

Sample Paper 10

Class X Exam 2022-23

English-Language and Literature (184)

Time Allowed : 3 Hrs.

Maximum Marks: 80

General Instructions:

1. 15-minute prior reading time allotted for Q-paper reading.
 2. The Question Paper contains THREE sections READING, GRAMMAR & WRITING and LITERATURE.
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SECTION A- READING SKILLS

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I. Read the passage given below.

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- iii. Select the appropriate option to fill in the blanks:
Technology allows children to embrace their _____ in multiple ways.
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 - (c) curiosity
 - (d) passion
- iv. State whether the following statement is TRUE or FALSE.
Technology creates new ways to learn for today's student.
- v. Based on your reading of the text, list 2 ways through which technology helps children to stay motivated during the learning process.
 1. _____
 2. _____
- vi. The three critical forms of intelligence that we see in children today are :
 - I. motivational
 - II. creative
 - III. instructional
 - IV. competitive
 - V. emotional
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From 1982 to 2017, the differences among age groups with respect to rates of historic site visitation decreased. For example, in 1982, the rate of visitation among 25-to-34-year-olds (the group most likely to visit a historic site in that survey) was approximately 11 percentage points higher than that of the youngest age group (18-to-24-year-olds), and more than 17 points higher than that of people ages 65-74. By 2017, however, the visitation rate of 25-to-34-year-olds had dropped to within five percentage points of the younger cohort and was virtually identical of that for the older group.

2. While visitation rates are converging among the age cohorts, the differences by level of educational attainment are still pronounced. In 2017, as in earlier years, the visitation rate among college graduates was more than twice as high as the rate among those

who finished their studies with a high school diploma (43% as compared to 17%). Among those who did not finish high school, visitation rates were below 10% throughout the 2008-2017 time period. Conversely, among Americans with a graduate or professional degree, visitation rates were in the vicinity of 50% during these years. Data from the National Park Service (NPS) indicate the types of historical sites visited most and also the demands made of these sites' physical infrastructure and staff. Visits to NPS historic sites rose from approximately 59.5 million in 1980 to almost 112 million in 2018. Throughout this time period, visits to historic sites constituted approximately a third of total NPS recreational visitation.

3. Since hitting a recent low in visits in 1995, total visits to historic sites of all types increased 58% to a high of 120.3 million in 2016, before falling 7%, to 111.9 million visits in 2018.
4. Much of the recent growth in visits to historic sites occurred among parks classified as national memorials and was driven by a particularly high level of visitation at sites that did not exist in 1995, such as the Franklin Delano Roosevelt Memorial (3.3 million visitors in 2018), the Martin Luther King, Jr. Memorial (3.6 million visitors), and the World War II Memorial (4.7 million visitors). As a result, visits to national memorials increased more than 300% from 1995 to 2016, even as the number of sites increased just 26% (from 23 to 29). In comparison, visits to national monuments increased only 3%, even as the number of sites in the category increased by 9% (from 64 to 70). From 2016 to 2018, the number of visits fell in every category, with the largest decline occurring at the memorial sites (down 10%), and the smallest drop at national monuments (3%).

Based on your understanding of the passage, answer the questions given below.

- i. Which of the following is not a common form of public engagement with the humanities.
 - (a) visiting public memorials
 - (b) visiting art museums
 - (c) using libraries
 - (d) historic site visitation
- ii. Which age group had a higher rate of visitation to historic sites in 2017 than 35 years earlier in America?
- iii. After the year 1995, total visits to historic sites of all types increased 58% in the year _____.
 - (a) 2014
 - (b) 2015

