

Sample/Pre-Board Paper 18
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. A recent survey has brought back focus on teenage smoking. According to the survey 80% of smokers form the habit when they are minors. It is estimated that one out of five teenage smokers smokes about 10 cigarettes everyday. What is more, teenage smokers are no longer satisfied with nicotine and are increasingly taking to deadly contraband like marijuana and cannabis.
- II. Initially, smoking starts from curiosity but soon becomes a habit. Oblivious of the fatal dangers involved, nascent smokers ignore even the statutory warning inscribed on the pack.
- III. Forming the habit of smoking in an early age is often attributed to a whole lot of psychological reasons but the problem is also precipitated by the glamorous representation of smoking by stars on the silver screen, linking it with style.
- IV. Peer pressure is another big reason for minors taking up smoking. Besides, locally manufactured tax free cigarettes also push them towards this habit. These cigarettes are particularly popular among the youth, as they are available at a significantly lower price than the legally manufactured cigarettes. According to a FICCI report on these cigarettes, the government suffers huge revenue loss annually due to them, while youths fall victim to smoking. While in the short term smokers get sick due to common ailments, in the long run their lungs get badly affected. Diseases such as oral cancer are associated with tobacco use in any form.
- V. Smokers can quit smoking by monitoring some of their food habits. Food rich in vitamin C reduce the urge to smoke. Also milk, celery, carrot, fruits and vegetables when taken before smoking, compel the smoker to quit the habit.

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

1. Why have teenagers started consuming contraband and have not remained satisfied with nicotine consumption only?
 - (a) It is cheaper than the cigarettes.
 - (b) It does not have harmful impact on health.
 - (c) People consuming contraband are not looked down upon by the society.
 - (d) Not mentioned in the passage

Ans : (d) Not mentioned in the passage

2. Why are locally manufactured cigarettes sold at a lower price?
 - (a) Because they are popular.
 - (b) No tax is levied on these cigarettes
 - (c) The manufacturers of these cigarettes intend to capture a bigger market share.
 - (d) They have a limited market and therefore cannot be sold at a higher price.

Ans : (b) No tax is levied on these cigarettes

3. Which of the following is false in context of the passage?
 - (a) Most of the smokers start smoking at an early age.
 - (b) Smoking leads to psychological diseases leading to a weak memory.
 - (c) People drawn to smoking are charmed by big stars showing smoking on the screen
 - (d) Smoking affects lungs if the habit is not got rid of at an early stage.

Ans : (b) Smoking leads to psychological diseases leading to a weak memory.

4. Which of the following has been mentioned about the FICCI report in the passage?
 - (a) Tax free cigarettes help keep a vigil on frequent smokers as they are sold at few shops only.
 - (b) More and more people indulge in smoking as tax free cigarettes remain available at a reduced price.
 - (c) Tax free cigarettes cause a huge revenue loss to the government.
 - (d) Only 2 and 3

Ans : (d) Only 2 and 3

5. Which of the following food items do not help smokers get rid of smoking?
 (a) Vegetables (b) Fruits
 (c) Celery (d) Chocolate

Ans : (d) Chocolate

6. Why do people tend to ignore the statutory warning inscribed on the pack of cigarettes?
 (a) The warning fails to convey the message for which it is mentioned.
 (b) They care little about their health.
 (c) They possess little knowledge of the risks associated with its consumption.
 (d) Not mentioned in the passage

