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SAHODAYA PRE-BOARD EXAMINATION(2023-24)

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CLASS-X

ENGLISH LANGUAGE AND LITERATURE (Code No. 184)

Time Allowed: 3 Hours Maximum

Marks: 80

General Instructions:

1. This question paper is divided into three sections: A, B & C.

Section A: Reading 20 marks

Section B: Grammar & Writing 20 marks

Section C: Literature 40 marks

Separate instructions are given with each section and question, wherever necessary.

- 2. All questions of a particular section must be attempted in the correct order.
- *3. Do not exceed the prescribed word limit while answering the questions.*

SECTION A: READING SKILLS (20 marks)

Reading Comprehension Through Unseen Passages

(1) To make our life a meaningful one, we need to mind our thoughts, for of foundation, the inspiration and the motivating power of our deeds. We create of way we think. Our circumstances and conditions are not dictated by the woworld inside us that creates the outside. (2) Self-awareness comes from the mind, which means soul. Mind is the sum of consciousness grouped under thought, will and feeling. Besides self-consciousness grouped under thoughts, will and feeling. Besides self-consciousness grouped under thoughts, will and feeling. Besides self-consciousness grouped under thoughts, if our thoughts are pure and actions will follow the same. If our thoughts, are filled with jealousy, hatred an will be the same. (3) cally, however, thought or intent is more responsible and dynamic than an action able act, but if he does not think charitably and is doing the act just for the sake of oughts that will determine the result. Theosophy teaches us that every though, leaves a seed in the mind of the thinker. These small seeds together go to male and determine one's general character. Our thoughts affect the whole body, ated and sent out becomes independent of the brain and mind and will live to ding upon its intensity. (4) Trying to keep a thought from our mind can produce the very state we are trying alter our environment to create the mood. When, for instance, we are depourselves trying to think cheerful thoughts, we often do not succeed. But if we are cheerful, we can bring about a change in our mood and thoughts. Every the act we perform, creates in us an impression, like everything else, is subject becomes repe	10m
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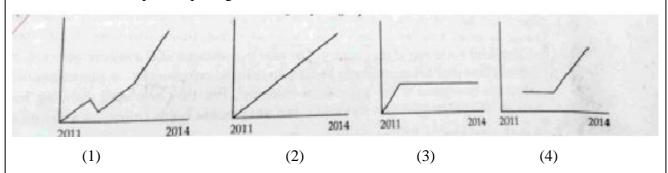
	Answer the following questions, based on the passage above.
i.	Which of the following statements best describes the author's attitude towards studying thoughts?
	A.Finds the process of thinking a tedious job that is too tiresome.
	B. Believes that the emotional struggle involved in thinking is not worth the effort.
	C. Recognizes the challenge of putting up right thought, but also acknowledges the reward it offers.
	D.Feels that thinking as a process is abstract and tough to handle for a mediocre.
ii.	What is the tone of the writer in the given lines from paragraph (1)? Rationalize your response in
	about 40 words.
	Our circumstances and conditions are not dictated by the world outside; it is the world inside us
	that creates the outside.
iii.	Complete the sentence appropriately:
	The author's use of vivid imagery in paragraph (3) such as 'small seeds together go to' and 'make
	up thought seed' and 'determine one's general character' greatly affects the reader
	because
iv.	The passage includes some words that are opposites of each other. From the given sets (a) - (e)
	below, identify two sets of antonyms.
	(a) Repetitive and rotating (b) gain and glory
	(c) dynamic and inactive (d) interdependent and dependent
	(e) depressed and cheerful
v.	Complete the sentence appropriately.
	We can say that the author's tone becomes more neutral and objective when discussing the effect
	of thought on body because
vi.	Based on the reading of the passage, examine in about 40 words how meaningful lives can be
	moulded by our minds.
vii.	What is the message conveyed by Lara's experience, in the following case?
	Lara spends hours trying to analyze her process of thinking and finally feels a great sense of relief,
	for once she understands it completely.
	A. Only those with a talent to analyze the thought process should engage with it.
	B. Keen interest to have a check on one's thoughts is itself a rewarding task
	C. Studying thoughts is very much a pleasure-seeking activity
	D. The efforts of examining the self are not worthy enough to work on
viii.	State whether the following lines display an example of a positive/negative/ complex/ neutral
	flow of thoughts.

