

Model question paper -1

Class - X

Time : 3 Hours

Maximum Marks : 80

General Instructions:

1. This Question paper contains THREE sections-READING, GRAMMAR and WRITING & LITERATURE.
2. Attempt questions based on specific instructions for each part.

Section – A

Reading Skills (20 Marks)

Question 1. Read the following text. [10 Marks]

1. Hiking is a great source of pleasure to us besides being beneficial for our health. Once we leave the crowded streets of a city and go out for a walking tour away from the mad world, we feel free. The open air has a bracing effect on the mind. The congestion of the city, the uproar and tumult, the intolerable noise of traffic, the hectic daily routine, all these are forgotten and the mind is at ease. We then feel like running, leaping, singing, and laughing. We travel merrily mile after mile in the company of friends and associates.

2. Hiking takes us amid nature. The sight of waterfalls, flowers, streams, trees, and bushes is pleasing. A connection is established between us and nature. (Various sounds of nature, like the murmur of a brook or the song of a bird, acquire a new meaning and significance to us.)

3. You enjoy the beauty of nature. Minute observations like a snake casting its slough, a mouse peeping out of its hole, a squirrel leaping about on the branches of a tree, a bird flying past us, all these are noticed and they arouse our interest. We have no business worries, no fear of the examination, no anxiety about the home. We have leisure to stand, to walk, and talk. It is more thrilling and pleasurable to hike in a mountainous region than in the plains. The excitement of climbing up to the top of a hill, the adventure of coming down a slope, the grandeur of sunset behind a mountain – All these sights lend a rare charm and interest to our journey.

4. We walk along a zigzag motor road or cut across a mountain path in search of adventure. We may have bright sunny weather or might get caught in a shower of rain. We may look below us into the yawning chasm or up at the mountain peak. The feeling of unlimited freedom makes our hearts leap with joy.

5. Hiking is one of the healthiest sports. It ensures a complete escape from the urgent and busy activities of life and therefore gives solace to our brain. It regains its lost energy and can do twice as much work as before.

6. The fresh air, beautiful mountains, majestic trees, and chirping sound of birds make one's mind and soul at peace with nature.

Based on your understanding of the passage, answer the questions below:

- (i) Why does the writer say that the mind is at ease when you hike? [1]
 - (A) because hiking is an inexpensive activity.
 - (B) because it brings families together.
 - (C) because of the intolerable noise of traffic.
 - (D) because the depressing daily routine is forgotten.

- (ii) Complete the following with a phrase:
The various sounds of nature acquire _____ [1]
- (iii) Infer one reason for the following based on information in paragraph 2. [2]
A contact is established between us and nature.
- (iv) Give one reason why it is a pleasure to hike in the mountains than in the plains. [1]
(A) because observation is sharpened.
(B) because of the excitement of climbing up and the adventure of coming down.
(C) because it is leisure to stand, to walk
(D) because there are no worries.
- (v) Hiking gives the brain, the rest it needs because [1]
(A) it is a short time activity.
(B) it is one of the healthiest sports.
(C) it makes us sleep peacefully.
(D) it is an escape from our busy schedule.
- (vi) (vi) List any two examples of minute observations you make while on a hike. [2]
- (vii) Complete the sentence appropriately:
Hiking gives us a feeling of unlimited joy because _____. [1]
- (viii) Substitute the word 'leap with joy' with one word similar in meaning in the following sentence from the passage. [1]

The feeling of unlimited freedom makes our hearts leap with joy. (exult/charm/regain)

Question 2.

Read the following text. (10)

1. Celebrities advertising products is nothing new it has been part of our lives for years. Back in the 2000s, you couldn't sit through a commercial break without seeing the teen pop icon of that time, Britney Spears, endorsing Pepsi. The Pepsi legacy was later continued by the most celebrity Beyonce. She was paid millions to promote the carbonated drink, which outraged health advocacy groups. Many concerned people questioned her ethics, as to why she was supporting a drink that plays a major role in causing obesity.

