

Sample/Pre-Board Paper 21
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. If you are addicted to coffee, and doctors warn you to quit the habit, don't worry and just keep relishing the beverage, because it's not that bad after all! In fact, according to a new study, the steaming cup of Java can beat fruits and vegetables as the primary source of antioxidants. Some studies state that coffee is the number one source of antioxidants in American diet and both caffeinated and decaf versions appear to provide similar antioxidant levels.
- II. Antioxidants in general have been linked to a number of potential health benefits, including protection against heart diseases and cancer. But Sandra Vinson, a dietitian, said that their benefits ultimately depend on how they are absorbed and utilised in the body. The research says that coffee outranks popular antioxidant sources like tea, milk, chocolate and cranberries. Of all the food and beverages studies, dates actually have the most antioxidants based solely on serving size, but since dates are not consumed anywhere near the level of coffee, the drink comes as the top source of antioxidants, Vinson said.
- III. Besides keeping you alert and awake, coffee has been linked to an increasing number of potential health benefits, including protection against liver and colon cancer, type 2 diabetes, and Parkinson's disease according to some recently published studies.
- IV. The researchers, however, advise that one should consume coffee in moderation, because it can make you jittery and cause stomach pains.

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

1. _____ have the most antioxidants among all the food and beverages.
- | | |
|------------------|-----------------|
| (a) Dates | (b) Cranberries |
| (c) Tea and milk | (d) Coffee |
- Ans : (a) Dates**

2. _____ is an important source of antioxidants in American diet.
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|----------|---------------|
| (a) Tea | (b) Coffee |
| (c) Milk | (d) Chocolate |

Ans : (b) Coffee

3. According to dietitian Sandra Vinson, the benefits of coffee ultimately depend on:
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| (a) how it is relished | (b) how they are absorbed and utilised in the body |
| (c) how they are served and consumed | (d) whether it keeps us alert and awake |

Ans : (b) how they are absorbed and utilised in the body

4. What is the correct order of the information given below?
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|---|---|
| I. Antioxidants are linked to a number of health benefits | II. One should consume coffee in moderation |
| III. Decaf versions of coffee provide antioxidants levels | IV. Dates have the most antioxidants based solely on serving size |
- | | |
|--------------------|--------------------|
| (a) III, I, IV, II | (b) III, IV, I, II |
| (c) III, I, II, IV | (d) II, I, IV, III |

Ans : (a) III, I, IV, II

5. Coffee provides a large number of health benefits including protection against:
- | | |
|----------------------------|---------------------|
| (a) liver and colon cancer | (b) type 2 diabetes |
| (c) Parkinson's disease | (d) All of these |

Ans : (d) All of these

6. Besides keeping us alert and awake, coffee provides us protection against:
- | | |
|---------------------------|-------------------|
| I. liver and colon cancer | II. stomach ache |
| III. type 2 diabetes | IV. lung diseases |
- | | |
|--------------|----------------|
| (a) I and II | (b) II and III |
| (c) I and IV | (d) I and III |

Ans : (d) I and III

7. Consumption of coffee in excess:
 (a) is a suggestion from doctors
 (b) doesn't call the utter need to quit it
 (c) provides the richest source of maximum antioxidants
 (d) will make one feel jittery and cause stomach pains

Ans : (d) will make one feel jittery and cause stomach pains

8. Which of the following is the primary source of antioxidants?
 (a) Java (b) Fruits
 (c) Both a and b (d) Vegetables

Ans : (a) Java

9. The word which means the same as 'nervous' is:
 (a) alert (b) awake
 (c) moderation (d) jittery

Ans : (d) jittery

10. Which word conveys the opposite of 'sober'?
 (a) Decaf (b) Quit
 (c) Addicted (d) Primary

Ans : (c) Addicted

II. Read the passage given below.

- I. The UN's 2017 International Year tells that sustainable tourism is an important tool for development, most importantly in poor communities and countries. Today sustainability (environmental, social, and economic) is increasingly recognised as the benchmark for all tourism businesses. As noted by the UN World Tourism Organisation, 57% of international tourist arrivals will be in emerging economies, by 2030. The various 'Tourism Terms' are defined as follows:

Category	Definition
Ecotourism	Responsible travel to natural areas that conserves the environment, socially and economically sustains the well-being of local people, and creates knowledge and understanding through interpretation and education of all involved (including staff, travellers, and community residents).
Ethical Tourism	Tourism in a destination where ethical issues are the key driver, e.g. social injustice, human rights, animal welfare, or the environment.
Geotourism	Tourism that sustains or enhances the geographical character of a place - its environment, heritage, aesthetics, culture, and well-being of its residents.
Pro-Poor Tourism	Tourism that results in increased net benefit for the poor people in a destination.

