

Sample Paper 1

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.
 3. Attempt question based on specific instructions for each part.
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SECTION A- READING SKILLS 20

I. Read the passage given below. 10

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

- i. Fill in the blank by selecting the correct option.
_____ have the most antioxidants among all the food and beverages.
(a) Dates

- (b) Cranberries
- (c) Tea and milk
- (d) Coffee

- ii. What do doctors advise us about the habit of drinking coffee?

- iii. According to dietitian Sandra Vinson, the benefits of coffee ultimately depend on:

- (a) how it is relished
- (b) how they are absorbed and utilised in the body
- (c) how they are served and consumed
- (d) whether it keeps us alert and awake

- iv. State whether the following statement is TRUE or FALSE:

Coffee outranks popular antioxidant sources like tea, milk, chocolate and cranberries.

- v. What is the correct order of the information given below?

- I. Antioxidants are linked to a number of health benefits
 - II. One should consume coffee in moderation
 - III. Decaf versions of coffee provide antioxidants levels
 - IV. Dates have the most antioxidants based solely on serving size
- (a) III, I, IV, II
 - (b) III, IV, I, II
 - (c) III, I, II, IV
 - (d) II, I, IV, III

- vi. Coffee provides a large number of health benefits including protection against:

- (a) liver and colon cancer
- (b) type 2 diabetes
- (c) Parkinson's disease
- (d) All of the above

vii. Substitute the word ‘jittery’ with ONE WORD similar in meaning, in the following sentence from paragraph 4:

One should consume coffee in moderation, because it can make you jittery and cause...

viii. List any 2 benefits of antioxidants.

1. _____
2. _____

ix. What do researchers warn us about the excessive use of coffee?

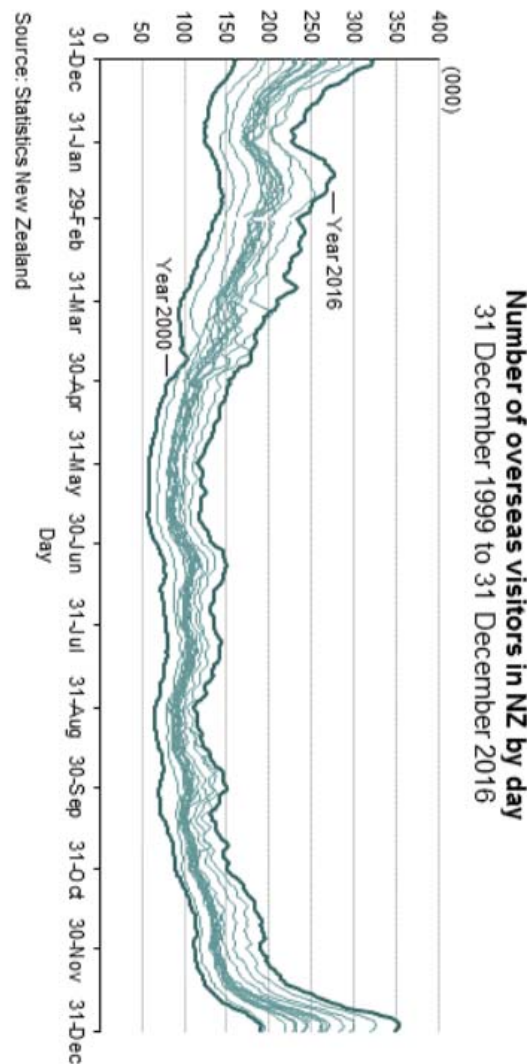
x. Besides keeping us alert and awake, coffee provides us protection against:

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- II. stomach ache
- III. type 2 diabetes
- IV. lung diseases

