



**INDIAN SCHOOL SOHAR**  
**FINAL EXAMINATION (2022-23)**  
**ENGLISH LANGUAGE AND LITERATURE (184)**

CLASS: IX

MAX. MARKS: 80

DATE: 23/02/2023

TIME: 3 HOURS

**General Instructions:**

1. 15-minute prior reading time allotted for Q-paper reading.
2. The Question Paper contains THREE sections-READING, GRAMMAR & WRITING and LITERATURE.
3. Attempt questions based on specific instructions for each part.

**SECTION A: READING SKILLS****20 Marks****I. Read the passage given below****10**

1. Birds have been building nests for over 100 million years. Dinosaurs, the ancestors of birds, also built terrestrial nests over hundreds of millions of years. The diversity we see in bird's nests today is a result of these thousands of bird species, evolving in different environments, creating diverse ways to house and protect their families.
2. We think of architecture as a result of conscious design, purpose, and aesthetic expression there is, precisely, such architecture in avian nests. These are not unplanned constructions. These are shaped by a history of selection and functionality. Also, the diversity of materials used by birds to build nests is astonishing and birds arrive at this independently.
3. As adults, the birds go out into nature alone and gather materials to construct their nests which have very specific structures. They have extraordinary building capacities which show both flexibility and an innate way of interacting with the environment.
4. Interestingly, all nests perform the physical job of housing and protecting a bird's eggs from bad weather and predators. The nest is also often the location of the development of the young. Therefore, knowing the nest's centrality, birds have developed habitat-based strategies to meet these needs. Diverse species use sticks, twigs, webs, or mud, handled in specific ways to create the nest they require. Like human builders, birds choose materials related to the actual structure they want.
5. Birds' nests also have regular styles of construction - historically conditioned by circumstances, like human communities which use bricks or stones. Birds have a similar historical investment in their nests. For instance, a group of land birds, which includes kingfishers, hornbills, and woodpeckers, is about 60 million years old. All of these nest in holes, from ground burrows to holes in trees, where they can safely keep their eggs. None of them has created an alternative way. Nests are, therefore, conservative structures - birds don't change the designs much, unless they are sure they are improving on the conditions required for breeding and protecting their young.

**Based on your understanding of the passage, answer the questions given below.****1x10**

- i. Infer one reason for the following, based on the information in paragraph 1:  
Different birds build their nests in different ways.
- ii. Birds also have aesthetic sense. They show it through \_\_\_\_\_.  
 A. the architecture of their nests                      B. their multi-coloured plumes  
 C. how they protect their families                      D. the precision of their nests
- iii. Complete the following analogy correctly with a word from paragraph 3:  
fuzzy : clarity :: rigid: \_\_\_\_\_  
(Clue: Just like fuzzy means lacking in clarity, similarly rigid means lacking...)
- iv. State whether the following statement is TRUE or FALSE:  
Diverse species use sticks, twigs, webs or mud, handled in specific ways to create the nest they require.

- v. Substitute the word 'instance' with ONE WORD similar in meaning, in the following sentence from paragraph 5:  
Birds have a similar historical investment in their nests. For **instance**, a group of land birds.....
- vi. When the birds think of building their nests, the most important factor in their minds is :  
A. its beauty      B. its purpose      C. its design      D. its colour
- vii. List any two jobs performed by a bird's nest.  
1. \_\_\_\_\_  
2. \_\_\_\_\_
- viii. The materials all birds use for building their nests are \_\_\_\_\_.  
A. sticks  
B. twigs only  
C. webs or mud  
D. any of the above, according to their specific needs
- ix. A woodpecker lays its eggs \_\_\_\_\_.  
A. in a nest made of mud      B. in a hole in a tree  
C. in a web made of twigs      D. in a nest made of sticks
- x. 'Nests are, therefore, conservative structures' means  
A. nests are modern in design.      B. nests have to be carefully constructed.  
C. nests are traditional in design.      D. nests are flashy and gaudy in looks.