Category	Definition
Responsible Tourism	Tourism that maximizes the benefits to local communities, minimizes negative social or environmental impacts, and helps local people conserve fragile cultures and habitats or species.
Sustainable Tourism	Tourism that leads to the management of all resources in such a way that economic, social, and aesthetic needs can be fulfilled while maintaining cultural integrity, essential ecological processes, biological diversity, and life-support systems.

- II. Based on data collected by a survey by Travel Bureau, the following market profile of an ecotourist was constructed—

- **Age:** 35–54 years old, although age varied with activity and other factors such as cost. Gender: 50% female and 50% male, although clear differences based on activity were found.
- **Education:** 82% were college graduates, a shift in interest in ecotourism from those who have high levels of education to those with less education was also found, indicating an expansion into mainstream markets.
- **Household composition:** No major differences were found between general tourists and experienced ecotourists.
- **Party composition:** A majority (60%) of experienced ecotourism respondents stated they prefer to travel as a couple, with only 15% stating they preferred to travel with their families, and 13% preferring to travel alone. (experienced ecotourists = Tourists that had been on at least one 'ecotourism' oriented trip.)
- **Trip duration:** The largest group of experienced ecotourists- (50%) preferred trips lasting 8-14 days.
- **Expenditure:** Experienced ecotourists were willing to spend more than general tourists, the largest group (26%).
- **Important elements of the trip:** Experienced ecotourists top three responses were: (a) wilderness setting, (b) wildlife viewing, (c) hiking/trekking.
- **Motivations for taking next trip:** Experienced ecotourists top two responses were (a) enjoy scenery/nature, (b) new experiences/places.

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

11. In the line ".....recognised as the benchmark", the word 'benchmark' does not refer to
 (a) the ability to launch something new.
 (b) the criterion required.
 (c) a basis for something.
 (d) a standard point of reference.

Ans : (a) the ability to launch something new.

12. One of the elements that are important to ecotourists on trips is
- fully furnished flats.
 - cultural exchange.
 - car and bus rides.
 - wild and untouched surroundings.

Ans : (d) wild and untouched surroundings.

13. Choose the option that lists the correct answers for the following:

- Asha Mathew, an NRI, loves animals and wishes to travel to places that safeguard their rights and inculcate awareness of their rights. What kind of tourist is she?
- Gurdeep Singh from the UK is an environmental scientist and has always chosen to travel to places that are examples of a symbiotic relationship between man and nature.

What kind of tourist is he?

- 1 - ecotourist, 2 - geotourist
- 1 - ethical tourist, 2 - geotourist
- 1 - sustainable tourist, 2 - pro-poor tourist
- 1 - geotourist, 2 - responsible tourist

Ans : (b) 1 - ethical tourist, 2 - geotourist

14. Based on your understanding of the passage, choose the option that lists the inherent qualities of geotourism.

- Showcases adventure sports
 - Promotes landscape appreciations
 - Promises luxurious travel
 - Includes being environmentally responsible
 - Believes in commercializing forests
 - Initiates donations for the underprivileged
- 1 and 2
 - 5 and 6
 - 2 and 4
 - 3 and 5

Ans : (c) 2 and 4

15. According to the survey conducted by the Travel Bureau, the total percentage of experienced ecotourists who did not prefer to travel alone was
- 60%.
 - 75%.
 - 15%.
 - 13%.

Ans : (b) 75%.

16. According to the survey, one of the most powerful driving forces leading experienced ecotourism to invest in new trips was
- setting up work stations in new places.
 - the chance to go camping in the wild.
 - competing with other ecotourists as frequent travellers.
 - the opportunity to travel to new places.

Ans : (d) the opportunity to travel to new places.

17. Choose the option that lists statement that is not true.
- Economically backward countries will benefit from sustainable tourism.
 - The tourism business currently recognizes sustainability as an important factor.
 - Emerging economies will receive negligible international tourists in the near future.
 - The sustainability factor in tourism is a significant means for development.

Ans : (c) Emerging economies will receive negligible international tourists in the near future.

18. The survey clearly showed that the age range of ecotourists:

- remained the same for the choice of tourist-attractions to visit.
- changed with the monetary requirements for the trip.
- fluctuated due to the male-female ratio.
- was constant across various features of the trip.

Ans : (b) changed with the monetary requirements for the trip.

