

**CLASS X (2020-21)**  
**ENGLISH (CODE 0184)**  
**SAMPLE PAPER-01**

**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]

**Q1. Read the passage given below.**

[10 Marks]

- (1) Keep your watch accurate. For some people, moving up the time on their watch will help them get up earlier. For others, they will remember that the time on the watch is wrong and will disregard it altogether. It may be helpful to set your watch just two minutes ahead instead of five or ten.
- (2) Keep a clock, phone, computer or anything that displays time in each room of your house. One of the easiest ways to run late is simply by not realising that the time is passing as quickly as it is.
- (3) Set all your clocks and watches to the same time. Don't be an optimist. Things usually take longer than what you'd expect, even without major delays. If you have a dinner appointment at 7:30 p.m., don't think you can work till 7 p.m., then take a bath, dress and reach on time. Realistically, calculate the time you will take at each step and then add 10 minutes more to allow for unexpected delays, or you cannot get to your job done in time.
- (4) Wake up when you are supposed to wake up. Don't hit the snooze button, keep on lying in bed, and watch TV at the very start of your day. Maybe you can try even setting your clock 10 minutes earlier than you need. If you have difficulty with this, move your alarm clock to somewhere away from your bed; that way, you will have to get up to turn it off. Commit yourself to being 15 minutes early for everything. If you have to reach your place of work at 8:00, don't even tell yourself this. Just tell yourself (and everyone else who listens—but don't annoy them or make them think that they are late or early!) "I have to be at work at 7:45." If you do this, you will be on time even with little unforeseen delays. You will be on time even with a traffic jam.

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

[1 × 10 = 10 Marks]

- (a) We should be ..... in approach with time management.
  - (i) optimistic
  - (ii) pessimistic
  - (iii) realistic
  - (iv) utopian
- (b) It is good to commit yourself ..... for everything.
  - (i) to be late
  - (ii) to delay
  - (iii) to being 15 minutes early
  - (iv) to search the last moment

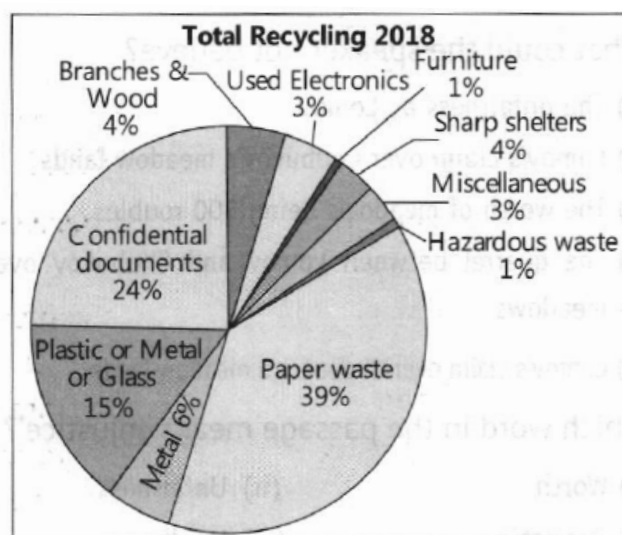
- (c) The passage highlights:
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| (i) the value of time              | (ii) the importance of being ahead of time |
| (iii) the value of being upto time | (iv) the value of calculating time         |
- (d) To be punctual we should .....
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| (i) hit the snooze button of the alarm clock |
| (ii) get up at the right time                |
| (iii) start watching TV in the morning       |
| (iv) keep on lying in bed                    |
- (e) The narrator does not deny which of the following activity just after waking up:
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|---------------------------|--|
| (i) hitting snooze button | (ii) keep on lying in bed              |
| (iii) watch TV            | (iv) wake up when you actually have to |
- (f) What does the author mean when he uses the word “delay”?
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| (i) Late        | (ii) Turn off |
| (iii) Disregard | (iv) Accurate |
- (g) One of the major reasons for being delayed is
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| (i) absence of clock, phone or computer                |
| (ii) being overindulged in work                        |
| (iii) not realising that time passes quickly           |
| (iv) not keeping a margin in the expected time of work |
- (h) Being ahead by ..... minutes should be everyone’s commitment.
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| (i) 10 minutes  | (ii) 15 minutes |
| (iii) 5 minutes | (iv) 30 minutes |
- (i) The author uses the word ‘unexpected’ in paragraph 4. He means to say:
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| (i) commit  | (ii) unforeseen |
| (iii) annoy | (iv) snooze     |
- (j) Which word conveys the opposite of realistically?
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| (i) Impracticable | (ii) Rational  |
| (iii) Achievable  | (iv) Pragmatic |
- (k) Which word means ‘disregard’?
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| (i) Attention | (ii) Consider |
| (iii) Ignore  | (iv) Regard   |
- (l) The narrator denies us to:
- |                                  |                                      |
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| (i) be realistic                 | (ii) be optimistic                   |
| (iii) keeping our watch accurate | (iv) wake up when we are supposed to |

