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PRE BOARD EXAMINATION-2019-20

CLASS : X

SUBJECT: ENGLISH – LANGUAGE AND LITERATURE (184)

Time Allowed : 3 hours

Maximum Marks : 80

General Instructions:

1. This paper consists of three sections.

Section A - Reading 20 marks

Section B - Writing and Grammar 30 marks

Section C - Literature 30 marks

2. Separate instructions are given with each section and question, wherever necessary. Read these instructions very carefully and follow them.

3. All questions are compulsory.

4. Marks are indicated against each question.

5. Do not exceed the prescribed word limit while answering the questions.

SECTION 'A' READING (20-MARKS)

Q.1 Read the following passage carefully :

1. Organic food is very popular these days. It can also be very expensive. Some organic food costs twice as much as non-organic food. Parents of young children and even some pet owners, will pay high prices for organic food if they think it healthier. But many others think organic food is just a waste of money.
2. There is one main difference between organic and non-organic food. Organic farms do not use agricultural chemicals such as pesticides

that stop insects from damaging crops. In many countries, foods that claim to be organic must have special labels that guarantee they're grown organically.

3. Some people think organic also means 'logically grown' and originally, this was true. But over times organic farming has become a big business with many organic foods now being grown by large agricultural companies that sell their products far from where they're grown. Processed food made with organic ingredients has also become more popular. At first, only small companies produced these products, but as demand overtook supply, big food companies that had been selling non-organic products for many years also began selling organic products. Small organic food companies found it difficult to compete with these big companies and many didn't stay in business much longer.
4. Is organic food safer and more nutritious? This is an important part of the debate. Many farmers and consumers believe it is! They think agricultural chemicals can cause serious illnesses like cancer, but there isn't much evidence proving this is true. However, recent studies have shown that eating organically-grown produce reduces your chances of developing heart diseases. Many doctors think its more important to stop dangerous bacteria from contaminating foods. These bacteria can contaminate both organic and non-organic fruits and vegetables, and doctors recommend washing produce carefully before eating it. Meat, fish and chicken can also become contaminated so washing your hands before handling these foods is also very

- e) What does the special label on the foods refer to?
- (i) grown chemically (ii) grown non-organically
(iii) grown organically (iv) grown agriculturally
- f) What should we do before eating fruits and vegetables?
- (i) cut them (ii) wash them
(iii) contaminate them (iv) pesticide them
- g) Why does the farmer use pesticide?
- A. to stop insects from damaging crops
B. to contaminate crops
C. to control weeds
D. to reduce sugar
- (i) A & D (ii) A & C
(iii) B & C (iv) C & D
- h) Organic farming has not become a big business. (True/False)

Q.2 Read the passage carefully and answer the questions that follow:

1. With at least a month and-a-half break in the school schedule for the summer, entertaining children can be a tough challenge. While students look forward to the vacations to let off steam, looking after them or taking them out on a holiday is a tough task. As more and more couples are taking to work and opting out of the joint family

fold, children's recreation options during vacations are limited to just television or comics. Sending a kid to a summer camp during vacations, something unheard of till a decade ago, has become an unavoidable circumstance today.

2. These summer camps are conducted over a short period of four to five weeks involving interesting and fun filled activities. A whole new world is opened up for the child, who can have a taste of adventure or sports or he can be part of a personality development camp. Camps offer interesting and fun filled activities and artistic pursuits like painting, music; classes like craft, cookery; courses in spoken English to lessons in Yoga, cricket or even trekking, rafting and rock climbing.
3. Camps develop the child's confidence, as he is encouraged to do things on his own. Very active and aggressive children are benefited by these camps as their energies are fruitfully used. They are an ideal place for a child to learn about social skills and also have fun in the processes. The camp experience is specially designed to provide all of these developmental needs for children. We should consider camps as the perfect partner to family, school and community youth activities in helping our children learn independence, decision-making, social and emotional skills character building and values – all in an atmosphere of creativity and enrichment under the supervision of positive adult role models.
4. They also promote mutual understanding not only among the teachers and the children but also bring out interactions between the taught.

This provides a good experience for a better future — a future of confidence.

5. In today's pressure-oriented society, summer camps provide a non-threatening environment for the youth to be active, to develop competence in life skills to learn about and enhance their own abilities and to benefit from meaningful participation in a community designed just for them.