- (a) I and II
- (b) II and III
- (c) I and IV
- (d) I and III

II. Read the passage given below. 10

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4. At that peak in 2016, the number of overseas visitors in New Zealand was 354,000. This compares with a peak of 191,000 in 2000. Since 2000, the number of visitors in New Zealand has increased across every day of the year, but more during the summer months (December to March).
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- i. Which of the following is not a demand that is created in New Zealand because of the visitors coming to the country?
 - (a) health
 - (b) accommodation
 - (c) transport
 - (d) goods
- ii. State 1 reason for the following sentence:
It is good to have an understanding of how many visitors are in New Zealand on any given day.
- iii. On 29 December 2016, how many residents of New Zealand were temporarily overseas?
- iv. List any 2 challenges faced by the tourism sector because of the seasonality of the number of visitors.
 1. _____
 2. _____
- v. The number of overseas visitors increases in New Zealand at a certain time of the year. This time is usually :
 - (a) from mid-June to late September.
 - (b) from December to March.
 - (c) during the late August.
 - (d) during the early September
- vi. The peak day of the number of overseas visitors in New Zealand in the year 2015 was:
 - (a) 28 December
 - (b) 31 December
 - (c) 30 December
 - (d) 29 December
- vii. Complete the following analogy correctly with a word from paragraph 5:
house : roof :: mountain : _____
(Clue : Just like the roof is a top of a house, similarly top of a mountain is...)
- viii. The peak of overseas visitors and the temporary leaving of residents in the country in the late December reflects :
 - I. an upsurge of people getting temporarily stuck because of bad weather.
 - II. an upsurge in travellers visiting friends and family.
 - III. an upsurge in travellers just passing through the

- country to go to some other destination.
- IV an upsurge of people visiting for holidays.
- (a) I and II
 - (b) I and III
 - (c) II and III
 - (d) II and IV

- ix. State whether the following sentence is TRUE or FALSE:
The number of visitors in New Zealand tends to be at its lowest only in late August.
- x. The number of visitors in New Zealand on 31 August is _____ less than the visitors on the peak day in the year 2016.
 - (a) 354,000
 - (b) 235,000
 - (c) 242,000
 - (d) 191,000

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.
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 _____.
 - (a) is
 - (b) may be
 - (c) might be
 - (d) could be
- iii. Select the correct option to fill in the blank for the given line.
However honest he _____, I do not trust him.

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

The news I heard just now is so strange that you _____ not believe it.

- (a) will
(b) could
(c) might
(d) None of these

- 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

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. Owing to the MCD employees' strike, the roads in your area are Littered with garbage. The place not only is stinking but also has become a health hazard. As Mini/Manish of 112, Laxmi Nagar, Delhi, write a letter in 100-120 words to the editor of a local newspaper informing the concerned authorities of the unhygienic conditions and requesting them to take appropriate and necessary actions in the matter.

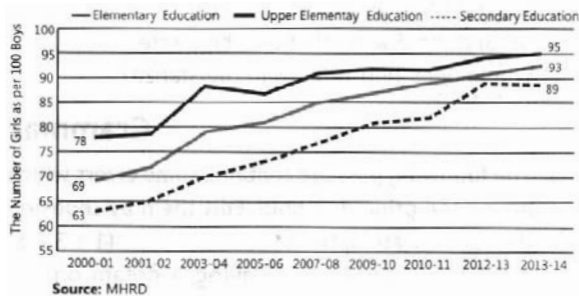
Or

- B. You are Nikhil/Nisha staying at 53, Banjara Hills, Hyderabad. Last week you bought a new laptop from 'M/S Clear Vision' of Hyderabad, with a warranty of 2 years. You worked on the laptop all week and finished writing a Long assignment that is due shortly. However this week, the laptop doesn't even switch on. Write a letter to the dealer complaining about the problem and requesting him to get the defect rectified.

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

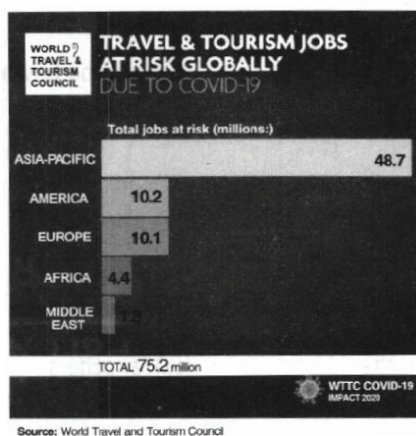
- A. On the basis of the given line graph, write an analytical paragraph in about 100-120 words describing the given information. 5

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



Or

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



SECTION C- LITERATURE

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V. Reference to the Context

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1. Attempt ANY ONE of two extracts given.

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- 1.A The jingling thud of his bamboo woke us up from sleep and we ran to meet and greet him. Why was it so? Was it for the love of the loaf? Not at all. The loaves were bought by some Paskine or Bastin, the maid-servant of the house! What we longed for were those bread bangles which we choose carefully. Sometimes it was sweet bread of special make.