Q2. **Read the passage given below.**

**[10 Marks]**

Conference series LLC Ltd organises a conference series of 1000+ global events inclusive of 300+ conferences, 900+ upcoming and previous symposiums and workshops in USA, Europe and Asia with support from 1000 more Scientific societies and publishes 700+ open access journals which contain over 30000 eminent personalities, reputed scientists as Editorial board members. Recycling and Waste Management Convention 2018 proudly invites contributors across the globe to 9th World Convention on Recycling and Waste Management during October 22-23, 2018 in Osaka, Japan, which includes prompt keynote presentations, oral talks, poster presentations and exhibitions. We are delighted to say that it is the 9th World Convention on Recycling and Waste Management which will be held in a beautiful city of Osaka, Japan and hence we invite you all to attend and register.

9th World Convention on Recycling and Waste Management is mainly based on the theme “Advocating Waste Disposal and Recycling Practices for Clean and Green Environment.” We warmly welcome all the participants— leading scientists, researchers and scholars of the world to attend the convention. We provide a platform for young researchers and students to present their research through oral presentations through which they can develop a foundation for collaboration among young researchers. The organising committee aims at setting a platform for all the budding scientists and researchers to present their real-time work and share their views and aspects related to the theme of the conference. The organising committee is gearing up for an exciting and informative conference programme including plenary lecture, symposia, workshops on a variety of topics, poster presentations and various programmes for participants from all over the world.



**On the basis of your understanding of the passage, answer ANY TEN questions from the twelve that follow.** **[1 × 10 = 10 Marks]**

- (a) What theme is being highlighted after reading the given passage?
- Efficient means of reducing garbage
  - Efficient ways of waste disposal
  - Various techniques to be employed to recycle the goods
  - Both (ii) and (iii)
- (b) Which notion in the conference has been emphasised to be deployed?
- Waste management
  - Recycling of goods
  - Waste disposal management
  - Reshaping Earth’s future
- (c) On observing the pie-chart, which two types of waste have been recycled at the rate of 4%?
- Furniture and used electronics
  - Branches and wood and sharp shelters
  - Furniture and hazardous waste
  - All of the above
- (d) On observing the chart, which type of waste is generated the most?
- Confidential documents
  - Paper waste
  - Miscellaneous
  - Plastic or metal or glass
- (e) Which of the following activities contribute collectively towards paper waste recycled percentage?
- Plastic or metal or glass and metal
  - Confidential documents and plastic or metal or glass
  - Miscellaneous recycled waste and confidential documents
  - None of the above

- (f) What does the given data represent?  
 (i) The types of waste that haven't been generated  
 (ii) The amount and degree of recycled waste  
 (iii) The increasing trend of recycling and waste management  
 (iv) Both (ii) and (iii)
- (g) What has been considered as an efficient means to reduce landfill area?  
 (i) Sorting of waste (ii) Recycling or composting waste  
 (iii) Both (i) and (ii) (iv) None of the above
- (h) What are the main reasons of waste management and recycling it?  
 (i) To not over-exploit the resources  
 (ii) Reducing the dump of landfill area  
 (iii) Leaving behind the quality of environment free from pollution  
 (iv) All of the above
- (i) Which other type of waste is recycled at the same rate as that of used electronics?  
 (i) Miscellaneous goods  
 (ii) Hazardous waste and sharp shelters  
 (iii) Branches and wood  
 (iv) None of the above
- (j) Which convention session was conducted on recycling at waste management in 2018?  
 (i) 9th Convention (ii) 8th Convention  
 (iii) 18th Convention (iv) 29th Convention
- (k) Which activity has been considered as the second nature to us?  
 (i) Sorting of waste  
 (ii) Recycling of waste  
 (iii) Waste management  
 (iv) Implementing steps framed and deployed in convention
- (l) How can the success of waste management be achieved?  
 (i) Recycling goods  
 (ii) Choosing the correct type of goods in order to reduce waste  
 (iii) Making a small contribution towards protecting environment  
 (iv) All of the above

