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Class X ENGLISH (184) (SET - B)

Set 2

MM-80

Time- 3 hours

General Instructions: -

Read the instructions carefully .

1. This question paper comprises of 11 questions. All questions are compulsory.

2. The question paper contains THREE sections –

Section – A: Reading Skills (20 M)

Section – B: Grammar and Creative Writing Skills (20 M)

Section – C: Literature (40 M)

3. Attempt questions as per the specific instructions for each Part.

Section A - Reading (20)

Q. 1. Read the following passage carefully: -

(10)

(1) Peer pressure is a phenomenon wherein we tend to get influenced by the lifestyle and the ways of thinking of our peers. Peer pressure can prove beneficial, but it is most often observed to have negative effects.

(2) The thought, behaviour, and taste in fashion, music, television shows, and other walks of life of the masses are often seen to have a deep impact on society. The changing ways of life of our peers often force us to change our ways of looking at life and leading it. It's a human tendency to do what the crowd does. Few have the courage to resist peer pressure and be their own selves rather than being one among the lot. Peer pressure is bound to affect most of us both positively and negatively. The distinction between positive and negative peer pressure lies in a thoughtful analysis of the views of the masses. Following the peers blindly leaves a negative impact on life while an analytical approach to looking at peer behaviour can help a person act positively. Peer pressure is not always bad. It can help you analyse yourself and contemplate on your ways of life. Some of the practices that the masses follow may actually teach you the way of living. You may be able to change yourself for the better. Looking at what others do can help

you bring about a positive change in your way of thinking. If you can pick selectively, peer pressure can actually result in a positive change in your way of life.

(3) Teenage is that phase of life when you are exposed to the world outside. These are the years when you spend most of your time with your friends. Teenage is the phase of beginning to become independent in life; the years of forming your ideals and principles, the years that shape your personality and the years that introduce you to your own self. Parents and teachers need to be careful while dealing with teenagers, as they are most susceptible to succumb to peer pressure during these years of their life.

(4) Strong support from the family, the ability to differentiate between the positive and the negative, and the skill to choose friends from among the peers will definitely help keep away from negative peer pressure.

Based on your understanding of the passage, answer the questions given below: -

(a) Which of the following have a deep impact on society? (1)

- A. Peer pressure B. Taste in fashion C. Human tendency
D. Thought and behaviour E. Television shows

- (i) A and B (ii) C and D
(iii) A, C and D (iv) B, D and E

(b) Study the following statements. (1)

- A. Teenagers are most susceptible to succumb to peer pressure.
B. Parents and teachers need to be careful while dealing with teenagers.

- (i) A is an assertion and B is the reason
(ii) B is an assertion and A is the reason
(iii) Both A and B are assertions
(iv) Both A and B are reasons

(c) In which phase of life are we exposed to the world outside? (2)

(d) How can analysing peer behaviour help a person? (1)

(e) Can peer pressure actually bring about positive changes in our lifestyle? How? (1)

(f) Study the following statements. Which of these agrees with the author's ideas? (1)

- A. Looking at what others do can help you bring about a positive change in your way of thinking.
B. Teenage is the phase of beginning to become independent in life.
C. It's human tendency to get influenced by the lifestyle of peers.
D. Peer pressure is bound to affect us superficially.

- (i) A and B (ii) B and C
(iii) C and D (iv) A and D

(g) According to the author, what can help us keep away from negative peer pressure? (2)

(h) Choose the option that correctly states the meaning of 'contemplate', as used in the passage. (1)

- (i) To work out carefully and minutely
- (ii) To think deeply or carefully about something
- (iii) To examine methodically and in detail
- (iv) To test the knowledge or proficiency of someone

Q.2. Read the following passage carefully: -

(10)

- (1) Research from the Publishers Association has shown that films based on books take 44% more at the box office revenue in the UK and 53% more worldwide than original screenplays. The report explores what impact a book has when adapted for film and TV.
- (2) The report reads: "Publishers material is the basis of 52% of top UK films in the last 10 years, and accounts for an even higher share of revenue from these leading performers, at 61% of UK box office gross and 65% of worldwide gross. The Hollywood adaptation of "My Cousin Rachel" was shown to have a significant impact on sales of the Daphne Du Maurier thriller. The sales of the book in 2017 alone accounted for 23% of all sales since 1992.
- (3) The research suggests that adapted films tend to perform better because films can "leverage the popularity of well-known books through an existing audience. Films adapted from books also tend to have a richer, more fully-developed story to draw on. In terms of TV adaptation, it was revealed that a quarter of dramas were based on literary sources and attracted a 56% larger share of the audience than those based on original scripts. Fourteen of the 35 high end series produced in the UK in the period between January and September 2017 were based in pre-existing films or TV stories.
- (4) In the case of the 2016 BBC broadcast of "The Night Manager", research revealed that while the novel was in circulation for over 25 years, 82% of the copies it sold were in 2016 and 2017. Sales of the paperback edition remained strong in 2017 even after the series went off the air.
- (5) In conclusion, the report states that "there is a strong two-way relationship between publishing and the wider creative economy, wherein a successful adaptation often has spill-over effects and gives a substantial boost of the sales of the original book.