(Glimpses of India)

- What was special about those bread bangles sometimes?
 - The sweet bread of special make
 - The fresh morning breads
 - The maid servant of the house bought the loaves of bread
 - Both (a) and (b)
- Whose bamboo is being discussed here?
 - The baker
 - Paskine
 - Bastin
 - The watchman
- What made the narrator and his friends wake up in the morning?
- What would happen after the author woke up on hearing the baker's jingling sound?
 - Pick up the bread bangles from the basket
 - Ran to meet and greet him
 - Both (a) and (b)
 - To meet their friend, companion and guide
- State whether the following statement is TRUE or FALSE:
In the olden days baker in Goa was known as pader

Or

- 1.B He dropped his legs to stand on the green sea. His legs sank into it He screamed with fright and attempted to rise again flapping his wings. But he was tired and weak with hunger and he could not rise, exhausted by the strange exercise. His feet sank into the green sea, and then his belly touched it and he sank no further. He was floating on it and around him his family was screaming praising him and their beaks were offering him scraps of dog fish.

(Two Stories About Flying)

- i. How did the seagull feel when his belly touched the green sea?
- ii. Why was he so scared to dive?
 - (a) because it was his last flight
 - (b) because he was sick
 - (c) because he had no legs
 - (d) because it was his first flight
- iii. An antonym for the word 'scrap' is:
 - (a) whole
 - (b) piece
 - (c) chunk
 - (d) bits
- iv. Complete the following analogy correctly with a word from extract:
 abandon : reclaim :: abate : _____
 (Clue : Just like to abandon is an antonym of to reclaim, similarly to abate is an antonym of to...)
- v. Why did his family praise him?
 - (a) because he successfully made his first flight
 - (b) because he caught a fish
 - (c) because he grabbed his own food
 - (d) none of them

2. Attempt ANY ONE of two extracts given. 5

2.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. Of the many symbols the hemlock tree represents, choose the one that Frost drew upon in all likelihood, for this poem.
 - (a) Symbol of longevity
 - (b) Symbol of togetherness
 - (c) Symbol of healing
 - (d) Symbol of protection
- ii. Choose the option that lists the possible feelings of the poet prior to the experience shared in the poem.
 1. reassured
 2. disappointed
 3. curious
 4. demotivated

5. thankful
6. disheartened
7. impulsive
- (a) 1, 3 & 7
- (b) 2, 4 & 6
- (c) 5 & 7
- (d) 1 & 3

- iii. Identify the option that does not use the word 'rue' correctly.
 - (a) The film was a disaster and he rued his decision to act in it.
 - (b) I am sure she rued the day she listened to a fortune-teller.
 - (c) It wasn't long before I rued my disobedience and my deceit.
 - (d) Others finally rue the one who is dishonest and heartless.
- iv. Synecdoche is a poetic device that uses a part to represent the whole. E.g. That's a great set of wheels! (Set of wheels has been used for car.)
 Give an example of synecdoche from the extract.
- v. State whether the following statement is TRUE or FALSE:
 Generally, hemlock tree and crow are used for negative references but the poet used them beautifully to portray that inauspicious things can bring joy and happiness too.

Or

2.B 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. Whom does 'him' refer to in the stanza?
 - (a) Belinda
 - (b) Custard
 - (c) Mustard
 - (d) Pirate
- ii. Why did Belinda embrace him?
 - (a) Out of helplessness
 - (b) Out of gratitude
 - (c) Out of fear
 - (d) Out of shock
- iii. Why were Ink and Blink happy?

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

charity : malice :: gloom : _____

(Clue : Just like charity is an antonym for malice, similarly gloom is an antonym for...)

v. Which figure of speech/literary device has been used here?

- (a) Personification (b) Enjambment
(c) Alliteration (d) All of these

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

- 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*)

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

- 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*)

VIII Answer ANY ONE of the following 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*)

Or

- 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*)

IX Answer ANY ONE of the following 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*)

Or

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

- i. Fill in the blank by selecting the correct option.
_____ have the most antioxidants among all the food and beverages.
(a) Dates
(b) Cranberries
(c) Tea and milk
(d) Coffee
Ans : (a) Dates
- ii. What do doctors advise us about the habit of drinking coffee?
Ans : The doctors advise us to quit the habit of drinking coffee.
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(a) how it is relished
(b) how they are absorbed and utilised in the body
(c) how they are served and consumed
(d) whether it keeps us alert and awake
Ans : (b) how they are absorbed and utilised in the body
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Ans : TRUE.
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(b) III, IV, I, II
(c) III, I, II, IV
(d) II, I, IV, III
Ans : (a) III, I, IV, II

- vi. Coffee provides a large number of health benefits including protection against:
- liver and colon cancer
 - type 2 diabetes
 - Parkinson's disease
 - All of the above
- Ans :** (d) All of the above

- vii. Substitute the word 'jittery' with ONE WORD similar in meaning, in the following sentence from paragraph 4:
- One should consume coffee in moderation, because it can make you jittery and cause...
- Ans :** nervous.

