

Class-X Session 2022-23
Subject - English-Language and Literature (184)
Sample Question Paper - 23
With Solution

Time Allowed : 3 Hrs.

Maximum Marks : 80

Read the following instructions very carefully and strictly follow them.

- 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.**

SECTION-A: READING SKILLS

I. Read the passage given below.

Give me your tired, your poor, your huddled masses yearning to breathe free. These are the words inscribed on the Statue of Liberty in New York. But ironically, those who go there are not the poor and the wretched but the skilled and highly qualified doctors, engineers, SICILISIS, nurses and technicians, from other countries including India.

The urge to go to the West has become compelling in India in post-independence years. Both world wars and political upheavals like civil wars and revolutions, spawned large migrations during the first half of this century. The migrations in the latter half stemmed from economic motivation. People in power like scientists and skilled persons have, from the very beginning, played a key role in international migration. The conscious policy too! encouraging migration of high-quality manpower from other regions and countries is related to the positive contribution made by the immigrants to their country of adoption, resulting in a net advantage to it.

The earnings and remittances from the Indians settled abroad or their eventual return, are poor compensation for the lasting and serious loss inflicted by their outflow. The specific objectives of the anti-brain drain policies, within the framework of independent development, are to bring back to a limited extent, the lost talents and skills from abroad and reduce the outflow in the short run and finally end it, except that necessitated by genuine, multilateral international dependence.

Brain Drain means professionals going abroad to work. This is not good because nowadays all the good brains are going out to work for other countries. If they had efficiently utilised their brains in this country, India could have been a better country. America has become a developed country because their maximum number of e consists of Indians only. So, if those employees had worked for India, India would surely become America. So, Brain Drain is not good from an economic point of view.

Based on your understanding of the passage, answer the questions given below.

- i** Discuss the type of people that do not go to America.
- ii** Among the following group of persons, which of them plays an important role in international migration?
 - (a) Skilled persons b
 - (b) Scientists
 - (c) Engineers
 - (d) All of these
- iii** Which is incorrect in relation to the anti-brain drain policy.
 - (a) To bring back the lost talent
 - (b) To help the poor
 - (c) To reduce the outflow in the short run
 - (d) Both A and C

- iv The reason for America to be known as developed country is
(a) Many Indians are migrating to America
(b) Anti-drain policies are not working properly
(c) Maximum number of employees in America consists of Indians
(d) None of these
- v In people migrated to the west.
- vi The terminology used for professionals going abroad to work.
(a) Political upheaval.
(b) Brain-drain
(c) Anti-brain drains
(d) Revolution.
- vii What is meant by the word 'wretched'? (Para 1)
- viii Find the word from the passage which means 'great changes or disturbances'.
- ix Find the word opposite in meaning to 'earnings'. (para 3) (A) expenses hage Salou (B) compensation (C) policies (D) skills
wine memo
- x Select the option that makes the opposite use of "minimum" as used in the passage. (A) developer (B) economic (C) maximum
(D) drain II.

I. Read the passage given below:

On June 24, 1859, Emperors Napoleon III and Franz Joseph I were engaged in the Battle of Solferino, commanding a combined total of about 2,70,000 troops onto the field for a single day of battle. Nearly 40,000 were either dead, injured, or missing and many of them were simply left to die on the battlefield. Later, spectators crowded the fields, looking for loved ones, searching for items they could sell, or for simply taking in the horrors of the battle. A Swiss businessman and social activist Jean Henri Dunant, who was travelling in Solferino, witnessed all this.

Jean Henri Dunant witnessed the atrocities of war as well as the helplessness of the countries not prepared or equipped to ease the suffering of those who had been injured in the Battle of Solferino. Dunant organised a group of volunteers to help bring water and food to the injured, to assist with medical treatment, or to write to the families of those who were dying. He also urged the public to create an organisation which would assist the wounded, regardless of which side they fought for during the times of war. His writing inspired countless others to rally behind him in the creation of the International Federation of the Red Cross.

The modern-day Red Cross began by devoting itself largely to the acts of disaster relief and epidemic treatment. This effort continues to this day. One of the easiest ways you can help the Red Cross is to make sure you are able to donate blood and make an appointment at the Red Cross website. But donating blood is not the only way you can help out-the Red Cross also encourages you to donate your time if you can. This is what the Red Cross wants everyone to know.