	There is always a next day
	As things follow at bay
	The path is carved away
	With pebbles and petals on way
2	Read the following text.
(1)	The North East of India is a melting point of variegated cultural mosaic of people and races, an
(1)	ethnic tapestry of many hues and shades. Yet these states are lesser explored as compared to the rest
	of the country. The new generations of travellers who are 'money rich and time poor' are
	increasingly looking for unique experiences- a phenomenon being called the emergence of the
	'experience economy'. For this new and growing breed of tourists, the North -East with its variety
	and uniqueness, holds immense attraction.
(2)	A study conducted in 2020 by Dr Sherap Bhutia revealed that the foreign tourist arrival in the
	North-East increased from 37,380 persons in 2005 to 118,552 in 2014. The overall growth rate of
	tourists (both domestic and foreign) in the North-East was as high as 26.44% during 2005-06. A
	high and positive growth of 12.53% was registered in foreign tourist visits to North- East states of
	India during 2012 from 2011, which further rose to register a growth of 27.93% during 2013 from
	2012. Foreign tourist arrivals in the North -East witnessed a growth of 39.77% during 2014 from
	2013, according to data provided by the Ministry of Tourism, Government of India.
(3)	The study recommendations for tourist planners included the need to concentrate on some key areas
	like enhancement of tourist facilities, tourism financing, focus on community involvement and
	others, for the formulation of a sustainable tourism strategy in the North- East States of India.
	Answer the following questions, based on the passage above.
i.	Complete the following analogy correctly with a word/phrase from paragraph 1:
	Aroma: cooking:::painting.
	(clue :just like aroma is integral to cooking, similarly is/are integral to painting)
ii.	Fill in the blanks with the appropriate option from those given in brackets, based on your
	understanding of paragraph 1.
	The North-East with its variety and uniqueness is highly attractive, is a
	(fact/opinion)because it is (an objective detail/a subjective detail).
iii.	Justify the following in about 40 words:
	The rate of tourism in the North –East of India is puzzling.
iv.	Based on the survey results, what are the areas that tourism planners must address? Name any 2.

v. State any one inference that can be drawn from the following:

Researchers recommend the formulation of a sustainable tourism strategy in the North Indian States of India.

vi. Select the chart that appropriately represents the trend of foreign tourist visits in the North –East, from 2011-2014, as per the passage



- A. Option 1
- B. Option 2
- C. Option 3
- D. Option 4
- vii. Which of the following are the 2 main take aways as per the survey mentioned in the passage?
 - A. The North-East is the cradle of 'experience economy'.
 - B. The potential of North-East as a major tourist hub can be satisfactorily exploited if necessary steps are taken.
 - C. The study of Dr Sherap Bhutia undermines the tourist attraction potential of the North-East.
 - D. Tourist planners have failed to project the North-East as per its ability as a tourist hub.
- viii. Select the option that titles paragraph 1-3 appropriately, with reference to information in the text.
 - A.1. Full Speed Ahead!
- B. 1. Winds of Change
- 2. Ups and Downs

- 2. Numbers don't Lie
- 3. Causes for Concern
- 3. Time for Action

- C.1. Inspecting Trends
- D. 1. Cause and Effect
- 2. Statistically Speaking
- 2.Dynamic Data

3.Let's Investigate

3.Dependable Facts

SECTION – B: WRITING SKILLS & GRAMMAR (20 marks)

