

Sample/Pre-Board Paper 25
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. The Road to success is not straight; there is a curve called failure, a loop called confusion, speed bumps called friends, caution lights called family, and you will have flats called jobs. But, if you have a spare called determination, an engine called perseverance, insurance called faith, and a driver called God, you will make it to a place called success!
- II. In spite of all our planning and preparation, unexpected challenges are certain to arise. The bumps in the road are unavoidable, but you'll never get to your destination if you aren't willing to drive over them. The difference between a disaster and triumph lies in whether or not you're prepared and willing to weather the storm. If you're ready, those bumps will become stepping-stones.
- III. The key thing to realize is that working harder is same as working smarter. How do you work smarter? You just need to have the right skills. People want improved circumstances and better life without an improved self. They want victory without paying the price or making efforts. It really cannot happen without the other. Any improvements that have not been generated by improving yourself are superficial and short-lived. If you want to have a better future, you have to change yourself. Stop worrying about the various challenges that will come your way. Just believe in yourself and use them as stepping-stones.
- IV. 'Success' is getting whatever you want out of life without violating the rights of others." It is not an accident. Success is the result of our attitude and our attitude is a choice. Hence success is a matter of choice and not chance.
- V. Today success represents a holistic and positive attitude to life. Attitude is everything. Success is not restricted within some kind of brick and mortar premises. It assumes the individuality of a complete act executed with perfection; material achievements do not define life. We don't remember sports stars for the products they endorse but the spirit of achievement they represent. In the abundance of positive attitude underline the grandeur of a truly rewarding rich life.

- VI. Success can be measured from two standpoints - the external and the internal. Externally it is the measure of a job well done and recognition. Internally it the feeling of achievement and wholeness derived from the completion of a task or fulfilment of desire.

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

1. The author refers to determination as _____.
 (a) Speed bumps (b) Flats
 (c) A spark (d) Insurance
Ans : (c) A spark
2. The author refers to insurance as _____.
 (a) Spare (b) Engine
 (c) Caution lights (d) Faith
Ans : (d) Faith
3. Bumps become stepping stones when _____.
 (a) You are willing to drive over them
 (b) Willing to avoid them
 (c) Cursing the authorities for constructing them
 (d) Talking an alternate route
Ans : (a) You are willing to drive over them
4. Difference between disaster and triumph lies in
 (a) Sulking and moving forward
 (b) Not being prepared to face disaster
 (c) Dreading to face disaster
 (d) Willing to weather the storm
Ans : (d) Willing to weather the storm
5. For success _____.
 (a) Working harder is the key
 (b) Working hard is not the key
 (c) Working smarter and making efforts is the key.
 (d) Working smarter without hard work is the key
Ans : (c) Working smarter and making efforts is the key.

6. According to the passage, success is _____.

- (a) a matter of chance
- (b) a matter of choice
- (c) Getting whatever you want
- (d) An accident

Ans : (b) a matter of choice

7. Success represents _____.

- (a) Brick and mortar premise
- (b) Material achievement
- (c) A rich life
- (d) Holistic and positive attitude to life

Ans : (d) Holistic and positive attitude to life

8. Success can be measured by two standpoints- the external and the internal. Externally it is the measure of a job well done and recognition. Internally it is _____.

- (a) completing of a task
- (b) fulfilment of desire
- (c) job well done and recognition
- (d) the feeling of achievement and wholeness derived from the completion of a task or fulfilment of desire.

Ans : (d) the feeling of achievement and wholeness derived from the completion of a task or fulfilment of desire.

9. Which of the following statements is true in the context of the passage?

- (a) Success is a matter of chance and not a choice
- (b) Material achievements define life
- (c) The road to success is straight
- (d) Success is getting whatever you want out of life without violating the rights to others

Ans : (d) Success is getting whatever you want out of life without violating the rights to others

10. Which of the following is antonym of the word 'success'?

- (a) failure
- (b) achievement
- (c) zenith
- (d) Triumph

Ans : (a) failure

II. Read the passage given below.

I. Nature is declining globally at rates unprecedented in human history - and the rate of species extinctions is accelerating, with grave impacts on people around the world now likely, warns a landmark new report from the Intergovernmental Science-Policy Platform on Biodiversity and Ecosystem Services (IPBES).

