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SAMPLE PAPER 01
ENGLISH LANGUAGE AND LITERATURE (184)
CLASS-X EXAM 2024-25

Time Allowed : 3 Hrs.

Maximum Marks : 80

General Instructions :

Read the instructions very carefully and strictly follow them :

1. This question paper comprises 11 questions. All questions are compulsory.
 2. The Question Paper contains THREE sections -
Section A : Reading Skills
Section B : Grammar and Creative Writing Skills
Section C : Literature Textbook
 3. Attempt questions based on specific instructions for each part.
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SECTION A - READING SKILLS

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1. Read the following text.

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1. While pollution of land, sea, and air has been thoroughly documented, a newer and less recognized form of pollution is the rising tide of noise, which is affecting both urban and rural areas. This growing issue has long-term effects on the environment, public health, and productivity, particularly in a fast-developing nation like India.
2. Unlike other forms of pollution, noise is invisible and often goes unnoticed, dismissed as a minor annoyance. However, data shows that noise pollution poses serious threats, causing various complications. In some industries, reduced worker productivity has been directly linked to constant exposure to high noise levels.
3. A pioneering survey by the All India Institute of Medical Sciences on noise's impact on health has shown that noise disrupts both physical and psychological functions. It has been associated with symptoms such as nausea, vomiting, pain, hypertension, and cardiovascular problems.
4. A study from the Post Graduate School of Basic Medical Sciences in Chennai supports these findings. It found that in half of the industries studied, workers exposed to higher noise levels became more irritable, short-tempered, and impatient, often leading to unrest and disruption of production. This was observed in major industrial areas surrounding the four metropolitan cities.
5. Another concerning aspect is recreational noise, which is becoming more widespread in cities and towns. Loudspeakers are frequently used at full volume during events like weddings, festivals, and musical programs, particularly at night, with little consideration for others. Even a sound level of 50 decibels can wake someone from deep sleep. Experiments have shown that loudspeakers producing sound between 60 and 80 decibels

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can cause a person's pupils to dilate and increase oxygen intake, leading to palpitations. These effects are more intense in narrow streets. Additionally, TV sets are often played at high volumes during prime viewing hours, disturbing neighbors. Making noise has become a status symbol, whether in election campaigns, slogan-shouting, or even to show off owning a TV.

Answer the following questions, based on the passage above.

- i. In paragraph 1, what does the phrase “the swelling tide of noise which is engulfing urban as well as rural areas” imply about the spread of noise pollution? 1
- ii. Complete the following with the correct option from the two given. 1
Noise is less likely to be perceived as a threat because :
(a) it does not have a visible form and is easily dismissed
(b) it is only harmful in very high concentrations
(paragraph 2)
- iii. Support the writer's claim that noise pollution has significant health impacts. 2
(paragraph 3)
- iv. Select the option that best reflects the psychological impact of noise pollution on workers: 1
(a) Noise causes irritation and decreases patience, making workers more likely to be frustrated and disrupt production.
(b) Noise in industries results in increased motivation and productivity due to heightened alertness.
(paragraph 4)
- v. State whether the following statement is True or False. 1
Recreational noise, such as loudspeakers at festivals, can affect people's sleep and cause health complications.
(paragraph 5)
- vi. The writer mentions recreational noise in paragraph 5. 1
Which of the following is an example of recreational noise?
(A) Noise caused by construction work in residential areas.
(B) Loudspeakers used at a night festival without considering the disturbance caused to others.
(C) Noise from machinery in a manufacturing unit.
(D) Traffic noise during peak hours in the city.
- vii. List any two effects of noise pollution on human health, as mentioned in the passage. 2
(paragraph 3)



- viii.** Fill in the blank with the correct option from those given. 1
- In the phrase “noise-making seems to have become the latest status symbol,” the word “status symbol” refers to : ____.
- (A) An object or action that indicates a person’s wealth or importance.
(B) A method used to block out other sounds.
(C) A common annoyance in public spaces.
(D) A new trend in manufacturing.

(paragraph 5)

2. Read the following text.

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1. In a recent study examining the relationship between biodiversity and agriculture, scientists observed that regions practicing traditional farming methods exhibited a richer diversity of both plant and animal species. These areas also demonstrated more resilience to environmental changes, such as droughts and pest invasions.
2. It was noted that around 70% of traditional farming practices across the globe are found in regions where communities have lived in harmony with nature for generations. These methods often involve crop rotation, agroforestry, and the use of natural fertilizers.
3. On the other hand, only about 20% of modern, intensive farming regions reported similar levels of biodiversity, highlighting the negative impact of monocultures and chemical fertilizers on local ecosystems. However, around 10% of modern farms are beginning to adopt sustainable practices, attempting to restore balance to the environment.
4. Among the traditional farming communities, approximately 60% of the species diversity comes from multi-cropping systems, where farmers grow various crops on the same land. Another 30% stems from the preservation of native flora and fauna. The remaining 10% of biodiversity is attributed to organic farming techniques that avoid the use of synthetic chemicals.
5. Further research into how traditional knowledge can be integrated with modern farming techniques is essential. This will not only enhance biodiversity but also ensure food security and sustainable agricultural practices for future generations.

Answer the following questions, based on the passage above.

- i.** What does the use of the phrase ‘richer diversity’ by the writer, in paragraph 1, indicate about their observation? 1
- (A) The writer is emphasizing a problem.
(B) The writer is highlighting a beneficial outcome.
(C) The writer is questioning the results.
(D) The writer is presenting a challenge.



- ii. Select the option that is true for the assertion and reason given below. 1
Assertion : Traditional farming methods help preserve biodiversity.
Reason : These methods rely on crop rotation and agroforestry.
(A) Both the assertion and reason are true, and the reason is the correct explanation of the assertion.
(B) Both the assertion and reason are true, but the reason is not the correct explanation of the assertion.
(C) The assertion is true, but the reason is false.
(D) The assertion is false, but the reason is true.
- iii. Identify the word in the passage that suggests the negative effects of modern farming methods on biodiversity. 1
- iv. How do traditional farming practices contribute to environmental sustainability? 1
- v. Read the given prompt and select the correct option in the brackets to fill in the blank. 1
Lila's village, a farming method that avoids synthetic chemicals is widely practiced. The percentage of traditional farming techniques this would fall under is _____. (60% / 30% / 10%).
- vi. What does the higher percentage of biodiversity stemming from multi-cropping systems suggest about traditional farming methods? 1
- vii. Complete the sentence suitably. 1
The widespread use of natural fertilizers in traditional farming techniques demonstrates _____.
- viii. Complete the following with a suitable reason. 1
The most likely reason the writer believes traditional knowledge should be integrated with modern farming techniques is because it can. _____.
- ix. In the context of the last paragraph, describe the significance of integrating traditional knowledge with modern farming techniques in achieving sustainable agriculture. 2



SECTION B - WRITING SKILLS & GRAMMAR**20****GRAMMAR****10****3. Complete ANY TEN of twelve of the following tasks, as directed.****i. Fill in the blank by choosing the correct option to complete.**

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.

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.

- (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 :

According to a health survey, carbonated drinks are harmful to health and children are so addicted to fizzy drinks as adults to nicotine.

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 :

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 _____.

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- (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

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:

They were laughing at the new student.

viii. Identify the error in the given sentence, from a school magazine report and supply the correction.

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

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.

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

I need not talk to her when she is in bad mood.

Use the given format for your response.

Error	Correction

xi. Select the correct options to complete the blanks in the dialogue between two people.

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 :

Illegally parked vehicles will be fine.

Use the given format for your response.

Error	Correction

WRITING

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

- 4A.** 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 about 120 words to the Sales Manager complaining about TV which is not functioning properly.

OR

- 4B.** 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 about 120 words to the Director, National Institute of Choreography, Noida, seeking information about their online course, admission procedure, eligibility criteria and other necessary details.

- 5A.** Read the following lines on the harmful effects of carbonated drinks. 5
'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.'



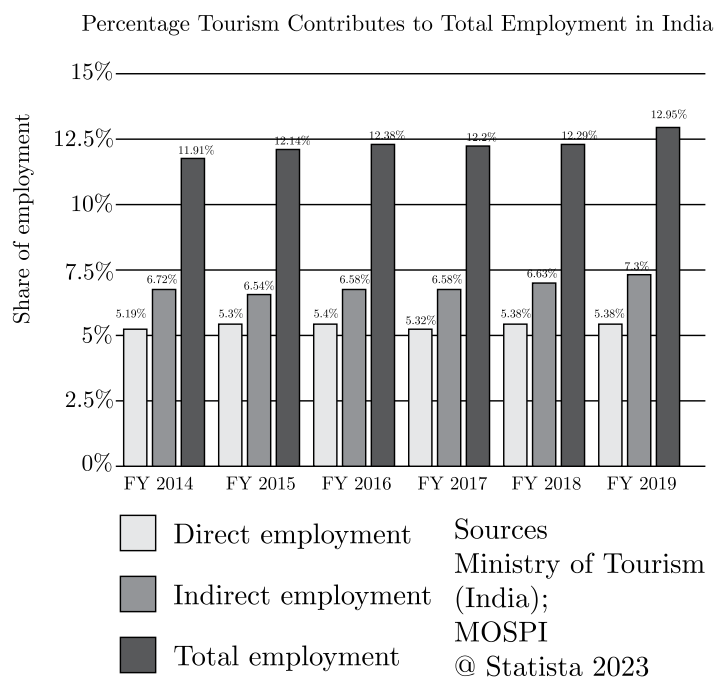
Write an analytical paragraph in about 120 words on 'Harmful Effects of Soft Drinks'.

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OR

- 5B.** 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 TEXTBOOK

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- 6.** Read the given extracts and answer ANY ONE of the two questions given below **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.
“I was an experienced and fairly successful hand.”

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- ii. What effect does the interaction between Hari and Anil, as described in the lines below, have on Hari?
- “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.
- Choose the most suitable option.
- | | |
|-----------------|----------------|
| (a) embarrasses | (b) motivates |
| (c) confuses | (d) frustrates |
- 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.
- iv. Which phrase would correctly substitute ‘easy-going’, in the given sentence from in the extract?
- He was about 25-a tall, lean fellow-and he looked easy-going, kind and simple enough for my purpose.
- 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?
- | |
|-------------------------------------|
| (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. At what age did the prince return home to marry a princess?
- iii. What did the sights Gautama witnessed at the age of twenty-five years drive him to? Answer in about 40 words.
- iv. Why was Prince Siddhartha sent away at the age of twelve?



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.
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.
- iii.** 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.

- 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?
- ii.** What is the significance of the use of the words 'giggled' and 'week' to describe laughter in the poem and to what effect is this word choice used by the poet? Answer in about 40 words.



- iii. What can you infer from the repetition 'suddenly, suddenly' in the above extract?
- (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.

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

- i. What were the destructions caused by the hailstorm?
(A Letter to God)
- ii. How did Anne Frank's friends behave just before the declaration of the exam results?
(From the Diary of Anne Frank)
- iii. What was the most fascinating thing for Valli?
(Madam Rides the Bus)
- iv. What message does the poet wish to convey through "The Ball Poem"?
- v. In the poem "How to Tell Wild Animals", how does the poet caution the reader regarding the danger of animals?

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

- i. What happened at the ball? Was Matilda's dream fulfilled?
(The Necklace)
- ii. Is Max menacing or vulnerable? Comment with reference to "The Midnight Visitor".
- iii. Why did Bholi agree to the unsuitable match at first?
(Bholi)

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

- i. "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)



- ii. “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. 6

- i. Write a character sketch of Horace Danby.
(A Question of Trust)
- ii. What was the impact of the book ‘The Travels of Monarch X’ on Richard Ebright ?
(The Making of a Scientist)

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SECTION A - READING SKILLS

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1. Read the following text.

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1. There is no denying that technological advancements, such as mobile phones and the internet, have reached unprecedented heights. Today, people can explore the universe virtually without leaving their seat, thanks to smart devices and other modern technology. Even though mobile internet access is often fast-paced and brief, it still offers essential internet features such as notifications, weather updates, email services, search engines, instant messaging, and downloading games or music.
2. With smartphones becoming increasingly accessible, communication has become faster and more efficient. People can now connect with loved ones across the globe instantly and affordably. Adults, in particular, are enthusiastic about these gadgets, adopting new technology with ease. Moreover, smartphones have enabled young people to expand their knowledge and improve their skills by conducting research online. For instance, students use smartphones to find definitions of unfamiliar words, and universities offering online courses allow students to submit assignments conveniently through mobile devices.
3. In emergencies, mobile phones have proven to be lifesavers for many. Additionally, smartphones play a crucial role in crime prevention, as they enable citizens to quickly provide vital information to security forces.
4. However, for young people, smartphones can become addictive, leading to misuse. There is also the risk of engaging in inappropriate activities online, which can negatively impact academic performance. Therefore, it is essential that young users are supervised and educated about the potential harmful effects of smartphone misuse.
5. The popularity of mobile phones is also driven by the availability of prepaid or pay-as-you-go services, which can be purchased in phone shops or online stores. These services

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allow users to add credits to their phones using credit cards, debit cards, or prepaid cards from their network provider. For those who prefer an alternative, subscription plans with monthly payments are available.

Answer the following questions, based on the passage above.

- i.** What does the phrase “people can explore the universe virtually without leaving their seat” imply about the accessibility of modern technology? 1
- ii.** Complete the following with the correct option : 1
Smartphones have made communication more efficient because :
(a) they are always available at low prices.
(b) they allow instant and cost-effective global connectivity.
(paragraph 2)
- iii.** How does the writer support the claim that mobile phones can be lifesaving in emergencies? 2
(paragraph 3)
- iv.** Choose the correct option that describes the negative impact of mobile phones on young people: 1
(a) Young people misuse phones to improve their academic performance.
(b) Smartphones can become addictive for young people and lead them to undesirable activities.
(paragraph 4)
- v.** State whether the following statement is True or False : 1
Prepaid services can only be purchased from a physical phone shop.
(paragraph 5)
- vi.** Which of the following is an example of prepaid service availability mentioned in the passage? 1
(A) Monthly subscription plans available with major network providers.
(B) Using a prepaid card purchased online to top up airtime.
(C) Buying a second-hand smartphone from an online retailer.
(D) Subscribing to a yearly internet package.
(paragraph 5)
- vii.** List any two reasons why smartphones are beneficial for students, as mentioned in the passage. 2
(paragraph 2)



- viii.** Fill in the blank with the correct option : 1
In the phrase “smartphones have proven to be lifesavers for many,” the word “lifesavers” refers to :

- (A) Devices that provide entertainment and social connectivity.
- (B) Tools that assist people during critical situations, such as emergencies.
- (C) Phones that are used for online shopping and financial transactions.
- (D) Gadgets that help people avoid boredom during downtime.

(paragraph 3)

2. Read the following text.

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1. The Amazon Rainforest, often referred to as the “lungs of the Earth,” plays a vital role in regulating the global climate. It absorbs large amounts of carbon dioxide (CO₂) and produces approximately 20% of the world’s oxygen. This vast tropical forest spans nine countries in South America, with the majority located in Brazil.
2. The Amazon is home to an extraordinary diversity of life. It harbors around 10% of all known species, including plants, animals, and insects, many of which are found nowhere else on Earth. Its biodiversity makes it one of the most important ecosystems in the world.
3. Unfortunately, deforestation is a growing threat to the Amazon. Over the past few decades, large areas of the forest have been cleared for agriculture, mining, and logging. This destruction not only threatens wildlife but also contributes to increased CO₂ emissions, accelerating global warming.
4. Efforts to curb deforestation have been made by several countries and international organizations. Reforestation projects, stricter enforcement of environmental laws, and sustainable farming practices are some of the measures being taken to preserve the Amazon. However, illegal logging and land-grabbing continue to undermine these efforts.
5. Scientists warn that if deforestation continues at the current rate, the Amazon may reach a tipping point where it can no longer sustain itself. This would have catastrophic consequences, including the loss of biodiversity and the release of enormous amounts of CO₂ into the atmosphere, further exacerbating climate change

Answer the following questions, based on the passage above.

- i.** What does the phrase “lungs of the Earth” in paragraph 1 suggest about the Amazon Rainforest? 1
- (A) It is the only source of oxygen for the planet.
 - (B) It plays a key role in producing oxygen and regulating the climate.
 - (C) It consumes most of the world’s CO₂.
 - (D) It is crucial for agriculture.



- ii. Select the option that is true for the assertion and reason given below. 1
Assertion : The Amazon Rainforest is one of the most biodiverse ecosystems on Earth.
Reason : It is home to around 10% of all known species.
(A) Both the assertion and reason are true, and the reason is the correct explanation of the assertion.
(B) Both the assertion and reason are true, but the reason is not the correct explanation of the assertion.
(C) The assertion is true, but the reason is false.
(D) The assertion is false, but the reason is true.
- iii. Identify the primary cause of deforestation mentioned in the passage. 1
- iv. How do deforestation and global warming relate, according to the passage? 1
- v. Read the given prompt and select the correct option in the brackets to fill in the blank: 1
The Amazon Rainforest is home to an extraordinary variety of life, including many species found nowhere else on Earth.
The percentage of the Amazon's biodiversity that is home to all known species is _____ (10% / 20% / 30%).
- vi. What do reforestation projects aim to achieve, according to the passage? 1
- vii. Complete the sentence suitably. 1
The Amazon's biodiversity is important because _____.
- viii. Complete the following with a suitable reason : 1
Deforestation contributes to climate change because _____.
- ix. Based on paragraph 5, describe the potential consequences of the Amazon reaching a tipping point. 2

SECTION B - WRITING SKILLS & GRAMMAR

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GRAMMAR

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3. Complete ANY TEN of twelve of the following tasks, as directed.

- i. Fill in the blank by choosing the correct option to complete the sentence.
The bridge is being _____ at the moment so it can't be used.
(a) repaired (b) repairing
(c) repair (d) repairs

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- 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:
The people of India show remarkable unity at the time of Kargil Conflict.

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 :

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.

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

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

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.

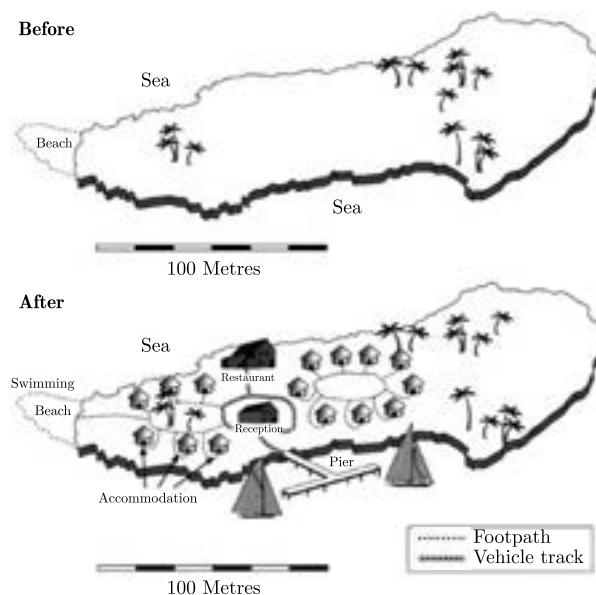
Diwali, well known as the festival of lights, is a festival that is celebrate in almost all parts of India.

Use the given format for your response.

Error	Correction

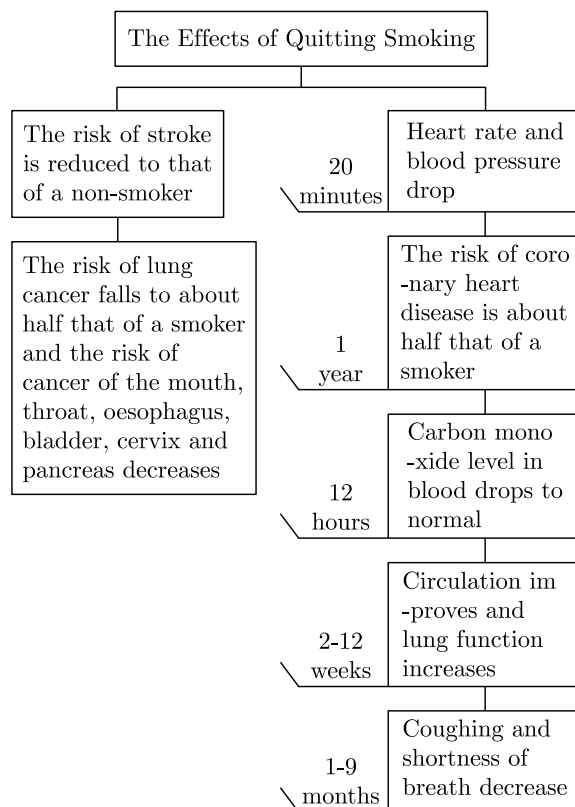


- 5A.** The two maps below show an island, before and after the construction of some tourist facilities. Write an analytical paragraph in about 120 words by selecting and reporting the main features, and making comparisons where relevant. 5



OR

- 5B.** Study the concept chart from a recent study by WHO that has described some positive effects of quitting smoking.



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

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SECTION C - LITERATURE TEXTBOOK**40****6. Read the given extracts and answer ANY ONE of the two questions given below 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?
- ii.** What effect does Think-Tank's observation, as described in the lines below, have on Omega? Omega: (bowing low) Perhaps the Great and Mighty Think-Tank will give us the benefit of his thought on the matter. Choose the most suitable option.
- (a) confuses (b) entertains
(c) reassures (d) alarms
- iii.** What is Think-Tank proud of? Answer with reference to the extract in about 40 words.
- iv.** What does Think-Tank intend to convey with the phrase "Elementary, my dear Omega"?

- 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 _____.
(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.
- iii.** Fill in the blank with ONE WORD only.
Mandela is filled with _____ in the given extract.
- iv.** With what sense was the speaker overwhelmed during the inauguration?

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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.
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'?
(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.
- iv. Which genre is most appropriate for the poem?

- 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.
- ii. How does the poet compare fog to a cat? Answer in about 40 words.
- iii. Why do you think fog is a free verse poem?
(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'.

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'?
(A Letter to God)
- ii. What special characteristic of Mijbil did Maxwell learn after he took him to the bathroom?

(Mijbil the Otter)

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- iii. Why did the Buddha ask Kisa Gotami to bring a handful of mustard seeds?
(*The Sermon at Benares*)
- iv. Describe the method Anne Gregory suggested in order to prove that she is loved for who she is.
(*For Anne Gregory*)
- v. “Fire and Ice” project a pessimistic outlook. Comment.

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

- i. Why was Tricki an uninteresting object for other dogs at the surgery?
(*A Triumph of Surgery*)
- ii. Henry unintentionally saved Ausable’s life. Briefly comment.
(*The Midnight Visitor*)
- iii. How did the Loiseles react when they realized that the necklace had been lost?
(*Necklace*)

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

- i. 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.
- ii. 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. 6

- i. “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.
- ii. Give a character-sketch of Hari Singh.

(*The Thief’s Story*)

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SAMPLE PAPER 03
ENGLISH LANGUAGE AND LITERATURE (184)
CLASS-X EXAM 2024-25

Time Allowed : 3 Hrs.

Maximum Marks : 80

General Instructions :

Read the instructions very carefully and strictly follow them :

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Section A : Reading Skills
Section B : Grammar and Creative Writing Skills
Section C : Literature Textbook
 3. Attempt questions based on specific instructions for each part.
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SECTION A - READING SKILLS

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1. Read the following text.

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1. In the classroom, expanding your thought process can involve focusing on something known as problem-based learning. This method involves the teacher posing a problem or question that doesn't have an obvious or clear solution, and students are encouraged to think creatively and explore different ways to solve it.
2. Wallace believes that problem-based learning helps students think in a scientific way. He recalls an example from his own classroom where he had students read about fruit flies that were missing an enzyme – a molecule that speeds up chemical reactions – needed to break down alcohol. "I had seven groups of students, and each came up with a different method to measure it," he explains. "That's what I call creativity in a science class."
3. "Being creative means taking risks and not fearing mistakes," Andrews says. Many educators agree with her, suggesting that unexpected results provide valuable learning experiences. A good scientist, Andrews says, would ask questions like "Why did this happen?" and "What's going on here?"
4. Engaging in discussions with others and working in teams also promote associative thinking, a process where thoughts can flow freely from one idea to another, which DeHaan explains is vital for creativity. Teamwork introduces a concept called distributed reasoning, often referred to as brainstorming, where reasoning is shared among a group of people.
5. "Creativity in science isn't about drawing something nice to explain an idea," Andrews emphasizes. "It's about asking what we can imagine together, what's possible, and how we could figure it out. That's exactly what scientists do."

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6. While arts and crafts can sometimes be helpful in presenting ideas, Smith points out that this isn't the same as recognizing the creativity that's an inherent part of science. "We often overlook the fact that science itself is a creative process," she says.
7. Smith continues by explaining, "The creativity in science lies in ideas, representations, and discoveries. It's different from creating something like a papier-mâché globe and painting it to represent the Earth."
8. At the end of the day, educators and scientists agree that anyone can learn to think like a scientist. "In schools, students often get the impression that science is only for a highly gifted group of people," says Herschbach. But he strongly believes that this is not the case.
9. "Scientists don't have to be exceptionally intelligent," Herschbach adds. "If you put in the effort, the knowledge is there waiting for you. By working hard, you'll have a great opportunity to contribute to our species' collective adventure of discovering more about the world."

Answer the following questions, based on the passage above.

- i. In paragraph 1, what does the term "problem-based learning" imply about the teaching approach in classrooms? 1
- ii. Complete the following with the correct option : 1
Problem-based learning encourages students to :
(a) Find a clear and straightforward solution.
(b) Think creatively and explore multiple solutions to a problem.
(paragraph 1)
- iii. How does Wallace's example of fruit flies without an enzyme illustrate creativity in scientific learning? 2
(paragraph 2)
- iv. Choose the option that best reflects Andrews' view on creativity in science : 1
(a) Creativity in science is about taking risks and not being afraid of mistakes.
(b) Creativity in science involves drawing appealing representations of ideas.
(paragraph 3)
- v. State whether the following statement is True or False. 1
Working with others and discussing ideas fosters associative thinking, which contributes to creativity in science.
(paragraph 4)
- vi. The writer mentions "distributed reasoning" in paragraph 4. Which of the following is an example of distributed reasoning? 1
(A) Individual reflection on a problem before solving it.
(B) Group brainstorming where ideas are shared among team members.
(C) Analyzing scientific data by oneself.
(D) Referring to past experiences to solve an issue.



- vii. List any two points that differentiate arts and crafts from scientific creativity, as mentioned by Smith. 2

(paragraphs 6 and 7)

- viii. Fill in the blank with the correct option : 1

Herschbach believes that scientific thinking is accessible to everyone because :

- (A) Science is a special gift for the exceptionally talented.
- (B) Anyone who works hard can learn to think like a scientist.
- (C) Science requires artistic skills to explain ideas visually.
- (D) Scientific discovery depends entirely on intelligence.

(paragraph 8 and 9)

2. Read the following text. 10

1. Coral reefs, often called the “rainforests of the sea,” are some of the most diverse ecosystems on the planet. They support a vast range of marine life, providing shelter, food, and breeding grounds for numerous species. Coral reefs cover less than 1% of the ocean floor but are home to more than 25% of marine species.
2. Coral reefs are not only important for marine biodiversity but also for humans. They protect coastlines from erosion and storm surges, and they support fishing industries and tourism, providing jobs and income for millions of people worldwide.
3. Unfortunately, coral reefs are under severe threat due to climate change, overfishing, and pollution. Coral bleaching, caused by rising ocean temperatures, weakens the reefs and makes them more vulnerable to disease and death. Studies estimate that if current trends continue, more than 90% of the world’s coral reefs could be lost by 2050.
4. Efforts are being made globally to protect and restore coral reefs. Marine protected areas, sustainable fishing practices, and coral farming are some of the methods being employed to preserve these ecosystems. However, without significant action to reduce carbon emissions and curb global warming, these efforts may not be enough.
5. Scientists emphasize the urgency of addressing climate change to save coral reefs. Protecting these ecosystems is not only essential for marine life but also for the millions of people who depend on them for their livelihood.

Answer the following questions, based on the passage above.

- i. What does the phrase “rainforests of the sea” in paragraph 1 suggest about coral reefs? 1
- (A) They grow trees underwater.
 - (B) They are as biodiverse as rainforests.
 - (C) They occupy a large part of the ocean.
 - (D) They protect the planet from global warming.



- ii. Select the option that is true for the assertion and reason given below. 1
Assertion : Coral reefs are vital for marine biodiversity.
Reason : Coral reefs protect coastlines from erosion.
(A) Both the assertion and reason are true, and the reason is the correct explanation of the assertion.
(B) Both the assertion and reason are true, but the reason is not the correct explanation of the assertion.
(C) The assertion is true, but the reason is false.
(D) The assertion is false, but the reason is true.
- iii. Identify the percentage of the ocean floor that coral reefs cover, as mentioned in the passage. 1
- iv. According to the passage, what are two major human-related benefits of coral reefs? 1
- v. Read the given prompt and select the correct option in the brackets to fill in the blank: 1
The current global scenario, coral reefs are under threat from climate change, pollution, and overfishing. Scientists predict a significant loss of coral reefs in the coming decades. The percentage of coral reefs that could be lost by 2050 is _____ (60% / 90% / 75%).
- vi. What are some of the methods mentioned in the passage that are being used to protect and restore coral reefs? 1
- vii. Complete the sentence suitably. 1
Coral bleaching is caused by .
- viii. Complete the following with a suitable reason : 1
Scientists believe coral reefs are essential because _____.
- ix. In the context of paragraph 5, why is reducing carbon emissions important for the survival of coral reefs? 2

SECTION B - WRITING SKILLS & GRAMMAR

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GRAMMAR

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3. Complete ANY TEN of twelve of the following tasks, as directed.

- i. Fill in the blank by choosing the correct option to complete the sentence.
At one time, Mr. Nigel _____ this supermarket.
(a) owned (b) used to own
(c) had owned (d) was owing

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- ii. Read the conversation between Nisha and Anjali. Complete the narration by reporting Anjali's reply correctly.

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.

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:

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 :

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.

They _____ (wish) me on my birthday every year.

- vii. Report the dialogue between Parul and Nikhil, by completing the narration:

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.

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:
 “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.
 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.

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.
 I walk 3 kilometres each day to reach my school.

Use the given format for your response.

Error	Correction

WRITING

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

- 4A. 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. 5

OR

- 4B. 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.

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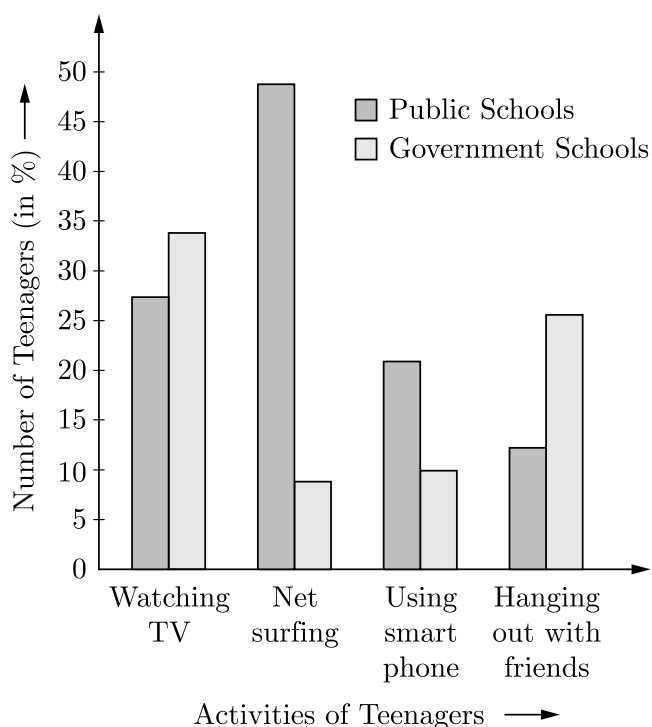


- 5A.** The following table gives information about some of the world's most studied languages. Write an analytical paragraph summarizing the given information by analyzing and reporting the main and relevant information. 5

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	14.5million	389 million	31
5.	Italian	8 million	67 million	29
6.	Japanese	3 million	123 million	25

OR

- 5B.** 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 TEXTBOOK**40****6. Read the given extracts and answer ANY ONE of the two questions given below 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.** What effect does the experience, as described in the lines below, have on the narrator? 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.

Choose the most suitable option.

- | | |
|-----------------|---------------|
| (A) frustrates | (B) motivates |
| (C) discourages | (D) liberates |

- ii.** Why was freedom an illusion for the speaker?
- iii.** Why do you think the speaker mentions some freedoms as 'transitory'? Answer in about 40 words.
- iv.** From where does the speaker's hunger for freedom begin?

- 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?
- (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.



- iii. What is the name of the sweet bread that is essential for marriage gifts in the village according to the passage?
- iv. What is the traditional name of bakers in Goa and what made them different from other people in appearance?

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.
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?
- iii. Complete the statement with correct facts :
'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.

- 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'?



ii. Complete the following sentence with the appropriate option.

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?

iv. Why does a tiger express his rage quietly ? Answer in about 40 words.

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

i. Mr. Keesing was a strict but kind teacher. Explain the truth of this statement.

(From the Diary of Anne Frank)

ii. What does Natalya say about the dog named Guess?

(The Proposal)

iii. How did the young seagull try to catch the attention of his family?

(Two Stories About Flying)

iv. How would a life on a tower be different from a life anywhere else for Amanda ?

(Amanda!)

v. Do you think the trees are justified in the revolt? State two values which man should possess to stop the revolt.

(The Trees)

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

i. How and when did Matilda find the borrowed necklace missing ?

(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 ?

(Footprints Without Feet)

iii. Had Anil really forgiven Hari Singh ? Support your answer with evidence.

(The Thief's Story)



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

- i. “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)

- ii. 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. 6

- i. After reading the story ‘Bholi’ by the author K.A. Abbas, what impression do you form of the protagonist of the story Bholi?

- ii. “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)

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SECTION A - READING SKILLS

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1. Read the following text.

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1. Just like bad news or the common cold, allergies can appear without warning. A few years ago, I suddenly developed an allergy to Cronin (Paracetamol), despite using it my entire life for everything from headaches to fevers and toothaches. A friend of mine, who loved seafood, found himself struggling to breathe after eating Thai food. After several costly tests, doctors concluded that his chest tightness was due to a newfound shellfish allergy, something he had been eating regularly without any prior reaction.
2. Common symptoms of an allergic reaction include a runny or congested nose, frequent sneezing, itchy throat, rashes, sinus issues, ear pain, difficulty breathing, stomach cramps, and red, itchy, or watery eyes. Pollen, dust, and polluted air are some typical environmental allergens, along with indoor triggers such as dust mites, cigarette smoke, and mould. Other culprits include medicines, paint, and chemicals in household cleaners and cosmetics. Among foods, eight major allergens – milk, soy, wheat, eggs, peanuts, tree nuts, fish, and shellfish – account for 90% of food allergies.
3. Many mistakenly think allergies only appear in childhood or that people are born with them. In reality, allergies can develop at any point in life, and experts note that their incidence among adults is increasing. While many adults with allergies have had some allergic reactions before, either to the same or a different trigger, others may develop allergies with no prior history of sensitivity.
4. In cases of acute immune reactions, the allergy trigger might be singular, but the symptoms usually arise from a combination of factors. Stress, overly sterile environments that limit the body's ability to develop natural immunity, and lifestyle-induced hormonal imbalances are believed to be some triggers. Clinical studies support this, showing that

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women are more prone to developing allergies during puberty, after pregnancy, and at menopause, pointing to hormonal changes as a cause.

5. Avoiding the allergen and promptly taking anti-allergy medication after exposure is the best form of prevention. Since pollen levels are usually highest in the morning, people with respiratory sensitivities or asthma should delay outdoor exercise until later in the day or opt for indoor workouts. This is because aerobic exercise increases breathing depth and rate, causing more pollen and dust to be inhaled, which can harm the airways and lungs.
6. Allergies in adults can be treated with anti-allergy medications. For those who don't respond to conventional treatment, allergy shots can help the immune system build tolerance to the allergen. However, in most cases, simply identifying and avoiding the allergen is enough to manage symptoms.

Answer the following questions, based on the passage above.

- i. In paragraph 1, what does the comparison between allergies and bad news or the common cold suggest about how allergies can develop? 1
- ii. Complete the following with the correct option : 1
Allergies can sometimes develop later in life because :
(a) People are always allergic from birth but don't notice it until adulthood.
(b) Allergies can emerge unexpectedly, even in those with no previous reactions.
(paragraph 3)
- iii. Support the writer's claim that multiple factors can contribute to allergy symptoms, even when only one trigger is present. 2
(paragraph 4)
- iv. Select the option that best reflects the idea of avoiding allergens to prevent symptoms : 1
(a) People with allergies should identify triggers and avoid them completely to prevent reactions.
(b) Taking medication is more important than identifying and avoiding allergens.
(paragraph 5)
- v. State whether the following statement is True or False. 1
Women are more likely to develop allergies during certain hormonal changes, such as puberty and menopause.
(paragraph 4)
- vi. The writer mentions that some people might not respond to standard anti-allergy treatment. 1
Which of the following is an alternative treatment option mentioned in the passage?
(A) Switching to natural remedies.
(B) Taking higher doses of the same medication.
(C) Receiving a series of allergy shots to build tolerance.
(D) Using painkillers for symptom relief.
(paragraph 6)



vii. List any two examples of common environmental allergens mentioned in the passage. 2
(paragraph 2)

viii. Fill in the blank with the correct option : 1

In the phrase “identifying and avoiding the allergen is enough to stay free of trouble,” the word “trouble” refers to :

- (A) The hassle of allergy testing.
- (B) Experiencing allergy symptoms and reactions.
- (C) Having to take medication daily.
- (D) Managing lifestyle changes due to an allergy.

(paragraph 6)

2. Read the following text. 10

1. Wetlands are among the most productive ecosystems on Earth, providing essential services such as water filtration, flood control, and habitat for a wide variety of species. They act as natural sponges, absorbing excess rainfall and reducing the impact of floods on surrounding areas.
2. Wetlands also play a critical role in improving water quality by filtering pollutants and sediments from water before it enters rivers, lakes, or oceans. Many species of fish, birds, and insects rely on wetlands for food, shelter, and breeding grounds.
3. However, wetlands are disappearing at an alarming rate due to human activities such as agriculture, urbanization, and industrial development. Over the last century, nearly 50% of the world’s wetlands have been lost.
4. Conservation efforts are underway to protect and restore wetlands. These efforts include creating protected areas, enforcing stricter regulations, and promoting sustainable land use practices. Communities are also being educated about the importance of wetlands for their health, economy, and environment.
5. Scientists warn that continued loss of wetlands will not only lead to a decline in biodiversity but also increase the risk of floods, water pollution, and loss of livelihoods for millions of people who depend on these ecosystems.

Answer the following questions, based on the passage above.

- i.** What does the phrase “natural sponges” in paragraph 1 suggest about wetlands? 1
- (A) They produce water.
 - (B) They absorb excess rainfall, reducing floods.
 - (C) They are artificial environments.
 - (D) They are used for agriculture.



- ii. Select the option that is true for the assertion and reason given below. 1
Assertion : Wetlands are important for water quality.
Reason : Wetlands absorb pollutants and sediments before water reaches rivers, lakes, or oceans.
(A) Both the assertion and reason are true, and the reason is the correct explanation of the assertion.
(B) Both the assertion and reason are true, but the reason is not the correct explanation of the assertion.
(C) The assertion is true, but the reason is false.
(D) The assertion is false, but the reason is true.
- iii. Identify the percentage of the world's wetlands that have been lost, as mentioned in the passage. 1
- iv. According to the passage, what are two essential services provided by wetlands? 1
- v. Read the given prompt and select the correct option in the brackets to fill in the blank : 1
Ravi's town, a wetland area was restored to prevent flooding and improve water quality. The percentage of global wetlands lost over the last century that this restoration helps to reverse is _____ (50% / 20% / 70%).
- vi. What are some of the methods mentioned in the passage that are being used to protect and restore wetlands? 1
- vii. Complete the sentence suitably. 1
Wetlands help improve water quality by.
- viii. Complete the following with a suitable reason : 1
Scientists believe wetland conservation is important because _____.
- ix. In the context of paragraph 5, why is the continued loss of wetlands a serious concern? 2

SECTION B - WRITING SKILLS & GRAMMAR**20****GRAMMAR****10****3. Complete ANY TEN of twelve of the following tasks, as directed.**

- i. Fill in the blank by choosing the correct option to complete an online update.
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

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- ii. Read the conversation and complete the passage given below :

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.

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:

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:

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:

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:

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.
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:
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.
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.

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.

Use the given format for your response.

Error	Correction



WRITING

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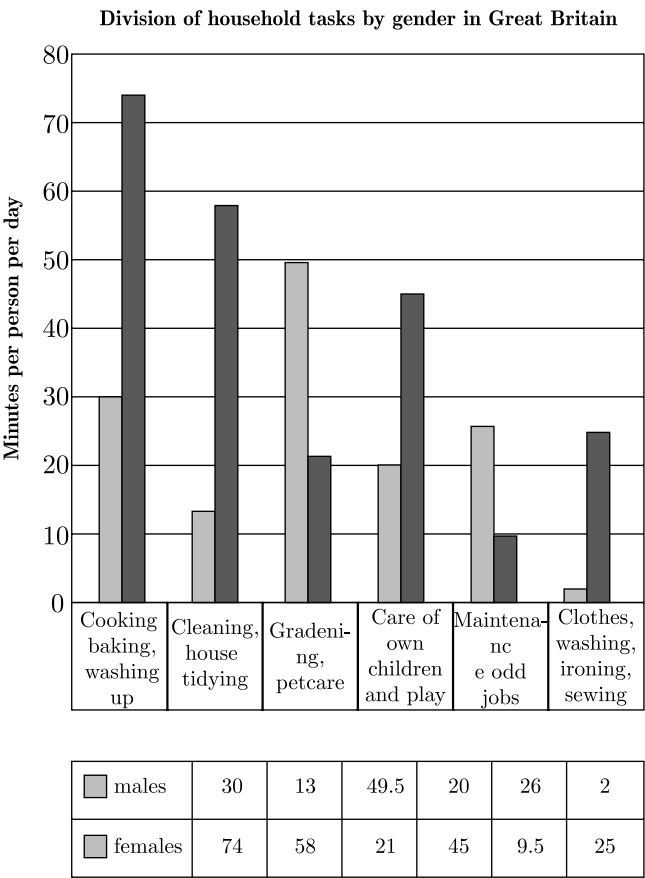
Note : All details presented in the questions in writing section are imaginary and created for assessment purpose.

