



INDIAN SCHOOL SOHAR  
TERM II EXAMINATION (2023 – 24)  
ENGLISH

CLASS: VII  
DATE: 12-03-2024

MAX. MARKS: 80  
TIME: 3 HOURS

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**GENERAL INSTRUCTIONS:**

- This paper consists of three sections.
  - Section A Reading (18 marks)
  - Section B Writing & Grammar (22 marks)
  - Section C Literature (40 marks)
- All sections are compulsory.
- Attempt questions based on specific instructions for each part.

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**SECTION A: READING (18 marks)**

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

**(10)**

1. The art of living is learnt easily by those who are optimistic. From humble and simple people to great leaders in history, science or literature, we can learn a lot about the art of living, by having a peep into their lives. The daily routines of these great men not only reveal their different, maybe unique lifestyles, but also help us learn certain habits and practices they followed.
2. A private workplace always helps. Jane Austen asked that a certain squeaky hinge should never be oiled so that she always had a warning whenever someone was approaching the room where she wrote. Mark Twain’s family knew better than to breach his study door—they would blow a horn to draw him out.
3. A daily walk has always been a source of inspiration. . For many artists, a regular stroll was essentially a creative inspiration. Charles Dickens famously took three hour walks every afternoon, and what he observed on them, he fed directly into his writing. Ludwig Van Beethoven took lengthy strolls after lunch, carrying a pencil and paper with him in case inspiration struck. Nineteenth century composer Erik Satie did the same on his long hikes from Paris to the working-class suburb where he lived, stopping under street lamps to jot down ideas that came on his journey. Many great people had limited social life too. To Pablo, the idea of Sunday was an ‘at home day’.
4. The routines of these thinkers are difficult because they are so unattainable. The very idea that you can organize your time as you like is out of reach for most of us. Like Francine Prose, who began writing when the school bus picked up her children and stopped when it brought them back, and even F. Scott Fitzgerald, whose early books were written in his strict schedule as a young military officer.

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

- i. The passage is about \_\_\_\_\_.
  - A. the ways leisure can be enjoyed.
  - B. the ways of learning how to walk.
  - C. the lesson we learn from the life of great leaders.
  - D. the ways of organizing time.
- ii. The writers of the past \_\_\_\_\_ .
  - A. followed a perfect daily routine.
  - B. enjoyed the difficulties of life.
  - C. can motivate us a lot.
  - D. wrote a lot in the books.

iii. Why did some artists resort to walking?

Walking \_\_\_\_\_.

A. was essential for improving their health.

B. helped them to interact with others.

C. was a source of creative inspiration.

D. helped them to remain physically fit.

iv. Find a word from the passage which means the same as 'noisy'. (Para 2)

A. squeaky

B. detaching

C. blowing

D. breaching

v. If Pessimistic: Optimistic; \_\_\_\_\_: Simplicity. Complete the analogy by choosing the correct option.

(From the passage)

A. Clarity

B. Obscurity

C. Difficulty

D. Integrity

vi. How did Charles Dickens utilize his three- hours walk every afternoon?

vii. Why did Ludwig Van Beethoven carry a pencil and paper with him on his lengthy strolls?

viii. Name the great nineteenth century composer who wrote his ideas under the street lamp.

ix. What was the idea of 'Sunday' to Pablo?

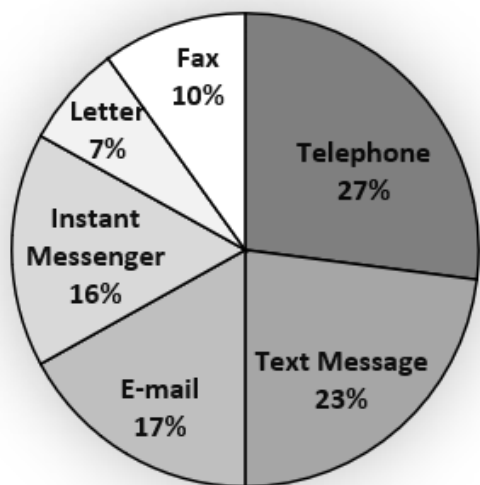
x. How did Francine Prose manage her time for writing?

xi. When did F. Scott Fitzgerald write his early books?

## 2. Read the passage given below.

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1. Means of communication are used by people to communicate and exchange information with each other as an information sender and an information recipient. The 'path of communication' is the path that a message travels between a sender and a recipient.



2. We use many different materials in communication. Paths of communication can be physical, e.g. the roads as transportation routes, or non-physical, e.g. networks like computer networks. Contents of communication can be photography, data, graphics language, or texts. Hence, the modern means of communication which are non-physical or non-verbal, mainly involve television, social media, email, etc.

3. A survey was conducted on student preferences for the most popular means of communication among them. Surprisingly, the students didn't seem to be interested in traditional means of communication. Only 7% were interested in writing letters to their friends or kin as compared to those who preferred emails. (Presented in the Pie-Diagram)

4. However, the chief competition is between the users of Instant Messenger and those of Emails. The users of fax lines as a medium of communication are only marginal. There are supporters of text messaging also. Overall, the survey had a mixed response from the students.

