

Sample/Pre-Board Paper 19
Class X Term 1 Exam Nov -Dec 2021
English Language and Literature (Code 184)

Time Allowed : 90 Minutes

Maximum Marks : 40

General Instructions :

1. The Question Paper contains THREE sections.
2. Section A-READING has 18 questions. Attempt a total of 14 questions, as per specific instructions for each question.
3. Section B-GRAMMAR & WRITING has 12 questions. Attempt a total of 10 questions, as per specific instructions for each question.
4. Section C-LITERATURE has 30 questions. Attempt 26 questions, as per specific instructions for each question.
5. All questions carry equal marks.
6. There is no negative marking.

READING**I. Read the passage given below.**

- I. Man's growth from barbarism into civilization is supposed to be the theme of history but sometimes, looking at great stretches of history, it is difficult to believe that this ideal has made such progress or that we are very much civilized or advanced. There is enough of want of cooperation today, of one country or people selfishly attacking or oppressing another, of one man exploiting another.
- II. It is well to remember that man in many ways has not made very great progress from other animals. It may be that in certain ways some animals are superior to him. Still we look down upon the insects as almost the lowest of living things, and yet the tiny bees and ants have learnt the art of cooperation and of sacrifice for the common good far better than man.
- III. If mutual cooperation and sacrifice for the good of society are the test of civilization we may say that the bees and ants are in this respect superior to man. In one of our old Sanskrit books there is a verse which may be translated as follows: For family, sacrifice the individual, for community, the family, for the country, the community, and for the soul, the whole world.
- IV. What a soul is, few of us can know or tell, and each one of us can interpret it in a different way, but the lesson this Sanskrit Verse teaches us is the same lesson of cooperation and sacrifice for the larger good. We in India had forgotten this sovereign path of real greatness for many a day.
- V. But again we seem to have glimpses of it and all the country is astir. How wonderful it is to see men and women, and boys and girls, smilingly going ahead in India's cause and caring about any pain or suffering ! Well, may they smile and be glad for the joy of serving a great cause is also great. They will also be fortunate enough to get the joy of sacrifice.

Based on your understanding of the passage, answer any eight out of the ten questions by choosing the correct option.

1. What is really the theme of history?
 (a) The rise and fall of empires.
 (b) Man's moral and spiritual development.
 (c) Man's search for truth.
 (d) The process of man becoming civilized.
Ans : (b) Man's moral and spiritual development.
2. What is the basic reason of exploitation of one man by another?
 (a) The weakness of some people and the strength of the others
 (b) Lack of civilisation
 (c) Man's beastly nature
 (d) Lack of education
Ans : (b) Lack of civilisation
3. In what respects are some animals superior to man?
 (a) Physical strength
 (b) Having no worries in their lives
 (c) Having greater instinct for cooperation and sacrifice
 (d) Not oppressing or exploiting one another.
Ans : (c) Having greater instinct for cooperation and sacrifice
4. What does the soul signify?
 (a) A divine essence in all of us.
 (b) Different things for different people
 (c) Self-righteousness
 (d) The element of life
Ans : (b) Different things for different people
5. What lesson does the Sanskrit Verse in question teach us?
 (a) To inculcate spirit of cooperation and self-sacrifice for the large good of the society.
 (b) To behave well with one another.
 (c) To help each other in difficulties.
 (d) To work constantly.
Ans : (a) To inculcate spirit of cooperation and self-sacrifice for the large good of the society.

6. We say that man is not yet civilized because -
- there are colossal disparities between the rich and the poor.
 - most of us are illiterate.
 - we ill-behave with one another.
 - most of us oppress and exploit others and lack the spirit of cooperation.

Ans : (d) most of us oppress and exploit others and lack the spirit of cooperation.

7. We should not look down upon the insects as almost the lowest of living things because -
- they are of immense use to mankind.
 - they can cause harm to us out of proportion to their size.
 - they have a sense of sacrifice and cooperation.
 - small size does not necessarily make anything low.

Ans : (c) they have a sense of sacrifice and cooperation.

8. What does the expression 'larger good' mean?

- Great good of oneself
- A lot of good
- Very excellent
- Good of the society

Ans : (d) Good of the society

9. What does the sentence 'All the country is astir' mean in the passage ?

- The whole country is up in revolt.
- A wave of zeal and vivacity, vigour and dynamism is perceptible in the whole country.
- There is an upsurge of political and economic fervour in the whole country.
- The whole country is flooded with lofty ideas and thoughts.

Ans : (c) There is an upsurge of political and economic fervour in the whole country.

