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**INDIAN SCHOOL MUSCAT  
FINAL EXAMINATION 2022  
English Language & Literature  
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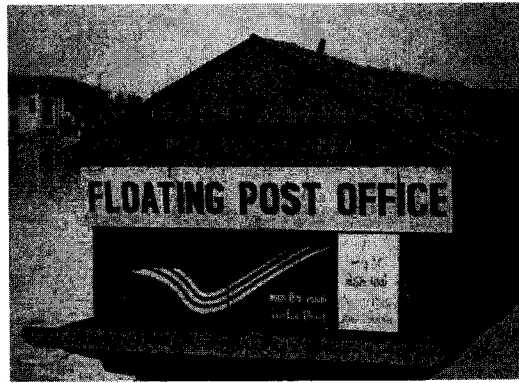
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### III.

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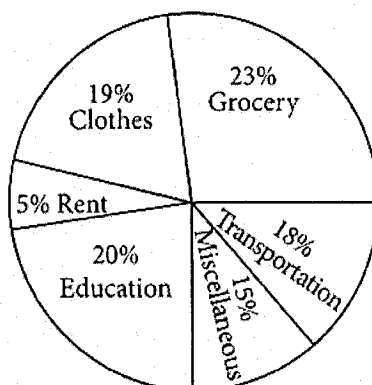
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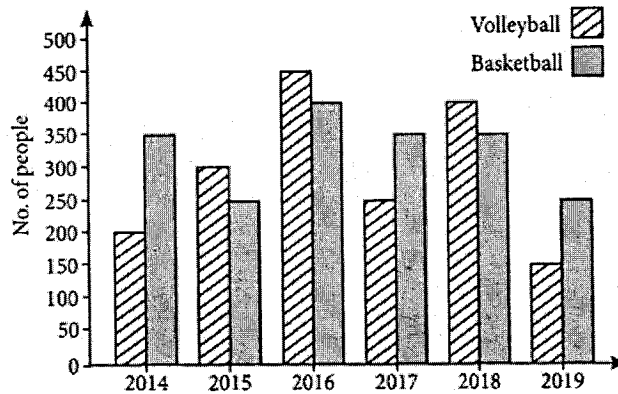
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**IV. Attempt any TEN of the following.**

**1. Choose the correct options to fill in the blanks.**

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It was a hot day so I decided to prepare salad for lunch. Outside, (i) \_\_\_\_\_ in the garden. Suddenly I (ii) \_\_\_\_\_ scream. I (iii) \_\_\_\_\_ what was happening.

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|---|---------------------------------------|
| (i) a) a children was playing             | b) the children was playing           |
| c) the children were playing              | d) the children was play              |
| (ii) a) heard a loud noise, followed by a | b) hear a loud noise, followed by a   |
| c) heard the loud noise followed by a     | d) hearing a loud noise followed by a |
| (iii) a) run outside to see               | b) ran outside to saw                 |
| c) runs outside to see                    | d) ran outside to see                 |

(iv) It \_\_\_\_\_ no trees, building or billboards.

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| a) have | b) was | c) has | d) is |
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(v) If we do not follow this, the degrading society like ours \_\_\_\_\_ fail the next day.

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| a) must | b) will | c) ought to | d) can |
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(vi) I \_\_\_\_\_ not budge an inch from the righteous path.

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| a) should | b) won't | c) can | d) will |
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**2. State whether True or False.**

(vii) I have left home at 9 am.

(viii) Last week I wrote to my friend.

**3. Fill in the blanks by using the correct tense form of the verbs given in brackets.**

(ix) The journey \_\_\_\_\_ (be) cool. It imparted solace to the soul and mind.

(x) We \_\_\_\_\_ (go) to Guwahati by Rajdhani Express last month.

**4. Choose the correct option for reported form from the following:**

(xi) Tina said, "I may postpone the trip to the next year."

- A. Tina said that she may have to postpone the trip to the next year.
- B. Tina said that she might have to postpone the trip to the next year.
- C. Tina said that she might postpone the trip to the following year.
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(xii) Grandpa said, "What's the time by your watch?"

- A. Grandpa asked me what time it was by my watch.
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V.

