



INDIAN SCHOOL SOHAR
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ENGLISH LANGUAGE AND LITERATURE (184)

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MAX. MARKS: 80
TIME: 3 HOURS

General Instructions:

1. The Question Paper contains THREE sections -READING, GRAMMAR & WRITING and LITERATURE.
2. Attempt questions based on specific instructions for each part.

SECTION A: READING SKILLS (20 marks)

1. Read the following text.

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- (1) Although pollution of land, sea and air has been well documented, the latest and the least recognised version is the swelling tide of noise which is engulfing urban as well as rural areas. This has long-term implications on the ecology, health, and productivity of a fast-developing country like India.
- (2) Unlike other pollutants, noise lacks visibility, seldom registering on the consciousness, except as a trifling irritant to be dismissed at will, therefore, less likely to be perceived as a threat. Available data indicates that noise does pose a threat and is known to have caused a number of complications. Declining productivity among workers in certain industries has been directly correlated with noise levels, particularly those under constant exposure to the menace.
- (3) The first ever survey of the impact of noise on health, conducted by All India Institute of Medical Sciences, has established that noise not only impairs the physical and psychological functioning of the human organism but also causes nausea, pain, hypertension, and a lot of other complications, including cardio-vascular complaints.
- (4) A study by the Post Graduate School of Basic Medical Sciences, in Chennai, confirms such conclusions. In 50 percent of industries, it was found that workmen exposed to higher intensities of noise in occupational capacities were often irritated, short-tempered, impatient, and more likely to resort to agitation and disrupt production. This was true of units in heavy industrial pockets in and around the four metropolitan centres.
- (5) Recreational noise, another ugly facet, is becoming more widespread in cities and towns. Loudspeakers are turned at full volume during marriages, festivals, and musical programmes, particularly at night, without the least consideration for others. Even at 50 dB sound can awaken a person from a deep slumber. As experiments have shown, loudspeakers with output from 60 to 80 dB cause the pupils of a slumbering person to dilate, with increasing intake of oxygen, resulting in palpitation. The effect is more pronounced in narrow lanes. TV sets are played at full volume at prime time, invariably disturbing neighbours. Noise-making seems to have become the latest status symbol, be it an election campaign or slogan shouting or advertising ownership of a TV set.

Answer the following questions, based on the passage above.

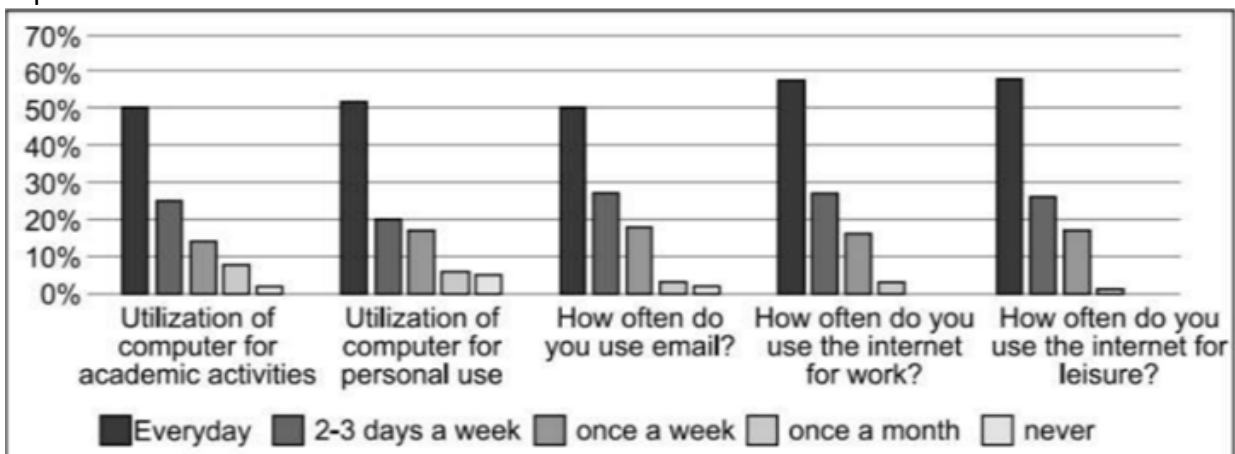
- i. According to the study in Chennai, what was observed in workmen exposed to higher intensities of noise in occupational capacities? 1
 - A. Improved patience and temperament
 - B. Decreased irritation and agitation
 - C. Impaired productivity and disrupted production
 - D. Enhanced job satisfaction
- ii. What is the tone of the writer in the given line- 'Even at 50 dB, sound can awaken a person from a deep slumber.' from paragraph 5? Rationalise your response in about 30-40 words. 2
- iii. Complete the sentence appropriately. 1
 The author cites examples of noise pollution in heavy industrial pockets to conclusively prove to the reader that.....

