

CLASS X (2020-21)
ENGLISH (CODE 0184)
SAMPLE PAPER-04

Time Allowed : 3 Hours

Maximum Marks : 80

General Instructions :

- (i) This paper is divided into two parts: A and B. All questions are compulsory.
- (ii) Separate instructions are given with each section and question, wherever necessary.
Read these instructions very carefully and follow them.
- (iii) Do not exceed the prescribed word limit while answering the questions.

PART - A (40 Marks)

READING

(20 Marks)

1. Read the passage given below.

Hobbies help us grow as a person. The best way to have a new hobby is to try something new. All of us are unique, and this is the reason why our hobbies and interests are different. Once we find an activity we are passionate about, we can explore that activity more. When you get hooked, you will realize that your hobby has become an integral part of your life. Having a hobby that we enjoy brings us joy and refreshes us. Hobbies help us to manage our leisure and unplanned time more productively. It also affords you the opportunity to learn new skills in your work. But these are not the only benefits of having a hobby.

It feels great to be skilled and good at something, doesn't it? And this is what that makes you confident. It can take some time to develop your hobby so that you may be able to tell that you are skilled. But, the journey of experiencing your hobby is very rewarding in itself. With the exposure to different types of activities these days, it doesn't matter which activity you choose. Whether you are pursuing a craft, sports, puzzles, or skill development, your hobby should be a diversion and a passion. Simultaneously, if your hobby gives you a sense of purpose, then you will be more confident about challenging yourself in your hobby and help you prepare for learning new things at work.

Hobbies give you an opportunity to enhance your life. Hobbies allow you to de-stress yourself while remaining mentally productive. Having hobbies promotes better health and may lower the risk of having high blood pressure. Enjoying a few hours of your hobby a week can also reduce the risk of depression and dementia. Hobbies refocus your mind on to something that you enjoy doing. Hobbies that include physical activities create chemical changes in your body that help to reduce stress.

Even if it doesn't involve physical activities, you can still reap the benefits of having a hobby. Getting a short break from work and doing something you are passionate about can rejuvenate your mind and help prepare you to handle challenges in the future in a better way.

Hobbies may provide an opportunity for you to socialize with people and that can be an additional benefit for your overall well-being. You can connect with people who enjoy doing the same things that

you do. You can meet new people, discuss your hobby and get connected to a bigger circle that may even help you turn your hobby into your profession. The internet provides numerous groups and forums to connect with people that enjoy doing the same things that you want to do.

Some hobbies require creativity and if you develop creativity through your hobby, it can be beneficial. Creativity can help you experience new things at school and work. The skill of being creative is essential in today's world.

On the basis of your understanding of the passage, answer ANY TEN questions from the twelve that follow.

1 × 10 = 10

- (a) When a person gets hooked on a hobby, he realises that :
- (i) it has become an integral part of our life.
 - (ii) it has much more benefits than we realised.
 - (iii) it is much more enjoyable to have a hobby.
 - (iv) it is quite essential for us to learn some skills through our hobbies.

Ans : (i) it has become an integral part of our life.

- (b) No matter which sort of hobby you are pursuing, be it a craft, sports, puzzles, or skill development, your hobby should be :
- (i) useful for you in the long run.
 - (ii) a skill that improves your present circumstances.
 - (iii) a diversion and a passion.
 - (iv) followed through till the end.

Ans : (iii) a diversion and a passion.

- (c) The journey of experiencing a hobby is quite :
- (i) challenging for a person.
 - (ii) rewarding in itself.
 - (iii) demanding in itself.
 - (iv) inspirational for a person.

Ans : (ii) rewarding in itself.

- (d) Which of the following is NOT a way through which hobbies enhance your life ?
- I. may lower the risk of having high blood pressure
 - II. reduce the risk of depression and dementia
 - III. distracts the mind from other useless problems
 - IV. promotes better health

- V. reduces stress
 VI. manages the regular balanced exercise
 (i) I, II, II and IV (ii) I, III, IV and VI
 (iii) I, II, IV and V (iv) I, III, V and VI

Ans : (iii) I, II, IV and V

(e) Getting a hobby means having a short break from work and doing something you are passionate about which can :

- (i) give you a peace of mind from all the other problems of daily hectic life and make you feel refreshed.
 (ii) help you enhance and improve your skills and push you forward on your path to success.
 (iii) make you enjoy and appreciate your life much more as you are happy pursuing what you love.
 (iv) rejuvenate your mind and help prepare you to handle challenges in the future in a better way.

Ans : (iv) rejuvenate your mind and help prepare you to handle challenges in the future in a better way.

(f) Choose an option that is NOT a benefit of having a hobby.

