

VELAMMAL BODHI CAMPUS
PART TEST: 2

CLASS : X English Language and Literature (184)

DATE: 20-12-2023

Time Allowed : 3 Hrs.

Maximum Marks: 80

General Instructions:

1. The Question Paper contains THREE sections READING, GRAMMAR & WRITING and LITERATURE.
 2. Attempt question based on specific instructions for each part.
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SECTION A - READING SKILLS

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Reading Comprehension Through Unseen Passages

1. Read the following text.

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1. Parents are changing the plots of classic fairy tales when reading them aloud because of violence and political in-correctness. Traditional fables such as 'Little Red Riding Hood', 'The Ginger Bread Man' and 'The Three Little Pigs' were deemed the worst offenders, with parents linking some of their endings to horror films.
2. The poll which was commissioned by Music Magpie included 2000 parents and revealed that one in four took creative liberties when sharing fairytales with their children to suit their beliefs and ideologies. Meanwhile, another 16% confessed to banning them altogether.
3. While these classic tales might seem playful and innocent on the surface, a closer look at the plot, lines and characters reveals some problematic traits. For example, in 'Little Red Riding Hood', 'The child is eaten alive by a wolf, only to be saved by a hunter who cuts her out of the animal's stomach with an axe'. 'The Three Little Pigs' also reaches a rather gory conclusion with the pigs murdering a wolf and eating it. Lest we forget 'The Ginger Bread Man', whose protagonist is also eaten by a fox. It is an ending that's hard for parents to swallow, with one of them labelling it as 'too cruel' in the survey.
4. However, a deeper analysis of some of the nation's most popular tales unveiled even further issues with regard to political correctness. One in four parents found it inappropriate that 'Cindrella has to do all of the cleanings in her home while another 25% argued that 'sleeping beauty' poses a consent issue, given that prince charming kisses the princess while she is asleep. Meanwhile, 27% believe that 'Pinocchio' encourages children to tell lies while one in four claims that 'The Ugly Duckling' in which an abused duckling is only accepted by society after he has grown into a swan, advocates body shaming.
5. Some of these stories have been around for generations. 'But times have changed and there are elements to these classics which for some don't really fit into society as they once did. We all agree that stories play a vital role in the growth and development of children. The books they read and the characters they get to know can become like friends. Reading stories also helps children with their confidence levels, coping with emotions, and language learning.
6. So stories are a great way to learn in a natural way as there is no teaching involved in it. The learners learn from simply reading the story. The choice of stories must be judicious.

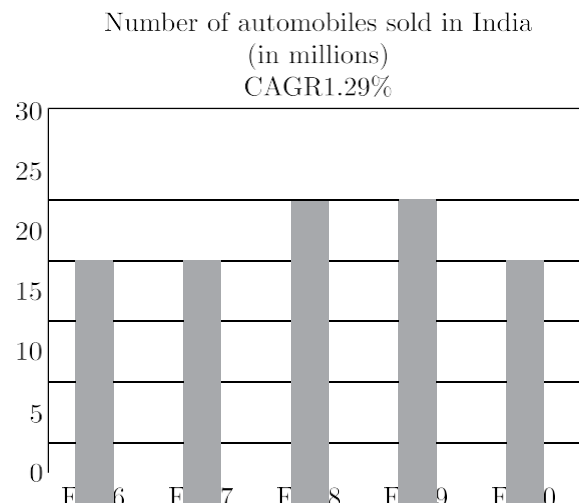
Answer the following questions, based on the passage above.

