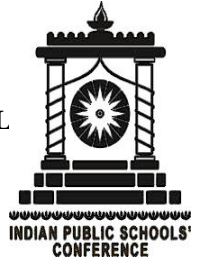




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**PRE-BOARD I EXAMINATION 2023-24**

**ENGLISH LANGUAGE & LITERATURE (184)**

**MARKING SCHEME**

**Reading Skill (10 m)**

Max. Marks : **80**

Class : X

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

- i. C. because they hold a wealth of information about the past
- ii. D. The royalty had the resources to create complex dishes and document them.
- iii. A. This cake is the heaven of taste!
- iv. Cooking-related tasks were mostly performed by women, so cookbooks may have been written by women for other women. / The authors of cookbooks written in the past may have mostly been men as only they were taught to write. (Accept any other valid response.)
- v. (Any one) (2)
  - The ingredients used in the cookbooks could reveal the availability of resources for a community / the access to resources through trade.
  - The type of cuisine described in a cookbook could reveal the influence of trading with other regions. (Accept any other valid response.)
- vi. step-by-step
- vii. C. confident
- viii. (Any 2) (2)
  - Because of the rise in the number of shows and documentaries about food
  - Because of the ease of social media and access to recipes
  - Because following a video is easier than trying to understand text in a cookbook
  - Because there are a lot of chefs on social media providing easy, step-by-step cooking instructions (Accept any other relevant response.)

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

- i. Latin America and the Caribbean and East Asia and the Pacific.
- ii. from 99 Million in 2000 to 58 million in 2019
- iii. primary Education is critical to both an individual and society because it can help in reducing extreme poverty and bringing out social changes. It can also help in bilding foundation for kids.
- iv. one of the targets related to primary education is promotion lifelong learning opportunities for all. Including a target on universal access to primary education.
- v. the number of out of school children were reduced by over 40%. From 99 million in in 2000 to 58 million in 2019.
- vi. Fundamental.
- vii. the sustainable Development Agenda acknowledges the importance of primary education in Goal 4 which stipulates that by 2030, the world should ensure inclusive and equitable quality education and promote lifelong learning opportunities for all, including a target on universal access to primary education.
- viii. (b) about 80% children completed the primary education

## SECTION B : GRAMMAR 10

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

1x10

i. he would need to learn more about the art he liked and practice it every day / to learn more about the art he likes and practice it every day

ii. C. will bring

iii. error correction

stays stay

iv. B. must

v. paint

vi. A. These/This

vii. A. hear

Viii. not to worry as he had never lost a case in his life / not to worry as he had never lost any case in his life.

ix. D. is

x. D. the next day

xi. Error correction

The A

xii. Rishi asked Ali if he could give him some advice on how he could be a better school captain. / Rishi requested Ali for some advice on how he could be a better school captain.

## SECTION C : CREATIVE WRITING SKILLS (10 marks)

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

5

1. LETTER Format – 1 Content -2 Organisation of ideas -1 Accuracy 1

A.

Rainbow Apartments

Marathalli

Bangalore

10 May 2022

The Area Development Officer

Marathalli Area

Bangalore

Subject: Requesting Timely Completion of Pipeline Repair Work

Sir

This is with reference to the on-going repair work of the water supply lines in our area that burst earlier this week.

We were informed that the repair work will be a lengthy and time-consuming process. We have around 2000 families and staff living in our apartment complex. While we have provision for water in our overhead water storage tanks, the stored water will be insufficient to meet everyone's daily needs, especially since it

is the peak of summer. Additionally, the surrounding area has also been dug up for repairs, making the tanker drivers reluctant to come inside the apartment to deliver water. Besides, procuring water through them is very expensive. The quality of water from alternate sources is also poor.

I sincerely request you to address this problem at the earliest and ensure the completion of the repair work.

Thank you

Yours truly

Rakesh Mehta

(Secretary)

OR

**B.**

Worli Park

Mumbai

15 December 2022

The Editor

The Youth Times

Mumbai

Subject: The future of the country is safe in the hands of our youth

Dear Madam

This is with reference to a documentary I saw on how the youth of our country are truly its torch-bearers. It is heartening to see youngsters participate in different activities to improve society, such as helping to keep the neighbourhood clean by organising cleanliness drives, assisting the elderly with their chores, feeding stray animals and so on.