- (i) Provides an opportunity for us to socialize with people.
 (ii) Gives us an opportunity to enhance our life.
 (iii) Help us to manage our planned time more beneficially.
 (iv) Makes us more confident in ourselves.

Ans : (iii) Help us to manage our planned time more beneficially.

(g) The skill of being is essential in today's world.

- (i) confident (ii) creative
 (iii) socialable (iv) opportunistic

Ans : (ii) creative

(h) Choose an option that is clearly a synonym of the word 'hooked'.

- (i) opposed (ii) indifferent
 (iii) willing (iv) captivated

Ans : (iv) captivated

(i) Choose an option that can be considered as an appropriate title for the passage.

- (i) The Importance of Having a Hobby
 (ii) The Usage of Hobby
 (iii) The Advantages and Disadvantages of Having a Hobby
 (iv) The Correct Usage of Free Time- A Hobby

Ans : (i) The Importance of Having a Hobby

(j) Hobby provides you with an opportunity to socialise with people by making :

- I. you get connected to a bigger circle that may even help you turn your hobby into your profession.

II. you meet new people with whom you can discuss your hobby.

III. you connect with people who enjoy doing the same things that you do.

IV. you get together with people of your own age and profession.

- (i) I, III and IV (ii) II, III and IV
 (iii) I, II and III (iv) I, II, III and IV

Ans : (iii) I, II and III

(k) Which of the following option is NOT similar in meaning to the word 'beneficial' ?

- (i) advantageous (ii) favourable
 (iii) rewarding (iv) worthless

Ans : (iv) worthless

(l) If your hobby gives you, then you will be more confident about challenging yourself in your hobby and help you prepare for learning new things at work.

- (i) confidence to move forward
 (ii) a sense of purpose
 (iii) a reason to develop yourself
 (iv) skills that help you in your work

Ans : (ii) a sense of purpose

2. Read the passage given below.

The ocean is one of the most unexplored parts of our planet, with a magnitude of undiscovered species and mysteries. It turns out from the studies conducted over the last few decades, this magnificent environment is under serious threat from human intervention, with plastics set to outnumber fish by 2050.

Marine life, as we know it, is suffering irreparable damage from the chemical pollution of the waters and the millions of tons of mismanaged waste dumped in the oceans each year. The result is a planetary crisis with over 100 million marine animal's lives get lost every year, and the decay of the ocean's ecosystem.

Shocking Ocean Pollution Statistics

- 100 million marine animals die each year from plastic waste alone.
- 100000 marine animal die from getting entangled in plastic yearly - this is just the creatures we find
- 1 in 3 marine mammal species get found entangled in litter, 12-14000 tons of plastic are ingested by North Pacific fish yearly.
- In the past 10 years, we've made more plastic than the last century. By 2050, the pollution of fish will be outnumbered by our dumped plastic.
- The largest trash site on the planet is the Great Pacific Garbage Patch, twice the surface area of Texas, it outnumbers sea life there 6 to 1.
- China is ranked #1 for mismanaged waste and plastics. However, the US is in the top 20 with a more significant waste per person contributions.
- 300 Million tons of plastic gets created yearly, and this weighs the same as the entire human population, and 50% is single-use only.
- There are 5.25 trillion pieces of plastic waster estimated to be in our oceans. 269000 tons float, 4 billion microfibers per km² dwell below the surface.

- 70% of our debris sinks into the oceans's ecosystem, 15% floats and 15% lands on our beaches.
- In terms of plastic, 8.3 million tons are discarded in the sea yearly. Of which, 236000 are ingestible microplastics that marine creatures mistake for food.
- Plastics take 500-1000 years to degrade; currently 79% is sent to lands or the oceans, while only 9% is recycled, and 12% gets incinerated.
- 1950-1998 over 100 nuclear blast tests occurred in our oceans.
- 500 marine locations are now recorded as dead zones globally, currently the size of the United Kingdom's surface (245000 km²)
- 80% of global marine pollution comes from agriculture runoff, untreated sewage, discharge of nutrients and pesticides.
- 90% of the worldwide ocean debris comes from 10 rivers alone.

Almost 1,000 species of marine animals get impacted by ocean pollution, and we now have over 500 locations recorded as dead zones where marine life cannot exist. How did this happen, what is causing the most damage, find out everything above in the marine pollution statistics roundup.

The Great Pacific Garbage Patch is a floating island of debris, accumulated in the North Pacific Ocean by an extensive system of currents called gyres. It is built up from two other waste patches, the western garbage patch near Japan and the eastern garbage patch near America's west coast near California and Hawaii.