4A. 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

4B. 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)

5A. 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

5B. 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
Bolivia	570	2086	50	124
Egypt	690	2950	56	97
Indonesia	580	2296	49	87
USA	13160	3653	74	12

SECTION C - LITERATURE TEXTBOOK**40**

6. Read the given extracts and answer ANY ONE of the two questions given below **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 feeling does the pilot experience, as described in the lines below?
"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."

Choose the most suitable option :

- (a) loneliness
- (b) contentment
- (c) anxiety
- (d) confusion

ii. What is the significance of not a single cloud in the sky?

iii. What was the pilot flying?

iv. How did the pilot feel after calling the Paris Control the first time? Answer in about 40 words.



- 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 _____.
(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.
- 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?
- 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 _____.

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.
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?
(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.
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.

B. If strolling forth, a beast you view,
Whose hide with spots is peppered,
As soon as he has lept on you,
You'll know it is the Leopard.
'Twill do no good to roar with pain,
He'll only lep and lep 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?
"I will do no good to roar with pain, He'll only lep and lep 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.
- iii. Complete the sentence with the appropriate option.
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?

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

- 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.
(The Proposal)
- ii. Why does the poet say that 'Money is external'?
(The Ball Poem)
- iii. How is the fog like a cat? What three things does the poem suggest?
(Fog)
- iv. Why did Maxwell call the airhostess "the very queen of her kind"?
(Mijbil the Otter)



- v. 'Paper has more patience than people.' Do you agree/disagree? Give reason.
(*From the Diary of Anne Frank*)

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

- i. "But there was one thing I could do-collect things". What collection did Ebright make?
When did he start making collection?
(*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?
(*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.
(*The Thief's Story*)

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

- i. 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*)
- ii. "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. **6**

- i. 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*)
- ii. 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*)

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SAMPLE PAPER 05
ENGLISH LANGUAGE AND LITERATURE (184)
CLASS-X EXAM 2024-25

Time Allowed : 3 Hrs.

Maximum Marks : 80

General Instructions :

Read the instructions very carefully and strictly follow them :

1. This question paper comprises 11 questions. All questions are compulsory.
 2. The Question Paper contains THREE sections -
Section A : Reading Skills
Section B : Grammar and Creative Writing Skills
Section C : Literature Textbook
 3. Attempt questions based on specific instructions for each part.
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SECTION A - READING SKILLS

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1. Read the following text.

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1. In December, a young man decided to leave Facebook after more than three years of being active on the platform. With this decision, he silently cut ties with over 300 contacts he had added during that time. Like many of his peers, the 20-year-old used to visit the site daily, sharing photos and updates. However, Facebook's introduction of a new feature called Timeline made him rethink the benefits and downsides of staying on the platform.
2. "Everyone has personal things they'd rather not have displayed, and I'm not comfortable with Facebook digging up my past and putting it on display for everyone," says the young man, who joined the site in July 2007 while in 11th grade.
3. The Timeline feature on Facebook condensed his activity on the site and presented it in a neat, chronological order. While he initially appreciated the organization, he didn't like how older posts, which were once buried under recent updates, were now easily accessible. By simply clicking on a date, anyone could scroll back in time and see comments, links, or photos that he would prefer to leave in the past.
4. "I think it's a bad idea," he remarks. "In 2007, I made some posts that seemed fine at the time, but now, four years later, I've moved on and don't want those moments publicly available for everyone."
5. He's not alone. Many other users, concerned about how their online activities on Facebook might affect their personal lives, are choosing to leave the platform, a phenomenon often referred to as "Facebook suicide." Some users are worried about privacy, while others feel that instead of fostering meaningful connections, Facebook reduces friendships to superficial interactions.

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6. “Just ‘poking’ or ‘liking’ someone’s post isn’t enough to maintain a real friendship,” says a business analyst who left Facebook three years ago. She prefers face-to-face interactions with her close friends rather than reading their trivial updates online. “People on Facebook exaggerate daily matters like what they ate or where they went,” adds the analyst, who still uses Twitter.
7. “Facebook became a waste of time, and I couldn’t justify the hours spent on it,” the young man reflects. “I now spend more time calling or meeting friends and family in person, and I don’t regret the change.” Currently, Facebook boasts over 800 million users globally, with 37 million users from India. The platform has become a core part of many users’ identities, and those who decide to leave often experience withdrawal and eventually return. Aware of its addictiveness, Facebook allows users to deactivate accounts but stores their data, making it easy for them to come back anytime.

Answer the following questions, based on the passage above.

- i. In paragraph 1, what prompted the young man to reconsider his decision to stay on Facebook? 1
- ii. Complete the following with the correct option : 1
The Timeline feature on Facebook made the young man uneasy because :
(a) It made it difficult to find older posts.
(b) It revealed older posts that were previously hidden, making them easily accessible to others.
(paragraph 3)
- iii. How does the young man justify his discomfort with Facebook’s new Timeline feature? 2
(paragraph 3 and 4)
- iv. Select the option that best reflects the concern of Facebook users who are leaving the platform : 1
(a) They are worried that Facebook is becoming obsolete.
(b) They are concerned about privacy and feel that Facebook reduces friendships to shallow interactions.
(paragraph 5)
- v. State whether the following statement is True or False. 1
The business analyst believes that Facebook helps maintain real friendships.
(paragraph 6)
- vi. The writer mentions that many users experience “withdrawal symptoms” after leaving Facebook. 1
Which of the following is a factor that makes it easy for users to return?
(A) Facebook deletes all account information immediately.
(B) Facebook stores user data, allowing users to reactivate their accounts easily.
(C) Facebook prevents users from leaving the platform permanently.
(D) Facebook offers rewards to users who return.
(paragraph 7)



- vii. List two reasons why some people decide to quit Facebook, as mentioned in the passage. 2

(paragraph 5 and 6)

- viii. Fill in the blank with the correct option : 1

The phrase “Facebook suicide” refers to :

- (A) The act of deleting a Facebook account permanently.
- (B) Taking a break from Facebook by deactivating the account temporarily.
- (C) Leaving Facebook due to concerns about privacy or the superficiality of interactions.
- (D) Using Facebook less frequently but keeping the account active.

(paragraph 5)

2. Read the following text. 10

1. Forests are one of the most important ecosystems on Earth, covering approximately 31% of the world’s land area. They provide essential services such as carbon storage, oxygen production, and habitat for countless species. Forests also play a key role in regulating the water cycle and preventing soil erosion.
2. Forests support biodiversity by providing shelter and food for a wide variety of plants, animals, and microorganisms. Many indigenous communities also depend on forests for their livelihoods, utilizing forest resources for food, medicine, and building materials.
3. However, deforestation is happening at an alarming rate, driven by agricultural expansion, logging, and infrastructure development. Over the past 50 years, nearly 20% of the world’s forests have been lost. This not only threatens biodiversity but also contributes to global warming by reducing the number of trees available to absorb carbon dioxide.
4. Conservation efforts are underway to reduce deforestation and restore forested areas. These include reforestation projects, stricter logging regulations, and promoting sustainable farming practices. Educational programs are also being implemented to raise awareness about the importance of forests for the environment and human well-being.
5. Scientists warn that continued deforestation could result in severe environmental consequences, including the loss of biodiversity, increased carbon emissions, and disruption of the global climate.

Answer the following questions, based on the passage above.

- i. What does the phrase “carbon storage” in paragraph 1 suggest about forests? 1
- (A) They produce carbon.
 - (B) They absorb and store carbon dioxide from the atmosphere.
 - (C) They release carbon into the atmosphere.
 - (D) They contribute to global warming.

- ii. Select the option that is true for the assertion and reason given below. 1

Assertion : Forests are essential for maintaining biodiversity.

Reason : Forests provide shelter and food for a variety of species.

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- (A) Both the assertion and reason are true, and the reason is the correct explanation of the assertion.
- (B) Both the assertion and reason are true, but the reason is not the correct explanation of the assertion.
- (C) The assertion is true, but the reason is false.
- (D) The assertion is false, but the reason is true.
- iii. Identify the percentage of the world's land area covered by forests, as mentioned in the passage. 1
- iv. According to the passage, what are two major services provided by forests? 1
- v. Read the given prompt and select the correct option in the brackets to fill in the blank : 1
Lila's region, a forested area was replanted to help reduce carbon emissions and restore wildlife habitat.
The percentage of the world's land area currently covered by forests is _____
(20% / 31% / 50%).
- vi. What are some of the methods mentioned in the passage that are being used to combat deforestation? 1
- vii. Complete the sentence suitably. 1
Forests help regulate the water cycle by _____.
- viii. Complete the following with a suitable reason : 1
Scientists believe forest conservation is important because _____.
- ix. In the context of paragraph 5, why is continued deforestation a serious concern? 2

SECTION B - WRITING SKILLS & GRAMMAR

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GRAMMAR

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3. Complete ANY TEN of twelve of the following tasks, as directed.

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

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

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:

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:

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.

The Sushi and the pasta _____ (look) delicious.

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

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.

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:

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.

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.

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?

Use the given format for your response.

Error	Correction

WRITING

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

- 4A. 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.

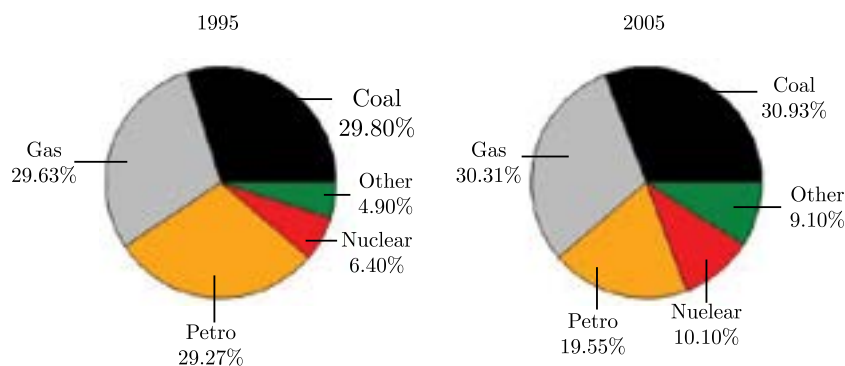
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- 4B. You are Parvati/Praveen, Store In-Charge of Aman Stores, 32/54, Ravi Nagar, Delhi. Your school requires school bags and accessories in bulk for the commencement of the new session. Write a letter of enquiry to the Sales Manager, Duckback Industries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

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5A. The following pie-chart shows the comparison of different kinds of energy production in France in two different years.

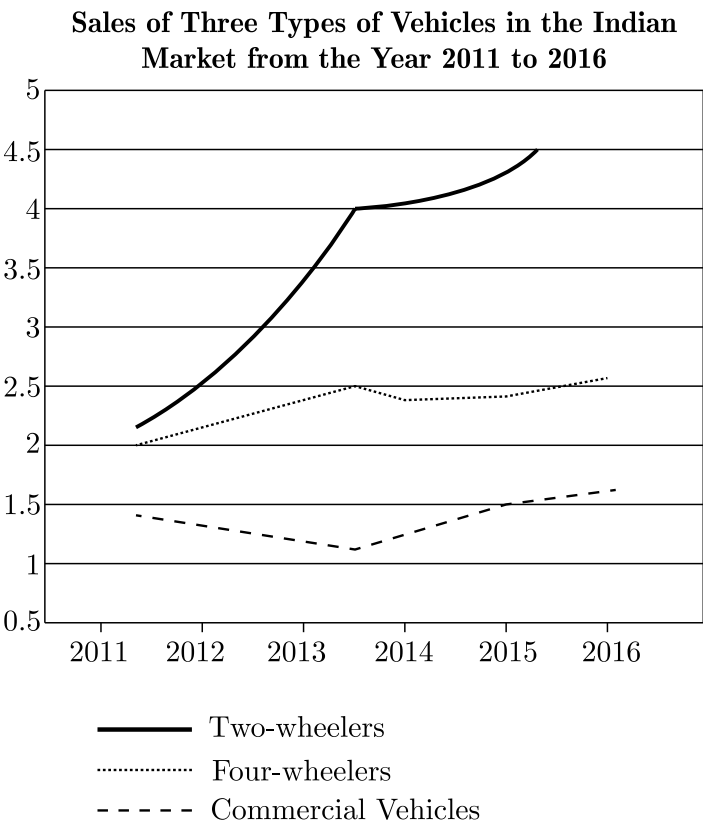


Comparison of Energy Production

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

OR

5B. Study the given line graph carefully and summarise it into a paragraph of 100-120 words.



SECTION C - LITERATURE TEXTBOOK**40****6. Read the given extracts and answer ANY ONE of the two questions given below 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.

(Glimpses of India)

- i.** What type of narrative style is used in the given extract to describe Coorg?

Choose the most suitable option:

- (a) Dialogue-based discussion
 - (b) Poetic verses with rhymes
 - (c) Descriptive, focusing on scenery and atmosphere
 - (d) Argumentative, presenting conflicting viewpoints
- ii.** What do you understand by the term colonial bungalow?
- iii.** What can be inferred from the given line?
“During the monsoons, it pours enough to keep many visitors away”
- iv.** Which is the best time to visit Coorg? Answer in about 40 words.

- 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?
- (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.
- ii.** How long did the peasants get accustomed to using the meadows?
- iv.** Why did his aunt’s grandmother give the meadows?



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

	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.

- 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?

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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.

iii. Complete the sentence with the appropriate option.

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.

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

i. Do you consider Amanda's mother to be a nagging mother?

(Amanda!)

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

(From the Diary of Anne Frank)

iii. How does the tiger walk in the cage?

(A Tiger in the Zoo)

iv. After achieving political emancipation what does Mandela want to do in South Africa?

(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 ?

(Mijbil the Otter)

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

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

(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?

(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?

(A Question of Trust)



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

- i. 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.

(Madam Rides the Bus)

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

(The Trees)

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

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

(A Triumph of Surgery)

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

(The Thief's Story)

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SAMPLE PAPER 06
ENGLISH LANGUAGE AND LITERATURE (184)
CLASS-X EXAM 2024-25

Time Allowed : 3 Hrs.

Maximum Marks : 80

General Instructions :

Read the instructions very carefully and strictly follow them :

1. This question paper comprises 11 questions. All questions are compulsory.
 2. The Question Paper contains THREE sections -
Section A : Reading Skills
Section B : Grammar and Creative Writing Skills
Section C : Literature Textbook
 3. Attempt questions based on specific instructions for each part.
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SECTION A - READING SKILLS

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1. Read the following text.

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1. A 2021 report from UNICEF highlighted that approximately 100 million girls worldwide are at risk of child marriage in the coming decade. The COVID-19 pandemic has exacerbated this issue by causing “school closures, economic strain, service disruptions, pregnancies, and parental deaths,” which has left an additional 10 million girls vulnerable to the threat of child marriage.
2. In Rajasthan, civil society organizations are actively combating the practice of child marriage and empowering young girls. One such initiative, Naubat Baja, was launched on International Women’s Day in 2019. The campaign capitalizes on the widespread use of mobile phones, which have reached even the most remote areas of India, making it the preferred mode of communication for the youth, especially in regions with limited access to television or the internet.
3. The term “Naubat Baja” refers to an ancient ensemble of musical instruments used to capture people’s attention. In the digital age, Naubat Baja has evolved into a campaign that broadcasts messages against harmful traditions like child marriage and gender discrimination. Through Naubat Baja Missed Call Radio, a cloud-based telephone radio service in Rajasthan, messages against early marriage are spread. This initiative also addresses adolescent health, empowerment, and well-being. Volunteers and leaders of adolescent groups who help with the campaign are called champions.
4. Girls can call the Naubat Baja number and receive a callback, offering a 15-minute recorded session of free entertainment. This includes Hindi film songs, short stories, and audio dramas that focus on social issues, often using humor and satire. Additionally, job opportunity updates, general knowledge, and government welfare schemes are shared. The dramas deliver messages on topics such as child marriage, domestic violence, health, menstrual hygiene, gender equality, and financial awareness.

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5. The programme is regularly updated and managed by UNFPA representatives. It is produced in studios by a team of researchers and content creators, who work alongside professional audio makers. The initiative is promoted through social media, graffiti, and awareness campaigns in both rural and urban areas, supported by volunteers, community leaders, Panchayats (local governing bodies), Anganwadi centers, and ASHA workers (community health workers).
6. Efforts are ongoing in Rajasthan to engage more partners, such as the Nehru Yuva Kendra Sangathan (NYKS), one of the world's largest youth networks, to help popularize Naubat Baja's messages. As these strategies take effect, countless ordinary girls will find the courage to dream of a better future.

Answer the following questions, based on the passage above.

- i. In paragraph 1, what factors have increased the vulnerability of girls to child marriage during the pandemic? 1
- ii. Complete the following with the correct option : 1
Naubat Baja uses mobile phones to :
(a) Connect girls to television programs about child marriage.
(b) Spread messages against harmful practices like child marriage and gender discrimination.
(paragraph 2)
- iii. How does Naubat Baja's Missed Call Radio service convey important messages to adolescent girls? 2
(paragraph 4)
- iv. Select the option that best reflects the meaning of "champions" in the context of Naubat Baja : 1
(a) Celebrities who promote the campaign in cities.
(b) Volunteers and adolescent leaders who help spread the campaign's message.
(paragraph 3)
- v. State whether the following statement is True or False. 1
Naubat Baja's content is created and distributed without any professional oversight or involvement.
(paragraph 5)
- vi. The writer mentions that Naubat Baja is promoted through various channels. 1
Which of the following is not one of those channels?
(A) Social media (B) Graffiti
(C) Printed newspapers (D) Awareness campaigns
(paragraph 5)
- vii. List any two topics covered by Naubat Baja's audio dramas that are aimed at educating adolescent girls. 2
(paragraph 4)



viii. Fill in the blank with the correct option : 1

The involvement of the Nehru Yuva Kendra Sangathan (NYKS) aims to :

- (A) Spread awareness about child marriage through television programs.
- (B) Encourage youth participation in popularizing Naubat Baja's messages.
- (C) Organize music festivals to promote Naubat Baja.
- (D) Provide financial aid to adolescents.

(paragraph 6)

2. Read the following text. 10

1. Urban green spaces, such as parks, gardens, and forests, are crucial for improving the quality of life in cities. These areas provide benefits like reducing air pollution, moderating urban temperatures, and offering recreational opportunities. Green spaces absorb approximately 40% more carbon dioxide than built-up areas, helping to mitigate the urban heat island effect, where cities can be 5-7°C warmer than nearby rural areas.
2. Research shows that urban green spaces positively impact mental and physical health. People who live within 1 kilometer of a green space have a 15% lower risk of mental health issues like anxiety and depression. Additionally, access to parks promotes physical activity, reducing the risk of chronic diseases such as obesity and cardiovascular disorders.
3. Despite their importance, many cities are losing green spaces due to rapid urbanization. Over the past 20 years, cities globally have experienced a 30% decrease in available public green areas, largely because of construction and development pressures.
4. Urban planners are increasingly working to address this issue by implementing initiatives to protect existing green spaces and create new ones. These include vertical gardens, rooftop parks, and the development of green corridors. Cities that prioritize these solutions have seen improvements in air quality and overall public health.
5. Experts emphasize the need for sustainable urban planning to ensure future cities remain livable. By maintaining and expanding green spaces, cities can better cope with the challenges posed by climate change, air pollution, and population growth.

Answer the following questions, based on the passage above.

i. What percentage of carbon dioxide do green spaces absorb more than built-up areas, as mentioned in paragraph 1? 1

- (A) 20%
- (B) 30%
- (C) 40%
- (D) 50%

ii. Select the option that is true for the assertion and reason given below : 1

Assertion : Green spaces help reduce the risk of chronic diseases.

Reason : Access to parks and natural areas encourages physical activity, improving overall health.

- (A) Both the assertion and reason are true, and the reason is the correct explanation of the assertion.
- (B) Both the assertion and reason are true, but the reason is not the correct explanation of the assertion.
- (C) The assertion is true, but the reason is false.
- (D) The assertion is false, but the reason is true.

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- iii. What percentage decrease in public green areas have cities experienced globally over the past 20 years, as mentioned in the passage? 1
- iv. According to the passage, what are two major benefits of urban green spaces? 1
- v. Read the given prompt and select the correct option in the brackets to fill in the blank : 1
Many cities are implementing creative solutions to restore urban green areas and counter the impacts of urbanization.
The percentage of carbon dioxide absorbed more by green spaces compared to built-up areas is _____ (20% / 30% / 40%).
- vi. What are some of the methods mentioned in the passage that urban planners are using to protect and expand green spaces? 1
- vii. Complete the sentence suitably. 1
Urban green spaces help promote public health by _____.
- viii. Complete the following with a suitable reason : 1
Urban planners emphasize the importance of green spaces because _____.
- ix. In the context of paragraph 5, why is sustainable urban planning essential for the future of cities? 2

SECTION B - WRITING SKILLS & GRAMMAR

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GRAMMAR

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3. Complete ANY TEN of twelve of the following tasks, as directed.

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

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- iv. Select the option that identifies the error and supplies the correction for the following line, from a short ghost story :

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.
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.

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.

“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.

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.

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.
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.
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 :
Please pay your parking fee before existing.

Use the given format for your response.

Error	Correction

WRITING

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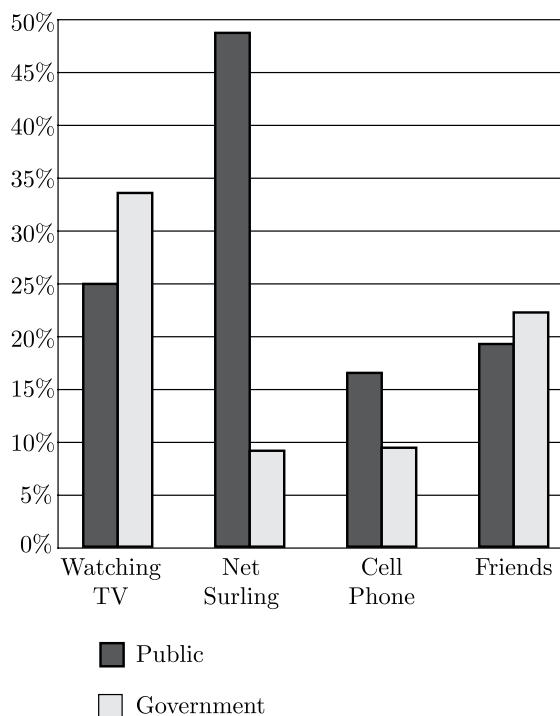
Note : All details presented in the questions in writing section are imaginary and created for assessment purpose.

- 4A. 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 about 120 words. Sign yourself as Siddharth Singh.

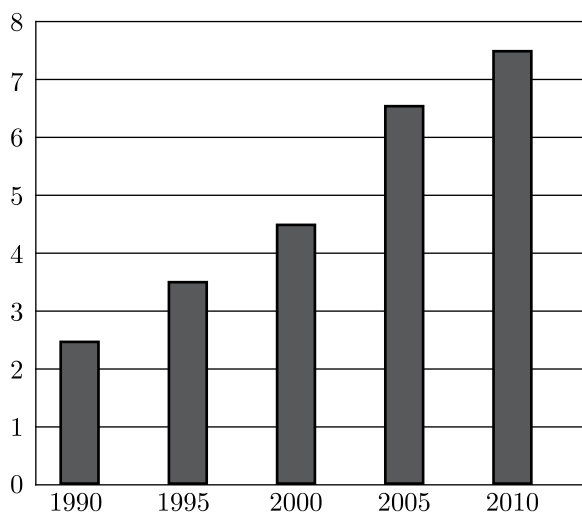


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- 4B.** Write a letter to the Editor of an English daily in about 120 word, making a plea to the common people to switch over to solar energy to conserve electricity and limit electricity bills. You are Divyansh of 147, Mayur Vihar-I.
- 5A.** Study 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 about 120 words.

**OR**

- 5B.** 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 about 120 words on how educated youth can play a major role in establishing peace in society.

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SECTION C - LITERATURE TEXTBOOK**40****6. Read the given extracts and answer ANY ONE of the two questions given below 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.

- ii.** What effect does the interaction, as described in the lines below, have on Horace?
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?"

Choose the most suitable option.

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|---------------|-----------------|
| (A) surprises | (B) embarrasses |
| (C) motivates | (D) confuses |

- 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.

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

- 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."

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.
- iii. Fill in the blank with the correct word from the bracket.
The word 'coins' in the line "These aren't raindrops falling from the sky, they are new coins" indicates that Lencho viewed the rain as a symbol of _____ (wealth/destruction).
- 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.

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.
According to the poet, fire refers to violent desires passion and _____.
- ii. What does the poet wants to convey through the poem?
- iii. Identify the most likely tone of the poet in the given lines :
'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.

- 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?
- 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.
- 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:
(A) metaphors and imagery. (B) enjambment and allusion.
(C) allusion and alliteration. (D) personification and imagery.
- iv. Complete the following suitably.
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. $4 \times 3 = 12$

- i. Who invites the comment-'he is dressed like a Pader'? Why?
(Glimpses of India)
- ii. Why does the postmaster send money to Lencho? Why does he sign the letter 'God'?
(A Letter to God)
- iii. How was Amanda behaving when the poem starts? What did the speaker ask her not to do?
(Amanda!)
- iv. How does the fog spread over the harbour and the city?
(Fog)
- v. What was Lomov's opinion about Squeezer?
(The Proposal)

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

- i. How did Monsieur Loisel manage to buy another necklace?
(The Necklace)
- ii. How was Ebright as a student in the school?
(The Making of a Scientist)
- iii. Why was Bholi's Father worried about her?
(Bholi)



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

- i. 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. ____.

- ii. "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. 6

- i. "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)

- ii. 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 07
ENGLISH LANGUAGE AND LITERATURE (184)
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SECTION A - READING SKILLS

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1. Read the following text.

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1. They have achieved tremendous academic success. However, this is part of a complex cultural phenomenon where the single-minded pursuit of educational excellence can have adverse effects on other aspects of life, such as spending time outdoors. Eye health experts warn that neglecting outdoor activities can negatively impact eye health.
2. In low and middle-income countries, such as Bangladesh and India, myopia rates in adults remain relatively lower, around 20-30%. However, this is beginning to change. In Africa, for instance, myopia was once rare, but over the past decade, childhood myopia has risen rapidly. While improving literacy rates in these countries is a positive development, experts caution that without concerted efforts to provide eye tests and corrective glasses, the prevalence of myopia could increase.
3. Interestingly, attending school itself isn't necessarily the root cause of the problem, as shown during the Covid-19 pandemic. When lockdowns were implemented, schools worldwide were closed, yet children's eye health deteriorated further. This is likely due to children staying indoors for extended periods, spending hours in front of screens for online classes or entertainment.
4. Myopia is a complex issue, where its increase seems to correlate with generally positive trends like education and higher income. However, higher income doesn't translate to better eye health. On the contrary, children from wealthier families, who are provided with more indoor activities like learning music, playing video games, and watching TV, are less likely to spend time outdoors, leading to worsening eye health.
5. Is there a potential solution? In China, innovative trials have been carried out to simulate outdoor learning environments inside classrooms. These bright, greenhouse-like classrooms were preferred by both students and teachers. However, the light intensity in summer was close to impractical for daily use, and these classrooms are also significantly more expensive to build due to the materials and cooling systems required.

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6. The most effective way to prevent myopia is surprisingly simple and applies to all countries regardless of wealth : spending more time outdoors. While researchers are still studying the exact reasons why natural light helps prevent myopia, the current understanding is that it does. The key challenge is ensuring children spend enough time outdoors to benefit from this natural prevention method.

Answer the following questions, based on the passage above.

- i. In paragraph 1, what is the potential downside of prioritizing educational success over other activities like spending time outdoors? 1
- ii. Complete the following with the correct option : 1
The increase in myopia rates in low and middle-income countries is likely because :
(a) People are spending more time outdoors.
(b) Improved literacy rates have led to less time spent outdoors and more indoor activities.
(paragraph 2)
- iii. How did the Covid-19 lockdowns impact children's eye health, even though schools were closed? 2
(paragraph 3)
- iv. Select the option that best reflects the paradox between higher income and children's eye health: 1
(a) Higher income leads to improved well-being and eye health.
(b) Higher income contributes to more indoor activities, leading to poorer eye health.
(paragraph 4)
- v. State whether the following statement is True or False. 1
The trials in China to simulate outdoor learning in classrooms were well-received, but building these classrooms is more cost-effective than traditional ones.
(paragraph 5)
- vi. The writer mentions that the best prevention strategy for myopia is low-tech. 1
What is this strategy?
(A) Using corrective glasses.
(B) Spending more time outdoors.
(C) Building greenhouse-like classrooms.
(D) Limiting screen time during the day.
(paragraph 6)
- vii. List two reasons why myopia is increasing in children, as mentioned in the passage. 2
(paragraphs 2 and 4)
- viii. Fill in the blank with the correct option : 1
In the passage, the most important challenge mentioned is to _____.
(A) Ensure all children have access to glasses.
(B) Encourage children to spend more time outdoors.
(C) Create new indoor activities to replace outdoor time.
(D) Provide expensive classrooms to simulate outdoor learning.
(paragraph 6)



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

1. Renewable energy sources, such as solar, wind, and hydropower, have become critical for addressing global energy needs and combating climate change. Solar energy, for example, is growing rapidly, with global solar capacity increasing by 20% each year for the past decade. Wind energy, on the other hand, accounts for 8% of global electricity generation.
2. Renewable energy has significant environmental benefits, including reducing greenhouse gas emissions. Unlike fossil fuels, renewables generate power without releasing harmful pollutants into the atmosphere. It is estimated that switching to renewable energy can reduce global CO₂ emissions by 40%.
3. Despite these benefits, challenges remain in the widespread adoption of renewable energy. High initial costs and the need for better energy storage solutions are two key obstacles. Additionally, the inconsistent availability of sunlight or wind in some regions makes it difficult to rely solely on renewables.
4. Governments and private sectors are investing in research and development to make renewable energy more affordable and efficient. Innovations such as advanced battery storage and floating solar farms are being explored. Several countries have set ambitious goals, aiming to source at least 50% of their energy from renewable sources by 2050.
5. Experts believe that the transition to renewable energy is essential for long-term sustainability. By continuing to develop and implement these technologies, the world can reduce its reliance on fossil fuels and create a cleaner, more sustainable energy future.

Answer the following questions, based on the passage above.

- i. What does the use of the phrase 'critical for addressing global energy needs' by the writer, in paragraph 1, tell us about the importance of renewable energy? 1
(A) The writer is emphasizing the essential role of renewable energy.
(B) The writer is downplaying the significance of renewable energy.
(C) The writer is questioning the reliability of renewable energy.
(D) The writer is expressing doubt about the future of renewable energy.
- ii. Select the option that is true for the assertion and reason given below : 1
Assertion : Renewable energy sources do not contribute to climate change.
Reason : Renewables generate power without releasing greenhouse gases or other harmful pollutants.
(A) Both the assertion and reason are true, and the reason is the correct explanation of the assertion.
(B) Both the assertion and reason are true, but the reason is not the correct explanation of the assertion.
(C) The assertion is true, but the reason is false.
(D) The assertion is false, but the reason is true.
- iii. Identify the percentage of the potential reduction in global CO₂ emissions that can be achieved by switching to renewable energy, as mentioned in the passage. 1

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- iv. According to the passage, what are two major challenges that hinder the widespread adoption of renewable energy? 1
- v. Read the given prompt and select the correct option in the brackets to fill in the blank : 1
Global solar capacity has increased by 20% each year for the past decade, showing rapid growth in renewable energy.
The percentage of global electricity generation currently sourced from wind energy is _____ (5% / 8% / 12%).
- vi. What are some of the innovative methods mentioned in the passage that are being developed to make renewable energy more efficient and reliable? 1
- vii. Complete the sentence suitably. 1
The transition to renewable energy is essential because _____.
- viii. Complete the following with a suitable reason : 1
Experts emphasize the importance of renewable energy because _____.
- ix. In the context of paragraph 5, why is the transition to renewable energy crucial for long-term sustainability? 2

SECTION B - WRITING SKILLS & GRAMMAR**20****GRAMMAR****10****3. Complete ANY TEN of twelve of the following tasks, as directed.**

- i. Fill in the blank by choosing the correct option to complete the online update.
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.
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.
He is our colleague. We _____ invite him.
(A) can (B) must
(C) dare to (D) will

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

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.

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:

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:

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.

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.

How was your experience with the snow?



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

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.

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

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(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 is the given sentence and supply the correction.

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

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

- 4A. 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. (120 words)

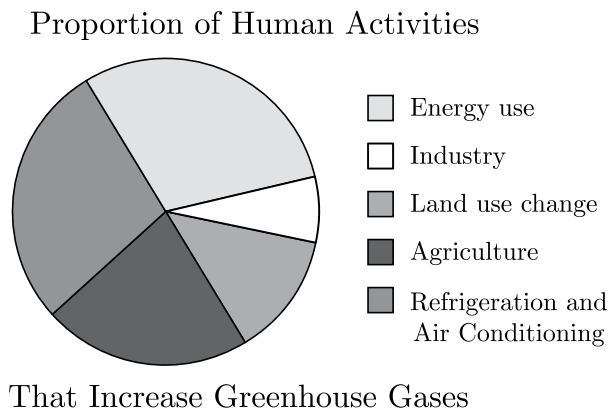
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- 4B. You are Vinita/Vinit, a customer of Excitel Broadband. Write a letter to the Customer Care Department, Excitel regarding the poor service of Internet connection. You are a resident of 485, Ram Nagar, Shandara.

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- 5A.** 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 about 120 words on factors affecting global warming.



OR

- 5B.** 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 about 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 TEXTBOOK

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- 6.** Read the given extracts and answer ANY ONE of the two questions given below **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?

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- ii. What effect does the preparation, as described in the lines below, have on Bholi?
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.
Choose the most suitable option.
- (A) surprises (B) disappoints
(C) excites (D) comforts

- 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.

- iv. How did Bholi feel at the end of her first day in school?

- 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?
- (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.
- iii. Fill in the blank with the correct word from the bracket.
The word 'faith' in the line "What faith! I wish I had the faith of the man who wrote this letter" indicates that the postmaster admired Lencho's _____ (belief/ignorance).
- iv. How would you describe the postmaster based on your understanding of the passage.

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.
The above stanza strongly defines the idea of external and internal _____.
- ii. Choose the phrase that best represents, 'love you for yourself alone'.
(A) Unconditional love (B) Unseemly love
(C) Unrequited love (D) Understated love
- iii. What did the speaker of the above lines hear?
- iv. Identify the poetic device used in the line 'And not your yellow hair'. How does it impact this extract?

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. Complete the following suitably.
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?
- iii. Who is the wind rushing to meet?
(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.

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

- i. What was the 'appalling spectacle' Maxwell noticed when he returned from having a hurried meal ?
(Mijbil the Otter)
- ii. How did Anne finally stop Mr. Keesing from punishing her?
(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.
(The Proposal)
- iv. How does the poet suggest that you identify the lion and the tiger? When can you do so, according to him?
(How To Tell Wild Animals)

- v. What impression of Amanda do you get from the poem 'Amanda!'?

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

i. Whose footprints did the two boys follow? Why were they charmed then?
(*Footprints Without Feet*)

ii. What did Ebright do for his eighth-grade project?
(*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?
(*A Question of Trust*)

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

i. 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*)

ii. 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. 6

i. Sometimes appearance can be deceptive. How is this statement proved in the story The Midnight Visitor ?

ii. “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 08
ENGLISH LANGUAGE AND LITERATURE (184)
CLASS-X EXAM 2024-25

Time Allowed : 3 Hrs.

Maximum Marks : 80

General Instructions :

Read the instructions very carefully and strictly follow them :

1. This question paper comprises 11 questions. All questions are compulsory.
 2. The Question Paper contains THREE sections -
Section A : Reading Skills
Section B : Grammar and Creative Writing Skills
Section C : Literature Textbook
 3. Attempt questions based on specific instructions for each part.
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SECTION A - READING SKILLS

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1. Read the following text.

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1. A black vulture (*Coragyps atratus*) is a bird that feeds on dead animals. Pilots and air traffic experts have always seen them as a risk because of their large size and how they fly. In Brazil, 8% of animal-related aircraft accidents in 2020 involved black vultures. Although they are seen as symbols of death and decay, vultures play a vital role in environments shaped by humans.
2. These birds fly in groups and when they are not flying, they sit together on large piles of trash, looking like dirty beggars covered in feathers. With their black feathers and rough skin, they seem to belong in the dirty surroundings. They have a wingspan of about five feet and can fly faster than Usain Bolt at his peak. They are used to seeing humans who work at the dump, waiting for the right moment to eat.
3. A trash pile becomes a home and feeding ground for black vultures, who evolved to eat dead animals but now survive by eating garbage. In areas where humans do not manage waste properly, these vultures help by eating the waste.
4. For every potential aircraft accident caused by the birds, they help by recycling millions of tons of nutrients and other materials back into nature. They eat everything from dog poop to fish bones. The average Brazilian household throws away 353 grams of trash each day, and a black vulture eats about 140 grams a day. While not all trash is edible, these birds even eat pieces of plastic bags. Their stomach acid is so strong that it can destroy dangerous germs like cholera, brucellosis, and anthrax.
5. As the planet faces environmental issues like wildfires and the loss of biodiversity, vultures continue to adapt and survive. Their numbers are increasing in both South and North America, which means they will likely keep clashing with humans.

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6. In rural areas of Latin America, waste is often scattered around communities. Vultures take care of cleaning the waste, as the city itself is unable to manage it. Considering their help, the vultures' ugly appearance, and the occasional aircraft collision, seem like a small price to pay. "They are the best thing that has ever happened to the Amazon town," says a conservationist.

Answer the following questions, based on the passage above.

- i. In paragraph 1, why are black vultures considered a danger to airplanes? 1
- ii. Complete the following with the correct option : 1
Black vultures are seen negatively because :
(a) They cause damage to the environment.
(b) They are linked with death and decay, even though they help clean the environment.
(paragraph 1)
- iii. How do black vultures fit into the dump environment, and what makes them effective at waste management? 2
(paragraph 2 and 3)
- iv. Select the option that best explains the role of black vultures in recycling waste : 1
(a) They cause more problems than they solve by eating waste.
(b) They help recycle nutrients and reduce waste in areas without proper management.
(paragraph 4)
- v. State whether the following statement is True or False. 1
Black vultures can break down harmful germs with their strong stomach acid.
(paragraph 4)
- vi. The writer mentions that black vultures are opportunistic survivors. 1
Which of the following explains how they continue to thrive despite environmental challenges?
(A) They avoid humans and only eat in the wild.
(B) They adapt to human-created waste and find new ways to survive.
(C) They rely on animal carcasses only.
(D) They live in protected nature reserves away from human contact.
(paragraph 5)
- vii. List two reasons why black vulture populations are increasing, as mentioned in the passage. 2
(paragraph 5)
- viii. Fill in the blank with the correct option : 1
According to the passage, black vultures are considered beneficial because :
(A) They have no impact on the environment.
(B) They help clean up waste in areas where humans struggle with proper waste management.
(C) They do not interfere with human activities.
(D) They only clean up animal carcasses.
(paragraph 6)



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

1. Water scarcity is a growing global concern, affecting over 2.2 billion people worldwide. This issue is driven by factors such as population growth, industrialization, climate change, and unsustainable water management practices. According to the United Nations, by 2030, global water demand is expected to exceed supply by 40%.
2. Agriculture is the largest consumer of freshwater, accounting for approximately 70% of global freshwater withdrawals. However, inefficient irrigation systems lead to nearly 60% of this water being wasted. Modern solutions like drip irrigation and rainwater harvesting have shown the potential to reduce water waste by up to 30%, significantly improving water use efficiency.
3. Climate change has further intensified water scarcity. Regions such as sub-Saharan Africa and South Asia have seen a 40% increase in the frequency of droughts over the last 50 years, while unpredictable rainfall patterns have disrupted water availability in other parts of the world.
4. Various solutions to combat water scarcity are being explored. These include the development of water-efficient technologies, desalination plants, and policies aimed at sustainable water management. Countries that have implemented stricter water regulations have seen up to a 20% decrease in water wastage.
5. Experts agree that addressing water scarcity is critical for ensuring food security, maintaining ecosystems, and supporting economic development. Without urgent action, the global water crisis will continue to worsen, impacting millions more by mid-century.

Answer the following questions, based on the passage above.

- i. What does the use of the phrase “growing global concern” by the writer, in paragraph 1, suggest about the issue of water scarcity? 1
(A) The writer believes water scarcity is not a major problem.
(B) The writer is emphasizing the increasing seriousness of water scarcity.
(C) The writer is downplaying the effects of water scarcity.
(D) The writer is showing indifference to water scarcity.
- ii. Select the option that is true for the assertion and reason given below : 1
Assertion : Agriculture is the largest consumer of freshwater globally.
Reason : Agricultural practices, particularly inefficient irrigation systems, contribute to significant water wastage.
(A) Both the assertion and reason are true, and the reason is the correct explanation of the assertion.
(B) Both the assertion and reason are true, but the reason is not the correct explanation of the assertion.
(C) The assertion is true, but the reason is false.
(D) The assertion is false, but the reason is true.
- iii. Identify the percentage by which global water demand is expected to exceed supply by 2030, as mentioned in the passage. 1

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- iv. According to the passage, what are two major causes of water scarcity? 1
- v. Read the given prompt and select the correct option in the brackets to fill in the blank : 1
The efficiency of modern irrigation systems like drip irrigation has the potential to improve water usage.
The percentage of global freshwater withdrawals attributed to agriculture is _____
(50% / 60% / 70%).
- vi. What are some of the methods mentioned in the passage that can help address water scarcity? 1
- vii. Complete the sentence suitably. 1
Water scarcity has been intensified by _____.
- viii. Complete the following with a suitable reason : 1
Experts believe addressing water scarcity is crucial because _____.
- ix. In the context of paragraph 5, why is it critical to address water scarcity for long-term sustainability? 2

SECTION B - WRITING SKILLS & GRAMMAR

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GRAMMAR

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3. Complete ANY TEN of twelve of the following tasks, as directed.

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

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- 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.

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.
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 :

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.

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.
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.
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.
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.
 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.
 Over speed is a knife that cut a life.

Use the given format for your response.

Error	Correction

WRITING

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

- 4A.** The insanitary conditions in your colony are causing multiple diseases. Write a letter in about 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

- 4B.** 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 about 120 words to the Hostel Warden requesting him to take urgent action.

- 5A.** 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 about 120 words on the 'Need for Counselling before Board Exams'.

OR

- 5B.** 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 about 120 words on the topic "Importance of cell phone for the students during Pandemic Covid 19."