	GRAMMAR	10
3	Complete ANY TEN of twelve of the following tasks, as directed.	1x10
Ι	Fill in the blank by using the correct form of the word in the bracket, for the given	1
	portion of a letter.	
	Dear Sir	
	This is with reference to your query about our latest products. We are glad to inform	
	you that we (introduce) disappearing ink pens and refills in the market	
	this year.	
ii	Identify the error in the given sentence from an article on environment and supply the	1
	correction.	
	In hind sight, this have been resulting in environmental degradation, over-spilling of	
	landfills and more dangerously, a thoroughly careless mind-set in us.	
	Use the given format for your response	
	Error Correction	
iii	Bunny and Shelly had a conversation about participating in a swimming competition.	1
	Report the question asked by a surprised Shelley.	
	"Are you planning to participate in a swimming competition for beginners?"	
iv	Read the dialogue between Shabnam and her mentor, Sara, regarding her first job	1
	thatshe has recently joined.	
	Sara: What is your pay scale?	
	Shabnam: I was recruited in the pay scale of Rs. 18,000-25,000 but after the training,	
	the company will give me more.	
	When Sara asked Shabnam what her pay scale was, she replied that in	
	thepay scale of Rs. 18,000 – 25,000, but after the training, the company would give	
	her more.	
	A. she has been recruited	
	B. she had been recruited	
	C. she was recruited	
	D. she was being recruited	

V	Fill in the blank	by using the c	correct option:			1
	The good news	is that		volunteers dropped ou	t this month than	
	the last two.					
	A. fewer		B. less			
	C. few		D. man	у		
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	Avani Chaturvedi to train at Hyderabad Air force Academy and	
	completed her training at the age of 25.	
	A. has selected B. has been selected	
	C. had been selected D. was selected	
xi	Complete the line from a poem on medicines and doctors, by filling the blank with the	1
	correct option.	
	But for whom the rabbit	
	Kept on pounding medical herbs, I	
	Just could not guess.	
	Now the moon is	
	Swallowed by the toad and the light	
	leaving darkness all around;	
	A. had flickered out B. flickers out	
	C. have flickered out D. should flicker out	
Xii	Identify the error and supply the correction, for the following:	1
	Delhi Government	
	COVID-19 FAMILY FINANCIAL ASSISTANCE SCHEME	
	An assistance of ₹2,500/- per month will be given to families residing in Delhi, where any earning members have died due to COVID-19. You may use the format given as under.	
	Error Correction	

	WRITING	
	Note: All the details presented in the questions are imaginary and created for assessment purpose.	
4	Attempt ANY ONE from A and B given below.	5
A	You are a part of the audience in anelocution held in your school on 'Technology and	
	its effects on modern life'. This sets you thinking how the youth today misuses	
	technology. Write a letter to the Editor of a national daily in 100-120 words	
	highlighting the dangers of such misuse and how it can be controlled. Use the	
	following notes:	
	◆ □ Youth; easy prey to technology	
	◆ □ Effects on health if misused	

- ◆ □ Waste of money and time

5

A

OR

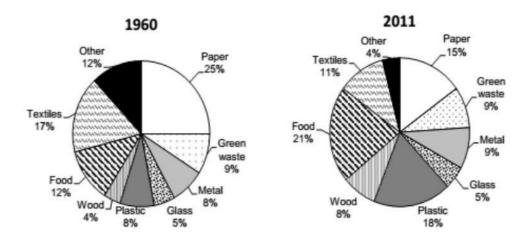
B You are Reena / Raju, a student of class X and resident of 56-D, Ring Road, ITO, New Delhi. You want to be a choreographer. Write a letter in about 100-120 words to the Director, National Institute of Choreography, Noida, UP seeking information about their online courses, admission procedure, eligibility criteria and other necessary details.

Attempt any one from A and B given below.

5

Given below are data for waste disposal from two years, 1960 and 2011. You have to read and interpret the graphical data of the pie charts and write an analytical paragraph in about 100-120 words. Compare, contrast, understand and explain the given information in your own words.

Waste disposal



OR

B ZOOS: FOR WHOSE ADVANTAGE

Zoos are created to keep animals safe from predators, harsh environment conditions, and to provide them with proper and adequate food and care. For animals that are rare or in danger of extinction, this is also a crucial part of action for the effort of conservation and protection. Nevertheless, as the animals kept in zoos easily lose their natural habits and instincts when separated from their natural habitat for too long, it's difficult for them to return to wildlife. And now-adays, the animals in zoos have become mere objects of human entertainment and

Write a paragraph in about 120 words analyzing the arguments surrounding relevance of zoos. You can think about what alternative explanations might weaken the given conclusion and include rationale/evidence that will strengthen/counter the given argument.