Ans : (d) Not mentioned in the passage

7. Choose the word which is most nearly the same in meaning as the word printed in bold as used in the passage.

ANNUALLY

- (a) Deliberately (b) Steadily
 (c) Yearly (d) Finally

Ans : (c) Yearly

8. Choose the word which is most nearly the same in meaning as the word printed in bold as used in the passage.

NASCENT

- (a) Seasoned (b) Smart
 (c) Conventional (d) New

Ans : (d) New

9. Choose the word which is most nearly the opposite in meaning as the word printed in bold as used in the passage.

COMPEL

- (a) Allow (b) Venerate
 (c) Prove (d) Force

Ans : (a) Allow

10. Choose the word which is most nearly the opposite in meaning as the word printed in bold as used in the passage.

OBLIVIOUS

- (a) Careless (b) Acquaint
 (c) Negligent (d) Mindful

Ans : (d) Mindful

II. Read the passage given below.

- I. Dried fruits are basically fresh fruits that have been dried. Fruits are dehydrated by conventional sun-drying or other drying techniques. They shrivel up and the pulpy remains are the dry fruits that you enjoy at breakfast or during those mid-meal breaks. As the water content is removed, the fruits become energy-bombs with concentrated nutrients.
- II. Some of the most common dry fruits and nuts are raisins, cashew nuts, almonds, walnuts, dates, figs, prunes and apricots. Some varieties of dried fruits like mangoes, pineapples, cranberries, etc., are also available in sugar-coated candied versions. Of these, dry fruits devoid of any additives are the best for your body.

- III. Walnuts and almonds for the brain, cashews to fight migraine, apricots for healthy eyes and raisins for digestion - these are only a few benefits of dried fruits and nuts. Dry fruits also help the body in the following ways :
- IV. Loaded with essential nutrients, the benefits of dry fruits and nuts for health cannot be overlooked. Dry fruits increase your nutrient intake as they are rich in potassium, iron, folate, calcium and magnesium. The antioxidants boost your immunity, keeping you healthy and free from diseases and other illnesses.
- V. People who include nuts and dried fruits in their diet are well-aware of dry fruits' benefits for weight loss. When consumed in moderation, they help you reduce weight and stay fit. Those who swear by dry fruits are known to take in lesser fats, sugar and more essential nutrients for proper metabolism.
- VI. Raisins and prunes are rich in iron and are beneficial for those who are anaemic. Dry fruits are packed with nutrients like Vitamin B, minerals like phosphorous and copper, and unsaturated fats that boost the regeneration of blood cells and haemoglobin in the body. Almonds, figs, pistachios and cashew nuts also give energy and build stamina. Raisins play a significant role in lowering systolic blood pressure. They control cholesterol and reduce inflammatory markers in the body. Almonds contain Vitamin E and mono unsaturated fatty acids that prevent spikes in cholesterol levels and maintain it at a healthy optimum. Brazil nuts keep a check on blood pressure as they are a source of potassium, magnesium and calcium. As you can see, dry fruits and nuts reduce the risk of heart diseases, stroke and heart attacks.
- VII. Dry fruits are a rich source of beta carotene, an antioxidant that battles anxiety and depression in people. These antioxidants also improve memory. Dry fruits help to improve sleep and enhance learning and performance.

Are There Any Side Effects of Eating Dried Fruits?

Since dried foods do not contain water, they are packed with concentrated sugar and are high on calories. They also have reduced Vitamin C and lesser antioxidants than fresh fruits. This may pose a threat to our health if not consumed in moderation. Some of the side effects of eating dried fruits are:

- The high sugar content increases the risk of diabetes.
- Dried fruits with the extra calories can be a major reason for weight gain.
- They are also known to augment heart-related issues if consumed in unhealthy quantities.
- Sulphites found in dried fruits can cause asthma attacks and also trigger allergies, rashes and stomach cramps in some cases.

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

11. After removing the water content, the dry fruits become _____ with concentrated nutrients.
 (a) unsaturated fats
 (b) healthier
 (c) energy-bombs
 (d) fatty sugar

Ans : (c) energy-bombs

12. Some of the most common dry fruits and nuts are :

1. mangoes
2. walnuts
3. lychee
4. cashew nuts
5. raisins
6. dates
7. cranberries
8. apricots

(a) 2, 4, 5, 6 and 8

(b) 1, 2, 4, 5 and 7

(c) 4, 5, 6, 7 and 8

(d) 2, 3, 4, 6 and 7

Ans : (a) 2, 4, 5, 6 and 8

13. Raisins and prunes are beneficial for those who :

- (a) have migraine.
- (b) suffer from anxiety.
- (c) are anaemic.
- (d) have high blood pressure.