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**SECTION C - LITERATURE TEXTBOOK****40**

6. Read the given extracts and answer ANY ONE of the two questions given below 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.

The management promised to block it off. But they haven’t.

ii. What effect does the explanation, as described in the lines below, have on Max? 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.

Choose the most suitable option.

(A) reassures

(B) unsettles

(C) angers

(D) confuses

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.’

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. Complete the following suitably.

Max told Fowler that they had to wait for a good thirty minutes for a paper to arrive. The paper here refers to _____.

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- 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?
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.
- iii.** Fill in the blank with the correct word from the bracket.
The word ‘fascinating’ in the line “The most fascinating of all was the bus that travelled between her village and the nearest town” indicates that Valli found the bus _____ (captivating/frightening).
- iv.** What does Valli’s interest in a ‘new set of passengers’ as a source of unending joy show about her?

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
(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.
‘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.
- iv.** Which word in the extract means the same as ‘fat’?



- 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?
(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?
- iii.** How does the poet describe the bear in the extract?
- 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.

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

- i.** What was Lomov's opinion about Squeezer?
(The Proposal)
- ii.** How did the seagull express his excitement when he saw his mother bringing food for him?
(Two Stories About Flying)
- iii.** What does courage mean to Mandela?
(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?
(How to Tell Wild Animals)

- v.** 'He senses first responsibility'-What responsibility is referred to here?
(The Ball Poem)

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

- i.** Why could Tricki not be cured at home?
(A Triumph of Surgery)
- ii.** What are Hari Singh's reactions to the prospect of receiving an education? Do they change over time?
(The Thief's Story)
- iii.** What happened to the people who tried to help the constable in catching the invisible man?
(Footprints without Feet)

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

- i. 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 _____.

- ii. 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. 6

- i. 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.
- ii. 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.

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SAMPLE PAPER 09
ENGLISH LANGUAGE AND LITERATURE (184)
CLASS-X EXAM 2024-25

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Maximum Marks : 80

General Instructions :

Read the instructions very carefully and strictly follow them :

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SECTION A - READING SKILLS

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1. Read the following text.

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1. For most of us, concerns about the environment are often reduced to just global warming. With forests disappearing, animals being hunted to extinction, and wildlife holidays becoming a luxury for a few, connecting with nature seems like a distant dream. For many people, zoos and wildlife parks are now the only places left to experience nature up close.
2. Zoos have always been an affordable form of recreation for people from different backgrounds, whether rich or poor, educated or not. They provide a great opportunity to educate and make people more aware of wildlife. In India, there are over 150 zoos, attracting around 50 million visitors every year, according to CEE India.
3. Today's children are increasingly disconnected from nature. We need a fun, engaging place for nature education that can compete with the internet, TV, and video games. Zoos are where children can actually see real animals, turning their imagination into reality and sparking curiosity. Some of these children grow up to be wildlife protectors.
4. In India, Reuben David, a wildlife conservation hero, founded the Ahmedabad zoo. Under his leadership, it became one of India's most important zoos, contributing a lot to conservation and research. Zoos around the world also exchange animals with each other.
5. Conflicts between humans and wild animals are still increasing. The Wildlife Protection Society of India reported that between 1994 and 2010, 3,189 leopards were killed. Leopards often become targets because they attack livestock and enter human settlements. Wild animals need protection now more than ever.
6. Some animal activists suggest shutting down zoos. But what's the alternative plan to save endangered species? Closing zoos could make their extinction happen faster. Zoos provide safe spaces for endangered species to breed. If animals are only left in the wild, they face the risk of being wiped out by diseases, starvation, or epidemics. Many species are bred in zoos and then returned to the wild.

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7. The issue should not be about shutting down poorly maintained zoos but rather improving them. More money should be spent on creating natural habitats for animals, ensuring they are healthy, supporting breeding programs, conducting research, and protecting endangered species. Zoos play an important role in conservation, education, and research, helping people learn about and understand wildlife.

Answer the following questions, based on the passage above.

- i. In paragraph 1, why do zoos and wildlife parks play a crucial role in connecting people with nature? 1
- ii. Complete the following with the correct option : 1
Zoos are important because :
(a) They only provide fun for people.
(b) They help educate and raise awareness about wildlife among people from different backgrounds.
(paragraph 2)
- iii. How do zoos help children reconnect with nature, as mentioned in the passage? 2
(paragraph 3)
- iv. Select the option that best explains why zoos are important for conservation : 1
(a) Zoos only focus on entertaining visitors.
(b) Zoos provide breeding grounds for endangered species and help protect them from extinction.
(paragraph 6)
- v. State whether the following statement is True or False. 1
Reuben David's efforts in creating the Ahmedabad zoo significantly contributed to wildlife conservation and research.
(paragraph 4)
- vi. The writer mentions that shutting down zoos could accelerate extinction. 1
Which of the following is a key reason for this?
(A) Zoos protect animals from hunters.
(B) Zoos allow animals to be bred in captivity and reintroduced into the wild.
(C) Zoos entertain visitors and raise money for wildlife protection.
(D) Zoos provide opportunities for visitors to interact with animals.
(paragraph 6)
- vii. List two roles zoos play in wildlife protection and education, as mentioned in the passage. 2
(paragraph 7)
- viii. Fill in the blank with the correct option : 1
The focus should be on improving poorly maintained zoos by :
(A) Banning all zoos worldwide.
(B) Closing zoos that don't meet standards.
(C) Investing in better habitats and care for animals.
(D) Moving animals to different countries.
(paragraph 7)



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

1. Air pollution is one of the leading environmental health risks, causing approximately 7 million deaths annually. Major sources of air pollution include emissions from vehicles, industrial activities, and the burning of fossil fuels. The World Health Organization (WHO) estimates that 91% of the world's population lives in areas where air quality exceeds recommended limits.
2. Fine particulate matter, also known as PM_{2.5}, is especially harmful. These tiny particles can penetrate deep into the lungs and enter the bloodstream, leading to respiratory and cardiovascular diseases. Studies have shown that a 10 µg/m³ increase in PM_{2.5} levels is associated with a 6% increase in the risk of premature death.
3. In response to rising air pollution levels, many cities are adopting measures such as promoting public transportation, reducing industrial emissions, and encouraging the use of renewable energy. Countries that have implemented stricter air quality standards have seen up to a 30% decrease in PM_{2.5} levels over the past decade.
4. While these efforts have made progress, much more needs to be done. Experts warn that without global cooperation and stricter regulations, air pollution-related deaths could rise by 50% by 2050.
5. Addressing air pollution is critical for protecting public health, reducing healthcare costs, and combating climate change. By adopting cleaner technologies and more sustainable practices, the world can reduce the deadly impact of air pollution on both people and the planet.

Answer the following questions, based on the passage above.

- i. What does the use of the phrase “leading environmental health risks” by the writer, in paragraph 1, tell us about the severity of air pollution? 1
 - (A) The writer believes air pollution has no major health impact.
 - (B) The writer is highlighting air pollution as a significant global health threat.
 - (C) The writer is downplaying the seriousness of air pollution.
 - (D) The writer is unsure about the effects of air pollution.
- ii. Select the option that is true for the assertion and reason given below : 1

Assertion : Fine particulate matter (PM_{2.5}) poses a major threat to public health.
Reason : PM 2.5 particles can enter the bloodstream and increase the risk of respiratory and cardiovascular diseases.

 - (A) Both the assertion and reason are true, and the reason is the correct explanation of the assertion.
 - (B) Both the assertion and reason are true, but the reason is not the correct explanation of the assertion.
 - (C) The assertion is true, but the reason is false.
 - (D) The assertion is false, but the reason is true.
- iii. Identify the percentage of the world's population that lives in areas where air quality exceeds recommended limits, as mentioned in the passage. 1

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- iv. According to the passage, what are two main sources of air pollution? 1
- v. Read the given prompt and select the correct option in the brackets to fill in the blank : 1
Efforts to reduce air pollution levels have been implemented in many countries, with positive results.
The percentage decrease in PM2.5 levels in countries with stricter air quality standards is _____ (10% / 20% / 30%).
- vi. What are some of the strategies mentioned in the passage that cities are using to combat rising air pollution levels? 1
- vii. Complete the sentence suitably. 1
Air pollution increases the risk of respiratory and cardiovascular diseases by _____.
- viii. Complete the following with a suitable reason : 1
Experts emphasize the importance of addressing air pollution because _____.
- ix. In the context of paragraph 5, why is addressing air pollution critical for the future of public health and the environment? 2

SECTION B - WRITING SKILLS & GRAMMAR**20****GRAMMAR****10****3. Complete ANY TEN of twelve of the following tasks, as directed.**

- i. Fill in the blank by choosing the correct option to complete the sentence.
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.
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.
I _____ rather die than join the gang of terrorists.
(A) could (B) should
(C) would (D) can

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- iv. Select the option that identifies the error and supplies the correction for the following line:

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:

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.

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:

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.

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:

He asked, "Will you be coming?"

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

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.

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:
 Every people went to welcome the Indian Cricket team.

Error	Correction

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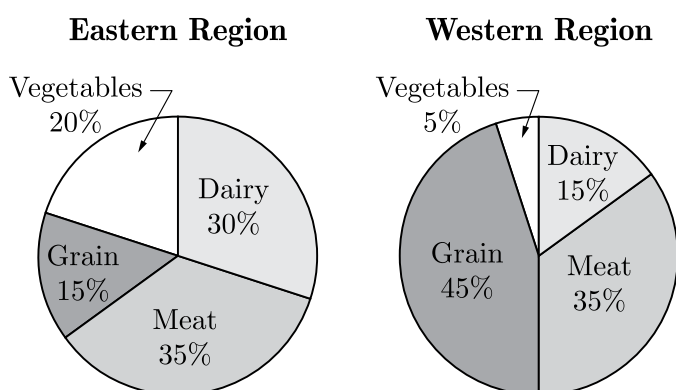
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Note : All details presented in the questions in writing section are imaginary and created for assessment purpose.

- 4A.** 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.

OR

- 4B.** Write an application to your principal asking permission to remain absent from school for 5 days on account of your brother’s marriage.
- 5A.** The charts below show agricultural production in two different regions of the country. Write an analytical paragraph in about 120 words by selecting and reporting the main features, and making comparisons where relevant.



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- 5B.** 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 about 120 words.

“In India, cities are more cancer-prone than rural areas. In the early 1990’s, we expected one out of 10-15 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 TEXTBOOK**40**

- 6. Read the given extracts and answer ANY ONE of the two questions given below 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.
- ii.** What effect does Anil’s behavior, as described in the lines below, have on the narrator? He kept worrying about his next cheque, but as soon as it arrived, he would go out and celebrate.

Choose the most suitable option.

- (A) inspires (B) confuses
(C) amuses (D) alarms

- iii.** The information in the extract suggests that Anil could be a ____.

- iv.** What did the narrator mean by ‘I made a little money this way’?

- 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?

- (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.

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- 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.
- iii. Fill in the blank with the correct word from the bracket.
The word 'joke' in the line "Luckily, Mr. Keesing took the joke the right way" indicates that Mr. Keesing reacted _____ (positively/negatively).
- iv. What does this extract tell us about Mr. Keesing as a teacher? Mention two qualities.

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 the blank with one word.
Belinda paled and cried for help because she was attacked by a pirate with a _____.
- 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.
- iii. The words, 'But up jumped Custard, snorting like an engine' show that _____.
(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.

- 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.
- ii. What figure of speech is used in the first line of the extract?
- iii. _____ can correctly replace the underlined phrase in the give line from the extract?
I hold with those who favour fire.
- iv. Pick the option that is NOT TRUE about the poet according to the extract. The poet
(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. $4 \times 3 = 12$

- i. What was the effect of hailstones on Lencho's crop ?
(A Letter to God)
- ii. Young seagull tried to fly but he could not. Why was he afraid to fly ?
(Two Stories About Flying)
- iii. Why should the tiger snarl around houses at the edge of the forest ?
(A Tiger in the Zoo)
- iv. What makes Chubukov misunderstand the purpose of Lomov's visit?
(The Proposal)
- v. "Money is external". What does the poet mean by this expression taken from 'The Ball Poem'?

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

- i. How did Ausable befool Max about the balcony?
(The Midnight Visitor)
- ii. Griffin's brilliance as a man of science fades before his darker traits. Comment.
(Footprints Without Feet)
- iii. What does Noodle tell Think-Tank about the books?
(The Book that Saved the Earth)



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

- i. 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)

- ii. "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. 6

- i. 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)

- ii. Give a brief character sketch of Mrs. Pumphrey. What values are reflected through her character ?

(A Triumph of Surgery)

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SAMPLE PAPER 10
ENGLISH LANGUAGE AND LITERATURE (184)
CLASS-X EXAM 2024-25

Time Allowed : 3 Hrs.

Maximum Marks : 80

General Instructions :

Read the instructions very carefully and strictly follow them :

1. This question paper comprises 11 questions. All questions are compulsory.
 2. The Question Paper contains THREE sections -
Section A : Reading Skills
Section B : Grammar and Creative Writing Skills
Section C : Literature Textbook
 3. Attempt questions based on specific instructions for each part.
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SECTION A - READING SKILLS

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1. Read the following text.

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1. Many zoos are facing a funding crisis, which has brought back the debate about whether zoos should exist at all. People who support zoos believe they are essential for saving rare animal species. Over the last 20 years, zoos have developed programs to protect endangered animals. These programs, called “captive breeding programs,” involve breeding animals in zoos and later releasing them back into the wild to increase the number of animals in their natural habitats.
2. Zoos work together to make sure their breeding programs succeed. Animals are moved from one zoo to another to prevent inbreeding, which is when closely related animals mate. Inbreeding can lead to deformities or health problems in the offspring.
3. Zoo supporters also believe that zoos are important for educating children, as millions of kids visit zoos every year. They argue that watching animals on TV is not the same as seeing real animals up close. Zoos also do research, like finding out the best conditions for endangered species to reproduce. If zoos were to close, it could be devastating for conservation efforts, and many animals would have to be euthanized.
4. People who are against zoos agree that some species have been saved by captive breeding programs, but they don't think this is enough to solve the global conservation crisis. The number of animals saved by zoos is very small compared to the overall problem. It took millions of dollars to save the Arabian oryx, but that much money can't be spent on every endangered species. Some animals, like the African elephant, don't breed well in captivity, making zoo programs less effective for certain species.
5. Opponents of zoos also argue that many animals in zoos are kept in poor and unkind conditions. In some of the worst zoos, animals are still put on display just to entertain people. When animals are kept in bad environments, they often behave in strange, repetitive ways. For example, polar bears might walk back and forth or turn their heads over and over again. Scientists say this behavior is a sign that the animals are stressed

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and frustrated. Opponents of zoos believe that when children see animals acting like this, they aren't learning about the animals in a healthy or accurate way.

Answer the following questions, based on the passage above.

- i. In paragraph 1, why do supporters of zoos believe they are important for animal conservation? 1
- ii. Complete the following with the correct option : 1
Zoo breeding programs involve :
(a) Breeding animals in zoos and keeping them in captivity forever.
(b) Breeding animals in zoos and reintroducing them into the wild to boost wild populations.
(paragraph 1)
- iii. How do zoos work together to prevent inbreeding, as explained in the passage? 2
(paragraph 2)
- iv. Select the option that best reflects the argument in favor of zoos for education : 1
(a) Zoos are important because they entertain children.
(b) Zoos help educate children by allowing them to see real animals up close, which is more impactful than watching them on TV.
(paragraph 3)
- v. State whether the following statement is True or False. 1
Opponents of zoos agree that captive breeding programs have saved some species, but they believe it's not enough to solve the worldwide conservation problem.
(paragraph 4)
- vi. The writer mentions that some animals don't breed well in captivity. 1
Which species is given as an example of this problem?
(A) Arabian oryx (B) African elephant
(C) Polar bear (D) Leopard
(paragraph 4)
- vii. List two ways animals behave when kept in bad conditions in zoos, as mentioned in the passage. 2
(paragraph 5)
- viii. Fill in the blank with the correct option : 1
According to opponents of zoos, children who see animals behaving in stressed and unnatural ways in zoos :
(A) Learn the correct information about the animals.
(B) Are given a false or inaccurate understanding of animal behavior.
(C) Are entertained and educated at the same time.
(D) Learn how animals act in the wild.
(paragraph 5)



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

1. The global plastic waste crisis is one of the most pressing environmental challenges today. An estimated 300 million tons of plastic waste are produced each year, with only 9% being recycled, while 12% is incinerated, and the remaining 79% accumulates in landfills or the natural environment. Of this, over 8 million tons enter the oceans annually, impacting marine ecosystems.
2. Plastic pollution in oceans has increased dramatically over the past 50 years. By 2050, it is estimated that the amount of plastic in the ocean will outweigh all the fish. More than 100,000 marine animals, including turtles, seabirds, and marine mammals, die each year due to plastic ingestion or entanglement. Microplastics, particles less than 5mm in size, have been found in over 90% of seabirds and 100% of sea turtles tested.
3. Several countries have implemented bans on single-use plastics, such as plastic bags and straws. Recycling rates have increased in some regions, but the overall recycling rate remains low. Europe recycles around 30% of its plastic waste, while in the U.S., only 9% of plastic waste is recycled.
4. Innovative solutions such as chemical recycling, which breaks plastic down to its original components, and biodegradable alternatives are being developed. Research on plastic-eating microbes, which can naturally degrade plastics, is ongoing and offers promising results. These technologies could potentially reduce the amount of plastic that remains in the environment.
5. Experts predict that without significant global intervention, plastic pollution could triple by 2040, severely impacting ecosystems, food chains, and human health.

Answer the following questions, based on the passage above.

- i. What does the use of the phrase “pressing environmental challenges” by the writer, in paragraph 1, suggest about the plastic waste crisis? 1
 - (A) The writer is emphasizing the urgency and severity of the plastic waste crisis.
 - (B) The writer believes plastic waste is a manageable problem.
 - (C) The writer thinks plastic waste is no longer a concern.
 - (D) The writer is indifferent to the problem.
- ii. Select the option that is true for the assertion and reason given below : 1

Assertion : Marine animals are significantly harmed by plastic pollution.
Reason : Plastic ingestion and entanglement cause death to over 100,000 marine animals annually.

 - (A) Both the assertion and reason are true, and the reason is the correct explanation of the assertion.
 - (B) Both the assertion and reason are true, but the reason is not the correct explanation of the assertion.
 - (C) The assertion is true, but the reason is false.
 - (D) The assertion is false, but the reason is true.
- iii. Identify the percentage of global plastic waste that is currently recycled, as mentioned in the passage. 1

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- iv. According to the passage, what are two key impacts of plastic waste on marine environments? 1
- v. Read the given prompt and select the correct option in the brackets to fill in the blank : 1
Countries like the U.S. and Europe have taken steps to improve recycling rates, but overall success remains limited.
The percentage of plastic waste recycled globally is _____ (9% / 12% / 30%).
- vi. What are some of the innovative methods mentioned in the passage that are being developed to reduce plastic waste? 1
- vii. Complete the sentence suitably. 1
Plastic pollution has dramatically increased in the oceans, and by 2050, _____.
- viii. Complete the following with a suitable reason : 1
Experts emphasize that urgent action is needed to address plastic pollution because _____.
- ix. In the context of paragraph 5, why is addressing plastic pollution critical for the future of ecosystems and human health? 2

SECTION B - WRITING SKILLS & GRAMMAR

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GRAMMAR

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- 3. Complete ANY TEN of twelve of the following tasks, as directed.**
- i. Fill in the blank by choosing the correct option to complete an online update.
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.
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.
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

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

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 :
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.

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.

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.

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.

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.

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.

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.

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

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

- 4A. 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.

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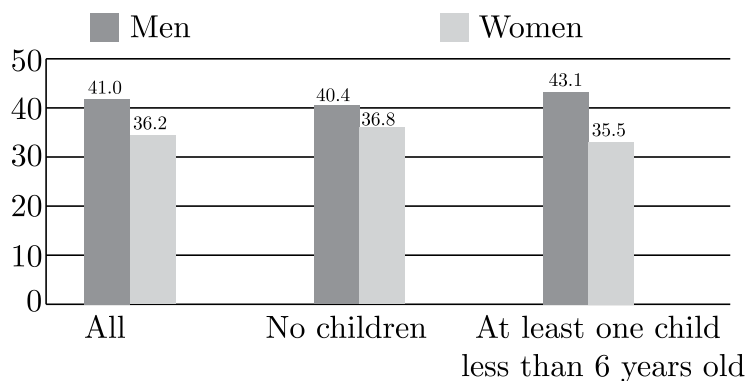


OR

- 4B.** 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.

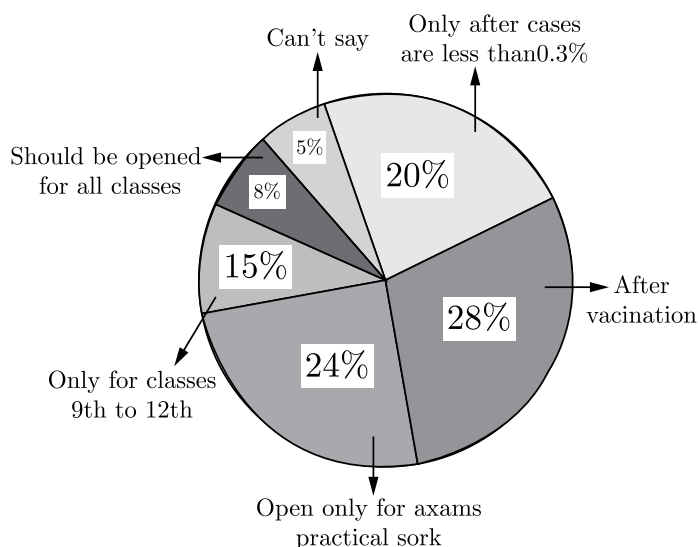
Write a letter to the Secretary of your society, seeking recommendation for these youth, to be nominated for 'Star Volunteers Award'. Suggest other ways how such acts of kindness could be recognised and awarded in the future.

- 5A.** 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

- 5B.** A group of enterprising young adults conducted a survey on reopening of educational institutions in the National Capital.


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SECTION C - LITERATURE TEXTBOOK**40****6. Read the given extracts and answer ANY ONE of the two questions given below 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.
- ii. What made Natalya react so sharply to her father's words? Explain the irony in her words. Answer in about 40 words.
- iii. What effect does the revelation, as described in the lines below, have on Natalya?
NATALYA: To propose? To me? Why didn't you tell me so before?
Choose the most suitable option.
(A) excites (B) confuses
(C) shocks (D) embarrasses
- iv. If an actor were to enact this extract, what would he be required to focus on, while modulating his voice?

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?
(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.
- iii. When did tea come to Europe?
- iv. Fill in the blank with the correct word from the bracket.
The word 'banished' in the line "The leaves of these plants when put in hot water and drunk, banished sleep." indicates that the tea leaves _____ (eliminated/encouraged) sleep.

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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 _____.
(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?
- iii. According to the poet, what do we mostly learn about loss from?
- iv. What does the boy learn by losing the ball according to the extract? (Answer in about 40 words)

**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?
- 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?
- iii. Choose the most appropriate option. What does the extract demonstrate about other pets of Belinda?
(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.

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

- 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.

(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.

(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?

(Madam Rides the Bus)

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- iv. What does the poet want to demonstrate through the poem 'A Tale of Custard the Dragon'?
- v. How can we say that Chubukov was continuously trying to reconcile the differences between Natalya and Lomov?

(The Proposal)

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

- i. Griffin had become a scientist just to satisfy his own ego and carry out satanic deeds. Comment.
(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.
(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'.

(The Making of a Scientist)

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

- i. 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)

- ii. 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. 6

- i. 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)

- ii. 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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SAMPLE PAPER 11

ENGLISH LANGUAGE AND LITERATURE (184)

CLASS-X EXAM 2024-25

Time Allowed : 3 Hrs.

Maximum Marks : 80

General Instructions :

Read the instructions very carefully and strictly follow them :

1. This question paper comprises 11 questions. All questions are compulsory.
 2. The Question Paper contains THREE sections -
Section A : Reading Skills
Section B : Grammar and Creative Writing Skills
Section C : Literature Textbook
 3. Attempt questions based on specific instructions for each part.
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SECTION A - READING SKILLS

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1. Read the following text.

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1. The problem of water shortages is affecting most of our big cities. Rivers are running low, and ponds and wells are drying up, leaving people in villages, especially women, to travel long distances to collect water for drinking, cooking, and washing. This adds to the ongoing issue of water pollution, which makes the water unsafe for humans. Even the rainy season and the floods that come with it won't fix this problem.
2. The Delhi Administration is very concerned about the health risks caused by the polluted Yamuna River. Plans are in place to build two large tanks to treat sewage. Currently, only 60 percent of the city's 200 million gallons of sewage is treated before being dumped into the river, which supplies water to many towns and villages downstream. Major rivers like the Ganga, Yamuna, and Kaveri, which are crucial for many cities, are quickly becoming sources of diseases.
3. A new bill introduced in Parliament aims to create central and state boards to prevent and control water pollution. However, it will take time before the laws are passed and enforced. In the meantime, the problem is growing. According to a survey done a few years ago, 90 percent of child deaths in developing countries were caused by water-borne diseases, and the situation hasn't changed much since then.
4. In India, the growing population still uses open spaces as bathrooms, which means that with every storm or rainfall, human waste filled with germs and parasites enters ponds, wells, and even rivers. Only 18 percent of people in rural areas have access to clean drinking water.
5. Another serious problem is industrial waste, which is often dumped into rivers without being treated. For example, for every kilogram of processed leather, 30-40 liters of dirty, foul-smelling water needs to be thrown away. There are at least 900 licensed tanneries in India. Factories that make paper, jute, strawboard, textiles, and other materials also

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release toxic waste, including harmful chemicals like sulphur, ammonia, urea, metallic salts, and acids, into the rivers.

6. It's important not only to make new laws to keep water clean but also to enforce them strictly, or we risk a major health crisis that will affect both cities and rural areas.

Answer the following questions, based on the passage above.

- i. In paragraph 1, why are women in remote areas forced to travel long distances to fetch water? 1

- ii. Complete the following with the correct option : 1

The rainy season won't solve the water problem because :

(a) Floods during the monsoons are too short.

(b) Water pollution is widespread, making water unfit for consumption.

(paragraph 1)

- iii. What are the two main concerns about the Yamuna River mentioned in the passage? 2

(paragraph 2)

- iv. Select the option that best reflects the urgency of the problem described in paragraph 3 : 1

(a) The problem of water pollution is decreasing as new laws are introduced.

(b) The problem is getting worse, and 90% of child deaths in developing countries are linked to water-borne diseases.

(paragraph 3)

- v. State whether the following statement is True or False. 1

Only 18 percent of India's rural population has access to clean drinking water.

(paragraph 4)

- vi. The writer mentions "untreated industrial waste" in paragraph 5. 1

Which of the following is an environmentally damaging industrial practice?

(A) Treating all industrial waste before disposal into rivers.

(B) Dumping untreated waste into rivers, leading to water pollution.

(C) Recycling wastewater for reuse in industrial processes.

(D) Utilizing clean energy sources for industrial operations.

- vii. List two harmful substances found in industrial waste that pollute rivers, as mentioned in the passage. 2

(paragraph 5)

- viii. Fill in the blank with the correct option : 1

The passage emphasizes the need to :

(A) Focus on building more dams.

(B) Create and enforce strong water pollution laws to prevent a national health disaster.

(C) Only clean water in cities.

(D) Reduce population growth in rural areas.

(paragraph 6)



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

1. Deforestation is responsible for the loss of approximately 10 million hectares of forest each year, contributing to biodiversity loss, climate change, and soil degradation. Forests cover about 31% of the Earth's land area, but deforestation has reduced this by nearly 20% over the past century.
2. Forests play a crucial role in absorbing carbon dioxide. It is estimated that forests absorb 2.4 billion metric tons of CO₂ annually, helping to mitigate climate change. However, when forests are cleared or burned, they release stored carbon back into the atmosphere, contributing to the greenhouse effect.
3. Agriculture is the primary driver of deforestation, accounting for around 80% of global deforestation. This is due to the expansion of farmland for crops such as soy, palm oil, and cattle ranching. Urbanization and logging also contribute significantly to forest loss.
4. Efforts to combat deforestation include reforestation programs, the creation of protected areas, and the promotion of sustainable agriculture practices. Some countries have successfully reduced deforestation rates by up to 50% through stricter regulations and reforestation initiatives.
5. Scientists warn that if deforestation continues at its current rate, it could lead to the loss of critical ecosystems and increase global temperatures by as much as 2°C by 2100.

Answer the following questions, based on the passage above.

- i. What does the use of the phrase “responsible for the loss” by the writer, in paragraph 1, tell us about deforestation? 1
 - (A) The writer believes deforestation has no significant impact.
 - (B) The writer is emphasizing that deforestation is causing significant damage.
 - (C) The writer thinks deforestation is a natural process.
 - (D) The writer is showing indifference to deforestation.
- ii. Select the option that is true for the assertion and reason given below : 1

Assertion : Forests help mitigate climate change.
Reason : Forests absorb 2.4 billion metric tons of carbon dioxide annually.

 - (A) Both the assertion and reason are true, and the reason is the correct explanation of the assertion.
 - (B) Both the assertion and reason are true, but the reason is not the correct explanation of the assertion.
 - (C) The assertion is true, but the reason is false.
 - (D) The assertion is false, but the reason is true.
- iii. Identify the percentage of the Earth's land area that is currently covered by forests, as mentioned in the passage. 1
- iv. According to the passage, what are two main causes of deforestation? 1

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- v. Read the given prompt and select the correct option in the brackets to fill in the blank : 1
Efforts to combat deforestation have shown some success in reducing forest loss in various countries.
The percentage of deforestation caused by agriculture globally is _____ (50% / 70% / 80%).
- vi. What are some of the methods mentioned in the passage that are being used to combat deforestation? 1
- vii. Complete the sentence suitably. 1
Deforestation contributes to climate change by _____.
- viii. Complete the following with a suitable reason : 1
Scientists emphasize the importance of stopping deforestation because _____.
- ix. In the context of paragraph 5, why is addressing deforestation critical for preventing future environmental damage? 2

SECTION B - WRITING SKILLS & GRAMMAR

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GRAMMAR

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3. Complete ANY TEN of twelve of the following tasks, as directed.

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

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

Ryan : I have invited four of my friends for dinner today.

Renee : Then I will invite my friends also.

When Ryan told Renee that hefour 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.

Thank you for your patients!

Use the given format for your response.

Error	Correction

WRITING

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

- 4A.** Write a letter in about 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

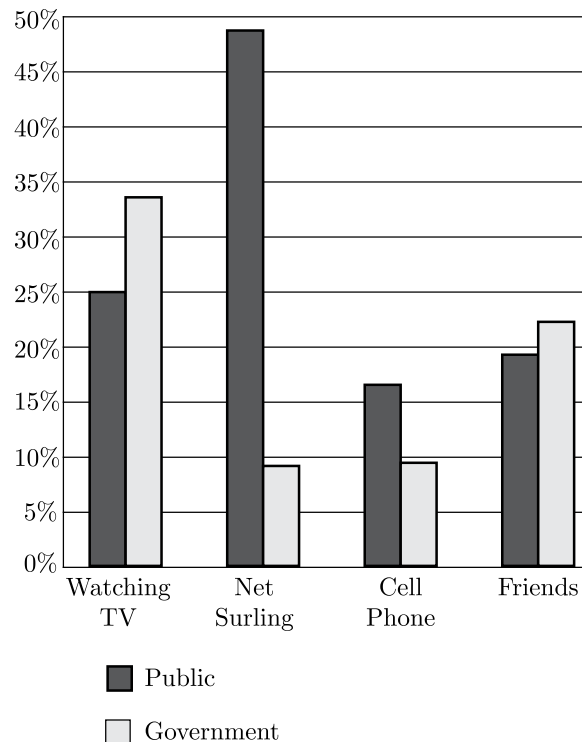
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- 4B.** You live in Gulmohar Apartments, Ghaziabad whose residents are very fond of a park situated nearby their society. While it is the centre of playtime and fun and frolic for the children in the evenings, it is also where the adults spend their 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.

- 5A.** 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 120 words.

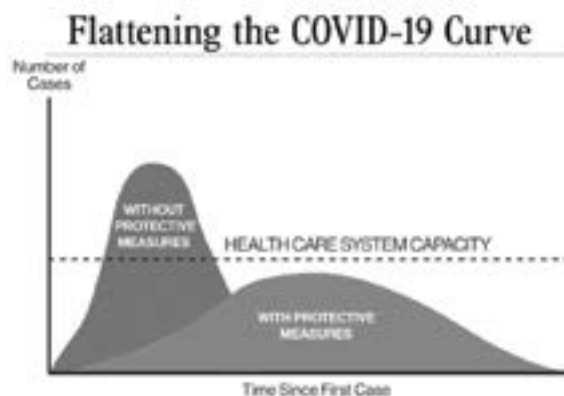
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- 5B.** The graph below illustrates why it is important to have people in quarantine during the Coronavirus pandemic. Compose an analytical paragraph in about 120 words, summarizing the same.



SECTION C - LITERATURE TEXTBOOK

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- 6.** Read the given extracts and answer ANY ONE of the two questions given below 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

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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. What effect does the situation, as described in the lines below, have on the narrator?
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.
Choose the most suitable option.
(A) relieves (B) frustrates
(C) saddens (D) comforts
- ii. How is Hari feeling in the given extract?
- iii. State any one point for the following question :
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.

- 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?
(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.
- iii. Fill in the blank with the correct word from the bracket.
The word 'essential' in the line "the presence of the baker in the village is absolutely essential" indicates that the baker's role in the village was _____ (indispensable/optional).
- iv. What is the traditional name of bakers in Goa and what made them different from other people in appearance?



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

- 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?
- 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.
- iii. Complete the sentence with the appropriate option.
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.



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

- i. What made the speaker term it as “an easy flight”? Did his prediction come true?
(*Two Stories About Flying*)
- ii. Why does Chubukov call back Lomov even after driving him out of his house?
(*The Proposal*)
- iii. What message does the poet want to give through the poem ‘Amanda’?
- iv. The poem ‘The Trees’ presents a conflict between Man and Nature. Discuss the statement.
- v. How did ‘Bodhi Tree’ get its name?

(*The Sermon at Benares*)

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

- i. Who is ‘the artist’ in the story ‘Bholi’? What is ‘the masterpiece’?
(*Bholi*)
- ii. What made the thief come back to Anil?
(*The Thief’s Story*)
- iii. What was the ‘frightful disaster’? How it changed Loisels’ lives?
(*The Necklace*)

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

- i. ‘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 _____.
- ii. 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. 6

- i. 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.
- ii. 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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SAMPLE PAPER 12
ENGLISH LANGUAGE AND LITERATURE (184)
CLASS-X EXAM 2024-25

Time Allowed : 3 Hrs.

Maximum Marks : 80

General Instructions :

Read the instructions very carefully and strictly follow them :

1. This question paper comprises 11 questions. All questions are compulsory.
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Section A : Reading Skills
Section B : Grammar and Creative Writing Skills
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 3. Attempt questions based on specific instructions for each part.
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SECTION A - READING SKILLS

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1. Read the following text.

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1. I understand what it's like to be poor and suffer because I have personally experienced it. I know what it feels like to have no clothes, no books, to struggle through life, and to walk for miles on dusty roads without an umbrella or transportation. I've been through all of this, and I understand the challenges that many of you, as graduates, are facing today. I'm speaking from 60 years of experience. Please don't think that all those years were easy or full of happiness. To achieve something in life, I want to tell you that you must go through difficult experiences.
2. I agree that success in life doesn't always come from being smart or strong, and sometimes it's a bit like a gamble. But if you get your mind right and know your work well, you will succeed sooner or later. However, you shouldn't feel discouraged if things don't happen right away. You must face life as it is and accept the challenges that come with it.
3. What I want to say is that the most important things in life are not always the big achievements. What I really love is enjoying the simple things in life. I am happy that I can still sleep peacefully at night after a three-mile walk in the evening. I still enjoy a good meal, appreciate the beauty of the blue sky, and love walking through open fields and smelling the crops like Ragi and Jowar.
4. We often think that happiness comes from watching movies and exciting shows. That's not true. The greatest joys in life are the simple things that God has given us for free. All you need is the desire to appreciate them. If you keep your mind and heart open, you will see so many things around you that can bring joy. For example, look at the beautiful butterfly flying around in colorful patterns. These are the amazing things that God has given us to enjoy.
5. We need to love and appreciate nature and all the amazing things it provides. Nature is full of creativity, resourcefulness, and variety. These are the things that have inspired me throughout my life.

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Answer the following questions, based on the passage above.

- i. In paragraph 1, what personal experiences does the speaker share to show his understanding of poverty and struggle? 1
- ii. Complete the following with the correct option : 1
According to the speaker, success in life is :
(a) Always based on intelligence and strength.
(b) Sometimes a gamble, but comes from knowing your job well and being patient.
(paragraph 2)
- iii. What does the speaker say about finding joy in life, as explained in paragraph 3? 2
- iv. Select the option that best reflects the speaker's view on happiness in paragraph 4 : 1
(a) Happiness comes from material wealth and technology.
(b) Happiness comes from appreciating the simple, free things in life that God has given us.
- v. State whether the following statement is True or False. 1
According to the speaker, watching exciting movies and shows is the greatest source of happiness in life.
(paragraph 4)
- vi. The writer mentions the importance of nature in our lives in paragraph 5. 1
Which of the following is a sustainable way to appreciate nature, as suggested by the speaker?
(A) Exploiting natural resources for economic gains.
(B) Building urban developments in place of forests.
(C) Protecting natural habitats and enjoying the simple beauty of nature.
(D) Using pesticides to increase agricultural production.
- vii. List two simple things in life that the speaker enjoys, as mentioned in the passage. 2
(paragraph 3)
- viii. Fill in the blank with the correct option : 1
The speaker emphasizes that to find joy in life, we need to :
(A) Work hard to achieve wealth and success.
(B) Open our hearts and minds to the beauty around us, especially in nature.
(C) Focus only on entertainment and material comforts.
(D) Rely on others to provide happiness for us.

(paragraph 4)

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

1. Obesity rates have been steadily increasing worldwide, becoming a significant public health issue. According to the World Health Organization (WHO), global obesity rates have nearly tripled since 1975. In 2023, approximately 13% of the world's adult population was classified as obese, compared to 4% in 1975.

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2. Obesity is linked to numerous health complications, including heart disease, type 2 diabetes, stroke, and certain types of cancer. The condition is primarily caused by poor dietary habits, lack of physical activity, and genetic factors. The rise in consumption of processed foods high in sugars and fats, along with a more sedentary lifestyle, has greatly contributed to the obesity epidemic.
3. The economic impact of obesity is also considerable. In 2023, the estimated global cost of obesity-related health issues was \$2 trillion, equivalent to 2.8% of the global GDP. Countries with higher obesity rates often see increased healthcare expenditures and reduced workforce productivity.
4. Governments are implementing various strategies to combat obesity, including public health campaigns, promoting healthier diets, and encouraging regular physical activity. Some countries have introduced sugar taxes to reduce the consumption of sugary beverages and foods.
5. Experts predict that without effective intervention, global obesity rates could rise to 20% by 2035, further straining healthcare systems and economies.

Chart : Global Obesity Rates from 1975 to 2023

Year	Obesity Rate (%)
1975	4%
1990	6%
2005	9%
2020	11%
2023	13%

Answer the following questions, based on the passage above.

- i. What does the use of the phrase “significant public health issue” by the writer, in paragraph 1, tell us about the concern surrounding obesity? 1
(A) The writer believes obesity is not a major concern.
(B) The writer is emphasizing the seriousness of obesity as a global problem.
(C) The writer is indifferent to obesity’s impact.
(D) The writer is downplaying the issue of obesity.
- ii. Select the option that is true for the assertion and reason given below : 1
Assertion : Obesity is linked to several serious health complications.
Reason : Obesity increases the risk of diseases like heart disease, type 2 diabetes, and certain cancers.
(A) Both the assertion and reason are true, and the reason is the correct explanation of the assertion.
(B) Both the assertion and reason are true, but the reason is not the correct explanation of the assertion.
(C) The assertion is true, but the reason is false.
(D) The assertion is false, but the reason is true.
- iii. Identify the percentage of the world’s population classified as obese in 2023, according to the passage. 1

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- iv. According to the passage, what are two major causes of the rise in obesity rates? 1
- v. Read the given prompt and select the correct option in the brackets to fill in the blank : 1
Global obesity rates have nearly tripled since 1975, with the current percentage standing at. The obesity rate in 2023 is _____ (13% / 20% / 9%).
- vi. What are some of the strategies mentioned in the passage that governments are using to combat obesity? 1
- vii. Complete the sentence suitably. 1
Obesity has a significant economic impact because.
- viii. Complete the following with a suitable reason :
Experts predict that global obesity rates could rise to 20% by 2035 because _____. 1
- ix. In the context of paragraph 5, why is addressing obesity critical for preventing future healthcare and economic burdens? 2

SECTION B - WRITING SKILLS & GRAMMAR

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GRAMMAR

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3. Complete ANY TEN of twelve of the following tasks, as directed.

- i. Fill in the blank by choosing the correct option to complete an online update.
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.
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 Gujarati short story.
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.
It should not be possible for you to complete all of it by tomorrow evening.
Use the given format for your response.

Error	Correction

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- v. Complete the given narrative, by filling in the blank with the correct option.
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.
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.
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:
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.
"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.
(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

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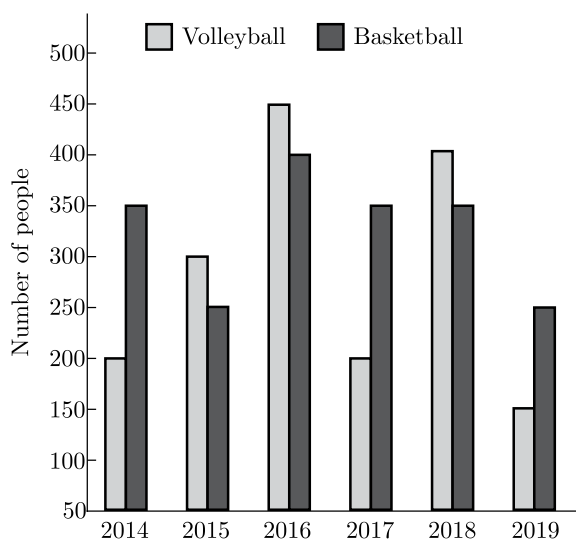
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Note : All details presented in the questions in writing section are imaginary and created for assessment purpose.

- 4A.** 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

- 4B.** 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.
- 5A.** 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.

