

**Sample/Pre-Board Paper 6**  
**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. Economist, ethicists and business experts persuade us that honesty is the best policy, but their evidence is weak. We hoped to find data that would support their theories and thus, perhaps, encourage higher standards of business behaviour. To our surprise, their pet theories failed to stand up. Treachery, we found, can pay. There is no compelling economic reason to tell the truth or keep one's word. Punishment for the treacherous in the real world is neither swift nor sure.
- II. Honesty is, in fact, primarily a moral choice. Business people do tell themselves that, in the long run, they will do well by doing good. But there is little factual or logical basis for this conviction. Without values, without a basic preference of right over wrong, trust based on such delusion would crumble in the face of temptation. Most of us choose virtue because we want to believe in ourselves and because others respect and believe us.
- III. And due to this, we should be happy. We can be proud of a system in which people are honest because they want to be, not because they have to be. Materially, too, trust based on morality provides great advantages. It allows us to join in great and exciting enterprises that we could never undertake if we relied on economic incentives alone.
- IV. Economists tell us that trust is enforced in the market place through retaliation and reputation. If you violate a trust, your victim is apt to seek revenge and others are likely to stop doing business with you, at least under favourable terms. A man or woman with a reputation for fair dealing will prosper. Therefore, profit maximisers are honest. This sounds plausible enough until you look for concrete examples. Cases that apparently demonstrate the awful consequences of trust turn out to be few and weak, while evidence that treachery can pay seems compelling.

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

1. According to the passage, what do economists and ethicists, want us to believe?
  - (a) Businessmen should always be honest
  - (b) Businessmen cannot always be honest
  - (c) Businessmen turn dishonest at times
  - (d) Businessmen are honest only at times

**Ans : (a) Businessmen should always be honest**

2. What did the author find out about the theory that 'honesty is the best policy'?
  - (a) It is correct on many occasions
  - (b) It is correct for all businesses
  - (c) It is a useless theory
  - (d) It is a theory which seems to be correct only occasionally

**Ans : (b) It is correct for all businesses**

3. Why are businessmen, according to the author, honest in their dealings?
  - (a) Businessmen are God-fearing
  - (b) Businessmen choose to be honest
  - (c) Businessmen are honest by nature
  - (d) All businessmen are caught if they are dishonest

**Ans : (b) Businessmen choose to be honest**

4. Why does the author say that one can be proud of the present situation?
  - (a) People are self-respecting
  - (b) People are respect seekers
  - (c) People are unselfish
  - (d) People are honest without compulsion

**Ans : (d) People are honest without compulsion**

5. Which of the following phrases is most nearly the same in meaning as the word 'persuade' as it has been used in the passage?
  - (a) Give an assurance
  - (b) Give an opinion
  - (c) Try to convince
  - (d) Cheat

**Ans : (c) Try to convince**

6. Why do businessmen, according to economists, remain honest?
- Dishonest businessmen can make more money
  - Dishonest businessmen make money in the long run
  - Dishonest businessmen cannot stay in business for long
  - Dishonest businessmen are flogged in the market place

**Ans :** (c) Dishonest businessmen cannot stay in business for long

7. Which of the following is false according to the passage?
- Economists believe that all businessmen are dishonest
  - Generally people are honest so as to earn self-respect
  - Virtuous behaviour earns the respect of others
  - All dishonest men are not caught

**Ans :** (a) Economists believe that all businessmen are dishonest

8. Which of the following best describes what the author is trying to point out through the last sentence of the passage, "Cases that.....compelling"?
- The consequences of business
  - The contradictions in the real world
  - Economists predict incorrectly
  - The contradictions is unreal

**Ans :** (b) The contradictions in the real world

9. Which of the following is synonym of 'Treachery'?
- Treasure
  - Perfidy
  - Debit
  - Failure

**Ans :** (b) Perfidy

10. Which of the following is antonym of 'conviction'?
- Phrase
  - Standard
  - Doubt
  - Place

**Ans :** (c) Doubt

## II. Read the passage given below.

- I. In different developed countries, the convenience of online shopping has long been felt. People in developed countries have been doing online shopping in the past decade. However, among Indonesian young people, online shopping is still fairly new. This study found that Indonesian youths have just been doing online shopping for the last 1-4 years. Most of the respondents (43.4 per cent) have become acquainted with online shopping within this past year. Out of 500 youths investigated, 36.6 per cent said that they have been doing online shopping in the last 2 years. Only 14.2 per cent of respondents revealed that they have been doing online shopping in the last 3 years and 5.8

per cent in the last 4 years.

