



INDIAN SCHOOL SOHAR
PERIODIC TEST II (2023-24)
ENGLISH LANGUAGE AND LITERATURE (184)

CLASS: X
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MAX. MARKS: 80
TIME: 3 HOURS

General Instructions:

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

SECTION A: READING SKILLS (20 marks)

1. Read the following text. 10

- (1) We live in an era where it is difficult to miss fast and junk food and the rise in teenage obesity and related health issues due to it.
- (2) During teenage, weight gain is normal but when it goes beyond control, the person becomes obese. Our body requires energy to function, which is derived from the food we eat but when the intake of food becomes more than the amount that the body requires, the excess energy is stored as body fat.
- (3) Contemporary lifestyle sees an increasing consumption of junk food, and spending time watching television and playing computer games. Overeating along with lack of physical exercise are the major causes leading to teenage obesity. Large intake of high-calorie food and low-nutrient food leads to unnecessary weight gain. Besides these, obesity can also be genetically inherited where some people have the genetic tendency to burn calories more slowly compared to others. Stress is also a reason for obesity where people resort to overeating to alleviate their stress.
- (4) Teenage obesity is growing immensely and has been named an 'obesity epidemic'. A number of health issues arise out of it like diabetes, high blood pressure and cholesterol, sleeping disorders, hormonal imbalance, and asthma. Along with these, obesity can also result in psychological problems like low self-esteem due to the constant jeering of peers. Obese teens are more prone to being teased and physically bullied compared to others of their age.
- (5) Therefore, it is necessary to control excessive weight gain. Inactivity is the major cause of obesity and regular exercise is the best way to control it. Physical activities like jogging, swimming, and playing outdoor games can help to keep one fit. A balanced diet with lots of vegetables, fruits, and whole grains is also essential. Junk food and soft drinks should be substituted with lots of vegetables, fruits, and whole grains in the diet. Drinking around 8-10 glasses of water also helps to reduce calorie intake.
- (6) Parents have an important role in controlling teenage obesity as they should try to set examples by following a healthy diet and leading a healthy lifestyle. A combined effort of the parents and kids can help to control this eating disorder.

Answer the following questions, based on the passage above.

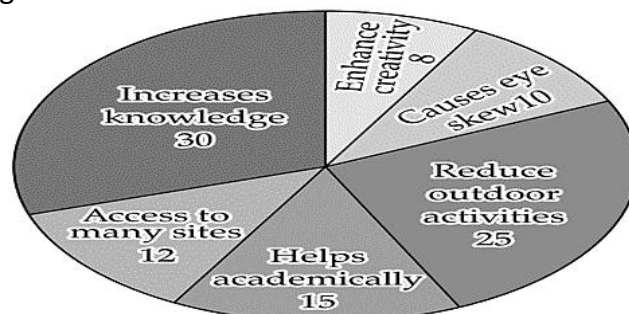
- i. Which of the following statements best describes the author's attitude towards weight gain in teenagers? 1
 - A. Feels weight gain in teenagers is normal but they should not become obese.
 - B. Believes teenagers should not eat junk and should not gain weight.
 - C. Recognizes weight gain as some underlying health issue.
 - D. Finds no issue in weight gain.
- ii. What is the tone of the writer in the given line from paragraph (5)? 2
 "Therefore, it is necessary to control excessive weight gain."
 Rationalise your response in about 30-40 words.
- iii. Complete the sentence appropriately. The author's use of the phrase in paragraph (6), such as "set examples" and "combined efforts of the parents and kids", greatly affects the reader because 1

- iv. The passage includes some words that are opposites of each other. From the sets (A)- (E) below, identify two sets of antonyms: 1
- A. Intake and consumption
 - B. growing and arise
 - C. unnecessary and essential
 - D. excess and lack
 - E. Ingestion and assimilation
- v. Complete the sentence appropriately. We can say that the author's tone is neutral when discussing causes of weight gain in teenagers, because 1
- vi. Based on the reading of the passage, examine, in about 30-40 words, how excessive weight gain in teenagers or teenage obesity is an epidemic. 2
- vii. What is the message conveyed by Raj's experience, in the following case? 1
- Raj spent most of his time eating junk food but after seeing his parents exercising, he started exercising and eating healthy.
- A. Parents can help a child to lead a healthy life.
 - B. A child's intrinsic motivation with parents' support can help a child lead a healthy life.
 - C. Nothing can help in changing eating habits.
 - D. Eating habits are easy to change.
- viii. State whether the following statement displays an example of jeering of peers. 1
- They mocked him for dressing differently from others.