**LITERATURE****[10 Marks]**

- Q3. **Read the extracts given below and attempt ANY ONE, by answering the questions that follow.**  
**[1 × 5 = 5 Marks]**

“I can hardly believe my ears

These meadows aren't worth much to me. They only come to five dessiatins and are worth perhaps 300 roubles, but I can't stand unfairness. Say what you will, I can't stand unfairness.”

- (a) Who is the speaker of these lines?  
 (i) Natalya (ii) Chubukov  
 (iii) Chubukov's Aunt (iv) Lomov
- (b) To whom are these words said to?  
 (i) Chubukov (ii) Chubukov's Aunt  
 (iii) Natalya to herself (iv) Lomov

- (c) In what context is 'unfairness' being talked about?  
 (i) To the worthlessness of meadows  
 (ii) The worth of meadows being 300 roubles  
 (iii) The claiming of meadows by Lomov  
 (iv) The possession of meadow lands by Chubukov's for years
- (d) What could the speaker not believe?  
 (i) The unfairness by Lomov  
 (ii) Lomov's claim over Chubukov's meadow lands  
 (iii) The worth of meadows being 300 roubles  
 (iv) The quarrel between Lomov and Chubukov over the meadows
- (e) Which word in the passage means 'injustice'?  
 (i) Worth (ii) Unfairness  
 (iii) Dessiatins (iv) Hardly

**OR**

'Tea was first drunk in China,' Rajvir added, 'as far back as 2700 BC. In fact words such as tea, chai and chini are from Chinese.' Tea came to Europe only in sixteenth century and was drunk more as medicine than a beverage.

- (a) From which chapter has this extract been taken from?  
 (i) Glimpses of India (ii) A Letter to God  
 (iii) From the Diary of Anne Frank (iv) The Sermon at Benares
- (b) Who is the speaker of these lines?  
 (i) Rajvir (ii) Pranjol's father  
 (iii) Pranjol (iv) Anne
- (c) Where was the tea first brought into use?  
 (i) Europe (ii) Assam  
 (iii) Darjeeling (iv) China
- (d) What is special about tea?  
 (i) It has medicinal use as well as beverage  
 (ii) It gives flavour and aroma  
 (iii) It was first drunk in China  
 (iv) All of the above
- (e) Where was Rajvir when he told these facts?  
 (i) Compartment of train (ii) In the car of Rajvir's father  
 (iii) Classroom (iv) At railway station

**Q4. Read the extracts given below and attempt ANY ONE, by answering the questions that follow. [1 × 5 = 5 Marks]**

But up jumped Custard, Snorting like an engine,  
 Clashed his tail like irons in a dungeon,  
 With a clatter and a clank and a jangling squirm,  
 He went at the pirate like a robin at a worm

- (a) Who is 'Custard' here referred to?  
 (i) A dragon (ii) Name of pirate  
 (iii) Belinda (iv) Mustard
- (b) Who is the poet?  
 (i) John Berryman (ii) Robert Frost  
 (iii) Walt Whitman (iv) Ogden Nash

- (c) What is meant by the phrase ‘Snorting like an engine’?  
 (i) The very deep and loud sound of an engine of a train  
 (ii) The snorting sound made by custard  
 (iii) The sound of weapons  
 (iv) The nasty sound made by pirate
- (d) This stanza shows:  
 (i) the cowardice of the pirate (ii) the cowardice of custard  
 (iii) the bravery and courage of custard (iv) the strategic attack of custard
- (e) Which poetic device is used here?  
 (i) Simile (ii) Alliteration  
 (iii) Metaphor (iv) Personification

