

SAMPLE QUESTION PAPER - 4
English Language and Literature (184)
Class X (2024-25)

Time Allowed: 3 hours

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 -
 - o Section - A : Reading Skills
 - o Section - B : Grammar and Creative Writing Skills
 - o Section - C : Literature Text Book
3. Attempt questions based on specific instructions for each part.

Section A - Reading Skills

1. Read the passage given below:

[10]

1. Hiking is a great source of pleasure to us besides being beneficial for health. Once we leave the crowded streets of a city and go out for a walking tour away from the mad world, we really feel free. The open air has a bracing effect on the mind. The congestion of the city, the uproar and tumult, the intolerable noise of traffic, the hectic daily routine, all these are forgotten and the mind is at ease. We then feel like running, leaping, singing and laughing. We travel merrily mile after mile in the company of friends and associates.
2. Hiking takes us in the midst of nature. The sight of waterfalls, flowers, streams, trees and bushes is pleasing. A connect is established between us and nature. Various sounds of nature, like the murmur of a brook or the song of a bird, acquire a new meaning and significance to us.
3. You enjoy the beauty of nature. Minute observations like a snake casting its slough, a mouse peeping out of its hole, a squirrel leaping about on the branches of a tree, a bird flying past us, all these are noticed and they arouse our interest. We have no business worries, no fear of the examination, no anxiety about the home. We have leisure to stand, to walk and talk. It is more thrilling and pleasurable to hike in a mountainous region than in the plains. The excitement of climbing up to the top of a hill, the adventure of coming down a

slope, the grandeur of sunset behind a mountain - All these sights lend a rare charm and interest to our journey.

4. We walk along a zigzag motor road or cut across a mountain path in search of adventure. We may have bright sunny weather or might get caught in a shower of rain. We may look below us into the yawning chasm or up at the mountain peak. The feeling of unlimited freedom makes our hearts leap with joy.
5. Hiking is one of the healthiest sports. It ensures a complete escape from the urgent and busy activities of life and therefore gives solace to our brain. It regains its lost energy and is able to do twice as much work as before.
6. The fresh air, beautiful mountains, majestic trees, chirping sound of birds make one's mind and soul at peace with nature.

Based on your understanding of the passage, answer the questions below:

(10)

- i. (i) Based on the reading and understanding of the above passage, list 2 reasons why hiking is considered beneficial. (1)
 - (a) _____
 - (b) _____
- ii. Select the option that corresponds to the meaning of the following sentence from paragraph 1: (1)

"The open air has a bracing effect on the mind."

 - (a) Fresh air causes discomfort and unease.
 - (b) The fresh air refreshes and strengthens the mind.
 - (c) Open air leads to congestion in the mind.
 - (d) The open air reduces physical strength.
- iii. Based on your reading of the passage, examine in about 40 words how hiking connects us with nature. (2)
- iv. What is the tone of the writer in the given line from paragraph 3? Rationalize your response in about 40 words: (2)

"It is more thrilling and pleasurable to hike in a mountainous region than in the plains."
- v. The phrase 'yawning chasm' in paragraph 4 refers to: (1)
 - (a) a wide and deep gap
 - (b) a narrow and shallow gap
 - (c) a bridge connecting two areas
 - (d) a small and safe path

vi. In sets a-e below, identify two sets of synonyms: (1)

- a. hectic and calm
- b. solitude and peace
- c. bracing and refreshing
- d. adventure and monotony
- e. charm and allure

Options:

- a. c and e
- b. a and d
- c. b and c
- d. b and e

vii. Complete the sentence appropriately: (1)

Hiking is thrilling because it involves _____.

viii. Complete the following sentence: (1)

The fresh air and beautiful scenery during a hike _____.