The North Pacific Subtropical Convergence Zone links the east and western garbage patches, acting as a highway for waste to move from one to the other. Because of this, a small item of debris dropped near California can travel across to Japan, then eventually get sucked up by these swirling garbage patch vortexes. The great pacific garbage patch size is quite shocking. These patches of trash are said to be twice the size of Texas and float on the surface but do drop several meters into the ocean in places, which makes the correct size challenging to measure. The world's largest garbage site is mainly made up of microplastics creating a vast cloud, with newer items of debris that haven't broken down as much floating around like chunks in a soup. The great pacific garbage patch effects on marine life are extremely significant.

On the basis of your understanding of the given passage, answer ANY TEN questions from the twelve that follow.

$$1 \times 10 = 10$$

- (a) In the ocean what is set to outnumber the fish by the year 2050 ?
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| (i) pollution | (ii) plastics |
| (iii) human waste | (iv) garbage |

Ans : (ii) plastics

- (b) Marine life is suffering from irreparable damage because of :
- the millions of tons of mismanaged waste dumped in the oceans each year.
 - the rising global warming which is increasing the death rate of the ocean ecosystems.

III. the chemical pollution of the waters.

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| (i) I and II | (ii) II and III |
| (iii) I and III | (iv) I, II and III |

Ans : (iii) I and III

- (c) How many locations are recorded as dead zones where marine life cannot exist ?

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| (i) 400 | (ii) 450 |
| (iii) 500 | (iv) 550 |

Ans : (iii) 500

- (d) The largest trash site on the planet, the Great Pacific Garbage Patch, is twice the size of which city ?

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| (i) Arizona | (ii) Colorado |
| (iii) Texas | (iv) Florida |

Ans : (iii) Texas

- (e) Which country is ranked number one for mismanaged waste and plastics ?

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| (i) China | (ii) USA |
| (iii) India | (iv) France |

Ans : (i) China

- (f) Which of the following is NOT a place from where 80% of global marine pollution comes ?

- untreated sewage
- agriculture run-off
- discharge of nutrients and pesticide
- factory waste disposal

Ans : (iv) factory waste disposal

- (g) The western garbage patch, which is one of the waste patches that makes up the Great Pacific Garbage Patch, is near

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|----------------|-------------|
| (i) California | (ii) Japan |
| (iii) Hawaii | (iv) Malibu |

Ans : (ii) Japan

- (h) Because of what can a small item of debris dropped near California can travel across to Japan ?

- The North Pacific Subtropical Convergence Zone
- The Great Pacific Garbage Patch
- the gyres
- the vortexes

Ans : (i) The North Pacific Subtropical Convergence Zone

- (i) Choose an option that lists a statement that is NOT TRUE.

- 700 marine locations are now recorded as dead zones globally.
- 70% of our debris sinks into the ocean's ecosystem, 15% floats, and 15 % lands on our beaches.
- 100 million marine animals die each year from plastic waste alone.
- 90% of the worldwide ocean debris comes from 10 rivers alone.

Ans : (i) 700 marine locations are now recorded as dead zones globally.

(j) An extensive system of currents in the North Pacific Ocean is called :

- (i) vortex (ii) convergence
(iii) gyres (iv) debris

Ans : (iii) gyres

(k) Choose an option that is a synonym of the word 'irreparable'.

- (i) unrecoverable (ii) mendable
(iii) cure (iv) replace

Ans : (i) unrecoverable

(l) Which of the following is an antonym of the word 'unexplored' ?

- (i) undiscovered (ii) known
(iii) unimportant (iv) irrelevant

Ans : (ii) known

LITERATURE (10 Marks)

3. Read the extracts given below and attempt ANY ONE by answering the questions that follow. (5×1= 5)

Inside the clouds, everything was suddenly black. It was impossible to see anything outside the aeroplane. The old aeroplane jumped and twisted in the air. I looked at the compass. I couldn't believe my eyes : the compass was turning round and round and round. It was dead. It would not work ! The other instruments were suddenly dead, too. I tried the radio.

(a) What was causing the plane to jump and twist in the air ?

- (i) air pressure (ii) wind currents
(iii) black stormy clouds (iv) dead engine

Ans : (iii) black stormy clouds

(b) Why was the compass turning round and round ?

- (i) because it was dead
(ii) because it couldn't find any signal
(iii) because the plane was out of control
(iv) because there was a storm

Ans : (i) because it was dead

(c) The narrator couldn't see outside the aeroplane because :

- (i) it was too bright to look outside.
(ii) he was too high in the clouds to see anything clearly.
(iii) everything was black inside the storm clouds.
(iv) there was too much lightening.

Ans : (iii) everything was black inside the storm clouds.

(d) Choose an option that is a synonym of the word 'dead'.

- (i) barren (ii) broken-down
(iii) deserted (iv) not useful

Ans : (ii) broken-down

(e) Over which country was the pilot flying at this moment ?

