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Sample Set -1

CLASS -X

SUBJECT- ENGLISH LANGUAGE AND LITERATURE (184)

Time: 3Hours

Maximum Marks: 80

General Instructions:

1. 15-minute prior reading time allotted for question paper reading.
2. The question paper contains THREE sections- Reading, Grammar & Writing and Literature.
3. Attempt questions based on specific instructions for each part.

Section A: READING SKILLS-(20 Marks)

Reading Comprehension Through Unseen Passages

1 Read the passage given below.

(10 Marks)

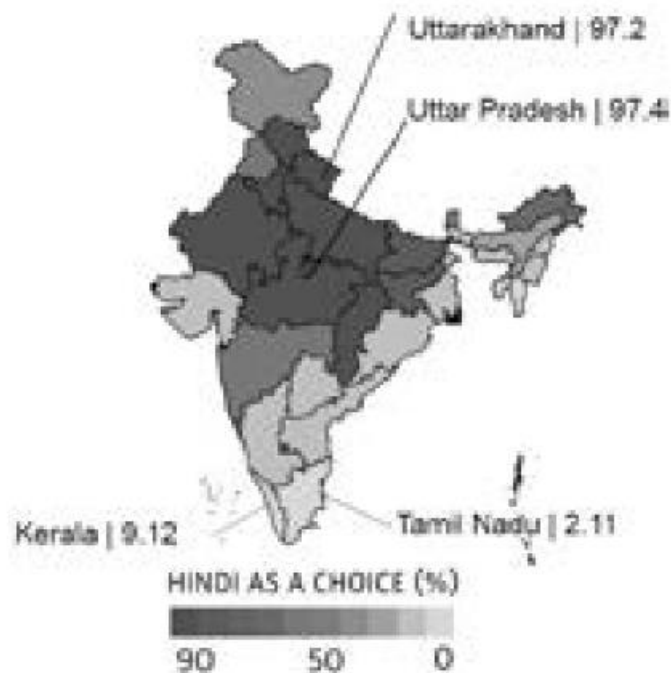
1. If you are addicted to coffee, and doctors warn you to quit the habit, don't worry and just keep relishing the beverage, because it's not that bad after all! In fact, according to a new study, the steaming cup of Java can beat fruits and vegetables as the primary source of antioxidants. Some studies 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.
2. 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.
3. 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.
4. The researchers, however, advise that one should consume coffee in moderation, because it can make you jittery and cause stomach pains.

Answer the following questions, based on the passage above.

- I. Fill in the blank by selecting the correct option. 1
_____ have the most antioxidants among all the food and beverages.
(a) Dates
(b) Cranberries
(c) Tea and milk
(d) Coffee
- II. What do doctors advise us about the habit of drinking coffee? 2
- III. According to dietitian Sandra Vinson, the benefits of coffee ultimately depend on: 1
(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
- IV. State whether the following statement is TRUE or FALSE: 1
Coffee outranks popular antioxidant sources like tea, milk, chocolate and cranberries.
- V. What is the correct order of the information given below? 1
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
- VI. Coffee provides a large number of health benefits including protection against: 1
(a) liver and colon cancer (b) type 2 diabetes
(c) Parkinson's disease (d) All of the above
- VII. Substitute the word 'jittery' with ONE WORD similar in meaning, in the following sentence 1
from paragraph 4:
One should consume coffee in moderation, because it can make you jittery and cause...
- VIII. What do researchers warn us about the excessive use of coffee? 2
2. **Read the passage given below** 10
1. People in only 12 out of 35 States (Figures are for undivided Andhra Pradesh) and Union Territories had overwhelmingly chosen Hindi as the first choice for communication. Among the rest, while a few chose Hindi as their second or third language of communication, a majority of them chose

English, according to the results of the 2011 language Census released in 2018. About 43.63% of the total population said their mother tongue was Hindi.

2. Which Indian States are primarily Hindi-speaking according to the language Census?
3. The 2011 Census data shows that most Indian States, apart from a handful of States in northern and central India, do not primarily speak Hindi but have adopted the language as a secondary language. Most southern and north-eastern States are not Hindi-speaking and have adopted English as their secondary language. The given map shows the State-wise percentage of people who stated that Hindi was their first, second, or third choice of language. Most of the 12 States and Union Territories that chose Hindi as their first choice were located in northern and central India - over 96% of the population in Uttar Pradesh, Delhi, Uttarakhand, and Himachal Pradesh speak Hindi.
4. The share of Hindi-speaking people in Gujarat is significantly lower than most States. The southern and north-eastern states, apart from Arunachal Pradesh and Sikkim, have the lowest proportion of Hindi-speaking population among all states.