- (c) 2016
- (d) 2017

- iv. Based on your reading of the text, list 2 historical memorial in America?
 1. _____
 2. _____
- v. The number of historical sites visits fell in every category from the year 2016 to the year 2018, with the largest decline occurring at :
 - (a) the national monuments.
 - (b) the archaeological sites.
 - (c) the art museums.
 - (d) the memorial sites.
- vi. Select the appropriate option to fill in the blanks. Though the visitation rates are converging among the age groups, the differences by the level of _____ are still pronounced.
 - (a) employment attainment
 - (b) gender category
 - (c) international visitation
 - (d) educational attainment
- vii. The rate of visitation among 25-34 year olds was approximately _____ points higher than that of the youngest age group i.e. 18-24 year olds.
 - (a) 11 percentage
 - (b) 13 percentage
 - (c) 15 percentage
 - (d) 17 percentage
- viii. Complete the following analogy correctly with a word/phrase from paragraph 2.
 general : _____ :: mythical : _____
 (Clue : Just like general is an antonym for particular, similarly mythical is an antonym for...)
- ix. In earlier years the visitation rate among college graduates was more than twice as high as the rate among those :
 - (a) who were employed individuals.
 - (b) who had a graduate or professional degree.
 - (c) who finished their studies with a high school diploma.
 - (d) who did not finish high school.
- x. In America most of the _____ in visitation of historic sites occurred from the year 2002 to the year 2008.
 - (a) decline

- (b) increase
(c) diverging
(d) converging
- xi.** State whether the following statement is TRUE or FALSE.
Data from the National Park Service (NPS) only indicate the types of historic sites visited most.
- xii.** Substitute the word 'classified' with ONE WORD similar in meaning, in the following sentence from paragraph 4:
Much of the recent growth in visits to historic sites occurred among parks classified as national memorials and...

III. SECTION B- GRAMMAR 10

Attempt **ANY TEN** of the following questions. 10

- 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
- 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 |
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| | |
- ix.** Transform the following direct speech into reported speech:
I said to my friend, "Can I borrow your dictionary for one day ?"
- x.** Fill in the blank by choosing the correct option, to complete the sentence.
We _____ eat lots of fruit and vegetables every day.
(a) ought to

- (b) may
- (c) can
- (d) could

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

IV. SECTION B- CREATIVE WRITING SKILLS 10

All the names and addresses used in the questions are fictitious. Resemblance, if any, is purely coincidental.

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

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

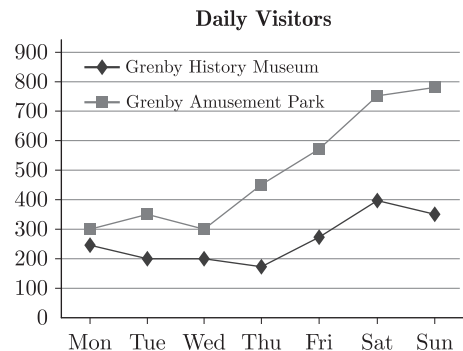
Or

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

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

A. The graph below shows the number of visitors to two different tourist attractions in the city of Grenby during one particular week. Write an analytical paragraph in

100-120 words by selecting and reporting the main features, and making comparisons where relevant.



Or

- B. "The ban on single-use plastic is impractical. The purpose of articles like bags and packaging is ultimately to make human life easier. Plastic articles do this well, so they shouldn't be banned."
- Write an analytical paragraph in 100-120 words to analyse the given argument. You could think about what alternative explanations might weaken the given conclusion and include rationale/evidence that would strengthen/counter the given argument.

SECTION C- LITERATURE 40

V. Reference to the Context 10

1. Attempt **ANY ONE** of two extracts given. 5

1.A 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. I thought and thought and suddenly I had an idea. I wrote the three pages Mr. Keesing had assigned me and was satisfied. I argued that talking is a student's trait and that I would do my best to keep it under control, but that I would never be able to cure myself of the habit since my mother talked as much as I did if not more, and that there's not much you can do about inherited traits.

(From the Diary of Anne Frank)

- i. What is the main feature of an essay according to Anne?

- ii. Anne's argument about talking was that:
- talking is a fundamental right
 - talking is a student's trait
 - talking is a birth-right
 - talking is a duty
- iii. Anne would never be able to cure herself of this habit since:
- her mother also talked much
 - her father also talked much
 - her grandma also talked much
 - her grandpa also talked much
- iv. The word 'trait' means:
- a particular quantity
 - a particular quality
 - a particular touch
 - a particular lesson
- v. Complete the following with a phrase from extract:

Opinion	Reason
_____	to attract attention

Or

- 1.B Ausable did not fit any description of a secret agent Fowler had ever read. Following him down the musty corridor of the gloomy French hotel where Ausable had a room, Fowler felt let down. It was a small room, on the sixth and top floor, and scarcely a setting for a romantic adventure. Ausable was, for one thing, fat. Very fat. And then there was his accent. Though he spoke French and German passably, he had never altogether lost the American accent he had brought to Paris from Boston twenty years ago. "You are disappointed," Ausable said wheezily over his shoulder.