5. The students informed that out of the choices given in the survey questionnaire, they have indicated the most preferred option. But, most of the students are of the view that video calling needs to be mentioned in the questionnaire as it is the most effective and most popular means of communication. Further, voice messages are the second most preferred means of communication.

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

i. Means of communication are used by people to exchange \_\_\_\_\_.

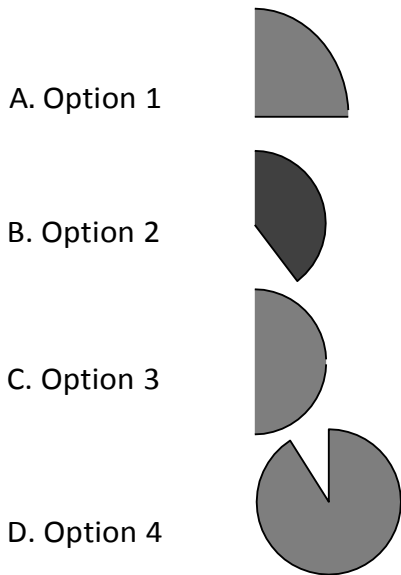
A. information.

B. money.

C. goods.

D. services.

- ii. The most common modern means of non-physical communication is \_\_\_\_\_.
- A. the flight which we take to travel to different places.  
 B. the car which is used as a road transport.  
 C. the social media which is used globally by one and all.  
 D. visit to a friend's place.
- iii. Based on the data given in the pie diagram, which means of communication is liked by more than one-fourth of the students?
- A. Telephone                  B. Text message                  C. E-mail                  D. Fax
- iv. Choose the option that correctly states that the students prefer both telephones and text messages as the medium of communication?



- v. What is the correct order of the medium of communication in decreasing order of preference?
- A. Voice message, Text message, Instant Messenger, Fax.  
 B. Text message, Instant Messenger, Voice Message, Fax.  
 C. Instant Messenger, Fax, Voice Message, Text Message.  
 D. Text message, Instant Messenger, Fax, Voice Message.
- vi. Write a word or phrase from the passage which means the same as 'study'. (Para3)
- vii. How would you define the 'path of communication'?
- viii. Which means of communication is the most effective and popular one, according to the students?
- ix. What is the total percentage of the students preferring 'Instant Messenger' and 'E-mail' as a means of communication, based on the above pie diagram?

**SECTION B: GRAMMAR & CREATIVE WRITING SKILLS (22 MARKS)**

**3. Do as directed. Attempt ANY FOURTEEN of the following questions.**

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- i. Join the given two sentences using the appropriate relative pronoun.  
 Marla's sister is getting married tomorrow. She has just graduated.
- ii. Complete the conditional sentence, by putting the verb into the correct form.  
 The zookeeper would have punished the girl with a fine if she \_\_\_\_\_ (feed) the animals.

iii. Fill in the blank with the correct option.

It \_\_\_\_\_ raining since morning when you rang me up.

- A. had been                      B. has been                      C. have been                      D. was

iv. Identify the type of non-finite verb in the given sentence.

George likes photographing nature.

v. Join the given sentences with suitable conjunction.

Mary was unhappy. She was rich.

vi. Fill in the blank with the correct modal given in the bracket.

The girl looks unwell. She \_\_\_\_\_ (would/should) consult a doctor.

vii. Complete the following sentence by choosing the correct tense forms of the verb.

The journey \_\_\_\_\_ cool. It imparted solace to the soul and mind.

- A. is                                      B. was                                      C. will be                                      D. shall be

viii. Identify the correct compound sentence from the given sentences.

- A. The cake is dry, so the caramel sauce is good.  
B. The cake is dry, because the caramel sauce is good.  
C. The cake is dry, but the caramel sauce is good.  
D. The cake is dry, although the caramel sauce is good.

ix. Combine the given sentences to form a complex sentence.

I love going outside. The weather is pleasant.

x. Rewrite the given sentence using passive voice.

Did he win the chess competition?

xi. Change the following direct speech into indirect speech.

The boy said, " My master is writing letters".

xii. Complete the sentence with a suitable word from the given options.

Alice dressed \_\_\_\_\_ and was tugging on her boots when Katie returned.

- A. hurry                                      B. hurriedly                                      C. hurried                                      D. to hurry

xiii. Fill in the blank using the correct binomial expression from the given options.

Doctors should take time to talk over the \_\_\_\_\_ of any treatment with their patients.

- A. pros and cons                      B. ups and downs                      C. part and parcel                      D. fair and square

xiv. Choose the correct meaning of the underlined word in the sentence.

The cook sautéed the veggies with spices and sauces to taste delicious.

- A. rub pieces of vegetables against a grater                      B. immerse in boiling water  
C. fry quickly using a small quantity of oil                      D. beat heavy cream lightly but rapidly

xv. Complete the given sentence by choosing the correct suffix of the word in the bracket.

Mr. Hyde hopes to find \_\_\_\_\_ (employ) as a Software Engineer in a reputed organization.