- iv. The passage includes some words that are opposites of each other. From the sets (A)-(E) below, identify two sets of antonyms. 1
- A. physical and psychological
 - B. in and around
 - C. sea and air
 - D. urban and rural
 - E. cities and towns
- v. Complete the sentence appropriately. 1
- The survey conducted by All India Institute of Medical Sciences, has established that noise not only impacts but also impairs our health by causing nausea, pain, hypertension and cardiovascular complaints.
- vi. Based on the reading of the passage, answer in about 40 words. How does the author define the consequences of recreational noise? 2
- vii. The author emphasises that ‘The swelling tide of noise has long-term implications on the environment, human health, and productivity.’ Which of the following options corroborates this? 1
- A. It has a lot of health complications.
 - B. Human apathy to noise makes it an omniscient threat.
 - C. It is considered a trifling irritant to be dismissed at will.
 - D. It can make a person violent and disruptive.
- viii. What is the message conveyed by the author in the article? 1

2. Read the following text.

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- (1) The present generation is well-updated with the use of the internet and computers. The rapid development in computer technology and the increase in accessibility of the internet for academic purposes have changed the face of education for everyone associated with it. Let’s look at the data arising out of a recent survey that was done to ascertain the time spent on utilisation of the computer and internet.



- (2) At present, many schools and universities have been implementing internet-based learning, as it supplements the conventional teaching methods. The internet provides a wide variety of references and information to academics as well as scientific researchers. Students often turn to it to do their academic assignments and projects.
- (3) However, research on the Internet is very different from traditional library research, and the differences can cause problems. The Internet is a tremendous resource, but it must be used carefully and critically.
- (4) According to a 2018 Academic Student e-book Experience Survey, conducted by LP’s research department and sponsored by EBSCO, when reading for pleasure, almost 74% of respondents said they preferred print books for leisure whereas, 45% of respondents chose e-books rather than the printed versions, for research or assignments.

(5) When asked what e-book features make them their favourite for research, the respondents were clear. Having page numbers to use in citations, topped the list (75%); followed by the ability to resize text to fit a device’s screen (67%); the ability to bookmark pages, highlight text, or take notes for later reference (60%); downloading the entire e-book (57%); and allowing content to be transferred between devices (43%) were the varied responses.

Answer the following questions, based on the passage above.

