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SET A



**INDIAN SCHOOL MUSCAT  
FINAL EXAMINATION  
ENGLISH LANGUAGE & LITERATURE**

CLASS: X

Sub. Code: 184

Time Allotted: 3 Hrs.

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Max. Marks: 80

**General Instructions:**

- i. This paper is divided into two parts: A & B. All questions are compulsory.*
- ii. Separate instructions are given with each section and question, wherever necessary. Read these instructions very carefully and follow them.*
- iii. Do not exceed the given word limit while answering the questions. Marks will be deducted if the word limit exceeds.*

**PART A – MCQs - 40 Marks**

**1. Read the passage given below.**

1. For two months, I have been trying to decide who makes the best ice cream. I have narrowed it down to my four favorite manufacturers: Randolph Farms, Goodies, Disco, and Twinkle.

2. Let's start with Randolph Farms. Randolph Farms makes very good ice cream. They have lots of different flavors, but this doesn't really matter to me. That's because I always get coffee flavor. They make the best coffee ice cream in the world. I've never had hot coffee (the drink) but people tell me that Randolph Farms coffee ice cream tastes just like the real thing. Also, Randolph Farms uses all natural ingredients to make their ice cream. This is a good idea, I think.

3. Second, we have Goodies. Goodies makes excellent ice cream. Like Randolph Farms, Goodies uses all natural ingredients. They only make three different flavors - strawberry, vanilla, and chocolate but they make them very well. The strawberry is amazing. Every bite of it reminds me of the strawberries that I used to pick behind my old house. The vanilla is wonderful. It is very smooth and has a refreshing, creamy taste. The chocolate is outstanding. It is made with real cocoa beans from Bolivia. I didn't know where Bolivia is so I decided to look for it on a map. After hunting awhile, I discovered that it is in South America! That's a long way to go to get cocoa, so it must be good. I would say that the only drawback to Goodies ice cream is that they only make three different flavors.

4. Third, we have Disco. Disco ice cream is okay. They don't have many good flavors. Actually, the only Disco flavor I like is Bubblegum. It is vanilla ice cream with little chunks of bubblegum in it. After you eat the ice cream, you can blow bubbles with the gum. That's pretty fun.

5. Finally, there is Twinkle. Twinkle ice cream is mediocre. The only good thing about Twinkle is that it is relatively inexpensive. You can buy a whole carton of twinkle ice cream for \$4.50. That's only two weeks' allowance for me.

**On the basis of your understanding of the passage, answer ANY TEN questions from the twelve that follow :-**

**10 x 1 = 10**

**i.** Which of the following would be the best title for this passage?

- a) Strawberry, Vanilla, Chocolate, and Bubblegum Too!
- b) The Four Top Ice Cream Manufacturers
- c) The Finest Ice Cream in the World
- d) Picking the Best Ice Cream Manufacturer

**ii.** If the author wanted to get a scoop of coffee ice cream, where would he or she probably go?

- a) Randolph Farms      b) Goodies      c) Disco      d) Twinkle

**iii.** In paragraph 1, the author uses a colon. A colon (:) looks like two dots, one on top of the other. Colons are used to separate different parts of a sentence. The part before the colon introduces an idea and can stand alone as a sentence. The part after the colon gives more detailed information about this idea, often as a list. If the colon could talk, it would say, "And here they are!"

Using this information, it can be understood that which of the following sentences contains the correct use of a colon?

- a) My friends are: sweet, young, and generous.
- b) I like: to talk on the phone at night.
- c) I have three pets: Toto, Spot, and Rover.
- d) I want a new bicycle: or new roller skates.

