

Sample/Pre-Board Paper 1
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. Despite the economic crunch worldwide that saw pulverization of some of the largest banking and finance giants, Indian banking houses have managed to show positive growth this quarter.
- II. Some of India's leading national banks have posted a net profit rise of more than 40% over the last quarter amid global turmoil. This would come as a big shot in the arm for the investors and consumers of these banks even though apprehension is mounting on other banking and broking firms worldwide.
- III. One of the main reasons behind the success of these banks this quarter, would be their direct backing by the Government of India. People take solace in their investments in public sector watching the bailout packages being cashed out by governments all over the world to save big business houses.
- IV. Other private banks in India have also reported a substantial net profit over the last quarter. Given the internal and domestic scenario, one cannot put this down as a mundane achievement. While others are on a cost-cutting spree and firing employees, Indian companies are actually working on boosting staffing in banking and broking sector.
- V. This can be seen as a big boon in the days to come when the current recession eases and the economy gradually comes back on to the fast track. The finance minister has assured Indian public about the sound health of all Indian banks. This could also be evident from the fact that there have been no mergers and takeovers in Indian banking sector in a contrast to world scenario where finance houses are looking for mergers to cut costs on operations.
- VI. We definitely are not looking to thrive; rather we are looking for growth. It is just that the pace of growth is a little slow now as compared to a year or two before. These are hard times to test the hard. The weak in business and career will be weeded out and it is sometimes very beneficial for business in the long run.

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

1. According to the author, what is the reason for the success of Indian national banks in this quarter?
 - (a) Indian national banks do not have any commitments in troubled foreign markets.
 - (b) These banks can never face financial crisis because of their sheer size.
 - (c) These banks are ready to give loans at a very low rate of interest.
 - (d) The public is ready to invest in these banks because of the knowledge that these banks get strong support from the Government.

Ans : (d) The public is ready to invest in these banks because of the knowledge that these banks get strong support from the Government.

2. What does the phrase 'shot in the arm' as used in the passage mean?
 - (a) Shock
 - (b) Fear
 - (c) Encouragement
 - (d) Anxiety

Ans : (c) Encouragement

3. According to the author, how is the current recession beneficial?
 - (a) Worldwide companies have realized that India is a strong power to reckon with.
 - (b) India is surging ahead of the other Companies throughout the world.
 - (c) After the recession is over international companies will turn to India for investment.
 - (d) None of these

Ans : (a) Worldwide companies have realized that India is a strong power to reckon with.

4. According to the author, what will be a big boon in the days to come?
- The economy coming back on the fast track
 - The slowing down of the economy
 - Increased hiring in Indian financial sector in times of economic slowdown
 - None of these

Ans : (d) None of these

5. Which of the following statements is/are definitely true in the context of the passage?
- India has not been affected by the economic slowdown.
 - India banks are showing growth in this quarter despite the recession.
 - While banking industry in the West was severely affected by recession in the past, it is now gradually recovering and showing a positive growth.
- Only A
 - Only B
 - Only C
 - Only A and B

Ans : (b) Only B

6. Which of the following strengthens the finance minister's statement about the sound health of Indian banks with respect to the passage?
- There have been no acquisitions and mergers of Indian banks.
 - The Indian banks are recording a positive growth.
 - Layoffs have been observed worldwide.
- Only A and B
 - Only A and C
 - Only A
 - All A, B and C

Ans : (d) All A, B and C

7. Choose the word which is most similar in meaning to the word printed in bold as used in the passage.

TURMOIL

- danger
- shock
- sadness
- chaos

Ans : (d) chaos

8. Choose the word which is most similar in meaning to the word printed in bold as used in the passage.

PULVERIZATION

- polarisation
- mashing
- debasement
- crushing

Ans : (d) crushing

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

THRIVE

- succeed
- deteriorate
- worry
- tremble

Ans : (b) deteriorate

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

MUNDANE

- extraordinary
- regular
- severe
- visionary

Ans : (a) extraordinary

II. Read the passage given below.

- Uttarakhand is located at the foothills of the Himalayan mountain ranges. The state shares borders with China (Tibet) in the north and Nepal in the east and inter-state boundaries with Himachal Pradesh in the west and northwest and Uttar Pradesh in the south. Hindi, Garhwal and Kumaoni are commonly spoken in the state. English is the medium of education in many of its schools. Uttarakhand has diverse geographical features ranging from snowcapped mountain peaks in the north to tropical forests in the south; its climate and vegetation vary accordingly. The state was formed in November 2000 by carving out the 13 hill districts of Uttar Pradesh. It was formerly named Uttaranchal.
- The main railway stations in the state are Dehradun, Haridwar, Roorkee, Kotdwar, Kashipur, Udham Singh Nagar, Haldwani, Ramnagar and Kathgodam. Uttarakhand had 339.80 km of rail routes. The state is focusing on increasing the share of railways in cargo and passenger transport. Initiatives have been undertaken to start monorails at Dehradun, Haridwar and Rishikesh, on the inter-city linkage routes.
- The state has two domestic airports : one at Jolly Grant in the Dehradun district and another at Pant Nagar in the Udham Singh Nagar district. The state intends to position air transport as a reliable all-weather transport option for the hills. With Uttarakhand emerging as a hot tourist and industrial destination, the state government is focussing on upgrading the Jolly Grant airport as an international airport, in coordination with Airports Authority of India. In 2018-19, Dehradun airport handled 7,374 aircraft movements and 709,227 passengers, approximately.

