

Class-X Session 2022-23
Subject - English-Language and Literature (184)
Sample Question Paper - 21
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.

10 Marks

1. Despite plenty of nay-sayers, the textbook is dead. It just doesn't know it yet and continues on walking about as though alive. I even have one, A TextBook of Physics, on my bookshelf beside me that was printed in 1891. It has some line drawings and no colour. Today, textbooks have lots of colourful images and engaging questions sprinkled about them. They also have tons of advice for teachers on how to use them effectively.
2. The word "textbook" originated in the 1720s, almost 300 years ago. It's had a good run and is ready to retire. Those who argue that you cannot learn well without a textbook ignore the centuries prior to 1720 when lots of people learned and learned well with no textbooks anywhere. You can learn without textbooks. That's certain. But why should we bother to change something that worked for 300 years? Many deliver the verdict in a single word: technology. That's way too simplistic.
3. We've seen film loops, overhead projectors, motion pictures projectors, machine scoring of tests and a myriad of other technological innovations in classrooms, but the textbook remains. No, technology alone will not end the reign of the textbook. It takes something more and that became available in the 1940s- the programmable electronic computer. But here we are, 70 years later, with plenty of textbooks visible. The computer was not sufficient by itself.
4. The next big change began with ARPANET in the 1960s. This foundation led to the Internet, and its growth has been phenomenal. But a widespread communication medium alone is not sufficient to dislocate textbooks either. Inexpensive computers, easy-to-use interfaces (GUIs) and ready access to the Internet all contribute.
5. "Fine," many say. "But the textbook publishers are putting their books online. They are creating e-textbooks. So, textbooks live!"
6. This argument misses the essential difference between education technology in the earlier times and education technology in the present, other than mere cost. Computer software can be interactive. Previous education technology was, like textbooks, rather passive. Active learning is far superior to passive learning, so much so that it's not a step, not a leap, but a rocket-propelled launch pad old-fashioned learning.
7. It's the mental engagement with something that determines whether you learn and how well. The really big change will come when students can jump into online situations that are more like life, and are able to use a variety of devices to reach the web and become part of the learning community. They will be guided by a combination of human mentors and machines.
Furthermore, diagnostic analysis of their work will tell mentors when students are ready for certain learning and, more importantly, when they're not.
8. Textbooks do not tap into our brains to realise this learning potential. Hence, today, the textbook is a zombie. It's just waiting for that wooden stake or silver bullet to put into a well deserved rest.

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

1. The author says about a well-deserved rest for the textbooks in the passage, which of the given lines indicates the attitude of the author to the textbook?
 - (a) He criticises the value added by textbooks in society.
 - (b) He suggests that textbooks are the sole medium for effective learning.
 - (c) He thinks that textbooks are far more superior to other mediums of knowledge.
 - (d) He is worried about the continuous use of textbooks as a primary source of learning.
2. From the given lines choose the one that shows the development in the education field according to the passage in their proper sequence.
 1. The process of learning took place without the use of textbooks.
 2. The invention of computers and digital books reduced the dependency of physical books.
 3. The creation of adaptive and interactive learning tools contributed to the way learning took place.
 4. And introduction and circulation of textbooks turned them into a commonly used medium of learning.Which of these arranges the developments in the order of their occurrence?
 - (a) 1-2-3-4
 - (b) 1-4-2-3
 - (c) 2-1-3-4
 - (a) 3-1-2-4
3. Which of the options given below reflects that can weaken the author's case for a complete shift to computer learning in paragraph VI.
 - (a) A sharp increase in the creation of e-textbooks.
 - (b) A rising dependency on using technology as a medium of learning.
 - (c) Scholarly articles comparing the effectiveness of online learning with that of textbooks.
 - (d) The developments of e-textbooks with activities that require active participation from readers.
4. Choose the correct meaning of 'diagnostic analysis' as used in paragraph VII?
 - (a) A depiction of the learners' interests
 - (b) A display of the learners' achievements.
 - (c) An evaluation of the learners' capabilities
 - (d) An appreciation of the learners' initiatives
5. The phrase 'rocket-propelled' as used in paragraph VI can be used correctly as?
 - (a) Sean is lucky to have a friend who talks to him in a rocket-propelled way.
 - (b) Anika screamed out of fear and ran out of her house in a rocket-propelled manner.
 - (c) Regular practice and a good coach gave the batsman a rocket-propelled rise in his career.
 - (d) The TV was buzzing with the news of severe damage caused by a rocket-propelled explosion.
6. Which option is most suitable to describe the passage?
 - (a) Harry Keller's piece gives an account of the origin of textbooks.
 - (b) Harry Keller's essay provides a boost to the field of education technology.
 - (c) Harry Keller's commentary on the popularity of computers is a must-read.
 - (d) Harry Keller's observations on the changes in learning patterns are brilliant.
7. Which fact is not true as per the given passage?
 - (a) Today, textbooks have lots of colourful images and engaging questions sprinkled about. (paragraph 1)
 - (b) The word "textbook" originated in the 1720s, almost 300 years ago. (paragraph 2)
 - (c) But here we are, 70 years later, with plenty of textbooks visible. (paragraph 3)
 - (d) The really big change will come when students can jump into online situations that are more like real life... (paragraph 7)
8. From the given options choose the suitable one for learning about the water cycle?
 - (a) Creating a miniature model of it
 - (b) Listening to a teacher, explain it in detail
 - (c) Reading about it through colourful textbooks
 - (d) Watching an informative video about it