2. Read the following text.

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- (1) Technology has advanced tremendously and has taken control of our daily lives. Every household has at least one television set, a laptop, or a desktop. It is not an uncommon sight to see kids playing with smartphones or tablets nowadays. We cannot deny how much technology has helped us, but are we exposing ourselves and our children to too much of it?
- (2) There has been much research and plenty of debate among educators, policy-makers, pediatricians, and parents on the benefits and disadvantages of technology over the years. The kids can talk to friends and family who are far away. They enhance your child's curiosity and encourage him to explore from the safety of your home. Pushing keys and using the mouse help in fine-tuning your child's fine motor skills, which enhances their eye-hand coordination. Studies carried out by independent researchers have found that the use of technologies could support home learning.
- (3) However, technological interactivity can never replace human interaction as current technology cannot replace the human element of interaction between parent and child. In 2010, the American Academy of Pediatrics (AAP) warned that technology may affect preschoolers' developing cognitive and social skills. Excessive tech use in preschoolers hinders face-to-face interaction, impairs language development, and disrupts healthy play, impacting cognitive and social growth. The extensive use of tablet computers does not encourage innovative learning. It also increases aggressive responses from playing video games. As mentally stimulating as they are, technological devices do not promote physical stimulation as much as physical activity.
- (4) The responses received from parents and teachers during the survey conducted have been depicted in the form of a pie diagram.



Answer the following questions, based on the passage above.

- i. Complete the following with an appropriate word or phrase from the passage. 1
Just as a balanced diet is essential for good health, a balanced approach to technology usage is crucial for our well-being. While technology has undoubtedly brought numerous benefits into our lives, it's important to remember that _____ cannot replace the irreplaceable human element of interaction between parent and child.
- ii. Which of these skills of preschoolers can be hampered by over-exposure to technology? 1
 - A. Physiological
 - B. Cognitive
 - C. Physical
 - D. Emotional
- iii. Justify the following, in about 30-40 words. 2
"Technology may affect preschoolers' developing cognitive and social skills."
- iv. Based on the passage, what is the most important question faced by parents and teachers today? 1
- v. What can we infer from the pie diagram regarding the impact of technology on children, specifically in terms of its effect on outdoor activities? 1
- vi. Select the option that correctly shows another term used for "fine-tuning your child's fine motor skills" in the passage. 1
 - A. Improving your child's artistic talents.
 - B. Enhancing your child's gross motor skills.
 - C. Refining your child's small muscle coordination.
 - D. Boosting your child's cognitive abilities.
- vii. State one advantage and one disadvantage of technology use for children, as discussed in the passage. 2
- viii. Which of the following statements is correct according to the given passage? 1
 - A. Technological interactivity can never replace human intervention.
 - B. Technological interactivity can surely replace human intervention.
 - C. Technological interactivity is better than human intervention.
 - D. Technological interactivity is miles ahead of human intervention.

SECTION B: WRITING SKILLS & GRAMMAR (20 marks)

GRAMMAR

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3. Complete ANY TEN of the following twelve tasks, as directed.

- i. Fill in the blank by using the correct form of the word in the bracket for the given portion of the letter: 1
Subject: Complaint about Poor Service.
Dear Sir,
I _____ (will) like to draw your attention to the poor service provided by your technical team.
- ii. Identify the error in the given sentence and supply the correction: 1
The new machines are used to identify the differences among two types of grains.

Use the given format for your response:

Error	Correction

- iii. Maria shared some information with Mathew about her flight to Delhi. Report Mathew's question. 1
Were you nervous on your first flight?

- iv. Select the correct option to complete the narration of the dialogue between Anil and Sanjeev: 1
 Anil: Where are you going?
 Sanjeev: To the airport.
 Anil: May I drop you there as I'm going in that direction?
 Anil asked Sanjeev where he was going and offered to drop him as _____.
 A. he could be going in that direction
 B. he would be going in the direction
 C. he is going in the direction
 D. he was going in that direction

- v. Fill in the blank by choosing the correct option, to complete the slogan on Independence Day. 1
 Countless freedom fighters lost their _____, (life/lives/lifes) and then we got a country to survive.