**SECTION C – (LITERATURE)**

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**A) Read the given extract and attempt the questions that follow:**

"Anil was watching a wrestling match when I approached him. He was about 25 – a tall, lean fellow – and he looked easy-going, kind and simple enough for my purpose. I hadn't had much luck of late and thought I might be able to get into the young man's confidence. "You look a bit of a wrestler yourself," I said. A little flattery helps in making friends."

i) According to the extract, the young boy was watching the wrestling match because he -----.

- (a) had been invited there by the wrestlers.
- (b) was supposed to meet someone there.
- (c) was looking for simple people to dupe.
- (d) loved wrestling and followed it very closely.

ii) 'I hadn't had much luck of late' means that the boy hadn't -----.

- (a) ever conned people successfully.
- (b) been successful in duping people lately.
- (c) understood the consequences of thievery till date.
- (d) considered the role of fate in deceiving others.

iii) 'I might be able to get into the young man's confidence'. Choose the option that DOES NOT display what the statement means.

- (a) He wanted to win his trust.
- (b) He wanted him to share his thoughts without caution.
- (c) He wanted him to feel comfortable revealing more details about himself.
- (d) He wanted to be able to spend quality time with him

iv) Anil looked easy-going, kind and simple to the narrator. Which of the given characteristics would NOT fit in with this description?

- (a) compassionate      (b) suave      (c) uncomplicated      (d) carefree

v). Based on the line, “A little flattery helps in making friends.” choose the option that displays the quote closest in meaning.

- (a) Imitation is the best form of flattery; people generally understand that my comedy is not intended to hurt anybody  
(b) I know imitation is the highest form of flattery, but stealing one’s identity is totally different.  
(c) Nothing is so great an example of bad manners as flattery. If you flatter all the company, you please none; If you flatter only one or two, you offend the rest.  
(d) One may define flattery as a base companionship which is most advantageous to the flatterer.

**OR**

**Read the given extract and attempt the questions that follow:**

“We, who were outlaws not so long ago, have today been given the rare privilege to be host to the nations of the world on our own soil. We thank all of our distinguished international guests for having come to take possession with the people of our country of what is, after all, a common victory for justice, for peace, for human dignity.”

i) The guests at the spectacular ceremony are being called distinguished because

...

- (a) they have been invited as guests to attend it.  
(b) they are eminent world leaders witnessing it.  
(c) they are visiting the country for this purpose.  
(d) they have resumed diplomatic relations with the country

ii) It is a victory for ‘human dignity’. Pick the option that lists the correct answer for what ‘human dignity’ would include.

- (a) (i) equality (ii) liberty (iii) indecency  
(b) (i) liberty (ii) indecency (iii) self-respect  
(c) (i) immorality (ii) self-respect (iii) equality  
(d) (i) equality (ii) liberty (iii) self-respect

iii) Why does the speaker say that it is a ‘rare privilege’? He says this as they have-----.

- (a) been deprived of this honour.  
(b) seldom been given this honour.  
(c) experienced it for the first time.  
(d) been chosen over other countries, for this honour

iv) How do you think Nelson Mandela feels in the lesson? Choose the option that best fits his state of mind.

- (a) (i) emotional (ii) elated (iii) unmindful  
(b) (i) elated (ii) unmindful (iii) overwhelmed  
(c) (i) overwhelmed (ii) elated (iii) honoured  
(d) (i) elated (ii) honoured (iii) unmindful

v) Pick the option that showcases the usage of ‘host’ as in the extract.

- (a) He was praised for his hospitality as the host of the party.  
(b) She was able to host the event without any hindrance.

- (c) She met the host and apologised for her friend's misbehaviour.
- (d) He is the best host that one can ever come across

**B) Read the given extract and attempt the questions that follow:**

**1x5=5**

"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) Epistemology is not :

- a) educated      b) learned      c) well-read      d) listless

ii) What does the boy learn by losing the ball, according to the extract?

- 1) Loss is the unavoidable truth of life.
- 2) Material objects can be replaced.
- 3) Money buys happiness.
- 4) Losses in life can be prevented with care.
- 5) Life continues despite losses.

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

iii) The boy is learning how to stand up...

This means that he is learning to be ----- in the face of difficulties.

- a) patient      b) resilient      c) defensive      d) judgmental

iv) Which option lists who is speaking these lines?

