

SAMPLE PAPER 06
ENGLISH LANGUAGE AND LITERATURE (184)
CLASS-X EXAM 2024-25

Time Allowed : 3 Hrs.

Maximum Marks : 80

General Instructions :

Read the instructions very carefully and strictly follow them :

1. This question paper comprises 11 questions. All questions are compulsory.
 2. The Question Paper contains THREE sections -
Section A : Reading Skills
Section B : Grammar and Creative Writing Skills
Section C : Literature Textbook
 3. Attempt questions based on specific instructions for each part.
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SECTION A - READING SKILLS

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1. Read the following text.

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1. A 2021 report from UNICEF highlighted that approximately 100 million girls worldwide are at risk of child marriage in the coming decade. The COVID-19 pandemic has exacerbated this issue by causing “school closures, economic strain, service disruptions, pregnancies, and parental deaths,” which has left an additional 10 million girls vulnerable to the threat of child marriage.
2. In Rajasthan, civil society organizations are actively combating the practice of child marriage and empowering young girls. One such initiative, Naubat Baja, was launched on International Women’s Day in 2019. The campaign capitalizes on the widespread use of mobile phones, which have reached even the most remote areas of India, making it the preferred mode of communication for the youth, especially in regions with limited access to television or the internet.
3. The term “Naubat Baja” refers to an ancient ensemble of musical instruments used to capture people’s attention. In the digital age, Naubat Baja has evolved into a campaign that broadcasts messages against harmful traditions like child marriage and gender discrimination. Through Naubat Baja Missed Call Radio, a cloud-based telephone radio service in Rajasthan, messages against early marriage are spread. This initiative also addresses adolescent health, empowerment, and well-being. Volunteers and leaders of adolescent groups who help with the campaign are called champions.
4. Girls can call the Naubat Baja number and receive a callback, offering a 15-minute recorded session of free entertainment. This includes Hindi film songs, short stories, and audio dramas that focus on social issues, often using humor and satire. Additionally, job opportunity updates, general knowledge, and government welfare schemes are shared. The dramas deliver messages on topics such as child marriage, domestic violence, health, menstrual hygiene, gender equality, and financial awareness.

5. The programme is regularly updated and managed by UNFPA representatives. It is produced in studios by a team of researchers and content creators, who work alongside professional audio makers. The initiative is promoted through social media, graffiti, and awareness campaigns in both rural and urban areas, supported by volunteers, community leaders, Panchayats (local governing bodies), Anganwadi centers, and ASHA workers (community health workers).
6. Efforts are ongoing in Rajasthan to engage more partners, such as the Nehru Yuva Kendra Sangathan (NYKS), one of the world's largest youth networks, to help popularize Naubat Baja's messages. As these strategies take effect, countless ordinary girls will find the courage to dream of a better future.

Answer the following questions, based on the passage above.

- i. In paragraph 1, what factors have increased the vulnerability of girls to child marriage during the pandemic? 1
- ii. Complete the following with the correct option : 1
Naubat Baja uses mobile phones to :
(a) Connect girls to television programs about child marriage.
(b) Spread messages against harmful practices like child marriage and gender discrimination.
(paragraph 2)
- iii. How does Naubat Baja's Missed Call Radio service convey important messages to adolescent girls? 2
(paragraph 4)
- iv. Select the option that best reflects the meaning of "champions" in the context of Naubat Baja : 1
(a) Celebrities who promote the campaign in cities.
(b) Volunteers and adolescent leaders who help spread the campaign's message.
(paragraph 3)
- v. State whether the following statement is True or False. 1
Naubat Baja's content is created and distributed without any professional oversight or involvement.
(paragraph 5)
- vi. The writer mentions that Naubat Baja is promoted through various channels. 1
Which of the following is not one of those channels?
(A) Social media (B) Graffiti
(C) Printed newspapers (D) Awareness campaigns
(paragraph 5)
- vii. List any two topics covered by Naubat Baja's audio dramas that are aimed at educating adolescent girls. 2
(paragraph 4)

viii. Fill in the blank with the correct option : 1

The involvement of the Nehru Yuva Kendra Sangathan (NYKS) aims to :

- (A) Spread awareness about child marriage through television programs.
- (B) Encourage youth participation in popularizing Naubat Baja's messages.
- (C) Organize music festivals to promote Naubat Baja.
- (D) Provide financial aid to adolescents.