- II. Most youths were induced to engage in online shopping for the first time by their peers. As fellow youths and part of the net generation, school peers or playmates were the ones introducing the advantages and convenience of online shopping to respondents. To buy any product anywhere, respondents said that it is no longer a problem today. To purchase books from Yogyakarta, for example, youths domiciled in Surabaya do not need to bother to go all the way to Yogyakarta. It just takes them some clicks on the web of a well-known bookstore in Yogyakarta to order, purchase and take a hold of books they desire in just a couple of days. Out of 500 interviewed youths, 34 per cent said that the ones introducing online shopping to them were their own siblings or family members. The remaining 18 per cent got to know online shopping from ubiquitous advertisements in the virtual world.
- III. In the case of gadget, 81.2 per cent of respondents said that they had never done online shopping to buy one. Only 2.6 per cent admitted that they bought gadget online at some points in time. Some of the respondents expressed their concern about the security of buying gadget online. Peers' accounts and mass media reporting on fraudulent gadget online trading have discouraged youths from making a purchase of gadget online.
- IV. Purchasing goods by shopping online, according to youths, is not less appealing than buying directly at offline stores. Although some youths investigated in this research still favoured buying goods offline, particularly when they needed the goods immediately, they still found some advantages of online shopping in some cases. One of the appeals of buying products online is the wide variety of products offered, even in an almost infinite amount (95.6 per cent). Moreover, 87.6 per cent of respondents said that online shopping was appealing to them because they could engage in it while relaxing at home or in the bedroom. As many as 64 per cent respondents shared that they found online shopping appealing because it allowed them to purchase goods from any place. Unlike department stores from which customers' purchase is only limited to displayed items, online shopping enables them to explore the virtual world infinitely. With only a laptop or a hand phone and Internet access, youths can pick a product and make a purchase just by playing with their fingers, viewing the products they desired and making a purchase.

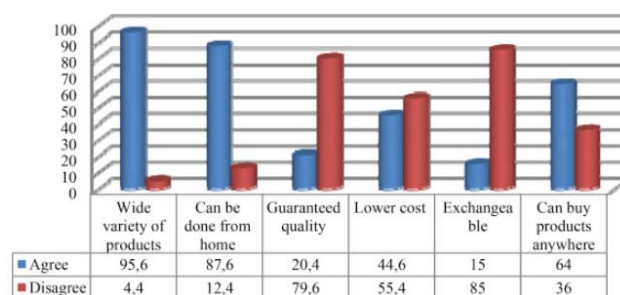


Figure: The Appeal of Buying Products Online

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

11. The youths were mostly induced into online shopping by
- discounts
  - their family
  - advertisements
  - their peers

**Ans :** (d) their peers

12. How much percentage of youths were introduced to online shopping by their siblings or family members?
- 45 percent
  - 18 percent
  - 34 percent
  - 22 percent

**Ans :** (c) 34 percent

13. Which of the following is not a reason why respondents or youths do not buy gadgets online?

- low understanding of the features available online as no one is there to explain them
- concern about the security of buying gadget online
- peers' accounts and mass media reporting on fraudulent gadget online trading

- only I
- only II
- only III
- I and II

**Ans :** (a) only I

14. One reason why some youths still preferred shopping offline is
- they can buy the goods after checking the quality of the product.
  - they can get the goods immediately.
  - they do not have to spend extra shipping charges.
  - they do not have to go through a huge catalogue to find what they are looking for.