- (i) Germany (ii) Spain
(iii) United Kingdom (iv) France

Ans : (iv) France

or

It was green, green everywhere. Rajvir had never seen so much greenery before. Then the soft green paddy fields gave way to tea-bushes.

It was a magnificent view. Against the backdrop of densely wooded hills a sea of tea bushes stretched as far as the eye could see. Dwarfing the tiny tea plants were tall sturdy shade-trees and amidst the orderly rows of bushes busily moved doll-like figures. In the distance was an ugly building with smoke billowing out of tall chimneys.

"Hey, a tea-garden !" Rajvir cried excitedly.

Pranjol, who had been born and brought up on a plantation, didn't share Rajvir's excitement.

(a) Pranjol did not share Rajvir's excitement about the view outside because :

- (i) he saw it too often.
(ii) there was nothing exciting outside actually.
(iii) he was born and brought up in that area.
(iv) he was more interested in the book he was reading.

Ans : (iii) he was born and brought up in that area.

(b) Why has the building been called ugly ?

- (i) because it was an old building
(ii) because the construction was bad
(iii) because smoke was coming out of its tall chimneys
(iv) because it didn't have a good history

Ans : (iii) because smoke was coming out of its tall chimneys

(c) Why did Rajvir cry excitedly ?

- (i) because he saw too much greenery
(ii) because he saw a tea-garden
(iii) because he saw a plantation
(iv) because he saw an ugly building

Ans : (ii) because he saw a tea-garden

(d) Which of the following options tells the meaning of the word 'billowing' ?

- (i) aggressively shooting upwards
(ii) rolling outward
(iii) moving at a great speed
(iv) gathering at a place

Ans : (ii) rolling outward

(e) What has been called 'magnificent' in the extract ?

- (i) the tall chimney throwing smoke into the air
(ii) the tea bushes covering a huge area
(iii) the hills surrounding the train
(iv) the green green view of Assam's tea gardens

Ans : (iv) the green green view of Assam's tea gardens

4. Read the extracts given below and attempt ANY ONE by answering the questions that follow. (5 × 1 = 5)

Now the name of the little black kitten was Ink, And the little grey mouse, she called him Blink,

And the little yellow dog was sharp as Mustard,
But the dragon was a coward, and she called him
Custard.

(a) Who is 'she' ?

- (i) Amanda (ii) Belinda
(iii) Wanda (iv) Peggy

Ans : (ii) Belinda

(b) What was the little kitten called ?

- (i) Mustard (ii) Blink
(iii) Ink (iv) Custard

Ans : (iii) Ink

(c) What was the characteristic of the dragon ?

- (i) he was brave (ii) he was clumsy
(iii) he was very wise (iv) he was a coward

Ans : (iv) he was a coward

(d) The little dog was called Mustard because :

- (i) he was yellow in colour.
(ii) he talked quite harshly.
(iii) he was as yellow and sharp as mustard.
(iv) he had a muddy colour and a muddy mood.

Ans : (iii) he was as yellow and sharp as mustard.

(e) Choose an option that is an antonym of the word
'coward'.

- (i) weakling (ii) scaredy cat
(iii) aggressor (iv) master

Ans : (iii) aggressor

or

So they show their relations to me and I accept them,
They bring me tokens of myself, they evince
them plainly in their possession.

I wonder where they get those tokens,

Did I pass that way huge times ago and negligently
drop them ?

(a) Who does 'they' refer to ?

- (i) animals (ii) humans
(iii) nature (iv) pets

Ans : (i) animals

(b) Choose an option that states the meaning of the
word 'evince'.

- (i) to reveal the presence of or to show
(ii) to think things over
(iii) to measure the value of something
(iv) to show the love and affection

Ans : (i) to reveal the presence of or to show

(c) Which figure of speech is used in 'wonder where' ?

- (i) personification (ii) alliteration
(iii) metaphor (iv) anaphora

Ans : (ii) alliteration

(d) Who is 'I' ?

- (i) Ogden Nash (ii) Walt Whitman
(iii) Robin Klein (iv) Leslie Norris

Ans : (ii) Walt Whitman

(e) Choose an option that is NOT a synonym of the
word 'negligently'.

- (i) carelessly (ii) indifferently
(iii) poorly (iv) attentively

Ans : (iv) attentively

GRAMMAR

(10 Marks)

5. Choose the correct options to fill in the blanks to
complete the note. $1 \times 3 = 3$

Few studies and inconsistent findings render uncertain
whether using the Internet

(a) On the one hand, time (b) ,
including participating in social activities and
communicating with family and friends. On the other
hand, the Internet facilitates communication with
geographically distant family and friends, and (c)
..... frequently with those nearby.