(paragraph 6)

2. Read the following text. 10

1. Urban green spaces, such as parks, gardens, and forests, are crucial for improving the quality of life in cities. These areas provide benefits like reducing air pollution, moderating urban temperatures, and offering recreational opportunities. Green spaces absorb approximately 40% more carbon dioxide than built-up areas, helping to mitigate the urban heat island effect, where cities can be 5-7°C warmer than nearby rural areas.
2. Research shows that urban green spaces positively impact mental and physical health. People who live within 1 kilometer of a green space have a 15% lower risk of mental health issues like anxiety and depression. Additionally, access to parks promotes physical activity, reducing the risk of chronic diseases such as obesity and cardiovascular disorders.
3. Despite their importance, many cities are losing green spaces due to rapid urbanization. Over the past 20 years, cities globally have experienced a 30% decrease in available public green areas, largely because of construction and development pressures.
4. Urban planners are increasingly working to address this issue by implementing initiatives to protect existing green spaces and create new ones. These include vertical gardens, rooftop parks, and the development of green corridors. Cities that prioritize these solutions have seen improvements in air quality and overall public health.
5. Experts emphasize the need for sustainable urban planning to ensure future cities remain livable. By maintaining and expanding green spaces, cities can better cope with the challenges posed by climate change, air pollution, and population growth.

Answer the following questions, based on the passage above.

i. What percentage of carbon dioxide do green spaces absorb more than built-up areas, as mentioned in paragraph 1? 1

- (A) 20%
- (B) 30%
- (C) 40%
- (D) 50%

ii. Select the option that is true for the assertion and reason given below : 1

Assertion : Green spaces help reduce the risk of chronic diseases.

Reason : Access to parks and natural areas encourages physical activity, improving overall health.

- (A) Both the assertion and reason are true, and the reason is the correct explanation of the assertion.
- (B) Both the assertion and reason are true, but the reason is not the correct explanation of the assertion.
- (C) The assertion is true, but the reason is false.
- (D) The assertion is false, but the reason is true.

- iii. What percentage decrease in public green areas have cities experienced globally over the past 20 years, as mentioned in the passage? 1
- iv. According to the passage, what are two major benefits of urban green spaces? 1
- v. Read the given prompt and select the correct option in the brackets to fill in the blank : 1
Many cities are implementing creative solutions to restore urban green areas and counter the impacts of urbanization.
The percentage of carbon dioxide absorbed more by green spaces compared to built-up areas is _____ (20% / 30% / 40%).
- vi. What are some of the methods mentioned in the passage that urban planners are using to protect and expand green spaces? 1
- vii. Complete the sentence suitably. 1
Urban green spaces help promote public health by _____.
- viii. Complete the following with a suitable reason : 1
Urban planners emphasize the importance of green spaces because _____.
- ix. In the context of paragraph 5, why is sustainable urban planning essential for the future of cities? 2

SECTION B - WRITING SKILLS & GRAMMAR**20****GRAMMAR****10**

- 3. Complete ANY TEN of twelve of the following tasks, as directed.**
- i. Fill in the blank by choosing the correct option to complete the sentence.
This time tomorrow, I _____ on the beaches of Hawaii away from the noise of civilisation.
(A) will lie (B) will be lying
(C) will be lying (D) would have lied
- ii. Read the conversation between two friends. Complete the sentence by reporting their conversation.
Herman said : 'If I were a king, I would travel all over the world!'
Pulkit said : 'You are just day dreaming, my friend.'
Herman said that if he had been a king, he would travel all over the world. Pulikt, on hearing his friend commented that _____.
- iii. Select the correct option to fill in the blank for the given line, from an environmental magazine.
Over the past thirty years or so the quality of many people's lives _____ in some respect because of technological progress.
(A) had worsened (B) have suffered
(C) has deteriorated (D) was worse