On the basis of your understanding, attempt the question that follow:

- I. In the battle of Solferino, number of soldiers fought.
(a) 2,70,000
(b) 2,30,000
(c) 40,000
(d) 23,000
- II. Arrange the information in the correct order below:
(a) Dunant organised a camp of Volunteers
(b) Emperor Napoleon III and Franz Joseph I fought a battle
(c) The book 'A Memory of Solferino' was written
(d) Dunant travelled in Solferino
1. d, c, b,a
2. a,b,c,d
3. b,a,d,c
4. b,d,a,c
- III. Who wrote 'A memory of Solferino'
(a) Emperor Napoleon II

- (b) Franz Joseph I
- (c) Jean Henri Dunant
- (d) International Red Cross
- iv. The modern-day Red Cross is not related to
 - (a) Blood donation
 - (b) Disaster relief
 - (c) Epidemic treatment
 - (d) Writing a book
- v. Which among the following will be the best suited subheading for the passage 2:
 - (a) How the International Federation of Red Cross Evolved?
 - (b) Functions of the Red Cross.
 - (c) The Contributions of Jean Henri Dunant.
 - (d) The Battle of Solferino.
- vi. Dunant's volunteers during helped in battle of Solferino:
 - 1. to help bring water and food to the injured.
 - 2. to assist with medical treatment.
 - 3. to write a book
 - 4. to give relief in pandemic
 - (a) 1 and 3
 - (b) 3 and 4
 - (c) 1 and 2
 - (d) 2 and 3
- vii. Apart from blood you can donate yourto the Red Cross.
 - (a) water (b) Time
 - (c) meals (c) Books
- viii. One should do the following before blood donation
 - (a) make an appointment with society members
 - (b) make an appointment at the Red Cross website
 - (c) collect information from patients
 - (d) collect information from neighbourhood
- ix. which word in para 2 is similar to meaning an individual or group who freely gives time to benefit others':
 - (a) injured (b) Volunteers (c) Public (d) organisation
- x. Which word is opposite of 'ancient' in para 3
 - (a) devoting
 - (b) treatment
 - (c) modern
 - (d) donating

SECTION-B: GRAMMAR

III. Attempt ANY TEN of the following questions.

- (i) Fill in the blank by choosing the correct option to complete this piece of news.
Rupee.....5 paise to 79.47 against the US dollar amid rate hike concerns.
 - (a) rises
 - (b) rose
 - (c) risen
 - (d) rising
- (ii) Read the conversation between a father and son. Complete the sentence by reporting the patient's response correctly.
Father: Where are you going?
Son: I'm going to my friend's house
Father asked his son where he was going. The son repliedto his friend's house.

iii Use the given format for your response

We, there in India have so many religions, we eat so many different foods and we wear

Error/ Correction

iv Complete the given narrative, by filling in the blank with the correct option:

Piyush went to the field for _____ a football match as a goalkeeper.

- (a) play
- (b) played
- (c) playing
- (d) has been playing

v Select the correct option to fill in the blank for the given line, about a rare musical instrument. The Vichitra Veena as the name suggests is a rare instrument and there are not..... artists who can play this instrument.

- (a) much
- (b) many

(c) more (vi) Report the dialogue between Ravi and Peon, by completing the sentence:

Ram: I want to meet the principal.

Peon: Sir, he is not in his office.

Ram went to the principal's office and told the peon that he wanted to meet the principal. Respectfully, the peon told him that

vii Fill in the blank by using the correct form of the word in the bracket, for the given portion of a letter: Subject: Permission to Participate in Half-Marathon

Sir,

It is a matter of great pleasure that the authorities of our school have.....(decide) the half-marathon organised by your reputed NGO.

viii Report the dialogue between Ganesh and Dr Gautam, by completing the sentence.

Ganesh: Dr my wife is unwell. May I know what will be the total expenses for her treatment?

Dr. Gautam: Well, you will have to pay only six lacs for her treatment.

Ganesh told Dr Gautam that his wife was unwell and asked if he might know what would be the total expenses for her treatment. The doctor replied that For her treatment

ix Fill in the blank by choosing the correct option, to complete this piece of information about the ruler of Kushanas.