(a) (i) is having any influence on children's social
outcomes

(ii) has any influence on children's social outcomes

(iii) had any influence on children's social
outcomes

(iv) have any influence on children's social
outcomes

(b) (i) spend online is time not spend elsewhere

(ii) is spending online is time not spent elsewhere

(iii) spending online is time not spend elsewhere

(iv) spent online is time not spent elsewhere

(c) (i) makes it easier to communicate

(ii) made it easier to communicate

(iii) is making it easier to communicate

(iv) will make it easier to communicate

Ans :

(a) (ii) has any influence on children's social outcomes

(b) (iv) spent online is time not spent elsewhere

(c) (i) makes it easier to communicate

6. Choose the correct options to fill in the blanks to
complete the narration. $3 \times 1 = 3$

Wilma : Can I have a small packet of goat
cheese ?

Storekeeper : Sorry, I have only big packets.

Wilma : When will it be available ?

Storekeeper : I can give it to you tomorrow.

Wilma : Thank you, then I will get it
tomorrow.

Wilma asked the storekeeper (a) The
storekeeper said that he only had big packets of
goat cheese. Wilma wanted to know (b) The
storekeeper said (c) Wilma thanked him and
said that she would get it tomorrow.

(a) (i) if he had a small packet of goat cheese

(ii) if he has a small packet of goat cheese

(iii) if he is having a small packet of goat cheese

(iv) if he did have a small packet of goat cheese

- (b) (i) that when will it be available
 (ii) that when should it be available
 (iii) that when would it be available
 (iv) that when shall it be available
- (c) (i) that she would get it tomorrow
 (ii) that she could get it tomorrow
 (iii) that she will get it tomorrow
 (iv) that she can get it tomorrow

Ans :

- (a) (i) if he had a small packet of goat cheese
 (b) (iii) that when would it be available
 (c) (ii) that she could get it tomorrow

7. Fill in the blanks by choosing the correct options for ANY FOUR of the six sentences given below.

$$4 \times 1 = 4$$

- (a) Kane was just a student when his father in a car accident.
 (i) dies (ii) died
 (iii) was dying (iv) dead

Ans : (ii) died

- (b) Unfortunately, I haven't got time to pick you up.
 (i) few (ii) no
 (iii) much (iv) little

Ans : (iii) much

- (c) Can you pass me water bottle please ?
 (i) a (ii) the
 (iii) some (iv) an

Ans : (ii) the

- (d) They can buy these necessities at convenience store.
 (i) any (ii) some
 (iii) many (iv) one

Ans : (i) any

- (e) I'm sorry the house is not available any longer. It to a millionaire.
 (i) was being sold (ii) will be sold
 (iii) is sold (iv) has been sold

Ans : (iv) has been sold

- (f) Michelle her mother in the restaurant until school starts.
 (i) is helping (ii) helped
 (iii) was helping (iv) has helped

Ans : (iii) was helping

PART-B (40 Marks)

WRITING

$$2 \times 5 = 10$$

8. Attempt ANY ONE of the following in 100-120 words. 5

You are Arihant/Ananya of Ashok Vihar. Write a letter of complaint to Cabinet World regarding the faulty cabinet that they have sold to you. Invent the

necessary details on your own.

Ans :

4, Ashok Vihar, Phase I
 New Delhi
 19th May, 20....
 The Manager
 Cabinet World
 Delhi

Subject : Complaint about faulty television cabinet purchased at Cabinet World

Sir,

I am unhappy with the quality of a television cabinet I bought from your shop on 5th May and I am writing to seek a replacement.

The cabinet doors do not open and shut properly, and the stain on the cabinet is uneven, with one half darker than the other. The cabinet was delivered on 15th May and I noticed this problem as soon as I unpacked it from the box.

The cabinet is not of acceptable quality and does not match the sample cabinet I was shown in the store. I would like you to replace it with one of the same quality and finish as the sample, and arrange for return of the faulty cabinet at no additional cost.

I have attached a photocopy of my receipt as a proof of purchase. I would like to have this problem fixed as early as possible. If I do not hear from you within 10 days, I will have to lodge a formal complaint with Consumer Affairs in my state. You can contact me on 1234 5678 to discuss this matter further.

Looking forward to your cooperation.

Yours sincerely

Arihant/Ananya

or

You are Mohammad Ali/Sahiba Ali, residing in 1545, Kirti Nagar, New Delhi. Write a letter to the Deputy Commissioner of Police, drawing his attention to the deteriorating law and order situation in the city.

Ans :

1545, Kirti Nagar
 New Delhi
 5th January, 20..
 The Deputy Commissioner of Police
 Delhi

Subject : Deteriorating law and order situation in the city

Sir/Ma' am,

Through this letter, I wish to bring your kind attention towards the deteriorating law and order situation in the city. Many incidents of daylight thefts and killings have been reported during the recent days. Incidents of chain snatching, kidnapping, rape and murder are also on the rise these days. It seems everybody is unsafe, whether it is a person walking on the street or a person at home.