Their feelings of belongingness and patriotism are at the core of all their actions and decisions. They are living up to the values instilled in them by the great leaders of the past. They work hard till their goals are achieved.

We can encourage the youth to do more for society by having them volunteer for causes they are interested in, and spreading awareness on issues that plague society.

Through this letter, I wish to appreciate these youngsters and highlight their many positive contributions to society.

Thank you

Yours truly

Polly Chawla

(A Resident)

**V. Attempt ANY ONE from A and B given below.**

**5**

**ANALYTICAL PARAGRAPH WRITING: Content -2 Organisation of ideas -2 Accuracy 1 5A**

### **State of Cancer Prevailing in India**

It is a matter of concern that our urban population has become cancer-prone more than the rural population. It is very sad that every tenth person is likely to have cancer. It is due to high level of benzene in the air. It is also due to the high levels of pesticides in the foods. Also highly radio-active waves of the

cell-phones etc., have also contributed to this grave danger to human population. To check this menace of cancer, the Government shall have to give top-most priority to preventive actions. More facilities like Diagnostic Centres and Cancer Hospitals need to be created for the treatment of cancer patients. There is a dire need to contain this deadly disease by taking some urgent steps. First of all, we must ban the wide use of the pesticides. Excessive use of pesticides is really harmful for human health. In the developed countries, much emphasis is being laid on organic manure instead of the fertilizer. So we have to introduce organic manure. Then crop pattern needs to be changed. Besides this, a kind of public awareness programme will have to be undertaken. Public is to be awakened towards the growth of cancer and its easy detection. This would surely help in the containing of this disease at its initial stages. If cancer is detected and treated at the early stages, it can't be fatal.

**5B**

### **Transformation of Village of Stokeford**

The two maps illustrate how the village of Stokeford, situated on the east bank of the River Stoke, changed over an 80 year period from 1930 to 2010. There was considerable development of the settlement over these years and it was gradually transformed from a small rural village into a largely residential area. The most notable change is the presence of housing in 2010 on the areas that were farmland back in 1930. New roads were constructed on this land and many residential properties built. In response to the considerable increase in population, the primary school was extended to around double the size of the previous building. Whilst the post office remained as a village amenity, the two shops that can be seen to the north-west of the school in 1930, no longer existed by 2010, having been replaced by houses. There also used to be an extensive property standing in its own large gardens situated to the south-east of the school. At some time between 1930 and 2010, this was extended and converted into a retirement home. This was another significant transformation for the village.

## **SECTION D – LITERATURE (40 M)**

### **VI. Reference to the Context**

**10**

#### **1. A.**

- i. D. because he had faith in a higher power
- ii. disappointed / hurt / sad / upset / disheartened (Accept any other valid response.)
- iii. eager / curious / excited / restless (or any suitable word compatible with the context of the sentence.)
- iv. A. He was not able to put his thoughts into words.
- v. B. Simon has an impressive stamp collection he liked to boast of.

**OR**

#### **1.B.**

- i. (b) they had proved the test of time and were working well.
- ii. The 'fire in the furnaces has not yet been extinguished' implies that. a) the furnaces are still being used to bake the loaves of bread.
- lii. The tone of the narrator is neither harsh nor pleasant.

Explanation:

- 1- The narrator is calling makers to those people who make edibles such as bread, cakes, biscuits, and other baking products.
  - 2- The makers are still there to make more pieces of bread and edibles for the upcoming customers.
- iv. (b) heralding

**VI. 2.A.**

- i. recognize/detect/identify (Accept any synonyms giving the similar/ correct meaning)
- ii. D. a word or phrase that creates a mental image through vivid description
- iii. FALSE
- iv. A. funny
- v. C. The people along the sand  
All turn and look one way.  
They turn their back on the land.  
They look at the sea all day.

**OR**

**2.B.**

- i. A. 1, 5
- ii. Line 6 of the extract is ironical because the speaker is doing what she says she is not doing, that is, nagging Amanda.
- iii. C. She wishes to be left alone.
- iv. sulking
- v. C. Bobby's shirt was so bright and cheerful.

