

Sample/Pre-Board Paper 17
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. Hobbies help us grow as a person. The best way to have a new hobby is to try something new. All of us are unique, and this is the reason why our hobbies and interests are different. Once we find an activity we are passionate about, we can explore that activity more. When you get hooked, you will realize that your hobby has become an integral part of your life. Having a hobby that we enjoy brings us joy and refreshes us. Hobbies help us to manage our leisure and unplanned time more productively. It also affords you the opportunity to learn new skills in your work. But these are not the only benefits of having a hobby.
- II. It feels great to be skilled and good at something, doesn't it? And this is what that makes you confident. It can take some time to develop your hobby so that you may be able to tell that you are skilled. But, the journey of experiencing your hobby is very rewarding in itself. With the exposure to different types of activities these days, it doesn't matter which activity you choose. Whether you are pursuing a craft, sports, puzzles, or skill development, your hobby should be a diversion and a passion. Simultaneously, if your hobby gives you a sense of purpose, then you will be more confident about challenging yourself in your hobby and help you prepare for learning new things at work.
- III. Hobbies give you an opportunity to enhance your life. Hobbies allow you to de-stress yourself while remaining mentally productive. Having hobbies promotes better health and may lower the risk of having high blood pressure. Enjoying a few hours of your hobby a week can also reduce the risk of depression and dementia. Hobbies refocus your mind on to something that you enjoy doing. Hobbies that include physical activities create chemical changes in your body that help to reduce stress.
- IV. Even if it doesn't involve physical activities, you can still reap the benefits of having a hobby. Getting a short break from work and doing something you are passionate about can rejuvenate your mind and help prepare you to handle challenges in the future in a better way.

- V. Hobbies may provide an opportunity for you to socialize with people and that can be an additional benefit for your overall well-being. You can connect with people who enjoy doing the same things that you do. You can meet new people, discuss your hobby and get connected to a bigger circle that may even help you turn your hobby into your profession. The internet provides numerous groups and forums to connect with people that enjoy doing the same things that you want to do.
- VI. Some hobbies require creativity and if you develop creativity through your hobby, it can be beneficial. Creativity can help you experience new things at school and work. The skill of being creative is essential in today's world.

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

1. When a person gets hooked on a hobby, he realises that
 - (a) it has become an integral part of our life.
 - (b) it has much more benefits than we realised.
 - (c) it is much more enjoyable to have a hobby.
 - (d) it is quite essential for us to learn some skills through our hobbies.

Ans : (a) it has become an integral part of our life.

2. No matter which sort of hobby you are pursuing, be it a craft, sports, puzzles, or skill development, your hobby should be :
 - (a) useful for you in the long run.
 - (b) a skill that improves your present circumstances.
 - (c) a diversion and a passion.
 - (d) followed through till the end.

Ans : (c) a diversion and a passion.

3. The journey of experiencing a hobby is quite :
 - (a) challenging for a person.
 - (b) rewarding in itself.
 - (c) demanding in itself.
 - (d) inspirational for a person.

Ans : (b) rewarding in itself.

4. Which of the following is not a way through which hobbies enhance your life?
- may lower the risk of having high blood pressure
 - reduce the risk of depression and dementia
 - distracts the mind from other useless problems
 - promotes better health
 - reduces stress
 - manages the regular balanced exercise
- (a) I, II, III and IV
(b) I, III, IV and VI
(c) I, II, IV and V
(d) I, III, V and VI

Ans : (c) I, II, IV and V

5. Choose an option that is not a benefit of having a hobby.
- (a) Provides an opportunity for us to socialize with people.
(b) Gives us an opportunity to enhance our life.
(c) Help us to manage our planned time more beneficially.
(d) Makes us more confident in ourselves.

Ans : (c) Help us to manage our planned time more beneficially.

