



Series DBC5A/5



SET-3

Q.P. Code

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**NOTE**

- (I) Please check that this question paper contains **19** printed pages.
- (II) Please check that this question paper contains **11** questions.
- (III) Q.P. Code given on the right hand side of the question paper should be written on the title page of the answer-book by the candidate.
- ❖ (IV) **Please write down the serial number of the question in the answer-book before attempting it.**
- ❖ (V) 15 minute time has been allotted to read this question paper. The question paper will be distributed at 10.15 a.m. From 10.15 a.m. to 10.30 a.m., the students will read the question paper only and will not write any answer on the answer-book during this period.

**ENGLISH**

**(Language and Literature)**

Time allowed : 3 hours

Maximum Marks : 80

**General Instructions :**

*Read the instructions very carefully and strictly follow them :*

- (i) This question paper comprises **11** questions. **All** questions are **compulsory**.
- (ii) The question paper contains **three** sections :
- Section A – Reading Skills**
- Section B – Grammar and Creative Writing Skills**
- Section C – Literature**
- (iii) Attempt questions based on specific instructions for each part.





## SECTION A

### Reading Skills

20 marks

1. Read the following passage carefully :

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- (1) The words probiotics, prebiotics, and postbiotics may sound like variations of the same thing, but what a difference a prefix makes. The first is a category of health-promoting microbes. The latter two groups are types of beneficial molecules. But all three biotics are critical for supporting the community of microscopic organisms that live in the gastrointestinal tract, known as the gut microbiome. With both beneficial and harmful bacteria living in the human body, these diet-related factors — the biotics — help tip the balance in the positive direction. It is important to understand their differences, as you'll see, because each of these factors serves a distinct purpose, even as they work together.
- (2) Despite their importance for the gut microbiome, the health benefits of these 'biotics', which are present in certain foods or result from their metabolism, extend beyond the digestive tract. A growing body of scientific evidence has linked prebiotics, probiotics, and postbiotics, with improvements in metabolic diseases — including obesity and cholesterol abnormalities — depressive symptoms and poor sleep quality, among many other conditions.
- (3) Besides promoting general gut health, consuming food rich in probiotics can improve irritable bowel syndrome and antibiotic-related diarrhea, prevent traveller's diarrhea, produce vitamins and increase nutrient absorption, and decrease the risk of common infections. In fact, when consumed regularly, probiotics have been found to reduce the occurrence of upper respiratory tract infections (like the common cold).
- (4) Many different types of beneficial bacteria are considered probiotics. The most common ones include *Lactobacillus* and *Bifidobacterium*, of which there are dozens of strains. "You have to match what it is you're concerned about with the probiotic you should use," says Gregor Reid. Many different types of beneficial bacteria are considered probiotics.



- (5) Some foods, such as yogurt, kefir, kimchee, and fermented soybeans and kombucha naturally contain probiotics. But here's where things get complicated: not all fermented foods or yogurts contain probiotics, Reid says. As a consumer, a good starting point is to look for the phrase "contains live and active cultures" on the label; it's even better if specific strains of bacteria are listed, because then you'll know you're getting the right stuff.
- (6) Simply put, prebiotics are sources of food for those beneficial microbes — the probiotics. They are typically a form of carbohydrate or fiber that we don't have the enzymes to digest. As a result, they move through the digestive tract to the intestine, where beneficial bacteria (probiotics) can feast on them.
- (7) When you consume foods that are rich in probiotics and prebiotics, the microbes in your gut consume the undigestible prebiotic fiber and produce bioactive compounds called postbiotics. They are ultimately the endgame that we want — they affect how our gut operates and keeps the good bacteria there and the bad bacteria out.

Answer the following questions, based on the above passage :

- (i) Which of the following statements best describes the author's attitude towards probiotics ? 1
- (A) Probiotics, prebiotics and postbiotics are variations of the same thing, with just a difference of a prefix.
- (B) All fermented foods or yogurts naturally contain probiotics.
- (C) All three biotics are equally important to support microscopic organisms that live in the gut microbiome.
- (D) Only probiotics are important as they can improve irritable bowel syndrome and antibiotic-related diarrhea.
- (ii) According to the writer, health benefits of all the 'biotics' extend beyond the digestive tract. Rationalise your response in about 40 words. 2



- (iii) Complete the sentence appropriately. 1  
To get the right probiotic and to match it with your body's requirement, it is important to see the label for \_\_\_\_\_.
- (iv) The passage includes some words that are opposites of each other. From the sets (A) – (E) below, identify two sets of antonyms. 1  
(A) increase and decrease  
(B) probiotic and postbiotic  
(C) beneficial and harmful  
(D) feast and fermented  
(E) consuming and digestive
- (v) Complete the sentence appropriately. 1  
The author wants to stress the fact that there is not just one type of beneficial bacteria considered as probiotic, in fact, some probiotics have \_\_\_\_\_.
- (vi) Based on the reading of the passage, examine in about 40 words, the importance of prebiotics for the human gut and how they are related to probiotics. 2
- (vii) As a consumer, if you want to pick a probiotic product, what is the most important thing to keep in mind ? 1  
Pick the best answer.  
(A) Any fermented product that contains probiotics.  
(B) Checking the label for specific strains of bacteria.  
(C) All products under “probiotics” section in a grocery store are safe to pick.  
(D) Checking the label which clearly says “probiotics” is sufficient.
- (viii) “Despite their importance for the gut microbiome, the health benefits of these ‘biotics’, which are present in certain foods or result from their metabolism, extend beyond the digestive tract.” 1  
As per this statement from the passage, how relevant are the ‘biotics’ for humans ? Pick the best answer.  
(A) Their relevance has been proven by scientific evidence.  
(B) Not very relevant as more study is needed.  
(C) Their relevance cannot be generalised for everyone.  
(D) Only probiotics are relevant for humans.