**Ans :** (b) they can get the goods immediately.

15. Choose an option that lists the appeals of buying things online for youths.

- Can be done from home
- Lower cost
- Exchangeable
- Wide variety of products
- Can buy products anywhere
- Guaranteed quality

- 1, 2, and 3
- 3, 4, and 6
- 2, 4, 5, and 5
- 1, 2, 3, 4, 5, and 6

**Ans :** (d) 1, 2, 3, 4, 5, and 6

16. How much percentage of Indonesian youths (respondents) agreed that lower cost was one of the appeals of online shopping?

- 55 percent
- 64 percent
- 44.6 percent
- 87.6 percent

**Ans :** (c) 44.6 percent

17. Which of the following statements is not true in the context of the passage?

- As many as 81.2 percent youths shared that they found online shopping appealing because it allowed them to purchase goods from any place.
- According to youths, purchasing goods by shopping online is not less appealing than buying directly at offline stores.
- People in developed countries have been doing online shopping in the past decade.
- School peers or playmates were the ones introducing the advantages and convenience of online shopping to other youths.

**Ans :** (a) As many as 81.2 percent youths shared that they found online shopping appealing because it allowed them to purchase goods from any place.

18. Which of the following is a disadvantage of offline shopping as mentioned in the passage?

- quality of items is not guaranteed
- purchase is only limited to displayed items
- products not exchangeable
- higher prices of goods

**Ans :** (b) purchase is only limited to displayed items

## GRAMMAR & WRITING

### GRAMMAR

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

19. The United States of America \_\_\_\_\_ going to conduct elections soon.

- are
- is
- have
- has

**Ans :** (b) is

20. He \_\_\_\_\_ for this company, since 1992.

- is working
- had worked
- worked
- has been working

**Ans :** (b) had worked

21. Which one of the following sentences shows a correct use of Article?

- Shri Shanker Dayal Sharma was the President of India.
- Shri Shanker Dayal Sharma was President of India.
- Shri Shanker Dayal Sharma was a President of India.
- Shri Shanker Dayal Sharma was an President of India.

**Ans :** (a) Shri Shanker Dayal Sharma was the President of India.

22. The patient \_\_\_\_\_ take medicine in time.

- (a) should
- (b) might
- (c) may
- (d) used to

**Ans :** (a) should

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

He said, "Has anybody been unkind to you?"

- (a) He asked me if anybody had been unkind to me.
- (b) He asked me had anybody been unkind to me.
- (c) He asked me if anybody had been unkind to you.
- (d) He asked me if anybody had been unkind to him.

**Ans :** (a) He asked me if anybody had been unkind to me.

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

He said to me, "You are getting lazy day by day."

- (a) He informed me that I am getting lazy day by day.
- (b) He told me that I have been getting lazy day by day.
- (c) He told me that I was getting lazy day by day.
- (d) He told me that you were getting lazy day by day.

**Ans :** (c) He told me that I was getting lazy day by day.

## WRITING

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

You are Amit/Anita, a resident of 34, G.T. Road, Karnal. You have recently been transferred to Ambala. You have shifted your furniture and other household items using the services of Sharma Transport Company. You found that some of your furniture has been damaged while being moved. Here is given the letter to The Manager, Sharma Transport Company, Model Town, Karnal, complaining about the same and demanding compensation for the damaged goods. 34, G.T. Road,

(25) \_\_\_\_\_  
15 March, 20XX

The Manager

(26) \_\_\_\_\_  
Model Town,  
Karnal

**Subject :** (27) \_\_\_\_\_

Sir/Madam,

I had availed the services of your transport company to (28) \_\_\_\_\_ from Karnal to Ambala. The booking was on 8 March, 20XX and the Receipt No. is BR 2001. I had paid the fare through cheque No. 675001.

At the time of booking, I had voiced my concern regarding the safety of my furniture. You assured me that the driver and the attendants are experienced in transporting household items and that they would arrange them in such a manner that (29) \_\_\_\_\_.

You also said that if there is any damage then you will compensate for the same. When we took delivery

of our items, we found that the sofa and the dining table had been completely broken. You can also come and check the same. I demand a compensation of Fifty Thousand Rupees. Please dispense off at the earliest or I will be forced to take legal action.

