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SAMPLE PAPER 2024-25

CLASS - X

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ENGLISH LANGUAGE & LITERATURE (184)

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General Instructions :

1. All questions are compulsory.
2. Attempt questions based on specific instructions for each part.

SECTION - A (Reading Skills)

- I. Read the passage given below : 1 × 10 = 10
1. Modern English is full of bad habits which is spread by imitation and which can be avoided if one is willing to take the necessary trouble. Language becomes ugly and inaccurate because our thoughts are foolish, but the solemnness of our language makes it easier for us to have foolish thoughts and ideas. Below are various means by which the work of good prose construction is habitually dodged.
 2. Dying metaphors are used because they save people from the trouble of inventing phrases for themselves. However, they have lost all evocative power. Examples are 'toe the line' and 'ride roughshod over'. Many of these are used without knowledge of their meaning and incompatible metaphors are frequently mixed. Some metaphors have been twisted out of their original meaning, without those who use them even being aware of the fact.
 3. Verbal false limbs save the trouble of picking out appropriate verbs and nouns. Characteristic phrases are 'render inoperative' and 'militate against'. In addition, noun constructions are used instead of gerunds (e.g., 'by examination of' instead of 'by examining').
 4. Pretentious diction is used to dress up a simple statement and give an air of scientific impartiality to biased judgements. Foreign words and expressions such as 'mutatis mutandis', 'status quo', and 'weltanschauung' are used to give an air of culture and elegance. There is no real need for any of the hundreds of foreign phrases now current in the English language. The result, in general, is an increase in solvenliness and vagueness.
 5. Meaningless words are abundant. The word 'fascism' has now no meaning except insofar as it signifies 'something not desirable'. The words 'democracy', 'freedom' and 'justice', each of them have several different meanings which cannot be reconciled with one another. In the case of a word like 'democracy', not only is there no agreed definition, but the attempt to make one is resisted from all sides. It is almost universally felt that when we call a country democratic we are praising it.
 6. Consequently, the defenders of every kind of regime claim that it is democracy and fear that they might have to stop using that word if it were tied down to any one meaning. Words of this kind are often used in a consciously dishonest way. The person who uses them has his own private definition, but allows his hearer to think he means something quite different.

On the basis of your understanding of the above passage, answer the following questions :

- (i) People use obsolete or old metaphors because _____ . (1)
- (a) they like using classical themes (b) they do not want to devise new metaphors
- (c) it is considered fashionable (d) it reflects their learning

- (ii) How do showy words make the language unclear? (2)
- (iii) Complete the sentence appropriately "Verbal false limbs' are expressions that (1)
- (a) are vague (b) do not give correct information
- (c) appear more important sounding (d) none of the above
- (iv) A problem observed in people using dying metaphors is that their meaning is changed from the original meaning. [True/False] (1)
- (v) Language becomes disagreeable and incorrect because _____ thoughts. (1)
- (vi) What is the difference between metaphor and dying metaphor. (2)
- (vii) Complete the following with a phrase from the paragraphs. (1)

Opinion	Reason
	The user allows his hearer to think he means something quite different.

- (viii) The word _____ used in paragraph 4 is an synonym of 'contemporary'? (1)
- (a) modern (b) current (c) pretentious (d) elegant

II Read the passage given below : 1 × 10 = 10

- India can really become a tourist's paradise on earth as we have so much to offer to visitors. No other country in the world possesses so much variety. The breathtaking beauty of the Himalayas, its valleys and rivers, the numerous wildlife sanctuaries dotted all over the country, our still unspoilt sea beaches with their palm fringes, our great temples and caves and historical monuments, our music and dance, our festivals and national celebrations, would attract any tourist in the world. They are all our potential foreign exchange earners.
- If we wish to earn more from our tourists, we must build up more infrastructure. The Government of India has intensified efforts to build more hotels in the country. Those in the hotel business are allowed to have foreign collaborations. Our hotels must offer such facilities as foreigners love: these are 24-hour service, swimming pools, tennis courts, club houses, massage centres, indoor and outdoor restaurants, playgrounds for children, dance floor with live music in season and so on. These would make for an exciting tour.
- The Government is also providing new and better facilities. It would do us good if certain irritants connected with customs formalities could also be removed.
- Tourism is everybody's business as all get benefit from it. Wealth flows from affluent countries to the less affluent. Within the country itself it moves from the developed areas to the less developed ones. It flows from the rich to the poor, thus producing a better distribution of wealth. Private agencies can do a lot to promote the tourist trade in this country. They can arrange group tours for foreigners on a large scale. Those selling goods to the tourists should not charge them higher rates. Even a humble taxi-driver can do something for tourism if he does not cheat a visitor.
- So let us give the tourist the facilities he is used to in his own country. If he goes home irritated and unhappy, he will surely discourage others from visiting our country. We will lose a friend, and also some foreign exchange. But if the tourist is satisfied with the facilities offered to him, what he tells his people back home will give publicity to us. Then others would also be tempted to come to our country when we say, "Welcome to India".

