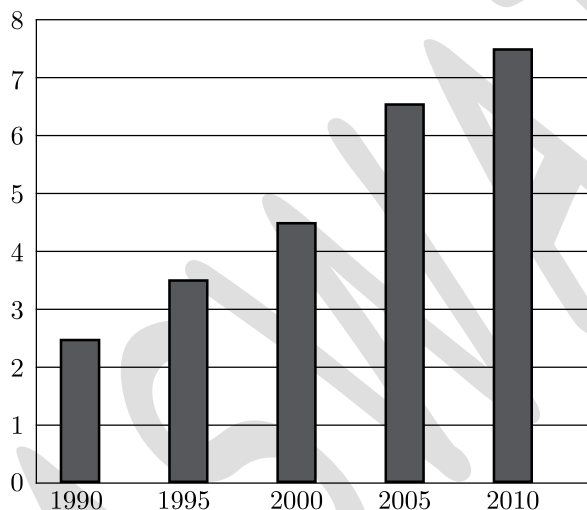
Manager asking for replacement of the product which you purchased 15 days ago. You have found that doors do not shut and the paint is uneven.

**Or**

**B.** You are Narendra sharma/Nitin sharma, Head, Fitness Group of Gold Gym, 234, Ram Vihar, Delhi. You wish to purchase certain herbal medicines and wellness products. Write a letter to the Store Manager, M/s East India, 54, Preet Vihar, Delhi placing an order for the specific products required by you.

**5. Attempt ANY ONE from A and B given below. 5**

**A.** The following data in the form of histogram shows that death rate (in 1000s) due to violence has increased considerably during recent years. Write its interpretation in 100-120 words on how educated youth can play a major role in establishing peace in society.



**Or**

**B.** The table below shows risk of death posed by five different causes in two income groups of people along with the world average of these deaths. Study the data carefully and then summarise it in the form of an analytical paragraph in 100-120 words.

Causes	World	Low and Middle Income	High Income
	Risk Percentage of Death		
Indoor smoke from solid fuels	3.3	3.9	0.0
Unsafe drinking water, insanitation, lack of hygiene	3.2	3.8	0.1
Urban outdoor air pollution	2.0	1.9	2.5
Global climate change	0.2	0.3	0.0
Lead exposure	0.2	0.3	0.0

**SECTION C - LITERATURE 40**

**6. Read the given extracts and answer the questions for ANY ONE of the two, given. 5**

**A.** Our entire class is quaking in its boots. The reason, of course, is the forthcoming meeting in which the teachers decide who'll move up to the next form and who'll be kept back. Half the class is making bets. G.N. and I laugh

ourselves silly at the two boys behind us, C.N. and Jacques, who have staked their entire holiday savings on their bet. From morning to night, it's "You're going to pass", "No, I'm not", "Yes, you are", "No, I'm not". Even G.'s pleading glances and my angry outbursts can't calm them down. If you ask me, there are so many dummies that about a quarter of the class should be kept back, but teachers are the most unpredictable creatures on earth.

( From the Diary of Anne Frank )

**i.** What does the following imply? 1

C. N and Jacques staking their entire holiday savings on their bet.

**ii.** Anne says that there were so many dummies in the class that about a quarter of them shouldn't be promoted. Is she being rude or brutally honest? Evaluate in about 40 words. 2

**iii.** State TRUE or FALSE. 1

None of the following (a)-(d) below, showcase the reality :

- (a) the teachers will decide whom to promote to the next form
- (b) the teachers will decide who should be kept back
- (c) a quarter of the class was dummies who should be kept back
- (d) a quarter of the class was dummies who should be kept back

**iv.** Which emotion is portrayed in the expression 'quaking in their boots'? 1

**Or**

**B.** She was not convinced. 'No', she replied, "there is nothing more humiliating than to have a shabby air in the midst of rich women."

Then her husband cried out, "How stupid we are! Go and find your friend Madame Forestier and ask her to lend you her jewels." She uttered a cry of joy. 'It is true!' she said. "I had not thought of that."

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**ii.** What did Matilda's husband suggest her? 1

**iii.** Read the following descriptions (a)-(c) and identify which one correctly corresponds to the extract. 1

- (a) A debate is a formal discussion on a particular topic, usually with two or more people presenting different viewpoints and arguments.
- (b) A soliloquy is a speech given by a character alone on stage, which reveals their innermost thoughts and feelings to the audience.
- (c) A dialogue is a conversation between two or more people as a feature of a book, play, or film.

iv. What kind of a person is Mme Loisel and why is she always unhappy? Answer in about 40 words. 2

**7. Read the given extracts and answer the questions for ANY ONE of the two, given. 5**

**A.** I am an orphan, roaming the street,  
I pattern soft dust with my hushed, bare feet.  
The silence is golden, the freedom is sweet.  
Don't eat that chocolate, Amanda!  
Remember your acne, Amanda!  
Will you please look at me when I'm speaking to you,

( Amanda !)

i. Fill the blank with one word. 1

The extract shows that the speaker, Amanda's mother is \_\_\_\_\_ about Amanda's acne and cares for her.

ii. How does the use of metaphor impact this extract? 1

iii. Why is Amanda imagining being an orphan? Answer in about 40 words. 2  
iv. What is the poet estimating by making silence golden? 1

- (a) The worth of silence
- (b) The worth of beauty
- (c) The value of independence
- (d) The worth of privacy

**Or**

**B.** He stalks in his vivid stripes  
The few steps of his cage  
On pads of velvet quiet  
In his quiet rage  
He should be lurking in shadow  
Sliding through long grass Near the water hole  
where plump deer pass.

( A Tiger in the Zoo )

i. Complete the sentence appropriately. 1

The poetic device used in the first line of the given extract is \_\_\_\_\_ because the poet \_\_\_\_\_.

ii. What is the significance of the use of the phrase "quiet rage" to describe the mood of the tiger in the poem and how does this word choice contribute to the overall mood and tone of the poem? Answer in



about 40 words. 2

iii. Complete the sentence with the appropriate option. 1

According to the extract, the poet wishes for the tiger to be 'sliding' through the foliage as this would \_\_\_\_\_.

- (a) keep the prey unsuspecting of the predator's footsteps
- (b) aid in camouflaging the presence of the predator before it rushes in
- (c) help the predator pounce on the prey comfortably without getting tired
- (d) support the predator's vision as it eyes its prey

iv. Identify the type of imagery used in the lines of the poem. 1

**8. Answer ANY FOUR of the following five questions, in about 40-50 words. 4#3=12**

- i. Why did the woman in the control centre give a strange look to the narrator? 3  
( *Two Stories About Flying* )
- ii. When did the baker collect his bill usually? Where was his account recorded? 3  
( *Glimpses of India* )
- iii. How can one obtain peace of mind after a dear one's death? 3  
( *The Sermon at Benares* )
- iv. How is divine love different from human love? 3  
( *For Anne Gregory* )
- v. The ending of the poem indicates a celebration of victory. Discuss. 3  
( *The Trees* )

**9. Answer ANY TWO of the following three questions, in about 40-50 words. 2#3=6**

- i. Why was the narrator shocked at Tricky's appearance? 3  
( *A Triumph of Surgery* )
- ii. Who was Griffin? What did he want to prove through his repeated experiments? 3  
( *Footprints without Feet* )
- iii. What subject did Richard Ebright choose for next year's science fair? 3  
( *The Making of a Scientist* )

**10. Answer ANY ONE of the following two questions, in about 100-120 words. 1#6=6**

- A. How does the character of Lencho inspire us to have faith in God? How did he react to the help offered by the post office employees? What was his reaction towards the post office employees?  
( *A Letter to God* )

Or

- B. Who was the real hero? How did he save the other animals? Was he proud of his bravery? Justify your answer with instances from the poem.  
( *The Tale of Custard the Dragon* )

**11. Answer ANY ONE of the following two questions, in about 100-120 words. 1#6=6**

- A.** Ausable knew Fowler was very disappointed on seeing him. What did Ausable say to him and how did he console him?

( *The Midnight Visitor* )

**Or**

- B.** Bholi has multiple handicaps. She is a girl. She has pock-marks, she stammers. How can we change the social attitudes towards the differently abled?

( *Bholi* )

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## Sample Paper 16

### Class X Exam 2023-24

#### English Language and Literature (184)

**Time Allowed : 3 Hrs. Maximum Marks: 80**

**General Instructions:**

1. The Question Paper contains THREE sections READING, GRAMMAR & WRITING and LITERATURE.
  2. Attempt question based on specific instructions for each part.
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#### SECTION A - READING SKILLS 20

##### Reading Comprehension Through Unseen Passages

**1. Read the following text. 10**

1. Not too long ago, a group of teachers made a study of the students and learning problems. A curious fact came out of this study. The teachers discovered that the students who did poorly in subjects such as Maths or Art could still do very well in other subjects. But the students who did poorly in reading, almost did poorly in all their other courses.
2. For a while, the teachers who made the study were puzzled by this but they soon had an answer to this puzzle. The teachers looked at the subjects that the students were failing in and discovered that even subjects like Maths and Science were based on reading.
3. Of course, there were also other skills involved such as learning to add and subtract in Maths class. Most of the explanations of how to do things had to be read by the students. Much of the home work assignments required students to read long sets of directions and tests and problems in class often involved story problems, problems that were explained in words and had to be read and understood before they could be solved. Your success or failure in these classes will depend on your ability to read the required material.
4. Finally, if you go to college, almost all your study time will be spent in reading. You need more and more information and most of the information come from the printed material you have to read. Even if you could get tapes or movies containing all the information, you need to know that they would not be of much help until and unless you know how to read. Magazines and books may all be on microfilm in the next few years, but they will still have to be read. The same is true of most of what you have to learn in school. Your school is probably not going to throw all printed material out of the window very soon.
5. Success in school courses still depends on an ability to read and those students, who cannot read or at least read well enough to master material, are in trouble. You are moving into a world where everyday more and more technical reading is required. Instructions for using applications are becoming more complex. There are written instructions to follow, for food preparations, traffic signs, travel directions and safety information, all requiring the ability to read.
6. Also your ability to get and keep a job is directly related to your ability to read. Even the simplest jobs require some reading ability and many people advance to more important and better paying jobs by getting additional

knowledge and skills through reading. The more specialised the job, the greater the need to read confidently, quickly and efficiently. Doctors read professional journals so that they can use the latest medical knowledge in treating patients while pharmacists have to read the prescriptions the doctors write. Lawyers spend their days reading briefs. The number of semiskilled and professional occupations that require high reading ability is increasing rapidly. Today a person who cannot read is almost unemployable.

**Answer the following questions, based on the passage above.**

**i.** What is the most essential pre-requisite to keep a job? 1

- (a) One's ability to hear
- (b) One's ability to write
- (c) One's ability to read
- (d) One's ability to speak

**ii.** How is reading ability helping various professionals in their fields?

Answer in about 40 words. 2

**iii.** Complete the sentence appropriately. 1

"The students who did poorly in reading, almost did poorly in all their other courses" This is so because \_\_\_\_\_ .

**iv.** The passage includes some words that are opposites of each other. From the sets (a)-(e) given below, identify two sets of antonyms. 1

- (a) Puzzled and understood
- (b) Subjects and courses
- (c) Add and subtract
- (d) Explanation and information
- (e) Instruction and briefs

**v.** Complete the sentence appropriately. 1

The study of a group of teachers revealed that .....

**vi.** List the ways in which reading is crucial to student life. Answer in about 40 words. 2

**vii.** Select a suitable title for the given passage. 1

- (a) The results of the Survey
- (b) The skills needed in life
- (c) Reading
- (d) Learning how to Read

**viii.** Why is reading crucial in the modern-day world? 1

**2. Read the following text. 10**

1. Right from literacy, accessibility to schools and household expenditure on education, the rural-urban gap remains significant. There is a digital divide, too, with just 4% of rural households having access to computers as compared to 23% in urban areas. These and other trends in a rural-urban gap in education are revealed in the details of a survey conducted by the National Statistical Office (NSO).

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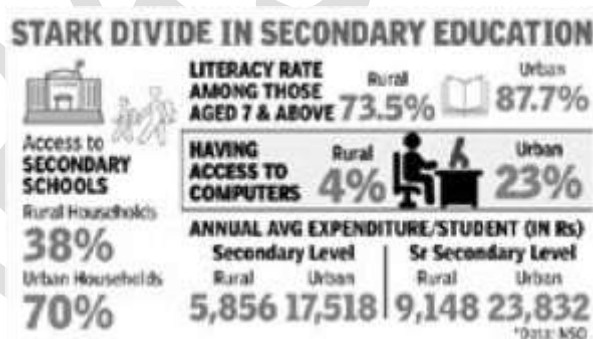
2. The report on 'Household Social Consumption: Education' surveyed 1.13 lakh households spread across over 8,000 villages and 6,000 urban blocks between July 2017 and June 2018. The study involved 1.52 lakh students across different levels of study.

3. On accessibility, while 92.7% of the rural households have a primary school within 1 km as compared to 87.2% in urban areas, the situation gets skewed as only 38% of the rural households have access to secondary school as compared to 70% in the urban areas on similar parameters.

4. While accessibility to a neighbourhood school at the primary level is not an issue in rural areas, the gross attendance ratio is also satisfactory with nearly 100% of boys and girls in rural as well as urban areas attending classes. However, in sync with reduced accessibility, there is a gap at a the secondary level between rural and urban settings. The all India literacy rate among persons aged 7 years and above is 77.7 %. However, for the same age group, rural literacy is 73.5% and for urban areas it is, 87.7%.

5. The digital divide between rural and urban households is stark with just 4% of the rural population having access to computers. The report highlighted that while only 15% surveyed population in the rural cluster has internet access, 42% of the students in the urban areas have access to the internet.

6. At school level while the majority of the urban households had shown a preference for private schools, it's the opposite for rural households. The report highlights that 76.1% of the rural children are attending primary and middle school run by the government, while only 38% of the urban children are attending government schools. However, for graduate and above studies, 49.7% rural students are attending classes in government institutions as compared to 41% of the urban counterparts in government institutions.



Answer the following questions, based on the passage above.

- i. Complete the following sentence appropriately. 1  
The majority of urban households show preference to \_\_\_\_\_ .
- ii. Fill in the blanks with the appropriate option from those given in the brackets, based on your understanding of passage. 1  
Rural areas have \_\_\_\_\_ (more/less) primary schools \_\_\_\_\_ (within/without) a km as compared to that in urban areas.

- iii.** What data shows that the rural-urban gap is visible at the secondary level of education? Answer in about 40 words. 2
- iv.** What did the survey conducted by the NSO cover? 1 **v.** In which aspect is the condition of education in the urban and rural households equal? 1 **vi.** Based on your understanding of the passage, choose the option that lists the factors that indicate the rural-urban gap. 1
- (a) Infrastructure development and Employment opportunities
  - (b) Accessibility to schools and Digital divide
  - (c) Right to literacy and Household expenditure
  - (d) All of the above
- vii.** Explain in about 40 words the digital divide between rural and urban households based on the passage. 2
- viii.** What does the Household Social. Consumption: Education focus on? 1
- (a) Need for making technology more affordable
  - (b) Backtracking of online education.
  - (c) Rural-urban gap in education
  - (d) How the digital divide is non-existent in education.

**SECTION B - GRAMMAR & WRITING SKILLS 20 GRAMMAR 10**

**3. Complete ANY TEN of twelve of the following tasks, as directed. 1#10=10**

- i.** Fill in the blank by choosing the correct option to complete an online update. 1 A new understanding of the fundamental connection between mind and body explains phenomena such as phantom limbs, and \_\_\_\_\_ surprising implications.
- (a) have
  - (b) are
  - (c) is
  - (d) has
- ii.** Read the conversation between Sudhir and Riya. Complete the sentence by reporting Riya's reply correctly. 1
- Sudhir : Riya, what is the reporting time for photoshoot tomorrow?
- Riya : I have no clue as I was not there during the briefing.
- Sudhir asked Riya what was the reporting time for photoshoot the following day. In response to his question, Riya answered that \_\_\_\_\_.
- iii.** Select the correct option to fill in the blank for the given line, from a magazine. 1 When our cherished ideas are contradicted by the facts, we \_\_\_\_\_ avoid the human tendency to double down on those ideas.

- (a) must
- (b) need
- (c) can
- (d) could

iv. Select the option that identifies the error and supplies the correction for the following line, from a news report. 1

As per the report, India will allowed food processors to import duty-free wheat against a commitment to export flour.

Option no.	error	correction
(a)	the	a
(b)	will	would
(c)	allowed	allow
(d)	against	for

v. Complete the given narrative, by filling in the blank with the correct option : 1

The two parks in our locality have virtually \_\_\_\_\_ over by undesirable elements.

- (a) been taking                      (b) take
- (c) taken                              (d) been taken

vi. Fill in the blank by using the correct form of the word in the bracket, for the given portion of a letter. 1 Subject : Request for kind perusal

Dear Sir

This is to respectfully submit that the students of Agatha House \_\_\_\_\_ (seek) approval for organising an Inter-house Rangoli Making Competition to be undertaken by the house.

vii. Report the dialogue between a father and his son, by completing the sentence. 1

Father : Why are you late from school, Amit?

Amit : While coming from school to bus stop, I slipped by stepping on a banana peel.

Father asked Amit \_\_\_\_\_ late from school. In response to the question, Amit replied that while coming from school to bus stop, he had slipped by stepping on a banana peel.

viii. Identify the error in the given sentence, from a school magazine report and supply the correction. 1 Exploring solutions to brought awareness about celebrating festivals without harming ecology was the second objective of the competition.

Use the given format for your response.

Error	Correction

- ix. Ahmed shared some information with Anmol about his visit to a book fair. Report Anmol's question. 1 Did you buy any book from the fair?
- x. Read the slogan by the Ministry for Child Welfare. Identify the error and supply the correction. 1 Can't we ask our children to reject junk food?

Use the given format for your response.

Error	Correction

- xi. Select the correct option to complete the narration of the dialogue between Sanskriti and her friend Pranika. 1

Sanskriti : I couldn't find you on the school bus this morning. Did you miss the school bus?

Pranika : No, my dad was enroute to the school. So, he offered me to drop me to the school.

Sanskriti told Pranika that she couldn't see her on the school bus that morning and further asked \_\_\_\_\_. In response to her question, Pranika replied that her father was enroute to the school and offered her to drop her to the school.

- (a) that if she had missed the school bus
  - (b) if she had missed the school bus
  - (c) that if she missed the school bus
  - (d) that if you had missed the school bus
- xii. Identify the error on a shop's hoarding and supply the correction, for the following sales offer. 1 SUPER SAVER DEALS !!!

With Mom and Me Super Saver Days Offers, got discounts on daily essentials, personal care, baby care, fashion, kitchen & dining, nutrition, and more.

Use the given format for your response.

Error	Correction

## WRITING 10

Note : All details presented in the questions are imaginary and created for assessment purpose.

### 4. Attempt ANY ONE from A and B given below. 5

- A. Drinking water is becoming a rare commodity. Industrial development is filling our rivers, seas and oceans with toxic pollutants which are a major threat to human health. You are deeply saddened to see water pollution as an appalling problem, which is powerful enough to lead the world on a path of destruction.



Write a letter to the Editor of Express News to make the public aware about the causes of water pollution and also suggest the measures to prevent water pollution. You are Parul Aggarwal, C-316, Jaswant Lane, New Delhi.

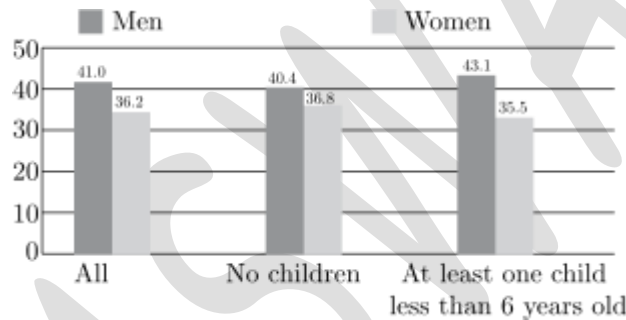
Or

**B.** You are Christopher Joanne, a resident of C-216, Margaret Green Avenue, Loni Road, Delhi. Three students of grade 10 from your residential complex went around the city at midnight and covered shelterless people with blankets without waking them up. You think that their work deserves appreciation and recognition.

Write a letter to the Secretary of your society, seeking recommendation for these youth, to be nominated for 'Star Volunteers Award'. Suggest other ways how such acts of kindness could be recognised and awarded in the future.

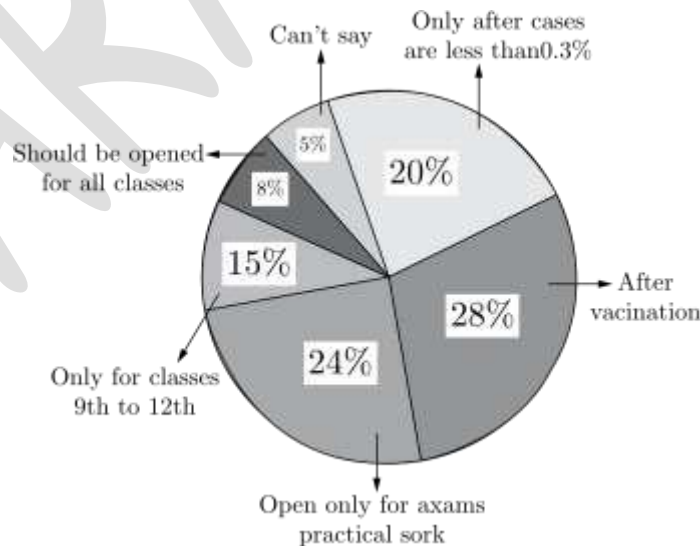
**5. Attempt ANY ONE from A and B given below. 5**

**A.** After the birth of a child, fathers spend more time in office, whereas mothers spend less. Given below is a graph showing average weekly hours worked by gender and household type of the year 2014. Write an analytical paragraph by summarising the information given below.



Or

**B.** A group of enterprising young adults conducted a survey on reopening of educational institutions in the National Capital.



## SECTION C - LITERATURE 40

### 6. Read the given extracts and answer the questions for ANY ONE of the two, given. 5

A. CHUBUKOV : And that blind hen, yes, that turnip-ghost has the confounded cheek to make a proposal, and so on!

NATALYA : What proposal?

CHUBUKOV : Why, he came here to propose to you. NATALYA : To propose? To me? Why didn't you tell me so before?

( *The Proposal* )

i. Identify Natalya's reaction at this point in the play. 1 ii. What made Natalya react so sharply to her father's words? Explain the irony in her words. Answer in about 40 words. 2

iii. State TRUE or FALSE. 1

None of the descriptions (a)-(d) correctly corresponds to the extract.

- (a) A debate is a formal discussion on a particular topic, usually with two or more people presenting different viewpoints and arguments.
- (b) A soliloquy is a speech given by a character alone on stage, which reveals their innermost thoughts and feelings to the audience.
- (c) An aside is a brief comment or remark made by a character directly to the audience, which is not intended to be heard by other characters on stage.
- (d) A dialogue is the exchange of spoken words between two or more characters in a book, play, or other written work.

iv. If an actor were to enact this extract, what would he be required to focus on, while modulating his voice? 1

Or

B. "Tell me another!" scoffed Pranjol.

"We have an Indian legend too.

Bodhidharma, an ancient Buddhist ascetic, cut off his eyelids because he felt sleepy during meditations. Ten tea plants grew out of the eyelids. The leaves of these plants when put in hot water and drunk, banished sleep."

"Tea was first drunk in China," Rajvir added, "as far back as 2700 B.C.! In fact, words such as tea, chai and chini are from the Chinese. Tea came to Europe only in the sixteenth century and was drunk more as medicine than as beverage."

( *Glimpses of India* )

i. What is the main idea of this extract? 1

- (a) Tea as a popular beverage in Europe and how it spread.
- (b) Origin of tea in India and why it became popular in Europe.
- (c) Importance of India in popularising tea and influencing Europe.

(d) Indian legend on tea and how it travelled from China to Europe.

ii. Why do you think Pranjol 'scoffed'? Answer in about 40 words. 2

iii. When did tea come to Europe? 1

iv. Read the following descriptions (a)-(c) and identify which one correctly corresponds to the extract. 1

(a) A conversation is a talk between two or more people, in which news and ideas are exchange.

(b) A soliloquy is a speech given by a character alone on stage, which reveals their innermost thoughts and feelings to the audience.

(c) An aside is a brief comment or remark made by a character directly to the audience, which is not intended to be heard by other characters on stage.

7. Read the given extracts and answer the questions for ANY ONE of the two, given. 5

A. Money is external.

He is learning, well behind his desperate eyes,

The epistemology of loss, how to stand up  
Knowing what every man must one day know  
And most know many days, how to stand up

( *The Ball Poem* )

i. The speaker of the above lines is \_\_\_\_\_. 1

(a) An observer

(b) The boy's parent

(c) The ball salesman

(d) A friend ii. 'The boy is learning to stand up'. What does it mean in the content of the extract? 1

iii. According to the poet, what do we mostly learn about loss from? 1

iv. What does the boy learn by losing the ball according to the extract? (Answer in about 40 words) 2

Or

B. "Belinda was as brave as a barrel full of bears, And Ink and Blink chased lions down the stairs,

Mustard was as brave as a tiger in a rage, But  
Custard cried for a nice safe cage."

( *The Tale of Custard the Dragon* )

i. In what way does the use of conjunctions 'and' and 'but' in this extract signify? 1

ii. What is the significance of Custard crying 'for a nice, safe cage'? How does this contribute to the overall mood and tone of the poem? 1

iii. Choose the most appropriate option. What does the extract demonstrate about other pets of Belinda? 1 (a)

The entire lot was as brave as could be.

(b) They all had flamboyant personalities.

- (c) Ink, Blink, and Mustard pretended to be brave.
- (d) They were known for being fearful.

iv. Comment on the poet's use of language in these lines in 40 words. 2

**8. Answer ANY FOUR of the following five questions, in about 40-50 words. 4#3=12**

- i. 'Every journey of a thousand miles begins with but a single step.' With reference to the chapter 'His First Flight', analyse the statement and show your acquaintance. 3  
( *Two Stories About Flying* )
- ii. The poem 'Fire and Ice' uses the metaphor of the end of the world to characterise this destruction. Do you agree? Support your answer with reasons. 3  
( *Fire and Ice* )
- iii. Valli's unique maiden bus ride experience was pleasant because the bus conductor was an affable man. Do you agree? Why/Why not? 3  
( *Madam Rides the Bus* )
- iv. What does the poet want to demonstrate through the poem 'A Tale of Custard the Dragon'? 3
- v. How can we say that Chubukov was continuously trying to reconcile the differences between Natalya and Lomov? (Any one example) 3  
( *The Proposal* )

**9. Answer ANY TWO of the following three questions, in about 40-50 words. 2#3=6**

- i. Griffin had become a scientist just to satisfy his own ego and carry out satanic deeds. Comment. 3 ( *Footprints without Feet* )
- ii. The writer has given ample chance to the readers to ridicule the character Max in the chapter 'The Midnight Visitor'. Substantiate your answer with examples from the text. 3  
( *Footprints without Feet* )
- iii. Validate the importance of 'Try and try until you succeed', in the context of Richard Ebright in 'The Making of a Scientist'. 3  
( *The Making of a Scientist* )

**10. Answer ANY ONE of the following two questions, in about 100-120 words. 1#6=6**

A. Matilda goes home after meeting Mme Forestier after ten years and shares the fact with M. Loisel that the necklace was a false one. Write the dialogue between Matilda and M Loisel.

Matilda : I don't know how to tell you this but I met Mme Forestier today and she told me that her necklace was not a real diamond.

M Loisel : What! I just can't believe my ears. That huge debt was for nothing!

Matilda : \_\_\_\_\_ . M

Loisel : \_\_\_\_\_ .

( *The Necklace* )

**Or**

- B.** Valli's visit to the town has been disclosed and mother gives her a scolding. Develop a conversation between Valli and her mother emphasising how important it is to follow the instructions given by the elders.

( *Madam Rides the Bus* )

**11. Answer ANY ONE of the following two questions, in about 100-120 words. 1#6=6**

- A.** Mrs Hall was disgraced solely because of her sheer negligence. Do you think she could have avoided her woes and miseries only if she had been a little vigilant and more careful? Comment.

( *Footprints without Feet* )

**Or**

- B.** Horace might not have ended up in prison repenting at the way he was deceived but by cursing the lady in red. Examine the statement 'A Question of Trust' giving reasons for the same.

( *A Question of Trust* )

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#### SECTION A - READING SKILLS 20

##### Reading Comprehension Through Unseen Passages

**1. Read the following text. 10**

1. A piano teacher described an interesting encounter she had with a young lady who came to inquire about music lessons. The young lady asked her, "How long will this course take? My father tells me that it is in fashion now to be able to play musical instruments and that I should learn one quickly. I want something that will be quick, fast and easy like, like...." When the amused teacher explained that it would take a lifetime of meticulous practice to learn music, her face fell and needless to say, she never came back.
2. The single most important factor that distinguishes those of us who succeed in any venture and those of us who don't is this 'instant coffee' attitude. Most of us want results quickly. We want to reach the top immediately and get worked up when things go wrong. Perseverance and patience are forgotten words. We get upset, frustrated and angry when a skill or activity requires us to put in a lot of effort and time. We get dejected and want to give it up.
3. But such thinking serves no good. For, it doesn't solve the problem.
4. Life is tough for those with an 'instant coffee' attitude. Success, real success and happiness come to those who have a 'bread-making' attitude. Those who are willing to knead the dough, wait for hours for it to rise, only to punch it down and knead some more, wait for another couple of hours for it to rise again, and then bake it before it is ready to be eaten. Nothing is instantaneous. For every endeavour-whether in the area of career, academics, music, sports, relationships, physical fitness or even in spirituality-it is a long arduous journey.
5. Only if we are willing to put in the time, painstaking effort and have faith, can we get results. If we don't accept this difficult-but-true fact of life, our lives will be far from being happy and fulfilling. For we may not make that extra effort which can change the course of life dramatically, for the good.
6. The major problem with these 'instant coffee' solutions is that they are invariably short-lived. If we stubbornly refuse to give up this search for quick solutions, all we do is end up on the wrong track. **Answer the following questions, based on the passage above.**
  - i. Why did the young lady wishing to learn piano not go back to her teacher? 1
    - (a) Because the teacher told her that piano learning would take a lifetime of practice.

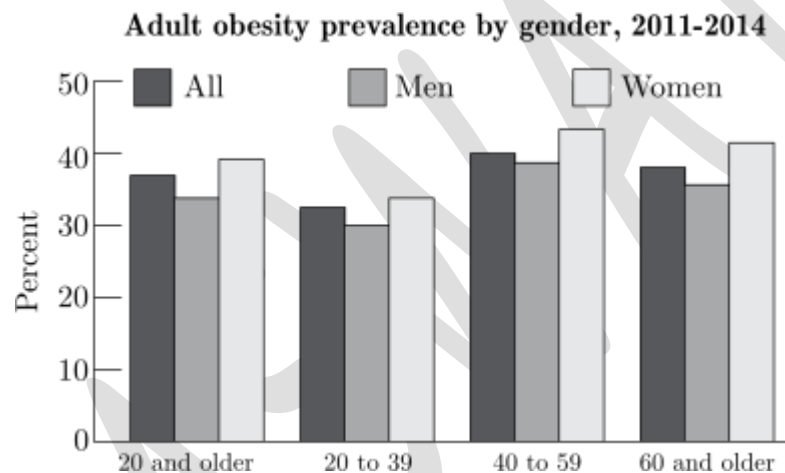
- (b) Because the young lady wanted to learn guitar.
- (c) Because the teacher was incompetent.
- (d) Because she did not have enough money.
- ii.** Explain the 'bread-making' attitude. Why does success and happiness come to those with this attitude?  
Answer in about 40 words.      2
- iii.** Complete the sentence appropriately.      1  
The author supports \_\_\_\_\_ .
- iv.** The passage includes some words that are opposites of each other. From the sets (a)-(e) below, identify a set of antonyms.      1
- (a) Amused and upset
- (b) Quickly and immediately
- (c) Dejected and happiness
- (d) Punch and knead
- (e) Effort and instant
- v.** Complete the sentence appropriately. According to the passage, the biggest problem with 'instant coffee' solutions is that \_\_\_\_\_.      1
- vi.** The writer uses the phrase instant coffee attitude. What does it consist of? Answer in about 40 words. 2
- vii.** Select the inappropriate reason for negating the instant coffee attitude. 1
- (a) Presence of mistakes      (b) Ineffective
- (c) Frustrating      (d) Short-lived
- viii.** Who according to the author are the people who succeed in life? How are they different from the rest?      1

**2. Read the following text.      10**

1. Obesity has been defined as a Body Mass Index (BMI) greater than 30 kg/m<sup>2</sup>, with extreme obesity defined as a BMI greater than 40 kg/m<sup>2</sup>. Obesity is rapidly becoming the leading cause of preventable death in the United States, with obesity-related deaths projected to soon surpass deaths related to tobacco abuse. The incidence of obesity has doubled in the United States since 1960, with one-third of the adult population currently obese. Perhaps more alarming is the increase in overweight children; over the past 25 years, this rate has risen from 6% to 19%.
2. Obesity is the next major epidemiologic challenge facing today's doctors, with the annual allocation of healthcare resources for the disease and related comorbidities projected to exceed \$150 billion in the United States. The incidence of obesity has risen in the United States over the past 30 years; 60% of adults are currently either obese or overweight. Obesity is associated with a higher incidence of a number of diseases, including

diabetes, cardiovascular disease and cancer. Consumption of fast food, Trans Fatty Acids (TFAs), and fructose-combined with increasing portion sizes and decreased physical activity-has been implicated as a potential contributing factor in the obesity crisis.

3. The use of Body Mass Index (BMI) alone is of limited utility for predicting adverse cardiovascular outcomes, but the utility of this measure may be strengthened when combined with waist circumference and other anthropomorphic measurements. Certain public health initiatives have helped to identify and reduce some of the factors contributing to obesity.
4. In New York City and Denmark, for example, such initiatives have succeeded in passing legislation to reduce or remove TFAs from residents’ diets. The obesity epidemic will likely change practice for gastroenterologists, as shifts will be seen in the incidence of obesity-related gastrointestinal disorders, disease severity and the nature of comorbidities. The experience gained with previous epidemiologic problems such as smoking should help involved parties to expand needed health initiatives and increase the likelihood of preventing future generations from suffering the consequences of obesity.



**Answer the following questions, based on the passage above.**

- i. Complete the following sentence with appropriate words. 1  
60 % of the adult population in the USA is either \_\_\_\_\_ or \_\_\_\_\_ .
- ii. Fill in the blanks with appropriate option from those given in brackets. 1  
The annual allocation of budget in the US for obesity and related diseases is \_\_\_\_\_ (projected to decrease by \$150 million/projected to exceed \$150 Billion)
- iii. What problems are caused by obesity in the United States?  
Answer in about 40 words. 2
- iv. Based on your understanding of the passage, infer one medical problem caused by obesity. 1
- v. Which initiative has been taken in New York City and Denmark? 1
- vi. Based on your understanding of the passage, choose the option that lists medical problems caused by obesity. 1
  1. Heart diseases
  2. Diabetes



- 3. Lung diseases
  - 4. Cancer
  - 5. Thyroid
  - 6. Hormonal disorders
- (a) 1 and 2      (b) 3 and 4  
(c) 5 and 6 (d) All of these

**vii.** How will the obesity epidemic change practice for gastroenterologists? Answer in about 40 words. 2

**viii.** Which of the following is not true as per passage? 1

- (a) Obesity is the most common amongst late teenagers in America.
- (b) Obesity is defined in terms of the Waist Hip ratio.
- (c) Obesity has been termed as an epidemic.
- (d) Obesity is related to smoking.

## SECTION B - GRAMMAR & WRITING SKILLS 20

### GRAMMAR 10

**3. Complete ANY TEN of twelve of the following tasks, as directed. 1#10=10**

- i.** Fill in the blank by choosing the correct option to complete a report on road accidents in India. 1 Today, road accidents \_\_\_\_\_ India a dubious distinction. She has the worst road traffic accident rate.
- (a) are earning (b) have earned  
(c) earn (d) might have earned
- ii.** Read the conversation between a mother and her daughter. Complete the sentence by reporting the mother's question correctly. 1
- Mother : Why are you looking so worried?
- Daughter : My exams are approaching.
- The mother looking at her daughter's anxious face asked \_\_\_\_\_ to which the daughter replied that her exams were approaching.
- iii.** Select the correct option to fill in the blank for the given line, from a health magazine. 1 As per the advisory issued by the government, proper distancing, regular service of the buses and their proper disinfection \_\_\_\_\_ be ensured.
- (a) ought (b) must  
(c) need to (d) have to
- iv.** Select the option that identifies the error and supplies the correction for the following line, from a story. 1
- He would not be sad at the loss of money, but for the loss of trust. 1

Option No.	Error	Correction
(a)	would	will
(b)	be	remain
(c)	at	for
(d)	for	about

v. Complete the given narrative, by filling in the blank with the correct option. 1

She felt that her pet \_\_\_\_\_ survive, if he did not see her daily.

- (a) did not      (b) shall not  
 (c) cannot      (d) would not

vi. Fill in the blank by using the correct word/s, for the given portion of a letter. 1

I would \_\_\_\_\_ your attention to the violation of advisory on getting the booster dose for Covid-19.

vii. Report the dialogue between a mother and her sons, by completing the sentence. 1 The mother waved her hand and said sadly, "It looks like the Gods have abandoned us".

The eldest son said, "Gods reside in you, mother. Until you are around, Gods are around".

In response to their mother's lament that the Gods had abandoned them, the eldest son assured her that \_\_\_\_\_.

viii. Identify the error in the given sentence, from a story published in a popular magazine and supply the correction. 1

The man went out for no other reason than to have the pleasure of feeling the rain over his

body, and when he returned, he was thoroughly wet. 1

Use the given format for your response.

Error	Correction

ix. Anil shared some information with Tariq about a holiday on a cruise. Report Tariq's question. 1 Did you enjoy sailing the sea on a cruise?

x. Read the following last line from an article on the rights of women published in a national daily. Identify the error and supply the correction. 1

Stand up for your rights because nobody else would Use the given format for your response.

Error	Correction

xi. Select the correct option to complete the narration of the dialogue between Shelly and her friend Tanvi. 1

Shelly said to Tanvi, "Can you solve this particularly tough question in linear equations?"

Tanvi, "It would be a shame if I can't because I have been taking tuition all summer vacations." Shelly asked Tanvi if she could solve that particularly tough question in linear equations. Tanvi answered that it would be a shame if she \_\_\_\_\_ tuition all summer vacations.

- (a) can't because she had been taking (b) can't because she has been taking  
(c) couldn't because she had been taking (d) couldn't because she was taking

xii. Identify the error on a shop's hoarding and supply the correction, for the following sales offer. 1

Loose weight in just a month!
"A WONDER DIET comes to your rescue... A privilege available for only a few!"

Use the given format for your response.

Error	Correction

### WRITING 10

Note : All details presented in the questions are imaginary and created for assessment purpose.

4. Attempt ANY ONE from A and B given below. 5

A. You are Reena/Raju of 85, Ramesh Nagar, New Delhi. You have come across a poster promoting social distancing.



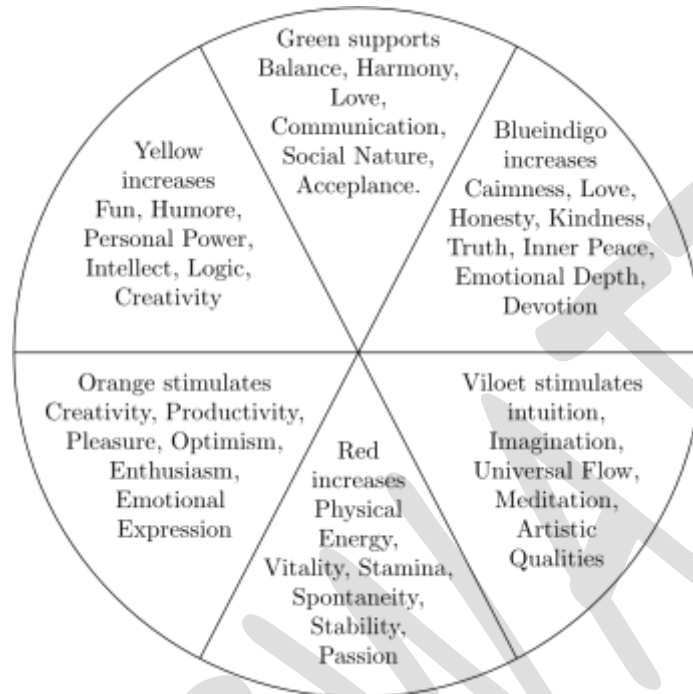
Write a letter in 100-120 words to the General Manager, DTC, complaining about violation of advisory on social distancing in buses in your area and urging him to take urgent steps in this matter.