**II. Read the passage given below.**

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**CHOLESTEROL LEVELS IN INDIANS RISING: A SURVEY**

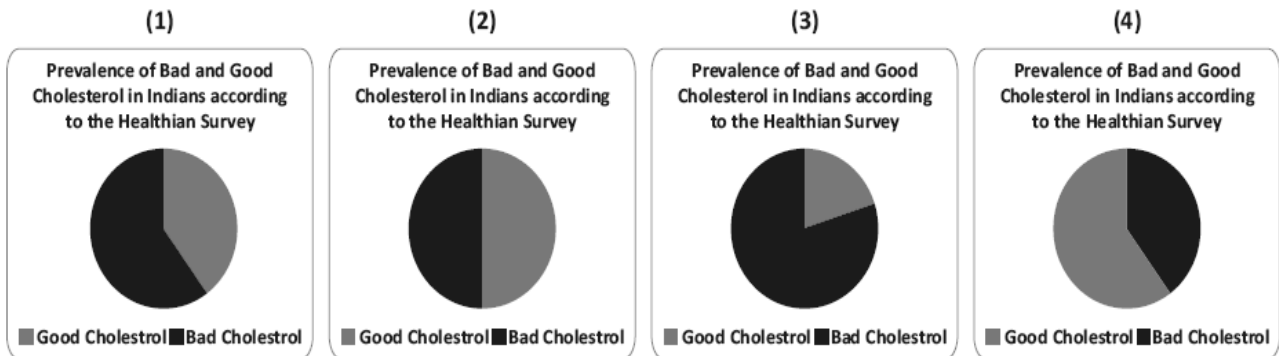
- Cholesterol, a waxy, fat-like substance, travels through the bloodstream on proteins called lipoproteins. There are two types of lipoproteins: low-density lipoprotein (LDL) aka bad cholesterol and high-density lipoprotein (HDL) aka good cholesterol. High levels of LDL cholesterol increase the risk of heart disease and stroke.
- In a recent survey by health-tech firm, Healthians, it has been found that six in 10 Indians have abnormal levels of bad cholesterol. Individuals between 30 and 40 years of age have been reported with the highest prevalence of bad cholesterol. The study also found out that as many as 63% of the survey population has high LDL cholesterol in their blood.
- When it came to cholesterol-related parameters, 36% of Indians had abnormal levels of HDL cholesterol, 39% had abnormal levels of triglycerides and 30% reported abnormal total cholesterol levels.
- Healthians used the data from blood tests conducted on 2.66 million people above 20 years of age across 250 cities in India. According to the study, 69% in the age group of 30-40 years had abnormal levels of LDL. Dr. Sonal, Head of Lab Operations at Healthians feels that this could be an indication of the high-stress levels experienced by individuals in this group.
- Three out of 10 Indians reported abnormal levels of cholesterol in their bloodstream and the highest prevalence was spotted in those belonging to the 30-40 age groups. It also found that 36% of Indians in the 40-60 age group reported abnormal levels of cholesterol. Similarly, 30% in the 60-70 age group, and 24% in the 70-80 age group reported abnormal levels of cholesterol.
- When it came to gender, 64% of the males tested had abnormal LDL, 47% had abnormal triglycerides, and 32% had abnormal total cholesterol compared to 63%, 30% and 29% in females, respectively. However, more females had abnormal HDL levels compared to males.

<b>ABNORMAL LEVELS OF CHOLESTEROL</b>			
<b>Gender</b>	<b>LDL</b>	<b>Triglycerides</b>	<b>Total Cholesterol</b>
Males	64%	47%	32%
Females	63%	30%	29%

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

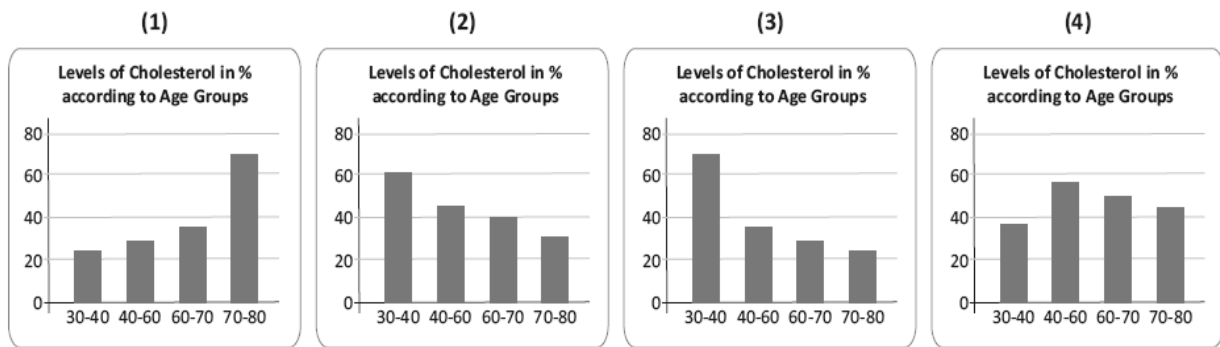
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- i. Infer one reason for the following, based on the information in paragraph 1.  
High levels of cholesterol, especially LDL cholesterol, are bad for human health.
- ii. Choose the option that correctly displays the percentage of the survey population having abnormal levels of bad cholesterol.



