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Sample Paper - I

Class X Exam 2023-24

English-Language and Literature (184)

Time Allowed : 3 Hours

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.

SECTION A- READING SKILLS (20 Marks)

I. Read the passage given below.

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1. The trip to the tiny island of Sriharikota in Nellore district of Andhra Pradesh on Wednesday to cover the launch of Chandrayaan-1 revived memories of my visit to India's spaceport more than two decades ago as a cub science reporter. It was my first trip ever to cover a satellite launch, way back in 1987.
2. On March 24, the first flight of the Augmented Satellite Launch Vehicle (ASLV) was scheduled for lift-off. A small contingent of correspondents—mostly from Chennai and Bangalore—was taken by ISRO to cover the event, supposed to take India a step ahead from its first generation launch vehicle, the SLV. Everybody was seated in a small conference room, which had a moderate size screen on which images from mission control were being shown.
3. The countdown was perfect and the rocket lifted off. All of us rushed outside to see it rise with naked eyes. But as soon as the launch vehicle lifted, it crashed along with the 136 kg. Satellite of the Rohini series it was carrying. We could see the rocket burn up into pieces and go down within seconds in the Bay of Bengal, leaving a trail of thick smoke in the sky.
4. The launch was crucial for ISRO as the then Prime Minister Rajiv Gandhi had himself come down to witness it. When we rushed back to the conference room, the screen was blank and the transmission had been stopped. However, ISRO went ahead with the press briefing, which was attended by Gandhi as well.
5. He tried to console ISRO chief, U.R. Rao, by saying that failures are part of development and necessary for success. Rajiv Gandhi was the first prime minister to be present during a satellite launch. Since then,

only one prime minister, I.K. Gujral, witnessed a launch. That was the first operational flight of the PSLV in 1997.

6. The second flight of ASLV was planned within a year. I was once again deputed to cover the event on July 13, 1988. This time it was a low-key affair and no dignitaries were present. The same drill was followed. To my horror, the second flight of ASLV also ended in a disaster. Once again, we were witness to the disintegration of the rocket soon after it was launched. The third flight of ASLV in 1992 was successful, but I could not cover it as I had already moved to Delhi.
7. After one more flight, ISRO abandoned ASLV and moved on to the Polar Space Launch Vehicle (PSLV), Though the PSLV's first development flight in 1993 also ended in failure, it has since become ISRO's workhorse vehicle.
8. Watching the countdown in the Brahma Prakash Hall on Wednesday, in the presence of hundreds of media persons, I realized that ISRO had indeed come a long way and put its failures behind it.

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

- i. Why does the writer say that ISRO had indeed come a long way and put its failures behind it? 1
(a) ISRO has lots of successful launches to its credit now.
(b) ISRO owes its success to PSLV.
(c) Both ASLV and PSLV added to ISRO's experience.
(d) ISRO has the support of the government.
- ii. What connect did the Prime Minister draw between the rocket burning up into pieces and success? Response in about 40 words. 2
- iii. Select the option that displays what the writer projects, with reference to the following. 1
However, ISRO went ahead with the press briefing, which was attended by Mr. Rajiv Gandhi as well. (Para 4)
(a) conviction (b) professionalism
(c) dedication (d) courage
- iv. Complete the following with a phrase from paragraph. 1

Opinion	Reason
_____	Greater than before or more intense
- v. Based on your reading of the text, list two reasons why does the writer say that 'The launch of the ASLV was crucial for ISRO'? 2
1. _____
2. _____
- vi. Select the option that corresponds to the following relation below : 1
Sriharikota in Nellore district of Andhra Pradesh is a 'spaceport' _____.
(a) Because it is also an airport.

- (b) Because it is used for teleporting.
- (c) It is used by ships as a port for trade and by rockets for space passengers.
- (d) It is a launch pad for satellites and rockets much like an airport is for airplanes.

vii. The writer says, “The second flight of ASLV was planned within a year. I was once again deputed to cover the event on July 13, 1988. This time it was a low-key affair and no dignitaries were present”.

