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SUBJECT: ENGLISH LANGUAGE & LITERATURE (Code No. 184)

Class: X

Date: 24 Sep 2024

Time: 3 hrs

Maximum Marks: 80

General Instructions:

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

SECTION A : READING SKILLS (20 marks)

1. Read the following text.

[10 Marks]

1. It is common knowledge that school children are under great pressure to perform well in all fields, study ten subjects, play games and develop an impressive image. How do they manage? The skills, techniques and principles which they pick up while still young help them cope.

2. Two of twentieth century's finest minds have lamented that schools are not teaching the basics of personal excellence or the science of success. Almost all of what a child learns at school after the age often is totally irrelevant to his need in later life. Most schools do not teach thinking at all. We need to understand that management must be taught as a school subject. The weightiest argument is that children are managers.

3. Many of children are called upon to play directly three of the interpersonal roles: 'Figurehead', 'Leader' and 'Liaison Officer'. They do this while assisting teachers as monitors or group leaders, while captaining teams on playgrounds and while leading teams in competitions. Many more play these roles as surrogates.

4. The decision role of 'Entrepreneur' and 'Resource Allocator' may only occasionally be assigned to children. However, it is worth noting that, according to a recent survey in, Delhi, a monthly allocation of up to ₹ 1000 is available as pocket money to school children. Therefore, they too need to have control over money and to develop a sense of budget. If we add to these financial resources to the resources of time, information and intellect available to children, we find that the decision making

roles are not irrelevant to them. Children play the other two decision roles: ‘Disturbance Handler’ and ‘Negotiator’ more often.

5. Children are managers in the making: Many of the management habits (e.g., using a to-do list), management skills (e.g. sensitive listening), management attitudes and values are formed early in life. Personality theorists believe that it is extremely difficult to change personality traits, styles of thinking and habits of behavior once they are formed.

6. As in language learning, where basic and abstract aspects of language like pronunciation and rhythm are extremely resistant to learning after puberty, good management habits, attitudes and values are difficult to acquire in adulthood. Computer skills, lateral thinking and swimming, often felt to be forbidden by adults are easily learnt by children. In fact, both research evidence and specialists strongly support the view that children’s ability to learn skills like swimming and creative thinking is much more developed than adults. Equally important, complex organisms (a) learn what is necessary or pleasurable and (b) adapt themselves in ways that will serve their needs and interests with amazing enthusiasm, ease and effectiveness.

Answer the following questions, based on the passage above.

- (i) How are the interpersonal roles performed by students? (1)
 - (a) By assisting teachers as monitors.
 - (b) By captaining teams on playgrounds.
 - (c) By leading teams in competitions.
 - (d) All of the above

(ii) Children are managers in the making. Justify in about 40 words. (2)

(iii) Complete the following appropriately on the basis of Paragraph 2. (1)
There is a general lament regarding teaching that takes place in schools because

- (iv) The passage includes some words that are opposites of each other. From the sets (a) – (e) below, identify a set of synonyms. (1)
 - (a) Common and finest
 - (b) Lateral and creative
 - (c) Worth and weightiest
 - (d) Great and impressive
 - (e) Ease and abstract because

v) Complete the sentence appropriately.

Personality theorists believe that it is extremely difficult to (1).

(vi) According to the passage, why can children easily learn good management habits, attitudes and values? (2)

(vii) Which of the following will be the most appropriate title for the passage? (1)
(a) Skills for Life

- (b) Going Beyond Books
- (c) Management Education
- (d) Learning Differences

(viii) Supply the purpose of the author behind the passage. (1)

2. Read the following text.

[10 Marks]

1. Sniffer dog. Tucker uses his nose to help researchers find out why the killer whale population off the northwest coast of the United States is on the decline. He searches for whale feces floating on the surface of the water, which are then collected for examination. He is one of the elite team of detection dogs used by scientists studying several species including right whales and killer whales.

