



Class- X

ENGLISH (Language & Literature)

Time allowed: 3Hrs

Maximum Marks:- 80

General Instructions:

- i. This paper is divided into three parts: A, B and C. All questions are compulsory
- ii. Separate instructions are given with each section and question, wherever necessary. Read these instructions very carefully and follow them.
- iii. Do not exceed the prescribed word limit while answering the questions.

Section A- Reading Skills [20 Marks]

1. Read the following passage carefully:

1. The novel coronavirus has given rise to a global pandemic that has destabilized most institutional settings. A virus invisible to the naked eye has massively disrupted our lives economies, healthcare and education systems worldwide.
2. Given the coronavirus's current situation, some households have also had time to introspect on gender roles and stereotypes. For instance, women are expected to carry out household chores like cooking, cleaning, and looking after the family. With men sharing household chores and responsibilities during the lockdown period.
3. This tough period also gave people some time to reflect on the importance of keeping themselves fit. Those who never exercised before, too developed some new habits of Yoga, Pranayam and exercises during the lockdown period. These new habits and people's increased focus on their health, wellness and immunity will surely change the way we lead our lives even in future.
4. nature too healed itself during the lockdown period. Restricted human movement led to better air quality, cleaner waterbodies and joyful wildlife movements. The human beings, we hope, reflected during this time, how some of their unconscious activities disrupt nature and worked out ways to adopt environmentally-friendly options for their activities in future.
5. This situation also affected the education sector to a great extent. It has forced us to shift from offline to online mode of the teaching-learning process. Technology-enabled teaching is definitely the future we are looking towards, but it is important to identify key challenges for students and teachers in the current scenario.
6. The current scenario has also affected our economies to the extent wherein many businessmen had to bear heavy losses in their businesses. Governments and individuals need to take action to mitigate risk and minimize transmission while maintaining social and economic activities. However, relaxed control measures, declining risk perception and the understandable desire to return to normalcy have led to reduced protective behaviour and more social and workplace interactions, often in confined, close-contact settings, where the virus spreads really fast.
7. It is our responsibility that we take all necessary precautions through mask-wearing, physical distancing, and hand hygiene as part of daily life. It is highly important to make these new behaviours part of our everyday habits. Travelling to new places, casual café visits with a large bunch of friends, spending our weekends shopping, window-shopping and casual strolls, and large gatherings at birthday parties and other celebrations; will require some modifications and patience to fit into the 'New Normal' keeping all the safety norms in mind.

8. We are sure that regular communication from authorities, improved understanding of individual responsibility and, subsequently, a greater willingness to adopt infection prevention practices can be a stepping stone to a 'new future'.

Based on your understanding of the passage, answer the following questions: 10

i) Why COVID-19 has been called a pandemic? (2)

(ii) State whether the following statement is TRUE OR FALSE

The lockdown period made people introspect on gender roles and stereotypes because People talked about gender stereotypes.

(iii) People, who never exercised before, started exercising during the lockdown period because _____

(a) Being at home, they had sufficient time at hand.

(b) exercise was the only way to treat people infected with the novel coronavirus.

(c) people learned new ways to exercise their bodies.

(d) People understood the importance of health and wellness in the face of the pandemic.

(iv) During the lockdown period, the air and water bodies were clean because _____

(a) There was less human movement due to lockdown

(b) the virus helped in cleaning the air and the water

(c) the government made extra efforts to clean the air and the water

(d) People got together to clean water bodies.

(v) During the pandemic period education in schools continued through _____

(a) offline mode of teaching.

(b) online mode of teaching

(c) weekly classes.

(d) none of the above

(vi) Which of the following did NOT lead to reduced protective behaviours among people?

(a) Relaxed control measures.

(b) Declining risk perception

(c) Physical distancing.

(d) Understandable desire to return to normalcy

(vii) Which of the following is OPPOSITE in meaning to the word 'mitigate' as used in the passage?

(a) Lessen.

(b) Reduce.