(Para 6) Sum up this contrasting attitude or approach. 1

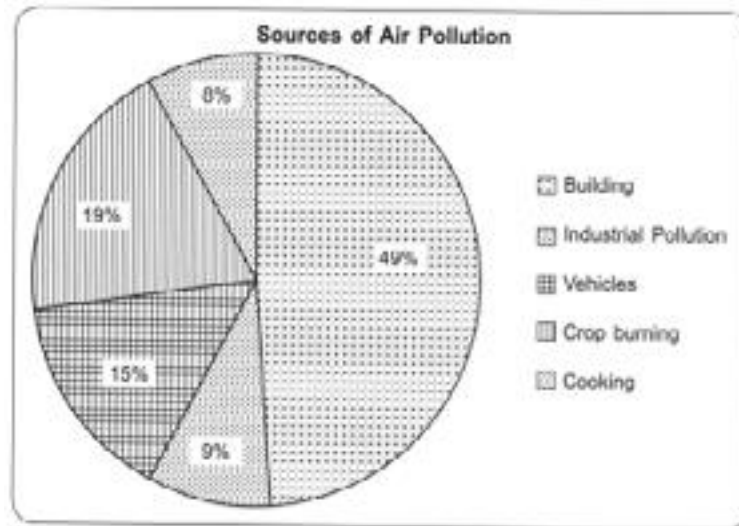
- (a) Directive (b) wary
- (c) Superstition (d) judicious

viii. Evaluate the INAPPROPRIATE reason for the writer calling himself a ‘cub science reporter’? 1

- (a) Because Sriharikota in Andhra Pradesh is a tiny island
- (b) Because it was his first visit to India’s spaceport
- (c) Because he was covering cover a satellite launch for the first time
- (d) Because he was inexperienced

II. Read the passage given below.

1. Air pollution affects health seriously. Of the most polluted 30 cities in the world, 21 were in India in 2019. As per a 2016 study, at least 140 million Indians breathe air that is 10 times or more over the WHO safe limit and 13 of the world’s 20 cities with the highest annual levels of air pollution are in India.
2. Air pollution kills 2 million Indians prematurely every year. Emissions come from vehicles and industry, whereas in rural areas, much of the pollution stems from biomass burning for cooking and keeping warm. In autumn and winter months, large scale crop residue burning in farms — a cheaper alternative to mechanical tilling — is a major source of smoke, smog and particulate pollution.
3. India has a low per capita emissions of greenhouse gases but the country as a whole is the third largest greenhouse gas producer after China and the United States. A 2013 study on non-smokers has found that have 30% have weaker lung function than Europeans.
4. The Air (Prevention and Control of Pollution) Act, 1981 has failed to reduce or regulate pollution because of poor enforcement of the rules.



5. In 2015, GOI, together with IIT Kanpur launched the National Air Quality Index. In 2019, India launched 'The National Clean Air Programme' with tentative national target of 20%- 30% reduction in PM2.5 and PM10 concentrations by 2024, considering 2017 as the base year for comparison. It will be rolled out in 102 cities that are considered to have air quality worse than the National Ambient Air Quality Standards.
6. There are other initiatives such as a 1,600 kilometre-long and 5 kilometre-wide The Great Green Wall of Aravalli — an ecological corridor along Aravalli range from Gujarat to Shivalik Hills with the planting of 1.35 billion native trees over 10 years to combat the pollution.
7. In 2019, IIT Bombay, in partnership with the McKelvey School of Engineering (USA), launched the Aerosol and Air Quality Research Facility to study air pollution in India.

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

- i.** Select the appropriate option to fill in the blanks. 1

Mechanical tilling is an _____ method to remove stubs from the fields with the farmers preferring to get rid of the agricultural residue by _____.

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|--------------------------|---------------------------|
| (a) insensitive, tilling | (b) inconsiderate, firing |
| (c) unpopular, burning | (d) extensive, winnowing |

- ii.** Select the correct option to complete the following sentence. 1

The ambitious objectives that the National Clean Air Programme plans to achieve by 2024 are _____.