- a) An observer.      b) The boy's parent.
- c) The ball salesman.      d) A friend.

v) According to the poet, from whom do we mostly learn about loss?

- a) elders      b) experiences      c) books      d) teachers

**OR**

"If ever you should go by chance  
To jungles in the east  
And if there should to you advance  
A large and tawny beast.  
If he roars at you as you're dyin'  
You'll know it is thee Asian Lion..."

i) The poet of the above lines is:

- a) Robert Frost      b) Leslie Norris      c) Robin Klein      d) Carolyn Wells

- ii) How does the described animal look?  
 a) large and striped                      b) timid and roaring  
 c) large and yellowish                  d) spotted and slender
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 a) aaabbb              b) accbbb              c) ababcc              d) aabbc

**VI. 1. Answer any FOUR of the following questions in 40-50 words: 3x4=12**

- i) Why are the people of Coorg known as descendants of the Arabs?  
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 iv) How does the tiger act in the cage?  
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- i) Why did Fowler want to meet Ausable? Why was he disappointed?  
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 iii) What did Mrs Pumphrey do to bring Tricki back to normal health? Was she successful?

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- i) "The World is afflicted with death and decay, therefore the wise do not grieve, knowing the terms of the world". Explain with reference to the story 'The Sermon at Benares'.  
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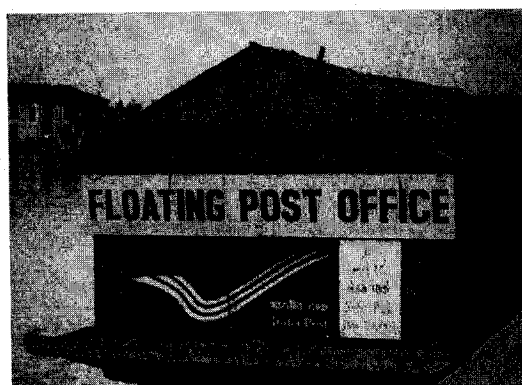
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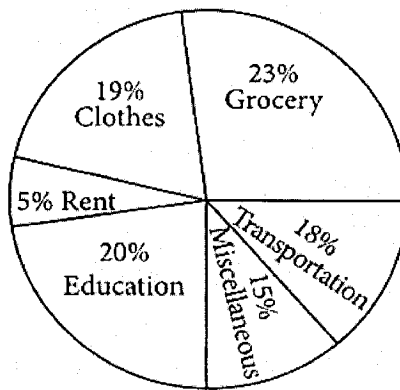
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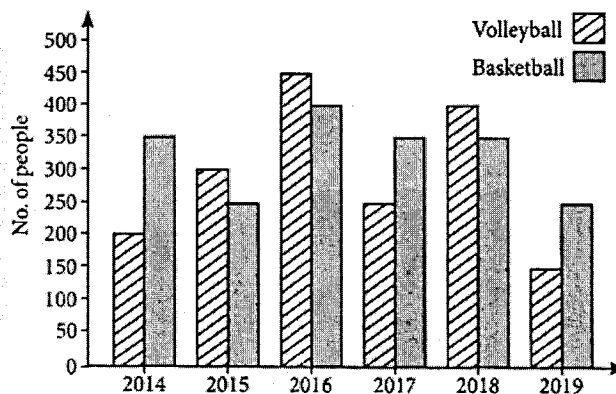
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**4. Choose the correct options to fill in the blanks.**

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V

**SECTION C – (LITERATURE)**

40

**A) Read the given extract and attempt the questions that follow:**

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ii) It is a victory for 'human dignity'. Pick the option that lists the correct answer for what 'human dignity' would include.

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- (d) (i) equality (ii) liberty (iii) self-respect

iii) Why does the speaker say that it is a 'rare privilege'? He says this as they have \_\_\_\_.

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iv) How do you think Nelson Mandela feels in the lesson? Choose the option that best fits his state of mind.

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iv) Anil looked easy-going, kind and simple to the narrator. Which of the given characteristics would NOT fit in with this description?

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v). Based on the line, "A little flattery helps in making friends." Choose the option that displays the quote closest in meaning.

- (a) Imitation is the best form of flattery; people generally understand that my comedy is not intended to hurt anybody
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**B)**

"If ever you should go by chance  
To jungles in the east  
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- b) Leslie Norris
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- d) Carolyn Wells

ii) How does the described animal look?