- vi. Identify the error in the given sentence, from an e-magazine report and supply the correction. 1
 In the last decade, conservationists and academicians have turned his attention to studying the best ways to install these natural features in the North.

Use the given format for your response.

Error	Correction

- vii. Select the option that identifies the error and supplies the correction for the following line from a news report: 1
 The traffic situation in the city calls out immediate intervention by the traffic police.

Option No.	Error	Correction
A	traffic	traffics
B	out	for
C	immediate	later
D	by	with

- viii. Complete the given narrative by filling in the blank with the correct option: 1
 The attendant _____ several guests at the same time to ensure prompt service.
 A. waited on B. waited in C. waited up D. waited

- ix. Read the conversation between the coach and the student. Complete the sentence by reporting the reply correctly: 1
 Coach: You must attend morning practice regularly.
 Student: Yes, I will as I am feeling stronger now.

The coach reminded the student that he must attend morning practice regularly, to which the student replied _____.

- x. Fill in the blank by choosing the correct option, to complete the sentence. 1
 _____ girls are still writing the test.
 A. Few B. Some C. A little D. Any

- xi. Select the correct option to fill in the blank for the given line. 1
 _____ I suggest a slight change in your plan?
 A. May B. Would C. Must D. Will

- xii. Identify the error on a shop's hoarding and supply the correction, for the following sales offer: 1

Gumnaam & Daughters Pvt. Ltd.	Bindapur, Jharkhand
Massive discount for all senior citizen vaccinated with the precautionary dose.	

Use the given format for your response.

Error	Correction

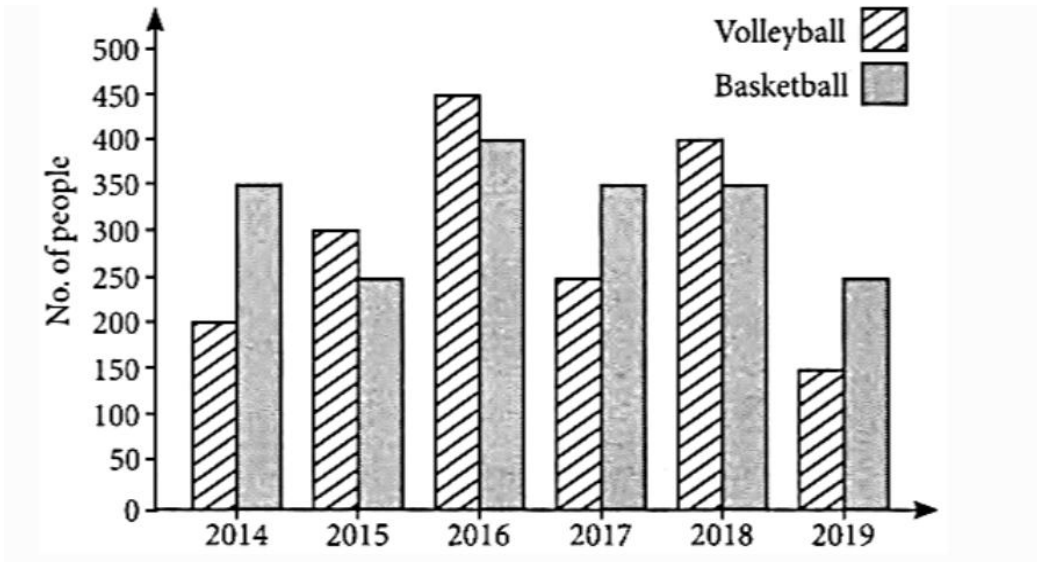
Note: All details presented in the questions are imaginary and created for assessment purpose.