2. Read the following passage carefully :

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- (1) After more than two years of halted travel, India's tourism and hospitality industry is now cautiously hopeful. Tourism constituted almost 3% of India's GDP and generated around 100 million jobs in 2019. But the sector was severely hit in India — like in other countries — in the past two years.
- (2) Indians are now travelling with a vengeance — 'revenge travel', as the phenomenon is called. And many, experts say, now prefer to travel within the country instead of flying to more expensive destinations abroad. The industry is also benefitting from new trends borne of the pandemic such as micro-holidays and workcations.
- (3) According to a survey, 51 percent of Indian travellers believed that international travel remained an important means of expanding their horizons and connecting with other cultures. Over two years, the survey said, Indian travellers are now dreaming about their next international trip and more than 70 percent of Indians are excited about being able to travel internationally.
- (4) There has also been an increase in the number of students going abroad to study. The increasing desire to study overseas is credited to the pent-up demand from the pandemic's two-year duration. This has got further pronounced because of growing aspirations and affordability among the middle-class students from Tier II and Tier III cities.



The table below shows foreign travel by Indians for different purposes from 2019 to 2022.

Purpose	2019	2020	2021	2022
Business	14.7 L	2.6 L	1.2 L	4.6 L
Job	25.2 L	7.1 L	8.3 L	21.4 L
Residency	89.5 L	28.9 L	34.6 L	72.5 L
Education	5.8 L	2.6 L	4.4 L	6.5 L
Tourists	63.8 L	13.1 L	12.8 L	30.8 L
Visit	42.1 L	10.1 L	15.1 L	40.9 L
Medical	1,448	390	545	1,253
Pilgrimage	8.8 L	1.1 L	4,139	4.6 L
Others	2.6 L	54,775	58,767	1.6 L
Total	2.5 Crore	66.2 L	77.2 L	1.8 Crore

Answer the following questions, based on the above passage :

- (i) Complete the following analogy appropriately, based on your understanding of paragraphs 1 and 2. 1

We can say that the situation when people were travelling with a vengeance is comparable to people going out to dine in hordes, because \_\_\_\_\_.

- (ii) Fill in the blanks with the appropriate option from those given in brackets, based on your understanding of paragraph 1. 1

The statement that, 'Tourism constituted almost 3% of India's GDP and generated around 100 million jobs in 2019', is a/an \_\_\_\_\_ (fact/opinion) because it is a/an \_\_\_\_\_ (subjective judgement/objective detail).



- (iii) Justify the following in about 40 words. 2  
After being cooped up inside their houses for more than two years, Indians are now excited about being able to travel internationally.
- (iv) Based on the given table, for which 'purpose' did Indian foreign travel increase in 2022 as compared to 2019 ? 1
- (v) 'The industry is also benefitting from new trends borne of the pandemic such as micro-holidays and workcations.' Which 'industry' is being talked about here ? 1
- (vi) As per the given table, for which purpose did maximum number of Indians undertake foreign travel in 2019 and in 2022 ?  
State any one inference that can be drawn from this. 1
- (vii) Why are students today choosing to go abroad to study ?  
(Answer in about 40 words.) 2
- (viii) Which of the following is the main takeaway from the study mentioned in the passage ? 1
- (A) International travel remains an important means of expanding the horizons and connecting with other cultures.
- (B) Though travel, both domestic and international, has picked up, it has yet to reach its previous levels.
- (C) Indians are excited about being able to travel internationally.
- (D) The study needs to include experts from Tourism Department to offer any recommendations for further research.



## SECTION B

### Grammar and Creative Writing Skills

20 marks

#### Grammar

3. Complete any **ten** of the following twelve tasks as directed. 10×1=10

- (i) Fill in the blank by using the correct form of the word in the brackets, for the given portion of a letter. 1

I am also enclosing documents \_\_\_\_\_ (mention) our terms and conditions with this letter. Please go through the same and if you have any doubts regarding that, please feel free to call or meet me personally.

- (ii) Read the given sentence from a book review article. 1

Identify the error and supply the correction in the sentence.

Its flexible to ferry up to seven adults made the Banana Boat hugely appealing.

Use the given format for your response.

Error	Correction

- (iii) Mihika and Nitesh had a conversation about a shopping mall they recently visited. 1

Report Mihika's question.

Do you remember that cafe where we had a croissant ?

- (iv) Fill in the blank by choosing the correct option, to complete the part of a notice on the school notice board. 1

Students who want to participate in the Annual Day \_\_\_\_\_ (could/may/should) report to the Auditorium Hall at 12:30 pm tomorrow.





- (v) Identify the error and supply the correction for the given pop-up appearing on a website's home page. 1

This site use cookies. By continuing to use our website, you are agreeing to our privacy policy.

Use the given format for your response.

<i>Error</i>	<i>Correction</i>

- (vi) Complete the given narrative by filling in the blank with the correct option. 1

Always check the forecast so that you can be prepared for weather changes. Temperature may drop and wind may increase as you \_\_\_\_\_ higher.

- (A) climb  
(B) will climb  
(C) climbed  
(D) climbing

- (vii) Read the dialogue between Sameer, a passenger and the flight attendant regarding delay in flight landing. 1

*Sameer :* At what time are we landing in Mumbai ?

*Flight Attendant :* Sorry for the inconvenience, sir. The flight will be delayed by a few hours due to heavy rain.

Select the correct option to complete the reporting of the above dialogue.



Sameer asked the flight attendant about the time they would be landing in Mumbai. The flight attendant apologized for the inconvenience and replied that \_\_\_\_\_ due to heavy rains.

