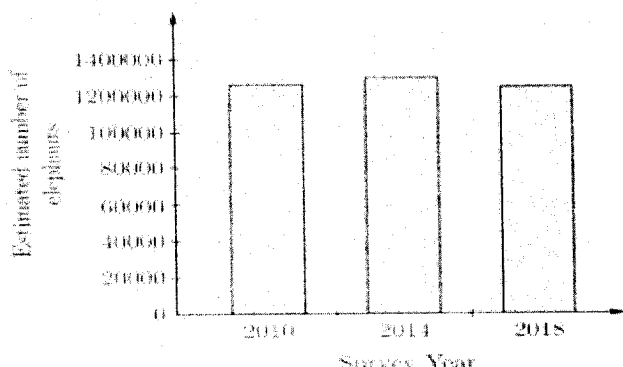


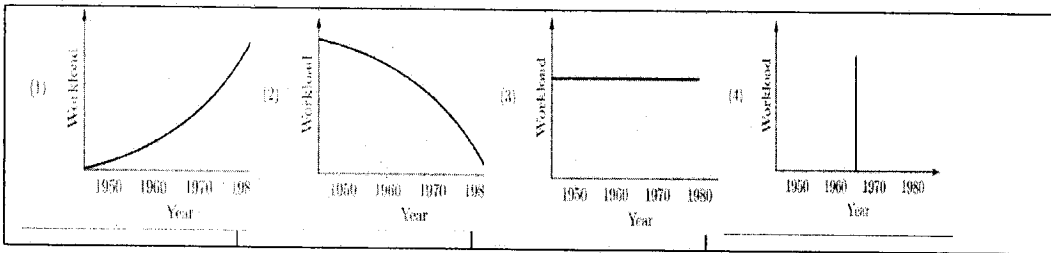
**COMMON PRE-BOARD EXAMINATION****SUBJECT: ENGLISH (184)****CLASS X - SESSION 2022- 23****Time Allowed: 3 Hrs.****Maximum Marks:80****General Instructions:**

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 questions based on specific instructions for each part.

	<b>Section A: READING SKILLS</b>	<b>20 Marks</b>
<b>I</b>	<b>Read the passage given below.</b>	<b>10</b>
1	Humility treads the fine line between arrogance and self-deprecation. Humility, modesty and down-to-earth are synonyms derived from the Latin, 'humus', translatable as 'grounded or from the earth'. So, what makes someone humble? Are the humble meek or psychologically weak?	
2	In today's stressful world, greatly concerned with the pursuit of happiness, a bit of humility can deliver great reserves of inner strength.	
3	Gandhiji felt that humility is an essential virtue that must exist in a person for other virtues to emerge. To Swami Vivekananda, humility did not mean crawling on all fours and calling oneself a sinner. Instead, it meant recognizing and feeling oneness with everyone and everything else in the universe, without inferiority or superiority or any other bias.	
4	Although humility is deeply revered in most spiritual traditions, in interpersonal narrative or management lingua, it hasn't found much salience. Fortunately, a great deal of management and psychological research today is devoted to the role of humility in character building and leadership.	
5	As workplaces tend to be aggressive arenas and breeding grounds for misogyny and other abuse, humble co-workers are valued. They put their conversational partners at ease, and it takes fear and trepidation out of social interaction. From the interpersonal perspective, being humble facilitates trust, and builds relationships. The humble may be more talented, gifted, or skilled than anyone else and above all better learners and problem solvers. In fact, studies show that humility is more important as a predictive performance indicator than IQ. With humbleness comes a self-acceptance from grounding one's worth in one's intrinsic value as human beings rather than other trappings of power and wealth.	
6	Is it possible to develop humility? We must first embrace our humanness and have an accurate understanding of our strengths and weaknesses. Expressing gratitude can induce humility in us, and humble people have a greater capacity for conveying gratitude.	