Or

B. You are Anshul/Anshika, a student of class X and resident of 56 D, Ring Road, ITO, New Delhi, and wants to be a choreographer. Write a letter in 100-120 words to the Director, National Institute of Choreography, Noida, seeking information about their online course, admission procedure, eligibility criteria and other necessary details.

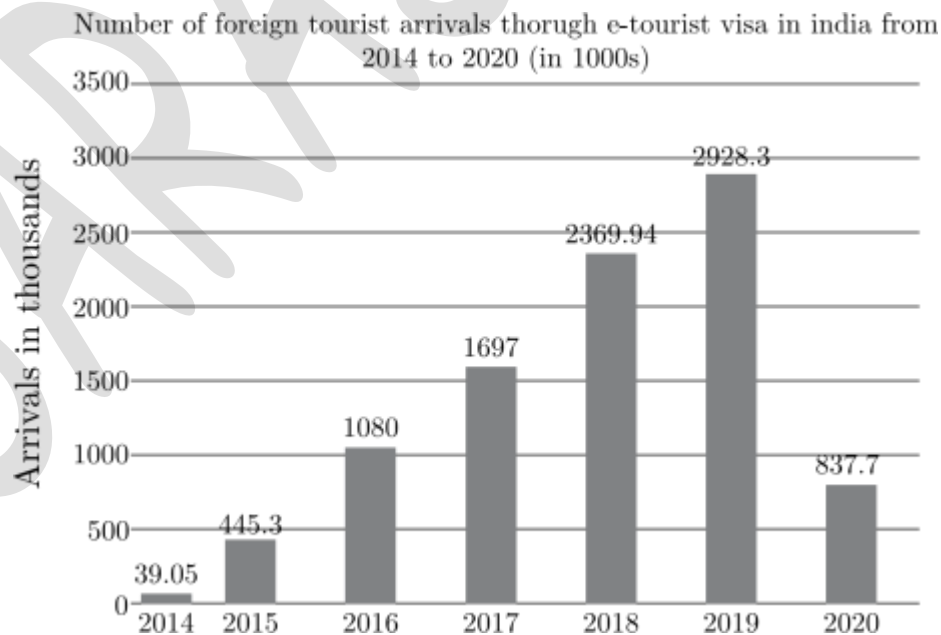
5. Attempt ANY ONE from A and B given below. 5

- A.** Colours play a very important role in our life. They have a healing power also. Read the pie chart given below and write an analytical paragraph in 100-120 words on colour therapy.



Or

- B.** For a tourist, the ease of travelling to a country makes travel pleasurable and smooth. It makes a visitor go back to the destination again. In order to make the trip to India worth its while, the GOI has introduced a visa-on-arrival facility for travellers from many countries and the list keeps getting longer every year. Analysing the data in the graph above, write an analytical paragraph. Give it a suitable heading.



## SECTION C - LITERATURE 40

### 6. Read the given extracts and answer the questions for ANY ONE of the two, given. 5

**A.** The following Sunday Lencho came a bit earlier than usual to ask if there was a letter for him. It was the postman himself who handed the letter to him while the postmaster, experiencing the contentment of a man who has performed a good deed, looked on from his office. Lencho showed not the slightest surprise on seeing the money; such was his confidence - but he became angry when he counted the money. God could not have made a mistake, nor could he have denied Lencho what he had requested.

( *A Letter to God* ) **i.**

What was the belief of Lencho? 1

**ii.** Why did Lencho go a bit early to the post office the following Sunday? Answer in about 40 words. 2

**iii.** State TRUE or FALSE. 1

None of the descriptions (a)-(d) correctly corresponds to Lencho.

- (a) Blind faith in God
- (b) Superstitious nature of village people
- (c) Suspicious of all government authorities
- (d) No faith in God

**iv.** How much money did Lencho receive? 1 **Or**

**B.** She was not convinced. 'No', she replied, "there is nothing more humiliating than to have a shabby air in the midst of rich women."

Then her husband cried out, "How stupid we are! Go and find your friend Madame Forestier and ask her to lend you her jewels." She uttered a cry of joy. 'It is true!' she said. "I had not thought of that."

( *The Necklace* )

**i.** Why did she need the jewels? 1

- (a) To go to a party of rich people
- (b) For a photoshoot
- (c) To get a replica made
- (d) For wearing them at home

**ii.** What did Matilda's husband suggest her? 1

**iii.** Read the following descriptions (a)-(c) and identify which one correctly corresponds to the extract. 1

- (a) A debate is a formal discussion on a particular topic, usually with two or more people presenting different viewpoints and arguments.
- (b) A soliloquy is a speech given by a character alone on stage, which reveals their innermost thoughts and feelings to the audience.

(c) A dialogue is a conversation between two or more people as a feature of a book, play, or film.

iv. What kind of a person is Mme Loisel and why is she always unhappy? Answer in about 40 words. 2

**7. Read the given extracts and answer the questions for ANY ONE of the two, given. 5**

A. My head is full of whispers which  
tomorrow will be silent.

Listen. The glass is breaking. The trees are  
stumbling forward into the night. Winds  
rush to meet them. The moon is broken like  
a mirror, its pieces flash now in the crown  
of the tallest oak.

( *The Trees* )

i. Why are tree stumbling forward? 1

ii. Which word from the poem is similar in meaning to 'slip' or 'loose one's balance'? 1 (a) Muddle

(b) Rush

(c) Stumble

(d) Flash

iii. Fill the blank with one word. 1

The poetic device used in the line 'The moon is broken like a mirror' is \_\_\_\_\_.

iv. What sounds have been referred to in the given lines? Answer in about 40 words. 2

**Or**

B. But I can get a hair-dye And  
set such colour there,

Brown, or black, or carrot,

That young men in despair May  
love me for myself alone And not  
my yellow hair.

( *For Anne Gregory* ) i.

What is the objective of the poet in using conjunction 'but' in the given extract? 1

ii. What is the significance of the argument "But I can get a hair-dye/ And set such colour there, Brown, or black, or carrot"? What effect will it have on the young men? Answer in about 40 words. 2

iii. Complete the sentence with the appropriate option. 1

Anne Gregory despite her young age seems to have clarity of thought because she wants \_\_\_\_\_.

- (a) to dye her hair brown, black, or carrot.
- (b) young men to love her for her yellow hair.
- (c) to be loved for her internal beauty.
- (d) young men to love her desperately.

iv. Identify the use of consonance in the given lines of the poem. 1

8. Answer ANY FOUR of the following five questions, in about 40-50 words. 4#3=12 i. What kind of suffering is reflected in the Sermon? 3

( *The Sermon at Benares* )

ii. Why was Pranjol not excited on seeing the tea garden? 3

( *Glimpses of India* )

iii. A ball is an easily available, inexpensive thing. Then, why is the boy so sad to lose it? 3 ( *The Ball Poem* )

iv. What are the three things that can't happen in a treeless forest? 3

( *The Trees* )

v. What was Lomov's opinion about Squeezer? 3

( *The Proposal* )

9. Answer ANY TWO of the following three questions, in about 40-50 words. 2#3=6 i. What was the cause of Matilda's ruin? 3

( *The Necklace* )

ii. Why did Bholi's parents think her a dumb cow? 3

( *Bholi* )

iii. Why did Mrs Pumphrey suffer in the absence of Tricky? 3

( *A Triumph of Surgery* )

10. Answer ANY ONE of the following two questions, in about 100-120 words. 1#6=6

A. Valli and Amanda, two young girls who are brought up in different environment. Assume they both meet each other while Valli is riding the bus and Amanda is one of the passengers and they have a conversation about their lifestyle and feelings. Write this conversation as per your understanding of 'Madam Rides the Bus' and Amanda'. You may begin like this:

Amanda: You are so fortunate that you can do whatever you want to. Valli:  
Oh? I think, I love to be adventurous and love to take risks. \_\_\_\_\_.

( *Madam Rides the Bus* )

Or

B. "For most gulls it was not flying that mattered, but eating. For this gull, it was not eating that mattered but flight'. If you had to use the message of the given quote based on His First Flight to understand the motto of

Mandela's life signifies his struggle for his men's freedom, how will you elaborate it? Also, how it would have been tough for Mandela not to think only about his interests.

( *Two Stories About Flying* )

**11. Answer ANY ONE of the following two questions, in about 100-120 words. 1#6=6**

**A.** Science can be a terrible master, it is good till the man does not become a slave to it and uses it for fulfilment of mean desires. Analyse this in detail, with reference to the character of Griffin of 'Footprints Without Feet'.

**Or**

**B.** "Scientists work to discover answers often times for years and with numerous failures." Analyze this quote with reference to 'Making of A Scientist'.

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## Sample Paper 18

### Class X Exam 2023-24

#### English Language and Literature (184)

**Time Allowed : 3 Hrs. Maximum Marks: 80**

**General Instructions:**

1. The Question Paper contains THREE sections READING, GRAMMAR & WRITING and LITERATURE.
  2. Attempt question based on specific instructions for each part.
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#### SECTION A - READING SKILLS 20

##### Reading Comprehension Through Unseen Passages

**1. Read the following text. 10**

1. Crows are incredibly aware of their surroundings and have a way of observing humans. Corvids—a family of birds including crows, magpies, and ravens develop relationship with human beings. Once corvids accept the friendship, it is expressed by bringing gifts for their human friends. This, crow lovers say, is a possibility but not a given. Some people feed crows as a meditative practice.
2. Crow behaviour varies from family to family and region to region. There are about 50 species of corvids around the world, and they behave differently from each other. They're not the only intelligent birds around, but in general, corvids are smart in a way that resonates deeply with humans, because they're good at some of the things that we are good at. Crows can think about their own thoughts. Crows can recognize individual human faces, associate them with friendliness or danger, and pass that knowledge along to their pals.
3. Their social system is the most like the Western human civilization of any animal that we know of. American crows have a family and a space that they defend, but they also have a neighborhood that they pay attention to. And crows will interact with larger groups of crows that they don't know as well, sort of the way how humans will engage with their communities beyond their closest relationships.
4. But they're also cautious. Crows have been paying attention to individual people more than perhaps any other bird. PET scans reveal that when crows viewed human faces that they associated with threat or care, the birds had increased activity in the amygdala, thalamus and brain stem—areas related to emotional processing and fear learning. In response to threatening faces, areas that regulate perception, attention and fleeing also lit up. Similarities to the human brain in this case are most striking.
5. They do have preferences in food. If you put out a pile of different foods, like a little buffet for the crows, they're all going to kind of home in on something. All one needs are patience and routine. Crows need to learn you're not a threat, that the food is safe, and that it will be there every day. Crows go viral for bringing their human friends gifts. But the reality of being a friend to corvids reflects a deeper responsibility.
6. Crow lovers have been encouraging humans to feed crows for decades. But there are ways for this practice to go wrong and make them a nuisance. Leaving out too much food can lead crows to mob your neighbourhood constantly. Just as the crows talk to each other, human crow friends need to be aware of how their habits affect their human neighbours.

**Answer the following questions, based on the passage above.**

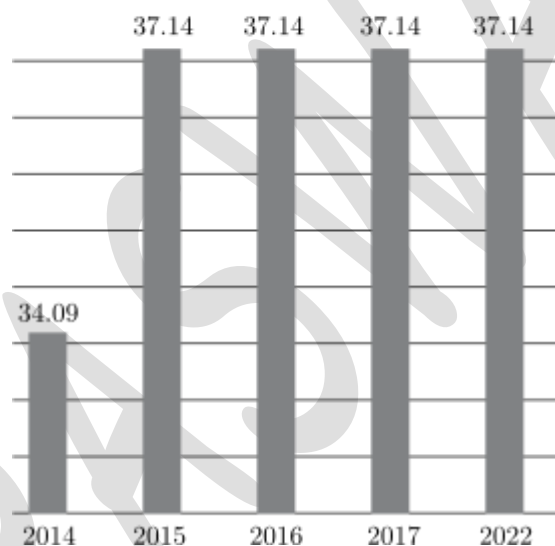
- i.** The writer asserts in paragraph 3 that crows are socially responsible birds much like human beings. Which of the following statements agrees with this assertion? 1
1. All 50 species of crows behave differently in different social settings.
  2. Crows can be friendly with humans.
  3. They pay attention to their neighbourhood.
  4. They interact with larger groups of crows from other areas.
  5. American crows have a family and a space that they defend.
- (a) 1 and 4                      (b) 2 and 5  
(c) 3 and 4                      (d) 4 and 5
- ii.** What makes the writer compare 'the social system of the crows is closest to the Western human civilization of any animal known to humans' in the given lines from paragraph 3? Rationalise your response in about 40 words. 2
- iii.** Complete the sentence appropriately. 1  
The author's observation that crows have been paying attention to individual people more than perhaps any other bird is backed by \_\_\_\_\_.
- iv.** The passage includes some words that are either opposites of or similar to each other. From the sets (a)-(e) below, identify two sets that belong neither to antonyms or synonyms. 1
- (a) neighbourhood and family space
  - (b) patience and routine
  - (c) threat or care
  - (d) communities and closest relationships
  - (e) emotional processing and fear learning
- v.** The writer says in paragraph 2 that corvids are good at detecting friendship as well as danger - some of the things that we, humans are also good at but \_\_\_\_\_. 1
- vi.** Based on the reading of the passage, examine, in about 40 words, how does the author emphasise the most fascinating traits of crows. 2
- vii.** Evaluate the options below and pick out the one that is incorrect from the set and does not correspond to crow behaviour. 1
- (a) They can handle vast quantities of food.
  - (b) Crows are territorial.
  - (c) They process different emotions just like humans.
  - (d) Crows are independent thinkers.

viii. Mention two points to remember while feeding the crows. 1

**2. Read the following text. 10**

1. Sports and energy drinks consumed by athletes and fitness-freaks, are beverages rich in essential components such as nutrients, vitamins, carbohydrates, etc., that provide much-needed mental and physical stimulation. They not only provide an instant energy boost but also help to replenish the electrolytes which are lost during the workout keeping the body hydrated which is of utmost importance. Indian consumers drink 120 billion liters of beverages of which 4% are ready-to-drink energy drinks which are available in a variety of flavours and also in an organic avatar.
2. Furthermore, aggressive promotion and marketing by the big brands across all media have also contributed significantly to their market growth. Collaboration with celebrities and sports personalities, development of more consumer-oriented products such as sugar-free drinks or customizable drinks, product availability across various platforms, and sponsoring various sporting events or teams are believed to even further increase the growth of these brands.

Energy Drinks Market Revenue (USD million),  
Convenience stores, India, 2014-2022



3. The market size of Indian Sports and energy drinks reached US\$ 2.4 billion in 2022. And going by the current rate, projections estimate the market size to reach US\$ 5.0 billion by the year 2027; thereby exhibiting a growth rate of (CAGR) of 13.27 during 2022-2027.
4. A lot of athletes gets confused between an energy drink and sports drink. Sugar is the biggest enemy for any athlete if its intake is not balanced correctly. Any beverage which contains more than 10% of sugar is considered to be an energy drink. So aerated beverages, sodas, juices (like mango, lime etc.) all fall under the energy drink category. When an athlete consumes any energy drink, it creates a sudden insulin spike in the body and for a short duration of period feels energetic. However, the insulin spike is soon followed by an insulin spike drop, leaving behind the athlete dull, lethargic and fatigued. This is not desirable in an athlete as they need to constantly maintain their energy & focus for higher performance. **Answer the following questions, based on the passage above.**
  - i. Complete the following analogy appropriately, based on your understanding of paragraphs 1 and 2. 1 The fact that sports drinks are the preferred choice of sports persons is comparable with the fact that energy drinks seem to be \_\_\_\_\_.

**ii.** Fill in the blanks with the appropriate option from those given in brackets, based on your understanding of paragraph 2. 1

Indian consumers drink 120 billion liters of beverages of which 4% or 4.8 billion liters are ready-to-drink energy drinks that are available in a variety of flavours and also in an organic avatar is \_\_\_\_\_ (a fact/ opinion) because it is \_\_\_\_\_ (a/an subjective judgement/ objective detail).

**iii.** Justify the following, in about 40 words : 2

Big brands and MNCs are keenly pushing and aiding the growth of their beverages' markets by widening their consumer base.

**iv.** Based on the passage, mention two marketing tactics involving big events and known faces adopted by the big brands to popularise their energy and sports drinks? 1 **v.** Study the statement: 'Sports and energy drinks are beverages that seem to have nailed not only the wideranging taste buds of the consumers but also the latest fads prevalent in society.' 1 State any one inference that can be drawn from this.

**vi.** Select the option that correctly displays what 'avatar' signifies. (Reference-Paragraph 1) 1



(i)



(ii)



(iii)



(iv)



(v)

- (a) Only (i)                      (b) (i) and (iii)  
 (c) Only (v)                      (d) (ii), (iii) and (iv)

**vii.** Infer one benefit and one drawback of athletes consuming sports and energy drinks. Answer in about 40 words. 2

**viii.** Select the appropriate option to fill in the blanks. 1

From paragraph 1, we can infer that sports and energy drinks are a source of \_\_\_\_\_ and \_\_\_\_\_ especially if you are into regular and heavy work-outs.

1. electrolytes
  2. instant energy
  3. hydration
  4. organic matter
  5. flavours
- (a) 1 and 4                      (b) 2 and 3  
 (c) 4 and 5                      (d) 1 and 5

**SECTION B - GRAMMAR & WRITING SKILLS 20 GRAMMAR 10**

**3. Complete ANY TEN of twelve of the following tasks, as directed. 1#10=10**

**i.** The ACC \_\_\_\_\_ the date of examination to recruit soldiers and train them to become commissioned officers in the Indian Army. 1

- (a) will announce                      (b) has announced  
(c) to be announced                      (d) announcing

**ii.** Read the conversation between Amit and Shlok. Complete the sentence by reporting Shlok’s statement correctly. 1

Amit : Are you going to Delhi today?

Shlok : No, I am coming with Devendra. He will start day after tomorrow.

Amit rang up Shlok and asked whether he was going to Delhi the following day. In response to this, Shlok replied \_\_\_\_\_.

**iii.** Select the correct option to fill in the blank for the given line, from the speech of the school President. 1

I \_\_\_\_\_ admit, the trek which we thought would be a boring and exhausting experience was one of the most enjoyable experiences we have had this term.

- (a) must                      (b) should  
(c) need                      (d) would

**iv.** Select the option that identifies the error and supplies the correction for the following line, from a news report: 1

Every inhabitant of planet Earth depend on water for their survival and their day-to-day activities.

Option No.	Error	Correction
(a)	their	there
(b)	depend	depends
(c)	every	each
(d)	and	or

**v.** Complete the given narrative, by filling in the blank with the correct option. 1 If you move around hoping your problems \_\_\_\_\_, they won’t.

- (a) will solve                      (b) will solved  
(c) will have solved                      (d) will be solved

**vi.** Fill in the blank by using the correct form of the word in the bracket, for the given portion of a letter: 1

Subject : Electricity problem in the locality

Please \_\_\_\_\_ (publish) an article in your esteemed daily, so that the authorities should focus on that and take any action against the situation. So that we will be free from the current worst condition of the electricity breakdown.

**vii.** Report the dialogue between Aman and a confectioner, by completing Aman’s sentence : 1 Confectioner : How may I help you, child?

Aman : I am looking for an eggless cake for my granny’s birthday.

The confectioner on noticing a small child Aman, asked him affectionately \_\_\_\_\_. In response to the question of the confectioner, Aman replied that he was looking for an eggless cake for his granny’s birthday.

**viii.** Identify the error in the given sentence, from an e-magazine report and supply the correction. 1 In the last decade, conservationists and academics have turned his attention to studying the best ways to install these natural features in the North.

Use the given format for your response.

Error	Correction

**ix.** The class teacher shared some information, with Prakriti, about the Open House. Report class teacher’s question. 1

Why were your parents absent, yesterday?

**x.** Read the slogan by the local counsellor of your ward. Identify the error and supply the correction. 1 May we afford to survive without trees? Think twice.

Use the given format for your response.

Error	Correction

**xi.** Select the correct option to complete the conversation between Abhigyan and Anmol. 1 Abhigyan : Anmol, why did you not attend the Biology class yesterday?

Anmol : Actually, I was practising for my Physics test.

Abhigyan asked \_\_\_\_\_. Anmol replied that he had been practising for his Physics test, actually.

- (a) Anmol why he has not attended the Biology class last day.
- (b) Anmol that why he has not attended the Biology class last day.
- (c) Anmol why he had not attended the Biology class last day.
- (d) Anmol why he has not attended the Biology class yesterday.

**xii.** Identify the error spotted from a local newspaper and supply the correction required : 1

Save Wildlife

Its all part of an effort to find ways to protect coastal communities and make space for wildlife.

Use the given format for your response.

Error	Correction

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## WRITING 10

*Note : All details presented in the questions are imaginary and created for assessment purpose.*

### 4. Attempt ANY ONE from A and B given below. 5

- A.** You are Arnav / Athiya, a resident of Surya Nagar Colony, Vadodara, Gujarat. You noticed that the curb on wearing masks has been lifted but even then, we, as sincere citizen need to be responsible and wear masks religiously.

Write a letter to the editor of The Gujarat Times, drawing attention towards the same. Explain how such acts impact the health of the community and requesting immediate intervention and strict action against the violators.

Or

- B.** Whenever a child is restless, they are given to play a video on mobile phone. Children also use it as bait and they refuse to eat. In no time, your child becomes obsessed with screens. Mobile phones have become a common fad these days.

Write a letter to the editor requesting to publish an article voicing your opinion and concern that the children are being physically inactive while sitting over time with a mobile phone.

Assign yourself as Nidhi Kamat, Vasant Kunj Lane, Ayodhya, Uttar Pradesh.

### 5. Attempt ANY ONE from A and B given below. 5

- A.** Habits take time to develop. It doesn't happen overnight. When you find yourself engaging in an unhealthy habit, stop as quickly as possible as it leads to obesity. Analyse the given statement and write a paragraph with the help of points mentioned below

- Reinforce your new, healthy habits and be patient with yourself.
- Eat only when you're truly hungry.
- Plan meals ahead of time.

Or

- B.** Homelessness is not a condition unknown to children in India. Situations like natural disasters and conflicts render many homeless or force them to live in unsafe housing conditions. Living on the streets or in urban slum dwellings, lack of basic facilities and unhygienic living conditions become a way of life.

In view of the above remarks, write a paragraph analysing the mentioned points given below.

- Children in Especially Difficult Circumstances
- Orphaned and Abandoned Child
- Migrant Children
- Child Labour
- Child Trafficking

- Child Suffering from Abuse

## SECTION C - LITERATURE 40

### 6. Read the given extracts and answer the questions for ANY ONE of the two, given. 5

A. "He knows that I am lost", I thought 'He's trying to help me.'" He turned his aeroplane slowly to the north, in front of my Dakota, so that it would be easier for me to follow him. I was very happy to go behind the strange aeroplane like an obedient child. After half an hour the strange black aeroplane was still there in front of me in the clouds. Now, there was only enough fuel in the old Dakota's last tank to fly for five or ten minutes more. I was starting to feel frightened again. But then he started to go down and I followed through the storm.

( *Two Stories about Flying-Black Aeroplane* ) i.

State TRUE or FALSE, 1

None of the following options (a)-(d) perfectly justifies this statement. "He knows that I am lost", I thought 'He's trying to help me."

- (a) It's true because the stranger-pilot knew how to negotiate the storm quite well.
  - (b) It's false because the stranger-pilot was out to trick the author.
  - (c) Definitely true because the stranger pilot had been sent by God to help the author.
  - (d) It was probably the author's subconscious that was trying to find a way out.
- ii. The author says, "But then he started to go down and I followed through the storm." What happened after this? Answer in about 40 words. 2
- iii. Which figure of speech has been used in the given statement: "I was very happy to go behind the strange aeroplane like an obedient child"? 1
- iv. If this extract were to be filmed, what would be required to bring out the dramatic effect of this moment? 1

Or

B. NATALYA : No you're simply joking, or making fun of me. What a surprise! We've had the land for nearly three hundred years, and then we're suddenly told that it isn't ours! Ivan Vassilevitch, I can hardly believe my own ears. These Meadows aren't worth much to me. They only come to five dessiatins, and are worth perhaps 300 roubles, but I can't stand unfairness. Say what you will, I can't stand unfairness. LOMOV : Hear me out, I implore you! The peasants of your father's grandfather, as I have already had the honour of explaining to you, used to make bricks for my aunt's grandmother, wishing to make them a pleasant ...

( *The Proposal* )

- i. Which of the facts given below is the most accurate explanation to complete the statement: 1 Natalya told Lomov that he was simply joking or making fun of her because \_\_\_\_.
- (a) Chabukovs' land extended to Burnt Marsh which included Oxen Meadows.
  - (b) he claimed that Oxen Meadows was his ancestral property.
  - (c) he declared that his land extended to Burnt Marsh.
  - (d) Oxen Meadows had belonged to Natalya's mother for generations.
- ii. Why were the Meadows not worth fighting or arguing over between the neighbours? Answer in about 40 words. 2



- iii.** Read the following descriptions (a)-(c) and identify which one correctly corresponds to the extract given to you for analysis. 1
- (a) The extract is a debate usually with two or more people presenting different viewpoints and arguments.
  - (b) The extract is a soliloquy or a speech given by a character alone on stage, which reveals their innermost thoughts and feelings to the audience.
  - (c) The extract is an argument or an exchange of diverging or opposite views, typically a heated or angry one.
- iv.** On the basis of your understanding of the extract, which common character traits are exhibited by both Natalya and Lomov? 1

**7. Read the given extracts and answer the questions for ANY ONE of the two, given. 5**

**A.** "Where no bird could sit no  
insect hide  
  
no sun bury its feet in shadow the forest  
that was empty all these nights will be full  
of trees by morning."

( *The Trees* )

- i.** Fill the blank with one word. 1

When the speaker rattles off her thoughts in a run-on manner, she is using this figure of speech \_\_\_\_\_.

- ii.** What is the symbolism in the 'forest' and why is the forest empty? 2 **iii.** Complete the statement with reference to the extract. 1

The poet uses the trees as a symbol of \_\_\_\_\_.

- (a) the emancipation of women from their confinement.
  - (b) the fight of people for their civil rights.
  - (c) the emancipation of trees from the room.
  - (d) the fight of people for their political rights
- iv.** Comment on the poet's use of poetic devices in these lines. 1

**Or**

**B.** "Never shall a young man, Thrown into despair By  
those great honey-coloured  
Ramparts at your my;  
Love you for yourself alone  
And not your yellow hair."

( *For Anne Gregory* )

- i.** What is the contextual meaning of the word 'rampart' 1

- ii. Why does Anne want to change the colour of her hair? Answer in about 40 words. 2  
iii. Choose the phrase that best represents, 'love you for yourself alone'. 1

- (a) one-sided love (b) mutual love  
(c) unconditional love (d) blind love

iv. Comment on the poet's use of language in these lines. 1

**8. Answer ANY FOUR of the following five questions, in about 40-50 words. 4#3=12**

- i. 'Avoiding danger is no safer in the long run.' How do you think this statement would work for the young seagull? 3  
( *Two Stories About Flying* )
- ii. Discuss what Frost wants to convey through the poem 'Fire and Ice'. 3  
iii. Valli's venture to the town brings an alarm to the parents. Elucidate. 3  
( *Madam Rides the Bus* )
- iv. Give the character sketch of the dragon. 3  
( *The Tale of Custard the Dragon* )
- v. Chubukov's attempt to appease Lomov is no strange in context with today's scenario where marriage of Indian daughters is concerned. Comment. 3  
( *The Proposal* )

**9. Answer ANY TWO of the following three questions, in about 40-50 words. 2#3=6**

- i. Do you think Mrs Pumphrey's overindulgence would not let Tricky lead a healthy lifestyle? Give reason for your answer. 3  
( *A Triumph of Surgery* )
- ii. Fowler was disappointed to see Ausable. Validate the statement. 3  
( *The Midnight Visitor* )
- iii. All might have been well, had Griffin woken up on time in the store. Elucidate the statement. 3 ( *Footprints without Feet* )

**10. Answer ANY ONE of the following two questions, in about 100-120 words. 1#6=6**

- A. Imagine that you met Rajvir and discussed with him more about tea plantation. Develop the conversation.  
( *Glimpses of India* )

**Or**

- B. One should understand that human beings are mortal and no one can escape death. Revelations made by Lord Buddha teach us so. Share two key opinions from what you learnt from the lesson 'The Sermon at Benares'.  
( *The Sermon at Benares* )

**11. Answer ANY ONE of the following two questions, in about 100-120 words. 1#6=6**

- A. Hari Singh's change of heart surprised everyone and a seasoned thief like Hari Singh was forced to change his ways. Show your acquaintance with the statement analysing the chapter 'A Question of Trust'.

**Or**

- B.** Hari Singh (A Thief's Story) and the lady (A Question of Trust) in red were alike.  
Validate the statement by giving valid reasons.

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## Sample Paper 19

### Class X Exam 2023-24

#### English Language and Literature (184)

**Time Allowed : 3 Hrs. Maximum Marks: 80**

**General Instructions:**

1. The Question Paper contains THREE sections READING, GRAMMAR & WRITING and LITERATURE.
  2. Attempt question based on specific instructions for each part.
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#### SECTION A - READING SKILLS 20

##### Reading Comprehension Through Unseen Passages

**1. Read the following text. 10**

1. Even international students whose first language is English can find themselves struggling to understand an alien academic culture. The problems are very familiar. Students' first problem is often with listening skills. They may feel nervous about this and it is certainly a steep learning curve. They need a structured listening experience, for instance how to pick out the main ideas. They also need help with academic reading — how to approach an article or book, how to skim, read and make notes.
2. However, while a student's confidence in listening skills grows, it is in the area of academic writing where more serious cultural differences become apparent. Much of British education is based on essay writing, but this may be a demanding task for students from other cultures. Suddenly, they are faced with the need to express their own ideas, develop their opinions and evaluate different issues, all in polished English. For some, the concept of originating this kind of written discourse can prove problematic and they may find themselves scoring low marks because of plagiarism or reproducing someone else's ideas. In Britain, plagiarism is regarded as academic theft, though this is not always the case in other countries. Students are expected to do research in a library before tackling an assignment and simply regurgitating lecture notes is also not acceptable.
3. The best way to overcome these hurdles is to be prepared. The first step is to take a test to assess the English language skills needed to cope with the issues of academic culture.
4. If an accredited test indicates that a student's language skills are not sufficient to embark on a university degree, the next step is to consider pre-session-al courses, generally at the university where the student will take a degree. These can last from three weeks to an academic year, so it is wise for students to be realistic about their needs. It is generally accepted that approximately 200 hours of study are needed to improve on one bad score on some tests. Some of the 'new' universities that formed from polytechnics in 1992 are experimenting with new styles of pre-session-al and foundation courses. Elisabeth Jones, Director of the Centre for Language Study at Leeds Metropolitan University explains, "Our courses are monthly and so students from parts of the world with a different academic year can enrol at any time."

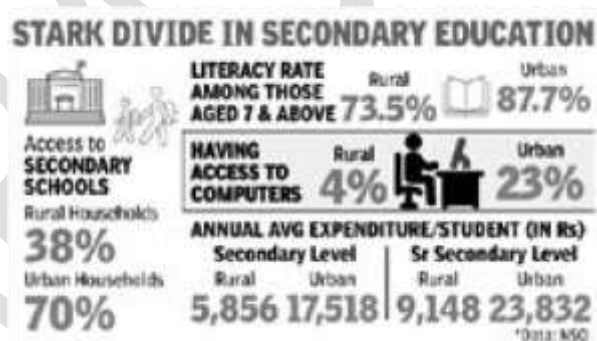
5. She feels that language training in new universities is generally more flexible than in older institutions. "Universities like ours can take students with lower language test grades and can put them through a programme that will bring them up to the required standard, though we cannot guarantee how long it will take."

**Answer the following questions, based on the passage above.**

- i.** Select the option that depicts what the writer projects, with reference to the following. 1 Much of British education is based on essay writing, but this may be a demanding task for students from other cultures.  
(a) Warning (b) Anguish  
(c) Concern (d) Exhilaration
  
- ii.** Why is an essay writing a demanding task? Answer in about 40 words. 2 **iii.** Complete the following with a phrase from Paragraph 1. 1  
Even international students whose first language is English can find them struggling \_\_\_\_\_.
  
- iv.** The passage includes some words that are opposites of each other. From the sets (a)-(e) below, identify a set of antonym. 1  
(a) Discourse and lecture  
(b) Assess and evaluate  
(c) Approach and skim  
(d) Nervous and confidence  
(e) Hurdle and embark
  
- v.** Complete the sentence appropriately. 1  
British education is primarily based on \_\_\_\_\_.
  
- vi.** What according to the author causes international students to score low marks? State any one reason. (Answer in about 40 words.) 2
  
- vii.** Choose the option that incorrectly states the meaning of 'accredited' as used in the passage. 1 1. To credit  
2. To thank  
3. Officially recognised or authorised  
4. To give license  
5. Of quality  
6. To give an appointment  
Codes  
(a) 1 and 2 (b) 3 and 4  
(c) 5 and 6 (d) 3 and 6
  
- viii.** Based on your reading of the text, list any 1 benefit of pre-sessional courses. 1

**2. Read the following text. 10**

1. Right from literacy, accessibility to schools and household expenditure on education, the rural-urban gap remains significant. There is a digital divide, too, with just 4% of rural households having access to computers as compared to 23% in urban areas. These and other trends on a rural-urban gap in education are revealed in the details of a survey conducted by the National Statistical Office (NSO).
2. The report on ‘Household Social Consumption: Education’ surveyed 1.13 lakh households spread across over 8,000 villages and 6,000 urban blocks between July 2017 and June 2018. The study involved 1.52 lakh students across different levels of study.
3. On accessibility, while 92.7% of the rural households have a primary school within 1 km as compared to 87.2% in urban areas, the situation gets skewed as only 38% of the rural households have access to secondary school as compared to 70% in the urban areas on similar parameters.
4. While accessibility to a neighbourhood school at the primary level is not an issue in rural areas, the gross attendance ratio is also satisfactory with nearly 100% of boys and girls in rural as well as urban areas attending classes. However, in sync with reduced accessibility, there is a gap at the secondary level between rural and urban settings. The all-Indian literacy rate among persons aged 7 years and above is 77.7 %. However, for the same age group, rural literacy is 73.5% and for urban areas, it is, 87.7%.
5. The digital divide between rural and urban households is stark with just 4% of the rural population having access to computers. The report highlighted that while only 15% surveyed population in the rural cluster has internet access, 42% of the students in the urban areas have access to the internet.
6. At the school level while the majority of the urban households had shown a preference for private schools, it’s the opposite for rural households. The report highlights that 76.1% of the rural children are attending a primary and middle school run by the government, while only 38% of the urban children attend government schools. However, for graduate and above studies, 49.7% of rural students are attending classes in government institutions as compared to 41% of their urban counterparts in government institutions.



**Answer the following questions, based on the passage above.**

- i. Complete the following appropriately. 1  
 The majority of urban households show preference to \_\_\_\_ .
- ii. Fill the blanks with the appropriate option from those given in brackets, based on your understanding of the passage. 1  
 The rural-urban divide in the field of education is much more rampant in \_\_\_\_ (primary/secondary) education due to the problem of (accessibility/ income).

- iii.** What data shows that the rural-urban gap is visible at the secondary level of education? Answer in about 40 words. 2
- iv.** Based on your understanding of the passage, list the factors that indicate the rural-urban gap. 1 **v.** What did the survey conducted by the NSO cover? 1 **vi.** Which word can substitute the word 'accessibility' in the following sentence from Paragraph 4. 1
- The students were concerned about the accessibility of quality academic counselling
- (a) merging (b) sufficiency  
(c) availability (d) presence
- vii.** What did the 'Household Social Consumption: Education' survey found out? (Answer in about 40 words.) 2
- viii.** In which aspect is the condition of education in the urban and rural households equal? 1
- (a) On gross attendance ratio of both girls and boys  
(b) On the accessibility of secondary schools  
(c) On the accessibility of primary schools  
(d) On digital access to computers and the Internet

## SECTION B - GRAMMAR & WRITING SKILLS 20

### GRAMMAR 10

#### 3. Complete ANY TEN of twelve of the following tasks, as directed. 1#10=10

- i.** Fill in the blank by choosing the correct option to complete. 1
- Social media played a huge part in adding fuel to the communal fire that \_\_\_\_\_ in Leicester city igniting communal riots between two religious communities.
- (a) kept flaring  
(b) flared up  
(c) had flared up  
(d) would flare up
- ii.** Read the conversation between a doctor and his patient. Complete the sentence by reporting the dialogue. 1
- Inspector : What are the arrangements made by the school for feeding these children?
- Principal : Each one of the students is given a nutritious mid-day meal every day.
- To the query of the inspector about the arrangements made by the school to feed the children, the Principal replied that \_\_\_\_\_.
- iii.** Select the correct option to fill in the blank for the given line, from an article from a health magazine. She \_\_\_\_\_ put her mind on her work for she had a very sick feeling in the bottom of her stomach. 1

- (a) could not (b) might not  
 (c) need not (d) dare not

**iv.** Select the option that identifies the error and supplies the correction for the following line, from a news report : 1

According to a health survey, carbonated drinks are harmful to health and children are so addicted to fizzy drinks as adults to nicotine.

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Option No.	Error	Correction
(a)	a	the
(b)	to	for
(c)	so	as
(d)	addicted	addictive

**v.** Complete the given narrative, by filling in the blank with the correct option : 1

Priest : Trust and compassion can reform a person more than punishment.

Ira : Don't you think the reverse of this approach is more effective?

When a priest told Ira that trust and compassion can reform a person more than punishment, she asked him if \_\_\_\_\_.

- (a) didn't he think that the reverse of that approach was more effective.  
 (b) did he not think that the reverse of that approach could be more effective.  
 (c) he didn't think that the reverse of that approach is more effective.  
 (d) he didn't think that the reverse of that approach was more effective.

**vi.** Fill in the blank by using the correct form of the word in the bracket, for the given portion of a letter.

Subject: Complaint regarding defective TV 1

I regret to inform you that the TV has started giving me trouble only after three days and \_\_\_\_\_(develop) some technical snags.

**vii.** A primary student reported the poor behaviour of some of his classmates to his teacher. Change the voice in the statement: 1

They were laughing at the new student.

**viii.** Identify the error in the given sentence, from a school magazine report and supply the correction. 1 The heavy dose of chemicals that we ingest with every bite of fast food and carbonated drinks are a lethal combination for our health.

Use the given format for your response

Error	Correction
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**ix.** An author and his friend were talking. The writer said to his friend, “My first novel would be out in a day. Report the question of the friend. **1 x.** Identify the error in the given sentence and supply the correction. **1**

I need not talk to her when she is in bad mood.

Use the given format for your response.

Error	Correction

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**xi.** Select the correct options to complete the blanks in the dialogue between two people. **1 A :** \_\_\_\_\_ of these arguments is valid.

B : Why don't you tell me \_\_\_\_\_ correct perspective, then?

(a) either, the (b) neither, the

(c) neither, (a) (d) either, (a)

**xii.** Identify the error on a shop's hoarding and supply the correction, for the following sales offer : **1** Illegally parked vehicles will be fine.

Use the given format for your response.