- (A) the flight would be delayed by a few hours
- (B) there would be a delay in flight landing
- (C) there will be a delay by a few hours
- (D) the flight could be delayed by a few hours

- (viii) Select the option that identifies the error and supplies the correction for the opening line of a Policy document.

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<i>Option No.</i>	<i>Error</i>	<i>Correction</i>
(A)	should	may
(B)	however	therefore
(C)	has	have
(D)	material	materialism

- (ix) Report the following dialogue between a teacher and her student, by completing the sentence.

1

*Teacher :* Why have you not completed your homework ?

*Student :* There was a long power cut in my locality and our inverter battery also ran out.

The teacher asked the student why he had not completed his homework. The student answered that \_\_\_\_\_.



- (x) Fill in the blank by choosing the correct option to complete the part of a notice, posted on a school notice board. 1

As per the given schedule, the Students Council election of the school for the current session \_\_\_\_\_ held on 23<sup>rd</sup> May at 2:30 pm.

- (A) may be  
(B) should be  
(C) can be  
(D) will be

- (xi) Complete the line in this poem by filling in the blank with the correct option. 1

The world is transforming at a rapid pace  
With rising technology and heaps of e-waste.  
Nations today are \_\_\_\_\_ in a rat race  
For producing more radioactive waste.

- (A) caught up  
(B) catching up  
(C) caught  
(D) catching

- (xii) Identify the error and supply the correction for the following note in a laptop's user guide. 1

This guide describes features that are common to most products.  
Some features cannot be available on your computer.

Use the given format for your response.

<i>Error</i>	<i>Correction</i>



## Creative Writing Skills

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

4. Attempt any **one** from (a) and (b) given below : 5

- (a) The roads in your locality have developed big potholes after the rains and have not been repaired. Despite several complaint letters to the civic authorities, the problem is still unresolved. Write a letter to the editor of a local daily, in about 120 words, expressing your concern at the situation and suggesting measures to resolve the problem and drawing attention of the concerned authorities. You are Maasumi / Mausana of 17, Crown Apartments, Harsh Vihar, Akash Nagar.

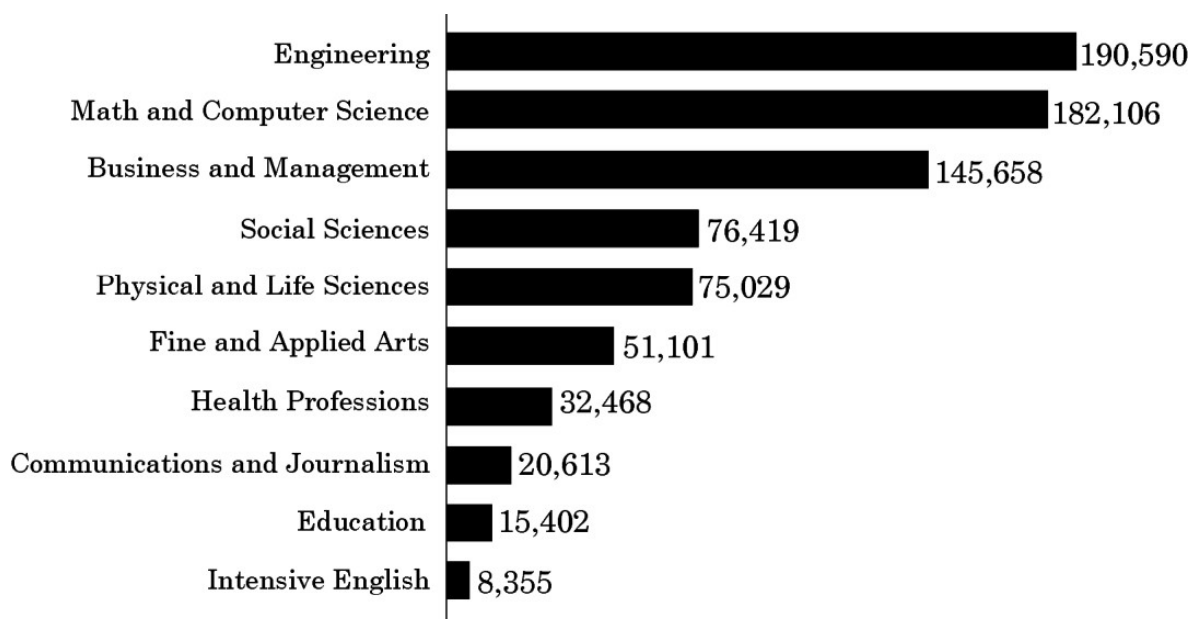
**OR**

- (b) As Jignesh Silva / Punkhuri Shukl of 648, Sec-19, Sadar Nagar, you feel very unhappy and annoyed with the way bikes and cars are haphazardly parked in front of residential units causing inconvenience to residents. Write a letter to the RWA of your society in about 120 words, expressing your concern at the situation and suggesting measures to remove the nuisance.

5. Attempt any **one** from (a) and (b) given below : 5

- (a) Many Indian students go abroad for higher studies. The following graph shows the most popular fields of study for Indian students studying abroad in the academic year 2020 – 21.

Analyze the graph and write an analytical paragraph, in about 120 words, by selecting features that support your analysis.