Based on your understanding of the passage, answer the following questions briefly in 30-40 words each. 2x4=8

- 2.1
- a) What is a summer camp?
 - b) What helps to reduce the stress from the pressure oriented society for the youth?
 - c) How are camps beneficial for very active and aggressive children?
 - d) Why are camps considered as the perfect partners for children?
- 2.2
- a) Which word in para 1 means the same as 'Time Table'. 1x4=4
 - b) Find a word from para 3 that is opposite in meaning to 'slavery'.
 - c) _____ in para 1 means the same as 'leisure'.
 - (i) let off steam
 - (ii) recreation
 - (iii) lethargy
 - (iv) aggressive
 - d) _____ in para 5 is opposite in meaning to 'incompetence'
 - (i) meaningful
 - (ii) competence
 - (iii) enhance
 - (iv) abilities

SECTION 'B' : WRITING AND GRAMMAR (30 MARKS)

- Q.3 You are Tarun/Tanisha staying at Residential Complex P.F. Colony, Delhi. You are extremely disturbed about cases of chain snatching in your area. Write a letter in 100-120 words to the Editor, 'Times of India' making a point about the increase in crime. Raise your concern and appeal the Police Department about this. 8

OR

You are Ravish/Reena, Club Secretary of your school. Write an article in about 100-120 words on the topic importance of club activities in the life of students.

- Q.4 Write a story in about 150-200 words using the following outline. Give a suitable title and moral also. 10

It was a holiday _____ watching T.V. _____ heard some noises _____ came out to check _____ a poor boy _____ crying bitterly _____ police station _____ lost child _____ two days wait _____ reunited with parents.

- Q.5 Fill in the blanks choosing the most appropriate options from the ones given below. Write the answers in the answer sheet against the correct blank numbers. 1x4=4

London (a) _____ the capital of the United Kingdom. People from all parts (b) _____ the world come to visit this city. There (c) _____ many historical places here. It is (d) _____ to be the most expensive city.

- (a) (i) is (ii) am (iii) are (iv) was
 (b) (i) for (ii) of (iii) to (iv) as
 (c) (i) is (ii) was (iii) are (iv) has
 (d) (i) says (ii) saying (iii) will say (iv) said

Q.6 The following paragraph has not been edited. There is an error in each line. Write the error along with its correction in the space provided. 1x4=4

	<u>Error</u>	<u>Correction</u>
A condition when a person's kidneys stops working is called renal failure.	eg. A	_____
Complete failure of a kidneys allows the urea but other waste products to built up on the blood.	(a) _____ (b) _____ (c) _____ (d) _____	_____ _____ _____ _____

Q.7 Rearrange the following words/phrases to make meaningful sentences. 1x4=4

- a) the/life began/centuries ago/twenty million/on Earth/about
- b) the plants and animals/complement/the/are/other/to/each
- c) are/their/animals/products of/all the/environment
- d) very bad/encroachment/has/animals/due to/become/of/the condition/human

SECTION 'C' : LITERATURE (30 MARKS)

Q.8 Read the extracts given below and answer the questions that follow: 1x4=4

An ultimate shaking grief fixes the boy

As he stands rigid, trembling, staring down

All his young days into the harbour where

His ball went. I would not intrude on him,

A dime, another ball, is worthless.

- a) The reaction of the boy at the loss of his ball was that he was in state of _____ and shock
- (i) happy (ii) grief
(iii) joy (iv) delighted
- b) The boy was staring down at _____.
- c) The poet did not offer the boy a dime to buy another ball because _____.
- d) Which word in the extract is the antonym of 'useful'?
- (i) ultimate (ii) rigid
(iii) intrude (iv) worthless

OR

The moon was coming up in the east, behind me, and stars were shining in the clear sky above me. There wasn't a cloud in the sky. I was happy to be alone high up above the sleeping countryside.

- a) The above lines are narrated by _____.
- (i) Frederick Forsyth (ii) Woman
(iii) man (iv) another pilot
- b) The type of weather conditions being discussed in the above lines are _____.
- c) The term, 'the sleeping countryside' implies _____.
- d) The narrator is happy because _____.
- (i) he has got a companion
(ii) he is going to be with family soon
(iii) he is flying a Dakota
(iv) he is listening to music

Q.9 Answer the following questions in about 30-40 words:

2x5=10

- a) Why did Lencho write a letter to God?
- b) How was 10th May a special day in South Africa?
- c) When did the seagull flight begin? Where did it end?
- d) Why was Matilda sad after the ball?
- e) Why was Sulekha nicknamed 'Bholi'?

Q.10 How did Siddhartha Gautama become Buddha? (100-150 words)

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OR

What did Valli find out about the bus journey? How did she find out these details? (100-150 words)

Q.11 What idea do you form of Ausable from your reading of the story 'The Midnight Visitor'? (100-150 words)

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OR

What was the problem with Tricki? How did Mr. Herriot cure it? (100-150 words)