

**Sample/Pre-Board Paper 26**  
**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.**

- In November 1918, he joined Sydenham College as a professor of political economics and worked there for two years. With his little savings, some help from the Maharaja of Kolhapur, and with a loan of five thousand rupees from his friend, Naval Bhathena, he left for England in 1920 to complete his studies in Law and Economics. He resumed his studies at the London School of Economics and kept his terms at Gray's Institute of Law. He turned his attention to the London Museum where the relics of the saintly and scientific thoughts are preserved, where the ruins of the antique world are displayed and where Karl Marx, Mazzini, Lenin and Savarkar had dug for knowledge and digested it.
- In the Museum, he poured over books from morning till evening. Time was an important factor with him. To save both money and time, he would go without lunch. After this, the second round of reading begins at his residence. The endless reading would go on till early morning. He told his room-mate that his poverty and want of time require him to finish his studies as early as possible.
- During these studies in London for his academic eminence, he had not forgotten the real aim in his life. He could not for a minute forget the dumb faces of the untouchables in India. He took up this matter with the Secretary of State for India and also held discussions with Mr. Vithalbhai Patel in London. Neither he could forget the alien political realities of the nation.
- In a paper read before the Students Union and also in his famous thesis "The Problem of the Rupees", he exposed the hollowness of the British policies in India, which caused a stir in the academic world of London and Ambedkar was suspected to be an Indian Revolutionary.

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

- Where did Dr. Ambedkar teach?  
 (a) London School of Economics  
 (b) Sydenham College  
 (c) London Museum  
 (d) Gray's Institute of Law  
**Ans : (b) Sydenham College**
- Dr. Ambedkar was a teacher of  
 (a) Political Economics  
 (b) Law  
 (c) Literature  
 (d) Political Science  
**Ans : (a) Political Economics**
- Who amongst the following was Dr. Ambedkar's benefactor?  
 (a) Raja of Kathiawar  
 (b) Queen of England  
 (c) Raja of Kolhapur  
 (d) Lord Gray  
**Ans : (c) Raja of Kolhapur**
- Name Dr. Ambedkar's friend who helped him to go to England.  
 (a) Nawal Kishore  
 (b) Karl Marx  
 (c) Lenin  
 (d) Naval Bhathena  
**Ans : (d) Naval Bhathena**
- Why did Dr. Ambedkar try to finish his studies as early as possible?  
 (a) due to illness  
 (b) for lack of resources and time  
 (c) due to adverse climate  
 (d) due to nostalgia  
**Ans : (b) for lack of resources and time**

6. What was Dr. Ambedkar's real aim in life?

- (a) Upliftment of the downtrodden caste
- (b) Upliftment of his family
- (c) Academic eminence
- (d) Successful career as a lawyer

**Ans :** (a) Upliftment of the downtrodden caste

7. What was the core slogan raised by Dr. Ambedkar?

- (a) Self-awareness amongst the oppressed
- (b) Open revolt
- (c) Pacification of the untouchables
- (d) Revolt of the oppressors

**Ans :** (a) Self-awareness amongst the oppressed

8. Where did Dr. Ambedkar spend most of his time in London?

- (a) Courtrooms
- (b) India House
- (c) Royal Palace
- (d) London Museum

**Ans :** (d) London Museum

9. How many year(s) did Dr. Ambedkar work as a teacher in India?

- (a) 1 year
- (b) 2 years
- (c) 3 years
- (d) 4 years

**Ans :** (b) 2 years

10. What did Dr. Ambedkar expose in his thesis?

- (a) Marginality of the rulers
- (b) Infallibility of the British Rule
- (c) Universal laws of brotherhood
- (d) Hollowness of the English policies in India.

**Ans :** (d) Hollowness of the English policies in India.

## II. Read the passage given below.

I. The Delhi 2015 results are extra ordinary for many reasons. Not even in their wildest dreams, would the BJP and the Congress have dreamt of such drubbing. While the Congress was widely expected to lose and be content with a handful of seats, it is the BJP's drubbing that left everyone shocked. The AAP wave was so powerful that even Kiran Bedi, the BJP's Chief Ministerial Candidate lost from Krishna Nagar, the safest seat for the BJP.