A. Option 1      B. Option 2      C. Option 3      D. Option 4

- iii. Which of the cholesterol-related parameters showed the lowest percentage of people having an abnormal level?
- iv. Paragraph 4 establishes a correlation between \_\_\_\_\_ levels and higher precedence of abnormal levels of LDL in the age group of 30-40 years.
- v. The data collected for the survey covered people who were \_\_\_\_\_.  
 A. between 41 – 60 years only      B. 20 years or older  
 C. in the age group of 30 – 40 years only      D. diagnosed with heart disease
- vi. Select the chart that correctly represents the data related to abnormal levels of cholesterol in different age groups.



A. Option 1      B. Option 2      C. Option 3      D. Option 4

- vii. Fill in the blank with the correct option:  
According to the survey, men have fared better than women in \_\_\_\_\_ levels.  
 A. LDL      B. triglycerides      C. HDL      D. total cholesterol
- viii. List the area in which the difference in the percentage between men's and women's scores was the greatest.
- ix. Substitute the word 'prevalence' with ONE WORD similar in meaning in the following sentence from paragraph 2.  
Individuals between 30 and 40 years of age have been reported with the highest prevalence of bad cholesterol.
- x. Select the option that titles paragraphs 2, 3 and 5 appropriately in the light of the information given in them.

	(a)	(b)	(c)	(d)
<b>Paragraph 2</b>	Reckless Indians!	A Research by Healthians – Indians and their Health	A Health tech Firm	Cholesterol Alert for Indians!
<b>Paragraph 3</b>	The Findings and their Implications	Cholesterol Levels in the Blood	Main Findings of the Survey	Parameters of the Survey
<b>Paragraph 5</b>	Everyone is Sick!	2.66 Million Blood Tests!	Age Group at Greatest Risk	How Different Age Groups Fare

A. Option (a)

B. Option (b)

C. Option (c)

D. Option (d)

III.

**SECTION B - GRAMMAR**

Attempt **ANY TEN** of the following questions.

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- i. Fill in the blank by choosing the correct option to complete the sentence.

Do you hear that noise all the time? I don't know how you \_\_\_\_ with it.

A. are putting up

B. have put up

C. will be put up

D. put up

- ii. Read the conversation between a teacher and her student. Complete the sentence by reporting the student's reply correctly.

TEACHER: Have you submitted your notebook, Nilanjana?

NILANJANA: Yes, Madam, I've already submitted it.

When the teacher asked Nilanjana if she had submitted her notebook, Nilanjana affirmed \_\_\_\_\_.

- iii. Select the correct option to fill in the blank.

I doubt, if it \_\_\_\_\_ be of any use telephoning them so late.

A. would

B. could

C. should

D. might

- iv. Select the option that identifies the error in a museum plaque and supplies the correction for the same.

These building, inaugurated on 29 March 1954, was a former residence of a Maharaja.

Option no.	Error	Correction
A.	These	This
B.	building	buildings
C.	on	at
D.	of	by

- v. Select the correct option to fill in the blank for the given statement from a sports magazine.

The Manchester United \_\_\_\_\_ a golden chance to level the score when they missed a penalty in the crucial match against Liverpool yesterday.

A. blew up

B. have blown up

C. had blown up

D. blow up

- vi. Fill in the blank by using the correct form of the word in the bracket, for the given portion of a diary entry:

Dear Diary,

Today I saw the most beautiful sunrise over the ocean. I wish I could \_\_\_\_\_ (painting) it to truly capture and preserve the beauty I witnessed.