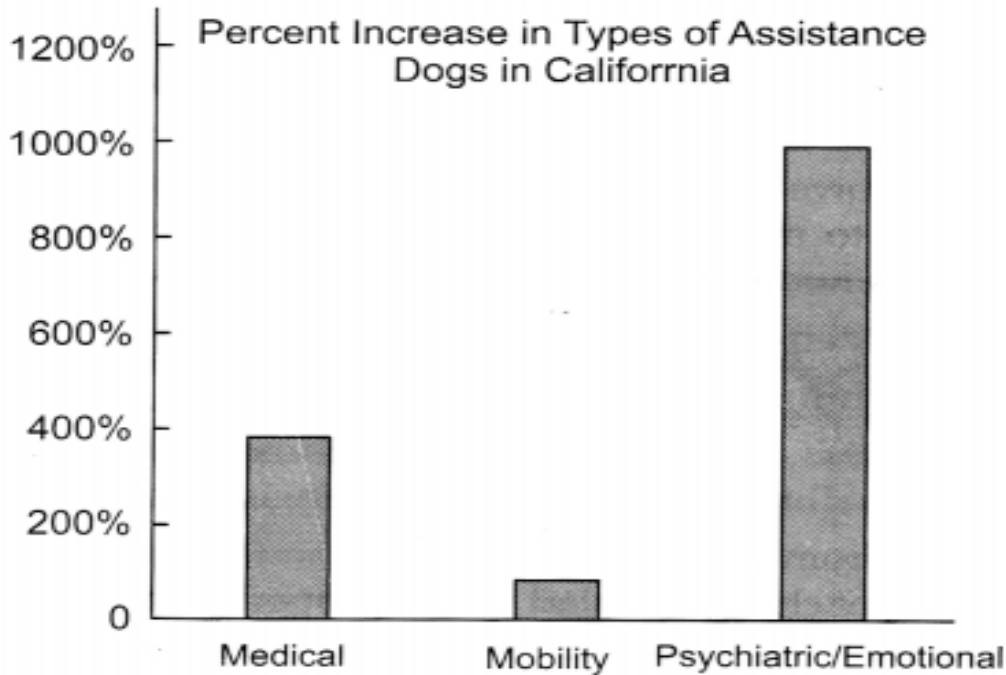
2. Conservation canines are fast becoming indispensable tools for biologists according to Aimee Hurt, associate director and co-founder of Working Dogs for Conservation, based in Three Forks, Montana.

3. Over the last few years, though, so many new conservation dog projects have sprung up that Hurt can no longer keep track of them all. Her organization's dogs and their handlers are fully booked to assist field researchers into 2012.

4. "Dogs have such a phenomenal sense of smell", explained Sam Wasser, director of the Centre for Conservation Biology at the University of Washington in Seattle. He has worked with scat-detection dogs since 1997. Scientists have been using Conservation Canines in their research since 1997.

These dogs have enabled them to non-invasively access a vast amount of genetic and physiological information which is used to tackle conservation problems around the world. Such information has proved vital for determining the causes and consequences of human disturbances on wildlife as well as the actions needed to mitigate such impacts.

5. The ideal detection dog is extremely energetic with an excessive play drive. These dogs will happily work all day long, motivated by the expectation of a ball game as a reward for sample detection. The obsessive, high-energy personalities of detection dogs also make them difficult to maintain as pets. As a result, they frequently find themselves abandoned in animal shelters. The programme rescues these dogs and offers them a satisfying career in conservation research.



Answer the following questions, based on the passage above:

- (i) Complete the following analogy appropriately, based on your understanding of paragraphs 1, 2 & 5. (1)

We can say that conservation canines are becoming indispensable tools for biologists despite the difficulty of maintaining them as pets due to their obsessive, high-energy personalities leading to their abandonment, because

- (ii) Fill in the blanks with the appropriate option from those given in the brackets, based on your understanding of paragraphs 3 & 4. (1)

The statement that main new conservation dog projects have sprung up that Aimee Hurt cannot keep track of them is (a consequence/ a causing factor) due to a rise in increasing demand for these indispensable tools for the biologists which (provides the extremely energetic dogs a satisfying career./ is in ever decreasing supply).