6. Choose an option that is clearly a synonym of the word 'hooked'.
- (a) opposed (b) indifferent
(c) willing (d) captivated

Ans : (d) captivated

7. Choose an option that can be considered as an appropriate title for the passage.
- (a) The Importance of Having a Hobby
(b) The Usage of Hobby
(c) The Advantages and Disadvantages of Having a Hobby
(d) The Correct Usage of Free Time- A Hobby

Ans : (a) The Importance of Having a Hobby

8. Hobby provides you with an opportunity to socialise with people by making :
- you get connected to a bigger circle that may even help you turn your hobby into your profession.
 - you meet new people with whom you can discuss your hobby.
 - you connect with people who enjoy doing the same things that you do.
 - you get together with people of your own age and profession.
- (a) I, III and IV (b) II, III and IV
(c) I, II and III (d) I, II, III and IV

Ans : (c) I, II and III

9. Which of the following option is not similar in meaning to the word 'beneficial' ?
- (a) advantageous (b) favourable
(c) rewarding (d) worthless

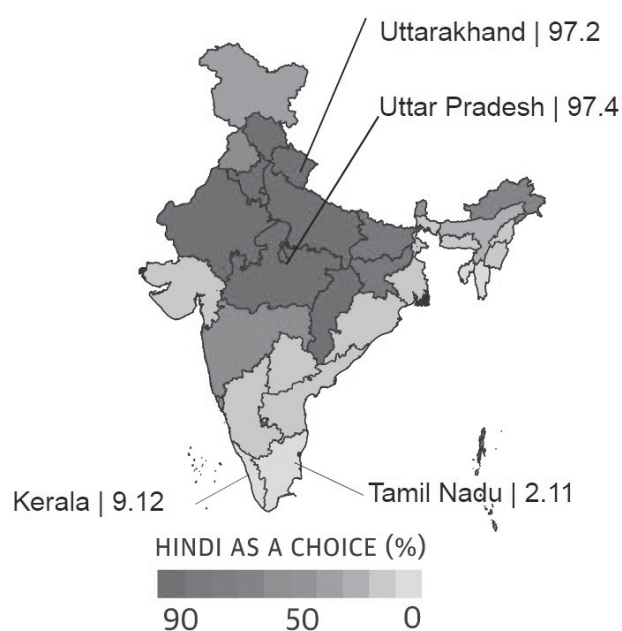
Ans : (d) worthless

10. If your hobby gives you _____, then you will be more confident about challenging yourself in your hobby and help you prepare for learning new things at work.
- (a) confidence to move forward
(b) a sense of purpose
(c) a reason to develop yourself
(d) skills that help you in your work

Ans : (b) a sense of purpose

II. Read the passage given below.

- I. People in only 12 out of 35 States (Figures are for undivided Andhra Pradesh) and Union Territories had overwhelmingly chosen Hindi as the first choice for communication. Among the rest, while a few chose Hindi as their second or third language of communication, a majority of them chose English, according to the results of the 2011 language Census released in 2018. About 43.63% of the total population said their mother tongue was Hindi.
- II. Which Indian States are primarily Hindi-speaking according to the language Census?
- III. The 2011 Census data shows that most Indian States, apart from a handful of States in northern and central India, do not primarily speak Hindi but have adopted the language as a secondary language. Most southern and north-eastern States are not Hindi-speaking and have adopted English as their secondary language. The given map shows the State-wise percentage of people who stated that Hindi was their first, second, or third choice of language. Most of the 12 States and Union Territories that chose Hindi as their first choice were located in northern and central India - over 96% of the population in Uttar Pradesh, Delhi, Uttarakhand, and Himachal Pradesh speak Hindi.
- IV. The share of Hindi-speaking people in Gujarat is significantly lower than most States. The southern and north-eastern states, apart from Arunachal Pradesh and Sikkim, have the lowest proportion of Hindi-speaking population among all states.