9. which sentence best describes the quality of the author?
- (a) Documenting the history of learning tools
 - (b) Suggesting ways to limit the use of technology
 - (c) Proposing an argument and making a case for it
 - (d) Highlighting the cause of a problem and its effect
10. Author says that the text books live. What does he mean by this?
- (a) They have become living things
 - (b) They can breathe
 - (c) They are available online so can be with us forever
 - (d) They are no more required

II. Read the passage given below:

Around 194 million birds & 29 million mammals are thought to be killed every year on European roads, according to a new study that has ranked the most vulnerable species. The research has found that the species killed most often were not necessarily the endangered species. This means action to reserve wildlife when new roads are billed risk being targeted as the wrong species based on current methods. Road density in Europe is amongst the world's highest, with 50% of the continent within 1.5 km of a paved road or railway. Roads are therefore a significant threat to wildlife and evidence shows deaths on them could even cause some species to disappear completely.

Despite this, the long term protection of species is not currently considered when assessing the impact of new roads on wildlife, meaning we risk giving support to only the endangered species, doing nothing to help those most at risk. A better understanding of which species are most vulnerable to roads is therefore important if we are to take effective action of protection.

A research team based in Lisbon calculated road - killed rates for 423 bird species and 212 mammals species. They found that small animals with high population densities and which mature at an early age were most likely to be killed on roads. Nocturnal mammals and birds with a diet of plants and seeds were also shown to have higher death rates.

The study also used road-killed surveys to rank the bird & mammals species whose long term survival was most threatened by road-killed. The hazel grouse and ground squirrel were found to be most at risk of local extinction. Both are common in Europe but are classified as species of least concern on the red list of threatened species.

The most vulnerable animals classified as threatened by the International Union for Conservation of Nature (IUCN) were the red-knobbed Coot, Balcon mole and Podolian mole. The study revealed that road-kill hotspots were not the areas with the highest population of endangered species.

For example, house sparrows had a high road-kill rate (2.7 per km/year) but were ranked 420th of 423 bird species for vulnerability. Conversely, the hazel grouse had a predicted road-kill rate (0.2 per km/year) but was the most vulnerable of all birds studied.

On the basis of your understanding of the above passage, answer the questions that follow:

1. From the following statements which stands true according to the passage?
- 1. Roads kill only animals
 - 2. Both birds & mammals are killed on roads
 - 3. Species most killed are necessarily the endangered ones
 - 4. Roads kill only birds
2. Study the following statements:
- 1. Roads have covered 50% of land in Europe.
 - 2. Road traffic causes a great risk to wildlife.
 - 3. Some species can survive all kinds of traffic on roads
- (a) 1 is correct & 2 is false
 - (b) 2 is correct & 3 is false
 - (c) 3 is correct & 1 is false
 - (d) Both 1 & 2 are false
3. What message thi passage want to convey ?
- (a) While planning roads we should see which species to protect
 - (b) We are doing a lot to protect those most at risk
 - (c) 50% of Europe is covered only with roads
 - (d) Small animals even with low population density are most at risk

4. Choose the correct statement from the options below.
- (a) More mammals than birds are killed on the roads
 - (b) Small animals generally keep away from the roads
 - (c) Number of road kills depends upon the population density of small animals
 - (d) Only those animals are safe which comes out at night
5. 1. The surveys ranked the road-kill rate of birds and mammals.
2. The finding puts grouse & squirrels at great risk.
- (a) 1 is an assertion and 2 is the response
 - (b) 2 is an assertion and 1 is a the response
 - (c) Both 1 & 2 are false
 - (d) Both 1 & 2 are unrelated to each other
6. Hazel grouse and ground squirrel are classified as species of the least concern.
The statement is:
- (a) A logical conclusion
 - (b) Extinct species
 - (c) Ironical
 - (d) An unpleasant surprise
7. The passage can be titled as
- (a) Animals story
 - (b) Road-kills
 - (c) Roads in Europe
 - (d) Need for conservation
8. The study aims to
- (a) How to prevent road-kills
 - (b) To see who is more at risk on the roads
 - (c) How to plan better roads
 - (d) To estimate the number of road accident victims
9. A place of significant activity is called _____. (Para-4)
10. Synonym of 'vulnerable' is _____.
(a) Protected
(b) Endangered
(c) Unprotected
(d) Strong

SECTION B: GRAMMAR

(10 Marks)

Attempt Any Ten of the following questions

1. Fill in the blank by choosing the correct option to complete the given sentence about the Taj Mahal.
The Taj Mahal is the Magnificent Works of Sculpture. Whoever goes there _____ spellbound.
- (a) Becomes
 - (b) Become
 - (c) Becoming
 - (d) has
2. Read the conversation between Ranjeet & traffic man. Complete the sentence by reporting the patient's reply correctly.
- Ranjeet: Where is my bike? I remember parking it here.
- Traffic man: The bike has been towed away as you parked in the 'no parking zone'.
- Ranjeet: Asked the traffic man standing there, where his bike was and added that he remembered parking it there. The traffic man replied that the bike _____ parked it in the 'No Parking Zone'.

3. Select the option that identifies the error and supplies the correction for the following line, from a news report.
Scientists tinker with a growing number of our needs, yet the long term effects are unknown

Option no.	error	correction
A.	Effects	Affects
B.	Are	Is
C.	Yet	And
D.	Tinker	Are tinkering

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

Katty shot a glance at Alice _____ was giving his meal undue attention.