- i. State any one inference that can be drawn from the following statement. 1
 “The present generation is well updated with the use of the internet and computers.”
- ii. What has significantly influenced education according to the given passage? 1
 A. Traditional teaching methods
 B. Access to libraries
 C. Internet and computer technology
 D. Print books for leisure
- iii. Justify the following, in about 30-40 words. 2
 People have marked preferences when it comes to reading for pleasure or research.
- iv. According to the survey, what percentage of respondents chose e-books over print books for research or assignments? 1
- v. What is a potential challenge mentioned regarding internet research compared to traditional library research? 1
- vi. Pick the option that lists the statements that are NOT TRUE according to the passage. 1
 1. Internet-based education can only complement familiar methods of education.
 2. Net-based learning will replace face-to-face education.
 3. The resources that the net provides are a danger to the education system.
 4. The current times has seen a rise in the convenience of using the internet for academic purposes.
 A. 1 and 2 B. 3 and 4 C. 2 and 3 D. 1 and 4
- vii. Explain two e-book features in 30-40 words that respondents identified as important for research, according to the passage. 2
- viii. Based on the given graphical representation of data in the passage, choose the option that lists the statements that are TRUE with respect to the usage of email. 1
 1. The everyday usage of email is more than the everyday usage of a computer for personal use.
 2. About 18% of people use email once a week.
 3. There are a smaller number of email users using it 2-3 days a week than the ones using it once a month.
 4. Less than 5% of people never use email.
 A. 1 and 3 B. 2 and 4 C. 1 and 2 D. 3 and 4

SECTION B: WRITING SKILLS & GRAMMAR (20 marks)

GRAMMAR

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

- i. Fill in the blank by using the correct form of the verb given in the bracket. 1
 Neither the farmer nor the farm workers _____ (willing) to settle the strike.
- ii. Identify the error in the given sentence from a health magazine and supply the correction: 1
 Children must consume greens regularly otherwise they should suffer from iron deficiency.

Use the given format for your response:

Error	Correction

- iii. Shubham shared some information with Mohit about his visit to Singapore. Report Mohit's question.
Did you visit the Universal Studio? 1
- iv. Select the correct option to complete the narration of the dialogue between Anshu and Mohan. 1
ANSHU: When will you be coming back home?
MOHAN: I'll be back by dinnertime.
Anshu asked Mohan when he would be coming back home. Mohan replied_____.
A. if he would be back home by dinnertime.
B. that he would be back home by dinnertime.
C. he would be back home by dinnertime.
D. that he was coming back home by dinnertime.
- v. Fill in the blank by choosing the correct option given in the bracket, to complete the following: 1
Bumrah _____ (take/takes/had taken/took) two wickets before rain interrupted the play.
- vi. Identify the error in the advertisement given below and supply the correction: 1
The traffic police have deployed teams on various intersections in the city to issue challans and impound old and polluting vehicles.

Use the given format for your response.

Error	Correction

- vii. Select the correct option that identifies the error and supplies the correction for the following line from a newspaper: 1

An initial investigation has revealed that the fire may have been caused by a short circuit.

Option No.	Error	Correction
A	an	the
B	that	this
C	has	have
D	may	might

- viii. Fill in the blank by choosing the correct option: 1
He _____ his boss that he _____ back after his vacation.

- A. won't tell/won't have come B. isn't telling/doesn't come
C. didn't tell/hasn't come D. hasn't told/won't be coming

- ix. Report the dialogue between Joel and Rex by completing the sentence. 1
JOEL: Do you speak Italian?
REX: No, I don't speak Italian.

In response to Joel's question whether Rex speaks Italian, Rex says -----.

- x. Fill in the blank by choosing the correct option, to complete the sentence. 1
If I were a billionaire I _____ buy a posh bungalow.
A. would B. should C. will D. must

- xi. Complete the following motivational quote with the correct option. 1
Umbrella can't stop the rain but it _____ protect us from rain.
A. might B. can C. ought to D. need to

- xii. Identify the error on the board near a tree in the tropical rain forest in the Western Ghats and supply the correction. 1

KOKAM BUTTER TREE
It was an evergreen tree with drooping branches. The leaves are egg shaped and dark green.

Use the given format for your response.

Error	Correction

Note: All details presented in the questions (Story Writing & Diary Entry) are imaginary and created for assessment purpose.