- vii. Report the dialogue between Maya and Rani, by completing the sentence :

Maya: I am surprised to see you here in Delhi. When did you come?

Rani: I came here yesterday. I have been offered a job here.

Maya told Rani that she was surprised to see her there in Delhi and asked when she had come.

Rani replied that she had come there the previous day and added that \_\_\_\_\_.

- viii. Identify the error in the given sentence from a video script and supply the correction.

This is the story of Jadav Peyang, which is popularly known as the Forest Man of India.

(Use the given format for your response.)

error	correction

- ix. Rani shared some information, with Tara, about her friends. Report Tara’s question.  
Did they meet each other at school?
- x. Select the correct option to fill in the blank for the given line, from a doorway sign.  
Caution! You \_\_\_\_\_ not enter.  
Only employees are allowed beyond this point.  
A. need                      B. must                      C. could                      D. might
- xi. Select the correct option to complete the narration of the dialogue between Arthur and Kevin.  
Arthur: Kevin, are you going to the hospital again? Is your mother okay?  
Kevin: My mother is better. Thank God, she has been back to normal since Friday.  
Arthur asked Kevin if he was going to the hospital again. He also asked him whether his mother was okay. Kevin replied that \_\_\_\_\_ and thanking God, the boy said that his mother had been back to normal since Friday.  
A. his mother was better  
B. his mother had been better  
C. his mother is better  
D. his mother has been better
- xii. Identify the error in the advertisement given below and supply the correction for the same.  
Looking to Buy a Guitar?  
The brand new guitar is for sale. It comes with a wooden, velvet-lined guitar case.  
If interested, contact me at 99889xxxxx for more details.  
(Use the given format for your response.)

error	correction

**IV. SECTION B – CREATIVE WRITING SKILLS 10**

*All the names used in the questions (Story Writing & Diary Entry) are fictitious. Resemblance, if any, is purely coincidental.*

1. Attempt **EITHER ONE** from A and B given below. **5**
- A.** Write a descriptive paragraph on ‘The Annual Sports Day of Your School’ in 100-120 words using the following cues:

**Cues:** Annual Sports Day - Sports Stadium - Chief Guest and Guest of Honour - welcome of guests - march past - torch relay – races -drills - visual treat - prize distribution - your feelings about the day

**OR**

- B.** Write a descriptive paragraph about Rabindranath Tagore, the versatile genius, in 100-120 words using the given cues and add your own ideas.

**Cues:**

- Place of birth: Jorasanko in Kolkata
- Father : Debendranath Tagore
- Early education: No regular school education, gained knowledge in Bengali, Sanskrit, and English under the guidance of efficient tutors
- Versatile genius: A poet, dramatist, composer of songs, short story writer, novelist, critic, essayist and a painter
- Best works: Gitanjali, Sonar Tari, Kheya, Kalpana, Balaka, etc.
- Awards: Nobel Prize in 1913 -Gitanjali
- Contributions to the field of education: Shantiniketan and Visva-Bharati

2. Attempt **EITHER ONE** from A and B given below. 5

A. Read the given line and complete the story in about 100-120 words. Give a suitable title to your story.

The moment Hari stepped down from the train he was greeted at the platform by the people of his small town. They had gathered there with garlands and a band.....

**OR**

B. You have met a very talented but poor athlete/sportsperson of great promise. Unfortunately, he/she cannot train for international competitions and tournaments because of the lack of funds. Write a diary entry in 100-120 words describing your meeting with him/her. You are Mohit/Jyoti.

**SECTION C - LITERATURE**

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**V. Reference to the Context**

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1. Attempt **EITHER ONE** of two extracts given.

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1. A I inherited honesty and self-discipline from my father; from my mother, I inherited faith in goodness and deep kindness and so did my three brothers and sister. I had three close friends in my childhood — Ramanadha Sastry, Aravindan and Sivaprakasan. All these boys were from orthodox Hindu Brahmin families. As children, none of us ever felt any difference amongst ourselves because of our religious differences and upbringing. In fact, Ramanadha Sastry was the son of Pakshi Lakshmana Sastry, the high priest of the Rameswaram temple.