(*The Midnight Visitor*)

- i. Substitute the word 'musty' with ONE WORD similar in meaning, in the following sentence from extract:
"Following him down the musty corridor of the gloomy French hotel where Ausable had a room..."
- ii. Amy is an American woman who teaches French and German in a primary school. This means that Amy is
- an empathetic teacher.
 - a rational human being.
 - an experienced guide.
 - a multilingual instructor.

- iii. It can be inferred from the extract that a secret agent is expected to be
- fit.
 - compassionate.
 - apologetic.
 - suave.
 - violent.
- Option 1, 3 & 5
 - Option 1 & 4
 - Option 2, 4 & 5
 - Option 2 & 3
- iv. Based on your reading of the extract, list one reason for the following:
Fowler was disappointed by Ausable when he met him.
- v. Choose the option that lists the CORRECT statements about the given passage.
- Fowler had no expectations at all from Ausable.
 - Fowler was elated when he met Ausable.
 - Ausable was living in France as a spy.
 - Ausable had acquired the French accent over twenty years ago.
- 1, 2
 - 3, 4
 - 1, 3
 - 2, 4

2. Attempt ANY ONE of two extracts given.

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- 2.A He hears the last voice at night,
The patrolling cars,
And stares with his brilliant eyes
At the brilliant stars.

(*A Tiger in the Zoo*)

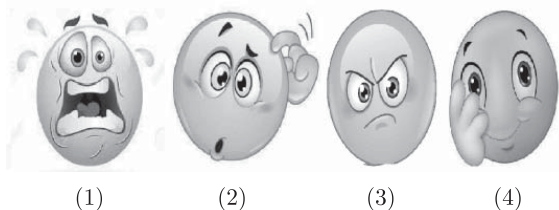
- i. Fill in the blank by selecting the correct option.
The animal referred to in the extract is in ____.
- the forest
 - a zoo
 - a circus
 - a wildlife sanctuary
- ii. Complete the following analogy correctly with a word/phrase from extract:
battles : history :: _____ : astronomy
(*Clue : Just like battles make up history, similarly... are a component of astronomy*)
- iii. To go around an area at regular times to check that it is safe is called
- Brightning

- (b) Staring
 - (c) Patrolling
 - (d) Searching
- iv. Where does the tiger look at in the night?
- v. The word in the extract opposite in meaning to the word, 'dull' is
- (a) brilliant
 - (b) stare
 - (c) patrolling
 - (d) stars

Or

2.B Don't bite your nails, Amanda!
Don't hunch your shoulders, Amanda!
Stop that slouching and sit up straight, Amanda!
(Amanda!)

- i. The purpose of the speaker's words in the given extract is to
- (a) show the speaker's power over the listener.
 - (b) make the listener a better human being.
 - (c) advise the listener as an elder.
 - (d) improve the listener's posture and habits.
- ii. Pick the option that lists the image which correctly corresponds to the speaker's mood in the extract.



- (a) Image (1)
 - (b) Image (2)
 - (c) Image (3)
 - (d) Image (4)
- 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 shimmering 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. Complete the following analogy correctly with a word from extract:
lazy : agile :: slouching : _____
(Clue : Just like lazy is an antonym for agile, similarly slouching is an antonym for...)

VI Answer ANY FOUR of the following in about 40-50 words each. $4 \times 3 = 12$

- 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.

VII Answer ANY TWO of the following in about 40-50 words each. $2 \times 3 = 6$

- 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)

VIII Answer ANY ONE of the following 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)

Or

- 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)

IX Answer ANY ONE of the following in about 100-120 words. 6

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

Or

- 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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In 2017, 28% of American adults reported visiting a historic site in the previous year. This represented an increase of 4.4 percentage points from 2012 but a decrease of 8.9 percentage points from 1982. The bulk of the decline in visitation occurred from 2002 to 2008.

The recent increases in visitation rates were statistically significant for the 35-44- and 45-54-year-old age groups 1. The larger change was found among 35-to-44-year-olds, whose visitation rate increased 8.7 percentage points. Despite the increase from 2012 to 2017 for these groups, there was a net decline in historic site visitation since 1982 for Americans of virtually all ages. Only among the oldest Americans (age 75 or older) was the rate of visitation higher in 2017 than 35 years earlier.