2. With the growing importance of social media in a shopper's purchase journey, companies are evolving and stepping up the endorsement game across different channels. With celebrities vouching for promoting their products, brands can increase awareness, trust, and familiarity, which are important variables in the purchase decision-making process.

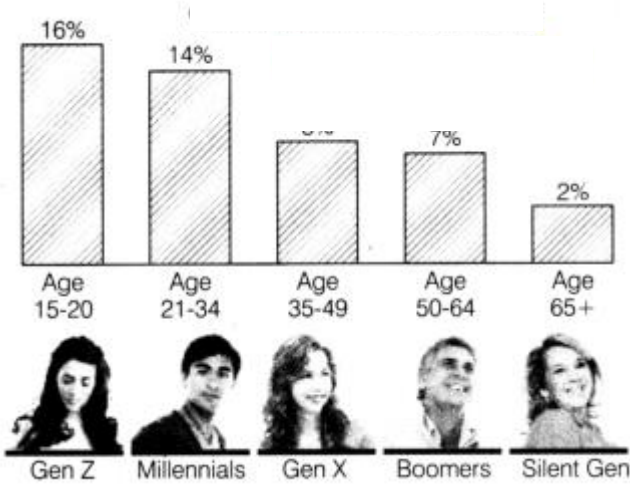
3. Consumers feel more sympathetic towards a brand if their products are promoted by a celebrity they admire or relate to. It's a simple psychological effect: people believe that purchasing a product that's promoted by a celebrity they admire, will allow them to emulate the celebrity's desired traits or attract similar people into their lives. They will associate the celebrities' success, beauty, athletic skill, etc. with a particular product.

4. Research by Nielson conducted in 2015 broke down the level of trust in advertising formats by different generations. It found that celebrity endorsements resonate more strongly with Generation Z (ages 15 – 20) and Millennial (ages 21 – 34) audiences. Brands are taking advantage of that by increasingly utilizing the social media communities of celebrities. Social media is a way for consumers, in particular, those of younger demographics, to engage and build intimate connections with the celebrities they follow, making it the place for these celebrities to plug a company or a product on their personal social media accounts.

5. While celebrity endorsements certainly help to attract consumers, their direct influence on the consumers' purchasing decisions is inconclusive. As consumers are becoming better educated and have faster access to information, blind faith in celebrity endorsement is beginning to wane. They will be attracted to a brand because of a

celebrity but they will quickly move away if the product does not perform. It's the quality of your product that will keep consumers coming back, not a celebrity link.

6. A brand needs to tell the consumer why a product makes sense for them as individuals and what problem they can solve with it, not solely rely on a real-life Barbie doll, athlete or pop-culture icon. If they can't, their products will lose value over time and consumers will be the first ones to turn their backs.



Answer the following questions, based on the passage above.

(i) Complete the following sentence appropriately. (1)

Blind faith in celebrity endorsement is beginning to wane because

(ii) Fill in the blanks. (1)

From Paragraph 3 we can infer that people believe that purchasing a product that's promoted by their favorite celebrity will help them

(emulate/desire) their traits or (attract/repel) similar people into their lives.

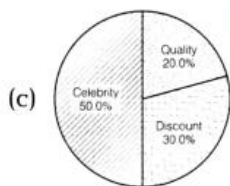
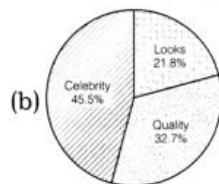
(iii) Infer one reason for the following, based on information in Paragraph 2. Answer in about 40 words. (2)

With celebrities vouching for promoting their products, brands can increase awareness, trust, and familiarity.