- (iii) Justify the following in about 40 words. (2)

In the fourth paragraph it given that ‘Dogs have such a phenomenal sense of smell’, which has a wide range of implications for biologists using them as indispensable tools for their work. Explain.

- (iv) Infer one reason for the following, based on information in Paragraph 1: (1)

Sniffer dog Tucker is one of the elite teams of detection dogs used by scientists studying several species.

(v) In the table there is a statement given 'Percent Increase in Types of Assistance Dogs in California' and shows a phenomenal rise of dog assistance in the Psychiatric/Emotional category.

State one inference that can be drawn from this. (1)

(vi) Select the option that titles the detection dogs under Paragraph 5 appropriately, concerning information in the text. (1)

- A. 1. The ideal detection dog is extremely energetic.
- 2. Excessive play drive
- 3. Abandoned to animal shelters

- B. 1. Indispensable tools for biologists
- 2. Excessive play drive
- 3. Human disturbances on wildlife

- C. 1. Searches for whale feces
- 2. Abandoned to animal shelters
- 3. Conservation Canines

- D. 1. Field Researchers
- 2. Human disturbances on wildlife
- 3. Conservation Canines

(vii) List two types of information that detection dogs can give to tackle conservation problems around the World. (2)

(viii) Which of the following is the main take away from the study mentioned in the passage? (1)

- A. There has been a phenomenal rise in the new dog conservation projects.
- B. Canines have become indispensable tools for biologists.
- C. Extremely energetic with excessive play drive dogs are difficult to maintain as pets, so they are abandoned to animal shelters, facing euthanasia.
- D. All of the above.

SECTION B : WRITING SKILLS & GRAMMAR (20 marks)

GRAMMAR (10)

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

(i) **Choose the option that completes the sentence below correctly:**

She had already begun eating her dinner by the time I _____ there. [1]

- (a) reached
- (b) had reached
- (c) was reaching
- (d) had been reaching

(ii) **Select the correct option to fill in the blank for the given line.** [1]
 I _____ rather die than join the gang of terrorists.
 (a) could
 (b) should
 (c) would
 (d) can

(iii) **Fill in the blank and complete the sentence.** [1]
 I _____ white washing my house since morning, so I am feeling very tired.

(iv) **Report the given statement.** [1]
 I said to my friend. "Can you pick me up after work?"

(v) **Fill in the blank by choosing the correct option.** [1]
 When the river was flooded, the farmhouse was surrounded by water on
 (every, either, all) sides.

(vi) **Select the correct option to fill in the blank for the given line.** [1]
 I've seen of his work to know that he's ready for a promotion.
 (a) both
 (b) a few
 (c) several
 (d) enough

(vii) **Select the option that identifies the error and supplies the correction for the following line:** [1]
 I can speak Arabic fluently when I was a child and we lived in Morocco.

Option	Error	Correction
(a)	can	could
(b)	was	were
(c)	lived	live
(d)	in	at

(viii) **Fill in the blank by choosing the correct option.** [1]
 students succeeded in passing than last year.
 (a) Few
 (b) Fewer
 (c) Little
 (d) Much

(ix) **Identify the error in the given sentence and supply the correction:** [1]
 The city police have decided to taking stern action against reckless drivers.

Use the given format for your response.

ERROR	CORRECTION

- (x) **Rearrange the following jumbled words/phrases in the given dialogue to create a meaningful sentence.** [1]

that life began/ centuries ago/ scientists think/ twenty million/ on earth/ about

- (xi) **In the following sentence, one word has been omitted. Write the missing word along with the word that comes before and after it.** [1]

Tourism in India plays vital role in country's economy, cultural growth and unity.