- viii. List any 2 benefits of antioxidants.

- _____
- _____

Ans :

- Protection against heart diseases.
- Protection against cancer.

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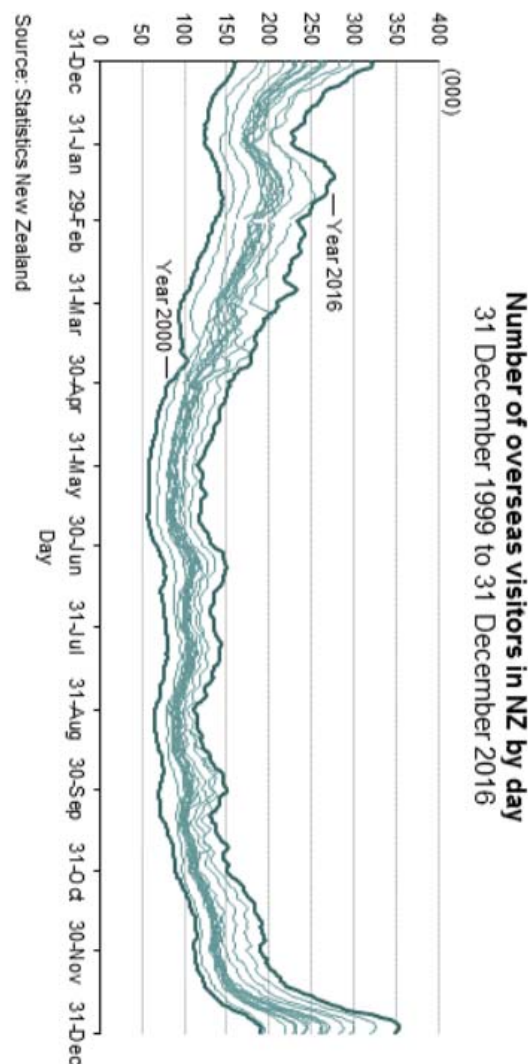
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- x. Besides keeping us alert and awake, coffee provides us protection against:
- liver and colon cancer
 - stomach ache
 - type 2 diabetes
 - lung diseases
- I and II
 - II and III
 - I and IV
 - I and III
- Ans :** (d) I and III

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 - Managing the peak summer influx of visitors
 - Marketing New Zealand as a destination at other times of the year, in order to spread visitor numbers throughout the year.

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

- i. Which of the following is not a demand that is created in New Zealand because of the visitors coming to the country?
 - (a) health
 - (b) accommodation
 - (c) transport
 - (d) goods

Ans : (a) health
- ii. State 1 reason for the following sentence:
It is good to have an understanding of how many visitors are in New Zealand on any given day.
Ans : It might be important for civil defence or flu pandemic planning.
- iii. On 29 December 2016, how many residents of New Zealand were temporarily overseas?
Ans : 235,000
- iv. List any 2 challenges faced by the tourism sector because of the seasonality of the number of visitors.
 1. _____
 2. _____

Ans :

1. managing the peak summer influx of visitors.
2. marketing New Zealand as a destination at other times of the year.

- v. The number of overseas visitors increases in New Zealand at a certain time of the year. This time is usually :
 - (a) from mid-June to late September.
 - (b) from December to March.
 - (c) during the late August.
 - (d) during the early September

Ans : (b) from December to March.

- vi. The peak day of the number of overseas visitors in New Zealand in the year 2015 was:
 - (a) 28 December
 - (b) 31 December
 - (c) 30 December
 - (d) 29 December

Ans : (a) 28 December

- vii. Complete the following analogy correctly with a word from paragraph 5:
house : roof :: mountain : _____
(Clue : Just like the roof is a top of a house, similarly top of a mountain is...)
Ans : peak.

