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Sample Set 3 CLASS –X

SUBJECT- ENGLISH LANGUAGE AND LITERATURE (184)

Time: 3Hours

Maximum Marks: 80

General Instructions:

1. 15-minute prior reading time allotted for question paper reading.
2. The question paper contains THREE sections- Reading, Grammar& Writing and Literature.
3. Attempt questions based on specific instructions for each part.

Section A: READING SKILLS-(20 Marks)

Reading Comprehension Through Unseen Passages

1 Read the passage given below.

(10 Marks)

1. Birds have been building nests for over 100 million years. Dinosaurs, the ancestors of birds, also built terrestrial nests over hundreds of millions of years. The diversity we see in bird's nests today is a result of these thousands of bird species, evolving in different environments, creating diverse ways to house and protect their families.
2. We think of architecture as a result of conscious design, purpose and aesthetic expression there is, precisely, such architecture in avian nests. These are not unplanned constructions. These are shaped by a history of selection and functionality. Also, the diversity of materials used by birds to build nests is astonishing and birds arrive at this independently.
3. As adults, the birds go out into nature alone and gather materials to construct their nests which have very specific structures. They have extraordinary building capacities which show both flexibility and an innate way of interacting with the environment.
4. Interestingly, all nests perform a physical job to house and protect a bird's eggs from bad weather and predators. The nest is also often the location of the development of the young. Therefore, knowing the nest's centrality, birds have developed habitat-based strategies to meet these needs. Diverse species use sticks, twigs, webs or mud, handled in specific ways to create the nest they require. Like human builders, birds choose materials related to the actual structure they want.
5. Birds' nests also have regular styles of construction - historically conditioned by circumstances, like human communities which use bricks or stones. Birds have a similar historical investment in their nests. For instance, a group of land birds, which includes kingfishers, hornbills, and woodpeckers, is about 60 million

years old. All of these nests in holes, from ground burrows to holes in trees, where they can safely keep their eggs. None of them has created an alternative way. Nests are, therefore, conservative structures - birds don't change the designs much, unless they are sure they are improving on the conditions required for breeding and protecting their young.

6. Now weaver birds are an extraordinary example of a group that makes impressive nests. These include an egg chamber suspended from a branch, with a doorway. The complexity is amazing - the fibres are interlaced, like weaves.

7. This creates very strong water-repellent structures. The weaver bird starts with a vertical ring, like a hoop, and adds a back hemisphere to this. It then weaves on the front to create a small door. Some species add a tubular passage to the back chamber - this can be up to five times the length of the nest.

Answer the following questions, based on the passage above.

- i. State two jobs performed by a bird's nest. 2
- ii. Infer one reason for the following, based on information in paragraph 1: 1
Different birds build their nests in different ways.
- iii. State whether the following statement is TRUE or FALSE: 1
Diverse species use sticks, twigs, webs or mud, handled in specific ways to create the nest they require.
- iv. Birds also have aesthetic sense. Justify with reference to extract. 2
- v. The materials all birds use for building their nests are 1
(a) sticks
(b) twigs only
(c) webs or mud
(d) any of the above, according to their specific needs
- vi. Substitute the word 'instance' with ONE WORD similar in meaning, in the following sentence from paragraph 5: 1
Birds have a similar historical investment in their nests. For instance, a group of land birds.
- vii. When the birds think of building their nests, the most important factor in their minds is: 1
(a) its beauty
(b) its purpose
(c) its design
(d) its colour

viii. 'Nests are; therefore, conservative structures' means

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- (a) nests are modern in design
- (b) nests have to be carefully constructed
- (c) nests are traditional in design
- (d) nests are flashy and gaudy in looks

2. *Read the passage given below*

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1. As the family finally sets off from home after many arguments, there is a moment of a lull as the car takes off. "Alright, so where are we going for dinner now?" asks the one at the driving wheel. What follows is chaos as multiple voices make as many suggestions.

2. By the time order is restored and a decision is arrived at, tempers have risen, feelings injured and there is at least one person grumbling. Twenty years ago, you would step out of home, the decision of meal and venue already made with no arguments or opposition and everybody looked forward to the meal with equal enthusiasm. The decision was made by the head of the family and the others fell in line. Today every member of the family has a say in every decision which also promotes a sense of togetherness and bonding. We empower our kids to take their own decisions from a very early age. We ask them the cuisine they prefer, the movie they want to see, the holiday they wish to go on and the subjects they wish to study.

3. It's a closely connected world, out there where children consult and guide each other. A parent's well-meaning advice can sound like nothing more than unnecessary preaching. How then do we teach our children through all the conflicting views and make the voice of reason be heard? Children today question choices and prefer to go with the flow. What then is the best path to take? I would say the most important thing one can do is to listen. Listen to your children and their silences. Ensure that you keep some time aside for them, insist that they share their stories with you. Step into their world. It is not as complicated as it sounds; just a daily half an hour of quality time would do the trick.