- i.** Select the option that depicts what the writer projects, with reference to the following. 1
The choice of stories must be judicious (Paragraph 6)
(a) sadness (b) caution
(c) doubt (d) denial
- ii.** Supply one point to justify the following in about 40 words. 2
The choice of stories must be judicious.
- iii.** Complete the sentence appropriately. 1
According to the writer, in paragraph 4 he says ‘... ‘The Ugly Duckling’ in which an abused duckling is only accepted by society after he has grown into a swan..’ The vice that this story promotes is ____.
- iv.** The passage includes some words that are opposites of each other. From the sets (a)-(e) below, identify two sets of synonyms: 1
(a) Innocent and worst
(b) Reveal and unveiled
(c) Commission and ban
(d) Encourages and advocates
(e) Emotions and traits
- v.** Complete the following with a phrase from Paragraph 5. 1
Because of the change in ideologies, some
- vi.** The writer mentions ‘. a closer look at the plot, lines, and characters reveals some problematic traits.’ Mention any two examples to support the statement in about 40 words. 2
- vii** Which issues have been highlighted to be problematic in the Classic fairytales? 1
(a) Violence (b) Consent
(c) Body shaming (d) All of these
- viii** What kind of liberties are modern-day parents taking? 1

2. Read the following text. 10

1. The automobile industry in India is the world’s fourth-largest. India was the world’s fourth-largest manufacturer of cars and the seventh-largest manufacturer of commercial vehicles in 2019. The Indian automotive industry (including component manufacturing) is expected to reach 216.16-18.18 trillion (US \$ 251.4-282.8 billion) by 2026. The industry attracted Foreign Direct Investment (FDI) worth US \$ 24.21 billion from April 2000 to March 2020 according to the data released by the Department for Promotion of Industry and Internal Trade (DPIIT).
2. Two-wheelers and passenger vehicles dominate the domestic Indian auto market. Passenger car sales are dominated by small and mid-sized cars. Two-wheelers and passenger cars accounted for 80.8 percent and 12.9 percent market share, respectively, accounting for a combined sale of over 21.55 million vehicles in FY20. The CAGR during FYI 6-FY20 is 1.29 percent.

3. The government aims to develop India as global manufacturing and Research and Development (R and D) hub. It has set up National Automotive Testing and R and D Infrastructure Project (NATRIP) centres as well as National Automotive Board to act as a facilitator between the government and the industry. Under (NATRIP), five testing and research centres have been established in the country since 2015. NATRIPs proposal for “Grant-In-Aid for test facility infrastructure for Electric Vehicle (EV) performance Certification from NATRIP Implementation Society” under FAME (Faster Adoption and Manufacturing of (Hybrid) and Electric Vehicles in India) scheme was approved by Project Implementation and Sanctioning Committee (PISC) on 3rd January, 2019.
4. The Indian Government has also set up an ambitious target of having only EVs sold in the country. The Ministry of Heavy Industries, Government of India, has shortlisted 11 cities in the country for the introduction of EVs in their public transport system under the FAME scheme. The first phase of the scheme was extended to March 2019 while in February 2019, the government approved the FAME-II scheme with a fund requirement of Rs 10,000 crore (US \$ 1.39 billion) for FY20-22. Under Union Budget 2019-20, government announced providing an additional income tax deduction of Z1.5 lakh (US \$ 2146) on the interest paid on the loans taken to purchase EVs.
5. EV sales, excluding e-rickshaws, in India witnessed a growth of 20 percent and reached 1.56 lakh units in FY20 driven by two-wheelers. The Government of India expects the automobile sector to attract US \$ 8-10 billion in local and foreign investment by 2023.



Answer the following questions, based on the passage above.

- i. Complete the sentence appropriately. 1
As per the passage, the Government of India wants to grow in _____.
- ii. Fill the blanks with the appropriate option from those given in brackets, based on your understanding of passage. 1
We can infer that the _____ (Department/Institute) for promotion of Industry and Internal Trade highlights that India has received a considerable amount from _____ (FDI/R & D).
- iii. Based on your understanding of the passage, list the initiatives taken by the government to promote the automobile industry. Answer in about 40 words. 2
- iv. Why has the government set up NATRIP and National Automotive Board? 1

- v. What was the NATRIP's proposal? 1
- vi. Which word can substitute the word 'ambitious' in the following sentence from Paragraph 4. 1
He is smart, intelligent and an ambitious medical student.
(a) Arrogant
(b) Ideal
(c) Dreamy
(d) Aspiring
- vii. What does the Indian Government want to establish? 2
- viii. Select the correct option to complete the following sentence. 1
Para 4 focuses on the ambitious target of having _____
(a) the overall growth of the automobile industry
(b) only the 2 wheeler's sold in the country
(c) only the EVs being sold in the country
(d) foreign Direct Investment in the automobile industry