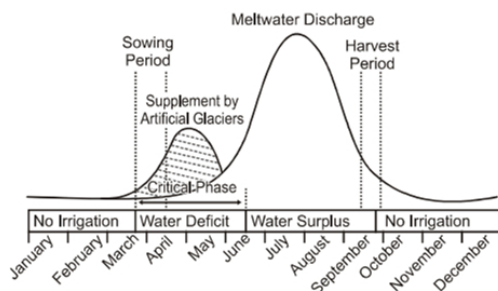
2. **Read the extract given below:**

[10]

1. Necessity is indeed the mother of invention. When areas in and around Leh began to experience water shortages, life didn't grind to a halt. Why? Because a retired civil engineer in the Jammu and Kashmir Government came up with the idea of artificial glaciers.
2. Ladakh, a cold desert at an altitude of 3,000-3,500 meters above sea level, has a low average annual rainfall rate of 50 mm . Glaciers have always been the only source of water. Agriculture is completely dependent on glacier melt, unlike the rest of river/monsoon-fed India. But over the years, with increasing effects of climate change, rainfall and snowfall patterns have been changing, resulting in severe shortage and drought situations. Given the extreme winter conditions, the window for farming is usually limited to one harvest season.
3. It is located between the natural glacier above and the village below. The one closer to the village and lowest in altitude melts first, providing water during April-May, the crucial sowing season. Further, layers of ice above melt with the increasing temperature, thus ensuring continuous supply to the fields. Therefore, farmers have been able to manage two crops instead of one. It costs about 1,50,000 and above to create a glacier.
4. Fondly called the glacier man, he has designed over 15 artificial glaciers in and around Leh since 1987. In recognition of his pioneering effort, he was

conferred the Padma Shri by The President of India.

5. There are a few basic steps followed while creating an artificial glacier. River or stream water at high altitude is diverted to a shaded area of the hill, facing north, where the winter sun is blocked by a ridge or a mountain range. At the start of winter i.e., in November, the diverted water is made to flow on sloping hills facing distribution channels. Stone embankments are built at regular intervals which impede the flow of water, making shallow pools which freeze, forming a cascade of ice along the slope. Ice formation continues for 3-4 months resulting in a large accumulation of ice which is referred to as an 'artificial glacier'.



Based on your understanding of the extract, answer the questions below: (10)

- i. Infer one reason for the following, based on information in paragraph 1. (1)
Areas in and around Leh began to experience water shortage but life didn't grind to a halt.
- ii. Select from the passage the appropriate option to fill in the blanks: (1)
Agriculture is completely dependent on _____ unlike the rest of river/monsoon-fed India.
 - a. rainfall pattern
 - b. climate change
 - c. glaciers melt
 - d. extreme winter conditions
- iii. Write any two steps followed while creating the glaciers. (2)
- iv. List two reason why artificial glaciers seem the best option. (2)
- v. Complete the following analogy correctly with a word/phrase from paragraph 3: (1)
icing: cake:: layers: _____
- vi. Select the correct option to complete the following sentence: At the start of winter the diverted water is made to flow _____. (1)
 - a. on sloping hills facing distribution channels.

- b. on high altitude.
- c. on ice-cold water level.
- d. on mountain range.

vii. Fill in the blank by selecting from the passage the correct option: **(1)**

The _____ have been the only source of water in areas in and around Ladakh.

- a. glaciers
- b. rivers
- c. streams
- d. water springs

viii. The word 'located' in paragraph 3 means _____. **(1)**

SECTION B GRAMMAR

3. Complete ANY TEN of twelve of the following tasks, as directed **[10]**

(i) Fill in the blank by using the correct form of the word in the bracket, for the given portion of a letter: **[1]**

Since you have been found guilty of _____ (deliver) poor results for six months at a stretch, we are issuing this warning letter to warn you.

(ii) Identify the error and supply correction for the following note in an environmental study: **[1]**

The study examines the relation of carbon emissions and global warming. Use the given format for your response:

| Error | Correction |
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(iii) Report the dialogue between two friends by completing the sentence. **[1]**

Rahul: Saheb, what did you like most about your visit to the village?

Saheb: The sense of joy in the simple things of life.

In response to the question about what he liked about his visit to the village, Saheb says _____.

(iv) Read the dialogue between Manish and his father, regarding Manish's cricket coaching. **[1]**

Father: Did you get a new coach in the academy to train you?