Error	Correction

### WRITING 10

*Note : All details presented in the questions are imaginary and created for assessment purpose.*

#### 4. Attempt ANY ONE from A and B given below. 5

**A.** You are Suman/Suraj of 496, Mayur Vihar-I, Delhi. You purchased a colour TV from M/S Rahul Electronics, Ring Road, Lajpat Nagar, Delhi. Write a letter in 100-120 words to the Sales Manager complaining about TV which is not functioning properly.

**Or**

**B.** You are Anshul/Anshika, a student of class X and resident of 56 D, Ring Road, ITO, New Delhi, and wants to be a choreographer. Write a letter in 100-120 words to the Director, National Institute of Choreography, Noida, seeking information about their online course, admission procedure, eligibility criteria and other necessary details.

#### 5. Attempt ANY ONE from A and B given below. 5

**A.** Read the following lines on the harmful effects of carbonated drinks.

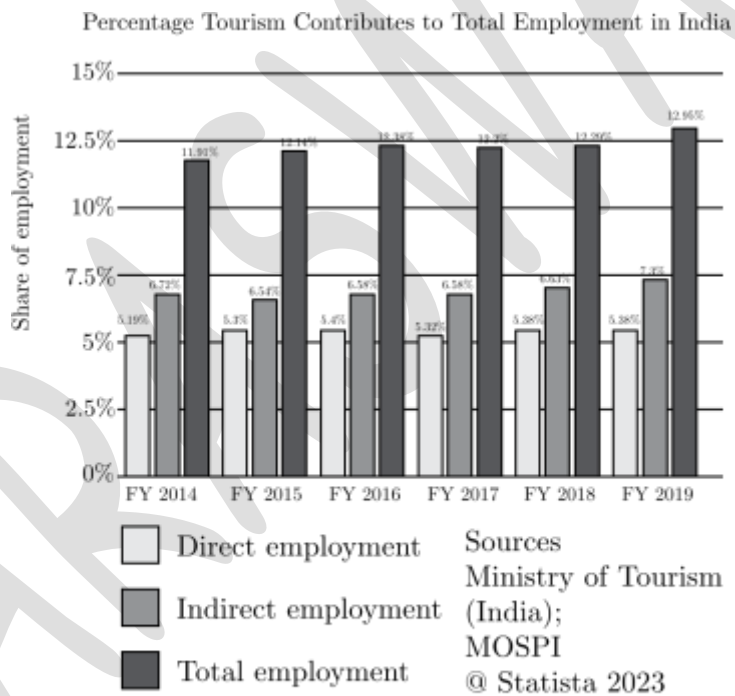
‘According to a health report, the soft carbonated drinks are harmful to health. A latest research has revealed that it is not safe for children. Unfortunately children are addicted to soft drinks nowadays.



Write an analytical paragraph in 100-120 words on 'Harmful Effects of Soft Drinks'.

Or

- B.** The government of India has started a drive "Tourism for All." Its objectives are to generate more and more employment opportunities from tourism and thus boost its contribution to the national economy. Enlisting some of the latest facilities being offered to the tourists coming to India and using the figures in the bar graph given below, draft a paragraph.



Additional Information:  
India; MOSPI; FY 2014 to FY 2019

### SECTION C - LITERATURE 40

6. Read the given extracts and answer the questions for ANY ONE of the two, given. 5

- A.** I was still a thief when I met Anil. And though only 15, I was an experienced and fairly successful hand. Anil was watching a wrestling match when I approached him. He was about 25-a tall, lean fellow-and he looked easy-

going, kind and simple enough for my purpose. I hadn't had much luck of late and thought I might be able to get into the young man's confidence.

"You look a bit of a wrestler yourself," I said. A little flattery helps in making friends. "So do you," he replied, which put me off for a moment because at that time I was rather thin.

( *The Thief's Story* ) i.

State any one inference about Hari from the given context. 1

"I was an experienced and fairly successful hand."

ii. State TRUE or FALSE 1

None of the terms (a)-(d) given below, can be applied to the following lines.

"You look a bit of a wrestler yourself," I said. A little flattery helps in making friends. "So do you," he replied, which put me off for a moment because at that time I was rather thin.

- (a) Anil didn't have any malicious intent.
- (b) Anil was just being funny and easy.
- (c) Both were trying to make pleasant conversation.
- (d) Both needed each other.

iii. Hari found Anil 'simple enough for my purpose'. What does he mean by this? Elaborate in about 40 words, with reference to the extract. 2

iv. Which phrase would correctly substitute 'easy-going', in the given sentence from in the extract? 1 He was about 25-a tall, lean fellow-and he looked easy-going, kind and simple enough for my purpose.

Or

B. At twelve, he was sent away for schooling in the Hindu sacred scriptures and years later he returned home to marry a princess. They had a son and lived for ten years as befitted royalty.

At about the age of twenty-five, the prince here to fore shielded from the sufferings of the world, while going out on hunting, chanced upon a sick man, then an aged man, then a funeral procession, and finally a monk begging for alms. These sights so moved him that he at once became a beggar and went out into the world to seek enlightenment concerning the sorrows he had witnessed.

( *The Sermon at Benares* ) i.

What was the unintended effect of the sights Buddha saw? 1

- (a) He felt dejected and sorrowful
- (b) He renounced royalty
- (c) He decided to become an ascetic
- (d) He decided to consult a pandit

ii. Read the following descriptions (a)-(c) and identify which one correctly corresponds to the extract. 1

- (a) A debate is a formal discussion on a particular topic, usually with two or more people presenting different viewpoints and arguments.
- (b) A soliloquy is a speech given by a character alone on stage, which reveals their innermost thoughts and feelings to the audience.
- (c) A narrative a story or account of events, experiences, or the like, whether true or fictitious.

- iii. What did the sights Gautama witnessed at the age of twenty-five years drive him to? Answer in about 40 words.  
2
- iv. Why was Prince Siddhartha sent away at the age of twelve? 1

**7. Read the given extracts and answer the questions for ANY ONE of the two, given. 5**

A. He stalks in his vivid stripes  
The few steps of his cage  
On pads of velvet quiet  
In his quiet rage  
He should be lurking in shadow  
Sliding through long grass Near the water hole  
where plump deer pass.

( *A Tiger in the Zoo* )

- i. Fill the blank with one word. 1  
The poetic device used in the first line of the given extract is \_\_\_\_\_ because the poet has used 'He' for the tiger.
- ii. What is the significance of the use of the phrase "quiet rage" to describe the mood of the tiger in the poem and how does this word choice contribute to the overall mood and tone of the poem? Answer in about 40 words.  
2
- iii. According to the extract, the poet wishes for the tiger to be 'sliding' through the foliage as this would \_\_\_\_\_. 1  
(a) keep the prey unsuspecting of the predator's footsteps  
(b) aid in camouflaging the presence of the predator before it rushes in  
(c) help the predator pounce on the prey comfortably without getting tired  
(d) support the predator's vision as it eyes its prey
- iv. Identify the type of imagery used in the lines of the poem. 1

**Or**

B. Belinda giggled till she shook the house,  
And Blink said Weeck! which is giggling for a mouse,  
Ink and Mustard rudely asked his age,  
When Custard cried for a nice safe cage.  
Suddenly, suddenly they heard a nasty sound, And  
Mustard growled, and they all looked around.

( *The Tale of Custard, the Dragon* )

- i.** In what way does the dragon's desperate wish to remain in a cage challenge the traditional behaviour of dragons? 1
- ii.** What is the significance of the use of the words 'giggled' and 'weeck' to describe laughter in the poem and to what effect is this word choice used by the poet? Answer in about 40 words. 2 **iii.** What can you infer from the repetition 'suddenly, suddenly' in the above extract? 1 (a) There was an immediate change in the scene.
- (b) It focuses on the hasty attack and the loud noise.
- (c) It emphasises that an unexpected noise was heard.
- (d) It draws our attention to the loud cry that occurred.
- iv.** Identify the contrasting belief about dragons that does not apply to Custard in the poem. 1

**8. Answer ANY FOUR of the following five questions, in about 40-50 words. 4#3=12 i.** What were the destructions caused by the hailstorm? 3

( *A Letter to God* )

- ii.** How did Anne Frank's friends behave just before the declaration of the exam results? 3 ( *From the Diary of Anne Frank* )
- iii.** What was the most fascinating thing for Valli? 3 ( *Madam Rides the Bus* )
- iv.** What message does the poet wish to convey through "The Ball Poem"? 3
- v.** In the poem "How to Tell Wild Animals", how does the poet caution the reader regarding the danger of animals? 3

**9. Answer ANY TWO of the following three questions, in about 40-50 words. 2#3=6**

- i.** What happened at the ball? Was Matilda's dream fulfilled? 3 ( *The Necklace* )
- ii.** Is Max menacing or vulnerable? Comment with reference to "The Midnight Visitor". 3
- iii.** Why did Bholi agree to the unsuitable match at first? 3 ( *Bholi* )

**10. Answer ANY ONE of the following two questions, in about 100-120 words. 1#6=6**

- A.** "I'll take the risk." The narrator did take the risk. What difficulties did he face ? Who do you think must have helped him ? As a pilot what would you do in such a situation ? Take risk or take a wise decision ? ( *Two Stories About Flying* )

Or

- B.** "The sun shall never set on so glorious a human achievement."

If you had to use the message of the above quote from Nelson Mandela (Nelson Mandela Long Walk to Freedom) to portray the liberation of women and what it signifies (The Trees), what would you include in it? Also, evaluate what we can take from the notion.

**11. Answer ANY ONE of the following two questions, in about 100-120 words. 1#6=6**

**A.** Write a character sketch of Horace Danby.

( *A Question of Trust* )

**Or**

**B.** What was the impact of the book 'The Travels of Monarch X' on Richard Ebright ?

( *The Making of a Scientist* )

## Sample Paper 20

### Class X Exam 2023-24

#### English Language and Literature (184)

**Time Allowed : 3 Hrs. Maximum Marks: 80**

**General Instructions:**

1. The Question Paper contains THREE sections READING, GRAMMAR & WRITING and LITERATURE.
  2. Attempt question based on specific instructions for each part.
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#### SECTION A - READING SKILLS 20

##### Reading Comprehension Through Unseen Passages

**1. Read the following text. 10**

1. Sport has rapidly become an established part of the entertainment industry and the smallest details of sportsmen's private lives are exposed by the media to public scrutiny. Top professionals are often described as 'stars' and large business interests exploit their skills. Considerable profits are made out of selling sports gear which is a replica of the gear used by the professionals, newspapers sell more copies if their sports coverage is good and substantial gains can be made out of the spectators' willingness to gamble on results.
2. The increasing demand for new talented sportsmen serves to strengthen the popular image of professional sports as a highly glamorous occupation. Even those who reach the heights maintain their supremacy for only a relatively short period and then desperately need help to establish themselves in a new career.
3. It is always attractive to do something interesting and to do it as well as possible, but serious injury or an unaccountable loss of form quickly halts the progress of many young sportsmen. Outdoor life can be delightful except when the prevalent weather conditions are rain, wind, snow, fog or ice. It's flattering to hear one's name chanted with acclaim by thousands on the terraces but crowds are fickle and soon forget, once time takes its toll on muscle and mind.
4. Sportsmen at the height of their professional life travel all around the world - a cricket team may spend its winter in Australian summers and the Wimbledon Women Champions may spend the year bathed in sunshine, but their own social lives are disrupted and leisure hours have to be sacrificed to hard, exhausting practice. All professional sportsmen must adhere to strict training schedules to maintain their physical fitness; their lives are devoted to keeping the body in peak condition by exhausting exercise combined with a strict regimen of self-discipline and moderation in food and drink.
5. Retirement comes at an early age and the financial rewards gained will probably not provide enough to live on for the rest of life and the early-retired sportsman has to seek a new career. He/she enters the new career fifteen years later than his/her contemporaries and often with not enough reputation in his/ her sport to persuade an employer to pay him/her a high salary. Perhaps, after all, it is better to remain a keen amateur.

**Answer the following questions, based on the passage above.**

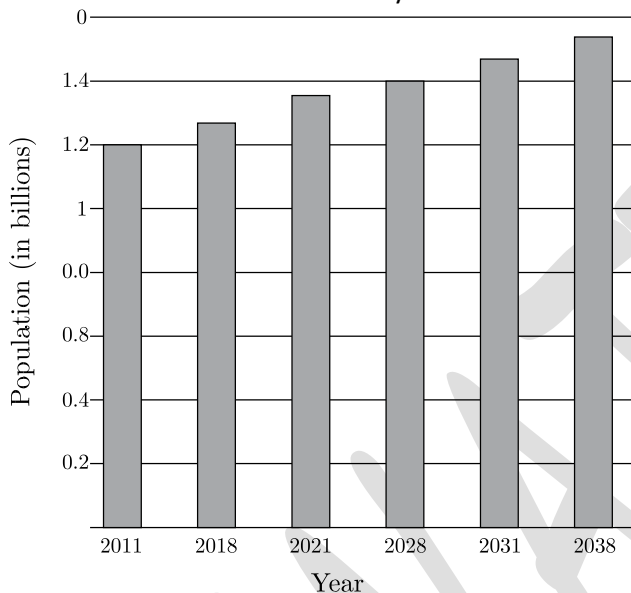
- i.** Complete the sentence appropriately. 1  
Professional sport is considered as a highly occupation.
- (a) Glamorous (b) Temporary  
(c) Boring (d) Risky
- ii.** How is life after retirement for the sportsmen? Answer in about 40 words. 2
- iii.** Complete the sentence appropriately. 1  
The smallest details of sportsmen's private lives are given out by \_\_\_\_\_.
- iv.** The passage includes some words that are synonyms of each other. 1  
From the sets (a)-(e) below, identify one set of synonyms :
- (a) Private and public  
(b) Rapidly and quickly  
(c) Relatively and desperately  
(d) Enough and often  
(e) Fickle and exploit
- v.** Complete the sentence appropriately. 1  
Sportsmen have to sacrifice their leisure life to \_\_\_\_\_
- vi.** Supply the things that halts the progress of young sportsperson and state the challenges faced by them.  
Answer in about 40 words. 2
- vii.** Which of the following will be the most appropriate title for the passage? 1 (a) Fame, Power and Career-Sports  
(b) Being a Sportsman Forever  
(c) A Celebrity Sportsperson  
(d) Being Forever Young
- viii.** State whether the given statement is TRUE or FALSE in the context of the passage. 1 Sportsmen have to keep their bodies in good condition.

**2. Read the following text. 10**

1. India's population is expected to grow by 25%, with reference to 2011, to 1.52 billion by 2036, according to the final report of the technical group on population projections dated July 2020. The group was constituted by the National Commission on Population (NCP) under the Ministry of Health and Family Welfare with the mandate to provide population projections for the period 2011 to 2036.
2. India's population growth rate is expected to decline to its lowest since the Independence in the 2011-2021 decade, with a decadal growth rate of 12.5%. It will decline further to 8.4% in the 2021-2031 decade, as per



the report, 0.8 which The Wire has seen. According to these projections, India will overtake China as the world’s most populous country around 2031-almost a decade later than the United Nations projection of 2022. India’s population is projected to increase to 1.52 billion by 2036.



Source : Report of the technical group on population projections

3. The projections have been delayed quite significantly. “Ideally, they should have come by 2016. But there were delays in setting up the committee and then more delays at the government’s end even after we submitted the report. We had submitted our report in November 2019,” said a member of the committee wishing to remain anonymous. This was confirmed by two other members as well.
4. India’s population was 1.21 billion as per the Census of 2011 and the projections now estimate that the population will grow by 311 million by 2036.
5. The report projects that as much as 70% of this increase will be in urban areas. India’s urban population will increase from 377 million in 2011 to 594 million in 2036-a growth of 57%. So, while 31% of Indians were living in urban India in 2011,that will grow to 39% by 2036.
6. Consequently, the proportion of the rural population will decline from 69% to 61% as the urban population is projected to increase more than twice the projected increase in the rural population.

**Answer the following questions, based on the passage above.**

- i. Complete the sentence appropriately. 1  
The number by which the population of India is estimated to grow by 2036 is \_\_\_\_\_ .
- ii. Fill in the blanks with the appropriate option from those given in brackets. 1  
This passage contains the decadal \_\_\_\_\_ (growth/decline) rate for the decade 2011-2021, which is 12.5%.
- iii. Which population projections were highlighted by the NCP’s report about India’s population growth?  
Answer in about 40 words. 2

- iv. "It will decline further to 8.4% in the 2021-2031 decade..." What does this statement mean? 1
- v. According to the passage, how much delay from the UN's projection can be seen in India becoming the most populated country in the world? 1

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- vi.** Why did the projections come in July of 2020?  
 (a) Delay by the committee (b) Delay by the government  
 (c) Delay in setting up the committee (d) Both (a) and (b)
- vii.** Infer two facts about India on the basis of your reading of the passage. Answer in about 40 words. 2
- viii.** The purpose of the above report was to give 1  
 (a) Population projections for 2011-2036 (b) Population projections for 2036  
 (c) Population projections for 2011 (d) Population projections for 2031

**SECTION B - GRAMMAR & WRITING SKILLS 20 GRAMMAR 10**

**3. Complete ANY TEN of twelve of the following tasks, as directed. 1#10=10**

- i.** Fill in the blank by choosing the correct option to complete an online update. 1  
 Noida’s first wild animal rescue centre is likely \_\_\_\_\_ end.  
 (a) by year (b) on year  
 (c) at year (d) of year
- ii.** Read the conversation between Mannu and Annu. Complete the sentence by reporting it correctly. 1  
 Mannu : Where are you going?  
 Annu : I am going to the market. Do you want anything?  
 Mannu asked Annu \_\_\_\_\_. Annu replied she was going to the market and further asked if she wanted anything.
- iii.** Select the correct option to fill in the blank for the given line, from an article by Penguin G.G. J who is considered one of the pioneers of the Gujrati short story. 1  
 His writing \_\_\_\_\_ by a dramatic style, romanticism and powerful depiction of human emotions.  
 (a) is characterised (b) has been characterised  
 (c) is characterising (d) characterises
- iv.** Identify the error in the given sentence and supply the correction. 1  
 It should not be possible for you to complete all of it by tomorrow evening. Use the given format for your response.

Error	Correction

v. Complete the given narrative, by filling in the blank with the correct option. 1 The center's panel on air quality, CAQM, has directed the agencies \_\_\_\_\_ to develop proper gas infrastructure in NCR before the next winter.

- (a) was concerned (b) will be concerned  
(c) is concerned (d) concerned

vi. Fill in the blank by using the correct form of the word in the bracket, for the given portion of a letter. Subject :  
Insanitary conditions in the colony

Respected Sir/Madam,

I \_\_\_\_\_ (be) a resident of Ankur Enclave, for the past eleven years. I would like to bring to your notice the sanitary conditions in our colony.

vii. Report the dialogue, by completing the sentence. 1

Mr. Harish : Can you polish my shoes?

Cobbler : Yes sir. But I will take 10 Rupees for each shoe.

Mr. Harish : I will not mind as long as it is done.

Mr. Harish asked the cobbler could he polish his shoes. The cobbler replied affirmatively and added but \_\_\_\_\_.

viii. Identify the error from a magazine report and choose the correct option. 1

The traffic police has deployed teams at various intersections in the city to issue challans and impound old and polluting vehicles.

Option No.	Error	Correction
(a)	has	have
(b)	on	at
(c)	in	of
(d)	ever	never

ix. Place the correct form of the word in the blank: 1

While we are loath to place restrictions on language use, oxymoron usually refers to a set of \_\_\_\_\_ (contradict) words rather than to a contradictory person.

x. Read the following famous quote. Identify the error and supply the correction. 1

"Freedom is never dear at any price. It is the breath of life. What should a man not pay for living?" Use the given format for your response.

Error	Correction

xi. Transform the sentence from affirmative to negative: As soon as the students saw the teacher, they rushed to their class. 1

- (a) No sooner had the students seen the teacher, than they rushed to their class.
- (b) No sooner have the students seen the teacher, than they rushed to their class.
- (c) No sooner do the students see the teacher, than they rushed to their class.
- (d) No sooner did the students see the teacher, than they rushed to their class.
- xii.** Identify the error on a newspaper headline and supply the correction, for the following sentence: Ahead of the hearing on Supreme Court where it has to give opinion on according to Scheduled Caste status to Dalit.

Use the given format for your response.

Error	Correction

### WRITING 10

*Note : All details presented in the questions are imaginary and created for assessment purpose.*

#### 4. Attempt ANY ONE from A and B given below. 5

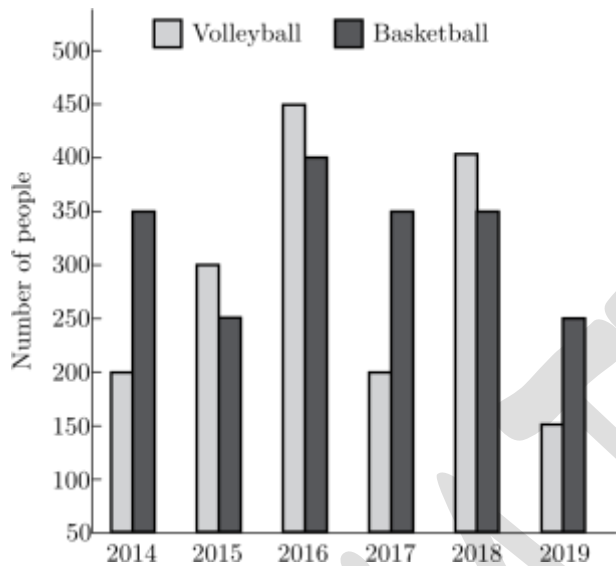
- A.** You are a resident of Kamala Colony. There have been incidents of chain snatching in your locality in the past 2-3 months. Your resident welfare association took it up with the local police station requesting patrolling in the area after 6 p.m. and surprise checks both of which have not happened. Write a letter to the editor of the local newspaper highlighting the attitude of the police authorities.

**Or**

- B.** You are Rama/Ramesh of D 105, Lajpat Nagar, New Delhi. You want information about German Language courses at German Embassy, Chanakyapuri, New Delhi. Write a letter to the director inquiring about the same.

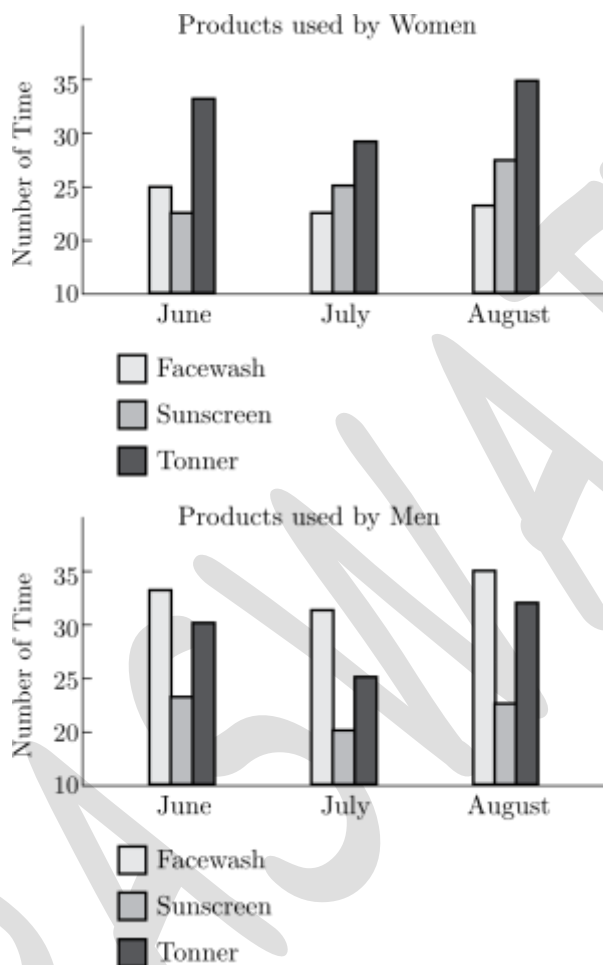
#### 5. Attempt ANY ONE from A and B given below. 5

- A.** The given double bar graph shows the preferences of children in a school in playing different games over the span of six years. Write an analytical paragraph about the given information.



Or

- B.** The given bar graph shows the increasing use of skin care products by women over the period of three months. Write an analytical paragraph elaborating the given information.



### SECTION C - LITERATURE 40

- 6. Read the given extracts and answer the questions for ANY ONE of the two, given. 5**

**A.** All the while Mrs. Pumphrey hovered anxiously in the background, ringing a dozen times a day for the latest bulletins. I dodged the questions about whether his cushions were being turned regularly or his correct coat worn according to the weather, but I was able to tell her that the little fellow was out of danger and convalescing rapidly. The word 'convalescing' seemed to do something to Mrs. Pumphrey. She started to bring round fresh eggs, two dozen at a time, to build up Trick's strength. For a happy period, my partners and I had two each for breakfast, but when the bottles of wine began to arrive, the real possibilities of the situation began to dawn on the household.

( *A Triumph of Surgery* )

- i.** State any one inference about Mrs. Pumphrey from the given context. 1

Mrs. Pumphrey 'hovered anxiously in the background'.

ii. State TRUE of FALSE. 1

None of the options displays how the doctor 'successfully' tackled Mrs. Pumphrey's constant queries regarding Tricki's health and convinced her.

- (a) He was vague about the details of Tricki's coats and cushions.
- (b) He told her that Tricki was stable after the surgery.
- (c) He told her that Tricki was eating well and exercising.
- (d) He told her that Tricki was well and recovering.

iii. The word 'convalescing' seemed to do something to Mrs. Pumphrey. Elaborate in about 40 words, with reference to the extract what does the conduct of the lady portray about her? 2

iv. Which phrase would correctly substitute 'ducked,' in the given sentence from the extract? 1 The batsman at the crease ducked and avoided a bouncer that came at him with lightning speed.

Or

B. "Now we're really going to get some water, woman." The woman who was preparing supper, replied, "Yes, God willing". The older boys were working in the field, while the smaller ones were playing near the house until the woman called to them all, "Come for dinner". It was during the meal that, just as Lencho had predicted, big drops of rain began to fall. In the north-east, huge mountains of clouds could be seen approaching. The air was fresh and sweet. The man went out for no other reason than to have the pleasure of feeling the rain on his body, and when he returned, he exclaimed, "These aren't raindrops falling from the sky, they are new coins. The big drops are ten cent pieces and the little ones are fives."

( A Letter to God )

i. "These aren't raindrops falling from the sky, they are new coins. The big drops are ten cent pieces and the little ones are fives." 1

In which of the following examples has the same figure of speech been used to describe raindrops in the above lines?

- (a) She looked as fresh as morning dew.
- (b) Waves heaved heavily.
- (c) Glow worms are tiny lights floating around in the forest.
- (d) Break, break, break On thy cold gray stones, O Sea!

ii. How does Lencho's mood progress along with the progress of the rain? Answer in about 40 words. 2

iii. In the statement made by Lencho "Now we're really going to get some water, woman," water denotes rainfall. Which of the following pairs does not denote the same relationship? 1

- (a) earth - soil
- (b) sun - sky
- (c) fire - embers



iv. In the statement, 'The man went out for no other reason than to have the pleasure of feeling the rain on his body' use one word to replace the underlined part of the sentence. 1

7. Read the given extracts and answer the questions for ANY ONE of the two, given. 5

A. The way a crow Shook  
down on me  
  
The dust of snow  
  
From a hemlock tree  
  
Has given my heart  
  
A change of mood  
  
And saved some part Of  
a day I had rued.

( *Dust of Snow* )

i. Fill the blank with one word. 1

\_\_\_\_\_ Figure of speech is used in the phrase 'dust of snow'.

ii. What does the poet want to convey through the poem? 1

iii. Which of the following best describes the use of synecdoche by the poet? 1

- (a) A gun is only use (b) Has given my heart, A change of mood  
(c) And saved some part, Of a day I had rued (d) A crow, Shook down on me

iv. Comment on the poet's use of symbolism in these lines. 2

Or B. All night the roots work to disengage  
themselves from the cracks in the veranda floor.

The leaves strain toward the glass small twigs  
stiff with exertion long-cramped boughs  
shuffling under the roof like newly discharged  
patients half-dazed, moving to the clinic doors.

( *The Trees* )

i. What do roots work upon all night? 1

ii. What does the poet mean by 'clinic doors'? Answer in about 40 words. 2

iii. Complete the sentence with the appropriate option. 1

The small things are stiff because \_\_\_\_\_.

- (a) they are made by nature this way (b) they are of raid of the owner

- (c) they are straining to break the glass (d) they are relaxing

iv. What does the poet compare larger branches to ? 1

**8. Answer ANY FOUR of the following five questions, in about 40-50 words. 4#3=12**

i. The role of crow is vital in the transformed vision of the poet. Justify how. 3

( *Dust of Snow* )

ii. 'God helps the ones who help themselves'. Substantiate this with reference to the chapter 'Black

Aeroplane'. 3

( *Two Stories About Flying* )

iii. Can writing a diary be a way to vent out anxiety. Briefly explain taking the reference from Anne's habit. 3

( *From the Diary of Anne Frank* )

iv. What terrified the pirate? Who killed him and how? 3

( *The Tale of Custard the Dragon* )

v. 'Will you please look at me when I'm speaking to you'? 3

Who do you think is speaking to Amanda?

( *Amanda !* )

**9. Answer ANY TWO of the following three questions, in about 40-50 words. 2#3=6**

i. How can you say that Horace Danby was good and respectable but not completely honest? 3

( *A Question of Trust* )

ii. Richard's project on the purpose of the twelve tiny gold spots on a monarch pupa was highly valuable in two ways. List the two ways. 3

( *The Making of a Scientist* )

iii. How does Think Tank compare the Earth and Earthlings, with Mars and Martians? 3

( *The Book That Saved The Earth* )

**10. Answer ANY ONE of the following two questions, in about 100-120 words. 1#6=6**

**A.** Imagine you are the air hostess of the flight on which Maxwell flew with his otter. Narrate the events on board the plane.

( *Mijbil the Otter* )

**Or**

**B.** Though the play revolves around three people, Russian society emerges as an important character through the ongoings of the play and the thoughts and interactions of its characters. Imagine yourself to be a historian who has been invited to speak about nineteenth century upper class Russian society. Based on your reading of the play, how might you decide it? Support your evaluation with instances from the text.

( *The Proposal* )

**11. Answer ANY ONE of the following two questions, in about 100-120 words. 1#6=6** **A.** Who was Anil ? Give his character sketch.

( *The Thief's Story* )

**Or**

**B.** Sense of insecurity and not understanding the true value can result to destruction. What was the cause of Matilda's ruin? How could she have avoided it?

*( Footprints without Feet )*

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## Sample Paper 21

### Class X Exam 2023-24

#### English Language and Literature (184)

**Time Allowed : 3 Hrs. Maximum Marks: 80**

**General Instructions:**

1. The Question Paper contains THREE sections READING, GRAMMAR & WRITING and LITERATURE.
  2. Attempt question based on specific instructions for each part.
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#### SECTION A - READING SKILLS 20

##### Reading Comprehension Through Unseen Passages

**1. Read the following text. 10**

1. Summer vacation offers families dilemmas and opportunities. For too many kids it becomes a period of intellectual passivity and stalled personal growth. For others-and their parents-it's a time of overload and frantic scheduling.
2. "Summer is a great time for parents to build a relationship with their children," says a renowned child psychologist. And it's an opportunity both for the kids to learn and for the family to grow together. To make this a reality, educators and psychologists point to several simple strategies that parents can start planning before summer gets under way.
3. "Summer's a perfect time for kids to take skills they've learned in a classroom and use them in new ways," notes a well-known educator. Comparing prices in a grocery shop can sharpen children's mental maths skills. Taking measurements to build a new tree house or design a simple plaything teaches geometry. Car trips provide opportunities to study maps and learn geography.
4. Sometimes kids will need a small push in the right direction. Victoria encouraged her seven-year-old son, Philip, to take part in their local library's summer reading club. For every book report a child wrote, he received a raffle ticket. At the end of the summer sports prizes were raffled off. Philip, who'd painstakingly produced seven book reports won an autographed picture of a hockey star and had his name in one of his reports printed in the local newspaper. (If that's not possible, encourage children to write letters to editors on current affairs, or about school-related issues.) "Philip moaned and groaned about writing the reports, but in the end, he was happy he put the effort in," notes his mother. "And his ability to express himself really improved."
5. It's the daily practice of stimulation-intellectual, creative, esteem-building-that parents can give their children that have the greatest impact," says an eminent researcher. In an informal study conducted in 1998 other researchers surveyed successful college students about how they spent their free time from ages five to 12, then compared their activities with those of troubled youngsters. They found that the successful ones were more likely to play spontaneous games, more involved in household chores and more likely to engage in playful activities with their parents. Sample Papers.

6. Truly successful kids, say educators, are those who've learnt to budget time to help others-whether it's helping an invalid neighbour or preparing their own family's meals a couple of nights a week. Where parents fail, say, experts, is in the way such responsibilities are presented.
7. For most parents of school-age kids, the largest block of time they'll have with their children is in the summer. With a little advance preparation, parents can use the summer to help develop their youngsters into smarter, more creative, more caring human beings. **Answer the following questions, based on the passage above.**
- i.** Why does the writer say that 'Summer vacation offers families dilemmas and opportunities'? Pick out the odd option that should not be in the list. 1
- (a) For many children summer vacation is a long break from intellectual activities.
  - (b) The personal growth of many children comes to a standstill.
  - (c) A few parents build meaningful relationships with their children.
  - (d) Many parents chalk out backbreaking schedules for their kids.
- ii.** What is the objective of the writer when he says that "the kids need a small push in the right direction"? Rationalise your response in about 40 words. 2
- iii.** Complete the sentence appropriately. 1
- Experts are of the firm opinion that when it comes to budgeting time, it is \_\_\_\_\_ in a positive manner and not the kids.
- iv.** The passage includes some words that are near synonyms of each other. From the sets (a)-(e) below, identify two such sets of synonyms. 1
- (a) educators and psychologists
  - (b) moaned and groaned
  - (c) overload and frantic scheduling
  - (d) build or design
  - (e) dilemmas and opportunities
- v.** Complete the sentence appropriately. 1
- The author uses many examples to prove that summer is a perfect time for kids to take skills they have learnt in a classroom and use them in new ways by \_\_\_\_\_.
- vi.** Based on the reading of the passage, examine, in about 40 words, how parents can make the greatest impact on the lives of their kids. 2
- vii.** State which of the following is NOT true for troubled youngsters according to experts. 1 (a) They show apathy to household chores.
- (b) They don't play spontaneous games.
  - (c) They spent their free time from ages five to 12 constructively.

(d) They don't get involved in playful activities with their parents.

viii. What is the essence of the expert opinion regarding advanced planning of the summer vacation? 1

**2. Read the following text. 10**

1. Times view: Private coaching is a multi-million rupee industry in India. But it is the symptom of a problem, not the problem itself. Coaching centres merely fill the gap caused by lack of quality teaching especially in government school, more so in small towns and villages. Only a sincere and sustained effort to improve education in such schools will alter the picture and prevent this huge drain on the resources of the families desperately seeking to give their children decent education.
2. Secondary level students topped the number of students taking private coaching with 31% males and 29% female students taking recourse to the method, a recent NSSO survey has shown. The report also showed that nearly 20% students attending pre-primary and above level (21% of males and 19% of females) were taking private coaching.

STUDENTS AT SECONDARY LEVEL TAKE PRIVATE COACHING THE MOST				
Rural + Urban(%)	Level	Male	Female	All India
	Pre primary	12.4	10.8	11.6
	Primary	16.5	16.2	16.4
	Upper primary Middle level	23	20.6	21.9
	Secondary	31.1	29.1	30.2
	Higher Secondary	29.6	24.7	27.5
	Diploma certificate	7.2	7.7	7.3
	Graduate & above level	13.8	13	13.5
	All (pre primary and above level)	20.5	19	19.8

3. Private coaching is a thriving business across the country and according to a 2016 NSSO report more than 7.1 crore students were taking private coaching or tuition classes in addition to their basic education.
4. Experts attributed the trend of a larger share of students at the secondary level taking recourse to private coaching to the entrance exams for professional courses such as engineering and medicines.
5. Anil Swarup, former Secretary school education in the ministry of human resource development, explained the increase of students taking private coaching to the different competitive examinations and said this was a result of the dichotomy between learning and understanding. (Source : The Times of India) (243 Words)

**Answer the following questions, based on the passage above.**

- i. Complete the following analogy appropriately, based on your understanding of paragraphs 1 and 2. 1 We can say that the dichotomy between learning and understanding widely considered to be the main reason for the increase in the number of students taking private coaching is comparable with two banks of a river because \_\_\_\_\_.

ii. Fill in the blanks with the appropriate option from those given in brackets, based on your understanding of paragraph 2. 1

According to the author, private coaching is the symptom of a problem, not the problem itself is \_\_\_\_\_ ( a/an fact/opinion) because it is \_\_\_\_\_ (a/an subjective judgement/objective detail )

iii. 'Private coaching is a thriving business across the country' according to a NSSO report issued in 2016.

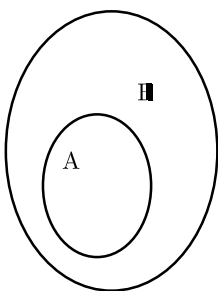
Justify the reasons for this trend in about 40 words. 2

iv. Based on the survey results, which two concerns clearly demonstrate the larger problem associated with the fact that private coaching has become a multi-million-rupee industry in India? 1

v. In the given table state any one inference that can be drawn from the fact that 11.6% of pre-primary and 16.4 % of primary students need private coaching too. 1

vi. Select the option that correctly displays what 'dichotomy' signifies in the passage. (Reference-Paragraph 5).

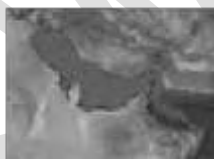
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(i)



(ii)



(iii)



(iv)



(v)

(a) Only (i)

(b) Only (iii)

(c) (ii), (iii) and (iv)

(d) ( i) and (iii )

vii. Infer one benefit and one drawback of mushrooming of private coaching centers in India. Answer in about 40 words. 2

viii. Below are given the main takeaways from the NSSO report mentioned in the passage about the effect of private coaching on professional courses on secondary-level students. Which of these is NOT mentioned explicitly in the report? 1

(a) The lack of good teachers is most felt at the secondary level.

(b) There is a dichotomy between learning and understanding.

(c) They need coaching to qualify for engineering and medical entrance exams.

(d) 27.5 % of the students depends on private coaching at this level.

## SECTION B - GRAMMAR & WRITING SKILLS 20

### GRAMMAR 10

**3. Complete ANY TEN of twelve of the following tasks, as directed. 1#10=10**

- i.** Fill in the blank by choosing the correct option to complete the beginning of an article in a blog post on adolescence. 1

The importance of physical exercise as well as mental health \_\_\_\_\_ by the modern teenager.

- (a) are well understood                      (b) is well understood  
 (c) is being understood well              (d) will be well understood

- ii.** Read the conversation between a mother and daughter. Complete the sentence by reporting the daughter’s reply correctly. 1

Mother enquired, “Aren’t you feeling well? You look pale.”

Saumya said, “I have a terrible headache. It is making me giddy.”

Mother, wondering about her daughter looking pale asked about her well-being to which, the girl replied that \_\_\_\_\_.

- iii.** Select the correct option to fill in the blank for the given line, from a health magazine. 1 You \_\_\_\_\_ all that cheese; it isn’t good for you.

- (a) shouldn’t be eating                      (b) ought not be eating  
 (c) cannot eat                                  (d) need not

- iv.** Select the option that identifies the error and supplies the correction for the following line, from a news report on the UNO. 1

All five permanent members have expressed the right of veto at one time or another.

Option No.	Error	Correction
(a)	have	had
(b)	the	their
(c)	of	to
(d)	another	other

- v.** Complete the given narrative, by filling in the blank with the correct option. 1

Delhi Police \_\_\_\_\_ the description of a man who was last seen at the Kwality Restaurant which is on the Parliament Street. (a) \_\_\_\_\_ is issued

- (b) have issued  
 (c) had issued  
 (d) are issuing

- vi.** Fill in the blank by using the correct word from the options available to you, for the given portion of a letter: Subject: Inquiry regarding the online course in choreography 1

Refer to your advertisement regarding the online courses in choreography offered by your \_\_\_\_\_ institute, I want \_\_\_\_\_ that I am currently in XII class and preparing for my final exams.