*(My Childhood)*

- i. Select the option that lists the trait/ traits A.P.J Abdul Kalam inherited from his parents.  
1. Honesty 2. Self-discipline 3. Faith in Goodness 4. Cruelty 5. Carelessness 6. Kindness  
A. 1, 2, 3,4 B. 2, 3, 4, 5 C. 1, 2, 3, 6 D. 1, 3, 4, 6
- ii. Which of the following statements is TRUE?  
A. Kalam had three friends in his childhood — Lakshmana Sastry, Aravindan and Sivaprakasan.  
B. Kalam inherited honesty and self-discipline from his mother.  
C. Pakshi Lakshmana Sastry was the high priest of the Rameswaram temple.  
D. Religion was a barrier to their friendship.
- iii. Complete the analogy by selecting the suitable word from the text:  
miser: extravagant: \_\_\_\_\_: conservative
- iv. How was Ramanadha Sastry associated with Pakshi Lakshmana Sastry?
- v. 'My Childhood' has been taken from \_\_\_\_\_.  
A. India 2020: A Vision for the New Millennium  
B. Wings of Fire: An Autobiography  
C. Ignited Minds: Unleashing the Power within India  
D. Mission of India: A Vision of Indian Youth

**OR**

1. B The girl was given the name 'Santosh', which means contentment. But Santosh was not always content with her place in a traditional way of life. She began living life on her own terms from the start. Where other girls wore traditional Indian dresses, Santosh preferred shorts. Looking back, she says now, "From the very beginning I was quite determined that if I chose a correct and a rational path, the others around me had to change, not me."

*(Reach for the Top – Part 1 Santosh Yadav)*

- i. "Where other girls wore traditional Indian dresses, Santosh preferred shorts." It shows that Santosh Yadav was \_\_\_\_\_.  
A. disobedient B. Iconoclastic prodigy C. over-confident D. procrastinating

- ii. Why was the girl not contented?
- iii. What was Santosh Yadav's approach towards making choices?
- iv. How did Santosh feel towards her decisions?
  - A. Skeptical                      B. Unhappy                      C. Happy                      D. Determined
- v. Which of the following statements is TRUE?
  - A. Santosh was satisfied with the traditional way of life.
  - B. Santosh preferred wearing traditional Indian dresses.
  - C. She was determined to live life according to what she felt was right for her.
  - D. She was inspired to follow other village girls.

**2. Attempt EITHER ONE of two extracts given.**

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**2. A**

Every tinkle on the shingles  
 Has an echo in the heart;  
 And a thousand dreamy fancies  
 Into busy being start,  
 And a thousand recollections  
 Weave their air-threads into woof,  
 As I listen to the patter  
 Of the rain upon the roof.

*(Rain on the Roof)*

- i. Complete the analogy by selecting the suitable word from the poem  
 echo: resonance: \_\_\_\_\_: imagination
- ii. Select the option that uses the same poetic device that is true for 'tinkle'.
  - A. The wind blew across like an enraged train.
  - B. The wind whooshed all through yesterday.
  - C. The windy willows were swaying as the wind blew.
  - D. The wind puffed its cheeks and then blew out.
- iii. Choose the option that lists the poet's feelings in the extract.  
 (1) surprise            (2) confusion            (3) amusement            (4) joy            (5) relaxation
  - A. (1), (2) and (3)                      B. (1) and (5)
  - C. (2), (3) and (4)                      D. (4) and (5)
- iv. Which poetic device has been used in the last line of the stanza?
  - A. Alliteration                      B. Metaphor
  - C. Anaphora                      D. Transferred Epithet
- v. What finds an echo in the heart of the poet?

**OR**

**2. B**

Then she took a tiny scrap of dough,  
 And rolled and rolled it flat;  
 And baked it thin as a wafer —  
 But she couldn't part with that.  
 For she said, "My cakes that seem too small  
 When I eat of them myself  
 Are yet too large to give away."  
 So she put them on the shelf.

*(A Legend of the Northland)*

- i. Identify the option that aptly describes the little woman in the poem.
  - A. simple, cunning, and generous
  - B. mean, kind, and practical
  - C. cunning, mean, and selfish
  - D. wise, practical, and mean

