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**COMPREHENSIVE ASSESSMENT FEEDBACK
PRE-BOARD EXAMINATION CLASS:X
(2024-25)**

SUBJECT: ENGLISH LANGUAGE & LITERATURE (184)

Time Allowed :3 hours

Maximum Marks : 80

SECTION-A (READING SKILLS) (20 MARKS)

1	<p>Discursive passage</p> <p><u>Coconut</u> water is the clear liquid found inside green, immature coconuts. Young coconuts are favoured for their water as it is tastier, more plentiful in volume and easier to access. Varieties of coconut yield slightly different-tasting water, depending on where they are grown. Coconut water also differs in taste and nutrition to coconut milk and oil, both of which are made from the flesh of the coconut.</p> <p><u>Coconut water</u> is a natural source of minerals, including potassium, magnesium, calcium and sodium. Many of us don't get enough of these important <u>electrolyte</u> minerals, which play a key role throughout the body, including for <u>heart health</u> and <u>skeletal</u> and <u>muscle function</u>.</p> <p>Research on animals suggests that coconut water contains compounds that have a protective, antioxidant effect. Two of the phytonutrients that have these effects are <u>shikimic acid</u> and <u>caffeic acid</u>, and the benefits in the studies ranged from decreased cholesterol markers to improvements in liver health. However, to date there have been no human studies to replicate these findings, so it's too early to say whether the same benefits may be relevant for us.</p> <p>Animal <u>studies</u> suggest that coconut water may help manage blood sugar levels and reduce the damaging effects of <u>oxidative stress</u> associated with conditions like diabetes. Being a source of <u>magnesium</u> may also contribute to coconut water's benefits, because magnesium helps manage blood sugar levels, especially among those with diabetes. Although animal studies appear encouraging, more research is needed to evaluate these effects in humans.</p> <p>It has been suggested that consuming coconut water may improve endurance and athletic performance. This is because it contains carbohydrate in the form of glucose (a simple sugar) combined with the electrolyte minerals sodium and potassium – two key components typically found in commercial sports drinks.</p> <p>Although plain water is a good choice, studies suggest that coconut water might be even better. Early research suggests that water from coconuts may help prevent kidney stones by reducing crystal and stone formation. However, more studies have to be done — specifically involving humans.</p> <p>One <u>study</u> found that drinking coconut water prior to exercise improved the capacity to exercise in a high-temperature environment. Another found that coconut water drunk</p>	10
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i.	<p>post-exercise <u>helped rehydrate</u> in a similar way to a carbohydrate-electrolyte sports drink, but it didn't have any significant impact on exercise performance.</p> <p>Coconut water is a delicious, electrolyte-filled, natural beverage that may benefit your heart, moderate your blood sugar, help improve kidney health, and keep you refreshed and hydrated after a workout. Although more controlled studies involving humans are needed to confirm many of these qualities, the research to date is encouraging. If you want to start sipping this tropical drink, there should be an array of brands on the shelves of your local grocery store — just be sure to avoid products with <u>added sugar</u>.</p> <p>Answer the following questions, based on the passage above</p> <p>Based on paragraph 1, the taste differences in different varieties of coconut water can be attributed to which factor?</p> <p>Value Point : As per the passage, the taste differences in different varieties of coconut water relate to the variety of coconut and its growing region.</p>	1
ii	<p>Complete the following with the correct option from the two given.</p> <p>Coconut water is the transparent liquid inside young, green coconuts. It is sought after because _____</p> <p>a. It has better flavor, larger quantity and easier accessibility compared to the water from older coconuts.</p> <p>b. It is more flavorful, plentiful, and simpler to access from these immature coconuts.</p> <p>Correct Answer : Option (b) - it is more flavorful, plentiful, and simpler to access from these immature coconuts.</p> <p>Value Point: Option A doesn't correspond to the reason as to why green coconuts are sought after, while Option B does.</p>	1
iii	<p>Support the writer's idea that the electrolyte minerals present in the coconut water contribute to the overall body health. Mention any two minerals found in coconut water.</p> <p>Value Points :</p> <p>- As per the writer, the electrolyte minerals present in the coconut water help regulate fluid balance and maintain muscle contractions. Additionally, these minerals are important for heart health. They also contribute in the overall skeletal function.</p>	2

