

Sample/Pre-Board Paper 22
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. We have inherited the tradition of secrecy about the budget from Britain where also the system has been strongly attacked by eminent economists and political scientists including Peter Jay.
- II. Sir Richard Clarke, who was the originating genius of nearly every important development in the British budgeting techniques during the last two decades, has spoken out about the abuse of budget secrecy: "The problems of long-term tax policy should surely be debated openly with the facts on the table. In my opinion, all governments should have just the same duty to publish their expenditure policy. Indeed, this obligation to publish taxation policy is really essential for the control of public expenditure in order to get realistic taxation implications."
- III. Realising that democracy flourishes best on the principles of open government, more and more democracies are having an open public debate on budget proposals before introducing the appropriate Bill in the legislature. In the United States the budget is conveyed in a message by the President to the Congress, which comes well in advance of the date when the Bill is introduced in the Congress.
- IV. In Finland the Parliament and the people are already discussing in June the tentative budget proposals which are to be introduced in the Finnish Parliament in September. Every budget contains a cartload of figures in black and white - but the dark figures represent the myriad lights and shades of India's life, the contrasting tones of poverty and wealth, and of bread so dear and flesh and blood so cheap, the deep tints of adventure and enterprise and man's ageless struggle for a brighter morning.
- V. The Union budget should not be an annual scourge but a part of presentation of annual accounts of a partnership between the Government and the people. That partnership would work much better when the nonsensical secrecy is replaced by openness and public consultations, resulting in fair laws and the people's acceptance of their moral duty to pay.

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

1. How do the British economists and political scientists react to budget secrecy? They are
 - (a) in favour of having a mix of secrecy and openness.
 - (b) indifferent to the budgeting techniques and taxation policies.
 - (c) very critical about maintenance of budget secrecy.
 - (d) None of these

Ans : (c) very critical about maintenance of budget secrecy.

2. The author thinks that openness in budget is essential as it leads to
 - (a) prevention of tax implications
 - (b) People's reluctance to accept their moral duties
 - (c) exaggerated revelation of the strengths and weaknesses of economy
 - (d) None of these

Ans : (d) None of these

3. The author seems to be in favour of
 - (a) maintaining secrecy of budget
 - (b) judicious blend of secrecy and openness
 - (c) transparency in budget proposals
 - (d) None of these

Ans : (b) transparency in budget proposals

4. Which of the following statements is definitely true in the context of the passage?
 - (a) The British Government has been religiously maintaining budget secrecy.
 - (b) Budget secrecy is likely to lead to corrupt practices.
 - (c) Consulting unjustifiable taxes with public helps make them accept those taxes.
 - (d) None of these

Ans : (d) None of these

5. Sir Richard Clarke seems to deserve the credit for
- transformation in the British budgetary techniques.
 - Maintenance of secrecy of the British budget.
 - Both (a) and (b)
 - None of these

Ans : (a) transformation in the British budgetary techniques.

6. From the contents of the passage, it can be inferred that the author is
- authoritarian in his approach.
 - a democratic person.
 - unaware of India's recent economic developments
 - a conservative person.

Ans : (b) a democratic person.

7. Which of the following statement(s) is/are definitely False in the context of the passage?

- Transparency helps unscrupulous elements to resort to corrupt practices.
 - Open approach of Government is a sign of healthy democracy.
 - People's acceptance of their moral duties can best be achieved through openness and public consultations.
- Only A
 - Only B
 - Only C
 - A and B

Ans : (a) Only A

8. For making the budget realistic, the Government should
- refrain from making public the proposed provisions before finalization.
 - discuss it secretly within themselves.
 - encourage the public to send in their suggestions.
 - consult the public to send in their suggestions.

Ans : (d) consult the public to send in their suggestions.

9. Choose the word which is most nearly the same in meaning to the word printed in bold as used in the passage

DUTY

- obligation
- imposition
- tax-liability
- function

Ans : (a) obligation

10. Choose the word which is most opposite in meaning to the word printed in bold as used in the passage

IMPORTANT

- major
- uncountable
- significant
- trivial

Ans : (d) trivial

II. Read the passage given below.

- I. Uttarakhand is located at the foothills of the Himalayan mountain ranges. The state shares borders with China (Tibet) in the north and Nepal in the east and inter-state boundaries with Himachal Pradesh in the west and northwest and Uttar Pradesh in the south. Hindi, Garhwal and Kumaoni are commonly spoken in the state. English is the medium of education in many of its schools. Uttarakhand has diverse geographical features ranging from snowcapped mountain peaks in the north to tropical forests in the south; its climate and vegetation vary accordingly. The state was formed in November 2000 by carving out the 13 hill districts of Uttar Pradesh. It was formerly named Uttaranchal.