- iv. Select the option that identifies the error and supplies the correction for the following line, from a short ghost story :

So who helped me to arrive there safely without a compass or a radio, but without any more fuel in my tanks?

Option No.	Error	Correction
(A)	who	whom
(B)	a	the
(C)	but	and
(D)	tank	tanks

- v. Complete the given narrative, by filling in the blank with the correct option.
Worse still, much of our building effort _____ into the construction of more and more large office blocks at the expense of much needed housing for the growing urban population.

- (A) has been channelled
(B) have been channelled
(C) are channelled
(D) were channelled

- vi. Fill in the blank by using the correct form of the word in the bracket, for the given portion of a letter.

Through the columns of your reputable newspaper, I wish _____ the people aware of the growing need for alternate sources of energy and the advantages of solar power.

- vii. Report the dialogue between a, by completing the sentence.

“Let us go and look at the school ground,” said the sports teacher.

“Are we going to play the final match today?” asked the students.

When the sports teacher invited the students to have a look at the school ground, they asked him _____.

- viii. Identify the error in the given sentence, from a school magazine report and supply the correction.

The weather was too risky for neither any movement in the sky or on land.

Use the given format for your response.

Error	Correction

- ix. Report the following dialogue between a parent and a child watching an eclipse.

Child : Let us go out and see the solar eclipse.

Parent : Don't look directly at the sun. Wear your tinted glasses.

A child suggested his parent that they should go out and see the solar eclipse. The parent advised him _____ and _____.

- x. Identify the error in the given sentence and supply the correction.
I left my purse at home. should you lend me 'a hundred bucks'?

Use the given format for your response.

Error	Correction

- xi. Select the correct option to complete the narration of the dialogue.
I said, 'I am not going to school.'
Mother said, 'OK, finish all the household chores today and I will rest.'
When I told mother that _____, she told me to finish all the household chores and that _____ rest.
(A) I am not going to school, she would
(B) I was not going to school, she would
(C) I will not be going to school, she will
(D) I shall not be going to school, she planned to

- xii. Identify the error on a signboard in a parking lot and supply the correction :
Please pay your parking fee before existing.

Use the given format for your response.

Error	Correction

WRITING

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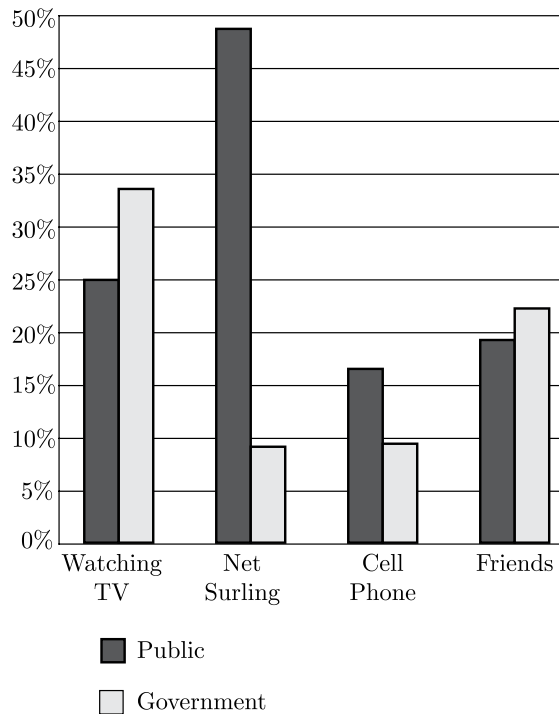
Note : All details presented in the questions in writing section are imaginary and created for assessment purpose.