GRAMMAR & WRITING

GRAMMAR

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

19. Which one of the following sentences shows a correct use of Article

- When we are seriously ill we go to the hospital.
- When we are seriously ill we go to hospital.
- When we are seriously ill we go to an hospital.
- None of these

Ans : (b) When we are seriously ill we go to hospital

20. I am afraid lest I _____ be late.

- may
- should
- can
- might

Ans : (b) should

21. Ten Kilometres _____ a long way to walk.

- is
- are
- am
- none of these

Ans : (a) is

22. It _____ last week.

- has not rained
- did not rained
- will not be raining
- did not rain

Ans : did not rain

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

He said, "Be quiet and listen to my words."

- He urged them to be quiet and listen to his words.
- He urged them and said be quiet and listen to words.
- He said they should be quiet and listen to his words.
- He said you should be quiet and listen to my words.

Ans : (a) He urged them to be quiet and listen to his words.

24. Which option displays the correct change of the following to reported speech?
Kiran asked me, "Did you see the cricket match on television last night?"
- Kiran asked me whether I saw the cricket match on television the earlier night.
 - Kiran asked me whether I had seen the cricket match on television the earlier night.
 - Kiran asked me did I see the cricket match on television last night.
 - Kiran asked me whether I had seen the cricket match on television last night.

Ans : (d) Kiran asked me whether I had seen the cricket match on television last night.

WRITING

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

25. You may write a complaint letter in a situation where -----.
- your meal was charged (and there was no refund).
 - your meal was overcharged (and there was no refund).
 - a teacher scolds you for not doing your homework.
 - you trip on the uneven grass while walking in the park.

Ans : (b) your meal was overcharged (and there was no refund).

26. When recounting a bad experience, we use ----- tense in our writing.
- present
 - past
 - future
 - none of these

Ans : (b) past

27. What should be written in the third paragraph in the body of letter of complaint?
- Required suggestions or solutions
 - Details about the complaint
 - Complimentary close
 - State the issue/problem

Ans : (a) Required suggestions or solutions

28. Who would you complaint about severe water problems in your locality?
- Local hospital
 - Commissioner of Police
 - Water municipality board
 - Swachh Bharat volunteers

Ans : (c) Water municipality board

29. "Respected Sir/madam" is known as
- salutation of the letter.
 - head of the letter.
 - signature of the letter.
 - body of the letter.

Ans : (a) salutation of the letter.

30. Which of the following is the most appropriate subject for expressing your concern to the related authorities over the monkey menace?
- monkey menace that needs immediate action
 - monkeys in the area need to be caged
 - help the locality to stay away from monkeys
 - save us from the monkey menace

Ans : (a) monkey menace that needs immediate action

LITERATURE

This section has sub-sections - V, VI, VII, VIII & IX. There are a total of 30 questions in this section. Attempt any 26 questions from the sub-sections V to IX.

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

I knew that the oppressor must be liberated just as surely as the oppressed. A man who takes away another man's freedom is a prisoner of hatred; he is locked behind the bars of prejudice and narrow-mindedness. I am not truly free if I am taking away someone else's freedom, just as surely as I am not free when freedom is taken from me. The oppressed and the oppressor alike are robbed of their humanity.

(Nelson Mandela : Long Walk To Freedom)

31. 'I' here refers to:
- Mbeki
 - Zenani
 - Nelson Mandela
 - Kierk

Ans : (c) Nelson Mandela

32. To author, the oppressor must be liberated just as surely:
- as the stress
 - as the oppressed
 - as the others
 - as the author

Ans : (b) as the oppressed

33. A man who takes away another man's freedom is:
- a prisoner of superiority
 - a prisoner of lust
 - a prisoner of self
 - a prisoner of hatred

Ans : (d) a prisoner of hatred

34. I am not truly free if I am:
- taking away other's freedom
 - taking away other's money
 - taking away other's cow
 - taking away other's books

Ans : (a) taking away other's Freedom

35. The word 'prejudice' means:
- revenge
 - a strong dislike without any good reason
 - a strong reeling or love
 - irritation

Ans : (b) a strong dislike without any good reason

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

On the way home from school Maddie and Peggy held their drawings very carefully. All the houses had wreaths and holly in the windows. Outside the grocery store, hundreds of Christmas trees were stacked, and in the window, candy peppermint sticks and cornucopias of shiny transparent paper were strung. The air smelled like Christmas and light shining everywhere reflected different colours on the snow.

(The Hundred Dresses II)

36. Peggy and Maddie were holding drawings made by:

- (a) Mason (b) Wanda
(c) Jerkns (d) Jacques

Ans : (b) Wanda

37. Light shining everywhere was reflecting:

- (a) different images of water
(b) differen shapes on the snow
(c) different triangles on the snow
(d) different colours on the snow

Ans : (d) different colours on the snow

38. The word 'cornucopias' here means:

- (a) decorative paintings
(b) decorative containers
(c) decorative chairs
(d) decorative designs

Ans : (b) decorative containers

39. Christmas trees were stacked outside the:

- (a) kirana store (b) pastry store
(c) grocery store (d) bangle store

Ans : (c) grocery store

40. The festival here being discussed is:

- (a) Valentine Day (b) New Year
(c) Christmas (d) Lohri

Ans : (c) Christmas

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

No use to say 'O there are other balls':
An ultimate shaking grief fixes the boy
As he stands rigid, trembling, staring down
All his young days into the harbour where
His ball went.