Manish: Yes, the new coach is very motivating and pushes us to perform better.

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

Manish's father asked him _____.

Manish answered in the affirmative and added that the new coach was very motivating and pushed them to perform better.

- a) if he is getting a new coach in the academy to train him. b) whether he got a new coach to train him.
c) whether he gets a new coach in the academy to train him. d) if he got a new coach in the academy to train him.

(v) Fill in the blank by choosing the correct option. [1]

Both players in the tennis match have been warned by the referee but _____ (either / neither / every) of them seems to take it seriously.

(vi) Identify the error in the given sentence, from a report from the News for Kids site and supply the correction. [1]

Bee bus stops are a small step toward supporting important pollinate insects. Use the given format for your response.

| error | correction |
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(vii) Identify the error and supply the correction. [1]

Both the boys had got a scolding but either of them paid heed. Use the given format for your response.

| Error | Correction |
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(viii) It seems that somebody _____ to my father before the meeting, complaining that I _____ late for school four times last week. [1]

- a) writes / was b) wrote / would be
c) had written / was d) has written / have been

(ix) Ritu met Anita and saw her crying. [1]

Report Ritu's question.

Ritu: **Anita, what is the matter?**

(x) He said to the interviewer, "Could you please repeat the question?" [1]

Reported speech: _____

- a) He requested the interviewer if he could please repeat the b) He requested the interviewer if he could repeat the

question.

question.

c) He requested the interviewer to repeat the question.

d) He requested the interviewer to please repeat the question.

- (xi) Complete the line from a self-awareness song, by filling the blank with the correct option. [1]

Long, Long afterward in an oak
I _____ the arrow still unbroke,

- A. found
- B. find
- C. finds
- D. am finding

- (xii) Identify the error and supply the correction, for the following: [1]

Delhi Haat, INA, New Delhi
ENCHANTING LADAKH 2021
The exhibition-cum-sale showcasing the arts, crafts and looms of Ladakh by the artisans and craftspeople of Kargil and Leh.

Use the given format for your response.

| error | correction |
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SECTION B CREATIVE WRITING SKILLS

4. The condition of the public park in your locality is miserable. Write a letter to the editor of a local newspaper with the help of the points given below. You are Ranjit/Reshma. [5]

- Poorly managed parks
- Heaps of garbage everywhere
- Boundary wall is broken
- Very dirty animals resting there

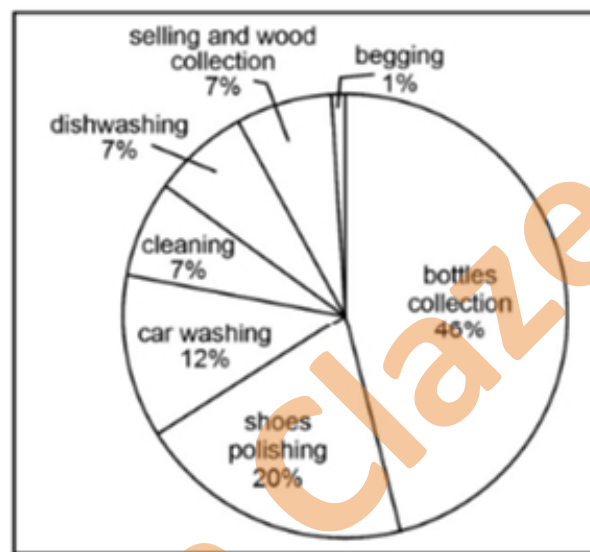
OR

You are Ram/Rani of B-107, Fateh Nagar, New Delhi. The government has banned single-use plastic in the country. You feel that the government has taken a right step towards the improvement of environment and if implemented sincerely at all levels, it

can produce a great change. Write a letter in 100 - 150 words to the editor of a local newspaper expressing your views on the use of plastics.