10. How can we be truly civilised?

- By getting more and more wealth and power
- By reading more and more books
- by subjugating backward nations and educating their citizens
- By developing qualities of mutual help, co-operation and self-sacrifice

Ans : (d) By developing qualities of mutual help, co-operation and self-sacrifice

II. Read the passage given below.

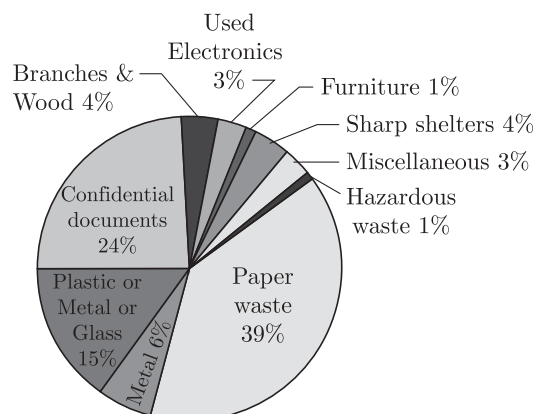
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III. 9th World Convention on Recycling and Waste Management is mainly based on the theme "Advocating Waste Disposal and Recycling Practices for Clean and Green Environment." We warmly welcome all the participants - leading scientists, researchers and scholars of the world to attend the convention. We provide a platform for young researchers and students to present their research through oral presentations through which they can develop a foundation for collaboration among young researchers.

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Based on your understanding of the passage, answer any six out of the eight questions by choosing the correct option.

11. Which of the following notion in the conference has been emphasised to be deployed?
- Waste disposal management
 - Waste management
 - Recycling of goods
 - Reshaping Earth's future

Ans : (a) Waste disposal management

12. According to the pie-chart, which two types of waste have been recycled at the rate of 4%?

- Branches and wood and sharp shelters
- Furniture and used electronics
- Furniture and hazardous waste
- All of these

Ans : (a) Branches and wood and sharp shelters

13. On observing the chart, which type of waste is generated the most?
 (a) Plastic or metal or glass
 (b) Confidential documents
 (c) Paper waste
 (d) Miscellaneous

Ans : (c) Paper waste

14. Which of the following activities contribute collectively towards paper waste recycled percentage?
 (a) Plastic and metal or glass and metal
 (b) Confidential documents and plastic or metal or glass
 (c) Miscellaneous recycled waste and confidential documents
 (d) None of these

Ans : (b) Confidential documents and plastic or metal or glass

15. What has been considered as an efficient means to reduce landfill area?
 (a) Sorting of waste
 (b) Recycling or composting waste
 (c) Both (a) and (b)
 (d) None of these

Ans : (c) Both (a) and (b)

16. What is/are the main reason(s) of waste management and recycling it?
 (a) To not over-exploit the resources
 (b) Reducing the dump of landfill area
 (c) Leaving behind the quality of environment free from pollution
 (d) All of these

Ans : (d) All of these

17. Which other type of waste is recycled at the same rate as that of used electronics?
 (a) Miscellaneous goods
 (b) Hazardous waste and sharp shelters
 (c) Branches and wood
 (d) None of these

Ans : (a) Miscellaneous goods

18. Which activity has been considered as the second nature to us?
 (a) Sorting of waste
 (b) Recycling of waste
 (c) Waste management
 (d) Implementing steps framed and deployed in convention

Ans : (b) Recycling of waste

GRAMMAR & WRITING

GRAMMAR

- III. Answer any five out of six questions by selecting the most appropriate option for each.

19. I _____ the newspaper when Satish came.
 (a) is reading (b) read
 (c) has read (d) was reading

Ans : (d) was reading

20. Mathematics _____ my favourite subject when I was in high school.
 (a) was (b) were
 (c) is (d) none of these

Ans : (a) was

21. I _____ not come yesterday since I was too busy.
 (a) dare (b) need
 (c) could (d) should

Ans : (c) could

22. They have lost _____ of their contacts.
 (a) little (b) much
 (c) many (d) small

Ans : (c) many

23. Which option displays the correct change of the following to reported speech?

He said to the interviewer, "Could you please repeat the question?"

- (a) He requested the interviewer if he could please repeat the question.
 (b) He requested the interviewer to please repeat the question.
 (c) He requested the interviewer to repeat the question.
 (d) He requested the interviewer if he could repeat the question.

Ans : (d) He requested the interviewer if he could repeat the question.

24. Which option displays the correct change of the following to reported speech?

The teacher told to the student, "Why do you disturb the class?"

- (a) The teacher said to the student why he disturbed the class.
 (b) The teacher told the student why he had disturbed the class.
 (c) The teacher asked the student why he disturbed the class.
 (d) The teacher asked the student why he had disturbed the class.

Ans : (c) The teacher asked the student why he disturbed the class.