	<p>-The electrolyte minerals in coconut water - such as potassium, magnesium, calcium, and sodium, play several crucial roles in the body. (any two)</p>	
iv	<p>Select the option that best reflects the possible health benefit of coconut water in maintaining blood sugar levels in humans.</p> <ol style="list-style-type: none"> Animal studies suggest that coconut water assists in managing blood sugar levels. Coconut water may help reduce the harmful effects of oxidative stress, which is linked to conditions such as diabetes. Magnesium content in coconut water could contribute in blood sugar regulation, particularly for individuals with diabetes. Despite promising results from animal studies, further research is required to assess the effects of coconut water on humans <p>Correct Option: Option C : Magnesium content in coconut water could contribute in blood sugar regulation, particularly for individuals with diabetes.</p> <p>Value Point : The possible health benefit of coconut water is only reflected in Option C.</p> <p>Option A only mentions that coconut water assists in managing blood sugar levels.</p> <p>Option B mentions that Coconut water may help reduce the harmful effects of oxidative stress, which is linked to conditions such as diabetes. It does not mention anything about blood sugar level.</p> <p>Option D doesn't mention anything about blood sugar levels</p>	1
v	<p>State whether the following statement is True or False. (para III)</p> <p>Research conducted on both animals and humans has demonstrated that coconut water is rich in compounds that exhibit significant protective antioxidant effects.</p> <p>Correct Answer: The statement is False because the passage only states about the research conducted on animals only and not humans.</p>	1
vi	<p>The writer mentions multiple benefits of coconut water in the passage. Which of the following is NOT a benefit of coconut water:</p> <ol style="list-style-type: none"> It benefits your heart It prevents kidney stones It improves endurance and athletic performance It increases your blood sugar levels 	1

	<p>Correct Answer : Option (d) It increases your blood sugar levels because it is not a health benefit.</p> <p>While the rest of the options A, B and C mention about the benefits of coconut water.</p>	
vii	<p>Name the compounds present in coconut water that have the antioxidant effect. Mention two possible health benefits of these compounds</p> <p>Value Points : Compounds that have a protective, antioxidant effect are Two of the phytonutrients - shikimic acid and caffeic acid - The benefits in the studies ranged from decreased cholesterol markers to improvements in liver health. (1 + 1 mark)</p>	2
viii	<p>Fill in the blank with the correct option from those given.</p> <p>It has been suggested that consuming coconut water may improve endurance and athletic performance</p> <p>In the given sentence the word “endurance” refers to _____</p> <ol style="list-style-type: none"> The ability to achieve immediate success and overcome challenges with minimal effort or preparation The ability or strength to continue, especially despite fatigue, stress, or other adverse conditions The ability to swiftly complete a task or reach a goal with minimal effort. The ability to easily handle and adapt to new or unfamiliar situations without any significant effort or stress <p>Correct Option : Option (b) The ability or strength to continue, especially despite fatigue, stress, or other adverse conditions because the term “endurance” in the given context refers to “athletic performance”</p> <p>Value Point : Options A, C and D doesn’t talk about “endurance” in the context of “athletic performance”</p>	1
2	Case-based factual passage	10
	<p>The Aravalli Range is a mountain range in <u>Northern-Western India</u>, running approximately 670 km in the south-west direction, starting near <u>Delhi</u>, passing through southern <u>Haryana</u>, <u>Rajasthan</u> and ending in Ahmedabad, <u>Gujarat</u>. The highest peak is <u>Guru Shikhar</u> on Mount Abu at 1,722 metres.</p>	

The Aravalli Range is one of the oldest geological features on Earth. It is rich in natural resources and serves as a check to the growth of the western desert. Though heavily forested in the south, it is generally bare and thinly populated, consisting of large areas of sand and stone and of masses of rose-coloured quartzite.

The "Great Green Wall of Aravalli" is a proposed ecological corridor stretching 1,600 km and 5 km wide along the Aravalli range, extending from Gujarat to Delhi. It aims to connect with the Shivalik hill range and plans to plant 1.35 billion native trees over the next decade to restore the forest cover in the region. Inspired by Africa's Great Green Wall, this initiative will serve as a barrier against pollution, with industrial activities accounting for 51% of the pollution, vehicles for 27%, crop burning for 8%, and Diwali fireworks for 5%.

The Sariska–Delhi leopard wildlife corridor or the Northern Aravalli leopard wildlife corridor is a 200 km long important biodiversity and wildlife corridor which runs from the Sariska Tiger Reserve in Rajasthan to Delhi Ridge. This corridor is an important habitat for the Indian leopards and jackals of Aravalli. Urban development, especially the highways and railways bisecting the Aravalli range and wildlife corridor in several places pose a great risk.

Large parts of Aravalli are legally and physically unprotected, with no wildlife passages and little or no wildlife conservation work resulting in deaths of over 10 leopards in 4 years between January 2015 and January 2019.

Answer the following questions, based on the passage above

i. Based on the information provided about the Aravalli Range, which of the following statements is true? 1

- A) The Aravalli Range spans approximately 1,000 kms and ends in southern Rajasthan.
- B) It begins near Delhi and runs through southern Haryana, Rajasthan, and Gujarat.
- C) The highest peak, Guru Shikhar, is located in Haryana and stands at 2,000 meters.
- D) The mountain range is predominantly located in central India and does not reach Ahmedabad.

Correct Option: (b) It begins near Delhi and runs through southern Haryana, Rajasthan, and Gujarat.

Value Point: As per the passage, Options A, C and D regarding Aravalli Range, is incorrect.

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Select the option that is true for the assertion and reason given below.

Assertion: The Aravalli Range plays a crucial role in controlling desert expansion.

Reasoning: It is rich in natural resources and serves as a barrier to the growth of the western desert.

