

**COMPREHENSIVE ASSESSMENT FEEDBACK
PRE-BOARD EXAMINATION (2023-24)**

CLASS: X

SUBJECT: ENGLISH LANGUAGE & LITERATURE (184)

Time Allowed : 3 hours

Maximum Marks : 80

SECTION-A (READING SKILLS) (20 MARKS)

1	<p>Discursive passage Read the Following Text:</p> <p>I. Meditation is an ancient practice that has been used for centuries to improve mental and physical health. It is a practice that involves focusing or clearing your mind using a combination of mental and physical techniques.</p> <p>II. There are many different types of meditation, each with its own unique benefits. Some people use meditation to relax, reduce anxiety and stress, and improve their overall well-being. Others use meditation to improve their focus and concentration, or to develop greater self-awareness.</p> <p>III. In recent years, modern science has begun to study the effects of meditation on the brain and body. Researchers have found that meditation can have a number of positive benefits, including the following. Reduced symptoms of anxiety, depression, and PTSD; improved cognitive function, including attention, memory, and decision-making; reduced stress levels and improved emotional regulation; improved sleep quality; reduced pain and inflammation; improved cardiovascular health and Increased compassion and empathy.</p> <p>IV. Meditation is a relatively simple practice that can be done by anyone, regardless of age, fitness level, or religious beliefs. It is a safe and effective way to improve your mental and physical health. Here are some of the different types of meditation. Mindfulness meditation: This type of meditation involves paying attention to the present moment without judgment. You may focus on your breath, your body sensations, or your thoughts and feelings. Mantra meditation: This type of meditation involves repeating a word or phrase over and over again. This can help to focus your mind and quiet your thoughts; Movement meditation: This type of meditation involves focusing on your breath or body movements. Examples include yoga, tai chi, and qi gong; Transcendental meditation: This type of meditation involves repeating a mantra for 20 minutes twice a day.</p> <p>V. If you are new to meditation, there are a few things you can do to get started: Find a quiet place where you will not be disturbed; sit in a comfortable position, either on the floor or in a chair; close your eyes and focus on your breath; when your mind wanders, gently bring it back to your breath ; start with short meditation sessions and gradually increase the duration as you become more comfortable.</p> <p>VI. Meditation is a skill that takes practice to learn. Don't be discouraged if you find it difficult at first. Just keep practicing and you will eventually see the benefits.</p> <p>Answer the following questions based on the passage above.</p>	10
i	<p>The above passage mainly talks about _____.</p> <p>A. Meditation – a means of living life B. Meditation – a guide to our life C. Meditation – it's benefits and techniques D. Meditation – the only way of salvation</p> <p>Incorrect Answer: Option A: Meditation a means of Living life because the overall passage is about its benefits and techniques</p>	1

	<p>Incorrect Answer: Option B: Meditation- a guide to our life because the overall passage is about its benefits and techniques Correct Answer: Option C. Meditation- it’s benefits and techniques Incorrect Answer: Option D: Meditation –the only way of salvation because the overall passage is about its benefits and techniques Suggestion: Option C is correct because the passage mainly talks about meditation and its benefits and techniques.</p>	
ii	<p>“Meditation is a relatively simple practice that can be done by anyone”. Why can meditation be practiced by anyone?</p> <p>Because it is a safe and effective technique- 1 mark to be awarded if this aspect is included</p>	1
iii	<p>Imagine you have decided to start meditating from today. Which 2 practices of meditation would you like to start with and how? Answer in about 40 words.</p> <p>1 mark for each relevant practice stated and reason thereof, ½ mark for any one relevant practice mentioned. Any 2 relevant practices as stated in the passage:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Mindfulness Meditation • Mantra Meditation • Transcendental Meditation • Movement Meditation 	2
iv	<p>Which of the following words is an antonym of ‘Empathy’ as used in para III?</p> <p>A. Sympathy B. Cruelty C. Humbleness D. Ecstasy</p> <p>Incorrect Answer: Option A: Sympathy means an understanding of other people’s feelings, especially their problems Correct Answer: B. Cruelty: It means cruel behaviour or a cruel action Incorrect Answer: Option C: Humbleness means the quality or state of being modest and lacking in pride or arrogance Incorrect Answer : Option D: Ecstasy means a state of extreme happiness, especially when feeling pleasure</p> <p>Suggestion: As Empathy is generally described as the ability to take on another's perspective, to understand, feel and possibly share and respond to their experience, therefore its possible anonym from the four given options is : Cruelty: It means <u>cruel behaviour or a cruel action.</u></p>	1
v	<p>Using information solely from the passage, provide two distinct reasons to complete the sentence appropriately.</p> <p>Everyone needs to start meditating because _____</p> <p>Any 2 reasons from passage 3: 1 mark to be awarded if any two reasons as mentioned are stated. ½ mark for each correct reason.</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Reduced symptoms of anxiety, depression, and PTSD • Improved cognitive function, including attention, memory. and decision-making • Reduced stress levels and improved emotional regulation • Improved sleep quality • Reduced pain and inflammation 	1