4. A You have purchased a computer for personal use. After using it for about a month, you have started having problems in it, like its CPU is not working properly, the screen is flickering, etc. Write a letter to the Manager of the complaint cell of Abott Computers Pvt. Ltd. about the faulty computer in about 100-120 words. Sign yourself as Dev/Devika of Janakpuri, Delhi. 5

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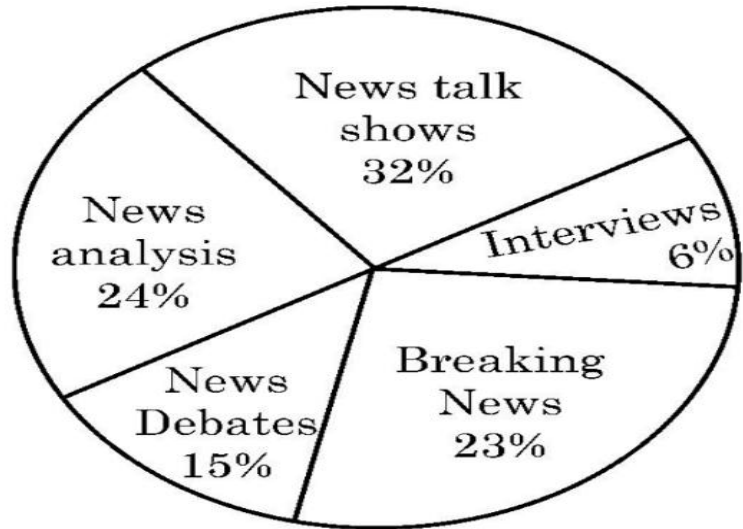
4. B Social networking sites have become the latest fad among school-going children. The craze has a very bad impact on youngsters. Considering its gravity, you want to express your concern by writing a letter to the editor of The Hindustan Times. You are Nitin/Nutan of H. No. 123/8, Sant Nagar, New Delhi –1100XX. Draft the letter in about 100 -120 words.

5. A The given double bar graph shows the preferences of children in a school in playing different games over the span of six years. Write an analytical paragraph about the given information in 100 -120 words. 5



OR

5. B The increase in the number of news channels is indicative of their growing popularity in terms of viewership. Write a paragraph analyzing the given pie chart on what the viewers would like to watch on news channels. (100 – 120 words)



SECTION C: LITERATURE TEXTBOOK AND SUPPLEMENTARY READING TEXT (40 marks)

6. Read the given extracts and answer the questions for ANY ONE of the two, given. 5

A. He felt certain that his wings would never support him; so he bent his head and ran away back to the little hole under the ledge where he slept at night. Even when each of his brothers and his little sister, whose wings were far shorter than his own, ran to the brink, flapped their wings, and flew away, he failed to muster up courage to take that plunge which appeared to him so desperate.

(Two Stories About Flying)

- i. State one inference about the young seagull from the given context: "He felt certain that his wings would never support him." 1
- ii. Find a phrase that would correctly substitute 'plunge', in the given sentence from the extract? 1
"He failed to muster up courage to take that plunge which appeared to him so desperate."
- iii. State TRUE or FALSE: 1
None of the terms (A)-(D) below, can be applied to the statement- 'Each of his brothers and his little sister, whose wings were far shorter than his own, ran to the brink, flapped their wings.'
 - A. Self-confidence- an attitude about your skills and abilities.
 - B. Diffident- not having confidence in your own strengths or abilities.
 - C. Self-centered- thinking only about yourself and not about other people.
 - D. Opinion-what people, in general, think about something.
- iv. The author effectively portrays the young seagull's fear and hesitation. Elaborate in about 30- 40 words based on the extract. 2

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B. I learned that courage was not the absence of fear, but the triumph over it. The brave man is not he who does not feel afraid, but he who conquers that fear. No one is born hating another person because of the colour of his skin, or his background, or his religion. People must learn to hate, and if they can learn to hate, they can be taught to love, for love comes more naturally to the human heart than its opposite. Even in the grimmest times in prison, when my comrades and I were pushed to our limits, I would see a glimmer of humanity in one of the guards, – perhaps just for a second, but it was enough to reassure me and keep me going. Man's goodness is a flame that can be hidden but never extinguished.

(Nelson Mandela: Long Walk to Freedom)

- i. State one inference about the nature of courage and fear from the provided extract. 1
- ii. What does the given extract suggest about human nature and the potential for change? 1
 - A. People are born with hatred in their hearts, which cannot be changed.
 - B. Hatred is inherent in human nature, and love is unnatural.
 - C. Hatred is a learned behavior, and love is more innate to humans.
 - D. Love can be easily extinguished by external circumstances.
- iii. According to the extract, how does human nature relate to the concepts of hate and love, and what does the speaker believe about the potential for goodness in people even in challenging circumstances? Provide a brief explanation in about 30-40 words. 2
- iv. Find a phrase that would correctly substitute 'a glimmer of humanity' in the given sentence from the extract: 1
'Even in the grimmest times in prison, when my comrades and I were pushed to our limits, I would see a glimmer of humanity in one of the guards, – perhaps just for a second, but it was enough to reassure me and keep me going.'