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	<p>Options:</p> <p>A) Both the assertion and reasoning are true and the reasoning supports the assertion.</p> <p>B) Both the assertion and reasoning are true, but the reasoning does not support the assertion.</p> <p>C) The assertion is true, but the reasoning is false.</p> <p>D) The assertion is false, but the reasoning is true.</p> <p>Correct Option: Option A - Both the assertion and reasoning are true and the reasoning supports the assertion. It is self explanatory.</p> <p>Value Point : As per the passage, both the Assertion and the Reasoning statements are true.</p>	
iii	<p>Describe the geographical orientation of the Aravalli Range in relation to its starting point near Delhi.</p> <p>Value Point : As per the passage, the Aravalli Range runs approximately 670 km in a south-west direction from its starting point near Delhi.</p>	1
iv	<p>What has been the impact of the lack of protection and wildlife conservation in the Aravalli region on leopard populations?</p> <p>Value Point : According to the passage, The absence of protection and conservation efforts has resulted in the deaths of over 10 leopards between January 2015 and January 2019.</p>	1
v	<p>What does the term "geological" refer to in the context of the Aravalli Range?</p> <p>A) Related to the study of living organisms</p> <p>B) Related to the Earth's structure and substances</p> <p>C) Related to weather patterns</p> <p>D) Related to human-made structures</p> <p>Correct Option : Option (B) Related to the Earth's structure and substances</p> <p>Value Point : Options A, C and D does not define the term "geological" in the context of Aravalli Range</p>	1
vi	<p>What does "bare and thinly populated" suggest about the northern part of the Aravalli Range? (para 2)</p> <p>Value Point: As per para 2 of the passage, "bare and thinly populated" suggests that northern part of the Aravalli has few inhabitants and limited vegetation.</p>	1

vii	<p>Complete the following suitably:</p> <p>The initiative to plant a significant number of native trees along the Aravalli range is part of a _____</p> <p>Correct Answer : As per para 3, the initiative is a part of the <u>“proposed ecological corridor”</u></p>	1
viii	<p>Complete the following suitably</p> <p>The proposed ecological corridor, inspired by Africa's Great Green Wall, will serve as a barrier against pollution where _____ accounts for 27% of pollution.</p> <p>Correct answer : Vehicles (as per para 3)</p>	1
Ix	<p>Explain the significance of the Sariska–Delhi leopard wildlife corridor for biodiversity and how urban development impacts it.</p> <p>Value Points : As per para 4 of the passage, the following significant points can be mentioned</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> - The corridor is significant for biodiversity as it provides a vital habitat for Indian leopards and jackals, facilitating their movement and interaction. - Urban development, including highways and railways that bisect the corridor, poses risks by fragmenting habitats, hindering wildlife movement, and increasing the chances of human-wildlife conflict. - Preserving this corridor is essential for maintaining ecological balance and protecting these species <p>(any two points – 1 mark for each point)</p>	2
SECTION B: WRITING SKILLS AND GRAMMAR		(20)
GRAMMAR		
3.	Complete ANY TEN of twelve of the following tasks, as directed	(1*10)
(i)	<p>Fill in the blank with the correct option to complete the opening line of a formal letter:</p> <p>Dear Team,</p> <p>I hope this message _____ you well. I am writing to update you on the latest data about sales.</p> <p>(a) found (b) finds (c) has been finding (d) have found</p> <p>Answer:</p>	1

(b) **finds**
Value Points: The sentence given above is an example of Present Indefinite Tense. Therefore, the first form of the verb ‘find’ with an ‘s’ is to be used here. One should also keep in mind the subject verb agreement here. When the subject (message) in a sentence is singular, the verb needs to follow the first form along with s/es as per the need.

(ii) Read the given sentence from a climate control article. Identify the error and supply the correction in the given format.
 While climate control systems is essential for comfort and health, their environmental impact is considerable.

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Value points: When the subject (climate control systems) in the sentence is plural, it will be followed by a plural auxiliary verb ‘are’ in this case.

(iii) Roman asked the following question to her friend, Jeremy.
 Did you enjoy the new dance class which happened last weekend?
 Report Roman's question correctly.
Answer: Roman asked Jeremy if/whether she had enjoyed the new dance class which had happened the previous weekend.

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Value Points: Change in the pronoun, ‘you’ becomes ‘he’, the shift in the tense, ‘did enjoy’ becomes ‘had enjoyed’ as the reporting verb is in the past tense, the expression of time also changes from last weekend becomes the previous weekend