Ans : (c) are anaemic.

14. Brazil nuts keep a check on blood pressure as they are :

- (a) a source of potassium, magnesium and calcium.
- (b) contain nutrients like Vitamin B and C.
- (c) packed with minerals like phosphorous and copper.
- (d) mono unsaturated fatty acids that prevent spikes.

Ans : (a) a source of potassium, magnesium and calcium.

15. Which of the following is not a benefit provided by the antioxidants in the dried fruits?

- (a) lowering your systolic blood pressure
- (b) keeping you healthy
- (c) boosting your immunity
- (d) keeping you free from diseases or illnesses

Ans : (a) lowering your systolic blood pressure

16. Which of the following dried fruits give energy and build stamina?

- (a) cashews nuts, raisins and Brazil nuts
- (b) walnuts, apricots and almonds
- (c) raisins and prunes
- (d) almonds, figs, pistachios and cashew nuts

Ans : (d) almonds, figs, pistachios and cashew nuts

17. Dry fruits are packed with nutrients like Vitamin B, minerals like phosphorous and copper, and unsaturated fats that :

- I. boost the regeneration of blood cells
 - II. boost haemoglobin in the body
 - III. boost the immunity of the body
 - IV. boost energy in the body
- (a) I and II
 - (b) II and III
 - (c) I and IV
 - (d) III and IV

Ans : (a) I and II

18. Beta carotene is an antioxidant that battles :

- (a) weight gain and unsaturated fats.
- (b) systolic blood pressure.
- (c) anxiety and depression in people.
- (d) cholesterol and reduces inflammatory markers in the body.

Ans : (c) anxiety and depression in people.

GRAMMAR & WRITING

GRAMMAR

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

19. She _____ in Calcutta for three years before the year 1992.

- (a) was living
- (b) has been living
- (c) would have been living
- (d) had been

Ans : (d) had been

20. He and they _____ not a part of the wedding.

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

Ans : (b) are

21. I _____ to have been there at this time.

- (a) dare
- (b) might
- (c) must
- (d) ought

Ans : (d) ought

22. How _____ money can I afford ?

- (a) many
- (b) more
- (c) much
- (d) some

Ans : (c) much

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

Mohan said to his sister, "Please don't disturb me."

- (a) Mohan requested his sister not to disturb him.
- (b) Mohan ordered his sister not to disturb him.
- (c) Mohan asked his sister not to disturb him.
- (d) Mohan advised his sister not to disturb him.

Ans : (a) Mohan requested his sister not to disturb him.

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

My friend said, "I bought the tickets yesterday."

- (a) My friend had bought the tickets yesterday.
- (b) My friend wanted to buy the tickets yesterday.
- (c) My friend told me to buy the tickets.
- (d) My friend said that he had bought the tickets the previous day.

Ans : (d) My friend said that he had bought the tickets the previous day.

WRITING

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

- 25.** Most people do not like to read complaint letters because _____.
 (a) It is full of lies.
 (b) It is a personal attack on their company.
 (c) It highlights the weaknesses or shortcomings of their company.
 (d) It does not provide any accurate feedback.
Ans : (c) It highlights the weaknesses or shortcomings of their company.

- 26.** The people who are most likely to receive complaint letter are _____.
 (a) salespeople
 (b) parents
 (c) teachers
 (d) managers and supervisors
Ans : (d) managers and supervisors

- 27.** Complaint letter should be called as _____.
 (a) Claim letter (b) Inquiry letter
 (c) Persuasive letter (d) Sales letter
Ans : (a) Claim letter

- 28.** A letter to the Manager, Sharma Furnitures, Delhi, mentioning about the poor quality of household furniture you recently purchased from them, is a kind of
 (a) letter to editor. (b) complaint letter.
 (c) letter of application. (d) business letter.
Ans : (b) complaint letter.