On the basis of your understanding of the above passage, answer the following questions :

- (i) Infer one reason for the following, based on information in Para (1) (1)
- "India can really become a tourist's paradise on earth as we have so much to offer to visitors."
- (ii) Select the appropriate option to fill in the blanks. (1)
- From paragraph 1, we can infer that "No other country in the world possesses so much _____ and _____"
- (iii) How can we enliven the slogan "Welcome to India"? (2)
- (iv) Complete the following analogy correctly with a word/phrase from paragraph (1) (1)
- River : Himalay : : _____ : Sanctuary

- (v) Tourists seek a holiday package with _____. (1)
 (a) a wholesome experience within the budget they have planned for
 (b) hotels with 24 hour services, swimming pools, tennis courts, club houses, massage centres, playgrounds for children etc.
 (c) fast effective services, affordable accommodation and touring services
 (d) grand facilities, 7 star hotels and excellent services
- (vi) List one reason why the researcher recommends that the formation of a tourism strategy in India be sustainable. (1)
- (vii) According to the writer, even a humble taxi driver can do something for tourism, if _____. (2)
- (viii) Substitute the word 'increased' with ONE WORD similar in meaning from Para (2) (1)

SECTION - B

(Writing Skills and Grammar)

III Complete any ten of twelve of the following questions, as directed. 1×10=10

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

Subject : Complaint about a damaged product received

Sir/Ma'am,

I purchased a black top from your online store. I _____ (receive) the product today, and I tried filing a return request as the size is smaller than the one I had ordered and the cloth is torn on the left side.

- (ii) Read the given sentence from an article. Identify the error and supply the correction in the sentence.

As we advance into the future, landmarks are sometimes unceremoniously destroyed by the tourist and the residents for their own selfish motives. Use the given format for your response.

Error	Correction

- (iii) Shreya asked for some information from the shopkeeper about the bike's price.

Report her question.

What is the price of this bike?

- (iv) Read the dialogue between Dilip and Rohan.

Dilip : Why do you ask me to keep quiet whenever I say something?

Rohan: Have you ever said anything sensible?

Select the correct option to complete the reporting of the above dialogue.

Dilip angrily asked Rohan why he asked him to keep quiet whenever he said something to which Rohan asked _____.

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

He went there so that he _____ (can/might/should) borrow some money.

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

I study Agriculture and Economics. In fact, Economics are my favourite subject.

Use the given format for your response.

Error	Correction

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

The princely states of Jammu and Kashmir triggered the first undeclared war with Pakistan.

Option	Error	Correction		Option	Error	Correction
(a)	triggered	triggers		(b)	states	state
(c)	the first	first		(d)	Pakistan	The Pakistan

- (viii) Complete the given narrative, by filling in the blank with the correct option.

She ___ very worried for the past few days but when I asked what the matter was but she said that it was nothing.

- (a) looked (b) had been looking (c) had looked (d) looks

- (ix) Report the dialogue between Dilip and Rohan to complete the following sentence.
 Dilip : I have been watching the sea and there hasn't been any trace of a ship.
 Rohan : I told you yesterday too that we'll be rescued, so have patience.
 Dillip said that he had been watching the sea and that there had not been any trace of a ship. Rohan replied that _____ that they would be rescued and asked him to have patience.

- (x) Fill in the blank by choosing the correct option to complete the following sentence.
 I _____ basketball quite well, but I haven't had time to practice it since I came to Mumbai.
 (a) will play (b) play (c) am playing (d) have played

- (xi) Complete the line from a song, by filling the blank with the correct option.