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	<p>along with the question format using if/had that introduces the yes/no question in indirect speech.</p>													
(iv)	<p>Fill in the blank by choosing the correct option, to complete an announcement.</p> <p>Attention all class teachers,</p> <p>Please prepare some key discussions points like curriculum updates, students' progress and upcoming events as _____ (those/this/such) would be discussed tomorrow.</p> <p>Correct Answer: Those Value Points: Out of the three options given in the sentence, those is the most suitable as it refers to all the items mentioned, to be discussed, in the message.</p>	1												
(v)	<p>Read Parul's reply to her friend, regarding an opportunity to excel.</p> <p>Parul said to her friend, "I think this is a great opportunity for us to make a difference."</p> <p>Report Parul's reply by completing the following sentence correctly.</p> <p>Parul told her friend that _____</p> <p>Correct Answer: She thought that was a great opportunity for them to make a difference.</p> <p>Value Points: Following the rules for Direct and Indirect Speech, the subject, 'I' changes to 'she' and 'us' changes to 'them'.</p>	1												
(vi)	<p>Identify and correct the error in the given line taken from an Air Quality report:</p> <p>The continuous monitoring systems who provide data on near real-time basis are installed in Delhi.</p> <table border="1"> <thead> <tr> <th>Option No.</th> <th>Error</th> <th>Correction</th> </tr> </thead> <tbody> <tr> <td>A</td> <td>near</td> <td>by</td> </tr> <tr> <td>B</td> <td>who</td> <td>that</td> </tr> <tr> <td>C</td> <td>on</td> <td>into</td> </tr> </tbody> </table>	Option No.	Error	Correction	A	near	by	B	who	that	C	on	into	1
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Answer:

b)who that

Value Points: ‘that’ is the most appropriate option as it refers to the object, ‘the continuous monitoring systems. ‘Who’ is used to refer to humans.

(vii)	<p>Complete the given railway announcement, by selecting the correct option to fill in the blank.</p> <p>Good morning, everyone!</p> <p>"Indian Railways' welcomes you onboard. We are pleased to announce that breakfast served shortly. Kindly be seated.</p> <p>(a) ought to be (b) could be (c) will be (d) should be</p> <p>Answer: (c)will be</p> <p>Value Points: ‘will be’ is the most appropriate option in the given context as it indicates the assurance to the passengers on board of getting the breakfast in a short time.</p>	1				
(viii)	<p>(viii) Detect the error and supply the correction for the given line taken from an article.</p> <p>While ghostwriters are paid for writing the books, their authorship is not acknowledge.</p> <table border="1" style="margin-left: auto; margin-right: auto;"> <thead> <tr> <th style="text-align: center;">ERROR</th> <th style="text-align: center;">CORRECTION</th> </tr> </thead> <tbody> <tr> <td style="height: 20px;"></td> <td style="height: 20px;"></td> </tr> </tbody> </table>	ERROR	CORRECTION			1
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	<p>Answer: ERROR CORRECTION</p> <p>Acknowledge acknowledged</p> <p>Value Points: In this context, ‘authorship’ is the subject of the clause, and the verb acknowledge describes the action that is not performed on it. Therefore, as per the rule, passive voice follows the structure: is/are + past participle.</p>	
(ix)	<p>Report the dialogue between a teacher and a student, by completing the sentence.</p> <p>Teacher: Have you submitted the English project?</p> <p>Student: Not yet ma'am. Please allow me to submit it next week.</p> <p>The teacher asked the student if he/she had submitted the English Project. The student replied in the negative and _____.</p> <p>Correct Answer: requested to allow her/him to submit it the following week.</p> <p>Value Points: As per the rules for reported speech the request is transformed into a statement, and the verb tense shifts to reflect indirect speech. Here, “please allow” changes to “asked to be allowed”, and “next week” becomes “the following week” to match the past perspective.</p>	1

	<p>River Ganga is a very sacred river and it emerges from the Himalayas.</p> <p>Value Points: Since it is a statement, (universal fact), there will be no change in the tense while reporting it.</p>	
	WRITING (10 marks)	
4.A	<p>(A) You are Suhani Mehta, a concerned citizen from, Sonipat. You are of the opinion</p> <p>that pedestrian safety is highly important. You have noticed that footpaths on both sides of the main roads of your city need major repairs and on some stretches they need to be constructed.</p> <p>Write a letter to the DM of your city area, in about 120 words, suggesting the need for footpaths for pedestrian safety and share their importance and implications.</p> <p style="text-align: center;">OR</p> <p>(B) You are Manish Tandon, a resident of Firozabad, Uttar Pradesh. Write a letter, in about 120 words, addressing the Chief Officer of Northern Railways, requesting him/her to start two more daily shuttle trains from Firozabad to Delhi to cater to the heavy public demand. Add details to support the demand for starting extra trains.</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Format-1 [full credit if all aspects included. Partial credit (½ mark) if one-two aspects are missing. No credit if more than two aspects are missing] • Content -2 [1/½ mark for each content point area addressed - suggestion, importance, implication, recommendation] • Organisation of ideas -1 [effective style, orderly sequence, paragraphed structure and formal tone and vocabulary] • Accuracy-1[Spelling, punctuation and grammar] 	6
5A	<p><u>(A) Following are the features of a branded Raincoat-</u></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Made from high-quality, waterproof fabric to keep you dry. 	5

- Breathable fabric to prevent overheating and allow sweat to escape.
- Reinforced seams and high-quality stitching for long-lasting wear.
- Easy to pack and carry without being bulky, making it convenient for travel.
- A range of styles (e.g., classic, sporty, modern) and fits (e.g., slim, relaxed) to suit different preferences.

A good warranty to ensure quality and customer satisfaction.

- A variety of colors and patterns to suit personal style.

Analyse the given details and write an analytical paragraph in about 120 words as to why this raincoat would be a beneficial purchase.

