

**English Language and Literature (184)**

**Practice Paper (Term 1)**

**CLASS X**

**TIME 90 mins**

**Max Marks 40**

**1. This Question Paper contains THREE sections .**

2. Section A – READING has 18 Questions . Attempt a total of 14 questions , as per specific instructions for each Question .

3. Section B - WRITING & GRAMMAR has 12 Questions . Attempt a total of 10 questions , as per specific instructions for each question .

4. Section C – LITERATURE has 30 Questions . Attempt 26 questions , as per specific instructions for each question .

5. All questions carry equal marks.

6. There is no negative marking.

**READING**

**1. Read the following passage given below .**

Next to water, tea is the most commonly consumed beverage in the world. This is a good news because tea offers important health benefits. Its benefits were first discovered by the Chinese Emperor Shen Nung who declared that it gave one, vigour of body, contentment of mind and determination of purpose. Today there is ample proof that tea in its many forms possesses a number of health benefits from supporting the immune system , reducing the risk of cancer, to helping prevent tooth decay.

What makes tea such a healthy drink? The star compounds in tea are called catechins. These are antioxidants . Antioxidants that help prevent cell damage by harmful molecules called free radicals.

Tea is an aromatic beverage prepared by pouring hot or boiling water over fresh tea leaves. There are many different types of tea; some, like Chinese greens and Darjeeling, these have a cooling, slightly bitter, and astringent flavour, while others have vastly different profiles that include sweet, nutty, floral, or grassy notes. Tea has a stimulating effect in humans primarily due to its caffeine content.

The tea plant originated in the region encompassing today's Southwest China, Tibet, north Myanmar and Northeast India, where it was used as a medicinal drink by various ethnic groups. An early credible record of tea drinking dates to the 3rd century AD, in a medical text written by Hua Tuo. It was popularised as a recreational drink during the Chinese Tang dynasty, and tea drinking spread to other East Asian countries. Portuguese priests and merchants introduced it to Europe during the 16th century. During the 17th century, drinking tea became fashionable among the English, who started to plant tea on a large scale in India.

Tea can be black, green, and red . The more it is processed , the darker tea becomes . Green tea is the least processed tea . It is simply steamed quickly . It offers the maximum healing powers because it is not fermented . It also helps prevent tooth decay and aids weight loss

**Based on your understanding of the passage, answer any eight out of ten questions by choosing the correct option .**

**Q 1** According to the author , what from the following is the most commonly consumed beverage .

- A. Water
- B. Tea
- C. Coffee
- D. Green Tea

**Q .2** What qualities of tea does the author ‘NOT’ talk about here .

- A. It helps fight Cancer .
- B. It builds the immune system .
- C. It helps fight tooth decay.
- D. It helps memorizing

**Q.3** Tea contains a star compound. The word compound here suggests -----

- A. composed of more than one element.
- B. something formed by combining two parts.
- C. both A and B are correct.
- D. only B is correct.

**Q.4** Which one of the following is correct?

- A. Antioxidants promote cell damage by harmful molecules called free radicals.
- B. Antioxidants help prevent cell damage by harmful molecules called free radicals.
- C. Antioxidants produce cell damage by harmful molecules called free radicals.

D. Antioxidants help to find cell damage by harmful molecules called free radicals.

**Q.5** Tea is an aromatic beverage . What does the word ‘aromatic’ mean?

A. a pleasant smell mostly related to food.

B. a sweet fruity fragrance.

C. a strong stench

D. a strange smell

**Q. 6** In which one of the following sentences has the word ‘stimulating’ been used correctly?

A. A good walk can stimulate the mind .

B. You can add the spice to stimulate the dish.

C. The athlete wore a stimulate around his neck.

D. Those who could stimulate were the losers.

**Q. 7** Pick the option which correctly describes the taste of Chinese greens and Darjeeling tea.

A. Slightly bitter but cooling taste.

B. Astringent flavor

C. Both A and B

D. Sweet and floral taste.

**Q. 8** The reason for drinking Tea is that it ----- .

A. has a stimulating effect

B. it is recreational.

C. it has medicinal properties.

D. All of the above.

**Q. 9** When did drinking tea become a show of being fashionable ?

A. Third Century AD

B. during the rule of Shen Nung.

C. 16<sup>th</sup> Century.

D. 17<sup>th</sup> Century.

**Q. 10** Green tea is the least ----- tea .

- A. processed
- B. aromatic
- C. available.
- D. consumed.

