



**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. The window offered a view of the house opposite. The two families did not speak to each other because of a property dispute. One day, Ruchira's textbooks lay untouched as the young girl's gaze was on the happenings in the house opposite. There were two new faces in the neighbouring household – that of an elderly widow and a girl aged sixteen. Sometimes the elderly lady would sit by the window, doing the young girl's hair. On other days she was absent.

2. The new young neighbour's daily routine could be seen through the window - she cleaned the rice paddy; split nuts, put the cushions in the sun to air them. In the afternoon some of the women slept and others played cards. The girl sat on the terrace and read. Sometimes she wrote. One day there was a hindrance. She was writing when the elderly woman snatched the unfinished letter from her hands. Thereafter the girl was not to be seen on the terrace. Sometimes during the day sounds came from the house indicating that a massive argument was going on inside.

3. A few days passed. One evening Ruchira noticed the girl standing on the terrace in tears. The evening prayer was in progress. As she did daily, the girl bowed several times in prayer. Then she went downstairs. That night Ruchira wrote a letter. She went out and posted it that very instant. But as she lay in bed that night, she prayed fervently that her offer of friendship wouldn't reach its destination. Ruchira then left for Madhupur and returned when it was time for college to start. She found the house opposite in darkness, locked. They had left.

4. When she stepped into her room she found the desk piled with letters – one had a local stamp on it with her name and address in unfamiliar handwriting. She quickly read it. They continued to write to each other for the next twenty years.

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

- i. Why did Ruchira write a letter to her new neighbour?
- a) She wanted to offer her, her help.
 - b) She wanted to be friendly with her.
 - c) To apologize for her family's behaviour towards her family.
 - d) To encourage her to continue learning to read and write.
- ii. Which of the following can be said about Ruchira?
- (1) She used to spy on her neighbours because she didn't trust them.
 - (2) She was at home because she was studying.
 - (3) She did not speak to her neighbours because they did not own property.
- a) None b) only 2 c) both 1 & 2 d) only 3
- iii. How did the new young neighbour spend her days?
- a) She was busy writing letters to Ruchira.
 - b) She used to daydream about her past experiences.
 - c) She would attend to the needs of the widow.
 - d) She spent her time learning to read and write.
- iv. Why was the young neighbour prevented from sitting on the terrace?
- a) She used to while away her time instead of working
 - b) The old woman could no longer keep an eye on her.
 - c) She had not finished writing the letter she was asked to.
 - d) None of the above
- v. What was the major argument in the house about?
- a) There were too many people living there, which resulted in arguments.
 - b) The young girl was insisting on attending college.
 - c) The young girl had been wasting her time instead of working.
 - d) The old woman did not guard the young girl closely.
- vi. Which of the following is TRUE in the context of the passage?
- a) The young girl was very devout and prayed every day.
 - b) Only two letters were exchanged between the two girls.
 - c) The new young neighbour was a servant.
 - d) The afternoon was a time to relax for everyone.
- vii. Why did the young girl wish that the letter would not reach its destination?
- (1) She was going away and would not be able to see if her neighbour was glad to receive it.
 - (2) She was afraid that it would lead to a quarrel between the two families.
 - (3) She was afraid that her neighbour would be angry when she received her letter.
- a) None b) only 1 c) only 3 d) both 2 & 3
- viii. Choose the word which is most nearly the same in meaning of the word 'hindrance' as used in the passage.
- a) Handicapped
 - b) delay
 - c) interruption
 - d) difficult

ix. Choose the word which is most nearly the same in meaning of the word 'fervently' as used in the passage.

- a) Instantly b) willingly c) volunteered d) earnestly

x. Choose the word which is most nearly the same in meaning of the word 'offered' as used in the passage.

- a) Willing b) forward c) volunteered d) provided

xi. Choose the word which is most opposite in meaning of the word 'piled' as used in the passage.

- a) Low b) empty c) blank d) nothing

xii. Where did Ruchira pray fervently?

- a) Madhupur b) upstairs c) in bed d) none of the above

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.

10 x 1 = 10

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

- 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 "I finished my poem and it was beautiful. It was about a mother duck and a father swan with three baby ducklings who were bitten to death by the father because they quacked too much. Luckily Mr Keesing took the joke the right way."

- i) Who is 'I' in the passage?
 - a) Headmistress b) Mr Keesing c) Her English Teacher d) Anne
- ii) Which word in the passage means the same as 'to laugh'?
 - a) joke b) quacked c) roared d) entitled
- iii) Choose the answer that list the correct option about the subject taught by Mr Keesing.

(1)	(2)	(3)	(4)
Table of Fourteen	Noun	Part of Plant	Difference between
14 x 1 = 14	A noun is the name	a) stem d) _____	longitude latitude
14 x 2 = 28	of the person,	b) leaves e) _____	
14 x 3 = 42	place.....	c) root	

- a) option (1) b) option (2) c) option (3) d) option (4)

iv) Which of the following statements are correct?