- (a) Which
(b) What
(c) Who
(d) Whose

5. identify the error in the given sentence, about the importance of physical exercise and supply the correction.

Combine that with raising three kids made it almost impossible to maintain my schedule and the demands my employer placed upon me

Error	error

6. Shubh shared some information, with Meena, about his project. Report Meena's question.

Have you completed your project?

7. Fill in the blanks by choosing the correct option, to complete the given sentence.

The red colour car _____ is standing in front of the apartment belonging to Arpita.

- (a) Which
(b) Whom
(c) Whose
(d) Where

8. Read the conversation and the passage that follows:

Seema: Rohit, my new purse is very expensive

Rohit: Will you purchase one for my sister

Seema told her friend Rohit that her new purse was very expensive, Rohit asked her if _____

9. Identify the error in this sentence from a research from a research on kids and supply the correction.

According to research, children with concerned parents are more efficient.

Use the given format for your response

Error	Correction

10. Fill in the blank by choosing the correct option, to complete this information about Pongal festival.

Pongal is a celebration to thank the Sun, mother nature and the various farm animals. It is a four day harvest festival celebrated in South India. It is also _____ uttarayana journey of Sun towards North and end of winter season.

- (a) Marks the celebrations
(b) Mark the beginning
(c) Begins to mark
(d) Celebrated to mark

11. Select the correct option to complete the narration of the dialogue between Ravi & Sekhar.

Ravi: What a cold day it is! I think this must be the coldest day of the season

Sekhar: I don't mind the cold. It is the summer that bothers me.

Ram explained that it was a very cold day and was positive that it must be the coldest day of the season. Shyam replied that _____ and further added that it was the summer that bothered him.

12. Complete the narrative, by filling in the blank with the correct option.

Last year I visited the same spot ____ I was not riding a bike. I saw that many buildings had been built on the banks of Yamuna.

- (a) As
- (b) For
- (c) Even if
- (d) But

SECTION- B: CREATIVE WRITING SKILLS

(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) You are Sumit, 55, City centre, Gwalior. Write a letter in 100-120 words to the editor of a local newspaper expressing concern about the misbehaviour of some auto-rickshaw drivers in the city.