Answer the questions that follow: -

(a) What was the purpose of the research by Publishers Association? (2)

(b) Study the following statements. (1)

A. The revenues generated at the box office have increased.

B. Majority of the top films in the UK are based on published material.

(i) A is the result of B

(ii) A is the reason for B

(iii) A is independent of B

(iv) A contradicts B

(c) Select the option that gives the correct meaning of the following statement. (1)

"The sales of the book in 2017 alone accounted for 23% of all sales since 1992."

(i) There were 23% higher sales in 2017 compared to the year 1992.

(ii) A major chunk of sales happened in 2017.

(iii) The sales were limited to 23% in 2017.

(iv) Very few books were sold in the previous years.

(d) Select the option listing what the given statement refers to. (1)

'Films adapted from books also tend to have a richer, more fully-developed story to draw on.'

A. The plot and the storyline of such films are better.

B. The characters are likely to be more vivid.

C. The production of such films is meant for the rich and famous.

D. The setting and costumes are adapted from the book.

E. The making of such films requires the author to write a sequel.

(i) A, C, D (ii) B, C, E (iii) A, B, E (iv) A, B, D

(e) In 2017, what was the common source for many TV serials in UK? (1)

(f) Complete the given statement. (1)

This passage lists an example proving that TV dramas based on literary works have _____.

(g) According to paragraph 5, 'there is a two-way relationship between books and screen.' Why is that so? (2)

(h) What is the base word of 'significant'? (1)

(i) Significantly (ii) Signify (iii) Significance (iv) Sign

Section B Grammar and Creative Writing (20)

Q.3. Complete any TEN of the following twelve tasks as directed: - (10)

(a) Fill in the blank by choosing the correct option to complete the given statement.

Because light takes time to travel, the farther away an object is, the farther back in time we

_____ (i) looked (ii) have been looking (iii) had to look (iv) are looking

(b) Read the conversation between an owner of a showroom and a salesman. Complete the sentence by reporting the conversation between them.

Owner: Can you join our showroom as a salesman in a week's time?

Girish: If you want, I can join by tomorrow

When the owner of a showroom asked Girish if he could join their showroom in a week's time, he remarked that _____.

(c) Select the correct option to fill in the blank for the given line, from a magazine on environment. from being waterlogged

The number of employed women _____ rapidly in some states, while some states are still lagging behind in the terms of women empowerment.

(i) had improved (ii) could improve (iii) is improving (iv) are improving

(d) Select the option that identifies the error and supplies the correction for the opening line of a Policy document.

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Option No.	Error	Correction
(i)	Should	may
(ii)	However	therefore
(iii)	has	have
(iv)	Material	materialism

(e) Complete the given narrative, by filling in the blank with the correct option:

There is a danger of water pollution as well if the sewage lines _____ and dirty water gets mixed up with the drinking water.

(i) are broken (ii) get broken (iii) were broken (iv) have been broken

(f) Fill in the blank by using the correct form of the word in the bracket, for the given portion of a letter.

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Dear Raman

I _____ (write) this letter to tell you about the dangers of consuming drugs.

(g) Report the dialogue between a grandson and his grandfather, by completing the sentence:

Shiv: What different do you intend to do in the new year?

Dev: I am going to follow all my new year resolutions.

On asking Dev what different he intended to do in the new year, Dev replied that _____ new year resolutions.

(h) Identify the error in the given sentence, from a school magazine report and supply the correction.

At some of their popular eateries and roadside stalls, junk food is cooked in unhygienic condition.

Use the given format for your response.

Error	Correction
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(i) Pankaj told Rohan about his hobbies. Report the question asked by Rohan.

Rohan: What hobbies do you have, Pankaj?

Pankaj: My hobbies are reading, painting, and singing.

Rohan asked Pankaj _____ to which he replied his hobbies were reading, painting and singing.

(j) Fill in the blank by choosing the correct option, to complete the statement given below.

People's increased focus on their health, wellness and immunity _____ surely change the way they lead their lives in the future.

(i) may (ii) will (iii) ought to (iv) have to

k) Select the correct option to complete the narration of the dialogue between two friends Sarita and Ravi.

Sarita: What do your parents want you to study?

Ravi: Commerce. They will be furious if I don't take commerce.

When Sarita asked Ravi what his parents wanted him to study, he answered that it was commerce. He further added

- (i) that they would be furious if he didn't take it.
- (ii) that they will be furious if he didn't take it.
- (iii) that they will be furious if he doesn't take it.
- (iv) that they would be furious if he refuses to take it.