You may begin like this:

I believe zoos offer more solutions than problems/ I believe zoos offer more problems than solutions

You may end like this:

For these reasons, I believe that zoos are more helpful than problematic / I believe that zoos are more problematic than helpful.

SECTION C LITERATURE TEXTBOOK AND SUPPLEMENTARY READING TEXT (40 Marks)

6	Read the given extracts and answer the questions for ANY ONE of the two,	5		
	given.			
A	But Horace found that the flowers were hindering him in his work. He buried his face in his			
	handkerchief. Then he heard a voice say from the doorway, "What is it? A cold	or hay		
	fever?" Before he could think, Horace said, "Hay fever," and found himself sneezing	g again.		
	The voice went on, "You can cure it with a special treatment, you know, if you find	out just		
	what plant gives you the disease. I think you'd better see a doctor, if you're seriou	s about		
	your work. I heard you from the top of the house just now." (A Question of Trust)			
i	State any one inference about Danby from the given context:	1		
	But Horace found that the flowers were hindering him in his work.			
ii	State TRUE or FALSE: None of the options from (a) to (d) can be applied to the	1		
	given question or context.			
	Who asked Horace, "What is it? A cold or hay fever?"			
	(a) Probably, it was the mistress of the Grange.			
	(b) Maybe, it was another thief.			
	(c) It could have been the housekeeper of the Grange.			
	(d) In all probability, it was a neighbour keeping an eye on the Grange.			
iii	What advice did the lady give Horace regarding his hay fever? Was she really	2		
	interested in his health? Elaborate in about 40 words, with reference to the extract.			
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iv	Which phrase would correctly substitute 'buried' as given in the sentence?	1			
	He buried his face in his handkerchief.				
	OR				
В	"Our elders are often heard reminiscing nostalgically about those good old Portuguese				
	the Portuguese and their famous loaves of bread. Those eaters might have vanished	but the			
	makers are still there. We still have amongst us, the mixers, the moulders, and those wi	ho bake			
	the loaves. Those age-old, time-tested furnaces still exist. The fire in these furnaces have no yet been extinguished. The thud and jingle of traditional baker's bamboo, heralding his arriva				
	in the morning, can still be heard in some places. (Glimpses of India)				
i	Which of the following is NOT a reason why the elders are often heard	1			
	reminiscingnostalgically about those good old Portuguese days				
	A. Portuguese as well as their famous loaves of bread have vanished.				
	B. Those age-old, time-tested furnaces still exist.				
	C. The eaters have left but the makers are still there.				
	D. The thud and jingle of traditional baker's bamboo can still be heard in some				
	places				
ii	Why is it fair to say that the author's tone is confident, when he says "The fire in	2			
	these furnaces have not yet been extinguished"? Answer in about 40 words.				
iii	Read the following statements (a)-(c) and identify which one correctly corresponds to	1			
	the extract.				
	(a) Baking is not a profitable profession anymore.				
	(b) The mixers and the moulders no more provide evidence of the baker still existing				
	in Goan villages.				
	(c) Baking as a profession perished with the Portuguese leaving the place				
iv	If the loaves of bread had not been liked that much in the present time, what would	1			
	have been the condition of the bakers?				
7	Read the given extracts and answer the questions for ANY ONE of the two,	5			
	given.				
A	I am an orphan, roaming the street.				
	I pattern soft dust with my hushed, bare feet.				
	The silence is golden, the freedom is sweet.				
i	In what way does the language used in this poem convey the idea of internal	1			
	dialogue?				