Kanishka, the ruler of the Kushanas embraced Buddhism. It was during his time that Buddhism moved to Sri Lanka, Myanmar and Java.

- (a) Spread
- (b) Spreading
- (c) Spreads
- (d) Is spread

x Identify the error in the given sentence about electricity and supply the correction.

Electricity is expressed by the amount of charge flowing through a particular area in unit time.

xi Report the dialogue between Rajeev and his dad, by completing the sentence: Rajeev: Dad, will you gift me a laptop?

Dad: Not now, Wait till your class 12 board results.

Rajeev asked his dad if he would give him a laptop. Negating, Dad asked Rajeev

xii Select the correct answer to fill in the appropriate information about Belgium.

(a) Belgium is considered to be a country of chocolates. Most Belgium chocolate makers..... their craft at vocational schools.

- 1. Are learning
- 2. Have learnt
- 3. Will learn
- 4. Learn

SECTION B CREATIVE WRITING SKILLS

VI. 1. Attempt any one of the following in 100-200 words.

- A. You are Ayushi/ Ayush Singh, Computer In-charge of Army Public School. Your school wishes to buy 20 computers and computer accessories from Apple Inc., Nehru Place, New Delhi. Write a letter placing an order for the same.

OR

- (b) You noticed while travelling in the Metro that despite the strict vigilance, people try to deface the Metro trains and stations. Write a letter to the editor of an evening newspaper suggesting DMRC, Delhi to start some awareness programmes at the school level in coordination with the Directorate of Education explaining how such programmes may help in bringing a positive change in people's attitude. You are Sudheer/Sweety of 3-B, DDA Flats, Punjabi Bagh, Delhi.

2. Attempt ANY ONE of the following in 100-120 words. 2.

- (a) The following graph shows the number of visitors (in millions) who visited the famous Salarjung Museum in Hyderabad between 2000 and 2010 as well as the number of visitors expected to visit it in the next ten years.

Write an analytical paragraph interpreting the given data.

OR

- (b) Look at the data given below, which shows the changes that have occurred between 1995 to 2010 in Bilaspur regarding women's education. Write a para recording the following data

Female Education in Bilaspur	1995	2010
No. of girls school	10	15
No of girls colleges	3	4
No of students in schools	10,000	16,000
No of students in colleges	6000	10,000
Literacy rate	30%	55%
Distance education centres	Nil	03

SECTION C: LITERATURE

V. Reference to the context.

1. Attempt ANY ONE

- A. But, please, Stephen Stepanovitch, how can they be yours? Do be a reasonable man. My aunt's grandmother gave the meadows for the temporary and free use of your grandfather's peasants. The peasants used the land for forty years and got accustomed to it as if it was their own, when it happened that.....

CHUBUKOV: Excuse me, my precious. You forget just this, that the peasants did not pay your grandmother and all that because the Meadows were in dispute.

- i Who is the speaker of the upper lines?

- (a) Stephen
- (b) Natalya
- (c) Ivan
- (d) Stranger

- ii The meadows given by my aunt's grandmother given to your grandfather's

- (a) labourers
- (b) peasants
- (c) servants
- (d) drivers

- iii For how many years had peasants used the land?

- (a) Forty
- (b) Thirty
- (c) Fifty
- (d) Twenty

iv Find out the opposite word of 'permanent' from the passage.

- (a) reasonable
- (b) meadows
- (c) accustomed
- (d) temporary

v Which land is being talked about in these lines?

- (a) orchard
- (b) oxen meadows
- (c) tea-garden
- (d) meadows

OR

(b) The following Sunday, Lencho came a bit earlier than usual to ask if there was a letter for him. It was the postman himself who handed the letter to him while the postmaster, experiencing the contentment of a man who has performed a good deed, looked on from his office. Lencho showed not the slightest surprise on seeing the money; such was his confidence - but he became angry when he counted the money. God could not have made a mistake, nor could he have denied Lencho what he had requested.

i. Was Lencho surprised on seeing the money?

- (a) A little
- (b) Not at all
- (c) Very much
- (d) A sort of

ii. Lencho did not get 100 pesos from God, it was only

iii. Pesos 80

iv. 50 pesos

v. 70 pesos

vi. Sixty pesos

iii. Select the feature shown by Lencho when he opened the letter.