- (1) *Mr Keesing took the joke the right way.*
- (2) *Mr Keesing read the poem to the class adding his own comments.*
- (3) *Mr Keesing read the poem to several other classes as well.*

- a) option 1 b) option 2 c) option 3 d) all of the above

v) Who helped Anne frank to finish the poem?

- a) none b) Sanne c) Aunt d) Margot

OR

B "The bus rolled on, now cutting across a bare landscape, now rushing through a tiny hamlet or past a tiny wayside shop, Sometimes, the bus seemed on a point of gobbling up another vehicle that was coming towards them or a pedestrian crossing the road. But lo! Somehow it passed on smoothly, leaving all obstacles safely behind. Trees came running towards them but then stopped as the bus reached them and simply stood there helpless for a moment by the side of the road before rushing in other direction."

- i) The bus passed on _____ leaving all obstacles safely behind.
 - a) harshly b) smoothly c) gently d) carelessly
- ii) Which literary device is used in 'trees come running towards them'?
 - a) metaphor b) simile c) personification d) paradox
- iii) Which word in the passage means the same as 'difficulties'?
 - a) rushing b) gobbling c) pedestrian d) obstacles
- iv) Which word in the passage means the same as 'eating'?
 - a) rushing b) gobbling c) pedestrian d) hamlet

- v) The antonym for the word 'city centre' given in the passage is _____.
a) wayside b) landscape c) hamlet d) roadside

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

A. Some say the world will end in fire
Some say in ice.
From what I've tasted of desire
I hold with those who favour fire.
But if it had to perish twice
I think I know enough of hate
To say that for destruction ice
Is also great.

- i) The people of the world think that the world will end in _____.
a) fire and desire b) ice and cold c) fire and ice d) none
- ii) The poet's opinion is that the world will end in _____.
a) fire b) ice c) destruction d) none
- iii) Find the word from the passage which means the same as 'endless greed'.
a) favour b) desire c) perish d) destruction
- iv) Who is the poet of this poem?
a) R.L. Stevenson b) William Wordsworth c) Robert Frost d) none
- v) The rhyme scheme of the given lines is _____.
a) abab; abab b) abba; abbc c) abaa; abab d) aabb; aabb

OR

B. He should be lurking in shadow,
Sliding through long grass
Near the water hole
Where plump deer pass

- i) The tiger is passing through _____.
a) grass b) trees c) waterhole d) mountains
- ii) For whom is tiger waiting near the water hole?
a) hare b) deer c) ox d) horse
- iii) Find the word from the passage which means the same as 'fat'.
a) lurking b) sliding c) rage d) plump
- iv) The poetic device used in line four is _____.
a) metaphor b) alliteration c) personification d) anaphora
- v) Find the word from the passage which means the same as 'moving'.
a) lurking b) sliding c) rage d) through

Grammar - 10 Marks

5. Complete the paragraph given below by filling in the blanks choosing the correct option from those that follow :- $3 \times 1 = 3$

The state of Odisha (i) _____ along the eastern seacoast of India and to the south of Bengal. Its main attractions are the temple towns of Puri and Bhubaneswar and the great Sun temple at Konark. (ii) _____ three sites make a convenient (iii) _____ compact little triangle.

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| (i) a) lies | b) situated | c) was | d) falls |
| (ii) a) Those | b) These | c) The | d) They |
| (iii) a) together | b) besides | c) and | d) but |

6. Read the conversation given below and choose the correct option to fill in the blanks to complete the conversation. $3 \times 1 = 3$

Saina: Did you enjoy your holiday in London Naina?

Naina: Well, only in parts because it was really very cold there.

Saina: Did you see any of the famous places there?

Naina: Yes, I did see a number of interesting places though I wished it rained a little less!

Saina asked Naina (i) _____ London. Naina replied that she had enjoyed herself only in parts as (ii) _____ there. Then Saina wanted to know (iii) _____. To this Naina replied that she had seen a number of interesting places though she wished it had rained a little less there.

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| (i) a) if she enjoyed in | b) she had enjoyed her holiday in |
| c) if she has enjoyed holiday in | d) she has enjoyed her holiday in |
| (ii) a) it was cold there | b) it was really very cold |
| d) it is cold there | d) it has been cold |
| (iii) a) she had been | b) she has seen |
| c) you have been | d) if she visited some of the famous places |

7. Complete the paragraph given below by filling in the blanks choosing the correct option from those that follow :- (ANY FOUR) $4 \times 1 = 4$

Fifty years ago, people (i) _____ ice cream only in summer. Now, it is eaten all year round. Ice cream (ii) _____ in the orient, centuries before English school boys first tested it. Marco Polo (iii) _____ people eating ice cream there and (iv) _____ back the idea to Italy. From Italy, the idea (v) _____ to France. It (vi) _____ very popular in France with the rich.

