

Class-X Session 2022-23
Subject - English-Language and Literature (184)
Sample Question Paper - 27
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

(20 Marks)

I. Read the passage given below.

- 1 A man once observed three masons working with other workmen to construct a temple. He observed the masons for three days and found that, despite the fact that they were all performing the same type of job, their methods of accomplishing it differed noticeably.
- 2 He observed that the first mason arrived late for work, worked slowly and half-heartedly, took longer breaks, often checked his watch, and finished early.
- 3 The second mason completed his work systematically and arrived and left on time both times. The third mason, on the other hand, frequently put in extra hours and arrived early.
- 4 Being naturally curious, the man wanted to know the three masons' opinions on his work. What were they doing, he enquired. I'm working to provide for myself, the first mason remarked, hitting his large abdomen with his palm. The second one announced, "I'm erecting a building." I'm constructing the house of God, the third mason declared as he regarded the enormous structure.

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

1. The three masons were engaged in what?
2. How long did "a man" watch them?
3. What aroused the man's curiosity?
4. How did the first mason do his job?
5. What method of work did the second mason employ?
6. What did the third mason think of his job?
7. Who among these comes to mind when you hear the term "work is worship"?
8. What word in the passage best describes "working slackly"?
9. Which word in the passage means the opposite of 'carelessly'?
10. Who was punctual on arrival among the three masons?

II. Read the passage given below.

- 1 There were many trees in a large forest a very long time ago. There was a huge pine tree in the group of trees. He was so tall that he could communicate with the stars above. He could easily see over the other trees' heads. The pine tree once noticed a thin, disheveled girl approaching him late one night. Only due to his height could he see her. The young girl was sobbing. The pine tree asked her, bending as much as he could, "What is the matter? Why are you perishing?"

- 2 I was gathering flowers for a garland for goddess Durga, who I think will assist my parents overcome their poverty, and I have lost my way, the young girl said while still sobbing. It is late in the evening, the pine tree informed the young child. You won't be able to get back to your home, which is at the opposite end of the forest. Spend the night here and sleep. The pine tree pointed to what appeared to be an open cave under him. The young child was terrified of wild animals. The girl entered the cavernous area stealthily. The pine tree was content with himself and cheerful. He stood there guarding the area like a soldier.
- 3 The young girl was astounded to see the pine tree keeping watch outside the cave when she awoke in the morning. She then turned her attention to the bouquet of flowers that she had gathered the night before. On the ground, the blooms were dying. The girl's mental state was apparent to the pine tree. He softly shook the adjacent flowering trees as he wrapped his branches around them. The young girl's eyes glowed. But she was in for a big surprise. The girl was given a sack filled with gold coins that had been resting in the hole in the trunk of the pine tree for years. She thanked her donor with sad eyes before leaving.

1. What caused the girl to cry?
2. Where did the small girl need to spend the night according to the pine tree?
3. Why did the young girl look at the flowers and feel sad, and what did the tree do to make her happy?
4. What lesson can we learn from this brief story?
5. What is meant by the word 'cluster' ?
 (a) Group (b) team (c) class (d) party
6. What is meant by the word 'approaching' ?
 (a) calling (b) touching (c) coming close (d) running towards
7. What does the word "wild" mean?
 (a) Cunning (b) Filthy (c) unpolished (d) dangerous
8. What does the term "withering" mean?
 (a) Dead (b) Shrinking (c) colourlessd. (d) miserable
9. Where was the pine tree keeping watch?
10. What was apparent to the pine tree?

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SECTION B: GRAMMAR & CREATIVE WRITING SKILLS

(10 Marks)

III. Attempt ANY TEN of the following questions. 10

1. Fill in the blanks with the correct form of the verbs given in the bracket
 - i. observed the police officers the thieves (chase).
 (a) Chase (b) were chasing (c) chased (d) None of these
 - ii. Change the following given Direct speech into Indirect Speech.
 She said, "Jyoti will be reading a book."
 (a) She said, "Jyoti would be reading a book."
 (b) She said, "Jyoti will have been reading a book."
 (c) She said, "Jyoti was reading a book."
 (d) She said that "Jyoti would be reading a book." 1
 - iii. Select the option that identifies the error and supplies the correction for the following
 Viman was encouraged from his coach.
 (a) from - by (b) was - were
 (c) his - her (d) encouraged - encourage
 - iv. She did not listen..... my advice.
 (a) at (b) to (c) in (d) on
 - v. He is the..... boy who has joined this gym.
 (a) first (b) whose (c) whom (d) when