Suggestive Value Points

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

Suggestive Value points:

- **High-quality, waterproof fabric and breathability**
- **Reinforced seams for longevity**
- **Easy to pack and travel-friendly**
- **Range of styles and fits + Good warranty**
- **Variety of colors** to match personal style

- ❖ **Organisation of ideas -2 Marks**

Covering the four elaborated parts, such as:-

Effective style - Clear, concise introduction and focus on key features.

Orderly sequence– Begins with core functionality (waterproof, breathable), progresses to longevity (reinforced seams), ends with style choices and warranty.

Single paragraph structure– Introduction, key points, and concluding statement in one cohesive paragraph.

Formal tone and Functional vocabulary –Maintains clarity and correctness, avoiding casual expressions.[Functional vocabulary refers the use of precise and purposeful words that effectively convey specific meanings related to the subject matter.]

- ❖ **Accuracy - 1 Mark**

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

5 B

B. Read the following advertisement of a newly opened Swimming Pool -

Dive into Fun at Our New Swimming Pool!

We're excited to announce the grand opening of our brand-new swimming pool, designed for fun, relaxation, and fitness!

Features:

- Olympic-sized Swimming Pool: Perfect for serious swimmers and casual splashes!
- Shallow Area for Kids: Safe and fun for little ones to enjoy.
- Luxurious Lounging Deck: Sunbeds and umbrellas for your comfort.
- State-of-the-Art Facilities: Changing rooms, showers, and lockers.
- Swimming Lessons Available: Expert instructors for all ages and skill levels.
- Poolside Café: Refreshing snacks and drinks to keep you energized.

Analyse the details and write an analytical paragraph, in about 120 words, about the suitability of this Swimming Pool. Focus on factors such as safety, comfort, fun features, suitability for different age groups and overall experience.

Suggestive Value Points

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

Suggestive Value points:

- **Olympic-sized pool** for versatility
- **Shallow area for kids** ensuring safety
- **Luxurious lounging deck** for relaxation
- **State-of-the-art facilities** (changing rooms, showers, lockers)
- **Swimming lessons** for all ages and levels
- **Poolside café** for refreshments

- ❖ **Organisation of ideas -2 Marks**

Covering the four elaborated parts, such as:-

Effective style - Begins by highlighting the pool's size and children's area, then progresses to features for comfort and services.

Orderly sequence– Logical flow from safety features to leisure amenities and facilities.

Single paragraph structure– Combines introduction, features, and conclusion in a concise, unified manner.

Formal tone and Functional vocabulary –Maintains an informative style with precise terms.[Functional vocabulary refers the use of precise and purposeful words that effectively convey specific meanings related to the subject matter.]

- ❖ **Accuracy - 1 Mark**

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

iv	<p>(iv) Residents of large cities are often captivated by the charm of nature and the lush greenery surrounding them. Elaborate in about 40 words, with reference to the extract.</p> <p>Suggestive Value Points</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Contrast between urban environments (buildings, traffic) and rural/green landscapes. • Emotional and visual impact of lush greenery on city dwellers. • Rejuvenation or sense of calm experienced when surrounded by nature. 	
6 B	<p>Extract from Footprints without Feet</p> <p>(B) I went back to the bazaar and sat down in the shelter of the clock tower. The clock showed midnight. I felt for the notes. They were damp from the rain. Anil's money. In the morning he would probably have given me two or three rupees to go to the cinema, but now I had it all. I couldn't cook his meals, run to the bazaar or learn to write whole sentences any more. I had forgotten about them in the excitement of the theft. Whole sentences, I knew, could one day bring me more than a few hundred rupees. It was a simple matter to steal and sometimes just as simple to be caught (The Thief's Story)</p>	1
i	<p>(i) Which of the following is NOT a reason why Hari Singh thinks he would not be able to write whole sentences?</p> <p>(a) Anil would not be there to teach him (b) He had robbed Anil and left (c) He would not go back to Anil to learn (d) He had no money to take admission in school</p> <p>Answer: (d) He had no money to take admission in school</p> <p>Reasoning</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Options (a), (b), and (c) directly relate to Hari's situation with Anil and his decision to leave. Option (d) is not mentioned as a reason in the extract. 	
ii	<p>(ii) Fill in the blank with one word/phrase. The reason Hari Singh was filled with a feeling of was because Anil trusted him.</p> <p>Possible Answer:guilt / remorse</p> <p>Suggestive Value Point</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Hari experiences emotional turmoil upon realizing that Anil genuinely trusts him, intensifying his guilt. 	1
iii	<p>(iii) Hari Singh's tone is remorseful and regretful when he says, "I couldn't cook his meals, run to the bazaar, or learn to write whole sentences anymore." Justify in about 40 words.</p> <p>Suggestive Value Points</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Sense of loss for the opportunities Anil provided. • Betrayal of trust leading to internal conflict. • Recognition that Anil's guidance was more valuable than stolen money. 	2