- 29.** “You are Pulkit, a resident of Gandhi Colony, Jaipur. You have noticed that some residents of your colony are repeatedly floating quarantine rules laid out during the outbreak of the COVID-19 pandemic. You have decided to write a letter to the SHO of the local police station drawing attention towards the same.”
 What type of letter is this?
 (a) Letter to editor
 (b) Formal letter of enquiry
 (c) Complaint letter (business)
 (d) Complaint letter (official)
Ans : (d) Complaint letter (official)

- 30.** “I appeal to the concerned officials to look into the matter and take necessary actions in this regard. I hope that the authorities would take stern action to regulate the prices so that empty pockets of the poor would not be exploited.”
 This part of letter provides :
 (a) suggestions or request to authorities.
 (b) important details of letter.
 (c) subject of the issue.
 (d) purpose of writing the letter.
Ans : (a) suggestions or request to authorities.

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:

“That’s what they say: no one dies of hunger.” All through the night, Lencho thought only of his one hope: the help of God, whose eyes, as he had been instructed, see everything, even what is deep in one’s conscience. Lencho was an ox of a man, working like an animal in the fields, but still he knew how to write.

(A Letter To God)

- 31.** What was Lencho’s only hope?
 (a) The help of God
 (b) The help of the government
 (c) Flourishing of his another of his another crop
 (d) His family’s support
Ans : (a) The help of God

- 32.** Despite being a farmer what did Lencho know?
 (a) How to please God (b) How to write
 (c) How to talk (d) How to die
Ans : (b) How to write

- 33.** How did Lencho work in the field?
 (a) Like a farmer
 (b) Like a businessman
 (c) As hard as an animal
 (d) As comfortably as the rich
Ans : (c) As hard as an animal

- 34.** What does that word ‘conscience’ in the extract mean?
 (a) Knowledge (b) Awareness
 (c) Interest (d) Moral sense
Ans : (d) Moral sense

- 35.** Lencho has been called ‘an ox of a man’ because
 (a) He was a fool (b) He was illiterate
 (c) He worked hard (d) None of these
Ans : (c) He worked hard

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

Our entire class is quaking in its boots. The reason, of course, is the Forthcoming meeting in which the teachers decide who’ll move up to the next Form and who’ll be kept back. Half the class is making bets. Q.N. and laugh ourselves silly at the two boys behind us, C.N. and Jacques, who have staked their entire holiday savings on their bet. From morning to night, it’s ‘You’re going to pass’, ‘No, I’m not’, ‘Yes, you are’, ‘No, I’m no’ Even G’s pleading glances and my angry outbursts can’t calm them down.

(From The Diary Of Anne Frank)

36. 'I' here refers to:
 (a) Anne Frank (b) C.N.
 (c) Jacques (d) Teacher

Ans : (a) Anne Frank

37. The entire class is quaking because:
 (a) there is no teacher
 (b) they have fun day
 (c) the exams have been delayed
 (d) the exam results are to be declared soon

Ans : (d) the exam results are to be declared soon

38. C.N. and Jacques staked their entire holiday savings:
 (a) on picnics (b) on their bet
 (c) on ice-cream (d) on food

Ans : (b) on their bet

39. The noun form of 'laugh' is:
 (a) laughable (b) laughing
 (c) laughably (d) laughter

Ans : (d) laughter

40. On betting Anne shouts at them in:
 (a) anger (b) praise
 (c) panic (d) tone

Ans : (a) anger

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

Has given my heart
 A change of mood
 And saved some part
 Of the day I rued

(Dust Of Snow)