VISION 2022

Transport	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Strengthen road network in urban areas and upgrade national highways. Develop two major all-weather airports with connectivity to metro cities.
Health	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Affordable healthcare with focus on disease prevention. Provide state funded maternal and child healthcare, especially in rural areas.
Tourism	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Promote the state as a global tourist destination by showcasing its spiritual, cultural and adventure tourism Target 0.5 million international tourists by 2022.
Agriculture	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Improve yield and quality by providing irrigation facilities and latest technology. Create cold chain infrastructure and success to market intelligence for farmers.
Infrastructure	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Harness hydro-power for 100% electrification in the state and supply power to other states. Connect major cities through multi-lane highways and proper roads for villages.
Environment	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Promote the state as a green economy by focusing on sector such as IT, Agriculture, tourism, hydro-power and education. 100% solid waste management, waste water treatment and recycling.
Industries	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Become a world leader in green energy by leveraging hydro-power potential. Promote micro and small enterprises.
Education of skill development	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Quality primary education to be provided to all children. Job oriented vocational training facilities and establishment of higher education institutions.

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 language is not a commonly spoken language in Uttarakhand?
 (a) Kumaoni (b) Hindi
 (c) Punjabi (d) Garhwali

Ans : (c) Punjabi

12. The state of Uttarakhand was formed by :
 (a) passing a special legislation to give a minor community an independent state.
 (b) joining two or more union territories in north India.
 (c) equally dividing the former large state of Uttar Pradesh.
 (d) carving out the 13 hill districts of Uttar Pradesh.

Ans : (d) carving out the 13 hill districts of Uttar Pradesh.

13. Which of the following states/countries do not surround Uttarakhand from any side?
 (a) Uttar Pradesh
 (b) Nepal
 (c) China
 (d) Bangladesh

Ans : (d) Bangladesh

14. Choose an option that mentions a feature that is not related to Uttarakhand.
 (a) It has a hindi-based education system.
 (b) Its climate and vegetation vary quite a lot.
 (c) It has diverse geographical features.
 (d) It was formerly named Uttaranchal.

Ans : (a) It has a hindi-based education system.

15. When talking about environment, by 2022, Uttarakhand wants to :

- I. have perfect waste water management in the state
 II. harness hydropower for 100 % electricity in the state
 III. have a 100 % solid waste management in the state
 IV. promote the state as a green economy
 (a) I and II
 (b) I and III
 (c) II, III and IV
 (d) I, III and IV

Ans : (d) I, III and IV

16. Choose an option that lists the main factors considered in Uttarakhand's vision of 2022.

1. Education
 2. Agriculture
 3. Development
 4. Transport
 5. Tourism
 6. Mining
 7. Environment
 (a) 1, 2, 4, 5 and 7
 (b) 2, 3, 4, 5 and 7
 (c) 3, 4, 5, 6 and 7
 (d) 1, 3, 4, 6 and 7

Ans : (a) 1, 2, 4, 5 and 7

17. Uttarakhand is emerging as a hot tourist and industrial destination, thus the state government is focusing on :
 (a) balancing the travel and pollution so that the natural beauty of the state is not harmed.
 (b) managing the road and air traffic better.
 (c) improving the environmental rules and regulations already set in place.
 (d) upgrading the Jolly Grant airport as an international airport.

Ans : (d) upgrading the Jolly Grant airport as an international airport.

18. Choose an option that is not something that the government wants to do to build up the education and skills level in the state.
- making quality primary education available to all
 - establishing higher education institutions
 - improving the quality of facilities already available
 - providing job related vocational training facilities
- Ans :** (c) improving the quality of facilities already available

GRAMMAR & WRITING

GRAMMAR

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

19. Mahesh and Suresh _____ business partners.
- have
 - has
 - are
 - had
- Ans :** (c) are
20. The thief explained how he _____ from the jail.
- escapes
 - had escaped
 - escaped
 - has escaped
- Ans :** (b) had escaped
21. The swimmer was tired but he _____ reach the shore before he collapsed.
- will
 - could
 - may
 - must
- Ans :** (b) could
22. I saw _____ boys playing in the park.
- A little
 - Any
 - Some
 - This
- Ans :** (c) Some
23. Which option displays the correct change of the following to reported speech?
He said, "Ravi, why are you sounding so depressed today?"
- He asked Ravi why did he sound so depressed that day.
 - He asked Ravi why he was sounding so depressed that day.
 - He He told Ravi why he sounded so depressed today.
 - He asked Ravi that why was he sounding so depressed that day.
- Ans :** (b) He asked Ravi why he was sounding so depressed that day.