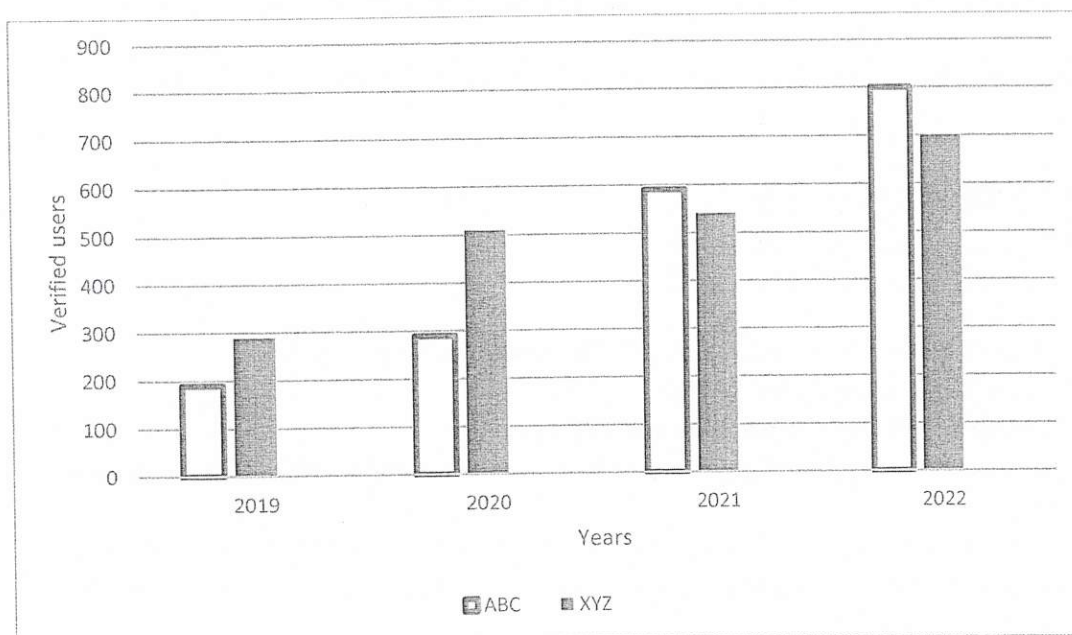
(l) Identify the error on the hoarding of a doctor's clinic and supply the correction, for the following:

For a personal appointment, visit Monday to Sunday accept during lunch hours between 1 pm and 3 pm

Use the given format for your response.

Error	Correction
.....	

Q.4. a. The given graph shows the competition between big online shopping sites that is ABC and XYZ in India over the duration between 2019 to 2022. Write an analytical paragraph in about 100 words from the details from the graph. (5)



OR

Q.4. b. Look at the data given below. The data shows the changes that have occurred between 1995 to 2010 in Bilaspur regarding women education. Write an analytical paragraph to record the changes by interpreting the data.

S.No.	Female Education in Bilaspur	1995	2010
1.	No. of girls' school	10	15
2.	No. of women colleges	3	4
3.	No. of students in schools	10,000	16,000
4.	No. of students in colleges	6,000	10,000
5.	Literacy rate	30%	55%
6.	Distance education centres	Nil	3

Q.5. a. You are Mrs. Sharma, the principal of Vaidik Kanya Public School, Haryana. You need furniture for your school. Place an order for school furniture in the form of a letter to Jasmeet Traders & Co., Sharma Market, Haryana. (100-120 words) (5)

OR

Q.5. b. You are Ashish/Astha, a resident of 254, Vigyan Vihar, Amla, Madhya Pradesh. You are disturbed to see your younger brother's frequent habit of using the Internet as a homework tool. Write a letter to the editor of a popular newspaper, expressing your opinion on the advantages and disadvantages of the dependence of today's youth on the Internet. (100-120 words)

Section C Literature (40)

Q.6. a. Read the extract and answer the questions that follow: - (5)

Buddha said, "The life of mortals in this world is troubled and brief and combined with pain. For there is not any means by which those that have been born can avoid dying; after reaching old age there is death; of such a nature are living beings. As ripe fruits are early in danger of falling, so mortals when born are always in danger of death. As all earthen vessels made by the potter end in being broken, so is the life of mortals. Both young and adult, both those who are fools and those who are wise, all fall into the power of death; all are subject to death.

- (a) What did Buddha say about the life of the people? (2)
- (b) What happens after reaching old age? (1)
- (c) What does a ripe fruit fear? (1)
 - (i) Danger of falling
 - (ii) Danger of rotting
 - (iii) Danger of breaking
 - (iv) Danger of sagging
- (d) What is the nature of living beings? (1)
 - (i) They are vulnerable.
 - (ii) They are egoistic.