**iv)** According to the passage, the author likes Randolph Farms ice cream because it

*I. is all natural*

*II. is made in Bolivia*

*III. comes in many flavors*

- a) I only                      b) I and II only
- c) II and III only          d) I, II, and III

**v)** In paragraph 3 the author writes, "That's a long way to go to get cocoa, so it must be good." Using this information, we can understand that the author believes that

- a) Goodies loses money on sales of chocolate ice cream
- b) Bolivia makes the best cocoa in the world
- c) things that are hard to get must be high quality
- d) cocoa from the United States is not very good

**vi)** According to the passage, the author likes Disco ice cream because it

- a) is relatively inexpensive                      b) has bubblegum in it
- c) is made in Bolivia                              d) is okay

**vii)** According to the passage, how is Randolph Farms ice cream different than Goodies?

- I. Randolph Farms has many different flavors and Goodies does not.*
- II. Randolph Farms uses all natural ingredients and Goodies does not.*
- III. Randolph Farms is very expensive and Goodies is not.*

- a) I only
- b) I and II only
- c) II and III only
- d) I, II, and III

**viii)** An *adjective* is a word that is used to describe a thing. For example, in the sentence, "The car is fast," the word "fast" is an adjective. Using this information, which of the following are adjectives used in paragraph 3?

- I. flavors*
- II. excellent*
- III. old*

- a) I only
- b) I and II only
- c) II and III only
- d) I, II, and III

**ix)** According to the author, what is the only drawback to Goodies ice cream?

- a) cheap ingredients   b) expensive price   c) mediocre quality   d) a lack of flavors

**x)** How much money does the author receive in his or her weekly allowance?

- a) \$2.25      b) \$4.50      c) \$9.00      d) Not enough information is provided

**xi)** Given the information included in the passage, which of the following statements would the author most likely agree with?

- a) Each manufacturer has its strengths and weaknesses.
- b) The best manufacturers are the ones with the most flavors.
- c) Goodies is certainly not the best manufacturer, as they only have three flavors.
- d) Each manufacturer is good for different reasons.

**xii)** How many weeks would it take for the author to save enough money to buy two cartons of Twinkle ice cream?

- a) 1 week    b) 2 weeks    c) 3 weeks    d) 4 weeks

**2. Read the passage given below.**

1. The Alaska pipeline starts at the frozen edge of the Arctic Ocean. It stretches southward across the largest and northernmost state in the United States, ending at a remote ice-free seaport village nearly 800 miles from where it begins. It is massive in size and extremely complicated to operate.

2. The steel pipe crosses windswept plains and endless miles of delicate tundra that tops the frozen ground. It weaves through crooked canyons, climbs sheer mountains, plunges over

rocky crags, makes its way through thick forests, and passes over or under hundreds of rivers and streams. The pipe is 4 feet in diameter, and up to 2 million barrels (or 84 million gallons) of crude oil can be pumped through it daily.

3. Resting on H-shaped steel racks called 'bents', long sections of the pipeline follow a zigzag course high above the frozen earth. Other long sections drop out of sight beneath spongy or rocky ground and return to the surface later on. The pattern of the pipeline's up-and-down route is determined by the often harsh demands of the arctic and subarctic climate, the tortuous lay of the land, and the varied compositions of soil, rock, or permafrost (permanently frozen ground). A little more than half of the pipeline is elevated above the ground.

4. The remainder is buried anywhere from 3 to 12 feet, depending largely upon the type of terrain and the properties of the soil. One of the largest in the world, the pipeline cost approximately \$8 billion and is by far the biggest and most expensive construction project ever undertaken by private industry. In fact, no single business could raise that much money, so eight major oil companies formed a consortium in order to share the costs. Each company controlled oil rights to particular shares of land in the oil fields and paid into the pipeline-construction fund according to the size of its holdings. Today, despite enormous problems of climate, supply shortages, equipment breakdowns, labor disagreements, treacherous terrain, a certain amount of mismanagement, and even theft, the Alaska pipeline has been completed and is operating.