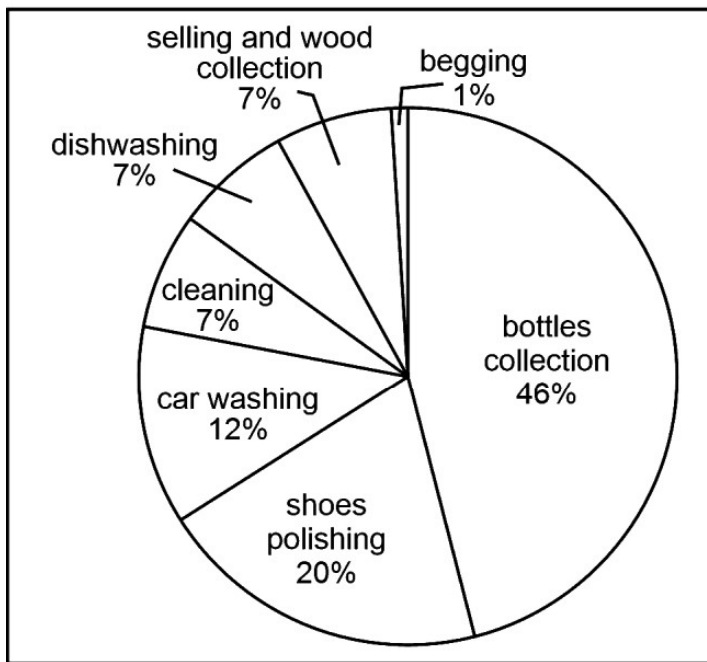


**OR**



- (b) Many out-of-school children are employed in various odd jobs in India. Child labour deprives children of their right to go to school and reinforces intergenerational cycles of poverty. Based on the data given below in the pie chart, write an analytical paragraph, in about 120 words, analyzing the situation and probable reasons that lead children to become a part of the child labour force.

### CHILD LABOUR IN INDIA



***For the Visually Impaired Candidates only in lieu of Q. No. 5 (b) :***

Many out-of-school children are employed in various odd jobs in India. Child labour deprives children of their right to go to school and reinforces intergenerational cycles of poverty. Based on the data given below, write an analytical paragraph, in about 120 words, analysing the situation and circumstances that lead children to become a part of the child labour force.

1. bottles collection – 46%
2. shoes polishing – 20%
3. car washing – 12%
4. cleaning – 7%
5. dishwashing – 7%
6. selling and wood collection – 7%
7. begging – 1%



## SECTION C

### Literature

40 marks

6. Read the following extracts and answer the questions for any **one** of the given two, (a) or (b) :

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- (a) We have, at last, achieved our political emancipation. We pledge ourselves to liberate all our people from the continuing bondage of poverty, deprivation, suffering, gender and other discrimination.

Never, never, and never again shall it be that this beautiful land will again experience the oppression of one by another.

The sun shall never set on so glorious a human achievement.

Let freedom reign. God bless Africa!

(Nelson Mandela – Long Walk to Freedom)

- (i) State any one inference about Nelson Mandela from the given context :

1

“We have, at last, achieved our political emancipation.”

- (ii) State True or False :

1

When Mandela says, “God bless Africa”, he intends to mean well-being and welfare of only black people in South Africa.

- (iii) “Nelson Mandela’s speech is full of optimism.” Elaborate in about 40 words with reference to the extract.

2

- (iv) Which phrase would correctly substitute ‘so glorious’, in the given sentence from the extract.

1

“The sun shall never set on so glorious a human achievement.”

OR



- (b) The expected call came within a few days. Mrs. Pumphrey was distraught. Tricki would eat nothing. Refused even his favourite dishes; and besides he had bouts of vomiting. He spent all his time lying on a rug, panting. Didn't want to go for walks, didn't want to do anything.

I had made my plans in advance. The only way was to get Tricki out of the house for a period. I suggested that he be hospitalised for about a fortnight to be kept under observation.

(A Triumph of Surgery)

- (i) Which of the following is **not** a reason why Mr. Herriot thinks Tricki needs to be taken out of the house for a period ? 1
- (A) He wanted to keep Tricki away from Mrs. Pumphrey.
- (B) He wanted to keep Tricki under observation.
- (C) He wanted to do an experiment on Tricki.
- (D) He wanted to improve Tricki's health.
- (ii) What was the main reason for Mrs. Pumphrey to be distraught ? Answer in about 40 words. 2
- (iii) State True or False : 1
- When Mr. Herriot says, "I had made my plans in advance" – what he actually means is, he had already seen this trauma coming for Tricki.
- (iv) Which of the following best describes Mrs. Pumphrey ? 1
- (A) unkind and inconsiderate
- (B) impractical but compassionate
- (C) anxious and ambitious
- (D) fearful but confident



7. Read the following extracts and answer the questions for any **one** of the given two, (a) or (b) :

5

- (a) In a world of possessions. People will take  
Balls, balls will be lost always, little boy.  
And no one buys a ball back. Money is external.  
He is learning, well behind his desperate eyes,  
The epistemology of loss, how to stand up  
Knowing what every man must one day know  
And most know many days, how to stand up.

(The Ball Poem)

- (i) Fill in the blank with one word. 1  
When the speaker says “People will take balls, Balls will be lost always, little boy”, his tone is \_\_\_\_\_.
- (ii) The poet says that money is external. What inference can be drawn from this statement ?  
Answer in about 40 words. 2
- (iii) Which of the following best describes the speaker’s attitude towards material possessions ? 1  
(A) indifferent  
(B) emotional  
(C) casual  
(D) respectful
- (iv) Identify the poetic device used in “And no one buys a ball back”. 1

**OR**





- (b) Don't eat that chocolate, Amanda!  
Remember your acne, Amanda!  
Will you please look at me when I'm speaking to you,  
Amanda!  
(I am Rapunzel, I have not a care;  
life in a tower is tranquil and rare;)

(Amanda)

- (i) What is the central idea of the poem as reflected in the lines above ?  
Answer in about 40 words. 2
- (ii) Complete the sentence with the appropriate option. 1  
"Will you please look at me when I'm speaking to you, Amanda!" tells us that the mother's attitude is \_\_\_\_\_.  
(A) loving (B) relaxed  
(C) authoritative (D) thoughtful
- (iii) Identify any one poetic device used in the above extract. 1
- (iv) For what reason does Amanda imagine herself to be Rapunzel ? 1