(c) Aggravate

(d) Weaken

(viii) What does 'stepping stone' refer to? (2)

2. Read the following passage carefully.

1. The incidence of dengue has grown dramatically around the world in recent decades. A vast majority of cases are asymptomatic or mild and self-managed, and hence the actual numbers of dengue cases are under-reported or often misdiagnosed.

2. One estimate indicates 390 million dengue virus infections per year (95% credible interval 284-528 million), of which 96 million (67 – 136 million) manifest clinically (with any severity of disease). The number of dengue cases reported to WHO increased over 8 fold over the last two decades.

3. This alarming increase in case numbers is partly due to a change in national practices to record and report dengue to the Ministries of Health, and the WHO. But it also represents government recognition of the burden, and therefore the pertinence to report dengue disease.

4. Before 1970, only 9 countries had experienced severe dengue epidemics. The disease is now endemic in more than 100 countries in the WHO regions of Africa, the Americas, the Eastern Mediterranean, South-East Asia and the Western Pacific. The America, South-East Asia and Western Pacific regions are the most seriously affected. With Asia representing ~70% of the global burden of disease.

5. In 2020, dengue continues to affect several countries, with reports of increases in the number of cases in Bangladesh, Brazil, Cook Islands, Ecuador, India, Indonesia, Maldives, Mauritania, Mayotte (Fr), Nepal, Singapore, Sri Lanka, Sudan, Thailand, Timor-Leste and Yemen.

6. The largest number of dengue cases ever reported globally was in 2019. All regions were affected, and dengue transmission was recorded.

7. The first dengue vaccine, Dengvaxia (CYD-TDY) developed by Sanofi Pasteur was licensed in December 2015 and has now been approved by regulatory authorities in ~20 countries. In November 2017, the results of an additional analysis to retrospectively determine serostatus at the time of vaccination were released.

8. As described in the WHO position paper on the Dengvaxia vaccine (September 2018) the dengue vaccine CYD-TDV has been shown in clinical trials to be efficacious and safe in persons who have had a previous dengue virus infection. However, it carries an increased risk of severe dengue in those who experience their first natural dengue infection after vaccination. For countries considering vaccination as part of their dengue control programme, pre-vaccination screening is the recommended strategy.

Based on your understanding of the passage attempt the following questions.

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(i) In the line, 'and therefore the pertinence to report dengue disease', the word 'pertinence' does NOT mean _____

(a) importance. (b) ignorance. (c) relevance. (d) appropriateness

(ii) According to the WHO, what was the report around 70% of the dengue cases? (2)

(iii) The actual number of dengue cases is more than the figures in the reports because _____

(a) There has been a misprint.

(b) cases reported late

(c) cases are under-reported.

(d) cases constantly increase

(iv) Choose the option that is correct about the rise in the number of dengue cases _____

(a) the rise in dengue is due to a rise in tourism

(b) dengue is being tested and reported in vast numbers

(c) dengue is a communicable disease. (d) Dengue spread is uncontrollable

(v) State whether the following statement is TRUE or FALSE

The dengue vaccine works effectively on people who have been infected before.

(vi) The number of cases of Dengue reported to WHO _____

(a) decreased 8 times in the last ten years. (b) decreased 10 times in the last twenty years

(c) increased 10 times in the last eight years. (d) increased 8 times in the last twenty years.

(vii) What is the above report informing us about? (2)

(viii) Fill in the blank in the following sentence.

The estimated number of Dengue cases in the world annually is _____

Section B (Grammar & Creative Writing Skills) [20 Marks]

Grammar (10 Marks)

3 .Complete Any Ten of the following tasks, as directed. 10x1=10

(i). Fill in the blanks by using the correct form of the word in the bracket, for the given portion of a letter.

Dear Sir.

This is regarding your query about our latest products. We are glad to inform you that we _____ (Introduce) disappearing ink pens and refills in the Market this year.

(ii) Reena : Do you know how to swim?

Surbhi : Yes I know. I have learnt it during this summer vacation.