Everyone is susceptible to fall prey to the evil intentions of the antisocial elements in the society. There is no peace, and disquiet has become a norm. Even terrorists are seen wandering fearlessly in broad daylight.

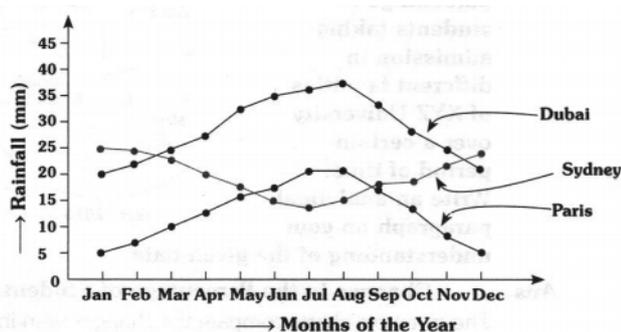
None of these criminals have been arrested so far. If arrested, many of them go scot-free, those not arrested, are seen roaming freely on roads. It seems there is no law and order to control this kind of incidents. It is time that laws are applied more effectively to curb the menace. I request you to look into this matter and take necessary action immediately to enable the residents to live in peace.

Thanking you

Yours sincerely
 Mohammad Ali/Sahiba Ali

9. Attempt ANY ONE of the following in 100-120 words. (5 Marks)

The following line graph shows the average monthly temperatures in three major cities. Write an analytical paragraph on the basis of the line graph reporting the important information and making comparisons where relevant.



Ans :

Monthly Average Temperature of Three Cities

The line graph shows the monthly average temperature of three major cities- Paris, Dubai and Sydney throughout a year.

As the graph illustrates, in January the temperature in Paris is just below 5 degree Celsius making it the coldest month of the year. As for Dubai, it has a temperature of just below 20 degree Celsius and is the coldest month of the year. Meanwhile, Sydney has a temperature of just below 25 degree Celsius in January, which remarkably is the hottest month of the year of this city.

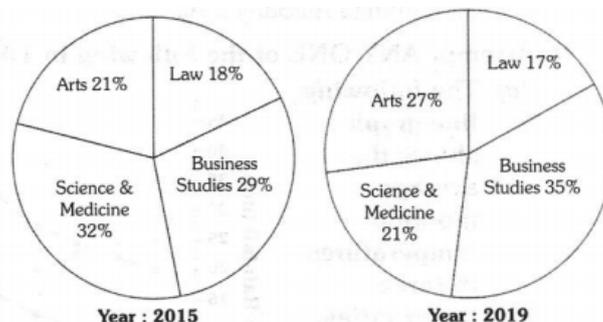
Now, the temperature of Paris slowly increases over the year and reaches as high as 20 degree Celsius in the month of July and August. At the same time, the temperature of Dubai is also on the rise, reaching just above 35 degree Celsius in the month of August. In contrast, the temperature of Sydney keeps on falling over the year till it reaches as low as 13 degree Celsius in July, making it the coldest month of the year of this city.

In the latter half of the year, we notice that the temperature of Paris and Dubai is on the fall, while the temperature of Sydney is on the increase. From August, the temperature of Paris keeps on falling till it reaches 5 degree Celsius in December. At the same time, the temperature of Dubai also keeps falling till it reaches around 22 degree Celsius in December. On the other hand, the temperature of Sydney is on a rise in the latter half of the year. From July, we see a steady increase in temperature till it reaches 23 degree Celsius in December.

Overall, we can conclude that the line graph shows that Paris is the coldest city and Dubai is the hottest city among the three. As for Sydney, it maintains a moderate temperature throughout the year.

or

The following pie charts show the percentage of students taking admission in different faculties of XYZ University over a certain period of time. Write an analytical paragraph on your understanding of the given data.



Ans :

Changes in the Percentage of Student Admission

The given pie charts compare the changes seen in the year 2015 and 2019 in the percentage of students taking admission in the major faculties of Arts, Science and Medicine, Business Studies and Law in XYZ University.

According to the data, the percentage of students taking admission in the Arts faculty have steadily increased from 21% in the year 2015 to 27% in the year 2019. In contrast, the percentage of students taking admission in the faculty of Science and Medicine has drastically decreased from 32% in the year 2015 to 21% in the year 2019. In the case of faculty of Business Studies, there has been a significant increase in the number of students taking admission. From 29% admission in 2015, the numbers have increased to 35% in 2019. On the other hand, the faculty of Law has seen only a minute decrease from 18% in 2015 to 17% in 2019.