7	Holding nature in high esteem, recognizing it as an overwhelming and awe-inspiring force reminds us of our own insignificance in the cosmic scale. Being curious and open to learning fosters humility. Emulating great people and imbibing from them what we lack in our own understanding can build our own reserves of humility. After all, as Socrates said, wisdom is, above all, knowing what we don't know.	
	<b>Based on your understanding of the passage, answer the questions given below.</b>	<b>1x10</b>
i	The author uses the expression 'treads the fine line' to mean: (Paragraph 1) A. to create a borderline B. to strike a balance C. to discuss different options D. to take the path of one's choice	<b>1</b>
ii	The author's opinion about the ambience of the present-day workplace is: A. competitive and challenging B. conducive and congenial C. hostile and prejudiced D. organized and respectful	<b>1</b>
iii	Select the option that aptly conveys the main idea of the passage. A. Humility is nothing but truth, and pride is nothing but lying. - Saint Vincent de Paul B. Humility is royalty without a crown. -Spencer W Kimball C. There is no respect for others without humility in one's self. - Henri Frederic Amiel D. True humility is staying teachable, regardless of how much you already know. - Anonymous	<b>1</b>
iv	According to the author, understanding and respecting nature will make one realise that: A. nature is supreme. B. nature is immortal. C. we are just a drop in the ocean. D. man's life depends on nature.	<b>1</b>
v	Based on your reading of the text, list any two ways to develop humility. 1) _____ 2) _____	<b>1</b>
vi	State whether the following statement is TRUE or FALSE: Gandhiji's view on humility is that humility is 'being spiritual'.	<b>1</b>
vii	What connection does the writer draw out between recognizing the power of nature and own self?	<b>1</b>

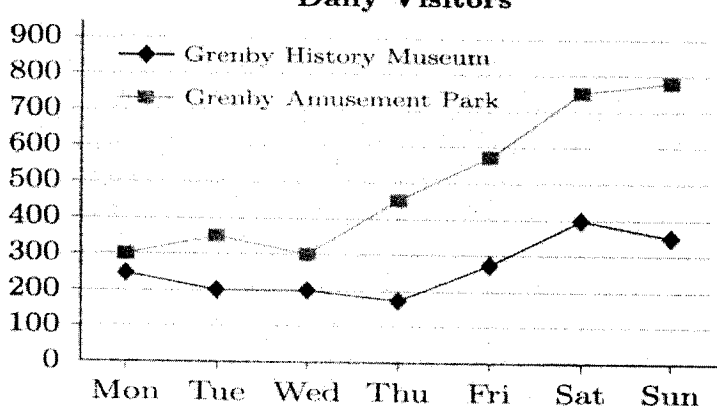
viii	Choose the option that reiterates the author's claim about a recent study. A. Humility enhances IQ B. Performance enhances IQ C. Humility enhances performance D. IQ enhances humility	1								
ix	Supply one point why the author suggests employing people who are humble.	1								
x	By describing power and money as 'trappings', the author tries to convey that: A. power and money make you influential. B. power and money make one do something even against one's principle. C. power and money reflect one's intrinsic values. D. power and money hinder one's ability to remain grateful.	1								
2.	Read the passage given below.									
1	Elephant babies like coconut oil. This discovery has saved the life of hundreds of orphaned, unweaned elephants, left behind when their mothers were killed, victims of the ivory wars that have catastrophically reduced elephant populations across Africa.									
2	The discovery came after two decades of efforts by the renowned conservationist Daphne Sheldrick, who has died aged 83. She devoted most of her life rescuing young elephants and releasing them back into the wild.									
3	<p>When she first made attempts to keep the orphaned babies alive, often at one or two years old, with other milk sources, they remained malnourished and faded into death. It was only after trying every combination she could find that she hit on one baby milk formula from Europe, which contained coconut oil that seemed to work. She and the elephants never looked back, and now more than 230 elephants in Kenya, and many others in Asia and other parts of Africa, are alive, and mostly in the wild, thanks to her hand-rearing.</p>  <table><caption>Estimated number of elephants by Survey Year</caption><thead><tr><th>Survey Year</th><th>Estimated number of elephants</th></tr></thead><tbody><tr><td>2010</td><td>1,250,000</td></tr><tr><td>2014</td><td>1,300,000</td></tr><tr><td>2018</td><td>1,250,000</td></tr></tbody></table>	Survey Year	Estimated number of elephants	2010	1,250,000	2014	1,300,000	2018	1,250,000	
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4	Her work grew from her care of orphaned elephants found by her husband, David Sheldrick, chief warden at the Tsavo National Park in Kenya in the 1960s. By the time her sanctuary was well-established, in the late 70s and 80s, each elephant had its own stall, as otherwise they would disturb one another, was bottle - fed every three hours, and was given blankets, raincoats and sunscreen as needed. A keeper slept with each animal under a year old, alternating lest the babies grow too dependent.									