- II. The main railway stations in the state are Dehradun, Haridwar, Roorkee, Kotdwar, Kashipur, Udham Singh Nagar, Haldwani, Ramnagar and Kathgodam. Uttarakhand had 339.80 km of rail routes. The state is focusing on increasing the share of railways in cargo and passenger transport. Initiatives have been undertaken to start monorails at Dehradun, Haridwar and Rishikesh, on the inter-city linkage routes.

- III. The state has two domestic airports : one at Jolly Grant in the Dehradun district and another at Pant Nagar in the Udham Singh Nagar district. The state intends to position air transport as a reliable all-weather transport option for the hills. With Uttarakhand emerging as a hot tourist and industrial destination, the state government is focussing on upgrading the Jolly Grant airport as an international airport, in coordination with Airports Authority of India. In 2018-19, Dehradun airport handled 7,374 aircraft movements and 709,227 passengers, approximately.

VISION 2022

Transport	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Strengthen road network in urban areas and upgrade national highways. Develop two major all-weather airports with connectivity to metro cities.
Health	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Affordable healthcare with focus on disease prevention. Provide state funded maternal and child healthcare, especially in rural areas.
Tourism	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Promote the state as a global tourist destination by showcasing its spiritual, cultural and adventure tourism Target 0.5 million international tourists by 2022.
Agriculture	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Improve yield and quality by providing irrigation facilities and latest technology. Create cold chain infrastructure and success to market intelligence for farmers.
Infrastructure	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Harness hydro-power for 100% electrification in the state and supply power to other states. Connect major cities through multi-lane highways and proper roads for villages.
Environment	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Promote the state as a green economy by focusing on sector such as IT, Agriculture, tourism, hydro-power and education. 100% solid waste management, waste water treatment and recycling.
Industries	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Become a world leader in green energy by leveraging hydro-power potential. Promote micro and small enterprises.
Education of skill development	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Quality primary education to be provided to all children. Job oriented vocational training facilities and establishment of higher education institutions.

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

11. What is the international tourist visitation target of the state of Uttarakhand by the year 2022?
 (a) 0.5 million (b) 1 million
 (c) 1.5 million (d) 2 million

Ans : (a) 0.5 million

12. The state of Uttarakhand was formed by :
 (a) passing a special legislation to give a minor community an independent state.
 (b) joining two or more union territories in north India.
 (c) equally dividing the former large state of Uttar Pradesh.
 (d) carving out the 13 hill districts of Uttar Pradesh.

Ans : (d) carving out the 13 hill districts of Uttar Pradesh.

13. Which of the following states/countries do not surround Uttarakhand from any side?
 (a) Uttar Pradesh (b) Nepal
 (c) China (d) Bangladesh

Ans : (d) Bangladesh

14. Choose an option that mentions a feature that is not related to Uttarakhand.
 (a) It has a hindi-based education system.
 (b) Its climate and vegetation vary quite a lot.
 (c) It has diverse geographical features.
 (d) It was formerly named Uttaranchal.

Ans : (a) It has a hindi-based education system.

15. When talking about environment, by 2022, Uttarakhand wants to :
 I. have perfect waste water management in the state
 II. harness hydropower for 100 % electricity in the state
 III. have a 100 % solid waste management in the state
 IV. promote the state as a green economy
 (a) I and II
 (b) I and III
 (c) II, III and IV
 (d) I, III and IV

Ans : (d) I, III and IV

16. Choose an option that lists the main factors considered in Uttarakhand's vision of 2022.
 1. Education
 2. Agriculture
 3. Development
 4. Transport
 5. Tourism
 6. Mining
 7. Environment
 (a) 1, 2, 4, 5 and 7
 (b) 2, 3, 4, 5 and 7
 (c) 3, 4, 5, 6 and 7
 (d) 1, 3, 4, 6 and 7

Ans : (a) 1, 2, 4, 5 and 7

17. Uttarakhand is emerging as a hot tourist and industrial destination, thus the state government is focusing on :
 (a) balancing the travel and pollution so that the natural beauty of the state is not harmed.
 (b) managing the road and air traffic better.
 (c) improving the environmental rules and regulations already set in place.
 (d) upgrading the Jolly Grant airport as an international airport.

Ans : (d) upgrading the Jolly Grant airport as an international airport.