II. The Report finds that around 1 million animal and plant species are now threatened with extinction, many within decades, more than ever before in human history.

III. The average abundance of native species in most major land-based habitats has fallen by at least 20%, mostly since 1900. More than 40% of amphibian species, almost 33% of reef-forming corals and more than a third of all marine mammals are threatened.

The picture is less clear for insect species, but available evidence supports a tentative estimate of 10% being threatened. At least 680 vertebrate species had been driven to extinction since the 16th century and more than 9% of all domesticated breeds of mammals used for food and agriculture had become extinct by 2016, with at least 1,000 more breeds still threatened.

Scale of Loss of Nature

- Gains from societal and policy responses, while important, have not stopped massive losses.
- Since 1970, trends in agricultural production, fish harvest, bioenergy production and harvest of materials have increased, in response to population growth, rising demand and technological development, this has come at a steep price, which has been unequally distributed within and across countries. Many other key indicators of nature's contributions to people however, such as soil organic carbon and pollinator diversity, have declined, indicating that gains in material contributions are often not sustainable.
- The pace of agricultural expansion into intact ecosystems has varied from country to country. Losses of intact ecosystems have occurred primarily in the tropics, home to the highest levels of biodiversity on the planet. For example, 100 million hectares of tropical forest were lost from 1980 to 2000, resulting mainly from cattle ranching in Latin America (about 42 million hectares) and plantations in South-East Asia (about 7.5 million hectares, of which 80% is for palm oil, used mostly in food, cosmetics, cleaning products and fuel) among others.
- Since 1970 the global human population has more than doubled (from 3.7 to 7.6 billion), rising unevenly across countries and regions; and per capita gross domestic product is four times higher – with ever-more distant consumers shifting the environmental burden of consumption and production across regions.
- The average abundance of native species in most major land-based habitats has fallen by at least 20%, mostly since 1900.
- The numbers of invasive alien species per country have risen by about 70% since 1970, across the 21 countries with detailed records.
- The distributions of almost half (47%) of land-based flightless mammals, for example, and almost a quarter of threatened birds, may already have been negatively affected by climate change.

IV. To increase the policy-relevance of the Report, the assessment's authors ranked, for the first time at this scale and based on a thorough analysis of the available evidence, the five direct drivers of change in nature with the largest relative global impacts so far. These culprits are, in descending order : changes in land and sea use; direct exploitation of organisms; climate change; pollution and invasive alien species.

V. The Report notes that, since 1980, greenhouse gas emissions have doubled, raising average global temperatures by at least 0.7 degrees Celsius with climate change already impacting nature from the level of ecosystems to that of genetics-impacts expected to increase over the coming decades, in some cases surpassing the impact of land and sea use change and other drivers.

VI. Despite progress to conserve nature and implement policies, the Report also finds that global goals for conserving and sustainably using nature and achieving sustainability cannot be met by current trajectories, and goals for 2030 and beyond may only be achieved through transformative changes across economic, social, political and technological factors.

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

11. Since the 16th century how many vertebrate species had been driven to extinction?
 (a) 580 (b) 680
 (c) 780 (d) 1000

Ans : (b) 680

12. According to the new report from the Intergovernmental Science-Policy Platform on Biodiversity and Ecosystem Services (IPBES), how many animal and plant species are now threatened with extinction?
 (a) 0.5 million (b) 1 million
 (c) 1.5 million (d) 2 million

Ans : (b) 1 million

13. Which of the following is not a trend that has been unequally distributed within and across the countries?
 (a) agricultural production (b) bioenergy production
 (c) fish harvest (d) hydro resources

Ans : (d) hydro resources

14. The five direct drivers of change in nature with the largest relative global impacts so far are :
 1. uneven rise of population around the world
 2. climate change
 3. pollution
 4. less pollinator diversity
 5. invasive alien species
 6. direct exploitation of organisms
 7. changes in land and sea use
 8. rising demand and technological development
 (a) 1, 3, 5, 6 and 8 (b) 2, 4, 6, 7 and 8
 (c) 2, 3, 5, 6 and 7 (d) 2, 4, 5, 6 and 7

Ans : (c) 2, 3, 5, 6 and 7

15. Since 1980 greenhouse gas emissions have doubled which in return have :
 (a) increased the water levels around the globe resulting in flooding of the coastal ecosystems.
 (b) raised average global temperatures by at least 0.7 degrees Celsius.
 (c) increased average global ocean ecosystem death rate by 2%.
 (d) substantially raised the imbalance in the land ecosystems by 1%.