- vi. This novel is mine but..... is yours,
 (a) Than (b) To (c) that (d) any
- vii. The District Magistrate visited..... flood affected area.
 (a) every (b) either (c) neither could be used (d) or
- viii. She has not solved..... sums. (many, any)
 (a) many (b) any (c) much (d) more
- ix. The pupil said to the teacher, "I am sorry that I am late."
 (a) The student told the teacher that he was sorry that he was late.
 (b) The student told the teacher that sorry he was late.
 (c) The student told the teacher that i am sorry that he was late.
 (d) The student told the teacher that he were sorry that he was late.
- x. She said to me, "Will you listen to me?"
 (a) She asked me if I can listen to her.
 (b) She asked me if I would have been listen to her.
 (c) She asked me if I could listen to her.
 (d) She asked me if I would listen to her.
- xi. Nearly 90% of infant deaths in the country in the year 2006.....during the first 29 days of the infant's life.
 (a) took place (b) had taken place (c) appeared (d) had done
- xii. Read the sentence and write their corrected forms in the space provided.
 Either of the boys are coming today
 (a) Either of the boys are coming today
 (b) Either of the boys were coming today
 (c) Either of the boys was coming today
 (d) Either of the boys is coming today

IV. SECTION B –CREATIVE WRITING SKILLS

1. Attempt ANY ONE from A and B given below.

- A. One of the largest and fastest-growing businesses worldwide, tourism has an impact on a country's economic, sociocultural, environmental, and educational resources. Thus, developing India's tourism industry would advance the country on several fronts. Write a letter as Meenakshi to the editor of The Times of India outlining your thoughts on the matter. In addition to your own ideas, you can borrow some from the Travel and Tourism unit.

OR

- B. Friends can have a favourable or negative impact on kids, depending on the situation. Write a 100–120 word letter to the editor of a national daily outlining how we can improve it and make it more fruitful. You are Anisha, 142, from Delhi's Mall Road.

2. Attempt ANY ONE from A and B given below.

- A. Using the hints below, compose a brief note of the following in about five or six sentences:

Name: Himanshu

Clues include: Indian cricket player who practises for eight hours a day, eats well, and runs two kilometres each day.

OR

- B. Describe a time in your own life when you anticipated to do admirably but, for whatever reason, were unable to. Describe what occurred and why it occurred. What did you take away from it?

V. Reference to the Context

1. Attempt ANY ONE of two extracts given.

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A 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.

- Why did Lencho arrive at the post office earlier?
- Why did Lencho get upset when counting the money?
- From the passage, identify the word that has the opposite meaning of authorised.
- Identify the word in the chapter that means "that one will succeed one day." Sweet loaf Bread bangles
- What sort of character the postmaster was?

OR

B He wandered for seven years and finally sat down under a peepal tree, where he vowed to stay until enlightenment came. Enlightened after seven days, he renamed the tree the Bodhi Tree and began to teach and to share his new understandings. At that point he became known as the Buddha.

- What was the name of the peepal tree the Buddha was sitting beneath?
- What did Buddha accomplish while seated beneath the tree?
- From the extract, identify the precise word that denotes a solemn commitment to carry out a certain action.
- How many days did it take Gautam Buddha to become enlightened?
- For how many years did Buddha wandered?
 - 4 years
 - 5 years
 - 6 years
 - 7 years

2. Attempt ANY ONE of two extracts given.

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A But if it had to perish twice,
I think I know enough of hate
To say that for destruction ice
Is also great And would suffice.

(Fire and Ice)

- What does the acronym "Ice" mean?
- What does the poet believe?
- What is another harmful force?
- In these lines, look for a term that signifies the antithesis of "creation."
- How is "ice" enough to cause destruction?

OR

B 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 the Custard cried for a nice safe cage.

(The Tale of Custard the Dragon)

- Which kind of girl was Belinda?
- Who were Ink and Blink, exactly?
- Who was Mustard, exactly? What possessed him?
- Identify the poem and the poet.
- What made Custard cry out for a cosy, secure cage?