- viii. The peak of overseas visitors and the temporary leaving of residents in the country in the late December reflects :
 - I. an upsurge of people getting temporarily stuck because of bad weather.
 - II. an upsurge in travellers visiting friends and family.
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 - (a) I and II
 - (b) I and III
 - (c) II and III
 - (d) II and IV

Ans : (d) II and IV
- ix. State whether the following sentence is TRUE or FALSE:
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Ans : FALSE.

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(c) 242,000
(d) 191,000
- Ans :** (c) 242,000

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(c) has washing
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- Ans :** to go to his swimming club the next day
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However honest he _____, I do not trust him.
- (a) is
(b) may be
(c) might be
(d) could be
- Ans :** (c) might be

- 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

Ans : (a)

- 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

Ans : (a) have studied

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

Age and experience _____ (bring) wisdom to man.

Ans : brings.

- 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.

Ans : they all pledged to save trees

- 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

Ans :

Error	Correction
A	The

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

He said, "Ravi, why are you sounding so depressed today?"

Ans : He asked Ravi why he was sounding so depressed that day.

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

The news I heard just now is so strange that you _____ not believe it.

- (a) will
(b) could
(c) might
(d) None of these

Ans : (c) might

- 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

Ans : (b) he had 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

Ans :

Error	Correction
many	more

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. Owing to the MCD employees' strike, the roads in your area are Littered with garbage. The place not only is stinking but also has become a health hazard. As Mini/Manish of 112, Laxmi Nagar, Delhi, write a letter in 100-120 words to the editor of a local newspaper informing the concerned authorities of the unhygienic conditions and requesting them to take appropriate and necessary actions in the matter.

Ans :

112, Laxmi Nagar

Delhi

10 March 20XX

The Editor

The Times of India

New Delhi

Subject: Unhygienic Conditions in Our Area

Sir,

Through the columns of your esteemed newspaper, I would like to bring to the notice of the concerned authorities the unhygienic conditions of our area and the area around since the MCD employees are on strike.

The employees have not been coming for a span of almost 2 weeks. The condition has become worse as the garbage in the municipality's bin boxes has also been left unheeded. Since, it is the summer time coupled with frequent rains these days, the area has become the breeding ground for mosquitoes and flies and amid the spread of Covid pandemic, this is surely a tremendous health hazard to the people of the area. The stink of the garbage makes passing by unbearable. If this situation is left ignored, then our locality will become a house of several diseases.

The authorities are requested to look into the matter gravely otherwise the situation might shape into an enormous one.

I would be grateful if you help us in bringing this problem in front of the concerned authorities by giving a due space to our concern in your newspaper so that the situation can be controlled soon.

Thanking you.

Yours faithfully.

Mini

Or

- B. You are Nikhil/Nisha staying at 53, Banjara Hills, Hyderabad. Last week you bought a new laptop from 'M/S Clear Vision' of Hyderabad, with a warranty

of 2 years. You worked on the laptop all week and finished writing a Long assignment that is due shortly. However this week, the laptop doesn't even switch on. Write a letter to the dealer complaining about the problem and requesting him to get the defect rectified.

Ans :

53. Banjara Hills
Hyderabad
10 March 20XX
The Store Manager
M/S Clear Vision
Hyderabad

Subject: Complaint against a Newly Purchased Laptop

Sir,

My name is Nikhil and I am writing you to express my dissatisfaction with the laptop. I bought from your store last week on 2 March 20XX. Model HPZ10X, vide cash memo no. RF22.

Of course, if it is any consolation for you. I actually managed to work the whole last week on this laptop, but this week, for some mysterious reasons, the laptop is acting up. However, the most frustrating part is that it doesn't even switch on sometimes. I have an urgent assignment to finish this week. So, I hope you will be able to understand my problem.

As I live in a small town which is almost 2 hours far to drive to your store, so, kindly schedule a day within three days when I can bring my laptop for replacement as it is in the guarantee period. In case of no replacement, I expect my money to be refunded. I hope that you will look into this matter as soon as possible and a positive response is awaited.

I am attaching photocopies of guarantee card and invoice along with this letter.

Thanking you.

Yours faithfully.