From 1982 to 2017, the differences among age groups with respect to rates of historic site visitation decreased. For example, in 1982, the rate of visitation among 25-to-34-year-olds (the group most likely to visit a historic site in that survey) was approximately 11 percentage points higher than that of the youngest age group (18-to-24-year-olds). and more than 17 points higher than that of people ages 65-74. By 2017, however, the visitation rate of 25-to-34-year-olds had dropped to within five percentage points of the younger cohort and was virtually identical of that for the older group.

2. While visitation rates are converging among the age cohorts, the differences by level of educational attainment are still pronounced. In 2017, as in earlier years, the visitation rate among college graduates was more than twice as high as the rate among those who finished their studies with a high school diploma (43% as compared to 17%). Among those who did not finish high school, visitation rates were below 10% throughout the 2008-2017 time period. Conversely, among Americans with a graduate or professional degree, visitation rates were in the vicinity of 50% during these years. Data from the National Park Service (NPS) indicate the types of historical sites visited most and also the demands made of these sites' physical infrastructure and staff. Visits to NPS historic sites rose from approximately 59.5 million in 1980 to almost 112 million in 2018. Throughout this time period, visits to historic sites constituted approximately a third of total NPS recreational visitation.

3. Since hitting a recent low in visits in 1995, total visits to historic sites of all types increased 58% to a high of 120.3 million in 2016, before falling 7%, to 111.9 million visits in 2018.
4. Much of the recent growth in visits to historic sites occurred among parks classified as national memorials and was driven by a particularly high level of visitation at sites that did not exist in 1995, such as the Franklin Delano Roosevelt Memorial (3.3 million visitors in 2018), the Martin Luther King, Jr. Memorial (3.6 million visitors), and the World War II Memorial (4.7 million visitors). As a result, visits to national memorials increased more than 300% from 1995 to 2016, even as the number of sites increased just 26% (from 23 to 29). In comparison, visits to national monuments increased only 3%, even as the number of sites in the category increased by 9% (from 64 to 70). From 2016 to 2018, the number of visits fell in every category, with the largest decline occurring at the memorial sites (down 10%), and the smallest drop at national monuments (3%).

Based on your understanding of the passage, answer the questions given below.

- i. Which of the following is not a common form of public engagement with the humanities.
 - (a) visiting public memorials
 - (b) visiting art museums
 - (c) using libraries
 - (d) historic site visitation

Ans : (a) visiting public memorials
- ii. Which age group had a higher rate of visitation to historic sites in 2017 than 35 years earlier in America?

Ans : 75 or more year-olds.
- iii. After the year 1995, total visits to historic sites of all types increased 58% in the year _____.
 - (a) 2014
 - (b) 2015
 - (c) 2016
 - (d) 2017

Ans : (c) 2016
- iv. Based on your reading of the text, list 2 historical memorial in America?
 1. _____
 2. _____

Ans :

 1. Franklin Delano Roosevelt Memorial
 2. World War II Memorial

- v. The number of historical sites visits fell in every category from the year 2016 to the year 2018, with the largest decline occurring at :
- (a) the national monuments.
 - (b) the archaeological sites.
 - (c) the art museums.
 - (d) the memorial sites.
- Ans :** (d) the memorial sites.

- vi. Select the appropriate option to fill in the blanks.
Though the visitation rates are converging among the age groups, the differences by the level of _____ are still pronounced.
- (a) employment attainment
 - (b) gender category
 - (c) international visitation
 - (d) educational attainment
- Ans :** (d) educational attainment

- vii. The rate of visitation among 25-34 year olds was approximately _____ points higher than that of the youngest age group i.e. 18-24 year olds.
- (a) 11 percentage
 - (b) 13 percentage
 - (c) 15 percentage
 - (d) 17 percentage
- Ans :** (a) 11 percentage

- viii. Complete the following analogy correctly with a word/phrase from paragraph 2.
general : _____ :: mythical : _____
(Clue : Just like general is an antonym for particular, similarly mythical is an antonym for...)
- Ans :** historical.