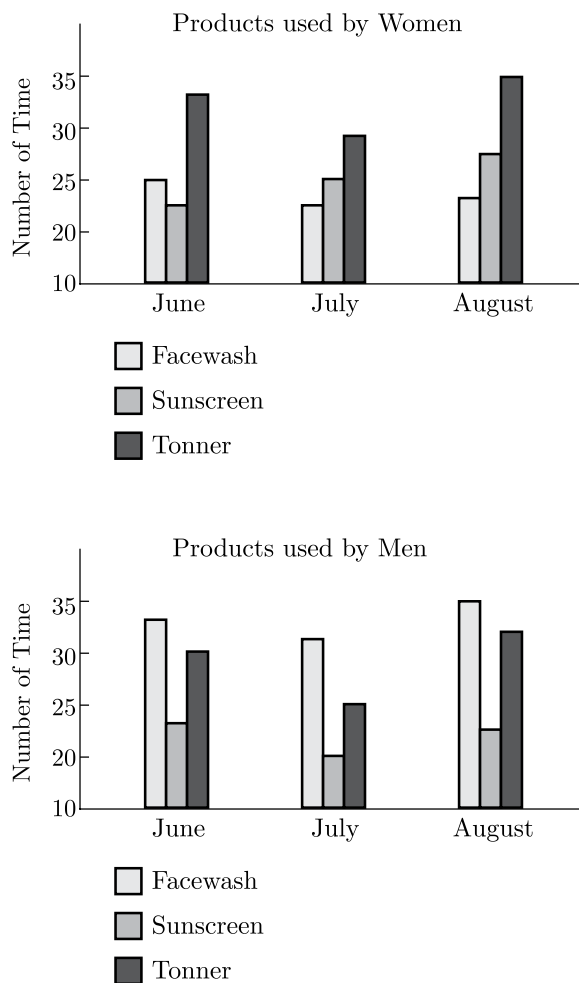


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- 5B.** The given bar graph shows the increasing use of skin care products by women over the period of three months. Write an analytical paragraph elaborating the given information.

**SECTION C - LITERATURE TEXTBOOK****40**

- 6.** Read the given extracts and answer ANY ONE of the two questions given below **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*)

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- i. State any one inference about Mrs. Pumphrey from the given context.
Mrs. Pumphrey ‘hovered anxiously in the background’.
- ii. What effect does the news of Tricki’s recovery, as described in the lines below, have on Mrs. Pumphrey?
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 Tricki’s strength.
Choose the most suitable option.
(A) comforts (B) worries
(C) excites (D) frustrates
- 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?
- iv. Which phrase would correctly substitute ‘ducked,’ in the given sentence from the extract?
The batsman at the crease ducked and avoided a bouncer that came at him with lightning speed.
- 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.”
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.
- iii. Fill in the blank with the correct word from the bracket.
The word ‘pleasure’ in the line “The man went out for no other reason than to have the pleasure of feeling the rain on his body” indicates that Lencho enjoyed the rain _____ (deliberately/immensely).
- 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.



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.
_____ Figure of speech is used in the phrase ‘dust of snow’.
- ii. What does the poet want to convey through the poem?
- iii. Which of the following best describes the use of synecdoche by the poet?
(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.

- 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?
- ii. What does the poet mean by ‘clinic doors’? Answer in about 40 words.
- iii. Complete the sentence with the appropriate option.
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 ?

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

- i. The role of crow is vital in the transformed vision of the poet. Justify how.
(*Dust of Snow*)
- ii. 'God helps the ones who help themselves'. Substantiate this with reference to the chapter 'Black Aeroplane'.
(*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.
(*From the Diary of Anne Frank*)
- iv. What terrified the pirate? Who killed him and how?
(*The Tale of Custard the Dragon*)
- v. 'Will you please look at me when I'm speaking to you'?
Who do you think is speaking to Amanda?
(*Amanda!*)

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

- i. How can you say that Horace Danby was good and respectable but not completely honest?
(*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.
(*The Making of a Scientist*)
- iii. How does Think Tank compare the Earth and Earthlings, with Mars and Martians?
(*The Book That Saved The Earth*)

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

- i. 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*)
- ii. 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. 6

- i. Who was Anil ? Give his character sketch.
(*The Thief's Story*)
- ii. 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 13
ENGLISH LANGUAGE AND LITERATURE (184)
CLASS-X EXAM 2024-25

Time Allowed : 3 Hrs.

Maximum Marks : 80

General Instructions :

Read the instructions very carefully and strictly follow them :

1. This question paper comprises 11 questions. All questions are compulsory.
 2. The Question Paper contains THREE sections -
Section A : Reading Skills
Section B : Grammar and Creative Writing Skills
Section C : Literature Textbook
 3. Attempt questions based on specific instructions for each part.
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SECTION A - READING SKILLS

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1. Read the following text.

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1. In the summer of 1967, when I was ten years old, my father finally gave in to my constant requests and took me to get my own dog. We drove far into the Michigan countryside in our family car to a farm owned by a tough woman and her elderly mother. This farm only had one thing to offer—dogs. There were all kinds of dogs in every shape, size, and temperament. But all the dogs had two things in common : they were all mixed breeds, and each one was free to a good home.
2. I quickly decided that the older dogs weren't for me and rushed to see the puppies. "You should pick one that's not too shy," my father advised. "Try shaking the cage and see which ones don't back away."
3. I grabbed the gate of the cage and rattled it loudly. Most of the puppies jumped back in fear, tumbling over each other in a pile of fur. But one puppy stayed behind. He was gold with a white patch on his chest, and he bravely ran to the gate, barking loudly. He jumped up and licked my fingers through the fence. I fell in love with him instantly.
4. I brought him home in a cardboard box and named him Shaun. He was the kind of dog that makes people love dogs. He quickly learned every command I taught him and was very well-behaved. I could drop a piece of food on the floor, and he wouldn't touch it until I said it was okay.
5. Family members would visit and leave wanting to get a dog of their own because they were so impressed by Shaun, or as I liked to call him, "Saint Shaun." Even though he was a mixed breed, one of the many unwanted dogs in America, he became special to me. He entered my life and changed it for the better, giving me the childhood every kid should have.
6. Our bond lasted fourteen years, and by the time he passed away, I was no longer the little boy who brought him home. I had grown up, graduated from college, and started my first job far away. Shaun stayed behind with my parents, where he belonged. My

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parents, now retired, called me to tell me the sad news. My mother later shared, “In fifty years of marriage, I’ve only seen your father cry twice. Once was when we lost Mary Ann,”—my sister, who was stillborn. “The second time was when Shaun died.”

7. Saint Shaun was my childhood companion, the perfect dog. At least, that’s how I will always remember him. Shaun set the bar for how I would judge every dog I would have in the future.

Answer the following questions, based on the passage above.

- i. In paragraph 1, what two things did all the dogs on the farm have in common? 1
- ii. Complete the following with the correct option : 1
The father advised the boy to :
(a) Pick the shyest puppy in the cage.
(b) Pick a puppy that wasn’t afraid when the cage was rattled.
(paragraph 2)
- iii. How did the boy know Shaun was the right dog for him? 2
(paragraph 3)
- iv. Select the option that best reflects how Shaun behaved as a pet : 1
(a) Shaun was disobedient and hard to train.
(b) Shaun was well-behaved, learned commands quickly, and followed rules.
(paragraph 4)
- v. State whether the following statement is True or False. 1
Family members were so impressed by Shaun that they wanted to get a dog of their own after visiting him.
(paragraph 5)
- vi. The writer mentions two emotional moments in his father’s life in paragraph 6 1
Which of the following describes the significance of these moments?
(A) Both involved the loss of family members, one human and one animal.
(B) Both were related to Shaun’s behavior as a dog.
(C) One moment was about Shaun’s achievements, and the other was about family success.
(D) Both occurred during celebrations in the family.
- vii. List two things that made Shaun a special dog for the writer. 2
(paragraph 5 and 7)
- viii. Fill in the blank with the correct option : 1
The writer will always remember Shaun as :
(A) An ordinary dog.
(B) A disobedient but lovable dog.
(C) A perfect dog who set the standard for all future dogs.
(D) A troublesome dog who needed constant attention.
(paragraph 7)



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

1. Waste management has become a critical issue in urban areas worldwide. In 2022, global municipal solid waste production reached 2.1 billion tons, with predictions that it could rise to 3.4 billion tons by 2050. Much of this waste ends up in landfills, while only 16% is recycled. The increasing amount of waste poses environmental challenges, including pollution, greenhouse gas emissions, and habitat destruction.
2. Plastic waste, which accounts for 12% of global municipal solid waste, is particularly problematic due to its slow decomposition rate. It can take up to 500 years for some types of plastic to break down in the environment. Furthermore, less than 10% of plastic waste is recycled, contributing significantly to pollution in oceans and landfills.
3. Countries are implementing various strategies to improve waste management, such as expanding recycling programs, banning single-use plastics, and promoting waste-to-energy technologies. Some cities have introduced “zero-waste” initiatives, aiming to divert at least 90% of waste from landfills through recycling and composting.
4. The economic cost of poor waste management is substantial. Inadequate waste disposal can increase healthcare costs, as waste-related pollution contributes to respiratory issues and water contamination. In 2022, it was estimated that the global economic impact of poor waste management was \$375 billion.
5. Experts agree that improving waste management is critical for reducing environmental damage and protecting public health. Without proper action, the global waste crisis will continue to worsen, leading to even more severe consequences for both human and environmental health.

Chart : Global Municipal Solid Waste Production (in billion tons)

Year	Waste Production (billion tons)
2022	2.1
2030	2.7 (projected)
2050	3.4 (projected)

Answer the following questions, based on the passage above.

- i. What does the use of the phrase “critical issue” by the writer, in paragraph 1, tell us about the significance of waste management? 1
(A) The writer believes waste management is not a serious problem.
(B) The writer is emphasizing the urgency of addressing waste management.
(C) The writer is indifferent to the challenges of waste management.
(D) The writer thinks waste management is a minor concern.
- ii. Select the option that is true for the assertion and reason given below : 1
Assertion : Plastic waste is particularly problematic in waste management.
Reason : Plastic waste takes hundreds of years to decompose and has a low recycling rate.
(A) Both the assertion and reason are true, and the reason is the correct explanation of the assertion.
(B) Both the assertion and reason are true, but the reason is not the correct explanation of the assertion.

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- (C) The assertion is true, but the reason is false.
 (D) The assertion is false, but the reason is true.
- iii. Identify the percentage of global plastic waste that is recycled, as mentioned in the passage. 1
- iv. According to the passage, what are two major environmental challenges caused by poor waste management? 1
- v. Read the given prompt and select the correct option in the brackets to fill in the blank : 1
 The projected global waste production by 2050 is expected to increase by more than 1 billion tons.
 The projected global waste production in 2050 is _____ (2.7 billion tons / 3.4 billion tons / 4.0 billion tons).
- vi. What are some of the strategies mentioned in the passage that countries are using to improve waste management? 1
- vii. Complete the sentence suitably. 1
 The economic cost of poor waste management is significant because _____.
- viii. Complete the following with a suitable reason : 1
 Experts emphasize the importance of improving waste management because _____.
- ix. In the context of paragraph 5, why is improving waste management critical for the future of public health and the environment? 2

SECTION B - WRITING SKILLS & GRAMMAR

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GRAMMAR

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3. Complete ANY TEN of twelve of the following tasks, as directed.

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

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

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:
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 :

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.

The woman in the pool _____ (swim) well.

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

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.

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:

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.

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.

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.
 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

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

- 4A.** 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.

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- 4B.** 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.

- 5A.** 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 about 120 words.

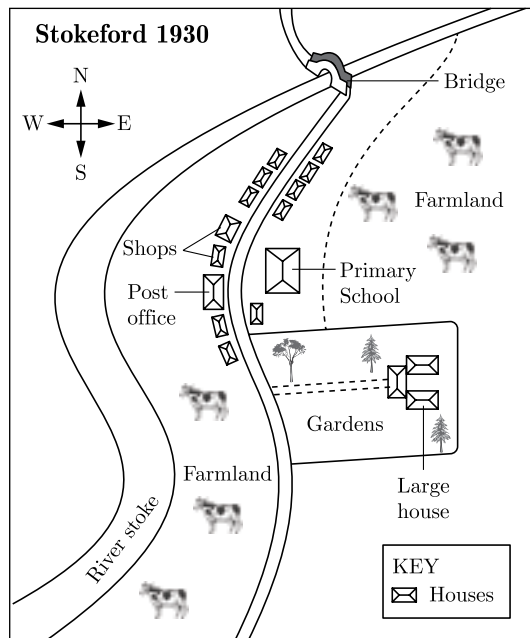
"In India, cities are more cancer-prone than rural areas. In the early 1990's, we expected one out of 10-15 urban Indians to get cancer in their life -time, that is every second or third family would have to face this disease. This is partly due to high levels of benzene in the air and also that the 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."

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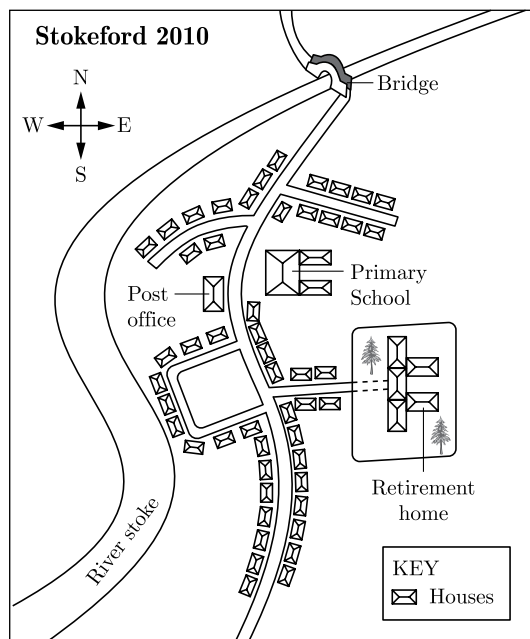


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- 5B.** The maps below show the village of Stokeford in 1930 and 2010. Write an analytical paragraph in about 120 words by selecting and reporting the main features, and making comparisons where relevant.



(a)



(b)



SECTION C - LITERATURE TEXTBOOK

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6. Read the given extracts and answer ANY ONE of the two questions given below 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.
- ii.** What effect does the conversation, as described in the lines below, have on Horace? Before he could think, Horace said, "Hay fever," and found himself sneezing again. Choose the most suitable option.
(A) embarrasses (B) amuses
(C) confuses (D) comforts
- 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.
- iv.** Which phrase would correctly substitute 'buried' as given in the sentence? He buried his face in his handkerchief.

- 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
(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?



- 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.
- iv. Fill in the blank with the correct word from the bracket.
The word ‘nostalgically’ in the line “Our elders are often heard reminiscing nostalgically about those good old Portuguese days” indicates that the elders remembered the past _____ (fondly/critically).

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 following suitably.
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?
Balls, balls will be lost always,
(A) emphasis (B) comparison
(C) rhyme (D) humour
- iii. ‘He senses first responsibility’. What ‘responsibility’ is referred here?
- iv. “Money is external”. What does the poet mean by this expression?

- 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 _____.
(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.
- iii. Identify the figure of speech is prominent in the poem ‘Fog’.
- iv. What is fog doing?



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

- i. Why did the postmaster want to help Lencho? And how did he do that?
(*A Letter to God*)
- ii. What arguments did Anne give in her essay titled 'A Chatterbox'?
(*From the Diary of Anne Frank*)
- iii. What was a source of unending joy for Valli? What was her strongest desire?
(*Madam Rides the Bus*)
- iv. What is the theme of the poem 'How to Tell Wild Animals' ?
- v. What changes can be seen in the moon during the course of the poem 'The Trees'?

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

- i. Why was it difficult for Hari Singh to rob Anil ?
(*The Thief's Story*)
- ii. What lesson did Ebright learn when in the seventh grade he entered a country science fair?
(*The Making of a Scientist*)
- iii. Why did Bishamber's marriage with Bholi not take place?
(*Bholi*)

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

- i. "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*)
- ii. 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. 6

- i. 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*)
- ii. Attempt character sketch of Great and Mighty Think-Tank.
(*The Book that Saved the Earth*)

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SAMPLE PAPER 14
ENGLISH LANGUAGE AND LITERATURE (184)
CLASS-X EXAM 2024-25

Time Allowed : 3 Hrs.

Maximum Marks : 80

General Instructions :

Read the instructions very carefully and strictly follow them :

1. This question paper comprises 11 questions. All questions are compulsory.
 2. The Question Paper contains THREE sections -
Section A : Reading Skills
Section B : Grammar and Creative Writing Skills
Section C : Literature Textbook
 3. Attempt questions based on specific instructions for each part.
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SECTION A - READING SKILLS

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1. Read the following text.

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1. Problems like corruption, terrorism, communalism, and the desire for power and wealth continue to affect modern society. More than half of India's population is under the age of 25, and the country's future will only be bright if young people are prepared to face and solve these problems.
2. Every child has a lot of potential, and it is important to nurture and develop this potential from a young age. Since children spend a lot of time in school, the school curriculum should help them understand and practice important values like respect, justice, and civic responsibility. Education should also teach children about their rights and duties, as well as moral values like honesty, responsibility, and respect for others.
3. Moral education should focus on helping children think critically, make good decisions, understand others' feelings, and work together towards common goals.
4. Schools play a big role in shaping a child's character, and the way children are educated affects how they grow into morally responsible citizens who can bring positive changes to society.
5. Today's youth face many challenges, such as drug abuse, violence, and family problems. Without learning moral values, they may struggle to tell the difference between right and wrong. Having a strong moral foundation helps children make the right choices, especially in a time when negative media influences are strong.
6. Many schools in India have added moral education to their curriculum because they understand that the country needs citizens with strong moral values. Since children often see their teachers as role models, teachers are the best people to teach these values.
7. Therefore, schools should focus on the personality development of children because it is one of their most important responsibilities. Schools should take the lead in helping children grow into better people, so 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. In paragraph 1, what problems are mentioned as affecting modern society? 1
- ii. Complete the following with the correct option : 1
According to the passage, the future of India depends on :
(a) Building more schools.
(b) Equipping young people to deal with the problems of society.
(paragraph 1)
- iii. What should the school curriculum teach children, as mentioned in paragraph 2? 2
- iv. Select the option that best explains the importance of moral education : 1
(a) Moral education helps children become smarter in academics.
(b) Moral education helps children think critically, make good decisions, and work with others.
(paragraph 3)
- v. State whether the following statement is True or False. 1
Schools do not play a big role in shaping a child's character, according to the passage.
(paragraph 4)
- vi. The writer mentions some challenges faced by today's youth in paragraph 5. 1
Which of the following are two challenges the youth are facing?
(A) Lack of education and poor health.
(B) Drug abuse and violence.
(C) Unemployment and corruption.
(D) Family support and academic pressure.
- vii. List two reasons why schools in India have introduced moral education into their curriculum. 2
(paragraph 6)
- viii. Fill in the blank with the correct option : 1
According to the passage, schools should focus on:
(A) Teaching more subjects.
(B) Helping children develop into better human beings.
(C) Offering more extracurricular activities.
(D) Giving children more homework.
(paragraph 7)

2. Read the following text. 10

1. The global electric vehicle (EV) market has seen significant growth in recent years, driven by environmental concerns and stricter regulations. By 2023, there were approximately 14 million electric vehicles in operation globally, a sharp increase from just 1 million in 2015. This represents a compound annual growth rate (CAGR) of over 35%.



2. Electric vehicles offer substantial advantages over traditional gasoline-powered cars, including reduced greenhouse gas emissions and lower operational costs. EVs produce zero tailpipe emissions, making them a preferred choice for cities grappling with air pollution. In addition, electricity costs for EVs are typically 30-50% lower than gasoline costs in most regions.
3. However, electric vehicles still face several challenges. One of the primary issues is the insufficient charging infrastructure. As of 2023, there were only 2.7 million public charging stations worldwide, which is not enough to meet growing demand. Concerns about battery range and charging times also continue to affect consumer confidence.
4. Governments worldwide are supporting the transition to electric vehicles through incentives like tax credits, rebates, and subsidies. Some cities have even introduced low-emission zones, allowing only electric or hybrid vehicles to operate.
5. Experts predict that by 2030, electric vehicles could account for 30% of global car sales, significantly contributing to reductions in carbon emissions and efforts to combat climate change.

Answer the following questions, based on the passage above.

- i. What does the phrase “significant growth” by the writer, in paragraph 1, suggest about the electric vehicle market? 1
 - (A) The writer believes the market is stagnant.
 - (B) The writer highlights the substantial and rapid expansion of the market.
 - (C) The writer downplays the importance of electric vehicle growth.
 - (D) The writer is indifferent to the market’s performance.
- ii. Select the option that is true for the assertion and reason given below : 1

Assertion : Electric vehicles help reduce environmental damage caused by transportation.
Reason : EVs produce zero tailpipe emissions, lowering air pollution in urban areas.

 - (A) Both the assertion and reason are true, and the reason is the correct explanation of the assertion.
 - (B) Both the assertion and reason are true, but the reason is not the correct explanation of the assertion.
 - (C) The assertion is true, but the reason is false.
 - (D) The assertion is false, but the reason is true.
- iii. Identify the number of electric vehicles on the road in 2023, as mentioned in the passage. 1
- iv. According to the passage, what are two key challenges faced by the electric vehicle industry? 1
- v. Read the given prompt and select the correct option in the brackets to fill in the blank : 1

Electric vehicles offer lower operating costs compared to gasoline-powered cars, with electricity costs being significantly lower in most regions.
Electricity costs for EVs are about _____ (30-50% / 50-70% / 10-20%) lower than gasoline costs.

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- vi. What are some of the incentives mentioned in the passage that governments are using to encourage the adoption of electric vehicles? 1
- vii. Complete the sentence suitably. 1
Charging infrastructure for electric vehicles is limited, as _____.
- viii. Complete the following with a suitable reason : 1
Experts predict that electric vehicles could make up 30% of global car sales by 2030 because _____.
- ix. In the context of paragraph 5, why is the adoption of electric vehicles important for addressing climate change? 2

SECTION B - WRITING SKILLS & GRAMMAR

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GRAMMAR

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3. Complete ANY TEN of twelve of the following tasks, as directed.

- i. Fill in the blank by choosing the correct option to complete the magazine article.
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:
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.
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:
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

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- v. Complete the notice by filling in the blank with the correct option:
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.
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:
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.
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.
Is the movie enjoyable?

- x Identify the error in the given sentence and supply the correction.
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.
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.
There are so much ways of entertainment in life.

Use the given format for your response.

Error	Correction

WRITING

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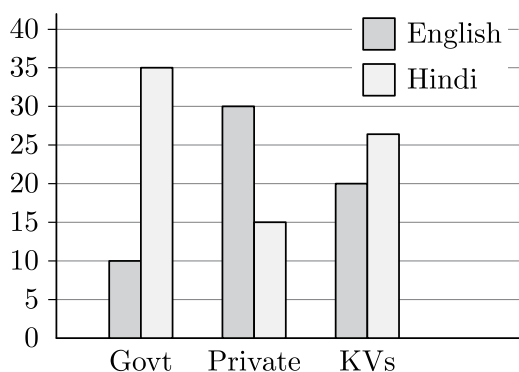
Note : All details presented in the questions in writing section are imaginary and created for assessment purpose.

- 4A.** Write a formal letter in about 120 words to the principal about the unhygienic conditions in the school washrooms.

OR

- 4B.** 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.

- 5A.** 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 about 120 words.



OR

- 5B.** 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.

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SECTION C - LITERATURE TEXTBOOK

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

- 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.
- ii.** What had Ramlal never dreamt?
- iii.** What effect does the wedding procession, as described in the lines below, have on Ramlal?
Ramlal was overjoyed to see such pomp and splendor.
Choose the most suitable option.
(A) surprises (B) excites
(C) confuses (D) worries
- iv.** Which phrase would correctly substitute 'splendor' in the given sentence from the extract?
Ramlal was overjoyed to see such pomp and splendor.

- 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."
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.

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- iii. Fill in the blank with the correct word from the bracket.
The word 'pleasure' in the line "The man went out for no other reason than to have the pleasure of feeling the rain on his body" indicates that Lencho found the rain _____ (delightful/dreadful).
- 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.

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.
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'?
- iii. State which of the terms given below, can be applied to the statement taking into account the poet's belief system.
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.

- 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
(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.
- iii. Complete the following suitably.
'Shadow' here, refers to the shadow of _____.
- iv. It is clear that metaphor is the poetic device used for 'pads of velvet'. Give evidence.



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

- i. What does Mandela thank the international leaders for?
(*Nelson Mandela - Long Walk to Freedom*)
- ii. Anne says teachers are most unpredictable. How?
(*From the Diary of Anne Frank*)
- iii. How does tiger feel in the zoo?
(*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?
(*Dust of Snow*)
- v. Why was Chubukov sure that Natalya would give her consent for the proposal?
(*The Proposal*)

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

- i. How did the invisible man first become visible?
(*Footprints without Feet*)
- ii. Why did Ebright lose interest in tagging butterflies?
(*The Making of a Scientist*)
- iii. Why did Hari Singh change his name every month?
(*The Thief's Story*)

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

- i. 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).
- ii. "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. 6

- i. 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*.
- ii. “Intentions always do not justify actions,”. Analyze this quote with reference to “The Question of Trust”.

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SAMPLE PAPER 15
ENGLISH LANGUAGE AND LITERATURE (184)
CLASS-X EXAM 2024-25

Time Allowed : 3 Hrs.

Maximum Marks : 80

General Instructions :

Read the instructions very carefully and strictly follow them :

1. This question paper comprises 11 questions. All questions are compulsory.
 2. The Question Paper contains THREE sections -
Section A : Reading Skills
Section B : Grammar and Creative Writing Skills
Section C : Literature Textbook
 3. Attempt questions based on specific instructions for each part.
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SECTION A - READING SKILLS

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1. Read the following text.

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1. What brings happiness has meant different things to different generations. Our ancestors took pride in learning, making sacrifices, and caring for others' well-being. But those days are gone. Today, we mostly care only about ourselves. We feel jealous when our neighbors succeed, and this leaves us feeling stressed and unhappy.
2. The word "happy" can have many meanings. It can mean lucky, fortunate, content, or pleased. But true happiness comes from within a person's mind. No matter how much money or wealth someone has, it doesn't necessarily make them happy.
3. Our ancestors lived very differently from how we live today. They followed the idea of "simple living and high thinking." People were satisfied with what they earned through hard work. Having a lot of material wealth didn't mean much to them. Instead, they sought mental satisfaction and fulfillment in everything they did.
4. The structure of families in the past was also very different from today. They lived in large, close-knit joint families, and this made them happier. Family members cared for one another, and siblings grew up with their cousins. The love they shared is harder to find in today's small nuclear families. The joint family provided emotional support during tough times, reducing stress. But in nuclear families, we've grown apart from our relatives, and sometimes cousins don't even recognize each other. Family conflicts can lead to separation and destroy family bonds.
5. The joint family system was a great environment for children to grow up in. Children learned important values like respect, responsibility, and honesty. As a result, they became better human beings compared to today's generation. For our ancestors, the greatest happiness came when their children grew up to be honest individuals. Today, however, we're happy only when we achieve our material goals, and we're often willing to do anything to get there. Our way of thinking has become focused only on getting what we want, no matter the cost.

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6. Our ancestors had a dream of making India the best country. They were willing to make personal sacrifices to achieve this dream. Their happiness was tied to the well-being of all Indians. But today, many people want to move to Western countries to enjoy a more comfortable life. They leave behind the problems of Indian society without trying to fix them. While they may succeed abroad, they often feel disconnected from their homeland. They miss their childhood memories and family relationships, which makes it hard for them to feel truly happy. Being far from aging parents also causes worry, and it's difficult for them to return because their children may not adjust to life in India. In this way, our generation blends tradition and modernity into a unique lifestyle.

Answer the following questions, based on the passage above.

- i. In paragraph 1, what are some of the differences between our ancestors' values and modern values? 1
- ii. Complete the following with the correct option : 1
True happiness, according to the passage, comes from :
(a) Having a lot of material wealth.
(b) What's inside a person's mind and their inner feelings.
(paragraph 2)
- iii. How did our ancestors live differently from us, according to paragraph 3? 2
- iv. Select the option that best explains the difference between joint families and nuclear families : 1
(a) Joint families provided emotional support and close relationships, while nuclear families are more distant.
(b) Nuclear families are happier because they are smaller.
(paragraph 4)
- v. State whether the following statements is True or False. 1
Our ancestors believed that the greatest happiness came from raising children to be successful in their careers.
(paragraph 5)
- vi. The writer mentions in paragraph 6 that many people today move to Western countries. 1
Which of the following are two reasons this can make them unhappy?
(A) They miss their childhood memories and feel disconnected from their homeland.
(B) They worry about being far from their aging parents.
(C) Both (A) and (B)
(D) They struggle with adjusting to the weather and new customs.
- vii. List two values that children learned from growing up in joint families, as mentioned in the passage. 2
(paragraph 5)



- viii.** Fill in the blank with the correct option : 1
- Today, many people move away from India to live in Western countries because :
- (A) They want to improve the problems in Indian society.
 - (B) They seek a more comfortable life but often feel disconnected from their homeland.
 - (C) They find more opportunities to visit their family members.
 - (D) They believe that life in Western countries offers more financial stability.
- (paragraph 6)*

2. Read the following text.

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1. Mental health awareness has grown significantly in recent years, with more individuals seeking help for conditions such as anxiety and depression. According to the World Health Organization (WHO), 1 in 8 people worldwide lived with a mental health disorder in 2021, representing about 970 million people. This is a sharp increase from 792 million in 2017.
2. The COVID-19 pandemic further worsened global mental health, with rates of anxiety and depression increasing by 25% during its peak in 2020. Factors such as social isolation, job insecurity, and fear of illness contributed to this rise. Young people, particularly those aged 15 to 29, experienced a 30% increase in anxiety-related conditions during this period.
3. Many countries are working to improve mental health services by increasing funding, promoting mental health education, and integrating mental health care into primary healthcare systems. Telemedicine has emerged as a key tool, with usage increasing by 45% between 2020 and 2022, providing remote mental health support for individuals who cannot access in-person care.
4. Despite progress, mental health services remain underfunded globally. WHO estimates that low-income countries allocate less than 2% of their national health budgets to mental health, compared to 5% in middle-income countries and 8% in high-income countries. This leaves millions of individuals, particularly in low-income regions, without adequate care.
5. Experts stress that addressing mental health is crucial for overall well-being, economic productivity, and reducing the global burden of disease. Poor mental health is estimated to cost the global economy \$1 trillion annually due to lost productivity and increased healthcare costs.

Answer the following questions, based on the passage above.

- i.** What does the use of the phrase “sharp increase” by the writer, in paragraph 1, suggest about the rise in mental health disorders? 1
- (A) The writer is downplaying the growth of mental health issues.
 - (B) The writer highlights a significant and rapid rise in mental health disorders.
 - (C) The writer is showing indifference to mental health issues.
 - (D) The writer believes mental health disorders have not changed significantly.



- ii. Select the option that is true for the assertion and reason given below : 1
Assertion : The COVID-19 pandemic worsened global mental health.
Reason : During the pandemic, anxiety and depression rates increased by 25%, driven by factors such as social isolation and job insecurity.
(A) Both the assertion and reason are true, and the reason is the correct explanation of the assertion.
(B) Both the assertion and reason are true, but the reason is not the correct explanation of the assertion.
(C) The assertion is true, but the reason is false.
(D) The assertion is false, but the reason is true.
- iii. Identify the percentage increase in anxiety-related conditions among young people (aged 15 to 29) during the COVID-19 pandemic, as mentioned in the passage. 1
- iv. According to the passage, what are two primary reasons for the rise in mental health challenges during the pandemic? 1
- v. Read the given prompt and select the correct option in the brackets to fill in the blank : 1
Global mental health conditions saw a steep rise, with the number of people affected increasing by nearly 200 million between 2017 and 2021.
The total number of people living with mental health disorders in 2021 was _____ (792 million / 970 million / 1.2 billion).
- vi. What are some of the strategies mentioned in the passage that countries are using to improve mental health services? 1
- vii. Complete the sentence suitably. 1
Telemedicine has become a critical tool in mental health care, with its usage increasing by _____.
- viii. Complete the following with a suitable reason : 1
Experts emphasize the importance of addressing mental health because _____.
- ix. In the context of paragraph 5, why is addressing mental health critical for global well-being and economic productivity? 2

SECTION B - WRITING SKILLS & GRAMMAR

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GRAMMAR

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3. Complete ANY TEN of twelve of the following tasks, as directed.

- i. Fill in the blank by choosing the correct option to complete the sentence.
The director had come out of the office before I _____.
(A) arrived (B) arrive
(C) was arrived (D) had arrived

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

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.

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:

A pleasure in being outdoors is fundamental for human happiness.

Option No.	Error	Correction
(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 :

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.

The furniture in his house _____ (look) impressive.

- vii. Report the dialogue between Anita and Seema, by completing the narration.

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.

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:

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.
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.

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:
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

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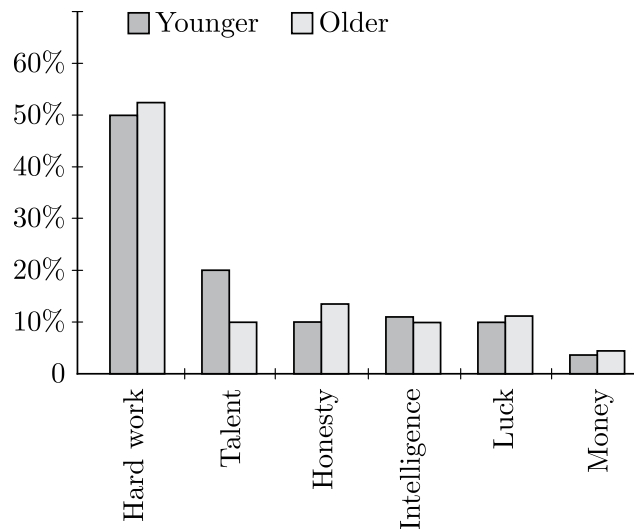
- 4A. You are Aman/Amita, Blue Bells Public School, Delhi. Write a letter to UK Publishers, Pratap Vihar, Delhi to place an order for English to Hindi, encyclopedia, fiction books etc. for your school library. Request them for a catalogue, discount offered and other necessary details.

OR

- 4B. 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.
- 5A. 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 about 120 words after observing the graph carefully and analysing; highlight the main features and make suitable comparisons
The Most Important Factor For Success

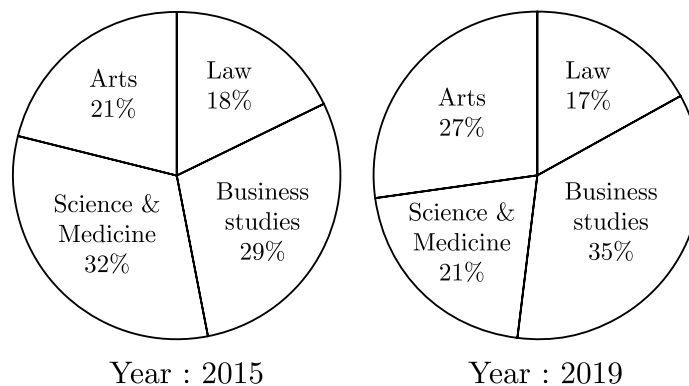
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- 5B.** The following pie charts show the percentage of students taking admission in different faculties of XYZ University over a certain period of time. Write an analytical paragraph on your understanding of the given data.



SECTION C - LITERATURE TEXTBOOK

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- 6.** Read the given extracts and answer ANY ONE of the two questions given below 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)

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- i. Why did Mr. Weiherer consider Richard to be a hard worker?
- ii. What effect does Richard's attitude towards competition, as described in the lines below, have on Mr. Weiherer?
"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."
Choose the most suitable option.
(A) impresses (B) disappoints
(C) confuses (D) frustrates

iii. Why did Mr. Weiherer call Richard a true winner? Answer in about 40 words.

iv. Why was Richard trying to win?

- 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
(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.
- iii. Fill in the blank with the correct word from the bracket.
The word 'convincing' in the line "the trick was to come up with convincing arguments to prove the necessity of talking" indicates that Anne wanted her arguments to be _____ (persuasive/vague).
- iv. What is integral to writing her essay according to Anne?

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 following suitably.
The mood of the boy in the extract is _____.
- ii. What literary device has been used by the usage of 'ball' in the poem?
- iii. Which ultimate grief has fixed the boy?
(A) Loss of his ball (B) Loss of his dear one
(C) Loss of his toys (D) None of these
- iv. A ball is an easily available, inexpensive thing. Then, why is the boy so sad to lose it?
Answer in about 40 words.

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
(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.
- iii. 'Shadow' here, refers to the shadow of _____.
- iv. It is clear that metaphor is the poetic device used for 'pads of velvet'. Give evidence.

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

- i. What brought a sudden change in the poet of 'Dust of Snow'?
- ii. What is the greatest wealth of a country according to Nelson Mandela?
(Nelson Mandela : Long Walk to Freedom)
- iii. Describe the dreadful appearance of the pirate?
(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 ?
(A Letter to God)
- v. How did Chubukov react when Lomov told him that he had come to propose to his daughter, Natalya?

(The Proposal)

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

- i. How did Bholi's teacher play an important role in changing the course of her life?
(*Bholi*)
- ii. What did Griffin, the scientist, do to escape after setting the fire to his landlord's house?
(*Footprints Without Feet*)
- iii. Why does Mrs. Pumphrey think the dog's recovery is "a triumph of surgery"?
(*A Triumph of Surgery*)

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

- i. 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*)
- ii. 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. 6

- i. 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*)
- ii. 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 16
ENGLISH LANGUAGE AND LITERATURE (184)
CLASS-X EXAM 2024-25

Time Allowed : 3 Hrs.

Maximum Marks : 80

General Instructions :

Read the instructions very carefully and strictly follow them :

1. This question paper comprises 11 questions. All questions are compulsory.
 2. The Question Paper contains THREE sections -
Section A : Reading Skills
Section B : Grammar and Creative Writing Skills
Section C : Literature Textbook
 3. Attempt questions based on specific instructions for each part.
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SECTION A - READING SKILLS

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1. Read the following text.

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1. Not too long ago, a group of teachers studied students and their learning problems. They found something interesting. Students who struggled in subjects like Maths or Art could still do well in other areas. However, students who were bad at reading tended to do poorly in all their subjects.
2. At first, the teachers were confused by this, but they soon found the answer. They realized that even subjects like Maths and Science depend on reading.
3. While other skills are involved in subjects like Maths, such as adding and subtracting, most instructions are given in written form. Students often have to read homework directions, tests, and word problems. If students can't read and understand these, they can't solve the problems. So, being good at reading is important for success in almost every subject.
4. If you go to college, you'll spend most of your study time reading. You'll need more information, and the best way to get it is by reading. Even if information comes in movies or tapes, it won't help you unless you know how to read. In the future, magazines and books may be on computers or microfilm, but they will still need to be read. The same applies to learning in school—printed material isn't going away anytime soon.
5. Success in school still depends on being able to read well. Students who can't read or don't read well enough to understand the material will struggle. You are entering a world where more and more reading is required every day. Instructions for using apps, cooking food, understanding traffic signs, travel guides, and safety warnings all require reading skills.
6. Your ability to find and keep a job is also linked to your reading ability. Even the simplest jobs require some reading, and many people get better-paying jobs by learning new skills through reading. The more specialized the job, the more you need to read quickly and confidently. Doctors read medical journals to keep up with the latest treatments,

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pharmacists read prescriptions, and lawyers spend a lot of time reading legal documents. Jobs that require strong reading skills are growing fast, and today, people who can't read well may have a hard time finding employment.

Answer the following questions, based on the passage above.

- i. In paragraph 1, what did the teachers discover about students who struggled with reading? 1
- ii. Complete the following with the correct option : 1
Why do students who are bad at reading struggle in subjects like Maths and Science?
(a) Because these subjects don't require any reading.
(b) Because even these subjects have written instructions and problems that students need to read and understand.
(paragraph 2)
- iii. How does reading affect success in Maths, as explained in paragraph 3? 2
- iv. Select the option that best explains the importance of reading in college : 1
(a) College students spend most of their time doing practical work.
(b) College students need to read a lot to get information, and even future technologies will still require reading.
(paragraph 4)
- v. State whether the following statement is True or False. 1
Printed material will soon disappear from schools, according to the passage.
(paragraph 4)
- vi. The writer mentions in paragraph 5 that more reading is required in daily life today. 1
Which of the following are two examples of things that require reading skills?
(A) Understanding traffic signs and safety warnings.
(B) Instructions for using apps and food preparation guides.
(C) Both (A) and (B).
(D) Memorizing phone numbers and recognizing faces.
(paragraph 5)
- vii. List two reasons why reading is important for getting and keeping a job, as mentioned in the passage. 2
(paragraph 6)
- viii. Fill in the blank with the correct option : 1
According to the passage, people who cannot read well :
(A) Will still find jobs easily in most professions.
(B) May struggle to find employment in today's world where reading is necessary.
(C) Do not need to worry about learning to read quickly or confidently.
(D) Don't need to worry about improving their reading skills.
(paragraph 6)



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

1. The rise of e-commerce has transformed the global retail landscape. In 2023, global e-commerce sales reached \$5.9 trillion, accounting for 20% of total retail sales. This is a significant increase from 2015, when e-commerce accounted for just 7.4% of retail sales.
2. The COVID-19 pandemic accelerated this shift, with online shopping becoming a preferred method for many consumers. By 2021, more than 2.1 billion people worldwide made online purchases, representing over a quarter of the global population. Convenience, a wide range of options, and competitive pricing are major factors driving this growth.
3. Despite its advantages, e-commerce faces challenges. Issues like cybersecurity threats, data privacy concerns, and environmental impacts from packaging and delivery services have raised questions about its sustainability. Additionally, the rapid growth of e-commerce has increased competition among retailers, with small businesses struggling to keep up.
4. Governments and businesses are working to address these issues. Many countries have implemented stricter regulations on data privacy and introduced initiatives to promote sustainable packaging and carbon-neutral delivery methods. E-commerce companies are investing in technologies like artificial intelligence and automation to enhance customer experiences and reduce environmental impacts.
5. Experts predict that by 2030, e-commerce will account for 30% of total retail sales, further transforming the retail industry and reshaping consumer behavior.

Answer the following questions, based on the passage above.