**On the basis of your understanding of the passage answer ANY TEN questions from the twelve that follow:- 10 x 1 = 10**

- i) The passage primarily discusses the pipeline's \_\_\_\_\_.  
a) operating costs    b) employees    c) consumers    d) construction
- ii) The word 'it' in para 1 refers to the \_\_\_\_\_.  
a) Pipeline    b) ocean    c) state    d) village
- iii) According to the second paragraph, 84 million gallons of oil can travel through the pipeline each \_\_\_\_\_.  
a) day    b) week    c) month    d) year
- iv) The phrase 'Resting on' in para 3 is closest in meaning to \_\_\_\_\_.  
a) consisting of    b) supported by    c) passing under    d) protected with
- v) The author mentions all of the following in the third paragraph as important in determining the pipeline's route except the \_\_\_\_\_.  
a) climate    b) lay of the land itself    c) local vegetation    d) kind of soil and rock
- vi) The word 'undertaken' in para 4 is closest in meaning to \_\_\_\_\_.  
a) removed    b) selected    c) transported    d) attempted
- vii) According to the last paragraph, how many companies shared the costs of constructing the pipeline?  
a) three    b) four    c) eight    d) twelve

- viii) The word 'particular' in para 4 is closest in meaning to  
 a) peculiar    b) specific    c) exceptional    d) equal
- ix) According to the last paragraph, which of the following determined what percentage of the construction costs each member of the consortium would pay?  
 a) How much oil field land each company owned  
 b) How long each company had owned land in the oil fields  
 c) How many people worked for each company  
 d) How many oil wells were located on the company's land
- x) Where in the passage does the author provide a term for a layer of soil that always remains frozen?  
 a) para 1    b) para 2    c) para 3    d) para 4
- xi) The word "consortium" in para 4 means \_\_\_\_\_  
 a) company    b) association    c) group    d) team
- xii) The word "Terrain" in para 4 means \_\_\_\_\_  
 a) a stretch of land    b) water body    c) ocean    d) none of the above

### Literature Textbooks - 10 Marks

**3. Read the extracts given below and attempt ANY ONE by answering the questions that follow :- 5 x 1 = 5**

A) "You may take it that I know whether I have the right or not. Because, young man, I'm not used to being spoken to in that tone of voice, and so on. I, young man, am twice your age, and ask you to speak to me without agitating yourself, and all that".

- i) Who is the speaker in the above lines?  
 a) Lomov    b) Chubukov    c) Natalya    d) Chekov
- ii) How did the speaker want Lomov to talk to him?  
 a) lovingly    b) excitedly    c) kindly    d) calmly without agitating himself
- iii) What kind of tone did Lomov use in the said conversation?  
 a) aggressive    b) soft    c) abusive    d) unconstitutional
- iv) \_\_\_\_\_ in the extract means 'to disturb', incite or offend someone'.  
 a) right    b) voice    c) agitating    d) spoken
- v) Who is the author of above lines?  
 a) Lomov    b) Chubukov    c) Natalya    d) Chekov

**OR**

B) "One evening her husband returned elated bearing in his hand a large envelope. 'Here', he said, "here is something for you'."

- i) Why was the husband elated?  
 a) because he bought home a necklace for his wife  
 b) because he got a promotion

- c) because he brought home an invite to the Minister's residence and he knew that it would make his wife happy  
 d) Because he received an invitation to the Minister's residence and knew that it would make his wife angry

ii) What was the reaction from 'you'?

- a) 'you' was very happy                      b) 'you' was pleasantly surprised  
 c) 'you' was not the least happy              d) 'you' did not show any reaction

iii) Find the word from the extract that means the same as 'wrapper'.

- a) envelopes              b) sachet              c) folder              d) packet

iv) What is the opposite word of elated?

- a) belated              b) brash              c) joyous              d) sad

v) Who is the author of the above lines?

- a) Sinclair Lewis    b) Guy De Maupassant    c) Robert W Peterson    d) Victor Canning

**4. Read the extracts given below and attempt ANY ONE by answering the questions that follow :- 5 x 1 = 5**

A) Belinda was as brave as a barrel full of bears,  
 And Ink and Blink chased lions down the stairs,  
 Mustard was as brave as a tiger in a rage,  
 But Custard cried for a nice safe cage.

i) How brave were the kitten and the mouse?