8. Answer any **four** of the following five questions in 40 – 50 words each :  $4 \times 3 = 12$

- (i) Maxwell decides to keep an otter as a pet. Elucidate with reference to the fact that owning a pet is a life of commitment.  
(Mijbil the Otter)
- (ii) 'The Tale of Custard the Dragon' is a humorous ballad. How does Ogden Nash create humour and entertainment in the poem ?
- (iii) Justify the title of the play 'The Proposal' with reference to the characters and plot.
- (iv) Why does the author say that the presence of the Baker's furnace in the village is absolutely essential ? Justify with reference to "A Baker from Goa".
- (v) The poem, "A Tiger in the Zoo" moves from the zoo to the jungle; and back again to the zoo. What effect does the poet want to bring out with this ? Elaborate.



9. Answer any **two** of the following three questions in 40 – 50 words each :  $2 \times 3 = 6$

- (i) One should never judge a book by its cover. Explain with reference to Ausable and how he outwits Max with his presence of mind.  
(The Midnight Visitor)
- (ii) “Horace Danby is a thief who was cheated by another thief.” Justify.  
(A Question of Trust)
- (iii) How can one say that Ebright’s curiosity / inquisitiveness drove him to become a scientist ?

(The Making of a Scientist)

10. Answer any **one** of the following two questions in 100 – 120 words : 6

- (a) You have been asked to present an evaluation of the approaches of both, the Baby Seagull and the Pilot who was lost in the clouds, towards achieving their dreams of conquering the skies.

Write this presentation draft including your insights, comparing the approaches of both.

You may begin this way : One acknowledges that both, the Seagull and the Pilot, wanted to ..... however, ..... .

(Reference : Two Stories About Flying)

**OR**

- (b) You have been chosen to address the school assembly, to speak on the epistemology of loss and the resilience of the human spirit during times of crisis. Prepare the speech draft, with reference to the commonality of themes in ‘The Ball Poem’ by John Berryman and ‘From the Diary of Anne Frank’.

You may begin this way :

Good morning everyone.

Today, I’d like to discuss two pieces of literature that offer a powerful insight into how to deal with loss and the resilience of the human spirit required during times of crisis.

You may end this way :

To conclude, I’d like to say that ..... . Thank you.



11. Answer any **one** of the following two questions in 100 – 120 words :

6

- (a) Imagine that Bholi writes a diary entry, exploring the themes of 'Girl Child' and 'Impact of Education', in the context of her own experiences.

Write this dairy entry, as Bholi.

**OR**

- (b) A character arc is the transformation or development of a character throughout a story and refers to the changes a character undergoes as a result of his/her experiences, challenges and interactions with other characters.

In light of the above information, trace the character arc of Griffin in H.G. Wells' 'Footprints without Feet'.

<b>Marking Scheme</b> <b>Strictly Confidential</b> <b>(For Internal and Restricted use only)</b> <b>Secondary School Examination, 2024</b> <b>SUBJECT NAME ENGLISH (LANGUAGE AND LITERATURE) (184)</b> <b>(Q.P. CODE – 2/5/3)</b>	
<b>General Instructions: -</b>	
<b>1</b>	You are aware that evaluation is the most important process in the actual and correct assessment of the candidates. A small mistake in evaluation may lead to serious problems which may affect the future of the candidates, education system and teaching profession. To avoid mistakes, it is requested that before starting evaluation, you must read and understand the spot evaluation guidelines carefully.
<b>2</b>	<b>“Evaluation policy is a confidential policy as it is related to the confidentiality of the examinations conducted, Evaluation done, and several other aspects. Its leakage to public in any manner could lead to derailment of the examination system and affect the life and future of millions of candidates. Sharing this policy/document to anyone, publishing in any magazine and printing in News Paper/Website etc may invite action under various rules of the Board and IPC.”</b>
<b>3</b>	Evaluation is to be done as per instructions provided in the Marking Scheme. It should not be done according to one’s own interpretation or any other consideration. Marking Scheme should be strictly adhered to and religiously followed. <b>However, while evaluating, answers which are based on latest information or knowledge and/or are innovative, they may be assessed for their correctness otherwise and due marks be awarded to them. In class-X, while evaluating two competency-based questions, please try to understand given answer and even if reply is not from marking scheme but correct competency is enumerated by the candidate, due marks should be awarded.</b>
<b>4</b>	The Marking scheme carries only suggested value points for the answers. These are in the nature of Guidelines only and do not constitute the complete answer. The students can have their own expression and if the expression is correct, the due marks should be awarded accordingly.
<b>5</b>	The Head-Examiner must go through the first five answer books evaluated by each evaluator on the first day, to ensure that evaluation has been carried out as per the instructions given in the Marking Scheme. If there is any variation, the same should be zero after deliberation and discussion. The remaining answer books meant for evaluation shall be given only after ensuring that there is no significant variation in the marking of individual evaluators.
<b>6</b>	Evaluators will mark( ✓ ) wherever answer is correct. For wrong answer CROSS ‘X” be marked. Evaluators will not put right (✓) while evaluating which gives an impression that answer is correct and no marks are awarded. <b>This is the most common mistake which evaluators commit.</b>
<b>7</b>	If a question has parts, please award marks on the right-hand side for each part. Marks awarded for different parts of the question should then be totalled up and written in the left-hand margin and encircled. This may be followed strictly.
<b>8</b>	If a question does not have any parts, marks must be awarded in the left-hand margin and encircled. This may also be followed strictly.
<b>9</b>	If a student has attempted an extra question, answer of the question deserving more marks should be retained and the other answer scored out with a note <b>“Extra Question”</b> .
<b>10</b>	No marks to be deducted for the cumulative effect of an error. It should be penalized only once.