Nikhil

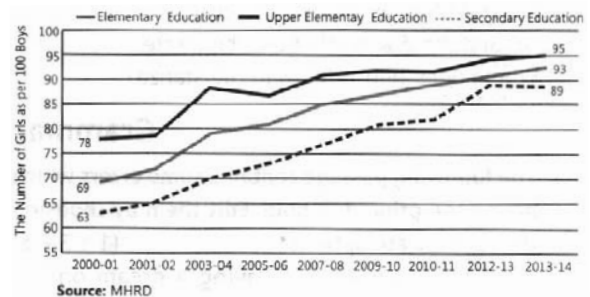
Enclosures :

- (i) Photocopy of Invoice
- (ii) Photocopy of Guarantee Card

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

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

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



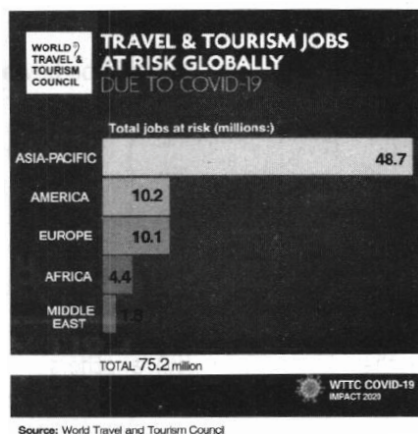
Ans :

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

The given information tells us about the number of girls per 100 boys in elementary school, lower secondary school and secondary school taking education in India. The data collected, arranged and compared is of 15 years span from 2000-2014. As per the data given by the Ministry of Human Resource Development, the line graph shows three lines for number of girls 63 in the rank among the three categories in 2000 and even after 14 years, the rank of number of girls per 100 boys in secondary education continues to be the lowest at 89 among the three categories in 2014. On the observation, it can be seen that the graph has been considerably high in terms of number of girls taking up education per 100 boys during this span at different levels of education. Though, the exponential rise cannot be seen yet there has been consistent rise in the scale. It can be seen that from year 2003-2004 to year 2005-2006 there is a decline in the rate of number of girls taking up upper elementary education. The progress has been considerable in upper elementary education access for girls soaring to the highest rate amongst the three categories in year 2013-2014. The number of girls in elementary education has increased yet rose to stand at the second rank in 2013-2014. But, the grim reality of the statistics is that the number of girls getting access to secondary education was lowest. Besides, the reinforcement of numerous policies for girls' education and investing in several projects, the number of girls entering into secondary education is still less in number.

Or

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



Ans :

Travel & Tourism Jobs At Risk Globally

The latest research by WTTC (World Travel and Tourism Council) shows the number of jobs in Travel and Tourism Industry at risk due to Covid-19 pandemic. The statistics show a 50% increase in jobs at risk estimated upto 75 million. This represents a significant and worrying trend due to the sweeping effect of corona virus pandemic. Travel and Tourism contributes to 10.4% of Global GDP, and is directly responsible for generating one in 10 of the world's job, and for eight successive years has outpaced the growth of global economy. The given analysis exposes the depth of crisis for individual regions, Asia-Pacific is expected to be most heavily impacted with up to 49 million jobs at risk through the region. The latest figures also suggest that in Europe, upto 10 million jobs in Travel and Tourism are at risk. The number of jobs at risk in America is estimated upto 10.2 m jobs. Another continent expected to be hit hard by the crisis is Africa with nearly 4.4 million jobs across the globe. Meanwhile, the region which has experienced the least damaging impact from the Covid-19 outbreak is the middle east. However, it still faces job losses of 1.8 million.

SECTION C- LITERATURE 40

V. Reference to the Context 10

1. Attempt ANY ONE of two extracts given. 5

- 1.A The jingling thud of his bamboo woke us up from sleep and we ran to meet and greet him. Why was it so? Was it for the love of the loaf? Not at all. The loaves were bought by some Paskine or Bastin, the maid-servant of the house! What we longed for were those bread bangles which we choose carefully. Sometimes it was sweet bread of special make.

(Glimpses of India)

- i. What was special about those bread bangles sometimes?
- The sweet bread of special make
 - The fresh morning breads
 - The maid servant of the house bought the loaves of bread
 - Both (a) and (b)
- Ans : (a) The sweet bread of special make

- ii. Whose bamboo is being discussed here?
- The baker
 - Paskine
 - Bastin
 - The watchman
- Ans : (a) The baker

- iii. What made the narrator and his friends wake up in the morning?
- Ans : The jingling thud of the bamboo

- iv. What would happen after the author woke up on hearing the baker's jingling sound?
- Pick up the bread bangles from the basket
 - Ran to meet and greet him
 - Both (a) and (b)
 - To meet their friend, companion and guide
- Ans : (b) Ran to meet and greet him

- v. State whether the following statement is TRUE or FALSE:
In the olden days baker in Goa was known as pader
- Ans : TRUE.