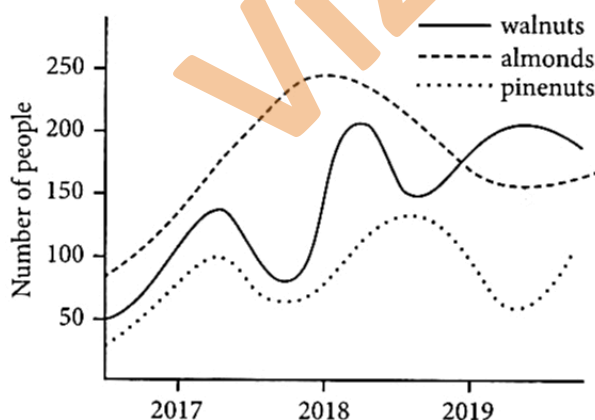
5. Many out-of-school children are employed in various odd jobs in India. Child labour deprives children of their right to go to school and reinforces intergenerational cycles of poverty. Based on the data given below in the pie chart, write an analytical paragraph, in about 120 words, analyzing the situation and probable reasons that lead children to become a part of the child labour force. [5]

CHILD LABOUR IN INDIA



OR

The given graph shows the increment in consumption of nuts over a period of three years. Write an analytical paragraph based on the given information.



SECTION C - LITERATURE

6. Read the given extracts and answer the questions for ANY ONE of the two, given. [5]
- (i) Read the extract given below and answer the questions that follow: [5]
- Ausable was, for one thing, fat. Very fat. And then there was his accent. Though

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

i. Who is 'you' here? (1)

- a. Fowler
- b. Ausable
- c. Waiter
- d. Max

ii. How is Ausable different from other secret agents? (2)

iii. 'You' believed that Ausable was _____. (1)

iv. It can be inferred from the extract that a secret agent is expected to be (1)

- 1) fit.
 - 2) compassionate.
 - 3) apologetic.
 - 4) suave.
 - 5) violent.
- a. Option 1, 3 & 5
 - b. Option 1 & 4
 - c. Option 2 ,4 & 5
 - d. Option 2 & 3

(ii) Read the passage given below and answer the questions that follow:

[5]

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."

i. Why did Lencho go out in the rain? Answer in about 40 words. (2)

ii. State TRUE or FALSE. None of the terms (a)-(d) below, can be a true reference to the following statement 'Lencho compared the rain drops to new coins.' (1)

- a. Lencho enjoys rainfall as it provides a pleasant weather to his family.
- b. The raindrops help him to grow and harvest the crops, which results in more prosperity.

c. They reflect light and have a shiny appearance, especially when they are freshly fallen.

d. Lencho depends on rain for farming.

iii. Which phrase/word would correctly substitute 'huge' in the given sentence from the extract.

'In the north-east huge mountains of clouds could be seen approaching.' (1)

iv. State any one inference about Lencho from the given context: (1)

"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."

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

(i) Read the lines given below and answer the questions that follow: [5]

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.

i. Choose the correct option that mentions the correct poetic device against the correct example. (1)

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| (1) | Simile | Long cramped boughs |
| | Metaphor | Like newly discharged patients |
| (2) | Personification | Small twigs stiff with exertion |
| | Simile | Like newly discharged patients |
| (3) | Refrain | Under the roof |
| | Simile | Leaves strain toward the glass |
| (4) | Personification | Like newly discharged patients |
| | Refrain | Half-dazed, moving |

A. Option (1)

B. Option (2)

C. Option (3)

D. Option (4)

ii. Why do the leaves strain towards the glass? (1)

iii. Comment on the work done by trees according to the poet. (1)

iv. The poet compares the trees to “newly discharged patients”. Highlight any two reasons for the same. (2)

(ii) Read the extract given below and answer the questions that follow: [5]

Belinda paled, and she cried Help! Help!