- a) could chase wild animals                      b) could lift big stones  
 c) could fight anyone                      d) all of the above

ii) How did Mustard show his bravery?

- a) by getting violent    b) by barking non-stop    c) by getting angry    d) by biting

iii) Why did custard cry for a nice safe cage?

- a) He wanted to relax                      b) He was a coward  
 c) He would not see violence              d) He was very lazy

iv) Which figure of speech has been used in the first and the third line of the stanza?

- a) simile              b) alliteration              c) metaphor              d) paradox

v) What does 'rage' means?

- a) calm    b) anger    c) polite    d) peace

**OR**

B) Not one kneels to another, nor to his kind that  
 lived thousands of years ago,  
 Not one is respectable or unhappy over the  
 whole Earth

i) Who does 'another' refer to here?

- a) human beings    b) animals    c) friends    d) none of these

- ii) What does the expression 'that lived thousands of years ago' mean here?  
 a) extinct species    b) primitive men    c) ancestors of humans    d) all of these
- iii) What does the word 'kneel' symbolise here?  
 a) sitting on knees    b) praying    c) sitting and crying    d) none of these
- iv) What message does the poet want to convey in this poem?  
 a) animals are self-satisfied    b) humans are always complaining  
 c) animals are better than human beings    d) none of the above
- v) Who is the poet?  
 a) Leslie Norris    b) John Berryman    c) Robin Klein    d) Walt Whitman

### Grammar- 10 Marks

**5. Choose the correct option to fill in the blanks to complete the note about the members of Bird Watching Club. 3 x 1 = 3**

In developed countries such as Britain, Germany, Japan and USA, one can see a number of all age groups like pensioners, school going children etc., i) \_\_\_\_\_ in the meadows, forests and parks, on the river banks and sea shores with cameras and note books, ii) \_\_\_\_\_ birds. Each member of a bird watching club iii) \_\_\_\_\_ a badge, identity card and a map of the area. The main function of these organisations is to collect as much as data on birds as possible. This data is sent to the higher authorities for the verification of the research.

- i) a) moving about    b) moved about    c) move about    d) movement
- ii) a) jotting down the names, colours and sizes of the difference  
 b) jotting down the names, colours and sizes of the different  
 c) jotting down the names, colours and sizes  
 d) differentiate
- iii) a) was provided with    b) was provided in    c) is provided with    d) is provided in

**6. Read the conversation given below and choose the correct option to fill in the blanks to complete the conversation. 3 x 1 = 3**

Customer : These caps don't fit me.

Tailor : Wear them on the tip of your fingers. They will fit you.

Customer : I want to wear them on my head.

Tailor : You never told me that. You only said that I should try to make as many caps as possible from the material given by you.

The customer complained i) \_\_\_\_\_. The tailor told him ii) \_\_\_\_\_.  
 He further added that iii) \_\_\_\_\_.

- i) a) these caps didn't fit him  
 b) that those caps didn't fit him  
 c) that those caps don't fit him  
 d) those caps didn't fit him

- ii) a) that wore them on the tip of his fingers  
b) that wear them on the tip of his fingers  
c) to wear them on the tip of his fingers  
d) to wore them on the tip of his fingers
- iii) a) they will fit him.  
b) they would fit you.  
c) they would fit him.  
d) they would fit you.

