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## **SAHODAYA PRE-BOARD EXAMINATION(2023-24)**

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### **CLASS-X**

#### **ENGLISH LANGUAGE AND LITERATURE (Code No. 184)**

**Time Allowed: 3 Hours**

**Maximum**

**Marks: 80**

#### **General Instructions:**

1. *This question paper is divided into three sections: A, B & C.*

*Section A: Reading* *20 marks*

*Section B: Grammar & Writing* *20 marks*

*Section C: Literature* *40 marks*

*Separate instructions are given with each section and question, wherever necessary.*

2. *All questions of a particular section must be attempted in the correct order.*

3. *Do not exceed the prescribed word limit while answering the questions.*

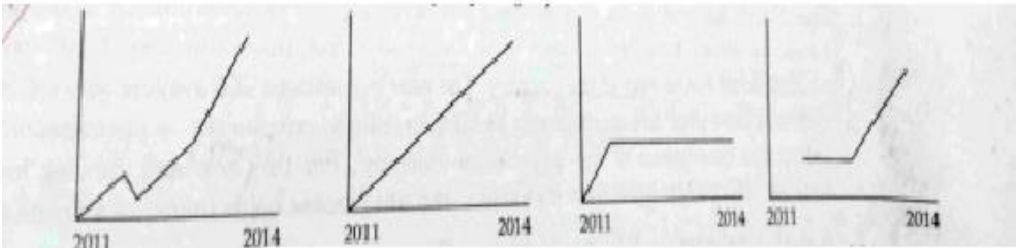
**SECTION A: READING SKILLS (20 marks)**

**Reading Comprehension Through Unseen Passages**

<b>1.</b>	<b>Read the following text.</b>	<b>10 m</b>
(1)	To make our life a meaningful one, we need to mind our thoughts, for our thoughts are the foundation, the inspiration and the motivating power of our deeds. We create our entire world by the way we think. Our circumstances and conditions are not dictated by the world outside; it is the world inside us that creates the outside.	
(2)	Self-awareness comes from the mind, which means soul. Mind is the sum total of the states of consciousness grouped under thought, will and feeling. Besides self-consciousness we have the power to choose and think. Krishna says: “no man resteth a moment inactive.” Even when inactive on the bodily plane, we are all the time acting on the thought plane. Therefore, if we observe ourselves, we can easily mould our thoughts. If our thoughts are pure and noble, naturally our actions will follow the same. If our thoughts are filled with jealousy, hatred and greed, our actions will be the same.	
(3)	Karmically, however, thought or intent is more responsible and dynamic than an act. One may perform a charitable act, but if he does not think charitably and is doing the act just for the sake of gain and glory, it is his thoughts that will determine the result. Theosophy teaches us that every thought, no matter how fleeting, leaves a seed in the mind of the thinker. These small seeds together go to make up a large thought seed and determine one’s general character. Our thoughts affect the whole body. Each thought once generated and sent out becomes independent of the brain and mind and will live upon its own energy depending upon its intensity.	
(4)	Trying to keep a thought from our mind can produce the very state we are trying to avoid. We can alter our environment to create the mood. When, for instance, we are depressed, if we sit by ourselves trying to think cheerful thoughts, we often do not succeed. But if we mix with people who are cheerful, we can bring about a change in our mood and thoughts. Every thought we think, every act we perform, creates in us an impression, like everything else, is subject to cyclic law and becomes repetitive in our mind. So, we alone have the choice to create our thoughts and develop the kind of impressions that make our actions more positive.	
(5)	Everything in the universe is inter-related and inter-dependent, that we live in one another and by accepting the grand principle of universal brotherhood, we shall be in a position to	

