

Class X Exam 2022-23

English-Language and Literature (184)

Time Allowed : 3 Hrs.

Maximum Marks: 80

General Instructions:

1. 15-minute prior reading time allotted for Q-paper reading.
 2. The Question Paper contains THREE sections READING, GRAMMAR & WRITING and LITERATURE.
 3. Attempt question based on specific instructions for each part.
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SECTION A- READING SKILLS 20

I. Read the passage given below. 10

1. Social media has become almost a necessity for us, in today's world. It's become so important and evolved so much, that we carry our social media with us throughout the day, on our phones.
2. One of the major benefits of social media is that you can connect with people all over the world, for free. This comes in handy if you have friends who have travelled abroad. You can send them messages on Facebook or Twitter or Instagram, and they can respond quickly from wherever they are. Social media helps to fortify and maintain your personal relationships, even with people who are far away from you. If you have a family member that's travelling, you won't have to wait until they return to hear about their adventures. Just hop on Facebook or Instagram and start chatting and exchanging pictures.
3. This ability to communicate quickly and easily with people overseas is also very convenient for those who do business, in foreign lands. Social media platforms provide a cheap, easy way to quickly communicate your point to your customers or clients, who are across the world. You can send a private message, publicly share something or video chat, for free. Using social media for a company is very cost effective and time efficient. Staying connected to these people is important to improve your business relationship, and keep your company running properly.
4. Staying connected to your social networks on the platforms that you use can be vital to your professional success. Through social media sites, you can find jobs, inform your community of business opportunities and career openings, and you can even monetize your accounts. Keeping a well-maintained network will help you achieve success in your career. A good site to look at, if you're trying to create a professional network, is LinkedIn. The site is designed specifically to help you advance in your career. You'll open up plenty of new

opportunities that you didn't have, before.

5. Being an active participant in social media is a great way to learn new things. News outlets are constantly using social media, to help keep people in the loop. Social media is the way that news is heard, and it's the way that news is spread. You can make the argument that staying connected to social media is, in fact, staying connected to life. It's not only good for sharing and spreading news, it's a great place to find out about people's opinions on various topics. For example, if you've built a sports community, you'll learn about the sports that you love. You can build communities around politics, business, cars, family, education and pretty much whatever other topic you'd like. Social media will enhance your life. It will provide you the chance to communicate, connect and be involved like never before. You'll stay connected with news outlets, family, friends and virtually whatever else you'd like to connect with.

Based on your understanding of the passage, answer the questions given below.

- i. List 1 major benefits of social media.
- ii. Using social media for a company is :
 1. very cost effective.
 2. time efficient.
 3. very profitable.
 - (a) Only 1
 - (b) 1 and 2
 - (c) 1 and 3
 - (d) 2 and 3
- iii. Substitute the word 'necessity' with ONE WORD similar in meaning, in the following sentence from paragraph 1:

Social media has become almost a necessity for us, in today's world.

iv. Which of the following is not a social media platform?

- (a) Facebook
- (b) Instagram
- (c) Google
- (d) Twitter

v. For whom is the ability to communicate quickly and easily with people overseas very convenient ?

- (a) those who live away from their families
- (b) those who have connections with people in other countries
- (c) those who travel to foreign lands a lot
- (d) those who do business in foreign lands

vi. Social media platforms that you use can be vital to your professional success because through them you can :

- 1. create a business circle and increase your business connections
- 2. inform your community of business opportunities
- 3. find jobs
- 4. monetize your accounts
- 5. inform your community of career openings

- (a) 1, 2 and 4
- (b) 2, 3 and 4
- (c) 1, 2, 3 and 4
- (d) 2, 3, 4 and 5

vii. State whether the following statement is TRUE or FALSE:

LinkedIn is a good site to look at if you're trying to create a professional network.

viii. Based on your reading of the text, list any 2 features of social media.

- 1. _____
- 2. _____

ix. Choose ONE WORD from paragraph 5 that clearly states the meaning of the phrase 'further improve the quality or value of something'.

x. Which of the following is an appropriate title for the passage ?