11	A full scale of marks _____ (example 0 to 80/70/60/50/40/30 marks as given in Question Paper) has to be used. Please do not hesitate to award full marks if the answer deserves it.
12	Every examiner has to necessarily do evaluation work for full working hours i.e., 8 hours every day and evaluate 20 answer books per day in main subjects and 25 answer books per day in other subjects (Details are given in Spot Guidelines). This is in view of the reduced syllabus and number of questions in question paper.
13	<p>Ensure that you do not make the following common types of errors committed by the Examiners in the past:-</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Leaving answer or part thereof unassessed in an answer book.</li> <li>• Giving more marks for an answer than assigned to it.</li> <li>• Wrong totalling of marks awarded on an answer.</li> <li>• Wrong transfer of marks from the inside pages of the answer book to the title page.</li> <li>• Wrong question wise totaling on the title page.</li> <li>• Wrong totaling of marks of the two columns on the title page.</li> <li>• Wrong grand total.</li> <li>• Marks in words and figures not tallying/not same.</li> <li>• Wrong transfer of marks from the answer book to online award list.</li> <li>• Answers marked as correct, but marks not awarded. (Ensure that the right tick mark is correctly and clearly indicated. It should merely be a line. Same is with the X for incorrect answer.)</li> <li>• Half or a part of answer marked correct and the rest as wrong, but no marks awarded.</li> </ul>
14	While evaluating the answer books if the answer is found to be totally incorrect, it should be marked as cross (X) and awarded zero (0) Marks.
15	Any un assessed portion, non-carrying over of marks to the title page, or totalling error detected by the candidate shall damage the prestige of all the personnel engaged in the evaluation work as also of the Board. Hence, in order to uphold the prestige of all concerned, it is again reiterated that the instructions be followed meticulously and judiciously.
16	The Examiners should acquaint themselves with the guidelines given in the “ <b>Guidelines for spot Evaluation</b> ” before starting the actual evaluation.
17	Every Examiner shall also ensure that all the answers are evaluated, marks carried over to the title page, correctly totalled and written in figures and words.
18	The candidates are entitled to obtain photocopy of the Answer Book on request on payment of the prescribed processing fee. All Examiners/Additional Head Examiners/Head Examiners are once again reminded that they must ensure that evaluation is carried out strictly as per value points for each answer as given in the Marking Scheme.

## MARKING SCHEME

### ENGLISH LANGUAGE AND LITERATURE

SECTION A (Reading)		(20 marks)
<b>1</b>	<b>Discursive Passage :</b>	<b>10</b>
i)	(C) All three biotics are equally important to support microscopic organisms that live in the gut microbiome.	(1)
ii)	Yes, scientific evidence has linked prebiotics, probiotics and postbiotics with improvements in: - metabolic diseases / obesity / cholesterol abnormalities - depressive symptoms - poor sleep quality - respiratory tract infections. (any two points)	(2)
iii)	live and active cultures / Listing of specific strains of bacteria/name of bacteria	(1)
iv)	(A) Increase and decrease (C) Beneficial and harmful (partial credit of ½ marks for each)	(1)
v)	Dozens of strains / different strains	(1)
vi)	-Prebiotics are beneficial molecules: support microscopic organisms living in gastro-intestinal tract / gut. - Prebiotics: indigestible carbohydrate / fiber. - Source of food for the probiotics. (any two points)	(2)
vii)	(B) Checking the label for specific strains of bacteria.	(1)
viii)	(A) Their relevance has been proven by scientific evidence.	(1)
<b>2.</b>	<b>Case-based Factual Passage :</b>	<b>10</b>
i)	People were tired of being cooped up, started travelling with a vengeance, in same way people were tired of eating home food, started eating out with a vengeance.	(1)
ii)	a fact an objective detail	(1)
iii)	-The survey said 51 percent of Indian travelers believed that international travel remained an important means of expanding their horizons and connecting with other cultures. - 70 percent of Indians are excited to travel internationally.	(2)
iv)	<b>Education.</b>	(1)
v)	Travel and Tourism industry/ hospitality industry/travel industry/Tourism industry	(1)
vi)	<b>Residency purpose.</b> Inference – for better opportunity/infrastructure/standard of living/to unite with family/more income – or any other possible inference. (partial credit of ½ mark for writing “residency” and partial credit of	(1)