*When you are feeling down
 And all you _____ muster up is a frown
 That is the time to stop
 And count your blessings until you drop.*

- (a) can (b) would (c) shall (d) must

- (xii) Identify the error in an online advertisement.

Gerber Foods

Shimla

We knows the value of fruits and veggies.

Use the given format for your response.

Error	Correction

(Creative Writing Skills)

- IV 1. Attempt ANY ONE from A and B given below. 5 Marks

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 Karan/Neha Bajaj.

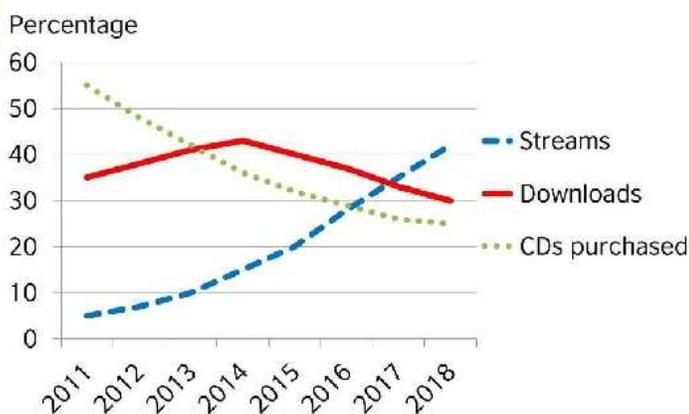
OR

B You are Madan/Shaina Ahuja, Purchasing Manager of Electra Trading Concern, North Avenue, New Delhi. Draft a suitable letter cancelling the order you have placed with your supplier, Sales Manager, Proton Electronics, Airport Road, New Delhi, because of the unusual delay in the delivery of goods. (100-120 words)

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

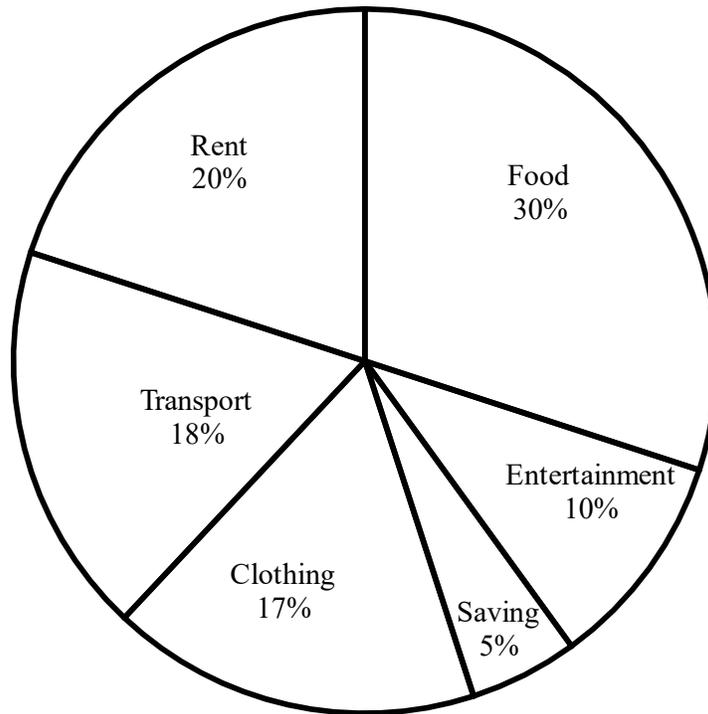
A The graph below shows how people buy music. Analyse the given data and write an analytical paragraph in 100 - 120 words.

Percentage of total music sales by method



Or

B The pie-chart shows the expenditure of Mehta family. Analyse the data in about 100 - 120 words.



SECTION - C
(Literature)

V. Reference to context.

I. Attempt ANYONE of two extracts given.

5 Marks

A. I can't figure it out, Captain, (holding up a book) I've counted two thousand of these peculiar items. This place must be some sort of storage barn. What do you think, Sergeant Oop?