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

4*3=12

- What caused Anne to jump for joy?
- What transpired when Maxwell chose to fly Mijbil to England?
- When the Buddha requested Kisa Gotami for a handful of mustard seeds, what did she do?
- Who were the individuals sworn in on May 10th? To what did Mandela promise to conform?

- v. What time would the baker arrive each day? What caused the kids to run over to meet him?

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

2*3=6

- i. What time would the baker arrive each day? What caused the kids to run over to meet him?
- ii. How did Valli organize her initial trip?
- iii. What does the play "The Proposal" teach you about Natalya?

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

1*6=6

- i. How did Max try to get the secret document from Ausable but fail?

OR

- ii. "Leaving is painful." The poet's departure is similar to the trees' departure. What will occur once they leave?

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

1*6=6

- i. Have you ever encountered someone like Hari Singh? Do you have any ideas or examples of what would cause a fifteen-year-old boy to become a thief?

OR

- ii. More important than winning a reward is simply taking part in the tournament. In light of Ebright's involvement in the national scientific fair, clarify this assertion.

Solution

SAMPLE PAPER-10

SECTION - A

Read the passage given below.

I. Based on your understanding of the passage, answer the questions given below. 10

- i building a temple
- ii three days
- iii the three masons' various methods of approaching their work
- iv He came in late, worked slowly and sluggishly, took lengthier breaks, and left the job early.
- v punctual with arrival and departure, and methodical in his work
- vi as if he were constructing the temple of God
- vii the third mason
- viii sluggishly
- ix methodically
- x the second mason

II. Read the passage given below.

- i The young child was sobbing because she had become disoriented while gathering flowers for the goddess Durga's garlands.
- ii The little girl was invited to sleep beneath the pine tree in an area that resembled an open cave by the tree.
- iii The young girl was dissatisfied to see the flowers she had collected the night before lying dead on the ground. To make the small girl pleased about receiving so many flowers, the tree gently shook the neighbouring flowering trees with its branches. 1
- iv The narrative instructs us to assist those who are in need.
- v a vi c
- vii c viii b
- ix The Cave
- x The girl's mental state

SECTION - B

III. Attempt ANY TEN of the following questions.

- i b ii d
- iii a iv b
- v a vi c
- vii a viii a
- ix a x d
- xi a xii d

SECTION - B

IV All the names and addresses used in the questions are fictitious. Resemblance, if any, is purely coincidental.

1. Attempt ANY ONE from A and B given below.

A 11

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July 28, 20XX

The Editor

The Times of India

New Delhi-110006

Subject: Improving tourism industry in India

Sir,

I would like to call the attention of the relevant authorities to the growth of the tourism business in our nation through the columns of your renowned newspaper. India is a country with stunning natural scenery, rivers,

and important historical, religious, and cultural landmarks. Numerous tourist attractions exist here, and if they are utilised to their fullest potential, they can significantly advance the nation. One of the largest and fastest-growing businesses worldwide, tourism has an impact on a country's economic, sociocultural, environmental, and educational resources. Thus, the development of India's tourism industry would benefit the country in numerous ways. On our economy, it will have a lot of advantageous benefits. It will aid in the expansion and development of numerous industries that are closely related to the tourist sector, including those that deal with travel, lodging, wildlife, the arts, and entertainment. Additionally, it aids in the growth of new jobs. On top of that, receiving payments in foreign currency for goods and services will bring in a lot of money. The improvement of tourism also improves the quality of life for locals. Therefore, it would be desirable for everyone involved to endeavour to improve every area of this sector, which is expanding at the highest rate.

Yours sincerely

Meenakshi

OR

B 142, Mall Road
Delhi
April 3, 20XX
The Editor
The Times of India
New Delhi-110006
Subject: Influence of friends

Sir,

I want to call readers' attention to the growing importance of friends in young people's lives through the columns in your publication. Many young people today talk about "peer pressure" as it relates to friendship. A useful relationship that aids in a person's development is friendship. It forges a solid connection between two people. Strong peer relationships foster healthy competition. Good friends help each other lower their stress levels in today's world where stress has become a way of life. When one is in distress, a good friend will also be there for them. On the other hand, a terrible friend's influence can be disastrous. To fit in and be a part of the group, one can adopt vices like drinking, using drugs, smoking, stealing, betting, etc. The youth must comprehend that relationships, time, intelligence, money, and other resources should all be used for good. Friends are a great source of knowledge. Friends can work together on projects and volunteer labour. Friends need to support and encourage one another in a friendship.