- ix. In earlier years the visitation rate among college graduates was more than twice as high as the rate among those :
- (a) who were employed individuals.
 - (b) who had a graduate or professional degree.
 - (c) who finished their studies with a high school diploma.
 - (d) who did not finish high school.
- Ans :** (c) who finished their studies with a high school diploma.

- x. In America most of the _____ in visitation of historic sites occurred from the year 2002 to the year 2008.
- (a) decline
 - (b) increase
 - (c) diverging
 - (d) converging
- Ans :** (a) decline

- xi. State whether the following statement is TRUE or FALSE.
Data from the National Park Service (NPS) only indicate the types of historic sites visited most.
- Ans :** FALSE.

- xii. Substitute the word 'classified' with ONE WORD similar in meaning, in the following sentence from paragraph 4:
Much of the recent growth in visits to historic sites occurred among parks classified as national memorials and...
- Ans :** categorised.

III. SECTION B- GRAMMAR 10

Attempt ANY TEN of the following questions. 10

- 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
- Ans :** (b) becomes

- 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 _____
- Ans :** his pocket had been picked.

- 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

Ans : (b) will

- 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

Ans : (a)

- 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

Ans : (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.

Ans : varies

- 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 _____

Ans : it might or might not but at least he would never feel guilty.

- 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

Ans :

Error	Correction
walking	walk

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

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

Ans : I asked my friend if I could borrow his dictionary for one day.

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

We _____ eat lots of fruit and vegetables every day.

- (a) ought to
- (b) may
- (c) can
- (d) could

Ans : (a) ought to

- 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

Ans : (a) he loved 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

Ans :

Error	Correction
that	those

IV. SECTION B- CREATIVE WRITING SKILLS 10

All the names and addresses used in the questions are fictitious. Resemblance, if any, is purely coincidental.

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

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

Ans :

D-95, Sindhu Nagar,

Jaipur

5 January, 20XX

To,

The General Manager

Jaipur Transport Corporation,

Jaipur

Subject: Complaint regarding poor local bus service

Sir,

I want to draw your attention to the poor bus service to and from our locality. The buses seem not to follow any time-table. They generally run late. Sometimes some buses pass much before time. Irregularity is the rule.

The number of buses from our locality for major routes is also insufficient. The passengers have to wait for about 30 minutes if they miss a bus. Kindly increase the number of buses particularly in the morning and the evening. This will solve the problem of over-crowding too.

One great trouble is the road-worthiness of these buses. I think that the buses are very old. They quite often stop mid-way adding to our woes.

Kindly look into the matter personally and oblige.

Thanking you

Yours faithfully

Tushar Mathur

Or

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

Ans :

BVM, Public School

Ram Vihar

Delhi

23rd June, 20xx

M/s Good Marks (P) Ltd.

8A/1, Ansari Road

Daryaganj, New Delhi

Subject : Order for Mathematics textbooks

Sir,

I would like to place an order for textbooks on Mathematics with your firm for our school library. Since the school is going to have Mathematics exhibition by the end of this month we need the following books urgently.

	Subject	Classes	Author	Quantity
1.	Mathematics	Class IX (Vol. I & II)	Manjeet Singh	40 copies
2.	Mathematics	Class X (Vol. I & II)	Manjeet Singh	40 copies
3.	Mathematics	Class XI (Part 1 & 2)	Manjeet Singh	15 copies
4.	Mathematics	Class XII (Part 1 & 2)	Manjeet Singh	20 copies

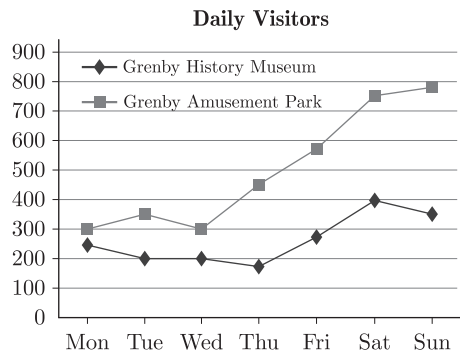
We request you to give us discount offered to the educational institutions. Please find enclosed a DD for 50000/-. The remaining amount shall be paid as soon as we receive the final bill. You are requested to send us these books through any courier service. Please ensure that the books are properly packed. The books found damaged will be returned at your cost. We shall feel highly obliged if you could deliver us these books within 10 days.