- (a) esteemable; to say



- (b) reputed; to suggest
- (c) esteem; to tell
- (d) reputable; to state

**vii.** Report the dialogue between two friends discussing a recent travel experience. 1

Som : A European tourist whom I met recently, wanted to be a Himalayan monk for the rest of his life.

Ron : Are you referring to that story about you meeting a European tourist with a strange desire? When Som talked about a European tourist who wanted to be a Himalayan monk for the rest of his life Ron questioned him \_\_\_\_\_.

**viii.** Identify the error in the given sentence from a newspaper article and supply the correction. 1 Mobile phones are being used both in urban and rural areas but the importance of mobile phones between students has been increasing day by day.

Use the given format for your response

Error	Correction

**ix.** Report the conversation between a young bird and her parent discussing her fears. 1

Young bird : I feel certain that my wings will never support me. Parent bird : Your wings will believe what you believe in.

**x.** Identify the error in the given sentence and supply the correction. 1

Would you send the mail?

Use the given format for your response.

Error	Correction

**xi.** Select the correct option to the following sentences. 1

The lady looked out the window and said, "Wow! What an awesome view the house has!" Realtor, "That's why this property has always commanded the highest rent in these parts."

When the lady looked out the window and complimented \_\_\_\_\_ the realtor remarked that \_\_\_\_\_.

**xii.** Identify the error on a shop's hoarding and supply the correction, for the following sales offer. 1

Top barbarians under one roof in your city! Get the latest haircuts and styles @ 15% discount.
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Use the given format for your response.

Error	Correction

## WRITING 10

*Note : All details presented in the questions are imaginary and created for assessment purpose.*

**4. Attempt ANY ONE from A and B given below. 5**

- A.** You are Alex/Ronny of 182, Mukherjee Nagar. You want information about German language course at Max Mueller Bhavan, New Delhi. Write a letter in 100-120 words to the Director, Foreign Languages, enquiring about the details of the courses offered by the institution.

**Or**

- B.** You are Mary Joseph who recently visited Delhi and Gurugram after a few years as a tourist from Goa. You noticed the marked increase in the number of private vehicles, pollution, and industrial units in both cities. Alarmed by the rise in health issues owing to these developments, you decide to pen a letter to the editor of a national daily. Write the letter including some suggestions to reduce the effects of environmental damage.

**5. Attempt ANY ONE from A and B given below. 5**

- A.** Write a paragraph on the topic 'Air Pollution' in 100-120 words. Take the hints from the picture given below.

Hint : Mobile Sources: Cars, buses, planes, trucks and train.

Stationary Sources : Power Plants, oil refineries, Industrial facilities and factories. Other Sources: Plastic waste, deforestation, etc.



**Or**

- B.** Mobile phones are being used both in urban and rural areas. But importance of mobile phones among students has been increasing day by day. Write a paragraph in 100-120 words on the topic 'Importance of Mobile Phones in Education'.

Hint : Multiple benefits—teaching aids—improved learning outcomes—increased engagement among students. Keep students up to date about assignments.



## SECTION C - LITERATURE 40

6. Read the given extracts and answer the questions for ANY ONE of the two, given. 5

A. Brilliant scientist though he was, Griffin was rather a lawless person. His landlord disliked him and tried to eject him. In revenge Griffin set fire to the house, to get away without being seen he had to remove his clothes. Thus, it was that he became a homeless wanderer, without clothes, without money and quite invisible-until he happened to step in some mud and left footprints as he walked!

( *Foot Prints with out Feet* ) i.

The writer says that Griffin was a brilliant scientist. Elaborate in about 40 words with evidence. 2

ii. State TRUE or FALSE. 1

None of the terms (a)-(d) can be applied to the statement - His landlord disliked him and tried to eject him.

- (a) A hypothesis - a proposed explanation for a phenomenon
- (b) An assumption - something that is taken for granted or assumed to be true
- (c) A hyperbole - exaggerated statements or claims not meant to be taken literally
- (d) A premise - a proposition that forms the basis of an argument

iii. State the reason he was wandering on the streets. 1

iv. Which phrase would correctly substitute 'a lawless' in the given sentence from the extract? 1 Brilliant scientist though he was, Griffin was rather a lawless person.

Or

B. Coorg, or Kodagu, the smallest district of Karnataka, is home to evergreen rainforests, spices and coffee plantations. Evergreen rainforests cover thirty per cent of this district. During the monsoons, it pours enough to keep many visitors away. The season of joy commences from September and continues till March. The weather is perfect, with some showers thrown in for good measure. The air breathes of invigorating coffee. Coffee estates and colonial bungalows stand tucked under tree canopies in prime corners.

( *Glimpses of India* ) i.

What do you understand by the term colonial bungalow? 1

- (a) The bungalows built in a colony.
- (b) A large detached house with more than one storey.

- (c) The residential unit for members of the British colonial community.
- (d) A low house having only one storey.

ii. What can be inferred from the given line? 1

“During the monsoons, it pours enough to keep many visitors away” iii. Read the following descriptions (a)-(c) and identify which one correctly corresponds to the extract. 1

- (a) A debate is a formal discussion on a particular topic, usually with two or more people presenting different viewpoints and arguments.
- (b) A description is the pattern of narrative development that aims to make vivid a place, object, character, or group.
- (c) An aside is a brief comment or remark made by a character directly to the audience, which is not intended to be heard by other characters on stage.

iv. Which is the best time to visit Coorg? Answer in about 40 words. 2

**7. Read the given extracts and answer the questions for ANY ONE of the two, given. 5**

**A.** Don't eat that chocolate, Amanda!

Remember your acne, Amanda! Will you please look at me when I'm speaking to you, Amanda!

( Amanda ) i. Fill the blank with one word. 1

Amanda is not looking at the speaker because she is busy in \_\_\_\_\_. about her life of peace and joy.

ii. The speaker wants Amanda to look at her to ensure 1

- (a) Amanda can become obedient
- (b) stops eating chocolate
- (c) Amanda follows the instructions
- (d) does not sleep

iii. What does the speaker's worry about acne show? 1

iv. Why is Amanda forbidden to eat chocolate? Answer in about 40 words. 2

**Or**

**B.** It sits looking over  
harbour and city on  
silent haunches and  
then moves on.

( Fog )

i. In the given extract, the poet uses the poetic device, \_\_\_\_\_ in which one line runs onto another without any punctuation mark. 1

- ii. What is the significance of the use of the word “silent” to describe the fog in the poem and how does this word choice contribute to the overall mood and tone of the poem? 1
- iii. The poet has used the poetic device ‘transferred epithet’ in the third line. What does the poet wish to emphasize? 1
- (a) The sneaky movement of the fog and those of a cat.  
(b) The purring of the fog and the cat.  
(c) The fluffiness of the fog and a cat’s fur.  
(d) The playfulness of the fog and a cat.

iv. Comment on the poet’s use of language in these lines. 2

8. Answer ANY FOUR of the following five questions, in about 40-50 words. 4#3=12

- i. Lencho writes a letter to God for help. Who actually helps Lencho by giving money? 3 ( *A Letter to God* )
- ii. Why does the poet use the image of a ‘hemlock tree’? 3  
( *Dust of Snow* )
- iii. Anne believed that paper has more patience than people. Why? 3  
( *From the Diary of Anne Frank* )
- iv. Who is the ‘mermaid’ in the poem Amanda? What does ‘she’ wish to do? 3 ( *Amanda !* )
- v. Chubukov says to Lomov, “And I’ve always loved you, my angel, as if you were my own son.” Is he sincere in saying so? Give reasons. 3  
( *The Proposal* )

9. Answer ANY TWO of the following three questions, in about 40-50 words. 2#3=6

i. Why does Mrs. Pumphrey call the doctor? 3  
( *A Triumph of Surgery* )

ii. Why were the two boys surprised to see imprints of a pair of bare feet? 3  
( *Footprints without Feet* )

iii. Bholi’s father Ramlal was not in favour of sending girls to school. Why? 3 ( *Bholi* )

10. Answer ANY ONE of the following two questions, in about 100-120 words. 1#6=6

A. The Baker from Goa and an inhabitant of Coorg happen to meet each other and talk about their distinct traits that make them stand out and keep them shoulders above the rest. Write this conversation as per your understanding of Glimpses of India. You may begin like this: Baker : Your attire and your appearance tell me that Coorgi : Oh! \_\_\_\_\_.  
( *Glimpses of India* )

Or

B. “Human beings, without God’s strength, can’t look beyond outward appearances and physical beauty.” If you had to use the message of the given quote based on Tor Anne Gregory’ to understand the inner strength of Valli, as she made efforts to fulfil her wish despite her age in ‘Madam Rides the Bus’, how will you elaborate

it? Also, how it would have been difficult for Valli not to consider her age as an impediment. ( *For Anne Gregory* )

**11. Answer ANY ONE of the following two questions, in about 100-120 words. 1#6=6**

**A.** “A man’s vanity is more fragile than you might think.” Analyse in detail with reference to the character of Matilda in the story *The Necklace*.

**Or**

**B.** “Beauty is much more than being skin deep”. Analyse this quote with reference to ‘Bholi’.

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## Sample Paper 22

### Class X Exam 2023-24

#### English Language and Literature (184)

**Time Allowed : 3 Hrs. Maximum Marks: 80**

**General Instructions:**

1. The Question Paper contains THREE sections READING, GRAMMAR & WRITING and LITERATURE.
  2. Attempt question based on specific instructions for each part.
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#### SECTION A - READING SKILLS 20

##### Reading Comprehension Through Unseen Passages

**1. Read the following text. 10**

1. Peer pressure is a phenomenon wherein we tend to get influenced by the lifestyle and the ways of thinking of our peers. Peer pressure can prove beneficial but it is most often observed to have negative effects.
2. The thought, behaviour and taste in fashion, music, television and other walks of life of the masses are often seen to have a deep impact on society. We tend to get influenced by the lifestyle of our peer group. The changing ways of life of our peers often force us to change our ways of looking at life and leading it. It's a human tendency to do what the crowd does. Few have the courage to resist peer pressure and be their own selves rather than being one among the lot.
3. Peer pressure is bound to affect most of us both positively and negatively. The distinction between positive and negative peer pressure lies in a thoughtful analysis of the views of the masses. Following your peers blindly leaves a negative impact on your life while an analytical approach to looking at peer behaviour can help you act positively.
4. Peer pressure is not always bad. It can help you analyse yourself and contemplate your ways of life. Some of the practices that the masses follow may actually teach you the way of living. You may be able to change yourself for the better. Looking at what others do can help you bring about a positive change in your way of thinking. If you can pick selectively, peer pressure can actually result in a positive change in your way of life.
5. Teenage is that phase of life when you are exposed to the world outside. These are the years when you spend most of your time with your friends. Teenage is the phase of beginning to become independent in life; the years of forming your ideals and principles, the years that shape your personality and the years that introduce you to your own self. As adolescents, you often spend most of your daily time with friends and, owing to this, you tend to imitate your friends. The people around you are bound to influence you. However, the effect of the influences of the masses is greater during your teen years. Parents have a vital role to play during this phase of your life.
6. Parents and teachers need to be careful while dealing with teenagers as they are most susceptible to succumbing to peer pressure during these years of their life. Teenage individuals need to be taught to distinguish between the good and the bad, the right and the wrong and should be taught to be thoughtful in life.

7. A strong support from family, an ability to differentiate between the positive and the negative and a skill to choose friends from among peers this three-pronged strategy is the best way to keep away from negative peer pressure.

**Answer the following questions, based on the passage above.**

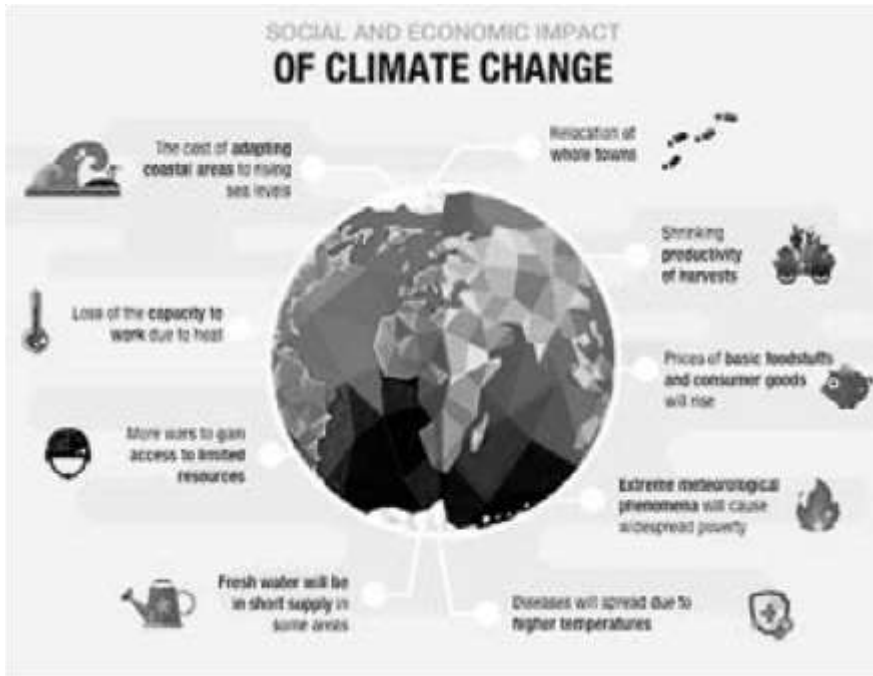
- i.** Select the option that corresponds to the following relation below. 1  
Peer pressure can prove beneficial but it is most often observed to have negative effects.
- (a) Sleep is good for memory but too much sleep can also be linked to health problems.
  - (b) Beginnings and ends are easier to remember than middles.
  - (c) Some people enjoy seeing anger in others.
  - (d) Food tastes better when someone else makes it.
- ii.** Based on your reading of the text, list 2 reasons why the writer says Peer pressure is not always bad.  
Answer in about 40 words. 2
- iii.** Complete the sentence appropriately. 1  
The changing ways of our peers' life can affect us by \_\_\_\_\_.
- iv.** Complete the sentence appropriately. 1  
Adolescents tend to imitate and share views with their friends because \_\_\_\_\_.
- v.** The passage includes some words that are opposites of each other. From the sets (a) - (e) given below, identify two sets of antonyms. 1
- (a) looking and leading
  - (b) walks and masses
  - (c) positively and negatively
  - (d) distinction and change
  - (e) right and wrong
- vi.** In about 40 words, supply one point to justify the following. 2  
Parents and teachers need to be careful while dealing with teenagers as they are most susceptible to succumbing to peer pressure during these years of their life.
- vii.** Which of the following is an appropriate reason for the effect of peer pressure in teenage years? 1 (a)  
Teenagers spend more time with their parents and old people.
- (b) Teen years are always unmanageable.
  - (c) Teenagers spend more time with their peers and friends.
  - (d) It is impossible to convince teenagers.



**viii.** The writer mentions 'The people around you are bound to influence you'. (Paragraph 5) 1 Mention one reason from the passage that supports the above statement.

**2. Read the following text. 10**

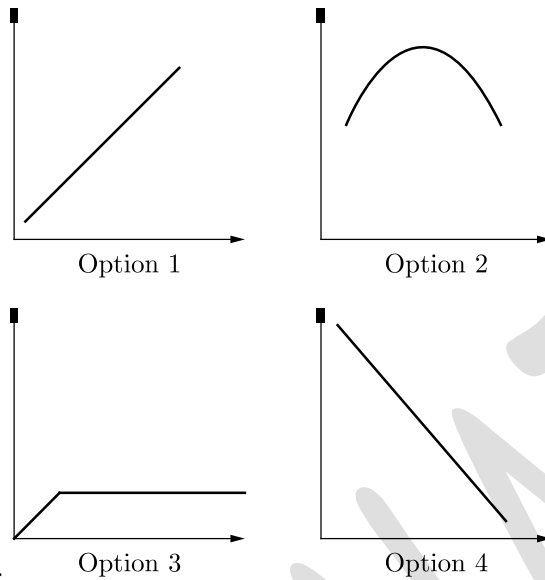
1. India's average temperature has already increased by around 0.7 degrees Celsius during the 1901-2018 period due to Greenhouse gas emissions and by the end of 2100 it is expected to rise by approximately 4.4 degrees Celsius warns the first-ever climate change assessment report by the Indian government.
2. The report Assessment of Climate Change over the Indian Region prepared by the Union Ministry of Earth Sciences (MoES) warned that the rapid changes in the temperature would mean increasing stress on India's "natural ecosystems, agricultural output and freshwater resources, while also causing escalating damage to infrastructure." This ultimately means a serious impact on the 'country's biodiversity, food, water, energy security and public health.
3. It said that several regions in India are global biodiversity hotspots with numerous endemic species of plants and animals and with the "climate changing more rapidly than usual, they may face increasing threats on account of these changes."
4. The MoES report cautioned that by the end of 2100, the "frequency of summer (April-June) heat waves over India is projected to be 3 to 4 times higher" and the "average duration of heatwave events is also projected to approximately double." According to the report, the Sea Surface Temperature (SST) of the tropical Indian Ocean has also risen by one degree Celsius, on average, during 1951-2015.
5. The rise in temperature is playing havoc with India's rainfall which is significant for India's agriculture sector. The report noted that the summer monsoon precipitation (June to September) over India has declined by around six per cent from 1951 to 2015, with notable decrease over the Indo-Gangetic Plains and the Western Ghats. It stressed that the overall decrease of seasonal summer monsoon rainfall during the last 6-7 decades has led to an increased propensity for droughts in India.
6. "In particular, areas over Central India, South-West coast, Southern peninsula and North-Eastern India have experienced more than two droughts per decade. The area affected by drought has also increased by 1.3 percent per decade over the same period. Climate model projections indicate a high likelihood of an increase in the frequency, intensity and area under drought conditions in India by the end of the twenty-first century," said the MoES report.



**Answer the following questions, based on the passage above.**

- i.** Complete the following analogy appropriately based on your understanding of the passage. 1  
The rise in temperature will \_\_\_\_\_
  
- ii.** Fill the blanks with the appropriate option from those given in brackets, based on understanding of passage. 1  
From Paragraph 5, we can infer that the \_\_\_\_\_ (fall/rise) in temperature has wreaked havoc on the rainfall pattern. The overall \_\_\_\_\_ (decrease/increase) of seasonal summer monsoon rainfall during the last 6-7 decades has led to an increased tendency of droughts.
  
- iii.** Infer 3 reasons for the following, based on information in Paragraph 1. Answer in about 40 words. 2 India's average temperature has already increased by around 0.7 degrees Celsius during the 1901-2018 period.
  
- iv.** Mention any two social and economic impacts of climate change. 1 **v.** On the basis of the given picture, which phenomena will cause widespread poverty? 1

vi. Select the chart that appropriately represents the drought trend with climate in India from the year 1951 to



2015, as per Paragraph 5.

- (a) Option 1      (b) 2 and 3  
(c) Option 3      (d) 1 and 4

vii. Justify the following in about 40 words. 2

The rise in temperature is playing havoc with India's rainfall.

viii. Which of the following is an appropriate title for paragraph 2? 1

- (a) Winds of change      (b) Climate change  
(c) Loss of diversity      (d) Drought trends

## SECTION B - GRAMMAR & WRITING SKILLS 20

### GRAMMAR 10

3. Complete ANY TEN of twelve of the following tasks, as directed. 1#10=10

i. Fill in the blank by choosing the correct option to complete an online update. 1

The mystery of why, home \_\_\_\_\_ biggest tech cos, can't solve visa backlog.

- (a) for world's      (b) to world's  
(c) of world's      (d) on world's

ii. Read the conversation and complete the passage given below : 1

Gardener : Did you water the plant today?

Dev : No, but I will today.

Gardener : Then tomorrow I will get a sapling of sunflower.

The gardener asked Dev whether he had watered the plant that day. Dev replied negatively but further informed that \_\_\_\_\_.

**iii.** Select the correct option to fill in the blank for the given line, from an International front. 1 UN World Population Prospects 2022 predict that on November 15, global population will cross 8 billion, and during 2023, India will take over China's.

- (a) is predicting            (b) had predicted  
(c) predicts                (d) has predicted

**iv.** Select the option that identifies the error and supplies the correction for the following line, from an article: 1

Environment pollution has posed a serious threat not only on man but also among all living beings.

Option No.	Error	Correction
(a)	has	had
(b)	threat	threatened
(c)	on	in
(d)	among	amongst

**v.** Complete the given narrative, by filling in the blank with the correct option: 1

A. J. Cronin was a Scottish novelist and physician whose \_\_\_\_\_ combining realism with social criticism won a large Anglo-American readership.

- (a) was working            (b) will be working  
(c) works                (d) has been working

**vi.** Fill in the blank by using the correct form of the word in the bracket, for the given portion of a letter: 1

Subject: Bullying of a Class X student

Respected Sir/Madam,

With due respect, I bring to your notice that my brother, Ashutosh Roy, of Class X D, \_\_\_\_\_ (stay) in dormitory No. 20 for last 6 months.

**vii.** Report the dialogue, by completing the sentence: 1

Reena : Do you know how to swim?

Surbhi : Yes, I know. I have learnt it during this summer vacation.

Reena asked Surbhi whether she knew how to swim. To this, Surbhi replied \_\_\_\_\_.

**viii.** Identify the error in the given sentence, from a magazine report and supply the correction. 1 Of all the honours bestowed in Indian Cinema, Dada Sahib Phalke award is a jewel in the crown.

Use the given format for your response.

Error	Correction

ix. Place the correct form of the word in the blank: 1

A metaphor is a figure of speech that, for \_\_\_\_\_ (rhetoric) effect, directly refers to one thing by mentioning another.

x. Read the slogan by the Ministry of Forest. Identify the error and supply the correction. 1 The little effort towards saving the environment is better than no effort.

Use the given format for your response.

Error	Correction

xi. Select the correct option to complete the narration of the dialogue between Umar and his friend, Lalit. 1

Umar : Where have you been all these days, Lalit?

Lalit : I was a little occupied with my board’s preparation.

Umar asked Lalit where he had been all those days. In response to the question, he replied \_\_\_\_\_.

- (a) he has been a little occupied with his board’s preparation.
- (b) that he had been a little occupied with his board’s preparation.
- (c) if he has been a little occupied with his board’s preparation.
- (d) that he has been a little occupied with his board’s preparation.

xii. Identify the error on a newspaper headline and supply the correction. In 5 years, the web of ropeways could help end Shimla city’s traffic woes. 1

Use the given format for your response.

Error	Correction

### WRITING 10

Note : All details presented in the questions are imaginary and created for assessment purpose.

4. Attempt ANY ONE from A and B given below. 5

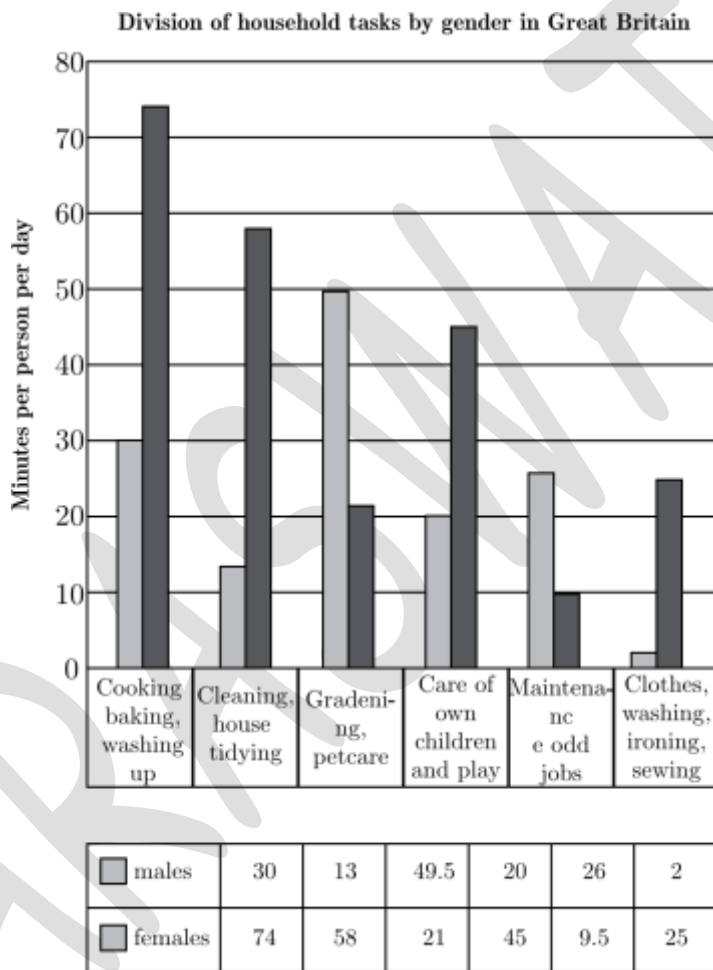
A. Your school had organised an educational trip to Fatehpur Sikri and Agra. You notice the dilapidated condition of some of the monuments. Write a letter to the Municipal Chairman of Agra mentioning the condition and requesting him to take urgent steps for the prevention of this valuable heritage. You are Anuj/Anju, 40 Civil Lines, New Town. (100-120 words)

Or

**B.** You are Anshul/ Anshika, a student of Grade X and a resident of 36 D Ring Road, ITO, New Delhi, wants to be a choreographer. Recently you came across an advertisement by Set Fire Dance Academy, MG Road, New Delhi, which offers various forms of dancing. Write an enquiry letter seeking information about the course and its package. (100-120 words)

**5. Attempt ANY ONE from A and B given below. 5**

**A.** The given chart shows the division of household tasks by gender in Great Britain. Write an analytical paragraph describing the chart, in not more than 100-120 words.



**Or**

**B.** Given below is a tabular statistic showing the quality of life in five countries, assessed under specific parameters. Write an analytical paragraph on the given information by selecting and reporting the main features, and make comparisons where relevant. Write in 100-120 words.

Country	GNP per head (1982 : US dollars)	Daily calorie supply per head	Life expectancy at birth (years)	Infant mortality (per 1000 live births )
Bangladesh	140	1877	40	132

<b>Bolivia</b>	570	2086	50	124
<b>Egypt</b>	690	2950	56	97
<b>Indonesia</b>	580	2296	49	87
<b>USA</b>	13160	3653	74	12

**SECTION C - LITERATURE 40**

**6. Read the given extracts and answer the questions for ANY ONE of the two, given. 5**

**A.** The moon was coming up in the east, behind me, and stars were shining in the clear sky above me. There wasn't a cloud in the sky. I was happy to be alone high up above the sleeping countryside.

( *Two Stories about Flying* ) **i.**

What is the significance of not a single cloud in the sky? 1

**ii.** What was the pilot flying? 1

**iii.** How did the pilot feel after calling the Paris Control the first time? Answer in about 40 words. 2

**iv.** State TRUE or FALSE. 1

None of the following descriptions (a)-(d) correctly corresponds to the extract.

- (a) A debate is a formal discussion on a particular topic, usually with two or more people presenting different viewpoints and arguments.
- (b) A description is the pattern of narrative development that aims to make vivid a place, object, character, or group.
- (c) An aside is a brief comment or remark made by a character directly to the audience, which is not intended to be heard by other characters on stage.
- (d) An abstract refers to a short summary or outline of a longer work.

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**Or**

**B.** "It was only when I began to learn that my boyhood freedom was an illusion, when I discovered as a young man that my freedom had already been taken from me, that I began to hunger for it. At first as a student I wanted freedom only for myself the transitory freedoms of being able to stay out at night, read what I pleased and go where I chose. Later; as a young man in Johannesburg, I yearned for the basic and honourable freedoms of achieving my potential, of earning my keep, of marrying and having a family the freedom not to be obstructed in a lawful life."

( *Nelson Mandela: Long Walk to Freedom* ) **i.**

The speaker's attitude towards his freedom when he was in his boyhood can be summed up as \_\_\_\_\_. 1 (a)  
being self-centered

- (b) being naive
- (c) being foolish
- (d) being indifferent to others

- ii.** How does Nelson Mandela understand the concept of “transitory freedoms”? Answer in about 40 words. 2
- iii.** In the statement, ‘I discovered as a young man that my freedom had already been taken from me, that I began to hunger for it,’ what was Mandela hungering after? 1
- (a) The desire to lead a normal respectful life as a citizen.
  - (b) The desire to fulfil all his professional dreams.
  - (c) The breaking of the chains that bound his fellow citizens.
  - (d) The wish to join the African National Congress.
- iv.** If ‘Point of View’ is the narration of a story that can be told from a first, second, or third person’s point of view, the given extract is told \_\_\_\_\_. 1

**7. Read the given extracts and answer the questions for ANY ONE of the two, given. 5**

- A.** “Ink trickled down to the bottom of the household and little mouse Blink strategically mouseholed. But up jumped Custard, snorting like an engine, Clashed his tail like irons in a dungeon, With a clatter and a clank and a jangling squirm, He went at the pirate like a robin at a worm.”

( *The Tale of Custard the Dragon* ) **i.**

Complete the sentence appropriately. 1

It is clear that the figure of speech used in ‘With a latter and a clank and a jangling Squirm’ is Onomatopoeia because \_\_\_\_\_.

- ii.** What is the poet’s purpose in using the onomatopoeic words given in the extract? 1 (a) To emphasise the boldness of Custard
- (b) To introduce the character
  - (c) To impress upon the readers
  - (d) To make Custard bold enough
- iii.** The extract mentions ‘irons’ in dungeons. 1
- According to this extract, what does ‘irons’ refer to?



- iv. 'He went at the pirate like a robin at a worm. Why has this comparison been used here? Answer in about 40 words. 2

Or

- B. If strolling forth, a beast you view,  
Whose hide with spots is peppered,  
As soon as he has leapt on you, You'll  
know it is the Leopard. 'Twill do no  
good to roar with pain, He'll only leap  
and leap again.

( *How to Tell Wild Animals* )

- i. In what way does the language used in this line challenges the traditional ideas of how poetry should be written?  
1  
"I will do no good to roar with pain, He'll only leap and leap again."
- ii. What is the significance of humour while describing the wild beasts in the poem and how does this contribute to the overall mood and tone of the poem? Answer in about 40 words. 2
- iii. Complete the sentence with the appropriate option. 1  
The contextual meaning of the word 'peppered' in the stanza \_\_\_\_\_.  
(a) refers to the spots of the leopard  
(b) refers to the camouflage of the leopard  
(c) means that the leopard has spotted you  
(d) means that you have spotted the leopard
- iv. Why does roaring with pain will not do any good? 1

8. Answer ANY FOUR of the following five questions, in about 40-50 words. 4#3=12

- i. Chubukov says of Natalya: "... as if she won't consent! She's in love; egad, she's like a lovesick cat..."  
Would you agree? Find reasons for your answer. 3  
( *The Proposal* )
- ii. Why does the poet say that 'Money is external'? 3  
( *The Ball Poem* )
- iii. How is the fog like a cat? What three things does the poem suggest? 3  
( *Fog* )
- iv. Why did Maxwell call the airhostess "the very queen of her kind"? 3  
( *Mijbil the Otter* ) v.  
'Paper has more patience than people.' Do you agree/disagree? Give reason. 3 ( *From the Diary of Anne Frank* )

**9. Answer ANY TWO of the following three questions, in about 40-50 words. 2#3=6**

- i. "But there was one thing I could do-collect things". What collection did Ebright make? When did he start making collection? 3  
( *The Making of a Scientist* )
- ii. The best way to defend is to offend, but the same thing is not seen by Noodle. How does he manage to do that? 3  
( *The Book That Saved the Earth* )
- iii. "Guilty mind is always conscious". Do you think the thief was on the contrary obliged to Anil? Substantiate your answer. 3  
( *The Thief's Story* )

**10. Answer ANY ONE of the following two questions, in about 100-120 words. 1#6=6**

- A. Imagine a software engineer meets Buddha and communicates the modern age anxiety and the threat of livelihood. Suggest some philosophical tools which Buddha must have preached him to handle the same. ( *The Sermon at Benares* )
- Or**
- B. "Not enough can be said to show how important a baker can be for a village". How were the services of the baker required on various occasions?  
( *Glimpses of India* )

**11. Answer ANY ONE of the following two questions, in about 100-120 words. 1#6=6**

- A. Our sins never go unpunished. Horace Danby ultimately had to go to prison. This shows that in spite of planning a crime intelligently and carefully, a criminal can't escape the law. Explain.  
( *A Question of Trust* )

**Or**

- B. Bholi and Matilda, both are distinct characters, wherein one gave importance to self-instinct and the other gave importance to her beauty. Assume they both meet each other at Bholi's wedding and had a conversation over the greed of Bishamber.

Write this conversation as per your understanding of 'Bholi' and 'The Necklace'.

You may begin like this:

Matilda : Are you fine now? Bholi :

Ya! much relieved.

( *Bholi* )

## Sample Paper 23

### Class X Exam 2023-24

#### English Language and Literature (184)

**Time Allowed : 3 Hrs. Maximum Marks: 80**

**General Instructions:**

1. The Question Paper contains THREE sections READING, GRAMMAR & WRITING and LITERATURE.
  2. Attempt question based on specific instructions for each part.
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#### SECTION A - READING SKILLS 20

##### Reading Comprehension Through Unseen Passages

**1. Read the following text. 10**

1. Despite plenty of naysayers, the textbook is dead. It just doesn't know it yet and continues on walking about as though alive. I even have one, A textbook of Physics, on my bookshelf beside me that was printed in 1891. It has some line drawings and no colour. Today, textbooks have lots of colourful images and engaging questions sprinkled about them. They also have tons of advice for teachers on how to use them effectively.
2. The word "textbook" originated in the 1720s, almost 300 years ago. It's had a good run and is ready to retire. Those who argue that you cannot learn well without a textbook ignore the centuries prior to 1720 when lots of people learned and learned well with no textbooks anywhere. You can learn without textbooks. That's certain. But why should we bother to change something that worked for 300 years? Many deliver the verdict in a single word: technology. That's way too simplistic.
3. We've seen film loops, overhead projectors, motion picture projectors, machine scoring of tests and a myriad of other technological innovations in classrooms, but the textbook remains. No, technology alone will not end the reign of the textbook. It takes something more and that became available in the 1940s-the programmable electronic computer. But here we are 70 years later, with plenty of textbooks visible. The computer was not sufficient by itself.
4. The next big change began with ARPANET in the 1960s. This foundation led to the internet and its growth has been phenomenal. But a widespread communication medium alone is not sufficient to dislocate textbooks either. Inexpensive computers, easy-to-use-interfaces (GUIs) and ready access to the internet all contribute.
5. "Fine," say many. "But the textbook publishers are putting their book online. They are creating e-textbooks. So, textbooks live!"
6. This argument misses the essential difference between education technology in the earlier times and education technology in the present, other than mere cost. Computer software can be interactive. Previous education technology was, like textbooks, rather passive. Active learning is far superior to passive learning, so much so that it's not a step, not a leap but a rocket propelled launch past old-fashioned learning.
7. It's the mental engagement with something that determines whether you learn and how well. The real big exchange will come when students can jump into online situations that are more like real life, and are able to

use a variety of devices to reach the web and become part of the learning community. They will be guided by a combination of human mentors and machines.

8. Furthermore, diagnostic analysis of their work will tell mentors when students are ready for certain learning and, more importantly, when they are not. Textbooks do not tap into our brains to realise this learning potential. Hence, today, the textbook is a zombie. It's just waiting for that wooden stake or silver bullet to put it to well-deserved rest.

**Answer the following questions, based on the passage above.**

- i.** The writer says that one can learn without textbooks. Which is the least effective argument put forward by him?  
1
- (a) Students are no more interested in passive learning.
  - (b) Textbooks have outlived their purpose.
  - (c) Students are interested only in active learning.
  - (d) People learned prior to 1720 when textbooks were first introduced.
- ii.** What is the best way according to the writer to strike a balance between passive learning and active mental engagement? Refer paragraphs 6 and 7. Rationalise your response in about 40 words. 2
- iii.** Complete the sentence appropriately. 1  
The author's use of the term 'diagnostic analysis' refers to \_\_\_\_\_.
- iv.** The passage includes some words that are opposites to each other. From the sets (a)-(e) below, identify two sets of antonyms. 1
- (a) wooden stake or silver bullet
  - (b) learned and learned well
  - (c) human mentors and machines
  - (d) active and passive learning
  - (e) dead and alive
- v.** Complete the sentence appropriately. 1  
The main premise or the central idea of this essay according to Harry Keller is \_\_\_\_\_.
- vi.** Based on the reading of the passage, examine, in about 40 words, how textbooks travelled from 18th century to the Age of Computers and what changes occurred on the way. 2
- vii.** Select the option that can weaken the author's case for a complete shift to computer learning in paragraph 4. 1
- (a) The development of e-textbooks with activities that require active participation from readers.
  - (b) A rising dependency on using technology as a medium of learning.
  - (c) Scholarly articles comparing the effectiveness of online learning with that of textbooks.

(d) Sharp increase in the creation of e-textbooks.

**viii.** What explains the long life of the ordinary textbook? 1

**2. Read the passage given below. 10**

1. Around 194 million birds and 29 million mammals are thought to be killed every year on European roads, according to a new study that has ranked the most vulnerable species. The research has found that the species killed most often were not necessarily the endangered species. This means action to preserve wildlife when new roads are built risks being targeted at the wrong species based on current methods. Road densities in Europe are among the world's highest, with 50% of the continent within 15 km of a paved road or railway. Roads are therefore, a significant threat to wildlife and evidence shows deaths on them could even cause some species to disappear completely.
2. Despite this, the long-term protection of species is not currently considered when assessing the impact of new roads on wildlife, meaning we risk giving support to only the endangered species, doing nothing to help those most at risk. A better understanding of which species are most vulnerable to roads, is therefore, important if we are to take a more effective action of protection.
3. A research team based in Lisbon calculated road-kill rates for 423 bird species and 212 mammal species. They found that small animals with high population densities and which mature at an early age were most likely to be killed on roads. Nocturnal mammals and birds with a diet of plants and seeds were also shown to have higher death rates.
4. The study also used the road-kill surveys to rank the bird and mammal species whose long-term survival was most threatened by road-kill. The hazel grouse and ground squirrel were found to be the most at risk of local extinction. Both are common in Europe but are classified as species of Least Concern Red List of Threatened Species.
5. The most vulnerable animals classified as threatened by International Union for Conservation of Nature (IUCN) were the red-knobbed Coot, Balcan mole and Podolian mole. The study revealed that road-kill hotspots were not the areas with the highest population of endangered species. For example, house sparrows had a high road-kill rate (2.7 per km/year) but were ranked 420th of 423 bird species for vulnerability. Conversely, the hazel grouse had a low predicted road-kill rate (0.2 per km/year) but was the most vulnerable of all birds studied.

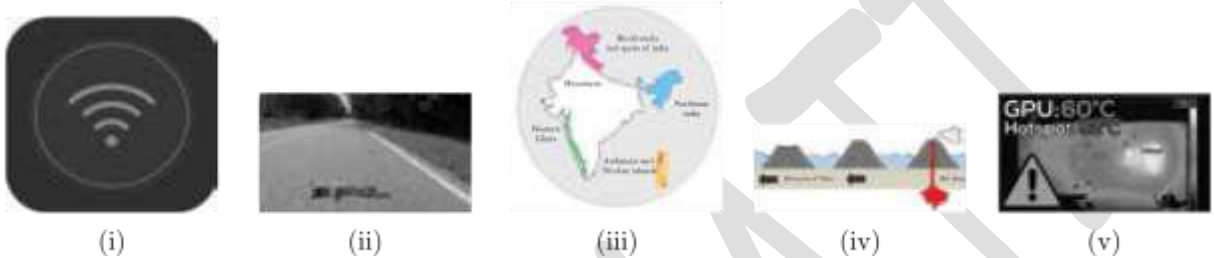
**Answer the following questions, based on the passage above.**

- i. Complete the following analogy appropriately, based on your understanding of the passage. 1 We can say that high road densities have had a long-ranging impact on some of the animal species being driven to extinction. This situation can be compared to the cutting down of forests by humans for building up modern infrastructure and its long-term effect on \_\_\_\_\_ and \_\_\_\_\_.
- ii. Fill in the blanks with the appropriate option from those given in brackets, based on your understanding of paragraph 1. 1  
The statement 'Recent research has found that the species killed most often on European roads were not necessarily the endangered species but roads can ironically cause some species to disappear completely' is \_\_\_\_\_ (a/an fact/opinion) because it is \_\_\_\_\_ (a/an subjective judgement/objective detail)
- iii. The vulnerability of an animal dying in a road accident is often not an important factor to determine its being 'threatened' by IUCN. Justify the following, in about 40 words. 2

- iv. Based on the results of the study, which two factors primarily contribute to threatening or killing wildlife? 1
- v. The long-term protection of species is not currently considered when assessing the impact of new roads on wildlife, meaning we risk giving support to only the endangered species, doing nothing to help those most at risk' 1

State any one inference that can be drawn from the above statement.