- i. What does the use of the phrase “transformed the global retail landscape” by the writer, in paragraph 1, tell us about the impact of e-commerce? 1
(A) The writer is highlighting how e-commerce has drastically changed the retail industry.
(B) The writer believes e-commerce has had little impact on retail.
(C) The writer thinks e-commerce is not significant for retail.
(D) The writer is indifferent to e-commerce’s impact on retail.
- ii. Select the option that is true for the assertion and reason given below : 1
Assertion : E-commerce grew rapidly during the COVID-19 pandemic.
Reason : The pandemic made online shopping a preferred method for many consumers due to convenience and safety concerns.
(A) Both the assertion and reason are true, and the reason is the correct explanation of the assertion.
(B) Both the assertion and reason are true, but the reason is not the correct explanation of the assertion.
(C) The assertion is true, but the reason is false.
(D) The assertion is false, but the reason is true.
- iii. Identify the percentage of global retail sales accounted for by e-commerce in 2023, as mentioned in the passage. 1

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- iv. According to the passage, what are two major challenges faced by the e-commerce industry? 1
- v. Read the given prompt and select the correct option in the brackets to fill in the blank : 1
The percentage of global e-commerce sales has risen sharply since 2015, driven by convenience, competitive pricing, and a wide range of options.
In 2023, e-commerce accounted for _____ (15% / 20% / 30%) of total retail sales.
- vi. What are some of the strategies mentioned in the passage that businesses and governments are using to address e-commerce challenges? 1
- vii. Complete the sentence suitably. 1
E-commerce companies are investing in new technologies such as _____.
- viii. Complete the following with a suitable reason : 1
Experts predict that e-commerce will account for 30% of total retail sales by 2030 because _____.
- ix. In the context of paragraph 5, why is the growth of e-commerce expected to further transform the retail industry? 2

SECTION B - WRITING SKILLS & GRAMMAR

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GRAMMAR

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3. Complete ANY TEN of twelve of the following tasks, as directed.
- i. Fill in the blank by choosing the correct option to complete an online update.
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.
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.
When life is uncertain, our usual responses and coping strategies not always work.
(A) may (B) might
(C) can (D) could

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- iv. Select the option that identifies the error and supplies the correction for the following line, from a proceeding in family court.

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 :
 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 :
 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 :
 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.
 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.
 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 :
- 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
 Dispersing through thinning forests, tigers came into conflict with humans.
- Use the given format for your response.

Error	Correction

WRITING

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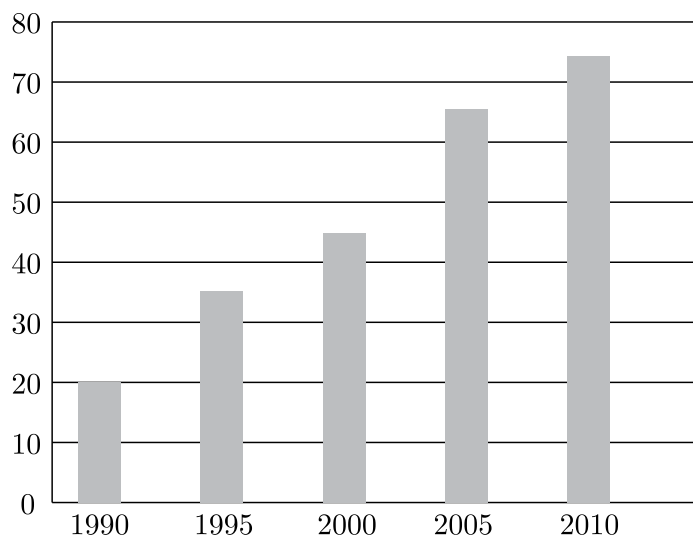
- 4A.** Your state government has banned the use of plastic bags. You are highly moved by the violence of the rule in the weekly markets. You are Amarjeet, a resident of Wave City Ghaziabad.
- Write a letter to the Editor of The Tribune, in not more than 120 words, drawing attention towards harm caused by law offence and also aware people about the need of the hour.

OR

- 4B.** 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. (120 words)
- 5A.** 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 about 120 words how this trend has only changed over the years.

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5B. Analyse the picture in your own words in about 120 words.



SECTION C - LITERATURE TEXTBOOK

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6. Read the given extracts and answer ANY ONE of the two questions given below 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?
- ii. What was the pilot flying?
- iii. How did the pilot feel after calling the Paris Control the first time? Answer in about 40 words.

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- iv. What effect does the scenery, as described in the lines below, have on the narrator?

I was happy to be alone high up above the sleeping countryside.

Choose the most suitable option.

- (A) excites (B) comforts
(C) saddens (D) frightens

- B. Poor Kisa Gotami now went from house to house, and the people pitied her and said, "Here is mustard-seed; 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 _____.
(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.
- iii. Fill in the blank with the correct word from the bracket.
The word 'grief' in the line "Do not remind us of our deepest grief" indicates that the people were filled with _____ (sorrow/joy).
- iv. Is it correct to say that had Buddha been alive today, he could have become either a counsellor or a psychologist? Why?

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.
The Tiger is in a 'quiet rage' because his _____ has been curtailed.
- ii. 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?

iv. Why does a tiger express his rage quietly ? Answer in about 40 words.

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?

ii. What does the poet want to convey through these lines? Answer in about 40 words.

iii. Select the appropriate option that supports the idea in the extract.

(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. Complete the following suitably.

The extract mentions ‘irons’ in dungeons. According to the extract, ‘irons’ refers to -----.

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

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.

ii. What do the roots do all night?

(The Trees)

iii. Is bread-making still popular in Goa? How do you know?

(Glimpses of India)

iv. What do the ‘Hemlock tree’ and ‘Crow’ represent? What does the dust of snow metaphorically stand for?

(Dust of Snow)

v. How does Natalaya react when she comes to know that Lomov had come to propose for her hand?

(The Proposal)



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

- i. What changes came into the life of Loisels after the necklace was lost?
(*The Necklace*)
- ii. Scientists contribute to make the world a better place. Griffin is an antithesis to this statement. Justify.
(*Footprints Without Feet*)
- iii. Elaborate on the quality of the book that saved the planet Earth.
(*The Book That Saved the Earth*)

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

- i. 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.
- ii. "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. 6

- i. 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*)
- ii. 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.

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ENGLISH LANGUAGE AND LITERATURE (184)
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Time Allowed : 3 Hrs.

Maximum Marks : 80

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 2. The Question Paper contains THREE sections -
Section A : Reading Skills
Section B : Grammar and Creative Writing Skills
Section C : Literature Textbook
 3. Attempt questions based on specific instructions for each part.
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SECTION A - READING SKILLS

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1. Read the following text.

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1. A piano teacher once shared an interesting experience with a young woman who came to ask about music lessons. The young woman asked, “How long will this course take? My father says it’s trendy to play musical instruments, and I should learn one quickly. I want something that is fast and easy.” The teacher, amused, explained that learning music takes a lifetime of careful practice. The young woman was disappointed and never returned.
2. The main reason some people succeed and others don’t is because of this “instant coffee” attitude. Many of us want quick results. We want to succeed right away and get frustrated when things don’t go as planned. We forget about the importance of perseverance and patience. When a skill or activity requires a lot of effort and time, we feel upset, lose motivation, and sometimes want to give up.
3. But thinking this way doesn’t help us solve the problem.
4. Life is hard for people with an “instant coffee” mindset. Real success and happiness come to those who have a “bread-making” attitude. These are the people willing to put in the time and effort, like kneading dough, waiting for it to rise, and going through the long process before it’s ready. Nothing happens instantly. Whether it’s in your career, studies, music, sports, relationships, fitness, or even spirituality, everything requires time and effort.
5. Only if we are ready to spend time and work hard, while also having faith, can we achieve results. If we don’t accept this tough truth, our lives won’t be truly happy or fulfilling. We might not make the extra effort needed to change our lives for the better.
6. The problem with “instant coffee” solutions is that they don’t last long. If we keep looking for quick fixes, we will likely end up going in the wrong direction.

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Answer the following questions, based on the passage above.

- i. In paragraph 1, what was the young lady expecting from the music lessons? 1
- ii. Complete the following with the correct option :
The “instant coffee” attitude is when :1
(a) People are willing to work hard and wait for results.
(b) People want quick results without putting in much effort or time.
(paragraph 2)
- iii. How does the “bread-making” attitude differ from the “instant coffee” attitude, as explained in paragraph 4? 2
- iv. Select the option that best explains the problem with the “instant coffee” mindset : 1
(a) It motivates people to work harder in life.
(b) It causes frustration and leads people to give up easily when things take time and effort.
(paragraph 2 and 3)
- v. State whether the following statement is True or False. 1
People who accept that success takes time and effort are more likely to live happy and fulfilling lives.
(paragraph 5)
- vi. The writer mentions in paragraph 6 that “instant coffee” solutions don’t last long. 1
What does this imply for people who seek quick fixes?
(A) They achieve long-term success with ease.
(B) They often end up unsatisfied and going in the wrong direction.
(C) They experience more happiness and fulfillment.
(D) They become more patient and willing to work harder.
- vii. List two areas of life where the “bread-making” attitude is important, as mentioned in the passage. 2
(paragraph 4)
- viii. Fill in the blank with the correct option : 1
The main lesson of the passage is that real success comes to those who :
(A) Always seek the easiest path.
(B) Put in consistent time and effort with patience.
(C) Look for shortcuts and fast results.
(D) Depend on luck rather than hard work.
(paragraph 4 and 5)

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

1. India’s agricultural sector plays a crucial role in the country’s economy, employing nearly 42% of the workforce and contributing around 17% to the national GDP in 2022. Despite this, the sector faces numerous challenges, including water scarcity, inefficient



farming practices, and dependency on monsoon rains, which account for nearly 70% of India's annual rainfall. In 2021, nearly 70% of India's farmers were small and marginal, holding less than 2 hectares of land.

2. Climate change has exacerbated the unpredictability of monsoon patterns, leading to more frequent droughts and floods. In 2020, floods caused losses of over \$10 billion to Indian agriculture, while droughts in some regions led to a 30% reduction in crop yields. Such fluctuations severely impact the livelihood of farmers, who rely heavily on consistent weather patterns for successful harvests.
3. The government has implemented several initiatives to support farmers. The Pradhan Mantri Fasal Bima Yojana (PMFBY) provides crop insurance for over 58 million farmers, covering them against losses due to natural disasters. Another major initiative, the Pradhan Mantri Krishi Sinchayee Yojana (PMKSY), has brought 21 million hectares of farmland under improved irrigation systems, helping reduce the dependence on monsoons.
4. Despite these programs, small and marginal farmers—who make up 86% of the farming community—continue to face issues such as limited access to technology, credit, and modern farming practices. In 2021, only 30% of small-scale farmers had access to institutional credit, limiting their ability to invest in advanced agricultural methods and technologies.
5. Experts emphasize that further investments in technology, infrastructure, and training are essential to boost productivity and ensure sustainable farming practices, which will be crucial for the long-term stability of India's agricultural sector.

Answer the following questions, based on the passage above.

- i. What does the use of the phrase “crucial role” by the writer, in paragraph 1, suggest about the significance of India's agricultural sector? 1
(A) The writer believes agriculture is a minor part of the economy.
(B) The writer is emphasizing the essential importance of agriculture to India's economy.
(C) The writer is indifferent to the role of agriculture.
(D) The writer believes agriculture plays no significant role in the economy.
- ii. Select the option that is true for the assertion and reason given below : 1
Assertion : Climate change has worsened agricultural challenges in India.
Reason : Unpredictable monsoon patterns have led to frequent droughts and floods, affecting crop yields.
(A) Both the assertion and reason are true, and the reason is the correct explanation of the assertion.
(B) Both the assertion and reason are true, but the reason is not the correct explanation of the assertion.
(C) The assertion is true, but the reason is false.
(D) The assertion is false, but the reason is true.
- iii. Identify the percentage of small and marginal farmers in India, as mentioned in the passage. 1



- iv. According to the passage, what are two major government initiatives aimed at supporting Indian farmers? 1
- v. Read the given prompt and select the correct option in the brackets to fill in the blank : 1
Small and marginal farmers in India face numerous challenges, including limited access to credit and technology, which hampers their ability to adopt modern farming practices.
The percentage of Indian farmers who are small and marginal is _____ (70% / 86% / 58%).
- vi. What are some of the strategies mentioned in the passage that the government is using to address agricultural challenges? 1
- vii. Complete the sentence suitably. 1
Floods in 2020 caused over \$10 billion in losses to Indian agriculture, while droughts led to _____.
- viii. Complete the following with a suitable reason : 1
Experts stress the need for more investment in technology and infrastructure because _____.
- ix. In the context of paragraph 5, why is investing in modern technology and training critical for the long-term stability of India's agricultural sector? 2

SECTION B - WRITING SKILLS & GRAMMAR

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GRAMMAR

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3. Complete ANY TEN of twelve of the following tasks, as directed.

- i. The ACC _____ the date of examination to recruit soldiers and train them to become commissioned officers in the Indian Army.
(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.
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.
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

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

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.

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:

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:
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.

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.

Why were your parents absent, yesterday?



- x. Read the slogan by the local counsellor of your ward. Identify the error and supply the correction.

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.
 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 :
 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

WRITING

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

- 4A. 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

- 4B. 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.

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5A. 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

5B. 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 TEXTBOOK

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6. Read the given extracts and answer ANY ONE of the two questions given below 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. What effect does the presence of the strange black aeroplane, as described in the lines below, have on the narrator?

I was very happy to go behind the strange aeroplane like an obedient child.

Choose the most suitable option.

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| (A) reassures | (B) frightens |
| (C) confuses | (D) frustrates |

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.

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"?

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

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:

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.

iii. Fill in the blank with the correct word from the bracket.

The word 'unfairness' in the line "Say what you will, I can't stand unfairness." indicates that Natalya felt _____ (wronged/grateful).

iv. On the basis of your understanding of the extract, which common character traits are exhibited by both Natalya and Lomov?

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.

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?



- iii. Complete the statement with reference to the extract.

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.

- 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. Complete the following suitably.

Contextual meaning of the word 'rampart' is _____.

- ii. Why does Anne want to change the colour of her hair? Answer in about 40 words.

- iii. Choose the phrase that best represents, 'love you for yourself alone'.

- (A) one-sided love
- (B) mutual love
- (C) unconditional love
- (D) blind love

- iv. What does the poet suggest about the young man's love in "For Anne Gregory"?

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

- i. 'Avoiding danger is no safer in the long run.' How do you think this statement would work for the young seagull?

(Two Stories About Flying)

- ii. Discuss what Frost wants to convey through the poem 'Fire and Ice'.

- iii. Valli's venture to the town brings an alarm to the parents. Elucidate.

(Madam Rides the Bus)

- iv. Give the character sketch of the dragon.

(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.

(The Proposal)



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

- i. Do you think Mrs Pumphrey's overindulgence would not let Tricky lead a healthy lifestyle? Give reason for your answer.

(A Triumph of Surgery)

- ii. Fowler was disappointed to see Ausable. Validate the statement.

(The Midnight Visitor)

- iii. All might have been well, had Griffin woken up on time in the store. Elucidate the statement.

(Footprints without Feet)

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

- i. Imagine that you met Rajvir and discussed with him more about tea plantation. Develop the conversation.

(Glimpses of India)

- ii. 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. **6**

- i. 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'.

- ii. 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 18
ENGLISH LANGUAGE AND LITERATURE (184)
CLASS-X EXAM 2024-25

Time Allowed : 3 Hrs.

Maximum Marks : 80

General Instructions :

Read the instructions very carefully and strictly follow them :

1. This question paper comprises 11 questions. All questions are compulsory.
 2. The Question Paper contains THREE sections -
Section A : Reading Skills
Section B : Grammar and Creative Writing Skills
Section C : Literature Textbook
 3. Attempt questions based on specific instructions for each part.
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SECTION A - READING SKILLS

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1. Read the following text.

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1. Crows are very aware of what's happening around them and often observe humans closely. Birds in the corvid family, like crows, magpies, and ravens, can build relationships with people. When corvids trust their human friends, they sometimes show this by bringing gifts, although it's not guaranteed. Some people even feed crows as a calming, meditative activity.
2. The behavior of crows differs based on where they live and their family group. There are about 50 types of corvids around the world, and each type acts differently. While they're not the only smart birds, corvids stand out because they excel at skills that are similar to humans. Crows can recognize human faces, remember if someone is friendly or dangerous, and even share this information with other crows.
3. Crows have social systems that are similar to human communities in the Western world. American crows, for example, have a family and territory they protect, but they also pay attention to the other crows in their neighborhood. They interact with bigger groups of unfamiliar crows, just like humans interact with people outside their close friendships.
4. Crows are careful creatures. They pay close attention to individual people more than most birds. PET scans of crows' brains show that when they see human faces they connect with danger or kindness, certain parts of their brains linked to emotions and fear become active. These parts are similar to the human brain, which is quite fascinating.
5. Crows have specific tastes in food. If you offer them a variety of foods, they will choose their favorite. Earning their trust takes time and routine. Crows need to feel that you are not a threat, that the food you give is safe, and that it will always be there. Sometimes crows bring gifts to their human friends, but being friends with them also means being responsible.

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6. People who love crows have encouraged others to feed them for years. However, feeding them the wrong way can cause problems. If too much food is left out, crows might gather in large numbers and bother the neighborhood. Just as crows communicate with each other, people who feed them should be aware of how their actions affect their human neighbors.

Answer the following questions, based on the passage above.

- i. In paragraph 1, how do crows sometimes show their friendship with humans? 1
- ii. Complete the following with the correct option : 1
Crows are known for being intelligent because :
(a) They can only recognize other birds.
(b) They can recognize human faces and share information with other crows.
(paragraph 2)
- iii. How do American crows interact with their surroundings and other crows, as explained in paragraph 3? 2
- iv. Select the option that best describes the similarities between the crow's brain and the human brain : 1
(a) Crows and humans have the same brain size.
(b) Crows, like humans, have brain areas that handle emotions and fear.
(paragraph 4)
- v. State whether the following statement is True or False. 1
Crows are picky eaters and will only eat one kind of food.
(paragraph 5)
- vi. The writer mentions in paragraph 6 that feeding crows can become a problem. 1
What could happen if too much food is left out for them?
(A) The crows may become sick from overeating.
(B) Crows might gather in large numbers and disturb the neighborhood.
(C) The food will spoil, and crows will stop coming.
(D) Crows will become too dependent on human food and lose their ability to find food in nature. (2)
- vii. List two things humans should keep in mind when feeding crows, as mentioned in the passage. 2
(paragraph 5 and 6)
- viii. Fill in the blank with the correct option : 1
The passage suggests that being friends with crows also means :
(A) Taking responsibility for how your actions affect your neighbors.
(B) Giving the crows as much food as possible.
(C) Allowing crows to gather in large groups in your area.
(D) Ignoring how crows interact with other people around you.
(paragraph 6)



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

1. India's healthcare sector has been growing rapidly, with an estimated market value of 27.5 lakh crore in 2022, up from 11.8 lakh crore in 2017. This growth is driven by factors such as rising income levels, expanding middle-class populations, and increased access to healthcare services. However, India's healthcare system faces several challenges, including limited access to rural healthcare, high out-of-pocket expenses, and a shortage of healthcare professionals.
2. In rural areas, where nearly 65% of India's population resides, access to quality healthcare remains a significant issue. The doctor-to-patient ratio in rural India is as low as 1 :10,000, compared to 1 :1,500 in urban areas. Additionally, over 62% of healthcare expenses are paid out of pocket by individuals, placing a substantial financial burden on households.
3. To address these issues, the Indian government has launched initiatives such as Ayushman Bharat, which aims to provide health insurance to over 50 crore individuals, covering up to 5 lakh per family per year for secondary and tertiary care. The Pradhan Mantri Jan Arogya Yojana (PMJAY), part of the Ayushman Bharat scheme, is one of the largest healthcare schemes in the world.
4. Despite these efforts, the shortage of healthcare workers continues to be a major problem. As of 2022, India had only 1 doctor for every 1,445 people, below the World Health Organization's recommended ratio of 1 :1,000. The government has been investing in the expansion of medical education to produce more healthcare professionals and bridge this gap.
5. Experts believe that with continued investments in healthcare infrastructure, technology, and workforce development, India's healthcare sector could reach a market value of 40 lakh crore by 2030, providing better access to quality care for all citizens.

Answer the following questions, based on the passage above.

- i. What does the use of the phrase "growing rapidly" by the writer, in paragraph 1, suggest about India's healthcare sector? 1
 - (A) The writer believes the healthcare sector is stagnant.
 - (B) The writer is emphasizing the fast expansion of the healthcare sector.
 - (C) The writer is indifferent to the growth of the healthcare sector.
 - (D) The writer believes the healthcare sector is shrinking.
- ii. Select the option that is true for the assertion and reason given below : 1

Assertion : India's rural population faces significant healthcare challenges.

Reason : Rural areas in India have a much lower doctor-to-patient ratio compared to urban areas.

 - (A) Both the assertion and reason are true, and the reason is the correct explanation of the assertion.
 - (B) Both the assertion and reason are true, but the reason is not the correct explanation of the assertion.
 - (C) The assertion is true, but the reason is false.
 - (D) The assertion is false, but the reason is true.

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- iii. Identify the percentage of healthcare expenses paid out of pocket by individuals in India, as mentioned in the passage. 1
- iv. According to the passage, what are two major government initiatives aimed at improving healthcare access in India? 1
- v. Read the given prompt and select the correct option in the brackets to fill in the blank : 1
The Ayushman Bharat scheme aims to provide health insurance coverage for millions of Indian citizens, reducing their out-of-pocket healthcare expenses.
Ayushman Bharat covers up to (1 lakh / 3 lakh / 5 lakh) per family per year for secondary and tertiary care.
- vi. What are some of the strategies mentioned in the passage that the Indian government is using to address healthcare challenges? 1
- vii. Complete the sentence suitably. 1
The shortage of healthcare workers remains a critical issue in India, with only _____.
- viii. Complete the following with a suitable reason : 1
Experts believe that continued investment in healthcare infrastructure is necessary because _____.
- ix. In the context of paragraph 5, why is investing in healthcare workforce development crucial for the future of India's healthcare system? 2

SECTION B - WRITING SKILLS & GRAMMAR

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GRAMMAR

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3. Complete ANY TEN of twelve of the following tasks, as directed.

- i. Fill in the blank by choosing the correct option to complete the sentence.
I _____ following you in the evening today.
(A) will
(B) will be
(B) will have been
(D) would have been
- ii. Read the conversation between Radha and Anu. Complete the narration by reporting Radha's reply correctly.
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 _____.

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- iii. Select the correct option to fill in the blank for the given line, from a newspaper.
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:
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 :
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:
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:
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.
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.

Did you see the clowns in the circus?

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

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 :
I haven't got many change; I've only got a hundred rupee note.

Use the given format for your response.

Error	Correction

WRITING

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

- 4A. 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.

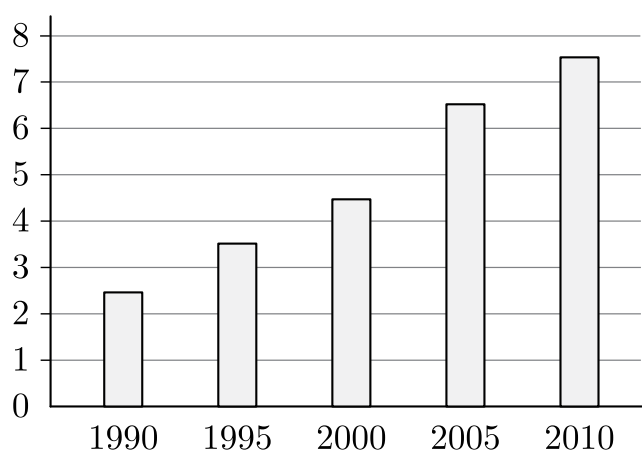
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- 4B. You are Narendra sharma/Nitin sharma, Head, Fitness Group of Gold Gym, 234, Ram Vihar, Delhi. You wish to purchase certain herbal medicines and wellness products. Write a letter to the Store Manager, M/s East India, 54, Preet Vihar, Delhi placing an order for the specific products required by you.

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- 5A.** 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 about 120 words on how educated youth can play a major role in establishing peace in society.



OR

- 5B.** 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 about 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 TEXTBOOK

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- 6.** Read the given extracts and answer ANY ONE of the two questions given below 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)

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- i. What does the following imply?
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.
- iii. What effect does the upcoming meeting, as described in the lines below, have on the class?
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. Choose the most suitable option.
(A) amuses (B) excites
(C) frightens (D) confuses
- iv. Which emotion is portrayed in the expression 'quaking in their boots'?
- 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?
(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?
- iii. Fill in the blank with the correct word from the bracket.
The word 'joy' in the line "She uttered a cry of joy." indicates that the woman felt _____ (elated/disappointed).
- iv. What kind of a person is Mme Loisel and why is she always unhappy? Answer in about 40 words.

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.
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?
- iii. Why is Amanda imagining being an orphan? Answer in about 40 words.
- iv. What is the poet estimating by making silence golden?
(A) The worth of silence
(B) The worth of beauty
(C) The value of independence
(D) The worth of privacy

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 following suitably.
The poetic device used in the first line of the given extract is personification 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.
- iii. Complete the sentence with the appropriate option.
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. Where should the tiger be lurking according to the poem "A Tiger in the Zoo"?

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

- i. Why did the woman in the control centre give a strange look to the narrator?
(Two Stories About Flying)
- ii. When did the baker collect his bill usually? Where was his account recorded?
(Glimpses of India)

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- iii. How can one obtain peace of mind after a dear one's death?
(*The Sermon at Benares*)
- iv. How is divine love different from human love?
(*For Anne Gregory*)
- v. The ending of the poem indicates a celebration of victory. Discuss.
(*The Trees*)

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

- i. Why was the narrator shocked at Tricky's appearance?
(*A Triumph of Surgery*)
- ii. Who was Griffin? What did he want to prove through his repeated experiments?
(*Footprints without Feet*)
- iii. What subject did Richard Ebright choose for next year's science fair?
(*The Making of a Scientist*)

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

- i. 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*)
- ii. 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. 6

- i. Ausable knew Fowler was very disappointed on seeing him. What did Ausable say to him and how did he console him?
(*The Midnight Visitor*)
- ii. 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 19

ENGLISH LANGUAGE AND LITERATURE (184)

CLASS-X EXAM 2024-25

Time Allowed : 3 Hrs.

Maximum Marks : 80

General Instructions :

Read the instructions very carefully and strictly follow them :

1. This question paper comprises 11 questions. All questions are compulsory.
 2. The Question Paper contains THREE sections -
Section A : Reading Skills
Section B : Grammar and Creative Writing Skills
Section C : Literature Textbook
 3. Attempt questions based on specific instructions for each part.
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SECTION A - READING SKILLS

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1. Read the following text.

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1. Even international students who speak English as their first language might have a hard time adjusting to a new academic culture. One common problem is listening. Students may feel anxious about this, and it takes time to get better at it. They need structured help, such as learning how to focus on the main points. They also need guidance with academic reading, like how to approach an article, skim through, read deeply, and take notes.
2. As students improve their listening skills, they face bigger challenges with academic writing. In places like Britain, much of education is based on writing essays, but this can be difficult for students from different cultures. They need to develop their own ideas, form opinions, and analyze different issues in clear English. For some, writing this way is unfamiliar, and they may struggle with plagiarism, which means copying someone else's ideas. In Britain, plagiarism is considered stealing, but that's not always the case in other countries. Students are expected to do research in the library and are not allowed to simply repeat what was said in lectures.
3. The best way to handle these difficulties is to be prepared. The first step is taking a test to check if their English skills are good enough to deal with academic challenges.
4. If a test shows that a student's English skills are not strong enough for university, they can take pre-sessional courses, usually at the university they want to attend. These courses can last from three weeks to a full academic year, so students need to be realistic about their needs. It generally takes around 200 hours of study to improve one low score on some tests. Some universities, especially those that used to be polytechnics, are offering more flexible pre-sessional and foundation courses. For example, Elisabeth Jones, Director of the Centre for Language Study at Leeds Metropolitan University, says, "Our courses are offered every month, so students from different parts of the world can join at any time."

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5. She believes that new universities are generally more flexible with language training than older ones. "Universities like ours can accept students with lower language test scores and help them improve through a programme until they reach the required level, though we can't guarantee how long it will take."

Answer the following questions, based on the passage above.

- i. In paragraph 1, what is one common problem international students face when adjusting to a new academic culture? 1
- ii. Complete the following with the correct option : 1
International students may struggle with academic writing because :
(a) They only need to summarize lecture notes.
(b) They are expected to express their own ideas and opinions, which may be unfamiliar to them.
(paragraph 2)
- iii. What is plagiarism, and why is it a problem in places like Britain? 2
(paragraph 2)
- iv. Select the option that best explains how students can overcome academic challenges : 1
(a) By relying on lecture notes for all assignments.
(b) By preparing in advance and taking language tests to assess their skills.
(paragraph 3)
- v. State whether the following statement is True or False. 1
Pre-sessional courses are usually very short, lasting no more than three weeks.
(paragraph 4)
- vi. The writer mentions in paragraph 4 that some universities offer more flexible language training. 1
What makes these courses flexible for students from different parts of the world?
(A) The courses are free and open to all students.
(B) The courses are offered every month, so students can join at any time.
(C) The courses are only offered during summer breaks.
(D) The courses are shorter, lasting no more than two weeks.
- vii. List two reasons why some newer universities are considered more flexible when it comes to language training. 2
(paragraph 5)
- viii. Fill in the blank with the correct option : 1
According to the passage, improving language skills may require :
(A) 200 hours of study to improve a low score on some tests.
(B) 20 hours of study before enrolling in a degree program.
(C) No additional study for students who already speak English.
(D) Skipping any language courses as they are unnecessary.
(paragraph 4)



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

1. The Indian education system has seen significant changes over the last decade. In 2021, the literacy rate in India reached 77.7%, compared to 74% in 2011. Government initiatives such as Sarva Shiksha Abhiyan (SSA) and the Right to Education Act (RTE) have played a role in improving access to education. However, in rural regions, only 64% of students complete secondary education, compared to 79% in urban areas.
2. In 2020, the government introduced the National Education Policy (NEP) to reform the Indian education system, focusing on critical thinking, digital literacy, and flexible learning pathways. The NEP aims to increase the gross enrollment ratio (GER) in higher education to 50% by 2035, up from the current 27%. As of 2021, only 11% of rural students had access to higher education compared to 51% of their urban counterparts.
3. The COVID-19 pandemic caused major disruptions in the education sector, leading to a shift toward online learning. By mid-2021, over 250 million students across India were learning remotely. However, the digital divide is a significant barrier, as 29% of rural households lack access to the internet, compared to just 4% in urban areas.
4. The government is working to bridge this gap by increasing investments in digital infrastructure through initiatives like PM eVIDYA. This initiative aims to provide multi-modal access to education through TV channels, online courses, and mobile apps, targeting over 100 million students by 2025.
5. Experts believe that with continued investments in digital education and reforms under the NEP, India's education sector can achieve substantial growth in the coming years, equipping students with the skills needed for a rapidly evolving job market.

Answer the following questions, based on the passage above.

- i. What does the use of the phrase “significant changes” by the writer, in paragraph 1, suggest about the Indian education system? 1
 - (A) The writer believes the education system has remained stagnant.
 - (B) The writer is emphasizing the major reforms and improvements in the education system.
 - (C) The writer is indifferent to the changes in the education system.
 - (D) The writer believes there have been no meaningful improvements.
- ii. Select the option that is true for the assertion and reason given below : 1

Assertion : The digital divide has made online learning inaccessible for many students in rural areas.

Reason : A large percentage of rural households lack access to the internet.

 - (A) Both the assertion and reason are true, and the reason is the correct explanation of the assertion.
 - (B) Both the assertion and reason are true, but the reason is not the correct explanation of the assertion.
 - (C) The assertion is true, but the reason is false.
 - (D) The assertion is false, but the reason is true.

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- iii. Identify the percentage of rural households that lack access to the internet, as mentioned in the passage. 1
- iv. According to the passage, what are two key initiatives introduced by the Indian government to improve access to education? 1
- v. Read the given prompt and select the correct option in the brackets to fill in the blank : 1
The National Education Policy (NEP) aims to reform the Indian education system and increase the gross enrollment ratio in higher education.
The NEP targets a gross enrollment ratio of _____ (27% / 50% / 64%) by 2035.
- vi. What are some of the strategies mentioned in the passage that the government is using to address the digital divide? 1
- vii. Complete the sentence suitably. 1
The digital divide in India is reflected by the fact that rural areas have , compared to only 4% in urban areas _____.
- viii. Complete the following with a suitable reason : 1
Experts believe that continued investment in digital education is essential because _____.
- ix. In the context of paragraph 5, why is investing in digital infrastructure critical for the future of India's education system? 2

SECTION B - WRITING SKILLS & GRAMMAR

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GRAMMAR

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3. Complete ANY TEN of twelve of the following tasks, as directed.

- i. Fill in the blank by choosing the correct option to complete the sentence.
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.
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.
The swimmer was tired but he _____ reach the shore before he collapsed.
(A) will (B) could
(C) may (D) must

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- iv. Select the option identifies the error and supplies the correction for the following line:
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 :
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.
Neither you nor your sister should _____ (talk) to them.

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

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. Madan replied that he had come there the previous day and added that _____.

- viii. Identify the error in the given sentence and supply the correction.
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:
He said, "Reena, do you want to buy a house in Noida?"

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

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:
 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

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

- 4A.** 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

- 4B.** 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.

- 5A.** 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 about 120 words.

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

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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

- 5B.** 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 about 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 TEXTBOOK**40**

6. Read the given extracts and answer ANY ONE of the two questions given below 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?
- ii.** What effect does Mrs. Hall's confrontation, as described in the lines below, have on the scientist?
The scientist was always quick-tempered; now he became furious. "You don't understand who or what I am!" he shouted.
Choose the most suitable option.
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| (A) confuses | (B) frustrates |
| (C) amuses | (D) enrages |
- iii.** Why was the village constable secretly sent for? Answer in about 40 words.
- iv.** What did the scientist do on becoming furious?

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- 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?
(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?
- iii.** Fill in the blank with the correct word from the bracket.
The word 'confidence' in the line "Lencho showed not the slightest surprise on seeing the money; such was his confidence" indicates that Lencho was _____ (sure/doubtful) about receiving the money.
- iv.** How much money did Lencho receive?

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.
The poet was out on the cold snowy day when the dust of snow fell on him and changed his _____ mood.
- ii.** What is 'dust of snow'?
- iii.** The crow and hemlock are usually used as negative references in literature. How is this different in this poem?
- iv.** How does the use of 'a crow' and 'a hemlock tree' impact this extract?
(A) It forces the beauty of nature
(B) Represents prosperity
(C) Sets a gloomy atmosphere
(D) Tells about happy times



- 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 _____.
(A) internal qualities
(B) external beauty
(C) spiritual self
(D) divinity
- ii. What does the poet mean by the word 'yesternight', in the extract?
- iii. What wisdom was imparted to the poet and by whom it was imparted? Answer in about 40 words.
- iv. Complete the following suitably.
The religious man found it in a religious text that _____.

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

- i. Nelson Mandela speaks of twin obligations. What are they?
(Nelson Mandela - Long Walk to Freedom)
- ii. What does Anne write in the diary about herself and her sister ?
(From the Diary of Anne Frank)
- iii. How did the Buddha teach Kisa Gotami the truth of life?
(The Sermon at Benares)
- iv. How did Belinda, Ink, Blink and Mustard react on seeing the pirate ?
(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. $2 \times 3 = 6$

- i. Why did Hari Singh think that Anil's job was queer?
(The Thief's Story)
- ii. Why did Horace Danby feel sure of his success in that year's robbery?
(A Question of Trust)
- iii. Which character traits of Bholi have had an everlasting impression on you? Why?
(Bholi)

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

- i. 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)

- ii. 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. 6

- i. 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)

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

(The Midnight Visitor)

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SAMPLE PAPER 20
ENGLISH LANGUAGE AND LITERATURE (184)
CLASS-X EXAM 2024-25

Time Allowed : 3 Hrs.

Maximum Marks : 80

General Instructions :

Read the instructions very carefully and strictly follow them :

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 2. The Question Paper contains THREE sections -
Section A : Reading Skills
Section B : Grammar and Creative Writing Skills
Section C : Literature Textbook
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SECTION A - READING SKILLS

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1. Read the following text.

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1. Sport has quickly become a big part of the entertainment industry, and the smallest details of athletes' private lives are exposed by the media for everyone to see. Top athletes are often called "stars," and businesses take advantage of their skills to make money. Big profits are made by selling sports gear that looks like what the professionals wear, and newspapers sell more copies if they have good sports coverage. Spectators even make money by betting on the results of games.
2. The growing demand for new talented athletes adds to the idea that professional sports are glamorous. However, even those who make it to the top can only stay there for a short time, and they often need help finding a new career afterward.
3. It's always appealing to do something interesting and do it well, but serious injuries or unexpected losses in performance can quickly stop many young athletes from progressing. Outdoor sports can be enjoyable, except when bad weather like rain, snow, or fog gets in the way. Hearing thousands of fans cheering your name is flattering, but fans can be unpredictable and forget athletes quickly once age affects their abilities.
4. Athletes at the top of their game get to travel all over the world—cricketers may play during the Australian summer, and Wimbledon champions may spend the year in sunny places. However, their social lives suffer, and they have to give up their free time for hard, tiring practice. All professional athletes must follow strict training schedules to stay fit, which requires a lot of exercise, discipline, and careful control of their diet and habits.
5. Athletes retire early, and the money they earned may not be enough to last the rest of their lives. After retiring, they need to find a new career, but they often start fifteen years behind others in the workforce. They may not have enough fame in their sport to get a high-paying job. In the end, it might be better to stay an amateur sports enthusiast.

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Answer the following questions, based on the passage above.

- i. In paragraph 1, how do businesses take advantage of top athletes' skills? 1
- ii. Complete the following with the correct option : 1
Professional sports are often seen as glamorous because :
(a) Athletes' careers last a long time.
(b) There is a high demand for talented athletes, and they are treated like stars.
(paragraph 2)
- iii. What are two challenges young athletes face, as mentioned in paragraph 3? 2
- iv. Select the option that best explains how athletes' social lives are affected : 1
(a) Athletes have a lot of free time to spend with their families.
(b) Athletes' social lives are disrupted by their need to travel and train hard.
(paragraph 4)
- v. State whether the following statement is True or False. 1
Athletes retire early, and most of them have enough money to live on for the rest of their lives.
(paragraph 5)
- vi. The writer mentions in paragraph 3 that fans can be fickle. 1
What does this mean for athletes?
(A) Fans always remain loyal to athletes throughout their careers.
(B) Fans quickly forget about athletes once their performance declines or age affects them.
(C) Fans become more supportive as athletes age.
(D) Fans help athletes recover from injuries.
- vii. List two reasons why being an amateur athlete might be better than being a professional, as suggested in the passage. 2
(paragraph 5)
- viii. Fill in the blank with the correct option : 1
After retiring, athletes often struggle in their new careers because :
(A) They retired too late to start a new job.
(B) They enter the workforce later than others and may not have enough fame to get a high salary.
(C) They earned too much money during their sports career.
(D) They have no desire to work after retirement.
(paragraph 5)

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

1. The Indian tourism industry has been a major contributor to the country's economy, generating 16.91 lakh crore, or 9.2% of India's GDP, in 2022. The sector also supported nearly 39 million jobs, which represents 8% of the country's total employment. However, the COVID-19 pandemic severely impacted tourism, with international tourist arrivals decreasing by 75% in 2020 and 2021.

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2. Domestic tourism, which accounts for about 88% of the total tourism in India, has shown signs of recovery. In 2022, domestic tourists took nearly 1.5 billion trips, up from 1.2 billion trips in 2021. Popular destinations include states like Kerala, Rajasthan, and Uttarakhand, known for their rich cultural heritage and natural beauty.
3. The government has launched several initiatives to boost tourism. The Dekho Apna Desh campaign encourages domestic travel, while schemes like Swadesh Darshan and PRASHAD aim to develop tourism infrastructure and promote heritage and spiritual sites.
4. Medical and wellness tourism is another growing segment. India attracted 1.4 million medical tourists in 2022, drawn by the country's affordable healthcare services. Ayurveda and yoga retreats have also seen a surge in popularity among wellness tourists.
5. Experts predict that with continued government support and rising domestic demand, the Indian tourism sector could return to pre-pandemic levels by 2025, contributing even more to the economy and creating millions of jobs.

Answer the following questions, based on the passage above.

- i. What does the use of the phrase “major contributor” by the writer, in paragraph 1, suggest about the Indian tourism industry? 1
(A) The writer believes tourism has no impact on the economy.
(B) The writer is highlighting the importance of tourism to India's economy.
(C) The writer is indifferent to the role of tourism.
(D) The writer thinks tourism has only a minor role in the economy.
- ii. Select the option that is true for the assertion and reason given below : 1
Assertion : Domestic tourism has recovered more quickly than international tourism in India.
Reason : The majority of Indian tourism is driven by domestic travelers.
(A) Both the assertion and reason are true, and the reason is the correct explanation of the assertion.
(B) Both the assertion and reason are true, but the reason is not the correct explanation of the assertion.
(C) The assertion is true, but the reason is false.
(D) The assertion is false, but the reason is true.
- iii. Identify the percentage decrease in international tourist arrivals in India due to the COVID-19 pandemic, as mentioned in the passage. 1
- iv. According to the passage, what are two major government initiatives aimed at boosting tourism in India? 1
- v. Read the given prompt and select the correct option in the brackets to fill in the blank : 1
The Indian tourism industry contributed significantly to the economy in 2022, generating 16.91 lakh crore and supporting millions of jobs.
Tourism contributed ____ (7% / 8% / 9.2%) of India's GDP in 2022.
- vi. What are some of the strategies mentioned in the passage that the Indian government is using to revive the tourism industry? 1

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- vii.** Complete the sentence suitably. 1
 Medical and wellness tourism in India has grown due to _____.
viii. Complete the following with a suitable reason : 1
 Experts believe that the Indian tourism sector could return to pre-pandemic levels by 2025 because _____.
ix. In the context of paragraph 5, why is continued government support important for the future of India's tourism industry? 2

SECTION B - WRITING SKILLS & GRAMMAR

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GRAMMAR

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3. Complete ANY TEN of twelve of the following tasks, as directed.

- i.** Fill in the blank by choosing the correct option to complete the sentence.
 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.
 "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.
 (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.
 '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

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- v. Complete the given narrative, by filling in the blank with the correct option.
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.
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.
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.
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

- ix. Read the following lines and report the question asked by a surprised Shelley.
'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.
Many people have expressed their views on Swachchh 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.
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.

You will gain the admiration of your pears.

Use the given format for your response.