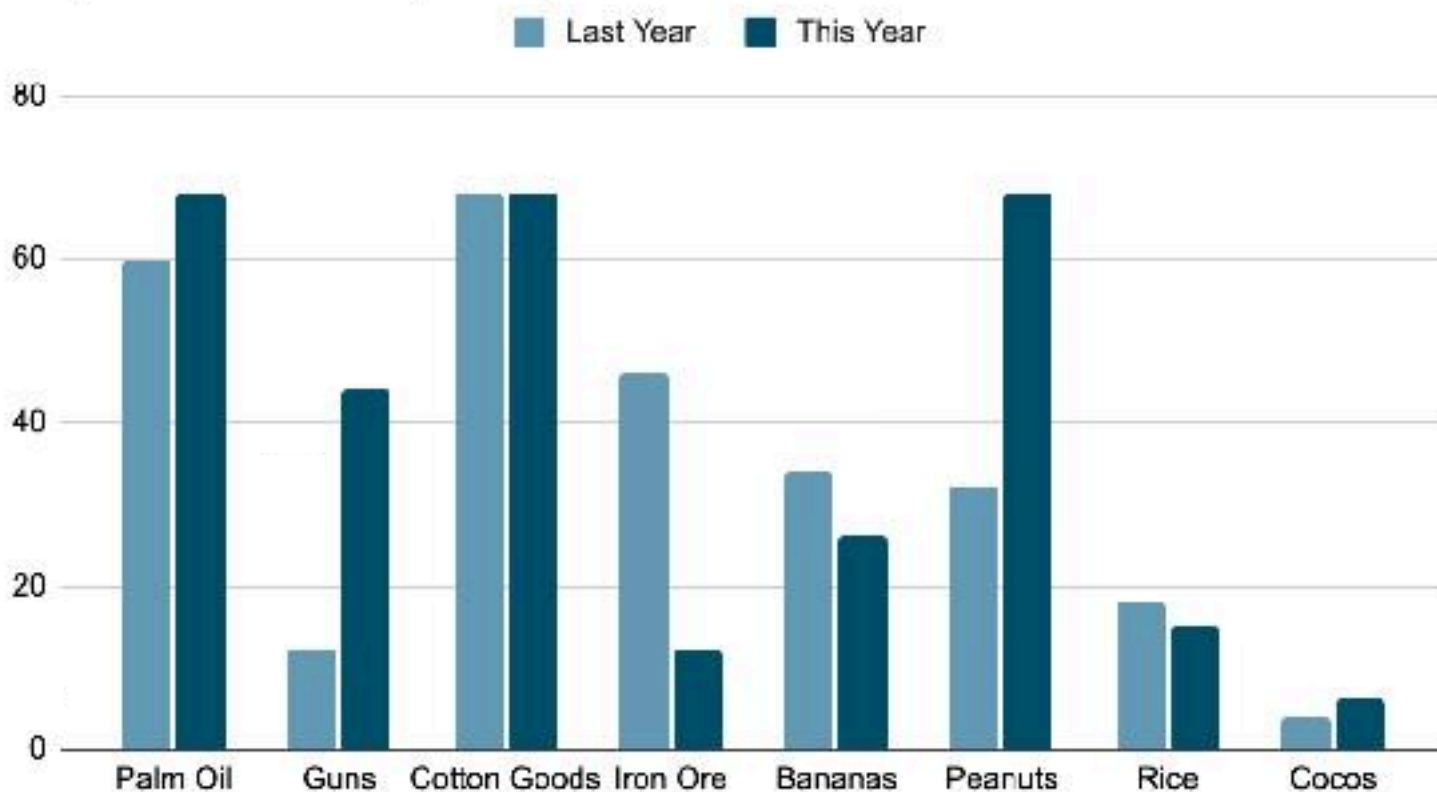
Or

(b) You are Arpita Deshmukh, a resident of 50-C, Pushp valley, Ghaziabad. Write a letter to the editor of 'The Pioneer' magazine based on the article on 'Ban on Poly Bags', published in the latest edition.

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

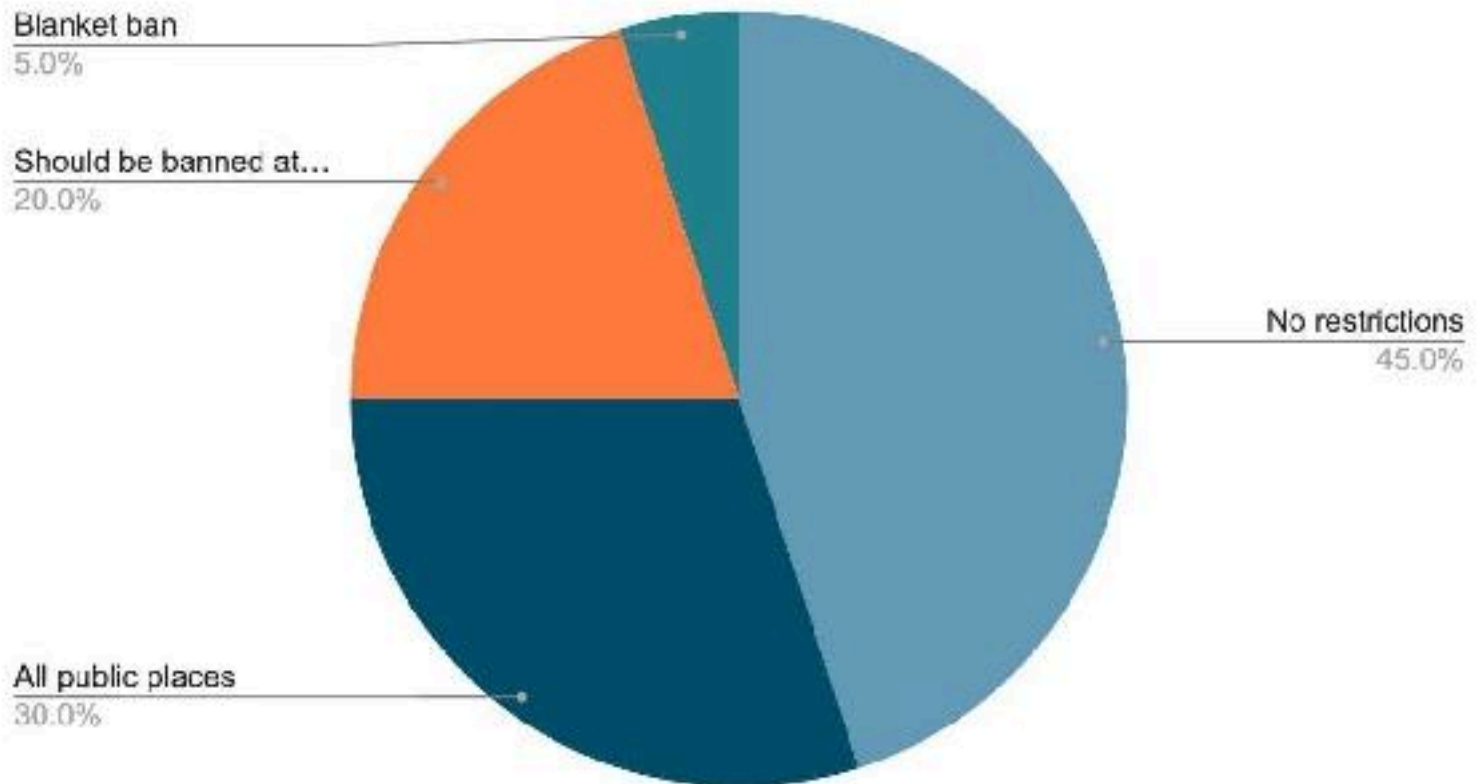
(a) Study the following bar graph depicting major exports from Medland in the current year. Write an analytical paragraph interpreting the data.

Graph to show major exports from Medland



OR

(b) A survey was conducted in a town where the views of people were collected on cigarette smoking. Given below is a pie-chart showing the results of the survey. Write an analytical paragraph interpreting the data.