iv	<p>(iv) What does the following statement imply about Hari Singh. "Whole sentences, I knew, could one day bring me more than a few hundred rupees?"</p> <p>Suggestive Value Points</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Significance of education and long-term gains. • A hint of aspiration that Hari sees a better future through honest means. 	1
7 A	<p>Extracts from – Poem- A Tiger in the zoo</p> <p>Read the given extracts and answer the questions for ANY ONE of the given two.</p> <p>A)The true Chameleon is small, A lizard sort of thing; He hasn't any ears at all, And not a single wing. If there is nothing on the tree, ‘Tis the chameleon you see. (How to tell wild animal)</p>	1
i	<p>(i) Which attributes does the poet use to describe the chameleon? Ans - The poet describes the chameleon as small, earless, and wingless, referring to it as “a lizard sort of thing.”</p> <p>Suggestive Value Points</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Emphasis on physical characteristics (small size, no ears, no wings). • Comparison to a lizard to give readers a basic idea of its appearance. 	
ii	<p>(ii) Fill the blank with one word. When the speaker says "If there is nothing on the tree, 'Tis the chameleon you see.", he refers to _____ as a feature of a true Chameleon.</p> <p>Possible Answer:camouflage</p> <p>Suggestive Value Point</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • The chameleon’s camouflage makes it blend with its surroundings, appearing almost invisible on the tree. 	2
iii	<p>(iii) What does the speaker intend to convey by describing the animal as "a lizard sort of thing"? Answer in about 40 words.</p> <p>Suggestive Value Points</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Comparison helps the audience imagine the creature. • Highlights the poet’s informal, light-hearted tone in describing animals. • Draws attention to basic reptilian features shared by chameleons and common lizards. 	1
iv	<p>(iv) Select the option that applies the same rhyme scheme as the lines of the given extract.</p> <p>A. In the garden bright with blooms so fair, The fragrance dances softly in the air. Butterflies flutter, painting the skies, While laughter echoes, sweet as a prize. Each moment cherished, like a song in spring, In nature's arms, our hearts take wing.</p> <p>B. In the garden where the wildflowers sway</p>	1

	<p>The sun casts shadows on the soft, green grass Whispers of breezes gently dance and play. While time slips by, a fleeting, fragile glass. With every petal, secrets bloom anew, In nature's arms, the world feels fresh and true.</p> <p>C. In the garden where the bright flowers bloom, The buzzing bees flit from petal to petal, A sweet perfume fills the air with room, As sunlight casts a warm, golden metal. Joy in each moment, like a gentle rhyme, Nature's chorus plays beneath the blue.</p> <p>D. In the quiet woods where shadows blend, The whispers of the leaves tell ancient tales, As sunlight filters through the branches high, A gentle stream flows on, a silver friend, While nature's breath in every breeze exhales, A world alive where time itself can sigh.</p> <p>Lines' Rhyme Scheme: a b a b c c Suggestive Value Point</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> The given poem follows a b a b c c, and Option (B) mirrors the same pattern. 	
7 B	<p>A. My head is full of whispers which tomorrow will be silent. Listen. The glass is breaking. The trees are stumbling forward into the night. Winds rush to meet them. The moon is broken like a mirror, its pieces flash now in the crown of the tallest oak.</p> <p>(The Trees)</p>	
i	<p>Complete the following suitably. The passage describes the moon as being broken like a _____, and its pieces flash in the crown of the tallest _____. Answer : Mirror, oak</p>	1
ii	<p>What figure of speech is illustrated in the line “The trees are stumbling forward into the night”?</p> <p><i>Personification- Personification is the figure of speech which gives/ attributes human qualities/ characteristics to non-human things.</i></p>	1

	<i>In the above line, trees are not humans but have been attributed to stumbling forward which is a human attribute. Therefore, Personification is the correct answer here.</i>	
iii	<p>What is the significance of the line.</p> <p>“The moon is broken like a mirror, its pieces flash now in the crown of the tallest oak.” Answer in about 40 words.</p> <p>Suggestive Value points: --The line is symbolic and profound, representing change.</p> <p>--The moon, typically seen as full, is described as broken here.</p> <p>--The moon, once a king, now becomes part of the crown worn by the oak tree.</p> <p>--This imagery reflects a shift in societal norms.</p> <p>--The oak tree, being the tallest, symbolizes women overcoming patriarchy.</p> <p><i>Accept any other valid response. (Partial credit can be given if incomplete answer is given.)</i></p>	1
iv	<p>C. 2, 3 and 5</p> <p>The meaning of the given options is:</p> <p>1.- Serene- calm and peaceful</p> <p>2- Eerie- strange and frightening</p> <p>3- Haunting- scary</p> <p>4- Harmonious- peaceful</p> <p>5- Surreal- bizarre</p> <p>Since the atmosphere created in the above lines corresponds to 2, 3 and 5, the correct answer is C. 2, 3 and 5.</p>	2
8	Answer ANY FOUR of the following five questions in about 40–50 words.	4x3=12
	<p>Content-2; Organization-1 ; *1/2mark 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 answer Value are written- 3 marks Any 2 points mentioned- 2 marks Any 1 mentioned- 1 mark Irrelevant or not attempted- 0 mark</p>	
i	<p>i. What idea does the Postmaster conceive, and what actions does he take to adhere to his resolution? (A Letter to God)</p> <p>Suggestive value points:</p> <p>--The Postmaster decides to respond to Lencho’s letter. 3</p> <p>--Upon opening the letter, he realizes he needs more than goodwill, ink, and paper to reply.</p> <p>--He resolves to gather money to help Lencho.</p>	3