	½ mark for any one inference. No partial credit for inference alone if “residency” is not written.)					
vii)	- Growing aspirations among middle class students from Tier-II and Tier-III cities. - Growing affordability among middle class students from Tier-II and Tier-III cities. – better opportunity for jobs - acquiring better skills from best universities/study courses as per one’s interest - broaden horizons/learn cultural differences and develop tolerance. (any two points)	(2)				
viii)	(B) Though travel, both domestic and international, has picked up, it has yet to reach previous levels.	(1)				
SECTION B (Grammar) (10x1=10 Marks)						
3.	Full credit for correct answers. No partial credit of $\frac{1}{2}$ , for any question in this section.					
i)	Mentioning	(1)				
ii)	<table><tr><td>Error</td><td>Correction</td></tr><tr><td>flexible</td><td>flexibility</td></tr></table>	Error	Correction	flexible	flexibility	(1)
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iii)	Mihika asked Nitesh if/whether he remembered that cafe where they had had a croissant.	(1)				
iv)	Should	(1)				
v)	<table><tr><td>Error</td><td>Correction</td></tr><tr><td>use</td><td>uses</td></tr></table>	Error	Correction	use	uses	(1)
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vi)	(A) climb	(1)				
vii)	(A) the flight would be delayed by a few hours	(1)				
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ix)	That there had been a long power cut in his locality and their inverter battery had also run out	(1)				
x)	(D) will be	(1)				
xi)	(A) caught up	(1)				
xii)	<table><tr><td>Error</td><td>Correction</td></tr><tr><td>can</td><td>may</td></tr></table>	Error	Correction	can	may	(1)
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SECTION B (Writing Skills)		(10 Marks)
<b>4.</b>	<b>Any <i>one</i> from (a) and (b) to be attempted</b>	<b>5</b>
a)	<p>Letter to Editor  Format – 1 mark – full credit if all aspects included. Partial credit (<math>\frac{1}{2}</math> mark) if one/two aspects are missing. No credit if more than two aspects are missing.</p> <p>Organisation of ideas – 1 mark (effective style, orderly sequence, paragraphed structure, formal tone)</p> <p>Accuracy – 1 mark (vocabulary, spelling, punctuation and grammar.)</p> <p>Content – 2 marks  Value Points:  Any relevant value points other than the ones mentioned below to be accepted:  *Concern about big potholes after the rains.  * Risks to the safety of the citizens  *Mention of previous letters of complaint to civic bodies.  *Measures to resolve the problem.</p>	
	<b>OR</b>	
b)	<p>Letter to the RWA of the Society  Format – 1 mark – full credit if all aspects included. Partial credit (<math>\frac{1}{2}</math> mark) if one/two aspects are missing. No credit if more than two aspects are missing.</p> <p>Organisation of ideas – 1 mark (effective style, orderly sequence, paragraphed structure, formal tone)</p> <p>Accuracy – 1 mark (vocabulary, spelling, punctuation and grammar.)</p> <p>Content – 2 marks  Value Points:  Any relevant value points other than the ones mentioned below to be accepted:  *Concern about the haphazard parking of vehicles in front of the residential units.  *Inconvenience of residents &amp; risk to safety.  *Suggesting measures to resolve the issue.</p>	
<b>5.</b>	<b>Attempt any <i>one</i> from (a) and (b) given below :</b>	<b>5</b>
a)	<p>Organisation of ideas – 2 marks (effective style, orderly sequence, single paragraph structure, formal tone and functional vocabulary)</p> <p>Accuracy – 1 mark  Spelling, punctuation and Grammar.</p> <p>Content – 2 marks  Value Points:  Four trends / points to be included, well developed with sustained</p>	



	clarity Any relevant value points other than the ones mentioned below to be accepted: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Identification of the most popular fields of study.</li> <li>• Identification of the least popular fields of study.</li> <li>• Suggestive reasons for the variations.</li> </ul>	
	<b>OR</b>	
b)	Organisation of ideas – 2 marks (effective style, orderly sequence, single paragraph structure, formal tone and functional vocabulary) Accuracy – 1 mark Spelling, punctuation and Grammar. Content – 2 marks Value Points: Four trends / points to be included, well developed with sustained clarity Any relevant value points other than the ones mentioned below to be accepted: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Identification of the trends of child labour work pattern</li> <li>• Possible inferred reasons for child labour.</li> </ul>	
<b>SECTION C: Literature Textbook and Supplementary Reading Text (40 Marks)</b>		
<b>6.</b>	<b>Attempt any <i>one</i> of the two extracts (a) and (b) given below :</b>	<b>5</b>
a)	Reference to Context – Prose	
	i) * Mandela felt a sense of achievement/fulfilment. * Mandela felt that their struggles & sufferings were worth it. * Mandela felt a sense of collective achievement.  (Any one inference)	(1)
	ii) False	(1)
	iii) *Achieving political emancipation *Liberation from continued bondage of poverty / deprivation / Suffering / gender and discrimination. *No more oppression in Africa. *Repeating of the word ‘never’ to show optimism. * Optimism in the way he refers to Africa as beautiful land. (Any two value points)	(2)
	iv) Distinguished/outstanding/magnificent, (any other appropriate synonym to be accepted)	(1)
	<b>OR</b>	
b)	i) (C) He wanted to do an experiment on Tricki	(1)
	ii) *The dog became really sick. *He didn’t want to go for walks. *He refused to eat and would just lay on the rug, panting.  (Any two value points)	(2)
	iii) True	(1)
	iv) (B) impractical but compassionate.	(1)

<b>7.</b>	<b>Attempt any <i>one</i> of the two extracts (a) and (b) given below :</b>	<b>(5)</b>
a)	Poetry – (The Ball Poem)	
	i) Instructive/Practical/Realistic/Matter-of-fact (Any other appropriate synonym)	(1)
	ii) *Money can buy a new ball but cannot buy back the love associated with it. *Things that one loves cannot be replaced with money.	(2)
	iii) (A) Indifferent	(1)
	iv) Alliteration	(1)
	<b>OR</b>	
b)	Poetry – (Amanda !)	
	i) *The central idea is the contrast between control and freedom. *Amanda’s character symbolizes the desire for freedom and her mother represents the control over freedom. *The poem is about a child whose parents constantly regulate her. (Any two value points)	(2)
	ii) (C) Authoritative	(1)
	iii) Repetition – Amanda Metaphor – Amanda compares herself to Rapunzel. Allusion – Amanda’s character is alluded to the character of Rapunzel	(1)
	iv) *To escape mother’s nagging, she fantasizes to be Rapunzel. * In the tower, Rapunzel is beyond anyone’s interference, free and Peaceful, better situation than her.	(1)
<b>8.</b>	<b>Four of five Short Answer questions to be attempted.</b>	<b>4x3=12</b>
	First Flight Content – 2 marks (any two relevant points to be accepted) Organisation – 1 mark (1/2 mark to be deducted for accuracy from the overall credit of a response, if error density is high-more than a total of 2 spellings and / grammatical errors)	
i)	* When he brought the otter, a new phase of his life began. * Maxwell had to understand the ways of Mijbil’s life. * Maxwell had to make accommodations in his living space and his routine for Mijbil. *Maxwell had to face comments from various people about Mijbil.  (any two points, any other relevant point to be accepted)	(3)
ii)	*Use of non-standard language *Vivid and funny imagery of the pirate and the characters * The ironic humour of the characters who portray them as brave actually fleeing in the face of danger.  (any two points, any other relevant point to be accepted)	(3)
iii)	* Title refers to the central event of the play --- Proposal of Lomov to Natalya. * The proposal sets the stage for the conflict and tension and drives the action of the play.	(3)