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vi	<p>“In recent years, modern science has begun to study the effects of meditation on the brain and body.” Explain in about 40 words.</p> <p>Any 2 relevant reasons from the passage: -Full credit - 2 mark for mentioning any 2 appropriate Reasons-Partial credit 1 for just an appropriate mention of either</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Reduced symptoms of anxiety, depression, and PTSD • Improved cognitive function, including attention, memory. and decision-making • Reduced stress levels and improved emotional regulation • Improved sleep quality • Reduced pain and inflammation • Improved cardiovascular health • Increased compassion and empathy 	2
vii	<p>Select the option that shows the correct relationship between (1) and (2).</p> <p>(1) Meditation is a simple practice that can be done by everyone. (2) Meditation is not necessary in life.</p> <p>A. (2) is a contradiction of (1) B. (2) is independent of (1) C. (2) is an example of (1) D. (2) is the cause of (1)</p> <p>Incorrect Option: A. (2) is a contradiction of (1) because the two given statements are not contradictory in nature. Correct Option: B. (2) is independent of (1) because both statements are standalone statements and does not depend on each other for validation Incorrect Option: C. (2) is an example of (1) because (2) is definitely not an example of (1) Incorrect Option D. (2) is the cause of (1) because (2) is not the cause of (1) Suggestion: Each statement must be read individually to understand the correlation.</p>	1
viii	<p>Below are statements from some people. Identify two statements that could be true in light of the above passage.</p> <p>A. “I react so impulsively! I think I need to start meditating. B. “it’s quite a task to meditate, I am quitting!! C. “I feel so liberated whenever I meditate! It feels so relaxing!” D. “Today I meditated for 2 hours. I think my blood pressure has increased!”</p> <p>Option A and Option C are correct: because both the statements are in sync (1) with what the passage stresses upon about meditation. Incorrect Option: B: “It’s quite a task to meditate, I am quitting.!!” Because nowhere in the passage is it mentioned that meditation is a difficult task. Incorrect Option D: “Today I meditated for 2 hours. I think my blood pressure has increased!” because this statement has nowhere been used in the passage nor any reference to this. Suggestion: All the statements must be read individually to comprehend the meaning of each.</p>	1
2	Case-based factual passage	10

Read the following text.

I. The health and wellness packaged food market is a rapidly growing industry, with a projected compound annual growth rate (CAGR) of 9.1% for the period 2022- 2030. This growth is being driven by a number of factors as mentioned below:

II. Increasing awareness of the health benefits of healthy food. Consumers are becoming more aware of the link between unhealthy eating and chronic diseases such as obesity, diabetes, and heart disease. This is leading to a growing demand for healthy food options, both packaged and unpackaged.

Rising demand for plant-based food products. Plant-based foods are becoming increasingly popular, due to their perceived health benefits and environmental sustainability. This trend is reflected in the health and wellness packaged food market, where plant-based products such as tofu, tempeh, and plant-based milk and yogurt are gaining traction.

New product development in various food manufacturing. Food manufacturers are constantly developing new and innovative healthy food products. This is helping to expand the range of healthy food options available to consumers and making it easier for them to make healthy choices.

The following table shows the increase in the sales of health and wellness packaged food over the years.

	Packaged food category	2019	2030
1.	Organic and natural foods	20%	40%
2.	Plant based foods	12%	25%
3.	Low-fat and low sugar foods	2%	60%
4.	Dietary supplements	5%	12%
5.	Functional foods	10%	18%

III. One of the main drivers of growth in the health and wellness packaged food market is the growing demand for organic and natural products. Consumers are becoming more concerned about the ingredients used in their food and are actively seeking out products that are made with natural and organic ingredients. This trend is reflected in the growing popularity of health and wellness packaged food products that are free from additives, preservatives, and artificial flavors.

IV. Another factor contributing to the growth of the health and wellness packaged food market is the increasing prevalence of chronic diseases. The global rise in obesity, diabetes, and cardiovascular diseases has prompted consumers to take a more proactive approach to their health and wellness. This has led to an increased demand for healthy food options that are low in sugar, fat, and salt. The health and wellness packaged food market is a diverse and growing industry. It includes a wide range of products, such as: Organic and natural foods; Plant-based foods; Low-fat and low-sugar foods; Functional foods; Dietary supplements.

V. The health and wellness packaged food market is a thriving industry with a bright future. The growing awareness of the health benefits of healthy food, the rising demand for plant-based food products, and the increasing prevalence of chronic diseases are all

	<p>driving growth in this market. The market is expected to continue to grow in the coming years, with the organic sector leading the way.</p> <p>Answer the following questions, based on the passage above:</p>	
i	<p>Which of these pieces of information can be confirmed by reading the passage?</p> <p>(I) The cause of rise in sales of health and wellness packaged food. (II) The consequence of rise in sales of health and wellness packaged food. (III) The choice available in health and wellness packaged food. (IV) The cause of decline in sales of health and wellness packaged food.</p> <p>Correct Option: C.- Only (I) and (III)</p> <p>Full credit of one mark for the correct response Incorrect Option: A: Only (I) because along with option I, option III also holds true from the reading of the passage Incorrect Option: B: Only (IV) because the cause of decline in sales of health and wellness packaged food has not been discussed in the passage. Incorrect Option: D: Only (III) and (IV) because the cause of decline in sales of health and wellness packaged food has not been discussed in the passage.</p> <p>Suggestion: All the statements must be read individually to comprehend the meaning of each.</p>	1
ii	<p>Fill in the blanks with appropriate option from those given in brackets. Based on the passage the health and wellness packaged food market has _____ (declined/ rose) because people have started to think that _____ (health/ taste) is also important.</p> <p>Correct Response: Rose, health (1 mark if both words are mentioned. ½ mark for each correct response)</p>	1
iii	<p>Imagine that you have to buy some healthy food items. Explain to your parents why would you prefer these food items. Keep the following points in mind. Answer about 40 words.</p> <p>(1) The health and wellness of an individual. (2) The taste of an individual.</p> <p>Any 2 relevant points from the passage</p> <p>Full credit of 2 marks if both relevant points are mentioned. Half credit of 1 mark if any one point is mentioned</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • healthy food options that are low in sugar, fat, and salt. • organic and natural products • plant-based products such as tofu, tempeh, and plant-based milk and yogurt 	2
iv	<p>Study the given table to identify the packaged food category which shows maximum rise in sales. Low fat and low sugar food items.</p> <p>Full credit of one mark for the correct response</p>	1
v	<p>Why has the writer stated the following line in the passage? Give a reason. “The market is expected to continue to grow in the coming years, with the organic sector leading the way.”</p>	1