- (a) The Beneficial Social Media
- (b) Social Media - A Necessity
- (c) Importance of Staying Connected Through Social Media
- (d) The Revolution of the Whole World Around the Social Media

II. Read the passage given below. 10

1. Uttarakhand is located at the foothills of the Himalayan mountain ranges. The state shares borders with China (Tibet) in the north & Nepal in the east & inter-state boundaries with Himachal Pradesh in the west & northwest & Uttar Pradesh in the south. Hindi, Garhwal & Kumaoni are commonly spoken in the state. English is the medium of education in many of its schools. Uttarakhand has diverse geographical features ranging from snowcapped mountain peaks in the north to tropical forests in the south; its climate & vegetation vary accordingly. The state was formed in November 2000 by carving out the 13 hill districts of Uttar Pradesh. It was formerly named Uttaranchal.
2. The main railway stations in the state are Dehradun, Haridwar, Roorkee, Kotdwar, Kashipur, Udham Singh Nagar, Haldwani, Ramnagar and Kathgodam. Uttarakhand had 339.80 km of rail routes. The state is focusing on increasing the share of railways in cargo and passenger transport. Initiatives have been undertaken to start monorails at Dehradun, Haridwar and Rishikesh, on the inter-city linkage routes.
3. The state has two domestic airports : one at Jolly Grant in the Dehradun district and another at Pant Nagar in the Udham Singh Nagar district. The state intends to position air transport as a reliable all-weather transport option for the hills. With Uttarakhand emerging as a hot tourist and industrial destination, the state government is focussing on upgrading the Jolly Grant airport as an international airport, in coordination with Airports Authority of India. In 2018-19, Dehradun airport handled 7,374 aircraft movements and 709,227 passengers, approximately.

VISION 2022	
Transport	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> ● Strengthen road network in urban areas and upgrade national highways. ● Develop two major all-weather airports with connectivity to metro cities.
Health	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> ● Affordable healthcare with focus on disease prevention. ● Provide state funded maternal and child healthcare, especially in rural areas.
Tourism	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> ● Promote the state as a global tourist destination by showcasing its spiritual, cultural and adventure tourism ● Target 0.5 million international tourists by 2022.

Agriculture	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Improve yield and quality by providing irrigation facilities and latest technology. • Create cold chain infrastructure and success to market intelligence for farmers.
Infrastructure	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Harness hydro-power for 100% electrification in the state and supply power to other states. • Connect major cities through multi-lane highways and proper roads for villages.
Environment	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Promote the state as a green economy by focusing on sector such as IT, Agriculture, tourism, hydro-power and education. • 100% solid waste management, waste water treatment and recycling.
Industries	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Become a world leader in green energy by leveraging hydro-power potential. • Promote micro and small enterprises.
Education of skill development	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Quality primary education to be provided to all children. • Job oriented vocational training facilities and establishment of higher education institutions.

- iv. Based on your reading of the text, list any 2 features of Uttarakhand.
1. _____
 2. _____
- v. When talking about environment, by 2022, Uttarakhand wants to :
- I. have perfect waste water management in the state
 - II. harness hydropower for 100 % electricity in the state
 - III. have a 100 % solid waste management in the state
 - IV. promote the state as a green economy
- (a) I and II
 (b) I and III
 (c) II, III and IV
 (d) I, III and IV
- vi. Choose an option that lists the main factors considered in Uttarakhand’s vision of 2022.
1. Education
 2. Agriculture
 3. Development
 4. Transport
 5. Tourism
 6. Mining
 7. Environment
- (a) 1, 2, 4, 5 and 7
 (b) 2, 3, 4, 5 and 7
 (c) 3, 4, 5, 6 and 7
 (d) 1, 3, 4, 6 and 7

Based on your understanding of the passage, answer the questions given below.