	<p>appreciate what a heavy responsibility is ever ours to think right. Let us reflect and change our ways in bringing newness and nobility to the world around.</p> <p style="text-align: right;"><i>(Created for academic usage/446 words)</i></p>	
	<b>Answer the following questions, based on the passage above.</b>	
i.	<p>Which of the following statements best describes the author’s attitude towards studying thoughts?</p> <p>A. Finds the process of thinking a tedious job that is too tiresome.</p> <p>B. Believes that the emotional struggle involved in thinking is not worth the effort.</p> <p>C. Recognizes the challenge of putting up right thought, but also acknowledges the reward it offers.</p> <p>D. Feels that thinking as a process is abstract and tough to handle for a mediocre.</p>	1
ii.	<p>What is the tone of the writer in the given lines from paragraph (1)? Rationalize your response in about 40 words.</p> <p><i>Our circumstances and conditions are not dictated by the world outside; it is the world inside us that creates the outside.</i></p>	2
iii.	<p>Complete the sentence appropriately:</p> <p>The author’s use of vivid imagery in paragraph (3) such as ‘small seeds together go to’ and ‘make up thought seed’ and ‘determine one’s general character’ greatly affects the reader because_____.</p>	1
iv.	<p>The passage includes some words that are opposites of each other. From the given sets (a) - (e) below, identify two sets of antonyms.</p> <p>(a) Repetitive and rotating                                  (b) gain and glory</p> <p>(c) dynamic and inactive                                      (d) interdependent and dependent</p> <p style="text-align: center;">(e) depressed and cheerful</p>	1
v.	<p>Complete the sentence appropriately.</p> <p>We can say that the author’s tone becomes more neutral and objective when discussing the effect of thought on body because_____.</p>	1
vi.	<p>Based on the reading of the passage, examine in about 40 words how meaningful lives can be moulded by our minds.</p>	2
vii.	<p>What is the message conveyed by Lara’s experience, in the following case?</p> <p>Lara spends hours trying to analyze her process of thinking and finally feels a</p>	1

	<p>great sense of relief, for once she understands it completely.</p> <p>A. Only those with a talent to analyze the thought process should engage with it.</p> <p>B. Keen interest to have a check on one's thoughts is itself a rewarding task</p> <p>C. Studying thoughts is very much a pleasure-seeking activity</p> <p>D. The efforts of examining the self are not worthy enough to work on</p>	
viii.	<p>State whether the following lines display an example of a positive/negative/complex/ neutral flow of thoughts.</p> <p>There is always a next day</p> <p>As things follow at bay</p> <p>The path is carved away</p> <p>With pebbles and petals on way</p>	1
<b>2</b>	<b>Read the following text.</b>	<b>10 m</b>
(1)	The North East of India is a melting point of variegated cultural mosaic of people and races, an ethnic tapestry of many hues and shades. Yet these states are lesser explored as compared to the rest of the country. The new generations of travellers who are 'money rich and time poor' are increasingly looking for unique experiences- a phenomenon being called the emergence of the 'experience economy'. For this new and growing breed of tourists, the North –East with its variety and uniqueness, holds immense attraction.	
(2)	A study conducted in 2020 by Dr Sherap Bhutia revealed that the foreign tourist arrival in the North-East increased from 37,380 persons in 2005 to 118,552 in 2014. The overall growth rate of tourists (both domestic and foreign) in the North-East was as high as 26.44% during 2005-06. A high and positive growth of 12.53% was registered in foreign tourist visits to North- East states of India during 2012 from 2011, which further rose to register a growth of 27.93% during 2013 from 2012. Foreign tourist arrivals in the North – East witnessed a growth of 39.77% during 2014 from 2013, according to data provided by the Ministry of Tourism, Government of India.	
(3)	The study recommendations for tourist planners included the need to concentrate on some key areas like enhancement of tourist facilities, tourism financing, focus on community involvement and others, for the formulation of a sustainable tourism strategy in the North-East States of India.	
	<b>Answer the following questions, based on the passage above.</b>	
i.	Complete the following analogy correctly with a word/phrase from paragraph 1: Aroma : cooking::_____ :painting.	1

	(clue :just like aroma is integral to cooking, similarly ___ is/are integral to painting)	
ii.	Fill in the blanks with the appropriate option from those given in brackets, based on your understanding of paragraph 1. The North–East with its variety and uniqueness is highly attractive, is a _____ (fact/opinion)because it is _____ (an objective detail/a subjective detail).	1
iii.	Justify the following in about 40 words: The rate of tourism in the North –East of India is puzzling.	2
iv.	Based on the survey results, what are the areas that tourism planners must address? Name any 2.	1
v.	State any one inference that can be drawn from the following: Researchers recommend the formulation of a sustainable tourism strategy in the North Indian States of India.	1
vi.	Select the chart that appropriately represents the trend of foreign tourist visits in the North –East, from 2011-2014, as per the passage  (1)                      (2)                      (3)                      (4) A. Option 1                      C. Option 2 B. Option 3                      D. Option 4	1
vii.	Which of the following are the 2 main take aways as per the survey mentioned in the passage? A. The North-East is the cradle of ‘experience economy’. B. The potential of North-East as a major tourist hub can be satisfactorily exploited if necessary steps are taken. C. The study of Dr Sherap Bhutia undermines the tourist attraction potential of the North-East. D. Tourist planners have failed to project the North-East as per its ability as a tourist hub.	2