SECTION-C: LITERATURE

I. Reference to the Context

1. Attempt Any One of the two extracts given.

- (a) Anil was watching a wrestling match when I approached him. He was about 25, a tall, lean fellow and he looked easy-going, kind and simple enough for my purpose. I hadn't had much luck of late and thought I might be able to get into the young man's confidence. 'You look a bit of a wrestler yourself. I said. A little flattery helps in making friends.
 - i According to the extract, the young boy was watching the wrestling match because he:
 - (a) Had been invited there by the wrestlers
 - (b) Was supposed to meet someone there.
 - (c) Was looking for simple people to dupe
 - (d) Loved wrestling and followed it very closely
 - ii I hadn't had much luck of late' means that the boy hadn't:
 - (a) ever conned people successfully
 - (b) been successful in duping people lately
 - (c) understood the consequences of thievery till date
 - (d) considered the role of fate in deceiving others
 - iii 'I might be able to get into the young man's confidence.' Choose the option that displays what the statement means.
 - (a) He wanted to win his trust
 - (b) He wanted him to share his thoughts without caution
 - (c) He wanted him to feel comfortable revealing more details about himself.
 - (d) He wanted to be able to spend quality time with him.
 - iv Anil looked easy-going, kind and simple to the narrator. Which of the given characteristics would NOT fit in with this description?

- (a) compassionate
 - (b) Suave
 - (c) Uncomplicated
 - (d) Carefree
- v Based on the line, "A little flattery helps in making friends.", choose the option that displays the quote closest in meaning.
- (a) Imitation is the best form of flattery; people generally understand that my comedy is not intended to hurt anybody.
 - (b) I know imitation is the highest form of flattery, but stealing one's identity is totally different
 - (c) Nothing is as great an example of bad manners as flattery. If you flatter all the company, you please none; if you flatter only one or two, you offend the rest.
 - (d) One may define flattery only one or two, you offend the rest.

OR

- (b) As she and her husband turned away in terror, the extraordinary chair pushed them both out of the room and then appeared to slam and lock the door after them.

Mrs. Hall almost fell down the stairs in hysterics.

She was convinced that the room was haunted by spirits, and that the stranger had somehow caused these to enter into her furniture.

"My poor mother used to sit in that chair," she moaned! To think it should rise up against me now!

The feeling among the neighbours was that the trouble was caused by witchcraft".

- i Mrs. Hall felt that the room was haunted by spirits because:

- (a) She could see evil spirits
- (b) She heard a strange noise
- (c) Uncanny things happened there
- (d) The door slammed shut

- ii Pick the option that best describes how Mrs. Hall must be feeling at the moment described in the extract.

- (a) Stunned & furious
- (b) Shocked & outraged
- (c) Outraged & nervous
- (d) Stunned & agitated

- iii Pick the sentence that brings out the meaning of 'hysterics' as used in the extract.

- (a) My friend and I were in splits when we saw the clown's antics
- (b) I do not know why I suddenly felt worried about flying home
- (c) The sight of blood put the old man in a frenzy
- (d) The people who had witnessed the accident were spellbound

- iv Pick the option that displays a cause - effect relationship.

- (a) Pushed and locked out - hysterical
- (b) Rising the chair - moaning
- (c) Troubled neighbours - witchcraft
- (d) Stranger - haunted spirits

- v The neighbours thought it was 'witchcraft'. This tells us that neighbours were.

- (a) Suspicious
- (b) Superstitious
- (c) Nervous wrecks
- (d) Gossip - mongers

2. Attempt ANY ONE of the extracts given.

- (a) My head is full of whispers
Which tomorrow will be silent.
Listen, the glass is breaking
The trees are stumbling forward
Into the night. Winds rush to meet them.

The moon is broken into a mirror,
Its pieces flash now in the crown
Of the tallest Oak.

i The above lines were written by:

- (a) Robert Frost
- (b) John Berryman
- (c) Robin Klein
- (d) Adrienne Rich

ii The crown of the oak lies in its:

- (a) Top most branch
- (b) Roots
- (c) Rick & tasty fruit
- (d) Broad leaves

iii The winds are rushing to meet the _____

- (a) Forest
- (b) Moon
- (c) Trees
- (d) Windows

iv Where are the pieces of the broken moon shining?

- (a) In the sky
- (b) In the forest
- (c) On the roof tree
- (d) On the top branches & leaves of the tallest oak

v Find the word the extract which means the same as 'Shine;.

- (a) Crown
- (b) Mirror
- (c) Flash
- (d) None of the above

B. 'Ink tricked down to the bottom of the household,

And little mouse Blick strategically.

But up jumped Custard, snorting like an engine,

Clashed his tail like irons in a dungeon,

With a clatter and a clank and a jangling squirm,

He went at the pirate like a robin at a worm'

i Which option lists the quotes that support the ideas in the extract?

- 1. Fear makes strangers of people who would be friends
- 2. If you are brave enough to start, you are strong enough to finish
- 3. Courage does not mean you do not get afraid. Courage means you do not let fear stop you.
- 4. You get in life what you have the courage to ask for.
- 5. Fear has a large shadow, but he himself is strong.

- (a) 1 & 5
- (b) 2,3 & 4
- (c) 2 & 3
- (d) 1,3, & 5

ii What is the poet's purpose of using the onomatopoeic words given in the extracts?