18. Which of the following is not one of the cities that has Uttarakhand's main railway stations ?
 (a) Rishikesh (b) Haldwani
 (c) Deharadun (d) Kathgodam

Ans : (a) Rishikesh

GRAMMAR & WRITING

GRAMMAR

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

19. She told her mother that Sonam _____ her there the previous day.
 (a) met (b) meets
 (c) had met (d) would meet

Ans : (c) had met

20. Mohan as well as Sohan _____ guilty.
 (a) was (b) were
 (c) have (d) none of these

Ans : (a) was

21. Gandhiji _____ spin every morning.
 (a) must (b) should
 (c) used to (d) can

Ans : (c) used to

22. Which one of the following sentences shows a correct use of Article
 (a) His mother forbade him to go to the circus late at night.
 (b) His mother forbade him to go to circus late at night.
 (c) both a and b above
 (d) None of these

Ans : (a) His mother forbade him to go to the circus late at night.

23. Which option displays the correct change of the following to reported speech?
 Rita said to me, "Will you lend me this classic ?"
 (a) Rita asked me if I would lend her that classic.
 (b) Rita asked me if she would lend me that classic.
 (c) Rita asked me if I will lend her that classic.
 (d) Rita asked me would I lend her that classic ?

Ans : (a) Rita asked me if I would lend her that classic.

24. Which option displays the correct change of the following to reported speech?
I said to her, "I am going to my town tomorrow."
(a) I told her that she was going to her town the next day.
(b) I told her if I was going to her town the next day.
(c) I told her that I was going to my town the next day.
(d) I told her if I was going to my town the next day.

Ans : (c) I told her that I was going to my town the next day.

WRITING

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

25. A formal letter should be _____ to have the desired effect on the recipient.
(a) in proper format
(b) grammatically correct
(c) relevant
(d) All of these

Ans : (d) All of these

26. You are going to write a letter about rash and reckless driving by the people in your city suggesting preventive measures. To whom will you write this letter?
(a) Concerned authority
(b) News channel
(c) Business organisation
(d) Editor of newspaper

Ans : (d) Editor of newspaper

27. You are writing a letter to the editor of Times of India for a public movement to clean the Ganga river. Where would you suggest the need for installing water treatment plant to clean the river?
(a) After introducing yourself and the purpose
(b) In paragraph 3 of the body
(c) In paragraph 2 where details of topic are mentioned
(d) In the subject of the letter

Ans : (b) In paragraph 3 of the body

28. In business letters, which of the following statement is True (T) or False (F)?

- Signature is placed above the complimentary close.
 - Salutation is written after the address.
- (a) T,F (b) F,T
(c) T,T (d) F,F

Ans : (b) F,T

29. Ganpati Enclave
223, Central Spine
Jaipur

Identify the part of the business letter given above.

- (a) Recipient's address (b) Body
(c) Heading (d) Signature line

Ans : (a) Recipient's address

30. "Dear Mrs. Sharma," is a proper salutation for a business letter.

The sentence given above is :

- (a) Not sure (b) True
(c) May or may not be true (d) False

Ans : (d) False

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:

The moon was coming up in the east, behind me, and stars were shining in the clear sky above me. There wasn't a cloud in the sky I was happy to be alone high up above the sleeping countryside. I was flying my old Dakota aeroplane over France back to England. I was dreaming of my holiday and looking forward to being with my family. I looked at my watch: one thirty, in the morning.

(Two Stories About Flying)

31. 'I' here refers to:

- (a) a passenger
(b) plane's assistant
(c) plane's pilot
(d) an engineer

Ans : (c) plane's pilot

32. He was flying his old Dakota aeroplane:

- (a) over England to France
(b) over France to England
(c) from New York to England
(d) from France to New York

Ans : (b) over France to England

33. He thought of his holiday and looked forward to:

- (a) being with his officer
(b) being with his colleagues
(c) being with his family
(d) being with his spouse

Ans : (c) being with his family

34. The phrase 'looking forward to' means:

- (a) expecting (b) excepting
(c) accepting (d) existing

Ans : (a) expecting

35. The 'sleeping countryside' refers to all the people who:

- (a) lay asleep on hot day
(b) lay asleep during day
(c) lay asleep during hot noon
(d) lay asleep at night in the countryside

Ans : (d) lay asleep at night in the countryside

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

"As for the girls", she said, "although just one or two sketches were submitted by most, one girl - and Room Thirteen should be proud of her - this one girl actually drew one hundred designs - all different and all beautiful In the opinion of the judges. Any one of the drawings is worthy or winning the prize. I am very happy to say that Wanda Petronski is the winner of the girl's medal. Unfortunately, Wanda has been absent from school for some days and is not here to receive the applause that is due to her. Let us hope she will be back tomorrow. Now class, you may file around the room quietly and look at her exquisite drawings."