	<p>Any 1 relevant reason from the passage or any one of the following: Full credit of one mark for the correct response</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ●because of growing awareness of the health benefits of healthy food ●the rising demand for plant based food products ●increasing prevalence of chronic diseases 	
vi	<p>Complete the sentence based on information from the passage. The health and wellness packaged food market is a diverse and growing industry as it includes_____.</p> <p>Many healthy ingredients - wide range of products</p>	1
vii	<p>“Consumers are becoming more concerned about the ingredients used in their food”</p> <p>Justify the above statement in about 40 words.</p> <p>1 mark for identifying the correct situation, 1 mark for giving a relevant justification (2)</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • One factor contributing to the growth of the health and wellness packaged foodmarket is the increasing prevalence of chronic diseases. <p>Justification (any one):</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Consumers are becoming more concerned about the ingredients used in their food and are actively seeking out products that are made with natural and organic ingredients. • Consumers are becoming more aware of the link between unhealthy eating and chronic diseases such as obesity, diabetes, and heart disease 	2
(viii)	<p>Which of the following words can correctly replace ‘thriving’ in para V.</p> <p>Incorrect Option: A: Declining – It means to become weaker, smaller or less good, therefore it’s not similar in meaning to thriving.</p> <p>Correct Option: B. Flourishing (this is a synonym of thriving)</p> <p>Incorrect Option: C. Happening – It means a thing that happens; an event, therefore it’s not similar in meaning to thriving.</p> <p>Incorrect Option: D. Widening – It means to become wider; to make something wider, therefore it’s not similar in meaning to thriving.</p> <p>Suggestion: Thriving is closest in meaning to Flourishing while the rest of the options are not.</p>	(1)
	SECTION B: WRITING SKILLS AND GRAMMAR	(20)
	GRAMMAR	
3.	Complete ANY TEN of twelve of the following tasks, as directed	(1*10)
(i)	<p>Two friends Sana and Shreen are discussing their upcoming plan of action. Report Shreen’s question: Sana: I have already completed my homework given yesterday. Shreen: Are you sure? Don’t forget to recheck it.</p> <p>Ans.- Shreen asked Sana if / whether she was sure and further asked / told her not to forget to recheck it.</p> <p>Value Points: -</p>	1

	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> ➤ In interrogative sentences, Use 'asked' for said and Use 'if/whether' to connect Reporting verb (RV) and Reported speech (RS). ➤ Pronoun 'you 2nd person' is changed as she (Sana, 3rd person). ➤ The present verb/HV (are) is changed in the past verb/HV (was). ➤ use 'asked/said/ suggested to/advised' i.e. followed by an object. ➤ write the first form of the verb i.e. 'forget' and write the rest of the statement as well. <p>Suggestive Measures: All the above mentioned rules must be followed to reach the desired answer.</p>	
(ii)	<p>(ii) Fill in the blanks with the Correct option. The girl shouted at me, " _____ the window." Later she _____ help her with the task.</p> <p>A. Shut; requested me to. B. Shuts; requested them to C. Shutting; requested them to D. Shut; requested them to.</p> <p>Correct option A. Shut; requested me to. Value Points: - 'Shut': -An imperative sentence begins with the first form of the verb or don't. use the first form of the verb i.e. 'Shut'. 'requested me to': -Use 'requested' the past form of the verb request because the RV is in past tense. Then use the object 'me' as me is already in the RV as an object followed by the connector 'to'. Option B, C & D are incorrect because they don't follow the subject verb agreement rules. Suggestive Measures: The student must learn the subject verb agreement & reported speech rules to reach the desired response.</p>	1
(iii)	<p>Read the given sentences from a story carefully. Identify the error and supply the correction. At Sunset, the villagers go looking for the boy who hadn't returned with his sheep. When they went up the hill, they found him weeping.</p> <p>Error- go; Correction-went Value Points: - Stories are written in the past tense; hence the error is 'go' the present form of the verb then, the correction is 'went' the past form of the verb 'go'. Suggestive Measures: The student must learn the past indefinite tense to reach the desired response.</p>	
(iv)	<p>Fill in the blank by using the correct form of the word in the bracket. Excited about his newly- earned powers, Midas started _____ (touch) all kinds of things, turning each item into pure gold.</p> <p>Answer: To touch/ touching Value Points: - Use either an infinitive or a present participle just after the verb start, hence to touch/ touching both are correct. Suggestive Measures: The student must learn the basic rules of gerunds and infinitives to reach the desired response.</p>	1