II. This is the first time after 1977 that a party got more than 50% of the total vote in Delhi. The AAP polled about 54.3% of the total vote which is highest in the history of Delhi elections. The BJP polled 32.2% while the Congress was a distant third with just 9.7% vote. A 22% lead over BJP meant that the AAP virtually decimated both the BJP and the Congress by winning 67 of the 70 seats (more than 95% of the total seats) while the BJP had to be content with just 3 seats. The Congress drew a blank.

III. The 54.3% vote share is the highest in the history of Delhi elections. There have been only two instances in the history of Delhi elections where a party won more than 50% of the votes. First was way back in 1951 during Nehru's time and the second time was during the Janata Party wave in 1977.

IV. Delhi has witnessed three elections from 2013 to 2015; two Assembly elections and one Lok Sabha election in 2014. The change in fortunes of the various parties is fascinating. While the Congress went into decline mode from 2013 to 2015, the BJP peaked during the 2014 Lok Sabha elections on the back of a national resurgence. The BJP lost more than 14% of the vote in 2015 compared to the Lok Sabha elections in 2014. Though it managed to get more or less the same vote share as in December 2013, the AAP went so far ahead of BJP that there was 22% difference in the vote share of AAP and BJP this time around. The AAP gained close to 25% vote share compared to December 2013 and 21% compared to the Lok Sabha election in May 2014.

Party	Dec, 13 Assembly		May, 14 Lok-Sabha		Feb, 15 Assembl	
	Seats won	Vote Share	Lead in	Vote Share	Seats won	Vote Share
AAP	28	29.5	10	33	67	54.3
BJP	31	34.1	60	46.5	3	32.2
Congress	8	24.6	0	15.3	0	9.7
Others	3	11.8	0	5.2	0	3.8
<b>Total</b>	<b>70</b>	<b>100</b>	<b>70</b>	<b>100</b>	<b>70</b>	<b>100</b>

V. As can be clearly seen, the Congress is in a continuous decline while the BJP peaked in 2014 and went down in 2015. The AAP seems to be the only party that has consistently increased its vote share from 2013 to 2015.

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

11. In which year did a party for the first time get 50% of the votes in Delhi?

- (a) 1951
- (b) 1977
- (c) 2014
- (d) 2015

**Ans :** (d) 2015

12. In the line "have dreamt of such drubbing", the word 'drubbing' does not refer to :

- (a) whining
- (b) beating
- (c) defeat
- (d) loss

**Ans :** (c) defeat

13. The changes noticed in the fortunes of various parties in Delhi during the elections between the years 2013 and 2015 were quite interesting, such as :

- I. the Congress went into decline mode between these years
  - II. the BJP peaked during the 2014 Lok Sabha elections
  - III. the BJP got no more than 14% of the vote in 2015
- (a) I and II
  - (b) II and III
  - (c) I and III
  - (d) I, II and III

**Ans :** (a) I and II

14. Which of the following did not happen in 2015 elections in Delhi?
- (a) The Bhartiya Janata Party collected a total of 7 seats of the 70 seats.
- (b) AAP had a 22% lead over BJP in the elections.
- (c) AAP polled about 54.3% of the total vote, the highest in the history of Delhi elections.
- (d) The Congress was in the distant third position with just 9.7% votes.

**Ans :** (a) The Bhartiya Janata Party collected a total of 7 seats of the 70 seats.

15. Which of the following statements is not true in the context of the passage?
- (a) There have been only two instances in the history of Delhi elections where a party won more than 50% of the votes.
- (b) The AAP seems to be the only party that has consistently increased its vote share from 2013 to 2015.
- (c) The BJP lost more than 14% of the vote in 2015 compared to the Lok Sabha elections in 2014.
- (d) AAP virtually decimated both the BJP and the Congress by winning 67 of the 70 seats i.e. more than 95% of the total seats.

**Ans :** (a) There have been only two instances in the history of Delhi elections where a party won more than 50% of the votes.

