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SAMPLE PAPER- II 2023-24

CLASS – X

SUBJECT- ENGLISH LANGUAGE & LITERATURE (184)

Time: 3 Hours

M.M.80

General Instructions:

1. 15 minutes prior reading allotted for question paper reading.
2. The question paper consists of three sections-
Section – A: Reading
Section - B: Grammar & Writing
Section - C: Literature.
3. Attempt questions based on specific instructions for each part.

Section A: Reading Skills- (20 Marks)

1. Read the following passage and answer the questions that follow.

(10)

1. Corruption, terrorism, communalism, greed for power and wealth are the list of ailments that affect modern society continuously. More than half the population of India is below the age group of 25 and the future of the country will only be bright if youngsters are equipped to deal with these ailments.
2. A child is a storehouse of potential and it is essential to nurture and develop these attributes from a very young age. Since they spend much of their time in school, the curriculum in school should be such that it enables children to understand, care and practice ethical values like respect, justice and civic sense. Education should aim to develop a sense of rights and duties as well as moral values like honesty, responsibility and respect for others.
3. Moral education should be directed towards enhancing a child's ability to critically analyse situations, make decisions, empathize with people and work in cooperation towards a common goal.

4. As a means of direct instruction to students, school are very influential in the character development of a child and the methods of education affect the development of morally upright citizens who can bring about a much- needed change in the country.

5. The youths of today have to face many problems like drug abuse, violent behaviour and family issues. If they are not taught morals, they would fail to differentiate between good and bad values. Hence, they would be incapable of dealing with different types of issues.

A sound moral base would help a child make the right decisions, especially in an era where the youth is increasingly coming under the negative influence of the media.

6. Schools in India have introduced moral education as part of their curriculum because they realize that morally sound citizens are the need of the hour. Since most children look up to their teachers as role models, it is most appropriate that they be the facilitators of moral values.

7. Thus, schools should focus more on the personality development of children since it is one of the most important responsibilities of a school. Schools should take the initiative to mould children into better human beings so that they can make the world a better place to live in.

Based on your understanding of the passage, answer the following questions. (10)

1. Select the option that conveys the message, “Morally sound citizens are the need of the hour.” (1)

- (a) Government should take major decisions about spreading moral education.
- (b) Better human beings can make the world a better place to live in.
- (c) Developing moral qualities is the only way to solve these social issues.
- (d) Moral citizens can only be possible by giving moral education to the mass population.

2. Why is it important to inculcate moral values since childhood? Write your answer in 40-50 words. (2)

3. Complete the sentence appropriately: (1)

According to the given passage, schools are integral in the -----of a child.

4. The passage includes some words that are similar in meaning to each other. From the sets (a) – (e) below identify two sets of antonyms. (1)

- (a) Corruption and terrorism
- (b) affect and equipped
- (c) Nurture and develop
- (d) Youth and youngsters
- (e) Behaviour and values

5. According to the passage, moral education helps children in ----- decision making, cooperation and -----.

6. Which moral values are important for children to learn? (2)

7. What kind of problems are being faced by today's youth? (1)

(1) Drug abuse (2) family issues

(3) Violent behaviour (4) peer pressure

(5) Influence of social media

Codes:

(a) 1, 2 and 4

(b) 3, 4 and 5

(c) 1, 3 and 5

(d) All of these

8. State a solution to the given problem. (1)

Incapable of differentiating between good and bad, children would be unable to deal with everyday issues.

2. Read the following passage and answer the questions that follow. (10)

1. Through the Sustainable Development Goal (SDG) the countries of the world have resolved to achieve universal access to safe drinking water and adequate sanitation and hygiene for all by 2030. The aim is to ensure the consumption of safe drinking water and practice safe sanitation and hygiene, resulting in lower exposure to a contaminated environment, resulting in lower morbidity and mortality, especially amongst children.

2. The Swachh Bharat Mission was launched by the Government of India on 2nd October, 2014 to achieve the vision of 'Swachh Bharat' by 2nd October, 2019. The Swachh Bharat Mission Gramin-SBM (G) endeavours to accelerate rural sanitation coverage, reduce open defecation and improve the management of solid and liquid wastes in rural areas. The implementation of SBM (G) is the responsibility of the Ministry of Drinking water and Sanitation (MDWS). The MDWS, while issuing guidelines for Open Defecation Free (ODF) verification stressed on "safe technology option which aimed at no contamination of surface soil, groundwater or surface water; excreta management inaccessible to flies and animals; no human handling of fresh excreta and freedom from odour and unsightly condition". Over the past 4 years, over 92 million new households have received access to household toilets and by the end of the SBM G programme, all 16.5 million rural households will have such access. However, the issue is of usage and thus, the goal is to create ODF communities and villages, with no one defecating in the open.

