

Sample/Pre-Board Paper 29
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. There is absolutely on point in complaining that over the years, there has been pressure for Increased productivity and higher earning for works in industry. There are several ways for increasing employees' earnings. Employee earnings can be Increased by raising the selling price of the firm's products and services, productivity profits or costs of raw materials, or augmenting labour productivity.
- II. However, increasing employee earning by means other than increased labour productivity jeopardizes the firm's competitive strength in the market. Higher price usually mean fewer customers, reduced profit means less capital investment, and low cost materials mean poor product quality. But, increasing labour productivity by enhancing skills and motivation creates an almost unlimited resource. The development of economic resource, human as well as non-human, is the product of human effort, and the quality of human effort in large part depend on human motivation.
- III. Enthusing employees with workaholic spirit through traditional authority and financial incentives has become increasingly difficult as employees become economically secure and their dependency on any one particular organisation decreases.
- IV. According to expectancy theorists, the motivation to work increases. when an employee feels his performance is an instrument for obtaining desired rewards; Nevertheless, in many organisation's today employees are entitled to organisational rewards just by being employed. Unions, governmental regulations, and the nature of the job itself in some cases. Prevent management from relating financial rewards to performance. People may be attracted to join and remain in organisation's to receive organisational rewards, but being motivated to join an organisation is not the same as being motivated to exert effort in an organisation.
- V. The challenge to management is to final and administer alternative from of incentives which will induce employees to improve work performance. Such alternative form's of reinforcement will require increased understanding of motivational theories and programmes.

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 statements is true in the context of the passage?
 - (a) Development of economic resources is primarily the product of market conditions
 - (b) Earnings can be increased' by lowering the selling price of products
 - (c) Employees can be best motivated by providing financial incentives
 - (d) None of these

Ans : (d) None of these

2. Organisation's can derive maximum advantages by
 - (a) providing financial incentives to employees regardless of performance
 - (b) enhancing labour productivity by increasing skills and motivation
 - (c) encouraging employees to expend greater physical energy
 - (d) inducing employees to improve work performance and control their demands

Ans : (b) enhancing labour productivity by increasing skills and motivation

3. According to the passage, all of the following contribute to an increase in employee earnings except
 - (a) increasing the selling price of the company,s products
 - (b) reducing profits in favour of employees
 - (c) providing incentives and fringe benefits to employees
 - (d) increased capital investment

Ans : (d) increased capital investment

4. Employee feel motivated to work when they
 - (a) experience good working conditions in the organisation
 - (b) decide to produce goods and services as a result of team work
 - (c) think of performance as a tool for obtaining rewards
 - (d) relate rewards to material prosperity

Ans : (c) think of performance as a tool for obtaining rewards

5. Choose the word which is most similar in meaning of the word 'Induce' as used in the passage.
- (a) appreciate (b) stimulate
(c) exhibit (d) inflate

Ans : (b) stimulate

6. Which of the following factors, according to the passage, adversely affects the organisation's competitive strength
- (a) Making rewards contingent on performance
(b) Anti-productivity and anti-management activities of labour unions
(c) Motivating employees with traditional authority
(d) Increasing employee earnings regardless of their productivity

Ans : (d) Increasing employee earnings regardless of their productivity

7. Which of the following statements is/are not true in the context of the passage ?
- A. Human effort is the cause of the development of economic resources.
B. Management is free to relate financial rewards to performance.
C. Employees can be easily motivated with traditional authority today.
- (a) Both A and B (b) Only C
(c) Only A and C (d) Only B and C

Ans : (d) Only B and C

8. Which of the following factors determine the quality of human efforts ?
- (a) Desire and willingness of an individual to excel in whatever he undertakes
(b) Economic resources available with the organisation
(c) The individual's innovativeness
(d) None of these

Ans : (a) Desire and willingness of an individual to excel in whatever he undertakes

9. In the context of the passage, a company's competitive strength in the market is affected mainly because of
- A. a slump in the international market
B. poor inter-departmental coordination
C. decreased labour productivity
- (a) Only A
(b) Only B
(c) Only C
(d) None of these

