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ENGLISH LANGUAGE & LITERATURE 184**

CLASS:X

Max.Marks: 80

Q N	VALUE POINTS	MAR KS
1	<p>a) Discipline in public life ensures peace and harmony and it also gives the required motivation to progress and prosperity.</p> <p>b) Whenever people in public life or in private enterprise dilute the demands of discipline, most achievements go astray, leading to failure at various levels</p> <p>c) Discipline is important for countries like India as such countries are standing at the threshold of economic breakthrough and they are also a store of opportunities.</p> <p>d) With discipline in public life diminishing, the entire socio-economic momentum is brought to a grinding halt.</p> <p>e) Discipline stands for training, especially of the mind and character, to develop obedience and control, in the face of temptation or provocation.</p> <p>f) The heaps of garbage in towns, cities and metros that were allowed to rot and their removal left to rag-pickers, speak volume of the callous attitude towards discipline and devotion to duty.</p> <p>g) The remedy of so many ills that afflict us today lies not in big talks but in the restoration of discipline in public life.</p> <p>h) any suitable title on discipline</p> <p>i) sadistic</p> <p>j) ii) goddess</p> <p>k) ii) motivation</p> <p>l) i) provocation</p>	10X1 =10
2	<p>a) ii) ignorance</p> <p>b) i) Affect people in Asia</p> <p>c) iii) Cases are under-reported</p> <p>d) ii) Dengue is being tested and reported in vast numbers</p> <p>e) iv) 2019</p> <p>f) i) Disease regularly found in people of a certain area</p>	10X1 =10

	<p>g) iv) Increased 8 times in the last twenty years</p> <p>h) It highlights the spread of dengue, cases around the world, and directions on the use and effectiveness of the vaccine. (accept any other valid answer related to dengue)</p> <p>i) Sanofi Pasteur</p> <p>j) Efficacious</p> <p>k) ...have had a previous dengue virus infection.</p> <p>l) i) In a country where dengue is wide-spread</p>	
3	<p>a. iii) have been waiting</p> <p>b. ii) shall have reached</p> <p>c. iv) had been raining</p> <p>d. ii) may</p> <p>e. i) should</p> <p>f. i) children might prosper in their life</p> <p>g. ii) Rode</p> <p>h. Could</p> <p>i. Must</p> <p>j. is</p> <p>k. am waiting</p> <p>l. Could</p>	10X1 =10
4	<p>A. Letter – Content 2, Expression 2, accuracy 1</p> <p>B. Analytical Paragraph - Content 2, Expression 2, accuracy 1</p>	5 5
5	<p>A .a) ii) Anne Frank</p> <p>b) i) She thought that one could rely on paper</p> <p>c) iv) musing</p> <p>d) ii) listless</p> <p>e) iii) Paper has more patience than people OR</p> <p>II. a) ii) they had proved the test of time and were working well.</p> <p>b) iii) a trip down memory lane</p> <p>c) iv) He wanted to make people aware that he had come around to sell his goodies.</p> <p>d) i) the furnaces are still being used to bake the loaves of bread.</p> <p>e) Lucio Rodrigues</p>	5