24. Which option displays the correct change of the following to reported speech?
He said to me, "I grew these carrots myself."
- He told me that he grew these carrots himself.
 - He told me that he had grown those carrots himself.
 - He told me that he grew those carrots himself.
 - He told me I grew these carrots myself.

Ans : (b) He told me that he had grown those carrots himself.

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.
 - The Health Commissioner,
 - The President,
 - The Editor,
 - The Municipal Commissioner,
- Ans :** (a) The Health Commissioner,
26.
 - Selling of expried products.
 - Selling of defective products.
 - Selling of products with expired dates.
 - 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

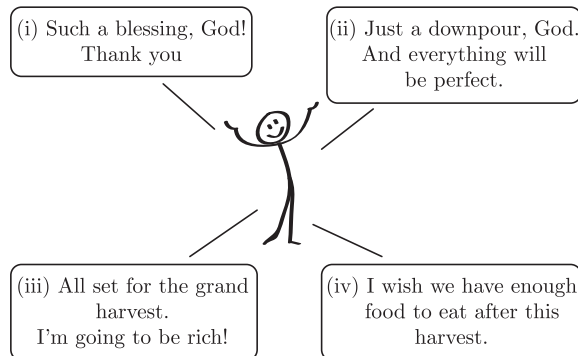
(b) 1-iv, 2-i, 3-iii, 4-v, 5-ii

(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:

"In the opinion of the judges, any one of the drawings is worthy of winning the prize. I am very happy to say that Wanda Petronski is the winner of the girls' medal. Unfortunately, Wanda has been absent from school for some days and is not here to receive the applause that is due to her. Let us hope she will be back tomorrow. Now class, you may file around the room quietly and look at her exquisite drawings."

(The Hundred Dresses I)

36. Pick the statement that is true, according to the information given in the extract.
- Wanda won the prize because she had submitted a variety of entries.
 - Wanda would have still won the prize even if she had submitted just one entry.
 - Wanda won the prize because the majority of judges were women.
 - Wanda would have still won the prize if she had drawn something else.

Ans : (b) Wanda would have still won the prize even if she had submitted just one entry.

37. Miss Mason says, "I am very happy to ...". Which phrase does not replace the underlined phrase correctly from those given below?
- It gives me great pleasure to...
 - I am sure you'll be surprised to...
 - I am delighted to...
 - It fills me with joy to...

Ans : (b) I am sure you'll be surprised to...

38. When the teacher wants them to 'file around', she wants the students to
- put the files in their proper places.
 - gather around her table to discuss the designs.
 - file the designs properly in their folders.
 - walk in a line to admire the designs.

Ans : (d) walk in a line to admire the designs.

39. Pick the sentence that does not use 'due to' in the same sense as in the given extract.
- She was disappointed due to their rude behaviour.
 - We must give our colleagues the vacation due to them.
 - I have some extra money due to me this month from my friend.
 - You have an apology due to your parents.

Ans : (a) She was disappointed due to their rude behaviour.

40. The teacher refers to Wanda's designs as 'exquisite' because
- each one of the hundred designs was different.
 - each one of them was very beautiful.
 - each of them was a copy of the latest fashion trend.
 - each one had the same colour theme as the other.

Ans : (b) each one of them was very beautiful.

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

The way a crow
Shook down on me
The dust of snow
From a hemlock tree
(*Dust of Snow*)

41. Who composed the above lines?
- John Berryman
 - Carolyn Wells
 - Leslie Norris
 - Robert Frost

Ans : (d) Robert Frost

42. A dust of snow was dropped by
- a cloud
 - a crow
 - a monkey
 - a squirrel

Ans : (b) a crow

43. The way' means
- method
 - route
 - base
 - lesson

Ans : (a) method

44. From where was snow dropped?
- from a pipai tree
 - from a neem tree
 - from a hemlock tree
 - from a rose plant

Ans : (c) from a hemlock tree

45. Why is the poet upset in the poem Dust of Snow?
- For he had lost his money
 - For his girlfriend had cheated on him
 - For he was sacked from the job
 - None of these