- (a) Lencho belief in god was strong
- (b) Lencho belief in god was weak
- (c) Lencho belief in god was somewhat strong
- (d) Lencho belief in god was very weak

iv. Who gave the letter to lencho.

- (a) Post mater
- (b) Clerk
- (c) Postman
- (d) Stranger

v. Which of the following is the correct antonym of the accepted word in the extract.

- 1. Performed
- 2. Handed
- 3. Counted
- 4. Denied

2. Attempt ANY ONE of two extracts given.

A. Pistol in his left hand, pistol in his right, And he held in his teeth a cutlass bright,
His beard was black, one leg was wood;
It was clear that the pirate meant no good.

i Who possessed pistols?

- (a) Dragon
- (b) Belinda
- (c) Pirate
- (d) Dog

- ii What was the colour of 'his' beard?
 - (a) Grey
 - (b) Black
 - (c) Brown
 - (d) White
- iii What was his one leg made of?
 - (a) Steel
 - (b) Iron
 - (c) Wood
 - (d) Alloy
- iv Find a word in the passage which means the same as 'thief'.
 - (a) Pirate
 - (b) Robber
 - (c) Burglar
 - (d) Pick pocketer
- v Name the poet.
 - (a) Robert frost
 - (b) Carl Sandburg
 - (c) Ogden Nash
 - (d) Robin Klein

OR

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

- i Tiger is passing through the_
 - (a) grass
 - (b) trees
 - (c) mountains
 - (d) river
- ii For whom is the tiger waiting near the water hole?
 - (a) Fat elephant
 - (b) Fat hare
 - (c) Fat deer
 - (d) Fat ox
- iii Find a word from the passage which means the same as 'fat'.
 - (a) Lurking
 - (b) Sliding
 - (c) Rage
 - (d) Plump
- iv Who is 'he' here?
 - (a) The Lion
 - (b) The Tiger
 - (c) The Camel
 - (d) The Giraffe
- v The poetic device used in line number four is
 - (a) metaphor
 - (b) alliteration
 - (c) personification
 - (d) anaphora

VI. Answer ANY FOUR of the following in about 40-50 words each

- i Evaluate the line-Some say the world will end in fire/Some say in ice in the context of volcanic eruptions, forest fires, meteor collisions, melting ice caps, etc.?
- ii What details did Valli pick up about the bus journey? How did she pick up these details?
- iii Paper has more patience than people. Elucidate.
- iv Why did Lencho write a letter to God?
- v What did Buddha do after he had attained enlightenment? Why?

VII. Answer ANY TWO of the following in about 40-50 words each:

- i What were the factors which contributed in making Ebright a scientist?
- ii Why was Dr. Herriot confident that Tricki will be in the hospital room soon?
- iii Why was Matilda Loisel always unhappy?

VIII. Answer ANY ONE of the following in about 100-120 words.

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

OR

- ii "You seem to have done your homework before coming. Answer the given question in light of this statement.

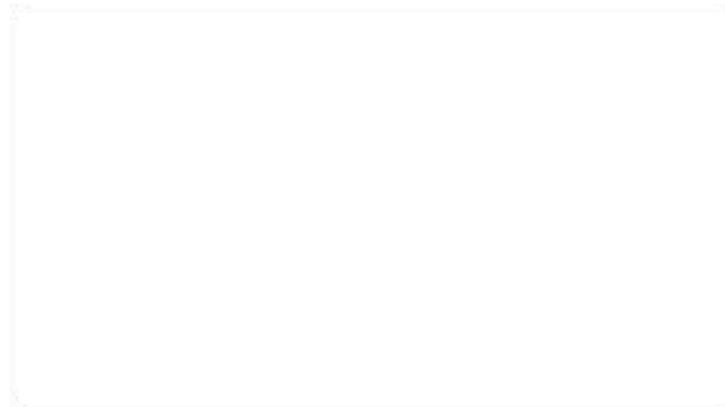
Rajvir seemed to have a lot of information about tea. What did he tell? What character trait of his is revealed? Is it essential for children?