(30) \_\_\_\_\_

Amit

**Complete the letter by choosing the most appropriate option:**

25. (a) Jodhpur  
(b) Karnal  
(c) Ambala  
(d) Jaipur

**Ans :** (b) Karnal

26. (a) Jain Transport  
(b) Sharma Transport Company  
(c) Agrasen Tourist and Travels.  
(d) Agrasen Tourism Company

**Ans :** (b) Sharma Transport Company

27. (a) Complaint for improper services  
(b) Shifting furniture and other household items  
(c) Demanding compensation for damaged goods  
(d) Complaint about the damaged furniture

**Ans :** (d) Complaint about the damaged furniture

28. (a) shift my furniture and other household items  
(b) shift  
(c) move  
(d) get my furniture transferred

**Ans :** (a) shift my furniture and other household items

29. (a) they will be transferred safely  
(b) they would have no problem  
(c) they would go properly  
(d) they will reach their destination safely

**Ans :** (d) they will reach their destination safely

30. (a) You Sincerely  
(b) Your Sincerely  
(c) Yours Sincerely  
(d) My Sincerely

**Ans :** (c) Yours sincerely

## 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.**

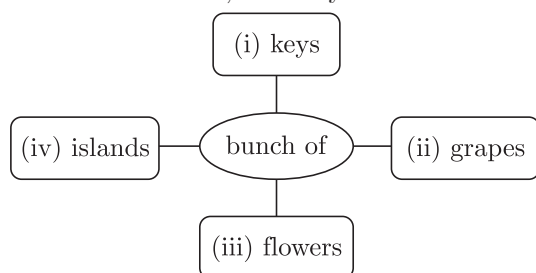
V. Read the given extract to attempt the questions that follow:

When he finished, he went to the window to buy a stamp which he licked and then affixed to the envelope with a blow of his fist. The moment the letter fell into the mailbox the postmaster went to open it. It said: "God: Of the money that I asked for, only seventy

pesos reached me. Send me the rest, since I need it very much. But don't send it to me through the mail because the post office employees are a bunch of crooks. Lencho."

(A Letter To God)

31. '...bunch of crooks.' Pick the option that does not collate with 'bunch of', correctly.



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

Ans : (d) option (iv)

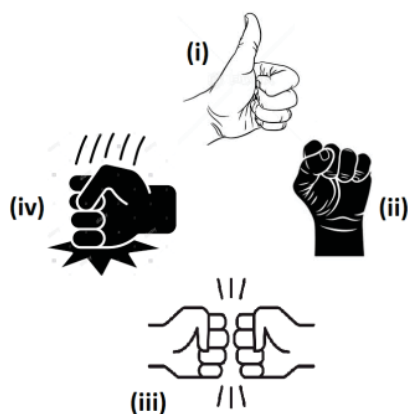
32. What was the most likely response that the postmaster expected in Lencho's second letter?

- i. sorrowful  
ii. gratitude  
iii. disappointment  
iv. elation  
v. shock

- (a) ii and v  
(b) i and iii  
(c) ii and iv  
(d) iii and v

Ans : (c) ii and iv

33. Pick the option that lists the option corresponding to - 'with a blow of his fist.'



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

Ans : (d) Option (iv)

34. Lencho's letter included

- (a) details of his problems.  
(b) description of the post office.  
(c) belief of being looted.  
(d) List of further demands.

Ans : (d) List of further demands.

35. Pick the most suitable quote for this extract.

- (a) "It is easier to fool people than to convince them that they have been fooled." – Mark Twain  
(b) "Real knowledge is to know the extent of one's ignorance." – Confucius  
(c) "You see a person's true colours when you are no longer beneficial to their life." – Anonymous  
(d) "True generosity means accepting ingratitude." – Coco Chanel

Ans : (d) "True generosity means accepting ingratitude." – Coco Chanel

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

I was safe! I turned to look for my friend in the black aeroplane, but the sky was empty. There was nothing there. The black aeroplane was gone. I could not see it anywhere. I landed and was not sorry to walk away from the old Dakota near the control tower. I went and asked a woman in the control centre where I was and who the other pilot was. I wanted to say 'Thank you'. She looked at me very strangely, and then laughed. "Another aeroplane? Up there in this storm? No other aeroplanes were flying tonight. Yours was the only one I could see on the radar." So, who helped me...