4. A. Write a descriptive paragraph about Stephen Hawking, the Science Hero, in 100-120 words using the given cues and add your ideas. 5

Cues: born on 8th January 1942, Oxford, United Kingdom – graduated from Oxford in 1962- English theoretical physicist, cosmologist, and author - director of research at the Centre for Theoretical Cosmology at the University of Cambridge – got sick – diagnosed with ALS – contribution to cosmology – Quantum gravity and black holes – died on 14th March 2018

OR

4. B. Write a descriptive paragraph on ‘The Republic Day Celebration of My School’ in 100-120 words using the following cues:

Cues: Republic Day Celebration - School auditorium - Chief Guest - welcome of guests – Principal’s address - cultural programmes - visual treat – vote of thanks - your feelings about the day

5. A. Read the given line and complete the story in about 100-120 words. Give a suitable title to your story. He was the funniest boy I had ever met. He would make everyone laugh 5

OR

5. B. You recently participated in the All-India CBSE National Quiz Competition and reached the finals. The final round was telecast over the national channel where you and your team won the quiz. Describe your feelings in 100-120 words through a diary entry. You are Neha/Nitin.

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, given. 5

A. “Thereafter, Santosh went on an expedition every year. Her climbing skills matured rapidly. Also, she developed a remarkable resistance to cold and the altitude. Equipped with an iron will, physical endurance and an amazing mental toughness, she proved herself repeatedly. The culmination of her hard work and sincerity came in 1992, just four years after she had shyly asked the Aravalli mountaineers if she could join them. At barely twenty years of age, Santosh Yadav scaled Mt Everest, becoming the youngest woman in the world to achieve the feat. If her climbing skills, physical fitness, and mental strength impressed her seniors, her concern for others and desire to work together with them found her a special place in the hearts of fellow climbers.” (Reach for the Top- Part I)

i. State one inference about Santosh from the given context. 1

The culmination of her hard work and sincerity came in 1992.

ii. State TRUE or FALSE. 1

Santosh Yadav's concern for others and her unwillingness to collaborate with fellow climbers earned her a special place in their hearts.

iii. Identify three key qualities that contributed to Santosh Yadav's success in mountaineering. 1

iv. Which word would correctly substitute ‘culmination’ as given in the extract? 1

The culmination of her hard work and sincerity came in 1992, just four years after she had shyly asked the Aravalli mountaineers if she could join them.

- A. Origin B. Climax C. Genesis D. Dawn

v. What attribute of Santosh Yadav impressed her fellow climbers the most? 1

- A. Exceptional map reading skills B. Remarkable resistance to cold
C. Concern for others and desire to work together D. Iron will and physical endurance

OR

B. “I was one of many children — a short boy with rather undistinguished looks, born to tall and handsome parents. We lived in our ancestral house, which was built in the middle of the nineteenth century. It was a fairly large pucca house, made of limestone and brick, on the Mosque Street in Rameswaram. My austere father used to avoid all inessential comforts and luxuries. However, all necessities were provided for, in terms of food, medicine or clothes. In fact, I would say mine was a very secure childhood, both materially and emotionally.” (My Childhood)

- i. How can we infer that the narrator had a very secure childhood, both materially and emotionally? 1
- ii. Complete the analogy by selecting the suitable word from the text: 1
formidable: daunting :: stern : -----
- iii. Which of the following statements is TRUE? 1
- Although Kalam's father avoided luxuries, he did not compromise on necessities.
 - Kalam describes himself as a tall boy who looks average, in spite of his parents being short.
 - In Ramanathapuram, they lived in a small house built in the nineteenth century.
 - Kalam had an insecure childhood, both materially and emotionally.
- iv. How does Abdul Kalam describe himself as a child? 1
- v. What was the setting of the narrator's childhood home? 1
- Urban apartment
 - Ancestral house
 - Cottage in the countryside
 - Modern bungalow

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

A. "And the strength of the tree exposed
The source, white and wet,
The most sensitive, hidden
For years inside the earth.
Then the matter
Of scorching and choking
In sun and air,
Browning, hardening,
Twisting, withering,
And then it is done." (On Killing a Tree)