7. Read the given extracts and answer the questions for ANY ONE of the two, given. 5

- A. Though to distinguish beasts of prey
A novice might nonplus,
The Crocodile you always may
Tell from the Hyena thus:
Hyenas come with merry smiles;
But if they weep they're Crocodiles.
- (How to Tell Wild Animals)*
- i. Choose the option that DOES NOT describe a 'novice'. 1
- A. Lakshman has played cricket for the first time today.
 - B. Samiksha has been teaching for the last ten years.
 - C. Srishti went for her first French class yesterday.
 - D. Gautam has never driven a car before.
- ii. Comment on the poet's use of language in these lines in about 30-40 words. 2
- iii. What, according to the extract, would cause bewilderment? 1
- iv. Identify the line from the given stanza that the poet takes liberty with, to fit into the rhyme scheme. 1

OR

- B. But if it had to perish twice,
I think I know enough of hate
To say that for destruction ice
Is also great
And would suffice.
- (Fire and Ice)*
- i. Ice is the symbol of ----- in the poem. 1
- ii. Identify the most likely tone of the poet in the lines- 'To say that for destruction ice/Is also great'. 1
- A. sarcastic
 - B. serious
 - C. amused
 - D. celebratory
- iii. How is Ice sufficient to bring destruction? 1
- iv. Comment on the poet's use of language in these lines in about 30-40 words. 2

8. Answer **ANY FOUR** of the following five questions, in about 40-50 words. **4x3=12**

- A. Imagine you are the boy's elder sibling. He tells you about the loss of the ball on reaching home. How would you assure him? *(The Ball Poem)*
You may begin your reply like this:
I don't think you should take this to heart. You see...
- B. What made the speaker term his flight as "an easy flight"? Did his prediction come true? *(Two Stories About Flying)*
- C. Comment on the tone of the speaker when she/he says, "Will you please look at me when I'm speaking to you, Amanda!"
- D. Explain how the description of the devastation caused by the hailstorm reflects the sadness within Lencho, in 'A Letter to God'.
Refer to the given lines, from the text -
Not a leaf remained on the trees. The corn was totally destroyed. The flowers were gone from the plants. Lencho's soul was filled with sadness.

E. "Paper has more patience than people." Elucidate with reference to 'From the Diary of Anne Frank.'

9. Answer **ANY TWO** of the following three questions, in about 40-50 words. **2x3=6**

- A. Dr. Herriot knew his patients as well as their owners really well. Discuss. (The Triumph of Surgery)
- B. How can you say that Horace Danby was good and respectable but not completely honest? (A Question of Trust)
- C. Sometimes, appearances can be very deceptive. Justify this statement with reference to the story 'The Midnight Visitor'.

10. Answer **ANY ONE** of the following two questions, in about 100-120 words. **1x6=6**

(A) Freedom is such an essential virtue that is valued not only by human beings but also by animals alike. Justify the statement with reference to Leslie Norris's poem 'A Tiger in the Zoo'.

OR

(B) Read the extracts given below and comment on the difference in the nature of help both the characters, of these two stories, received.

- a. Suddenly I came out of the clouds and saw two straight lines of lights in front of me. It was a runway! An airport! I was safe! I turned to look for my friend in the black aeroplane but the sky was empty. [The Black Aeroplane]
- b. All through the night Lencho thought only of his one hope: the help of God...The following Sunday, at daybreak he began to write a letter...It was nothing less than a letter to God...The following Sunday Lencho came a bit earlier than usual to ask if there was a letter for him.... Lencho showed not the slightest surprise on seeing the money, such was his confidence.

[A Letter to God]

11. Answer **ANY ONE** of the following two questions, in about 100-120 words. **1x6=6**

(A) Anil plays a major role in the transformation of Hari Singh. Comment on the statement by highlighting the values possessed by Anil which touched Hari's heart and made him return to his honest ways of earning his livelihood. Write in about 100-120 words. (The Thief's Story)

OR

(B) The story 'The Midnight Visitor' highlights the theme that wisdom is more powerful than other weapons. Comment with reference to it.

*****THE END*****