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

11. About how much percentage of population said that their mother tongue was Hindi?
 (a) 50.27% (b) 32.93%
 (c) 43.63% (d) 45.69%

Ans : (c) 43.63%

12. Which states have adopted English as their secondary language of communication?

I. Southern states of India
 II. Northern states of India
 III. North-Eastern states of India
 IV. Central states of India

- (a) I and II (b) I and III
 (c) III and IV (d) I, II and III

Ans : (b) I and III

13. Choose a state/union territory from the options given below that does not have Hindi as its first language of communication as chosen by the people.

- (a) Sikkim (b) Uttarakhand
 (c) Delhi (d) Himachal Pradesh

Ans : (a) Sikkim

14. Hindi speaking population in Arunachal Pradesh is :

- (a) lowest among the north-eastern and southern states.
 (b) higher than other north-eastern states.
 (c) lowest among the north-eastern states.
 (d) higher than other north-eastern and southern states.

Ans : (d) higher than other north-eastern and southern states.

15. Which state has a more lower share of Hindi speaking people than any other state?

- (a) Gujarat (b) Tamil Nadu
 (c) Kerala (d) West Bengal

Ans : (a) Gujarat

16. People of most states and union territories located in northern and central India :

- (a) speak their own mother tongue rather than English or Hindi to communicate.
 (b) speak English as their first language of communication.
 (c) chose Hindi as their first choice of language for communication.
 (d) are divided in the usage of English and Hindi in their daily life for communication.

Ans : (c) chose Hindi as their first choice of language for communication.

17. According to 2011 census data, most Indian States, apart from a handful of States in northern and central India,
 (a) primarily speak Hindi and the rest have adopted it as a secondary language

- (b) primarily speak Hindi
 (c) have adopted English as a secondary language
 (d) do not primarily speak Hindi but have adopted it as a secondary language

Ans : (d) do not primarily speak Hindi but have adopted it as a secondary language

18. According to the map, which state has the highest percentage of Hindi speaking population in India?

- (a) Tamil Nadu
 (b) Uttar Pradesh
 (c) Sikkim
 (d) Kerala

Ans : (b) Uttar Pradesh

GRAMMAR & WRITING

GRAMMAR

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

19. If they _____ early, they would have caught the train.

- (a) left (b) have left
 (c) had left (d) would have left

Ans : (c) had left

20. The chief along with his family _____ involved.

- (a) are (b) has
 (c) is (d) have

Ans : (c) is

21. We _____ drink in a public place. It is a crime.

- (a) must not (b) should not
 (c) would not (d) could not

Ans : (a) must not

22. These cheques can be cashed at _____ branch of the bank.

- (a) any (b) some
 (c) few (d) either

Ans : (a) any

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

Gita said to Dinesh, "Why are you looking so sad ?"

- (a) Gita told Dinesh why was he looking sad.
 (b) Gita asked Dinesh why he was looking sad.
 (c) Gita asked Dinesh why was he looking so sad ?
 (d) Gita asked Dinesh if he was looking so sad.

Ans : (b) Gita asked Dinesh why he was looking sad.

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

The Principal said to the peon, "Go away at once."

- (a) The principal asked to the peon that he go away at once.
 (b) The principal ordered the peon to go away at once.
 (c) The principal said to the peon to go away at once.
 (d) The principal requested to the peon to go away at once.

Ans : (b) The principal ordered the peon to go away at once.

WRITING

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

25. _____ letter is the reply to complaint.
 (a) Collection (b) Sales
 (c) An inquiry (d) Adjustment

Ans : (d) Adjustment

26. When a person receives a message, it is their responsibility to provide the sender :
 (a) non-verbal clues (b) self concept
 (c) perception (d) feedback

Ans : (d) feedback

27. Which of the following should be included in a complaint letter?
 (a) Ask for a response within a reasonable time.
 (b) Include key dates.
 (c) Describe the problem and the outcome we want
 (d) All of the above

Ans : (d) All of the above

28. You are writing a complaint letter demanding compensation for the damaged furniture and other household items. Where should you write the details about complaint?