But Mustard fled with a terrified yelp,

Ink trickled down to the bottom of the household,

And little mouse Blink strategically mousehold.

i. Pick an option that best fits the usage of the word 'trickled' as used in the extract. (1)

a. The water trickled down the tap and filled the trough.

b. Students trickled into the classroom as the teacher entered.

c. Tears trickled down her cheeks as she heard the sad news.

d. His enthusiasm for the task slowly trickled away.

ii. Where did Blink hide himself? (1)

iii. Fill in the blank with one word which means the same as 'ran away'
_____. (1)

iv. Comment on the humour used in these lines. (2)

8. Answer ANY FOUR of the following five questions, in about 40-50 words [12]

(i) Why did the children become excited to see the baker? What did they do then? [3]

(ii) How does the poem point to the cruelty of animals in captivity? Answer in the context of the poem **A Tiger in the Zoo**. [3]

(iii) What does Lomov think when he is alone? [3]

(iv) What did Anne Frank write in the third essay? [3]

(v) What do you think would be enough to destroy the world? Can Fire and Ice contribute to it? [3]

9. **Answer ANY TWO of the following three questions, in about 40-50 words.** [6]
- (i) What kind of a person do you think the narrator of 'A Triumph of Surgery', a veterinary surgeon, is? Would you say he is tactful as well as full of common sense? [3]
- (ii) Bholi had many apprehensions about going to school. What made her feel that she was going to a better place than her home? [3]
- (iii) What did Griffin tell Mrs. Hall about his uncommon appearance? [3]
10. **Answer ANY ONE of the following two questions, in about 100-120 words** [6]
- (i) The young seagull's parents wanted him to fly, like his brothers and sister. How could the young seagull's newly flying siblings (Brother 1, Brother 2 and Sister) have motivated him? Write a brief conversation among them. [6]
- (ii) After having read the lesson on the oppression that communities faced in South Africa, you were deeply hurt. You could also relate to the struggles and hardships of millions of Indians who fought against the oppressive British rule. Write a diary entry expressing your feelings about oppression faced by people in their homeland. You may begin like this: [6]
- 24 August 20XX,
Monday 9:00 pm My heart is filled with sadness as I think of the oppressed who had to tolerate the inhuman attitude of the oppressors in their own land ...
11. **Answer ANY ONE of the following two questions, in about 100-120 words.** [6]
- (i) One of your friends has to attend a class party at his/her school and wants to purchase the most expensive clothes and shows. He/She feels that this would make him/her stand out in the crowd. [6]
- You receive a call from your friend seeking advice on this matter. Write down that telephonic conversation between your friend and yourself.
- You may begin this way:
- Friend:** Hey, I want an honest opinion from you. Will you please help me?
You: ...
Friend: So, there's this class party I have to attend. It's a big deal!
You: ...
- Answer in the context of the lesson **The Necklace**.
- (ii) What does he get from Anil in return for his work? (**The Thief's Story**) [6]

Solution
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Section A - Reading Skills

1.
 - i. (a) It provides a sense of freedom and relief from the congestion and noise of city life.
(b) It connects us with nature, allowing us to observe and appreciate the beauty around us.
 - ii. (b) The fresh air refreshes and strengthens the mind.
 - iii. Hiking allows us to immerse ourselves in the natural environment, where we can observe and appreciate details like the sounds of a brook, the songs of birds, and the movement of animals. This experience fosters a deep connection with nature.
 - iv. The tone of the writer is enthusiastic and appreciative. The writer expresses excitement about the adventure and beauty of hiking in mountainous regions, highlighting the unique charm and interest it brings to the experience.
 - v. (a) a wide and deep gap
 - vi. (a) c and e
 - vii. Hiking is thrilling because it involves exploring challenging terrains and enjoying the excitement of adventure.
 - viii. The fresh air and beautiful scenery during a hike bring peace and relaxation to both mind and soul.
2.
 - i. because the idea of artificial glaciers was proposed by a retired civil engineer in the Jammu and Kashmir government.
 - ii. Agriculture is completely dependent on glaciers melt unlike the rest of river/monsoon-fed India.
 - iii. Any two steps taken while creating glaciers include diverting stream water to a shaded area of a north-facing hill. At the start of winter, this water is made to flow on sloping hills facing distribution channels.
 - iv. **Water Supply During Dry Seasons:** Artificial glaciers store water during the winter months, which can then be gradually released during the dry season, providing a consistent water supply to communities in arid regions.
Low-Cost and Sustainable Solution: Creating artificial glaciers is a relatively low-cost and environmentally friendly method compared to other water storage solutions, making it a sustainable option for regions with limited resources.
 - v. Icing : cake :: layers : Ice.
 - vi. At the start of winter the diverted water is made to flow on sloping hills facing distribution channels.
 - vii. The glaciers have been the only source of water in areas in and around Ladakh.