- 4A. Though there is a movement like 'Sam Shiksha Abhiyan' and enrolling of underprivileged children in schools, there are still many children, who do not go to school, rather have never seen a school. It is indeed disturbing. You decide to write a letter to the Editor of a newspaper expressing your views and the steps to be taken. Write the letter in about 120 words. Sign yourself as Siddharth Singh.



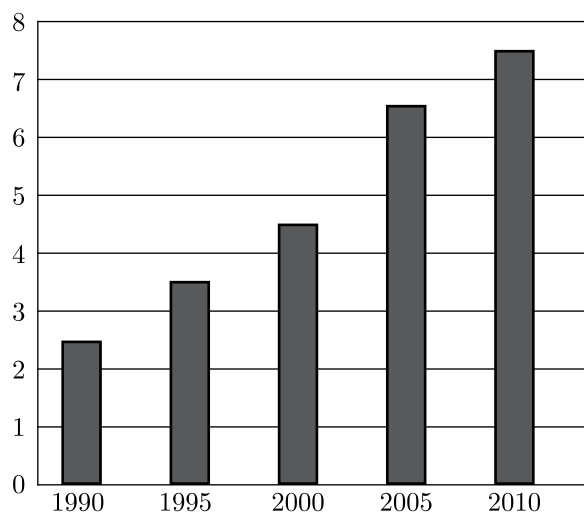
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- 4B.** Write a letter to the Editor of an English daily in about 120 word, making a plea to the common people to switch over to solar energy to conserve electricity and limit electricity bills. You are Divyansh of 147, Mayur Vihar-I.
- 5A.** Study the chart given below, which is the result of the survey conducted in the public schools and government schools of Delhi. This depicts the types of activities the teenagers (Age 13-19 years) are involved during their leisure time. Write an analytical paragraph in about 120 words.



OR

- 5B.** The following data in the form of histogram shows that death due to violence has increased considerably during recent years. Write an analytical paragraph in about 120 words on how educated youth can play a major role in establishing peace in society.



SECTION C - LITERATURE TEXTBOOK**40****6. Read the given extracts and answer ANY ONE of the two questions given below 5**

- 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 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 serious 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. But Horace found that the flowers were hindering him in his work.

- ii.** What effect does the interaction, as described in the lines below, have on Horace?
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?"

Choose the most suitable option.

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| (A) surprises | (B) embarrasses |
| (C) motivates | (D) confuses |

- iii.** What advice did the lady give Horace regarding his hay fever? Was she really interested in his health? Elaborate in about 40 words, with reference to the extract.

- iv.** Which phrase would correctly substitute 'buried' as given in the extract?
He buried his face in his handkerchief

- B.** "Now we're really going to get some water, woman." The woman who was preparing supper, replied, "Yes, God willing". The older boys were working in the field, while the smaller ones were playing near the house until the woman called to them all, "Come for dinner". It was during the meal that, just as Lencho had predicted, big drops of rain began to fall. In the north-east, huge mountains of clouds could be seen approaching. The air was fresh and sweet. The man went out for no other reason than to have the pleasure of feeling the rain on his body, and when he returned, he exclaimed, "These aren't raindrops falling from the sky, they are new coins. The big drops are ten cent pieces and the little ones are fives."

(A Letter to God)

- i.** "These aren't raindrops falling from the sky, they are new coins. The big drops are ten cent pieces and the little ones are fives."

In which of the following examples has the same figure of speech been used to describe raindrops in the above lines?

- (A) She looked as fresh as morning dew.
(B) Waves heaved heavily.
(C) Glow worms are tiny lights floating around in the forest.
(D) Break, break, break On thy cold gray stones, O Sea!