SECTION B - GRAMMAR & WRITING SKILLS

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GRAMMAR

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3. Complete ANY TEN of twelve of the following tasks, as directed. 1 × 10 = 10

- i. Read the conversation between two friends. Complete the sentence by reporting the conversation. 1

Ankit : May I drop you there in my car at the airport?

Atul : Thanks a lot. It will be a great help to me.

When Ankit asked Atul _____ at the airport in his car, Atul thanked him adding that it _____. Read the conversation between a doctor and his patient. Complete the sentence by reporting the patient's reply correctly. 1

- ii. Passenger 1 : Are you from the software industry sir?

Passenger 2 : Yes, but how do you know?

Passenger 1, tried to recollect some experience and asked passenger 2 _____. On this, passenger 2 nodded his head in affirmation and inquisitively asked how he knew that.

- iii. Select the correct option to fill in the blank for the given line. 1
When life is uncertain, our usual responses and coping strategies not always work.
(a) may
(b) might
(c) can
(d) could

- iv.** Select the option that identifies the error and supplies the correction for the following line, from a proceeding in family court. 1

Option No.	Error	Correction
(a)	observations	observation
(b)	seems	seem
(c)	out	outside
(d)	the	a

- v.** Report the dialogue between a beggar and a woman by completing the sentence. 1

Lady : Aren't you ashamed of not working?

Bagger : Madam, begging is also a work.

An annoyed lady asked a beggar _____, to which the beggar retorted that _____

- vi.** Fill in the blank by using the correct form of the word in the bracket, for the given portion of a letter : 1

Subject : Appeal for Assam Flood Relief

Respected Sir/Madam,

In the last month, India has witnessed one of the worst manifestations of nature's wrath-floods in Assam, which ____ (wash) away thousands of pilgrims, resulting in a massive loss of life and property, and leaving millions impoverished and homeless.

- vii.** Report the dialogue between Vivek and Neerja by completing the sentence : 1

Vivek : Life is so comfortable for homemakers.

Neerja : You are showing your stereotyped mentality.

In response to the idea of Vivek about homemakers, Neerja said that _____.

- viii.** Identify the error in the given sentence, from a school magazine report and supply the correction. 1

A group of students were invited to come on stage and play a drama scene. The drama they presented was funny and interesting.

Use the given format for your response.

Error	Correction

- ix.** Binny shared some information, with Pansy, about her visit to a War Memorial. Report Pansy's question. 1

How much time did you spend at the War Memorial?

- x. Identify the error in the given sentence and supply the correction. 1
Must you pick up my brother from school on your way home tomorrow?

Use the given format for your response.

Error	Correction

- xi. Read the conversation given below and complete the paragraph that follows : 1
Martha : Why are you spraying wax on your car tyres?
Jhumru : It makes the rubber last longer and prevents it from drying.
Martha : (looking amused) Is it like putting lotion on your skin?
Jhumru : Yes, exactly. Now I see you are beginning to get the point.
Martha asked her husbandJhumru explained that it made the rubber last longer and prevented that from dying.
(a) why he was spraying wax on his car tyres.
(b) why was he spraying wax on his car tyres.
(c) why was he spraying wax on his car tyres?
(d) why he was spraying wax on his car tyres?

- xii. Identify the error on a newspaper headline and supply the correction, for the following 1
Dispersing through thinning forests, tigers came into conflict with humans.

Use the given format for your response.