	<p>* Lomov's proposal turns out to be a complicated negotiation that involves matters of property, pride and social status: fight about the Oxen Meadows and the dogs.</p> <p>(any two points, any other relevant point to be accepted)</p>	
iv)	<p>* Marriage gifts were meaningless without the sweet bread known as the bol.</p> <p>* The lady of the house must prepare sandwiches on the occasion of her daughter's engagement using the bread from the baker.</p> <p>* Cakes and bolinhas were a must for Christmas as well as other festivals.</p> <p>(any two points, any other relevant point to be accepted)</p>	(3)
v)	<p>* Theme of the poem - freedom represented by the jungle vs captivity represented by the zoo.</p> <p>* Poet describes how the tiger longs for freedom by moving through the images of zoo and jungle.</p> <p>* The poem moves from freedom of the jungle to the captivity of the cage to contrast the two.</p> <p>* To emphasise the fact that the true habitat of a tiger is jungle and not the cage.</p> <p>(any two points, any other relevant point to be accepted)</p>	(3)
<b>9. a)</b>	<b>Two out of three Short Answer type questions to be attempted.</b>	
	<p>Footprints Without Feet</p> <p>Content – 2 marks (any two relevant points to be accepted)</p> <p>Organisation – 1 mark (1/2 mark to be deducted for accuracy from the overall credit of a response, if error density is high-more than a total of 2 spellings and / grammatical errors)</p> <p>The given detailed reference points can be drawn upon to structure the desired response.</p>	2x3=6
i)	<p>* Ausable did not fit into any description of a secret agent – he was chubby, lethargic, messy and clumsy.</p> <p>* To outwit Max, Ausable acts calmly and wisely in a situation of danger.</p> <p>* Ausable cooked up a convincing story to outwit Max: Max jumps out of the balcony.</p> <p>(any two points, any other relevant point to be accepted)</p>	(3)
ii)	<p>* Horace Danby and the lady had planned to rob the same house.</p> <p>* Danby was tricked by lady disguised as the wife of the owner.</p> <p>* While the lady got away with it, the police arrested him.</p> <p>(any two points, any other relevant point to be accepted)</p>	(3)
iii)	<p>* Ebright's curiosity leads him to collect butterflies and read more.</p> <p>* His inquisitiveness leads him to contact Dr. Urquhart to learn more about science as a child.</p> <p>* He did a research project on butterflies that led to his new theory on the lives of cells.</p> <p>(any two points, any other relevant point to be accepted)</p>	(3)

<b>10.</b>	<b>One out of the two Long Answer questions to be attempted</b>	<b>6</b>
	First Flight Content – 3 marks Expression – 2 marks Accuracy – 1 mark	
a)	<p>Approach of the baby seagull:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>* Takes to flying out of desperation and hunger.</li> <li>* Needed to be pushed to the edge to overcome fear.</li> <li>* Her approach is cautious and she is compelled to.</li> </ul> <p>Approach of the pilot:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>* Takes risk to go through the storm.</li> <li>* Trusts his instincts to get through the difficult situations.</li> <li>* His approach is adventurous and instinctive.</li> </ul> <p>(any 3 points with at least one for each side to be written, any other relevant point to accepted)</p>	
	<b>OR</b>	
b)	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>* Both talk about loss --- the “The Ball Poem” about the loss of the ball and “From the Diary of Anne Frank,” about the loss of their homes.</li> <li>* Both talk about loss being part of growing up and an universal experience.</li> <li>* Both talk about how they dealt with loss --- the boy deals with loss of ball and Anne shares about her experience of the holocaust.</li> <li>* Loss as a transformative experience.</li> </ul> <p>(any 3 points with at least one for each side to be written, any other relevant point to accepted)</p>	
<b>11.</b>	<b>One out of the two Long Answer questions to be attempted</b>	<b>6</b>
	Footprints Without Feet Content – 3 marks Expression – 2 marks Accuracy – 1 mark	
a)	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>* Bholi seen as unmarriageable because she had pock marks/scars on her face.</li> <li>* Bholi’s worth determined by her marriageability as a girl child.</li> <li>* The teacher provided her support and encouragement.</li> <li>* Her education leads her to take a stand on dowry.</li> <li>* Her education leads her to stand against the humiliation of her father.</li> </ul> <p>(any three points from the above to be accepted) (any other relevant point also to be accepted)</p>	
	<b>OR</b>	
b)	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>* Griffin’s arc of transformation from a position of a gifted scientist to lawlessness.</li> <li>* Griffin was very gifted scientist.</li> <li>* Devised an experiment to become invisible.</li> </ul>	

	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>* Uses his invention for sinister actions</li> <li>* Shows a psychopathic lack of empathy and shame.</li> <li>* Shows a desire to cause harm for the sake of it.</li> <li>* Conducted unlawful activities, harmed innocent people.</li> <li>* Failed to gain sympathy due to his evil ways.</li> </ul> <p>(any three points from the above to be accepted)</p> <p>(any other relevant point also to be accepted)</p>	
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