16. AAP gained what percentage of votes in Assembly Elections, 2015?
- (a) 25% (b) 54.3
- (c) 21% (d) 22%

**Ans :** (b) 54.3

17. According to the given chart, Congress has witnessed the lowest vote share in which elections?
- (a) December 2013 Assembly Elections
- (b) February 2015 Assembly Elections
- (c) May 2014 Lok Sabha Elections
- (d) None of these

**Ans :** (b) February 2015 Assembly Elections

18. According to the given table, vote performance of Congress is in a \_\_\_\_\_ while the vote performance of BJP peaked in 2014 and went down in 2015.
- (a) continuous decline (b) somewhat stable state
- (c) continuous acceleration (d) up and down state

**Ans :** (a) continuous decline

## GRAMMAR & WRITING

### GRAMMAR

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

19. My cousin is very intelligent. She \_\_\_\_\_ speak three languages.
- (a) would
- (b) should
- (c) can
- (d) could

**Ans :** (c) can

20. The airport has been closed for \_\_\_\_\_ than 3 months.
- (a) more (b) much
- (c) many (d) few

**Ans :** (a) more

21. No news \_\_\_\_\_ good news.
- (a) is (b) are
- (c) am (d) none of these

**Ans :** (a) is

22. The population of the world \_\_\_\_\_ very fast now.
- (a) rises (b) rose
- (c) is rising (d) will rise

**Ans :** (c) is rising

23. Which option displays the correct change of the following to reported speech?
- They said, "We've lived here for a long time."
- (a) They said that they have lived there for a long time.
- (b) They said that they lived here for a long time.
- (c) They said that they had lived there for a long time.
- (d) They said that they have lived for a long time.

**Ans :** (c) They said that they had lived there for a long time.

24. Which option displays the correct change of the following to reported speech?
- "Do you want balloons ?" he said to the child.
- (a) He asked the child if it wanted balloons.
- (b) He asked the child whether it had wanted balloons.
- (c) He asked the child did it want balloons.
- (d) He asked the child if it would want balloons.

**Ans :** (a) He asked the child if it wanted balloons.

### WRITING

#### IV. Answer any five out of the six questions given, with reference to the context below.

You are Raman/ Priya a resident of 404, Indrapuram, Ghajabad (U.P.). Residents of your sector are worried and in trouble due to the open manholes for they leads to deadly accidents. Writing a letter to the Editor of The National Daily, Ghajabad highlighting the issues and suggesting ways to sort out the problem.

25. Which of the following is the correct sender's address?
- (a) The Editor, The Hindustnn Times, Ghnjinbnd
- (b) 404, Indrapuram, Ghajabad (U.P.)
- (c) Neither a nor b
- (d) Both a and b

**Ans :** (b) 404, Indrapuram, Ghajabad (U.P.)

26. Select the appropriate Subject?
- (a) Benefits of open manholes
- (b) Problem of open manholes
- (c) Request for opening of manholes
- (d) None of these

**Ans :** (b) Problem of open manholes

27. Which one of the following is the most suitable salutation for this letter?
- (a) Dear editor (b) Dear and lovable sir  
(c) Dear sir (d) None of these

**Ans :** (d) None of these

28. How will you sign off this letter?

- (a) With regards,  
Raman/Priya  
(b) With love,  
Raman/Priya  
(c) A concerned citizen,  
Raman/Priya  
(d) Yours faithfully,  
Raman/Priya

**Ans :** (a) With regards,  
Raman/Priya

29. Which of the following way would you suggest him to solve the problem?

- (a) To deploy policemen at the manholes  
(b) To cover all manholes with newspapers  
(c) To cover all manholes with plastics  
(d) None of these

**Ans :** (d) None of these

30. Select the option that lists the most accurate opening for this letter?

- (a) Through the column of your esteemed newspaper ...  
(b) With reference to your advertisement in The Times of India ...  
(c) This is to enquire about the school fee ...  
(d) None of these

**Ans :** (a) Through the column of your esteemed newspaper ...

## 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:**

"We, who were outlaws not so long ago, have today been given the rare privilege to be host to the nations if the world on our own soil. We thank all of our distinguished international guests for having come to take possession with the people of our country of what is, after all, a common victory for justice, for peace, for human dignity."