- i. Which of the following language is not a commonly spoken language in Uttarakhand?
- (a) Kumaoni
 - (b) Hindi
 - (c) Punjabi
 - (d) Garhwali
- ii. State whether the following statement is TRUE or FALSE:
 The state of Uttarakhand was formed by carving out the 11 hill districts of Uttar Pradesh.
- iii. Which of the following states/countries do not surround Uttarakhand from any side?
- (a) Uttar Pradesh
 - (b) Nepal
 - (c) China
 - (d) Bangladesh
- vii. Supply 1 point to justify the following:
 Uttarakhand is emerging as a hot tourist and industrial destination.
- viii. What is the international tourist visitation target of the state of Uttarakhand by the year 2022?
- ix. Complete the following analogy correctly with a word from paragraph 2:
 rickshaw : carry :: elevator : _____
 (Clue : Just like a rickshaw is used to carry people, similarly an elevator is used to...)
- x. Which of the following clearly explains the meaning of the word ‘initiatives’?
- (a) standards
 - (b) visions
 - (c) talks
 - (d) measures

III. SECTION B- GRAMMAR 10

Attempt ANY TEN of the following questions. 10

i. Fill in the blank by choosing the correct option to complete the sentence.

If only he _____ us truth in the first place, things would not have gone wrong.

- (a) has told
- (b) would have told
- (c) had told
- (d) should have told

ii. Read the conversation between Prateek and Raghav. and complete the narration that follows.

Prateek: I don't feel well today.
 Raghav: What can I help you, Sir?
 Prateek: Can you take me to the doctor?
 Raghav: Yes, Sir.

Prateek told Raghav that he did not feel well that day. Raghav asked respectfully what he could help him. Prateek asked Raghav _____. Prateek replied in the affirmative.

iii. Select the correct option to fill in the blank for the given line.

If I dyed my hair green, everybody _____ laugh at me.

- (a) would
- (b) should
- (c) may
- (d) can

iv. Select the option identifies the error and supplies the correction for the following line:

As far as climate change is concerned, South Asia is one of a world's most sensitive areas.

Option No.	Error	Correction
(a)	change	changes
(b)	is	was
(c)	most	many
(d)	a	the

v. Complete the given sentence, by filling in the blank with the correct option :

As he was crossing the road, a car _____ him down.

- (a) was knocking
- (b) had knocked
- (c) knocked
- (d) would have knocked

vi. Fill in the blank by using the correct form of the word in the bracket.

The woman in the pool _____ (swim) well.

vii. Report the dialogue between Mannu and Annu, by completing the narration:

Mannu: Where are you going to?
 Annu: I am going to the market. Do you want anything?

Mannu asked Annu where she was going. Annu replied that she was going to the market and she further asked _____.

viii. Identify the error in the given sentence and supply the correction.

I met her by chance then I gone to get some Medicine which Sister Amy used to give.

Use the given format for your response.

Error	Correction

ix. Transform the following direct speech into reported speech:

I said to him, "Where have you lost the pen I brought for you yesterday ?

x. Fill in the blank by choosing the correct option, to complete the sentence.

I remember my promise. I _____ help you in the hour of your need.

- (a) can
- (b) would
- (c) will
- (d) might

xi. Select the correct option to complete the narration of the dialogue between a teacher and a student.

Biology Teacher : I instructed you to draw the diagram of bacteria. Why did you submit a blank sheet?

Sameer : Sir, I had drawn the diagram of bacteria, but you can't see it because it is not visible to the naked eye.

The biology teacher had instructed Sameer to draw the diagram of a bacterial cell and asked him why he had submitted a blank sheet. Sameer respectfully answered that he had drawn the diagram but _____

- (a) he can't see it because it is not visible to the naked eye.
- (b) he couldn't see it because it is not visible to the naked eye.
- (c) he could see it because it is visible to the naked eye.
- (d) he could not be seen it because it is not visible to the naked eye.

xii. Identify the error in the given sentence and supply the correction.

There are a little countries in the world where the population is not growing fast.

Use the given format for your response.

Error	Correction

IV. SECTION B- CREATIVE WRITING SKILLS 10

All the names and addresses used in the questions are fictitious. Resemblance, if any, is purely coincidental.

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

A. Write a letter to the Municipal Commissioner bringing the problem of insanitary conditions in your colony to his notice and request him to take urgent action in the matter.

Or

B. You are Apoorva/Arpit. You bought a refrigerator from Ganesh Electronics and Electricals, Gandhi Marg, Nagpur. It does not function properly. Write a letter to the Sales Manager of the shop, complaining about the defect and asking for immediate replacement or repair, as necessary.