Error	Correction

WRITING

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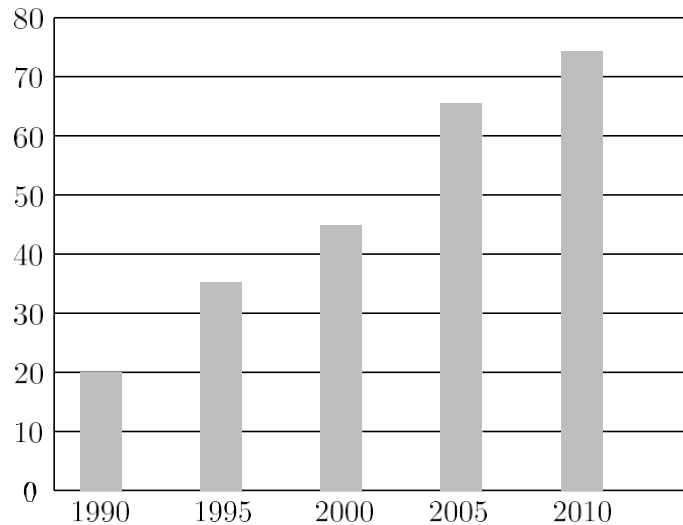
Note : All details presented in the questions are imaginary and created for assessment purpose.

4. Attempt ANY ONE from A and B given below. 5
- A. Your state government has banned the use of plastic bags. You are highly moved by the violence of the rule in the weekly markets. You are Amarjeet, a resident of Wave City Ghaziabad.
Write a letter to the Editor of The Tribune, in not more than 120 words, drawing attention towards harm caused by law offence and also aware people about the need of the hour.
- Or
- B. You recently came across an advertisement by A New Dimension, Mehrauli, which offers various bridge courses in Creative Writing for students of Class X. You are Prakash/Pratishtha of B 905, Goenka Building, Mansarovar Park, New Delhi, interested in pursuing a course during your summer break. Write a letter enquiring about the course details. (100-120 words)

5. Attempt ANY ONE from A and B given below.

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- A. The following data in the graph indicates the percentage of children in Grade 10 in Model Town who have joined coaching institutes, and which has only increased further. Describe in 100-120 words how this trend has only changed over the years.



Or

- B. Analyse the picture in your own words in 120 - 150 words.



SECTION C - LITERATURE

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6. Read the given extracts and answer the questions for ANY ONE of the two, given.

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A. "Marriage gifts are meaningless without the sweet bread known as the 'bol' just as a party or a feast loses its charm without bread. Not enough can be said to show how important a baker can be for a village. The lady of the house must prepare sandwiches on the occasion of her daughter's engagement. Cakes and 'bor are a must for Christmas as well as other festivals. Thus, the presence of the baker in the village is absolutely essential."

(Glimpses of India)

i. Breads are a very important part of the culture of the people in Goa. Which of the given options does not corroborate the statement?

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(a) Bols are central to marriage celebrations and festivals.

(b) Festivals especially Christmas are incomplete without cakes.

(c) Every house has their own furnace in Goa.

(d) Special sandwiches are made on a daughter's engagement.

ii. What makes the marriage gifts meaningless? Answer in about 40 words.

2

iii. The word 'sandwich' is named after the Earl of Sandwich who loved eating sandwiches. Read the following descriptions (a)-(c) and identify which one does not correspond to the name of a person in its origin as shown in the extract.

1

(a) It is Murphy's Law.

(b) Maintain the temperature at 200 Fahrenheit.

(c) We are leaving for the Indira Gandhi International airport.

iv. What is the traditional name of bakers in Goa and what made them different from other people in appearance?

1

Or

B. Poor Kisa Gotami now went from house to house, and the people pitied her and said, "Here is mustard- seed; take it!" But when she asked, "Did a son or daughter, a father or mother, die in your family?" they answered her, 'Alas! the living are few, but the dead are many. Do not remind us of our deepest grief'. And there was no house but some beloved one had died in it.

(The Sermon at Benares)

i. Kisa Gotami's joy was short-lived because _____.

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(a) she was not assured any help by her neighbours

(b) no physician could revive her son

(c) she could not get mustard seed from each house

(d) she realised that death could not be averted

ii. In sending Kisa Gotami from house to house, what was Buddha trying to teach her. Answer in about 40 words.