ii	What is the significance of the use of the word 'freedom' to describe the desire of	2
	Amanda in the poem. How does this word choice contribute to the overall mood and	
	tone of the poem?	
iii	Complete the sentence with appropriate option.	1
	The lines from the poem tells us that Amanda is	
	A. despondent B. stress -free	
	C. ecstatic D. immature	
iv	Identify the poetic device used in the line, 'I am an orphan'.	1
	OR	
В	Belinda tickled him, she tickled him unmerciful.	
	Ink, Blink and Mustard, they rudely called him Percival,	
	They all sat laughing in the little red wagon	
	At the realio, trulio, cowardly dragon.	
i	In what way does the language used in the poem challenge traditional ideas of what	1
	poetry should be?	
ii	What is the significance of the use of the words 'realio', 'trulio' to describe Custard	2
	the Dragon in the poem?How do these words contribute to the overall mood and tone	
	of the poem? Answer in about 40 words.	
iii	Complete the sentence with the appropriate option.	1
	The lines from the poem tell us that Custard was by his family.	
	A. loved B. hated	
	C. encouraged D. ridiculed	
iv	Identify the poetic devices used in the above lines of the poem.(Any two)	1
8	Answer ANY FOUR of the following five questions, in about 40-50 words.	4x3=12
i	Justify the opinion that an unquestionable faith in the Divine is a gift only the sincere	3
	and hardworking possess. (A Letter to God)	
ii	How does W B Yeats's poem 'For Anne Gregory', challenge society's perception of	3
	a 'perfect woman'? (For Anne Gregory)	2
iii	Explain how the attitude of Nelson Mandela towards freedom gets reflected in the	3
	chapter Nelson Mandela: Long walk to Freedom.	
	Refer to the given lines from the text:	
	But then I slowly saw that not only was I not free, but my brothers and sisters were not free. I saw that it was not just my freedom that was curtailed, but the freedom of	
	everyone who looked like I did.	

iv	Courage is the first step towards discovering one's real potential. Elaborate.	3			
	(His First Flight: Two Stories about Flying)				
V	How does Leslie Norris in the poem, 'A Tiger in the Zoo' accuse humans of being	3			
	cruel to tigers?				
9	Answer ANY TWO of the following three questions, in about 40-50 words.	2x3=6			
i	How does Think Tank compare the Martians with the people on the Earth? What	3			
	guesses are made by him about the books found on earth?				
ii	How does the character of Mr. Loisel teach lessons to people around in running a	3			
	successful marital life?(The Necklace)				
iii	"Persistence can be a key factor to gain success in any field."Justify this statement in	3			
	the context of the example of Richard Ebright in 'The Making of a Scientist'.				
10	Answer ANY ONE of the following two questions, in about 100-120 words.	1x6=6			
A	After reading the story about Valli, you realize that she had such a small desire and de-	manded			
	nothing from her mother. After reflecting on this, you decide to write a diary entry	on how			
	you felt you have been unreasonable about the demands you have posed to your paren	ts. You			
	also realize that life is not all about materialistic possessions.				
	You may begin like this:				
	I feel I have learnt a lesson in life after reading about Valli. I feel ashamed for th	e way I			
	have been so demanding about the materialistic possessionscontinue.(Mada	m Rides			
	the bus)				
	OR				
В	"You Lomovs have had lunacy in your family, all of you". In the light of this statement by				
	Chubukov, develop a conversation between Natalya and her father, when she reminds	him of			
	the proposal that Lomov brought for her.				
	You may begin as:				
	Natalya: Papa, please what are you doing? He is here to ask for my hand in marriage	. Agree			
	with him on all that he says.				
	Chubukov: Dear Lord! How can I				
11	Answer ANY ONE of the following two questions, in about 100-120 words.	1x6=6			
A	You have been asked to prepare a speech on human behaviour, which comes w	vith the			
	complexity that sets humans apart from other species. More often than not, our percept	ion of a			
	person is proved wrong. Prepare a draft of the speech in 100–120 words by drawing similarities				
	between Horace Danby in 'A Question of Trust' and Ausable in 'The Midnight Visitor'.				

	You may begin as:	
	Good morning. Sometimes appearances can be deceptive	
OR		
В	A character arc is the transformation or development of a character throughout a story ar	nd
	refers to the changes a character undergoes as a result of their experiences, challenges ar	nd
	interactions with other characters.	
	In the light of the above information, trace the character arc of Bholi in K.A. Abbas' story	
	titled"Bholi" in about 120 words. (Bholi))