- (a) Before complimentary close.
 (b) Before designation and address of the receiver.
 (c) Between receiver's address and salutation.
 (d) After the address of the sender.

Ans : (c) Between receiver's address and salutation.

29. A part of a letter is given below:

"The music system worked properly for first seven days but it has not been functioning properly for the past two days. The sound breaks while the songs are being played and the system hangs multiple times. Coupled with this, the songs stop playing abruptly and require the system to be restarted. Since the music system is still in the warranty period of one year, I wish to get it replaced at the earliest."

This letter is a type of :

- (a) complaint letter (b) official letter
 (c) business letter (d) letter to editor

Ans : (a) complaint letter

30. "I suggest you look into these matters carefully as they will help to improve your service and ensure a better experience for the customer. Moreover, it would be better if you could mention the correct information about the facilities, which you are willing to provide on the partner websites."

What do these lines of letter show?

- (a) Introduce the problem or issue
 (b) Summarise the main issue dealt with
 (c) Show relevant details about the topic
 (d) Provide solutions or suggestions to problem

Ans : (d) Provide solutions or suggestions to problem

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:

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 the storm? No other aeroplanes were flying tonight. Yours was the only one I could see on the radar." So who helped me to arrive there safely without a compass or a radio, and without any more fuel in my tanks? Who was the pilot on the strange black aeroplane flying in the storm, without lights?

(Two Stories About Flying)

31. 'I' here refers to:

- (a) Robin Klein
 (b) Liam O'Flaherty
 (c) Frederick Forsyth
 (d) Fl Bsr Ester

Ans : (c) Frederick Forsyth

32. He asked the woman in the control room:

- (a) who the other pilot was
 (b) who was on the runway
 (c) where he was
 (d) where she had been

Ans : (a) who the other pilot was

33. He wanted to meet the other pilot to say:

- (a) 'sorry' to him
 (b) 'thank you' to him
 (c) 'thank God' to him
 (d) 'please' to him

Ans : (b) 'thank you' to him

34. The word 'compass' means:

- (a) an instrument that collects money
 (b) an instrument to judge 'pass'
 (c) an instrument that shows planes
 (d) an instrument that shows directions

Ans : (d) an instrument that shows directions

35. The woman at control centre looked at him:

- (a) mockingly
 (b) laughingly
 (c) very strangely
 (d) angrily

Ans : (c) very strangely

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

Wanda did not sit there because she was rough arid noisy. On the contrary, she was very quiet and rarely said anything at all. And nobody had ever heard her laugh out loud. Sometimes she twisted her mouth into a crooked sort of smile, but that was all. Nobody knew exactly why Wanda sat in that seat, unless it was because she came all the way from Boggins Heights and her feet were unusually caked with dry mud. But no one really thought much about Wanda Petronski, once she sat in the corner of the room.

(The Hundred Dresses I)

36. Wanda sat in that corner of the room which:

- (a) had a carpet on the floor
- (b) had a velvety bench
- (c) had a cosy corner
- (d) had the most mud and dirt on the floor

Ans : (d) had the most mud and dirt on the floor

37. Wanda was a very quiet girl who:

- (a) rarely had an angry mood
- (b) rarely said anything at all
- (c) rarely laughed
- (d) rarely had a gossip

Ans : (b) rarely said any thing at all

38. Wanda sat among rough and noisy boys because:

- (a) her feet were awkward
- (b) her feet were full of wet mud
- (c) her feet were caked with the dry mud
- (d) her feet had no socks

Ans : (c) her feet were caked with the dry mud

39. The word 'unusually' means:

- (a) strangely
- (b) clearly
- (c) definitely
- (d) sparsely

Ans : (a) strangely

40. Wanda twisted her mouth sometimes into:

- (a) a childish tone
- (b) a crooked sort of impatience
- (c) a crooked sort of anger
- (d) a crooked sort of smile

Ans : (d) a crooked sort of smile

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

Some say the world will end in fire
Some say in ice.
From what I've tasted of desire
I hold with those who favour fire.