(v)	<p>Fill in the blank by choosing the correct option to complete the sentence below. The farmer said, "I will provide you with a bundle of sticks, Separate _____ (this/ each/ all/ many) stick and then break into two.</p> <p>Correct option – each</p> <p>Value Points: - use each to refer to individual things in a group or a list of two or more things. In the above statement the farmer asked his sons to separate each stick. Hence 'each' option is correct.</p> <p>Incorrect options: -</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ➤ this (this is used to talk about things close to us and singular also) ➤ all (All means 'every one', 'the complete number or amount' or 'the whole'.) ➤ many (use many to refer to a large number of something countable.) <p>Suggestive Measures: The student must learn the basic rules of determiners to reach the desired response.</p>	1
(vi)	<p>Complete the reporting of Manya's instructions to Krishika by filling the blank with the correct option. Manya said, "After eating your lunch, go to the mechanic and get the car repaired." Manya instructed Krishika that _____ and get the car repaired.</p> <p>Correct option B. after eating her lunch, she should go to the mechanic</p> <p>Value Points: - 'Your' second person is changed as her (Krishika, 3rd person). write 'she' as subject followed by 'should' modal for advice.</p> <p>Incorrect options: -</p> <p>A. 'Your' is incorrect because second person is changed according to the object. C. The verb finishing is not in the RV and also both the clauses are not connected. D. The verb finishing is not in the RV and also 'has to' is used for compulsion not for advice.</p> <p>Suggestive Measures: The student must learn the subject verb agreement & reported speech rules to reach the desired response.</p>	1
(vii)	<p>Select the option that identifies the error and supplies the correction for the given line, from a survey. The survey also found that there was 75 women teachers to every 100 male ones across institutes in the country.</p> <p>Correct option A. Error- was; Correction-were</p> <p>Value Points: - Since "there" is not the subject, the verb agrees with what follows the verb and in the above sentence the verb is followed by the plural noun that's why 'were' is used in the place of was.</p> <p>Incorrect option B, C & D: - Besides the above option the rest of the sentence is correct, hence all the other options are incorrect.</p> <p>Suggestive Measures: The student must learn the subject verb agreement rules to reach the desired response.</p>	1
(viii)	<p>fill in the blanks with correct option. Between the devil and the deep blue sea, I will _____ my red and luscious strawberry.</p> <p>Correct option D – (eat)</p> <p>Value Points: - the first form the verb is used just after the modal verb. Hence 'eat' is correct.</p> <p>Incorrect options:</p> <p>A (eats): the first form the verb plus s or es is never used just after the modal verb. B (eating): the first form the verb plus 'ing'(a present participle) is never used just after the modal verb.</p>	1

	<p>C (to eat): 'to' plus the first form the verb (an infinitive) is not used just after the modal verb.</p> <p>Suggestive Measures: The student must learn the subject verb agreement rules to reach the desired response.</p>	
(ix)	<p>Identify the error and supply the correction for the following statement. Students can bring the identity card and hall ticket during the examination without fail.</p> <p>Error- can; Correction-must/should</p> <p>Value Points: -</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ➤ use must for necessity/obligation. On the other hand, we may use should for obligation, hence must and obligation both are correct. ➤ 'can' modal is incorrect in this sentence because 'can' is used for power, ability, possibility but this is a sentence of obligation/necessity. <p>Suggestive Measures: The student must learn the modal verbs rules to reach the desired response.</p>	1
(x)	<p>Fill in the blank with the correct option. Rajan: "hey, what are you doing this Diwali?" Sukriti: "I am not sure; I think my friends _____ me."</p> <p>Correct option A. will visit</p> <p>Value Points: -The second clause of the above sentence tells about the future incident (future indefinite tense) and always use shall (I, We) and will (except I, We) plus the first form of the verb. Hence the correct answer is will visit.</p> <p>Incorrect options:</p> <p>B. is visiting (is/am/are plus first form of the verb plus ing is used in the present continuous tense)</p> <p>C. has visited (has/have plus third form of the verb is used in the present perfect tense)</p> <p>D. was visiting (was/were plus first form of the verb plus ing is used in the past continuous tense)</p> <p>Suggestive Measures: The student must learn the subject verb agreement rules to reach the desired response.</p>	1
(xi)	<p>Complete the following quote by filling in the blank with the correct option. "If your dreams don't _____ you, they are too small.</p> <p>Correct option C. scare</p> <p>Value Points: -Quotes, Proverbs, Sayings are always written in present tense and the term 'don't' is already in the above quote so use first form of the verb just after don't/doesn't.</p> <p>Incorrect options:</p> <p>A. scared (Never use the second form of the verb just after don't/doesn't)</p> <p>B scares (Never use 'the first form the verb plus s or es' just after don't/doesn't)</p> <p>D. scaring [the first form the verb plus 'ing'(a present participle) is never used just after don't/doesn't.]</p> <p>Suggestive Measures: The student must learn the subject verb agreement rules to reach the desired response.</p>	1
(xii)	<p>Identify the error supply the correction for the given fact. The family of snakes called vipers includes some of the poisonous snakes on the world.</p> <p>Error- on; Correction-in</p> <p>Value Points: -</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ➤ both 'in' and 'on' are prepositions of time and place, but they have slightly different definitions. 	