**II Read the passage given below:**

On a walk through the Cubbon Park, in Bangalore, the statue of Queen Victoria has stood for a long period of 115 years. The flora and fauna of Cubbon park captures our attention more than anything else. But when you take time to look closely at the statue, you will marvel at its sheer grandeur . Sculpted by Sir Thomas Brock, the 11 feet high marble statue is larger than life. It brings out the personality of queen Victoria, who had been the monarch of Great Britan from 1837 till 1901 depicting a rather proud, stern person with pronounced features.

The Statue of Queen Victoria in Bangalore shows the Queen wearing the Order of the Garter robes, which are decorated with tassels and roses. The Queen is carrying a sceptre and an orb with a cross. are decorated with tassels and roses. The Queen is carrying a sceptre and an orb with a cross.

The Statue of Queen Victoria in Bangalore and other statues along with their locations are given below.

Location and co ordinators	Year	Artist or designers	Type of statue	Material used
Indian Museum, Kolkata	1875	Marshall Wood	Statue on pedestal	Makrana marble
Gulab Bagh, Udaipur	1889	Charles Bell Birch	Statue on pedestal	Marble and granite
Grounds of the Victoria Memorial, Kolkata	1897	Alfred Gilbert	Seated Statue	Bronze
Grounds of the Victoria Memorial, Kolkata	1901	George Frampton	Statue on pedestal and steps	Bronze and stone
Queen Victoria Pavilion, Vishakhapatnam	1904	Not known	Statue	Bronze
Queen's Park, Bangalore	1906	Thomas Brock	Statue on pedestal	Marble

Victoria Memorial , Kolkata	1921	Thomas Brock	Statue on pedestal	Marble
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In 1906, the statue was unveiled in the city by George Frederick, Ernest Albert, Prince of Wales and Duke of Cornwall and York, making it stand in all its glory in its 115th year. On the unveiling , the Prince in his speech, thanked the people of the Bangalore Civil and Military Station (who were British subjects), the Maharaja of Mysore and his native subjects, for helping raise the memorial statue. Even though there is a wealth of history associated with the statue, the busy Bangalorians refer to it as just another landmark.

**Based on your understanding of the passage, answer Any Six of the eight questions by choosing the correct option .**

**Q. 11** For how many years did Queen Victoria rule Great Britain?

- A) 64 years
- B) 34 years
- C) 54 years
- D) 44 years

**Q.12.** How many people unveiled the Queen Victoria statue at Cubbon Park?

- A) One
- B) Two
- C) Six
- D) Four

**Q.13.** The Bangalorians would refer to the Queen Victoria statue as a \_\_\_\_\_.

- A) wealth of history
- B) landmark
- C) symbol of British rule
- D) Bangaluru culture

**Q. 14.** Queen Victoria had all of the following traits, except being \_\_\_\_\_ .

- A) proud
- B) generous
- C) stern
- D) pronounced features

**Q.15.** Which of the following is false regarding Queen Victoria's statue in Bangaluru?

- A) It is made of marble
- B) It is 11 feet tall
- C) It is 115 years old
- D) It is standing in Queen Victoria park.

**Q.16.** The table shows that the statue of Queen Victoria's statue was made up of long lasting material. Identify the material.

- A) Marble
- B) Bronze
- C) Bronze and Marble
- D) Makrana marble

**Q.17** The oldest statue of the queen according to the records is the one made by -----

- A) Marshall Wood
- B) George Frampton
- C) Thomas Brock
- D) Alfred Gilbert

**Q.18** The queens statues are either made ----- .

- A) on a chair
- B) on a pedestal or steps
- C) on a ladder
- D) on the grassy lawn

## **GRAMMAR and WRITING**

### **GRAMMAR**

**III. Answer any five out of six questions by selecting the most appropriate option for each.**

**Q.19** You ..... consult the Doctor if you wish to know your health status .

- A) had to
- B) need to
- C) used to
- D) might

**Q.20** Everybody ..... keen to participate in the upcoming Sports Event

- A) are
- B) has
- C) is
- D) were

**Q.21** The good news is that..... volunteers dropped out this month.

- A) fewer
- B) less
- C) few
- D) a little

**Q.22** It was ..... historic day for the organisation when ..... honour was bestowed upon the winners.  
upon its employees.