- vi. Select the option that correctly displays what hotspot signifies. (Reference-Paragraph 2) 1



- (a) Only (i)      (b) Only (ii)
  - (c) (ii), (iii) and (v)      (d) (ii) and (iv)
- vii. Infer an astounding conclusion drawn by a number of road-kill surveys. Answer in about 40 words. 2
  - viii. Which of the following given points is the correct statement? 1
    - (a) The number of road kills depends upon the population density of small animals.
    - (b) Small animals generally keep away from roads.
    - (c) More mammals than birds are killed on the roads.
    - (d) Animals that come out only at night are saved.

## SECTION B - GRAMMAR & WRITING SKILLS 20

### GRAMMAR 10

3. Complete ANY TEN of twelve of the following tasks, as directed. 1#10=10

- i. Fill in the blank by choosing the correct option to complete the sentence given below. 1 Time and again, I have seen men and women \_\_\_\_\_ and give their lives for an idea.
  - (a) risk (b) have risked
  - (c) are risking (d) risking
- ii. Read the conversation given below between a teacher and her student. Complete the sentence by reporting the dialogue. 1
  - Teacher : Why have you not finished your assignment?
  - Student : Because it put me off to sleep.

The teacher asked \_\_\_\_\_ to which the student replied that it had put him off to sleep.

iii. Select the correct option to fill in the blank for the given piece of advice. 1

He \_\_\_\_\_ give that money he found in the street to charity.

- (a) has to      (b) need not  
(c) ought to      (d) could

iv. Select the option that identifies the error and supplies the correction for the following line, from a speech by a popular leader. 1

It is from these comrades in the struggle for I learned the meaning of courage.

Option No.	Error	Correction
(a)	these	those
(b)	for	that
(c)	learned	learnt
(d)	of in	in

v. Choose the option which shows the correct change of -voice from active to passive in this statement. The thief threw the dog a piece of meat. 1

1. The thief was thrown a piece of meat by the dog.
2. A piece of meat was thrown by the thief at the dog.
3. The dog was thrown a piece of meat by the thief.
4. The dog threw a piece of meat at the thief.

- (a) 1 and 4      (b) 2 and 3  
(c) only 2      (d) only 3

vi. Fill in the blank by using the correct form of the word in the bracket, for the given portion of a recommendation letter. 1

This candidate belongs to a nearby village, has good technical skills and exposure, also has the required cut-off percentage, and \_\_\_\_\_ (look) for a complete or partial scholarship.

vii. Report the dialogue between a grandson and his grandfather, by completing the sentence: 1

Harry said to his friend, "Where have you been all this while?"

His friend said, "I was at my uncle's place yesterday for a function."

When Harry asked his friend where \_\_\_\_\_ while, he replied that \_\_\_\_\_ for a function.

viii. Identify the error in the given sentence, from a school magazine report and supply the correction. 1 Delhi deputy CM Manish Sisodia, who also holds the education portfolio, on Sunday tweeted that all schools in Delhi to remain shut till October 31 due to poor air quality.

Use the given format for your response.

Error	Correction

- ix.** Report and convert the following instruction that a parent gave to their children. Don't go now for getting some ice cream and cake. **1** **x.** Read the following quote by a philosopher. Identify the error and supply the correction. **1** Man's goodness is a flame that must be hidden but never extinguished.

Use the given format for your response.

Error	Correction

- xi.** Select the correct option to complete the narration of the dialogue between a Guru and his disciple: **1**  
Disciple: Is courage the absence of fear?

Guru: A brave man is not he who does not feel afraid, but he who conquers that fear.

A disciple asked his Guru if courage was the absence of fear to which the teacher replied that a brave man \_\_\_\_\_.

- (a) is not he who does not feel afraid, but he who conquers that fear.  
(b) was not he who does not feel afraid, but he who conquers that fear.  
(c) is not he who did not feel afraid, but he who conquers that fear.  
(d) is not he who did not feel afraid, but he who conquered that fear.
- xii.** Identify the error issued by the traffic police department and supply the correction, for the following instruction : **1**  
Be Wish, Obey Traffic Rules

Use the given format for your response.

Error	Correction

## WRITING

**10**

*Note : All details presented in the questions are imaginary and created for assessment purpose.*

**4. Attempt ANY ONE from A and B given below.**

**5**

- A.** You are Reema/Rohan, living in 36/2, J-Block, Sargam Vihar, New Delhi. Write a letter in 100-120 words to the Editor of a local daily about water shortage in your locality.





Or

**B.** You are Mansi/Mayank, living in 4/11, S-Block, Vikrant Vihar, New Delhi. Write a letter in 100-120 words to the Area incharge BSES about regular power cuts in your locality.

**5. Attempt ANY ONE from A and B given below. 5**

**A.** Write an analytical paragraph on 'an event in my life that I clearly remember...' in about 100-120 words. Use the suggestions given below :

- It could be your first stage performance, cousin's wedding, sibling's graduation ceremony, parents/ grandparents anniversary or visit to a beach.
- Why do you remember it till now?
- Write distinctive details of the event.

Or

**B.** Write an analytical paragraph on a recent opportunity you got, to be part of a TV show, where you interviewed different sports persons. Write an account, sharing your experience in 100-120 words. Use the suggestions given below :

- It could be your first TV show, describe your feelings
- Why was it so special?
- What preparations you made to interview the sports persons?

## SECTION C - LITERATURE 40

**6. Read the given extracts and answer the questions for ANY ONE of the two, given. 5**

**A.** OOP : I haven't a clue. I've been to seven galaxies, but I've never seen anything like this. Maybe they're hats. (He opens a book and puts it on his head.) Say, maybe this is a haberdashery! **OMEGA:** (bowing low) Perhaps the Great and Mighty Think-Tank will give us the benefit of his thought on the matter. **THINK-TANK :** Elementary, my dear Omega. Hold one of the items up so that I may view it closely. (Omega holds a book on the palm of

herr hand.) Yes, yes, I understand now. Since Earth creatures are always eating, the place in which you find yourselves is undoubtedly a crude refreshment stand.

OMEGA: (to Iota and Oop) He says we're in a refreshment stand. OOP :  
Well, the Earthlings certainly have a strange diet.

( *The Book that Saved the Earth* ) i.

State any one inference about Oop and his crewmates from the given context. 1

I've been to seven galaxies, but I've never seen anything like this. Maybe they're hats.

ii. State TRUE or FALSE. 1

Think-Tank thought that the crew had landed in a strange food stand stacked with tough to-eat sandwiches.

None of the terms (a)-(d) below, correctly corresponds to the idea of Think-Tank.

- (a) a hypothesis or a possible explanation for something that has not yet been found to be true or correct
- (b) an assumption that is accepted without any proof.
- (c) a misconception is a wrong idea or understanding of something.
- (d) a theory or a set of ideas that tries to explain something.

iii. Oop says, "Well, the Earthlings certainly have a strange diet." What was wrong with the diet of human beings according to the aliens? Elaborate in about 40 words, with reference to the extract. 2

iv. Which phrase or word would correctly substitute 'rudimentary,' in the given sentence from the extract. 1

I made my own rudimentary garden furniture that was beautiful but uncomfortable.

Or

B. On the day of the inauguration, I was overwhelmed with a sense of history. In the first decade of the twentieth century, a few years after the bitter Anglo-Boer war and before my own birth, the white skinned peoples of South Africa patched up their differences and erected a system of racial domination against the dark-skinned peoples of their own land. The structure they created formed the basis of one of the harshest, most inhumane, societies the world has ever known.

( *Nelson Mandela : Long Walk to Freedom* ) i. The system of racial domination against the dark-skinned people was called as \_\_\_\_\_. 1

- (a) the policy of apartheid (b) racial discrimination
- (c) inhumane system (d) harshest system

ii. Why did the speaker call that structure 'one of the harshest and the most inhumane'? Answer in about 40 words. 2

iii. Fill in the blank with ONE WORD only. 1

Mandela is filled with \_\_\_\_\_ in the given extract.

iv. Read the following descriptions (a)-(c) and identify which one correctly corresponds to the extract. 1

- (a) A debate
- (b) An aside
- (c) A reflection

**7. Read the given extracts and answer the questions for ANY ONE of the two, given. 5**

**A.** The way a crow Shook  
down on me  
  
The dust of snow  
  
From a hemlock tree  
  
Has given my heart  
  
A change of mood  
  
And saved some part Of  
a day I had rued.

( *Dust of Snow* ) **i.**

Complete the sentence appropriately. 1

The poet was out on the cold snowy day when the dust of snow fell on him and \_\_\_\_\_.

- ii.** What is 'dust of snow'? 1
- iii.** The crow and hemlock are usually used as negative references in literature. How is this different in this poem?  
Answer in about 40 words. 2
- iv.** How does the use of 'a crow' and 'a hemlock tree' impact this extract? 1
  - (a) It forces the beauty of nature
  - (b) Represents prosperity
  - (c) Sets a gloomy atmosphere
  - (d) Tells about happy times

**Or**

**B.** Some say the world will end in fire, Some  
say in ice.

From what I've tasted of desire  
I hold with those who favour fire.  
  
But if it had to perish twice,  
I think I know enough of hate  
To say that for destruction ice

Is also great And  
would suffice

( *Fire and Ice* )

i. Why does the poet hold with those who favour fire? Answer in about 40 words. 2 ii. What does the poet preach in the extract through symbols 'fire and ice'? 1

iii. Complete the sentence with the appropriate option. 1

Tone of the poet's tone in the lines- 'To say that for destruction ice/Is also great' is \_\_\_\_\_.

- (a) Sarcastic (b) Serious  
(c) Amused (d) Celebrator

iv. What message does the poet want to convey through this poem? 1

8. Answer ANY FOUR of the following five questions, in about 40-50 words. 4#3=12 i. What does show that the ball was valuable for the boy? 3

( *The Ball Poem* )

ii. What would the tiger have been doing if he were in the jungle? 3

( *A Tiger in the Zoo* )

iii. Why was Mr. Keesing annoyed with Anne and what extra homework did he give to her after several warnings? 3

( *From the Diary of Anne Frank* )

iv. Name the South African personalities who took swear-in ceremony on that day. 3 ( *Nelson Mandela - Long Walk to Freedom* )

v. Why is Chubukov surprised at Lomov's wearing of a formal evening dress when Lomov comes to meet him? 3

( *The Proposal* )

9. Answer ANY TWO of the following three questions, in about 40-50 words. 2#3=6 i. Why did

Viceroy Butterflies copy the Monarchs? 3

( *The Making of a Scientist* )

ii. What was Tricky's only fault? 3

( *A Triumph of Surgery* )

iii. From where did Griffin steal money? 3

( *Footprints without Feet* )

10. Answer ANY ONE of the following two questions, in about 100-120 words. 1#6=6

A. Lencho had faith in God but that was conditional, he did not believe in human kindness on the other hand the pilot had faith in God as well as humanity. Prepare a set of dialogues that happened between Lencho and the pilot of the Black Aeroplane based on Letter to God and Black Aeroplane. You may begin like this :

Lencho : Humans on earth are not to be trusted. They cheated me.

Pilot : I have different opinion, \_\_\_\_\_.

**Or**

- B.** “Every creature on this Earth is identified with their distinct trait and if they are kept away from it they tend to languish...’.

If you had to use the message of the given quote based on A Tiger in the Zoo to understand the state of the Otter, as it enjoys being close to water (Mijbil, the Otter), how will you elaborate it? Also, how it is agonizing for the Tiger in the cage to accept its condition.

**11. Answer ANY ONE of the following two questions, in about 100-120 words. 1#6=6**

- A.** “Be assured that if you knew all, you would pardon all.” Analyse in detail with reference to the character of Anil in the story ‘The Thief’s Story’.

**Or**

- B.** “There is no greater evil than the pampering of some one.” Analyze this quote with reference to ‘The Triumph of Surgery’.

## Sample Paper 24

### Class X Exam 2023-24

#### English Language and Literature (184)

**Time Allowed : 3 Hrs. Maximum Marks: 80**

**General Instructions:**

1. The Question Paper contains THREE sections READING, GRAMMAR & WRITING and LITERATURE.
  2. Attempt question based on specific instructions for each part.
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#### SECTION A - READING SKILLS 20

##### Reading Comprehension Through Unseen Passages

**1. Read the following text. 10**

1. Parents are changing the plots of classic fairy tales when reading them aloud because of violence and political in-correctness. Traditional fables such as 'Little Red Riding Hood', 'The Ginger Bread Man' and 'The Three Little Pigs' were deemed the worst offenders, with parents linking some of their endings to horror films.
2. The poll which was commissioned by Music Magpie included 2000 parents and revealed that one in four took creative liberties when sharing fairytales with their children to suit their beliefs and ideologies. Meanwhile, another 16% confessed to banning them altogether.
3. While these classic tales might seem playful and innocent on the surface, a closer look at the plot, lines and characters reveals some problematic traits. For example, in 'Little Red Riding Hood', 'The child is eaten alive by a wolf, only to be saved by a hunter who cuts her out of the animal's stomach with an axe'. 'The Three Little Pigs' also reaches a rather gory conclusion with the pigs murdering a wolf and eating it. Lest we forget 'The Ginger Bread Man', whose protagonist is also eaten by a fox. It is an ending that's hard for parents to swallow, with one of them labelling it as 'too cruel' in the survey.
4. However, a deeper analysis of some of the nation's most popular tales unveiled even further issues with regard to political correctness. One in four parents found it inappropriate that 'Cinderella has to do all of the cleanings in her home while another 25% argued that 'sleeping beauty' poses a consent issue, given that prince charming kisses the princess while she is asleep. Meanwhile, 27% believe that 'Pinocchio' encourages children to tell lies while one in four claims that 'The Ugly Duckling' in which an abused duckling is only accepted by society after he has grown into a swan, advocates body shaming.
5. Some of these stories have been around for generations. 'But times have changed and there are elements to these classics which for some don't really fit into society as they once did. We all agree that stories play a vital role in the growth and development of children. The books they read and the characters they get to know can become like friends. Reading stories also helps children with their confidence levels, coping with emotions, and language learning.
6. So stories are a great way to learn in a natural way as there is no teaching involved in it. The learners learn from simply reading the story. The choice of stories must be judicious.

**Answer the following questions, based on the passage above.**

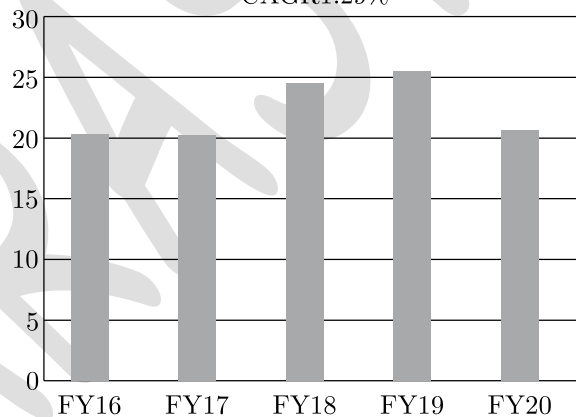
- i.** Select the option that depicts what the writer projects, with reference to the following. 1  
The choice of stories must be judicious (Paragraph 6)
- (a) sadness (b) caution  
(c) doubt (d) denial
- ii.** Supply one point to justify the following in about 40 words. 2  
The choice of stories must be judicious.
- iii.** Complete the sentence appropriately. 1  
According to the writer, in paragraph 4 he says ‘... ‘The Ugly Duckling’ in which an abused duckling is only accepted by society after he has grown into a swan..’ The vice that this story promotes is \_\_\_\_\_.
- iv.** The passage includes some words that are opposites of each other. From the sets (a)-(e) below, identify two sets of synonyms: 1
- (a) Innocent and worst  
(b) Reveal and unveiled  
(c) Commission and ban  
(d) Encourages and advocates  
(e) Emotions and traits
- v.** Complete the following with a phrase from Paragraph 5. 1  
Because of the change in ideologies, some .....
- vi.** The writer mentions ‘...a closer look at the plot, lines, and characters reveals some problematic traits.’  
Mention any two examples to support the statement in about 40 words. 2
- vii** Which issues have been highlighted to be problematic in the Classic fairytales? 1
- (a) Violence (b) Consent  
(c) Body shaming (d) All of these
- viii** What kind of liberties are modern-day parents taking? 1

**2. Read the following text. 10**

1. The automobile industry in India is the world’s fourth-largest. India was the world’s fourth-largest manufacturer of cars and the seventh-largest manufacturer of commercial vehicles in 2019. The Indian automotive industry (including component manufacturing) is expected to reach 216.16-18.18 trillion (US \$ 251.4-282.8 billion) by 2026. The industry attracted Foreign Direct Investment (FDI) worth US \$ 24.21 billion from April 2000 to March 2020 according to the data released by the Department for Promotion of Industry and Internal Trade (DPIIT).

2. Two-wheelers and passenger vehicles dominate the domestic Indian auto market. Passenger car sales are dominated by small and mid-sized cars. Two-wheelers and passenger cars accounted for 80.8 percent and 12.9 percent market share, respectively, accounting for a combined sale of over 21.55 million vehicles in FY20. The CAGR during FY16-FY20 is 1.29 percent.
3. The government aims to develop India as global manufacturing and Research and Development (R and D) hub. It has set up National Automotive Testing and R and D Infrastructure Project (NATRIP) centres as well as National Automotive Board to act as a facilitator between the government and the industry. Under (NATRIP), five testing and research centres have been established in the country since 2015. NATRIPs proposal for “Grant-In-Aid for test facility infrastructure for Electric Vehicle (EV) performance Certification from NATRIP Implementation Society” under FAME (Faster Adoption and Manufacturing of (Hybrid) and Electric Vehicles in India) scheme was approved by Project Implementation and Sanctioning Committee (PISC) on 3rd January, 2019.
4. The Indian Government has also set up an ambitious target of having only EVs sold in the country. The Ministry of Heavy Industries, Government of India, has shortlisted 11 cities in the country for the introduction of EVs in their public transport system under the FAME scheme. The first phase of the scheme was extended to March 2019 while in February 2019, the government approved the FAMEII scheme with a fund requirement of Rs 10,000 crore (US \$ 1.39 billion) for FY20-22. Under Union Budget 2019-20, government announced providing an additional income tax deduction of ₹1.5 lakh (US \$ 2146) on the interest paid on the loans taken to purchase EVs.
5. EV sales, excluding e-rickshaws, in India witnessed a growth of 20 percent and reached 1.56 lakh units in FY20 driven by two-wheelers. The Government of India expects the automobile sector to attract US \$ 8-10 billion in local and foreign investment by 2023.

Number of automobiles sold in India  
(in millions)  
CAGR 1.29%



**Answer the following questions, based on the passage above.**

- i. Complete the sentence appropriately. 1  
As per the passage, the Government of India wants to grow in \_\_\_\_\_.
- ii. Fill the blanks with the appropriate option from those given in brackets, based on your understanding of passage. 1  
We can infer that the \_\_\_\_\_ (Department/Institute) for promotion of Industry and Internal Trade highlights that India has received a considerable amount from \_\_\_\_\_ (FDI/R & D).



- iii.** Based on your understanding of the passage, list the initiatives taken by the government to promote the automobile industry. Answer in about 40 words. 2
- iv.** Why has the government set up NATRIP and National Automotive Board? 1

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- v. What was the NATRIP's proposal?
- vi. Which word can substitute the word 'ambitious' in the following sentence from Paragraph 4. 1 He is smart, intelligent and an ambitious medical student.
- (a) Arrogant
  - (b) Ideal
  - (c) Dreamy
  - (d) Aspiring
- vii. What does the Indian Government want to establish? 2
- viii. Select the correct option to complete the following sentence. 1  
Para 4 focuses on the ambitious target of having \_\_\_\_\_
- (a) the overall growth of the automobile industry
  - (b) only the 2 wheeler's sold in the country
  - (c) only the EVs being sold in the country
  - (d) foreign Direct Investment in the automobile industry

## SECTION B - GRAMMAR & WRITING SKILLS 20

### GRAMMAR 10

#### 3. Complete ANY TEN of twelve of the following tasks, as directed. 1#10=10

- i. Fill in the blank by choosing the correct option to complete an online update. 1  
Forests remove carbon from the atmosphere \_\_\_\_\_ that is roughly 13% of our total emission.
- (a) at a rate
  - (b) on a rate
  - (c) at the rate
  - (d) on the rate
- ii. Read the conversation between a doctor and his patient. Complete the sentence by reporting the patient's reply correctly. 1  
Passenger 1 : Are you from the software industry sir?  
Passenger 2 : Yes, but how do you know?  
Passenger 1, tried to recollect some experience and asked passenger 2 \_\_\_\_\_. On this, passenger 2 nodded his head in affirmation and inquisitively asked how he knew that.
- iii. Select the correct option to fill in the blank for the given line. 1

When life is uncertain, our usual responses and coping strategies not always work.

- (a) may
- (b) might
- (c) can
- (d) could

iv. Select the option that identifies the error and supplies the correction for the following line, from a proceeding in family court. 1

Option No.	Error	Correction
(a)	observations	observation
(b)	seems	seem
(c)	out	outside
(d)	the	a

v. Complete the given narrative, by filling in the blank with the correct option : 1

The centre \_\_\_\_\_ to monetize its prime real estate asset in the heart of the national capital to generate funds for redevelopment of seven residential colonies.

- (a) was looking
- (b) will be looking
- (c) is looking
- (d) has been looking

vi. Fill in the blank by using the correct form of the word in the bracket, for the given portion of a letter : 1 Subject : Appeal for Assam Flood Relief

Respected Sir/Madam,

In the last month, India has witnessed one of the worst manifestations of nature’s wrath-floods in Assam, which \_\_\_\_\_ (wash) away thousands of pilgrims, resulting in a massive loss of life and property, and leaving millions impoverished and homeless.

vii. Report the dialogue between Vivek and Neerja by completing the sentence : 1

Vivek : Life is so comfortable for homemakers.

Neerja : You are showing your stereotyped mentality.

In response to the idea of Vivek about homemakers, Neerja said that \_\_\_\_\_.

viii. Identify the error in the given sentence, from a school magazine report and supply the correction. 1 A group of students were invited to come on stage and play a drama scene. The drama they presented was funny and interesting.

Use the given format for your response.

Error	Correction

ix. Binny shared some information, with Pansy, about her visit to a War Memorial. Report Pansy's question. 1

How much time did you spend at the War Memorial?

x. Identify the error in the given sentence and supply the correction.

Must you pick up my brother from school on your way home tomorrow?

Use the given format for your response.

Error	Correction

xi. Read the conversation given below and complete the paragraph that follows : 1

Martha : Why are you spraying wax on your car tyres?

Jhumru : It makes the rubber last longer and prevents it from drying.

Martha : (looking amused) Is it like putting lotion on your skin?

Jhumru : Yes, exactly. Now I see you are beginning to get the point.

Martha asked her husband \_\_\_\_\_. Jhumru explained that it made the rubber last longer and prevented that from dying.

- (a) why he was spraying wax on his car tyres.
- (b) why was he spraying wax on his car tyres.
- (c) why was he spraying wax on his car tyres?
- (d) why he was spraying wax on his car tyres?

xii. Identify the error on a newspaper headline and supply the correction, for the following 1 Dispersing  
through thinning forests, tigers came into conflict with humans.

Use the given format for your response.

Error	Correction

### WRITING 10

Note : All details presented in the questions are imaginary and created for assessment purpose.

#### 4. Attempt ANY ONE from A and B given below. 5

A. Your state government has banned the use of plastic bags. You are highly moved by the violence of the rule in the weekly markets. You are Amarjeet, a resident of Wave City Ghaziabad.

Write a letter to the Editor of The Tribune, in not more than 120 words, drawing attention towards harm caused by law offence and also aware people about the need of the hour.

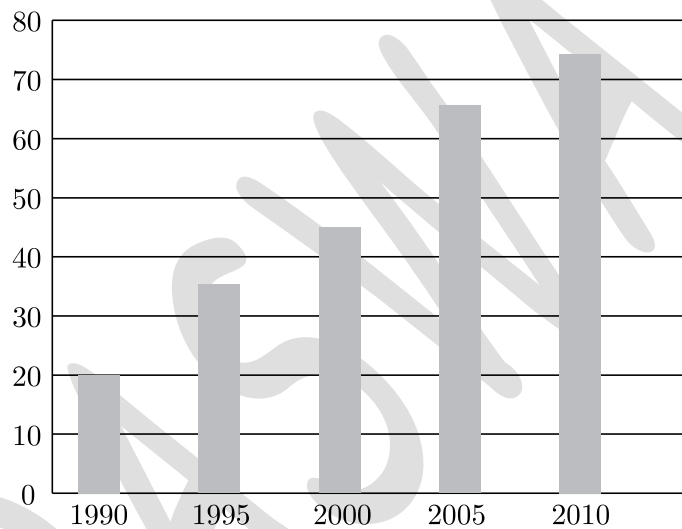
Or

- B.** You recently came across an advertisement by A New Dimension, Mehrauli, which offers various bridge courses in Creative Writing for students of Class X. You are Prakash/Pratishtha of B 905, Goenka Building, Mansarovar Park, New Delhi, interested in pursuing a course during your summer break.

Write a letter enquiring about the course details. (100-120 words)

**5. Attempt ANY ONE from A and B given below. 5**

- A.** The following data in the graph indicates the percentage of children in Grade 10 in Model Town who have joined coaching institutes, and which has only increased further. Describe in 100-120 words how this trend has only changed over the years.



Or

- B.** Analyse the picture in your own words in 120 - 150 words.



**SECTION C - LITERATURE 40**

**6. Read the given extracts and answer the questions for ANY ONE of the two, given. 5**

**A.** The moon was coming up in the east, behind me, and stars were shining in the clear sky above me. There wasn't a cloud in the sky. I was happy to be alone high up above the sleeping countryside.

( *Two Stories about Flying* ) **i.**

What is the significance of not a single cloud in the sky? 1

**ii.** What was the pilot flying? 1

**iii.** How did the pilot feel after calling the Paris Control the first time? Answer in about 40 words. 2 **iv.** State TRUE or FALSE.

None of the following descriptions (a)-(d) correctly corresponds to the extract.

- (a) A debate is a formal discussion on a particular topic, usually with two or more people presenting different viewpoints and arguments.
- (b) A description is the pattern of narrative development that aims to make vivid a place, object, character, or group.
- (c) An aside is a brief comment or remark made by a character directly to the audience, which is not intended to be heard by other characters on stage.
- (d) An abstract refers to a short summary or outline of a longer work.

**Or**

**B.** Poor Kisa Gotami now went from house to house, and the people pitied her and said, "Here is mustardseed; take it!" But when she asked, "Did a son or daughter, a father or mother, die in your family?" they answered her, 'Alas! the living are few, but the dead are many. Do not remind us of our deepest grief'. And there was no house but some beloved one had died in it.

( *The Sermon at Benares* ) **i.**

Kisa Gotami's joy was short-lived because \_\_\_\_\_. 1

- (a) she was not assured any help by her neighbours
- (b) no physician could revive her son
- (c) she could not get mustard seed from each house
- (d) she realised that death could not be averted

**ii.** In sending Kisa Gotami from house to house, what was Buddha trying to teach her. Answer in about 40 words. 2

**iii.** Read the following interpretations (a)-(c) of the word 'poor' and identify which one correctly corresponds to its contextual meaning. 1

- (a) in need or want of money
- (b) weak or feeble
- (c) unfortunate or miserable

- iv. Is it correct to say that had Buddha been alive today, he could have become either a counsellor or a psychologist? Why? 1

**7. Read the given extracts and answer the questions for ANY ONE of the two, given. 5**

A. He stalks in his vivid stripes

The few steps of his cage,  
On pads of velvet quiet, In  
his quiet rage.

He should be lurking in shadow,

Sliding through long grass

Near the water hole Where  
plump deer pass.

( *A Tiger in the Zoo* )

i. Fill the blank with one word. 1

The Tiger is in a 'quiet rage' because his \_\_\_\_\_ has been curtailed.

ii. The meaning of the line 'in his quiet rage' is \_\_\_\_\_. 1

(a) The tiger is hungry (b) The tiger is sleepy

(c) The tiger is unhappy and controlling his anger (d) The tiger is lazy

iii. How does the tiger show his presence? 1

iv. Why does a tiger express his rage quietly ? Answer in about 40 words. 2

**Or**

B. "Ink trickled down to the bottom of the household, And little mouse Blink strategically mouse-holed.

But up jumped Custard, snorting like an engine, Clashed his tail like irons in a dungeon, With a clatter  
and a clank and a jangling squirm, He went at the pirate like a robin at a worm."

( *The Tale of Custard the Dragon* ) i.

What is the poet's purpose of using onomatopoeic words in the extract ? 1 ii. What does the poet want to convey

through these lines? Answer in about 40 words. 2 iii. Select the appropriate option that supports the idea in the

extract. 1

(a) You get in life what you have the courage to ask for.

(b) Fear has a large shadow, but he himself is strong.

(c) Fear makes strangers of people who would be friends.

(d) Courage doesn't mean you don't get afraid. Courage means you don't let fear stop you.

iv. The extract mentions 'irons' in dungeons 1

According to the extract, 'irons' refers to \_\_\_\_\_.

**8. Answer ANY FOUR of the following five questions, in about 40-50 words. 4#3=12**

- i. The poet in the poem 'For Anne Gregory' conveys that we should give importance to the inner beauty and not to the physical appearance. Explain with reference to the poem. 3
- ii. What do the roots do all night? 3  
( *The Trees* )
- iii. Is bread-making still popular in Goa? How do you know? 3  
( *Glimpses of India* )
- iv. What do the 'Hemlock tree' and 'Crow' represent? What does the dust of snow metaphorically stand for? 3  
( *Dust of Snow* )
- v. How does Natalaya react when she comes to know that Lomov had come to propose for her hand? 3 ( *The Proposal* )



**9. Answer ANY TWO of the following three questions, in about 40-50 words. 2#3=6**

- i. What changes came into the life of Loiseles after the necklace was lost? 3 ( *The Necklace* )
- ii. Scientists contribute to make the world a better place. Griffin is an antithesis to this statement.  
Justify. 3  
( *Footprints Without Feet* )
- iii. Elaborate on the quality of the book that saved the planet Earth. 3  
( *The Book That Saved the Earth* )

**10. Answer ANY ONE of the following two questions, in about 100-120 words. 1#6=6**

- A. Valli and Anne Frank, both were independent souls who wished to be what they are. Assume they both meet each other in the town and have a conversation about their passion and curiosity.

Write this conversation as per your understanding of 'From the Diary of Anne Frank' and 'Madam Rides the Bus'.

You may begin like this

Anne : Hey, how are you here?

Valli : Just an adventure to town.

**Or**

- B. "Mandela mentions that every man has twin obligations. The first is to his family, parents, wife and children; the second obligation is to his people, his community and his country."

How is the first obligation well performed by mother seagull in the story 'The First Flight'.

**11. Answer ANY ONE of the following two questions, in about 100-120 words. 1#6=6**

- A. Horace Danby represents such people who adopt the wrong ways to fulfil their wishes. What values would you like such people to imbibe to reform themselves?

( *A Question of Trust* )

**Or**

- B. With reference to 'The Midnight Visitor', do you think presence of mind should be developed and to what advantage? Elaborate highlighting the characteristics of Ausable.

## Sample Paper 25

Class X Exam 2023-24

English Language and Literature (184)

Time Allowed : 3 Hrs. Maximum Marks: 80

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**General Instructions:**

1. The Question Paper contains THREE sections READING, GRAMMAR & WRITING and LITERATURE.
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**SECTION A - READING SKILLS 20**

**Reading Comprehension Through Unseen Passages**

**1. Read the following text. 10**

1. Detachment is not physically renouncing our possessions, profession, home and family as many of us think. It is the ability to let go of all the desires, habits, emotions, thoughts, speech and behaviour patterns that are negative or detrimental to our well-being in any way. Detachment and discrimination are interdependent; they mutually strengthen each other and empower us. The more we are able to discriminate, the more we are able to segregate our harmful desires and discard them. The more mental trash we discard this way, the more we empower our faculty of discrimination.
2. There is a simple technique we can all practise to strengthen our discrimination and detachment and get rid of unnecessary desires. This will generate the awareness we need to control our senses and mind and make them stop churning out desires every moment. To practise this technique, we should select a quiet place when we have some leisure time.
3. Sit down with a few sheets of paper and pen or a computer and make two lists. In the first list, understand and write down your most important goal or agenda in this life. Then meticulously add all the other goals that you would like to achieve. While you make this list, you shouldn't think only about yourself. Include what you would like to contribute to the welfare of your dependants, children and their forthcoming generations.
4. Once you complete this, set it aside and begin the second list. List all your desires here. They may be big or small, important or insignificant, right or wrong, demonic or divine. Just remove the lid on the Pandora's Box and allow them all to spill out freely. Don't try to censor or edit the list of desires at this stage. Complete the list first. After you have made an exhaustive list, go over it to see which of these desires are truly necessary, conducive to your meditation, helpful and favourable to you and beneficial to others.
5. If you have been serious and honest in doing this exercise, you will have long lists of goals and desires and many of them may be selfish or detrimental to your goal of meditation, visualisation, self-realisation, peace, happiness and bliss. This exercise will help you develop frankness and honesty with yourself.

You will touch your true feelings and bring many of your hidden ambitions and desires into the open.

**Answer the following questions, based on the passage above.**

- i. Why does the writer say that detachment is empowering? 1
  - (a) It makes us let go of our desires.
  - (b) It helps us physically renounce our possessions.
  - (c) It helps us get detached from family and relations.
  - (d) It strengthens our sense of discrimination.

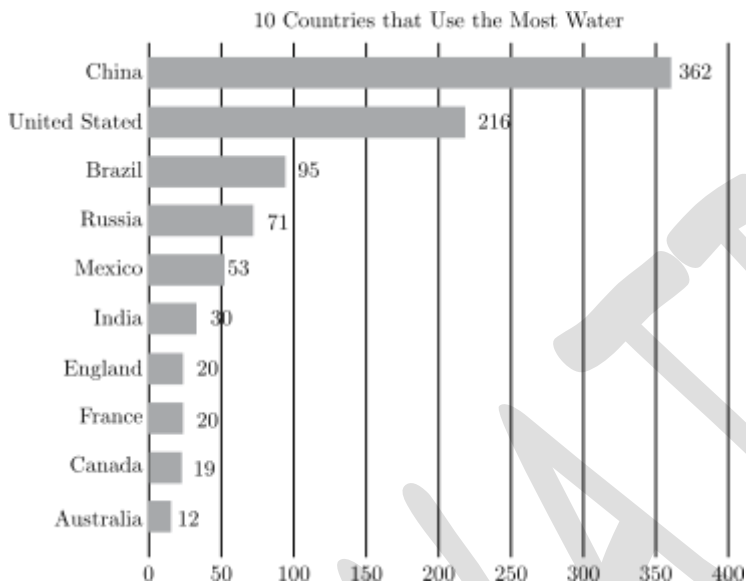
- ii.** What are the popular misconceptions about detachment that are dispelled by the author? Rationalise your response in about 40 words. 2
- iii.** Complete the sentence appropriately choosing appropriate words from the passage to complete the author's advice. 1
- The author encourages the readers to 'remove the lid on the Pandora's Box and allow your desires and wishes to spill out freely' \_\_\_\_\_.
- iv.** The passage includes some word-pairs that are similar to each other. From the sets (a)-(e) below, identify the word-pair that is the odd one out. 1
- (a) frankness and honesty
  - (b) goal and agenda
  - (c) censor and edit
  - (d) detachment and discrimination
  - (e) detachment and renunciation
- v.** The writer correlates detachment and discrimination and says that we should make serious efforts to strengthen them (Paragraph 2). 1
- State the most important outcome of this process.
- vi.** Based on your reading of the text, list two reasons why the writer implies that the human mind is full of trash. Answer in about 40 words. 2
- vii.** Evaluate the outcomes given below after completing both the lists of our desires and goals in life. Which of these is not advised by the author and therefore, should not be on the list? 1
- (a) They contain goals that are truly necessary.
  - (b) They may be censored or edited.
  - (c) They are beneficial to our family and their future generations.
  - (d) They are conducive to mental well-being.
- viii.** Supply one point to justify the following. 1

Awareness puts a lid on our mind which keeps churning out desires every moment which can be confusing.

**2. Read the following text. 10**

1. When we think of countries that are the major consumers of water resources we tend to think of the water used in our homes, such as water used for bathing and lawn sprinklers. However, studies have shown that home water use is only the tip of the iceberg and a large majority of the water consumed is hidden from plain view. The chart showing the largest water consuming countries of the world is thus an eye opener.
2. As India is an agricultural country, the most important crops of India are rice, wheat and sugarcane. Significantly these crops are the most water-consuming crops. Rice, a major crop export, consumes about 3,500 litres of water for a kilogram of grain produced. Punjab which is the 3rd largest producer of rice in India is completely

dependent on groundwater for the production of its rice and consumes two to three times more water than Bihar and West Bengal to produce a kilogram of rice.



3. Sugarcane is another water-guzzling crop in India, which is a very popular crop among farmers in Maharashtra because they are assured of marketing by sugar mills. The primary source of water for growing this crop is groundwater, whereas states like Bihar which is more suitable for the production of sugarcane produces only 4% of the country's total sugar cane output.
4. Thus, measures need to be taken to ensure that crop production patterns within the country, across different states, are aligned to regional water availability.. Also, Agriculture policies should be put in place to limit the export of water-intensive crops. Emphasis should also be placed on the adoption of water- efficient technologies, management systems, farmer education, and advisory services to improve water consumption in agriculture.
5. Crops in India are irrigated by several methods. Some farmers take to flooding the whole field. Others resort to channelling water between rows of plants while others resort to watering using large sprinklers. But the better method is to let water drop into plants using drip irrigation. Hence, India should consider investing in scaling up micro-irrigation to make India's agriculture more water-efficient. Drip irrigation is the most efficient and appropriate irrigation system. Instead of wetting the whole field surface, water is applied only to the plant root zone. The P.T.O Government of India's 'Per Drop More Crop' component under the Pradhan Mantri Krishi Sinchayee Yojana promotes the use of drip and sprinkler irrigation by farmers.

**Answer the following questions, based on the passage above.**

- i. Complete the following sentence appropriately, based on your understanding of data given in passage. 1  
On analysing the data given in the passage, we can say that China and America guzzle water in excess followed by \_\_\_\_.
- ii. Fill in the blanks with the appropriate options given in the brackets, based on your understanding of paragraph 2. 1  
The more the farmers appreciate and value the efficiency in using water-saving technology in agriculture, the lesser the consumption and replenishment of groundwater, in the long run, is \_\_\_\_ (a fact/ an opinion) because it is \_\_\_\_ (a/an subjective judgement/ objective detail).

- iii. How would the alignment between the crop production patterns and the consumption of water in agriculture affect India's agriculture positively? Justify the following, in about 40 words. 2
- iv. Based on the passage, how can the farmers be convinced to change the way they grow crops? List at least two changes that can be implemented at the ground level and at the government level. 1 v. Study the statement 'A large majority of the water consumption is hidden from plain view.' 1 State any one inference that can be drawn from this.