viii.	Select the option that titles paragraph 1-3 appropriately, with reference to information in the text.	1
	<p>A.1. Full Speed Ahead!</p> <p>2. Ups and Downs</p> <p>3. Causes for Concern</p> <p>C.1. Inspecting Trends</p> <p>2. Statistically Speaking</p> <p>3.Let’s Investigate</p>	<p>B. 1. Winds of Change</p> <p>2. Numbers don’t Lie</p> <p>3. Time for Action</p> <p>D. 1. Cause and Effect</p> <p>2.Dynamic Data</p> <p>3.Dependable Facts</p>

**SECTION – B: WRITING SKILLS & GRAMMAR (20 marks)**

	<b>GRAMMAR</b>	<b>10 m</b>				
3	<b>Complete ANY TEN of twelve of the following tasks, as directed.</b>	1x10				
I	<p>Fill in the blank by using the correct form of the word in the bracket, for the given portion of a letter:</p> <p>Dear Sir</p> <p>This is with reference to the committee's letter of recommendation which ..... (outline) the proposals for the upcoming conference on sustainable development.</p>	1				
ii	<p>Identify the error in the given sentence from an article on <i>Festivals</i> and supply the correction.</p> <p><i>Exploring solutions to create awareness about celebrating festivals without harming ecology will proved beneficial in the long run.</i></p> <p>Use the given format for your response.</p> <table border="1" style="margin-left: auto; margin-right: auto;"> <tr> <td align="center">Error</td> <td align="center">Correction</td> </tr> <tr> <td> </td> <td> </td> </tr> </table>	Error	Correction			1
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iii	<p>My mother shared some information with my younger sister about her upcoming test.</p> <p>Report mother’s question: “Are you prepared for the upcoming test?”</p>	1				

iv	<p>Select the correct option to complete the dialogue between Garima and Karan:</p> <p>Garima : So, after a decade in the industry, are you truly satisfied ?</p> <p>Karan : I love the film industry. It has its flaws though.</p> <p>Garima asked Karan if after a decade in the industry he was truly satisfied. Karan told her that he loved the film industry _____.</p> <p>A. despite of its flaws  B. though it has its flaws  C. although it had its flaws  D. in spite it had flaws</p>	1															
v	<p>Fill in the blank by choosing the correct option :</p> <p>_____students succeeded in answering the teacher when she asked a question.</p> <p>A. few                      B. fewer                      C. little                      D. much</p>	1															
vi	<p>Identify the error and supply the correction.</p> <p><i>One of my friends like to cook Italian food.</i></p> <table border="1"> <thead> <tr> <th>Error</th> <th>Correction</th> </tr> </thead> <tbody> <tr> <td> </td> <td> </td> </tr> </tbody> </table>	Error	Correction			1											
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viii	<p>Complete the given sentence, by filling in the blank with the correct option.</p> <p>As he was crossing the road, a car _____ him down.</p> <p>A. was knocking    B. had knocked  C. knocked    D. would have knocked</p>	1															

