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PRE – BOARD – II (2025-26)

NOTE:

CLASS - X (SET - A)

- Please check that this question paper contains 12 printed pages.
- Please check that this question paper contains 11 questions.
- Please write down the serial number of the question in the answer-book before attempting it.
- 15 minutes time has been allotted to read the question paper. The students will read the question paper only and will not write any answer on the answer-book during this period.

English Language & Literature (184)

Time allowed: 3Hrs.

Maximum Marks: 80

General Instructions:

Read the instructions carefully and follow them:

1. This question paper comprises 11 questions. All questions are compulsory.
2. The question paper contains THREE sections –
Section – A: Reading Skills
Section – B: Grammar and Creative Writing Skills
Section – C: Literature Textbook
3. Attempt questions based on specific instructions for each Part.

	Section A: READING SKILLS	20
1	Read the following passage: 1.Modern technology has become the backbone of the contemporary world, influencing every sphere of human life. From communication and education to healthcare, entertainment, and transportation, it has completely changed how people live and work. The 21st century is often called the “age of technology” because of the incredible innovations and discoveries that have made life more comfortable and efficient. 2.One of the most remarkable contributions of modern technology is in the field of communication. The days when letters took weeks or months to reach their destination are long gone. Now, with just a few clicks, we can connect with anyone across the globe through instant messaging, video calls, and emails. Platforms such as WhatsApp, Zoom, and social media sites have revolutionized the way people share information, ideas, and emotions.	10

	3.Education is another sector that has benefited immensely from modern technology. During the COVID-19 pandemic, technology played a vital role in keeping education systems functioning through virtual classes and e-learning platforms such as Google Classroom, Zoom, and Microsoft Teams. Moreover, artificial intelligence (AI) and machine learning are being integrated into education to provide personalized learning experiences. 4.In the field of healthcare, technological advancements have saved countless lives. Modern machines and diagnostic tools help doctors detect and treat diseases more accurately and efficiently. Robotic surgeries, telemedicine, and health-monitoring devices have improved patient care and made medical services more accessible, even in rural areas. For instance, wearable devices like fitness bands and smartwatches help monitor heart rate, sleep patterns, and other vital signs, encouraging people to take better care of their health. 5.Transportation has also undergone a dramatic transformation due to technology. GPS navigation systems have made it easier for travelers to find directions, while online booking systems simplify planning trips. Airplanes have become more efficient, and metro networks in big cities are helping to reduce congestion and pollution. These developments not only save time but also contribute to sustainable living. 6.Despite all its advantages, modern technology also has certain drawbacks. Cybercrime, data theft, and online fraud are growing concerns in the digital age. Furthermore, automation and artificial intelligence are replacing human labour in some industries, leading to unemployment and economic inequality. However, these challenges do not outweigh the numerous benefits of technology. What is important is how we use it. Responsible and balanced use of technology can make life better and more meaningful. Governments and institutions should create awareness about cyber safety and promote digital literacy. Individuals should also develop the habit of limiting screen time and using technology for productive purposes. On the basis of your understanding of the passage, attempt the questions that follow.	
i	Why is the 21st century often called the “age of technology”?	1
ii	The following are the correct statements about the role of technology in communication except one that is: A. It helps people connect instantly across the world. B. Letters still take weeks to reach their destination. C. Platforms like WhatsApp and Zoom have revolutionized communication. D. People share ideas and emotions easily through digital platforms.	1
iii	Choose the correct word to complete the following statement according to the passage. Means of Social media have _____ the style of sharing information and views. (revolutionized/experienced)	1

iv	State which of the following statement is True : a) Modern technology has made life more difficult and less efficient. b) Artificial Intelligence is being used in education for personalized learning.	1															
v	Complete the analogy: Communication : Instant messaging :: Healthcare : _____ (para 4)	1															
vi	Why is technology considered vital in the field of healthcare?	2															
vii	Match the main ideas of paragraph 5 & paragraph 6 : i) Airplanes have become more efficient. ii) Governments and institutions should create awareness about cyber safety. iii) While online booking systems simplify planning trips. iv) Individuals should also develop the habit of limiting screen time. v) Automation and artificial intelligence are replacing human labour <table border="1"> <thead> <tr> <th>Option</th><th>Main Ideas in para 5</th><th>Main Ideas in para 6</th></tr> </thead> <tbody> <tr> <td>A</td><td>i</td><td>iii</td></tr> <tr> <td>B</td><td>ii</td><td>i</td></tr> <tr> <td>C</td><td>iii</td><td>ii</td></tr> <tr> <td>D</td><td>iv</td><td>v</td></tr> </tbody> </table>	Option	Main Ideas in para 5	Main Ideas in para 6	A	i	iii	B	ii	i	C	iii	ii	D	iv	v	1
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2	Read the following passage: 1. Art has always been a creative medium for young minds to express their emotions and imagination. In recent years, a survey conducted in 50 schools across India revealed interesting trends in how children of different age groups use watercolours and acrylic paints. Among students aged 10–12 years, nearly 68% preferred watercolours, while 32% used acrylic colours. In contrast, in the 13–16 age group, the preference shifted — 54% chose acrylics, and 46% continued with watercolours. This data shows a clear transition in artistic choice as students grow older and more confident with painting techniques. 2. The popularity of watercolours among younger children can be linked to their simplicity and ease of use. Watercolours are affordable, quick to dry, and allow for mistakes to be corrected easily. Teachers noted that students in the 10–12 group often enjoyed the transparency and soft blending effects of watercolours. In school competitions, around 70% of primary-level entries were made using watercolours, indicating their dominance at the beginner level. 3. On the other hand, the 13–16 age group tends to explore acrylic paints for their vibrant colours and long-lasting finish. Acrylics allow young artists to create textured and bold artwork, appealing to teenagers who wish to experiment with modern styles. According to the same survey, 60% of art teachers reported that	10															