Yours truly

Amit (Student prefect)

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

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



Ans :

**Visitors to Two Different Tourist Attractions
in the City of Grenby**

The line graph shows how many people visited the Grenby History Museum and the Grenby Amusement Park each day for a week. For both places, the number of visitors was higher on the weekend than it was during the week. The number of visitors to the Grenby History Museum was low early in the week but picked up on the weekend. On Monday, there were around 250 visitors. This number dropped slightly on Tuesday and Wednesday, and dipped again on Thursday, to just below 200 visitors. The number rose on Friday, then soared to 400 on Saturday, the busiest day of the week, and then fell slightly on Sunday. The Grenby Amusement Park also received fewer visitors during the week than on the weekend. On Monday there were 300 visitors. This number rose slightly on Tuesday and then fell back to 300 on Wednesday. The number climbed for the rest of the week until it reached over 700 on both Saturday and Sunday. Both places were busier on the weekend than during the week, although the amusement park received more visitors everyday than the museum did.

Or

- B. "The ban on single-use plastic is impractical. The purpose of articles like bags and packaging is ultimately to make human life easier. Plastic articles do this well, so they shouldn't be banned." Write an analytical paragraph in 100-120 words to analyse the given argument. You could think about what alternative explanations might weaken the given conclusion and include rationale/evidence that would strengthen/counter the given argument.

Ans :

Ban on Single-use Plastic

The argument in support of plastic bag shows a shallow thinking and short sightedness of one's thought process. For the sake of making our lives convenient, we have put environment at stake. It is important to realize that convenience, at times, in the long run can make life extremely difficult. Banning single-use plastic is necessary to prevent greater problems, particularly pertaining to environment. Single-use plastic over time is known to cause pollution, affect life on land as well as in water and disconcert ecosystems, which in turn can make survival of humans very difficult. Thus, if one weighs the options of convenience and survival, it becomes clear that convenience is a short term joy, while survival is a long-term goal.

SECTION C- LITERATURE

40

V. Reference to the Context

10

1. Attempt ANY ONE of two extracts given. 5

- 1.A** 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. I thought and thought and suddenly I had an idea. I wrote the three pages Mr. Keesing had assigned me and was satisfied. I argued that talking is a student's trait and that I would do my best to keep it under control, but that I would never be able to cure myself of the habit since my mother talked as much as I did if not more, and that there's not much you can do about inherited traits.

(From the Diary of Anne Frank)

- i. What is the main feature of an essay according to Anne?

Ans : The main feature of an essay is 'to give convincing arguments' in support of the necessity to talk.

- ii. Anne's argument about talking was that:

- (a) talking is a fundamental right
- (b) talking is a student's trait
- (c) talking is a birth-right
- (d) talking is a duty

Ans : (b) talking is a student's trait

iii. Anne would never be able to cure herself of this habit since:

- (a) her mother also talked much
- (b) her father also talked much
- (c) her grandma also talked much
- (d) her grandpa also talked much

Ans : (a) her mother also talked much

iv. The word 'trait' means:

- (a) a particular quantity
- (b) a particular quality
- (c) a particular touch
- (d) a particular lesson

Ans : (b) a particular quality

v. Complete the following with a phrase from extract:

Opinion	Reason
-----	to attract attention

Ans : caught my eye.

Or

1.B Ausable did not fit any description of a secret agent Fowler had ever read. Following him down the musty corridor of the gloomy French hotel where Ausable had a room, Fowler felt let down. It was a small room, on the sixth and top floor, and scarcely a setting for a romantic adventure. Ausable was, for one thing, fat. Very fat. And then there was his accent. Though he spoke French and German passably, he had never altogether lost the American accent he had brought to Paris from Boston twenty years ago. "You are disappointed," Ausable said wheezily over his shoulder.

(The Midnight Visitor)

i. Substitute the word 'musty' with ONE WORD similar in meaning, in the following sentence from extract:

"Following him down the musty corridor of the gloomy French hotel where Ausable had a room..."

Ans : damp.

ii. Amy is an American woman who teaches French and German in a primary school. This means that Amy is

- (a) an empathetic teacher.
- (b) a rational human being.
- (c) an experienced guide.
- (d) a multilingual instructor.