- (xii) **Select the correct option to complete the narration of the dialogue between Radha and Shikha.** [1]

Radha : Do you know how to swim?

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

Radha asked Shikha whether she knew how to swim. Then Shikha replied in affirmative and also added that _____.

- (a) she had learnt it during that summer vacation
(b) she has learnt it during this summer vacation
(c) she have learnt it during that summer vacation
(d) she had learnt it during this summer vacation

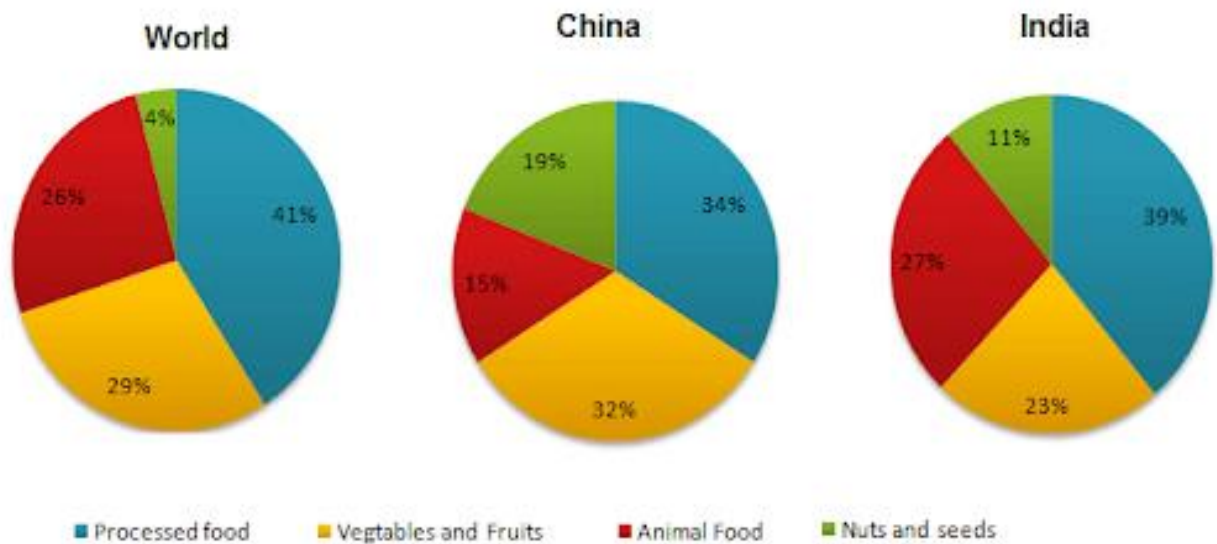
WRITING (10)

4.A. You are Neetu / Neeraj Shekhar, Principal, Vasant Public School, Pune. Your school has just started a music department. Write a letter to the Manager of Melody House, Pune, wholesale suppliers of musical instruments, placing an order for musical instruments for the school. Ask for a discount on the catalogue prices. **(5 Marks)**

OR

4.B. You are Reena / Chetan, an IT Professional. You want to raise awareness about the rising incidences of cyber crimes. Write a letter to the editor of Cyber magazine "Info news", highlighting the issue and suggesting measures to prevent such happenings.

5.A. Below given are three pie charts showing consumption habits of India, China and World overall in 2020. Write an analytical paragraph describing the pie charts (100-120 words). **(5 Marks)**



OR

5.B. The following table shows details about the internet activities for six categories for different age groups. Write an analytical paragraph for the table given in around 100-120 words.

