

# Directorate of Education, GNCT of Delhi

Term-II(Session 2021-22)

Practice Paper – II

Class – X

English (Code: 184)

Time: 2 hours

Maximum Marks: 40

## General Instructions:

1. The Question Paper contains THREE sections-READING, WRITING & GRAMMAR and LITERATURE.
2. Attempt questions based on specific instructions for each part.

SECTION A – READING (10 marks)		
Q. No.1	Read the passage given below.	Marks
5	<p>Power foods are foods that provide rich levels of nutrients like fibre, potassium and minerals. With people becoming increasingly health conscious today, a lot of fitness trainers encourage their clients to include these foods in their daily diet to increase muscle development. There are various ways of incorporating power foods in your daily diet. Of course, the key to enjoying power foods is proper preparation of these foods, the use of season-fresh foods, and indentifying your choice of flavour among power foods.</p>	
10	<p>Some of the recommended power food combinations are those that are prepared in our kitchens on a regular basis. Take for instance, the combination of chickpeas and onions. This combination is a powerful source of iron which is required by the body to transport oxygen to its various parts. Iron deficiency can lead to anaemia, fatigue, brain fog and tiredness. A study by the Journal of Agricultural and Food Chemistry says that sulphur compounds in onion and garlic help in the absorption of iron and zinc from chickpeas. This combination is a hit with teenagers who need to be diligent about getting iron in their diet. A quick way to prepare this power food is to make a chickpea salad with chopped onions, chaat masala and fresh coriander leaves.</p>	
15	<p>Another favourite combination with power food takers is yoghurt and bananas. This makes for a perfect snack after a rough game of football. Exercising drains out glucose and thus lowers blood sugar. Yoghurt is packed with proteins that help preserve muscle mass and bananas are packed with carbohydrates that help in refuelling energy and preventing muscle soreness. A quick and easy recipe with bananas is a banana smoothie topped with cool yoghurt.</p>	
20	<p>Among beverages, green tea is the best source of catechins that are effective in halting oxidative damage to cells. According to researchers at the Purdue University, adding a dash of lemon juice to green tea makes the catechins even more easily absorbable by the body. So, the next time you have friends over, instead of serving them aerated drinks, serve them rounds of iced green tea with mint and lemon juice.</p>	
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	<p><b>Based on your understanding of the passage, answer ANY FIVE questions from the six given below.</b></p> <p><b>i.</b> What are the rules regarding the intake of power foods?</p> <p><b>ii.</b> Rewrite the following sentence by replacing the underlined phrase with a word that means the same from lines 10 – 15 <i>Though she was the newest writer, the hardworking woman's <u>steady and earnest efforts</u> could not be matched by any of her coworkers.</i></p> <p><b>iii.</b> How does the writer justify the inclusion of onions and garlic in the diet ?</p>	<p><b>1 x 5</b></p> <p><b>1</b></p> <p><b>1</b></p> <p><b>1</b></p>

- iv. List the benefits of bananas and yoghurt as enriching power foods. 1
- v. State the advantage of combining green tea with lemon juice. 1
- vi. Why do fitness trainers encourage to include power foods in the daily diet ? 1

**Q. No.2** **Read the following excerpt from a report titled ‘Artificial Glaciers’**

Necessity is indeed the mother of invention. When areas in and around Leh began to experience water shortages, life didn’t grind to a halt. Why? Because Chewang Norphel, a retired civil engineer in the Jammu and Kashmir government came up with the idea of artificial glaciers.

5 Ladakh, a cold desert at an altitude of 3,000-3,500 metres above sea level, has a low average annual rainfall rate of 50 mm. Glaciers have always been the only source of water. Agriculture is completely dependent on glacier melt unlike the rest of river/monsoon fed India. But over the years with the increasing effects of climate change, rainfall and snowfall patterns have been changing, resulting in severe shortage and drought situations. Given the severe winter conditions, the window for farming is usually limited to one harvest season.

10 The artificial glacier is located between the natural glacier above and the village below. The one closer to the village and lowest in altitude melts first, providing water during April/May, the crucial sowing season. Further layers of ice above melt with increasing temperature thus ensuring continuous supply to the fields. Thus, farmers have been able to manage two crops instead of one. It takes huge sums of money to create one.

15 Fondly called the “glacier man”, Mr. Norphel has designed over 15 artificial glaciers in and around Leh since 1987. In recognition of his pioneering effort, he was conferred the Padma Shri by President Pranab Mukherjee, in 2015.

20 There are a few basic steps followed in creating the artificial glacier. River or stream water at higher altitudes is diverted to a shaded area of the hill, facing north, where the winter sun is blocked by a ridge or a mountain range. At the start of winter/November, the diverted water is made to flow onto the sloping hill face through distribution channels. Stone embankments are built at regular intervals which impede the flow of water, making shallow pools and freeze, forming a cascade of ice along the slope. Ice formation continues for 3-4 months resulting in a large accumulation of ice which is referred to as an “artificial glacier”. The following table shows the number of tourists who visited Leh in the years 2010 and 2011 after the formation of artificial glaciers.

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**Number of Tourists who visited Leh**

Month/ Year	April	May	June	July	August	Sept.
2010	3410	16518	22889	22415	5575	3041
2011	3001	26310	33908	46843	37756	20833

**On the basis of your understanding of the passage, answer ANY FIVE questions from the six given below.** 1 x 5

- i. For how many months does the ice formation continue? 1
- ii. Comment on the significance of artificial glaciers. 1
- iii. Why is Ladakh called as a Cold Desert? 1
- iv. What created a severe shortage and drought situation in Ladakh prior to creation of artificial glacier? 1
- v. Which two months show the maximum number of visiting tourists in Leh in the year 2010? 1

vi. Why is the river or stream water at higher altitudes, diverted to a shaded area of the hill facing north?