- (a) It is to emphasise on the might and boldness of Custard
- (b) It is to introduce the character Custard to the leaders
- (c) It is to impress upon the leaders that Custard was ready
- (d) It is to make Custard bold enough to face the situation

- iii Pick an option that best fits the usage of the word 'trickled' as used in the extract.
- The water trickled down the tap and filled the trough
 - Students trickled into the classroom as the teacher entered
 - Tears trickled down her cheeks as she heard the sad news
 - His enthusiasm for the task slowly trickled away.
- iv Select the option that fits with the reaction of the characters in the context of the extract.
- Ink: terrified :: Blick (i) _____
- Pirate: (ii) _____ :: Custard: undaunted
- (i) shocked (ii) displeased
 - (i) petrified (ii) wondered
 - (i) upset (ii) dazed
 - (i) petrified (ii) shocked
- v Pick the option that does not display a simile from the extract
- Clashed his tail like irons
 - At the pirate like a robin at a worm
 - Custard, snorting like an engine
 - Trickled down to the bottom
- vi Answer ANY FOUR of the following in about 40-50 words each.
- How is the Coorgi tradition of courage and bravery recognised in modern India ?
 - How did the seagull's parents try to make him fly?
 - The 'yellow hair' is a symbol in the poem. Briefly support the statement with reference to the poem 'For Anne Gregory'.
 - When we think of losses, we generally think of people and possessions. Time is considered a very precious commodity. Explain why time can probably be one of the things people bitterly regret losing/wasting.
 - How did Kisa Gautami realise that life and death is a normal process?
- vii Answer NY TWO of the following in about 40-50 words each:
- How did Gryphon find himself invisible but naked in the chill January air for the second time ?
 - How did Ebright's mother help him in becoming a scientist?
 - Was Tricki suffering from any ailment in reality? If Not, then what made him inactive and lethargic?
- viii Answer ANY ONE of the following in 100-120 words.
- Why do you think the other was not friendly at first with the narrator? How did it behave at first? Why?
 - Farce is a kind of comedy which includes situations and dialogues that are ridiculous, exaggerated and even absurd. Evaluate the play, The proposal, as a farce.
- ix Answer ANY ONE of the following in 100-120 words.
- Horace was clever but the lady in red was cleverer. Do you agree with this statement? Justify your answer.

OR

- Ostentation and vanity often land people in trouble. Matilda is an apt example of this. Justify.

SOLUTIONS

SAMPLE PAPER-1

SECTION-A: READING SKILLS

1. i Option (D) is correct.
Explanation: because textbooks, today, are zombies. It does not tap into our brains to realise the learning potential.
- ii Option (B) is correct.
- iii Option (D) is correct.
Explanation: This argument misses the essential difference between education technology in the earlier times and education technology in the present, other than mere cost.
- iv Option (c) is correct.
Explanation: Diagnostic means analytical and will, therefore, lead to evaluation.
- v Option (c) is correct.
Explanation: Rocket- propelled means shooting.
- vi Option (B) is correct.
Explanation: According to the passage, technology has made education more easy to use and ready to access.
- vii Option (D) is correct.
Explanation: It is an assumption, not a fact.
- viii Option (A) is correct.
Explanation: Learning by doing.
- ix Option (c) is correct.
Explanation: he is giving a logical explanation for his proposal.
- x Option (c) is correct.
2. i Option (2) is correct
Explanation: The first paragraph clearly conveys that around 194 million birds and 29 million mammals are thought to be killed on roads every year in Europe.
- ii Option (B) is correct.
Explanation: (1) cannot be inferred; (2) is correct; (3) is false.
- iii Option (D) is correct
Explanation: Small animals are not spotted soon on the road and hence lose their life.
- iv Option (c) is correct.
Explanation: More the no. of small animals, the more are the road-kills.
- v Option (A) is correct.
Explanation: (2) gives a clear explanation of (1)
- vi Option (c) is correct.
Explanation: They should be on the highest concern list as their life is at maximum risk.
- vii Option (B) is correct.
Explanation: 'Road-kills' is the major highlight of the study.
- viii Option (B) is correct.
Explanation: The study bursts out the common myths.
- ix Hotspot
- x Option (b) is correct.

SECTION-B: GRAMMAR

3. i Option (A) is correct
- ii Had been towed away as he had
- iii Option (D) is correct

iv Option (c) is correct

v	Error	Correction
	Combine	Combining

vi Meena questioned if he had completed his project.

vii Option (A) is correct

viii She would purchase one for his sister

ix	Error	Correction
	with	of

x (d) celebrated to mark

xi he didn't mind the cold

xii Option (c) is correct

SECTION-B: CREATIVE WRITING SKILLS

4.

1. A.

55, City Centre,
Gwalior
15th February 2022

The Editor
Navbharat Times
Shivaji nagar
Gwalior

Sir

Subject: Misbehaviour of the auto-rickshaw drivers in the city

I would like to draw the attention of the authorities concerned towards the above-mentioned problem through the columns of your esteemed newspaper. The growing misbehaviour among auto drivers is a common concern of every citizen of the state. Not only do they charge a fare that is excess of the metered rate, but also misbehave with the passengers. They promise to drop the passenger at the doorstep but stop midway and ask the passenger to get down claiming that the distance agreed upon was shorter than the distance being asked to cover and ask for more money for the same.

In order to make extra money they take extra passengers; midway who may be some antisocial element and put the life of passengers at risk. Moreover, they talk incessantly on the phone putting the life of the passenger in danger. You are requested to give appropriate space to my letter in your newspaper.

Thanks You
Yours Truly
Sumit
B.