3. The status of ODF villages published on the website of MDWS indicates that as on 01-04-2019, over 99% of rural HHs in India have toilet access. The declared ODF villages at all India levels accounted for 556,824 spreading over 247,723 Gram Panchayats, 6031 Blocks and 616 Districts.

4. UNICEF in India accords high priority to the provision of safe sanitation and water services to people in rural areas and has over the past many years past many years aided through catalytic technical support to MDWS, the Government of India and 15 state governments in the implementation of the various sanitation programmes and since 2014, specifically to the SBM (G). With the progress of the SBM (G) and the declaration of ODF communities, there is an emerging question on whether the campaign to eliminate open defecation and create ODF communities is resulting in a decrease in faecal contamination in the environment.

Based on your understanding of the passage, answer the following questions. (10x1=10)

1. Complete the sentences: (1)

The government is successful in providing access to toilets to over 99% of rural households because -----.

2. Fill in the blank. (1)

The passage provides data that proves that -----.

3. According to the passage, who is responsible for the progress of the Swachh Bharat Mission? (1)

4. How has UNICEF benefitted India in the past few years? Mention any two. (2)

5. What is the aim of SDGs? Answer in reference to the above passage. (2)

6. Choose the correct option. (1)

The purpose of the launch of Swach Bharat Mission (G) was to -----

1. accelerate rural sanitation coverage

2. reduce open defecation

3. improve management of solid and liquid wastes in rural areas

Codes

(a) 1 and 2

(b) 2 and 3

(c) 1, 2 and 3

(d) 1 and 3

7. Suggest a suitable title for the above passage. (1)

8. Select the option that the given sentence refers to (1)

“Over the past 4 years, over 92 million new households have received access to household toilets.”

(a) There is an increase in the building of toilets inside households.

(b) There is an increase in the construction of community –shared toilets.

- (c) There is an increase in the usage of toilets among rural households.
- (d) There is an increase in the access to toilets but are not being used by the villagers.

Section B: Grammar & Writing Skills- (10+10 = 20 Marks)

Grammar

3. Attempt any ten of the following questions as directed. (10)

(i) Fill in the blank by using the correct form of the verb given in bracket for the given portion of the letter.

Subject: Complaint against misbehavior.

Dear Sir,

This is to respectfully submit that I ----- (write) this letter with extreme pain and disgust against the misbehavior of the government officials in the office.

(ii) Identify the error and supply the correction in the sentence.

You should get skin disease if you don't bathe every day.

Use the given format for response

Error	Correction

(iii) Fill in the blank by choosing the correct option to complete the sentence.

Do you want -----(a/an/the) extension to finish ----- a/an/the major project.

(iv) Identify the error in the given sentence and supply the correction.

After using the computer for a long time, looking into a distance for about five minutes relaxed the eyes.

Use the given format for response

Error	Correction

(v) Complete the given narrative by filling in the blank with the correct option:

----- Frank in Toronto?

- (a) Did you meet
- (b) Have you met
- (c) Were you meeting
- (d) Will you met

(vi) Select the option that identifies the error and supplies the correction for the following line.

Today, the number of people who enjoys winter sports is bigger than that of twenty years ago.

Option	Error	Correction
a	the	a
b	people	the people
c	enjoys	enjoy
d	is	are

(vii) Fill in the blank by choosing the correct option to complete an online update.

The constellation they ----- to observe is clearly visible from here.

(a) were going (b) are going (c) was going (d) is going

(viii) Read the dialogue between Divya and Arti, regarding buying a car.

Divya: I am planning to buy a car.

Arti: Which car do you intend to buy?

Select the correct option to complete the narration.

Divya told Arti that ----- . Then Arti asked her which car she intended to buy.

Divya said that she intended to buy the latest model of any popular company.

(a) she was planning to buy a new car. (b) she plans to buy a new car.
(c) she will buy a new car (d) she will be buying a new car.

(ix) Fill in the blank by choosing the correct option to complete the given statement.

She -----become the youngest pro soccer player ever.

(a) will (b) may (c) should (d) shall

(x) Shreya shared some information with Sneha about the location of the post office. Report Shreya's question.

Shreya said, "Do you know where the nearest post office is?"

(xi) Read the conversation between Anaya and Confectioner. Complete the sentence.

Anaya: I want to order a big pineapple cake for my birthday.

Confectioner: When is your birthday?

Anaya: It is tomorrow.

Ananya told the confectioner ----- a big pineapple cake for her birthday. The confectioner asked when her birthday was. Ananya replied that it was the following day.

(xii) Identify the error in an online advertisement.

Hindol Classes	New Delhi
If the music is your passion, we are the right choice for you.	