Reena asked Surbhi whether she knew how to swim. Then Surbhi replied in affirmative and also added that (a)

(iii) Fill in the blank by choosing the correct option, to complete an observation in a report published by the Planning Commission of India.

Drinking water in one-third of India's 600 districts has a high fluoride content, as a result, 65 million people are suffering from fluorosis, -----(this/which/that/then) causes crippling problems

(iv) Read the dialogue between Shabnam and her mentor, Sara, her first job that she has recently landed.

Sara: What is your pay scale?

Shabnam: I was recruited on the pay scale of rs18000-25000 but after the training, the company will give me more.

When Sara asked Shabnam what her pay scale was, she replied that ----- in the pay scale rs 18000-25000 but after the training the company would give her more.

(a) She has been recruited (b) she had been recruited

(c) She is recruited (d) She is being recruited

(v) Complete the given narrative, by filling in the blank with the correct option.

Ever-increasing pollution coupled with over-exploitation of natural resources and greenhouse gas emissions ----- several species towards extinction.

a) will be driving (b) is driving (c) Should be driving (d) Had been driving

(vi) Fill in the blank by choosing the correct option to complete a podcast on Avani Chaturvedi, the first Indian woman fighter pilot to take a solo flight in a MIG-21.

Avani Chaturvedi----- to train at Hyderabad Air Force Academy and completed her training at the age of 25.

a) has selected (b) Has been selected (c) Had been selected (d) Was selected

(vii) Report the dialogue between a master and servant by completing the sentence.

Master: You are becoming lazy by the day. Where is my breakfast?

Servant: I am sorry; I forgot to wind the clock.

The master accused the servant of becoming lazy by the day and asked him about his breakfast. The servant----- to wind the clock.

(viii) Identify the error and supply correction for the given sentence from an NGO working for the environment.

Moreover, a cluster of 10,000 more houses in this area is bound to aggravate environmental pollution and further tamper with ecology.

Use the given format for your response

Error	Correction

(ix) Select the option that identifies the error and supplies the correction for the closing line, from an analytical report.

In conclusion, this study explores the association among short-sleep patterns and overweight youngsters.

Option No	Error	Correction
A	explores	explore
B	and	or
C	among	between
D	in	for

(x) Read the given sentence from a report on sanitation in a residential area. Identify the error and supply the correction in the sentence.

Our colony has been becoming an unhealthy and disease-prone area and every day, someone or the other is succumbing to deadly diseases.

Error	correction

(xi) Complete the line from a poem by Bukowski, by filling in the blank with the correct option

*Dear child, I only -----
To you what the sparrow did to you;
I am old when it is fashionable to be young;
I cry when it is fashionable to laugh.*

(a) Do (b) did (c) have. (d) must do

(xii) Identify the error and supply correction, for the following note in an email sent to the residents a day before the rally.

NOTE: All the residents are hereby informed to be present outside the community Meeting Hall on the Ground Floor of the Club sharp at 7:00 pm for the rally.

Use the given format for your response

Error	correction

Creative Writing Skills (10 Marks)

4. Answer the following question in 100 – 120 words

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A. You are Rajiv/Ranjana. You are moved by the cruelty of your neighbour towards his pet dog. Write a letter in 100 – 120 words to the Chairman of the Society for the Prevention of Cruelty to Animals (SPCA), complaining against the rough treatment.

OR

B. You are Rajesh staying at 80, Tilak Lane, New Delhi. You are disturbed to find that the number of beggars has increased enormously recently. Write a letter to the Editor of a National Daily, expressing concern about this problem. Give suggestions to curb this menace (Word Limit: 100-120)