- a) large and striped
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- c) large and yellowish
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iii) You should go by chance to \_\_\_\_\_ to spot the large and tawny beast.

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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”  
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i) Epistemology is not:

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This means that he is learning to be \_\_\_\_\_ in the face of difficulties.

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- d) A friend.

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- a) elders        b) experiences    c) books.                      d) teachers

VI 1. Answer any **FOUR** of the following questions in 40-50 words:

3x4=12

- i) Describe the natural beauty of Coorg.
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- iii) What did the writer feel inside the clouds?
- iv) How can fire destroy the world?
- v) What does the poet want to convey through the poem 'A Tiger in the Zoo'?

2. Answer any **TWO** of the following questions in 40-50 words:

3x2=6

- i) Who actually had knocked at the door of Ausable's room? Why did he come there?
- ii) How did Hari Singh know that Anil had forgiven him?
- iii) Why was Tricki an uninteresting object for other dogs at the surgery?

3. Answer any **ONE** of the following questions in 100-120 words:

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- ii) Age is not a barrier when it comes to doing something different and great. Which characteristics of Valli help her achieve the wonder of visiting the town at such a tender age?

6x1=6

4. Answer any **ONE** of the following questions in 100-120 words:

6x1=6

- i) To participate in the competition is more necessary than to win a prize. Explain this statement in the light of Ebright's participation at the country science fair.
- ii) Griffin could use his discovery for welfare of the people but misuses it to take revenge. Discuss with reference with the story Footprints without Feet.

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**INDIAN SCHOOL MUSCAT  
FINAL EXAMINATION 2022  
English Language & Literature  
Sub Code-184**



CLASS : X  
DATE: 22.11.2022

TIME ALLOTTED : 3 HRS.  
MAXIMUM MARKS: 80

**GENERAL INSTRUCTIONS:**

- (i) This paper is divided into three Sections: A, B, and C. All the sections are compulsory.
- (ii) Separate instructions are given with each section and question, wherever necessary. Read these instructions very carefully and follow them faithfully.
- (iii) Do not exceed the prescribed word limit while answering the questions. Marks will be deducted if this limit is crossed.
- (iv) Attempt all questions of a section without mixing them with another section.

**SECTION - A (READING)**

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**I. Read the following passage given below:**

1. Maybe you're bored of bananas, apples and grapes and need a fresh produce pick? A nutrient-rich serving of kiwifruit may be just what you need. A serving of kiwifruit (2 kiwis) has twice the vitamin C of an orange, as much potassium as a banana and the fiber of a bowl of whole grain cereal-all for less than 100 calories!
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3. Along with vitamin C, kiwifruits are rich in many bioactive compounds that have antioxidant capacity to help to protect against free radicals, harmful by-products produced in the body. If you want clean energy, think of kiwifruit because they're rich in magnesium, a nutrient essential to convert food into energy.
4. A kiwifruit also doubles as a peeper-keeper by supplying your eyes with protective lutein, a carotenoid that's concentrated in eye tissues and helps protect against harmful free radicals. Kiwifruit is also packed with blood pressure-lowering potassium. In fact, a 100-gram serving of kiwifruit-that's about one large kiwi-provides 15% of the Recommended Daily Allowance (RDA) of potassium.
5. Kiwifruit has been growing in New Zealand for over 100 years. Once the fruit gained in popularity, other countries started to grow them including Italy, France, Chile, Japan,

South Korea and Spain. At first, kiwis were referred to as 'Yang Tao' or 'Chinese Gooseberry,' but the name was ultimately changed to kiwifruit so that everyone would know where the fruit came from.

6. A ripe kiwifruit will be plump and smooth-skinned, and free of wrinkles, bruise, and punctures. If you find that your kiwi is a little too firm after buying it, simply let it ripen at room temperature for three to five days. The firmer the fruit, the more tart it will taste. To speed up the ripening process, you can also place kiwis in a paper bag with an apple or banana. If you want to store the fruit longer, you should keep in a plastic bag in the refrigerator.