- (i) Who is the speaker here? (1)
(a) Omega (b) Noodle (c) Iota (d) Think-Tank
- (ii) Iota was : (1)
(a) on Mars (b) in a spaceship (c) in a shop on earth (d) in a library on earth
- (iii) The synonym of 'peculiar' is: (1)
- (iv) Who planned to attack earth? Explain in 40 words. (2)

OR

B. She was standing on a little high hump on the plateau, her white breast thrust forward. Now and she tore at a piece of fish that lay at her feet and then scraped each side of her beak on the rock. The sight of the food maddened him. How he loved to tear the food that way, scraping his beak now and again whet it.

- (i) Who is 'she' here? (1)
- (ii) What was the seagull crying for? (2)
- (iii) Choose the option that lists the set of statements that are NOT TRUE according to the extract. (1)
1. She wanted to punish the seagull.
 2. She was being a strong mother.
 3. She took advantage to show off her skills.
 4. She drove the seagull to lose his temper.
 5. She was setting goals for him.
 6. She took time to stare and eat her food.
 7. She begged him to become independent.
- (a) 1, 3 and 4 (b) 1, 4 and 5 (c) 4, 5 and 6 (d) 3, 6 and 7

- (iv) Pick the option that correctly classifies fact/s (F) and opinion/s (O) of the students below. (1)
1. The mother seagull wanted him to shed his fear.
 2. The mother seagull wanted her youngest son to stay on the ledge.
 3. The mother seagull wanted him to be courageous.
 4. She wanted him to learn flying and hunt for himself.
- (a) F-1, 3, 4 and O-2 (b) F-1, 2, 4 and O-3 (c) F-2, 3, 4 and O-1 (d) F-1, 2, 3 and O-4

II. Attempt ANYONE of the two extracts given. 5 Marks

A. He should be lurking in shadow,
Sliding through long grass,
Near the water hole,
Where plump deer pass.

- (i) The fact that he is 'lurking in shadow' tells us that he is : (1)
- (a) in the cage (b) free (c) in his natural habitat (d) hungry
- (ii) In the given lines, the tiger is near the water hole because : (1)
- (a) he is thirsty (b) he is hiding (c) he is resting (d) he is waiting for his prey
- (iii) The stanza in context of the poem presents _____. (2)
- (iv) Which poetic device is used in the last line of the given extract? (1)
- (a) Personification (b) Alliteration (c) Metaphor (d) Repetition

OR

B. All night the roots work
to disengage themselves from the cracks
in the veranda floor.
The leaves strain toward the glass.
Small twigs stiff with exertion.

- (i) Why are the roots working all through the night?
- (a) They need water. (b) They are trying to come out of the earth cave.
(c) The tree has become old. (d) The tree was too tall to remain in the house.
- (ii) Which figures of speech has been used to describe the trees?
- (a) Personification (b) Simile (c) Oxymoron (d) Hyperbole
- (iii) Write the 'nearest synonym' of the word 'exertion'!
- (a) transaction (b) cessation (c) hard work (d) endeavors
- (iv) What is the central idea of the poem "The Trees"?

VI. Answer any four of the following in about 40 to 50 words each. 4×3=12

- (i) Why did Lencho not want the money to be sent through mail?
- (ii) Why did Custard cry for a nice safe cage? Why is the dragon called a cowardly dragon?
- (iii) How did an insignificant little thing like a diary become one of the most renowned discussions of the Holocaust victims?
- (iv) Which point starts a quarrel between Lomov and Natalya?
- (v) How has the poet observed 'nature' in the poem 'Dust of the Snow'?

VII. Answer any two of the following questions in about 40-50 words each? 2×3=6

- (i) How did the invisible man first become visible?
- (ii) In which queer way did Anil make a living?
- (iii) Why is Dr. Herriot tempted to keep Tricki on as a permanent guest?

VIII. Answer any one of the following in about 100-120 words?

1×6=6

A "Never mind, she said, 'I can get on by myself, you don't have to help me,' said Valli to the conductor. She shows extraordinary courage in making the bus journey all alone. Taking inspiration from Valli's character write how ability and courage to take risk are essential to fulfill one's dream.

OR

B Do you know the story of Rapunzel? Why does Amanda want to be Rapunzel?

IX. Answer any one of the following in 100-120 words.

1×6=6

A Horace was clever but the lady was cleverer. Do you agree with this statement? Justify your answer.

OR

B Discuss the role of Ebright's mother in making him a scientist.

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