- (iii) They are incomplete.
- (iv) They are mortal.

OR

Q.6. b. Read the extract and answer the questions that follow: -

Lencho showed not the slightest surprise on seeing the money; such was his confidence—but he became angry when he counted the money. God could not have made a mistake, nor could he have denied Lencho what he had requested.

- (a) Why did Lencho get angry? (2)
- (b) Why was Lencho not surprised? (1)
 - (i) Because Lencho had utmost confidence in God.
 - (ii) Because Lencho knew that it was the postmaster who arranged the money
 - (iii) Because Lencho had faith in humanity and knew someone would help
 - (iv) Because Lencho was stupid
- (c) Who could not have made a mistake in Lencho's eyes? (1)
- (d) Which word means the same as 'faith'? (1)
 - (i) Confidence (ii) Angry (iii) Requested (iv) Surprise

Q.7.a. Read the extract carefully and answer the questions that follow: - (5)

He stalks in his vivid stripes
The few steps of his cage,
On pads of velvet quiet,
In his quiet rage.
He should be lurking in shadow,
Sliding through long grass
Near the water hole
Where plump deer pass.

- (a) 'Quiet rage' refers to the tigers: (1)
 - (i) helplessness
 - (ii) he has not been able to hunt
 - (iii) his prey has not come to the water hole
 - (iv) he is not free
- (b) Why is the tiger lurking in shadows? (2)
- (c) Complete the sentence appropriately (1)

It is clear that metaphor is the poetic device used for 'pads of velvet' because _____

(clue - explain how metaphor applies here)
- (d) Find a word from the extract which means 'to walk with measured, stiff or haughty strides'. (1)
 - (i) steps (ii) lurking (iii) pads (iv) stalk

OR

Q.7.b. Read the extract carefully and answer the questions that follow: - (5)

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!

- (a) The stanza suggests that the poet is: (1)
- (i) an onlooker observing.
 - (ii) a parent recounting the incident.
 - (iii) the boy talking about himself.
 - (iv) imagining the incident.

(b) Why does the poet seem to have indicated the merry bouncing of the ball? (2)

(c) Choose the situation that corresponds to the emotion behind the exclamation mark in the poem.

1.

Hey! Hey! That's no way to dispose off the garbage. Have you no community sense? Please put it in the bin.

2.

I knew it! I knew he'll fare well in his auditions for 'Young Chef'. Now, we prepare for the semi-finals.

3.

I don't know where I've placed my ID-card. Let me check the bag once more. Ah, finally!

4.

I've been trying to call mom for the last 20 minutes and can't get through. I don't know how..... Aargh! Again!

(1)

(i) Option (1)

(ii) Option (2)

(iii) Option (3)

(iv) Option (4)

(d) Why does the poem begin with a question? (1)

Q. 8. Answer ANY FOUR of the following in about 40-50 words each: - (4×3=12)

- a. Explain the given statement with reference to Nelson Mandela's dreams. "A winner is a dreamer who never gives up." (Nelson Mandela - Long Walk to Freedom)
- b. How did Anne turn the tables on Mr. Keesing? (From the Diary of Anne Frank)
- c. How do we know that bakers were an integral part of Goan society? (Glimpses of India)
- d. Who was Lomov? Why did he visit Chubukov? (The Proposal)

- e. Explain why the poet personally holds the conviction that the world will primarily end in fire. (Fire and Ice)

Q. 9. Answer ANY TWO of the following in about 40-50 words each: - (2×3=6)

- a. How did Matilda's belief that she was 'an error of destiny' result in a lifetime of sorrow for her? (The Necklace)
- b. Validate the importance of small, fun learning tasks towards successful careers, in the context of Richard Ebright. (The Making of a Scientist)
- c. The Tehsildar was an agent of change in Bholi's life. Justify. (Bholi)

Q.10. Answer ANY ONE of the following in about 100-120 words: - (1×6=6)

- a. Amanda and Nelson Mandela both desired to have freedom. Amanda chose to be silent and remained lost in her own world. But Nelson Mandela fought for freedom and was even imprisoned for many years. Explain how definition of freedom was different for both of them. Support your answer with evidence from the poem "Amanda" and the prose lesson "Nelson Mandela: Long Walk to freedom".

OR

- b. Compare and contrast what Anne from the poem 'Anne Gregory' would look for in a life partner as compared to Natalya from "The Proposal". Justify your answer with one example from each of the texts.

Q. 11. Answer ANY ONE of the following in about 100-120 words: - (1×6=6)

- a. Based on 'A Triumph of Surgery', state how Mrs. Pumphrey did more harm than good to Tricki.

OR

- b. Describe Jaffer's fight with Griffin in the village of Iping in the story Footprints without feet.