Ans : (b) raised average global temperatures by at least 0.7 degrees Celsius.

16. The distributions of almost half of land-based flightless mammals and almost a quarter of threatened birds may already have been negatively affected
 (a) by melting of polar caps.
 (b) by climate change.
 (c) by global warming.
 (d) by ecological imbalance.

Ans : (b) by climate change.

17. What sort of change is required to achieve global goals for conserving and sustainably using nature and achieving sustainability?
 (a) educative change (b) impactful change
 (c) global change (d) transformative change

Ans : (d) transformative change

18. Though there have been gains because of the societal and political responses to save the planet but it has still not stopped
 (a) the imbalance of the ecosystems.
 (b) the population increase.
 (c) the massive loss of nature.
 (d) the ever-increasing global temperatures.

Ans : (c) the massive loss of nature.

GRAMMAR & WRITING

GRAMMAR

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

19. Her mother told him that the sun _____ in the east.
 (a) rose (b) is rising
 (c) will rise (d) rises

Ans : (d) rises

20. Ten dollars _____ not enough to pay for the movie ticket.
 (a) is (b) are
 (c) was (d) none of these

Ans : (a) is

21. Can you lift this box ? What does the underlined auxiliary **can** suggests ?
 (a) Capacity (b) Competence
 (c) Ability (d) Skill

Ans : (c) Ability

22. The farmer had _____ land and many servants.
 (a) very little (b) some
 (c) a lot of (d) many

Ans : (c) a lot of

23. Which option displays the correct change of the following to reported speech?
 He said to me, "I have often told you not to play with fire."

- (a) He said that he has often been telling me not to play with fire.
 (b) He told me that he had often told me not to play with fire.
 (c) He reminded me that he often said to me not to play with fire.
 (d) He said to me that he often told me not to play with fire.

Ans : (b) He told me that he had often told me not to play with fire.

24. Which option displays the correct change of the following to reported speech?
The Captain said to his men, "Stand at ease."
(a) The Captain urged his men to stand at ease.
(b) The Captain wanted his men to stand at ease.
(c) The Captain told his men that they should stand at ease.
(d) The Captain commanded his men to stand at ease.
Ans : (d) The Captain commanded his men to stand at ease.

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:

The house- the only one in the entire valley -sat on the crest of a low hill. From this height one could see the river and the field of ripe corn dotted with the flowers that always promised a good harvest. The only thing the earth needed was a good downpour or at least a shower. Throughout the morning Lencho - who knew his fields intimately- had done nothing but see the sky towards the north-east.

(A Letter to God)

31. Based on the detail of the house's location, how can it best be described?
(a) majestic
(b) imposing
(c) solitary
(d) unique
Ans : (c) solitary
32. The field of corn dotted with flowers means that
(a) not a single flower was bigger than a dot
(b) the flowers were scattered across.
(c) the flowers were in shaped like dots.
(d) the flowers had shrunk in size.
Ans : (b) the flowers were scattered across.

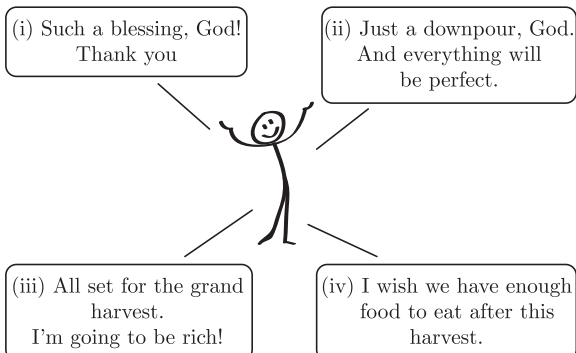
33. Lencho wished for a downpour or a heavy shower. Pick the option that correctly lists the correct match for kinds of rain.

1	heavy rain	(i)	light rain that falls in very fine drops
2	thunderstorm	(ii)	very heavy rain, tropical rain
3	drizzle	(iii)	it's coming down quite strong and you get very wet very quickly
4	torrential rain	(iv)	really heavy rain that comes very suddenly
5	downpour	(v)	is a violent short lived weather disturbance associated with lightning, thunder and strong gusty winds.