	older students found acrylics more suitable for advanced techniques such as layering and mixed-media art. Acrylic paints also encourage independence and professionalism in painting style, making them a popular medium in high school art exhibitions. 4. Overall, the data reflects a gradual artistic maturity among children as they progress in age. While watercolours dominate in the early stages due to their simplicity, acrylics gain popularity in the teenage years for their professional quality and versatility. The analysis highlights that interest in acrylic colours increases by 22% as children move from the 10–12 group to the 13–16 group — proving that creativity evolves with age, confidence, and exposure to artistic tools. On the basis of your understanding of the passage, attempt the questions that follow	
i	Why do most students aged 10–12 years prefer using watercolours? A. Because they are bright and thick B. Because they dry quickly and are easy to correct mistakes C. Because they are expensive and permanent D. Because they are used only in school exhibitions	1
ii	Identify the phrase from the passage that helps you understand the meaning of the word “to combine with something in an attractive or suitable way”	1
iii	Complete the sentence by filling in one word: Among students after 12 years of age, the use of _____ (acrylic /water)colours became more popular than watercolours.	1
iv	What does the writer mean by the phrase “artistic maturity” in the last paragraph?	1
v	Complete the following sentence (choose the correct option): According to the passage, watercolours are mostly preferred because they are — A. Difficult to handle B. Transparent and affordable C. Hard to mix D. Used for bold texture	1
vi	The one likely reason for older students choosing acrylic paints is _____.	1
vii	How are watercolours and acrylic colours connected in the passage?	1
viii	Elaborate how the survey results reflect a change in artistic preference among children.	2
ix	Fill in the blank with one suitable word: The analysis highlights that interest in acrylic colours increases by _____ percent as children move to the older age group.	1

	SECTION B : WRITING SKILLS AND GRAMMAR	20															
3	GRAMMAR Attempt ANY TEN of twelve questions:	10															
i	Fill in the blank with the correct option to complete the opening line of a formal letter: Dear Mrs. Roma, We are glad to inform you that our company_____ your application for the post of the Manager. A. Have approved B. Was approved C. Is approved D. Has approved	1															
ii	Complete the given sentence about a group's reaction by selecting the correct option: The group of girls _____ excited for their success at the tournament. A. Were B. Are C. Is D. Have	1															
iii	Riya asked her friend Mona the following question: Did you understand the planning for the research project yesterday? Report Riya's question correctly.	1															
iv	Identify and correct the error in the given line taken from a job advertisement: The candidate must possesses excellent communication skills. <table border="1"> <thead> <tr> <th>Option no.</th><th>Error</th><th>Correction</th></tr> </thead> <tbody> <tr> <td>A.</td><td>Candidate</td><td>Candidates</td></tr> <tr> <td>B.</td><td>The</td><td>A</td></tr> <tr> <td>C.</td><td>Must</td><td>May</td></tr> <tr> <td>D.</td><td>Possesses</td><td>Possess</td></tr> </tbody> </table>	Option no.	Error	Correction	A.	Candidate	Candidates	B.	The	A	C.	Must	May	D.	Possesses	Possess	1
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v	Fill in the blank by choosing the correct option to complete the message for the visitors: You _____ (should/may/can) not litter garbage in the ground.	1															