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

**3X4=12**

**i. Explain the given statement with reference to Nelson Mandela's dreams.**

**“A winner is a dreamer who never gives up.”**

**Ans:** People liberated from poverty, deprivation, suffering, gender and other discrimination; not oppressed by another;

- ‘Apartheid’ stopped
- new government that recognises the rights and freedoms of all peoples, regardless of the colour of their skin

Result - dared to dream; fought and struggled till he achieved his goal.

**ii. Give two reasons to support the opinion that Anne's diary is interesting to readers.**

**Ans:** The Diary of Anne Frank is a personal account of one family's experience of hiding from the Nazis during the war.

- Written through the perspective of a 13-year old, it brings to the fore the horrors of war and racial persecution, and personalises its impact.

Result - Different from purely historical accounts, which include facts and data; Anne's diary presents an account of war through the eyes of a young girl

**iii. What does 'Fog' tell us about the speaker's relationship with nature?**

**Support your answer with an example from the text.**

**Ans:**

It tells us that the poet is observant and attentive to his surroundings.

- He compares little cat feet to the fog to make it more endearing and relatable to the audience. Just as the fog comes, stays and leaves silently, so does the cat. This comparison creates an evocative image of a crawling baby on all fours and thus gives the poem a human touch.
- By comparing the fog to the cat, the poet livens up the poem by adding character to an otherwise boring natural occurrence, the fog.
- Since the cat is a living being and the fog is a natural phenomenon, it is a comparison of the living and non-living features of the natural

**iv. How do we know that bakers were an integral part of Goan society? (A Baker from Goa)**

**Ans:**

- They were loved and warmly welcomed into homes by the young and old alike.
- The fact that the bakers visited homes at least twice a day shows exactly how important their baked goods were to everyday life, thus making them very popular figures.
- Bread was a necessary part of festivities and functions in those days and thus the baker was an important part of these events

**v. Explain why the author describes Coorg as 'a piece of heaven that must have drifted from the kingdom of god'? Ans: ● Answer organised effectively**

- **The language usage needs to display a rationale and presentation of textual evidence**
  - scenic beauty / rolling hills / great weather / evergreen rainforests and coffee plantations / variety of birds and animals
  - brave race of people / colourful and warm
- Hence, a popular tourist destination

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

**2X3=6**

**i. How did Matilda's belief that she was 'an error of destiny' result in a lifetime of sorrow for her? (The Necklace)**

**Ans: The language usage needs to display stating of inference (based on...I believe that/.... reveals that.... etc.)**

- An 'error of destiny' is the belief that one is meant for a different type of life and does not have control over one's life, or is unable to correct the circumstances of one's life.
- Matilda was born and married into a poor family. She desired a life of luxury. There were constant conflicts with her husband as a result of her craving for a life beyond her means.
- She borrowed a necklace from a friend to show off her purported status to others and ended up losing it. Then she and her husband spent the next ten years trying to repay the debt, which put them through greater hardship.
- Matilda's belief also made her constantly compare her life with her rich friends, and put pressure on her simple and hardworking husband.

**ii. What lesson did Ebright learn when in the seventh grade he entered a country science fair?**

Ebright exhibited slides of frog tissues at a science fair. He did not get any prize. He learnt an important lesson that science is not just about display. It is about projects and experiments. He began conducting experiments from that day onwards.

**iii. Based on 'The Book That Saved the Earth', state how jumping to conclusions had an unintended consequence for the Martians.**

**Ans: The language usage needs to display stating of inference (based on...I believe that... reveals that... etc.)**

- Think Tank misinterpreted some nursery rhymes and planned a Martian invasion of Earth based on the assumption that the Martians were a more advanced race than the Earthlings.
- However, due to his incorrect interpretation, the Martians had to hurriedly leave Earth and evacuate Mars.

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

**1X6=6**

i. Compare and contrast what Anne from the poem 'Anne Gregory' would look for in a life partner as compared to Natalya from 'The Proposal'. Justify your answer with one example from each of the texts.