(Two Stories About Flying)

36. Select the option that correctly tracks the progression of emotions experienced by the narrator in the given extract.

- (a) excited – surprised – relieved – grateful – perplexed  
(b) relieved – confused – curious – dejected – panic-stricken  
(c) optimistic – lonely – calm – elated – appreciative  
(d) triumphant – reassured – inquisitive – thankful – uncertain

Ans : (a) excited – surprised – relieved – grateful – perplexed

37. Why do you think the woman in the control centre laughed?

- (a) She found the narrator funny.  
(b) She thought his question preposterous.  
(c) She thought he was teasing her.  
(d) She was relieved the narrator was safe.

Ans : (b) She thought his question preposterous.

38. Filled with questions, the narrator decides to place an advertisement in the local newspaper to look for his "friend".

Read the advertisement given below and select the option that includes the most appropriate solutions for the blanks:

Looking for a pilot of a black aeroplane who (i) \_\_\_\_\_ an old Dakota out of storm clouds late last night, but (ii) \_\_\_\_\_ before the Dakota pilot could express his gratitude after landing. Though control centre and radar did not (iii) \_\_\_\_\_ its presence, the Dakota pilot would really appreciate if his friend reached out. Please contact the Dakota pilot at 5200100110. In deep gratitude and



eager (iv) \_\_\_\_\_, XXX

- (a) (i) guided; (ii) disappeared; (iii) register; (iv) anticipation  
 (b) (i) took; (ii) landed; (iii) acknowledge; (iv) appreciation  
 (c) (i) brought; (ii) went away; (iii) confirm; (iv) expectation  
 (d) (i) helped; (ii) vanish; (iii) make note; (iv) excitement

**Ans :** (a) (i) guided; (ii) disappeared; (iii) register; (iv) anticipation

- 39.** The narrator exclaimed that he was “safe”. Which of the following represented the most immediate threat to the narrator’s safety?

- (a) The black mountain-like storm cloud  
 (b) The depletion of fuel in the last fuel tank  
 (c) Being lost due to non-functioning equipment  
 (d) The old rattling Dakota aeroplane

**Ans :** (b) The depletion of fuel in the last fuel tank

- 40.** Choose the option that correctly matches the idioms in Column A to the story’s events in column B:

	Column A – Idioms Column		Column B – Story events
1.	Every cloud has a silver lining.	(i)	The narrator really wanted to have a hearty English breakfast, even though he really ought to have turned back.
2.	To be on cloud nine.	(ii)	The man in the other plane waved at the narrator and asked him to follow, closely drawing him out.
3.	To have your head in the clouds.	(iii)	The compass and other instruments stopped working. The radio was dead too.
4.	g a t h e r i n g clouds.	(iv)	And there it was – the well-lit runway. An airport. The narrator could safely land.

- (a) 1-(iv); 2-(iii); 3-(ii); 4-(i)  
 (b) 1-(iii); 2-(i); 3-(iv); 4-(ii)  
 (c) 1-(i); 2-(ii); 3-(iii); 4-(iv)  
 (d) 1-(ii); 2-(iv); 3-(i); 4-(iii)

**Ans :** (d) 1-(ii); 2-(iv); 3-(i); 4-(iii)

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

But if it had to perish twice,  
 I think I know enough of hate  
 To say that for destruction ice  
 Is also great And would suffice.

(*Fire And Ice*)

- 41.** What does the word ‘Perish’ mean?

- (a) Expire  
 (b) Pass away  
 (c) Disappear  
 (d) All of these

**Ans :** (d) All of these

- 42.** What does Ice symbolise in Fire and Ice according to the poet?