- i. State TRUE or FALSE: 1
None of the terms (A) - (D) given below, can be applied to the lines - The source, white and wet, The most sensitive, hidden, For years inside the earth.
- Repetition- a poetic device that is used to create a musical effect by repeating single words, phrases or even stanzas at intervals to make the poem more appealing.
 - Alliteration- the occurrence of words that begin with the same sound placed close together to create a rhythmic effect.
 - Metaphor- a literary device used to make a comparison without using the words 'like' or 'as'.
 - Simile- a word or phrase that compares something to something else, using the words 'like' or 'as'.
- ii. Describe the state of the tree after exposure to sun and air. 1
- iii. Complete the sentence appropriately. 1
The tree undergoes a process of scorching and choking, resulting in its gradual -----.
- iv. What part of the tree has been called its 'strength'? 1
- v. 'And then it is done'. What is done? 1
- A tree is put to an end forever.
 - Scorching is done by the heat of the sun.
 - Chocking is done by the absence of the air.
 - The strength of the tree is exposed.

OR

B. "Away, away in the Northland,
Where the hours of the day are few,
And the nights are so long in winter
That they cannot sleep them through;
Where they harness the swift reindeer
To the sledges, when it snows;
And the children look like bear's cubs
In their funny, furry clothes:" (A Legend of the Northland)

- i. Complete the sentence appropriately. 1
 It is clear that 'Simile' is the poetic device used for 'children look like bear's cubs' because -----.
 (Clue: explain how simile applies here)
- ii. How will you compare the winter days and nights in Northland? 1
 A. The days are too long and the nights are too short.
 B. The days are too short and the nights are too long.
 C. The days and nights are of twelve hours each.
 D. There are no days; it is always night there.
- iii. Which poetic device has been used in the line 'In their funny, furry clothes'? 1
 A. Alliteration B. Repetition C. Anaphora D. Transferred Epithet
- iv. State whether the following statement is True or False: 1
 This poem is called a legend because it tells an old story of Northland.
- v. What kind of carriages do people use in the Northland? 1
8. **Answer ANY FOUR of the following five questions, in about 40-50 words.** **4x3=12**
- A. Einstein was an unusual child with no indication of his potential greatness. Comment.
(A Truly Beautiful Mind)
- B. What similarities does the poet find in men from other countries? State any four.
(No Men are Foreign)
- C. What proves that Ron Forbes was more observant and sympathetic than the teachers of Evelyn?
(The Sound of Music – Part I)
- D. Cite examples from the text to prove that Maria is a true patriot. (Reach for the Top – Part II)
- E. What was the doctor's financial condition when he had just started his practice? Give textual evidence to support your answer. (The Snake and the Mirror)
9. **Answer ANY TWO of the following three questions, in about 40-50 words.** **2x3=6**
- A. Describe the encounter between the grandfather and the ticket collector at Saharanpur railway platform. (The Adventures of Toto)
- B. "I smelled something strange." When and why did Zan feel so? (A House is Not a Home)
- C. "What a curious thing!" Why does the swallow make this remark? How does he discover the true reason behind this curious thing? (The Happy Prince)
10. **Answer ANY ONE of the following two questions, in about 100-120 words.** **1x6=6**
- (A) The play 'If I Were You' has an element of suspense, surprise and humour. Quote some instances from the play to validate this statement.
- OR**
- (B) Life in cities is so busy and mechanical that people desire to go to places which are peaceful and close to nature. Elaborate in the context of the poem 'The Lake Isle of Innisfree'.
11. **Answer ANY ONE of the following two questions, in about 100-120 words.** **1x6=6**
- (A) Greed leads to grief. Explain this statement in the context of the story, 'In the Kingdom of Fools.'
- OR**
- (B) "Society has the power to reform a man." Explain this on the basis of your reading of the lesson, 'The Beggar.'

*****THE END*****