	Every year thousands of tourists _____ (come) and witness the event of Ravan Dahan in Kota.	
xii	Read the conversation between a teacher and a student about revision test: Teacher: how can regular revision improve your performance in this exam? Student: I think it will help build consistency and confidence over time. Report the student's response by completing the following: The student explains that in his opinion regular revision _____.	1
4	WRITING NOTE: All details presented in the questions in writing section are imaginary and created for assessment purpose. ATTEMPT ANY ONE FROM A AND B GIVEN BELOW:	5
A	You are Riya Sharma, a resident of Green Park Colony, Jaipur. You have noticed that many stray animals are roaming freely on the roads, causing accidents and inconvenience to residents. Write a formal letter to the Chairman of Jaipur Municipal Corporation requesting immediate action to control the problem.	
	OR	
B	You are Arya / Aryanvi of Ajmer. You recently visited a 'craft mela'. You were delighted to see the diversity of handicrafts, handlooms and cultural fabric of India. However, you were dismayed that not many people were there to encourage the artisans. Write a letter to the editor in 100-120 words, expressing your views on the situation and the need to support indigenous art and craft.	
5	ATTEMPT ANY ONE FROM A AND B GIVEN BELOW:	5
A	You are the President of Gokuldharm Society. You have to nominate one candidate out of the following two for the best contributor of the society. Here are the excerpts of the letters received from both. Excerpt 1: I wish to present my humble contributions to society for your kind consideration for the Best Contributor to the Society award. Over the past two years, I have organized several tree plantation drives in my locality, spreading awareness about environmental protection. I also conduct weekend cleanliness campaigns and encourage my peers to reduce plastic use. During the pandemic, I helped distribute masks and food packets to needy families with the help of local volunteers. I believe that real progress begins with small steps taken sincerely. My aim is to inspire young people to take responsibility for the environment and the community Best Regards Rohan Sharma	

	Excerpt 2: I am writing this letter to put forward my contributions for your kind consideration for the Best Contributor to the Society award. I have been actively working for the education of underprivileged children by organizing free evening classes in my neighborhood. Along with this, I have participated in women empowerment workshops, helping women learn basic computer and communication skills. I also conduct book donation and literacy campaigns to promote the importance of education among rural youth. My greatest motivation is to see others progress through learning and confidence. I strongly believe that education is the true light that can change lives. Best Regards Miss.Riya Analyse the information in a paragraph, justifying which candidate would be a better choice. Consider the factors such as contribution in development at a large level and future growth etc.	
	OR	
B	You are Milan, the monitor of class X as well as the CCA Captain of Ashoka House of your school. You are given the responsibility to select one student from your house to present views on 'importance of books' through speech on the stage. You hear the following students. Nayan: Books are the foundation of learning. They help us gain knowledge, prepare for exams, and understand different subjects deeply. Without books, education would feel incomplete. They guide us step by step and help us build a strong academic base. Mihika: Books are like friends that never leave us. They teach us life lessons, morals, and values. When I read stories or biographies, I learn about courage, kindness, and honesty. Books help me grow as a person, not just as a student. Tara: Books open doors to new worlds. Through novels and poems, I can travel anywhere, meet new characters, and explore ideas beyond reality. They spark my imagination and inspire me to write and dream big. Based on your listening to each candidate, analyze and decide who would go to deliver the speech. Consider factors such as academic, moral, emotional and creative importance of books.	

	<i>All the names and addresses used in writing section are fictitious. Resemblance, if any, is purely coincidental.)</i>	
	SECTION C: LITERATURE TEXTBOOK	40
6	Read the given extracts A and B and answer ANY ONE of the two.	5
A	"Paris Control? Paris Control? Can you hear me?" There was no answer. The radio was dead too. I had no radio, no compass, and I could not see where I was. I was lost in the storm. Then, in the black clouds quite near me, I saw another aeroplane. It had no lights on its wings, but I could see it lying next to me through the storm. I could see the pilot's face - turned towards me. I was very glad to see another person. He lifted one hand and waved. "Follow me," he was saying. "Follow me." "He knows that I am lost," I thought. "He's trying to help me." He turned his aeroplane slowly to the north, in front of my Dakota, so that it would be easier for me to follow him. I was very happy to go behind the strange aeroplane like an obedient child. (The Black Aeroplane)	
i	How do you know that the pilot was completely lost in the storm?	2
ii	Which of the following statements best explains the obedience of the narrator to follow the other pilot like a child? A. The narrator felt helpless in stress and started to follow the pilot. B. The narrator thought that the other pilot was trying to help him find the way so he started following him.	1
iii	Who is 'I' in the lines?	1
iv	Write True/False: The narrator was flying the black strange aeroplane with no lights on its wings. _____	1
	OR	
B	THINK-TANK: Mirror, mirror, in my hand. Who is the most fantastically intellectually gifted being in the land? OFFSTAGE VOICE: (after a pause) You, sir. THINK -TANK: (smacking mirror) Quicker. Answer quicker next time. I hate a slow mirror. (He admires himself in the mirror.) Ah, there I am. Are we Martians not a handsome race? So much more attractive than those ugly Earthlings with their tiny heads. Noodle, you keep on exercising your mind, and someday you'll have a balloon brain just like mine. NOODLE: Oh, I hope so, Mighty Think-Tank. I hope so. THINK -TANK: Now, contact the space probe. I want to invade that primitive ball of mud called Earth before lunch. (The Book that saved the Earth)	5

