

Sample/Pre-Board Paper 7
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. As heart disease continues to be the number one killer in the United States, researchers have become increasingly interested in identifying the potential risk factors that trigger heart attacks. High-fat diets and life in the fast lane have long been known to contribute to the high incidence of heart failure.
- II. But according to new studies, the list of risk factors may be significantly longer and quite surprising.
- III. Heart failure, e.g., appears to have seasonal and temporal patterns. A higher percentage of heart attacks occurs in cold weather and more people experience heart failure on Monday than on any other day of the week. In addition, people are more susceptible to heart attacks in the first few hours after waking. Cardiologists first observed this morning phenomenon in the mid-1980 and have since discovered a number of possible causes. An early-morning rise in blood pressure, heart rate and concentration of heart stimulating hormones, plus a reduction of blood flow to the heart, may all contribute to the higher incidence of heart attacks between the hours of 8.00 a.m. and 10.00 a.m.
- IV. In other studies, both birthday and bachelorhood have been implicated as risk factors. Statistics reveal that heart attack rate increases significantly for both females and males in the few days immediately preceding and following their birthdays. And unmarried men are more at risk for heart attacks than their married counterparts. Though stress is thought to be linked in some way to all of the aforementioned risk factors, intense research continues in the hope of future comprehending why and how heart failure is triggered.

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

1. Which of the following is cited as a possible risk factor?
 (a) Getting married (b) Rainy weather
 (c) Eating fatty foods (d) Driving fast

Ans : (c) Eating fatty foods

2. What does the passage mainly discuss?
 (a) Cardiology
 (b) Diet and stress as factors in heart attacks
 (c) Seasonal and temporal patterns of heart attacks
 (d) Risk factors in heart attacks

Ans : (c) Seasonal and temporal patterns of heart attacks

3. The word 'potential' could best be replaced by which of the following?
 (a) Harmful (b) Possible
 (c) Unknown (d) Primary

Ans : (b) Possible

4. According to the passage, which of the following is not a possible cause of many heart attacks?
 (a) Decreased blood flow to the heart
 (b) Increased blood pressure
 (c) Lower heart rate
 (d) Increase in hormones

Ans : (c) Lower heart rate

5. As used in the passage, which of the following could best replace the word 'reveal'?
 (a) Observe (b) Show
 (c) Explain (d) Mean

Ans : (b) Show

6. Which of the following does the passage infer?
 (a) We now fully understand how the risk factors trigger heart attacks
 (b) We do not fully understand how the risk factors trigger heart attacks
 (c) We have not identified risk factors associated with heart attacks
 (d) We have recently begun to study how risk factors work

Ans : (b) We do not fully understand how the risk factors trigger heart attacks

7. Choose the word opposite in meaning to the word 'intense' as used in the passage.
- casual
 - significant
 - serious
 - necessary

Ans : (a) casual

8. Choose a word from the passage, which means 'very likely to be influenced or affected'.
- triggered
 - stimulating
 - susceptible
 - temporal

Ans : (c) susceptible

9. The passage is most likely to be
- a report
 - an article
 - a letter
 - an itinerary

Ans : (b) an article

10. The antonym of 'aforementioned' is
- last
 - forward
 - introductory
 - head

Ans : (a) last

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 Assembly	
	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
Total	70	100	70	100	70	100

- 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. Which of the following was the safest seat for BJP in 2015 Delhi election?
- Mangol Puri
 - Chandni Chowk
 - Karol Bagh
 - Krishna Nagar
- Ans :** (d) Krishna Nagar
12. In the line "have dreamt of such drubbing", the word 'drubbing' does not refer to :
- whining
 - beating
 - defeat
 - 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 :
- the Congress went into decline mode between these years
 - the BJP peaked during the 2014 Lok Sabha elections
 - the BJP got no more than 14% of the vote in 2015
- I and II
 - II and III
 - I and III
 - I, II and III
- Ans :** (a) I and II

14. In Decmeber 2013 Delhi elections, which party had more than 30% vote share?

(a) AAP (b) Congress
(c) BJP (d) BSP

Ans : (c) BJP

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

(a) A black and a white cow is grazing in the field.
(b) A black and white cow is grazing in the field.
(c) A black and the white cow is grazing in the field.
(d) None of these

Ans : (b) A black and white cow is grazing in the field.