Error	Correction

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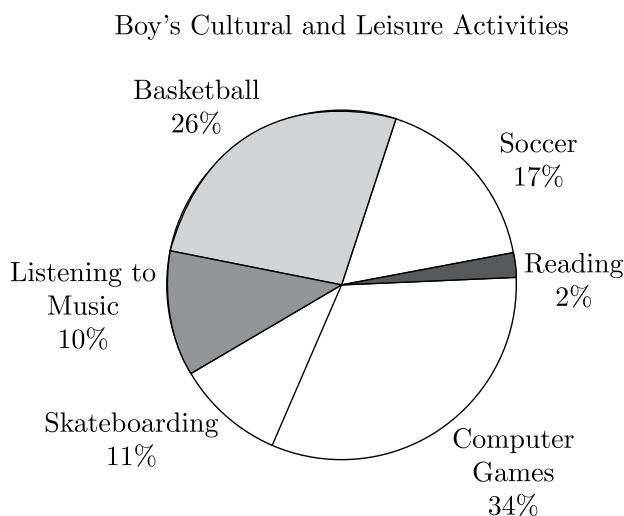
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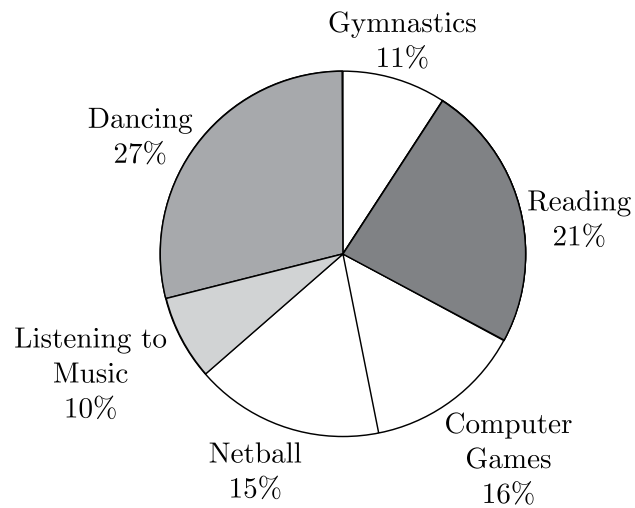
Note : All details presented in the questions in writing section are imaginary and created for assessment purpose.

- 4A.** 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. (120 words)

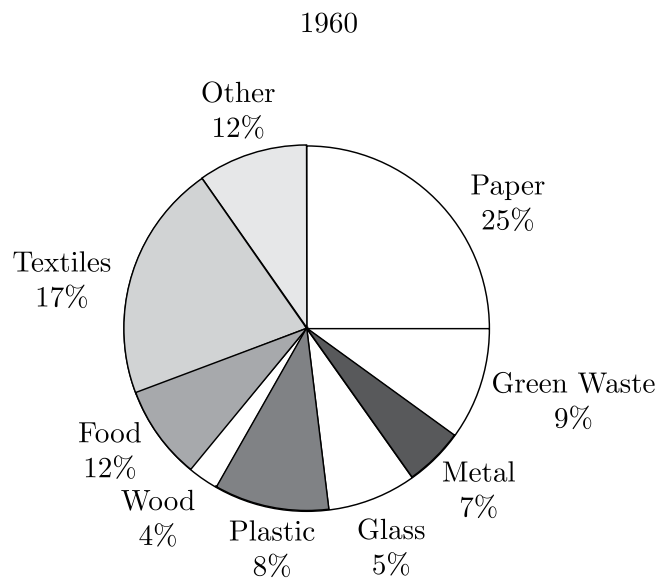
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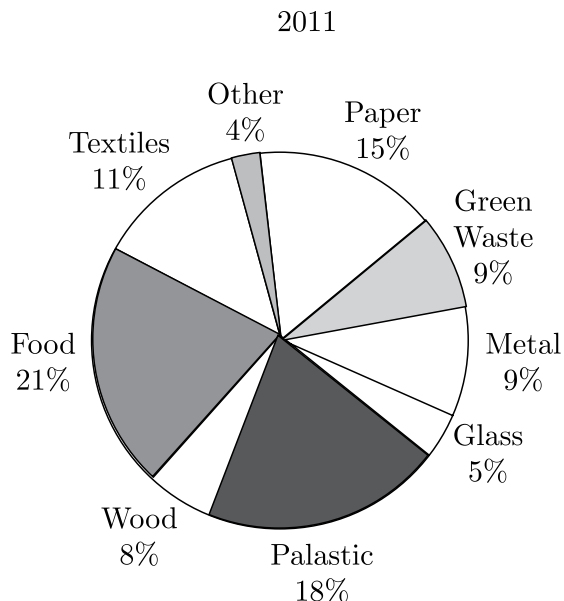
- 4B.** You are Pragya/ Prathmik, of 24/7, Mall road, Shimla. Write a letter in about 120 words to the Editor of The Daily News expressing your views on Swachh Bharat Abhiyan and how, if implemented sincerely at all levels, it can produce a great change in the society.
- 5A.** Given below is an info 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 120 words. Interpret, analyse and explain the information.



Girls' Cultural and Leisure Activities**OR**

- 5B.** 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 120 words. Compare, contrast, understand and explain the given information in your own words.

Waste Disposal**CLICK HERE TO SEE ANSWERS**



Ans :

Waste Disposal: Then (1960) and Now (2011)

The waste disposal trends have undergone a lot of change from 1960 to 2011. We can see a 10% difference in the disposal of paper and plastic trends from 1960 to 2011. The share of disposed paper has reduced from 25% in 1960 to 15% in 2011 whereas, the share of plastic has increased from an 8% in 1960 to an 18% in 2011. This shows how non-biodegradable plastic has taken over the biodegradable paper in about half a century. Glass and Green waste disposal has stayed the same, at 5% and 9% respectively. Metal usage and disposal is almost same too. Food and wood wastage has almost doubled in these fifty years. A lesser percentage of textiles is being disposed of reducing it by 6% from 1960 to 2011. Share of other material that is non-categorised has become one-third of the earlier percentage. This data about waste disposal also bring forth the consumer trends that have changed, some for the good while some for bad.

SECTION C - LITERATURE TEXTBOOK

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6. Read the given extracts and answer ANY ONE of the two questions given below 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.
The lady teacher who was in the class was saying something to the girls but Bholi could understand nothing.



- ii. What effect do the pictures on the wall, as described in the lines below, have on Bholi? The colours fascinated her—the horse was brown just like the horse on which the Tehsildar had come to visit their village.

Choose the most suitable option.

- (A) frightens (B) saddens
(C) fascinates (D) confuses

- 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.

- iv. Which word or phrase would correctly substitute 'orchard' as given in the extract? The parrot was green like the parrots she had seen in the mango **orchard**.

- 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. Fill in the blank with the correct word from the bracket.
The word 'friendly' in the line "It stirred, made a noise, and moved its tail in a friendly way" indicates that the dog was _____ (affectionate/aggressive) towards Horace.

- ii. Which word in the passage means the same as 'cordial'?

- (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.

- iv. The kitchen referred to is located in _____.

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 iron 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?
(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.
- iii. What does Custard do to the pirate?
- iv. Fill the blank with one word.
Custard's comparison to an engine shows a literary device of _____.



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. Complete the following suitably.
In the line, 'Listen. The glass is breaking' the poet is addressing the readers to _____.
- 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.
- iii. Which of the following is the correct match between the poetic devices and their definitions?

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. What happens to the moon in the poem "The Trees"?

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

- i. What does the poet want to convey through the poem 'Dust of Snow'?
- ii. What was the young seagull's experience during his first flight?
(*Two Stories About Flying*)
- iii. How does Rajvir describe the tea-garden at Dhekiabari?
(*Glimpses of India*)
- iv. Why does Amanda wish to be an orphan?
(*Amanda!*)
- v. What justification did Lomov give to Natalya and Chubukov to prove that he is the rightful owner of Meadows?
(*The Proposal*)



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

i. Why did Hari Singh decide to come back to Anil?

(The Thief's Story)

ii. Why did Griffin not get a suitable house to live in?

(Footprints without Feet)

iii. Which project did Ebright submit in his eighth grade? Why did he win ?

(The Making of a Scientist)

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

i. 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 , _ _ _ _ _.

ii. 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. 6

i. "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'.

ii. The story 'The Midnight Visitor' highlights the theme that wisdom is more powerful than other weapons. Comment with reference to it.

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SAMPLE PAPER 21
ENGLISH LANGUAGE AND LITERATURE (184)
CLASS-X EXAM 2024-25

Time Allowed : 3 Hrs.

Maximum Marks : 80

General Instructions :

Read the instructions very carefully and strictly follow them :

1. This question paper comprises 11 questions. All questions are compulsory.
 2. The Question Paper contains THREE sections -
Section A : Reading Skills
Section B : Grammar and Creative Writing Skills
Section C : Literature Textbook
 3. Attempt questions based on specific instructions for each part.
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SECTION A - READING SKILLS

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1. Read the following text.

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1. Summer vacation can be both a challenge and an opportunity for families. For some kids, it becomes a time of doing nothing and falling behind in personal growth. For others, and their parents, it's a period filled with too many activities and tight schedules.
2. "Summer is a wonderful chance for parents to bond with their children," says a well-known child psychologist. It's also a time when children can learn and families can grow together. To make this happen, educators and psychologists suggest several simple tips that parents can start planning before summer begins.
3. "Summer is a great time for kids to use the skills they've learned in school in new ways," says a well-known educator. For example, comparing prices at the grocery store can help children practice mental math. Measuring for building projects like a treehouse or a toy teaches them geometry. Even long car trips are opportunities to study maps and learn geography.
4. Sometimes kids need a little nudge in the right direction. Victoria, for instance, encouraged her seven-year-old son, Philip, to join their local library's summer reading club. For each book report he wrote, Philip earned a raffle ticket, and by the end of the summer, he won an autographed picture of a hockey star. His name was also printed in the local newspaper for one of his reports. Even though Philip complained about writing, in the end, he was proud of his work, and his ability to express himself improved.
5. Parents who offer daily stimulation—whether intellectual, creative, or self-esteem boosting—have the greatest impact on their children, says a well-known researcher. In a study from 1998, researchers compared how successful college students spent their free time as kids with those of troubled youth. They found that successful kids were more likely to play spontaneous games, help with household chores, and engage in playful activities with their parents.

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6. Educators say that truly successful children are those who learn to manage their time and help others—whether that’s helping a neighbor in need or cooking meals for their family. Experts believe that parents often fail because they don’t present these responsibilities in a positive way.
7. For many parents of school-aged children, summer is the longest stretch of time they get to spend with their kids. With a little planning, they can use this time to help their children become smarter, more creative, and more caring individuals.

Answer the following questions, based on the passage above.

- i. In paragraph 1, what are the two main challenges families face during summer vacation? 1
- ii. Complete the following with the correct option : 1
Summer is an opportunity for parents to :
(a) Let children spend time away from home.
(b) Bond with their children and help them grow.
(paragraph 2)
- iii. How can summer be used to reinforce skills learned in school, according to paragraph 3? 2
- iv. Select the option that best explains how Philip benefited from his summer reading club experience : 1
(a) Philip found reading boring and gained nothing from it.
(b) Philip improved his writing skills and earned recognition for his efforts.
(paragraph 4)
- v. State whether the following statement is True or False. 1
Successful kids are more likely to engage in spontaneous games and help with household chores.
(paragraph 5)
- vi. The writer mentions in paragraph 6 that parents can fail in presenting responsibilities to children. 1
What is one reason for this failure?
(A) Parents make responsibilities seem like a burden instead of presenting them positively.
(B) Parents give children too many responsibilities at once.
(C) Parents avoid giving children responsibilities.
(D) Parents think children are too young to handle any responsibilities.
- vii. List two ways parents can help their children develop into better individuals during summer, as mentioned in the passage. 2
(paragraph 5 and 6)
- viii. Fill in the blank with the correct option : 1
According to the passage, the summer break offers parents :
(A) A time to enroll children in more school-like activities.
(B) A chance to help their children become smarter and more caring individuals.



- (C) An opportunity to focus entirely on their own work.
- (D) A time to let children relax without any responsibilities.

(paragraph 7)

2. Read the following text.

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1. Education plays a pivotal role in shaping India's future, and over the past decade, there has been a strong focus on improving literacy rates and access to education. By 2021, India's literacy rate reached 77.7%, up from 64.8% in 2001. However, rural literacy still lags behind at 67%, compared to 84% in urban areas.
2. Dropout rates remain a challenge, especially among girls in rural regions. In 2020, about 40% of girls aged 15-18 dropped out of school, with early marriage and lack of sanitation facilities cited as key reasons. For boys, the dropout rate during the same age range was 33%.
3. The government has introduced several initiatives to improve education access and reduce dropout rates. Programs like Beti Bachao Beti Padhao have focused on increasing girls' enrollment in schools. The Midday Meal Scheme has benefitted over 100 million children across India, helping to improve attendance and reduce hunger.
4. The COVID-19 pandemic caused significant disruptions in education. By mid-2021, over 240 million students were affected by school closures, leading to a shift toward online learning. However, only 24% of Indian households had access to the internet, further widening the digital divide between urban and rural areas.
5. Experts believe that continued investments in infrastructure, teacher training, and digital education are essential to ensure equitable access to education. They predict that with improved resources, India's literacy rate could reach 85% by 2030.

Answer the following questions, based on the passage above.

- i. What does the use of the phrase "pivotal role" by the writer, in paragraph 1, suggest about the importance of education in India? 1
 - (A) The writer is indifferent to the role of education.
 - (B) The writer believes education is not important.
 - (C) The writer is highlighting the essential role education plays in shaping India's future.
 - (D) The writer thinks education is not a priority.
- ii. Select the option that is true for the assertion and reason given below : 1

Assertion : The dropout rate for girls in rural India is higher than for boys.

Reason : Lack of sanitation facilities and early marriage contribute to the high dropout rate for girls.

 - (A) Both the assertion and reason are true, and the reason is the correct explanation of the assertion.
 - (B) Both the assertion and reason are true, but the reason is not the correct explanation of the assertion.
 - (C) The assertion is true, but the reason is false.
 - (D) The assertion is false, but the reason is true.

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- iii. Identify the percentage of Indian households with access to the internet in 2021, as mentioned in the passage. 1
- iv. According to the passage, what are two major government initiatives aimed at improving education access in India? 1
- v. Read the given prompt and select the correct option in the brackets to fill in the blank : 1
The literacy rate in rural India remains lower than in urban areas, with rural literacy at just .
The literacy rate in rural India is _____ (67% / 74% / 77%).
- vi. What are some of the challenges mentioned in the passage that are preventing girls in rural India from continuing their education? 1
- vii. Complete the sentence suitably. 1
The COVID-19 pandemic widened the digital divide in India, as only _____.
- viii. Complete the following with a suitable reason : 1
Experts predict that India's literacy rate could reach 85% by 2030 because _____.
- ix. In the context of paragraph 5, why is investing in infrastructure, teacher training, and digital education critical for the future of India's education system? 2

SECTION B - WRITING SKILLS & GRAMMAR

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GRAMMAR

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3. Complete ANY TEN of twelve of the following tasks, as directed.

- i. Fill in the blank by choosing the correct option to complete the sentence.
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.
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.
Genius does what it must, and talent does what it _____.
(A) can (B) would
(C) may (D) should

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- iv. Select the option that identifies the error and supplies the correction for the following line:

There are not some buses because the drivers have gone on a strike.

Option No.	Error	Correction
(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.

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

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

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.

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:

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

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

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.

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

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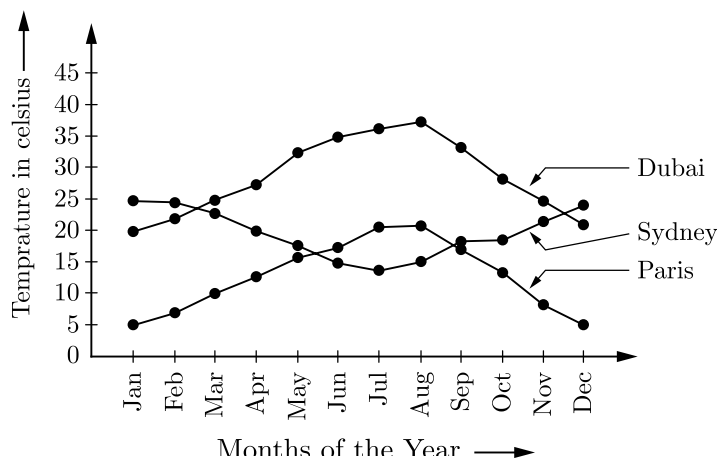
Note : All details presented in the questions in writing section are imaginary and created for assessment purpose.

- 4A.** 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

- 4B.** 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.

- 5A.** 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.

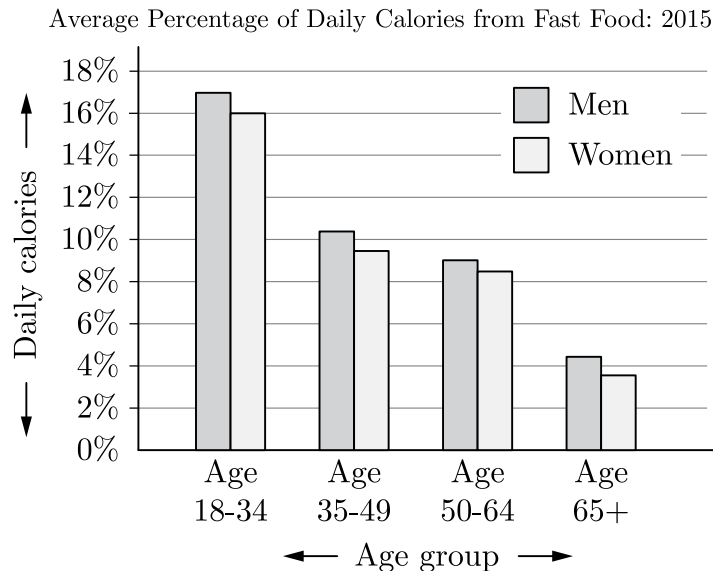


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- 5B.** The graph below shows fast food consumption among men and women in 2015. Write an analytical paragraph in about 120 words by selecting and reporting the main features, and make comparisons where relevant.



SECTION C - LITERATURE TEXTBOOK

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- 6.** Read the given extracts and answer ANY ONE of the two questions given below 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.** What effect does the strange black aeroplane, as described in the lines below, have on the narrator?
I was very happy to go behind the strange aeroplane like an obedient child.
Choose the most suitable option.
- (A) confuses (B) reassures
(C) frightens (D) frustrates
- 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.



iii. Fill in the blank with the correct word from the bracket.
The word 'frightened' in the line "I was starting to feel frightened again." indicates that the narrator was feeling _____ (scared/calm) during the flight.

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

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 _____.

- (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.

iii. Fill in the blank with the correct word from the bracket.
The word 'banished' in the line "The leaves of these plants when put in hot water and drunk banished sleep." indicates that the tea leaves _____ (eliminated/increased) sleep.

iv. Which word in the extract is similar in meaning to a 'short loud repeated sound'?

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 the blank with one word.
The figure of speech other than alliteration in 'Ink and Blink in glee did gyrate' is _____ because of the repetition of the vowel sound 'i'.

ii. What is the reason for this sudden show of affection? Which words indicate this change in behaviour and mood in the extract?



- iii. Which of the following best describes the way the dragon drove fear into the heart of the pirate?
- (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. How did Ink and Blink react to the dragon eating the pirate in “The Tale of Custard the Dragon”?

B. “The way a crow
shook down on me
The dust of snow
From a hemlock tree.”

(Dust of Snow)

- i. What did the crow shake down from the hemlock tree?
- 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.
- iii. 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. Complete the following suitably.
Frost has used the contrast between the fortitude displayed by the crow and the poet’s own spell of indulging in self-pity to show that _____.

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

- i. What does Chubukov at first suspect Lomov had come to his house for ?
(The Proposal)
- ii. How did Valli manage to leave her house?
(Madam Rides the Bus)
- iii. ‘Money is external.’ What does the poet John Berryman mean by these words?
(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”.
- v. How far would you agree that one’s positivity can bring in a spark of brightness even in adverse circumstances.?

(A Letter to God)

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

- i. Was there any balcony outside the window? What role does it play in the story, 'The Midnight Visitor'?
- 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?

(The Making of a Scientist)

- iii. What happened at the ball ? Was Matilda's dream fulfilled?

(The Necklace)

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

- i. 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'?

(Nelson Mandela : Long Walk to Freedom)

- ii. 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. 6

- i. "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'.
- ii. "A lawless scientist is a curse to the society." Discuss with reference to the story 'Footprints without Feet'.

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SAMPLE PAPER 22
ENGLISH LANGUAGE AND LITERATURE (184)
CLASS-X EXAM 2024-25

Time Allowed : 3 Hrs.

Maximum Marks : 80

General Instructions :

Read the instructions very carefully and strictly follow them :

1. This question paper comprises 11 questions. All questions are compulsory.
 2. The Question Paper contains THREE sections -
Section A : Reading Skills
Section B : Grammar and Creative Writing Skills
Section C : Literature Textbook
 3. Attempt questions based on specific instructions for each part.
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SECTION A - READING SKILLS

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1. Read the following text.

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1. Peer pressure happens when we are influenced by the lifestyle and thinking of people around us. Peer pressure can sometimes be good, but most of the time, it has negative effects.
2. The thoughts, behavior, and tastes in fashion, music, television, and other areas of life of the majority often have a big impact on society. We tend to follow what our peers do, and their changing lifestyles often push us to change our own. It's normal for people to want to do what everyone else is doing, but only a few people have the courage to resist peer pressure and be themselves instead of copying others.
3. Peer pressure affects most of us, both in good and bad ways. The difference between positive and negative peer pressure depends on how thoughtfully we look at the actions of others. If we follow our peers without thinking, it can harm us. But if we carefully think about what others are doing, peer pressure can have a positive effect.
4. Peer pressure isn't always harmful. It can help you think about yourself and your lifestyle. Sometimes, what others are doing can teach you good ways of living. If you observe carefully, peer pressure can bring a positive change in your thoughts and behavior. If you choose wisely, peer pressure can help you improve yourself.
5. The teenage years are when you are introduced to the world and start becoming independent. These years are important for shaping your personality and discovering who you are. Since teenagers spend a lot of time with friends, they tend to copy their behavior. The people around them will influence them, and this influence is stronger during the teen years. Parents have a very important role to play during this time.
6. Parents and teachers need to be cautious when dealing with teenagers because they are the most likely to give in to peer pressure during this stage of life. Teenagers should be taught how to tell the difference between good and bad and to think carefully about their choices.
7. A strong support system from family, the ability to tell the difference between positive and negative, and the skill to choose the right friends from their peers—this three-part strategy is the best way to avoid negative peer pressure.

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Answer the following questions, based on the passage above.

- i. In paragraph 1, what is peer pressure, and what effects does it usually have? 1
- ii. Complete the following with the correct option :
Peer pressure often leads people to : 1
(a) Resist change and stand out.
(b) Follow the crowd and change their behavior to fit in.
(paragraph 2)
- iii. What is the main difference between positive and negative peer pressure, as explained in paragraph 3? 2
- iv. Select the option that best explains how peer pressure can be positive : 1
(a) Peer pressure only leads to bad decisions.
(b) Peer pressure can encourage you to improve yourself by learning from others.
(paragraph 4)
- v. State whether the following statement is True or False. 1
Teenagers are more likely to be influenced by their friends than by their parents during the teenage years.
(paragraph 5)
- vi. The writer mentions in paragraph 6 that parents and teachers need to be careful when dealing with teenagers. 1
Why is this important?
(A) Teenagers are too young to understand peer pressure.
(B) Teenagers are the most likely to give in to peer pressure during this stage of life.
(C) Teenagers always make the right decisions.
(D) Teenagers don't need any guidance.
- vii. List two ways teenagers can avoid negative peer pressure, as mentioned in the passage. 2
(paragraph 7)
- viii. Fill in the blank with the correct option : 1
According to the passage, teenagers need to :
(A) Rely only on their peers for guidance.
(B) Have strong family support and choose the right friends.
(C) Always follow what others are doing without question.
(D) Stay away from all kinds of peer influence.
(paragraph 7)

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

1. India's space exploration efforts have made significant strides over the past few decades, positioning the country as a key player in the global space industry. The Indian Space Research Organisation (ISRO) has launched over 300 satellites for various countries, and its cost-effective missions have earned it global recognition. In 2019, ISRO successfully launched the Chandrayaan-2 mission, aimed at studying the Moon's surface, despite challenges in the landing phase.



2. The country's most notable achievement came with the Mars Orbiter Mission (Mangalyaan) in 2014, making India the first Asian nation to reach Mars and the fourth country globally to do so. Remarkably, this mission was completed on a modest budget of ₹450 crore, showcasing ISRO's ability to execute space missions at a fraction of the cost compared to other countries.
3. India's space program has also contributed to several areas of societal development. The use of satellites for communication, weather forecasting, and disaster management has improved efficiency in agriculture, education, and rural connectivity. In 2022, ISRO launched its first dedicated satellite for rural broadband connectivity, benefiting millions of people in remote areas.
4. Looking ahead, ISRO is planning several ambitious missions, including the Gaganyaan mission, which aims to send Indian astronauts to space by 2024. Additionally, the Aditya-L1 mission, set for 2023, will study the Sun's outermost layer and its impact on the Earth's climate.
5. Experts believe that with continued government support and investments in technology, India's space program will continue to grow, playing a crucial role in advancing both science and technology on a global scale.

Answer the following questions, based on the passage above.

- i. What does the use of the phrase "significant strides" by the writer, in paragraph 1, suggest about India's space exploration efforts? 1
 - (A) The writer believes India's space program has made little progress.
 - (B) The writer is emphasizing the major achievements and progress made by India's space program.
 - (C) The writer is indifferent to the country's space efforts.
 - (D) The writer believes India's space program has not had any notable accomplishments.
- ii. Select the option that is true for the assertion and reason given below : 1

Assertion : The Mars Orbiter Mission (Mangalyaan) was a major milestone for India.
Reason : Mangalyaan made India the first Asian nation to reach Mars and demonstrated ISRO's cost-effective approach to space exploration.

 - (A) Both the assertion and reason are true, and the reason is the correct explanation of the assertion.
 - (B) Both the assertion and reason are true, but the reason is not the correct explanation of the assertion.
 - (C) The assertion is true, but the reason is false.
 - (D) The assertion is false, but the reason is true.
- iii. Identify the total cost of the Mars Orbiter Mission (Mangalyaan), as mentioned in the passage. 1
- iv. According to the passage, what are two major areas where India's space program has contributed to societal development? 1



- v. Read the given prompt and select the correct option in the brackets to fill in the blank : 1
ISRO's Chandrayaan-2 mission in 2019 aimed to study the Moon, and despite challenges, it was considered a significant achievement in space exploration.
Chandrayaan-2 was launched with the goal of studying the Moon's (atmosphere / surface / interior).
- vi. What are some of the future missions mentioned in the passage that ISRO is planning? 1
- vii. Complete the sentence suitably. 1
ISRO's Mars Orbiter Mission (Mangalyaan) was completed on a budget of ₹450 crore, which _____.
- viii. Complete the following with a suitable reason : 1
Experts believe India's space program will continue to grow because _____.
- ix. In the context of paragraph 5, why is continued government support important for the future of India's space program? 2

SECTION B - WRITING SKILLS & GRAMMAR

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GRAMMAR

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3. Complete ANY TEN of twelve of the following tasks, as directed.

- i. Fill in the blank by choosing the correct option to complete the sentence.
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?
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.
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.
An entire household was in the control of my mother-in-law.

Option No.	Error	Correction
(A)	An	The
(B)	The	An
(C)	was	is
(D)	of	with

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- 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.
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.
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.
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 :
I said to him, "Will you teach me?"
- x. Identify the error in the given sentence and supply the correction.
You can pay attention in the class.

Use the given format for your response.

Error	Correction

- xi. Select the correct option to complete the narration of the dialogue between a father and a son.
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

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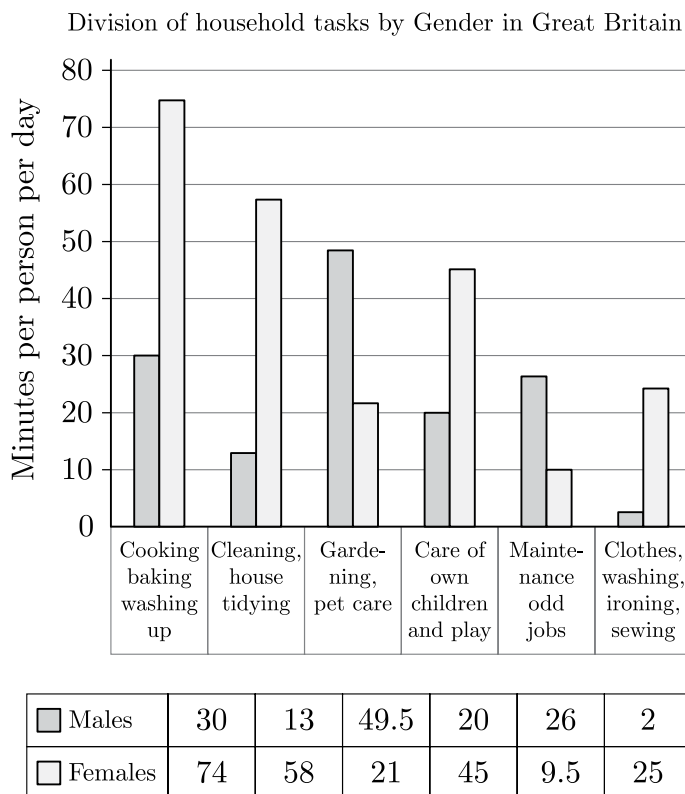
Note : All details presented in the questions in writing section are imaginary and created for assessment purpose.

- 4A. Write a formal letter to the commissioner of police in about about 120 words, to employ extra constables at the beat box close to the locality to check on crimes.

OR

- 4B. Write a formal letter to the editor of a newspaper in about about 120 words, highlighting the need to learn English communication for basic necessities.

- 5A. The chart shows the division of household tasks by gender in Great Britain. Write an analytical paragraph describing the chart given in about 120 words.



OR

- 5B.** 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 TEXTBOOK**40**

- 6. Read the given extracts and answer ANY ONE of the two questions given below 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.** Fill in the blank with the correct word from the bracket.
The word ‘banished’ in the line “The leaves of these plants when put in hot water and drunk banished sleep.” indicates that the tea leaves _____ (removed/increased) sleep.
- ii.** Why did Rajvir have to convince Pranjol with an Indian legend about the origin of tea too? Answer in about 40 words.
- iii.** What effect does Rajvir’s knowledge about tea, as described in the lines below, have on the conversation?
“Tea was first drunk in China,” Rajvir added, “as far back as 2700 B.C.!”
Choose the most suitable option.
(A) impresses (B) confuses
(C) annoys (D) entertains
- iv.** Which word in the extract is similar in meaning to a ‘short loud repeated sound’?
- 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)

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- i. Why did she need the jewels?
(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.
- iii. Fill in the blank with the correct word from the bracket.
The word 'humiliating' in the line "there is nothing more humiliating than to have a shabby air in the midst of rich women" indicates that the woman felt _____ (embarrassed/proud) about her appearance.
- iv. What did Matilda's husband suggest her?

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.
The poet was out on the cold snowy day when the dust of _____ fell on him and changed his sad mood
- ii. The poetic device used in the line 'And saved some part' is Alliteration.
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.
- iv. Comment on the poet's use of language in these lines in about 40 words.



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 following suitably.
In the poem, the majestic, free-willed tiger is caged as opposed to _____.
- 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.
- iii. Select the option that describes the tiger in the following lines.
‘On pads of velvet quiet, In his quiet rage.’
 1. nervous
 2. scared
 3. distraught
 4. light-footed
 5. indignant

(A) 1 and 2	(B) 2, 3 and 4
(C) 3, 4 and 5	(D) 1, 2 and 3
- iv. Identify the type of imagery used in the lines of the poem.

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

- i. What does the author think of the wealth of the country?
(*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?
(*Two Stories About Flying*)
- iii. Why was Anne’s entire class anxious and nervous?
(*From the Diary of Anne Frank*)
- iv. How does everyone celebrate Custard getting rid of the pirate?
(*The Tale of Custard the Dragon*)
- v. Kisa compared human life to an inanimate object. What is it and why does she do so ?
(*The Sermon at Benares*)

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

- i. Why did the thief smile without any effort towards the end of the story?
(*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?
(*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 ?
(*Footprints Without Feet*)

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

- i. Describe Lencho's qualities in light of his faith in God. Was Lencho's reaction towards post office employees' justified?
(*A Letter to God*)
- ii. 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. 6

- i. "Too much of anything is good for nothing." Justify it with regard to "A Triumph of Surgery".
- ii. 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 23
ENGLISH LANGUAGE AND LITERATURE (184)
CLASS-X EXAM 2024-25

Time Allowed : 3 Hrs.

Maximum Marks : 80

General Instructions :

Read the instructions very carefully and strictly follow them :

1. This question paper comprises 11 questions. All questions are compulsory.
 2. The Question Paper contains THREE sections -
Section A : Reading Skills
Section B : Grammar and Creative Writing Skills
Section C : Literature Textbook
 3. Attempt questions based on specific instructions for each part.
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SECTION A - READING SKILLS

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1. Read the following text.

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1. Even though many people don't agree, the traditional textbook is as good as dead. It just doesn't realize it yet and continues to exist as if it's still useful. I even have an old physics textbook from 1891 on my shelf. It has simple drawings and no color. Today's textbooks are filled with colorful images and questions, along with advice for teachers on how to use them.
2. The word "textbook" was first used in the 1720s, nearly 300 years ago. It's had a long life and is now ready to retire. People who believe that you can't learn without a textbook forget that before 1720, people learned just fine without them. It's clear that you can learn without textbooks. But why change something that worked for so long? Some people blame technology for this shift, but that explanation is too simple.
3. Over the years, classrooms have used many technologies like film loops, projectors, and test-scoring machines, but textbooks have still stuck around. Technology alone wasn't enough to replace textbooks. The real shift started in the 1940s with the invention of the programmable computer. But even after 70 years, textbooks are still here, so the computer alone wasn't the answer.
4. The next major shift began with ARPANET in the 1960s, which laid the foundation for the internet. While the internet has grown incredibly fast, it alone hasn't replaced textbooks. Inexpensive computers, easy-to-use software, and internet access all play a role.
5. Some people argue, "Textbooks aren't dead because they're going online! We have e-textbooks now."
6. This argument misses the real difference between old education technology and what we have now. The biggest difference is interactivity. Textbooks and older technology were passive, while modern computer software allows for active learning, which is far better than passive learning. Active learning is like a rocket compared to old-fashioned learning.

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7. What really helps you learn is how much your mind is engaged with the material. The big shift will come when students can jump into online learning experiences that feel more like real life. They'll be able to use different devices to connect to the web and become part of learning communities, guided by both human mentors and smart technology.
8. Plus, with modern tools, teachers will know when students are ready for certain lessons and when they aren't. Textbooks can't analyze students' learning like this. That's why textbooks are like zombies—they're still around, but they're waiting to be completely replaced by something better.

Answer the following questions, based on the passage above.

- i. In paragraph 1, how does the author describe textbooks? 1
- ii. Complete the following with the correct option : 1
The textbook is ready to retire because :
(a) It has been used for almost 300 years.
(b) It is no longer needed in modern education with new technology.
(paragraph 2)
- iii. What technology from the 1940s began the shift away from textbooks, as explained in paragraph 3? 2
- iv. Select the option that best explains why e-textbooks aren't enough to replace traditional textbooks : 1
(a) E-textbooks are more expensive than regular textbooks.
(b) E-textbooks are still passive and don't provide active learning like modern interactive software.
(paragraph 6)
- v. State whether the following statement is True or False. 1
The internet alone is responsible for replacing textbooks.
(paragraph 4)
- vi. The writer mentions in paragraph 6 that active learning is better than passive learning. 1
What does active learning mean, according to the passage?
(A) Learning that requires memorizing facts without participation.
(B) Learning that engages students' minds through interaction and participation.
(C) Learning that happens only through textbooks and lectures.
(D) Learning that requires students to study alone without guidance.
- vii. List two reasons why textbooks are compared to zombies, as mentioned in the passage. 2
(paragraph 8)
- viii. Fill in the blank with the correct option : 1
According to the passage, the real change in education will happen when :
(A) Textbooks become more colorful and interactive.
(B) Students use online learning environments that feel like real life.
(C) Textbooks are printed with more advanced technology.
(D) Textbooks are completely replaced by e-books.
(paragraph 7)



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

1. The study of sleep and its effects on the human body has advanced significantly in recent years. Research indicates that adults need between 7 and 9 hours of sleep per night for optimal health. However, global surveys reveal that 35% of adults consistently sleep less than 7 hours, with 50 to 70 million people suffering from sleep disorders. Chronic sleep deprivation has been linked to a 45% increase in the risk of cardiovascular disease, along with obesity and impaired cognitive function.
2. One of the most significant findings in sleep research is the role of sleep in memory consolidation. Studies show that during sleep, particularly deep sleep, the brain processes and consolidates information from the day. Individuals who sleep for fewer than 6 hours are 30% less likely to retain new information compared to those who sleep for at least 7 hours.
3. The economic impact of sleep deprivation is considerable. A study conducted in 2016 estimated that insufficient sleep costs the global economy over \$680 billion annually in lost productivity and increased healthcare expenses. In countries where sleep disorders are prevalent, the productivity loss accounts for 2-3% of GDP.
4. Researchers are exploring ways to improve sleep quality, such as establishing regular sleep patterns, reducing screen time before bed, and creating environments conducive to sleep. In addition, recent innovations such as wearable sleep trackers have helped millions of individuals monitor and improve their sleep patterns.
5. Experts predict that as awareness of the importance of sleep grows, more emphasis will be placed on sleep hygiene and the development of treatments for sleep disorders, leading to improved health outcomes and economic benefits globally.

Answer the following questions, based on the passage above.

- i. What does the phrase “chronic sleep deprivation” in paragraph 1 indicate about sleep-related health risks? 1
 - (A) It suggests minor health issues.
 - (B) It refers to a long-term lack of sleep causing serious health risks.
 - (C) It only affects mental performance.
 - (D) It results in no significant health issues.
- ii. Select the option that is true for the assertion and reason given below : 1

Assertion : Sleep deprivation negatively impacts memory.

Reason : Studies have shown that people who sleep fewer than 6 hours are 30% less likely to retain new information.

 - (A) Both the assertion and reason are true, and the reason is the correct explanation of the assertion.
 - (B) Both the assertion and reason are true, but the reason is not the correct explanation of the assertion.
 - (C) The assertion is true, but the reason is false.
 - (D) The assertion is false, but the reason is true.
- iii. Identify the global economic cost of sleep deprivation as mentioned in the passage. 1

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- iv. According to the passage, what are two major health issues linked to chronic sleep deprivation? 1
- v. Read the given prompt and select the correct option in the brackets to fill in the blank : 1
Sleep deprivation has been associated with various health issues, including cardiovascular disease and impaired cognitive function.
Chronic sleep deprivation is also linked to an increased risk of (obesity / insomnia / fatigue).
- vi. What are some strategies mentioned in the passage to improve sleep quality? 1
- vii. Complete the sentence suitably. 1
Sleep deprivation costs the global economy over \$680 billion annually, primarily due to _____ and _____.
- viii. Complete the following with a suitable reason :
Researchers believe sleep quality can improve through _____. 1
- ix. In the context of paragraph 5, why is growing awareness of the importance of sleep critical for future health and economic outcomes? 2

SECTION B - WRITING SKILLS & GRAMMAR

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GRAMMAR

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3. Complete ANY TEN of twelve of the following tasks, as directed.

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

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- iv. Select the option that identifies the error and supplies the correction for the following line, from an academic report.

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.
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.

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.

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.

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.

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.
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.

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.

This colon will last the entire day. Available @ 15% off!

Use the given format for your response.

Error	Correction

WRITING

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

- 4A. 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 about 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.

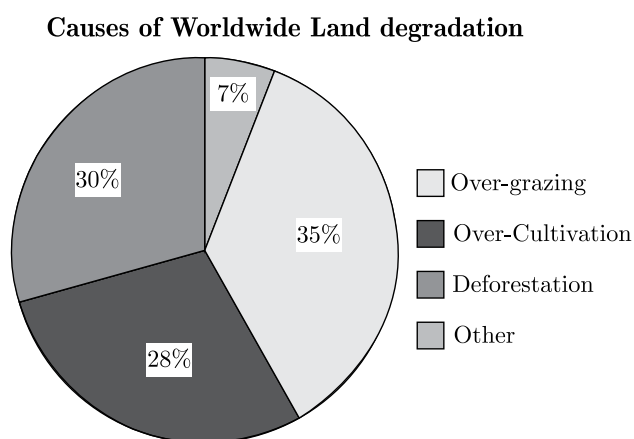


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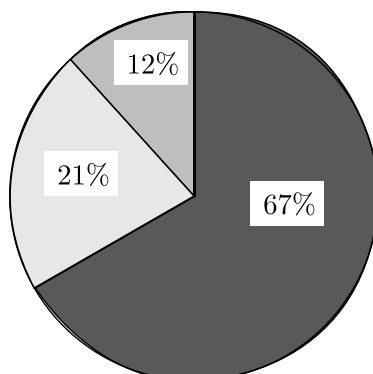
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- 4B.** Write a letter to a national daily, expressing your opinion and views on the increased human dependence on technology. Right from a small child to an adult, or even an old man, everyone wants gadgets only—cell phone, I-pod, laptop, etc. This also has a negative effect on social relationships. Using your own ideas write the letter in about 120 words. You are Sambhav/Sunayna of 230, Lajpat Nagar-II, New Delhi.
- 5A.** 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 about 120 words on 'Causes of Worldwide Land Degradation'.

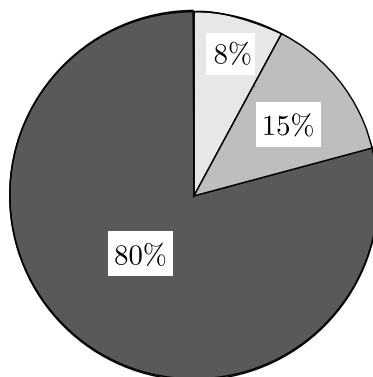
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- 5B.** The pie charts below illustrate the number of journal articles read per week by all students, PhD students, and junior lecturers at an Australian university. Summarise the information by selecting and reporting the main features, and make comparisons where relevant. Write an analytical paragraph in about 120 words that how these articles can help students?