5	Often, the elephants arrived traumatized, having experienced the lethal violence and cruelty of poaching. It was crucial, in her view, to recognize their grief and help them to overcome it. "They are emotionally human animals, she told journalists. "You have to think in human terms. How does a child feel when it has lost its whole family and is suddenly in the hands of the enemy?	
6	Throughout her life, Sheldrick championed the ability of elephants to communicate and their capacity for feeling. Once, she recounted how she wrenched the tusks from a newly killed bull elephant and threw them into the jungle, before the eyes of the poachers.	
	<b>Based on your understanding of the passage, answer the questions given below.</b>	<b>10</b>
i	Infer one reason for the following, based on information in Paragraph 4. Each elephant had its own stall.	<b>1</b>
ii	Select the appropriate option to fill in the blank. While referring to the emotional side of the elephants, Sheldrick said that _____. A. they are babies B. they are weak C. they are like human beings D. they are like women	<b>1</b>
iii	Complete the following analogy correctly with a word/phrase from Paragraph 2: Critical : crucial :: _____ : eminent	<b>1</b>
iv	Which of the following oil is liked by elephant babies? A. Coconut oil      B. Palm oil      C. Almond oil      D. Olive oil	<b>1</b>
v	<p>Select the chart that appropriately represents the workload of the conservationist Daphne Sheldrick through the given years, as per Paragraph 4.</p>  <p>A. Option 1    B. Option 2    C. Option 3    D. Option 4</p>	<b>1</b>
vi	How was Daphne Sheldrick able to save the lives of the orphaned elephants? A. By giving them a shelter. B. By giving them food. C. By giving them formula milk. D. By giving them medicines.	<b>1</b>
vii	Substitute the word 'trying' from Paragraph 3, with ONE WORD similar in meaning, in the following, sentence:	<b>1</b>

	It was only after <b>trying</b> every combination she could find that she hit on one baby milk formula from Europe, which contained coconut oil that seemed to work.	
viii	Based on your reading of the text, list any 2 attempts made by Daphne Sheldrick to keep the orphaned elephant babies alive. 1. _____ 2. _____	1
ix	List one reason why Daphne Sheldrick told journalists that "You have to think in human terms".	1
x	Select the option that titles paragraphs 4-6 appropriately, with reference to information in the text. A. (1) National Park and Sanctuary (2) Cruelty of Poaching (3) Deep Sympathy B. (1) Zoological Park (2) Poaching as an Art (3) Deep Sympathy C. (1) National Park and Sanctuary (2) Concern for Tigers (3) Love for Animals D. (1) National Park (2) Passionate Towards Hunting, (3) Bird Sanctuaries	1
III	<b>SECTION B - GRAMMAR</b>	
	Attempt <b>ANY TEN</b> of the following questions.	10
i	<b>Fill in the blank by choosing the correct option to complete the sentence.</b> Can you hear that noise all the time? I don't know how you ____ with it. A. are putting up B. have put up C. will be put up D. put up	1
ii	<b>Report the dialogue between Rahul and Mathew, by completing the sentence:</b> Rahul: Hello Mathew, what brings you here? Mathew: I have just come to see you. It has been a long time since we met.  To Rahul's query on what brought him there, Mathew replied that he had come to see Rahul as it _____.	1
iii	<b>Select the correct option to fill in the blank.</b> You _____ hit your sister again! Do you understand? A. mustn't      B. can      C. don't have to      D. may not	1