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iii. Read the following interpretations (a)-(c) of the word 'poor' and identify which one correctly corresponds to its contextual meaning.

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(a) in need or want of money

(b) weak or feeble

(c) unfortunate or miserable

iv. Is it correct to say that had Buddha been alive today, he could have become either a counsellor or a psychologist? Why?

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7. Read the given extracts and answer the questions for ANY ONE of the two, given.

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A. "Ink trickled down to the bottom of the household, And little mouse Blink strategically mouse-holed. But up jumped Custard, snorting like an engine, Clashed his tail like irons in a dungeon, With a clatter and a clank and a jangling squirm, He went at the pirate like a robin at a worm."

(The Tale of Custard the Dragon)

- i. What is the poet's purpose of using onomatopoeic words in the extract ? 1
- ii. What does the poet want to convey through these lines? Answer in about 40 words. 2
- iii. Select the appropriate option that supports the idea in the extract. 1
- (a) You get in life what you have the courage to ask for.
- (b) Fear has a large shadow, but he himself is strong.
- (c) Fear makes strangers of people who would be friends.
- (d) Courage doesn't mean you don't get afraid. Courage means you don't let fear stop you.

The extract mentions 'irons' in dungeons 1

According to the extract, 'irons' refers to ____.

OR

B. All night the roots work
to disengage themselves from the cracks
in the veranda floor.
The leaves strain toward the glass
small twigs stiff with exertion
long-cramped boughs shuffling under the roof
like newly discharged patients
half-dazed, moving
to the clinic doors.

- i. In what way does the language used in this extract challenge traditional ideas of what poetry should be? 1
- ii. What is the significance of the use of the word 'roots' and 'disengage' to describe the social change in the poem and how does this word choice contribute to the overall mood and tone of the poem? Answer in about 40 words. 2
- iii. The leaves strain through the glass, small twigs are stiff with exertion and long-cramped boughs are shuffling under the roof- all indicate the presence of these poetic devices: 1
- (a) metaphors and imagery. (b) enjambment and allusion.
- (c) allusion and alliteration. (d) personification and imagery.
- iv. Complete the statement. 1
- The words 'in the veranda floor' clearly suggest that the change is taking place ____ and ____.

8. Answer ANY FOUR of the following five questions, in about 40-50 words. 4 × 3 = 12

- i. The poet in the poem 'For Anne Gregory' conveys that we should give importance to the inner beauty and not to the physical appearance. Explain with reference to the poem. 3
- ii. What do the roots do all night? 3
- (The Trees)
- iii. Is bread-making still popular in Goa? How do you know? 3
- (Glimpses of India)
- iv. How does Natalaya react when she comes to know that Lomov had come to propose for her hand? 3

(The Proposal)

v. How does the fog spread over the harbour and the city?

(Fog)

9. Answer ANY TWO of the following three questions, in about 40-50 words.

2 x 3 = 6

i. What changes came into the life of Loisel after the necklace was lost?

3

(The Necklace)

ii. Elaborate on the quality of the book that saved the planet Earth.

3

(The Book That Saved the Earth)

iii. Why was Bholi's Father worried about her?

3

(Bholi)

10. Answer ANY ONE of the following two questions, in about 100-120 words.

1 x 6 = 6

A. One should understand that human beings are mortal and no one can escape death. Revelations made by Lord Buddha teaches us so. Share two key opinions from what you learnt from the lesson "The Sermon at Benares".

(The Sermon at Benares)

Or

B. Who was the real hero ? How did he save the other animals ? Was he proud of his bravery? Justify your answer with instances from the poem.

(The Tale of Custard the Dragon)

11. Answer ANY ONE of the following two questions, in about 100-120 words.

1 x 6 = 6

A. The Story, 'The Necklace' reveals that vanity is an evil. It may bring short term joy but it leads to ruin. Assess how vanity may lead to ruin with reference to the character of Matilda.

Or

B. Curiosity and motivation are the basic foundation for becoming a successful scientist. These qualities have brought the best out of Ebright. Comment.

(The Making of a Scientist)