(Nelson Mandela: Long Walk To Freedom)

31. The guests at the spectacular ceremony are being called distinguished because they
- (a) they have been invited as guests to attend it.  
(b) they are eminent world leaders witnessing it.  
(c) they are visiting the country for this purpose.  
(d) they have resumed diplomatic relations with the country.

**Ans :** (b) they are eminent world leaders witnessing it.

32. It is a victory for 'human dignity'. Pick the option that lists the correct answer for what 'human dignity' would include.

- (a) equality, liberty, indecency  
(b) liberty, indecency, self-respect  
(c) immorality, self-respect, equality  
(d) equality, liberty, self-respect

**Ans :** (d) equality, liberty, self-respect

33. Why does the speaker say that it is a 'rare privilege'? He says this as they have

- (a) been deprived of this honour.  
(b) seldom been given this honour.  
(c) experienced it for the first time.  
(d) been chosen over other countries, for this honour.

**Ans :** (c) experienced it for the first time.

34. How do you think the speaker feels? Choose the option that best fits his state of mind.



I feel...

- (a) emotional, elated, unmindful  
(b) elated, unmindful, overwhelmed  
(c) overwhelmed, elated, honoured  
(d) elated, honoured, unmindful

**Ans :** (c) overwhelmed, elated, honoured

35. Pick the option that showcases the usage of 'host' as in the extract.

- (a) He was praised for his hospitality as the host of the party.  
(b) She was able to host the event without any hindrance.  
(c) She met the host and apologised for her friend's misbehaviour.  
(d) He is the best host that one can ever come across.

**Ans :** (b) She was able to host the event without any hindrance.

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

"In the opinion of the judges, any one of the drawings is worthy of winning the prize. I am very happy to say that Wanda Petronski is the winner of the girls' 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. Pick the statement that is true, according to the information given in the extract.
- Wanda won the prize because she had submitted a variety of entries.
  - Wanda would have still won the prize even if she had submitted just one entry.
  - Wanda won the prize because the majority of judges were women.
  - Wanda would have still won the prize if she had drawn something else.

**Ans :** (b) Wanda would have still won the prize even if she had submitted just one entry.

37. Miss Mason says, "I am very happy to ...". Which phrase does not replace the underlined phrase correctly from those given below?
- It gives me great pleasure to...
  - I am sure you'll be surprised to...
  - I am delighted to...
  - It fills me with joy to...

**Ans :** (b) I am sure you'll be surprised to...

38. When the teacher wants them to 'file around', she wants the students to
- put the files in their proper places.
  - gather around her table to discuss the designs.
  - file the designs properly in their folders.
  - walk in a line to admire the designs.

**Ans :** (d) walk in a line to admire the designs.

39. Pick the sentence that does not use 'due to' in the same sense as in the given extract.
- She was disappointed due to their rude behaviour.
  - We must give our colleagues the vacation due to them.
  - I have some extra money due to me this month from my friend.
  - You have an apology due to your parents.

**Ans :** (a) She was disappointed due to their rude behaviour.

40. The teacher refers to Wanda's designs as 'exquisite' because
- each one of the hundred designs was different.
  - each one of them was very beautiful.
  - each of them was a copy of the latest fashion trend.
  - each one had the same colour theme as the other.

**Ans :** (b) each one of them was very beautiful.

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

The way a crow  
Shook down on me  
The dust of snow  
From a hemlock tree  
(*Dust of Snow*)

41. Who composed the above lines?
- John Berryman
  - Carolyn Wells
  - Leslie Norris
  - Robert Frost

**Ans :** (d) Robert Frost

42. A dust of snow was dropped by
- a cloud
  - a crow
  - a monkey
  - a squirrel

**Ans :** (b) a crow

43. The way' means
- method
  - route
  - base
  - lesson

**Ans :** (a) method

44. From where was snow dropped?
- from a pipai tree
  - from a neem tree
  - from a hemlock tree
  - from a rose plant

**Ans :** (c) from a hemlock tree

45. Why is the poet upset in the poem Dust of Snow?
- For he had lost his money
  - For his girlfriend had cheated on him
  - For he was sacked from the job
  - None of these

**Ans :** (d) None of these

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

The two boys started in surprise at the fresh muddy imprints of a pair of bare feet. What was a barefooted man doing on the steps of a house in the middle of London? And where was the man? As they gazed, a remarkable sight met their eyes. A fresh footmark appeared from nowhere! Further footprints followed, one after another, descending the steps and progressing down the street. The boys followed, fascinated, until the muddy impressions became fainter and fainter, and at last disappeared altogether.