Use the given format for response

Error	Correction

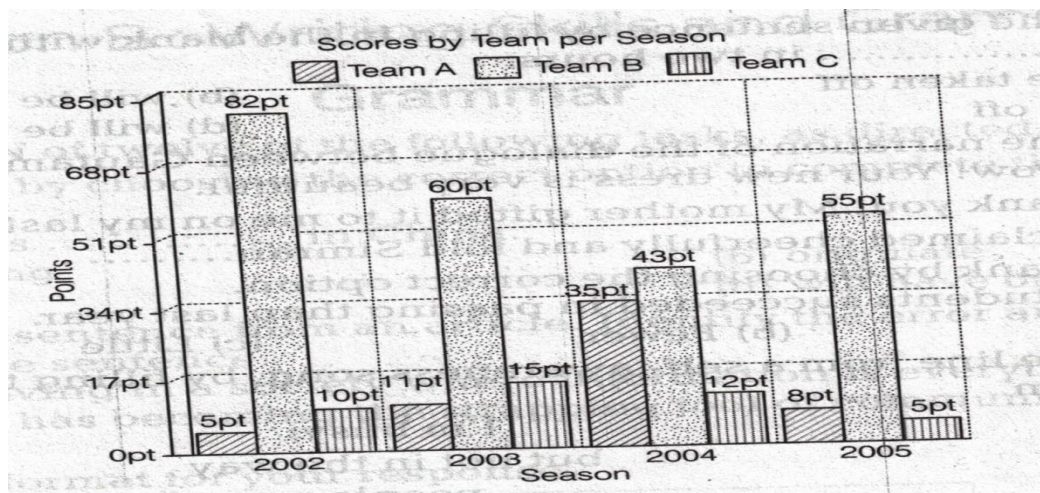
Writing Skills

4. (a) Write a letter in 100-120 words to the Editor of The Times of India, Delhi, expressing your concern about the urgent need to save our rivers. Suggest some ways to improve the situation. Sign yourself as Kanak / Kartik. (5)

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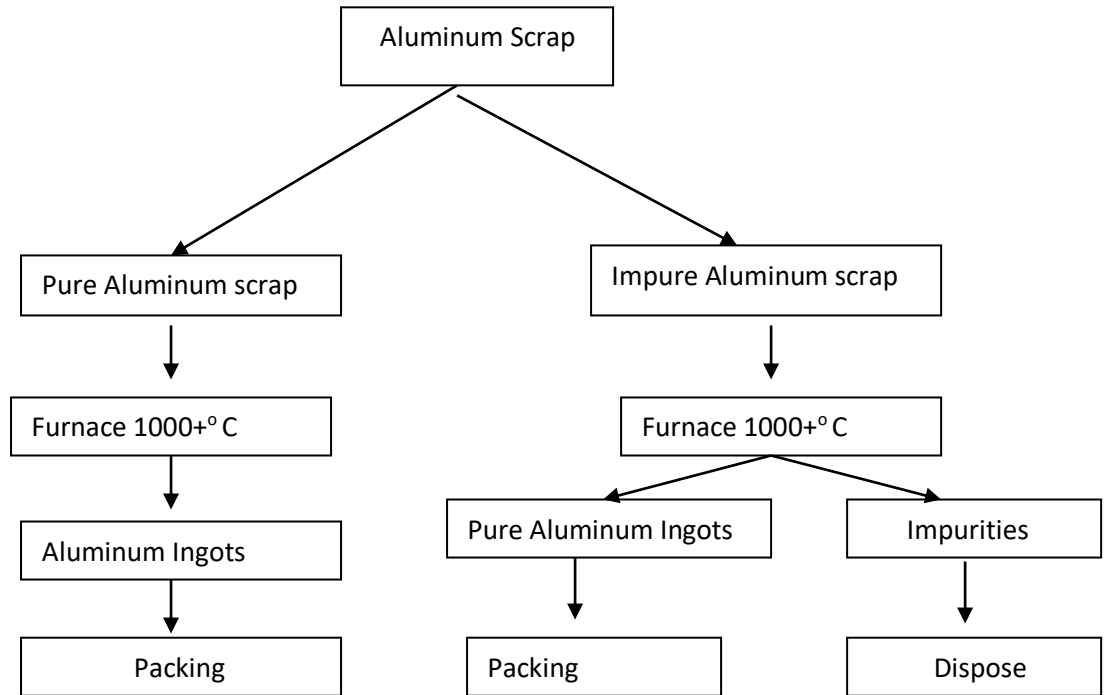
(b) You are Rakhi Verma, hostel warden, St. Xavier School, Banares. Write a letter to the Sales Manager, Bharat Electronic Ltd. New Delhi placing an order for fans, microwave ovens and geysers that you wish to purchase for the hostel. Also ask discount permissible on the purchase. (Word limit 100-120 words)

5. (a) The bar chart shows the scores of teams A,B & C over four different seasons. Write an analytical paragraph on the given data in about 100-120 words. (5)



OR

- (b) The following flow chart has been taken from a science magazine. Study it and write an analytical paragraph on the same in 100-120 words. (5)



Section C: Literature - (40 Marks)

6. A. Read the following extract and the answer the questions that follow: (Any one) (5)

But for Valli, standing at the front door was every bit as enjoyable as any of the elaborate other children played. Watching the street gave her many new unusual experiences. The most fascinating thing of all was the bus that travelled between her village and the nearest town. It passed through her street each hour, once going to the town and once coming back. The sight of the bus filled each time with a new set of passengers, was a source of unending joy for Valli.