1. 20%-30% reduction in PM 2.5
2. study air pollution in 102 cities that are worst affected
3. 20%-30% reduction in PM 10
4. take 2017 as the base year

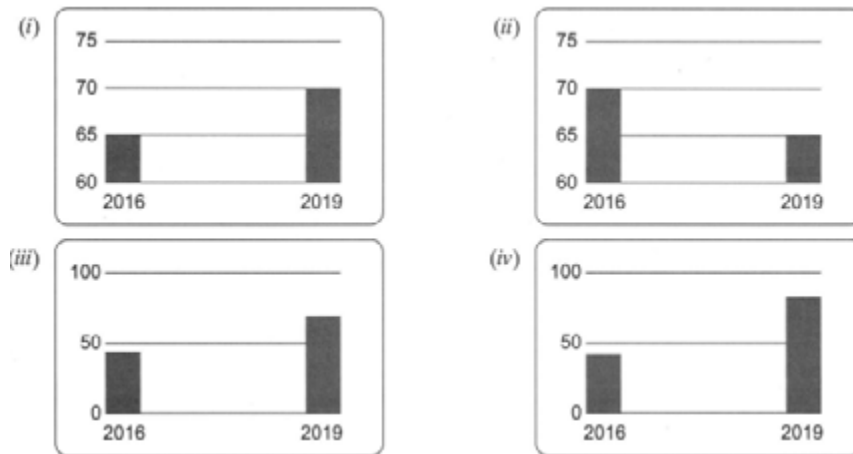
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| (a) 1 and 2 | (b) 2 and 3 | (c) 1 and 3 | (d) 2 and 4 |
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- iii.** Infer one reason for the following, based on information in paragraph 2. 2

Air pollution is fatal to human health.

iv. Select the chart that appropriately represents the deteriorating health of air in the cities from 2016 to 2019.

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

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The ecological corridor from Gujarat to the foothills of the Himalayas has good chances of succeeding because of its emphasis on _____.

- (a) planting 1.35 billion trees
- (b) to set the target of plantation for 10 years only
- (c) to cover a long stretch of 1600 kilometres
- (d) to opt for native trees

vi. Substitute the word from paragraph 2 in the blank below whose meaning in the passage is 'originate.'

A dam ____ the tide of high waters when a river threatens to inundate its banks and the nearby areas.

vii. List any two examples of indoor or domestic pollution as mentioned in the passage.

2

1. _____ 2. _____

viii. Select the option that titles paragraphs 1, 2 and 5 appropriately, with reference to information in the text.

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- (a) 1. extent of pollution
2. factors
3. prognosis
- (b) 1. factors
2. effects
3. solutions
- (c) 1. extent
2. cause and effect
3. steps for reduction
- (d) 1. WHO standards
2. initiatives
3. preventive measures

SECTION B- WRITING SKILLS & GRAMMAR (20 Marks)

GRAMMAR

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

1x10

- i. Fill in the blank by choosing the correct option to complete the beginning of an article in a blog post on adolescence. 1

The importance of physical exercise as well as mental health _____ by the modern teenager.

- (a) are well understood
- (b) is well understood
- (c) is being understood well
- (d) will be well understood

- ii. Read the conversation between a mother and daughter. Complete the sentence by reporting the daughter's reply correctly. 1

Mother enquired, "Aren't you feeling well? You look pale."

Saumya said, "I have a terrible headache. It is making me giddy."

Mother, wondering about her daughter looking pale asked about her well-being to which, the girl replied that _____.

- iii. Select the correct option to fill in the blank for the given line, from a health magazine. 1

You _____ all that cheese; it isn't good for you.

- (a) shouldn't be eating
- (b) ought not be eating
- (c) cannot eat
- (d) need not

- iv. Select the option that identifies the error and supplies the correction for the following sentence. 1

Twenty year ago, kids at school had never even heard of the internet.

Option No.	Error	Correction
(a)	year	years
(b)	at	In
(c)	had	have
(d)	the	an

- v. Complete the given narrative, by filling in the blank with the correct option. 1

Delhi Police _____ the description of a man who was last seen at the Kwality Restaurant which is on the Parliament Street.

- (a) is issued
- (b) have issued
- (c) had issued
- (d) are issuing

- vi. Fill in the blank by using the correct word from the options available to you, for the given portion of a letter: Subject: Inquiry regarding the online course in choreography 1

Refer to your advertisement regarding the online courses in choreography offered by your institute, I want _____ that I am currently in XII class and preparing for my final exams.

- (a) esteemable; to say (b) reputed; to suggest
(c) esteem; to tell (d) reputable; to state

vii. Report the dialogue between two friends discussing a recent travel experience. 1

Som : A European tourist whom I met recently, wanted to be a Himalayan monk for the rest of his life.

Ron : Are you referring to that story about you meeting a European tourist with a strange desire?