- vi. Select the option that correctly display what 'drip irrigation' signifies. (Reference-Paragraph 5) 1



(i)



(ii)



(iii)



(iv)



(v)

- (a) Only (i)      (b) Only (iii)
  - (c) (ii), (iii) and (iv)      (d) (i) and (iii)
- vii. Infer one benefit and one drawback of growing rice, wheat and sugarcane by Indian farmers. Answer in about 40 words. 2
  - viii. Select the correct option to complete the following sentence: 1  
If India \_\_\_\_\_ and \_\_\_\_\_ its irrigation methods or systems at a micro-level, our agriculture will become more water-efficient. (a) invests, scales-up  
(b) organises, adopts  
(c) channels, organises  
(d) aligns, channels

**SECTION B - GRAMMAR & WRITING SKILLS 20 GRAMMAR 10**

**3. Complete ANY TEN of twelve of the following tasks, as directed. 1#10=10**

- i. Fill in the blank by choosing the correct option to complete the blank. 1  
The story of English in India \_\_\_\_\_ between the conceptions of the language as an idea and as an object to date.  
(a) will toggle (b) have toggled  
(c) had toggled (d) toggles
- ii. Read the conversation between a man and his nephew. Complete the sentence by reporting the dialogue. 1  
Uncle : Let us go and see the Great Apollo Circus this weekend.  
Nephew : The ticket is on you because you lost all the games in cards yesterday.

Uncle invited his nephew to see the Great Apollo Circus coming weekend but the nephew reminded him since he \_\_\_\_\_ on him.

- iii.** Select the correct option to fill in the blank for the given line, from a short story. 1 But he was tired and weak with hunger and he \_\_\_\_\_ not rise, exhausted by the strange exercise.
- (a) could (b) would  
(c) need (d) dare
- iv.** Select the option that identifies the error and supplies the correction for the following line, from a news report: The proximate cause of the Leicester clashes was ostensibly tension after an India-Pakistan match. 1

Option No.	Error	Correction
(a)	of	for
(b)	was	has been
(c)	tension	tensions
(d)	An	the

- v.** Complete the given narrative, by filling in the blank with the correct option. 1
- In the letter, the student has written that he \_\_\_\_\_ by some senior students who threatened him with dire consequences, if he complains.
- (a) is being bullied (b) has been bullied  
(c) was bullying (d) will have bullied
- vi.** Fill in the blank by using the correct form of the word in the bracket, for the given portion of a letter : 1
- Dear Sir
- I would like to bring to your notice the unsanitary conditions in our colony. Rubbish and garbage \_\_\_\_\_ ( lie) in heaps everywhere.

- vii.** Report the dialogue between a student and a teacher, by completing the blanks in the sentence given below. 1
- Student : I'm so stressed before my board exams.
- Teacher : Don't worry. We have arranged counselling sessions to de-stress you.
- When a student admitted that he was quite stressed before his board exams, his teacher told him \_\_\_\_\_ because the school \_\_\_\_\_.

- viii.** Identify the error in the given sentence, from a newspaper report and supply the correction. 1 I expect the authorities to take action on this issue at the earliest or we would have to raise it on social media. Use the given format for your response.

Error	Correction

- ix.** Fill up the blank to complete the sentence with the correct options. 1

Rosemary often \_\_\_\_\_ to work by bus, but she \_\_\_\_\_ to work by taxi yesterday.

- (a) got, went    (b) went, went
- (c) gets, got    (d) has been going, reached

x. Identify the error in the given sentence and supply the correction. 1

We will fight against injustice.

Use the given format for your response.

Error	Correction

xi. Select the correct option to complete the narration of the dialogue between two people. 1 A : Do you enjoy having a cup of tea in the morning?

B : No, my preference for a cup of strong filtered coffee has remained rock-solid for years.

A man 'A' asked his friend 'B' if he enjoyed having his morning tea. His friend 'B' admitted that \_\_\_\_\_.

- (a) her preference for a cup of strong filtered coffee has remained rock-solid for years.
- (b) their preference for a cup of strong filtered coffee have remained rock-solid for years.
- (c) his preference for a cup of strong filtered coffee has remained rock-solid for years.
- (d) their preference for a cup of strong filtered coffee will remain rock-solid for years.

xii. Identify the error on a traffic signboard and supply the correction, for the following instruction. 1 Over speed is a knife that cut a life.

Use the given format for your response.

Error	Correction

### WRITING 10

Note : All details presented in the questions are imaginary and created for assessment purpose.

4. Attempt ANY ONE from A and B given below. 5

A. The insanitary conditions in your colony are causing multiple diseases. Write a letter in 100-120 words to the Municipal Commissioner bringing the problem to his notice and request him to take urgent action in the matter. You are Deepak/Deepa of C 2/8, Ankur Enclave, New Delhi.

Or

B. You are Rajesh/Rajni Roy of 105 C, Chatterjee Lane, Kolkata. You have received a letter from your brother who is staying in the hostel of Shakti Mandir Public School, Darjeeling, stating that he is being bullied by some senior students who threatened him with dire consequences, if he complains. Write a letter in 100-120 words to the Hostel Warden requesting him to take urgent action.

**5. Attempt ANY ONE from A and B given below. 5**

**A.** Children tend to become tense and nervous before the board exams. This may affect their health and performance in the examination. Write a paragraph in 100-120 words on the 'Need for Counselling before Board Exams'.

**Or**

**B.** Due to Covid-19 pandemic, all the schools are closed and to mitigate the academic loss, online classes are being provided by the government and the schools. In this situation the role of cell phones, once prohibited in schools, now has become an essential need of the students. Write a paragraph in 100-120 words on the topic "Importance of cell phone for the students during Pandemic Covid 19."



**SECTION C - LITERATURE 40**

**6. Read the given extracts and answer the questions for ANY ONE of the two, given. 5**

**A.** "It's not my balcony," Ausable said with extreme irritation. "It belongs to the next apartment." He glanced explanatorily at Fowler "You see," he said, "this room used to be part of a large unit, and the next room-through that door there-used to be the living room. It had the balcony, which extends under my window now. You can get onto it from the empty room two doors down-and somebody did, last month. The management promised to block it off. But they haven't." Max glanced at Fowler, who was standing stiffly not far from Ausable, and waved the gun with a commanding gesture. "Please sit down," he said. "We have a wait of half an hour, I think

*“(The Midnight Visitor)”*

**i.** State any one inference about the balcony spoken at length by Ausable from the given context. 1 The management promised to block it off. But they haven't.

**ii.** State TRUE or FALSE. 1

None of the options from (a) to (d) can be applied to the given question or context- "It's not my balcony," Ausable said with extreme irritation. "It belongs to the next apartment." When Ausable said this, what was he relying on?

- (a) A hypothesis: Max had no idea about the balcony.
- (b) An assumption: Fowler had no idea about the balcony.
- (c) A premise: Only he knew that there was no balcony.
- (d) A theory: The waiter had no idea about the balcony.



- iii. 'It had the balcony, which extends under my window now. You can get onto it from the empty room two doors down-and somebody did, last month. The management promised to block it off But they haven't.' 2

Why does Ausable explain the existence of a balcony at such great length to Fowler? Elaborate in about 40 words, with reference to the extract.

- iv. Max told Fowler that they had to wait for a good thirty minutes for a paper to arrive. 1 The paper here refers to \_\_\_\_\_.

Or

- B. "But for Valli, standing at the front door was every bit as enjoyable as any of the elaborate games other children played. Watching the street gave her many new unusual experiences.

The most fascinating of all was the bus that travelled between her village and the nearest town. It passed through her street each hour, once going to the town and once coming back. The sight of the bus, filled each time with a new set of passengers was a source of unending joy for Valli"

( *Madam Rides the Bus* )

- i. The author says that 'Watching the street gave her many new unusual experiences.' Which of the options given below confirms this statement? 1

Valli had a habit of \_\_\_\_\_.

- (a) passing time as she had no friends (b) observing people and everyday happenings  
(c) eavesdropping on neighbours and visitors (d) looking for an opportunity to hop into a bus

- ii. Why was 'The sight of the bus, filled each time with a new set of passengers was a source of unending joy for Valli?' Answer in about 40 words. 2

- iii. Read the following descriptions (a)-(c) and identify which one correctly corresponds to the figure of speech in the given line from the extract. 1

'But for Valli, standing at the front door was every bit as enjoyable as any of the elaborate games other children played.

- (a) "Either way, or both, he died like a bug under a microscope." - Stephen King.  
(b) "And how my soul was as a lampless sea."- Shelley  
(c) "Dying is a wild night and a new road" - Emily Dickinson

- iv. What does Valli's interest in a 'new set of passengers' as a source of unending joy show about her? 1

**7. Read the given extracts and answer the questions for ANY ONE of the two, given. 5**

- A. He should be lurking in shadow,  
Sliding through long grass  
Near the water hole Where  
plump deer pass.

( *Tiger in the Zoo* )

- i.** According to the extract, the poet wishes for the tiger to be 'sliding' through the foliage as this would 1
- (a) assist in keeping the prey unsuspecting of the predator's sound.
  - (b) aid in camouflaging the presence of the predator before it rushes in.
  - (c) help the predator pounce on the prey comfortably without getting tired.
  - (d) support the predator's vision as it eyes its prey.

- ii.** Fill the blank with one word. 1

'Shadow' here, refers to the shadow of long \_\_\_\_ **iii.** What is the poet trying to convey in the given

extract? Answer in about 40 words. 2

- iv.** Which word in the extract means the same as 'fat'? 1

**Or**

**B.** If when you're walking round your yard  
You meet a creature there, Who hugs you very, very  
hard, Be sure it is a Bear,  
If you have any doubts, I guess He'll  
give you just one more caress.

( *How to Tell Wild Animals* )

- i.** How a bear can be recognised by you? 1

- (a) By its skin colour
- (b) By its roar
- (c) By its body size
- (d) By its tight hug

- ii.** How will you judge the poet's style of writing in the given extract? 1

- iii.** How does the poet describe the bear in the extract? 1

- iv.** Would you agree that the poet has an in-depth knowledge of the wild? Support the statement in context of the poem from which the given lines are taken. Answer in about 40 words. 2

**8.** Answer ANY FOUR of the following five questions, in about 40-50 words. 4#3=12 i. What was Lomov's opinion about Squeezer? 3

( *The Proposal* )

- ii.** How did the seagull express his excitement when he saw his mother bringing food for him? 3 ( *Two Stories About Flying* )

- iii.** What does courage mean to Mandela? 3

( *Nelson Mandela - Long Walk to Freedom* )

iv. How does the poet suggest that you identify the lion and the tiger? When can you do so according to him?

3

( *How to Tell Wild Animals* )

v. 'He senses first responsibility'—What responsibility is referred to here? 3

( *The Ball Poem* )

9. Answer ANY TWO of the following three questions, in about 40-50 words. 2#3=6 i. Why could

Tricki not be cured at home? 3

( *A Triumph of Surgery* )

ii. What are Hari Singh's reactions to the prospect of receiving an education? Do they change over time? 3

( *The Thief's Story* )

iii. What happened to the people who tried to help the constable in catching the invisible man? 3 ( *Footprints without Feet* )

10. Answer ANY ONE of the following two questions, in about 100-120 words. 1#6=6

A. The most important message is that all people have the right to live in freedom just because people may be a different religion or race, doesn't mean that they should be treated differently.

Prepare a set of dialogues that happened between Anne Frank and Nelson Mandela based on 'Diary of Anne Frank' and 'A Long Walk to Freedom'. You may begin like this :

Anne : I detest the world when they treat people differently on basis of their caste and creed.

Mandela : I also faced the same discrimination in my country \_\_\_\_\_.

Or

B. The message of the poem 'The Trees' is that freedom and equality should be for all the living organisms in the world. If you had to use the message of the given quote based on 'The Trees' to understand the state of the Tiger in the Zoo, how will you elaborate it? Also, how it is relevant to both.

11. Answer ANY ONE of the following two questions, in about 100-120 words. 1#6=6

A. The message of 'The Question of Trust' is that we should not trust anyone without discovering out about that person. Analyse in detail with reference to character of Horace in the story.

Or

B. The ultimate message that one can get from 'The Midnight Visitor' is that in any situation we should not panic instead we should take a step and face the situation with our presence of mind.

## Sample Paper 26

### Class X Exam 2023-24

#### English Language and Literature (184)

**Time Allowed : 3 Hrs. Maximum Marks: 80**

**General Instructions:**

1. The Question Paper contains THREE sections READING, GRAMMAR & WRITING and LITERATURE.
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#### SECTION A - READING SKILLS 20

##### Reading Comprehension Through Unseen Passages

**1. Read the following text. 10**

1. The world is big but in a sense, it starts with me. Knowledge and awareness about myself have to precede my knowledge of things other than me. If I want the external environment to appreciate value. I need to do it by myself, first. In order to make the atmosphere around me green, I have to be green myself, in belief and action.
2. From dusk to dawn and dawn to dusk, our every activity leaves its footprint on the environment and ecology. It is a 24 x 7, eternal phenomenon. A laboured consciousness of having to go green in all possible areas is required in each one of us. It is, after all, our own self-interest and that of our descendants. The conscious application of change is going to become a habit and one's culture in due course. Though we read and hear a lot of green initiatives, we hardly tweak our routines to suit the larger picture.
3. Greenery in the surroundings prevents dust and noise pollution. The way we water and manure plants also matters. Water is also a fast-depleting resource. Sprinklers are one example to use and conserve it. Compost from biowaste can be used as manure for plants which is cost-effective and eco-friendly. We can also contribute to the preservation of water bodies by not dumping our garbage in them. The use of public transport systems in the place of individual modes can reduce carbon footprint.
4. 'Reuse', 'Recycle', 'Re-engineer' and 'Renew' are the mantras. Let us appreciate, support and contribute our might to the promotional efforts of the community in this direction. Remember, my ecology is also the community, society and nation that I care for which in turn cares for me. In other words, all these seemingly outward initiatives done for others are going to make my life more comfortable ultimately.
5. I have to be, therefore, concerned about what sort of environment I am responsible for, for my own sustenance, livelihood and progress. As long as my impact is positive, my presence will be welcome. If it is otherwise, I am going to be shunned. It is either 'Embrace' or 'Embarrass'.
6. Green initiatives are anti-scorch Earth. Air, water and soil need to be conserved for the thriving of mankind in the future. The increasing onslaughts on the quality of air and soil need to be reversed. The indiscriminate exploitation of water-consumable water is only 0.3% of freshwater-needs to be stopped. The Earth ought not to shrink further, continue to breathe easy. Mother Earth looks for only love and cares from her children and nothing more in return for all the wealth she has so generously showered on us.

**Answer the following questions, based on the passage above.**

- i.** Why does the author say that one should be concerned about the environment? 1
- (a) For future generations
  - (b) For the betterment of country
  - (c) For the betterment of culture
  - (d) For better sustenance
- ii.** The writer is all for measures to be taken to save the planet Earth when he says, 'Air, water and soil need to be conserved for the thriving of mankind in the future.' (Paragraph 6) 2
- State any two solutions he offers in the extract in about 40 words.
- iii.** Complete the sentence appropriately. 1
- We need to conserve water because \_\_\_\_\_.
- iv.** The passage includes some words that are opposites of each other. From the sets (a)-(e) given below, identify two sets of antonyms. 1
- (a) Belief and action
  - (b) Knowledge and awareness
  - (c) Reduce and increasing
  - (d) Indiscriminate and change
  - (e) Dusk and dawn
- v.** Complete the sentence appropriately. 1
- The author says that the Earth ought not to shrink further and continue to breathe easy because \_\_\_\_\_.
- vi.** Supply one point to justify the following in about 40 words. 2
- I need to do it by myself, first. In order to make the atmosphere around me green, I have to be green myself, in belief and action. **vii.** Why does the writer say "The use of public transport systems in the place of individual modes..."? 1
- (a) to manage ecosystem
  - (b) to enhance air quality
  - (c) to reduce carbon footprint
  - (d) All of these
- viii.** Based on your reading of the text, list any 2 preventive measures for the author's statement "Water is also a fast-depleting resource," in Paragraph 3. 1

**2. Read the following text. 10**

1. India is home to an estimated 10% of the global Snow Leopard population spread across five Himalayan states of Jammu and Kashmir, Himachal Pradesh, Uttarakhand, Sikkim and Arunachal Pradesh which is only 5% of the available global habitat for the animal.

2. Project Snow Leopard was introduced in India by the Project Snow Leopard Committee instituted by the Ministry of Environment and Forests, Government of India, in the year 2009 to safeguard and conserve India's unique natural heritage of high-altitude wildlife populations and their habitats by promoting conservation through participatory policies and actions.
3. Project Tiger and Project Elephant are prevalent in India with the former introduced in 1973 garnering worldwide attention.
4. The Snow Leopard usually occurs at an altitude of >2700m above sea level and is the apex predator in the Himalayan Region along with the Tibetan Wolf. The project is not only to protect the Snow Leopard but as with Project Tiger, it is considered an umbrella species and with its protection, comes the protection of other species and the habitat of which they are all a part.
5. Top 3 National Parks in India where the Snow Leopard can likely be seen
  - i. Kibber Wildlife Sanctuary - Himachal Pradesh ii. Ulley Valley - Ladakh iii. Hemis National Park - Himachal Pradesh



6. The reasons for the introduction of Project Snow Leopard are as follows.
  - i. High altitudes of India > 3000m including the Himalayan and Trans-Himalayan biogeographic zones support a unique wildlife assemblage of global conservation.
  - ii. There has been relatively less attention on the region from the viewpoint of wildlife conservation.
  - iii. The region represents a vast rangeland system supporting important traditional pastoral economies and lifestyles.
  - iv. The region provides essential ecosystem services and harbours river systems vital for the nation's food security.
  - v. India has ratified international agreements promoting the conservation of high-altitude wildlife species such as the snow leopard.
  - vi. The region is important for the country's national security as well as international relations.
  - vii. The high-altitude wildlife in India today faces a variety of threats.
  - viii. The existing high-altitude protected areas in India require considerable strengthening.
  - ix. Wildlife Management in the region needs to be made participatory.

**Answer the following questions, based on the passage above.**

- i. Complete the following sentence appropriately. 1  
Project Snow Leopard was introduced in India to \_\_\_\_\_.

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- ii.** Select the appropriate option to fill in the blanks from Paragraph 4.  
The \_\_\_\_\_ and the \_\_\_\_\_ which usually occur at an altitude of >2700m, are the apex predators in the Himalayan Region.
- iii.** What do you understand by the word 'ratified' in point number (vi) in paragraph 6? Why do you think India has 'ratified' the international agreements? (Answer in about 40 words) 2
- iv.** Infer the meaning of the phrase 'snow leopard is considered an umbrella species' from the passage. 1 **v.**  
In which states/UTs of India can the Snow Leopards be found? 1 **vi.** Select the correct option to complete the following sentence. 1  
The reason for the introduction of Project Snow Leopard in high altitudes is that \_\_\_\_\_.  
(a) the region provides essential ecosystem services and harbours river systems vital for the nation's food security  
(b) the region has a cold climate  
(c) the region offers a very less chance of survival for other animals  
(d) snow Leopard survive better in such climates
- vii.** List any two reasons for the introduction of Project Snow Leopard in high altitudes in about 40 words. 2
- viii.** Which of the following is an appropriate title for paragraph 2? 1  
(a) Project Snow Leopard  
(b) Project Tiger  
(c) Preserving India's wild  
(d) Man in the Wild

## SECTION B - GRAMMAR & WRITING SKILLS 20

### GRAMMAR 10

#### 3. Complete ANY TEN of twelve of the following tasks, as directed. 1#10=10

- i.** Fill in the blank by choosing the correct option to complete the sentence. 1  
For the past few days, I \_\_\_\_\_ pleasantly \_\_\_\_\_ by world leaders who were coming to pay their respects before the inauguration.  
(a) have been besieged (b) had been besieged  
(c) was besieged (d) was being besieged
- ii.** Read the conversation between a teacher and her students. Complete the sentence by reporting the conversation between the two. 1  
Students : Who gets the teacher's medal in creativity?



Teacher : Unfortunately, this student has been absent from school for some days and is not here to receive the applause that is due to her.

When the students asked the teacher about the winner, she informed them that \_\_\_\_\_ from school for some days and \_\_\_\_\_.

iii. Select the correct option to fill in the blank for the given line, from a travel magazine.

The Monyu festival of the Phoms, which marks the end of winter \_\_\_\_\_ with dancing, singing and social work, such as the \_\_\_\_\_ and construction of bridges.

- (a) is celebrated, repairing
- (b) celebrate, repair
- (c) celebrates, repairing
- (d) celebration, repaired

iv. Select the option that identifies the error and supplies the correction for the following line, from a history textbook. 1

The rebel troops crossed the bridge in boats over the Yamuna and stood clamouring for admittance below the Red Fort walls.

Option No.	Error	Correction
(a)	troops	troop
(b)	in	of
(c)	over	under
(d)	for	over

v. Complete the given narrative, by filling in the blank with the correct option. 1

They \_\_\_\_\_ the path into the woods that disappeared perhaps into a grove of lush, old trees touching the soil with long aerial roots.

- (a) went into (b) went along
- (c) were going into (d) had gone into

vi. Fill in the blank by using the correct form of the word in the bracket, for the given portion of a letter. 1

Dear Sir,

We \_\_\_\_\_ (organise) our Annual Function on 5<sup>th</sup> November 20xx. On this special occasion, we would be pleased if you accept to be the guest of honour and send us a confirmation.

vii. Report the dialogue between a grandson and his grandfather, by completing the sentence. 1 Grandson : Why are you planting so many saplings, Grandpa?

Grandfather : We need to learn the quality of giving selflessly only from the trees.

A grandson asked his grandpa why \_\_\_\_\_ so many saplings , to which the old man replied that \_\_\_\_\_ the quality of giving selflessly only from the trees.

- viii.** Identify the error in the given sentence, from a story in a popular magazine and supply the correction. 1 The woman agreed to apply for the post after suggested by the police superintendent.

Use the given format for your response.

Error	Correction

- ix.** Read the response of a child to his mother: "You have misunderstood my words, Mummy!" Now, report the question posed by the mother.

- (a) The mother asked angrily what he means by those words.
- (b) The mother asked angrily what he meant by those word.
- (c) The mother asked angrily what did he meant by those words.
- (d) The mother asked angrily what he meant by those words.

- x.** Identify the error in the given sentence and supply the correction. 1 Labelling a child as obese should run the risk of making him angry.

Use the given format for your response.

Error	Correction

- xi.** Select the correct option to complete the narration of the conversation between two friends studying in different universities. 1

A : Recently, we honoured Professor Timothy Walsh with an award for outstanding work in languages.

B : Do you know that his research work \_\_\_\_\_ by the students of linguistics all over the world?

- (a) was referred to      (b) had been referred to
- (c) will be referred to      (d) is referred to

- xii.** Identify the error on the door of an office and supply the correction. 1

Executive Bored Room Keep  
Silence!

Use the given format for your response.

Error	Correction

**WRITING 10**

*Note : All details presented in the questions are imaginary and created for assessment purpose.*

**4. Attempt ANY ONE from A and B given below. 5**

**A.** You are Manish Paswan of 46, Tughlaq Road, New Delhi, Write a letter to the SHO, Tilak Marg Police Station, New Delhi, complaining against eve teasing in your area (word limit 100-120 words).

**Or**

**B.** You happened to read the recently published report by National Crime Records Bureau (NCRB) 2021 that stated that fatalities in road accidents in India were the most in 2021 and the highest since 2014. Anxious, you decided to write a letter to the editor of a newspaper to shake up the authorities and the public about obeying traffic rules for everyone's safety. Write the letter as Alok Jha from Lucknow, Uttar Pradesh. Invent necessary details.

**5. Attempt ANY ONE from A and B given below. 5**

- A.** Write a paragraph in about 100-120 words on the following topic. **Covid-19 — Novel Coronavirus Pandemic**

**Hints :** Covid-19 \_\_\_\_\_ a new strain of Coronavirus \_\_\_\_\_ Identified in Wuhan, China \_\_\_\_\_ Named Covid-19 \_\_\_\_\_ Symptoms — runny nose, sore throat, cough and fever, breathing difficulties and organ failure \_\_\_\_\_ A fatal disease \_\_\_\_\_ Dangerous to elderly people, minor Children and persons with pre-existing medical condition \_\_\_\_\_ Prevention. Hand washing, using sanitizer, wearing masks and observing Social Distancing

**Or**

- B.** Write a paragraph in about 100-120 words on the following topic.

**Come Back to the Nature**

**Hints :** Meaning of back to the nature \_\_\_\_\_ Turning away from urban environments to agrarian lifestyle \_\_\_\_\_ Rousseau \_\_\_\_\_ The foremost proponent of a primitive idea of turning to back to nature \_\_\_\_\_ How to go back to the nature \_\_\_\_\_ Go to state parks \_\_\_\_\_ Plan a beach trip \_\_\_\_\_ Visit the famous garden \_\_\_\_\_ 'staycation'-hiking visit to national Park.

**SECTION C - LITERATURE 40**

**6. Read the given extracts and answer the questions for ANY ONE of the two, given. 5**

- A.** As she and her husband turned away in terror, the extraordinary chair pushed them both out of the room and then appeared to slam and lock the door after them. Mrs Hall almost fell down the stairs in hysterics. She was convinced that the room was haunted by spirits, and that the stranger had somehow caused these to enter into her furniture.

“My poor mother used to sit in that chair,” she moaned! To think it should rise up against me now! The feeling among the neighbours was that the trouble was caused by witchcraft.

( *Footprints without Feet* )

- i.** State any one inference about Mrs. Hall ‘moaning’ about ‘the extraordinary chair’ from the given context. 1  
‘the extraordinary chair pushed them both out of the room and then appeared to slam and lock the door after them.’

- ii.** State TRUE or FALSE. 1

The spirits haunted the house and the furniture in Griffin’s room was surely possessed according to the Halls.

None of the terms (a)-(d) below, can be applied to the given statement.

- (a) a hypothesis
- (b) an assumption
- (c) just a superstition

(d) a theory waiting to be proved

iii. Elaborate in about 40 words, with reference to the extract. 2

Mrs. Hall 'was convinced that the room was haunted by spirits' and other people thought so too.

iv. Which phrase would correctly substitute 'in hysterics' as given in the extract? 1

Mrs. Hall almost fell down the stairs in hysterics.

Or

B. "It was only when I began to learn that my boyhood freedom was an illusion, when I discovered as a young man that my freedom had already been taken from me, that I began to hunger for it. At first as a student I wanted freedom only for myself the transitory freedoms of being able to stay out at night, read what I pleased and go where I chose. Later; as a young man in Johannesburg, I yearned for the basic and honourable freedoms of achieving my potential, of earning my keep, of marrying and having a family the freedom not to be obstructed in a lawful life."

( Nelson Mandela: Long Walk to Freedom ) i.

The speaker's attitude towards his freedom when he was in his boyhood can be summed up as \_\_\_\_\_. 1 (a) being self-centered

(b) being naive

(c) being foolish

(d) being indifferent to others

ii. How does Nelson Mandela understand the concept of "transitory freedoms"? Answer in about 40 words. 2

iii. In the statement, 'I discovered as a young man that my freedom had already been taken from me, that I began to hunger for it,' what was Mandela hungering after? 1

(a) The desire to lead a normal respectful life as a citizen.

(b) The desire to fulfil all his professional dreams.

(c) The breaking of the chains that bound his fellow citizens.

iv. If 'Point of View' is the narration of a story that can be told from a first, second, or third person's point of view, the given extract is told \_\_\_\_\_. 1

7. Read the given extracts and answer the questions for ANY ONE of the two, given. 5

A. Don't eat that chocolate, Amanda!

Remember your acne, Amanda!

Will you please look at me when I'm speaking to you, Amanda!

(I am Rapunzel, I have not a care; life in a tower is tranquil and rare; I'll certainly never let down my bright hair!)

( Amanda ! ) i. Fill the blank with suitable word/words as you deem fit. 1

The tone of the speaker in the above stanza is \_\_\_\_\_.

**ii.** What is the listener's reaction to being constantly scolded? 1 **iii.** How is Amanda going to be different from Rapunzel? 1

- (a) Rapunzel lived away from her family.
- (b) A prince is going to rescue her.
- (c) Amanda is going to be in a high tower waiting for her rescuer.
- (d) Amanda would never let her hair down.

**iv.** Comment on the poet's use of language in these lines. 2

**Or B.** An ultimate shaking grief fixes the boy As  
he stands rigid, trembling, staring down

All his young days into the harbour where His  
ball went. I would not intrude on him; A dime,  
another ball, is worthless.

Now He senses first responsibility In a  
world of possessions.

( *The Ball Poem* ) **i.**

Identify the symbolism used in the given lines of the poem. 1

**ii.** What is the significance of the use of the words 'All his young days into the harbour' to describe the loss of the ball in the poem and how does this word choice contribute to the overall mood and tone of the poem? Answer in about 40 words. 2

**iii.** Complete the statement with correct facts : 1

'I' will not intrude on the boy because \_\_\_\_\_.

- (a) he won't like the intrusion.
- (b) 'I' wants him to face the situation.
- (c) another ball can be given to him.
- (d) the boy is stubborn.

**iv.** Comment on the poet's use of language in these lines. 1

**8. Answer ANY FOUR of the following five questions, in about 40-50 words. 4#3=12 i.** What did Lencho compare to new coins? Why? 3

( *A Letter to God* )

**ii.** What excited Rajvir? Why did Pranjol not share his excitement? 3

( *Glimpses of India* )

iii. How did the crow change the mood of the poet? 3

( *Dust of Snow* )

iv. How does a tiger feel in the forest? 3

( *A Tiger in the Zoo* ) v.

What does Lomov remind Chubukov to prove that his dog, Guess, was better than his dog? 3 ( *The Proposal* )

9. Answer ANY TWO of the following three questions, in about 40-50 words. 2#3=6 i. What

opened the world of Science for Ebright? 3

( *The Making of a Scientist* )

ii. What happened at the ball? Was Matilda's dream fulfilled? 3

( *The Necklace* )

ii. How did Hari Singh know that Anil had forgiven him? 3

( *The Thief's Story* )

10. Answer ANY ONE of the following two questions, in about 100-120 words. 1#6=6

A. The most important message is that 'there is freedom when you conquer fear, and fear should not be allowed to cripple one's faculty and thinking ability.

Prepare a set of dialogues between two students based on His First Flight and Black Aeroplane.

You may begin like this :

Student 1 : I am totally impressed by the role of baby gull's parents in His First Flight.

Student 2 : I find The Black Aeroplane more inspiring \_\_\_\_\_.

Or

B. "The message conveyed in the chapter Letter to God deals with unflinching faith in one and all. Lencho has faltering faith that leads to anger and discontentment, On the other hand the pilot of the Black Aeroplane has undeniable faith in that unknown pilot and he is saved from the crisis.

If you had to use the message with reference to both the chapters how will you elaborate it? Also, how it is relevant to both.

11. Answer ANY ONE of the following two questions, in about 100-120 words. 1#6=6

A. "Love and sympathy can transform a thief." How is it true in case of Hari Singh? Comment.

( *The Thief's Story* )

Or

B. Contentment in one's life is very important to lead a peaceful life. We should be happy with what we have and should not crave for what we don't have. This statement is perfect in the case of Matilda. What lesson does it convey?

( *The Necklace* )

## Sample Paper 27

### Class X Exam 2023-24

#### English Language and Literature (184)

**Time Allowed : 3 Hrs. Maximum Marks: 80**

**General Instructions:**

1. The Question Paper contains THREE sections READING, GRAMMAR & WRITING and LITERATURE.
  2. Attempt question based on specific instructions for each part.
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#### SECTION A - READING SKILLS 20

##### Reading Comprehension Through Unseen Passages

**1. Read the following text. 10**

1. The choices we make on a daily basis-wearing a seat belt, lifting heavy objects correctly or purposely staying out of any dangerous situation-can either ensure our safety or bring about potentially harmful circumstances.
2. You and I need to make a decision that we are going to get our lives in order. Exercising self-control, self-discipline and establishing boundaries and borders in our lives are some of the most important things we can do. A life without discipline is one that's filled with carelessness.
3. We can think it's kind of exciting to live life on the edge. We like the image of "Yeah! That's me! Living on the edge! Woo-hoo!" It's become a popular way to look at life. But if you see, even highways have lines, which provide margins for our safety while we're driving. If we go over one side, we'll go into the ditch. If we cross over the line in the middle, we could get killed. And we like those lines because they help to keep us safe. Sometimes we don't even realize how lines help to keep us safe.
4. I'm not proud of this, but for the first 20 years of my life at work, I ignored my limits. I felt horrible, physically, most of the time. I used to tell myself "I know I have limits and that I've reached them, but I'm going to ignore them and see if or how long I can get by with it." I ran to doctors, trying to make myself feel better through pills, vitamins, natural stuff and anything I could get my hands on. Some of the doctors would tell me, "It's just stress." That just made me mad. I thought stress meant you don't like what you do or can't handle life, and I love what I do. But I kept pushing myself, traveling, doing speaking engagements and so on- simply exhausting myself.
5. Finally, I understood I was living an unsustainable life and needed to make some changes in my outlook and lifestyle.
6. You and I don't have to be like everyone else or keep up with anyone else. Each of us needs to be exactly the way we are, and we don't have to apologize for it. We're not all alike and we need to find a comfort zone in which we can enjoy our lives instead of making ourselves sick with an overload of stress and pressure.

**Answer the following questions, based on the passage above.**

- i. Which of the characteristics are apt about the writer in the following context? 1



'I know I have limits and that I've reached them, but I'm going to ignore them and see if or how long I can get by with it.'

- (a) negligent and reckless
- (b) reckless and purposeless
- (c) indecisive and reckless
- (d) negligent and patient

**ii.** What does the writer advise us to do to avoid being careless in life? Rationalise your response in about 40 words. 2

**iii.** Complete the sentence appropriately. 1

The author has a simple take on either avoiding stress in our lives or distressing ourselves by ....

**iv.** The passage includes some words that are similar to each other. From the sets (a)-(e) below, identify two sets of contextual synonyms. 1

- (a) safety and harm
- (b) everyone and anyone
- (c) stress and pressure
- (d) discipline and carelessness
- (e) correctly and purposely

**v.** Complete the sentence appropriately. 1

The author reiterates that living life on the edge has become popular because ....

**vi.** Based on the reading of the passage, examine, in about 40 words. How can this quote : 'Balance is not something you find, it's something you create' is justified by the author? 2

**vii.** Complete the statement appropriately. 1

The phrase "potentially harmful circumstances" refers to circumstances that can \_\_\_\_\_.






- (a) be possibly dangerous
- (b) certainly be dangerous
- (c) seldom be dangerous
- (d) be fairly dangerous

**viii.** The stanza from a poem given below has a few words missing. Fill in the blank with suitable word/ words. 1  
Sometimes life is overwhelming,

And it seems like there's no place to turn. There  
\_\_\_\_\_ no one \_\_\_\_\_ (look) out for you, And you  
can feel your stomach churn.

**2. Read the following text. 10**

- The most characteristic feature of spiders is their ability to produce silken threads. Spiders normally have six finger-like silk glands, called 'spinnerets' located beneath their abdomen. To spin a web, the spider squeezes the silk out of its body through two small holes. The liquid silk is thicker than water and dries into a fine thread as soon as it comes in contact with air. Spider silk is much stronger than steel and resists breakage because of its elasticity. It can stretch up to 140 per cent of its original length. The diameter of these silken threads is about 10,000 of an inch. Spiders use this silk to make webs to trap their prey. The egg sacs of some spiders are also made of silk which pre-treats the unborn progeny. Sometimes the spider can also use its silk as a safety feature. A certain species of spider 'phidippus apacheanecs' trails a safety line of fine silk as it jumps. It uses the silk line to recover if it misses its target. The silk of 'N aphils Spider' is the strongest natural fiber known.
- The spinning of webs is a remarkable example of instinctive behaviour. A spider does not have to learn how to make a web, although spinning itself can be adopted to unique circumstances. For example, 'orb' webs are circular in shape and take an hour to build. Funnel spiders pin a net-like entrance to their homes, which helps to trap food. Similarly, trap door spiders dig their homes and spin a trap door out of their silk for trapping insects.

Black and Yellow Garden Spider	Fisher Spider
	
Typically found in fields and gardens during daytime	Do not need webs to catch prey, track down insects and pounce on them.
Common House Spider	Woodlouse Hunting Spider
	
Found in houses, sheds and garages Typically weaves their webs in ceiling and window corners.	Spotted outside in leaves, wood or rock pill bugs,
Grass Spiders	
	
Webs are weaved in grass, visible in morning dew	

- As integral components of our biosphere, spiders have an intrinsic existence value. They are efficient predators that play an important role in controlling the pests of cotton. They are also a source of food for other creatures such as birds and wasps. Thus, the presence of spiders is an ecological indicator signalling the health of natural ecosystem.

**Answer the following questions, based on the passage above.**

- Complete the following blank appropriately, based on your understanding of paragraph 2. 1 We can say that Funnel spiders and Trap Door spiders building structures to trap insects for food is comparable with a rattrap set for a mouse but with a big difference: \_\_\_\_\_.

- ii. Fill in the blanks with the appropriate option from those given in brackets, based on your understanding of paragraph 1. 1

Spider silk is much stronger than steel and resists breakage because of its elasticity. It can stretch up to 140 per cent of its original length is \_\_\_\_\_ (a/an fact opinion) because it is \_\_\_\_\_ (a/an subjective judgement/objective detail)

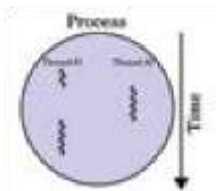
- iii. Justify the following, in about 40 words. 2

Spiders are great indicators of a healthy ecosystem.

- iv. Based on the passage name two species each of spiders found in our homes and outdoors. 1

- v. What kind of behaviour does the author say the spiders exhibit when at work? State any one inference that can be drawn from this. 1

- vi. Select the option that correctly displays what 'threads' signifies. (Reference-Paragraph 1) 1



(i)



(ii)



(iii)



(iv)



(v)

- (a) Only (i)  
(b) (ii), (iii) and (v)  
(c) Only (v)  
(d) (i) and (iv)
- vii. Infer one benefit and one drawback of having spiders whether at home or in the garden. Answer in about 40 words. 2
- viii. Which of the following is an incorrect fact about spiders from the study mentioned in the passage? 1
- (a) Woodhouse Hunting spiders live on leaves and wood.  
(b) Naphils Spider weaves the silkiest web known.  
(c) Spinning can be adopted to unique circumstances.  
(d) The egg sacs of some spiders are also made of silk.

## SECTION B - GRAMMAR & WRITING SKILLS 20

### GRAMMAR 10

3. Complete ANY TEN of twelve of the following tasks, as directed. 1#10=10

- i. Fill in the blank by choosing the correct option to complete the sentence. 1

This time tomorrow, I \_\_\_\_\_ on the beaches of Hawaii away from the noise of civilisation.

- (a) will lie
- (b) will be lying
- (c) will be lying
- (d) would have lied

**ii.** Read the conversation between two friends. Complete the sentence by reporting their conversation. 1  
Herman said : 'If I were a king, I would travel all over the world!'

Pulkit said : 'You are just day dreaming, my friend.'

Herman said that if he had been a king, he would travel all over the world. Pulkit, on hearing his friend commented that \_\_\_\_\_.

**iii.** Select the correct option to fill in the blank for the given line, from an environmental magazine. 1 Over the past thirty years or so the quality of many people's lives \_\_\_\_\_ in some respect because of technological progress.

- (a) had worsened
- (b) have suffered
- (c) has deteriorated
- (d) was worse

**iv.** Select the option that identifies the error and supplies the correction for the following line, from a short ghost story : 1

So who helped me to arrive there safely without a compass or a radio, but without any more fuel in my tanks?

Option No.	Error	Correction
(a)	who	whom
(b)	a	the
(c)	but	and
(d)	tank	tanks

**v.** Complete the given narrative, by filling in the blank with the correct option. 1

Worse still, much of our building effort \_\_\_\_\_ into the construction of more and more large office blocks at the expense of much needed housing for the growing urban population.

