

COMMON PRE-BOARD EXAMINATIONS 2022-2023

ENGLISH LANGUAGE & LITERATURE (184)

Class: X

Marking Scheme

Date: 09-01-2022

Maximum Marks: 80

Maximum Time: 3 Hrs.

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

I Read the passage given below.

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- i. The gift was half-a-dozen trees which would be planted on the writer's behalf. It was gratifying because it was different from the tokens of appreciation he usually received.
- ii. half-a-dozen
- iii. gratifying
- iv. The usual kind of gifts, however well-meant, are destined to gather dust in forgotten corners.
- v. The gift of living tree or plant makes a perfect present.
- vi. culture and tradition
- vii. Giving gifts can go totally wrong. Sometimes, one can receive back the same gift from another person whom he/she had given it.
- viii. Present planners and professionals select and make up gift packages for occasions like marriages and corporate events and do increasingly good business, which makes it a full-time job.
- ix. Giving tree saplings would plantation and eco-friendly and sustainable environment.
- x. a tree sapling

II Read the passage given below.**10**

- i. The Return of the Cats
- ii. Madhya Pradesh competes closely with Karnataka for the first place.
- iii. 4
- iv. Less than
- v. The total area of forested habitats in India is 3,81,400 sq km.
- vi. Nepal
- vii. diligent
- viii. Development vs Environment
- ix. Assam and Kerala
- x. significant

III SECTION B – GRAMMAR**10****Attempt ANY TEN of the following questions.****10**

- i. He had worked at a hotel reception for year.
- ii. should
- iii.

Error	Correction
are	is
- iv. in
- v. would have bought
- vi. had left
- vii. He told us that he could not study if we shouted.
- viii. The – A
- ix. would
- x. it would be a great help to him.

- xi.

Error	Correction
form	forms

- xii. had given her it

IV	SECTION B – CREATIVE WRITING SKILLS	10
1	Attempt <u>ANY ONE</u> from A and B given below.	5
	Content: 2 marks	
	Expression: 2 marks	
	Accuracy: 1 mark	
2	Attempt <u>ANY ONE</u> from A and B given below.	5
x.	Content: 2 marks	
	Expression: 2 marks	
	Accuracy: 1 mark	
	SECTION C - LITERATURE	40
V	Reference to the Context	10
1	Attempt <u>ANY ONE</u> of two extracts given.	5
1.A		
i.	with an array of South African jets, helicopters and troop carriers	
ii.	freely and fairly	
iii.	‘Nkosi Sikelel – iAfrika’ and ‘Die Stem’	
iv.	to celebrate their loyalty to democracy and the new government	
v.	A, B, D, E and F	
1.B		
i.	The two boys couldn’t understand why a man was walking barefooted in London because it was mid-winter and so too cold for anybody to walk barefooted.	
ii.	disappeared	
iii.	enchanted, curious, puzzled	
iv.	seen due to some magic trick	
v.	option (iii)	
2	Attempt <u>ANY ONE</u> of two extracts given.	5
2.A		
i.	1, 5	
ii.	Anne Gregory’s hair	
iii.	love one for what one is	
iv.	despair	

- v. Geeta was thrown into sadness.

2.B

- i. twigs
- ii. emphasis
- iii. false
- iv. unnatural
- v. newly discharged patients

VI Answer ANY FOUR of the following questions.

4x3=12

- i. Anne mentions in her diary that Margot was born in Frankfurt in Germany in 1926, and Anne was born in 1929. Anne lived in Frankfurt till she was four. But when their parents migrated to Holland in 1933, they stayed with their grandmother in Aachen. Eventually the same year, first Margot and then Anne moved to Holland to live with their parents.
- ii. The postmaster was moved by Lencho's strong faith in God. So, he decided to send money to him. Moreover, he did not want to shake Lencho's faith in God. He signed the letter 'God' to make Lencho think that God had written the letter.
- iii. Chubkov suspects that Lomov has come to borrow money because Lomov is in evening dress. He is not sincere when he tells that he has loved Lomov like his own son as he doesn't want to lend any money to Lomov.
- iv. Three things suggest that the fog is like a cat. The fog, like a cat, comes silently. The fog looks over the harbour and the city like a cat that looks here and there, sitting on its haunches. Finally, the fog moves on like a cat.
- xi. Valli was an eight-year-old girl born in a small village. She was a very curious girl. She spent her time standing in the front doorway of her house, watching what was happening in the street. Watching the street gave her many new and unusual experiences. Valli's curiosity about travelling on the bus to the town urged her to plan a bus trip.

VII Answer ANY TWO of the following questions in about 40-50 words.

2x3=6

- i. Horace Danby was a meticulous planner. He was able to collect all the details of the house, that is, who the occupants were, where they had gone, when they would come back, the wiring, and the location of valuable things. He was smart enough to know the dog's name and even befriended it. That is why he was sure of his success.

- ii. Mr. Loisel was bored at the ball. He did not enjoy the evening as he had been half asleep in one of the salons since midnight, with three other gentlemen whose wives were enjoying themselves very much.
- iii. Noodle tells Think-Tank that the books are kind of communication device. He says that though those things look like sandwiches, Earthlings don't eat them. He has seen surveyor films on those sandwiches, which makes him think they are communication devices.

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

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- i. It is natural to feel sad over the loss of near and dear ones. But most people get over the grief. Kisa Gotami was not in a position to think about other people's grief. She was being selfish in her grief and engrossed in her sorrow that she forgot to think about the living members of her family and society.

When Kisa met the Buddha, he asked her to get a handful of mustard seeds from a house where no one had died. He did this on purpose to make her realize that there was not a single house where no beloved had died and that death is natural. When she went to all the houses the second time, she felt dejected. When she sat down and thought about it, she realized that the circle of life is such that who is born must die. Death is common to all. This is what the Buddha wanted her to realize.

OR

- ii. The baker was a much-respected person in the Goan society. He would guide the children about good behaviour when he mildly rebuked them for peeping into his basket. He was very friendly with the children and so the author considered him as a friend and companion. 'A Baker from Goa' highlights the importance of the traditional practice of making bread for every occasion and festival of the Goan people. This tradition continues even today. This shows how our traditional practices can take us to our past and heritage.

Traditional values shape our personality and also provide us emotional support. They enable us to face difficult situations and make us mentally strong. Traditional practices have an impact on our behavioural pattern towards others.

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

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- i The word 'Bholi' means a simpleton. Bholi remains a simpleton throughout the story, hardly expressing her opinion in any matter. The word 'Sulekha' means a person with a

sense of letters. This word has a larger meaning in this story. It depicts being a literate, intelligent and mature individual. Education totally changed her personality. Bholi learnt what was good and what was bad. She could differentiate between right and wrong. After getting educated, Bholi really changes to Sulekha. Her assertion during the marriage ceremony is her announcement to the world that she is no more a simpleton but a strong person. Thus, education changed her attitude towards life.

OR

- ii. Man is a product of circumstances and environment. Hari Singh was a boy of fifteen. Circumstances made him a thief. Anil kept him though he was of no use to Anil. Anil knew that Hari Singh had been cheating him while buying the daily supplies, but he didn't make it obvious in front of Hari. Anil also knew that Hari Singh had stolen his money when he was sleeping, and later put it back. But he didn't hand Hari over to the police. He was a kind man. He inspired Hari to learn to read and write, and this brought about the true change in Hari. It is human to make mistakes, but giving them a chance to rectify the mistake is a divine quality. Anil's calm nature influenced Hari. Hari developed a desire to be part of the civilized society and this was enough for Anil in return from Hari.