viii. situated

SECTION B GRAMMAR

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

(i) The correct form of the word to complete the sentence is “**delivering.**”

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| (ii) | Error | Correction |
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| | relation | relationship |

(iii) In response to the question about what he liked about his visit to the village, Saheb says that he likes the sense of joy in the simple things of life.

(iv) (d) if he got a new coach in the academy to train him.

Explanation: {

if he got a new coach in the academy to train him.

(v) Neither

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| (vi) | error | correction |
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| (vii) | Error | Correction |
| | either | neither |

(No mark to be deducted if the format is not given)

(viii) (c) had written / was

Explanation: {

had written / was

(ix) Ritu asked Anita what the matter was.

(x) (c) He requested the interviewer to repeat the question.

Explanation: {

He requested the interviewer to repeat the question.

(xi) A. found

The lines are starting with 'Long, Long ago' that obviously states that the verse is talking about the past.

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SECTION B CREATIVE WRITING SKILLS

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6th November 2018

The Editor
The Hindustan
Kasturba Gandhi Marg
Delhi

Subject: Poor maintenance of public parks

Sir

Through the columns of your esteemed newspaper, I would like to draw the attention of the concerned authorities towards the poor maintenance of the public parks.

It saddens me to say that parks. Serve so many purposes in a community. It provides playing space to children, socializing space to adults and a healthy environment to people, are in a pathetic state these days. The gardeners are not regular and the plants are not pruned regularly as a result, the park gives an ugly look. Heaps of garbage can be seen everywhere, also the boundaries are broken. Also, the park has become the favorite halting place of stray cattle and dogs.

There is cow dung all around, making the place a breeding ground for insects and they, in turn, welcome diseases.

The same public park once used to be the pride of our society and a common place for community interaction. Children too are forced to play on the streets due to their unkempt condition.

Therefore, I would like to request the concerned authorities to improve the condition of the park for the convenience of the local residents.

I request you to give some space to my voice in your esteemed newspaper.

Thanking you,

Yours truly,

Reshma.

OR

B-107, Fateh Nagar

New Delhi

18 May 2024

The Editor

Hindustan Times

20-22 KG Marg

New Delhi

Subject: Plastic Ban

Dear Editor,

I am writing to express my wholehearted support for the government's ban on single-use plastic. Plastic pollution has become a major environmental concern, harming our wildlife

and ecosystems. This decisive step is a welcome move towards a cleaner and healthier future.

Single-use plastics are a menace. They clog landfills, pollute our water bodies, and endanger animals. Implementing this ban sincerely at all levels, from manufacturers to consumers, can create a significant positive impact. We, as responsible citizens, must also do our part by carrying reusable bags and refusing unnecessary plastic items.

I believe this ban, coupled with public awareness campaigns, can be a turning point. Together, let's embrace a more sustainable lifestyle and protect our environment for generations to come.

Sincerely,

Ram/Rani

B-107, Fateh Nagar

New Delhi

5. The pie chart illustrates the distribution of various odd jobs among out-of-school children in India. The largest segment, 46%, is involved in bottle collection, likely due to its low skill requirement and the availability of recyclable materials. Shoes polishing (20%) and car washing (12%) are also significant, possibly because these jobs can be performed on the streets, offering a higher chance to earn money from passersby. Cleaning, dishwashing, and selling and wood collection each account for 7%, indicating these tasks are accessible but less prevalent. Begging constitutes the smallest percentage at 1%, suggesting it is often a last resort due to its low-income potential.