(*Footprints Without Feet*)

46. Why were the boys surprised to see a barefooted man in London?
- The boys were surprised as
- it was an unusual sight to see someone this way.
  - everybody in London moved around in shoes.
  - it was pretty cold to move around bare feet.
  - only a person who is homeless and wandering does so.

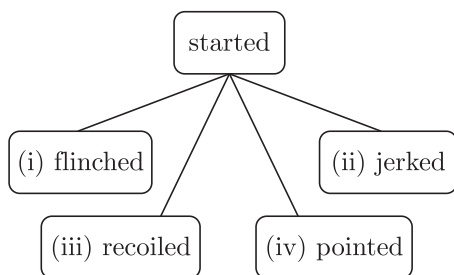
**Ans :** (c) it was pretty cold to move around bare feet.

47. Pick the option that best describes how the boys are feeling based on the extract.
- enchanted, curious, puzzled
  - captivated, curious, puzzled
  - repulsed, curious, captivated
  - enchanted, repulsed, curious

**Ans :** (b) captivated, curious, puzzled



48. Pick out the option that is not related to 'started' as used in the extract



- (a) option (i)                      (b) option (ii)  
(c) option (iii)                    (d) option (iv)

**Ans :** (d) option (iv)

49. The boys felt that the footprints were

- (a) seen due to some magic trick.  
(b) a figment of imagination.  
(c) of a man who was invisible.  
(d) those of a mysterious man.

**Ans :** (d) those of a mysterious man.

50. Pick the option that best matches synonyms of the word 'gazed'.

- (a) gaped, gawked  
(b) admired, disbelieved  
(c) overlooked, stared  
(d) surveyed, overlooked

**Ans :** (a) gaped, gawked

#### IX. Attempt the following.

51. Which crop was growing on Lencho's fields?

- (a) Corn                              (b) Barley  
(c) Rice                              (d) None of the above

**Ans :** (a) Corn

52. What food did the seagull's mother get for it?

- (a) earthworms                    (b) fish  
(c) insects                         (d) rodents

**Ans :** (b) fish

53. Why does Anne want to keep a diary?

- (a) she has no close friends  
(b) she loves to write  
(c) she wants people to read about her later  
(d) she likes the idea of it

**Ans :** (a) she has no close friends

54. How would you describe Miss Mason's feelings towards the class?

- (a) Angry                            (b) Upset  
(c) Happy                           (d) Cheerful

**Ans :** (b) Upset

55. Name the poetic device used in the line "I hold with those who favour fire"

- (a) Assonance  
(b) Alliteration  
(c) Both a and b  
(d) None of these

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

56. The free tiger could hide itself behind the

- (a) Banayan tree  
(b) Long grass  
(c) Cage  
(d) Big stone

**Ans :** (b) Long grass

57. In the poem "The Ball Poem" , where does the ball go?

- (a) drain  
(b) well  
(c) house  
(d) water

**Ans :** (d) water

58. What did Mrs Pumphrey bring at first?

- (a) two dozen fresh eggs  
(b) four dozen fresh eggs  
(c) wine  
(d) fresh vegetables

**Ans :** (b) four dozen fresh eggs

59. How much money did Hari steal?

- (a) 500 Rupees  
(b) 600 Rupees  
(c) 700 Rupees  
(d) 800 Rupees

**Ans :** (b) 600 Rupees

60. Griffin decided to stay at the \_\_\_\_\_ to keep himself warm.

- (a) Store  
(b) Library  
(c) Science Lab  
(d) Random house

**Ans :** (a) Store.

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