1. What are the most interesting thing for Valli? (1)
 - (a) The children playing elaborate games.
 - (b) Watching the street
 - (c) The bus that travelled through her village.
 - (d) All the above
2. Read the following descriptions and identify which one correctly corresponds to the extract. (1)

- (a) A debate is a formal discussion on a particular topic, usually with two or more people presenting different view point and argument.
- (b) A soliloquy a speech given by a character alone on stage which reveals their inner most thoughts and feelings to the audience.
- (c) A narrative is a story or account of events, experiences or the like, whether true or fictitious.

3. How did Valli feel while standing at the door way? For what specific reason did Valli stand at the door way? Answer in about 40 words. (2)

4. How was Valli different from children of her age? (1)

OR

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 German passably, he had never altogether the American accent he had brought to Paris from Boston twenty years ago. “You are disappointed, “ Ausable said wheezily over his shoulder.

(i) State true or false. (1)

None of the terms (a) – (d) can be applied to the statement- Ausable did not fit any description of a secret agent Fowler had ever read.

(a) A hypothesis – a proposed explanation for a phenomenon.

(b) An assumption – something that is taken for granted or assumed to be true.

(c) A hyperbole – exaggerated statements or claims not meant to be taken literally

(d) A premise – a proposition that forms the basis of an argument.

(ii) State anyone reference about a secret agent from the given extract. (1)

(iii) Where was Ausable’s room? (1)

(iv) Why was Fowler disappointed by Ausable when he met him? Answer in about 40 words. (2)

7. A. Read the given extracts and the answer the questions that follow: (Any one) (5)

I am an orphan, roaming the street,

I pattern soft dust with my hushed, bare feet.

The silence is golden, the freedom is sweet.

Don’t eat that chocolate, Amanda!

Remember you acne, Amanda!

Will you please look at me when I'm speaking to you,

(i) Complete the sentence appropriately.

The extract shows that the speaker, Amanda's mother is ----- about Amanda's acne and cares for her. (1)

(ii) Mention the line in the extract in which metaphor has been used. (1)

(iii) Why does Amanda imagine being an orphan? Answer in about 40 words. (2)

(iv) What does the poet estimate by making silence golden? (1)

(a) The worth of silence

(b) The worth of beauty

(c) The value of independence

(d) The worth of privacy

OR

B.

I heard an old religious man

But yester night declare

That he had found a text to proof

That only God, my dear

Could love you for yourself alone

And not your yellow hair.

(i) The above stanza strongly defies the idea of ----- . (1)

(a) internal qualities

(b) external beauty

(c) spiritual self

(d) divinity

(ii) What does the poet mean by the word 'yester night' in the extract? (1)

(iii) What wisdom was imparted to the poet and by whom was it imparted? (2)

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

8. Answer any four of the following questions in about 40-50 words each. (12)

(i) The poet uses trees as a symbol for women breaking patriarchal notions. Do you agree? Why/ why not?

(ii) Why was Custard, the dragon teased as Percival?

(iii) Why is Coorg called the land of rolling hills?

(iv) How does Natalya excite Lomov to the point of verbal fighting?

(v) Describe the bus in which Valli sat.

9. Answer any two of the following questions in about 40-50 words each. (6)

- (i) How did Mrs. Pumphery and her servants behave when Tricki was being taken away to the surgery?
- (ii) Why did Max's face turn black with anger? What did he want Ausable to do?
- (iii) What do you think would have happened if Griffin was caught by Jaffers and the latter hadn't become unconscious?

10. Answer any one of the following questions in about 100-120 words each. (6)

- (i) The narrator developed a special bond with Mijbil and both became good companions. In the light of the given statement, describe the relationship between the Otter, Mijbil and Maxwell, the narrator.
- (ii) You have been asked to present an article on death and suffering. You need to draft this article with reference to teachings of Buddha in '**The Sermon at Benares**' Draft the article in 100-120 words.

11. Answer any one of the following questions in about 100-120 words each. (6)

- (i) A calm mind can help you tackle the direst stress. Elaborate with reference to-
'THE MIDNIGHT VISITOR'
- (ii) You have just read '**FOOTPRINTS WITHOUT FEET**' in your class. Write a diary entry in about 100-120 words describing how you felt after reading it.

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