When Som talked about a European tourist who wanted to be a Himalayan monk for the rest of his life Ron questioned him _____.

viii. Identify the error in the given sentence from a newspaper article and supply the correction. 1

Mobile phones are being used both in urban and rural areas but the importance of mobile phones between students has been increasing day by day.

Use the given format for your response

Error	Correction

ix. Report the conversation between a young bird and her parent discussing her fears. 1

Young bird : I feel certain that my wings will never support me.

Parent bird : Your wings will believe what you believe in.

x. Fill in the blank by choosing the correct option to complete the slogan: 1

..... EDUCATED MIND CAN TEACH MANY.

- (a) THE (b) A
(c) AN (d) THIS

xi. Select the correct option to the following sentences. 1

The lady looked out the window and said, "Wow! What an awesome view the house has!" Realtor, "That's why this property has always commanded the highest rent in these parts."

When the lady looked out the window and complimented _____ the realtor remarked that _____.

xii. Identify the error advertisement of real estate posted on a street hoarding and supply the correction. 1

Callipolis Gurugram, Haryana If location matter, Here is the address!

Use the given format for your response.

Error	Correction

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

IV. Attempt ANY ONE from A and B given below.

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A. You are Sudhakar / Sudha, resident of 34, Janakpuri, New Delhi. Last week, you came across an advertisement pertaining to ‘Best out of Waste’ course and wish to join the same. Write a letter of enquiry to the Director, Sutlej Hobby Classes, B/12, Palam, New Delhi, enquiring about the details of the course.

OR

B. You are Mary Joseph who recently visited Delhi and Gurugram after a few years as a tourist from Goa. You noticed the marked increase in the number of private vehicles, pollution, and industrial units in both cities. Alarmed by the rise in health issues owing to these developments, you decide to pen a letter to the editor of a national daily. Write the letter including some suggestions to reduce the effects of environmental damage.

V. Attempt ANY ONE from A and B given below.

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A. You are Meghna. Look at the picture given below. It depicts the massive jam of vehicles reflection the chaotic state of traffic in metropolitan cities. Taking clues from the picture and using your own ideas, write an analytical paragraph in 100-120 words depicting the existing state of traffic on roads and suggesting ways and means to improve the conditions.

Hint : growth in the automobile industry — multiple problems — hurriedness — increased pressure



OR

- B.** Mobile phones are being used both in urban and rural areas. But importance of mobile phones among students has been increasing day by day. Write a paragraph in 100-120 words on the topic 'Importance of Mobile Phones in Education'.

Hint : Multiple benefits—teaching aids—improved learning outcomes—increased engagement among students. Keep students up to date about assignments.



SECTION C- LITERATURE TEXTBOOK AND SUPPLEMENTARY READING TEXT (40 MARKS)

VI Read the given extracts and answer the questions for ANY ONE of the two, given.

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- A.** "Marriage gifts are meaningless without the sweet bread known as the 'bol' just as a party or a feast loses its charm without bread. Not enough can be said to show how important a baker can be for a village the lady of the house must prepare sandwiches on the occasion of her daughter's engagement. Cakes and tiol' are a must for Christmas as well as other festivals. Thus, the presence of the baker in the village is absolutely essential."

(*Glimpses of India-A Baker from Goa*)

- i.** What makes marriage gifts lose their charm. Which one of the following charms are not considered? 1

1. A rich dowry
2. Bread
3. Sweet bread
4. sandwiches

(a) option 1 only

(b) option 2 only

(c) option 1, 2 and 4 only

(d) option 4 only

- ii.** The women make preparations for daughter's engagement. What does she do for the preparation? 2

- iii.** Fill in the blank with ONE WORD only.

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"Thus, the presence of the baker in the village is _____ essential."

- iv.** Select the option that correctly captures the application of the word ‘essential’ as used in the last line of the extract. 1
- (a) Air and water are essential for human life.
- (b) It is essential to know basic math in order to understand algebra.
- (c) To learn how to read, it is essential to understand each letter of the alphabet to sound out a word.
- (d) It is essential to learn how to swim before going kayaking.

OR

B. “But, please, Stephen Stepanovitch, how can they be yours? Do be a reasonable man! My aunt’s grandmother gave the meadows for the temporary and free use of your grandfather’s peasants. The peasants used the land for forty years and got accustomed to it as if it was their own, when it happened that...