**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.

- (a) From which poem have these lines been taken?  
 (i) A Tiger in the Zoo (ii) The Tale of Custard the Dragon  
 (iii) Animals (iv) Dust of Snow
- (b) What does ‘they’ refer to?  
 (i) Animals (ii) Insects  
 (iii) Human beings (iv) All of these
- (c) What does ‘tokens of myself’ refer to?  
 (i) The token to enter the Zoo  
 (ii) The tokens poet has received from animals  
 (iii) The symbol of noble virtues  
 (iv) Tokens of their identity
- (d) Which word in the stanza means ‘symbol’?  
 (i) Accept (ii) Token  
 (iii) Plainly (iv) Evince
- (e) Which literary device has been highlighted in the given stanza?  
 (i) Personification (ii) Alliteration  
 (iii) Anaphora (iv) All of these

**GRAMMAR****[10 Marks]**

**Q5. Complete the paragraph and answer any four of the following by choosing the correct options.**

**[1 × 3 = 3 Marks]**

In the past few decades Television has become the (a) ..... powerful means of entertainment. With the introduction of many satellite channels, its reach (b) ..... many folds. I am sure you all (c) ..... agree with me that T.V. has become an indispensable gadget in our homes.

- (a) (i) more (ii) much  
 (iii) many (iv) most
- (b) (i) increases (ii) is increasing  
 (iii) is increased (iv) had increasing
- (c) (i) would (ii) much  
 (iii) could (iv) should

Q6. Complete the dialogue choosing the correct option. [1 × 3 = 3 Marks]

Manu : I am really thrilled about our trip to South India.

I have heard it (a) .....

Arun : Yes, (b) ..... to visit such places about which we have just heard.

Manu : I don't know (c) ..... when I will find myself standing before the vast sea.

Arun : Yes, it will be a wonderful experience to see the vast waves rising and striking the beach.

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| (a) (i) has many wonderful beaches | (ii) I have some wonderful beaches |
| (iii)has some wonderful beaches    | (iv) has a wonderful beach         |
| (b) (i) I am feeling excited       | (ii) I have been feeling excited   |
| (iii)I was excited                 | (iv) I will be feeling excited     |
| (c) (i) what to do                 | (ii) how I shall feel              |
| (iii)what I will do                | (iv) what will I do                |

Q7. Fill in the blanks by choosing the correct options for any four of the six sentences given below: [1 × 4 = 4 Marks]

(a) You ..... get the car repaired. There is something wrong with the brakes.

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| (i) might | (ii) has to  |
| (iii)need | (iv) have to |

(b) Nobody ..... going to watch his performance.

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| (i) are   | (ii) has |
| (iii)were | (iv) is  |

(c) There isn't ..... milk in the glass.

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| (i) few   | (ii) little |
| (iii)much | (iv) many   |

(d) She met ..... European. He had come to see ..... Taj.

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| (i) an; the   | (ii) a; the |
| (iii)the; the | (iv) an; a  |

(e) It ..... since early morning.

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| (i) is raining        | (ii) have been raining |
| (iii)has been raining | (iv) was raining       |

(f) You ..... be considerate towards your neighbours.

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| (i) will      | (ii) dare |
| (iii)ought to | (iv) need |

## PART - B (40 MARKS)

### WRITING

[10 Marks]

Q8. Attempt ANY ONE of the following in 100-120 words. [5 Marks]

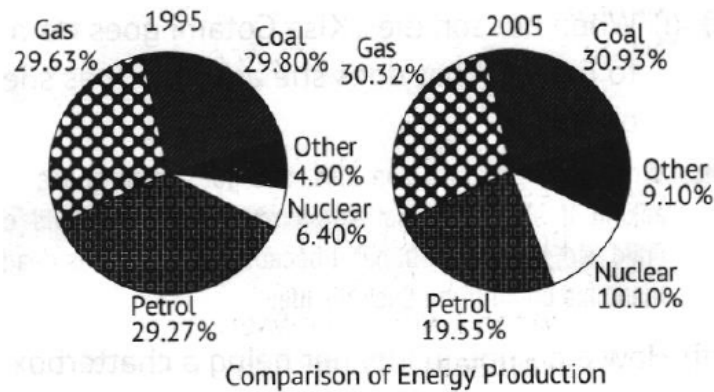
Increase in the number of private vehicles coupled with the lack of civic sense has led to several road accidents in your city. Write a letter in 100-120 words to the editor of a local daily urging people to use public transport and to have patience while driving. You are Ram/Rama, 4 Raja Road, Karnal.