**Ans:**

**Introduction -**

- Anne and Natalya have very differing views on what they would look for in a life partner
- while Anne is looking for true love, it would seem like Natalya is looking for social mobility and security

**Anne -**

- would look for a life partner who is sincere and not superficial
- would colour her hair such that she could find someone to love her for who she was rather than how she looked

**Natalya -**

- does not seem to truly love or feel affection for Lomov
  - seems to constantly argue with Lomov about who owns a piece of land or whose dog is better but still agrees to marry him
  - seems to primarily agree to get married for economic reasons
- (Accept any other relevant point stemming from textual inference/s)

**OR**

ii. Explain how the setting of a story or a poem can enhance its plot with reference to 'Dust of Snow' and 'Tea from Assam'.

**Ans:**

**Value Points**

**How setting enhances plot -**

- Setting is one of the five essential components of a plot - be it a story or a poem. It sets the tone and mood of any piece of writing. The poem talks about healing amidst nature. When we experience good weather, it uplifts our mood and we are calmer and in a more relaxed state of mind. In the story, the arrival at Assam sets the tone for the rest of the story. How Rajvir feels, reacts to things, is excited and overwhelmed, are influenced by his natural surroundings.

**Dust of Snow -**

- A crow accidentally sprinkles some snow from the hemlock tree on the poet. The snow immediately changes his mood for the better. He feels happier and starts appreciating nature more because it helps him see life beyond his own insignificant troubles.
- Crows and hemlock trees are both viewed as inauspicious. But the poet is able to show them in positive light because his perception has changed. The natural setting of the poem makes even a crystal of snow have a big impact on the poet.

**Tea from Assam -**

- Rajvir is visiting Pranjol's house in Assam during the summer vacation. He has read up about Assam, its weather, scenic beauty and tea gardens. He shares his research work with Pranjol and his father.
- While traveling from the railway station to Pranjol's home, he passes several tea estates. He sees that the beautiful green cover around him has resulted in cooler weather. This increases his excitement and makes him truly happy. He is from the city, where there isn't enough green cover and the weather is warmer. A change in location makes things more exciting and appealing to him.

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

**1X6=6**

**i. Ans:**

Griffin was a man without conscience. It is true he was not a law abiding citizen of his country. He broke one law after another and made himself an undesirable person. He did not hesitate robbing the vicar at Iping for money he needed. He should have left a religious priest. When he was short of money he continued his experiments, without any thoughts of the consequences, he robbed his own father, who committed suicide because the money was not his. He attended his father's funeral without feeling sorry

for his own act; instead he blamed his father for being a sentimental fool. He experimented on a cat, with no concern for the poor creature's cries of pain. He threw it out and never tried to find whether it was alive or dead. He burnt down the house at Great Portland Street when the landlord and his sons found about his experiments and were horrified. He was only worried about covering his trail. After becoming invisible he committed one brutal act after another, not because they were necessary for his survival, but simply because he enjoyed doing them. The way he looted the owner of a small costume shop, and left him helpless after striking him on his head, spoke volumes about his inhumanity.

He terrorized Marvel when he was on the run. fought with the policemen. His plan to spread reign of terror among people using his powers of invisibility really shocked Dr. Kemp. He even tried to kill him for betraying him. In his final run from the people hunting him he killed an old man with a rod because he bumped into him. Before his death, he had sunk to the lowest depth a man could go and was truly a monster in human form. All the bad and immoral things that Griffin could have been avoided if he had abided by the law of his country.

OR

ii. Bholi is physically challenged. She is a slow girl. She has pock-marks and also stammers. What difference does it make? She is a human being and she should also be treated and honoured like other human beings. If a person lacks something on the one hand, he or she is compensated on the other by God. We see so many examples and instances in the society which that disability of any kind is not an obstacle in one's life. Helen Keller was blind but proved to be a successful writer at the end. Sudha Chandran is an example of indomitable will, who, despite losing one leg, became a dancer of world-fame. The social attitude towards these people should not be one of pity. They should be appreciated that in spite of one's weakness, they are struggling hard to survive. The society will have to change its attitude towards differently abled people.