Ans : (d) None of these

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

He discovered the joys of being bowled over, tramped on and squashed every few minutes. He became an accepted member of the gang, an unlikely, silky little object among the shaggy crew, fighting like a tiger for his share at mealtimes and hunting rats in the old henhouse at night. He had never had such a time in his life. All the while, Mrs Pumphrey hovered anxiously in the background, ringing a dozen times a day for the latest bulletins.
(*A Triumph of Surgery*)

46. Read the following statements, each of which describes the gist of the given extract. Select the option that captures the essence of the extract correctly.
- Statement I :** It highlights the kind of comforts and luxuries that Tricki was used to at home.
- Statement II :** It brings out a contrast between Tricki and Mrs. Pumphrey's state of being.
- Statement III :** It reflects that Tricki was happier at the surgery, and loved being with other dogs.
- Statement IV :** It shows Tricki's journey with his peers at the surgery, and documents his recovery.
- I and II
 - III and IV
 - I and III
 - II and IV

Ans : (d) II and IV

47. What does the reference to Tricki as a "silky little object" signify?
- Tricki was a very small and rather pampered dog.
 - Tricki was comfortably attired in fine silks and warm coats.
 - Unlike the other dogs, Tricki had lived in the lap of luxury with care and grooming.
 - The narrator's mockery of Tricki's life and treatment with Mrs. Pumphrey.

Ans : (c) Unlike the other dogs, Tricki had lived in the lap of luxury with care and grooming.

48. Why does the narrator describe being “tramped on and squashed” as joys?
- To suggest the irony about the strange ways of dogs.
 - To mention the simple pleasures of canine life.
 - To compare it to Tricki’s earlier play-time at the house.
 - To direct attention towards Tricki’s successful recovery.

Ans : (b) To mention the simple pleasures of canine life.

49. “All the while, Mrs Pumphrey hovered anxiously in the background”.

Given below are different types of pet parenting styles described in Country Living, an e-magazine.

Choose the option that best reflects the kind of pet owner Mrs. Pumphrey was.

- Traffic Light pet owners have a healthy balance of rules and freedom and give clear and consistent signals for ‘yes’ and ‘no’.
- Entranced pet owners have the best intentions, but as soon as their pet looks eyes with them and gives their command, they are at their pet’s beck and call.
- The Goose pet owners go all-out in protecting their pet. They often limit their time away from their pet, especially puppies.
- The Baggage Handler pet owners love being close to their pets and going on adventures together. They are always mindful of the pet’s comfort and security .

- Option (i)
- Option (ii)
- Option (iii)
- Option (iv)

Ans : (b) Option (ii)

50. Pick the option that reveals Tricki’s characteristics in the context of ‘fighting like a tiger for his share at mealtimes and hunting rats in the old henhouse at night.’

- selfish
- happy
- greedy
- confident
- sturdy
- cruel

- 2, 4 and 5
- Only 2
- 1 and 5
- 3, 4 and 6

Ans : (a) 2, 4 and 5

IX. Attempt the following.

51. “We have achieved our political emancipation.” What is the meaning of ‘emancipation’?

- freedom from restriction
- enslavement
- slavery
- both b and c

Ans : (a) freedom from restriction

52. Wanda wanted to give the _____ color dress to Peggy.

- Blue
- Red
- Green
- White

Ans : (c) Green

53. How did Anne justify her being talkative in the essay?
- she discussed the subject topics in class
 - it is a habit
 - it is an inherited trait from her mother and you can’t do much about it
 - the class is boring

Ans : (c) it is an inherited trait from her mother and you can’t do much about it

54. Why didn’t the pilot turn the aeroplane back towards Paris?

- He wanted to meet his family
- He wanted to go on a holiday
- He did not want to miss the breakfast
- He did not like Paris

Ans : (c) He did not want to miss the breakfast

55. In the poem “The Ball Poem”, what is the child learning?

- to bear loss
- to take care of things
- to be responsible
- to be careful

Ans : (a) to bear loss

56. Both the elements mentioned in the poem “Fire and Ice” have one similarity what is this similarity?

- they both are very important
- they both are friends to humans
- they both can end the world
- all of these

Ans : (c) they both can end the world

57. What is ‘brilliant’ in the poem “Tiger in the Zoo”?

- the tiger’s eyes
- the stars
- both a and b
- none of these

Ans : (c) both a and b

58. Who is the author of the story “A Triumph of Surgery”?

- James Herriot
- Ruskin Bond
- Robert Arthur
- Victor Canning

Ans : (a) James Herriot

59. What promise did Anil make to the thief boy?

- giving him a good job
- giving him good clothes
- teaching him reading and writing
- playing with him

Ans : (c) teaching him reading and writing

60. “The two boys started in surprise at the fresh muddy imprints of a pair of _____”.

- bare feet
- shoes
- tyres
- none of the above

Ans : (a) bare feet