Or

- 1.B He dropped his legs to stand on the green sea. His legs sank into it He screamed with fright and attempted to rise again flapping his wings. But he was tired and weak with hunger and he could not rise, exhausted by the strange exercise. His feet sank into the green sea, and then his belly touched it and he sank no further. He was floating on it and around him his family was screaming praising him and their beaks were offering him scraps of dog fish.

(Two Stories About Flying)

- i. How did the seagull feel when his belly touched the green sea?
- Ans : He was scared that he would sink.

- ii. Why was he so scared to dive?
 (a) because it was his last flight
 (b) because he was sick
 (c) because he had no legs
 (d) because it was his first flight
Ans : (d) because it was his first flight

- iii. An antonym for the word 'scrap' is:
 (a) whole (b) piece
 (c) chunk (d) bits
Ans : (a) whole

- iv. Complete the following analogy correctly with a word from extract:
 abandon : reclaim :: abate : _____
(Clue : Just like to abandon is an antonym of to reclaim, similarly to abate is an antonym of to...)
Ans : rise.

- v. Why did his family praise him?
 (a) because he successfully made his first flight
 (b) because he caught a fish
 (c) because he grabbed his own food
 (d) none of them
Ans : (a) because he successfully made his first flight

2. Attempt ANY ONE of two extracts given.

5

2.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. Of the many symbols the hemlock tree represents, choose the one that Frost drew upon in all likelihood, for this poem.
 (a) Symbol of longevity
 (b) Symbol of togetherness
 (c) Symbol of healing
 (d) Symbol of protection
Ans : (c) Symbol of healing

- ii. Choose the option that lists the possible feelings of the poet prior to the experience shared in the poem.
 1. reassured
 2. disappointed
 3. curious
 4. demotivated
 5. thankful
 6. disheartened
 7. impulsive
 (a) 1, 3 & 7
 (b) 2, 4 & 6
 (c) 5 & 7
 (d) 1 & 3
Ans : (b) 2, 4 & 6

- iii. Identify the option that does not use the word 'rue' correctly.
 (a) The film was a disaster and he rued his decision to act in it.
 (b) I am sure she rued the day she listened to a fortune-teller.
 (c) It wasn't long before I rued my disobedience and my deceit.
 (d) Others finally rue the one who is dishonest and heartless.
Ans : (d) Others finally rue the one who is dishonest and heartless.

- iv. Synecdoche is a poetic device that uses a part to represent the whole. E.g. That's a great set of wheels! (Set of wheels has been used for car.)
 Give an example of synecdoche from the extract.
Ans : Has given my heart/A change of mood.

- v. State whether the following statement is TRUE or FALSE:
 Generally, hemlock tree and crow are used for negative references but the poet used them beautifully to portray that inauspicious things can bring joy and happiness too.
Ans : TRUE.

Or

- 2.B** 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. Whom does 'him' refer to in the stanza?
 (a) Belinda (b) Custard
 (c) Mustard (d) Pirate
Ans : (b) Custard

ii. Why did Belinda embrace him?

- (a) Out of helplessness (b) Out of gratitude
(c) Out of fear (d) Out of shock

Ans : (b) Out of gratitude

iii. Why were Ink and Blink happy?

Ans : Because the pirate was killed.

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

charity : malice :: gloom : _____

(Clue : Just like charity is an antonym for malice, similarly gloom is an antonym for...)

Ans : glee.

v. Which figure of speech/literary device has been used here?

- (a) Personification (b) Enjambment
(c) Alliteration (d) All of these

Ans : (d) All of these

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

i. How did Valli develop a longing for the bus ride?
(Madam Rides the Bus)

Ans :

Valli used to watch the bus from her house. As she watched a tiny wish crept into her head and that was of riding on the bus. This wish gradually became an overwhelming desire.

ii. What did the Buddha preach to the people?
(The Sermon at Benares)

Ans :

The Buddha said that death is common to all mortals. You cannot avoid it. No amount of weeping and lamenting can bring back a dead. So wise men don't grieve. Weeping and lamenting rather spoil one's health. To overcome sorrow, one needs to be free of sorrow.

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

(How to Tell Wild Animals)

Ans :

The poet says that we can easily differentiate between a hyena and a crocodile because a hyena gives a cheerful, lively smile and laughs as it swallows its victim. While, a crocodile weeps and sheds tears while swallowing his victim.