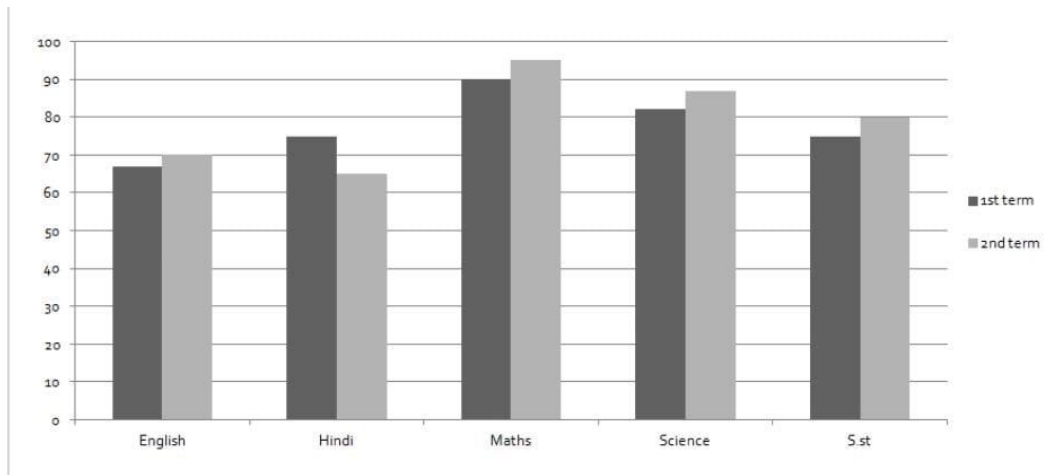
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**SECTION B – WRITING AND GRAMMAR (10 MARKS)**

**Q No.3** Attempt ANY ONE from i and ii

i. Study the following bar graph showing a comparative analysis of students’ performance in different subjects in the terminal exam .

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Write a paragraph in not more than 120 words, analysing the performance of students in both the terms.

**FOR THE VISUALLY IMPAIRED CANDIDATES**

Read the following excerpt taken from an article that appeared in the magazine section of a local daily.

*“A recent study found that given the pressure of studies and addiction to the Internet and television, children are sleeping less than the required eight hours.”*

Write a paragraph to analyse the given argument.  
You can include rationale/ evidence that would strengthen/ counter the given argument.

ii. You are Raman/Reema of 46, Red Rose Apartments, Jaipur. You came across an advertisement in a newspaper about Japanese language course. As you have a passion for learning languages, you want to take a crash course in Japanese language from Lingua Fiesta, Whitefield, Jaipur.

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Write a letter in about 120 words to Lingua Fiesta enquiring about the duration of the course, details of the batches, faculty, timing, fees and terms and conditions for admission.

**QNo.4** The following paragraph has not been edited. There is one error in each line. Identify the error and write its correction against the correct blank number. Remember to underline the correction. The first one has been done for you.

1X3

	<b>Error</b>	<b>Correction</b>
The total budget of a Commonwealth Games 2010 ran into thousands in crores.	E.g. a	the
Along with the games there is a cultural festival in whom top artists from all over India took part.	a) _____	_____
	b) _____	_____
	c) _____	_____

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**Q No.5** Read the following conversation and complete the passage that follows.

Rohit : I am surprised to see you here in Delhi. When did you come?  
  
Shruti: I came here yesterday. I have been offered a job here.

Rohit told Shruti (a) \_\_\_\_\_ and asked when she had come. Shruti replied that she had come there the previous day and added that (c) \_\_\_\_\_.

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**SECTION C - LITERATURE (20 MARKS)**

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No.6**

**Answer ANY SIX questions in 30-40 words each.**

**2X 6**

- i.** It is not complaining but accepting a situation, that is the key to happiness. Justify in context of the poem 'Animals'. **2**
- ii.** What made Kisa Gotami compare a man's life with the lights of the city? **2**
- iii.** Comment on the poetic aspect of the poem 'The Tale of Custard the Dragon' . **2**
- iv.** Why does Amanda imagine to be a mermaid, an orphan and Rapunzel? **2**
- v.** 'It was all over for her'. What does 'It' refers to here with reference to the story 'The Necklace'. How had it all ended for her? **2**
- vi.** Would you call 'The Proposal' a comical play? Give two instances from it to support your answer. **2**
- vii.** The lawyer had education, but lacked experience of life. Comment in context of the story 'The Hack Driver'. **2**

**Q  
No.7**

**Answer ANY TWO of the following in about 120 words each.**

**4X2**

- i.** Valli succeeded in her plan of taking a bus-ride with proper planning and sacrifice. On the other hand, Bholi, a physically challenged girl, developed the courage and confidence to challenge the evil system of dowry. Bring out the similarities and contrast in both the characters. **4**
- ii.** Parents play a crucial role in the upbringing of their children. Justify how Ebright's mother played a pivotal role in enabling him to become a successful scientist. **4**
- iii.** 'During our childhood in Goa, the baker used to be our friend, companion and guide'. What does this statement tell you about the character of the narrator? Which character traits of the narrator would you like to be developed in yourself? **4**