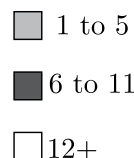
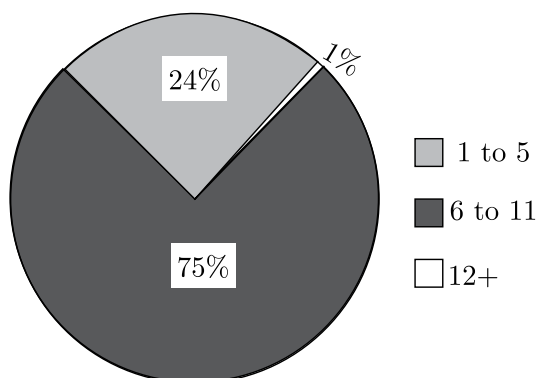
Number of journal articles
read by all students



Number of journal articles
read by PHD students



Number of journal articles
read by junior lecturers



SECTION C - LITERATURE TEXTBOOK

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6. Read the given extracts and answer ANY ONE of the two questions given below 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. Fill in the blank with the correct word from the bracket.
The word 'quaking' in the line "Our entire class is quaking in its boots." indicates that the class was feeling _____ (nervous/excited) about the forthcoming meeting.
- 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.

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- iii. What effect does the upcoming meeting, as described in the lines below, have on the class?

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.

Choose the most suitable option.

- (A) excites (B) frightens
(C) amuses (D) reassures

- iv. Which emotion is portrayed in the expression 'quaking in their boots'?

- 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?
(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?

- iii. Fill in the blank with the correct word from the bracket.

The word 'humiliating' in the line "there is nothing more humiliating than to have a shabby air in the midst of rich women" indicates that the woman felt _____ (ashamed/confident) about her appearance.

- iv. What kind of a person is Mme Loisel and why is she always unhappy? Answer in about 40 words.

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 the blank with ONE word.

The outcome of the clash between Custard and the pirate was that the _____ was gobbled up by Custard.



- 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.
- 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.

	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) (A)-2, (B)-1, (C)-4, (D)-3
 (B) (A)-1, (B)-2, (C)-4, (D)-3
 (C) (A)-4, (B)-2, (C)-1, (D)-3
 (D) (A)-3, (B)-1, (C)-4, (D)-2

- iv. How did Custard the dragon react to the pirate?

- 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. Complete the following suitably.
 Money can bring just external happiness by buying us possessions but it cannot make the boy recover from his unhappiness ____.
- 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.
- iii. Complete the sentence with the appropriate option.
 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. What does the boy realize about possessions?



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

- i. Describe the narrator's experience as he flew the aeroplane into the storm.
(*Two Stories About Flying*)
- ii. What does Valli tell the elderly man when he calls her a child?
(*Madam Rides the Bus*)
- iii. How did Custard prove 'the cowardly dragon' try to be untrue?
(*The Tale of Custard the Dragon*)
- iv. Write the central idea of the poem 'For Anne Gregory'
- v. How does Natalya react when she comes to know that Lomov had come to propose for her hand?
(*The Proposal*)

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

- i. How did Loisel and Matilda arrange the money to buy the necklace?
(*The Necklace*)
- ii. How was Tricki treated in the first two days of his visit to the surgery?
(*A Triumph of Surgery*)
- iii. Though Horace planned everything meticulously, why did he fail?
(*Footprints Without Feet*)

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

- i. 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, _____.
- ii. "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. 6

- i. "Education can change a person's perspective towards life and takes care of all the deficiencies? Comment with reference to the chapter 'Bholi'.
(*Bholi*)
- ii. 'Misunderstanding of Cultural differences between various races can cause confusion and conflict.' Comment, based on the chapter 'The Book that Saved the Earth'.

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SAMPLE PAPER 24
ENGLISH LANGUAGE AND LITERATURE (184)
CLASS-X EXAM 2024-25

Time Allowed : 3 Hrs.

Maximum Marks : 80

General Instructions :

Read the instructions very carefully and strictly follow them :

1. This question paper comprises 11 questions. All questions are compulsory.
 2. The Question Paper contains THREE sections -
Section A : Reading Skills
Section B : Grammar and Creative Writing Skills
Section C : Literature Textbook
 3. Attempt questions based on specific instructions for each part.
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SECTION A - READING SKILLS

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1. Read the following text.

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1. Parents are changing the endings of classic fairy tales when reading them to their children because they think the original stories are too violent or not politically correct. Stories like 'Little Red Riding Hood,' 'The Gingerbread Man,' and 'The Three Little Pigs' are often seen as too scary, with some parents comparing them to horror movies.
2. A survey done by Music Magpie, which involved 2000 parents, found that one in four parents changed the details of these fairy tales to match their own beliefs and values. Another 16% of parents admitted that they avoid these stories completely.
3. While fairy tales might seem like fun stories, a closer look shows that many of them have violent or cruel endings. For example, in 'Little Red Riding Hood,' the child is swallowed by a wolf and then saved by a hunter who cuts her out of the wolf's stomach. In 'The Three Little Pigs,' the pigs kill and eat the wolf. And in 'The Gingerbread Man,' the main character is eaten by a fox. Many parents find these endings too harsh for children.
4. A deeper look at these stories also reveals issues of political correctness. For instance, one in four parents thinks it's wrong that Cinderella is forced to do all the cleaning. Another 25% say 'Sleeping Beauty' has a problem with consent because the prince kisses her while she's asleep. Some parents also feel that 'Pinocchio' encourages lying, and one in four believes 'The Ugly Duckling' promotes body shaming since the duckling is only accepted after turning into a swan.
5. Many of these stories have been passed down for generations, but the world has changed, and some parts of these tales no longer fit with today's society. Stories play an important role in a child's growth and development. The books they read and the characters they meet can feel like friends. Stories also help children build confidence, learn how to handle their emotions, and improve their language skills.

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6. Stories are a natural way for children to learn because they don't feel like formal lessons. Children can learn a lot just by reading a story. But it's important to carefully choose the right stories for them.

Answer the following questions, based on the passage above.

- i. In paragraph 1, why are parents changing the endings of classic fairy tales? 1
- ii. Complete the following with the correct option : 1
Some parents change fairy tales because :
(a) They find the stories outdated.
(b) They believe the original stories are too violent or not appropriate.
(paragraph 1 and 2)
- iii. What examples of violent or cruel endings from fairy tales are mentioned in paragraph 3? 2
- iv. Select the option that best explains why some parents believe 'Sleeping Beauty' is problematic: 1
(a) They think the princess should stay asleep longer.
(b) They feel the prince's kiss without consent is inappropriate.
(paragraph 4)
- v. State whether the following statement is True or False. 1
According to some parents, 'The Ugly Duckling' promotes body shaming.
(paragraph 4)
- vi. The writer mentions in paragraph 5 that fairy tales are important for children's development. 1
What are two ways stories help children grow?
(A) They help children memorize facts.
(B) They help children build confidence and improve emotional coping skills.
(C) They improve children's language skills and teach life lessons.
(D) Both (B) and (C)
- vii. List two reasons why parents feel that some classic fairy tales no longer fit with modern society, as mentioned in the passage. 2
(paragraph 5)
- viii. Fill in the blank with the correct option : 1
According to the passage, reading stories helps children learn because :
(A) Stories are full of lessons and formal teachings.
(B) Children can learn naturally without feeling like they are in a classroom.
(C) Parents control what children learn from stories.
(D) Children do not need to learn anything from stories.
(paragraph 6)



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

1. India's advancements in artificial intelligence (AI) have gained momentum in recent years, positioning the country as a key player in the global AI industry. The Indian government launched the National AI Strategy in 2018 to enhance AI research, development, and adoption across various sectors, including healthcare, agriculture, and education. By 2023, India's AI market was valued at over ₹30,000 crore, with numerous startups and tech companies contributing to its growth.
2. A notable achievement in AI was India's development of AI-based diagnostic tools in 2020 to assist doctors in detecting diseases like COVID-19, tuberculosis, and cancer. These tools have significantly improved diagnostic accuracy and reduced the workload on medical professionals, allowing faster and more efficient patient care.
3. AI's role in agriculture has been transformational, with AI-powered applications enabling farmers to make data-driven decisions. These tools help optimize crop yields, predict weather patterns, and manage resources more effectively. In 2022, AI applications were used by over 10 million farmers across the country, improving productivity and reducing costs.
4. Looking forward, India plans to invest heavily in AI research, with the goal of becoming a global AI hub by 2030. Initiatives include the development of AI-based education platforms and smart cities that rely on AI for efficient governance and urban planning.
5. Experts believe that with continued government support, investment in AI technology, and collaborations with global tech giants, India's AI sector will continue to flourish, driving economic growth and societal benefits.

Answer the following questions, based on the passage above.

- i. What does the use of the phrase "gained momentum" by the writer, in paragraph 1, suggest about India's AI advancements? 1
 - (A) The writer believes India's AI sector has slowed down.
 - (B) The writer is emphasizing the rapid progress made in India's AI sector.
 - (C) The writer feels there has been little development in India's AI sector.
 - (D) The writer is indifferent to India's AI efforts.
- ii. Select the option that is true for the assertion and reason given below : 1

Assertion : AI-based diagnostic tools have been a major achievement for India.

Reason : These tools have helped reduce diagnostic accuracy and increased the workload on medical professionals.

 - (A) Both the assertion and reason are true, and the reason is the correct explanation of the assertion.
 - (B) Both the assertion and reason are true, but the reason is not the correct explanation of the assertion.
 - (C) The assertion is true, but the reason is false.
 - (D) The assertion is false, but the reason is true.
- iii. Identify the year in which India launched the National AI Strategy, as mentioned in the passage. 1

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- iv. According to the passage, what are two sectors where AI has made a significant impact? 1
- v. Read the given prompt and select the correct option in the brackets to fill in the blank : 1
AI applications in agriculture have revolutionized the way farmers make decisions, improving efficiency and reducing costs for millions of users.
In 2022, AI applications helped over 10 million farmers by improving _____.
(transportation / productivity / government policies)
- vi. What are some of the future AI initiatives mentioned in the passage that India is planning? 1
- vii. Complete the sentence suitably. 1
India's AI market was valued at ₹30,000 crore by 2023, which _____.
- viii. Complete the following with a suitable reason : 1
Experts believe India's AI sector will continue to grow because _____.
- ix. In the context of paragraph 5, why is continued government support important for the future of India's AI sector? 2
Let me know if this works or if you need further adjustments!

SECTION B - WRITING SKILLS & GRAMMAR

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GRAMMAR

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3. Complete ANY TEN of twelve of the following tasks, as directed.

- i. Fill in the blank by choosing the correct option to complete the sentence.
My mother _____ my clothes at this time.
(A) is washing (B) was washing
(C) has washing (D) will be washing
- ii. Read the conversation between Anamika and Ronak. Complete the narration correctly.
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.
However honest he _____, I do not trust him.
(A) is (B) may be
(C) might be (D) could be

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- iv. Select the option that identifies the error and supplies the correction for the following line:

A little political thinkers think that liberty and equality can't go together.

Option 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:
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.
Age and experience _____ (bring) wisdom to man.

- vii. Report the dialogue between a teacher and children, by completing the sentence:
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.
A teacher can tell you that learning English is not an easy job.
Use the given format for your response.

Error	Correction

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

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

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.

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

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

- 4A.** 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 about 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.

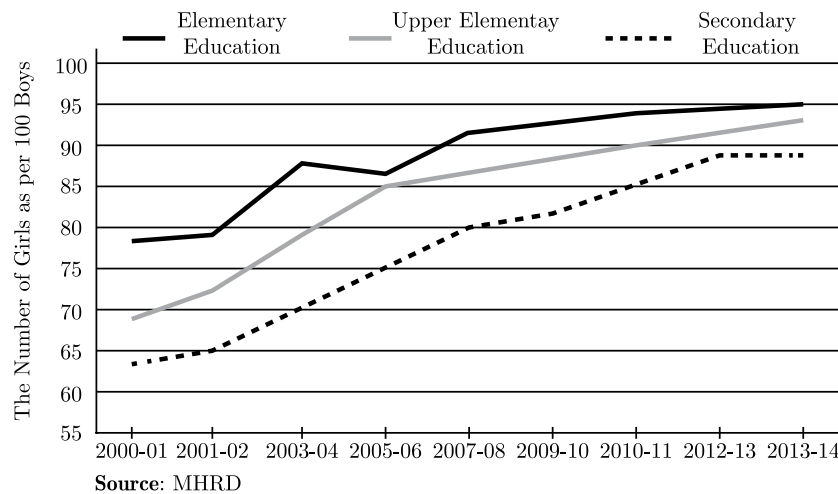
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- 4B.** You are Nikhil/Nisha staying at 53, Banjara Hills, Hyderabad. Last week you bought a new laptop from 'M/S Clear Vision' of Hyderabad, with a warranty of 2 years. You worked on the laptop all week and finished writing a Long assignment that 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.



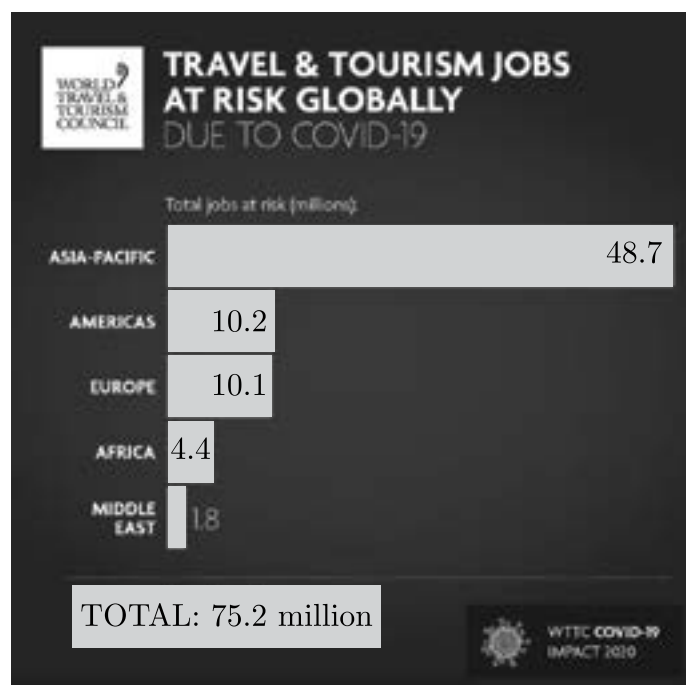
- 5A.** On the basis of the given line graph, write an analytical paragraph in about 120 words describing the given information. 5

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



OR

- 5B.** 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.



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SECTION C - LITERATURE TEXTBOOK

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6. Read the given extracts and answer ANY ONE of the two questions given below 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?
- ii. Why do you think Pranjol ‘scoffed’? Answer in about 40 words.
- iii. Fill in the blank with the correct word from the bracket.
The word ‘scoffed’ in the line “Tell me another!” scoffed Pranjol indicates that Pranjol _____ (mocked/admired) Rajvir’s statement.
- iv. What effect does Rajvir’s statement, as described in the lines below, have on Pranjol?
“Tea was first drunk in China,” Rajvir added, “as far back as 2700 B.C.!”
Choose the most suitable option.
(A) impresses (B) reassures
(C) confuses (D) amuses

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.”
(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.
- iii. Fill in the blank with the correct word from the bracket.
The word ‘frightened’ in the line “I was starting to feel frightened again” indicates that the narrator felt _____ (afraid/confident) about the situation.

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

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.
'And saved some part of a day I had rued'. The poetic device used here is _____.
- ii. What was the reaction of poet when the dust of snow fell on him?
- iii. Rationalise what you think the poet was probably doing when the dust of snow fell on him?
- iv. What kind of atmosphere is created through these lines?
Select the correct option:
1. Tranquility
 2. Surprise
 3. Joy
 4. Reflection
 5. Sadness
- (A) 2 and 3 (B) Only 4
(C) 1, 2 and 4 (D) 3 and 5

- 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?
(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.
- iii. What does Custard do to the pirate?
- iv. Complete the following suitably.
Custard's comparison to an engine shows a literary device of _____.

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

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

(Madam Rides the Bus)

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

(The Sermon at Benares)

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

(How to Tell Wild Animals)

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

(Mijbil the Otter)

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

(Fire and Ice)

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

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

(Footprints Without Feet)

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

(The Making of a Scientist)

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

(Bholi)

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

- i. "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)

- ii. 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. 6

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

(The Necklace)

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

(A Triumph of Surgery)

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SAMPLE PAPER 25
ENGLISH LANGUAGE AND LITERATURE (184)
CLASS-X EXAM 2024-25

Time Allowed : 3 Hrs.

Maximum Marks : 80

General Instructions :

Read the instructions very carefully and strictly follow them :

1. This question paper comprises 11 questions. All questions are compulsory.
 2. The Question Paper contains THREE sections -
Section A : Reading Skills
Section B : Grammar and Creative Writing Skills
Section C : Literature Textbook
 3. Attempt questions based on specific instructions for each part.
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SECTION A - READING SKILLS

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1. Read the following text.

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1. Detachment doesn't mean giving up our possessions, profession, home, or family as many people think. It's about letting go of negative desires, habits, emotions, thoughts, speech, and behaviors that harm our well-being. Detachment and the ability to make smart choices go hand in hand. The more we can tell what's harmful, the better we become at removing harmful desires. As we clear out this mental clutter, we get better at making wise decisions.
2. There's a simple method we can all use to strengthen our decision-making and detachment, and to get rid of unnecessary desires. This practice helps us become more aware and able to control our senses and mind, stopping them from constantly creating desires. To try this technique, find a quiet place when you have some free time.
3. Sit down with a few pieces of paper and a pen or use a computer, and make two lists. For the first list, think about and write down your most important life goal or purpose. Then, carefully add all the other goals you want to achieve. When making this list, don't just think about yourself. Include what you want to contribute to the well-being of your family, children, and future generations.
4. After finishing the first list, start on the second one. This time, list all your desires. They can be big or small, important or unimportant, good or bad. Let them all come out freely without censoring or editing at this point. Once the list is complete, go over it to see which desires are truly necessary, helpful to your goals, and beneficial to you and others.
5. If you take this exercise seriously and honestly, you'll end up with long lists of goals and desires, many of which might be selfish or harmful to your goals of meditation, peace, and happiness. This exercise will help you become more honest with yourself and bring out hidden ambitions and desires.

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Answer the following questions, based on the passage above.

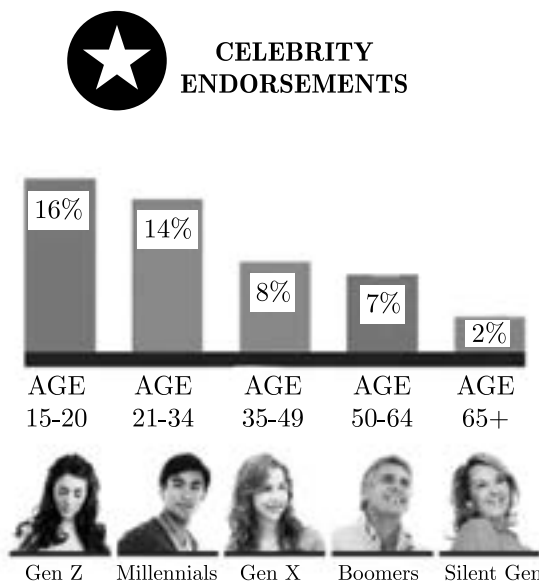
- i. In paragraph 1, how is detachment described? 1
- ii. Complete the following with the correct option : 1
Detachment means :
(a) Giving up physical possessions.
(b) Letting go of harmful desires, thoughts, and behaviors.
(paragraph 1)
- iii. What is the simple method mentioned in paragraph 2 to improve detachment and decision-making? 2
- iv. Select the option that best explains what the first list should include : 1
(a) A list of things you want to buy.
(b) Your most important life goals and what you want to contribute to your family.
(paragraph 3)
- v. State whether the following statement is True or False. 1
When making the second list, you should immediately remove any bad or wrong desires.
(paragraph 4)
- vi. The writer mentions in paragraph 4 that after making the lists, you should review your desires 1
What should you look for when reviewing your desires?
(A) Which desires are unnecessary or harmful to your goals.
(B) Which desires can be immediately fulfilled.
(C) Which desires are too small to matter.
(D) Which desires align with your material wealth.
- vii. List two benefits of doing this exercise, as mentioned in paragraph 5. 2
- viii. Fill in the blank with the correct option : 1
The exercise of making lists helps you become :
(A) Better at ignoring your desires.
(B) Honest with yourself and aware of your true feelings.
(C) Focused only on your own goals.
(D) More interested in material wealth.
(paragraph 5)

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

1. Celebrity endorsements have been a central part of advertising for decades. In the early 2000s, Britney Spears became synonymous with Pepsi advertisements, appearing in over 12 major campaigns. Beyoncé later continued this legacy with a ₹370 crore deal. However, her promotion of Pepsi sparked controversy, as health advocates questioned her support of a product linked to obesity. Despite the backlash, celebrity endorsements remain a powerful tool for brands.



2. Social media has transformed the nature of celebrity endorsements. By 2020, 72% of brands were using social media platforms to reach younger audiences. The global influencer marketing industry, closely tied to social media endorsements, was valued at ₹8,000 crore. Social media helps brands build trust and familiarity through celebrity connections, making endorsements more personal and impactful on purchasing decisions.
3. According to Nielson's 2015 research, younger generations resonate more with celebrity endorsements. Generation Z (ages 15-20) has the highest connection at 16%, followed by Millennials (ages 21-34) at 14%. Gen X (ages 35-49), Boomers (ages 50-64), and the Silent Generation (ages 65+) show significantly lower trust in celebrity endorsements, with 8%, 7%, and 2% respectively.
4. While celebrity endorsements can draw attention to a brand, their direct influence on purchasing decisions is becoming less reliable. A 2019 survey found that 55% of consumers would abandon a product if it didn't meet their expectations, despite celebrity promotion. Brands need to deliver quality beyond endorsements to ensure long-term success.
5. Brands must show how their product solves individual problems, instead of relying solely on celebrities for long-term value. If a product fails to meet expectations, no amount of celebrity backing will retain consumer loyalty.



Answer the following questions, based on the passage above.

- i. What does the use of the phrase “synonymous with Pepsi advertisements” by the writer, in paragraph 1, suggest about Britney Spears? 1
 - (A) Britney Spears had little influence on Pepsi's advertising campaign.
 - (B) Britney Spears became closely associated with Pepsi during her time as its spokesperson.
 - (C) Britney Spears was briefly involved with Pepsi before moving to other endorsements.
 - (D) Britney Spears had no long-term involvement with Pepsi.

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- ii. Select the option that is true for the assertion and reason given below : 1
Assertion : Social media has played a major role in the evolution of celebrity endorsements.
Reason : Social media platforms provide a direct way for consumers to interact with brands and celebrities.
(A) Both the assertion and reason are true, and the reason explains the assertion.
(B) Both the assertion and reason are true, but the reason does not explain the assertion.
(C) The assertion is true, but the reason is false.
(D) The assertion is false, but the reason is true.
- iii. Identify the generation with the highest level of trust in celebrity endorsements, as mentioned in the passage. 1
- iv. Based on the figure in the passage, which generation shows the lowest level of trust in celebrity endorsements? 1
- v. Read the given prompt and select the correct option in the brackets to fill in the blank : 1
Celebrity endorsements resonate most strongly with younger generations, as shown by their engagement on social media platforms.
In the Nielson research, the generation with the highest trust in celebrity endorsements was _____.(Gen Z / Millennials / Boomers)
- vi. What are some of the ways social media has changed the nature of celebrity endorsements, as mentioned in the passage? 1
- vii. Complete the sentence suitably. 1
Celebrity endorsements can draw consumers to a brand, but _____.
- viii. Complete the following with a suitable reason : 1
Experts believe the long-term success of a product depends less on celebrity endorsements because _____.
- ix. In the context of paragraph 5, why is it important for brands to focus on solving individual problems instead of relying solely on celebrity endorsements? 2

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

- 3. Complete ANY TEN of twelve of the following tasks, as directed.**
- i. Fill in the blank by choosing the correct option to complete the sentence.
The higher you go, the more difficult it _____ to breathe.
(A) had become (B) becomes
(C) is becoming (D) became

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

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.

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:
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 :

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.

The level of intoxication _____ (vary) from subject to subject.

- vii. Report the dialogue between Buddha and his disciple, by completing the sentence :

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.

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:
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.
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.

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.

Use the given format for your response.

Error	Correction

WRITING

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

- 4A.** 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.

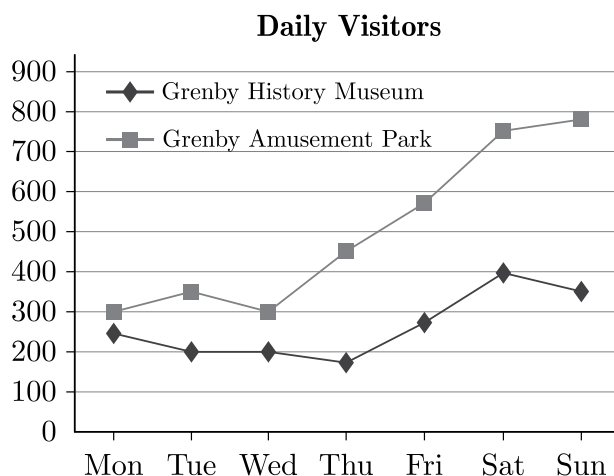
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- 4B.** You are Anita/Amit, the student prefect and incharge of the school library. You have been asked to place an order for textbooks on Mathematics. Write a letter to M/s Good Marks (P) Ltd., 8A/1, Ansari Road, Daryaganj, New Delhi placing an order for the books. Invent the necessary details.

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- 5A.** 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 about 120 words by selecting and reporting the main features, and making comparisons where relevant.



OR

- 5B.** “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 about 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 TEXTBOOK

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- 6. Read the given extracts and answer ANY ONE of the two questions given below 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. What effect does Max’s appearance and manner, as described in the lines below, have on Ausable?

Max was slender, a little less than tall, with features that suggested slightly the crafty, pointed countenance of a fox.

Choose the most suitable option.

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|---------------|---------------|
| (A) frightens | (B) reassures |
| (C) confuses | (D) amuses |

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- ii. Which word replaces 'sat down heavily' in the sentence- Ausable moved to an armchair and sat down heavily'?
- iii. Fill in the blank with the correct word from the bracket.
The word 'menacing' in the line "There was about him - aside from the gun - nothing especially menacing" indicates that Max's appearance was not _____ (threatening/harmless).
- iv. How was Max described in the extract? Answer in about 40 words.

- 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 _____.
(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.
- iii. Fill in the blank with the correct word from the bracket.
The word 'quaking' in the line "Our entire class is quaking in its boots." indicates that the class was feeling _____ (nervous/excited) about the forthcoming meeting.
- iv. Which emotion is portrayed in the expression 'quaking in their boots'?

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
(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.
'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.
- iv. Which word in the extract means the same as 'fat'?

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

(Amanda!)

- i. What kind of atmosphere is created through these lines?
Select the correct option:

1. Tranquility
2. Isolation
3. Joy
4. Fantasy
5. Longing

(A) 1 and 4

(B) 2 and 5

(C) 1, 2, and 4

(D) 3 and 5

- ii. Complete the following suitably.
The word 'languid' implies that the sea _____.

- iii. Why is the extract given in paranthesis?

- iv. What does Amanda want to be a mermaid? Answer in about 40 words.

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

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

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

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

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

- i. "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*)

- ii. 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. 6

- i. Who do you think is the real culprit in the story 'A Question of Trust'? Explain.
- ii. 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 26
ENGLISH LANGUAGE AND LITERATURE (184)
CLASS-X EXAM 2024-25

Time Allowed : 3 Hrs.

Maximum Marks : 80

General Instructions :

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SECTION A - READING SKILLS

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1. Read the following text.

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1. The world is large, but in a way, it begins with me. Before I can understand the world around me, I need to understand myself first. If I want to see positive changes in the environment, I need to start with myself, both in my beliefs and actions. To make the world greener, I need to be green in how I live.
2. Every action we take from morning to night impacts the environment. It's something that happens all day, every day. We need to be more aware of how we can be greener in all areas of our lives because it's in our best interest and that of future generations. If we make changes consciously, they'll eventually become habits and part of our daily culture. Even though we often hear about green initiatives, we rarely change our daily routines to fit the bigger goal of protecting the planet.
3. Greenery around us helps reduce dust and noise pollution. How we water and care for plants also matters because water is a quickly depleting resource. Using sprinklers is one way to conserve water. Compost made from biowaste is a cost-effective and eco-friendly way to nourish plants. We can also protect water bodies by not dumping garbage into them. Using public transportation instead of personal vehicles helps reduce our carbon footprint.
4. The key actions are to 'Reuse,' 'Recycle,' 'Re-engineer,' and 'Renew.' We should support efforts to promote these practices because improving the environment benefits everyone. The care we put into these actions improves not only our lives but also the well-being of the community, society, and nation. Helping others ultimately makes our own lives better.
5. I need to care about the environment I am responsible for because it directly affects my survival, job, and progress. As long as my actions have a positive impact, people will appreciate my presence. If my actions are harmful, I will be avoided. It's either 'Embrace' or 'Embarrass.'

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6. Green initiatives are meant to protect the Earth. We need to conserve air, water, and soil to ensure the future of humanity. The increasing damage to air and soil quality needs to be reversed. Water is being overused, and only 0.3% of freshwater is available for us to drink. We must stop exploiting our planet. Mother Earth only asks for love and care from us in return for all the wealth she has given us.

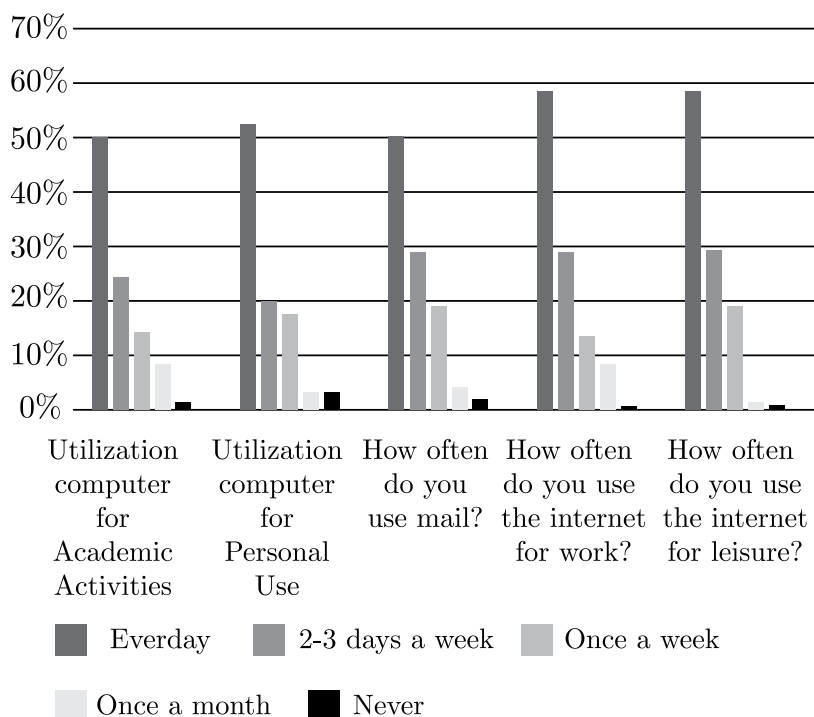
Answer the following questions, based on the passage above.

- i. In paragraph 1, what is meant by the phrase, “The world starts with me”? 1
- ii. Complete the following with the correct option : 1
The passage suggests that to create a greener environment, we must :
(a) Rely on others to make changes first.
(b) Start with our own actions and behavior.
(paragraph 1)
- iii. What are some of the small actions we can take to protect the environment, as mentioned in paragraph 3? 2
- iv. Select the option that best explains the meaning of the “Reuse, Recycle, Re-engineer, and Renew” mantra : 1
(a) It encourages us to keep using things until they are worn out.
(b) It promotes reducing waste and making thoughtful, eco-friendly choices.
(paragraph 4)
- v. State whether the following statement is True or False. 1
Our positive actions toward the environment will only benefit others and not ourselves.
(paragraph 4)
- vi. The writer mentions in paragraph 5 that our actions can either “Embrace” or “Embarrass.” 1
What does this mean in the context of our impact on the environment?
(A) Positive actions will make us appreciated, while harmful actions will make us criticized or avoided.
(B) Positive actions will make us embarrassed, while harmful actions will help others.
(C) All actions are neutral and won’t impact the environment either way.
(D) Only large actions matter, and small actions don’t make any difference.
- vii. List two ways we can protect natural resources like air, water, and soil, as mentioned in paragraph 6. 2
- viii. Fill in the blank with the correct option : 1
According to the passage, Mother Earth only asks for :
(A) More wealth from her children.
(B) Love and care from humans for all that she has given.
(C) Less attention and fewer green initiatives.
(D) Complete control over natural resources.
(paragraph 6)



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

- 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.



- 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.
- 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.
- 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.
- 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.

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Answer the following questions, based on the passage above.

- i. What does the use of the phrase “changed the face of education” by the writer, in paragraph 1, suggest about the impact of computers and the internet on education? 1
(A) The writer believes that education has not been influenced by computers and the internet.
(B) The writer is emphasizing the significant transformation that computers and the internet have brought to education.
(C) The writer feels that the internet has had little effect on education.
(D) The writer is indifferent to the influence of computers on education.
- ii. Select the option that is true for the assertion and reason given below : 1
Assertion : Many schools and universities are using internet-based learning.
Reason : The internet provides a wide range of information and resources for academic assignments.
(A) Both the assertion and reason are true, and the reason explains the assertion.
(B) Both the assertion and reason are true, but the reason does not explain the assertion.
(C) The assertion is true, but the reason is false.
(D) The assertion is false, but the reason is true.
- iii. Identify the year in which the Academic Student e-book Experience Survey mentioned in the passage was conducted. 1
- iv. Based on the figure in the passage, which activity has the highest percentage of people using computers for personal use every day? 1
- v. Read the given prompt and select the correct option in the brackets to fill in the blank : 1
According to the survey, respondents favored e-books for academic research due to certain features that enhanced their utility for assignments and citations.
The respondents prefer e-books for research because they offer the ability to _____.
(resize text / cite page numbers / print content)
- vi. What are some of the challenges associated with using the internet for research, as mentioned in the passage? 1
- vii. Complete the sentence suitably. 1
The internet provides a wide range of information for students, but _____.
- viii. Complete the following with a suitable reason : 1
Experts believe that the preference for e-books in academic research will continue to grow because _____.
- ix. In the context of paragraph 4, why do respondents prefer print books for leisure, despite their preference for e-books in academic research? 2



SECTION B - WRITING SKILLS & GRAMMAR**20****GRAMMAR****10****3. Complete ANY TEN of twelve of the following tasks, as directed.**

- i. Fill in the blank by choosing the correct option to complete the beginning of an article in a blog post on adolescence.

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.

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.

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.

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.

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
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

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- vii. Report the dialogue between two friends discussing a recent travel experience.

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.
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.
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.
Would you send the mail?

Use the given format for your response.

Error	Correction

- xi. Select the correct option to the following sentences.
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.

Top barbarians under one roof in your city! Get the latest haircuts and styles @ 15% discount.

Use the given format for your response.

Error	Correction



WRITING**10**

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

- 4A.** 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 about 120 words to the Director, Foreign Languages, enquiring about the details of the courses offered by the institution.

OR

- 4B.** 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.
- 5A.** Write a paragraph on the topic 'Air Pollution' in about 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**

- 5B.** 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 about 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.

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SECTION C - LITERATURE TEXTBOOK

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6. Read the given extracts and answer ANY ONE of the two questions given below 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.
- ii. What effect does Griffin's action, as described in the lines below, have on his situation? "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." Choose the most suitable option:
 (A) liberates (B) complicates
 (C) comforts (D) satisfies
- iii. State the reason he was wandering on the streets.
- iv. Fill in the blank with the correct word from the bracket. The word 'revenge' in the line "In revenge Griffin set fire to the house" indicates that Griffin acted out of _____ (anger/forgiveness).

- 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)

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- i. What do you understand by the term colonial bungalow?
 - (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?
“During the monsoons, it pours enough to keep many visitors away”
- iii. Fill in the blank with the correct word from the bracket.
The word ‘invigorating’ in the line “The air breathes of invigorating coffee” indicates that the air was _____ (refreshing/stifling) in Coorg.
- iv. Which is the best time to visit Coorg? Answer in about 40 words.

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.
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
 - (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?
- iv. Why is Amanda forbidden to eat chocolate? Answer in about 40 words.

- B.** It sits looking
over harbour and city
on silent haunches
and then moves on.

(Fog)

- i. Complete the following suitably.
In the given extract, the poet uses the poetic device, enjambment in which one line runs onto another without _____.
- 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?

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- iii. The poet has used the poetic device 'transferred epithet' in the third line. What does the poet wish to emphasize?
(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. What does the fog observe from its vantage point?

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

- i. Lencho writes a letter to God for help. Who actually helps Lencho by giving money?
(*A Letter to God*)
- ii. Why does the poet use the image of a 'hemlock tree'?
(*Dust of Snow*)
- iii. Anne believed that paper has more patience than people. Why?
(*From the Diary of Anne Frank*)
- iv. Who is the 'mermaid' in the poem Amanda? What does 'she' wish to do?
(*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.
(*The Proposal*)

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

- i. Why does Mrs. Pumphery call the doctor?
(*A Triumph of Surgery*)
- ii. Why were the two boys surprised to see imprints of a pair of bare feet?
(*Footprints without Feet*)
- iii. Bholi's father Ramlal was not in favour of sending girls to school. Why?
(*Bholi*)

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

- i. 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*)



- ii. “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. 6

- i. “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.
- ii. “Beauty is much more than being skin deep”. Analyze this quote with reference to ‘Bholi’.

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SAMPLE PAPER 27
ENGLISH LANGUAGE AND LITERATURE (184)
CLASS-X EXAM 2024-25

Time Allowed : 3 Hrs.

Maximum Marks : 80

General Instructions :

Read the instructions very carefully and strictly follow them :

1. This question paper comprises 11 questions. All questions are compulsory.
 2. The Question Paper contains THREE sections -
Section A : Reading Skills
Section B : Grammar and Creative Writing Skills
Section C : Literature Textbook
 3. Attempt questions based on specific instructions for each part.
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SECTION A - READING SKILLS

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1. Read the following text.

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1. The decisions we make every day—like wearing a seatbelt, lifting heavy things properly, or avoiding dangerous situations—can either keep us safe or lead to harm.
2. We need to decide to bring order into our lives. Practicing self-control, discipline, and setting boundaries are some of the most important things we can do. Without discipline, life can become careless and messy.
3. Sometimes, people think it's exciting to live on the edge, like, "That's me! Living life on the edge!" But if you think about it, even highways have lines to keep us safe. If we go off one side, we'll end up in a ditch. If we cross the line in the middle, we could get hurt or worse. These lines help keep us safe, even if we don't always notice it.
4. For the first 20 years of my career, I ignored my limits and felt terrible most of the time. I would tell myself, "I know I'm at my limit, but I'll ignore it and see how long I can keep going." I saw doctors and tried pills, vitamins, and other remedies. Many doctors told me it was just stress, but that only made me angry because I loved my work. I kept pushing myself with travel and speaking engagements, exhausting myself in the process.
5. Eventually, I realized I was living in a way that couldn't continue. I had to make changes in my mindset and lifestyle to feel better.
6. We don't have to be like everyone else or try to keep up with them. Each of us should be true to who we are, without feeling guilty about it. We're all different, and we need to find a balance where we can enjoy life instead of overwhelming ourselves with stress and pressure.

Answer the following questions, based on the passage above.

- i. In paragraph 1, what is the main idea about the choices we make every day?

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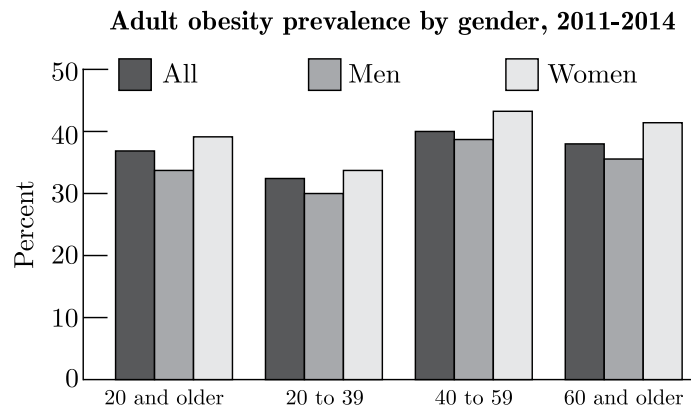
- ii. Complete the following with the correct option : 1
The passage suggests that without discipline :
(a) Life becomes more exciting.
(b) Life becomes careless and disorganized.
(paragraph 2)
- iii. How does the writer compare life to driving on a highway, as mentioned in paragraph 3? 2
- iv. Select the option that best explains what the writer learned after ignoring their limits for 20 years : 1
(a) They felt better by continuing to push themselves.
(b) Ignoring limits led to physical exhaustion and stress.
(paragraph 4)
- v. State whether the following statement is True or False. 1
The writer initially believed that stress was only a result of not liking one's job.
(paragraph 4)
- vi. The writer mentions in paragraph 6 that finding a comfort zone is important. 1
Why is this necessary for living a balanced life?
(A) It allows us to live without guilt and manage stress effectively.
(B) It encourages us to push ourselves to the limit for excitement.
(C) It makes us compare ourselves to others constantly.
(D) It helps us avoid taking any risks in life.
- vii. List two ways the writer suggests we can bring order and discipline into our lives, as mentioned in the passage. 2
(paragraph 2)
- viii. Fill in the blank with the correct option : 1
The passage emphasizes that we should :
(A) Constantly compare ourselves to others.
(B) Find our own way of living and avoid overloading ourselves with stress.
(C) Push ourselves to live at the edge for more excitement.
(D) Apologize for not being like everyone else.
(paragraph 6)

2. Read the following text. 10

1. Obesity is defined as a Body Mass Index (BMI) greater than 30 kg/m², with extreme obesity classified as a BMI over 40 kg/m². Obesity is rapidly becoming the leading cause of preventable death in the United States, projected to surpass deaths from tobacco use. The incidence of obesity has doubled since 1960, with one-third of the adult population now obese. Equally concerning is the increase in overweight children, which has risen from 6% to 19% over the past 25 years.