- (a) Love  
 (b) Hatred  
 (c) Well-being  
 (d) None of these

**Ans :** (b) Hatred

- 43.** Which literary device has been used in “But if it had to perish twice”?

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

**Ans :** (b) Personification

- 44.** What does the word ‘Suffice’ mean?

- (a) To answer  
 (b) To do  
 (c) To serve  
 (d) All of these

**Ans :** (d) All of these

- 45.** By what is human ruled over according to the poet?

- (a) His emotions  
 (b) His Boss  
 (c) His extra marital affairs  
 (d) All of these

**Ans :** (a) His emotions

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

I looked down again at the little dog. That was the trouble. Tricki’s only fault was greed. He had never been known to refuse food; he would tackle a meal at any hour of the day or night. And I wondered about all the things Mrs. Pumphrey hadn’t mentioned.

(*A Triumph Of Surgery*)

- 46.** Who is ‘I’ in the above lines?

- (a) A doctor (b) A shopkeeper  
 (c) A Cloth merchant (d) A Fashion Designer

**Ans :** (a) A doctor

- 47.** What had happened to Tricki in A Triumph of Surgery?

- (a) He had lost much weight  
 (b) He had put on much weight  
 (c) He had put off much weight  
 (d) He had lost his partner

**Ans :** (b) He had put on much weight

48. What was responsible for Tricky's deteriorating health?
- His overeating
  - Lack of exercise
  - Lack of physical movement
  - All of these

**Ans :** (d) All of these

49. Which does the word 'Tackle' mean?
- Accept as a challenge
  - Take on
  - Undertake
  - All of these

**Ans :** (d) All of these

50. Tricky had never been known to \_\_\_\_\_.
- accept food
  - refuse food
  - throw food
  - cook food

**Ans :** (b) refuse food

#### IX. Attempt the following.

51. What unintended effect did the decades of oppression and brutality had?
- Created men of extraordinary courage, wisdom and generosity
  - Poverty and suffering
  - Boycot from foreign nations
  - Both b and c

**Ans :** (a) Created men of extraordinary courage, wisdom and generosity

52. The seagull dived towards his mother because :
- a strong wind pushed him
  - he wanted to fly
  - he wanted the fish in his mother's beak
  - he wanted to reach his mother.

**Ans :** (c) he wanted the fish in his mother's beak

53. Why was Anne unable to get closer to her already existing friends?
- she didn't like her friends
  - her friends are not understanding
  - she can't bring herself to talk about personal stuff
  - all of the above

**Ans :** (c) she can't bring herself to talk about personal stuff

54. Why was Peggy's game bothering Maddie?
- she cared about Wanda
  - Peggy was harsh on Wanda
  - she feared she'd be next to get teased
  - all of the above

**Ans :** (c) she feared she'd be next to get teased

55. What does the poem "Dust of Snow" represent?
- healing power of nature
  - particles of snow
  - cool weather
  - none of the above

**Ans :** (a) healing power of nature

56. The poem "A Tiger in the Zoo" draws a contrast between \_\_\_\_\_ and \_\_\_\_\_.
- animals, human beings
  - tiger in a zoo, tiger in a forest
  - tiger in a zoo, humans
  - humans, tiger in forest

**Ans :** (b) tiger in a zoo, tiger in a forest

57. The ball symbolizes \_\_\_\_\_ in the poem "The Ball Poem".
- Hope
  - Simple toy for play
  - Dreams
  - Memories of childhood

**Ans :** (c) Memories of childhood

58. What did the dogs know about food in the story "A Triumph of Surgery"?
- last ones will be liable to have competition for the leftover food
  - there was no competition
  - it wasn't good
  - it was the best part of the day

**Ans :** (a) last ones will be liable to have competition for the leftover food

59. Who was the most trusting person narrator had ever met ?
- Anil
  - publisher
  - Anil's friends
  - None of the above

**Ans :** (a) Anil

60. How did Griffin escape from the assistants?
- by running hard
  - by removing his newly worn clothes
  - by hitting the assistants
  - by hiding in a shed

**Ans :** (b) by removing his newly worn clothes

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