OR

You are Parvati/Praveen, Store In-Charge of Aman Stores, 32/54, Ravi Nagar, Delhi. Your school requires school bags and accessories in bulk for the commencement of the new session. Write a letter of enquiry to the Sales Manager, Duckback Industries Ltd. 13/4, Maharajpur, Delhi enquiring about the details of goods manufactured.

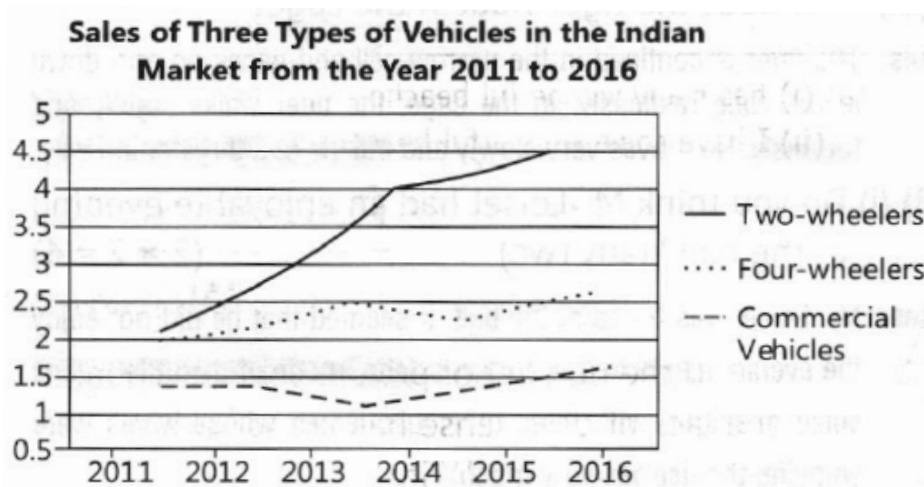
- Q9. The following pie-chart shows the comparison of different kinds of energy production in France in two different years. [5 Marks]



Study the pie-charts and summarise them into a paragraph of 100-120 words.

OR

Study the given line graph carefully and summarise it into a paragraph of 100-120 words.



## LITERATURE

[30 Marks]

- Q10. Answer ANY TWO questions in 20-30 words each, from (A) and (B) respectively. [2 × 4 = 8]

(A) (any two)

[2 × 2 = 4 Marks]

- (i) When her son dies, Kisa Gotami goes from house to house. What does she ask for? Does she get it or not?
- (ii) How did Anne justify her being a chatterbox in her essay?
- (iii) How does the tiger walk in the cage?

(B) (any two)

[2 × 2 = 4 Marks]

- (i) Do you think Mr. Loisel had an enjoyable evening at the ball?
- (ii) Why do you think Lutkins' neighbours were anxious to meet the lawyer?
- (iii) Why was Mrs. Pumphrey worried about Tricky?



Q11. **Answer ANY TWO questions in 40-50 words each, from (A) and (B) respectively.**[3 × 4 = 12]

**(A) (any two)**

**[3 × 2 = 6 Marks]**

**(i)** After achieving political emancipation what does Mandela want to do in South Africa?

**(ii)** Maddie wrote a note for Peggy but tore it away. Why?

**(iii)** How did Belinda and her pets behave when the pirate was killed?

**(B) (any two)**

**[3 × 2 = 6 Marks]**

**(i)** Why did Anil decide to pay Hari Singh, regularly?

**(ii)** Why was Bholi reluctant to go to school with her father?

**(iii)** Why did Mrs. Hall find the scientist eccentric?

Q12. **Answer ANY ONE the following in 100-120 words:**

**[5 Marks]**

The characters Natalya and Lomov lose their temper on trivial issues. It shows their poor skills and anger management.

On the basis of your reading of the chapter and your own understanding, think of a situation through which it has been highlighted that they have tried to maintain their cordial relationship and write an imaginary conversation between the two.

**OR**

Valli was a young girl yet she shows the characteristics of a mature and practical person which were beyond her years. Justify the statement by giving the character sketch of her personality.

Q13. **Answer ANY ONE of the following in 100-120 words:**

**[5 Marks]**

Dr. James Herriot was a competent veterinary surgeon. His practical approach and common sense helped in the rapid recovery of Tricki. Comment.

**OR**

Love, human sympathy and education can transform even a thief. How could Anil bring such a change in Hari Singh?

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