50 - C, Pushp Vihar
Ghaziabad

26th August 2022

The editor
The Pioneer
Ghaziabad

Subject: Ban on Polybags

Sir,

Through the columns of your reputed newspaper, I wish to share my views about the indiscriminate use of polybags these days. I totally agree with the views, published in the article 'Ban on Polybags'. It is a fact that poly bags are harmful due to their non-biodegradable nature. They do not decompose; instead, they choke the drainage system. Most animals eat them and die in the long run. If they are burnt, their obnoxious smell pollutes the atmosphere. I wish that people at large, in their interest and in the interest of Mother Earth, wake up to this problem. Everyone should stop using poly bags and jute bags, paper bags, ect., should take their place.

I request you to publish this letter in your newspaper so as to make everyone aware about the harm of polybags.

Thank You
Yours Truly
Arpita Deshmukh

2. (a) The bar graph given above depicts major exports from medland. The export trends convey that Medland exported slightly less this year as compared to the last year. Concerning foodstuffs, bananas and rice showed a little fewer units than the previous year. On the other hand, the units of palm oil and peanuts exported were much more than last year. Almost the same amount of coco was exported in both years. With reference to non-edible goods, the number of guns and iron ore was much more than last year. However, the graph for cotton goods shows the same number in both years.

OR

- (b) The above pie chart shows the result of the views of people when a survey was conducted on whether smoking should be banned or not. There were only a few people, i.e., 5% who were of the view that no restriction should be imposed on cigarette smoking. Almost one-fifth, 20% of the people opined that it should be banned in all public places so that passive smoking can also be taken care of. As many as 30% of people were of the view that cigarette smoking should be banned but only at shopping malls or big stores. But there was another 45% opinion, i.e., the majority of the people showed an interest in imposing a blanket ban on cigarettes, as it is hazardous to health. Overall, people are aware that smoking is injurious to health so it should be banned but everyone has different views.

SECTION-C: LITERATURE

- 5.
1. A.
 - i Option (c) is correct.
Explanation: The young boy used to make fun of simple people who trusted him too much. So, he was keenly looking at the match so that someone would approach him and he could dupe that simple person.
 - ii Option (B) is correct.
Explanation: The boy was not talking about some winnings. He was just trying to say that he had not been able to dupe anyone that night in carefully wrapped words.
 - iii Option (D) is correct

iv Option (B) is correct.

Explanation: Easy going, kind and simple reflect that Anil was a smooth character. The word suave means smooth.

v Option (D) is correct.

Explanation: Flattery can be in any form and differs from one person to another. One person may be flattered by one thing and another person may be flattered by some other thing. So, flattery forms only the base of companionship which benefits the flatterer.

OR

i Option (c) is correct.

Explanation: Uncanny means mysterious. Mrs. Hall was pushed by a chair, the door slammed and locked on its own, It was full of mystery for her.

ii Option (D) is correct.

Explanation: Mrs. Hall was astonished (stunned) and frantic or disturbed (agitated) at the strange behaviour of the chair and the door.

iii Option (c) is correct.

Explanation: Hysterics here refers to fits in a negative or terrifying sense. The same is reflected in option (c) where the old man was in a frenzy upon seeing the blood.

iv Option (A) is correct.

Explanation: Rising of the chair does not produce a moaning sound. Troubled neighbours do not represent witchcraft. Strangers may not be followed by haunted spirits. But, pushed and locked out is enough to make someone hysterical.

v Option (B) is correct.

Explanation: Witchcraft or black magic reflects superstition.

2. A.

i Option (D) is correct.

ii Option (A) is correct

iii Option (c) is correct.

Explanation: It symbolises freedom.

iv Option (D) is correct.

Explanation: This metaphorical description makes it clear that all the boundaries are broken and there is no more restriction left.

v Option (c) is correct.

OR

B.

i Option (c) is correct.

Explanation: Both quotes rightly make the position of Custard clear. He started to display his act of bravery and came out victorious. He has been crying for a nice safe cage but when the situation demanded, he left all his inhibitions and showed the courage to fight with the pirate.

ii Option (A) is correct.

Explanation: The words forming a sound with what it is named as or the onomatopoeic words have been used in poems to highlight and attract attention to the courage of Custard.

iii Option (B) is correct.

Explanation: In the poem, trickled has been used to refer to forming a line and entering some place.

iv Option (D) is correct.

Explanation: Just as Ink was terrified, Blink appeared petrified or alarmed. Similarly, Pirate was dazed and amazed while Custard remained undaunted.

v Option (D) is correct.

Explanation: Simile is when one thing is compared to another. 'Tail like irons', 'Pirate like a robin' and 'snorting like an engine' are comparisons and thus, examples of similes. 'Trickled down to bottom' means flowing down to the bottom which is not a comparison and thus, not a simile.

vi. (a) The corgi tradition of courage and bravery is recognised in modern India as the coorgis are the only citizens permitted to carry guns without a licence. The Coorgi regiment Is one of the most decorated ones in the army. This shows that the valour of the coorgi remains apparent in modern times.