- ii. How does Lencho's mood progress along with the progress of the rain? Answer in about 40 words.
- iii. Fill in the blank with the correct word from the bracket.
The word 'coins' in the line "These aren't raindrops falling from the sky, they are new coins" indicates that Lencho viewed the rain as a symbol of _____ (wealth/destruction).
- iv. In the statement, 'The man went out for no other reason than to have the pleasure of feeling the rain on his body' use one word to replace the underlined part of the sentence.

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

- A. Some say that the world will end in fire,
Some say in ice.
From what I've tasted of desire
I hold with those who favour fire.
But if it had to perish twice,
I think I know enough of hate
to say that for destruction ice
is also great
and would suffice.

(Fire and Ice)

- i. Fill the blank with one word.
According to the poet, fire refers to violent desires passion and _____.
- ii. What does the poet wants to convey through the poem?
- iii. Identify the most likely tone of the poet in the given lines :
'to say that for destruction ice is also great'
(A) Sarcastic (B) Humorous
(C) Optimistic (D) Encouraging
- iv. How does Robert Frost caution the common man? Answer in about 40 words.

- 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
long-cramped boughs shuffling under the roof
like newly discharged patients
half-dazed, moving
to the clinic doors.

(The Trees)

- i. In what way does the language used in this extract challenge traditional ideas of what poetry should be?
- ii. What is the significance of the use of the word 'roots' and 'disengage' to describe the social change in the poem and how does this word choice contribute to the overall mood and tone of the poem? Answer in about 40 words.
- iii. The leaves strain through the glass, small twigs are stiff with exertion and long-cramped boughs are shuffling under the roof- all indicate the presence of these poetic devices:
(A) metaphors and imagery. (B) enjambment and allusion.
(C) allusion and alliteration. (D) personification and imagery.
- iv. Complete the following suitably.
The words 'in the veranda floor' clearly suggest that the change is taking place _____ and _____.

8. Answer ANY FOUR of the following five questions, in about 40-50 words. $4 \times 3 = 12$

- i. Who invites the comment-'he is dressed like a Pader'? Why?
(Glimpses of India)
- ii. Why does the postmaster send money to Lencho? Why does he sign the letter 'God'?
(A Letter to God)
- iii. How was Amanda behaving when the poem starts? What did the speaker ask her not to do?
(Amanda!)
- iv. How does the fog spread over the harbour and the city?
(Fog)
- v. What was Lomov's opinion about Squeezer?
(The Proposal)

9. Answer ANY TWO of the following three questions, in about 40-50 words. $2 \times 3 = 6$

- i. How did Monsieur Loisel manage to buy another necklace?
(The Necklace)
- ii. How was Ebright as a student in the school?
(The Making of a Scientist)
- iii. Why was Bholi's Father worried about her?
(Bholi)

10. Answer ANY ONE of the following two questions, in about 100-120 words. 6

- i. Amanda is totally distraught by her mother's behaviour. She wants to leave everything and go to her own world. Then she happens to meet Anne and the latter tries to tell how parents always worried about their children's behaviour. Prepare a set of dialogues between Amanda and Anne based on the poem 'Amanda!' and 'The Diary of Anne Frank'. You may begin like this :

Amanda : I hate every one at home. How can they pester a child so much.

Anne : Amanda, How can you even think like that. _____.

- ii. "The message conveyed in the chapter The Sermon at Benaras, People must understand that thinking about bound situations will increase one's stress and lead to sorrow was diligently followed by the pilot in The Black Aeroplane as he religiously followed the plane and did not raise a question on its presence. If you had to use the message with reference to both the chapters how will you elaborate it? Also, how it is relevant to both.

11. Answer ANY ONE of the following two questions, in about 100-120 words. 6

- i. "Once bitten twice shy." Do you think Horace would ever be able to believe any one ever in his life? Comment.

(A Question of Trust)

- ii. Curiosity and motivation are the basic foundation for becoming a successful scientist. These qualities have brought the best out of Ebright. Comment.

(The Making of a Scientist)

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