- A) a; an
- B) an; the
- C) the; a
- D) an; a

**Q.23** At this time tomorrow we ..... our assignment to our class teacher

- A) are presenting
- B) shall be presenting
- C) have been presenting
- D) will have presenting

**Q.24** Which option displays the correct change of the following to reported speech?

Ritika asked Vaibhav, “How far is the river from the cottage”?

- A) Ritika asked Vaibhav how far the river from the cottage was?
- B) Ritika told Vaibhav how far was the river from the cottage?
- C) Ritika asked Vaibhav how far was the river from the cottage?
- D) Ritika asked Vaibhav if the river was far from the cottage .

## **WRITING**

**IV . Answer any five out of six questions given, with reference to the context below .**

Aliya purchased a washing machine from a local showroom . On using the machine she found that the spin dry system did not work properly. She decided to write a letter of Complaint to the Manager of the showroom as the machine was in guarantee period. Given below are some points she kept in mind . Choose the correct option from the given options related to the format, body and the ending of the letter.

**Q.25** The receiver's address was written ----- .

- (A). before Aliya's address .
- (B). after Aliya's address .
- (C). just before the subject line
- (D). after the subject line.

**Q. 26** Aliya used the following subject line.

- (A) complaint against the showroom.
- (B) complaint about washing machine.
- (C) complaint about poor services.
- (D) complaint about manager of the showroom .

**Q. 27**What would Aliya say in the opening part of her letter?

- (A). ask how good the weather was in the recipient's city.
- (B). Inform the recipient why she was writing the letter.
- (C). ask the recipient if he was hale and hearty.
- (D).begin by saying that he was selling faulty gadgets.

**Q. 28** Aliya included the following points in her letter.

- (A) date of purchase, bill number and colour of the machine.
- (B) date of purchase, bill number and nature of defect.
- (C) bill number, nature of defect and asking for an appointment.
- (D). colour of the machine, model number and date of purchase

**Q. 29** How did Aliya end the main body of the letter?

- (A). By showing her regard for the recipient.
- (B). By discussing the defect in the machine.
- (C). By requesting the dealer to get the dryer of the washing machine fixed.
- (D). Thanking the manager

**Q. 30** How do you think Aliya ended the letter ?

- (A). your's faithfully
- (B). yours lovingly
- (C) your's truly
- (D). yours sincerely.



## LITERATURE

**This section has sub – sections – V, VI , VII , VIII and IX. There are a total of 30 questions in this section. Attempt any 26 questions from the sub – section V to IX . (any 4 out of 5)**

**V. Read the given extract to attempt the questions that follow :**

One of the employees who was a postman and also helped at the post office, went to his boss laughing heartily and showed him the letter to God. Never in his career as a postman had he known that address .The Postmaster – a fat ,amiable fellow – also broke out laughing ,but almost immediately he turned serious and tapping the letter on his desk ,commented ,”What faith ! I wish I had the faith of the man who wrote this letter. Starting up a correspondence with God!’

From - A Letter to God

**Q31** Choose the option that lists the set of statements that are NOT TRUE according to the given extract.

- 1) The postman laughed heartily .
- 2) The Postman hid the letter in his pocket.
- 3) The postman was familiar with the address on the envelop.
- 4) The postman turned serious immediately.
- 5) The postman was the boss .
- 6) The postman joked about the writers faith in God .
- 7) The postman was amazed to see that someone was trying to start a correspondence with God .

OPTIONS -

- (A) 2,3,5.
- (B) 5,6,7
- (C) 1,3,5.
- (D) 1,4,6.