20. _____ God help you.

(a) Might
(b) Can
(c) Would
(d) May

Ans : (d) May

21. Australia _____ all out before we knew it!

(a) was
(b) has
(c) have
(d) were

Ans : (d) were

22. All the streets were flooded; it _____ all day long.

(a) is raining
(b) would be raining
(c) has been raining
(d) had been raining

Ans : (d) had been raining

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

He said, "I do not wish to see any of you, go away."

(a) He said that he had not wished to see any of them and ordered them to go away.
(b) He said that he did not wish to see any of them and ordered them to go away.
(c) He told that he did not wish to see any of them and ordered them to go away.
(d) He said that he does not wish to see any of us and ordered us to go away.

Ans : (b) He said that he did not wish to see any of them and ordered them to go away.

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

"Bring me an elephant with one golden tusk," the witch told her minion.

(a) The witch requested her minion to bring her an elephant with one golden tusk.
(b) The witch told her minion to bring her the elephant with one golden tusk.
(c) The witch ordered her minion to bring her an elephant with one golden tusk.
(d) The witch advised her minion to bring her an elephant with one golden tusk.

Ans : (c) The witch ordered her minion to bring her an elephant with one golden tusk.

WRITING

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

You are Babita/Bhanu of A-48, Shastri Nagar, Delhi. You had bought an electric chimney from M/s G.D. Electrical World, Janpath Market, Delhi. The chimney is not working properly and is making a lot of noise within 7 days of its purchase. Here is given a letter of complaint to the Manager of G.D. Electrical World, complaining about the same and asking for replacement.

(25) _____

Delhi

23 October, 20XX

The Manager

(26) _____

Janpath Market

Delhi

Subject : Complaint about Defective Electric Chimney
Sir/MadamI (27) _____ from your shop last week, vide invoice
No. 8052 dated 17 October, 20XXHowever, the product is giving me a number of
problems and I would like to complain about the same.
One of the switches of the chimney is not working and
it also (28) _____.

I am unable to use it regularly.

Under these circumstances. I would request you to
(29) _____ since it is well within the guarantee
period.

Hoping to receive a (30) _____ response from you.

Yours sincerely

Babita

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

25. (a) Ram Nagar
(b) Hazratgani
(c) Gomti Nagar
(d) A-48, Shastri Nagar

Ans : (d) A-48, Shastri Nagar

26. (a) Chimney Shop
(b) M/s G.D. Electrical World
(c) Ranjan Electrics
(d) Electric World

Ans : (b) M/s G.D. Electrical World

27. (a) bought an electric chimney
(b) bought an electric bulb
(c) purchased an LED bulb
(d) bought an electronic watch

Ans : (a) bought an electric chimney

28. (a) making a noise
(b) sounds poorly
(c) makes an unbearable noise
(d) is unusable

Ans : (c) makes an unbearable noise

29. (a) repair it properly
(b) change it
(c) replace the defective chimney
(d) be replaced the defective chimney

Ans : (c) replace the defective chimney

30. (a) positive
(b) negative
(c) late
(d) bitter

Ans : (a) positive**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:

“It was only when I began to learn that my boyhood freedom was an illusion, when I discovered as a young man that my freedom had already been taken from me, that I began to hunger for it. At first as a student I wanted freedom only for myself, the transitory freedoms of being able to stay out at night, read what I pleased and go where I chose. Later, as a young man in Johannesburg, I yearned for the basic and honourable freedoms...”

(Nelson Mandela : Long Walk To Freedom)

31. The title that best suits this extract is

- (a) Freedom for everything
(b) Knowledge about Freedom
(c) Significance of Freedom
(d) Realisation of Freedom

Ans : (c) Significance of Freedom

32. Why do you think the speaker mentions some freedoms as ‘transitory’?

- (a) The freedoms are momentary and keep changing with time.
(b) The definition of freedom is constant but perspectives differ.
(c) Freedom means different things to different people.
(d) Freedom is not that important after a certain age.