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

(Mijbil the Otter)

Ans :

When Maxwell opened the box, Mijbil flashed out and disappeared at high speed down the aircraft. He caused a great hue and cry in the aircraft. There were sounds of shrieks across the flight.

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

(Fire and Ice)

Ans :

Our desires and hatred would be enough to destroy the world. According to the poet, 'fire' represents 'desire' and 'ice' represents 'hatred'. Desires like fire, spread rapidly and engulf one's whole life. Similarly, 'hatred' fills the life with poison.

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

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

(Footprints Without Feet)

Ans :

Griffin, the scientist, removed his clothes, became invisible and got away without being seen. He became a homeless wanderer without clothes, without money and he was quite invisible, until he happened to step into mud and left footprints behind.

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

(The Making of a Scientist)

Ans :

Yes. Richard Ebright had other interests besides Science. He was a passionate public speaker and was an important part of Debating Society and Model United Nations Club. He was a good canoeist. He was an expert photographer, particularly of nature and scientific exhibits.

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

Ans :

Bholi was sent to school because her parents thought that there was little chance of her getting married due to her ugly face and lack of sense. Her father also did so because the village headman recommended him to do so.

VIII Answer ANY ONE of the following 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)

Ans :

When the postmaster saw the letter addressed to God, he broke out laughing, but almost immediately he turned serious. He was amazed at the faith of the writer and wished that he too could have the faith of the man who wrote the letter. This shows that he was an appreciative and amiable person.

He was kind, therefore in order not to shake the writer's faith, he decided to answer the letter. He was empathetic also. But, when he read the letter he realised that only goodwill wouldn't do. He would need money too. Still, he did not give up the idea of replying to the letter. He was determined and trustworthy and thus stuck on his resolution. He asked for money from his employees and he even himself gave part of his salary. Several friends of his were obliged to give something for an act of charity. The postmaster was generous too. In the end, he sent 70 pesos to Lencho but he did not reveal his identity. He did not want to break Lencho's trust, hence signed the letter as God. This shows how selfless he was.

Or

- 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)

Ans :

The poet in the poem 'Tor Anne Gregory' tells Anne that a young man will love her only for her lovely yellow hair and not for anything else. He says that her inner beauty does not matter because a man only looks at the outward appearance to fall in love. The speaker even tries to influence Anne by telling her that a text found by an old religious man proves that only God can love a person for who he/she is, while all the other people in the world only look for external appearance. Meanwhile, Anne argues against the speaker's views by saying that her beauty lies in

her values and good qualities and not in her yellow hair. She says that she can easily change the colour of her hair but it will be impossible to change who she is as a person or human being.

Therefore, what actually matters is the true inner-self because superficial beauty is not genuine. As the physical appearance or beauty is neither real nor permanent, internal beauty is what each one of us should look for in our friends, lovers or anybody else.

IX Answer ANY ONE of the following 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)

Ans :

Matilda's husband is a petty clerk. He works in the office of Board of Education. He is a very humble person. He loves and cares for his wife very much. He tries to make his wife always happy despite his poor economic condition. So, his behaviour shows that he is a caring husband. In the story, when Matilda was vexed not to have a jewel to attend the ball, Mr Loisel suggested, 'You can wear some natural flowers that look very chic.' He is also very economical, but he always faces problems to fulfil his wife's wishes. Moreover, he is a duty-conscious and disciplined man. When they returned home wearily after Matilda's loss of necklace, he remembered that he would have to be at the office by ten o'clock. All these show that he was a responsible and disciplined husband.

Or

- 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)

Ans :

Tricki was a fat dog, pet of Mrs. Pumphrey. He became listless and seemed to have no energy. It fell ill. So, Mrs. Pumphrey called the veterinary surgeon, Dr Herriot for the help. Dr Herriot took Tricki to his surgery. He kept an eye on him for two days and gave him no food but plenty of water. At the end of the second day, he started showing some interest in his surroundings and on the third day, began to whimper on the sound of dogs. While his stay at the surgery, Mrs. Pumphrey started to bring round fresh eggs to a dozen at a time. She also sent bottles of wine and brandy for Tricki's health. But that was consumed by Mr. Herriot and his colleagues. Hence, Herriot enjoyed the stay of Tricki. He did not want to keep Tricki

for a longer time because he felt concerned for Mrs. Pumphrey. He did not want to separate the pet from his owner. He could understand Mrs. Pumphrey's concern for the little dog. So he returned him back.