**Answer any TEN of the following questions:**

**1x10=10**

(i) Choose the 'antonym' of the word 'plump':

a) rotund      b) stout      c) chubby      d) slender

ii) What does the word 'concentrated' mean in para 4.

a) scattered      b) intense      c) thin      d) diluted

iii) 'Fuzzy' does not mean ----.

a) downy      b) woolly      c) frizzy      d) sharp

iv) "but the name was ultimately changed to kiwifruit so that everyone would know where the fruit came from." Why do you think kiwi is a symbol New Zealand?

a) because it sounds good

b) kiwi-bird-National symbol

c) abundance of fruits

d) abundance of apples

(v) What does a serving of kiwifruit offer?

(vi) Why has kiwifruit been considered a 'nutritional all-star'?

(vii) How is kiwifruit helpful for the eyes?

(viii) How can you make a kiwifruit ripen?

(ix) What is the fuzzy fruit sky-high in?

(x) What is a winning trifecta?

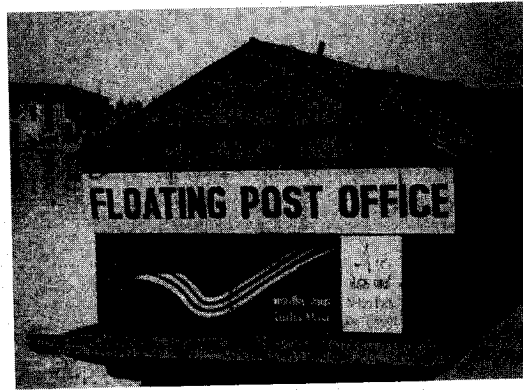
(xi) What does the word 'compound' mean?

(xii) Find the word in the passage which means 'discoloured'.

## II. **Read the following passage given below:**

Tourists to Jammu and Kashmir have another attraction – a floating post office on the Dal Lake in Srinagar, the first in the country. 'Floating Post Office, Dal Lake' – claimed to be the only one such post office in the world – is built on an intricately carved maroon

houseboat, fastened on the western edge of the Dal Lake. This post office lets you avail of all the regular postal services available in the country while being afloat.



The seal used on everything posted from Floating Post Office is unique – along with the date and address, it bears the design of a boatman rowing a shikara on the Dal Lake. The special feature of this post office is that letters posted from here carry a special design which has the picturesque scenery of Dal Lake and Srinagar city. These pictures reach wherever these letters are posted to and hence promote Kashmir as a tourist destination across the world. This is actually a heritage post office that has existed since British times. It was called Nehru Park Post Office before 2011. But then the chief postmaster John Samuel renamed it as ‘Floating Post Office’.

The post office’s houseboat has two small rooms – one serves as the office and the other a small museum that traces the philatelic history of the state postal department. It has a shop that sells postage stamps and other products. But for the locals, Floating Post office is more than an object of fascination. 1-2 crore is deposited per month in Floating Post Office by communities living in and around the Dal Lake. The lake has several islets that are home to more than 50,000 people.

The greatest fear is the recurrence of 2014 like floods in which the houseboat had gone for a toss uncontrollably pushed by the flood. Rescue teams had to anchor it using special mechanism in a nearby highland. Then it was brought back on the Dal after the water receded. The biggest boon is that at no time of the year do you need a fan in this post-office!

**Answer any TEN of the following questions:**

**1x10=10**

i) State whether True or False.

The special feature of this post office is that letters posted from here carry an unfastidious design.

ii) The antonym of word ‘unique’ is:

- a) rare
- b) particular
- c) distinctive
- d) ordinary

iii) Philatelic history is related to:

- a) History of Jammu
- b) History of the Post Office

- c) History of Postage stamps
- d) History of Dal Lake

iv) Which of the following is 'true' according to the given passage:

- a) This post office lets you avail of all the special postal services available in the country while being afloat.
- b) The post office's houseboat has few small rooms.
- c) The post office is fastened on the western Ghats of the Dal Lake.
- d) It is a heritage post office that has existed since British times.

v) Who renamed the post office as 'Floating Post Office'?

- (a) Chief Postmaster
- (b) Postman
- (c) Delivery agent
- (d) Chief Minister

vi) What is the greatest fear that the post office has?