Answer the following questions, based on the passage above

- I. About how much percentage of population said that their mother tongue was Hindi? 1
 - II. Which states have adopted English as their secondary language of communication? 1
 - I. Southern states of India
 - II. Northern states of India
 - III. North-Eastern states of India
 - IV. Central states of India
- (a) I and II (b) I and III (c) III and IV (d) I, II and III

- III. Name any two states or union territories that chose Hindi as their first language of communication. 2
 1. _____
 2. _____
- IV. People of most states and union territories located in northern and central India : 1
 (a) speak their own mother tongue rather than English or Hindi to communicate.
 (b) speak English as their first language of communication.
 (c) chose Hindi as their first choice of language for communication.
 (d) are divided in the usage of English and Hindi in their daily life for communication.
- V. State whether the following statement is TRUE or FALSE: 1
 Over 96% of population in Southern India speaks Hindi as their first language of communication.
- VI. Some states of India choose a particular language as their first choice. Which states are those and which language they prefer? 2
- VII. Complete the following analogy correctly with a word from paragraph 1: 1
 mnemonics: memory:: phonetics : _____
 (Clue: Just like mnemonics deals with memory, similarly phonetics deals with...)
- VIII. According to the map, which state has the highest percentage of Hindi speaking population in India? 1

SECTION B: WRITING SKILLS & GRAMMAR (20 marks)

GRAMMAR- 10 Marks

3. *Complete ANY TEN of twelve of the following tasks, as directed.* **10**
- I. Complete the following sentence using an appropriate verb form. Choose your answer from the given options.
 It would be nice if you me with the cooking.
 A. help
 B. helped
 C. had helped
 D. is helped
- II. Report the following dialogue between a parent and a child watching an eclipse.
 Child: Let us go out and see the solar eclipse.
 Parent: Don't look directly at the sun. Wear your tinted glasses.

Error:

Correction:

IX. Put the verbs in brackets into correct forms:

The boy jumped off the bus while it_____ (move).

X. Identify the error on a signboard in a parking lot and supply the correction:

Please pay your parking fee before existing.

Error	Correction

XI. Select the correct form of the verb (be) to complete the sentence.

Nobody _____ heard anything from her in a long time.

A. have

B. is

C. had

D. were

XII. Fill in the blank with correct use of tense.

We ... (go) to the vegetable market daily.

A. will go

B. go

C. will be going

D. have gone

WRITING SKILLS-10 Marks

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

4A. You are Prabhu Kumar/Parvati of 17E, Ravi Dass Road, Kochi. Write a letter in 100-120 words to the editor of a newspaper about the nuisance caused by loudspeakers in the city during examination days, drawing attention of the concerned authorities to the problem. 5

OR

4B. You have seen an advertisement of a new model sports bike launched by Honda. You are a passionate racer and are keen to buy the new model of racing bikes being offered. Next month a zonal level Bike Marathon is taking place and you are keen to enroll your name as a contestant. Write a letter to M/s Honda Bikes and Scooters, Kashmere Gate, New Delhi enquiring about the price, specifications and availability of accessories that long distance racers would require. You are Man Singh living in Green Park, New Delhi. 5

5A Look at the data given below which shows the trend of change occurred between 1995-2010 in Bilaspur regarding the women's education. Write a paragraph in about 120 words by record the changes by interpreting the data: 5

	Female Education in Bilaspur	1995	2010
1.	No. of Girl's school	10	15
2.	No. of Women Colleges	3	4
3.	No. of students in schools	10,000	16,000
4.	No. of students in colleges	6000	10,000
5.	Literacy rate	30%	55%
6.	Distance Education Centres	Nil	03

OR

- 5B** You are Suresh/Lalita. Given below is a table based on data given about the number of tourists who visited your city in the past two years. Write an analytical paragraph on 'Promotion of Tourism' taking information from the table given below together with your own ideas in 100-120 words. 5

Year	Tourists Who Visited	
	Domestic	International
2020	444569	8563
2021	436350	11478

Plans of Tourism Department:

- To develop a wildlife park.
- Illumination and light and sound programme at one of the places of tourist interest in the city.
- To develop a big amusement park.
- Convention centre and a multiplex in the city.

SECTION D: LITERATURE TEXTBOOK AND SUPPLEMENTARY READING TEXT

(40 marks)

- 6.** *Read the given extracts and answer the questions for ANY ONE of the two, given.* **5**

A. "It was only when I began to learn that my boyhood freedom was an illusion, when I discovered as a young man that my freedom had already been taken from me, that I began to hunger for it. At first as a student I wanted freedom only for myself, the transitory freedoms of being able to stay out at night, read what I pleased and go where I chose. Later, as a young man in Johannesburg, I yearned for the basic and honourable freedoms..." (Nelson Mandela : Long Walk to Freedom)

- i. The title that best suits this extract is 1
- (a) Freedom for everything
- (b) Knowledge about Freedom
- (c) Significance of Freedom
- (d) Realisation of Freedom
- ii. Why do you think the speaker mentions some freedoms as ‘transitory’? 2
- iii. The speaker says, ‘at first as a student I wanted freedom only for myself.’ Why do you think he only thought about himself? 1
- (a) He didn’t want to think about the freedom denied to others.
- (b) He was being selfish and was only bothered about himself.
- (c) He didn’t think that freedom denied to him was important for others.
- (d) He was too young to realise that freedom was denied to others as well.
- iv. Fill in the blank with ONE WORD only. 1
- The speaker’s belief about freedom, since _____ proved false. It was not until the speaker grew up to be a young man when it dawned on him that he was deprived of freedom.