Internet Activities by Age Group

Activity%	Age group						
	Teens	20s	30s	40s	50s	60s	70+
Get News	76	73	76	75	71	74	70
Online games	81	54	37	29	25	25	32
Downloads	52	46	27	15	13	8	6
Product research	0	79	80	83	79	74	70
Buying a product	43	68	69	68	67	65	41
Searching for people	5	31	23	23	24	29	27

SECTION D: LITERATURE TEXTBOOK & SUPPLEMENTARY READING TEXT (40)

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

A. “It was only when I began to learn that my boyhood freedom was an illusion, when I discovered as a young man that my freedom had already been taken from me, that I began to hunger for it. At first as a student I wanted freedom only for myself, the transitory freedoms of being able to stay out at night, read what I pleased and go where I chose. Later, as a young man in Johannesburg, I yearned for the basic and honourable freedoms.

i. The title that best suits this extract is.....

ii. Why do you think the speaker mentions some freedoms as ‘transitory’?

iii. Choose the option that best fits the usage of the word ‘illusion’ as used in the extract.

- a) He was never able to get past the illusion.
- b) The illusion I experienced was quite intriguing.
- c) A large mirror in the room creates an illusion.
- d) I was living under the illusion that this is possible

iv. The speaker says, ‘at first as a student I wanted freedom only for myself.’ Why do you think he only thought about himself?

- a) He didn’t want to think about the freedom denied to others.
- b) He was being selfish and was only bothered about himself.
- c) He didn’t think that freedom denied to him was important for others.
- d) He was too young to realise that freedom was denied to others as well.

v. A part of the extract has been paraphrased. Choose the option that includes the most appropriate solution to the blanks in the given paraphrase of the extract.

The speaker’s belief about freedom, since childhood proved false. It was not until the speaker grew up to be a young man when it i) _____ on him that he was ii) _____ of freedom. Then he began iii) _____ it.

- a) i) desired ii) dawned iii) depriving
- b) i) dawned ii) deprived iii) desiring
- c) i) dawned ii) arrived iii) desiring
- d) i) arrived ii) deprived iii) dawned

OR

B. Our elders are often heard reminiscing nostalgically about those good old Portuguese days, the Portuguese and their famous loaves of bread. Those eaters 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 these furnaces has not yet been extinguished. The thud and jingle of traditional baker’s bamboo, heralding his arrival in the morning, can still be heard in some places. ”

i The narrator says that the furnaces were ‘time-tested’ because.....

ii. *Those eaters might have vanished but the makers are still there.*

Pick the option that expresses the tone of the narrator.

- 1) elated
- 2) morose
- 3) nostalgic
- 4) hopeful
- 5) sarcastic
- 6) critical
- 7) celebratory

- a) 1 and 7
- b) 2 and 6
- c) 3 and 4
- d) 4 and 5

iii. Pick the word from the passage that brings out the same meaning of ‘a trip down memory lane’.

iv. Why do you think the baker come in with ‘a thud and a jingle’?

v. The ‘fire in the furnaces has not yet been extinguished’ implies that

- a) the furnaces are still being used to bake the loaves of bread.
- b) The fire is in the process of being reviewed as a replaceable method for heating furnaces.
- c) The furnaces are very strong and cannot be shifted for use in other areas.
- d) The fire in the furnaces takes a long time to cease burning, once lighted.

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

**A. Don’t bite your nails, Amanda!
Don’t hunch your shoulders, Amanda!
Stop that slouching and sit up straight,
Amanda!**

i. The purpose of the speaker’s words in the given extract is to.....

ii. Pick the option that lists the image which correctly corresponds to the Speaker’s mood in the extract.



- a) Image (i)

- b) Image (ii)
- c) Image (iii)
- d) Image (iv)

iii. Alliteration is a literary device used in the extract.

Which of the following options DOES NOT include examples of this literary device?

- a) The moon and the stars watched over us.
- b) With that charming chat, Catherine chose comfort.
- c) Away ran the pathetic pooch pouting like a princess.
- d) Dee dee was driving down day after day.

iv. What does the repetition of “Amanda!” at the end of each line reflect?

v. Select the option that fits with the following:

slouching : straight:: _____ : _____

- a) transparent: translucent
- b) lazy: agile
- c) forgetful: lively
- d) generous: liberal

OR

B. All night the roots work

to disengage themselves from the cracks

in the veranda floor.