WRITING

- IV. Answer any five out of the six questions by selecting the most appropriate option for each.

25. _____ is written to register a complaint regarding product or a service to the business houses.

- (a) Letter of complaint
 (b) Letter of placing order
 (c) Informal letter
 (d) Letter to the editor

Ans : (a) Letter of complaint

26. Shiv bought a refrigerator one month ago from Bharat Electronics. It has developed certain problems regarding its functioning. Which of the following is the most appropriate subject to address the problem?
- Refrigerator not working
 - Complaint regarding bad quality product
 - Poor refrigerator bought from your showroom
 - Complaint regarding refrigerator vide invoice no. 313

Ans : (d) Complaint regarding washing machine vide invoice no. 313

27. As a proof of the details of the product bought by you, it is required to send the letter along with a copy of
- leaflet.
 - manual.
 - bill.
 - credit card.

Ans : (c) bill.

28. _____ are written to the officials or the concerned authorities for making complaints and bringing to their notice, the problems or issues that a person had witnessed or felt.

- Official letter
- Job letter
- Informal letter
- Business letter

Ans : (a) Official letter

29. Manoj was shocked to see that in the casualty ward of a government hospital, the conditions were chaotic. Which of the following is the most appropriate subject to address the issue to the officers?

- Complaint regarding irresponsible staff
- No staff on duty at the local hospital
- Complaint regarding the chaotic conditions in the casualty ward
- Complaint regarding poor service

Ans : (c) Complaint regarding the chaotic conditions in the casualty ward

30. What is the correct way to start the letter complaining about the poor sanitary conditions in your locality?

- I want to draw your eyes to the bad condition of the area
- I want to complaint about the poor sanitary conditions
- Please pay attention towards the poor sanitary conditions prevailing in our area
- I want to draw your kind attention towards the poor sanitary conditions prevailing in our area

Ans : (d) I want to draw your kind attention towards the poor sanitary conditions prevailing in our area

LITERATURE

This section has sub-sections - V, VI, VII, VIII & IX. There are a total of 30 questions in this section. Attempt any 26 questions from the sub-sections V to IX.

- V. Read the given extract to attempt the questions that follow:

Tenth May dawned bright and clear. For the past few days, I had been pleasantly besieged by dignitaries and world leaders who were coming to pay their respects before the inauguration. The inauguration would be

the largest gathering ever of international leaders on South African soil. The ceremonies took place in the lovely sandstone amphitheatre formed by the Union Buildings in Pretoria. For decades this had been the seat of white supremacy, and now it was the site of rainbow gathering of different colours and nations for the installation of South Africa's first democratic non-racial government.

(Nelson Mandela : Long Walk To Freedom)

31. 'I' here refers to

- Mbeki
- Kierk
- Zenani
- Nelson Mandela

Ans : (d) Nelson Mandela

32. He was surrounded by

- international leaders and dignitaries
- family members
- national heroes
- British soldiers

Ans : (a) international leaders and dignitaries

33. The inauguration was to celebrate the installation of

- South Africa's first capitalist govt.
- South Africa's first democratic govt.
- South Africa's first communist govt.
- none of the above

Ans : (b) South Africa's first democratic govt.

34. The inauguration ceremonies took place in the

- lovely arena
- open wooden theatre
- lovely sandstone amphitheatre
- President House

Ans : (c) lovely sandstone amphitheatre

35. The word 'amphitheatre' here means

- a building with a conical tent
- a building with iron- fencing
- a building with triangular shape
- a building without a roof

Ans : (d) a building without a roof

- VI. Read the given extract to attempt the questions that follow:

The first period was a study period. Maddie tried to prepare her lessons, but she could not put her mind on her work. She had a very sick feeling in the bottom of her stomach. True, she had not enjoyed listening to Peggy ask Wanda how many dresses she had in her closet but she had said nothing. She had stood by silently, and that was just as bad as what Peggy had done. Worse. She was a coward. At least Peggy had not considered they were being mean but she, Maddie, had thought they were doing wrong. She could put herself in Wanda's shoes.

(The Hundred Dresses II)

36. Maddie could not prepare her lessons because
 (a) she was writing an essay
 (b) she was thinking about Wanda
 (c) she was painting a picture
 (d) she was reading her book

Ans : (b) she was thinking about Wanda

37. Peggy had asked Wanda how many dresses she had
 (a) in her closet
 (b) in her bag
 (c) in her house
 (d) in her drawer

Ans : (a) in her closet

38. Peggy's cowardly act was to
 (a) read by silently
 (b) pay attention to
 (c) stand by silently
 (d) none of the above

Ans : (c) stand by silently

39. The phrase 'put her mind' means
 (a) use without thinking
 (b) throw her action
 (c) did patiently
 (d) pay attention to

Ans : (d) pay attention to

40. Maddie, Peggy and other girl were doing
 (a) wrong to Wanda
 (b) right to Wanda
 (c) unnecessarily to the class
 (d) a sum of mathematics

Ans : (a) wrong to Wanda

VII. Read the given extract to attempt the questions that follow:

What is the boy now, who has lost his ball,
 What, what is he to do? I saw it go
 Merrily bouncing, down the street, and then
 Merrily over - there it is in the water!