(iv) List any one advantage of social media in brand promotion. (1)

(v) Based on the figure, which age group can be said to believe in the celebrity endorsement? (1)

(vi) Select the pie chart that appropriately depicts the needs of the customers who are well-informed and educated. (1)



(d) None of these

(vii) List any 2 benefits of 'celebrity endorsement' as mentioned in paragraph 2 in about 40 words. (2)

The benefits of 'celebrity' endorsement are

(a) When celebrities vouch for the products, it builds trust.

(b) It increases familiarity and influences decision-making.

- (viii) Select the correct option to complete the following sentence.
 Consumers are no longer lured by celebrity endorsements because (Paragraph 5) (1)
- (a) celebrities are too busy to promote these brands and their products.
 - (b) they are more informed and will discontinue if the product lacks quality and does not perform.
 - (c) they do not like celebrities anymore.
 - (d) the brands are not collaborating with celebrities as they did earlier.

Section – B
Writing Skills and Grammar (20Marks)
Grammar (10 Marks)

Question 3.

Complete ANY TEN of twelve of the following tasks as directed.

(i) Fill in the blank by using the correct form of the word in the bracket.

The students, with the help of their teacher _____ (create) a beautiful poster. [1]

(ii) Identify the error in the given sentence and supply the correction: [1]

The orchestra performed on the central theatre in front of a huge audience.

Use the given format for your response:

Answer:

Error	Correction
On	In

(iii) Bela shared some information about her visit to her grandmother with Malini. Report Malini’s question. [1]

Is your Grandmother feeling better now?

(iv) Report the dialogue between the receptionist and the customer by completing the sentence: [1]

Receptionist: When would you like to check into the hotel?

Customer: I will send you an email and give the details.

In response to the question regarding when he would like to move in, the customer replied and give the details.

Select the correct option:

- (A) that he will send an email
- (B) that he would send an email
- (C) that I will send you an email
- (D) that he would send him an email

(v) Fill in the blank by choosing the correct option to complete the slogan. [1]

..... educated mind can teach many. (The/ A/ An)

(vi) Identify the error in the given sentence and supply the correction: [1]

Behind every success film there is a lengthy creative process.

Use the given format for your response:

Error	Correction

(vii) Select the option that identifies the error and supplies the correction for the following line: [1]

The sounds of laughter was echoing in the corridor.

Option	Error	Correction
(A)	Sounds	Sound
(B)	Laughter	Laughing
(C)	Was	Were
(D)	In	Of

(viii) Complete the given narrative by filling in the blank with the correct option: [1]

In times of trouble you can always _____ your parents for help.

- (A) turn in
- (B) turn to
- (C) turn on
- (D) turn away

(ix) Ritu met Anita and saw her crying. [1]

Report Ritu's question.

Ritu: "Anita, what is the matter?"

(x) Report the dialogue between Lata and Usha by completing the sentence: [1]

Lata: What activity did you enjoy the most in the summer camp?

Usha: I enjoyed art and craft class.

Lata asked Usha what activity did she enjoy the most in the summer camp. Usha replied that _____ art and craft class.

- (A) she had enjoyed
- (B) she would enjoy
- (C) she enjoyed
- (D) she has enjoyed

(xi) Complete the line from a poem Ozymandias, by filling in the correct option. [1]

Near them, on the sand,

Half sunk, a _____ visage lies, whose frown,

And wrinkled lip, and a sneer of cold command.'

- (A) shatters
- (B) shatter
- (C) shattered
- (D) will shatter

(xii) Identify the error and supply correction. Use the given format for your response. [1]

Air pollution is emerging as a global problem.

Error	Correction
Like	As

Writing (10 Marks)

Note: All details presented in the questions are imaginary and created for assessment purposes.

Question 4.

A. You are Rahul Malik, school Head Boy of Delhi Public School, Lucknow. You recently came across a slogan on the road notifying a hazardous event. (5)

'Speed Thrills.- Participate in Speed Rally

Let the adventure begin'

Write a letter to the Commissioner of Police of your city, in about 120 words, requesting him to organize traffic rules awareness for the public and curb the happening of such dangerous events. You live at 25, Adarsh Nagar.