- (a) has been channelled
- (b) have been channelled
- (c) are channelled
- (d) were channelled

**vi.** Fill in the blank by using the correct form of the word in the bracket, for the given portion of a letter. 1 Through the columns of your reputable newspaper, I wish \_\_\_\_\_ the people aware of the growing need for alternate sources of energy and the advantages of solar power.

**vii.** Report the dialogue between a, by completing the sentence. 1

“Let us go and look at the school ground,” said the sports teacher.

“Are we going to play the final match today?” asked the students.

When the sports teacher invited the students to have a look at the school ground, they asked him \_\_\_\_\_.

**viii.** Identify the error in the given sentence, from a school magazine report and supply the correction. 1 The weather was too risky for neither any movement in the sky or on land.

Use the given format for your response.

Error	Correction

**ix.** Report the following dialogue between a parent and a child watching an eclipse. 1

Child : Let us go out and see the solar eclipse.

Parent : Don't look directly at the sun. Wear your tinted glasses.

A child suggested his parent that they should go out and see the solar eclipse. The parent advised him \_\_\_\_\_ and \_\_\_\_\_.

**x.** Identify the error in the given sentence and supply the correction. 1

I left my purse at home. should you lend me 'a hundred bucks'?

Use the given format for your response.

Error	Correction

**xi.** Select the correct option to complete the narration of the dialogue. 1

I said, 'I am not going to school.'

Mother said, 'OK, finish all the household chores today and I will rest.'

When I told mother that \_\_\_\_\_, she told me to finish all the household chores and that \_\_\_\_\_ rest.

- (a) I am not going to school, she would
- (b) I was not going to school, she would
- (c) I will not be going to school, she will
- (d) I shall not be going to school, she planned to

**xii.** Identify the error on a signboard in a parking lot and supply the correction : 1

Please pay your parking fee before existing.

Use the given format for your response.

Error	Correction

### WRITING 10

Note : All details presented in the questions are imaginary and created for assessment purpose.

#### 4. Attempt ANY ONE from A and B given below. 5

- A. Though there is a movement like 'Sam Shiksha Abhiyan' and enrolling of underprivileged children in schools, there are still many children, who do not go to school, rather have never seen a school. It is indeed disturbing. You decide to write a letter to the Editor of a newspaper expressing your views and the steps to be taken. Write the letter in 100-120 words. Sign yourself as Siddharth Singh.

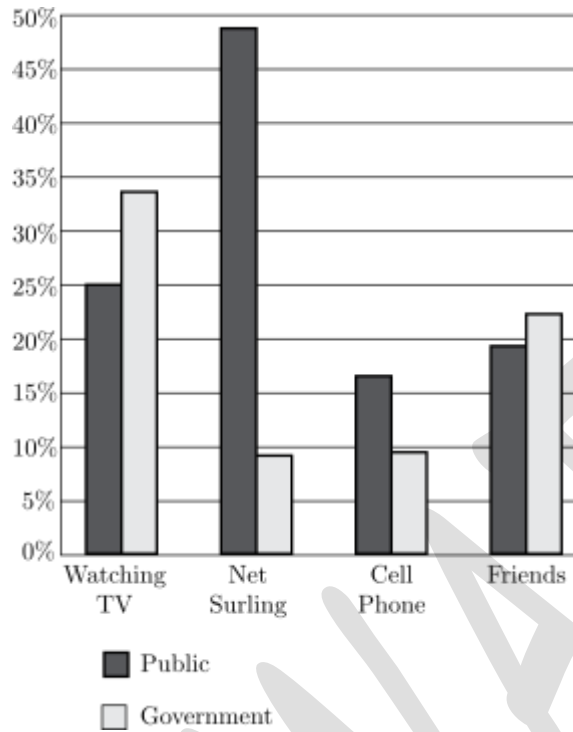


Or

- B. Write a letter to the Editor of an English daily in 100-120 word, making a plea to the common people to switch over to solar energy to conserve electricity and limit electricity bills. You are Divyansh of 147, Mayur Vihar-I.

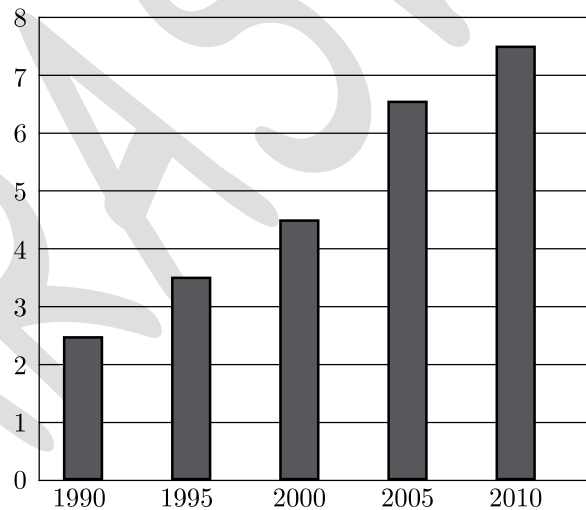
#### 5. Attempt ANY ONE from A and B given below. 5

- A. Study the chart given below, which is the result of the survey conducted in the public schools and government schools of Delhi. This depicts the types of activities the teenagers (Age 13-19 years) are involved during their leisure time. Write an analytical paragraph in 100-120 words.



Or

- B.** The following data in the form of histogram shows that death due to violence has increased considerably during recent years. Write an analytical paragraph in 100-120 words on how educated youth can play a major role in establishing peace in society.



### SECTION C - LITERATURE 40

- 6. Read the given extracts and answer the questions for ANY ONE of the two, given. 5**

**A.** But Horace found that the flowers were hindering him in his work He buried his face in his handkerchief

Then he heard a voice say from the doorway, "What is it? A cold or hay fever?"

Before he could think, Horace said, "Hay fever," and found himself sneezing again.

The voice went on, "You can cure it with a special treatment, you know, if you find out just what plant gives you the disease. I think you'd better see a doctor, if you're serious about your work. I heard you from the top of the house just now."

( A Question of Trust )

- i.** State any one inference about Danby from the given context. But Horace found that the flowers were hindering him in his work. 1 **ii.** State TRUE or FALSE. 1

None of the options from (a) to (d) can be applied to the given question or context.

Who asked Horace, "What is it? A cold or hay fever"?

- (a) Probably, it was the mistress of the Grange.  
(b) Maybe, it was another thief.  
(c) It could have been the housekeeper of the Grange.  
(d) In all probability, it was a neighbour keeping an eye on the Grange.
- iii.** What advice did the lady give Horace regarding his hay fever? Was she really interested in his health? Elaborate in about 40 words, with reference to the extract. 2
- iv.** Which phrase would correctly substitute 'buried' as given in the extract? 1  
He buried his face in his handkerchief

Or

**B.** "Now we're really going to get some water, woman." The woman who was preparing supper, replied, "Yes, God willing". The older boys were working in the field, while the smaller ones were playing near the house until the woman called to them all, "Come for dinner". It was during the meal that, just as Lencho had predicted, big drops of rain began to fall. In the north-east, huge mountains of clouds could be seen approaching. The air was fresh and sweet. The man went out for no other reason than to have the pleasure of feeling the rain on his body, and when he returned, he exclaimed, "These aren't raindrops falling from the sky, they are new coins. The big drops are ten cent pieces and the little ones are fives."

( A Letter to God )

- i.** "These aren't raindrops falling from the sky, they are new coins. The big drops are ten cent pieces and the little ones are fives." 1  
In which of the following examples has the same figure of speech been used to describe raindrops in the above lines?  
(a) She looked as fresh as morning dew.  
(b) Waves heaved heavily.  
(c) Glow worms are tiny lights floating around in the forest.  
(d) Break, break, break On thy cold gray stones, O Sea!
- ii.** How does Lencho's mood progress along with the progress of the rain? Answer in about 40 words. 2
- iii.** In the statement made by Lencho "Now we're really going to get some water, woman," water denotes rainfall. Which of the following pairs does not denote the same relationship? 1  
(a) earth - soil



- (b) sun - sky
- (c) fire - embers

iv. In the statement, 'The man went out for no other reason than to have the pleasure of feeling the rain on his body' use one word to replace the underlined part of the sentence. 1

**7. Read the given extracts and answer the questions for ANY ONE of the two, given. 5**

A. Some say that the world will end in fire, Some say in ice.

From what I've tasted of desire  
I hold with those who favour fire.

But if it had to perish twice, I  
think I know enough of hate to  
say that for destruction ice is  
also great and would suffice.

( *Fire and Ice* )

i. Fill the blank with one word. 1

According to the poet, fire refers to violent desires passion and \_\_\_\_\_.

ii. What does the poet wants to convey through the poem? 1 iii. Identify the most likely tone of the poet in the given lines : 1

'to say that for destruction ice is also great'

- (a) Sarcastic (b) Humorous
- (c) Optimistic (d) Encouraging

iv. How does Robert Frost caution the common man? Answer in about 40 words. 2

Or B. All night the roots work to disengage themselves from the cracks in the veranda floor.

The leaves strain toward the glass small twigs  
stiff with exertion long-cramped boughs shuffling  
under the roof like newly discharged patients  
half-dazed, moving to the clinic doors.

( *The Trees* )

i. In what way does the language used in this extract challenge traditional ideas of what poetry should be? 1

ii. What is the significance of the use of the word 'roots' and 'disengage' to describe the social change in the poem and how does this word choice contribute to the overall mood and tone of the poem? Answer in about 40 words.

2

iii. The leaves strain through the glass, small twigs are stiff with exertion and long-cramped boughs are shuffling under the roof- all indicate the presence of these poetic devices: 1 (a) metaphors and imagery. (b) enjambment and allusion.

(c) allusion and alliteration. (d) personification and imagery.

iv. Complete the statement. 1

The words 'in the veranda floor' clearly suggest that the change is taking place \_\_\_\_\_ and \_\_\_\_\_.

8. Answer ANY FOUR of the following five questions, in about 40-50 words. 4#3=12

i. Who invites the comment-'he is dressed like a Pader'? Why? 3

( *Glimpses of India* )

ii. Why does the postmaster send money to Lencho? Why does he sign the letter 'God'? 3

( *A Letter to God* )

iii. How was Amanda behaving when the poem starts? What did the speaker ask her not to do? 3 ( *Amanda !* )

iv. How does the fog spread over the harbour and the city? 3

( *Fog* ) v.

What was Lomov's opinion about Squeezer? 3

( *The Proposal* )

9. Answer ANY TWO of the following three questions, in about 40-50 words. 2#3=6

i. How did Monsieur Loisel manage to buy another necklace? 3

( *The Necklace* )

ii. How was Ebright as a student in the school? 3

( *The Making of a Scientist* )

iii. Why was Bholi's Father worried about her? 3

( *Bholi* )

10. Answer ANY ONE of the following two questions, in about 100-120 words. 1#6=6

A. Amanda is totally distraught by her mother's behaviour. She wants to leave everything and go to her own world. Then she happens to meet Anne and the latter tries to tell how parents always worried about their children's behaviour. Prepare a set of dialogues between Amanda and Anne based on the poem 'Amanda!' and 'The Diary of Anne Frank'. You may begin like this :

Amanda : I hate every one at home. How can they pester a child so much.

Anne : Amanda, How can you even think like that. \_\_\_\_\_.

Or

B. "The message conveyed in the chapter The Sermon at Benaras, People must understand that thinking about bound situations will increase one's stress and lead to sorrow was diligently followed by the pilot in The Black Aeroplane as he religiously followed the plane and did not raise a question on its presence. If you had to use the message with reference to both the chapters how will you elaborate it? Also, how it is relevant to both.

**11. Answer ANY ONE of the following two questions, in about 100-120 words. 1#6=6**

**A.** "Once bitten twice shy." Do you think Horace would ever be able to believe any one ever in his life? Comment.  
( *A Question of Trust* )

**Or**

**B.** Curiosity and motivation are the basic foundation for becoming a successful scientist. These qualities have brought the best out of Ebright. Comment.  
( *The Making of a Scientist* )

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## Sample Paper 28

### Class X Exam 2023-24

#### English Language and Literature (184)

**Time Allowed : 3 Hrs. Maximum Marks: 80**

**General Instructions:**

1. The Question Paper contains THREE sections READING, GRAMMAR & WRITING and LITERATURE.
  2. Attempt question based on specific instructions for each part.
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#### SECTION A - READING SKILLS 20

##### Reading Comprehension Through Unseen Passages

**1. Read the following text. 10**

1. The colour of animals is by no means a matter of chance; it depends on many considerations, but in the majority of cases tends to protect the animal from danger by rendering it less conspicuous. Perhaps it may be said that if colouring is mainly protective, there ought to be but few brightly coloured animals. There are, however, not a few cases in which vivid colours are themselves protective. The kingfisher itself, though so brightly coloured, is by no means easy to see. The blue harmonises with the water, and the bird as it darts along the stream looks almost like a flash of sunlight.
2. Desert animals are generally the colour of the desert. Thus, for instance, the lion, the antelope, and the wild donkey are all sand-coloured. "Indeed," says Canon Tristram, "in the desert, where neither trees, brushwood, nor even undulation of the surface afford the slightest protection to its foes, a modification of colour assimilated to that of the surrounding country is absolutely necessary. Hence, without exception, the upper plumage of every bird, and also the fur of all the smaller mammals and the skin of all the snakes and lizards, is of one uniform sand colour."
3. The next point is the colour of the mature caterpillars, some of which are brown. This probably makes the caterpillar even more conspicuous among the green leaves than would otherwise be the case. Let us see, then, whether the habits of the insect will throw any light upon the riddle. What would you do if you were a big caterpillar? Why, like most other defenseless creatures, you would feed by night, and lie concealed by day. So do these caterpillars. When the morning light comes, they creep down the stem of the food plant, and lie concealed among the thick herbage and dry sticks and leaves, near the ground, and it is obvious that under such circumstances, the brown colour really becomes a protection. It might indeed be argued that the caterpillars, having become brown, concealed themselves on the ground, and that we were reversing the state of things. But this is not so, because, while we may say as a general rule that large caterpillars feed by night and lie concealed by day, it is by no means always the case that they are brown; some of them still retaining the green colour. We may then conclude that the habit of concealing themselves by day came first, and that the brown colour is a later adaptation.

**Answer the following questions, based on the passage above.**

- i.** What does the writer mean when he says that “The colour of animals is by no means a matter of chance”?  
1  
(a) It is an evolutionary advantage. (b) It is contradictory.  
(c) It is predetermined. (d) It is a matter of chance.
- ii.** What makes the writer contradict his own statement that ‘the colour of animals helps protect them from danger by making them less conspicuous to predators’? Answer in about 40 words. 2
- iii.** Complete the sentence appropriately. 1  
The author’s contention that assimilation with the background is a necessity for all desert animals for sheer survival can be substantiated with the fact that \_\_\_\_\_.
- iv.** The passage includes some words that are opposites of each other. From the sets (a)-(e) below, identify a set of word pairs that does not belong to this category. 1  
(a) concealed and conspicuous  
(b) day and night  
(c) bright and vivid  
(d) sand-coloured and brightly-coloured  
(e) retaining and reversing
- v.** Complete the sentence appropriately. 1  
Although some big caterpillars are brown and therefore have the advantage of being conspicuous among the green leaves, yet these defenceless creatures have to .....
- vi.** Why does the author conclude that the habit of caterpillars to conceal themselves by day came first, and that the brown colour is a later adaptation? Based on the reading of the passage, examine, in about 40 words. 2
- vii.** The writer says, “It might indeed be argued that the caterpillars, having become brown, concealed themselves on the ground and that we were reversing the state of things.” (Paragraph 3) 1 Select the underlying principle in natural evolution the scientist, Canon Tristram is referring to.  
(a) contradiction (b) regression  
(c) experience (d) progression
- viii.** Where do the big, brown caterpillars hide themselves as soon as the day breaks? 1

**2. Read the following text. 10**

1. “India is a major tourist destination and is therefore a strategic ally to strengthen the recovery of Travel & Tourism activity in the region. In 2019, India’s Travel & Tourism sector made up 6.8 per cent of the country’s total GDP, and 8 per cent of total employment. The government of India’s leadership is instrumental and essential for us to be able to work towards a single agenda and the reactivation of international travel to benefit the millions of people in India who depend on the sector for their livelihoods,” said a spokesperson from WTTC.

2. In India, travel and hospitality contributes 9.3 per cent to the overall Indian GDP and accounts for over 8 per cent of India's total employment. It is therefore imperative to come together and focus on the revival of the sector across the globe with optimism, hope and unity in solidarity of the industry. The recovery plan presented to the tourism ministers from the world includes The, that focus on key measures to reactivate international tourism. The measures include a globally recognised international testing programme; strengthening and standardising protocols between countries to reduce risk and regain confidence from the traveller; and international coordination for the reopening of the sector, with the highest priority to health, safety and certainty for the traveller.
3. According to data, the travel and tourism sector generated 14.1 trillion (USD 208.9 billion) in 2016, which is world's 7th largest in terms of absolute size; the sum is equivalent to 9.6% of India's GDP.  
Additionally, the sector created 40.3 million jobs in 2016, which ranks India 2nd in the world in terms of total employment generated. The sector accounts for 9.3% of the country's total jobs. India's Travel and Tourism sector was also the fastest growing amongst the G20 countries, growing by 8.5% in 2016. 6.7 % growth is forecast for 2017 in this sector.
4. The President and CEO, WTTC, David Scowsill says, "We encourage the Indian government to continue to adopt policies that encourage travellers, such as the new visa regime, enable investment in vital infrastructure, and allow companies to do business. India is a beautiful and diverse tourism destination, with the right policies in place it will no doubt continue to grow towards ranking even higher in terms of its tourism economy."

**Answer the following questions, based on the passage above.**

- i. Complete the following analogy appropriately, based on your understanding of paragraphs 1 and 2. 1 We can say that the success of the recovery plan put forward by the WTTC to reactivate tourism in the world after the pandemic derives its strength from the robust and \_\_\_\_\_ especially in 2016.
- ii. Fill in the blanks with the appropriate option from those given in brackets, based on your understanding of paragraph 2. 1  
According to the author, the revival of travel and hospitality has to be executed with optimism, hope and unity among the countries of the world with a special focus on India because this sector contributes 9.3 percent to the overall Indian GDP and accounts for over 8 percent of India's total employment is \_\_\_\_\_ ( a fact/an opinion) and \_\_\_\_\_ (a/an subjective judgement/objective detail ).
- iii. Justify the following, in about 40 words. 2  
The plan proposed by the Indian government will help revive tourism on an international scale and reactivate it with a key focus on the travellers.
- iv. Based on the survey results, which two policies will greatly enhance travel and encourage travellers according to David Scowsill? 1 v. Infer one reason for the following, based on information in paragraph 1. 1  
The WTTC acknowledges the importance of the Indian tourism industry in reviving international travel.

vi. Select the option that correctly displays what 'tourism infrastructure' signifies. (Ref-Paragraph 2) 1



(i)



(ii)



(iii)



(iv)



(v)

- (a) Only (i)                      (b) Only (ii)  
(c) (ii), (iii) and (iv)        (d) (i) and (v)

vii. Infer one benefit and one drawback of the Indian Travel and Hospitality sector's remarkable growth in 2016 as compared to 2019. Answer in about 40 words. 2

- viii. Which of the following is the main takeaway from the study mentioned in the passage? 1 (a) It is the fastest-growing sector among G20 countries.  
(b) The travel and tourism sector generated jobs worth Rs. 14.1 trillion in 2016.  
(c) Travel-friendly policies will help India create more employment in this sector.  
(d) The reactivation of international travel needs a single coordinated agenda.

## SECTION B - GRAMMAR & WRITING SKILLS 20 GRAMMAR 10

3. Complete ANY TEN of twelve of the following tasks, as directed. 1#10=10

- i. Fill in the blank by choosing the correct option to complete the sentence. 1  
Jasprit Bumrah \_\_\_\_\_ two wickets before rain \_\_\_\_\_ the play.  
(a) took, interrupted  
(b) had taken, spoiled  
(c) was taking, interrupted  
(d) will take, disrupts
- ii. Read the conversation between a mother and her son. Complete the sentence by reporting the dialogue. 1  
Mother : Where did you go around noon?  
Son : I was with Ajay at his house watching a movie.  
Mother asked Rahul \_\_\_\_\_ around noon. Rahul replied that \_\_\_\_\_ with Ajay at his house watching a movie.
- iii. Select the correct option to fill in the blank for the given line, from a health magazine. 1 Rue herb benefits are varied and plentiful- it \_\_\_\_\_ with nutrients like antioxidants, minerals, and vitamins that are beneficial to humans.  
(a) has many    (b) is full

(c) is encumbered (d) is loaded

- iv. Select the option that identifies the error and supplies the correction for the following line, from an academic report. 1

It is quite clear that those students who are research for a Ph.D. read more articles than either junior lecturers or other students.

Option No.	Error	Correction
(a)	quite	quiet
(b)	those	these
(c)	research	researching
(d)	than	then

- v. Complete the given narrative, by filling in the blank with the correct option. 1

The modern agricultural practices, excessive use of fertilizers and pesticides \_\_\_\_\_ adversely \_\_\_\_\_ the soil.

- (a) has affected (b) have affected  
 (c) has effected (d) have been effecting

- vi. Fill in the blank by using the correct form of the word in the bracket, for the concluding portion of a letter. 1

It is high time that the concerned authorities should wake up to this social problem and try to rein in the rising prices so that the middle class \_\_\_\_\_ (do) suffer.

- vii. Report and complete the dialogue between two sisters, by filling up the blanks. 1 Manorama : Where are you going to?

Anu : I am going to the market. Do you want anything?

Manorama asked Anu \_\_\_\_\_ Anu replied that she was going to the market and further asked \_\_\_\_\_.

- (a) where she was going, if/whether she wanted anything.  
 (b) where was she going, if/whether she wanted anything.  
 (c) where was she going? if/whether she had wanted anything.  
 (d) where was she going, if/whether she had wanted anything.

- viii. Identify the error in the given sentence, from a newspaper report and supply the correction. 1 There have also been several films, television and theatrical productions, and even an opera, based over the novel.

Use the given format for your response.

Error	Correction

- ix. Faiz shared some information with Tariq about his long holiday. Report Tariq's question. 1 Tariq : \_\_\_\_\_?

Friend : I have been travelling for a month so, I am tired.



- x. Identify the error in the given sentence and supply the correction. 1

The company couldn't be able to sell as many products if they don't find the right marketing professionals quickly.

Use the given format for your response.

Error	Correction

- xi. Select the correct option to complete the narration of the dialogue between a teacher and her class. 1  
 Children : We all pledge to save our trees because they are the lungs of the city.

Teacher : Let us start today by planting a sapling each.

The children pledged to save trees as \_\_\_\_\_. Then the teacher said that \_\_\_\_\_.

- xii. Identify the error in an advertisement for a cosmetic item and supply the correction, for the following sales offer. 1

This colon will last the entire day. Available @ 15% off!

Use the given format for your response.

Error	Correction

### WRITING 10

Note : All details presented in the questions are imaginary and created for assessment purpose.

#### 4. Attempt ANY ONE from A and B given below. 5

- A. Your grandfather is very upset about the rising prices and keeps thinking of his olden times when things were very cheap.

You are convinced that inflation has made life difficult for common man. Write a letter in 100-120 words to the Editor of a national daily describing the difficulties faced by poor families. You are Prabhat/Prerna of 679, Lajpat Nagar-I, New Delhi.



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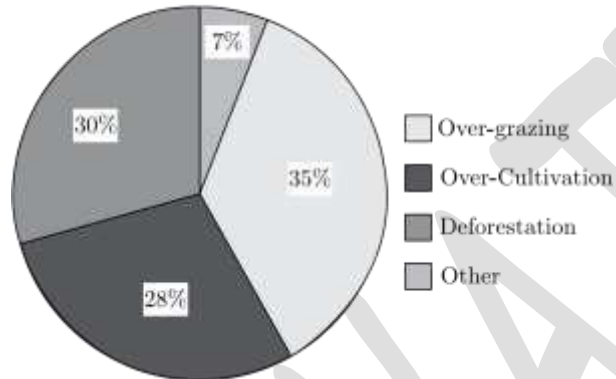
- B. Write a letter to a national daily, expressing your opinion and views on the increased human dependence on technology. Right from a small child to an adult, or even an old man, everyone wants gadgets only— cell phone,

I-pod, laptop, etc. This also has a negative effect on social relationships. Using your own ideas write the letter in 100-120 words. You are Sambhav/Sunayna of 230, Lajpat Nagar-II, New Delhi.

**5. Attempt ANY ONE from A and B given below. 5**

- A.** The pie chart below shows the main reasons why agricultural land becomes less productive. The table shows how these causes affected three regions of the world during the 1990's. On the basis of the pie chart, write an analytical paragraph in 100-120 words on 'Causes of Worldwide Land Degradation'.

**Causes of Worldwide Land degradation**

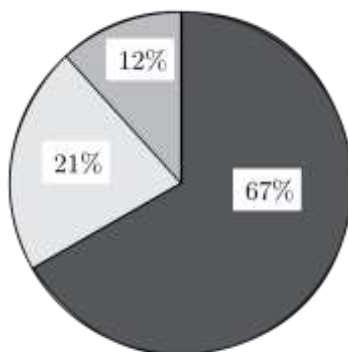


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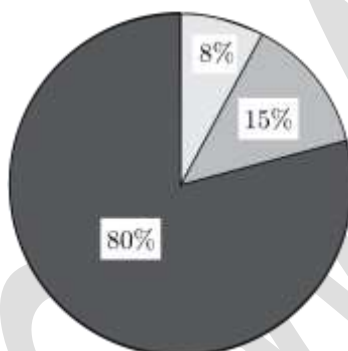
- B.** The pie charts below illustrate the number of journal articles read per week by all students, PhD students, and junior lecturers at an Australian university.

Summarise the information by selecting and reporting the main features, and make comparisons where relevant. Write an analytical paragraph in 100-120 words that how these articles can help students?

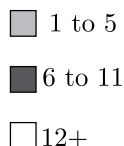
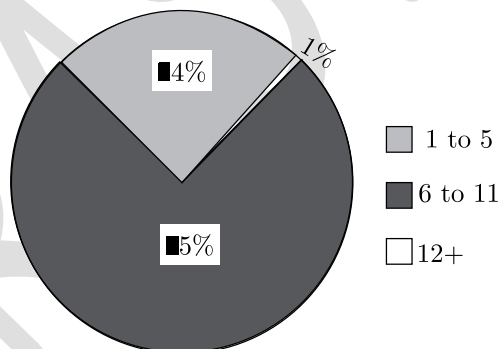
Number of journal articles read by all students



Number of journal articles read by PHD students



Number of journal articles read by junior lecturers



## SECTION C - LITERATURE 40

6. Read the given extracts and answer the questions for ANY ONE of the two, given. 5

A. Our entire class is quaking in its boots. The reason, of course, is the forthcoming meeting in which the teachers decide who'll move up to the next form and who'll be kept back. Half the class is making bets. G.N. and I laugh ourselves silly at the two boys behind us, C.N. and Jacques, who have staked their entire holiday savings on their bet. From morning to night, it's "You're going to pass", "No, I'm not", "Yes, you are", "No, I'm not". Even G.'s pleading glances and my angry outbursts can't calm them down. If you ask me, there are so many dummies that about a quarter of the class should be kept back, but teachers are the most unpredictable creatures on earth.

( From the Diary of Anne Frank ) i.

What does the following imply? 1

C. N and Jacques staking their entire holiday savings on their bet.

ii. Anne says that there were so many dummies in the class that about a quarter of them shouldn't be promoted. Is she being rude or brutally honest? Evaluate in about 40 words. 2

iii. State TRUE or FALSE. 1

None of the following options (a)-(d) below, showcase the reality :

- (a) the teachers will decide whom to promote to the next form
- (b) the teachers will decide who should be kept back
- (c) a quarter of the class was dummies who should be kept back
- (d) a quarter of the class was dummies who should be kept back

iv. Which emotion is portrayed in the expression 'quaking in their boots'? 1

Or

B. She was not convinced. 'No', she replied, "there is nothing more humiliating than to have a shabby air in the midst of rich women."

Then her husband cried out, "How stupid we are! Go and find your friend Madame Forestier and ask her to lend you her jewels." She uttered a cry of joy. 'It is true!' she said. "I had not thought of that."

( The Necklace )

i. Why did she need the jewels? 1

- (a) To go to a party of rich people
- (b) For a photoshoot
- (c) To get a replica made
- (d) For wearing them at home

ii. What did Matilda's husband suggest her? 1

iii. Read the following descriptions (a)-(c) and identify which one correctly corresponds to the extract. 1

- (a) A debate is a formal discussion on a particular topic, usually with two or more people presenting different viewpoints and arguments.
- (b) A soliloquy is a speech given by a character alone on stage, which reveals their innermost thoughts and feelings to the audience.
- (c) A dialogue is a conversation between two or more people as a feature of a book, play, or film.

iv. What kind of a person is Mme Loisel and why is she always unhappy? Answer in about 40 words. 2

7. Read the given extracts and answer the questions for ANY ONE of the two, given. 5

**A.** “Ink trickled down to the bottom of the household, And  
little mouse Blink strategically mouseholed.

But up jumped Custard, snorting like an engine,

Clashed his tail like irons in a dungeon,

With a clatter and a clank and a jangling squirm, He  
went at the pirate like a robin at a worm.”

( *The Tale of Custard the Dragon* ) **i.**

Fill in the blank with suitable words on the basis of your understanding of the given lines. 1 The outcome of the clash between Custard and the pirate was that \_\_\_\_\_.

**ii.** What is the significance of the use of the words - ‘trickled down’ and ‘mouseholed’ to describe the reactions of Belinda’s pets and how does this word choice contribute to the overall situation in the poem? Answer in about 40 words. 2

**iii.** Match the figures of speech with their correct definitions (in the box given below) that have been used by the poet in the given extract. 1

	Column A		Column B
(a)	alliteration	1.	words like ‘and’ like’ used repetitively
(b)	repetition	2.	repetition of the sounds ‘k’ and ‘s’
(c)	onomatopoeia	3.	repetition of the sounds ‘n’ and ‘el’
(d)	consonance	4.	use of sound words like clatter, snorting, jangling, etc.

**iv.** Comment on the poet’s use of language in these lines. 1

**Or**

**B.** In a world of possessions. People will take Balls,  
balls will be lost always, little boy.

And no one buys a ball back. Money is external.

He is learning, well behind his desperate eyes,

The epistemology of loss, how to stand up

Knowing what every man must one day know And  
most know many days, how to stand up

( *The Ball Poem* )

**i.** In what context does the poet say that ‘Money is external’? 1

**ii.** What is the significance of the use of symbolism by the poet to describe loss, responsibility, and survival in the given extract and how does it contribute to the overall mood and tone of the poem? Answer in

about 40 words. 2

iii. Complete the sentence with the appropriate option. 1

If one were to choose an option that best fits the essence of the given extract, it would be \_\_\_\_\_.

- (a) Responsibility is self-taught.
- (b) Out of sight, out of mind (c)  
Time once lost, is forever.
- (d) Better safe, than sorry.

iv. To what effect has the poet used the poetic device apostrophe in the given extract? 1

**8. Answer ANY FOUR of the following five questions, in about 40-50 words. 4#3=12**

- i. Describe the narrator's experience as he flew the aeroplane into the storm. 3  
( *Two Stories About Flying* )
- ii. What does Valli tell the elderly man when he calls her a child? 3  
( *Madam Rides the Bus* )
- iii. How did Custard prove 'the cowardly dragon' try to be untrue? 3  
( *The Tale of Custard the Dragon* )
- iv. Write the central idea of the poem 'For Anne Gregory' 3 v. How does Natalya react when she comes to know that Lomov had come to propose for her hand? 3 ( *The Proposal* )

**9. Answer ANY TWO of the following three questions, in about 40-50 words. 2#3=6**

- i. How did Loisel and Matilda arrange the money to buy the necklace? 3  
( *The Necklace* )
- ii. How was Tricky treated in the first two days of his visit to the surgery? 3  
( *A Triumph of Surgery* )
- iii. Though Horace planned everything meticulously, why did he fail ? 3  
( *Footprints Without Feet* )

**10. Answer ANY ONE of the following two questions, in about 100-120 words. 1#6=6**

**A.** Coorg and Assam both are known for plantation of Coffee and Tea respectively. Though India is known for its tea plantation yet coffee is considered to be the drink of the elite.

Prepare a set of dialogues between a Coorgi and an Assamese based on the parts of the chapter 'Glimpses of India'. You may begin like this :

Coorgi : Hello, good morning! Are you from Assam, I am from Coorg.

Assamese : Good morning! Yes I am from Assam, \_\_\_\_\_.

**Or**

- B.** “The message conveyed in the chapter ‘Mijbil The Otter’, We should be good, and polite to our pets so that they will feel good and comfortable to live, was not followed by Belinda in the case of her pet Custard, The Dragon. If you had to use the message with reference to both the chapters how will you elaborate it? Also, how it is relevant to both.

**11. Answer ANY ONE of the following two questions, in about 100-120 words. 1#6=6**

- A.** “Education can change a person’s perspective towards life and takes care of all the deficiencies? Comment with reference to the chapter ‘Bholi’.

( *Bholi* )

**Or**

- B.** ‘Misunderstanding of Cultural differences between various races can cause confusion and conflict.’ Comment, based on the chapter ‘The Book that Saved the Earth’.

## Sample Paper 29

### Class X Exam 2023-24

#### English Language and Literature (184)

**Time Allowed : 3 Hrs. Maximum Marks: 80**

**General Instructions:**

1. The Question Paper contains THREE sections READING, GRAMMAR & WRITING and LITERATURE.
  2. Attempt question based on specific instructions for each part.
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#### SECTION A - READING SKILLS 20

##### Reading Comprehension Through Unseen Passages

**1. Read the following text. 10**

1. They've also got huge educational success. It is a complicated cultural phenomenon. The pursuit of educational excellence to the exclusion of other aspects of life, such as spending time outside, can be detrimental to eye health believe eye specialists.
2. In low and middle-income countries, myopia rates still tend to be lower-Bangladesh and India for example report rates of about 20-30% in adults-but this is changing. In Africa, for example, myopia used to be comparatively uncommon, but over the past ten years, the prevalence of childhood myopia has been rising fast. As literacy rates improve in those countries-an otherwise welcome developmentthat problem could grow unless there is a big effort to also provide eye tests and glasses, experts warn.
3. School time in itself is, however, not necessarily the root of the problem, as the Covid-19 pandemic lockdowns have shown. It is staying indoors that appears to be. During the lockdowns, schools shut down all over the world-but children's eye health became even worse. Typically, they stayed inside during the lockdowns, and spent hours staring at screens, either following classes or watching TV, as other forms of learning and entertainment disappeared.
4. This complex problem-myopia as a bad side effect of an otherwise positive trend-also shows up in another area: income levels. Like education, a higher income is generally associated with greater wellbeing in children-but not when it comes to eye health. Instead, myopia is associated with higher socioeconomic status. The richer we get, the better we are at protecting our children from ever going outdoors, because they've got more things to do. They've got to learn music, play video games and watch TV, and so forth.
5. Is there a way out? In China, trials have been conducted in classrooms that mimic learning outdoors. Children and teachers preferred the bright new classrooms that resemble a glasshouse, as compared with a traditional classroom. However, in summer and on sunny days, the light intensity was at the 'practical upper limit for routine use'. The bright classroom is also twice as expensive to build as a regular classroom, because of building materials and cooling mechanisms that are required.
6. The most effective, evidence-based prevention strategy is also surprisingly low-tech and applies to all countries regardless of their wealth or resources: more time outdoors. Researchers are still investigating exactly why



being outdoors, and being in natural light, helps prevent myopia-but for now, their perhaps most important conclusion is that it does. The challenge is to ensure that children make use of this natural boost.

**Answer the following questions, based on the passage above.**

- i.** Why does the writer say that myopia is ‘a complicated cultural phenomenon’ in South-East Asia? Which of these statements does not corroborate the given statement? 1
- (a) The rate of spending time indoors is very low.
  - (b) The rate of educational success is very high.
  - (c) The rate of spending time outdoors is very low.
  - (d) The rate of myopia is here higher than other countries.
- ii.** Why does the writer deduce that spending too much time in classrooms is not necessarily the root of the problem of myopia? Rationalise your response in about 40 words. 2
- iii.** Complete the sentence appropriately. 1
- The author says that “Like education, a higher income is generally associated with greater well-being in children-but not when it comes to eye health.” The analogy is interesting but .....
- iv.** The passage includes some word pairs from the passage that are opposites of each other. From the sets (a)-(e) below, identify two sets of pairs that do not classify under antonyms. 1
- (a) glasshouse classrooms and traditional classrooms
  - (b) outdoors and indoors
  - (c) low and middle-income countries
  - (d) learning and entertainment
  - (e) pandemic and lockdowns
- v.** The writer thinks that the glasshouse classrooms in China built with the objective of bringing the outdoors inside are not feasible in all kinds of weather. (Paragraph 5) 1
- State one point that the author puts forward in defence of his argument.
- vi.** Based on your reading of the text, list two reasons, in about 40 words, why the writer says that in low and middle-income countries, the problem of myopia could grow manifold in the coming years. 2
- vii.** The writer says, “The richer we get, ...the more things our children have to do.” (Paragraph 3) 1
- Select two suitable reasons responsible for this social phenomenon.
- 1. We consider it a status symbol.
  - 2. We want them to have varied learning experiences.
  - 3. We consider it a family tradition.
  - 4. We follow the herd mentality.
  - 5. We think this was their talent increases.
  - 6. We have the availability of resources.
- (a) 1 and 3

- (b) 4 and 5
- (c) 2 and 6
- (d) 1 and 4

viii. Supply one point to justify the following : 1

Ironically, widespread and long lockdowns gave a real push to the number of children getting myopia.

**2. Read the following text. 10**

1. People worldwide are living longer. Today most people can expect to live into their sixties and beyond. Every country in the world is experiencing growth in both the size and the proportion of older persons in the population. By 2030, 1 in 6 people in the world will be aged 60 years or over- the share of this group will increase from 1 billion in 2020 to 1.4 billion and by 2050, the world's population of people aged 60 years and older will be 2.1 billion. The number of persons aged 80 years or older is expected to triple between 2020 and 2050 to reach 426 million.
2. While this shift in distribution of a country's population towards older ages-known as population ageing started in high-income countries (for example in Japan 30% of the population is already over 60 years old), it is now low- and middle-income countries that are experiencing the greatest change. By 2050, two-thirds of the world's population over 60 years will live in low- and middle-income countries.
3. By income group, the sharpest growth in the numbers of older people will occur in countries currently classified as middle income. This is unsurprising, as these countries make up 74 per cent of the world's population. What's surprising is that these numbers are increasing at a much faster rate than in either low or high-income countries.
4. Population aging is sounding alarms worldwide. The older people will have to spend their investments to support themselves pulling money from the economy. Another issue is fiscal stress. Government treasuries will be strained by rising pension liabilities, the cost of health and long-term care associated with the expected growth in the incidence of chronic diseases such as diabetes, heart ailments, dementia, cancer, among others.
5. Various responses could cushion the economic burden of population aging. These include policy reforms to promote the health and pension financing of the old. Raising the legal age of retirement, which has been relatively stable in nearly all countries for the past several decades would also ease the burden. Additional approaches include efforts to increase health systems' emphasis on early detection and on prevention of disease through, for example, better awareness of the benefits of physical activity and subsidization of such activity. Relaxing the institutional and economic barriers to international immigration from regions with relatively large working-age populations could alleviate labour shortages.