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

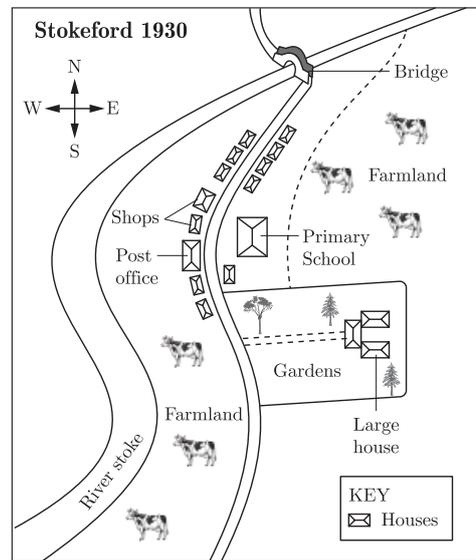
A. Given below is a newspaper report on the state of cancer prevailing in India. You have been asked to write an analytical paragraph on 'Cancer - a silent killer' Taking information from the clipping given below together with your own ideas, write this paragraph in 100-120 words.

"In India, cities are more cancer-prone than rural areas. In the early 1990's, we expected one out of 10-15 urban

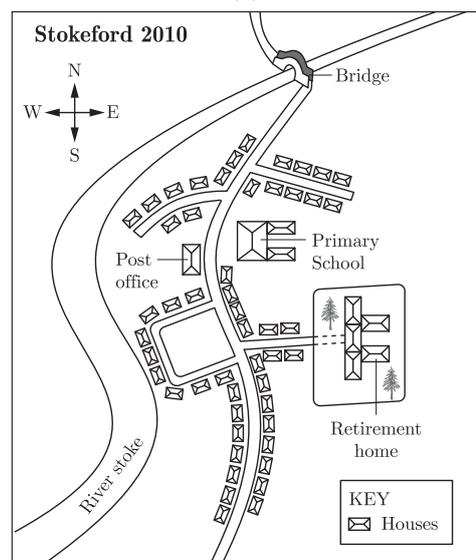
Indians to get cancer in their life-time, that is every second or third family would have to face this disease. This is partly due to high levels of benzene in the air and also that the metros are exposed to high levels of pesticides in their foods. In order to check the steady growth of cancer in the country, the Government shall have to give priority to preventive action. At the same time measures to undertake improvement in facilities for the treatment of cancer shall have to be adopted."

Or

B. The maps below show the village of Stokeford in 1930 and 2010. Write an analytical paragraph in 100-120 words by selecting and reporting the main features, and making comparisons where relevant.



(a)



(b)

SECTION C- LITERATURE 40

V. Reference to the Context 10

1. Attempt ANY ONE of two extracts given. 5

1.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 bolinhas are a must for Christmas as well as other festivals. Thus, the presence of the baker's furnace in the village is absolutely essential.

(Glimpses of India)

- i.** In Goan village, what are meaningless without the sweet bread 'bol'?
- (a) Birthday parties
(b) Holi celebration
(c) Wedding gifts
(d) All the occasions
- ii.** State whether the following statement is TRUE or FALSE:
Cakes and bolinhas are compulsorily prepared during Christmas in Goa.
- iii.** Find the word in the extract which means 'celebration meal'.
- (a) Charm
(b) Occassion
(c) Engagement
(d) Feast
- iv.** What is must for a lady of Goa on the occasion of her daughter's engagement?
- (a) She must prepare sandwiches
(b) She must dean the house
(c) She must feed seven children
(d) She must purchase any gold item
- v.** What does the lady of the house prepare on the occasion of her daughter's engagement?

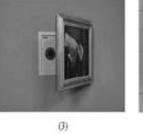
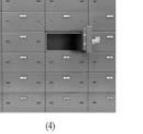
Or

1.A How foolish people are when they own valuable things, Horace thought. A magazine article had described this house, giving a plan of all the rooms and a picture of this room. The writer had even mentioned that the painting hid a safe! 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."

(A Question of Trust)

- i.** Infer one reason for the following, based on information in extract:
Horace was sneezing.
- ii.** Which magazine could have published the article mentioned in the given extract?
- (a) Paws & Claws
(b) Outdoors & Landscaping
(c) Interiors
(d) The Investor
- iii.** Choose the image that correctly describes the location of the safe, based on the given extract.
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- (1) (2) (3) (4)
- (a) Option (1)
(b) Option (2)
(c) Option (3)
(d) Option (4)
- iv.** In the line – Before he could think, Horace said, "Hay fever," –the response was
- (a) rehearsed.
(b) spontaneous and natural.
(c) hesitant.
(d) rapid and hostile.
- v.** Write a line from the extract that can be considered an example of sarcasm.