	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> ➤ The preposition 'in' is used to refer to something that is located inside of a specific space. Similarly, the family of snakes is found in the world. ➤ The preposition 'on' is used to refer to something that is touching the surface of something else.so 'on' is incorrect. <p>Suggestive Measures: The student must learn the prepositions rules to reach the desired response.</p>																		
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4.A	<p>You are Radhika/Raju, a resident of SFS Society, Pitampura, New Delhi. Recently you came across many e-rickshaws driving rashly on the roads occupying all the road space. Commuters are facing a lot of problems due to this. Write a letter to the editor of a newspaper highlighting this problem and suggesting some remedy for it in about 120 words.</p>	6																	
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4.B	<p>You are Sandhya /Sandeep, a resident of GHS Flats, Mayur Kunj. There is an outbreak of dengue fever in your area with a report of 70 new cases. Write a letter to the District Magistrate of your area, highlighting the problem and requesting to take measures to contain the spread, in about 120 words.</p> <table border="1" style="width: 100%; border-collapse: collapse;"> <tr> <td style="text-align: center;">Format 1</td> <td colspan="2" style="text-align: center;">See format part of 4.A</td> </tr> <tr> <td rowspan="2" style="text-align: center;">Content 2</td> <td>If the student writes the main highlights due to outbreak of dengue fever.</td> <td>Two or more problems-1 Only 1 problem- ½</td> </tr> <tr> <td>If the student writes some remedies to control the dengue fever</td> <td>Two or more suggestions-1 Only 1 suggestion- ½</td> </tr> <tr> <td style="text-align: center;">Organisation of ideas and coherence 2</td> <td colspan="2" style="text-align: center;">See Organisation of ideas and coherence part of 4.A</td> </tr> </table>	Format 1	See format part of 4.A		Content 2	If the student writes the main highlights due to outbreak of dengue fever.	Two or more problems- 1 Only 1 problem- ½	If the student writes some remedies to control the dengue fever	Two or more suggestions- 1 Only 1 suggestion- ½	Organisation of ideas and coherence 2	See Organisation of ideas and coherence part of 4.A		6
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5A	<p>Analytical Paragraph (5 marks)</p> <p>Read the following excerpt from a magazine:</p> <p>Children who learn about the hard work, time, and care that goes into growing food will understand the importance of farmers and the need to protect our planet. In today's world, gardening should be prioritized over sports, music, and dance in all schools because it creates environmental stewards and outdoor learning laboratories that benefit children and communities for years to come.</p> <p>Write an analytical paragraph in not more than 120 words to analyse the given argument. You could think about what alternative explanations might weaken the given conclusion and include rationale and evidence that would strengthen/ counter the given argument.</p> <p><u>Suggestive Value Points</u></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ❖ Content -2 Marks [minimum four value points for comprehending the paragraph & elaborated with effective and clear communication] Suggestive Value points: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • importance of gardening in schools • Incorporating gardening alongside sports, music, and dance can cater to diverse interests. • Varied curriculum fostering well-rounded development. • Environmental responsibility can be taught across different subjects for a comprehensive understanding of sustainability. ❖ Organisation of ideas -2 Marks Covering the four elaborated parts, such as:- Effective style - involves the presentation of information in an understandable manner to effectively communicate the analysis. 	5											

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❖ **Accuracy** - 1 Mark

[It refers of using correct spelling, punctuation and grammar throughout the writing to ensure precision, clarity band proper expression of ideas.]

OR

5 B

You asked people about the time they spend on various activities in a week. The given table shows the analytics of the different answers you received. Write an analytical paragraph for a research project in 100-120 words.

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ACTIVITIES	TIME SPENT
WORK	40%
FAMILY	5%
EATING	5%
SLEEP	30%
HOBBIES	5%
HOUSEHOLD CHORES	5%
FRIENDS	5%
OTHERS	5%

Suggestive Value Points

❖ **Content** -2 Marks [minimum four value points for comprehending the paragraph & elaborated with effective and clear communication]

Suggestive Value points:

- Data reveals dominance of Work
- suggesting a potential imbalance in work-life relationships
- Indicate a modern lifestyle trend where work overshadows other aspects of life.
- heavy emphasis on work and less on family could lead to stress

❖ **Organisation of ideas** -2 Marks

Covering the four elaborated parts, such as:-

Effective style - involves the presentation of information in an understandable manner to effectively communicate the analysis.

Orderly sequence– it means arranging details step by step so that each point connects logically, making it easier for the reader to follow and understands.

	<p>Single paragraph structure– It’s about fitting all the analysis including the introduction, evidence and conclusion into a single paragraph that’s well – connected and complete</p> <p>Formal tone and Functional vocabulary – Formal tone means free of casual or colloquial expressions, maintain a serious and academic style, and avoid informal language</p> <p>Functional vocabulary refers the use of precise and purposeful words that effectively convey specific meanings related to the subject matter.]</p> <p>❖ Accuracy - 1 Mark [It refers of using correct spelling, punctuation and grammar throughout the writing to ensure precision, clarity and proper expression of ideas.]</p>	
<p>Section C: Literature</p> <p>(Note: For improved performance, students should integrate Value points and pay attention to syntax formation while structuring their answers)</p>		
6 A	<p>Extract</p> <p>I get along pretty well with all my teachers. There are nine of them, seven men and two women. Mr Keesing, the old fogey who teaches maths, was annoyed with me for ages because I talked so much. After several warnings, he assigned me extra homework. An essay on the subject, ‘A Chatterbox’. A chatterbox — what can you write about that? I’d worry about that later, I decided. I jotted down the title in my notebook, tucked it in my bag and tried to keep quiet. (From the diary of Anne Frank)</p>	5
i	<p>Anne says "Mr Keesing, the old fogey who teaches Maths, was annoyed with me for ages". What does she mean by this sentence?</p> <p>Suggestive Value point: Mr. Keesing was irritated because of –</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Anne’s talkative nature 	1
ii	<p>Based on the extract, describe why was Mr. Keesing annoyed with Anne and how did he punish her? Answer in 40 words.</p> <p>Suggestive Value points: Mr. Keesing was annoyed because of –</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Anne’s talkative nature <p>Mr. Keesing punished Anne by –</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • assigning her extra homework • write an essay on the topic of 'A Chatterbox,' 	2
iii	<p>Provide a line/phrase from the extract that justifies why the following statement is FALSE.</p> <p>All the nine teachers who taught Anne liked her.</p> <p>Answer: "Mr. Keesing, the old fogey who teaches Maths, was annoyed with me for ages".</p> <p>Misconception: Some might think all teachers liked Anne, but Mr. Keesing's annoyance indicates otherwise.</p>	1