**Answer the following questions, based on the passage above.**

- i. Complete the following analogy appropriately, based on your understanding of paragraphs 1 & 2. 1 From the passage, we can infer that the dynamics of greying population shifting from high-income to low and middle-income countries, is comparable with the regular oscillation .....
- ii. Fill in the blanks with the appropriate option from those given in brackets, based on your understanding of paragraph 2. 1

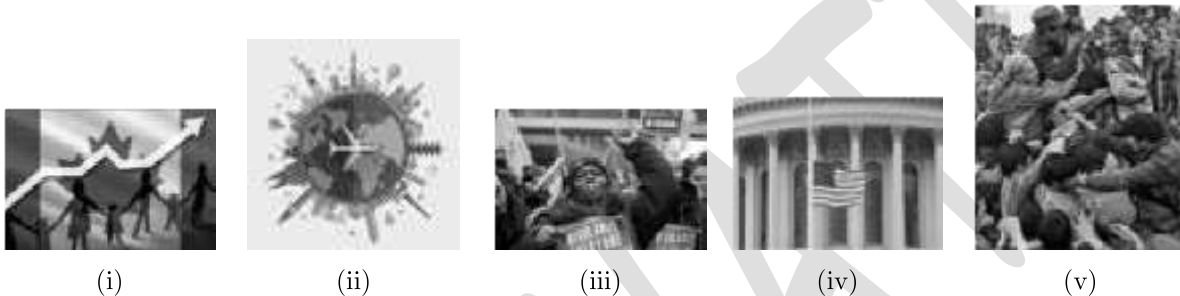
The population researchers say that it is unsurprising that the middle-income countries will see the sharpest growth in the numbers of older people because these countries currently make up 74 percent of the world population is \_\_\_\_\_ (a fact/an opinion) because it is \_\_\_\_\_ (a subjective judgement/an objective detail)

iii. With vast numbers of greying population inundating the world, the effects on the economies of the countries would be devastating. How could this situation be tackled? Answer in about 40 words. 2

iv. List any two examples of ‘cushioning economic burdens’ as referred to, in Paragraph 5. 1

v. The rate of growth of size and the proportion of older persons in the population has gone up for every country in the world. State any one inference that can be drawn from this based on information in paragraph 1. 1

vi. Select the option that correctly displays what ‘immigration’ signifies in the passage. (Reference Paragraph 5) 1



- (a) Only (i)      (b) Only (ii)  
 (c) (ii), (iii) and (iv)      (d) (i) and (v)

vii. The greying population numbers in the world are set to get concentrated in the low and middle —income countries by 2050 that were hitherto higher in rich countries. Infer one benefit and one drawback of this great shift. Answer in about 40 words. 2

viii. Select the correct option to complete the following sentence. 1

The aging of global population is going to have far-reaching consequences for the world economy also because the old people will have to .....

- (a) borrow from relatives      (b) be dependent on their children  
 (c) liquidate their investments.      (d) take bank loans.

## SECTION B - GRAMMAR & WRITING SKILLS 20

### GRAMMAR 10

3. Complete ANY TEN of twelve of the following tasks, as directed. 1#10=10

i. Fill in the blank by choosing the correct option to complete the sentence. 1

A bank \_\_\_\_\_ various kinds of loans to its account holders so that they \_\_\_\_\_ set up a business, buy property or a vehicle.

- (a) will offer, will      (b) offers, can  
 (c) should offer, must      (d) will be offering, should

ii. Read the conversation between a judge and a lawyer. Complete the sentence by reporting the dialogue. 1 “Call the accused,” said the judge.

“My client is hospitalised for hypertension,” his lawyer informed the judge.

As soon as, the judge commanded \_\_\_\_\_ the accused, his lawyer informed him that his client \_\_\_\_\_ for hypertension.

- iii.** Select the correct option to fill in the blank for the given line, from a health magazine on mental health. Even highways have lines, which provide safety and if we go over one side, we’ll go into the ditch and if we cross over the line in the middle, we \_\_\_\_\_ get killed. 1

- (a) should (b) must  
(c) could (d) need not

- iv.** Select the option that identifies the error and supplies the correction for the following line, from an article on philosophy. 1

‘These sights of disease, misery and death quite moved him that he at once became a beggar and went out into the world to seek enlightenment concerning the sorrows he had witnessed.’

Option No.	Error	Correction
(a)	of	about
(b)	quite	so
(c)	into	around
(d)	had witnessed	witnessed

- v.** Complete the given narrative, by filling in the blank with the correct option. 1 But I \_\_\_\_\_ myself, traveling, doing speaking engagements and so on—I simply got exhausted and I could do it no more.

- (a) was being pushed (b) am pushing  
(c) had pushed (d) kept pushing

- vi.** Fill in the blank by using the correct form of the word in the bracket, for the given portion of a letter sent to the maintenance office of a gated campus. 1

Subject : Flaunting of safety rules

There is no checking of visitors at the main entrance gate of our society. Thus, vendors and messengers \_\_\_\_\_ (wander) and have free access to the doorsteps of the residents. **vii.** Report the dialogue between two friends- Venu and Kanan by completing the sentence. 1 Venu : How will standing in my rice field help you win a Nobel?

Kanan : I’ve heard that the people who have won Nobel prizes were all out ‘standing’ in various fields. Venu asked his friend Kanan how would standing in his rice field get him a Nobel. Kanan replied that \_\_\_\_\_ that the people who \_\_\_\_\_ Nobel prizes had been all out ‘standing’ in various fields.

- viii.** Identify the error in the given sentence, from an article on environment and supply the correction. 1  
This has been resulting in environmental degradation, over spilling of landfills and more dangerously, a thoroughly careless mind-set in us.

Use the given format for your response.

Error	Correction
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- ix. Read the following lines and report the question asked by a surprised Shelley. 1  
'Bunny told Shelley that he was planning to participate in a swimming competition for beginners.'
- x. Read the sentence on a government campaign. Identify the error and supply the correction. 1 Many people have expressed their views on Swachhh Bharat Abhiyan and how, if implemented sincerely at all levels, it ought produce a great change in the society.

Use the given format for your response.

Error	Correction

- xi. Select the correct option to complete the narration of the dialogue between a doctor and a patient. 1  
 Doctor : You should take this medicine every day.  
 Patient : Should I take it before dinner or after dinner?  
  
 When the doctor advised the patient that medicine every day , the patient further asked him \_\_\_\_\_ before or after dinner.
- xii. Identify the error on a message found in a fortune cookie and supply the correction, for the following. 1 You will gain the admiration of your pears.

Use the given format for your response.

Error	Correction

### WRITING 10

*Note : All details presented in the questions are imaginary and created for assessment purpose.*

#### 4. Attempt ANY ONE from A and B given below. 5

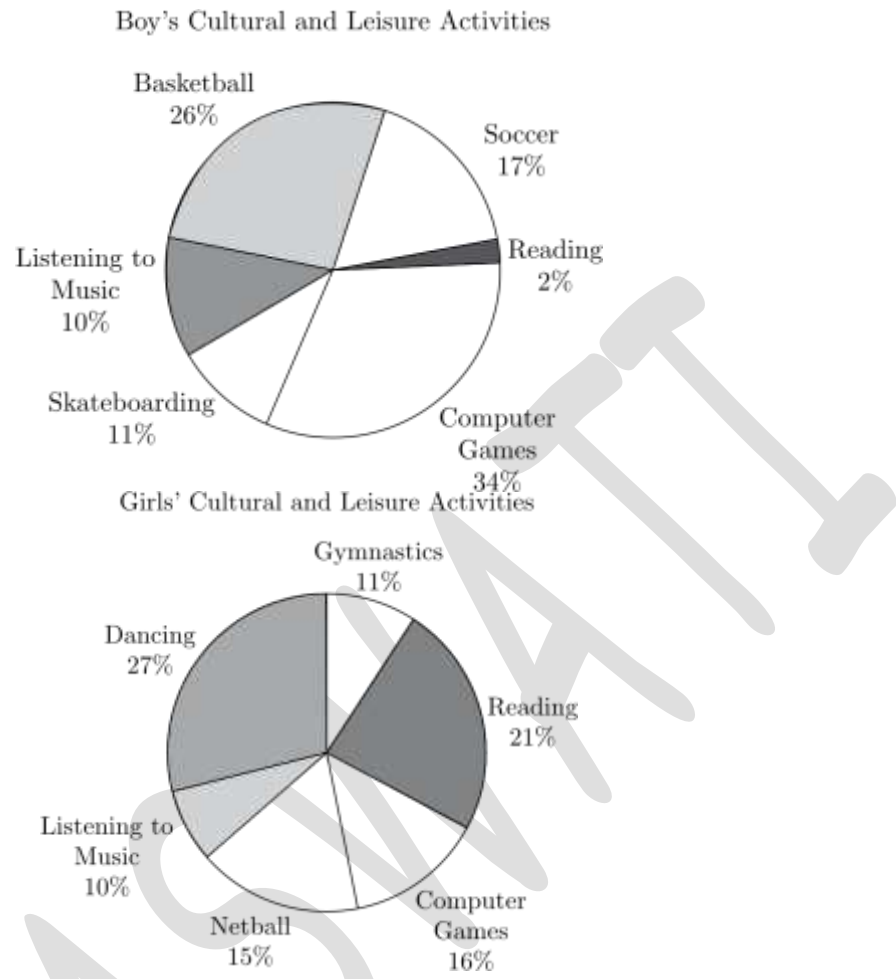
**A.** You have lost your original certificate of class X. You want to get the duplicate issued but you do not know the procedure. Write a letter to the Chairman, CBSE, Preet Vihar enquiring about the fee to be deposited, mode of payment, time taken by the board to issue duplicate certificate and any other formalities. You are Kavya/Kavish, 76/B, Karma Apartments, Dehradun, Uttarakhand. (100-120 words)

**Or**

**B.** You are Pragya/ Prathmik, of 24/7, Mall road, Shimla. Write a letter in 100-120 words to the Editor of The Daily News expressing your views on Swachhh Bharat Abhiyan and how, if implemented sincerely at all levels, it can produce a great change in the society.

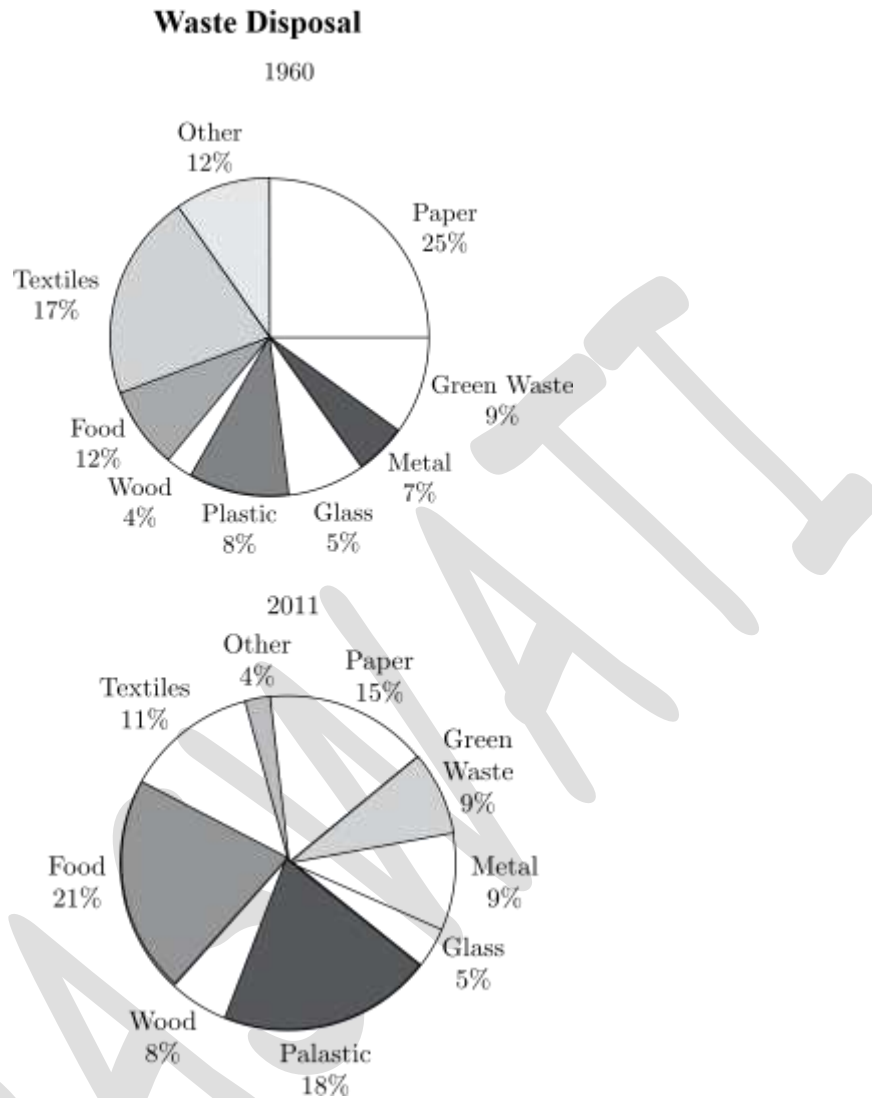
#### 5. Attempt ANY ONE from A and B given below. 5

**A.** Given below is an info graphic related to the cultural and leisure activities that boys and girls engage in. Look at the pie charts and extract information to write an analytical essay in about 100-120 words. Interpret, analyse and explain the information.



**Or**

- B.** We have the data for waste disposal from two years 1960 and 2011. You have to read and interpret the graphical data of the pie charts and write an analytical paragraph in about 100-120 words. Compare, contrast, understand and explain the given information in your own words.



## SECTION C - LITERATURE 40

6. Read the given extracts and answer the questions for ANY ONE of the two, given. 5

A. The lady teacher who was in the class was saying something to the girls but Bholi could understand nothing. She looked at the pictures on the wall. The colours fascinated her-the horse was brown just like the horse on which the Tehsildar had come to visit their village; the goat was black like the goat of their neighbour; the parrot was green like the parrots she had seen in the mango orchard; and the cow was just like their Lakshmi. And suddenly Bholi noticed that the teacher was standing by her side, smiling at her ( *Bholi* ) i. State any one inference about Bholi from the given context. 1

The lady teacher who was in the class was saying something to the girls but Bholi could understand nothing.

ii. State TRUE or FALSE. 1

None of the options from (a)-(d) can be applied with reference to the given question or context :

What does the fact that Bholi could associate the colours in the pictures with the real animals prove?

(a) She was not intimidated by the new environment.

- (b) She knew a good deal about animals and colours.
- (c) She was observant by nature.
- (d) She must have known every nook and corner in the village.

**iii.** And suddenly Bholi noticed that the teacher was standing by her side, smiling at her' this changed something in Bholi. Elaborate in about 40 words, with reference to the extract. 2 **iv.** Which word or phrase would correctly substitute 'orchard' as given in the extract? 1 The parrot was green like the parrots she had seen in the mango orchard.

**Or**

**B.** A small dog was lying in the kitchen. It stirred, made a noise, and moved its tail in a friendly way. 'All right, Sherry," Horace said as he passed. All you had to do to keep dogs quiet was to call them by their right names, and show them love.

( A Question of Trust )

**i.** State TRUE or FALSE. 1

Which of the following (a)-(c) can be applied to the statement - A small dog was lying in the kitchen.

- (a) A hypothesis - a proposed explanation for a phenomenon
- (b) An assumption - something that is taken for granted or assumed to be true
- (c) A statement - a definite or clear expression of something in speech or writing.

**ii.** Which word in the passage means the same as 'cordial'? 1

- (a) Friendly (b) Hurting
- (c) Ignorant (d) Distant

**iii.** Whom did Horace Danby see in the kitchen? How did they greet each other? What tact did Horace apply there? Answer in about 40 words. 2

**iv.** The kitchen referred to is located in \_\_\_\_\_. 1

**7. Read the given extracts and answer the questions for ANY ONE of the two, given. 5**

**A.** But up jumped Custard, snorting like an engine,  
Clashed his tail like irons in a dungeon, With a  
clatter and a clank and a jangling squirm He went  
at the pirate like a robin at a worm.

( The Tale of Custard the Dragon )

**i.** What is the poet's purpose of using the onomatopoeic words given in the extract? 1

- (a) It is to emphasise on the might and boldness of Custard.
- (b) It is to introduce the character Custard to the readers.
- (c) It is to impress upon the readers that Custard was ready.
- (d) It is to make Custard bold enough to face the situation.

**ii.** Mention what the poet wants to convey through these lines. Answer in about 40 words. 2



- iii. What does Custard do to the pirate? 1 iv. Fill the blank with one word. 1

Custard's comparison to an engine shows a literary device of \_\_\_\_\_.

**Or B.** My head is full of whispers which tomorrow will be silent.

Listen. The glass is breaking. The trees are stumbling forward into the night. Winds rush to meet them. The moon is broken like a mirror, its pieces flash now in the crown of the tallest oak

( *The Trees* )

i. In the line, 'Listen. The glass is breaking' who is the poet addressing and why? 1

ii. What is the significance of the use of the words 'whispers' and 'glass' in the poem and how does this word choice contribute to the overall mood and tone of the poem? Answer in about 40 words. 2 iii. Which of the following is the correct match between the poetic devices and their definitions? 1

1.	The moon is broken like a mirror	(a)	personification
2.	The glass is breaking	(b)	enjambment
3.	The moon is broken like a mirror, its pieces, flash now in the crown of the tallest oak.	(c)	metaphor
4.	The trees are stumbling forward	(d)	simile

(a) 1-(d), 2-(c), 3-(b), 4-(a) (b) 1-(b), 2-(c), 3-(d), 4-(a)

(c) 1-(d), 2-(b), 3-(c), 4-(a) (d) 1-(a), 2-(b), 3-(c), 4-(d) iv. Comment on the poet's use of trees as metaphors in these lines. 1

**8. Answer ANY FOUR of the following five questions, in about 40-50 words. 4#3=12**

- i. What does the poet want to convey through the poem 'Dust of Snow'? 3 ii. What was the young seagull's experience during his first flight? 3

( *Two Stories About Flying* )

iii. How does Rajvir describe the tea-garden at Dhekiabari? 3

( *Glimpses of India* )

iv. Why does Amanda wish to be an orphan? 3

( *Amanda !* )

v. What justification did Lomov give to Natalya and Chubukov to prove that he is the rightful owner of Meadows? 3

( *The Proposal* )

**9. Answer ANY TWO of the following three questions, in about 40-50 words. 2#3=6**

i. Why did Hari Singh decide to come back to Anil? 3

( *The Thief's Story* )

ii. Why did Griffin not get a suitable house to live in? 3

( *Footprints without Feet* )

iii. Which project did Ebright submit in his eighth grade? Why did he win ? 3

( *The Making of a Scientist* )

**10. Answer ANY ONE of the following two questions, in about 100-120 words. 1#6=6**

**A.** Life is about losses and wins. A man is the one who learns to take them in a stride and stand up brave in the face of every situation. Summarise this quote with reference to 'The Ball Poem' and the chapter 'Sermon at Benaras'. Prepare a set of dialogues between the boy and Kisa to elaborate the point. You may begin like this :

Kisa : It is difficult to hold your self and impossible to accept losing a loved one.

The Boy : Yes! True , \_\_\_\_\_.

**Or**

**B.** Whenever we want to achieve something, difficulties always come in our way. Justify these using examples from Valli's desire to go to the city alone and accomplishing it at a young age of eight and the young boy from the poem 'The Ball Poem'.

If you had to use the message with reference to both the chapters 'Madam rides the Bus' and 'The Ball Poem' how will you elaborate it? Also, how it is relevant to both.

**11. Answer ANY ONE of the following two questions, in about 100-120 words. 1#6=6**

**A.** "But to be a really big man, a clever and respected man was something else." Hari Singh finally accepted the importance of education and honest living. How it can be explained in the case of 'The Thief's Story'.

**Or**

**B.** The story 'The Midnight Visitor' highlights the theme that wisdom is more powerful than other weapons. Comment with reference to it.

## Sample Paper 30

Class X Exam 2023-24

### English Language and Literature (184)

Time Allowed : 3 Hrs. Maximum Marks: 80

**General Instructions:**

1. The Question Paper contains THREE sections READING, GRAMMAR & WRITING and LITERATURE.
  2. Attempt question based on specific instructions for each part.
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#### SECTION A - READING SKILLS 20

##### Reading Comprehension Through Unseen Passages

**1. Read the following text. 10**

1. The funding crisis at many zoos has reopened the debate over the value of zoos and whether they should be allowed to exist at all. People who are in favour of zoos argue that they perform an essential role in conserving rare animal species. Over the past 20 years zoos have developed programmes designed to help preserve endangered species. This involves breeding animals in captivity in 'captive breeding programmes'-and then reintroducing them into their natural habitats to replenish the number living in the wild.
2. Zoos cooperate with each other in order to ensure the success of their breeding programmes. Animals are passed from one zoo to another in order to prevent inbreeding-breeding from closely related animals. If animals that are closely related to one another mate there is a danger that they will produce deformed offspring.
3. Supporters of zoos argue that they have an important role in educating children, millions of who visit zoos every year. Television-viewing is no substitute for encountering real animals, they argue. Zoos also carry out important research, for example, on the best conditions for rare species to reproduce. If zoos were forced to close, it would be disastrous for world conservation, zoo supporters say. And most animals in captivity would have to be killed.
4. Opponents of zoos accept that some species have been saved from extinction by 'captive breeding programmes', but they argue that this offers no solution to the worldwide conservation crisis. The number of animals protected by zoos is tiny compared with the overall problem. It cost millions to save the Arabian onyx from dying out; but could that amount be available for every species that is endangered? The value of zoo-breeding programmes is also questioned as some species, such as the African elephant, do not reproduce well in captivity.
5. Captive animals are often kept in poor and inhumane conditions, opponents say. In the worst zoos, animals are still displayed for the entertainment of the public. Where animals are placed in impoverished and unsuitable surroundings, they often behave in abnormal and neurotic ways. It is common for polar bears constantly to pace up and down or twist their heads and circle over and over again. This behaviour is now recognised by scientists as a sign of stress and frustration. When children visit zoos where animals are acting in neurotic and abnormal ways, they are not being educated. Instead, opponents say, they are being given inaccurate information.

**Answer the following questions, based on the passage above.**

- i.** What are the advantages of zoos? 1
- (a) Children are educated about wildlife in zoos.
  - (b) Breeding of endangered species is done.
  - (c) Both (a) and (b)
  - (d) None of the above
- ii.** How would closing of zoos be disastrous? Answer in about 40 words. 2
- iii.** Complete the following with a reason from paragraph two : 1  
Inbreeding can lead to deformed animals because \_\_\_\_\_.
- iv.** The passage includes some words that are opposites of each other. From the sets (a)-(e) below, identify a set of synonyms. 1
- (a) Supporters and opponents
  - (b) Crisis and solution
  - (c) Rare and endangered
  - (d) Reproduce and breed
  - (e) Reintroduce and replenish
- v.** Complete the sentence appropriately. 1  
Cooperation amongst zoos support Captive Breeding Programme by \_\_\_\_\_.
- vi.** Supply the disadvantages of zoo. Answer in about 40 words. 1  
real animals, .....
- (a) which can irritate the animals in the zoo
  - (b) but visitors do not always see the natural behaviour of animals
  - (c) which gives visitors a chance to take pictures with animals
  - (d) None of the above
- vii.** Zoos provide a chance to encounter
- viii.** Do you think captive breeding programmes are 100% successful? Answer with reference to the above passage. 1

**2. Read the following text. 10**

1. Access to primary education is a basic right of every child. An effective primary education can build a solid foundation and open avenues for future success. With its profound implications on both the individual and society, primary education plays a crucial role in reducing extreme poverty and promoting social changes. The Sustainable Development Agenda acknowledges the importance of primary education in Goal 4 which stipulates that by 2030, the world should ensure inclusive and equitable quality education and promote lifelong learning

opportunities for all, including a target on universal access to primary education. Though there are varying standards, primary education is typically designed for children 6 to 11 years of age.

2. Significant progress has been made toward achieving universal primary education. Globally, the adjusted net attendance rate reached 87 percent in 2019 and about four out of five children attending primary education completed it. Additionally, over the past two decades, the number of out-of-school children was reduced by over 40 percent. However, there is still a long way to go: 58 million children of primary school age remain out of school, with the majority of them coming from marginalised groups. In addition, recent Multiple Indicator Cluster Surveys (MICS) results show that many children do not have foundational reading and numeracy skills, highlighting the massive challenge to achieving inclusive and equitable quality education for all.
3. Globally, a lower proportion of children from the poorest families attend primary education compared with their wealthier peers. While almost all children from the top wealth quintile attend primary education, only 75 percent of children from the bottom wealth quintile do.
4. Across different regions, household wealth impacts primary school completion rates differently. West and Central Africa has the largest gap of 58 percentage points in primary school completion rates between the richest and poorest quintiles. In contrast, in East Asia and the Pacific and Latin America and the Caribbean, children from the top and bottom wealth quintiles complete primary school at more similar rates, with a gap of just 13 percentage points.
5. In the past 20 years, the number of out-of-school children of primary education age fell by more than 40 per cent, from 99 million in 2000 to 58 million in 2019. However, 54 per cent of these out-of-school children were girls. Despite this tremendous progress, the world must accelerate the pace at which the number of out-of-school children is reduced, as the total has remained stagnant since 2007.

**Answer the following questions, based on the passage above.**

- i. Complete the following sentence appropriately. 1  
\_\_\_\_\_ have the highest rates of primary education completion in the rich quintile.
- ii. Fill the blanks with the appropriate option from those given in brackets, based on your understanding of the passage : 1  
There was a decline of \_\_\_\_\_ (from 99 million in 2000 to 58 million in 2019/ from 99 million in 2000 to 68 million in 2019) in the number of out-of-school children of primary education age is seen in the past two decades.
- iii. How is primary education critical to both an individual and a society? Answer in about 40 words. 2
- iv. State one target related to primary education. 1
- v. How much decline in the number of out-of-school children of primary education age is seen in the past two decades? 1
- vi. Which word can substitute the word 'Foundational' in the following, sentence from paragraph 2. 1 In addition, recent Multiple Indicator Cluster Surveys (MICS) results show that many children do not have foundational reading and numeracy skills, highlighting the massive challenge to achieving inclusive and equitable quality education for all.  
(a) Required                      ( b) Fundamental  
(c) Primary                              ( d) Essential

- vii.** How does the Sustainable Development Goals give importance to primary education? (Answer 40 about 40 words)            2
- viii.** In 2019, about four out of five children attending primary education completed it suggests that 1
- (a) more than 80% children completed primary education
  - (b) about 80% children completed the primary education
  - (c) almost 100% children completed primary education
  - (d) less than 80% children completed primary education

**SECTION B - GRAMMAR & WRITING SKILLS 20 GRAMMAR 10**

**3. Complete ANY TEN of twelve of the following tasks, as directed. 1#10=10**

- i.** Fill in the blank by choosing the correct option to complete the sentence. 1  
 Yesterday, when I \_\_\_\_\_ home late at night, I \_\_\_\_\_ to find my house unlocked.
- (a) had returned, was shocked    (b) returned, was shocked
  - (c) was returned, got shocked    (d) had to return, were shocked
- ii.** Read the conversation between two friends. Complete the sentence by reporting the conversation.            1  
 Ankit : May I drop you there in my car at the airport?  
 Atul : Thanks a lot. It will be a great help to me.  
 When Ankit asked Atul \_\_\_\_\_ at the airport in his car, Atul thanked him adding that it \_\_\_\_\_.
- iii.** Select the correct option to fill in the blank for the given line, from an article on environment.            1 In this way, we \_\_\_\_\_ wage the war against environmental destruction with a two-pronged approach of rationality and sensibility, and some day, win the battle altogether.
- (a) will                            ( b) can
  - (c) might                        ( d) could
- iv.** Select the option that identifies the error and supplies the correction for the following line, from a health report.            1  
 Tobacco breaks down quickly in the human body, so addicts might need to smoke or chew some on a regular basis to maintain the desired effects of nicotine on the brain to keep their focus intact.

Option No.	Error	Correction
(a)	may	might
(b)	or	and
(c)	on	in
(d)	their	the

v. Complete the given narrative, by filling in the blank with the correct option. 1

All sorts of cruelties \_\_\_\_\_ upon them but the farmers remained united.

- (a) are being inflicted (b) had inflicted
- (c) were inflicted (d) might be inflicted

vi. Fill in the blank by using the correct form of the word in the bracket, for the given portion of a letter.

Subject : Human dependence on technology. 1

Through this letter, I wish to highlight our excessive dependence on technology which \_\_\_\_\_ steadily but surely \_\_\_\_\_ (turn) us into slaves.

vii. Report the dialogue between a beggar and a woman by completing the sentence. 1 Lady : Aren't you ashamed of not working?

Bagger : Madam, begging is also a work.

An annoyed lady asked a beggar \_\_\_\_\_, to which the beggar retorted that \_\_\_\_\_

viii. Identify the error in the given sentence, from a security report of a residential area and supply the correction. 1

Most of the people would have given the thief to the police so as to get rid of him and to safeguard their household goods.

Use the given format for your response.

Error	Correction

ix. Rishabh told his teacher that he had fever the previous day and that's why he was absent. Report the question asked by his teacher. 1 x. Identify the error in the given sentence and supply the correction. 1

Any girls are still writing the test.

Use the given format for your response.

Error	Correction

xi. Select the correct option to complete the narration of the dialogue between a husband and wife. 1 Ryan : I have invited four of my friends for dinner today.

Renee : Then I will invite my friends also.

When Ryan told Renee that he four of his friends for dinner that day, Renee remarked that \_\_\_\_\_ also.

- (a) had invited, would invite her friends
- (b) has invited, will invite her friends
- (c) was inviting, would invite her friends
- (d) will be inviting, she will invite my friends

- xii.** Identify the error next to a busy shop’s billing counter and supply the correction, for the following. 1  
Thank you for your patients!

Use the given format for your response.

Error	Correction

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**10**

*Note : All details presented in the questions are imaginary and created for assessment purpose.*

**4. Attempt ANY ONE from A and B given below.**

**5**

- A.** Write a letter in 100-120 words to the Editor of the local newspaper informing about the rising cases of COVID 19 in your locality. You are Geeta/Govind of 78, D-Block Burari, Delhi. You must explain in your letter about.
- Negligence of government guidelines
  - Avoidance of social distancing
  - Unawareness of wearing mask
  - Improper sanitization

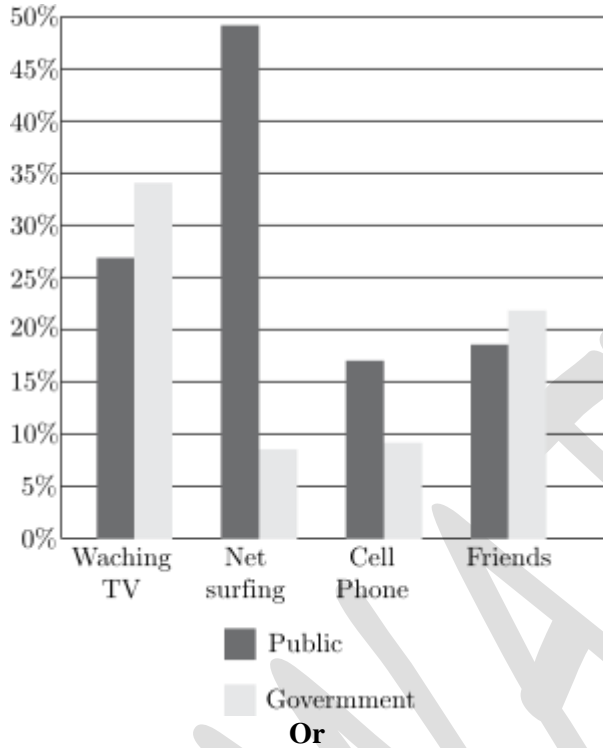
**Or**

- B.** You live in Gulmohar Apartments, Ghaziabad whose residents are very fond of a park situated nearby their society. While it is the centre of playtime and fun and frolic for the children in the evenings, it is also where the adults spend their time walking, strolling, doing yoga, and socially interacting with each other. But a commercial shopping complex backed by local political leaders will replace the park soon. Express your concerns in a letter to the editor of a national daily as Ruchir Dagar.

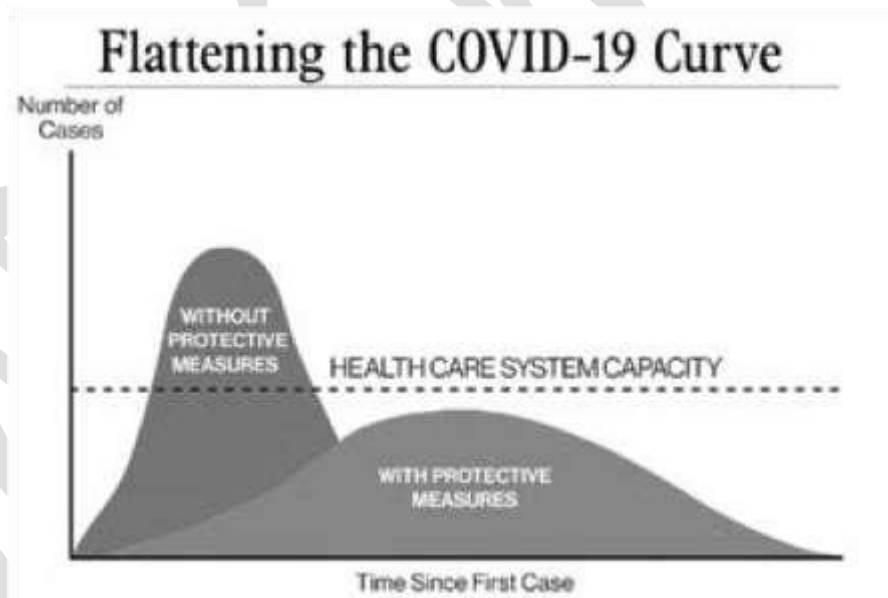
**5. Attempt ANY ONE from A and B given below. 5**

- A.** Study the chart given below, which is the result of the survey conducted in the public schools and government schools of Agra. This depicts the types of activities the teenagers (Age 13-19 years are involved during their leisure time). Complete the summary in about 100-120 words.





**B.** The graph below illustrates why it is important to have people in quarantine during the Coronavirus pandemic. Compose an analytical paragraph in 120-150 words, summarizing the same.



### SECTION C - LITERATURE 40

**6. Read the given extracts and answer the questions for ANY ONE of the two, given. 5**

**A.** I found myself in the maidan and sat down on a bench. The night was chilly-it was early November-and a light drizzle added to my discomfort. Soon it was raining quite heavily. My shirt and pyjamas stuck to my skin, and a cold wind blew the rain across my face. I went back to the bazaar and sat down in the shelter of the clock

tower. The clock showed midnight. I felt for the notes. They were damp from the rain. Anil's money. In the morning he would probably have given me two or three rupees to go to the cinema, but now I had it all.

( *The Thief's Story* ) i.

State TRUE or FALSE. 1

None of the terms (a)-(d) below, can be applied to the sentence - Hari came to the maidan from the railway station.

- (a) A hypothesis - a proposed explanation for a phenomenon
- (b) An assumption - something that is taken for granted or assumed to be true without proof
- (c) A premise - a proposition that forms the basis of an argument
- (d) A theory - a well-substantiated explanation for a natural phenomenon

ii. How is Hari feeling in the given extract? 1

iii. State any one point for the following question : 1

What was Hari Singh thinking while sitting in the shelter of clock tower?

iv. What study was done by Hari Singh? Answer in about 40 words. 2

Or

B. "Marriage gifts are meaningless without the sweet bread known as the 'bol' just as a party or a feast loses its charm without bread. Not enough can be said to show how important a baker can be for a village. The lady of the house must prepare sandwiches on the occasion of her daughter's engagement. Cakes and 'bor are a must for Christmas as well as other festivals. Thus, the presence of the baker in the village is absolutely essential."

( *Glimpses of India* )

i. Breads are a very important part of the culture of the people in Goa. Which of the given options does not corroborate the statement? 1

- (a) Bols are central to marriage celebrations and festivals.
- (b) Festivals especially Christmas are incomplete without cakes.
- (c) Every house has their own furnace in Goa.
- (d) Special sandwiches are made on a daughter's engagement.

ii. What makes the marriage gifts meaningless? Answer in about 40 words. 2

iii. The word 'sandwich' is named after the Earl of Sandwich who loved eating sandwiches. Read the following descriptions (a)-(c) and identify which one does not correspond to the name of a person in its origin as shown in the extract. 1

- (a) It is Murphy's Law.
- (b) Maintain the temperature at 200 Fahrenheit.
- (c) We are leaving for the Indira Gandhi International airport.

- iv. What is the traditional name of bakers in Goa and what made them different from other people in appearance?  
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**7. Read the given extracts and answer the questions for ANY ONE of the two, given. 5**

A. The way a crow Shook  
down on me  
The dust of snow  
From a hemlock tree  
Has given my heart  
A change of mood  
And saved some part Of  
a day I had rued.

( *Dust of Snow* ) i.

Fill the blank with one word. 1

The poet was out on the cold snowy day when the dust of snow fell on him and changed his sad \_\_\_\_\_.

- ii. The poetic device used in the line 'And saved some part' is Alliteration. 1

What effect does the poet wish to create?

- (a) Emphasis (b) Comparison  
(c) Humour (d) Personification

- iii. Of the many symbols the hemlock tree represents, state the one that Frost drew upon, in all likelihood, for this poem. 1

- iv. Comment on the poet's use of language in these lines. 2

**Or**

B. What is the boy now, who has lost his ball,  
What, what is he to do? I saw it go  
Merrily bouncing, down the street, and then Merrily  
over-there it is in the water!

( *The Ball Poem* ) i.

In what way does the language used in this poem challenge traditional ideas of what poetry should be? 1

- ii. What is the significance of the use of no punctuation after the words 'What is the boy now, who has lost his ball,' and the use of a dash in 'Meetly over-there it is in the water!' in the poem and how does this contribute to the overall mood and tone of the poem? Answer in about 40 words. 2

iii. Complete the sentence with the appropriate option. 1

The poet seems to have indicated the merry bouncing of the ball to \_\_\_\_\_.

- (a) create a sense of rhythm in these lines.
- (b) support the happiness of the experience of playing.
- (c) contrast with the dejected feeling of the boy.
- (d) indicate the cheerful mood of the boy.

iv. Identify the use and purpose of repetitive sounds used in the given lines of the poem. 1

**8. Answer ANY FOUR of the following five questions, in about 40-50 words. 4#3=12**

i. What made the speaker term it as “an easy flight”? Did his prediction come true? 3 ( *Two Stories About Flying* )

ii. Why does Chubukov call back Lomov even after driving him out of his house? 3 ( *The Proposal* )

iii. What message does the poet want to give through the poem ‘Amanda’? 3

iv. The poem ‘The Trees’ presents a conflict between Man and Nature. Discuss the statement. 3 v.

How did ‘Bodhi Tree’ get its name? 3

( *The Sermon at Benares* )

**9. Answer ANY TWO of the following three questions, in about 40-50 words. 2#3=6**

i. Who is ‘the artist’ in the story ‘Bholi’? What is ‘the masterpiece’? 3

( *Bholi* )

ii. What made the thief come back to Anil? 3

( *The Thief’s Story* )

iii. What was the ‘frightful disaster’? How it changed Loisels’ lives? 3

( *The Necklace* )

**10. Answer ANY ONE of the following two questions, in about 100-120 words. 1#6=6**

A. ‘Faith can move mountains’ How can it be proven in the case of Lencho and Mandela from the chapter ‘A Letter to God’ and ‘Nelson Mandela - Long Walk to Freedom’. Prepare a set of dialogues between the Lencho and Mandela to elaborate the point. You may begin like this :

Lencho : My faith in God will help me come out of this situation.

Mandela : Faith has to complete and unwavering \_\_\_\_\_.

Or

- B.** A teacher can influence a student's character to grow and evolve in every way . Explain it with reference to 'Bholi' and 'Diary of Anne Frank'. If you had to use the message with reference to both the chapters 'Bholi' and 'Diary of Anne Frank' how will you elaborate it? Also, how it is relevant to both.

**11. Answer ANY ONE of the following two questions, in about 100-120 words. 1#6=6**

- A.** The Story, 'The Necklace' reveals that vanity is an evil. It may bring short term joy but it leads to ruin. Assess how vanity may lead to ruin with reference to the character of Matilda.

**Or**

- B.** Concern and love for children can compel parents to take impulsive decisions that may not be good for them. Explain with reference to 'The Proposal'.

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