Or

B. You are Amit/Amita of 47, COD colony, Jaipur. You happened to take part in a medical camp organized in a remote village near Delhi. You are surprised to find that most of the people there have no awareness of basic health and hygiene. As a concerned citizen, you decide to take up their cause and organize camps to make the villagers aware of the importance of hygiene. Write a letter to the editor of a newspaper, in about 120 words, expressing your concern and encouraging youngsters to take part in such campaigns.

Question 5.

(A) The reintroduction of cheetahs in India has excited the people because it is a step forward in the strategy to conserve threatened species and restore ecosystem functions.

Reasons for extinction:

- hunting, poaching, illegal trade
- diminishing habitat due to deforestation
- Climate change
- increase in the human population

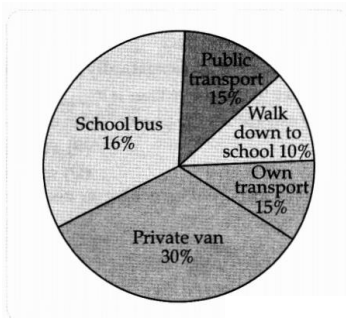
Strategies to conserve wildlife

- mapping water bodies
- conserving suitable habitat
- government support-strict laws

Based on the above information write a paragraph in about 100-120 words analyzing the status of threatened species in India. [5].

OR

(B) A survey was conducted by your school on how many children walk down to school, how many use their transport, how many use the school bus, and how many come in privately. The findings are given below:



Based on the pie-chart given above write a paragraph analyzing the information on 'Preference of Private vans to school buses'. Think of reasons for this preference by some parents is it more convenient and safer. (100-120 words) [5]

Section C :
Literature Textbook and Supplementary Reading Text (40 Marks)

Question 6.

Read the given extracts and answer the questions for ANY ONE of the two, given. (5)

A. Brilliant scientist though he was, Griffin was rather a lawless person. His landlord disliked him and tried to eject him. In revenge Griffin set fire to the house, to get away without being seen he had to remove his clothes. Thus, it was that he became a homeless wanderer, without clothes, without money and quite invisible – until he happened to step in some mud and left footprints as he walked!

(i) The writer says that Griffin was a brilliant scientist. Elaborate in about 40 words with evidence. (2)

(ii) State True or False. (1)

None of the terms (a) – (d) can be applied to the statement – His landlord disliked him and tried to eject him.

- (a) A hypothesis – a proposed explanation for a phenomenon
- (b) An assumption – something that is taken for granted or assumed to be true
- (c) A hyperbole – exaggerated statements or claims not meant to be taken literally
- (d) A premise – a proposition that forms the basis of an argument

(iii) State the reason he was wandering on the streets. (1)

(iv) Which phrase would correctly substitute 'a lawless' in the given sentence from the extract? (i)

Brilliant scientist though he was, Griffin was rather a lawless person.

Or

B. It was only when I began to learn that my boyhood freedom was an illusion when I discovered as a young man that my freedom had already been taken from me, that I began to hunger for it.

At first, as a student, I wanted freedom only for myself, the transitory freedoms of being able to stay out at night, read what I pleased and go where I chose. Later, as a young man in Johannesburg, I yearned for the basic and honourable freedoms of achieving my potential, of earning my keep, of marrying and having a family — the freedom not to be obstructed in a lawful life. (Nelson Mandela: Long Walk to Freedom)

(i) Why was freedom an illusion for the speaker? Answer in about 40 words. (1)

(ii) Why do you think the speaker mentions some freedoms as 'transitory'? (2)

(iii) From where does the speaker's hunger for freedom begin? (1)

- (a) Childhood
- (b) Adolescence
- (c) Adulthood
- (d) Old age

(iv) State True or False.