IX. Answer ANY ONE of the following in about 100-120 words.

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

OR

- ii How does Think Tank compare the Martians with the people on the Earth? What guesses are made by him about the books found on earth?



Solution

SAMPLE PAPER-2

- I.
- The Poor & Wretched people do not go to America.
 - Option d
 - Option B
 - Option C
 - Post-independence years
 - Option C
 - Very unhappy
 - Option D
 - Option A is correct
 - Option C is correct

II.

- I. Option A iii c v c vii b ix b
II. Option D iv d vi c viii b x c

III.

- Option A, rises
- That he was going
- Error/correction
There/here
- Option C
- Option B
- He was not in his office
- Decided
- He would have to pay only six lakhs
- Option A is correct
- Error/correction
Express/expressed
- To wait till his class 12 board results
- Option D is correct

IV. CREATIVE WRITING SKILLS

1. A

Army Public School
New Delhi
15 September, 2020
The sales manager
Apple Inc.
Nehru Place
New Delhi

Subject: Request for ordering Computers and accessories

Sir, with due respect I want to state that, our school wishes to buy some computers and accessories from your showroom.

The details are as:

S No.	Name of the Item	Quantity
1.	Computer	20
2.	Mouse	10
3.	UPS	20
4.	Speaker	20 pairs

5.	Keyboard	20
6.	USB Cable	20
7.	Printer	05

Since it's a bulk order, we expect a reasonable discount from your end. Please ensure that all the computers and the accessories are in good condition and are free from all defects. Please arrange to send everything well packed, preferably in bubble-packing. We expect the goods to reach us by the end of this month. An early action from your end will be highly appreciated.

Thank you

Yours sincerely

Nihal Singh

(Computer In charge)

B.

3-B, DDA Flats

Punjabi Bagh,

Delhi

29 August, 2020

The Editor

i-Next,

Delhi

Subject: Awareness to keep Metro Clean

Sir,

Through the columns of your esteemed newspaper, first of all, I would like to thank the DMRC, Delhi for providing the citizens of Delhi with so much ease in commuting. I frequently use the Metro and find it very convenient. While travelling, I have noticed that though there is strict vigilance, still people deface the Metro trains and stations. I feel that if the DMRC, Delhi collaborates with the Directorate of Education and runs awareness programmes in schools, we would be able to cover a wide spectrum of people and spread the message. This had been successful in the past like for the pollution-free Diwali campaign, as well. It would be a great service to the city if you address this issue in your daily life.

Thank You,

Yours Sincerely,

Sweety

- 2 (A) The line graph given above clearly depicts the number of people who visited Salarjung Museum in Hyderabad between 2000 and 2010. In 2000 the number of students visiting the museum was found to be 2.75 million as compared to domestic visitors which was a little less than a million in comparison to overseas visitors as their number touched 8 million in 2010 which earlier, i.e., in 2000 was 3.75 million. Therefore, line graph displays a steady rise in the number of overseas visitors but as far as domestic visitors are concerned, the number increased by only one million in 2010. It might rise to 4 million in 2021 whereas almost 12 million visitors are expected by the end of 2020. The total number of visitors kept increasing from 8.5 million in 2000 to 12.5 million in 2005 and 19 million in 2015. The number of total visitors is expected to touch the scale of 23 million by 2020. As many as 7 million students are expected to visit it by 2020 as compared to their number of 5 million in the year 2015.
- (B) A survey was being conducted in Bilaspur to find out the changes that occurred between 1995 and 2010 regarding women's education. It was found that there was a rise in the number of girl's schools. Earlier, in 1995 there were only 10 schools. A slight increase was seen in the number which rose to 15 in 2010. Not much growth was recorded in the number of women's colleges which rose from three in 1995 to four in 2010. However, significant growth was observed in the number of students in school which increased from 10,000 in 1995 to 16,000 in 2010. There was a sharp increase of 4000 students in colleges also. The percentage of literacy rate increased steadily from 30 to 55 in these years. There were no Distance Education Centres at the beginning of the period. However, three such centres were found by the end of 2010. We can conclude by saying that an overall increasing trend was seen in women's education.

V. SECTION D: LITERATURE

1. A.

- i Option C
- ii Option B
- iii Option A
- iv Option D
- v Option B

B.