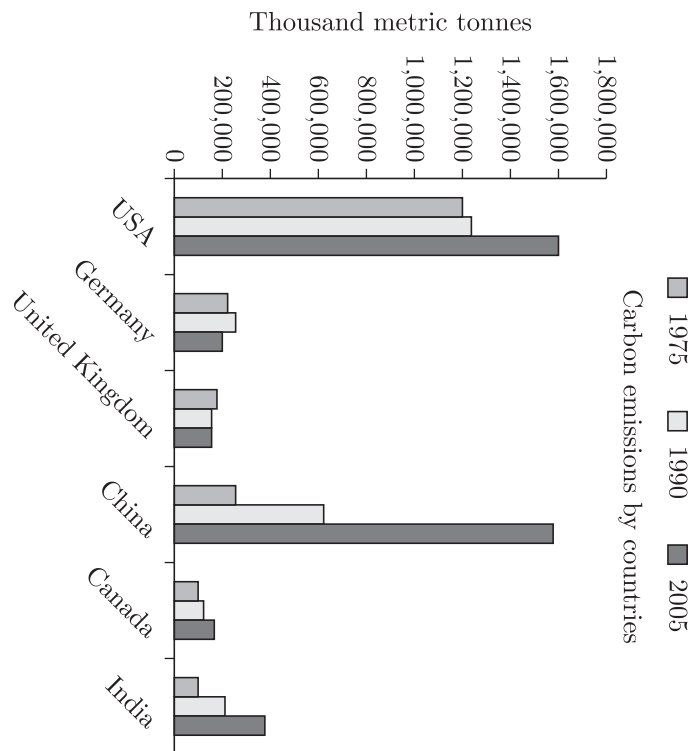
Ans : (c) Only C

10. Which of the following words is most opposite in meaning to the word 'jeopardises' as used in the passage ?
- (a) safeguards (b) endangers
(c) projects (d) devalues

Ans : (a) safeguards

II. Read the passage given below.

- I. The chart given below provides information about the amount of carbon emissions in different countries during three different years (1975, 1990, and 2005).
- II. Summarise the information by selecting and reporting the main features, and make comparisons where relevant.



- III. The bar chart compares the emission of carbon dioxide into the atmosphere of six countries, including two of them coming from emerging nations, for three decades starting from 1975 until 2005.

- IV. As an overall assessment, it can clearly be seen that only Germany and United Kingdom managed to reduce the carbon emissions compared to the other countries.

- V. USA, being the number one polluter of all, emitted 1,200,000 thousand metric tonnes in 1975 and this count increased to 1,300,000 and 1,600,000 thousand metric tonnes in 1990 and 2005 respectively. In contrast, the carbon emissions of China was nearly 300,000 thousand metric tonnes in 1975 and it rose by nearly 100% in 1990 and surged dramatically to just below 1,600,000 thousand metric tonnes in 2005. In terms of the percentage increase, China was the largest contributor in carbon emissions of all.

- VI. The figures for Germany and the United Kingdom remained relatively stable throughout the period of time, and so were for Canada until 1990. The carbon dioxide emissions in India increased exponentially from around 100,000 in 1975 to just below 400,000 thousand metric tonnes in 2005.

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

11. The data given in the graph compares the amount of emission of _____.

- (a) nitrogen (b) carbon dioxide
(c) oxygen (d) none of these

Ans : (b) carbon dioxide

12. Which country had the same level of CO₂ emission in the first and the second decade?
 (a) Canada (b) Germany
 (c) Both (a) and (b) (d) None of these

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

13. According to the passage, what can be the reason for surging of CO₂ emission in million tonnes?
 (a) The urge to become world's top powerful economies
 (b) Lack of sustainable development
 (c) Fast paced industrialisation
 (d) All of these

Ans : (d) All of these

14. Which country has the lowest emission of CO₂ in the graph?
 (a) Germany (b) United Kingdom
 (c) Canada (d) India

Ans : (c) Canada

15. What is the highest quantity unit of global emission of CO₂ by different countries?
 (a) 1,300,000 (b) 1,570,000
 (c) 1,600,000 (d) 1,7000000

Ans : (c) 1,600,000

16. Which country had the minimum CO₂ emission during 1975?
 (a) Germany (b) The United Kingdom
 (c) China (d) India

Ans : (d) India

17. Which countries reported gradual growth in reduction of global CO₂ emission?
 (a) Germany and India
 (b) USA and China
 (c) The United Kingdom and USA
 (d) Germany and The United Kingdom

Ans : (d) Germany and The United Kingdom

18. Which of the following statements is true in the context of the passage?
 (a) The countries have achieved meteoric rise in CO₂ emission
 (b) The countries have not been able to reduce their CO₂ emission significantly
 (c) USA seems to leave behind China in coming years
 (d) Both (a) and (b)

Ans : (d) Both (a) and (b)

GRAMMAR & WRITING

GRAMMAR

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

19. We _____ obey the laws of our country.
 (a) might (b) should
 (c) could (d) None of these

Ans : (b) should

20. Which one of the following sentences shows a correct use of Article
 (a) Ganga is a holy river for Hindus.
 (b) The Ganga is a holy river for Hindus.
 (c) Both a and b
 (d) None of these

Ans : (b) The Ganga is a holy river for Hindus.