iv	<p>Mention one word that can correctly replace 'jotted in the below sentence from the extract. (1) .</p> <p>I 'jotted' down the title in my notebook, tucked it in my bag and tried to keep quiet</p> <p>Answer: 'Wrote'/ 'Noted down' (other responses are also acceptable if they fit the context of Anne's action.)</p> <p>Misconception: A common misconception might be to replace 'jotted' with a word like 'sketched'.</p>	1
OR		
6 B	<p>Satisfied that her guest was an eccentric scientist, and in view of the fact that he had paid her in advance, Mrs Hall was prepared to excuse his strange habits and irritable temper. But the stolen money did not last long, and presently Griffin had to admit that he had no more ready cash. He pretended, however, that he was expecting a cheque to arrive at any moment. (Footprints without Feet)</p>	5
i	<p>Which of these best describes Mrs. Hall's feelings in the starting of the extract?</p> <p>A. She was elated to have a guest This distractor is incorrect because –</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • No indication of Mrs Hall excitement. • Her acceptance of the guest is more practical. <p>B. She was perplexed about the guest – It is correct because -</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Mrs Hall was satisfied and prepared to excuse the eccentricities and irritable temper of the scientist. <p>C. She was depressed that the guest came – This distractor is incorrect because –</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Her attitude is more of tolerance and patience. <p>D. She was angry with the guest – This distractor is incorrect because –</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • She is prepared to excuse his behaviour due to the advance payment. 	1
ii	<p>State one observation about Mrs Hall that you inferred from the above extract.</p> <p>Suggestive Value points :</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Mrs. Hall is tolerant or accommodating. • She is practical or business-minded. • She is flexible and adaptable. 	1
iii	<p>How did Griffin made Mrs. Hall feel that he would continue to pay the rent? Answer in 40 words.</p> <p>Suggestive Value points:</p> <p>Griffin assured Mrs. Hall</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • he would continue to pay rent • he was expecting a cheque soon 	2
iv	<p>Which of the following words mean the same as 'eccentric' in the line below?</p> <p>"Satisfied that her guest was an eccentric scientist....."</p> <p>A. handsome –</p>	1

	<p>This distractor is incorrect because –</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • 'eccentric' does not refer to physical appearance <p>B. intelligent –</p> <p>This distractor is incorrect because –</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Intelligence is about cognitive abilities, while 'eccentric' involves unconventional behaviour or thinking. <p>C. weird -</p> <p>It is correct because -</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • 'Eccentric' implies oddness and unconventional behaviour. <p>D. common –</p> <p>This distractor is incorrect because –</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • It is the opposite of 'eccentric.' 	
7 A	<p>Extracts (Poem)</p> <p>He stalks in his vivid stripes The few steps of his cage, On pads of velvet quiet, In his quiet rage (A Tiger in the zoo)</p>	5
i	<p>Fill in the blank to complete the sentence. The speaker describes the tiger's rage as 'quiet rage' to show _____</p> <p>Suggestive Value point:</p> <p>The tiger is</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • suppressed • restrained <p>in the limited space of the cage.</p>	1
ii	<p>Why the tiger's steps are described as "few"? Answer in about 40 words.</p> <p>Suggestive Value points:</p> <p>The tiger's steps are "few" because</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • he is in a small cage and • Highlight the limited space in his cage- cannot move much. 	2
iii	<p>Which of these explains the meaning of "He stalks in his vivid stripes".</p> <p>A. The tiger is walking and following someone with stripes. –</p> <p>This distractor is incorrect because</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • The poem does imply the presence of another individual or animal with stripes. <p>B. The tiger is walking up and down and has stripes</p> <p>It is correct because -</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • It describes the tiger pacing within the cage. <p>C. The tiger wants to walk up and down to follow someone with stripes.</p> <p>This distractor is incorrect because</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • The idea of the tiger wanting to follow someone is not mentioned or implied in the text. <p>D. The tiger is walking up and down and wearing some colourful stripes.</p> <p>This distractor is incorrect because –</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • The tiger's stripes are part of its natural appearance. 	1