	<p>--He asks his employees for contributions. --The Postmaster donates part of his own salary. --Several friends also contribute, viewing it as an act of charity.</p> <p><i>Accept any other valid response. (Partial credit can be given if incomplete answer is given.)</i></p>	
ii	<p>How does the young Seagull's initial attempts to fly contrast with his first successful flight? (Two Stories About Flying - His First Flight)</p> <p>Suggestive value points:</p> <p>--During his initial attempts, the young Seagull was filled with fear and hesitant to fly. --He fell outward and downward into space, landing in the sea. As he landed, his legs sank into the water, and he screamed with fear. He tried to rise again by flapping his wings. --In contrast, during his first successful flight, he forgot his previous fears. --He embraced the act of flying, diving, soaring, and curving. He shrieked shrilly as he flew straight over the ocean. His first successful flight ended with him floating on the sea.</p> <p><i>Accept any other valid response. (Partial credit can be given if incomplete answer is given.)</i></p>	3
iii	<p>Discuss the reasons Amanda desires to be an orphan, referencing the given lines from the text: "I am an orphan, roaming the street. I pattern soft dust with my hushed, bare feet. The silence is golden, the freedom is sweet."</p> <p>Suggestive value points:</p> <p>--Amanda envisions being an orphan due to her frustration with constant scrutiny from her parents and adults. --She believes that as an orphan, she would experience greater freedom. --She imagines making patterns with her bare feet in the sand. --Amanda longs for a peaceful life, free from interruptions. --Her desire reflects a yearning for freedom and silence, away from constant nagging</p> <p><i>Accept any other valid response. (Partial credit can be given if incomplete answer is given.)</i></p>	3
iv	<p>Even the most easygoing individuals can transform into enthusiasts for a life filled with high-energy adventures. Elaborate on this idea</p> <p>Suggestive value points:</p> <p>--Coorg is a land rich in adventure activities. --Popular activities include river rafting, canoeing, rappelling, rock climbing, and mountain biking. --The region features numerous walking trails favored by trekkers.</p>	3

	<p>Climbing the Brahmagiri hills offers a panoramic view of the misty Coorg landscape.</p> <p>--A stroll across the rope bridge leads to the sixty-four-acre island of Nisargadhama.</p> <p>--This makes it clear that even the most laidback individuals can embrace a life of high-energy adventure.</p> <p><i>. Accept any other valid response. (Partial credit can be given if incomplete answer is given.)</i></p>	
v	<p>How does Ogden Nash employ vivid imagery in "The Tale of Custard the Dragon" to enhance the portrayal of the Pirate? Explain.</p> <p>Suggestive value points:</p> <p>--The Pirate is depicted with a pistol in each hand, creating a striking image of menace.</p> <p>--He holds a bright cutlass in his teeth, emphasizing his readiness for battle.</p> <p>--His black beard adds to his fierce and intimidating appearance.</p> <p>--The description of one wooden leg suggests a rugged, battle-worn character.</p> <p>--This vivid imagery allows readers to easily visualize the Pirate's threatening presence.</p> <p><i>Accept any other valid response. (Partial credit can be given if incomplete answer is given.)</i></p>	3
9	<p>Answer ANY TWO of the following three questions, in about 40–50 words.</p>	2x3=6
	<p>Content-2; Organization-1 ; *1/2mark 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 answer Value are written- 3 marks Any 2 points mentioned- 2 marks Any 1 mentioned- 1 mark Irrelevant or not attempted- 0 mark</p>	
i	<p>What does Mr. Herriot refer to as the “Happy Period” in relation to himself and his partners? Elaborate (A Triumph of Surgery)</p> <p>Suggestive value points:</p> <p>--Mr. Herriot's “Happy Period” began when Mrs. Pumphrey started sending food and drinks for Tricki.</p> <p>--The abundance of treats was enjoyed by Mr. Herriot and his friends/partners.</p> <p>--They indulged in two eggs each for breakfast, marking a shift in their routine.</p>	3