ix	<p>Report the dialogue between an interviewer and an interviewee by completing the sentence:</p> <p>Interviewer: How long have you been working in MOUNT Company?</p> <p>Manish: It's been three years since I joined that company, Sir.</p> <p>On being asked how long he had been working in MOUNT company, Manish replied ..... that company.</p>	1				
x	<p>Fill the blank by choosing the correct option to complete the live feed on a school newschannel.</p> <p><i>It's a matter of pride to announce that our school has again won the first prize in the Regional Science Fair, the same way it _____ the same for the last ten years.</i></p> <p>A. has won B. has been winning C. had won D. was winning</p>	1				
xi	<p>Complete the line from this song, by filling the blank with the correct option.</p> <p><i>Every time I want to cross the street I stop and look both ways, Both left and right. Before I ____ safely move my feet I've got to wait, Wait for a green light!</i></p> <p>A. may B. could C. might D. can</p>	1				
xii	<p>Identify the error on the information board of Louvre Museum for the visitors. Use the given format for your response.</p> <p><i>The Louvre is the world's largest and oldest museum. Also called Grand Louvre, it is a most visited museum in the world.</i></p> <table border="1"> <thead> <tr> <th>Error</th> <th>Correction</th> </tr> </thead> <tbody> <tr> <td></td> <td></td> </tr> </tbody> </table>	Error	Correction			1
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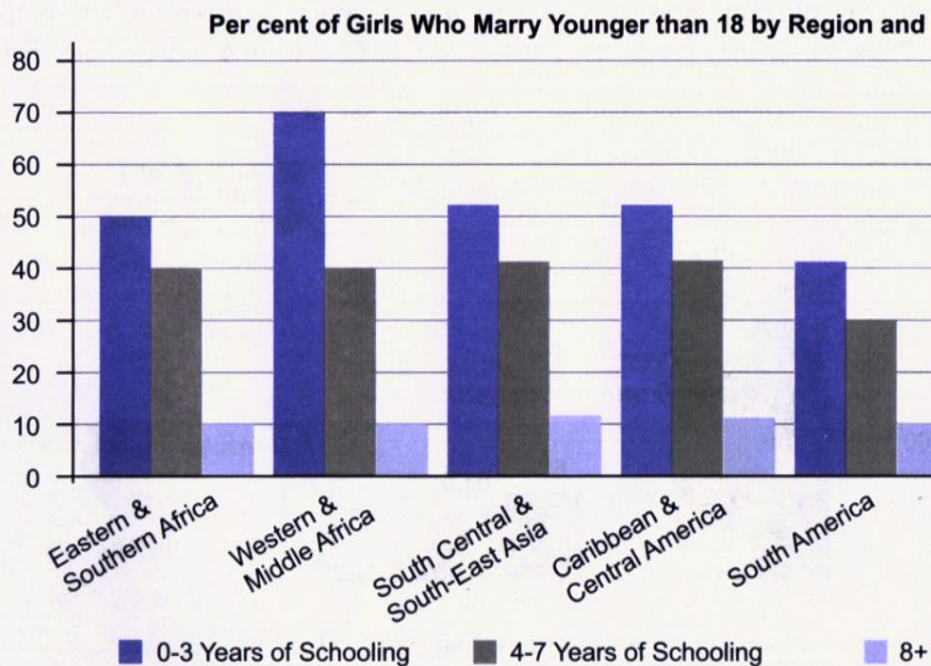


<b>WRITING</b>		<b>10</b>												
<b>Note: All details presented in the questions are imaginary and created for assessment purpose.</b>														
4A	Stakeholders associated with the education system are concerned about the poor reading habits of students these days. There are multiple reasons for the same, such as academic pressure, social media, video game addiction, etc. As a concerned parent, write a letter to the editor of a national daily in about 100-120 words, expressing your concern. Suggest some ways in which students can be directed towards reading habit and also many other dimensions of their lives. You are Aarti/ Anuj of C-12, Janakpuri, Indore.	5												
<b>OR</b>														
4B	During summers, the water supply gets affected in your city due to poor maintenance. The common people are hit hard. The supply remains low even during peak hours while in the VIP areas, it remains normal. The residents of multi-storeyed buildings barely manage to get a trickle. Many people are compelled to use hand pumps or depend upon tankers, thus getting exposed to water-borne diseases. Write a letter of complaint to the Municipal Commissioner of your city for a permanent solution to this problem. You are Rani/ Rana, a resident of 7/21, Rohini Apartments, Kanpur.													
5A	Observe the bar graph given below. It shows the sales of three hardware equipment companies in the first and third quarter of 2022. Summarise the information and make comparisons where relevant, in an analytical paragraph of about 120 words.	5												
<p><b>Company Sales</b></p> <table border="1"> <caption>Company Sales Data</caption> <thead> <tr> <th>Quarter</th> <th>Company X</th> <th>Company Y</th> <th>Company Z</th> </tr> </thead> <tbody> <tr> <td>1st Quarter</td> <td>50,00,000</td> <td>20,00,000</td> <td>40,00,000</td> </tr> <tr> <td>3rd Quarter</td> <td>35,00,000</td> <td>45,00,000</td> <td>15,00,000</td> </tr> </tbody> </table>			Quarter	Company X	Company Y	Company Z	1st Quarter	50,00,000	20,00,000	40,00,000	3rd Quarter	35,00,000	45,00,000	15,00,000
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**OR**

5 B A survey was conducted regarding the age of girls around the world, who were married younger than 18. Analyzing the data given here, write an analytical paragraph in 100-120 words.