Thank you.

Yours sincerely

Anisha

2. Attempt ANY ONE from A and B given below.

A Himanshu here. His nationality is Indian. He is a really good cricket player. His objective is to join the Indian cricket squad. He works incredibly hard for his age. He spends more than eight hours a day practising cricket. Among his pals, he has a reputation for being a very good batsman. He also looks after his health quite well. He eats nutritious foods including meat, milk, and eggs. He works out every day and runs two kilometres each day to be healthy and fit.

OR

B Each of us have one or more characteristics that set us apart from other individuals. The crucial step is to go deep inside ourselves for it. Once we have found it and succeeded in it, it is vital that we remain humble and avoid being overconfident. Everyone has great expectations of us to perform well when we are experts in a particular subject. Our mind's humility and honesty enter the picture at that point.

This is how I discovered that I, too, have a knack. I was surprised to discover that the classic and fundamental shots came to me naturally when I went to play badminton one day. I considered this to be a remarkable quality that was given to me. I started playing badminton professionally. I put in a lot of effort for two years before I won the district championship. I had entered this game's professional panel. My belief that I was the finest in the district led me to shorten the duration of my practise sessions while my thoughts were fixed on the seventh heaven. I stopped listening to the coach's instructions or the advice of veteran players.

After a few days had gone, the state-level competition was finally here. I had lost my humble demeanour after winning districts and was overconfident. I was under the impression that I would dominate at the state level, but there were many other district level competitors who were very strong. I was completely shocked when I lost to a player I had defeated at the district level in the opening round of the tournament. For me, it was a traumatising and startling experience. I was guilty to even look them in the eye because I had let my coach and parents down. I was afraid that my coach would yell at me for losing such a crucial game when he came looking for me, but he was instead composed and loving. He taught me the most important lesson of my life—the importance of perseverance and humility—in just five minutes.

He said that he had been observing my attitude change, which was the reason for my failure. He also called attention to my arrogant behaviour and counselled that no matter how high one's level of accomplishment rises, one should constantly remain grounded. Additionally, one should always be modest and respectful, especially to one's adversaries. I made a lifelong commitment to take my guide's advice after that.

SECTION - C

V 1. A Attempt ANY ONE of the two extracts given.

- i Lencho visited the post office earlier to see if there was a mail for him.
- ii When Lencho counted the money, he became upset because it fell short of the entire sum he had demanded from God.
- iii The term is "denied"
- iv (c) The word is "confidence"
- v The postmaster was a friendly, helpful, and overweight man.

OR

- B i The Buddha sat beneath a peepal tree known as the Bodhi tree.
- ii Buddha sat under the tree and started to teach and share his new insights.
- iii The extract's definition of "vowed" is "solemnly promise to do a particular thing."
- iv Seven days after making the commitment to sit in meditation until enlightenment arrived, Gautam Buddha attained enlightenment.
- v d

2. Attempt ANY ONE of two extracts given.

- A i In this poetry, ice represents hatred.
- ii According to Robert Frost, ice is just as terrible and has the power to end the world.
- iii Another destructive force is fire
- iv Destruction
- v The word "ice" denotes enmity. So, all it takes for the end of the world is hatred.

OR

- B i Belinda had the bravery of a teeming swarm of bears.
- ii The mouse was named Blink, and the kitten's name was Ink.
- iii Her pet dog has the name Mustard. He had the tenacity of a tiger.
- iv "Ogden Nash" wrote the poem "The Tale of Custard the Dragon."
- v Because he was a coward, Custard called out for a cosy, secure prison.