7. Fill in the blanks by choosing the correct option for ANY FOUR of the six sentences 4 x 1 = 4 given below:-

- i) Every employee \_\_\_\_\_ consider himself as a part of a team.  
a) need b) had to c) needs to d) had
- ii) Mumbai is \_\_\_\_\_ than most other cities in India.  
a) richest b) richer c) rich d) very rich
- iii) She \_\_\_\_\_ her homework at this time tomorrow  
a) will done b) is doing c) will be doing d) will have do
- iv) Today, a good \_\_\_\_\_ varieties of tea are available.  
a) more b) less c) many d) few
- v) He said that he \_\_\_\_\_ hard since 6 o'clock.  
a) had been working b) had worked c) has been working d) has worked
- vi) One of my friends \_\_\_\_\_ to Canada.  
a) was gone b) has gone c) were going d) has been gone

## PART B – DESCRIPTIVE WRITING - 40 MARKS

8. You are Rahul / Rahini of 247, Andrew's park, New Delhi. Your telephone is out of order for the last fortnight. You have made many complaints to the local office but in vain. Write a letter of complaint to the General Manager, Mahanagar Telephone Nigam Ltd. (word limit 100 - 120) 1 x 5 = 5

OR

Write a letter to the editor of the Times of India enumerating the endless agony slum people suffer in Delhi amid lavish lives and luxury in the city. You are Midhun / Mythily, Model Town, Delhi. (word limit 100 - 120)



- c) Why did Maddie write a note to Peggy and then tore it?
- d) Anil walked away. I followed casually'. Why do you think the narrator followed Anil?
- e) Why did Griffin decide to slip into a big London store?
- f) What kind of treatment was given to Tricky?

**Note : Questions a, b, c - First Flight & Questions d, e, f - Footprints without Feet**

**11. Answer any four out of the following questions in 40-50 words each. It's mandatory to attempt 2 questions from each First Flight and Footprints without Feet textbooks. 4 x 3=12**

- a. When did the seagull get over his fear of flying over the sea?
- b. Why was the writer happy when he decided to fly in the night?
- c. Why does the poet think that it is useless to give the following suggestion to the boy?  
**'No use to say- 'O there are other balls'**
- d. How can you say that it was hard for Mrs Pumphrey to part with her doting pet?
- e. Had Anil really forgiven Hari Singh? Support your answer with evidence.
- f. What did the Halls see in the scientist's room?

**Note : Questions a, b, c - First Flight & Questions d, e, f - Footprints without Feet**

**12. Answer any one out of the following questions in about 100-120 words. 1 x 5 = 5**

How can you say that Maddie is an emotional girl? Compare and contrast Maddie and Peggy.

**OR**

How does Amanda tackle the nagging nature of her parents? Explain with examples from the poem. What values does it portray about Amanda?

**13. Answer any one out of the following questions in about 100-120 words. 1 x 5 = 5**

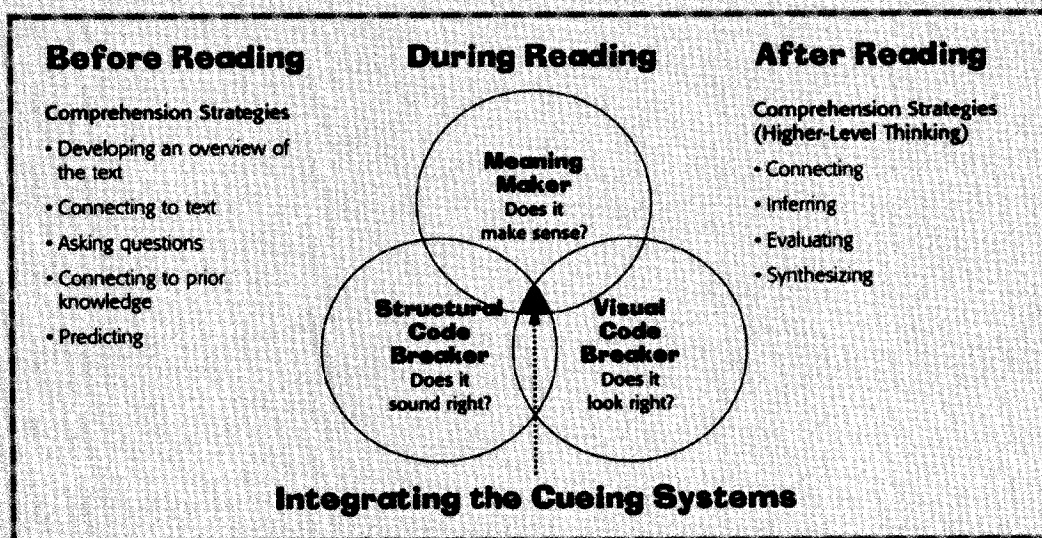
Dr Urquhart contributed significantly to Ebright's growth as a scientist. Explain