iv	<p>Select the option that identifies the error and supplies the correction for the following sentence.</p> <p>He was quite amusing when he heard what had happened.</p> <table><tr><th>Option No.</th><th>Error</th><th>Correction</th></tr><tr><td>A</td><td>Was</td><td>is</td></tr><tr><td>B</td><td>amusing</td><td>amused</td></tr><tr><td>C</td><td>Heard</td><td>hears</td></tr><tr><td>D</td><td>Had</td><td>has</td></tr></table>	Option No.	Error	Correction	A	Was	is	B	amusing	amused	C	Heard	hears	D	Had	has	1
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v	<p>Complete the given narrative, by filling in the blank with the correct option:</p> <p>The swimming pool _____ at 6 a.m. daily.</p> <p>A. open      B. opened      C. is opening      D. opens</p>	1															
vi	<p>Fill in the blank by using the correct form of the word in the bracket for a given extract from a story.</p> <p>Suddenly, the bushes rustled. Father wolf dropped to the ground, _____(prepare) to leap at the predator.</p>	1															
vii	<p>Report the dialogue between Maya and Rani, by completing the sentence :</p> <p>Maya: I am surprised to see you here in Delhi. When did you come?</p> <p>Rani: I came here yesterday. I have been offered a job here.</p> <p>Maya told Rani that she was surprised to see her there in Delhi and asked when she had come. Rani replied that she had come there the previous day and added that _____.</p>	1															
viii.	<p>Identify the error in the given sentence, and supply the correction.</p> <p>Unless you finish all your homework, you can watch television.</p> <p>Use the given format for your response.</p> <table><tr><th>Error</th><th>Correction</th></tr><tr><td> </td><td> </td></tr></table>	Error	Correction			1											
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x	<p>Fill in the blank by choosing the correct option, to complete the permission.</p> <p>When you've finished the test, you _____ quietly leave the room.</p> <p>A. will      B. may      C. can      D. could</p>	1															

	<p>Select the correct option to complete the narration between a father and his son.</p> <p>Father: Did you water the plant today?</p> <p>Son: No, but I will, today.</p> <p>Father: Then tomorrow I will get a sapling of sunflower.</p>					
xi	<p>The father asked his son if he had watered the plant that day. His son replied negatively but said that he would that day. Then the father said that _____</p> <p>A. I will get a sapling of sunflower by tomorrow.</p> <p>B. he would get a sapling of sunflower the next day.</p> <p>C. he would get a sapling of sunflower tomorrow.</p> <p>D. his father would get a sapling of sunflower the next day.</p>	1				
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1	Attempt EITHER ONE from A and B given below.	5				
A	You are Amit Kapoor, resident of 43/9, Shyam Enclave, Delhi. You visited Manali with your family during the summer vacation. You had two double suites at Lake View resort. Your stay at the hotel fell far short of the description in the brochure. Write a letter of complaint in about 100 – 120 words to the Customer Service Department to refund for your hotel stay.					
	OR					
B	Write a letter to M/s Ashwin Books Depot, Nai Sarak, New Delhi, about 100 - 120 words, telling them that the books you had ordered have arrived, and the books are not in proper shape and a number of pages were missing. Ask for replacement of the books. You are Ankita/Akash, C-10 Vidyanagar, New Delhi.					
2	Attempt EITHER ONE from A and B given below.	5				
A	<p>Read the following excerpt from an article that appeared in the magazine section of a local daily:</p> <p>The World Health Organization defines mental health as a “state of well-being whereby individuals recognize their abilities, are able to cope with the normal</p>					

	<p>stresses of life, work productively and fruitfully, and make a contribution to their communities."</p> <p>Write an analytical paragraph in about 100 – 120 words to analyse the given argument.</p>																									
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<b>B</b>	<p>The graph below shows the number of visitors to two different tourist attractions in the city of Grenby during one particular week. Write an analytical paragraph in 100 - 120 words by selecting and reporting the main features, and making comparisons where relevant.</p> <p style="text-align: center;"><b>Daily Visitors</b></p>  <table border="1"> <caption>Data for Daily Visitors Graph</caption> <thead> <tr> <th>Day</th> <th>Grenby History Museum</th> <th>Grenby Amusement Park</th> </tr> </thead> <tbody> <tr> <td>Mon</td> <td>250</td> <td>300</td> </tr> <tr> <td>Tue</td> <td>200</td> <td>350</td> </tr> <tr> <td>Wed</td> <td>200</td> <td>300</td> </tr> <tr> <td>Thu</td> <td>150</td> <td>450</td> </tr> <tr> <td>Fri</td> <td>250</td> <td>550</td> </tr> <tr> <td>Sat</td> <td>380</td> <td>750</td> </tr> <tr> <td>Sun</td> <td>330</td> <td>780</td> </tr> </tbody> </table>	Day	Grenby History Museum	Grenby Amusement Park	Mon	250	300	Tue	200	350	Wed	200	300	Thu	150	450	Fri	250	550	Sat	380	750	Sun	330	780	
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<b>1.A</b>	<p>This, I was to learn, is a characteristic of otters; every drop of water must be, so to speak, extended and spread about the place; a bowl must at once be overturned, or, if it will not be overturned, be sat in and splashed in until it overflows. Water must be kept on the move and made to do things; when static it is wasted and provoking. Two days later, Mijbil escaped from my bedroom as I entered it, and I turned to see his tail disappearing round the bend of the corridor that led to the bathroom.</p> <p style="text-align: right;">(Mijbil the Otter)</p>																									
<b>i</b>	<p>Why was Mijbil adamant on not keeping water static?</p> <p>A. He disliked water and thus keep on disturbing it.</p> <p>B. It is a characteristic of otters.</p> <p>C. He saved water by splashing it.</p> <p>D. It is not made clear in the story.</p>	<b>1</b>																								