(The Ball Poem)

41. Who is the poet of these lines?
 (a) Adrienne Rich
 (b) John Berryman
 (c) Robert Frost
 (d) Leslie Norris

Ans : (b) John Berryman

42. Which literary device has been used in 'Merrily bouncing'?
 (a) Oxymoron
 (b) Assonance
 (c) Alliteration
 (d) Personification

Ans : (d) Personification

43. What has the boy lost?
 (a) Car
 (b) Toy
 (c) Ball
 (d) All of these

Ans : (c) Ball

44. What does the word 'Merrily' mean?
 (a) Sadly
 (b) Happily
 (c) Cryingly
 (d) Forcibly

Ans : (b) Happily

45. What is the poem 'The Ball Poem' all about?
 (a) The sudden victory of our precious possessions
 (b) The sudden loss of our precious possessions
 (c) The sudden achievement of our precious possessions
 (d) Both a and c

Ans : (b) The sudden loss of our precious possessions

VIII. Read the given extract to attempt the questions that follow:

Eager to get away from crowded London he took a train to the village of Iping, where he booked two rooms at the local inn. The arrival of a stranger at an inn in winter was in any case an unusual event. A stranger of such uncommon appearance set all tongues wagging. Mrs. Hall, the landlord's wife, made every effort to be friendly. But Griffin had no desire to talk, and told her, "My reason for coming to Iping is a desire for solitude. I do not wish to be disturbed in my work. Besides, an accident has affected my face."

(Footprints Without Feet)

46. What was Iping?
 (a) A small town
 (b) A small hill-side village
 (c) A small city
 (d) A metropolitan city

Ans : (b) A small hill-side village

47. In which inn did he put up?
 (a) Dogs and Horses
 (b) Coach and Horses
 (c) Dogs and Coaches
 (d) None of these

Ans : (b) Coach and Horses

48. What was an unusual event according to the above extract?
 (a) An accident that happened with Griffin
 (b) Rude conversation between Mrs. Hall and Griffin
 (c) The arrival of a stranger at an inn in winter
 (d) None of these

Ans : (c) The arrival of a stranger at an inn in winter

49. What was the reason to come to Iping according to Griffin?
 (a) To meet Mrs. Hall
 (b) To freak out alone
 (c) To live in isolation
 (d) All of these

Ans : (c) To live in isolation

50. What had disfigured Griffin's face according to him?
- An accident
 - A Burglary
 - A fire at his home
 - All of these

Ans : (a) An accident

IX. Attempt the following.

51. Who read the letter sent by Lencho?
- His Wife
 - The Postmaster
 - One of the farmer
 - The God

Ans : (b) The Postmaster

52. Which of the pilot's instruments stopped working first?
- compass
 - radio
 - both stopped together
 - both were working

Ans : (a) compass

53. The third assignment given by Mr. Kessing to Anne was an essay on –
- Chatterbox
 - Quack Quack Mistress chart
 - Incorrigible chatterbox
 - Quack Quack Quack said mister chatterbox

Ans : (d) Quack Quack Quack said mister chatterbox.

54. _____ won the first price among the boys.
- Jack Beggles
 - Adison
 - Smith
 - Watson Willy

Ans : (a) Jack beggles

55. In this line of the poem (Dust of Snow) "of the day I had rued", the word rued means-
- forgotten
 - bitterly regretted
 - happily passed
 - not liked

Ans : (b) bitterly regretted

56. Name the poetic device used in the following line from the poem "Fire and Ice"
- To say that for destruction ice is also great
- Metaphor
 - Imagery
 - Alliteration
 - Oxymoron

Ans : (b) Imagery

57. What has been personified in the poem "A Tiger in the Zoo"?
- tiger
 - forest
 - zoo
 - all of the above

Ans : (a) tiger

58. The narrator Mr. Herriot instructed Mrs. Pumphery to cut down _____ from the diet of Tricki
- Sweets
 - Meat
 - Milk
 - Rice

Ans : (a) Sweets

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 - Milk
 - Rice

Ans : (a) Sweets

60. What was Griffin working on?
- making fake footprints
 - making human bodies invisible
 - making a fool of children
 - all of the above

Ans : (b) making human bodies invisible

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