- (a) deluge
- (b) earthquakes
- (c) tsunami
- (d) typhoon

vii) What is the location of the 'Floating Post Office' in Srinagar?

viii) What is special about the seal used in the post office?

ix) How is the post office helpful in promoting tourism?

x) What are the two rooms of the post office used for?

xi) How is the post office beneficial to the locals?

xii) What is the biggest boon of this post office?

III.

### SECTION B - (WRITING & GRAMMAR)

20

A) You are store-in charge in Charya Boys' Senior Secondary School, Kolkata. Write a letter to the Manager, Pioneer Traders & Co., Kolkata, placing an order of stationery articles for your school store in 100 -120 words. You are Naveen/Hasan.

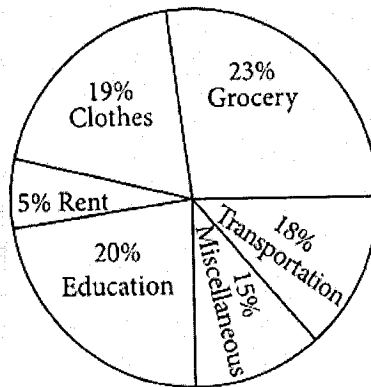
1x5=5

**OR**

You are Rama/Ramesh of D-105, Lajpat Nagar, New Delhi. You want information about German Language Courses at German Embassy, Chankya Puri, New Delhi. Write a letter to the Director inquiring about the same in 100-120 words.

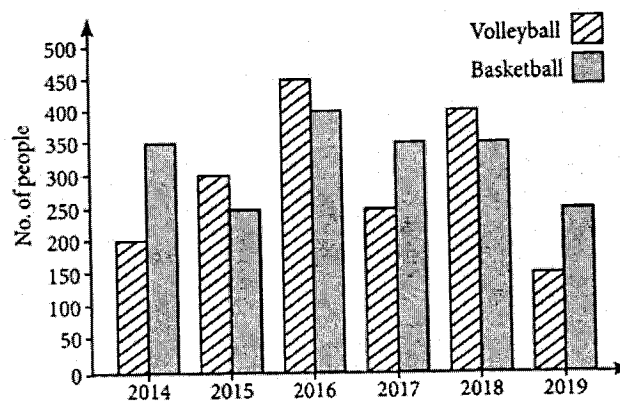
B) The given pie chart represents the amount of money spent by a family on different items in a month. Write an analytical paragraph using the information given in the chart in 100 -120 words.

1x5=5



OR

The given double bar graph shows the preferences of children in a school in playing different games over the span of six years. Write an analytical paragraph about the given information in 100-120 words.



IV. Attempt any TEN of the following questions.

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**2. State whether True or False.**

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(viii) Last week I wrote to my friend.

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i) The guests at the spectacular ceremony are being called distinguished because

- \_\_\_\_\_.
- (a) they have been invited as guests to attend it
  - (b) they are eminent world leaders witnessing it
  - (c) they are visiting the country for this purpose
  - (d) they have resumed diplomatic relations with the country

ii) It is a victory for 'human dignity'. Pick the option that lists the correct answer for what 'human dignity' would include.

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iii) Why does the speaker say that it is a 'rare privilege'? He says this as they have \_\_\_\_\_.

- (a) been deprived of this honour.
- (b) seldom been given this honour.
- (c) experienced it for the first time.
- (d) been chosen over other countries, for this honour

iv) How do you think Nelson Mandela feels in the lesson? Choose the option that best fits his state of mind.

- (a) (i) emotional (ii) elated (iii) unmindful
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v) Pick the option that showcases the usage of 'host' as in the extract.

- (a) He was praised for his hospitality as the host of the party.
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VI.

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3. Answer any ONE of the following questions in 100-120 words:

1x6=6

- i) The people and surroundings are a great book to learn. Valli in the lesson 'Madam Rides The Bus' learns a lot from others. Mention the traits of her character which help her to learn from her surroundings
- ii) In 'The Sermon at Benares', the Buddha preached that death is inevitable and we need to overcome the suffering and pain that follows. Discuss.

4. Answer any ONE of the following questions in 100-120 words:

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- i) 'A lawless scientist is a curse to the society.' Discuss.
- ii) To participate in the competition is more necessary than to win a prize. Explain this statement in the light of Ebright's participation at the country science fair.

\*\*\*\*END OF THE QUESTION PAPER\*\*\*\*