<b>Timing of Marriage and Level of Education</b>			
	% 15-19 married	Average age at 1 <sup>st</sup> marriage	% of women with marriage before 20
<b>Sub-Saharan Africa</b>			
Botswana (1988)	6	25	55
Cameroon (1991)	44	19	27
Mali (1987)	75	16	6
Niger (1992)	59	18	1
Uganda (1988/89)	41	19	20
<b>Latin America</b>			
Guatemala (1987)	26	21	9
Mexico (1987)	20	22	32
<b>Middle East</b>			
Egypt (1992)	14	22	25
Yemen (1991/92)	25	21	6
<b>Asia</b>			
China (1987/88)	5	22	28
Indonesia (1991)	20	22	18
Pakistan (1990/91)	25	21	8



**SECTION C**  
**LITERATURE TEXTBOOK AND SUPPLEMENTARY READING TEXT**  
**(40 Marks)**

<b>6</b>	<b>Read the given extracts and answer the questions for ANY ONE of the two, given.</b>	<b>5</b>
A	<p>But Horace found that the flowers were hindering him in his work. He buried his face in his handkerchief. Then he heard a voice say from the doorway, “What is it? A cold or hay fever?” Before he could think, Horace said, “Hay fever,” and found himself sneezing again. The voice went on, “You can cure it with a special treatment, you know, if you find out just what plant gives you the disease. I think you’d better see a doctor, if you’re serious about your work. I heard you from the top of the house just now.”</p> <p style="text-align: right;"><i>(A Question of Trust)</i></p>	
i	<p>State any one inference about Danby from the given context:</p> <p>But Horace found that the flowers were hindering him in his work.</p>	1
ii	<p>State TRUE or FALSE: None of the options from (a) to (d) can be applied to the given question or context.</p> <p>Who asked Horace, “What is it? A cold or hay fever? “</p> <p>(a) Probably, it was the mistress of the Grange.</p> <p>(b) Maybe, it was another thief.</p> <p>(c) It could have been the housekeeper of the Grange.</p> <p>(d) In all probability, it was a neighbour keeping an eye on the Grange.</p>	1
iii	<p>What advice did the lady give Horace regarding his hay fever? Was she really interested in his health? Elaborate in about 40 words, with reference to the extract.</p>	2
iv	<p>Which phrase would correctly substitute ‘buried’ as given in the sentence?</p> <p style="text-align: center;">He buried his face in his handkerchief.</p>	1
<b>OR</b>		
B	<p>“Our elders are often heard reminiscing nostalgically about those good old Portuguese days, the Portuguese and their famous loaves of bread. Those eaters might have vanished but the makers are still there. We still have amongst us, the mixers, the moulders, and those who bake the loaves. Those age-old, time-tested furnaces still exist. The fire in these furnaces have not yet been extinguished. The thud and jingle of traditional baker’s bamboo, heralding his arrival in the morning, can still be heard in some places.</p> <p style="text-align: right;"><i>(Glimpses of India)</i></p>	

i	Which of the following is NOT a reason why the elders are often heard reminiscing nostalgically about those good old Portuguese days..... A. Portuguese as well as their famous loaves of bread have vanished. B. Those age-old, time-tested furnaces still exist. C. The eaters have left but the makers are still there. D. The thud and jingle of traditional baker's bamboo can still be heard in some places	1
ii	Why is it fair to say that the author's tone is confident, when he says "The fire in these furnaces have not yet been extinguished"? Answer in about 40 words.	2
iii	Read the following statements (a)-(c) and identify which one correctly corresponds to the extract. (a) Baking is not a profitable profession anymore. (b) The mixers and the moulders no more provide evidence of the baker still existing in Goan villages. (c) Baking as a profession perished with the Portuguese leaving the place	1
iv	If the loaves of bread had not been liked that much in the present time, what would have been the condition of the bakers?	1
<b>7</b>	<b>Read the given extracts and answer the questions for ANY ONE of the two, given.</b>	<b>5</b>
A	<i>I am an orphan, roaming the street. I pattern soft dust with my hushed, bare feet. The silence is golden, the freedom is sweet.</i>	
i	In what way does the language used in this poem convey the idea of internal dialogue?	1
ii	What is the significance of the use of the word 'freedom' to describe the desire of Amanda in the poem. How does this word choice contribute to the overall mood and tone of the poem?	2
iii	Complete the sentence with appropriate option. The lines from the poem tells us that Amanda is _____	1