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| (i) a) ate | b) have eaten | c) eat | d) were eating |
| (ii) a) originated | b) was originated | c) originate | d) to be originated |
| (iii) a) see | b) saw | c) seen | d) shown |
| (iv) a) brings | b) bringing | c) brought | d) is bringing |
| (v) a) is carry | b) are carried | c) was carried | d) were carried |
| (vi) a) become | b) became | c) will become | d) becomes |

PART B – DESCRIPTIVE WRITING - 40 MARKS

8. As the Principal of Vadik Kanya Public School, Haryana, place an order for school furniture in the form of a letter to Jasmeet Traders & Co., Sharma Market, Haryana. (Word limit 100-120)

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OR

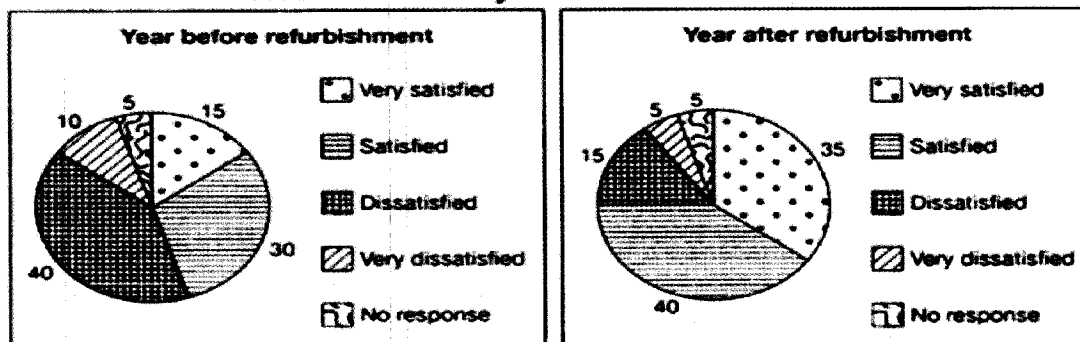
Write a letter of complaint to Cabinet World regarding the faulty cabinet that they have sold to you. You are Damandeep/Dhirender of Karol Bagh. Invent the necessary details on your own. (Word limit 100 - 120)

9. The table shows the number of visitors to Ashdown Museum a year before and a year after renovations. The charts show the result of surveys asking visitors how satisfied they were with their visit during the same two periods.

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Total number of visitors to Ashdown Museum	
During the year before refurbishment:	74,000
During the year after refurbishment:	92,000

Results of surveys of visitor satisfaction



Based on the details given in the figure and in the Table write an analytical paragraph (word limit 100-120 words).

OR

Look at the data given below which shows the changes that have occurred from 1995 to 2010 in Bilaspur regarding women education. Write a paragraph to record the changes by interpreting this data. (Word Limit 100 - 120)

Sl. No	Female Education in Bilaspur	1995	2010
1	No. of Girl's school	10	15
2	No. of Women Colleges	3	4
3	No. of students in schools	10,000	16,000
4	No. of students in colleges	6000	10,000
5	Literary rate	30%	55%
6	Distance Education Centres	Nil	03

Literature - 30 Marks

10. Answer any four out of the following questions in 20-30 words each. It's mandatory to attempt two questions each from *First Flight* and *Footprints without Feet* textbooks. 4 x 2 = 8

- a) Why does the poet want 'to turn into and live' with animals?
- b) Why did Maddie feel guilty of herself?
- c) What details did Valli pick up about the bus journey? How did she pick up these details?
- d) How did Griffin enjoy himself inside a big London store?
- e) How did Bholi find her school teacher different from her family members?
- f) What did the hack driver tell the narrator about Lutkin's mother?

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 two questions each from *First Flight* and *Footprints without Feet* textbooks. 4 x 3 = 12

- a) 'Paper has more patience than people'. Elucidate.
- b) Why did Lencho write a letter to God?
- c) What did the Buddha do after he had attained enlightenment? Why?
- d) What were the factors which contributed in making Ebright a Scientist?
- e) Why was Dr. Herriot confident that Tricki will be in hospital room soon?
- f) Why was Loisel always unhappy?

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

"His father and mother had come around calling to him shrilly, upbraiding him, threatening him...."
What role was played by the family of the seagull to train him in the art of flying?

OR

"You seem to have done your homework before coming." Answer the given question in the light of this statement. Rajvir seemed to have a lot of information about tea. What all did he revealed? Is it essential for children?

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

Why did the thief befriend with Anil? Why did he steal Anil's money? Why did he come back and put Anil's money back?

OR

Describe the character sketch of the Hack driver.

End of the Question Paper