- (a) 1-ii, 2-iv, 3-v, 4-i, 5-iii
 (b) 1-iv, 2-i, 3-iii, 4-v, 5-ii
 (c) 1-v, 2-iii, 3-iv, 4-ii, 5-i
 (d) 1-iii, 2-v, 3-i, 4-ii, 5-iv

Ans : (d) 1-iii, 2-v, 3-i, 4-ii, 5-iv

34. Based on the given extract, what is Lencho not likely to think while looking at his field?



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

Ans : (d) Option (iv)

35. Which quote supports the idea in the given extract?
 (a) "Farming is a profession of hope."
 (b) "I would rather be on my farm than be emperor of the world."
 (c) "Farming looks mighty easy when your plough is a pencil, and you're a thousand miles from the corn field."
 (d) "Those too lazy to plough in the right season will have no food at the harvest."

Ans : (a) "Farming is a profession of hope."

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

He just felt a bit dizzy. Then he flapped his wings once and he soared upwards. "Ga, ga, ga, Ga, ga, ga, Gaw-col-ah," his mother swooped past him, her wings making a loud noise. He answered her with another scream. Then his father flew over him screaming. He saw his two brothers and his sister flying around him curveting and banking and soaring and diving. Then he completely forgot that he had not always been able to fly, and commended himself to dive and soar and curve, shrieking shrilly.

(Two Stories About Flying)

36. Pick the most appropriate reason why the young gull felt dizzy.
 (a) He hadn't eaten anything for a day.
 (b) He was dizzy with excitement.
 (c) He was wary of heights.
 (d) He was flying for the first time.

Ans : (d) He was flying for the first time.

37. How would you describe the screams of the gulls in the given extract?

- (a) elation (b) bewilderment
 (c) shock (d) protection

Ans : (a) elation

38. The line "he completely forgot that he had not always been able to fly" implies the

- (a) great confidence the young gull had in his skills.
 (b) naturalness of the act of flying for the young gull.
 (c) satisfaction and joy of flying together as a family.
 (d) desire of the young gull to leave his fears behind.

Ans : (b) naturalness of the act of flying for the young gull.

39. The extract refers to the many movements of the young gull's brothers and sister. Choose the option that correctly sequences these movements.

- (a) The young gull's brothers and sister flew by tilting their wings, rose high, made darting movements and plunged headfirst.
 (b) The young gull's brothers and sister flew by plunging headfirst, making darting movements, titled their wings and rose high.
 (c) The young gull's brothers and sister flew with darting movements, titled their wings, rose high and plunged headfirst.
 (d) The young gull's brothers and sister flew by rising high, plunging headfirst, making darting movements and tilting their wings.

Ans : (c) The young gull's brothers and sister flew with darting movements, titled their wings, rose high and plunged headfirst.

40. Which of the following mirrors the use of the literary device in "shrieking shrilly"?

- (a) sparkling saga (b) singing soft
 (c) slippery sloppily (d) sneeze silently

Ans : (d) sneeze silently

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) ABBB

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:

The entire staff was roused and maids rushed in and out bringing his day bed, his night bed, favourite cushions, toys and rubber rings, breakfast bowl, lunch bowl, supper bowl. Realising that my car would never hold all the stuff, I started to drive away. As I moved off, Mrs Pumphrey, with a despairing cry, threw an armful of the little coats through the window. I looked in the mirror before I turned the corner of the drive; everybody was in tears. Out on the road, I glanced down at the pathetic little animal gasping on the seat by my side. I patted the head and Tricki made a brave effort to wag his tail. "Poor old lad," I said. "You haven't a kick in you but I think I know a cure for you."

(A Triumph Of Surgery)

46. What might the atmosphere of the household in the above extract signify?
- (a) Mrs Pumphrey's status in society reflected in Tricki's lifestyle.
(b) The staff's love for Tricki, which matched that of Mrs. Pumphrey
(c) The grand life of comforts and luxuries that Tricki enjoyed.
(d) Mrs. Pumphrey's indulgence and anxiety acted upon by the staff.

Ans : (d) Mrs. Pumphrey's indulgence and anxiety acted upon by the staff.