	A. despondent B. stress -free C. ecstatic D. immature	
iv	Identify the poetic device used in the line, 'I am an orphan'.	1
<b>OR</b>		
B	<i>Belinda tickled him, she tickled him unmerciful. Ink, Blink and Mustard, they rudely called him Percival, They all sat laughing in the little red wagon At the realio, trulio, cowardly dragon.</i>	
i	In what way does the language used in the poem challenge traditional ideas of what poetry should be?	1
ii	What is the significance of the use of the words 'realio', 'trulio' to describe Custard the Dragon in the poem? How do these words contribute to the overall mood and tone of the poem? Answer in about 40 words.	2
iii	Complete the sentence with the appropriate option. The lines from the poem tell us that Custard was----- by his family. A. loved B. hated C. encouraged D. ridiculed	1
iv	Identify the poetic devices used in the above lines of the poem.(Any two)	1
<b>8</b>	<b>Answer ANY FOUR of the following five questions, in about 40-50 words.</b>	<b>4x3=12</b>
i	Justify the opinion that an unquestionable faith in the Divine is a gift only the sincere and hardworking possess. <i>(A Letter to God)</i>	3
ii	How does W B Yeats's poem 'For Anne Gregory', challenge society's perception of a 'perfect woman'? <i>(For Anne Gregory)</i>	3
iii	Explain how the attitude of Nelson Mandela towards freedom gets reflected in the chapter <i>Nelson Mandela: Long walk to Freedom</i> . Refer to the given lines from the text:	3

	<i>But then I slowly saw that not only was I not free, but my brothers and sisters were not free. I saw that it was not just my freedom that was curtailed, but the freedom of everyone who looked like I did.</i>	
iv	Anne mentions Kitty as a 'long-awaited friend'. Elaborate. <i>(From the Diary of Anne Frank)</i>	3
v	How does Carl Sandburg describe the arrival, stay and departure of fog through the image of a metaphorical cat? <i>(Fog)</i>	3
<b>9</b>	<b>Answer ANY TWO of the following three questions, in about 40-50 words.</b>	<b>2x3=6</b>
i	How does Think Tank compare the Martians with the people on the Earth? What guesses are made by him about the books found on earth?	3
ii	How does the character of Mr. Loisel teach lessons to people around in running a successful marital life? <i>(The Necklace)</i>	3
iii	"Persistence can be a key factor to gain success in any field."Justify this statement in the context of the example of Richard Ebright in 'The Making of a Scientist'.	3
<b>10</b>	<b>Answer ANY ONE of the following two questions, in about 100-120 words.</b>	<b>1x6=6</b>
A	After reading the story about Valli, you realize that she had such a small desire and demanded nothing from her mother. After reflecting on this, you decide to write a diary entry on how you felt you have been unreasonable about the demands you have posed to your parents. You also realize that life is not all about materialistic possessions. You may begin like this: <i>I feel I have learnt a lesson in life after reading about Valli. I feel ashamed for the way I have been so demanding about the materialistic possessions....</i> <i>(Madam Rides the bus)</i>	
<b>OR</b>		
B	"You Lomovs have had lunacy in your family, all of you". In the light of this statement by Chubukov, develop a conversation between Natalya and her father, when she reminds him of the proposal that Lomov brought for her. You may begin as:	

	<p>Natalya: Papa, please what are you doing? He is here to ask for my hand in marriage. Agree with him on all that he says.</p> <p>Chubukov: Dear Lord! How can I ..... <span style="float: right;">(<i>The Proposal</i>)</span></p>	
<b>11</b>	<b>Answer ANY ONE of the following two questions, in about 100-120 words.</b>	<b>1x6=6</b>
A	<p>You have been asked to prepare a speech on human behaviour, which comes with the complexity that sets humans apart from other species. More often than not, our perception of a person is proved wrong. Prepare a draft of the speech in 100–120 words by drawing similarities between Horace Danby in ‘A Question of Trust’ and Ausable in ‘The Midnight Visitor’.</p> <p>You may begin as: Good morning. Sometimes appearances can be deceptive....</p>	
<b>OR</b>		
B	<p>A character arc is the transformation or development of a character throughout a story and refers to the changes a character undergoes as a result of their experiences, challenges and interactions with other characters.</p> <p>In the light of the above information, trace the character arc of Bholi in K.A. Abbas’ story titled <i>Bholi</i>” in about 120 words. <span style="float: right;">(<i>Bholi</i>)</span></p>	