	Note: The poem “A Tiger in the Zoo” talks about a tiger in a zoo, showing how it feels being confined and missing its freedom.	
iv	<p>What does the poet mean by 'pads of velvet quiet'? Answer in one sentence.</p> <p>Suggestive Responses:</p> <p>The phrase 'pads of velvet quiet' describes – the tiger's soft, silent steps</p>	1
7 B	<p>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. <i>(The Ball Poem)</i></p>	
i	<p>Complete the conversation with what the boy would most likely say Answer in one sentence.</p> <p>Mother: Don't cry, child. You have other balls too. Boy: _____</p> <p>Suggestive Value points:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> It's about losing something I can't get back." <p>(Other responses are also acceptable if they fit the context of the losing something which we love and then learning to grow up.)</p>	1
ii	<p>Which word best describes the meaning of the word, 'desperate' in the above stanza?</p> <p>A. Cheerful B. Composed C. Yearning D. Hopeful</p> <p>Suggestive value points: Correct answer- C, Yearning (Yearn means to long for something which means the same as desperate. The following answers are incorrect because: A- The meaning of cheerful is happy and optimistic, so it differs from desperate. B- The meaning of composed is calm and peaceful, so it cannot replace desperate. D-The meaning of Hopeful is feeling optimistic and inspiring, so</p>	1
iii	<p>The speaker says, “Money is external”. What do you think this phrase means? Answer in one sentence.</p> <p>Suggestive value points: Money is external, it cannot replace the memories, money cannot buy the emotions and memories attached.</p> <p><i>Accept any other valid response. (Partial credit can be given if incomplete answer is given.)</i></p>	1
iv	<p>Based on the extract, why do you think “every man must one day know how to stand up”? Answer in about 40 words.</p> <p>Suggestive Value points: Everyone comes alone in this world and has to stay alone. No one can help us manage our emotions, we need to stand up for ourselves.</p> <p>(If both the points are mentioned- 2 marks, If only one is mentioned-1 mark).</p>	2
8	<p>Answer ANY FOUR of the following five questions in about 40–50 words.</p>	4 x 3=12

	<p>Content-2; Organization -1 ; *½ 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/or grammatical errors. *</p> <p>If all the three points mentioned in the Value points are written- 3 marks Any 2 points mentioned- 2 marks Any 1 mentioned- 1 mark Irrelevant or not attempted- 0 mark</p>	
i	<p>Amanda imagines herself to be Rapunzel, yet would not like to do what all she did. Identify and state the reasons for her decision.</p> <p>Suggestive value points:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Amanda feels she will never let down her hair from the tower. • Amanda wants to be Rapunzel to live a peaceful life in a tower where no one gives any instruction • She does not have to do any work. • She does not want to escape with a prince like Rapunzel. <p><i>Accept any other valid response.</i></p>	3
ii	<p>“Grieving and lamentation cannot avoid death and decay in this world” What did the Buddha say in this regard? (The Sermon at Benares)</p> <p>Suggestive value points:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ◆ When Kisa Gotami requested the Buddha to cure her son, he did not give her a lecture or tell her that what she was doing was wrong. ◆ He instead asked her to collect mustard seeds from a house that had not experienced death. He presented her with a task that required her to reflect and learn about the universal nature of suffering. <p>Buddha's method of teaching can be understood as one where he engages his student in a journey of self-discovery, rather than directly providing them with an answer to a question.</p>	3
iii	<p>“The poem ‘Fog’ is a short poem but has a deep meaning attached to it.” Elucidate with reference to the poem, ‘Fog’.</p> <p>Suggestive value points:</p> <p>The poem <i>Fog</i> is short and concise which helps contribute to the overall meaning of the poem.</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ◆ The short and precise nature of the poem creates a clear and focused message. It conveys the simplicity of the fog's presence. ◆ The short lines and quick pacing create a sense of swiftness and movement, mirroring the nature of the fog itself. This also mirrors the agile nature of a cat as mentioned in the poem. ◆ The concise structure allows for vivid and impactful visual imagery. Each line presents a distinct image, such as the fog sitting "looking over harbour and city" or "on silent haunches." Each visual image depicted contributes to the overall mood and atmosphere of the poem. 	3
iv	<p>Nelson Mandela in his inaugural speech used these two words ‘an extraordinary human disaster’ and so ‘glorious a human achievement’. What did he mean by that?</p> <p><i>(Nelson Mandela: Long Walk to Freedom)</i></p> <p>Suggestive value points:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ◆ According to Mandela, apartheid was an extraordinary human disaster 	3

	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> ◆ It curbed the rights of individuals ◆ People were oppressed and dehumanized. ◆ Were not entitled to basic rights. ◆ Glorious achievement of overcoming apartheid ◆ Becoming the first Black President <p><i>Accept any other valid response.</i></p>	
v	<p>“The sight of the food maddened him” How was the young seagull compelled to fly? (Two Stories about Flying: First Flight)</p> <p>Suggestive value points: In the story, His First Flight, the seagull was afraid to fly until his intense hunger made him forget his fear.</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ◆ The young seagull was desperate for food as he had not eaten since the previous night. ◆ He observes his family members flying and catching fish and enjoying their food. The sight of his siblings and parents successfully feeding themselves intensifies his hunger. ◆ As his hunger deepens, his fear of flying becomes secondary to his overpowering desire to find food. This is why when his mother offers him a piece of fish he musters the courage to jump off the cliff and dive at the food, and thus take his first flight. <p><i>Accept any other valid response.</i></p>	3
9	Answer ANY TWO of the following three questions, in about 40–50 words.	2x3=6
	<p>Content-2; Organization -1; *½ 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/or grammatical errors. *</p> <p>If all the three points mentioned in the Value points are written- 3 marks Any 2 points mentioned- 2 marks Any 1 mentioned- 1 mark Irrelevant or not attempted- 0 mark</p>	
i	<p>‘In what ways does Think-Tank misinterpret innocent nursery rhymes as a threat to the Martians? (The Book that Saved the Earth)</p> <p>Suggestive value points:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ◆ The Martians misinterpret Earth's books, especially the nursery rhymes. This creates a satirical commentary on cultural misunderstandings and the dangers of jumping to conclusions. ◆ In the end, it was a simple book of nursery rhymes that became the Value to saving the Earth from the invasion by an alien military force, creating an ironic and satirical twist to the story. ◆ Think-Tank's intelligence is described in exaggerated terms as the 'most powerful and intelligent creature in the whole universe'. He is even described as having a large 'balloon brain'. This is an example of satire and mockery as Think-Tank is shown to be more pompous than intelligent. <p><i>Accept any other valid response.</i></p>	3