**OR**

Hari Singh didn't board the express and returned to Anil. Why did he return? On what values does this incident put light on?

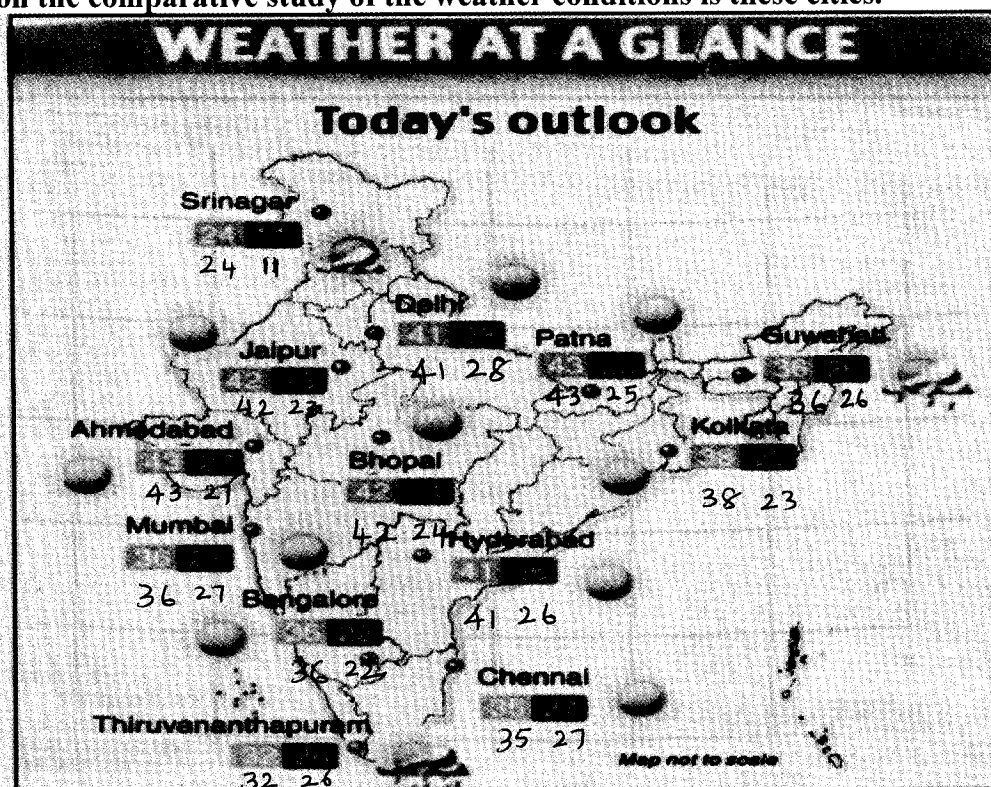
**End of the Question Paper**

9. Look at the figure given below for your inference, based on the details given in the 1 x 5 = 5  
A) figure write an analytical paragraph (word limit 100-120 words).



OR

- B) The map given below shows the weather conditions in the major cities of India. Study the map (Max/Min Temp; weather forecast) and write a paragraph 100-150 words based on the comparative study of the weather conditions in these cities.



Literature - 30 Marks

10. Answer any four out of the following questions in 20-30 words each. It's mandatory to attempt two questions from each First Flight and Footprints without Feet textbooks. 4 x 2 = 8
- Describe Anne's Feelings about having a diary.
  - Who was Lencho? What were his main problems?