	<p>--Bottles of wine began to arrive, enhancing their meals. --Lunch became a ceremonial affair, featuring two glasses of wine before and several during the meal. --These days were filled with deep contentment, starting with extra eggs and enriched by midday wine.</p> <p><i>Accept any other valid response. (Partial credit can be given if incomplete answer is given.)</i></p>	
ii	<p>Elaborate on the ways in which Ebright's mother was instrumental in his development into a scientist. (Making of a Scientist)</p> <p>Suggestive value points:</p> <p>--Richard was a single child, deeply influenced by his mother. After his father's death, his mother dedicated her life to him. --She encouraged learning through trips and adventures. Provided various scientific equipment, including microscopes and telescopes. --Gave him problem-solving exercises after dinner to stimulate his mind. Served as his only companion for a long period. --Gave him the book "The Travels of Monarch X," igniting his passion for science. --Corresponded with Dr. Urquhart to seek guidance for Richard. --Dr. Urquhart provided mentorship and support, further shaping Richard's scientific career. --Richard's mother played a crucial role in developing him into an extraordinary scientist.</p> <p><i>Accept any other valid response. (Partial credit can be given if incomplete answer is given.)</i></p>	3
iii	<p>Analyze the significance of a well-known nursery rhyme book in preventing a Martian invasion as portrayed in "The Book That Saved The Earth."</p> <p>Suggestive value points:</p> <p>. --The Martians, led by Think-Tank, planned to invade Earth. --They discovered the old nursery rhyme book "Mother Goose." --Think-Tank misinterpreted the rhymes, believing they held serious meanings. --His fear grew as he concluded that Earth's inhabitants were more powerful and advanced. --In response to his fears, Think-Tank recalled his crew members. As a result, the nursery rhyme book effectively prevented the Martian invasion.</p> <p><i>Accept any other valid response. (Partial credit can be given if incomplete answer is given.)</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 ; *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/or grammatical errors.*</p> <p>If all the points mentioned in the answer Value 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>Connecting the theme of “dealing with loss—personal or material” with John Berryman’s "The Ball Poem" and "A Sermon at Benaras", bring out the similarities found in the texts. What insights or lessons would you highlight to understand how to cope with loss?</p> <p><i>Suggestive Value Points:</i></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> --"The Ball Poem" explores the inevitability of loss and the need to confront life's sorrows. --A young boy experiences sadness and fear after losing his ball. --The poet emphasizes that this loss teaches him a crucial life lesson: accepting harsh realities. --"A Sermon at Benaras" reinforces the truth of human mortality and the inevitability of death. --Lord Buddha states that grief only exacerbates pain and suffering, harming one’s well-being. --A wise person accepts the natural cycle of life and loss, leading to true happiness and peace. <p><i>Accept any other valid response. (Partial credit can be given if incomplete answer is given.)</i></p>	6
OR		
(B)	<p>Analyze the contrasting nature of Valli’s personal desires and Mandela’s broader vision, particularly focusing on how each character’s aspirations are fulfilled? Provide insights about Valli's individual goals and Mandela's larger societal aspirations and how do their approaches reflect their respective journeys?</p> <p><i>Suggestive value points:</i></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> --Valli is an eight-year-old girl with a brave and strong desire to travel by bus. --She enjoys observing the street life and is fascinated by buses arriving and departing. --Valli gathers information about the bus journey and plans her trip carefully. 	6

	<p>--She aims to return home before her mother wakes from her afternoon nap.</p> <p>--The story showcases how she fulfills her desire innocently yet responsibly, highlighting her experiences on the bus ride.</p> <p>--Nelson Mandela envisions a society free from discrimination based on color, caste, race, age, or gender.</p> <p>--As the first black president of South Africa, Mandela vows to prevent the suppression of any group.</p> <p>--On his inauguration day, he feels overwhelmed as he witnesses his vision beginning to materialize.</p> <p><i>Accept any other valid response. (Partial credit can be given if incomplete answer is given.)</i></p>	
11.	<p>Answer ANY ONE of the following two questions, in about 100–120 words.</p> <p>Content-3; Expression- 2 Accuracy-1 ; *½mark 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 answer Value 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>A. What are the key changes in Matilda's character throughout Guy de Maupassant's "The Necklace," and how do her experiences shape her transformation?</p> <p>Suggestive value points:</p> <p>--Matilda is a beautiful young woman longing for wealth and luxury.</p> <p>--Born into a humble family and marries an ordinary man, leading to dissatisfaction.</p> <p>--Receives an invitation to a ball and desires to appear wealthy, giving in to vanity.</p> <p>--Disregards her husband’s advice in pursuit of admiration and status.</p> <p>--Enjoys the attention and praise at the ball, feeling fulfilled temporarily.</p> <p>--Loses a borrowed necklace, resulting in years of hardship for both her and her husband.</p> <p>--Through suffering, Matilda matures and becomes humble and grateful.</p> <p>--Learns the importance of living within her means and the value of true contentment.</p> <p><i>Accept any other valid response. (Partial credit can be given if incomplete answer is given.)</i></p>	6

(B)	<p>Assuming that Griffin feels awakened and experiences a realization, how would he articulate his internal struggle and reflections on the misuse of scientific discoveries in a diary entry, considering his own experiences with invisibility and the consequences of his actions?</p> <p>Suggestive value points:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none">--Discovered a way to make a man invisible using rare drugs.--Considered a great scientist but lived outside the law.--Set fire to my landlord's house after he tried to evict me.--Disguised myself with theatrical items, including bandages and a false nose.--Attacked and robbed a shopkeeper at Drury Lane.--Robbed a clergyman's house in Iping, pushing out the landlord and his wife.--Caused Mrs. Hall to believe the furniture was haunted due to my invisibility.--Reflecting on my actions, I feel deep shame for my misdeeds. <p><i>Accept any other valid response. (Partial credit can be given if incomplete answer is given.)</i></p>	6
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