Ans : (a) The freedoms are momentary and keep changing with time.

33. Choose the option that best fits the usage of the word ‘illusion’ as used in the extract.

- (a) He was never able to get past the illusion.
(b) The illusion I experienced was quite intriguing.
(c) A large mirror in the room creates an illusion.
(d) I was living under the illusion that this is possible.

Ans : (d) I was living under the illusion that this is possible.

34. The speaker says, ‘at first as a student I wanted freedom only for myself.’ Why do you think he only thought about himself?

- (a) He didn’t want to think about the freedom denied to others.
(b) He was being selfish and was only bothered about himself.
(c) He didn’t think that freedom denied to him was important for others.
(d) He was too young to realise that freedom was denied to others as well.

Ans : (d) He was too young to realise that freedom was denied to others as well.

35. A part of the extract has been paraphrased. Choose the option that includes the most appropriate solution to the blanks in the given paraphrase of the extract. The speaker's belief about freedom, since childhood proved false. It was not until the speaker grew up to be a young man when it (i) _____ on him that he was (ii) _____ of freedom. Then he began (iii) _____ it.
- (a) (i) desired (ii) dawned (iii) depriving
 (b) (i) dawned (ii) deprived (iii) desiring
 (c) (i) dawned (ii) arrived (iii) desiring
 (d) (i) arrived (ii) deprived (iii) dawned

Ans : (b) (i) dawned (ii) deprived (iii) desiring

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

She always wore a faded blue dress that didn't hang right. It was clean, but it looked as though it had never been ironed properly. She didn't have any friends, but a lot of girls talked to her. Sometimes, they surrounded her in the school yard as she stood watching the little girls play hopscotch on the worn hard ground. "Wanda," Peggy would say in a most courteous manner, as though she were talking to Miss Mason. "Wanda," she'd say, giving one of her friends a nudge, "tell us. How many dresses did you say you had hanging up in your closet?"

(*The Hundred Dresses I*)

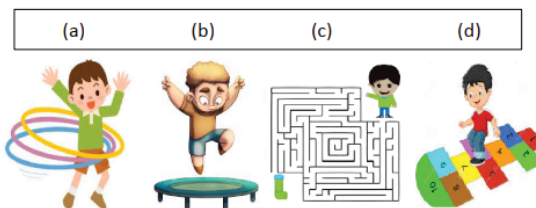
36. The 'most courteous manner' here means that Peggy was
- (a) on her best behaviour.
 (b) teasing Wanda.
 (c) trying to impress Wanda.
 (d) respectful to Wanda.
- Ans :** (b) teasing Wanda.
37. Peggy gave her friend a nudge because
- (a) she wanted to push her away from the scene.
 (b) she disliked her friend being distracted then.
 (c) she was teasing Wanda and wanted her to make others pay attention.
 (d) she was teasing Wanda and didn't want anyone her miss the 'fun'.
- Ans :** (d) she was teasing Wanda and didn't want anyone her miss the 'fun'.

38. Pick the option having the words that do not loosely match the word, 'closet', from those given.
- wardrobe
 - loft
 - cabinet
 - cupboard
 - porch
 - cellar
- (a) 1, 3 and 4
 (b) 3, 4 and 5
 (c) 1, 2 and 6
 (d) 2, 5 and 6
- Ans :** (a) 1, 3 and 4

39. Regarding Wanda being teased, Miss Mason was
- (a) in denial that such behaviour was possible by her students.
 (b) aware, but didn't want to discuss it with the students.
 (c) unaware that the students were frequently teasing Wanda.
 (d) of the belief that such behaviour was a normal part of growing up.

Ans : (c) unaware that the students were frequently teasing Wanda.

40. Which of the following images showcase 'hopscotch'?



Ans : (d)

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

He stalks in his vivid stripes
 The few steps of his cage,
 On pads of velvet quiet,
 In his quiet rage.