21. Chris, in addition to his brother Zack, _____ hockey on Saturday.
 (a) play (b) plays
 (c) playing (d) none of these

Ans : (b) plays

22. If you litter, you _____ to pay a fine.
 (a) will have (b) would have
 (c) will had (d) would had

Ans : (a) will have

23. Which option displays the correct change of the following to reported speech?
 He said to me, "Where is the post office ?"
 (a) He wanted to know where the post office was.
 (b) He asked me that where the post office was.
 (c) He asked me where the post office was.
 (d) He asked me where was the post office.

Ans : (c) He asked me where the post office was.

24. Which option displays the correct change of the following to reported speech?
 My mother said, "Please go to the shop."
 (a) My mother told me to please go to the shop.
 (b) My mother requested me to go to the shop.
 (c) My mother requested me going to the shop.
 (d) My mother asked me to be going to the shop.

Ans : (b) My mother requested me to go to the shop.

WRITING

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

You discover that the medicines you bought from the nearby medical stores were sold after their due date of expiry. You are writing a letter of complaint to the Food and Drugs authority, Government of Jharkhand:

Sunita Lal,
 14, R.K. road,
 Ranchi, Jharkhand.

30th March, 2018

(25) _____
 Food and Drugs Authority,
 Ranchi, Jharkhand

Subject: (26) _____
 Respected Sir/Madam,

From the past three days, I have been suffering from mild fever. I visited my family doctor Dr. Gupta who prescribed me a few medicines. I purchased the given medicines from (27) '_____' which is situated next to Rambhavan Hotel on R.K. road, Ranchi.

I took the medicines home and in the afternoon was about to take my first dose, when I checked the medicines. I was shocked to see the expiry date on the medicines as 15th January, 2018. They had been expired for almost two and a half month. The shopkeeper (28) _____ to accept his fault and such behaviour of his, to my belief, is unacceptable.

Thus, I request you to bring this matter to notice as consumption of expired products can (29)_____. This is a matter of (30)_____ and I request you to inspect the whole store as early as possible. Looking forward to your positive reply.

Kind Regards,
Sunita Lal

Complete the letter by choosing the most appropriate option:

25. (a) The Health Commissioner,
(b) The President,
(c) The Editor,
(d) The Municipal Commissioner,

Ans : (a) The Health Commissioner,

26. (a) Selling of expried products.
(b) Selling of defective products.
(c) Selling of products with expired dates.
(d) None of these

Ans : (c) Selling of products with expired dates.

27. (a) Shyam Kirana Store
(b) Mediplus medical store
(c) Maharaja Textiles
(d) Shiv Hardware and Sanitary

Ans : (b) Mediplus medical store

28. (a) denied (b) agreed
(c) hesitated (d) scolded

Ans : (a) denied

29. (a) improve health of people
(b) give good profits to the medicine seller
(c) cause serious damage to the health of people
(d) None of these

Ans : (c) cause serious damage to the health of people

30. (a) grave importance (b) wide scope
(c) fact (d) discomfort

Ans : (a) grave importance

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:

Inside the clouds, everything was suddenly black. It was impossible to see anything outside the aeroplane. The old aeroplane jumped and twisted in the air. I looked at the compass. I couldn't believe my eyes: the compass was turning round and round and round. It was dead. It would not work! The other instruments were suddenly dead, too. I tried the radio, 'Paris Control? Paris Control? Can you hear me?' There was no answer. The radio was dead too. I had no radio, no compass, and I could not see where I was. I was lost in the storm.

(Two Stories About Flying)

31. It was a total blackness
(a) outside the clouds (b) inside the clouds
(c) inside the room (d) on the runway

Ans : (b) inside the clouds

32. The plane was jumping and twisting:
(a) in water (b) on runway
(c) in storm (d) in the air

Ans : (d) in the air

33. The compass was not working and:
(a) the radio was dead
(b) he lost his patience
(c) he lost his grip
(d) the steering was upset

Ans : (a) the radio was dead

34. The pilot could not make a contact with:
(a) his colleagues (b) Paris control
(c) his commander (d) his boss

Ans : (b) Paris control

35. The word 'twisted' means:
(a) fell (b) dropped
(c) turned (d) stopped

Ans : (c) turned

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

If she ever heard anybody picking on someone because they were funny looking or because they had strange names, she'd speak up. Even if it meant losing Peggy's friendship. She had no way of making things right with Wanda, but from now on she would never make anybody else that unhappy again. On Saturday Maddie spent the afternoon with Peggy. They were writing a letter to Wanda Petrologist. It was just a friendly letter telling about the contest and telling Wanda she had won. They told her how pretty her drawings were. And they asked her if she liked where she was living and if she likes here new teacher.