Ans : (d) a multilingual instructor.

iii. It can be inferred from the extract that a secret agent is expected to be

- 1. fit.
- 2. compassionate.
- 3. apologetic.
- 4. suave.
- 5. violent.

(a) Option 1, 3 & 5

(b) Option 1 & 4

(c) Option 2, 4 & 5

(d) Option 2 & 3

Ans : (b) Option 1 & 4

iv. Based on your reading of the extract, list one reason for the following:

Fowler was disappointed by Ausable when he met him.

Ans : Ausable didn't have the personality of a spy.

v. Choose the option that lists the CORRECT statements about the given passage.

- 1. Fowler had no expectations at all from Ausable.
- 2. Fowler was elated when he met Ausable.
- 3. Ausable was living in France as a spy.
- 4. Ausable had acquired the French accent over twenty years ago.

(a) 1, 2

(b) 3, 4

(c) 1, 3

(d) 2, 4

Ans : (C) 1, 3

2. Attempt ANY ONE of two extracts given. **5**

2.A He hears the last voice at night,
The patrolling cars,
And stares with his brilliant eyes
At the brilliant stars.

(A Tiger in the Zoo)

i. Fill in the blank by selecting the correct option.

The animal referred to in the extract is in _____.

(a) the forest

(b) a zoo

(c) a circus

(d) a wildlife sanctuary

Ans : (b) a zoo

- ii. Complete the following analogy correctly with a word/phrase from extract:

battles : history :: _____ : astronomy

(Clue : Just like battles make up history, similarly... are a component of astronomy)

Ans : stars.

- iii. To go around an area at regular times to check that it is safe is called

- (a) Brightning
- (b) Staring
- (c) Patrolling
- (d) Searching

Ans : (c) Patrolling

- iv. Where does the tiger look at in the night?

Ans : The tiger looks at the brilliant stars shining in the sky at the night.

- v. The word in the extract opposite in meaning to the word, 'dull' is

- (a) brilliant
- (b) stare
- (c) patrolling
- (d) stars

Ans : (a) brilliant

Or

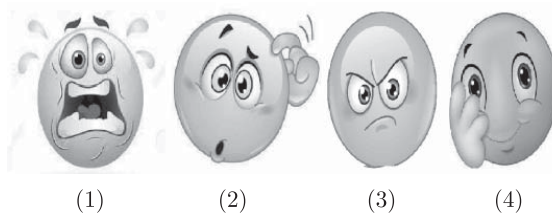
- 2.B** Don't bite your nails, Amanda!
Don't hunch your shoulders, Amanda!
Stop that slouching and sit up straight, Amanda!
(Amanda!)

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

- (a) show the speaker's power over the listener.
- (b) make the listener a better human being.
- (c) advise the listener as an elder.
- (d) improve the listener's posture and habits.

Ans : (d) improve the listener's posture and habits.

- ii. Pick the option that lists the image which correctly corresponds to the speaker's mood in the extract.



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

Ans : (c) Image (3)

- 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 shimmering 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

Ans : (a) The moon and the shimmering stars watched over us

- iv. What does the repetition of "Amanda!" at the end of each line reflect?

Ans : It shows the frustration of the speaker.

- v. Complete the following analogy correctly with a word from extract:

lazy : agile :: slouching : _____

(Clue : Just like lazy is an antonym for agile, similarly slouching is an antonym for...)

Ans : straight.

- VI Answer ANY FOUR of the following in about 40-50 words each. $4 \times 3 = 12$**

- i. What ideals does Mandela set out for the future of South Africa in his speech?

(Nelson Mandela - Long Walk to Freedom)

Ans :

The ideal Mandela set out for the future of South Africa and his speech was to liberate the people of South Africa from continuing bondage of poverty, deprivation, suffering, gender and other discriminations.

- ii. What did Frederick Forsyth think when he called Paris Control ?

(Two Stories About Flying)

Ans :

On his way to England, Frederick Forsyth called Paris Control. The voice answered him to turn twelve degree west. He did it accordingly. He was happy to be in time for his breakfast. He thought to relish a good English breakfast.

- iii. What attractions in Coorg wait to be discovered by tourists?