ii	<p>Mr. Loisel was a caring, accommodating and helpful husband who tried to please his ambitious wife within his limited means. Justify the statement with reference to the lesson, ‘Necklace’.</p> <p>Suggestive value points:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Mr. Loisel deeply loved Matilda. • Matilda's desire for social status and material possessions led to her own downfall and he tried to keep her content and satisfied throughout, had Matilda simply been grateful and content with all that she had, she could have had a lot of pain. • The twist at the end of the story, which revealed the true value of the necklace, emphasises the emptiness that lies in the pursuit of material wealth. <p><i>Accept any other valid response.</i></p>	3
iii	<p>“Richard Ebright was a successful scientist who gave a new theory of cells to the world.” Elucidate with reference to the lesson, ‘The Making of a Scientist’.</p> <p>Suggestive value points:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Ebright found that cells would divide and grow into a normal butterfly if they were fed a hormone that was found in the gold spots of the monarch. • Hence, he proved a new theory which formed the blue print of DNA. T • he experiments conducted by Ebright amply show him to be a successful scientist. <p><i>Accept any other valid response</i></p>	3
10	<p>Answer ANY ONE of the following two questions, in about 100–120 words.</p> <p>Content-3; Expression- 2 Accuracy -1; *½ 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/or grammatical errors. *</p> <p>If all the points mentioned in the Value points accurately written- 6 marks Marks can be deducted according to the number of ideas missing. Irrelevant or not attempted- 0 mark</p>	1x6=6
(A)	<p>You have been asked to prepare a speech on the topic, ‘Parents are the ultimate role models for children’?. Prepare a draft for the speech in not more than 120 words, with reference to the texts ‘His First Flight’ and ‘Amanda’.</p> <p>Suggestive value points:</p> <p>[A, the final answer crafted by the learner, is to be written in first person, as indicated from the question cues. It has to be a cohesive whole, structured in paragraphs and devoid of headings, in about 120 words.]</p> <p><i>Good morning, everyone. Today, I would like to talk to you about how parents are a role model for their children...</i></p>	6

	<p><i>Amanda:</i></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • <i>She was fed up of the constant nagging of her mother</i> • <i>Wanted to become an orphan</i> • <i>Wanted to be alone without any Prince</i> <p>First Flight:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Parents especially mother helped overcome the fear and helped the little seagull fly. <p>Used hunger as a motivator.</p>	
OR		
(B)	<p>Imagine the Lencho from, 'A Letter to God' met the pilot from, 'The Black Aeroplane'. They discussed about how God helped them in their difficult situations and led their way when all other hopes were lost. Create this conversation in not more than 120 words.</p> <p>Suggestive value points: Lencho: Will talk about the hailstorm The trust he had on God How God helped him in the form of a postmaster.</p> <p>Pilot: Talk about his storm The Plane stuck in the storm</p> <p><i>Accept any other valid response.</i></p>	6
11.	<p>Answer ANY ONE of the following two questions, in about 100–120 words.</p> <p>Content-3; Expression- 2 Accuracy -1; *½ 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/or grammatical errors. *</p> <p>If all the points mentioned in the Value points accurately written- 6 marks Marks can be deducted according to the number of ideas missing. Irrelevant or not attempted- 0 mark</p>	1x6=6
(A)	<p>“Although Bholi never got the deserved love, care and acceptance from her family, she is ready to reciprocate like all daughters in Indian society.” Discuss the character of Bholi in the light of the above-mentioned statement.</p> <p>Suggestive value points:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Bholi got her brain damaged when she was only ten months old. • At the age of two, she had an attack of smallpox which left permanent pockmarks on her body. She stammered while speaking. • she was a neglected child in her family and her parents called her a dumb cow and treated her so tried to teach her anything. • Luckily she was sent to school and her teacher changed her life entirely 	6

	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • when Bishamber insulted her parents and demanded 5000 rupees, she refused to marry him and declared that she will never marry anyone and will always serve her parents in their old age. • Thus in spite of being a neglected child, Bholi acted like all daughters in Indian societies. <p><i>Accept any other valid response.</i></p>	
(B)	<p>Imagine that Anil from 'A Thief's Story', reflects upon his behaviour, learns from his mistakes, and writes a diary entry about the consequences of his robbery. Write this diary entry as Hari Singh in about 120 words.</p> <p>Suggestive value points:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Today, I had a dreadful realization, I was robbing through these years without taking into consideration the feelings of others. • Anil Transformed me as a person • Changed the thinking • Made me realize the importance of honesty. • Importance of education. • Need of education. 	6