

VELAMMAL BODHI CAMPUS

PART TEST-I

Class -X

English Language and Literature (184)

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.

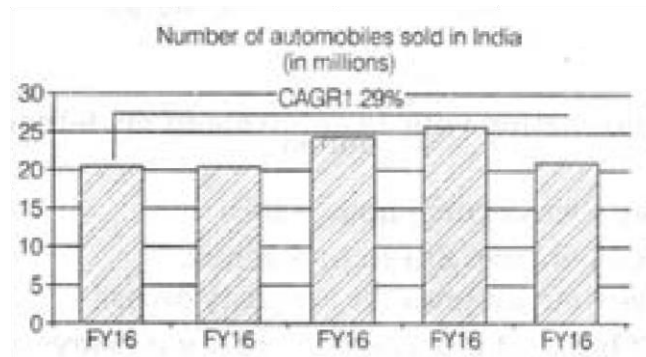
Answer the following questions, based on the passage above.

- 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.** Fill in the blank by choosing the correct option to complete an online update. 1
 Forests remove carbon from the atmosphere_____that is roughly 13% of our total emission.
 (a) at a rate
 (b) on a rate
 (c) at the rate
 (d) on the rate
- ii.** Read the conversation between a doctor and his patient. Complete the sentence by reporting the patient’s reply correctly. 1
 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. Complete the given narrative, by filling in the blank with the correct option : 1
The centre_____to monetize its prime real estate asset in the heart of the national capital to generate funds for redevelopment of seven residential colonies.

- (a) was looking
- (b) will be looking
- (c) is looking
- (d) has been looking

- 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.

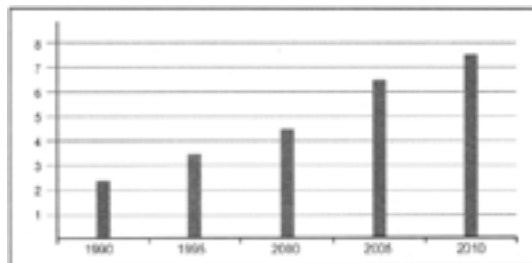
Or

- 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.** The moon was coming up in the east, behind me, and stars were shining in the clear sky above me. There wasn't a cloud in the sky. I was happy to be alone high up above the sleeping countryside.

- i.** What is the significance of not a single cloud in the sky? 1
- ii.** What was the pilot flying? 1
- iii.** How did the pilot feel after calling the Paris Control the first time? Answer in about 40 words. 2
- iv.** State TRUE or FALSE. 1

None of the following descriptions (a)-(d) correctly corresponds to the extract.

- (a) A debate is a formal discussion on a particular topic, usually with two or more people presenting different viewpoints and arguments.
- (b) A description is the pattern of narrative development that aims to make vivid a place, object, character, or group.
- (c) An aside is a brief comment or remark made by a character directly to the audience, which is not intended to be heard by other characters on stage.
- (d) An abstract refers to a short summary or outline of a longer work.

Or

B. “It’s not my balcony,” Ausable said with extreme irritation. “It belongs to the next apartment.” He glanced explanatorily at Fowler “You see,” he said, “this room used to be part of a large unit, and the next room-through that door there-used to be the living room. It had the balcony, which extends under my window now. You can get onto it from the empty room two doors down-and somebody did, last month. The management promised to block it off. But they haven’t.” Max glanced at Fowler, who was standing stiffly not far from Ausable, and waved the gun with a commanding gesture. “Please sit down,” he said. “We have a wait of half an hour, I think

i. State any one inference about the balcony spoken at length by Ausable from the given context. 1
The management promised to block it off. But they haven’t.

ii. State TRUE or FALSE. 1
None of the options from (a) to (d) can be applied to the given question or context- “It’s not my balcony,” Ausable said with extreme irritation. “It belongs to the next apartment.” When Ausable said this, what was he relying on?
(a) A hypothesis: Max had no idea about the balcony.
(b) An assumption: Fowler had no idea about the balcony.
(c) A premise: Only he knew that there was no balcony.
(d) A theory: The waiter had no idea about the balcony.

iii. ‘It had the balcony, which extends under my window now. You can get onto it from the empty room two doors down-and somebody did, last month. The management promised to block it off But they haven’t.’ 2
Why does Ausable explain the existence of a balcony at such great length to Fowler? Elaborate in about 40 words, with reference to the extract.

iv. Max told Fowler that they had to wait for a good thirty minutes for a paper to arrive. 1
The paper here refers to ____.

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7. Read the given extracts and answer the questions for ANY ONE of the two, given. 5

A. He stalks in his vivid stripes
The few steps of his cage, On
pads of velvet quiet,
In his quiet rage.
He should be lurking in shadow,
Sliding through long grass
Near the water hole
Where plump deer pass.

i. Fill the blank with one word. 1

The Tiger is in a 'quiet rage' because his _____ has been curtailed.

- ii.** The meaning of the line 'in his quiet rage' is _____. 1
- (a) The tiger is hungry
(b) The tiger is sleepy
(c) The tiger is unhappy and controlling his anger
(d) The tiger is lazy
- iii.** How does the tiger show his presence? 1
- iv.** Why does a tiger express his rage quietly ? Answer in about 40 words. 2

Or

B. If when you're walking round your yard
You meet a creature there, Who hugs you
very, very hard, Be sure it is a Bear,
If you have any doubts, I guess
He'll give you just one more caress.

- i.** How a bear can be recognised by you? 1
- (a) By its skin colour (b) By its roar
(c) By its body size (d) By its tight hug
- ii.** How will you judge the poet's style of writing in the given extract? 1
- iii.** How does the poet describe the bear in the extract? 1
- iv.** Would you agree that the poet has an in-depth knowledge of the wild? Support the statement in context of the poem from which the given lines are taken. Answer in about 40 words. 2
- 8. Answer ANY FOUR of the following five questions, in about 40-50 words. 4 # 3 = 12**
- i.** What did the young seagull see of his parents doing to his brothers and sister 3
- ii.** What was the effect of the policy of apartheid ? 3
- iii.** Describe how the chameleon is described in the poem? 3
- iv.** What do the 'Hemlock tree' and 'Crow' represent? What does the dust of snow metaphorically stand for? 3
- v.** 'He senses first responsibility'—What responsibility is referred to here? 3

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

2 # 3 = 6

- i.** How did the author “treat” at Tricki at the Surgery ? 3
- ii.** In which queer way did Anil make a living? 3
- iii.** What was “The Curious episode” that took place in the clergyman’s study? 3

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

1 # 6 = 6

- A.** How does Amanda tackle the nagging nature of her parents? Explain with examples from the poem ‘Amanda!’. What values does it portray about Amanda?

Or

- B.** “Mandela mentions that every man has twin obligations. The first is to his family, parents, wife and children; the second obligation is to his people, his community and his country.”
How is the first obligation well performed by mother seagull in the story The First Flight’.

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

1 # 6 = 6

- A.** Horace Danby represents such people who adopt the wrong ways to fulfil their wishes. What values would you like such people to imbibe to reform themselves?

Or

- B.** With reference to The Midnight Visitor’, do you think presence of mind should be developed and to what advantage? Elaborate highlighting the characteristics of Ausable.