5. Answer the following question in 100-120 words.

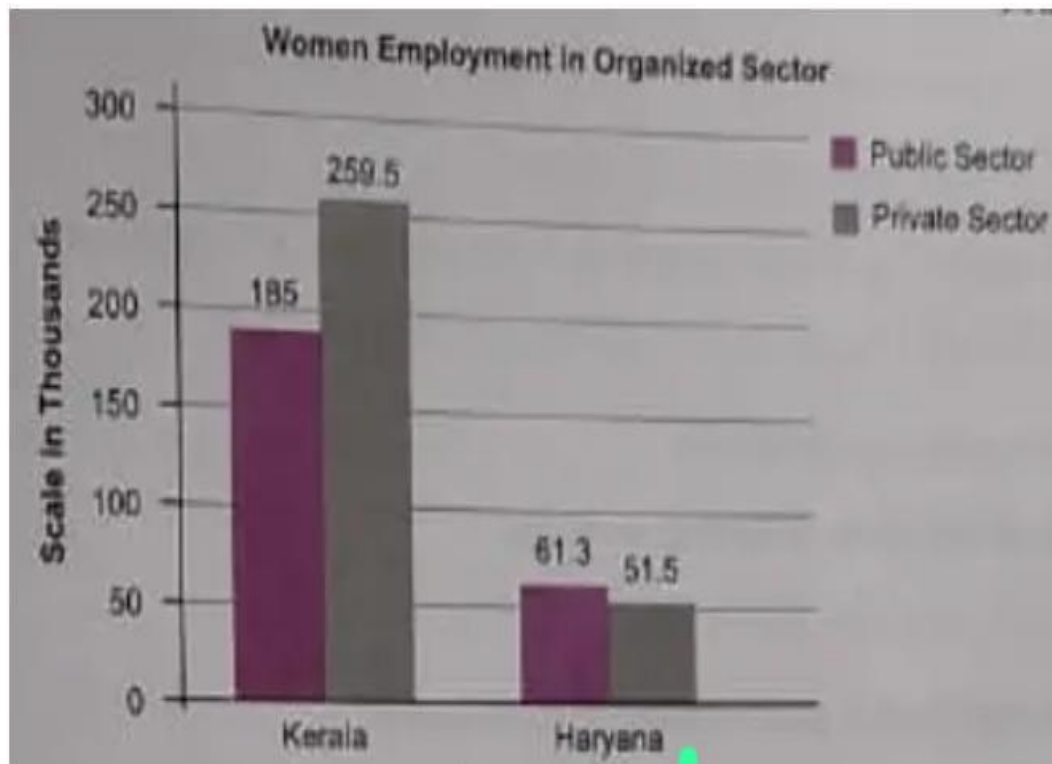
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A. Colours play a very important role in our life. They have a healing power also. Read the pie chart given below and write an analytical paragraph in 100-120 words on colour therapy.



OR

B. A survey was conducted to know about the presence of women in public and private sectors in India in the present time of women empowerment. Analyse the bar graph given here and write an analytical paragraph in 100-120 words.



Section – C (Literature Textbooks [40 Marks])

6. Read the extracts given below and attempt the questions that follow: 5x1=5

A. Poor Kisa Gotami now went from house to house, and the people pitied her and said, "Here is the 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.

(i) State whether the following statement is TRUE or FALSE

Kisa Gotami went door to door requesting water for her child.

(ii) Why did Gautam Buddha send Kisa Gotami to collect mustard seeds?

- (a) He wanted mustard seeds for himself.
- (b) He wanted her to understand that everyone who is born will have to die one day.
- (c) He wanted to make a medicine from mustard seeds that could bring the dead to life.
- (d) He wanted to comfort her.
- (iii) Fill in the blank in the following sentence.
Kisa Gotami asked the people _____
- (iv) What was the deepest grief of most of the families?
- (a) They were poor. (b) They had lost their beloved ones.
- (c) They did not have mustard seeds. (d) None of the above
- (v) What is the synonym of 'Grief'?

OR

B. Natalya: Then smoke. Here are the matches. The weather is splendid now, but yesterday it was so wet that the workmen didn't do anything all day. How much hay have you stacked? Just think, I felt greedy and had a whole field cut, and now I'm not at all pleased about it because I'm afraid my hay may not. I ought to have waited a bit. But what's this? Why, you're in an evening dress! Well, I never! Are you going to a ball or what? Though I must say you look better... Tell me, why have you got up like that?