2. Obesity presents a major epidemiologic challenge, with annual healthcare costs for obesity-related diseases expected to exceed \$150 billion in the U.S. Approximately 60% of adults are currently either obese or overweight. Obesity is linked to a higher incidence of diseases like diabetes, cardiovascular disease, and cancer. Contributing factors include fast food, Trans Fatty Acids (TFAs), and decreased physical activity.
3. The use of BMI alone has limited value for predicting cardiovascular outcomes, but its utility is improved when combined with waist circumference and other measurements. Public health initiatives are playing a key role in addressing obesity by targeting contributing factors.
4. For example, initiatives in New York City and Denmark successfully passed legislation to reduce or remove TFAs from diets, an important step in combating obesity-related diseases.
5. The experience gained from tackling previous health issues like smoking should help expand obesity-related health initiatives and prevent future generations from suffering the long-term consequences of obesity.



Answer the following questions, based on the passage above.

- i. What does the use of the phrase “rapidly becoming the leading cause of preventable death” by the writer, in paragraph 1, suggest about obesity? 1
 - (A) The writer believes obesity is not a serious issue.
 - (B) The writer emphasizes the urgent threat obesity poses to public health.
 - (C) The writer thinks obesity will not surpass tobacco-related deaths.
 - (D) The writer is indifferent to obesity’s impact on public health.
- ii. Select the option that is true for the assertion and reason given below : 1

Assertion : Obesity is becoming the next major epidemiologic challenge for doctors.

Reason : Consumption of fast food and decreased physical activity are contributing to the obesity epidemic.

 - (A) Both the assertion and reason are true, and the reason explains the assertion.
 - (B) Both the assertion and reason are true, but the reason does not explain the assertion.
 - (C) The assertion is true, but the reason is false.
 - (D) The assertion is false, but the reason is true.



- iii. Identify the current percentage of adults in the United States who are either obese or overweight, as mentioned in the passage. 1
- iv. Based on the figure, which age group has the highest obesity prevalence for women? 1
- v. Read the given prompt and select the correct option in the brackets to fill in the blank : 1
Legislation in New York City and Denmark has successfully reduced Trans Fatty Acids (TFAs) in residents' diets through public health initiatives.
The reduction of TFAs was achieved by _____.(Changing dietary guidelines/
Implementing legislation/Reducing portion sizes)
- vi. What are some of the challenges associated with using BMI as a measure of obesity, as mentioned in the passage? 1
- vii. Complete the sentence suitably. 1
Obesity is linked to many serious health conditions, but _____.
- viii. Complete the following with a suitable reason : 1
Experts believe that public health initiatives targeting obesity will succeed because _____.
- ix. In the context of paragraph 5, why are legislative measures like those in New York City and Denmark important for managing the obesity epidemic? 2

SECTION B - WRITING SKILLS & GRAMMAR

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GRAMMAR

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3. Complete ANY TEN of twelve of the following tasks, as directed.

- i. Fill in the blank by choosing the correct option to complete the magazine article.
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.
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.
If you are nervous, _____ I speak to her?
(A) shall (B) would
(C) can (D) could

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

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.

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:

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:

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.

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. Did you see the Royal Bengal Tiger?

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

You could not disturb him during his work.

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 mother and son:

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.
 My writing is better than those of my friend.

Use the given format for your response.

Error	Correction

WRITING

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

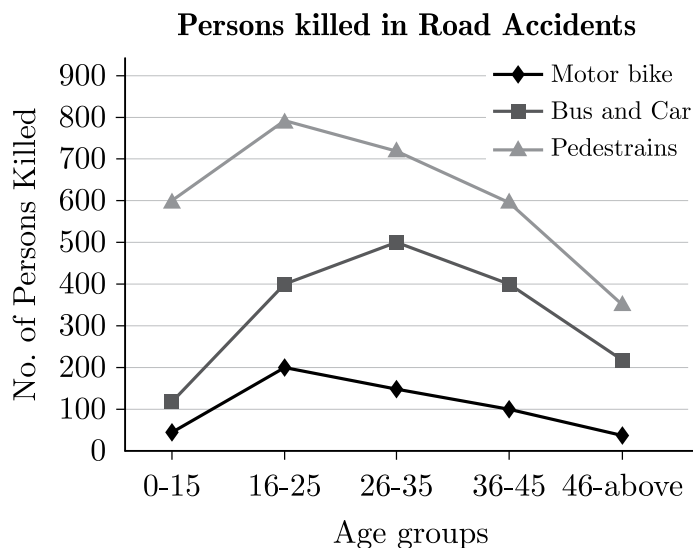
- 4A.** You are Amit Kapoor, resident of 43/9, Shyam Enclave, Delhi. You visited Manali with your family during the summer vacation. You had two double suites at Lake View resort. Your stay at the hotel fell far short of the description in the brochure. Write a letter of complaint to the Customer Service Department to refund for your hotel stay.

OR

- 4B.** 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.
- 5A.** 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 about 120 words.

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OR

- 5B.** 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 TEXTBOOK

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- 6. Read the given extracts and answer ANY ONE of the two questions given below 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.
It’s an invasion of Mars!’
- ii.** What effect does the realization, as described in the lines below, have on the speaker?
“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!”

Choose the most suitable option:

- | | |
|---------------|--------------|
| (A) frightens | (B) excites |
| (C) angers | (D) confuses |

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- iii. Elaborate in about 40 words the irony in the statement.
“Had a great fail”.... That means they plan to capture Mars Central Control and me!’
with reference to the extract.
- iv. Fill in the blank with the correct word from the bracket.
The word ‘invasion’ in the line “It’s an invasion of Mars!” indicates that the speaker felt Mars was under _____ (attack/protection).

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. 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.
‘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. Fill in the blank with the correct word from the bracket.
The word ‘resembled’ in the line “The creature that emerged from this sack... resembled most of all a very small mediievally-conceived, dragon.” indicates that the creature looked _____ (similar/different) to a dragon.
- iv. What is 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’?

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.
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’?
- iii. The boy’s reaction to the loss of the ball shows that _____.
(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.

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.
“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.
- iii. Complete the following suitably.
Amanda wants to be away from the noisy and disturbing atmosphere and hence wishes to be _____.
- iv. Why is this stanza given within brackets in the poem?

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

- i. What saddened Valli on her first journey by bus? How did it affect her?
(Madam Rides the Bus)
- ii. Explain the symbols used in the poem “Fire and Ice” by Robert Frost.
- iii. “You seem to have done your homework before coming,”. Who has done the homework and why is it so impressive?
(Glimpses of India)
- iv. Describe the pirate who comes through the window? What do all of them do when the pirate comes?

(The Tale of Custard the Dragon)

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- v. 'Sympathy and kindness are human virtues'. Write a character sketch of the postmaster with reference to these human virtues.

(A Letter to God)

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

- i. Why is Horace described as good and respectable, but not completely honest?

(A Question of Trust)

- ii. Why was the entire staff of Mrs. Pumphrey at work while Tricki was being taken to the hospital?

(A Triumph of Surgery)

- iii. Describe the internal conflict in Hari Singh's mind before the theft.

(The Thief's Story)

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

- i. 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.

- ii. "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. **6**

- i. Give the character-sketch of Matilda.

(The Necklace)

- ii. "A good education can change anyone. A good teacher can change everything." Discuss this with reference to Bholi.

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SAMPLE PAPER 28
ENGLISH LANGUAGE AND LITERATURE (184)
CLASS-X EXAM 2024-25

Time Allowed : 3 Hrs.

Maximum Marks : 80

General Instructions :

Read the instructions very carefully and strictly follow them :

1. This question paper comprises 11 questions. All questions are compulsory.
 2. The Question Paper contains THREE sections -
Section A : Reading Skills
Section B : Grammar and Creative Writing Skills
Section C : Literature Textbook
 3. Attempt questions based on specific instructions for each part.
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SECTION A - READING SKILLS

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1. Read the following text.

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1. The color of animals is not random. It usually serves a purpose, often helping animals avoid danger by making them harder to see. Some people might think that if color is mainly for protection, there shouldn't be many brightly colored animals. However, some animals use bright colors for protection too. For example, the kingfisher is brightly colored but still hard to spot because its blue feathers blend in with the water, making it look like a flash of sunlight when it flies.
2. Desert animals are typically the same color as their surroundings. For instance, lions, antelopes, and wild donkeys are all the color of sand. A scientist, Canon Tristram, once said that in the desert, where there is little to hide behind, animals must match their environment to survive. That's why the fur, feathers, and skin of many desert creatures, including birds, mammals, snakes, and lizards, are all a similar sand color.
3. Another example of animal coloring is found in caterpillars. Some mature caterpillars are brown, which may seem to make them more noticeable among green leaves. But if we look at the behavior of these insects, we understand why. Big caterpillars, like other defenseless creatures, feed at night and hide during the day. When morning comes, they crawl down the plant and hide in the brown grass and dead leaves near the ground. In this environment, their brown color helps them blend in and stay safe. Some might think that caterpillars hide because they are brown, but actually, they started hiding first, and the brown color developed later as a way to help them blend in better.

Answer the following questions, based on the passage above.

- i. In paragraph 1, how does the color of animals help them?

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- ii. Complete the following with the correct option : 1
Some brightly colored animals :
(a) Are easy to spot and have no protection.
(b) Use their bright colors to blend in with their surroundings and stay hidden.
(paragraph 1)
- iii. How do desert animals use color for protection, according to paragraph 2? 2
- iv. Select the option that best explains why some caterpillars are brown : 1
(a) Brown caterpillars are easier for predators to spot.
(b) The brown color helps them hide on the ground among dried plants and leaves.
(paragraph 3)
- v. State whether the following statement is True or False. 1
The passage suggests that caterpillars first developed their brown color before learning to hide during the day.
(paragraph 3)
- vi. The writer mentions in paragraph 1 that the kingfisher is brightly colored but still difficult to see. 1
Why is this the case?
(A) Its bright blue feathers reflect light, making it appear as a flash of sunlight near the water.
(B) Its bright colors warn predators to stay away.
(C) Its feathers are dark at night, making it invisible.
(D) Its colors change depending on the time of day.
- vii. List two examples of animals whose color helps them blend into their environment, as mentioned in the passage. 2
- viii. Fill in the blank with the correct option : 1
According to the passage, large caterpillars :
(A) Feed during the day and hide at night.
(B) Feed at night and hide during the day to avoid predators.
(C) Are always brown no matter where they live.
(D) Do not need to hide because they are too large for predators.
(paragraph 3)

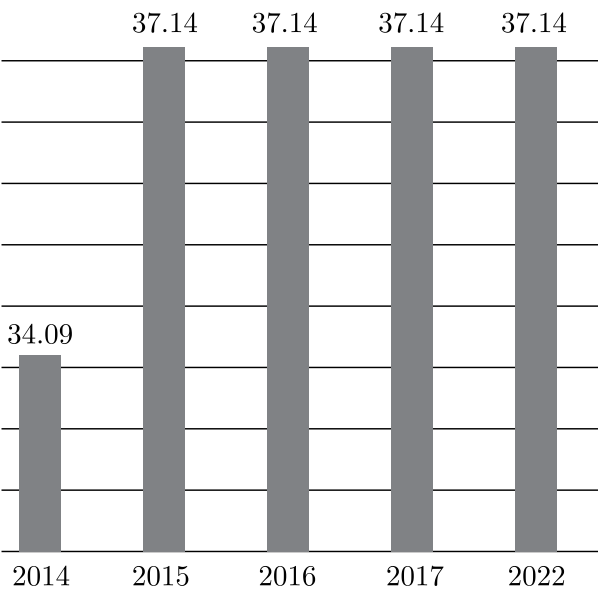
2. Read the following text. 10

1. Sports and energy drinks consumed by athletes and fitness enthusiasts are beverages rich in essential components like nutrients, vitamins, and carbohydrates. These drinks provide much-needed mental and physical stimulation, an instant energy boost, and help replenish electrolytes lost during workouts. Energy drinks keep the body hydrated, which is crucial for maintaining performance. In India, consumers drink 120 billion liters of beverages, of which 4% are ready-to-drink energy drinks, available in various flavors, including organic options.



2. Aggressive promotion and marketing by major brands have significantly contributed to their market growth. Celebrity endorsements, the development of consumer-oriented products such as sugar-free or customizable drinks, and the availability of products across various platforms have increased the market size. Sponsoring sporting events and teams is expected to further fuel growth.

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. At the current growth rate, projections estimate the market to reach US\$ 5.0 billion by 2027, with a compound annual growth rate (CAGR) of 13.27% during the 2022-2027 period.
4. Many athletes confuse energy drinks with sports drinks. Energy drinks, containing more than 10% sugar, create an insulin spike followed by an energy crash, leaving athletes fatigued and lethargic. This is not ideal for athletes who need to maintain energy and focus for peak performance.
5. The energy drinks market in India has seen steady revenue growth in convenience stores, as shown in the chart. From 2014 to 2022, the revenue increased from USD 34.09 million to USD 37.14 million.

Answer the following questions, based on the passage above.

- i. What does the use of the phrase “much-needed mental and physical stimulation” by the writer, in paragraph 1, suggest about energy drinks? 1
- (A) The writer believes energy drinks have no impact on mental and physical health.
- (B) The writer is emphasizing the benefits of energy drinks in enhancing mental and physical performance.
- (C) The writer feels energy drinks only affect mental performance.
- (D) The writer is indifferent to the effects of energy drinks on health.

- ii. Select the option that is true for the assertion and reason given below : 1
Assertion : The energy drink market in India has grown significantly.
Reason : Aggressive marketing, celebrity endorsements, and product customization have driven the growth of the energy drink market.
 (A) Both the assertion and reason are true, and the reason explains the assertion.
 (B) Both the assertion and reason are true, but the reason does not explain the assertion.
 (C) The assertion is true, but the reason is false.
 (D) The assertion is false, but the reason is true.
- iii. Identify the market size of Indian sports and energy drinks in 2022, as mentioned in the passage. 1
- iv. Based on the figure, what was the revenue of the energy drinks market in Indian convenience stores in 2014? 1
- v. Read the given prompt and select the correct option in the brackets to fill in the blank : 1
 Energy drinks containing more than 10% sugar cause a rapid insulin spike, followed by an energy crash.
 Energy drinks, according to the passage, can leave athletes _____. (energetic/lethargic/hydrated)
- vi. What are some of the challenges associated with consuming energy drinks for athletes, as mentioned in the passage? 1
- vii. Complete the sentence suitably. 1
 The Indian energy drink market is expected to reach US\$ 5.0 billion by 2027, showing _____.
- viii. Complete the following with a suitable reason : 1
 Experts believe that the continued growth of the energy drinks market is due to _____.
- ix. In the context of paragraph 4, why is it problematic for athletes to consume energy drinks? 2

SECTION B - WRITING SKILLS & GRAMMAR

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GRAMMAR

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3. Complete ANY TEN of twelve of the following tasks, as directed.

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

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- iii. Select the correct option to fill in the blank for the given piece of advice.

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.

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.

- The thief was thrown a piece of meat by the dog.
- A piece of meat was thrown by the thief at the dog.
- The dog was thrown a piece of meat by the thief.
- 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.

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: 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.

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.

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- x. Read the following quote by a philosopher. Identify the error and supply the correction.
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:

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 :

Be Wish, Obey Traffic Rules

Use the given format for your response.

Error	Correction

WRITING

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

- 4A. You are Reema/Rohan, living in 36/2, J-Block, Sargam Vihar, New Delhi. Write a letter in about 120 words to the Editor of a local daily about water shortage in your locality.



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- 4B.** You are Mansi/Mayank, living in 4/11, S-Block, Vikrant Vihar, New Delhi. Write a letter in about 120 words to the Area incharge BSES about regular power cuts in your locality.
- 5A.** Write an analytical paragraph on ‘an event in my life that I clearly remember...’ in about 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

- 5B.** 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 about 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 TEXTBOOK

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- 6. Read the given extracts and answer ANY ONE of the two questions given below 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.
I’ve been to seven galaxies, but I’ve never seen anything like this. Maybe they’re hats.
- ii.** What effect does Think-Tank’s conclusion, as described in the lines below, have on the perception of the Earthlings?

“Yes, yes, I understand now. Since Earth creatures are always eating, the place in which you find yourselves is undoubtedly a crude refreshment stand.”

Choose the most suitable option:

- | | |
|--------------|---------------|
| (A) amazes | (B) amuses |
| (C) confuses | (D) reassures |

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- 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.
- iv. Fill in the blank with the correct word from the bracket.
The word 'refreshment' in the line "He says we're in a refreshment stand" indicates that Think-Tank believed the place was a _____ (restaurant/library).

- 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 _____.
(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.
- iii. Fill in the blank with ONE WORD only.
Mandela is filled with _____ in the given extract.
- iv. Fill in the blank with the correct word from the bracket.
The word 'overwhelmed' in the line "I was overwhelmed with a sense of history" indicates that Mandela felt _____ (deeply moved/indifferent) about the significance of the event.

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 following suitably.
The poet was out on the cold snowy day when the dust of snow fell on him and _____.
- ii. What is 'dust of snow'?



- 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.
- iv. How does the use of ‘a crow’ and ‘a hemlock tree’ impact this extract?
- (A) If forces the beauty of nature
 - (B) Represents prosperity
 - (C) Sets a gloomy atmosphere
 - (D) Tells about happy times

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.
- ii. What kind of atmosphere is created through these lines?
Select the correct option:
1. Ominous
 2. Detached
 3. Passionate
 4. Philosophical
 5. Hopeful
- (A) 1 and 4 (B) 2 and 5
(C) 3 and 5 (D) 1 and 3
- iii. Complete the following suitably.
Tone of the poet's tone in the lines- 'To say that for destruction ice/Is also great' is
-----.
- iv. What message does the poet want to convey through this poem?

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

- i. What does show that the ball was valuable for the boy?

(The Ball Poem)
- ii. What would the tiger have been doing if he were in the jungle?

(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?

(From the Diary of Anne Frank)

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iv. Name the South African personalities who took swear-in ceremony on that day.
(*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?
(*The Proposal*)

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

i. Why did Viceroy Butterflies copy the Monarchs?
(*The Making of a Scientist*)

ii. What was Tricki's only fault?
(*A Triumph of Surgery*)

iii. From where did Griffin steal money?
(*Footprints without Feet*)

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

i. 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, _ _ _ _ _.

ii. "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. 6

i. "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'.

ii. "There is no greater evil than the pampering of some one." Analyze this quote with reference to 'The Triumph of Surgery'.

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SAMPLE PAPER 29
ENGLISH LANGUAGE AND LITERATURE (184)
CLASS-X EXAM 2024-25

Time Allowed : 3 Hrs.

Maximum Marks : 80

General Instructions :

Read the instructions very carefully and strictly follow them :

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SECTION A - READING SKILLS

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1. Read the following text.

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1. Despite their great educational achievements, this is a complicated cultural issue. Eye specialists believe that focusing too much on education and neglecting other activities, like spending time outdoors, can harm children's eye health.
2. In countries with lower incomes, like Bangladesh and India, fewer adults have myopia (nearsightedness), with rates around 20-30%. However, this is changing. In Africa, where myopia used to be rare, the number of children with myopia has been increasing rapidly in the last decade. As literacy rates rise, this problem could get worse unless there is a stronger focus on providing eye tests and glasses.
3. School itself isn't the main cause of myopia, as shown during the Covid-19 lockdowns. The real issue is staying indoors. During the pandemic, schools closed worldwide, but children's eye health became even worse. They stayed indoors and spent hours looking at screens for schoolwork or entertainment, which replaced other ways of learning and having fun.
4. This issue-myopia as a negative side effect of positive trends like education and income-appears in other areas as well. A higher income is generally good for children's well-being, but not for their eye health. The wealthier we get, the more we protect our children from going outside because they have more things to do indoors, like learning music, playing video games, and watching TV.
5. Is there a solution? In China, experiments have been done in classrooms that simulate outdoor learning. Both children and teachers liked the bright classrooms that look like greenhouses, more than traditional classrooms. However, in the summer and on sunny days, the brightness reached the limit of what could be used for learning. Plus, these bright classrooms are twice as expensive to build as regular ones because of the materials and cooling systems they need.

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6. The best way to prevent myopia is actually very simple and works for all countries, no matter how rich or poor : spend more time outdoors. Researchers are still figuring out exactly why natural light helps prevent myopia, but the most important thing they've found so far is that it does. The challenge now is to ensure that children spend enough time outdoors to benefit from this natural protection.

Answer the following questions, based on the passage above.

- i. In paragraph 1, what do eye specialists believe is harming children's eye health? 1
- ii. Complete the following with the correct option : 1
Eye specialists are concerned that focusing too much on education and :
(a) Spending time outdoors will lead to poor eye health.
(b) Neglecting outdoor activities is bad for eye health.
(paragraph 1)
- iii. How has the increase in literacy rates in low-income countries like Bangladesh and India affected myopia rates? 2
- iv. Select the option that best explains why myopia is linked to higher income levels : 1
(a) Children in wealthier families spend more time outdoors.
(b) Wealthier families tend to keep children indoors with more activities like video games, TV, and music.
(paragraph 4)
- v. State whether the following statement is True or False. 1
The Covid-19 lockdowns improved children's eye health by keeping them indoors.
(paragraph 3)
- vi. The writer mentions in paragraph 5 that classrooms in China were designed to mimic outdoor learning. 1
What was the problem with these classrooms?
(A) They were too expensive and too bright for learning during sunny days.
(B) They were not bright enough to simulate outdoor learning.
(C) Teachers and students disliked the bright environment.
(D) They were too small for the number of students.
- vii. List two simple ways to help prevent myopia, according to paragraph 6. 2
- viii. Fill in the blank with the correct option : 1
According to researchers, the most important conclusion about myopia prevention is :
(A) Myopia cannot be prevented.
(B) Spending more time outdoors in natural light helps prevent myopia.
(C) Indoor activities are better for preventing myopia.
(D) Only expensive classrooms can help prevent myopia.
(paragraph 6)



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

- Private coaching has become a multi-million rupee industry in India. The trend is a symptom of a larger problem—the lack of quality teaching, particularly in government schools in small towns and villages. According to a 2020 report, families spend nearly ₹55,000 annually on private coaching. Efforts to improve government schools are needed to reduce this financial burden on families. Despite this, the private coaching industry continues to grow rapidly, with many students depending on it for academic success.
- A recent NSSO survey shows that 31% of male and 29% of female secondary-level students take private coaching, making it the highest among all education levels. Nearly 20% of students across all pre-primary and higher education levels rely on private coaching.

STUDENTS AT SECONDARY LEVEL TAKE PRIVATE COACHING THE MOST			
Rural + Urban (X)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

- Private coaching is a thriving business across the country, with over 7.1 crore students taking private tuition classes as of 2016. The private coaching market was valued at ₹24,000 crore in 2019 and is growing.
- Experts attribute this trend at the secondary level to the pressure of entrance exams for professional courses like engineering and medicine. The intense competition for admission into these fields has led to a higher demand for coaching.
- Anil Swarup, former Secretary of School Education, explained that private coaching is necessary due to the gap between learning and understanding in formal education, particularly when preparing for competitive exams.

Answer the following questions, based on the passage above.

- What does the use of the phrase “symptom of a larger problem” by the writer, in paragraph 1, suggest about private coaching? 1
 - The writer believes private coaching is the root cause of educational issues.
 - The writer highlights that private coaching is not the problem but a consequence of poor-quality education in government schools.
 - The writer feels that private coaching is the only solution for education.
 - The writer is indifferent to the need for private coaching.

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- ii. Select the option that is true for the assertion and reason given below : 1
Assertion : Private coaching has seen significant growth across India.
Reason : Families are seeking better educational outcomes for their children due to gaps in formal schooling.
(A) Both the assertion and reason are true, and the reason explains the assertion.
(B) Both the assertion and reason are true, but the reason does not explain the assertion.
(C) The assertion is true, but the reason is false.
(D) The assertion is false, but the reason is true.
- iii. Identify the percentage of male and female secondary-level students who take private coaching, as mentioned in the passage. 1
- iv. Based on the table, which education level has the highest percentage of students taking private coaching in India? 1
- v. Read the given prompt and select the correct option in the brackets to fill in the blank : 1
Families spend a significant amount of money on private coaching each year in India, as demonstrated by the growing market for supplementary education.
According to the passage, families spend nearly ₹ _____ annually on private coaching.
(₹30,000/₹55,000/₹20,000)
- vi. What are some of the reasons for the growing demand for private coaching, particularly at the secondary level, as mentioned in the passage? 1
- vii. Complete the sentence suitably. 1
Private coaching fills the gap left by poor-quality education, but _____.
- viii. Complete the following with a suitable reason : 1
Experts believe the rise of private coaching is driven by _____.
- ix. In the context of paragraph 4, why do experts believe competitive entrance exams contribute to the growth of private coaching? 2

SECTION B - WRITING SKILLS & GRAMMAR

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GRAMMAR

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3. Complete ANY TEN of twelve of the following tasks, as directed.

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

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- ii. Read the conversation between a teacher and her students. Complete the sentence by reporting the conversation between the two.

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.

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.

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.

Dear Sir,

We _____ (organise) our Annual Function on 5th 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. 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.

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.

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.

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.

Executive Bored Room Keep Silence!

Use the given format for your response.

Error	Correction



WRITING**10**

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

- 4A.** 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 120 words).

OR

- 4B.** 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.

- 5A.** Write a paragraph in about 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

- 5B.** Write a paragraph in about 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 TEXTBOOK**40**

- 6.** Read the given extracts and answer ANY ONE of the two questions given below **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)

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- i. Fill in the blank with the correct word from the bracket.
The word 'hysterics' in the line "Mrs Hall almost fell down the stairs in hysterics" indicates that Mrs. Hall was _____ (calm/frantic) about the situation.
- ii. What effect does the incident, as described in the lines below, have on Mrs. Hall?
"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."
Choose the most suitable option:
(A) calms (B) bewilders
(C) frightens (D) reassures
- iii. Elaborate in about 40 words, with reference to the extract.
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?
Mrs. Hall almost fell down the stairs in hysterics.

- 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 _____.
(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.
- iii. Fill in the blank with the correct word from the bracket.
The word 'illusion' in the line "my boyhood freedom was an illusion" indicates that Mandela realized his childhood freedom was _____ (real/false).
- 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 _____.

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 ONE word.
The tone of the speaker in the above stanza is annoying and _____.
- ii. What is the listener's reaction to being constantly scolded?
- iii. How is Amanda going to be different from Rapunzel?
(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.

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.
- 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.
- iii. Complete the following suitably.
'I' will not intrude on the boy because 'I' wants him _____.
- iv. What kind of atmosphere is created through these lines?
Select the correct option:
1. Nostalgia
 2. Melancholy
 3. Indifference
 4. Introspection
 5. Hopeful
- (A) 1 and 4 (B) 2 and 4
(C) 3 and 5 (D) 1 and 5

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

- i. What did Lencho compare to new coins? Why?
(A Letter to God)
- ii. What excited Rajvir? Why did Pranjol not share his excitement?
(Glimpses of India)

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iii. How did the crow change the mood of the poet?

(Dust of Snow)

iv. How does a tiger feel in the forest?

(A Tiger in the Zoo)

v. What does Lomov remind Chubukov to prove that his dog, Guess, was better than his dog?

(The Proposal)

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

i. What opened the world of Science for Ebright?

(The Making of a Scientist)

ii. What happened at the ball? Was Matilda's dream fulfilled?

(The Necklace)

ii. How did Hari Singh know that Anil had forgiven him?

(The Thief's Story)

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

i. 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 _____.

ii. "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. 6

i. "Love and sympathy can transform a thief." How is it true in case of Hari Singh? Comment.

(The Thief's Story)

ii. 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)

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SAMPLE PAPER 30
ENGLISH LANGUAGE AND LITERATURE (184)
CLASS-X EXAM 2024-25

Time Allowed : 3 Hrs.

Maximum Marks : 80

General Instructions :

Read the instructions very carefully and strictly follow them :

1. This question paper comprises 11 questions. All questions are compulsory.
 2. The Question Paper contains THREE sections -
Section A : Reading Skills
Section B : Grammar and Creative Writing Skills
Section C : Literature Textbook
 3. Attempt questions based on specific instructions for each part.
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SECTION A - READING SKILLS

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1. Read the following text.

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1. The financial problems that many zoos are facing have sparked a renewed debate about whether zoos are necessary and if they should even exist. Those in favor of zoos believe that they play an important role in saving rare animal species. Over the last 20 years, zoos have created programs to help endangered animals. These programs, called 'captive breeding programs,' breed animals in captivity and then release them into the wild to increase their population.
2. Zoos work together to make sure these breeding programs are successful. They send animals from one zoo to another to prevent inbreeding, which happens when animals that are closely related mate. If inbreeding occurs, it can lead to genetic problems and deformities in the offspring.
3. Zoo supporters also argue that zoos are important for educating children, with millions of kids visiting zoos every year. They believe that seeing real animals in person is much better than just watching them on TV. Zoos also do valuable research on how to help endangered species reproduce in the best conditions. If zoos were forced to close, supporters say, it would be a disaster for animal conservation, and many captive animals might have to be killed.
4. However, people who are against zoos admit that some species have been saved through captive breeding programs, but they argue that these programs are not a solution to the global conservation crisis. They point out that zoos protect only a small number of animals compared to the overall problem. For example, it cost millions to save the Arabian oryx from extinction. They question whether such huge sums could be spent on every endangered species. Additionally, some animals, like the African elephant, do not reproduce well in captivity.
5. Opponents of zoos also claim that captive animals are often kept in poor conditions. In the worst zoos, animals are still put on display just to entertain people. When animals

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are kept in environments that do not suit their needs, they often show abnormal and neurotic behaviors, like polar bears pacing up and down or constantly twisting their heads. Scientists now recognize this as a sign of stress and frustration. Opponents argue that when children visit these zoos, they aren't learning about animals but are instead getting the wrong idea about them.

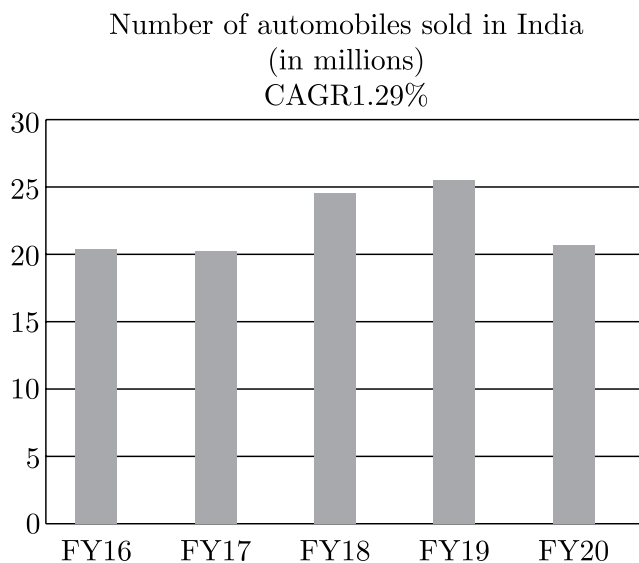
Answer the following questions, based on the passage above.

- i. In paragraph 1, what do supporters of zoos believe is their essential role? 1
- ii. Complete the following with the correct option : 1
Zoo supporters argue that zoos help endangered species by :
(a) Providing entertainment for the public.
(b) Running captive breeding programs that release animals into the wild.
(paragraph 1)
- iii. How do zoos work together to prevent inbreeding, as explained in paragraph 2? 2
- iv. Select the option that best explains one of the criticisms opponents have about captive breeding programs : 1
(a) They believe breeding programs are too expensive and only help a small number of animals.
(b) They think animals are better off reproducing in captivity rather than in the wild.
(paragraph 4)
- v. State whether the following statement is True or False. 1
Opponents of zoos believe that some animals, like the African elephant, reproduce well in captivity.
(paragraph 4)
- vi. The writer mentions in paragraph 5 that animals in poorly run zoos often show abnormal behaviors. 1
What are some examples of this behavior?
(A) Animals constantly playing with each other.
(B) Animals pacing up and down or twisting their heads repeatedly.
(C) Animals sleeping all day and refusing to eat.
(D) Animals interacting with visitors and begging for food.
- vii. List two reasons opponents argue against zoos, as mentioned in the passage. 2
- viii. Fill in the blank with the correct option : 1
Opponents of zoos argue that children who visit zoos with stressed and frustrated animals are :
(A) Learning how to properly care for animals.
(B) Not getting an accurate understanding of animal behavior.
(C) Encouraged to support animal conservation.
(D) Gaining a deeper respect for wild animals.
(paragraph 5)



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

1. The automobile industry in India is the world's fourth-largest. India ranked as the fourth-largest manufacturer of cars and the seventh-largest manufacturer of commercial vehicles in 2019. The industry is projected to reach ₹18.18 trillion by 2026. It attracted Foreign Direct Investment (FDI) worth ₹1.85 lakh crore from April 2000 to March 2020, according to the Department for Promotion of Industry and Internal Trade (DPIIT). India's automotive sector significantly contributes to the country's GDP, generating employment and fostering innovation.
2. Two-wheelers and passenger vehicles dominate the Indian auto market. Two-wheelers accounted for 80.8% of sales, while passenger cars had a 12.9% share, resulting in over 21.55 million vehicles sold in FY20. According to the figure, automobile sales in India have fluctuated between FY16 and FY20, with the highest sales recorded in FY19 at around 26 million vehicles.
3. The government is focused on making India a global manufacturing hub and has established National Automotive Testing and R&D Infrastructure Project (NATRIP) centres. NATRIP aims to support EV performance certification under the FAME scheme.
4. The government set an ambitious target to transition entirely to Electric Vehicles (EVs). The Ministry of Heavy Industries has shortlisted 11 cities to introduce EVs under the FAME-II scheme, with a budget of ₹10,000 crore.
5. EV sales in India grew by 20% in FY20, reaching 1.56 lakh units, driven primarily by two-wheelers. The government expects the sector to attract ₹64,000-80,000 crore in investment by 2023.



Answer the following questions, based on the passage above.

- i. What does the phrase “contributes significantly to the country’s GDP” by the writer, in paragraph 1, suggest about the Indian automobile industry? 1
 - (A) The writer believes the automobile industry has little impact on India’s economy.
 - (B) The writer is emphasizing the important role the automobile industry plays in generating revenue and employment.
 - (C) The writer feels the automobile industry is outdated and irrelevant to modern India.
 - (D) The writer is indifferent to the industry’s impact on the economy.

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- ii. Select the option that is true for the assertion and reason given below : 1
Assertion : The automobile industry in India is projected to grow rapidly by 2026.
Reason : The growth of the automobile sector is driven by the expansion of rural markets and an increase in middle-class income.
(A) Both the assertion and reason are true, and the reason explains the assertion.
(B) Both the assertion and reason are true, but the reason does not explain the assertion.
(C) The assertion is true, but the reason is false.
(D) The assertion is false, but the reason is true.
- iii. Identify the projected market size of the Indian automobile industry by 2026, as mentioned in the passage. 1
- iv. Based on the figure, in which financial year did automobile sales reach their peak, and approximately how many vehicles were sold? 1
- v. Read the given prompt and select the correct option in the brackets to fill in the blank : 1
The Indian government has set ambitious goals to shift entirely to Electric Vehicles (EVs) under the FAME-II scheme.
The government allocated ₹_____ for this initiative.
(₹1,000 crore/₹10,000 crore/₹5,000 crore)
- vi. What are some of the reasons for the growth of the automobile sector in India, as mentioned in the passage? 1
- vii. Complete the sentence suitably. 1
The Indian automotive industry attracted ₹1.85 lakh crore in FDI between 2000 and 2020, contributing to _____.
- viii. Complete the following with a suitable reason : 1
Experts believe the government's investment in Electric Vehicles (EVs) will succeed because _____.
- ix. In the context of paragraph 4, why are government initiatives like FAME-II important for the future of the Indian automobile industry? 2

SECTION B - WRITING SKILLS & GRAMMAR

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GRAMMAR

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3. Complete ANY TEN of twelve of the following tasks, as directed.

- i. Fill in the blank by choosing the correct option to complete a report on road accidents in India.
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

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- ii. Read the conversation between a mother and her daughter. Complete the sentence by reporting the mother's question correctly.

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. 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. He would not be sad at the loss of money, but for the loss of trust.

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.

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.

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.

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. 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.

Use the given format for your response.

Error	Correction

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- ix.** Anil shared some information with Tariq about a holiday on a cruise. Report Tariq's question.

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.

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.

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.

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

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

- 4A.** You are Reena/Raju of 85, Ramesh Nagar, New Delhi. You have come across a poster promoting social distancing.

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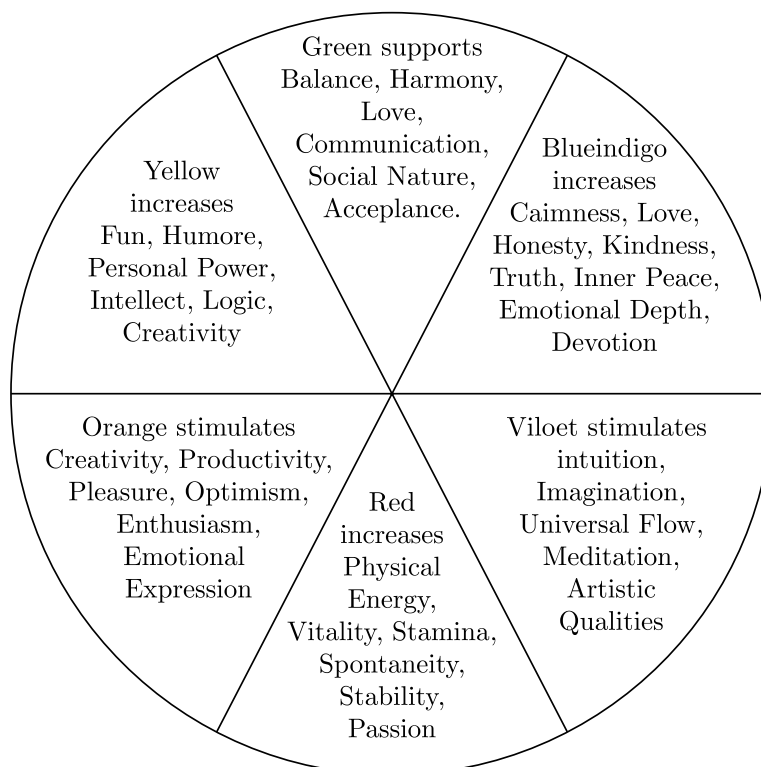




Write a letter in about 120 words to the General Manager, DTC, complaining about violation of advisory on social distancing in buses in your area and urging him to take urgent steps in this matter.

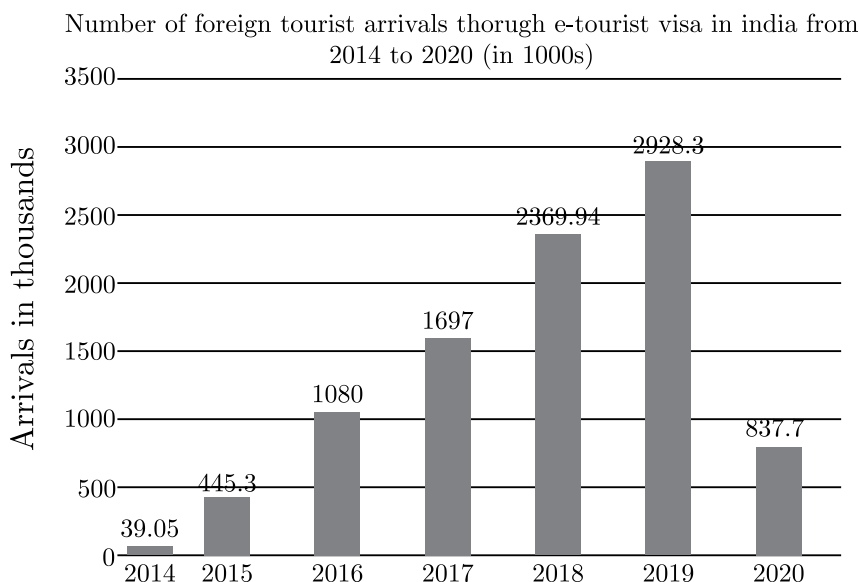
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- 4B.** You are Anshul/Anshika, a student of class X and resident of 56 D, Ring Road, ITO, New Delhi, and wants to be a choreographer. Write a letter in about 120 words to the Director, National Institute of Choreography, Noida, seeking information about their online course, admission procedure, eligibility criteria and other necessary details.
- 5A.** 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 about 120 words on colour therapy.



OR

- 5B.** 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 TEXTBOOK

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- 6.** Read the given extracts and answer ANY ONE of the two questions given below 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)

- What was the belief of Lencho?
- Why did Lencho go a bit early to the post office the following Sunday? Answer in about 40 words.
- What effect does Lencho's reaction, as described in the lines below, have on his emotions? "Lencho showed not the slightest surprise on seeing the money; such was his confidence - but he became angry when he counted the money."

Choose the most suitable option:

- | | |
|-----------------|----------------|
| (A) disappoints | (B) frustrates |
| (C) amuses | (D) encourages |

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- iv. Fill in the blank with the correct word from the bracket.
The word ‘confidence’ in the line “Lencho showed not the slightest surprise on seeing the money; such was his confidence” indicates that Lencho was _____ (certain/unsure) about receiving the money.
- 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?
(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?
- iii. Fill in the blank with the correct word from the bracket.
The word ‘humiliating’ in the line “there is nothing more humiliating than to have a shabby air in the midst of rich women” indicates that the woman felt _____ (embarrassed/proud) about her appearance.
- iv. What kind of a person is Mme Loisel and why is she always unhappy? Answer in about 40 words.

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?
- ii. Which word from the poem is similar in meaning to ‘slip’ or ‘loose one’s balance’?
(A) Muddle (B) Rush
(C) Stumble (D) Flash



iii. Fill the blank with ONE word.

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.

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?

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.

iii. Complete the following suitably.

Anne Gregory despite her young age seems to have clarity of thought because she wants _____.

iv. What kind of atmosphere is created through these lines?

Select the correct option:

1. Defiant
2. Sarcastic
3. Humorous
4. Resigned
5. Hopeful

(A) 1 and 3

(B) 2 and 4

(C) 1 and 5

(D) 3 and 5

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

i. What kind of suffering is reflected in the Sermon?

(The Sermon at Benares)

ii. Why was Pranjol not excited on seeing the tea garden?

(Glimpses of India)

iii. A ball is an easily available, inexpensive thing. Then, why is the boy so sad to lose it?

(The Ball Poem)

iv. What are the three things that can't happen in a treeless forest?

(The Trees)

v. What was Lomov's opinion about Squeezer?

(The Proposal)

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

- i. What was the cause of Matilda's ruin?

(The Necklace)

- ii. Why did Bholi's parents think her a dumb cow?

(Bholi)

- iii. Why did Mrs Pumphrey suffer in the absence of Tricki?

(A Triumph of Surgery)

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

- i. 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)

- ii. "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 it 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. 6

- i. 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'.

- ii. "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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