**Q32)** Which word does amiable not correspond to ?

- (A)Friendly
- (B)Sweet
- (C)Kind
- (D)Overweight

**Q 33)** The address on the envelope was not known as

- A. the name of the colony was wrong

- B. the name of the block was wrong
- C. the letter was addressed to God.
- D. there was no address on the envelope.

**Q34)** Choose the characteristic displayed by the person who had written the letter.

- A. Dedication
- B. Faith
- C. Organized
- D. Authoritative.

**Q35)** What was the wish of the postmaster ?

- A. He wanted a raise in his salary.
- B. He wanted to write a letter to God
- C. He wished to have faith just like Lencho .
- D. He wanted to collect the required money.

**VI.** “Mr Keesing had a good laugh at my arguments, but when I proceeded to talk my way through the next lesson, he assigned me a second essay. This time it was supposed to be on ‘An Incurable Chatterbox’. I handed it in, and Mr Keesing had nothing to complain about for two whole lessons. However, during the third lesson, he’d finally had enough. “Anne Frank, as a punishment for talking in class, write an essay entitled-‘Quack, Quack, Quack, said Mistress Chatterbox’.”

From –The Diary of Anne Frank (any 4 out of 5)

**Q.36** What convincing argument was made by Anne?

- A) She was talkative just because she was undisciplined.
- B) She had the right to be talkative, as it was a classroom and not a prison.
- C) She had inherited the trait from her mother, and would talk for a reason
- D) She found it impossible to be quiet like the others as she did not wish to change herself.

**Q.37** What does ‘had a good laugh’ imply, in the context of Mr. Keesing?

It means that he -----

- A) felt good about his authority to make Anne write the essay.
- B) ridiculed Anne in front of the whole class.

- C) pulled up Anne for her arguments in the essay.
- D) realised the humour in it and was amused.

**Q.38** Based on this extract, choose the words that best describe Mr Keesing.

- A) jovial
- B) strict
- C) tolerant
- D) innovative

**Q.39** Why do you think Mr Keesing chose the title - 'An Incurable Chatterbox' - for Anne, to write on?

This was so because -----

- A) The topic was very difficult ..
- B) it would amuse Anne .
- C) he wanted her to apologise and not repeat her talkative behaviour.
- D) He wanted Anne to explore her creative writing skills.

**Q.40** How did Anne feel when she was punished the third time by Mr Keesing?

She -----

- A) was happy as she had to write three essays on the same topic.
- B) enjoyed making fun of Mr. Keesing.
- C) was worried as she did not have any more ideas for her essay.
- D) felt ashamed in front of her classmates.

**VII Read the given extract to attempt the questions that follow: (any 4 out of 5)**

But he's locked in a concrete cell,  
His strength behind bars,  
Stalking the length of his cage,  
Ignoring visitors.  
He hears the last voice at night,  
The patrolling cars,  
And stares with his brilliant eyes  
At the brilliant stars  
From -A Tiger in the Zoo

**Q. 41.** The fact that the tiger is 'stalking the length of his cage' tells us that he is

- A) restless.
- B) reckless.
- C) resilient.
- D) reverent.

**Q.42** What is the rhyme scheme of the given stanzas?

- A) abcb; abcb
- B) abcb; abcd
- C) abcd; abcd
- D) abcd; abcb

**Q.43** These stanzas bring out the contrast between

- A) zoos and cities.
- B) strength and weakness.
- C) freedom and captivity.
- D) visitors and patrolling cars.

**Q. 44** What does the caged tiger want to say to the visitors?

- A) “Stop staring”.
- B) “Set me free”.
- C) “I am the strongest
- D) “Go away”.

**Q.45** The tiger’s ‘brilliant eyes’ reveal that he

- A) hopes to be free and in the wild, some day.
- B) is looked after well and is nourished and healthy.
- C) enjoys staring at the bright stars each night.
- D) has taken rest and is wide-awake.

**VIII. Read the given extract to attempt the questions that follow : (any 4 out of 5)**

He discovered the joys of being bowled over, tramped on and squashed every few minutes. He became an accepted member of the gang, an unlikely, silky little object among the shaggy crew, fighting like a tiger for his share at mealtimes and hunting rats in the old hen house at night. He had never had such a time in his life. All the while, Mrs Pumphrey hovered anxiously in the background, ringing a dozen times a day for the latest bulletins.