In conclusion, in the year 2019 the students seem to be more inclined to take admission in the faculties of Business Studies and Arts in comparison to 2015 when Science and Medicine had seemed to gather more students. Meanwhile, faculty of Law seems to have had very little changes in student admission.

LITERATURE (30 Marks)

10. Answer ANY TWO questions in 20-30 words each, from (A) and (B) respectively. $2 \times 4 = 8$
 (A) (any two) $2 \times 2 = 4$
 (i) What does Chubukov at first suspect Lomov had come to his house for ?

Ans :

Seeing Lomov in an evening dress at his house, Chubukov at first thought that Lomov had come to borrow some money from him. In his mind Chubukov had decided not to lend him any money, but still he talked quite politely to him

(ii) How did Valli manage to leave her house ?

Ans :

Everyday after lunch Valli's mother would take a nap from one to four or so. Valli usually used this time to indulge in her excursions as she stood looking from the doorway of her house or venturing out into the village. She used the same hours for her first excursion outside the village.

(iii) Why was the pilot of the Dakota frightened once again while following the other plane ?

Ans :

After the pilot of the black plane waved at him, indicating that he should follow him, the pilot of the Dakota did exactly so. But after following the other plane for half an hour, he found that there was fuel in his plane for only five or ten minutes more. At that moment, he became frightened once again.

(B) (any two) $2 \times 2 = 4$

(i) What did Anil offer to teach Hari Singh ?

Ans :

Anil told Hari Singh, the thief, that he would teach him how to cook. Anil also offered to teach him how to write his name, whole sentences and even how to add numbers.

(ii) In the end how did Bholi console her father ?

Ans :

Bholi consoled her father by telling him that even if she did not get married, she would take care of her parents in their old age. She also mentioned that she would teach in the same school where she had learned so much.

(iii) How did Griffin escape from the London store ?

Ans :

Griffin did not wake up on time and was caught by the two assistants of the store. They chased after him and the only solution Griffin could think of was to become invisible. So, he took off all of his new found clothes and become invisible and thus escaped.

11. Answer ANY TWO questions in 40-50 words each, from (A) and (B) respectively. $3 \times 4 = 12$

(A) (any two) $3 \times 2 = 6$

(i) Who are Pranjol and Rajvir ? Where were they going ?

Ans :

Pranjol was a youngster from Assam, while Rajvir was Pranjol's classmate at a school in Delhi. Pranjol's father was the manager of a tea-garden in upper Assam and Pranjol had invited Rajvir to visit his home during their summer vacation. Therefore, they were going to Assam.

(ii) What was the peculiarity of the corner of the room where Wanda used to sit ?

Ans :

In the corner that Wanda usually used to sit in was occupied by the rough boys who did not get good marks, and where one could hear the most noisy, dragging movements of the feet on the ground. From

this corner, one could hear the most roars of laughter when anything funny was said and it even had the most mud and dirt on the floor.

(iii) 'Money is external.' What does the poet John Berryman mean by these words ?

Ans :

Money is external. It cannot be used to replace everything. Money cannot buy happiness. It cannot buy memories. We must learn to be responsible and take care of our possessions. The things we possess have memories attached to them, hence they must be taken care of. Money cannot replace everything because it cannot compensate for the sense of loss suffered by a person.

(B) (any two) $3 \times 2 = 6$

(i) What reasons does Griffin give to Mrs. Hall for coming to Iping ?

Ans :

Griffin remained secluded in the village of Iping. He did not speak and mix with anybody in the village. He told Mrs. Hall that he wanted solitude and did not wish to be disturbed in his work. He further added that an accident had affected his face so he should just be left alone.

(ii) 'If the theory proves correct, it will be a big step towards understanding the processes of life.' What is the theory and who proposed it ?

Ans :

Richard Ebright's new theory was about cell life. It came to him while he was looking at X-ray photos of the chemical structure of a hormone. The photos gave him an answer as to how the cell can 'read' the blueprint of its DNA. DNA is the substance in the nucleus of a cell that controls heredity. It determines the form and function of the cell. Thus, DNA is the blueprint for life. Ebright proposed this theory with the help of his roommate James R. Wong.

(iii) What happened at the ball ? Was Matilda's dream fulfilled ?

Ans :

At the ball, Matilda was drunk with pleasure and filled with joy. She danced joyfully and excitedly. Fascinated with her charm and beauty, all the men wanted to be introduced to her. The officials of the ministry even desired to dance with her. She danced with passion and forgot everything in the victory of her glory.

12. Answer ANY ONE of the following in 100-120 words. (5 marks)

According to Nelson Mandela, every man in life has twin obligations. What are these obligations ? Do you agree with Nelson Mandela's opinion about the 'twin obligations' ?