The primary reasons for child labour include poverty, lack of access to education, and family indebtedness. These factors force children into work at a young age, depriving them of education and perpetuating intergenerational poverty cycles. Addressing these root causes is essential to combat child labour and ensure children can pursue education and better opportunities.

OR

The given line graph shows the consumption of three types of nuts i.e. walnuts, almonds and pinenuts over a period of three years 2017 to 2019. The data shows the number of people in hundreds.

In the beginning of 2017 all the nuts were under 100 but almonds were the most preferred one at slightly below 100 and pinenuts were the least favourite at even less than 50.

The year 2018 shows great hikes in interested people in all three nuts with almonds reaching its highest of all three years, going a little more than 200. Walnuts began at around 50 in 2018 but reached its highest of 200 by the end of 2018. Almonds showed a gradual growth from 2017 and towards 2018 end. Pinenuts also seem to be showing increase in interest and goes a little higher than 100 by the end of 2018.

2018 stands as the best year for the consumption or sales of all three nuts but as 2019 approached it faced a decline in sales of all three nuts. Almonds had a sudden fall and reached 150 and remained static at it throughout the year. Walnuts although started on a low note, showed a hike and touched 200 but came down a bit towards the year end of 2019. Year 2019 proved to be the best for pinenuts consumption as it reached its highest of 100 in this year.

To conclude the given data we can say that 2018 was the best year for all three nuts in terms of consumption but there was a sudden slump in the year 2019 and 2019 also faced static interest levels.

SECTION C - LITERATURE

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

(i) i. (a) Fowler

ii. Secret Agents are expected to be tall, smart, agile, dashing, and alert people surrounded by darkness, pistols and drugs in the wine. On the contrary, Ausable was fat and sloppy with heavy American accent. He was not at all flashy or romantic like other agents.

iii. Ausable was not a secret agent

iv. Option (b) is correct

(ii) i. The air was fresh and sweet so he went out to have the pleasure of feeling the rain on his body.

ii. False. Statements (a) and (d) are true references to the statement 'Lencho compared the rain drops to new coins.'

iii. very big or large

iv. Lencho is optimistic and hopeful towards the situation.

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

(i) i. Option (B) is correct.

ii. The leaves strain towards the glass to escape their captivity.

iii. It seems like the trees work silently in the night in order to complete their mission of getting free from the boundaries of the house. The leaves of the trees try very hard to put a lot of pressure on the glass so that they could break it.

iv. In the poem, the poet compares the 'trees' to 'newly discharged patients'. Firstly, the trees were enslaved inside the house like patients in the hospital. Secondly, the trees were exerted like patients, due to the effort that they had to put in order to be freed from the house.

(ii) i. (b) Students trickled into the classroom as the teacher entered.

ii. Blink hid in his little mouse hole in order to save himself.

iii. Fled

iv. When Belinda looked at the pirate she turned pale with fear and cried loudly for help. All her brave pets fled from the place. Mustard cried and ran away. Ink silently went to the bottom of the house and Blink very smartly disappeared in a mouse hole, leaving Belinda all alone.

8. Answer ANY FOUR of the following five questions, in about 40-50 words

- (i) Everyone including children and the author became very excited to see the baker because they loved to eat bread-bangles. When they heard the Jhang- Jhang sound made by the baker's bamboo, they ran towards him. They started to peep into his basket climbing on the railings and benches. The baker used to first give the bread to maids and then the children.
- (ii) Through the poem, the poet wants to convey that it is cruel to keep the wild animals in small enclosures of the zoo, away from their natural habitat. They feel anger, helpless and unhappy and remember their life and environment in the forest.
- (iii) When Lomov is alone, he thinks that Natalya is an excellent housekeeper, good looking and well educated. It is impossible for him not to marry her. Moreover, he is already thirty- five. So he ought to lead a quiet and regular life. He suffers from palpitations.
- (iv) The third essay was her last essay. The topic was "Quack, Quack, Quack, Said Mistress Chatterbox." She wrote a poem about a mother duck and a father swan. They had three ducklings. Their father had bitten them to death as they quacked very much. Anne's teacher, Mr. Keesing understood what Anne had wanted to say. He understood the joke and then stopped punishing Anne.
- (v) Our desires and hatred would be enough to destroy the world. According to the poet, 'fire' represents 'desire and lust for the possessions' and 'ice' represents 'dislike and hatred which grows silently within us'. Desires, just like fire, spread rapidly and engulf one's whole life. Similarly, 'hatred' fills life with a poison which slowly and gradually leads him to the destruction.