Lomov: [excited] You see, honoured Natalya Stepanovna... the fact is, I've made up my mind to ask you to hear me out.... Of course, you'll be surprised and perhaps even angry, but a...[aside] It's awfully cold!

- (i) According to Natalya the weather was _____
- (a) fine. (b) rainy. (c) Stormy. (d) Smoky
- (ii) Natalya was not happy getting the field cut as _____.
- (a) The workmen were wet. (b) the hay was stacked all over
- (c) the hay may not dry up. (d) The workmen were not ready to work
- (iii) Fill in the blanks in the following sentence.
Natalya's question to Lomov was about _____
- (iv) State whether the following statement is TRUE or FALSE
Lomov gets excited because he has come to propose Natalya.
- (v) The word from the passage which means 'fine' is _____
- (a) splendid. (b) pleases (c) stacked (d) surprised

7. Read the extracts given below and attempt the questions that follow:

5x1=5

Stop that sulking at once, Amanda!

You're always so moody, Amanda!

Anyone would think that I nagged at you, Amanda!

- (i) Why do you think Amanda is sulking?
- (a) She did not want to be instructed constantly
- (b) She wanted to be free. (c) She wanted peace. (d) She was afraid
- (ii) Which one of the following statements is NOT TRUE?
- (a) Children are innocent and want freedom.
- (b) Amanda wants to escape the reality of the world.
- (c) Amanda is tired of daily nagging. (d) Children needs constant nagging to be a good citizen
- (iii) Fill in the blank in the following sentence.
The word 'nagged' here means _____
- (iv) Why is Amanda always moody?
- (a) She is hurt. (b) She is sad. (c) She is a baby. (d) She is a teenager

(v) State whether the following statement is TRUE or FALSE
Amanda yearns for freedom.

OR

B.

The trees inside are moving out into the forest,
The forest that was empty all these days
Where no bird could sit
No insect hide

No sun buries its feet in the shadow

The forest that was empty all these nights

Will be full of trees by morning

(i) Which one of the following can happen in a treeless forest?

(a) Birds sitting in the branches. (b) Insects can hide in trees

(c) The sun can bury its feet. (d) Animals can move freely

(ii) What is the meaning of the phrase 'Sun's feet'?

(iii) Where are the trees in the poem?

(a) Poet's house. (b) Forest. (c) Garden. (d) On the riverbank

(iv) Which poetic device has been used in 'Sun bury its feet'?

(a) Personification. (b) Metaphor. (c) Simile. (d) Oxymoron

(v) State whether the following statement is TRUE or FALSE

Trees are moving out of the house.

8. Answer in 40-50 words of any four out of the five questions.

4×3=12

(a) What does the poet mean by 'All his young days into the harbour'?

(b) What does Anne do when she is with friends?

(c) Explain the term 'the seat of white supremacy'.

(d) How does Chubukov appreciate 'Squeezer'?

(e) What should the tiger be doing outside the houses?

9.. Answer in 40-50 words of any two out of the three questions.

3×2=6

(a) Why did Mrs. Hall try to be friendly with her strange guest?

(b) Why did Hari Singh not make friends?

(c) What happened at the ball? Was Matilda's dream fulfilled?

10.. Attempt the following question in 100-120 words.

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a. "No one is born hating another person because of the colour of his skin, or his background, or his religion". Do you agree? Elaborate based on the chapter, "Nelson Mandela Long Walk to Freedom".

OR

b. Natalya and her father both accused Lomov of telling a lie regarding the Oxen-Meadows but when Natalya came to know that Lomov had come to propose to her, she at once wanted him back. This shows her selfishness. What traits of Natalya's character are revealed here? Do you like her?

11. . Attempt the following question in 100-120 words.

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a. Describe Anil, highlighting his generosity

OR

b. How did Dr. James Herriot cure Tricki?