(*A Tiger In The Zoo*)

41. Which literary device has been used in "In his quiet rage"?
- (a) Oxymoron
 (b) Assonance
 (c) Alliteration
 (d) Enjambment
- Ans :** (a) Oxymoron
42. What is the rhyme scheme the first stanza in the poem 'A Tiger in the Zoo'?
- (a) ABCB
 (b) ABCC
 (c) ABAB
 (d) ABBB

Ans : (a) ABCB

43. What does the word 'Vivid' mean?
- (a) Clear
 (b) Intense
 (c) Bright
 (d) All of these

Ans : (d) All of these

44. Which literary device has been used in "On pads of velvet quiet"?
- (a) Assonance
 (b) Anaphora
 (c) Metaphor
 (d) Enjambment

Ans : (c) Metaphor

45. Who has been caged in a zoo?

- (a) Lion
- (b) Tiger
- (c) Swine
- (d) Cat

Ans : (b) Tiger

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

Closing time arrived, and as soon as the doors were shut Griffin was able to give himself the pleasure of clothing and feeding himself without regard to expense. He broke open boxes and wrappers and fitted himself out with warm clothes. Soon, with shoes, an overcoat and a wide-brimmed hat, he became a fully dressed and visible person. In the kitchen of the restaurant he found cold meat and coffee, and he followed up the meal with sweets and wine taken from the grocery store. Finally he settled down to sleep on a pile of quilts.

(Footprints Without Feet)

46. How did Griffin make himself visible?

- (a) Wearing a dress
- (b) Eating a lot
- (c) Sleeping a lot
- (d) All of these

Ans : (a) Wearing a dress

47. What did Griffin manage to eat at a departmental store?

- (a) Cold meat
- (b) Sweets
- (c) Burgers
- (d) Both a and b

Ans : (d) Both a and b

48. Which of the following word is the synonym of 'Pile'?

- (a) Heap
- (b) Herd
- (c) Congregation
- (d) None of these

Ans : (a) Heap

49. When did Griffin start making movement in the store?

- (a) When it was open
- (b) When it was shut
- (c) During the lunch break
- (d) During the dinner

Ans : (b) When it was shut

50. What did Griffin find in the kitchen of the restaurant?

- (a) hot meat and coffee
- (b) cold meat and coffee
- (c) sweets and wine
- (d) snacks and wine

Ans : (b) cold meat and coffee

IX. Attempt the following.

51. What was the only hope left in the hearts of Lencho's family?

- (a) compensation from government
- (b) help from farmer's association
- (c) help from God
- (d) there was no hope left

Ans : (c) help from God

52. "They looked like black mountains standing in front of me across the sky". What looked like black mountains?

- (a) Black mountains
- (b) Storm clouds
- (c) tall buildings
- (d) black plateau

Ans : (b) Storm clouds

53. Why was writing in a diary a strange experience for Anne?

- (a) she had never written anything before
- (b) she didn't know how to write
- (c) neither she nor anyone else would be interested in it later
- (d) Both a and c

Ans : (d) Both a and c

54. What important decision does Maddie take?

- (a) Unfriending Peggy
- (b) visiting Wanda
- (c) stop others from bullying
- (d) all of the above

Ans : (c) stop others from bullying

55. In the poem 'Dust of Snow' the poet says, "Of a day I had rued". What is the meaning of "rued"?

- (a) ruined
- (b) held in regret
- (c) ruled
- (d) conquered

Ans : (b) held in regret

56. Who is the poet of the poem "Fire and Ice"?

- (a) Leslie Norris
- (b) Robert Frost
- (c) Carolyn Wells
- (d) Robin Klein

Ans : (b) Robert Frost

57. At what does the tiger look at in night?

- (a) Patrolling cars
- (b) His House
- (c) Stars
- (d) All of the Above

Ans : (c) Stars

58. According to Mr. Herriot Tricki looked like a –

- (a) Wolf
- (b) Chicken roll
- (c) Sausage
- (d) Tiger

Ans : (c) Sausage

59. How did the narrator attempt at being friends with Anil?

- (a) flattering him
- (b) teasing him
- (c) introducing himself
- (d) none of the above

Ans : (a) flattering him

60. What does the first encounter tell us about Mrs Hall?

- (a) She is not friendly
- (b) She is money-minded
- (c) she is disinterested in her guests
- (d) all of the above

Ans : (b) She is money-minded