None of the terms (a) – (d) can be applied to the statement – I yearned for the basic and honorable freedoms of achieving my potential (1)

- (a) A hypothesis – a proposed explanation for a phenomenon
- (b) An Assumption – Something that is taken for granted or assumed to be true
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Question 7.

(A) He should be snarling around houses
At the jungle's edge,
Baring his white fangs, his claws,
Terrorizing the village!

(i) Trace a word from the extract that means "showing the teeth and making the fearful sound". [1]

(ii) We should protect the tigers as: [1]

- (A) they are majestic to look at.
- (B) they attract visitors to the zoo.
- (C) they are ferocious.
- (D) they are part of our environment.

(iii) The tiger terrorizes the villagers as: [1]

- (A) by killing their cattle.
- (B) as he does not like to be hunted.
- (C) as they have cleared his habitat.
- (D) as he has got tired of being in the forest.

The Tigers are part of our environment and must be protected

(iv) What is the significance of the words 'locked in a concrete cell' and what is the reaction of the tiger due to this happening? [2]

OR

(B) Read the following extracts answer the questions and complete the sentence that follows:

I am an orphan, roaming the street.

I pattern soft dust with my hushed, bare feet.

The silence is golden, the freedom is sweet.

(i) The tone of the given lines is _____. [1]

(ii) Why does the poet want to be an orphan? [2]

(iii) The golden silence is _____. [1]

- (A) chaos of the street
- (B) constant instructions received
- (C) sweetness of freedom
- (D) hushed, bare feet

(iv) Which option completes the popular adage given below? _____ silence is gold. [1]

- (A) Precious are words for
- (B) Speech is silver
- (C) Silver is the tongue
- (D) Ideas may be precious but

Question 8.

Answer ANY FOUR of the following five questions, in about 40 – 50 words. (4 × 3 = 12)

(i) The poet uses trees as a symbol for women breaking patriarchal notions. Do you agree? Why, ' Why not? (The Trees) (3)

(ii) Why was Custard, the dragon teased as Percival?

(The Tale of Custard the Dragon) (3)

(iii) Why is Coorg called the land of rolling hills? (Coorg- Glimpses of India) (3)

(iv) How does Natalya excite Lomov to the point of verbal fighting? (The Proposal) (3)

(v) Describe the bus in which Valli sat. (Madam Rides the Bus) (3)

Refer to the given lines from the text.

It was a new bus, its outside painted a gleaming white with some green stripes along the sides.

Question 9.

(A) What were the factors which contributed in making Ebright a scientist?

(B) Why was Dr. Herriot confident that Tricki would be in the hospital room soon?

(C) Why was Matilda Loisel always unhappy?

Question 10.

Answer ANY ONE of the following two questions, in about 100 – 120 words. (1 × 6 = 6)

A. Imagine you are a senior journalist covering this event of the trees moving.

Pen down a 120-word submission for the weekly newspaper column titled-‘Change’.

Include a brief account of your observation as well as your opinion.

You may begin like this

Sr. Correspondent, The U.S. Chronicle

It was a movement to behold! The trees....

Or

B. You have been asked to present an article on death and suffering. You need to draft this article concerning the teachings of Buddha in ‘The Sermon at Benares’ Draft the article in 100 – 120 words.

Question 11.

Griffin set the house on fire when he was thrown out. Anger and revenge are in no way a solution to any problem. You are a columnist for a class X e-zine(magazine). Create a column on the importance of anger management for teens and its detrimental effects on health.

You may begin like this:

ANGER DOESN'T RESOLVE, IT DESTROYS

by _____, X _____.

Griffin, in Footprints Without Feet sets the house on fire _____

_____ (CONTINUE) [6]

OR

(B) As the woman who dupes Danby, pen a diary entry for the night before the robbery.

Pen down your thoughts, fears, and hopes from the robbery based on the events of the story “The Question of Trust”.

Wednesday, 12 July 78

9 p.m.,

It's D-day, finally! Today, I know how it feels to be nervous and excited at the same time (continue) [6]