(Glimpses of India)

Ans :

Coorg is a place of beautiful sights and tourists have full interest in it. The main attractions in Coorg that wait to be discovered by tourists are river rafting, rock climbing, canoeing, rappelling, mountain biking and elephant-riding. Natural sights like rainforests also attract the tourists.

- iv. With what does the poet compare the fog?

(Fog)

Ans :

The poet compares fog to a cat. The fog comes suddenly and stealthily just like the little feet of a cat. It looks over harbour and city on its haunches, just as a cat looks over sitting with knees bent (haunches). And then like a cat the fog moves on soon, because a cat does not stay in one place for long.

- v. 'Dust of Snow' is one of Frost's most loved poems. Elaborate why you think this is so.

Ans :

The poem describes a very simple happening in easy words. It tells us that sometimes even a small incident may prove to be of a larger significance. If one looks beyond the prejudices, he/she will get to know that nature can heal anything and everything.

VII Answer ANY TWO of the following in about 40-50 words each. $2 \times 3 = 6$

- i. Why did Mrs. Pumphrey take Tricki to the doctor?

(A Triumph of Surgery)

Ans :

Tricki was not eating anything for the past few days. He had refused even his favourite dishes and had bouts of vomiting. Moreover, he was spending his time lying on a rug, panting. He was not going for walks. All these symptoms, forced Mrs. Pumphrey to visit the doctor.

- ii. How did Ebright's mother encourage his interest in learning?

(The Making of a Scientist)

Ans :

Richard's mother always encouraged his interest in learning. She took him on trips, bought him telescopes, microscopes, cameras, mounting materials, and other equipments and helped him in many other ways. Ebright liked learning new things and once his mother gave him a book named 'The travels of Monarch X', it opened the world of science for him.

- iii. What was Oop's opinion about the 'sandwiches' he had eaten?

(The Book that Saved the Earth)

Ans :

Oop was forced to eat 'sandwiches' and he made terrible faces while chewing. He said that it was not delicious; rather as dry as Martian dust. He remarked that he could not understand how the Earthlings could get those 'sandwiches' down without water.

VIII Answer ANY ONE of the following 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)

Ans :

Lencho was a hardworking farmer. He was completely dependent upon the crops of his fields. His annual crop was completely destroyed due to heavy rains and hailstorm. In the entire village, there was no one to help him during the times of financial crisis. He had firm belief in God and hence wrote a letter requesting Him to send 100 pesos so that he could sow his fields again till the next crop. This act did not prove that he lacked courage to resolve his problem, but shows that he did not have any option left for himself. He had a firm belief in God. He was an ox of a man but lacked money to stand again.

Or

- 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)

Ans :

Dear Ms Seagull,

Thank you for seeking me out. I am humbled. Based on my limited experiences I feel if we run away from the difficult situation it becomes monstrous. A courageous person is always ready to face the inverse conditions without boasting of his bravery. Cowards run away when the real problem comes up and give baseless explanations for their fleet.

The case with your brother is somewhat different. he is not a coward but he is unable to muster up the courage for his first flight. He is worried about the consequences of falling down. Try to explain to him that birds are born with innate flying skills and he should not worry about falling down. If he focuses on his aim, success will automatically follow.

forced to lead a life of hardships for years to repay for that necklace. Rather than focussing on fancy things people should try to understand the real love and beauty in relations that bring ultimate happiness forever.

IX Answer ANY ONE of the following in about 100-120 words. 6

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

Ans :

Obviously the young lady who pretended to be the member of the family was real culprit. She innocently asked Horace to open the safe as she would need the jewels to wear in the party that day. Horace found himself trapped in a tricky situation and could not make out how to escape. He readily opened the safe; unwittingly leaving his fingerprints. He was arrested and nobody believed that the lady of house asked him to open the safe. It seems the young lady outwitted experienced Horace. She cheated and deceived Horace scrupulously.

Or

- 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)

Ans :

Despite having a mediocre lifestyle, Matilda was always full of complaints. She always longed for luxuries in life. She wanted to look the most beautiful at the ball. For that, she insisted her husband buy her a pretty dress, which he somehow managed. Matilda was still dissatisfied and borrowed a necklace from her friend. She didn't want to understand the fact that materialistic things create a vicious circle around us and do not let satisfaction come in. Coincidentally, the necklace was lost and Matilda and Loisel were