ii	What does the author mean by saying that water must be made to do things according to Mijbil?	1
iii	Fill in the blank with ONE WORD only. Mijbil's _____ comes through clearly when the author mentions his habit of constantly keeping water on the move.	1
iv	How according to the author does Mijbil react to a bowl of water? A. sitting and bathing in it B. splashing and refilling it C. throwing and running away from it D. overturning or sitting in it	1
v	Select the option that correctly captures the application of the word 'round' as used in the extract. A. Gautam lives round the corner of our school neighbourhood with his parents. B. The best quality pearls are the ones that are lustrous and perfectly round in shape. C. We were lost for an hour on the road and just driving round and round on the expressway. D. The kids were insistent on riding a merry go round in the amusement park.	1
<b>OR</b>		
1.B	What do they teach children nowadays? Well, you know, the invasion never really happened, because a single book stopped it. What was the book, you ask? A noble encyclopedia? A tome about rockets and missiles? (The Book that Saved the Earth)	
i	As per the play, what are the children taught in the era in which the plot has been set? A. Books B. A book that saved the earth from Martian invasion. C. Encyclopedia D. A play book	1
ii	Complete the analogy by selecting the suitable word from the text. invitation: invasion::started: _____. (Clue: Just like invitation is opposite of invasion, similarly started is opposite of ...)	1
iii	What does the historian do to prove her point about Martian History? A. She opens out the pages of the encyclopedia. B. She begins to tell the story of the episode. C. She says rockets and missiles will prove her point. D. She takes the help of a projector like device.	1

iv	<p>What does 'tome' mean?</p> <p>A. It is a book. B. Knowledge C. A voluminous book written in a scholarly manner. D. Encyclopedia</p>	1
v	<p>According to your reading of this play, name the book that the narrator of the extract is talking about.</p>	1
2	<p><b>Attempt EITHER ONE of two extracts given.</b></p>	5
2.A	<p style="text-align: center;">Belinda giggled till she shook the house, And Blink said Weeck! Which is giggling for a mouse, Ink and Mustard rudely asked his age, When Custard cried for a nice safe cage. Suddenly, suddenly they heard a nasty sound, And Mustard growled, and they all looked around.</p>	
i	<p>What can you infer from the repetition 'suddenly, suddenly' in the above extract?</p> <p>A. There was an immediate change in the scene. B. It focuses on the hasty attack and the loud noise. C. It emphasises that an unexpected noise was heard. D. It draws our attention to the loud cry that occurred.</p>	1
ii	<p>A cage means captivity. Why is Custard inclined to remain in a cage despite what it symbolizes? This is so because he viewed it as:</p> <p>1. sanctuary 2. guardhouse 3. cubicle 4. refuge 5. booth</p> <p>A. 1, 2 &amp; 5   B. 1 &amp; 4   C. 3, 4 &amp; 5   D. 3 &amp; 5</p>	1
iii	<p>Complete the sentence appropriately.</p> <p>It is clear that the poet has used the poetic device hyperbole for 'Belinda giggled till she shook the house', because_____ (<i>Clue: explain how hyperbole applies here</i>)</p>	1
iv	<p>Why has the poet used the word 'weeck' to signify the giggling of the mouse?</p> <p>The poet.....</p> <p>A. uses it to add suspense in the poem. B. has imagined how the mouse would sound in this mood. C. has mocked the mouse for giggling at Custard. D. uses it to create a scary effect for readers.</p>	1