- (b) The little seagull's parents tried every possible way to make him fly. They came to him and asked him to fly. They rebuked him and threatened him that if he didn't fly they would leave him to die of hunger. They even pretended to ignore him.
 - (c) The 'yellow hair' is a symbol of outward physical beauty which is temporary. Shallow-minded people adore only physical beauty. We should look for spiritual beauty before falling in love with a lady. Physical beauty is just skin-deep and is momentary.
 - (d) 'A stitch on time saves nine'. 'The time that flies, never comes back'. So we should not waste our precious time because time does not work according to our best. We need to work according to time. We should utilise the present fully because we cannot do anything about the time that has passed and the future is uncertain.
 - (e) Kisa Gautami's only son had died. She went to Buddha to seek some medicine to revive her son. The Buddha asked her to bring some mustard seeds from the house where there had been no death ever, but Gautami could not find any such house. Thus, she realised that death is inevitable for every mortal being. The cycle of life and death is a normal process.
- vii. (a) Griffin, who had successfully escaped from his landlord after setting his house on fire, had run into a departmental store where he clothed himself and decided to take a nap. Unfortunately, Griffin was discovered by the store clerks early morning the next day, prompting him to once again leave behind all his clothes and escape in the chill January air.
- (b) Ebright's mother encouraged his interest in learning. She took him on trips, bought him telescopes, microscopes, camera, mounting materials and other equipment and helped him in many other ways. By this, we can say it was Ebright's mother who, by being resourceful, led him to become a good scientist.
 - (c) Tricki was not suffering from any ailment in reality. Infact, the cause of his suffering was his obesity caused by Madam Pumphrey's overly luxurious treatment. Madame Pumphrey only fed Tricki lots of sweets and other foods instead of maintaining a healthy diet for him. This caused him to grow fatter & fatter until he was so obese that he became inactive and lethargic.
- viii. (a) Mijbil was an intelligent, friendly and fun loving animal. One the very first day of his arrival in the author's bedroom, Mij was aloof and indifferent and was neither friendly nor hostile. He chose to sleep on the floor as far from the author's bed as possible. This was all probably because he had suddenly been introduced into a new environment. It was a new place and surroundings for him and was hence a little cautious. On the second day, the otter changed a lot. He felt at home in the author's bedroom. From the second day onwards, he started sleeping on the author's bed.
- (b) 'The proposal' is a humorous short story based on the strain between two healthy neighbours. The proposal is an example of farce over minor concerns such as Oxen Meadows & pet dogs. Farce's characteristics can also be found in Lomov's unrealistic and dramatic clothing and physical appearance. Ivan Lomov is a 35 year old bachelor who suffers from heart palpitations. He approached Natalya's hand in marriage. The situation is hilarious as quarrels for land emerge and the situation worsens. Lomov thinks he is seeking her so she would take care of him. Natalya thinks he is a fool for choosing her and over the course of the story, she passes impulsive remarks for her hand in marriage. The most ludicrous situation is when Natalya drives Lomov out of her house and then she cries about getting married to him. Chubukov is a bumbling parent who is driven by her daughter's whims. He is so obsessed with marrying her daughter to a wealthy man that he ignores Lomov's illness and sickness. Chubukov's theatrical statements in between the quarrels give things a satirical twist.
- The play's humour and the characters' infantile behaviour makes it sound absurd. Exaggeration can be evident when the characters, on the one hand, speak with such courtesy, but on the other hand they do not hesitate to call each other nasty names and use foul language among their family members. The manner in which the final proposal is made amidst all the chaos, makes the play a farce.
- ix. (a) Yes, I agree with the statement that the lady in red was cleverer than Horace Danby.
- There is no denying the fact that Horace was quite clever himself. He was quite the successful robber and very observant.
- Horace only robbed the rich to buy himself expensive books and had his eyes on the shotover arrangement for a very long time. He carefully planned his break- in after finding out the family was out holidaying and the servants had left the keys to the house hanging after going to a movie themselves. Even the pet dog wasn't a bother for Horace who knew how to calm her down by calling her name. Even so, the lady in red smoothly outsmarted him and managed to make him the culprit in the end with a very well executed plan. Upon hearing Horace sneeze because of his fever. She made her way upstairs to the vault where he was dressed attractively and with the dog by her side, she was easily able to convince Horace that she was the lady of the house]. She threatened to call the police and have him arrested, forcing Horace to beg and perform her a favour. Before she made him do her favour, she quietly made him remove

his gloves by asking him to light a cigar. After this action, she promised to let him go unscattered and uncaught if he opened the vault for her. Her reasoning was that she had to go to a party for which she needed some jewels and had unfortunately forgotten the password of the safe. Horace who was very much afraid to go to prison unquestioningly broke open this safe with assurance from the lady that she'd have it fixed later. And thus, she escaped with the jewels making sure Horace left his imprint as the culprits caught in the end. Horace proved to be clever; but just not as much as the lady in red.

- (b) It is very essential for a person to live a contented life. He should believe in simple living and high thinking. Not everyone is born with a golden spoon in his mouth. With honesty and hardwork, we can always achieve our best. A person will never be happy if he keeps craving for what he does not have. In this way, he may ruin even his present. Matilda had the same longing and craving for a life of luxury and wealth. She immersed herself in glamour when her husband got an invitation to attend a ball.

She did not care for her loving middle-class husband, rather she was running after her fantasies. She always thought beyond her limits. For the minister's party, she could have gone in her simple clothes, but she insisted on buying a new dress for 400 francs which her husband gave her. Then she longed for jewellery, which she borrowed from her friends for the party. She borrowed a diamond necklace and lost it. For repaying the diamond necklace to the friend, she had to sacrifice many years of her life, as well as her husband's whole income. Both of them lived in utter poverty to repay it. Matilda lost all her charm and looked old and pale. Her ostentation and vanity had landed her in trouble. Thus, it is apt that it is better to be satisfied with what one has. One should not believe in false show off.