The leaves strain toward the glass

small twigs stiff with exertion

long-cramped boughs shuffling under the roof

like newly discharged patients

half-dazed, moving

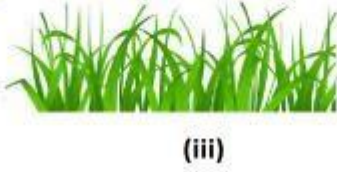
to the clinic doors.

i. Choose the option that lists the examples of exertion.

1. Neha had been up all-night keeping accounts and now she’s resting.
2. Swati was running for five miles non-stop last evening.
3. Hemant is watching his favourite show and having snacks
4. Sachin helped a senior citizen board a flight in the morning.

- a) 1, 2
- b) 2, 3
- c) 3, 4
- d) 1, 4

ii. . Choose the image that represents the main object of the extract literally.



- a) Option (i)
- b) Option (ii)
- c) Option (iii)
- d) Option (iv)

iii. Choose the correct option that mentions the correct poetic device against the correct example.

1	simile	long cramped boughs
	metaphor	like newly discharged patients
2	personification	small twigs stiff with exertion
	simile	like newly discharged patients
3	refrain	under the roof
	simile	leaves strain toward the glass
4	personification	like newly discharged patients
	refrain	half-dazed, moving

- a) Option (1)
- b) Option (2)
- c) Option (3)
- d) Option (4)

iv. The phrase, “newly discharged patients” suggests that the trees were.....

v. The extract talks about trees breaking out of confined spaces. How does it refer to women?

8. Answer ANY FOUR of the following five questions, in about 40-50 words. (4x3=12)

- i. Lencho was an ox of a man, working like an animal in the fields, but still he knew how to write.’ What does this line tell us about the norm amongst such farmers, then?
- ii. Based on your reading, “Black Aeroplane”, would you call the narrator a family man? Justify your stance.

- iii. Without the assistance of the airhostess, the narrator could not have transported Mijbil from Basra to London safely. Comment.
- iv. "If he roars at you as you're dying'/ You'll know it is the Asian Lion..."Comment on the irony of the quote from the poem "How to Tell Wild Animals".
- v. A popular quote states: *Responsibility is self-taught*. How does the poem, "The Ball Poem" address this thought?

9. Answer ANY TWO of the following three questions, in about 40-50 words. (2x3=6)

- i. "Tricki's only fault was greed", says the narrator. What might be Mrs.Pumphrey's "only fault"?
- ii. Ausable was always one step ahead of everyone. Highlight any two instances from "The Midnight Visitor" when this holds true.
- iii. "The most successful people work smart, not hard." Justify the quote with reference to "A Question of Trust".

10. Answer ANY ONE of the following two questions, in about 100-120 words. (1x6=6)

Do you agree with Anne when she says that teachers are the most unpredictable creatures on earth? Rationalise.

OR

Valli dared to travel alone in the bus and behaved haughtily with everyone who showed care and concern for her. Why do you think she was behaving in such a way? Was it proper on her part to go to the city without the knowledge of her mother? What advice would you give to such children?

11. Answer ANY ONE of the following two questions, in about 100-120 words. (1x6=6)

Griffin set the house on fire when he was thrown out. Anger and revenge are in no way a solution to any problem. You are a columnist for a class X e-zine (magazine). Create a column on importance of anger management for teens and its detrimental effects on health.

You may begin like this:

ANGER DOESN'T RESOLVE , IT DESTROYS

by, X-....

Griffin, in Footprints Without Feet sets the house on fire ...

.....(continue)

OR

Richard's mother had been invited to a talk show after Richard's graduation from Harvard with the highest honours. You attended that talk show. Write the memorable things she spoke. What were the aspects revealed about her when you listened to her in that talk show?