Answer the following questions, based on the passage above

- i. Mention one appropriate reason why the decision should be made by the head of the family? 2
- ii. Select the correct option to complete the following sentence: (Paragraph 1) 1
What follows is ... as multiple voices make as many suggestions.
A. Chaos B. Silence C. No one involve D. Everyone keeps their mouth shut.
- iii. Complete the following analogy correctly with a word/ phrase from paragraph 2: 1
Arguments: chaos :: ...: family
(Clue: Just like arguments are integral to chaos, similarly ... is/ are integral to family)

- iv. Today every member of the family has a say in every decision which also promotes a sense of togetherness and bonding. (paragraph 2) Explain why the writer says that every decision promotes a sense of togetherness and bonding? 2
- V Fill in the blank by selecting the correct option. 1
By the time order is restored and a decision is arrived at, tempers have risen, feelings injured and there is at least ... person grumbling. (paragraph 2)
A. Three B. One C. Two D. All
- vi. Why does the writer say that we empower our kids to take their decisions? (paragraph 2) 1
A. To have a say in everything B. To spoil them
C. To enjoy their life D. To have their opinion too
- vii. Select the option that title the paragraphs appropriately. 1
A. Family and decision B. Decision making C. Arguments D. Opinions
- viii. Give two points on family decisions. 1
1. _____ 2. _____

SECTION B: WRITING SKILLS & GRAMMAR (20 marks)

GRAMMAR- 10 Marks

3. **Complete ANY TEN of twelve of the following tasks, as directed.** 10

- i. Read the conversation between Nisha and Anjali. Complete the narration by reporting Anjali's reply correctly.

Nisha: I want to improve my command over the English language.

Anjali: For that you need to do a lot of reading in English.

Nisha said she wanted to improve her command over the English language. Anjali said that _____.

- ii. Select the option that identifies the error and supplies the correction for the following line:
We, here in India have so many religions, we eat so many different foods, we wear so much different kinds of dresses.

Option No.	Error	Correction
A	much	many
B	eat	ate
C	have	has
D	wear	wears

iii. Fill in the blank by using the correct form of the word in the bracket.

They _____ (wish) me on my birthday every year. kinds of dresses.

iv. Identify the error in the given sentence and supply the correction.

I like to drinking juice in the morning, and tea at lunchtime.

Use the given format for your answer:

Error	Correction

v. Fill in the blank by choosing the correct option, to complete the sentence.

The father divided his property among his three sons lest they _____ quarrel afterwards.

(a) should (b) shall (c) will (d) could

vi. Select the correct option to fill in the blank for the given line.

Principal to a student: You _____ with bad friends.

(a) must not mix (b) cannot mix (c) may not mix (d) None of these.

vii. Complete the given sentence, by filling in the blank with the correct option:

Two years have passed since he _____ here.

(a) has come

(b) come

(c) came

(d) had come.

viii. Report the dialogue between Parul and Nikhil, by completing the narration:

Parul: Where did you spend your holidays?

Nikhil: I went to many hill stations.

Parul asked Nikhil _____. Nikhil replied that he had gone to many hill stations.:

ix. Transform the following direct speech into reported speech:

“Who now”, they had asked, “will listen to our troubles and protect us from the crocodiles?”.

x. Identify the error in the given sentence and supply the correction.

I walk 3 kilometres each day to reach my school.

Use the given format for your response.

Error	Correction

xi. Fill in the blank by choosing the correct option, to complete the sentence.

Is Jimmy ... (attend) the webinar on digital marketing?

A. Attends

B. Attended

C. Attending

D. Will attend

xii. Complete the narration of the dialogue between Arthur and Kevin.

Arthur: Kevin, are you going to the hospital again? Is your mother, okay?

Kevin: My mother is now better. Thank God, she has been back to normal since Friday.

Arthur asked Kevin if he was going to the hospital again. He also asked him whether his mother was okay. Kevin replied that _____ and thanking God, the boy said that his mother had been back to normal since.

WRITING SKILLS-10 Marks

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

4A. Write a letter to the editor of a local daily complaining against the school-bus drivers for rash-driving and overcrowding of buses causing risk to the lives of innocent school children. You are Dipti/Deepak of C-156, Janakpuri, New Delhi. 5

OR

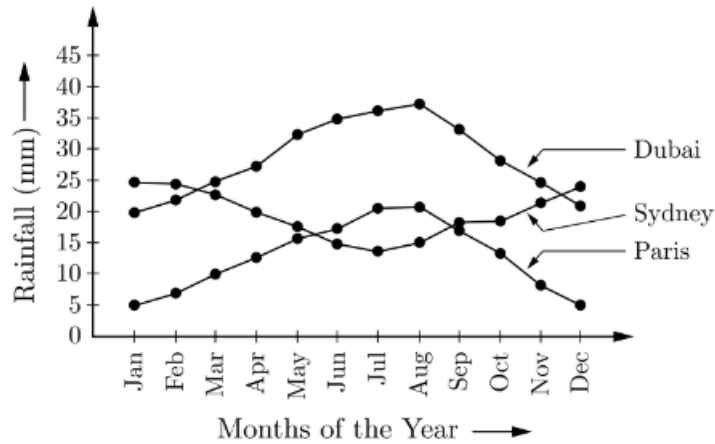
4B. You are Nitish /Nikita, the Head Boy/ Girl of Tagore Public School, Agra. Write a letter to Messers New Star Sports, Kalkaji, New Delhi asking them to send sports equipment for the games and sports department of your school. 5

