



CLASS: X
DATE: 22/05/2024

MAX. MARKS: 20
TIME: 40 MINUTES

General Instructions:

1. The Question Paper contains Two sections - GRAMMAR & WRITING and LITERATURE.
2. Attempt questions based on specific instructions for each part.

WRITING SKILLS & GRAMMAR (8 marks)

GRAMMAR

1. Complete the following tasks, as directed. 3

i. Complete the given narrative, by filling the blank with the correct option.

When I was a child, I _____ to school everyday instead of going by cycle.

- A. Have been walking
- B. Have walked
- C. Had walked
- D. walked

ii. Read the given sentence and identify the error and supply the correction in the sentence.

I remember my promise. I would help you in the hour of your need.

Error	Correction

iii. Select the option that identifies the error and supplies the correction for the given sentence.

Excess pumping of groundwater lead to decrease in groundwater levels, but if it continues, it can exhaust the resources.

Error	Correction

WRITING SKILLS

2. Owing to the MCD employees' strike, the roads in your area are littered with garbage. The place not only is stinking but also has become a health hazard. As Mini/Manish of 112, Laxmi Nagar, Delhi, write a letter in 80-100 words to the editor of a local newspaper informing the concerned authorities of the unhygienic conditions and requesting them to take appropriate and necessary actions in the matter. 5

LITERATURE (12 marks)

3. Read the given extract and answer the following questions. 3

The way a crow
 Shook down on me
 The dust of snow
 From a hemlock tree

Has given my heart
 A change of mood
 And saved some part
 Of a day I had rued. *(Dust of Snow)*

- i. What are the symbols do you find in the extract?
- ii. Identify the option that does not use the word 'rue' correctly.
 - (a) The film was a disaster and he rued his decision to act in it.
 - (b) I am sure she rued the day she listened to a fortune-teller.
 - (c) It wasn't long before I rued my disobedience and my deceit.
 - (d) Finally rued the one who is dishonest and heartless.
- iii. Identify the poetic device used in the line 'Shook down on me'.

4. Answer ANY ONE of the following two questions, in about 40-50 words. 3

A. Why did the postmaster want to help Lencho? How did he do that? (*A Letter to God*).

OR

B. What is the underlying message for us in our hectic life with reference to the poem, 'Dust of Snow'.

5. Answer ANY ONE of the following two questions, in about 100-120 words. 6

A. Describe Lencho's qualities in light of his faith in God. Was Lencho's reaction towards post office employees right? Explain with reference to the story 'A Letter to God.'

OR

B. Dr James Herriot was a competent veterinary surgeon. His practical approach and common sense helped in the rapid recovery of Tricki. Comment. (*A Triumph of Surgery*)