(The Hundred Dresses II)

36. 'She' here refers to:
(a) Peggy (b) Wanda
(c) Smiley (d) Maddie

Ans : (d) Maddie

37. Two girls were writing a friendly letter to Wanda. They were:
(a) Maddie and Smiley (b) Peggy and Smiley
(c) Peggy and Maddie (d) Jacques and Peggy

Ans : (c) Peggy and Maddie

38. Through the letter they told Wanda that:
(a) she had won the contest
(b) she had lost the contest
(c) she had been refused
(d) her designs were rejected

Ans : (a) she had won the contest

39. Noun form of 'contest' is:
(a) contested (b) contestant
(c) context (d) contextual

Ans : (b) contestant

40. The contested among girls was about the drawing of:
 (a) mounds (b) dresses
 (c) motor boats (d) mountains

Ans : (b) dresses

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

His ball went. I would not intrude on him;
 A dime, another ball, is worthless. Now
 He senses first responsibility
 In a world of possessions. People will take
 Balls, balls will be lost always, little boy.

(The Ball Poem)

41. Who is 'I' in the first line?
 (a) Child
 (b) Child's father
 (c) Poet
 (d) None of these

Ans : (c) Poet

42. What does the word 'Intrude' mean?
 (a) To enter with permission
 (b) To enter without permission
 (c) To enter someone's heart without permission
 (d) None of these

Ans : (b) To enter without permission

43. What does the poet not want to intrude on the child?
 (a) For he knows the child is manner less
 (b) For he knows it is futile to convince him
 (c) For the child is adamant to take other balls
 (d) None of these

Ans : (b) For he knows it is futile to convince him

44. What is the poet trying to make the child understand?
 (a) That he should forget the ball and stand up for future
 (b) That he should keep on remembering the ball
 (c) That he should worry about other balls
 (d) None of these

Ans : (a) That he should forget the ball and stand up for future

45. What does 'in the world of possessions' means?
 (a) Love
 (b) Lust
 (c) Materialistic things
 (d) None of these

Ans : (c) Materialistic things

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

My hand slid under the mattress, searching for the notes. When I found them, I drew them out without a sound. Anil sighed in his sleep and turned on his side, towards me. I was startled and quickly crawled out of the room.

(The Thief's Story)

46. What was Hari Singh looking for?
 (a) Gold (b) Money
 (c) Shares (d) Key of Anil's Safe

Ans : (b) Money

47. What does the word 'Startled' mean?
 (a) Astonished (b) Ravished
 (c) Perplexed (d) None of these

Ans : (a) Astonished

48. Where did Hari Singh go after stealing the money?
 (a) Bus Stand
 (b) Railway Station
 (c) Metro Station
 (d) None of these

Ans : (b) Railway Station

49. What does the phrasal verb 'Crawl Out' mean?
 (a) To run out quickly
 (b) To move out slowly
 (c) To move out hastily
 (d) To stay there for a while

Ans : (b) To move out slowly

50. How did Hari Singh draw the notes out?
 (a) without a sound (b) with a sound
 (c) with a rod (d) without a rod

Ans : (a) without a sound

IX. Attempt the following.

51. How much money did Lencho ask for?
 (a) 100 pesos
 (b) 1000 pesos
 (c) 10 pesos
 (d) 500 pesos

Ans : (a) 100 pesos

52. What has the Nelson Mandela achieved?
 (a) Political emancipation
 (b) Political love
 (c) Political goodness
 (d) None of these

Ans : (a) Political emancipation

53. When was the diary given to Anne?
 (a) 11th birthday
 (b) 12th birthday
 (c) 13th birthday
 (d) 14th birthday

Ans : (c) 13th birthday

54. It was a casual guess that Wanda preferred to set at the last safety the last row to hide her _____.
 (a) Dirty shoes
 (b) Bad handwriting
 (c) Dirty dress
 (d) Self confidence

Ans : (a) Dirty shoes

55. Whose part of the day has been saved in the poem “Dust of Snow”?

- (a) Crow’s part of the day
- (b) Tree’s part of the day
- (c) Poet’s part of the day
- (d) None of these

Ans : (c) Poet’s part of the day

56. According to the poem “Fire and Ice”, what do some people believe ?

- (a) they believe that this existing world will end in fire
- (b) they believe that this existing world will end in moon light
- (c) they believe that this existing world will end in sun light
- (d) they believe that this existing world will end in darkness

Ans : (a) they believe that this existing world will end in fire

57. Name the poetic device used in the line “He stalks in his vivid stripes”.

- (a) metaphor
- (b) assonance
- (c) Oxymoron
- (d) Consonance

Ans : (d) Consonance

58. At the dinner Mr. Herriot should keep his eyes specially on _____.

- (a) Tricki
- (b) Joe
- (c) Titan
- (d) Tristan

Ans : (d) Tristan

59. Anil gave _____ Rupees to Hari from the stolen money.

- (a) 100
- (b) 50
- (c) 20
- (d) 150

Ans : (b) 50

60. _____ was the centre of the theatre world.

- (a) Samson Street
- (b) Drury Lane
- (c) Welson street
- (d) Dubry Lane

Ans : (b) Drury Lane.