5A The following table gives information about some of the world's most studied languages. Write an analytical paragraph in about 120 words summarizing the given information by analyzing and reporting the main and relevant information. 5

S. No.	Languages	No. of people studying a language	Native speakers of a language	Speakers in
1.	English	1.5 billion	527 million	101
2.	French	82 million	118 million	51
3.	Chinese	30 million	1.39 billion	33
4.	Spanish	14.5 million	389 million	31
5.	Italian	8 million	67 million	29
6.	Japanese	3 million	123 million	25

OR

5B 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. 5



SECTION D: 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. Pranjol’s father slowed down to allow a tractor, pulling a trailer-load of tea leaves, to pass. “This is the second-flush or sprouting period, isn’t it, Mr. Barua?” Rajvir asked. “It lasts from May to July and yields the best tea.” “You seem to have done your homework before coming,” Pranjol’s father said in surprise. “Yes, Mr. Barua,” Rajvir admitted. “But I hope to learn much more while I’m here.” (Glimpses of India)

- i. What does Pranjol’s father mean by doing the homework in the given context? 2
- ii. Who is Mr. Barua in this given passage? 1
- iii. Who wants to learn more about tea? 1
 A. Pranjol’s father B. Rajvir C. Pranjol D. Other farmers
- iv. When is the best yielding time for tea according to Rajvir? 1

B. 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. (Two Stories About Flying)

- i. The narrator couldn’t see outside the aeroplane. Why? 2
- ii. Over which country was the pilot flying at this moment? 1
 (a) Germany (b) Spain (c) United Kingdom (d) France
- iii. State whether the following statement is TRUE or FALSE: 1
 It was impossible to see anything outside the aeroplane.

- iv. What was causing the plane to jump and twist in the air? 1
(a) air pressure (b) wind currents
(c) black stormy clouds (d) dead engine:

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

A. 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.

(The tale of Custard the Dragon)

- i. State the characteristic of the dragon according to the extract. 2
ii. Infer one reason for the following, based on information in the extract: 1
The little dog was called Mustard.
iii. What was the little kitten called? 1
(a) Mustard (b) Blink (c) Ink (d) Custard
iv. Choose an option that is an antonym of the word 'coward'. 1
(a) weakling (b) scaredy cat (c) aggressor (d) master

B. "But I can get a hair-dye
And set such colour there,
Brown, or black, or carrot,
That young men in despair
May love me for myself alone
And not my yellow hair."

(For Anne Gregory)

- i. What causes the young men to 'despair', according to the extract? 2
ii. Complete the analogy about the speaker's hair. 1
Color : dye :: ... yellow
iii. What is the poet's tone in the extract? 1
1. thoughtful 2. authoritative 3. agitated 4. Insulting 5. argumentative
Select the appropriate option.
A. 1, 4 B. 3, 5 C. 2, 4 D. 1, 5

- iv. Why does she need to dye her hair? 1
A. To attract the man for inner beauty. B. To attract the children.
C. To cause chaos. D. To be left alone.

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

- i. “Ga, ga, ga, Ga, ga, ga, Gaw-col-ah,” his mother swooped past him, her wings making a loud noise. He answered her with another scream. Then his father flew over him screaming. He saw his two brothers and his sister flying around him curveting and banking and soaring and diving. Why did they do that? (His First Flight- Two Stories about Flying)
- ii. There are many ideas about how the world will ‘end’. Do you think the world will end someday? Have you ever thought what would happen if the sun got so hot that it ‘burst’, or grew colder and colder? (Fire and Ice)
- iii. What do you think Valli was planning to do? (Madam Rides a Bus)
- iv. How does the poet describe the appearance of the dragon in The Tale of Custard the Dragon?.
- v. Chubukov says of Natalya: “... as if she won’t consent! She’s in love; egad, she’s like a lovesick cat...” Would you agree? (The Proposal)

9. **Answer ANY TWO of the following three questions, in about 40-50 words. 2X3=6**

- i. Was there any balcony outside the window? What role does it play in the story, ‘The Midnight Visitor’?
- 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? (The Making of a Scientist)
- iii. What happened at the ball? Was Matilda’s dream fulfilled? Explain. (The Necklace)

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

- i. How does Amanda tackle the nagging nature of her parents? Explain with examples from the poem ‘Amanda!’. What values does it portray about Amanda?
- ii. How do you usually understand the idea of ‘selfishness’? Do you agree with Kisa Gotami that she was being ‘selfish in her grief’? (The Sermon at Benares)

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

1x6=6

i. Horace is now the assistant librarian in the prison. He often thinks of the charming, clever young lady who was in the same profession as he was, and who tricked him. He gets very angry when anyone talks about ‘honor among thieves. Why does he think that? Explain in detail.

(A Question of Trust)

ii. “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 Tricky. Explain the truth with instances from the story ‘A Triumph of Surgery’.

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