From The Triumph of Surgery

**Q. 46** Read the following statements, each of which describes the gist of the given extract. (any 4 out of 5)

**Select the option that captures the essence of the extract correctly.**

Statement I – It describes the kind of comforts and luxuries Tricki enjoyed .

Statement II – It describes how happy Tricki and Mrs. Pumphrey were.

Statement III – It describes Tricki was happier at the surgery, and loved being with other dogs.

Statement IV – It shows Tricki’s journey with the other dogs at the surgery, and shows his recovery.

- A) Statements I and II
- B) Statements III and IV
- C) Statements I and III
- D) Statements II and IV

**Q. 47**With reference to Tricki as a “silky little object” which one of the following statements is NOT CORRECT? (any 4 out of 5)

- A) Tricki was a very small and rather pampered dog.
- B) Tricki used to wear fine silks and warm coats.
- C) Unlike the other dogs, Tricki had lived in the lap of  
Luxury.
- D) Mrs Pumphrey did not send any silk coats with Tricki.

**Q 48** Why does the narrator describe being “tramped on and squashed” as joys?

- A) To suggest that dogs like to dance.
- B) To mention the simple pleasures of canine life.
- C) To mention that dogs can bark loudly.
- D) To show Tricki’s recovery .

**Q. 49** “All the while, Mrs Pumphrey hovered anxiously in the background”.

What was Mrs Pumphrey anxious about ?

- A) about Tricki’s recovery
- B) about the Doctors bill
- C) about the other dogs
- D) about her own health

**Q.50** Pick the option that reveals Tricki’s characteristics in the context of ‘fighting like a tiger for his share at mealtimes and hunting rats in the old henhouse at night.’

- 1) selfish
- 2) happy
- 3) greedy
- 4) confident
- 5) sturdy
- 6) cruel

- A) 2, 4 and 5
- B) Only 2
- C) 1 and 5
- D) 3,4 and 6

**IX . Attempt the following (All 10)**

**Q.51** Who, according to Nelson Mandela, is a courageous man?

- A) A brave and courageous mans does not feel afraid.
- B) A courageous man is one who has conquered fear.
- C) Absence of fear is courage.

D) A courageous man learns about it gradually.

**Q.52** What does 'fire' as a symbol mean in the poem 'Fire and Ice'?

- A) desire
- B) temperature
- C) burns
- D) cold

**Q. 53** Why did Hari Singh not buy a ticket at the railway station ?

- A) he was confused.
- B) he never bought a ticket.
- C) he did not have any money
- D) he was not afraid of the railway police.

**Q. 54** Why was Wanda's answer to Peggy's question always the same?

This was so because she knew that -----

- A) she was being picked on
- B) speaking the truth would probably worsen the situation.
- C) she didn't know how else to get out of that situation.
- D) All of the above .

**Q. 55** Why does the speaker in the 'Ball Poem' choose not to say anything ?

This is so because the poet -----

- A) knows that it would irritate the boy in his moment of grief.
- B) feels that it's important that the boy learns an important life lesson, without being disturbed.
- C) He does not have money to purchase a new ball for the boy.

D) He remembers his own red ball .

**Q. 56** Griffin's brilliance as a man of science fades before his darker traits. Which aspect of Griffin as a scientist is described here.

A) He used science as a boon .

B) He used science as a bane .

C) He was a brilliant scientist .

D) He wore dark coloured clothes .

**Q. 57)** Suddenly I came out of the clouds and saw two straight lines of lights in front of me. What was the speaker's immediate reaction on seeing the two straight lines ?

A) He felt scared.

B) He felt happy

C) He was confused

D) He felt that he was better in the sky

**Q. 58** What made the seagull finally fly ?

A. ) the sight of food

B. ) the increasing heat

C. ) the shame for not having taken a flight

D.) the call from its friends.

**Q.59** What is Dust of snow ?

A). fine particles of snow

B). dust from the yard

C). snow storm

D) Ice

**Q. 60** Pick the word which correctly describes Mrs Pumphrey.

A) over indulgent



B) short tempered

C) malnourished

D) miserly