47. Given below are emoticons reflecting various expressions and reactions.

Choose the option that correctly describes the narrator's mindset in the given extract.

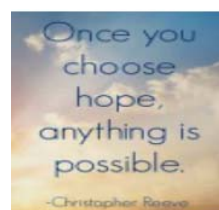


(i) (ii) (iii) (iv) (v)

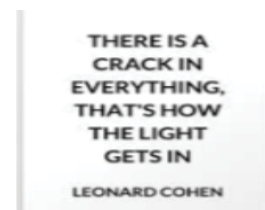
- (a) Options (i) and (iii)
(b) Options (ii) and (iv)
(c) Options (iii) and (v)
(d) Options (ii) and (v)

Ans : (b) Options (ii) and (iv)

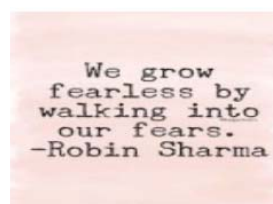
48. Given below are some well-known quotes shared by the staff to console Mrs. Pumphrey, after Tricki's departure. Choose the option that correctly identifies the quote that is not appropriate to the consolation offered.



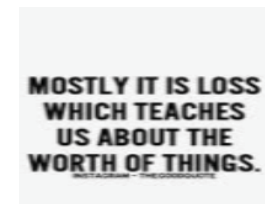
(i)



(ii)



(iii)



(iv)

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

Ans : (d) Option (iv)

49. As the extract indicates, Mrs. Pumphrey indulged Tricki and bought him many things.

Choose the option that best describes the kinds of advertisement/s that seem likely to persuade Mrs. Pumphrey to buy something for Tricki.

- (i) Statistics Appeal – Such advertisements use facts and data to convince consumers to buy products.
(ii) Scarcity Appeal – Such advertisements create a feeling of exclusivity and are often used to convince people to take advantage of a sale or limited period offer.
(iii) Personal Appeal – Such advertisements focus on evoking emotions to convince consumers and often relate to family or other inter-personal interactions.
(iv) Fear Appeal – Such advertisements focus on inspiring some kind of fear to convince consumers to take action in order to avoid certain negative or undesirable consequences.

- (a) Options (i), (ii) and (iv)
(b) Options (iii) and (iv)
(c) Options (i), (iii) and (iv)
(d) Option (ii) only

Ans : (b) Options (iii) and (iv)

50. The narrator describes Tricki as a “pathetic little animal”. The use of the word ‘pathetic’ indicates that the narrator
- was very fond of Tricki.
 - thought Tricki was contemptible.
 - pitied Tricki’s condition.
 - believed Tricki’s health was deteriorating.

Ans : (c) pitied Tricki’s condition.

IX. Attempt the following.

51. On seeing the letter, the postmaster was moved by Lencho’s _____.
- unwavering faith
 - handwriting
 - love for God
 - determination

Ans : (a) unwavering faith

52. According to Mandela, what is the greatest wealth of a nation?

- | | |
|--------------|------------|
| (a) Minerals | (b) Gems |
| (c) Diamonds | (d) People |

Ans : (d) People

53. Why was Mr Keesing annoyed with Anne?

- She was not a good student
- She was talkative
- She was rude
- All of the above

Ans : (b) She was talkative

54. Why does Wanda say that she has a hundred dresses?

- Because she has.
- To counter other girls.
- She loves to rant.
- None of these

Ans : (b) To counter other girls.

55. How did the dust of snow affect the poet?

- It made him energetic
- It changed his mood
- It made him superior
- None of these

Ans : (b) It changed his mood

56. How does the tiger walk in the cage?

- With sadness
- With Happiness
- With confusion
- With pride

Ans : (d) With pride

57. The boy lost his ball at the _____.

- Street
- Water
- Forest
- Garden

Ans : (a) Street

58. Who was Mrs Pumphrey worried about?

- Herself
- Her maid-servant
- Her dog Tricki
- Her son

Ans : (c) Her dog Tricki

59. Why does Hari return the money?

- He wanted to learn to write
- He was worried about how Anil would feel
- He felt bad
- None of the above

Ans : (a) He wanted to learn to write

60. Griffin the scientist was making _____.

- a walking plant
- a talking plant
- invisible footprints
- an invisible man

Ans : (d) an invisible man

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