(The Proposal)

- i.** Why did the peasants treat the land as their own? 1
- (a) They used the land for forty years.
- (b) They got accustomed to using the land.
- (c) Both (a) and (b)
- (d) None of the above
- ii.** Why did his aunt’s grandmother give the meadows? Answer in about 40 words. 2
- iii.** Complete the analogy. 1
- accustomed: unaccustomed:: perennial:
- iv.** Who gave the free use of this land to whom? 1

VII. Read the given extracts and answer the questions for ANY ONE of the two, given. 5

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

(There is a languid, emerald sea,
 where the sole inhabitant is me—
 a mermaid, drifting blissfully.)

- i.** Complete the sentence appropriately. 1
- It is clear that Metaphor is the poetic device used for ‘where the sole inhabitant is me— a mermaid, drifting blissfully...’ because _____ (Clue : explain how Metaphor applies here)
- ii.** The poet has used a poetic device in the given line ‘Stop that slouching and sit up straight.’ What effect does she wish to create by its use? 1
- (a) emphasis (b) comparison
- (c) rhythm (d) lyrical and emotive effect

- iii. State whether the following statement is TRUE or FALSE. 1
'Amanda wishes to run away from the nagging of her mother.'
- iv. Use of the poetic device 'Allusion' has revealed Amanda's heartfelt wish. Comment. 2

OR

C. The fog comes
on little cat feet.
It sits looking
over harbor and city
on silent haunches
and then moves on.

- i. What is the poet's tone in the extract? 1
1. thoughtful
 2. authoritative
 3. reflexive
 4. cautious
 5. argumentative

Select the appropriate option.

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

- ii. What makes the poet compare Fog to the cat according to the extract? 2
- iii. Identify the reason for Fog like a cat is depicted to be on haunches, as per the extract. 1

- (a) Fog appears to be flying all over like a cat.
- (b) Fog silently spreads over the entire city.
- (c) Fog is a bit above the ground like a cat sitting.
- (d) A cat sitting on her haunches is emerged in the fog.

- iv. Select the sentence in which the word 'silent' is used in the similar manner as line 5 of the extract. 1
- (a) She was silent for a few minutes as she thought about how to answer him.
 - (b) Where drums beat, laws are silent.
 - (c) As the curtain rose, the audience fell silent.
 - (d) Wise men are silent; fools talk.

VIII Answer ANY FOUR of the following five questions, in about 40-50 words each. 4x 3 = 12

- i. Lencho writes a letter to God for help. Who actually helps Lencho by giving money? (A Letter to God)
- ii. What does the poet want to convey through the poem 'Dust of Snow'? (Dust of Snow)
- iii. Anne believed that paper has more patience than people. Why?

(From the Diary of Anne Frank)

- iv. 'The Tale of Custard the Dragon' is a humorous ballad close to a parody. Elaborate.
(The Tale of Custard the Dragon)
- v. What justification did Lomov give to Natalya and Chubukov to prove that he is the rightful owner of Meadows?
(The Proposal)

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

- i. Why did Hari Singh decide to come back to Anil?
(The Thief's Story)
- ii. Why did Max swing a leg over the sill?
(The Midnight Visitor)
- iii. What lesson did Ebright learn when he did not win at the Science Fair?
(The Making of a Scientist)

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

- A. The Baker from Goa and an inhabitant of Coorg happen to meet each other and talk about their distinct traits that make them stand out and keep them shoulders above the rest. Write this conversation as per your understanding of Glimpses of India. You may begin like this:

Baker : Your attire and your appearance tell me that

Coorgi : Oh! _____.

(Glimpses of India)

OR

- B. "The feeling of Supreme power's existence gives relief and confidence." Elucidate, in context of the texts 'The Black Aeroplane' and 'For Anne Gregory'
(The Black Aeroplane and For Anne Gregory)

XI Answer ANY ONE of the following two questions, in about 100-120 words. 1 x 6=6

- A. Noodle hails Think-Tank as the most powerful and intelligent creature in the whole universe. Do you agree? Write your opinion for Think -Tank citing instances from the given text.
(The Book that Saved the Earth)

OR

- B. "Beauty is much more than being skin deep". Analyze this quote with reference to 'Bholi'.

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