(Fire And Ice)

41. Which literary device has been used in 'I hold with those who favour fire'?

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

Ans : (b) Assonance

42. How many predictions does the poet make for the ending of the world?

- (a) One
- (b) Two
- (c) Three
- (d) Four

Ans : (b) Two

43. What does 'Fire' symbolise according to the poet?

- (a) Desire
- (b) Avarice
- (c) Greed
- (d) All of these

Ans : (d) All of these

44. What is the rhyme scheme of first stanza in Fire and Ice?

- (a) ABAB
- (b) ABAA
- (c) ABBA
- (d) ABBA

Ans : (b) ABAA

45. Which literary device has been used in the first two lines of Fire and Ice?

- (a) Assonance
- (b) Anaphora
- (c) Alliteration
- (d) Enjambment

Ans : (b) Anaphora

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

I made up a bed for him in a warm loose box next to the one where the other dogs slept. For two days I kept an eye on him, giving him no food but plenty of water. At the end of the second day he started to show some interest in his surroundings and of the third he began to whimper when he heard the dogs in the yard.

(A Triumph Of Surgery)

46. What does the word 'Whimper' mean?

- (a) Whine
- (b) Sit silently
- (c) Eat a lot
- (d) Barked at the humans

Ans : (a) Whine

47. What was given to Tricki for eating?

- (a) A lot of food
- (b) A lot of meat
- (c) Nothing except water
- (d) All of these

Ans : (c) Nothing except water

48. Where is Tricki residing now?

- (a) At Pumphrey's home
- (b) At doctor's home
- (c) At his servants' home
- (d) Alone in the kennel

Ans : (b) A doctor's home

49. How long did it take Tricki to be normal?

- (a) 1 day
- (b) 2 days
- (c) 3 days
- (d) 4 days

Ans : (b) 2 days

50. When did Tricki start to show some interest in his surroundings?
- At the end of the first day
 - At the end of the second day
 - At the end of the third day
 - At the end of the fourth day

Ans : (b) At the end of the second day

IX. Attempt the following.

51. The story "A Letter to God" is all about an unconditional
- Love
 - Enmity
 - Faith
 - Dependence

Ans : (c) Faith.

52. What is the dream of Nelson Mandela for the future of South Africa?
- Free from all selfishness
 - Free from all love and emotions
 - Free from poverty and discrimination
 - None of these

Ans : (c) Free from poverty and discrimination

53. Mrs. _____ was the headmistress of Anne's first school.
- Sink
 - Smith
 - Kuperus
 - Thomson

Ans : (c) Kuperus

54. What did Mr. Petronski's letter say?
- his daughter would not come to school any more.
 - to appreciate the school.
 - regarding poor performance of his child.
 - None of these

Ans : (a) his daughter would not come to school any more.

55. In the poem "Dust of Snow", dust of snow means
- big particles of snow
 - tiny particles of snow
 - Snow that has become dirty.
 - small drops of rain and mist.

Ans : (b) tiny particles of snow

56. According to the poem "A Tiger in the Zoo", where should the tiger be snarling?
- at the jungle's edge
 - at the cage's edge
 - in the cage
 - all of the above

Ans : (a) at the jungle's edge

57. In the poem "The Ball Poem", where was the boy staring down?
- the sea
 - the ocean
 - the harbour
 - the lake

Ans : (c) the harbour

58. The dogs at the clinic took no interest in Tricki because he was:
- dull and boring
 - not of their race
 - of small size
 - more powerful than them

Ans : (a) dull and boring

59. In the chapter "The Thief's Story", what was the name of the thief boy?
- Anil
 - Ajit Singh
 - Hari Singh
 - Chander

Ans : (c) Hari Singh

60. For what did Griffin enter the big London store?
- for coldness
 - for warmth
 - for money
 - all of the above

Ans : (b) for warmth

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