(The Hundred Dresses I)

36. 'She' here refers to:

- (a) Class teacher (b) Wanda
(c) Peggy (d) Maddie

Ans : (a) Class teacher

37. Among girls the winner of the contest was:

- (a) Rozy (b) Maddie
(c) Peggy (d) Wanda

Ans : (d) Wanda

38. Wanda Petronski had drawn:

- (a) one hundred fifty designs
(b) one hundred twenty designs
(c) one hundred designs
(d) one hundred ten designs

Ans : (b) one hundred twenty designs

39. The word 'exquisite' means:

- (a) extremely ugly
(b) extremely beautiful and well-made
(c) extremely foolish
(d) extremely innocent

Ans : (b) extremely beautiful and well-made

40. Wanda was being taught in:

- (a) Room Twelve (b) Room Fourteen
(c) Room Thirteen (d) Room Seventeen

Ans : (c) Room Thirteen

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

He should be snarling around houses
At the jungle's edge,
Baring his white fangs, his claws,
Terrorising the village!

(A Tiger In The Zoo)

41. What does the word 'Snarling' mean?

- (a) Uttering in an angry tone
(b) Uttering in a soft tone
(c) Uttering in a ravishing tone
(d) None of these

Ans : (a) Uttering in an angry tone

42. What should the tiger do according to the poet?

- (a) Reside in his natural habitat
(b) Reside in the cage
(c) Reside in people's heart
(d) All of these

Ans : (a) Reside in his natural habitat

43. Which literary device has been used in 'Terrorising the village'?

- (a) Assonance (b) Metonymy
(c) Metaphor (d) Alliteration

Ans : (b) Metonymy

44. What does the word 'Baring' mean?

- (a) Opening (b) Hiding
(c) Residing (d) Colliding

Ans : (a) Opening

45. What should be done with the tiger according to the poet?

- (a) Left free to destroy people's home
(b) Left free to destroy people's fields
(c) Left free to destroy people's shops
(d) None of these

Ans : (d) None of these

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

I was really worried about Tricki this time. I had pulled up my car when I saw him in the street with his mistress and I was shocked at his appearance. He had become hugely fat, like a bloated sausage with a leg at each corner. His eyes, bloodshot and rheumy, stared straight ahead and his tongue lolled from his jaws.
(A Triumph Of Surgery)

46. Who is the author of the extract given above?

- (a) James Herriot (b) Robert Frost
(c) Ruskin Bond (d) H.G. Wells

Ans : (a) James Herriot

47. Tricki was a pet –

- (a) Dog (b) Wolf
(c) Cat (d) Bear

Ans : (a) Dog

48. Who was the mistress of Tricki?

- (a) Mrs. Packletide (b) Mrs. Fitzgerald
(c) Mrs. Pearson (d) Mrs. Pumphrey

Ans : (d) Mrs. Pumphrey

49. The color of the eyes of Tricki was –

- (a) Black (b) Yellow
(c) White (d) Red

Ans : (d) Red

50. Which literary device has been used in 'like a bloated sausage'?

- (a) Simile (b) Metaphor
(c) Personification (d) Alliteration

Ans : (a) Simile

IX. Attempt the following.

51. "A Letter to God" is a story about a unconditional faith upon –
(a) Brother
(b) God
(c) Family
(d) Friend

Ans : (b) God.

52. What colours does the new South African flag possess?
(a) black, red, green, blue and gold
(b) black, red, yellow, blue and gold
(c) orange, black, yellow, blue and silver
(d) black, blue, violet, saffron and green

Ans : (a) black, red, green, blue and gold

53. The name of the maths teacher of Anne frank was –
(a) Mr. Kessing
(b) Mr. Smith
(c) Mr. Arnold
(d) Mr. Kaperus

Ans : (a) Mr. Kessing

54. Which comments hurt the feelings of Wanda?
(a) About her nature
(b) About her house
(c) About her dress
(d) About her Father

Ans : (c) About her dress

55. The poem "Dust of Snow" has how many stanzas?
(a) 9
(b) 8
(c) 2
(d) 1

Ans : (c) 2

56. If the world is to perish twice, the poet favours

(a) atom bomb
(b) water
(c) ice
(d) fire

Ans : (d) fire

57. In the poem "The Ball Poem", what is the boy playing with?
(a) bat
(b) ball
(c) car
(d) bus

Ans : (b) ball

58. For the first two days Mr. Herriot kept Tricki just on –
(a) Soup
(b) Milk
(c) Water
(d) Juice

Ans : (c) Water

59. What was Anil's age in the story "The Thief's Story"?
(a) 15
(b) 25
(c) 20
(d) 35

Ans : (b) 25

60. Who were following the muddy footprints?
(a) the landlord
(b) two girls
(c) Mr. and Mrs. Hall
(d) two boys

Ans : (d) two boys

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