2. Attempt ANY ONE of two extracts given.

2.A And no one buys a ball back. Money is external.
He is learning, well behind his desperate eyes,
The epistemology of loss, how to stand up
Knowing what every man must one day know
And most know many days, how to stand up.

(The Ball Poem)

- i. What is epistemology?
 (a) The philosophical theory of knowledge
 (b) The philosophical theory of work
 (c) The philosophical theory of behaviours
 (d) None of these
- ii. What piece of advice is being given to the child by the poet?
- iii. What is the poet trying to tell us in this poem?
 (a) That age once lost can't be regained
 (b) That ball once lost can't be regained
 (c) That all the balls are useless
 (d) None of these
- iv. Complete the following analogy correctly with a word from the extract:
 logorrhea : words :: wealth : _____
 (Clue : Just like logorrhea is an excess of words, similarly wealth is an excess of...)
- v. Why does the poet say 'Money is external'?
 (a) He means money can buy everything
 (b) He means money can't buy everything
 (c) He means money can buy everything except balls
 (d) None of these

Or

- 2.B** The fog comes
 on little cat feet.
 It sits looking
 over harbour and city
 on silent haunches
 and then moves on.

(Fog)

- i. State whether the following statement is TRUE or FALSE:
 By keeping the lines short, the poet is controlling the pace to make the reader slow down thereby reflecting the slow rolling in of the fog.
- ii. What does the poet mean by 'little cat feet'?
 (a) small feet like that of the cat.
 (b) little soft feet of the cat which leave marks in the home.
 (c) little marks which a cat leaves behind in the sand.

(d) the silent and careful steps of the fog which do not let anyone know of its arrival.

- iii. Which poetic device used in second line?
 (a) Simile (b) Alliteration
 (c) Metaphor (d) Personification
- iv. Supply 1 point to justify the following:
 The poet says that the fog is like a cat.
- v. The word 'haunches' means.
 (a) legs (b) eyes
 (c) thighs (d) knees

VI Answer ANY FOUR of the following in about 40-50 words each. 4 × 3 = 12

- i. Why did the postmaster want to help Lencho? And how did he do that?
 (A Letter to God)
- ii. What arguments did Anne give in her essay titled 'A Chatterbox'?
 (From the Diary of Anne Frank)
- iii. What was a source of unending joy for Valli? What was her strongest desire?
 (Madam Rides the Bus)
- iv. What is the theme of the poem 'How to Tell Wild Animals' ?
- v. What changes can be seen in the moon during the course of the poem 'The Trees'?

VII Answer ANY TWO of the following in about 40-50 words each. 2 × 3 = 6

- i. Why was it difficult for Hari Singh to rob Anil ?
 (The Thief's Story)
- ii. What lesson did Ebright learn when in the seventh grade he entered a country science fair?
 (The Making of a Scientist)
- iii. Why did Bishamber's marriage with Bholi not take place?
 (Bholi)

VIII Answer ANY ONE of the following in about 100-120 words. 6

- i. "Water must be kept on the move and made to do things; when static it is wasted and provoking." Do you think this statement was true in case of Mijbil, the otter ?
 (Mijbil the Otter)
- ii. Imagine Anne Gregory grows up to be a motivational

speaker. As Anne Gregory, write a short speech on the importance of loving oneself.

You may begin this way:

Dear friends

The importance of believing in oneself can never be overstated. It becomes most important, therefore, to love oneself. I learnt this, as a young teen, the day a poet pointed out that (continue)

(For Anne Gregory)

IX Answer ANY ONE of the following in about 100-120 words. 6

- i. Readers believe that Griffin was a man without a conscience. You have a class discussion on why our conscience plays a vital role in shaping our character. Present a summary of your views on this.

(Footprints Without Feet)

- ii. Attempt character sketch of Great and Mighty Think-Tank.

(The Book that Saved the Earth)

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