Ans :

Nelson Mandela believed that in life, every man had twin obligations. These were obligations to his family, to his parents, to his wife and children, and his obligation to his people, his community and his country. He said that in a civil and humane society,

each man was able to fulfil these obligations. But, in South Africa, previously, it was impossible for a dark-skinned man to fulfil both of these obligations. Because a man of colour who attempted to live as a human being in South Africa was punished and isolated.

I fully agree with Nelson Mandela because in any country where people are being oppressed, anyone who wishes to fulfil his duty to his people is bound to be prevented from fulfilling his obligations as a son, as a brother, as a father and as a husband. To serve the cause of his people Nelson Mandela had to spend thirty years in prison like many Indian freedom fighters who struggled for the sake of the freedom of their beloved country.

or

Contrary to Wanda's presence not being shown too much in the story 'The Hundred Dresses', she is the main protagonist of the story.

Explain what sort of person Wanda was and how, in spite of being poor, she won the hearts of everyone in the story.

Ans :

Wanda Petronski usually sat in the last row in Room Thirteen. She was a quiet and calm girl but she sat in the corner of the room where the rough boys who did not get good marks sat. Wanda was quiet girl who rarely said anything at all and never even laughed out loud.

She came to school alone and went home alone. She always wore a faded blue dress that did not hang right, but was always clean. Moreover, Wanda did not get angry with anyone. Peggy would make fun of her everyday by asking her how many dresses she had in the closet. But Wanda never reacted angrily and always said calmly that she had a hundred dresses.

But most importantly, Wanda was very creative and imaginative. She imagined and created designs of a hundred dresses with her own mind. Even though without saying anything to anyone she left the school after the drawing competition, she still won the prize and was therefore the winner of the girls medal. All because she made and submitted one hundred designs of dresses which were all different and beautiful. Later, she even wrote an affectionate letter to Miss Mason and won everyone's heart. She sent Christmas greetings to everyone and asked Peggy to keep the green dress with red trimmings and Maddie to keep the blue one. In the end, Peggy and Maddie even found out that Wanda had actually drawn their faces on the drawings, which showed that Wanda had put in great efforts to make the dresses especially for them. Thus, in the end, Wanda won everyone's heart by her innocent and patient nature.

13. Answer ANY ONE of the following in 100-120 words.
(5 Marks)

"Oh I will, Mr Herriot. I'm sure you are right, but it is so difficult, so very difficult."

Above statement easily shows that Mrs Pumphrey is a very loving and caring mistress for Tricki. Explain the truth with instances from the story 'A Triumph of Surgery'.

Ans :

Mrs. Pumphrey was a very loving and caring mistress of Tricki. She looked after her pet Tricki with great love and pampered him a lot. But due to her immense love and affectionate nature, she did not realize that too much indulgence was proving harmful for him. When Tricki was listless and seemed to have no energy, the first thought that came to her mind was that it must be due to malnutrition. Like a caring mother, she started giving him a little extra food between the meals to build him up. Out of sheer love and concern, she gave him some malt, cod liver oil and bowl of Horlicks. She couldn't even cut out on sweets because he appeared to be so weak and moreover, she found it very difficult to keep Tricki on a very strict diet. She wasn't wise but she was very loving. She almost swooned when Mr. Herriot suggested that Tricki should be hospitalised. She even wailed when Tricki was being taken away by Mr. Herriot while her entire staff carried all of Tricki's favourite things to the car. She, with a despairing cry and tears in her eyes, threw an armful of the little coats through the window of the moving car when Tricki was being taken away. Later, Mrs. Pumphrey called up a dozen times a day for the latest bulletins on Tricki's health. On being told that Tricki was convalescing, she sent fresh eggs, wine and brandy for him. She loved Tricki so much that when he got well, she thanked Mr. Herriot by saying that—'This is triumph of surgery.'

or

"A lawless scientist is a curse to the society."

Discuss with reference to the story 'Footprints without Feet'.

Ans :

A true scientist is always dedicated and concerned about the welfare and well-being of the society as a whole. A scientist should never be selfish but use his inventions and discoveries for the benefit of the entire mankind. His goal should be to see the people of the world happy, prosperous and leading their lives comfortably.

But a scientist, if he is lawless, is a curse to the society. For instance, Griffin in the story 'Footprints without Feet' was a brilliant scientist, who made a rare discovery of making the human body invisible. But he was selfish, lawless and concerned more about his own petty gains. He was a lawless scientist who misused his discovery by setting his landlord's house on fire, stealing from the London store, attacking a shopkeeper and robbing him of his money, while he was in London. At Iping also, he stole the clergyman's money, hit Mrs. Hall by hurling a chair at her and knocked down the constable after becoming invisible. This shows that a scientist like him is a curse to the society and rather than causing benefit, he causes more harm to the people around him.

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