(The Ball Poem)

41. Why is there no need to say about other balls according to the poet?

- (a) For the child wants the same one he lost
(b) For the child wants the different one from he lost
(c) For the child is no longer interested in that ball
(d) None of these

Ans : (a) For the child wants the same one he lost

42. Why is the boy grieved in 'The Ball Poem'?

- (a) For he has lost his childhood
(b) For he has lost his youth
(c) For he has lost his adolescence
(d) None of these

Ans : (d) None of these

43. What does the word 'Rigid' mean?

- (a) Unchanging
(b) Moving
(c) Flexible
(d) All of these

Ans : (a) Unchanging

44. How does the child react at the loss?

- (a) stands rigid
(b) trembles
(c) stares
(d) all of the above

Ans : (d) all of the above

45. What does the ball represent in 'The Ball Poem'?

- (a) Lost childhood
(b) Lost time
(c) Lost possessions
(d) All of these

Ans : (d) All of these

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

When the train had gone, I found myself standing alone on the deserted platform. I had no idea where to spend the night. I had no friends, believing that friends were more trouble than help. And I did not want to make anyone curious by staying at one of the small hotels near the station. The only person I knew really well was the man I had robbed. Leaving the station, I walked slowly through the bazaar.

(The Thief's Story)

46. What does the word 'Deserted' mean?

- (a) Abandoned
(b) Stuffed with people
(c) Crowded
(d) Both b and c

Ans : (a) Abandoned

47. What did Hari Singh notice at the station?

- (a) That his friends had gone
(b) That the train had gone
(c) That Anil had come to take his money back
(d) That Anil had already been standing there

Ans : (b) That the train had gone

48. Why did Hari Singh not want to turn up to his friends?

- (a) For they could make his work easier
(b) For they could drop him to Anil's home
(c) For they could leave him alone
(d) For they could create more trouble than help

Ans : (d) For they could create more trouble than help

49. What did Hari Singh decide to do?
 (a) To turn up to his friends
 (b) To turn up to Anil's home
 (c) To turn up to his mother's home
 (d) To wait at the railway station for another train.

Ans : (b) To turn up to Anil's home

50. The only person Hari Singh knew really well was _____.

- (a) the man he had robbed
 (b) the man he had talked
 (c) the man he had scolded
 (d) the man he had visited

Ans : (a) the man he had robbed

IX. Attempt the following.

51. What did Lencho hope for?
 (a) A good shower of rain for his crop.
 (b) A new motorcycle
 (c) A tractor
 (d) None of these

Ans : (a) A good shower of rain for his crop.

52. When the pilot of the black aeroplane asked the narrator to follow him, in which direction did he turn the aeroplane?

- (a) south (b) north
 (c) east (d) west

Ans : (b) north

53. Anne's father was thirty six year old when:

- (a) he got married
 (b) he had a job
 (c) he was jailed
 (d) he fought a war

Ans : (a) he got married

54. What was Maddie's full name?

- (a) Madgeline
 (b) Madeline
 (c) Maddeline
 (d) Madger

Ans : (b) Madeline

55. Who shook down the hemlock tree?

- (a) a crow
 (b) a cuckoo
 (c) a mynah
 (d) a squirrel

Ans : (a) a crow

56. Both, "fire and Ice" will be enough for _____.

- (a) Humanity
 (b) Nature
 (c) Destruction
 (d) all living beings

Ans : (c) Destruction

57. What described "tiger in a jungle"?

- (a) Locked in concrete cell
 (b) his strength behind bars
 (c) ignoring visitors
 (d) baring his white fangs

Ans : (d) baring his white fangs

58. What was Tricky's real disease?

- (a) stomach pain
 (b) vomiting due to over-feeding
 (c) cholera
 (d) fever

Ans : (b) vomiting due to over-feeding

59. What takes all the pleasure out of work?

- (a) robbing a careless man
 (b) robbing a greedy man
 (c) when someone doesn't notice they've been robbed
 (d) both a and c

Ans : (d) both a and c

60. Why was it a bad time to wander about in London without clothes?

- (a) it was a rainy season
 (b) it was very hot
 (c) it was bitterly cold
 (d) none of the above

Ans : (c) it was bitterly cold

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