	<p>5.B.</p> <p>a) i) to bear and handle loss b) i) Possessions c) iii) Repetition d) iii) Materialistic things e) John Berryman</p> <p>OR</p> <p>a) i) Independence and captivity b) iii) to lay more stress on the brightness of the eyes and the stars. c) iii) Despair and longing d) Leslie Norris e) Abcb</p>	5
6	<p>I.</p> <p>a) The two options that the pilot had were either to turn around and go back to Paris or to go through the storm clouds. He decided to go through the storm clouds because he wanted to reach home and spend the holiday with his family. b) By 'an extra ordinary human disaster' he referred to the discrimination that the coloured people suffered at the hands of the whites. While the 'glorious human achievement' refers to the installation of the first non-racial democratic government with equality where a black had become the president of the country. c) Lencho was a hardworking farmer who had great faith in God. His crop was completely ruined yet he had immense faith that God would help him. He was a religious, simple and an innocent farmer who was optimistic even in the face of adversity. d) The poet talks about wild animals in a funny manner. All the dangerous, wild animals like lions, tigers, leopards, bears, hyenas, crocodile, and chameleon have been portrayed humorously. The poet describes their dangerous activities in such a manner that they produce laughter. e) In olden days, Goa was very much influenced by the Portuguese. Baking was considered an essential and profitable profession in a traditional Goan village. The Portuguese were famous for preparing the loaves of bread. Baking was the traditional family work. The villagers were much fond of the sweet bread known as 'bol'. The marriage gifts were meaningless without it. So the bakers furnaces were the most essential and 'cakes and bolinhas' formed an important item there during Christmas and other festivals.</p>	4x3= 12
	<p>6 II.</p> <p>a) Initially dull and listless Tricki was ignored by the dogs. But after two three days, with a controlled diet Tricki's health began to improve rapidly. He started mixing up with other dogs and enjoyed playing different games with them. In this was he became an accepted member. b) Ausable did not fit any description of a secret agent. He did not seem to be so smart, active, movable aggressive and romantic as we read in book or see in films. He was very fat and sloppy. The Crack of pistols, wine and dark-eyed beauties- had nothing to do with Ausable. Hence, stereotypes are often misleading. c) Hari Singh came back to Anil because Anil trusted him. Also he did not want to miss the chance of being educated. Education could certainly make him a better man. He was fed up with the life of a thief.</p>	2x3= 6
	<p>6 III. The story is about a young seagull who is yet to learn to fly. Unlike his younger brothers and sisters he is unable to overcome the fear of falling down to the sea, hence remained sitting on the cliff. His younger siblings despite having shorter wings overcame fear and took a plunge as directed by their parents.</p>	6

<p>The seagull continues to be left in isolation without any sympathy from his parents. No amount of his cries, arising out of starvation, is able to melt his parents' hearts. Finally he undergoes a mental transformation which helps him to muster courage. By flapping his wings and overcoming his fear he takes a plunge. In the process he discovers his inner strength and instinctive flying skills which till now was not known to him. Hence the seagull proved that overcoming fear the important key to success.</p> <p style="text-align: center;">OR</p> <p>Coorg is situated midway between Mysore and the coastal town of Mangalore. It is the smallest district of the state of Karnataka. It is a piece of heaven fallen from the kingdom of God. We can find hills full of greenery here. It has evergreen rainforests, spices and coffee plantations. It rains heavily here during the rainy season. There is the smell of coffee in the air. The people of Coorg are martial men. These people are of Greek or Arabic descent. According to a legend, a part of Alexander's army stopped and settled here. They married amongst the locals.</p> <p>Their culture is seen in the martial traditions, marriage and religious rites, they are different from the Hindu mainstream. These people wear a long black coat with an embroidered waist-belt. This is known as Kuppia and it resembles Kuffia that is worn by the Arabs and the Kurds. They love traditions of hospitality and this quality makes them unique.</p>	
<p>6 IV</p> <p>A good spy need not be handsome, attractive and smart. Physical strength can be an additional advantage but certainly not the essential one. Secret agents have to face critical situations at every step. One night, Ausable found Max in his room. There was an automatic pistol in his hand. He had come there to take the report from Ausable. Max was also a secret agent of another organisation. Ausable was not the least afraid of Max's presence. He thought of a clever trick. He convinced Max about a balcony outside the window. Just then there was a knock at the door. Ausable told Max that it was police to provide him security. Max had no time to think. Max rushed towards the window and dropped to the non-existent balcony met his tragic end. Ausable did not use physical strength.</p> <p>Ausable won over the critical situation by his sheer presence of mind proving the fact that presence of mind and intelligence is more powerful than a gun.</p> <p style="text-align: center;">OR</p> <p>Ans. The human mind is a very complex thing. It is a mixture of very opposite opinions. Sometimes, a man fails to understand his own mind and goes in a conflict. In this story, the same thing has been presented by Ruskin Bond through the character of a thief boy named Hari Singh. The boy starts working for Anil. His primary aim was to rob him. Anil's carelessness wins his heart. But the boy's bad mind provokes him to rob Anil of his money. One day, he robs his six-hundred rupees and runs away to the station. But his good mind stops him boarding the train. He decides to come back to Anil and return his money. The unspoken forgiveness too shown by Anil after he sees the damp notes shows how kindness and compassion can change a criminal. Thus we can say that this story is an in-depth study of the human mind.</p>	6