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

- i As punishment, Anne had already completed two essays. She had spoken every opinion she had regarding chatterboxes. She was at a loss when given a third essay to write. She desired something unique. Sanne, a friend of hers, offered to compose it in verse. Ann leaped for pleasure.
- ii Mijbil was kept in a box when Maxwell decided to ship her to England. He injured himself when he tore the box off. After that, Mijbil vanished down the plane while scaring the other fliers. He then sat down on Maxwell's knee and stopped bothering everybody else.
- iii In order to collect some mustard seeds, Kisa Gotami visited many residences. She was given the mustard seed by others. But when she enquired as to whether anyone in their family had passed away, they bemoaned the fact that while there were few alive, there were many deceased. Kisa Gotami failed to locate a house without a death.
- iv First, Mr. de Klerk took the oath of office as second Deputy President. Then Thabo Mbeki took the oath of office as first vice president. Finally, Mr. Nelson Mandela took the oath of office to lead the Republic of South Africa. He committed himself to the welfare of the Republic and its citizens and promised to respect and obey the constitution.
- v At least two times per day, the baker would arrive. He returned after selling them in the morning during his selling round. Kids sprinted to meet him because they wanted to buy bread bangles from him. Additionally, they received specialty sweet bread.

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

- i At least two times per day, the baker would arrive. He returned after selling them in the morning during his selling round. Kids sprinted to meet him because they wanted to buy bread bangles from him. Additionally, they received specialty sweet bread.
- ii Valli meticulously and painstakingly planned her first trip. She reduced her spending, saved every penny she could, and resisted all urges to spend any of the sixty pence she had set aside for the journey. She got the data from the neighbours and the travelers. She estimated the necessary amount of time and decided on the afternoon because her mother would be sleeping at that time. All of this demonstrates her thorough planning skills.
- iii The only child of landowner Chubukov is Natalya. She had a strong desire to hold onto her land and was extremely possessive of it. She was a volatile woman who frequently argued with everyone. She was always able to quantify the assistance she has provided to her neighbors. Despite being well educated, she did not make the most of her knowledge.

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

- i The guys in Ausable's organisation had been able to obtain the classified information on missiles, and Max's organisation had ordered him to take it. At midnight, he entered Ausable's hotel room with a passkey. He had a revolver in his hand because he planned to demand the report with it. In order to humiliate Max, Ausable made up the fictitious account of a balcony stretching under his window. He observed that it had happened twice in the previous month that someone had entered his room via that balcony. There was a knock on the door right away. Max felt uneasy after Ausable said that the cops had come to check on him. - Max sprinted for the window, desperate to escape. Max fell to the fictitious balcony in his haste and perished tragically. He was unable to obtain the secret paper as a result.
- ii It hurts when someone close to us passes away, and it hurts when a tree dies. They appear good and improve the beauty of our surroundings when they are planted as saplings. But as they enlarge and spread their branches, they take on a wild appearance and need more room to expand. The leaves spread out as if to move towards the glass, perhaps in need of sunlight, and the roots cause fissures in the floor. The supple twigs harden and stiffen. Therefore, the trees around the home must be cut down. The trees now breathe and the wind welcomes them instead of the leaves covering the sky. The moon reflects off the leaves like a shattered mirror. The poet admits that after the trees are gone, she will feel alone.

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

- i Yes, I am aware of a spoilt boy. His mother worked as a housekeeper in several homes while his father worked as a driver. He was sent to school, but as soon as he arrived, he started stealing from the students' backpacks. He was thus dismissed from the school. His parents beat him frequently, yet he persisted in stealing. He escaped his home one day. After seven months, he returned to his house. He transformed as a result of his challenges. He has since returned to school and is succeeding in his academics.

I believe that different people may experience different triggers that change a fifteen-year-old boy into a thief. However, this could be due to a number of factors, including poverty, a lack of education, unemployment, a lack of food, parents' carelessness and a lack of pocket money, bad company, and different temptations to purchase items or others when there isn't enough money.

- ii We are well aware that it is in our nature to win. Everyone strives to be successful everywhere. Different competitions at various levels are a constant part of our lives. Each and every one of us wants to win these events. However, it is never feasible. We experience intense zeal when we enter any competition. We make every effort to hold the top spot there. However, we experience disappointment if our aim is not attained. Many great minds have argued that taking part is more significant than succeeding. The success of Ebright demonstrates the same. Richards Ebright competed in the national science fair, but he was unsuccessful. He displayed slides of frog tissues there. He realised that in order to succeed, he needed to do some actual tests. He might have had a different outcome if he hadn't entered the contest.