v	Complete the analogy describing one of the character's action from the given extract.  gravely: cheerfully :: _____ : politely	1
	OR	
2.B	My head is full of whispers Which tomorrow will be silent. Listen. The glass is breaking. The trees are stumbling forward Into the night. Winds rush to meet them. The moon is broken like a mirror, Its pieces flash now in the crown Of the tallest oak.	
i	What is the tone of the events taking place in the extract? 1. dynamic 2. stagnant 3. monotonous 4. vile 5. revolutionary  Option : A. 1, 5      B. 4, 5      C. 2, 4      D. 2, 3	1
ii	What event is leading to 'glass is breaking', according to the extract?	1
iii	Identify the meaning behind 'moon is broken like a mirror', as per the extract. A. The moon has shattered at the attempts of the trees to move out in the forest. B. Just like the pieces of a broken mirror cannot be fixed, the deeds cannot be undone. C. The trees have now tried to reach the moon, and just like the glass before, they have broken it. D. The branches of the trees are obstructing the moon's view, making it look like a broken mirror.	1
iv	Complete the analogy correctly by choosing the suitable word from the extract :  loud: silent :: today : _____.  (Clue: Just like loud is the opposite of silent similarly today is the opposite of...)	1
v	Select the sentence in which the word 'flash' is used in the similar manner as used in the extract. A. Before fainting, she told me she was experiencing a hot flash and it got worse. B. The police asked him for the details but it all happened in a flash that he could not remember. C. I could see the flash of the torch through my mirror in the room. D. We were waiting at the airport and saw a news flash about floods in the North.	1

<b>VI</b>	<b>Answer ANY FOUR of the following in about 40-50 words each.</b>	<b>4x3=12</b>
i	"You seem to have done your homework before coming,". Who has done the homework and why is it so impressive? (Glimpses of India-Tea from Assam)	3
ii	'Sympathy and kindness are human virtues'. Write a character sketch of the postmaster with reference to these human virtues. (A Letter to God)	3
iii	What saddened Valli on her first journey by bus? How did it affect her? (Madam Rides the Bus)	3
iv	Coorgis belong to a valorous and hospitable race. Comment on this statement with reference to the lesson. (Glimpses of India - Coorg)	3
v	Paradox is a statement or proposition that seems self-contradictory or absurd but in reality expresses a possible truth. Briefly explain the paradox in the given lines and what does the poet try to imply through these lines. (How to Tell Wild Animals) 'If there is nothing on the tree, 'Tis the chameleon you see.'	3
<b>VII.</b>	<b>Answer ANY TWO of the following in about 40-50 words each.</b>	<b>2x3=6</b>
i	Why is Horace described as good and respectable, but not completely honest? (A Question of Trust)	3
ii	Why was the entire staff of Mrs. Pumphrey at work while Tricki was being taken to the hospital? (A Triumph of Surgery)	3
iii	Sometimes, things or people around us can act as catalysts to shape our lives. How far is the given statement true with reference to Richard Ebright's life? (The Making of a Scientist)	3
<b>VIII.</b>	<b>Answer EITHER ONE of the following in about 100-120 words.</b>	<b>1x6=6</b>
i	The trees in the poem 'Trees' and the tiger in 'A Tiger in the Zoo' crave for freedom. Assume that they meet in the zoo and share a conversation about humans. Write this conversation as per your understanding of <i>Trees</i> and <i>A Tiger in the Zoo</i> . You may begin like this. Tiger: Oh, I'm so frustrated with these people. Oak: Hmm.....me too. It's the same with all of us.	6
<b>OR</b>		
ii	"I was very happy to go behind the strange aeroplane like an obedient child." Analysing the message of newfound hope in the given quote by the pilot (The Black Aeroplane), how can we say the feeling was mutual regarding the poet's upliftment of the mood? (Dust of Snow) Also, evaluate how both situations were similar or different.	6
<b>IX.</b>	<b>Answer EITHER ONE of the following in about 100-120 words.</b>	<b>1x6=6</b>

i	Appearances can be deceptive. Analyse this in detail, with reference to the characters, the Lady in Red ( <i>Question of Trust</i> ) and Ausable ( <i>The Midnight Visitor</i> ).	6
	OR	
ii	"A good education can change anyone. A good teacher can change everything." Discuss this with reference to Bholi.	6

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