i	What does the act of smacking the mirror show about Think-Tank? i. he hates mirrors ii. he hates fast reply iii he hates slow reply iv he is crazy A. Only i B. Only iii C. i,iii,iv D. ii and iv	1
ii	What characteristics of Think- Tank are shown through the lines?	2
iii	Select the option that correctly completes the following: Think- Tank asks Noodle to keep on exercising his brain because_____. A. Noodle is ugly and foolish. B. He thinks that beings with big brain are intelligent and look smart.	1
iv	Why did he want to contact the space probe?	1
7	Read the given extracts A and B and answer ANY ONE of the two. A If strolling forth, a beast you view, Whose hide with spots is peppered, As soon as he has lept on you, You'll know it is the Leopard. Twill do no good to roar with pain, He'll only lep and lep again. (How to tell wild animals)	5
i	Why does the poet say 'Twill do no good to roar with pain'? A. A leopard's grip is the toughest one, so one can't do anything under the grip of that beast. B. A leopard doesn't know how to roar. C. A leopard doesn't cause to roar you with pain because of its light grip. D. A leopard leaps and leaps and runs away without roaring.	1
ii	How does the poet use humour in the description of a leopard?	2
iii	Complete the following suitably: The word 'hide' in the line 'Whose hide with spots is peppered' refers	1

	to_____.	
iv	Identify the phrase which shows the use of 'Repetition' literary device.	1
	OR	
B	What is the boy now, who has lost his ball, What, what is he to do? I saw it go Merrily bouncing, down the street, and then Merrily over – there it is in the water! No use to say – 'O there are other balls' (The Ball Poem)	
i	Which one of the following is not the synonym of merrily? A. Festively B. Solemnly C. Happily D. joyously	1
ii	How does the boy feel after losing the ball? What lesson is he learning?	2
iii	Match the following: 1 Merrily a Repetition 2 What, what b Metaphor 3 Ball c Personification A. 1-c, 2-b, 3-a B. 1-a, 2-c, 3-b C. 1-c, 2-a, 3-b D. 1-b, 2-c, 3-a	1
iv	Fill in the blank with a phrase to suitably complete the sentence: The poet doesn't want to replace the ball because _____.	1
8	ANSWER ANY FOUR OF THE FOLLOWING IN ABOUT 50 WORDS EACH	4x3=12
i	What does the story of Mijbil teach about human-animal relationships?(Mijbil the Otter)	
ii	Why is Amanda considered a relatable poem for the children at teen age? (Amanda)	
iii	How did Mandela's childhood influence his later life?(Nelson Mandela: A Long walk to Freedom)	
iv	How does the poet use imagery to make the fog come alive? (Fog)	
v	How does Natalya's behavior balance comedy and realism? (The Proposal)	
9	ANSWER ANY TWO OF THE FOLLOWING IN ABOUT 40-50 WORDS	2x3=

	EACH:	6
i	How does Mr. Loisel's character reflect the values of sincerity and devotion? (The Necklace)	
ii	Why is Hari Singh considered both clever and trustworthy in the story? (The thief story)	
iii	How does the story highlight the importance of ethics in scientific experiments through Griffin, the scientist? (Footprints without Feet)	
10	ANSWER ANY ONE OF THE FOLLOWING IN ABOUT 100-120 WORDS EACH:	1X6=6
A	"Madam Rides the Bus" by Vallikkannan and "The Diary of Anne Frank" by Anne Frank portray young girls who are curious, sensitive, and deeply thoughtful about the world around them. Compare and contrast how Valli and Anne, despite being in different situations, show maturity and understanding beyond their age. What life lessons do you learn from their experiences?	
	OR	
B	Both Amanda! by Robin Klein and For Anne Gregory by W.B. Yeats explore the idea of how individuals, especially young women, are judged or restricted by society. Discuss how both poets highlight the importance of inner freedom and inner beauty.	
11	ANSWER ANY ONE OF THE FOLLOWING IN ABOUT 100-120 WORDS EACH:	1X6=6
A	How does the narrator prove that presence of mind and intelligence are more powerful than a gun. How far is it true in case of Ausable, the secret agent? (The Midnight visitor)	
	OR	
B	Tricki was more than a dog. He was more like a spoilt child of an overindulgent mistress, Mrs. Pumphrey. Comment. (A triumph of surgery)	