41. Who composed the above lines?
 (a) Adrienne Rich (b) Robert Frost
 (c) Robin Klein (d) Walt Whitman

Ans : (b) Robert Frost

42. The poet was in a
 (a) pleasant mood (b) playful mood
 (c) rough mood (d) sad mood

Ans : (b) playful mood

43. What changes the mood of the poet in Dust of Snow?
 (a) Falling of snow particles on the poet
 (b) Falling of leaves on the poet
 (c) Falling of dust on the poet
 (d) All of these

44. The word 'rued' means
 (a) held (b) repented
 (c) accepted (d) rejected

Ans : (c) accepted

45. What has the poet saved?
 (a) some part of the day (b) some money
 (c) some poetry (d) some part of a book

Ans : (a) some part of the day

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

I hurried back to the room feeling very nervous, for it is much easier to steal something than to return it undetected. I opened the door quietly, then stood in the doorway, in clouded moonlight. Anil was still asleep. I crept to the head of the bed, and my hand came up with the notes. I felt his breath on my hand. I remained still for a minute. Then my hand found the edge of the mattress, and slipped under it with the notes.

(The Thief's Story)

46. What did Hari Singh do with the money?
 (a) Deposited in his bank account
 (b) Handed in to his friends
 (c) Kept in Anil's safe stealthily
 (d) Kept it whence it was taken

Ans : (d) Kept it whence it was taken

47. Why did Hari Singh keep the money under the mattress?
 (a) For he had realised his mistake
 (b) For he could be arrested by police
 (c) For he was afraid of being humiliated in front of people
 (d) For he had no guts to steal

Ans : (a) For he had realised his mistake

48. What was more difficult for Hari Singh?
 (a) To return the money in the morning
 (b) To return the money in the evening
 (c) To return the money undetected
 (d) All of these

Ans : (c) To return the money undetected

49. How long did Hari Singh remain still for?
 (a) a minute (b) two minutes
 (c) five minutes (d) ten minutes

Ans : (a) a minute

50. What was the mental state of Hari Singh?
 (a) Confident (b) Nervous
 (c) Perplexed (d) Both b and c

Ans : (d) Both b and c

IX. Attempt the following.

51. What created a lasting wound in Nelson's country?
 (a) The policy of fighting
 (b) The policy of economic backwardness
 (c) The policy of apartheid
 (d) None of these

Ans : (c) The policy of apartheid

52. Who is the author of "Black Aeroplane"?
 (a) Liam O' Flaherty
 (b) Frederick Forsyth
 (c) Roald Dahl
 (d) Paulo Coelho

Ans : (b) Frederick Forsyth

53. What does Miss Mason think of Wanda's drawing?

- (a) Exquisite
- (b) Ugly
- (c) Average
- (d) None of these

Ans : (a) Exquisite

54. What did Peggy infer from the drawing?

- (a) Wanda was a good artist
- (b) Wanda liked them
- (c) Wanda hated them
- (d) Both a and b

Ans : (b) Wanda liked them

55. According to the poem "Fire and ice", what enough to destroy the world is

- (a) dictatorship
- (b) affection
- (c) love
- (d) hatred

Ans : (d) hatred

56. The free tiger would terrorise the village people by showing his –

- (a) Eyes
- (b) Black stripes
- (c) Tooth and claws
- (d) Huge body

Ans : (c) Tooth and claws

57. What has the boy lost in the water?

- (a) his ball
- (b) his bat
- (c) his wicket
- (d) his gloves

Ans : (a) his ball

58. What was the name of Mrs Pumphrey's dog?

- (a) Ben
- (b) Tommy
- (c) Tricki
- (d) Jonny

Ans : (c) Tricki

59. In the Chapter "The Thief's Story", what did the boy ask Anil for?

- (a) to give him food
- (b) to employ him
- (c) to give him money
- (d) to teach him

Ans : (b) to employ him

60. Griffin decided to try the stock of a theatrical company in the hope getting some cloth to hide his –

- (a) Face
- (b) Feet
- (c) Hand
- (d) Body

Ans : (a) Face