B. “Paper has more patience than people’ I thought of this saying on one of those days when I was feeling a little depressed and was sitting at home with my chin in my hands, bored and listless, wondering whether to stay in or go out. I finally stayed where I was, brooding: Yes, paper does have more patience, and since I’m not planning to let anyone else read this stiff-backed notebook grandly referred to as a ‘diary’, unless I should ever find a real friend, it probably won’t make a bit of difference.”

(From the Diary of Anne Frank)

- i. ‘Paper has more patience than people.’ What does this imply? 2
- ii. Infer one reason for the following, based on information in extract: 1
- Anne doesn’t plan to let anyone else read her diary.
- iii. Pick out the sentence that brings out the meaning of ‘brooding’ as used in the extract? 1
- (a) The mysterious house on the hill is still brooding above the village.
- (b) The people at the stock market always keep brooding about the gains.
- (c) He was brooding over the matter and took a long time to decide.
- (d) Suspense and drama were brooding at the site of the investigation.
- iv. If the diary were a ‘real friend’, what qualities would Anne expect it to have? 1
- Pick the option that lists these correctly.
1. optimistic 2. good listener 3. Confidant 4. energetic
5. non-judgmental 6. Outgoing 7. ambitious
- (a) 1 and 4 (b) 5, 6 and 7 (c) 2, 3 and 5 (d) 3 and 7

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

A. Some say the world will end in fire

Some say in ice.

From what I've tasted of desire

I hold with those who favour fire.

(Fire and Ice)

- i. Which literary device has been used in 'I hold with those who favour fire'? 1
- ii. How many predictions does the poet make for the ending of the world? 2
- iii. State whether the following statement is TRUE or FALSE: 1
People think that the world is a beautiful place to live in.
- iv. What is the poet's opinion about the world? 1
(a) The poet feels that a man should fulfil all his desires.
(b) He thinks that we should control our growing desires.
(c) He feels that we should live life to the full.
(d) He says that one should live the life of an ascetic.

B. Don't bite your nails, Amanda!

Don't hunch your shoulders, Amanda!

Stop that slouching and sit up straight, Amanda!

(Amanda!)

- i. The purpose of the speaker's words in the given extract is to 1
(a) show the speaker's power over the listener.
(b) make the listener a better human being.
(c) advise the listener as an elder.
(d) improve the listener's posture and habits.
- ii. What does the repetition of "Amanda!" at the end of each line reflect? 2
- iii. Complete the following analogy correctly with a word from extract: 1
lazy: agile :: slouching : _____
(Clue: Just like lazy is an antonym for agile, similarly slouching is an antonym for...)
- iv. Alliteration is a literary device used in the extract. 1
Which of the following options does not include examples of this literary device?
(a) The moon and the shimmering stars watched over us
(b) With that charming chat, Catherine chose comfort
(c) Away ran the pathetic pooch pouting like a princess
(d) Dee dee was driving down day after day

8. **Answer ANY FOUR of the following five questions, in about 40-50 words.** 4x3=12

- i. The forest undergoes tremendous transformation overnight. Discuss with reference to the poem "The Trees"

- ii. What would you say was the greatest obstacle faced by the narrator in transporting Mijbil to Camusfearna? (Mijbil The Otter)
- iii. Do you think Valli's mother would have taken her for the bus ride if she had requested her to do so? Why/ Why not? (Madam Rides the Bus)
- iv. The poem is a light-hearted ballad with a powerful message. If the poem was written in any other style, do you think it would have created the same effect on readers? Justify your response with reason(s). (The Tale of Custard the Dragon)
- v. Would you agree that the 'depths of oppression' create 'heights of character'? How does Mandela illustrate this? (Nelson Mandela- Long Walk to Freedom)

9. Answer ANY TWO of the following three questions, in about 40-50 words. 2X3=6

- i. According to a popular quote— Where there is no struggle, there is no strength. In what way is this quote relevant to the events of the story? (The Triumph of Surgery)
- ii. Why do you think the narrator used to feel that 'friends were more trouble than help'? What could have led him to believe this? (A Thief's Story)
- iii. "Stereotypes are often misleading". Elaborate on the given quote in the context of "The Midnight Visitor". (The Midnight Visitor)

10. Answer ANY ONE of the following two questions, in about 100-120 words. 1x6=6

- i. "Not enough can be said to show how important a baker can be for a village". – How were the services of the baker required on various occasions? (Glimpses of India)
- ii. 'The Sermon at Benares' could just as well be considered another glimpse of India. If it were part of the story 'Glimpses of India', what ideas, values and/ or experiences would it highlight? How would you present this historical part of India?

11. Answer ANY ONE of the following two questions, in about 100-120 words. 1x6=6

- i. As the woman who dupes Danby, pen a diary entry for the night before the robbery. Pen down your thoughts, fears, and hopes from the robbery based on the events of the story "The Question of Trust". Wednesday, 12 July '78 9 PM Its D-day, finally! Today, I know how it feels to be nervous and excited at the same time..... (continue).....
- ii. 'Money cannot make a man as much as education can'. – Elucidate this statement following the story "The Thief's Story"? (The Thief's Story)

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