- i Option C very much
- ii Option C
- iii Option A
- iv Option C
- v Option C

2. A.

- 1. Option C
- 2. Option B
- 3. Option C
- 4. Option A
- 5. Option C

B.

- 1. Option A
- 2. Option C
- 3. Option D
- 4. Option B
- 5. Option B

- VI. (i) In the poem *Fire and Ice*, the poet explores the age-old question of whether the world will end in fire or ice. This is similar to another age-old question of whether it is preferable to freeze to death or burn. Volcanic eruptions, wildfires, and melting ice caps—all options serve their purpose well.
- ii The details Valli overheard related to bus travel distances, travel times and fares. She gathered this information by listening to other people's conversations and asking unobtrusive questions.
- iii According to Anne Frank, paper is more patient than humans. Because people aren't always interested in listening to you, they get bored and lose their patience, but that's not the case with paper. You can write whatever you want, whatever you want. (3 points)
- iv Value Points:
The crops were completely destroyed / he wrote to God asking for help. He was the only hope / to re-seed his fields to send him a hundred pesos to feed his family.
Detailed Points: Lencho's harvest was wiped out in a hailstorm, but he had a deep faith in God and he was his only hope. So he wrote to God asking for financial help to plant the seed go back to the fields and feed his family.
- v Prince Gautama Siddhartha, deeply distressed by the suffering he saw around him, left home to seek the truth of life. After seven years of trekking, he finally sat under a peepal tree and meditated until he attained his enlightenment. Awakened to the wisdom of the law governing the cycle of life and death, "Buddha" tried to spread it to the world in order to relieve the suffering of mortals.

VIII

- i. Richard Ebright had some innate personality traits that were prerequisites to becoming a scientist. In addition to his intellectual mind, he possessed an inquisitiveness for information, keen observation, perseverance, perseverance, and self-discipline. These are the basic requirements of scientific research. And credit goes to his mother, who recognized his inclinations and curiosity: she not only encouraged and supported him, but also gave him the inspiration he needed through her books and other materials. (ii) Dr. Herriot was shocked to see Tricky's condition. I knew this person would be hospitalised soon because he was stuck. He was very fat like a bloated sausage, his tongue hanging down from his jaw. He understood the root cause of Tricky's condition and knew that the situation would not change anytime soon.

- ii. Rajvir is invited to spend a vacation with his classmate Pranjol, whose father is a tea plantation manager in Assam. He was very excited about the trip and had collected a fair amount of relevant information. B. Where did tea come from and how did it become such a popular drink? I shared what I was doing. He told his two famous legends about the origin of tea.

Rajvir exhibits important traits that are prerequisites for the acquisition of knowledge: curiosity and thirst for knowledge. In addition, rather than being a passive learner, actively collect preliminary information from actual experiences. He likes to do his homework thoroughly before going to a place. This is very remarkable and children should develop this habit of researching places they visit. These are very desirable qualities for all learners.

- IX. i The thief befriended Anil because he wanted to get to know him in order to make him his next victim. He also needed an apartment. He started working for Anil who was a gullible person. Anil started teaching him to read and write. One day Anil brought a stack of notes. The thief stole the money even though he had no practice and hadn't robbed anyone for days. After stealing the money, he made plans to go to Lucknow. But at the station his inner conscience stung him and did not let him go. His mind changed when he decided he wanted to be an educated man. So, he came back and put his money back in his original place. Hari thanked Anil for teaching him to read and write and helping him to become an educated man. rice field. So he didn't want to hurt Anil by losing his trust.

OR

- ii The think tank thinks Martians are more beautiful than Earthlings. Earthlings have smaller heads compared to Martians and Martians have larger and more powerful balloon brains. Earthlings love to eat and eat sandwiches all the time. The Think Tank decides to conquer Earth, deriding it as a meaningless place where people aren't as smart and brave as the Martians and himself. The think tank speculates that the book is more like a sandwich or a rudimentary snack stand called a communications satellite. At Noodle's suggestion, chemical vitamins are ingested and Omega is able to transcribe the code for nursery rhymes "Mistress Mary", "Humpty Dumpty" and "Cat and Violin". civilization and conclude that it has Cape Ruin on Mars. And they are about to enter the Alpha century.