9. Answer ANY TWO of the following three questions, in about 40-50 words.

- (i) Mr. Herriot, the narrator is a veterinary surgeon. As a person, he is tactful, full of common sense and humanity. He initially advises Mrs. Pumphrey to cut down on Tricki's diet. But when she doesn't do so, it is his tact to admit Tricki in the hospital and it is his common sense that he understands that Tricki is sick only because of overfeeding.
- (ii) Initially, Bholi was frightened to go to school because she was unaware of the place. She compared her situation with her cow which was taken out of the house a few days

ago and then sold. However, she was dressed well for the first time in her life and oil was rubbed into her dry hair. Her parent's changed behaviour made her feel that she was being sent to a place better than her home.

(iii) Griffin told to Mrs. Hall that an accident had affected his face. So he had to cover it with bandages, false nose, and big bushy side-whiskers. He also mentioned that he did not want to be disturbed as he wanted to enjoy his solitude. Mrs. Hall believed him because there was no reason for not believing him.

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

(i) **Young seagull:** Brother 1, I'm so hungry, kindly give me some food.

Brother 1: I'm holding the food in my beak for you. But you will have to jump the ledge and take it.

Young seagull: I am scared! The sea below is so deep. I'll die.

Brother 2: No, you won't. We birds learn flying only after jumping. See, how well I'm flying.

Young seagull: Are you sure, I won't fall into the sea?

Sister: Yes, Brother 2 is right. Would a sister ask her brother to do suicide? I am your sister. I am just speechless at your fear.

Young seagull: OK! I trust you. (The young seagull jumped off the ledge. He fell for hundred metres. Soon he began flying.)

Sister: See! didn't I tell you; you would fly?

Young seagull: (feeling elated) WOW! Success is just behind the daring. Thanks sister!

(ii) 28 February, 20XX,

Saturday 10:00 pm

My heart is filled with sadness as I think of the oppressed who had to tolerate the inhuman attitude of the oppressors in their own land. The oppression that the communities faced in South Africa under the apartheid regime reminds me the struggles and hardships of millions of Indians who fought against the oppressive British rule. The white regime in South Africa was based on racial discrimination. It symbolised exploitation and extraordinary human disaster. The blacks were deprived of their rights equality and human dignity. In the same way, the Indians were exploited by the British. They worked in the lands like animals who were only supposed to obey. Their lands, resources and approaches were captured by the British. The struggle of Indian under British rule resembles with the struggles of the people of South Africa under the apartheid regime. The struggle created a deep and lasting wound on them. But they never gave up their cause, ultimately, their sacrifices led to their victory- common victory of humanity for peace, for justice and for human dignity.

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

- (i) Frequently in life is the ideal way to live is being as simple as possible. Buying a costly dress doesn't mean you would look the best in the party. One can look pretty even in a simple attire. So, go for something very normal in best colours.

Friend

Just suggest something...

You

May be a saree. It makes the woman look beautiful in all situations in all times. So, why don't you go for it. There are a number of varieties like tussar, chanderi, mogra, eerie to choose from.

Friend

That's a good idea. Let me just try it. You are the best adviser when it comes to suggest something Thanks any ways.

- (ii) When Hari asked Anil if he could work for him, Anil said that he could not pay him. Finally, the agreement was that if he would cook, then Anil would feed him. However, Anil soon found out that he did not know how to cook. Therefore, he taught him how to cook and later, how to write his name. He promised he would teach him how to write whole sentences and how to add numbers. Apart from this, when Hari went out to buy the day's supplies, he would make a profit of a rupee a day.