- A. employment                      B. unemployment                      C. employee                      D. employer

xvi. Write the correct form of the verb that agrees with the subject.

The Olympics \_\_\_\_\_ held every four years.

**4. Attempt ANY ONE of the following questions. (3)**

i. An Inter-School Kabaddi Competition is organized by your school. Write a notice in about 50 words, requesting the students to be present at the venue to encourage the players. Invent all the necessary details. You are Anamika/Arjun, the Sports Captain of your school.

**OR**

ii. With the help of the given clues, complete the bio-sketch of Helen Keller in not more than 50 words.

Name, Born	Helen Adams Keller, born on June 27, 1880, Tuscumbia, Alabama, U.S.; healthy child till the age of 19 months.
Sickness	suffered high fever; became deaf and blind.
Education	Attended Radcliffe College of Harvard University; became the first deaf blind person in the United States to earn a Bachelor of Arts degree.
Occupation	Author, political activist, lecturer.
Success	determinations, strong will, role model.
Notable Work	The Story of My Life(1903)
Died	June 1, 1968(aged 87), Easton Connecticut, U.S.

**5. Attempt ANY ONE of the following questions in 100 to 120 words. (5)**

i. Write a letter to the in-charge of textbooks section of NCERT, New Delhi complaining about the non-availability of textbooks even one month after the beginning of the new session. You are Arihant/Aparajita reading in St. Xavier’s School, New Delhi.

**OR**

ii. Write a story with an appropriate title for which the beginning has been provided below.  
One summer afternoon, a young girl named Jenny went for a walk in the woods. After a while, she realized that she had lost her way and was in the middle of the enchanting garden.

**SECTION C: LITERATURE (40 MARKS)**

**6. Read the extract and attempt ANY FOUR of the following questions. (4)**

**Yet others go to the home of the animals they wish to study but do not do experiments. They just watch, wait for things to happen, and record what they hear and see. That is what I do.**

(Prose-A Lesson in the Henhouse)

i. Who is the narrator of the above lines?

- A. Niko Tinbergen                      B. Jane Goodall                      C. Konrad Lorenz                      D. Karl von Frisch

ii. What was her area of specialization? Choose the correct option.

- A. studied the behavior of the honey bees.  
B. was best known for her work with graylag geese.  
C. studied chimpanzees, living among them.  
D. was best known for her work with different sea gulls.

iii. Where did she live, to pursue her area of specialization?

iv. How was the first behavior of the animal during her observation?

v. Which animal was the most fascinating one, according to her?

**7. Read the extract and attempt ANY FOUR of the following questions. (4)**

**It hailed the ships, and cried, "Sail on,  
Ye mariners, the night is gone."  
And hurried landward far away,  
Crying, "Awake! It is the day".**

(Poem-Daybreak)

- i. Who is 'it' in the first line of the given extract?  
A. The wood bird                      B. The sea wind                      C. The forest                      D. The rooster
- ii. Which poetic device is used in the first line of the given extract?  
A. Personification                      B. Simile                      C. Imagery                      D. Alliteration
- iii. What does 'it' gleefully announce to the mariners?
- iv. What should be the activity of the mariners, as the night is gone?
- v. Where does 'it' travel and where does 'it' reach?

**8. Answer ANY SIX of the following questions in about 30-40 words. (12)**

- i. Who was Binya? What did she trade with a tourist for a blue umbrella? (The Blue Umbrella)
- ii. Why did the wind cross the churchyard with a sigh? What did it mean by 'Not yet'? (Daybreak)
- iii. How did Sherlock Holmes know that Watson was examining the walking stick without even looking at him? (The Walking Stick)
- iv. Why there will be 'silence everywhere'? Explain. (Autumn in the Hills)
- v. Why does Sydney Carton pretend to be Charles Darnay? (The Footsteps Die Out For Ever)
- vi. How are the bangles described in the poem? How would the women feel on wearing the bangles? (The Bangle Sellers)
- vii. Who is Niko Tinbergen? What is he best known for? (A Lesson in the Henhouse)

**9. Answer ANY TWO of the following in about 50 words each. (6)**

- i. Both Binya and Ram Bharosa wanted to give up on the umbrella in the end. Do you think giving up on something is important to make someone happy? Explain with reference to the story. (The Blue Umbrella)
- ii. 'It is a far, far better thing that I do, than I have ever done; it is a far, far better rest that I go to than I have ever known'. Do you value the deeds done by the speaker? Substantiate. (The Footsteps Die Out For Ever)
- iii. The mood of the poem 'Autumn in the Hills' is dull and sad. Elaborate.

**10. Answer ANY TWO of the following in about 80-100 words each. (8)**

- i. What does the camel say about the shelter for other animals? (The Plaint of the Camel)
- ii. What were Carton's thoughts and what did he visualize in the last phase of his life? (The Footsteps Die Out For Ever)
- iii. Write a character sketch of Sherlock Holmes. (The Walking Stick)

**11. Give the meaning of ANY THREE of the following words and frame meaningful sentences: (6)**

- i. reassure                      ii. engrave                      iii. peer                      iv. hail
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