

CLASS X (2019-20)
ENGLISH (CODE 0184)
SAMPLE PAPER-6

Time Allowed : 3 Hours

Maximum Marks : 80

General Instructions :

- (i) This paper is divided into three sections: A, B and C. 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

SECTION A - READING (20 MARKS)

1. Read the passage given below and answer the questions that follow: (8 Marks)

1. Nobel Peace Prize winner Jose Ramos-Horta took office as East Timor's new prime minister on Monday, a move aimed at ending weeks of political turmoil in Asia's newest nation. President Xanana Gusmao swore in Ramos- Horta under the watchful gaze of rifle-carrying Australian commandos heading a 2,500-strong international peace-keeping force in East Timor. The two men, architects of independence from the Indonesian rule, then put their signatures to paper to cement the appointment. Ramos- Horta, dressed in a dark suit and no tie, took his oath in the president's office alongwith his two new deputy premiers. During his inauguration speech, made in a hall with unpainted concrete ceilings and bare plywood walls, he promised to send more funds to the poor and maintain security. "The focus has to be on security so that our people, our fathers and mothers and the poor can return to their homes," said Ramos-Horta, 56, who spent years abroad as a spokesman for East Timor's struggle for independence from Indonesia. He told a news conference later on Monday that his cabinet would be sworn in and start work this week. "We will work very hard," he said, promising to cooperate with the World Bank to speed up development in rural areas.
2. East Timor descended into chaos nearly three months ago when the then premier Mari Alkatiri dismissed about 600 members of the 1,400-strong army when they protested about discrimination. Gusmao named Ramos-Horta premier on Saturday, around two weeks after Alkatiri stepped down after being broadly blamed for recent crisis in the tiny Pacific nation. When rival army and police factions fought, the violence turned into arson and looting that ended only with the intervention of the Australia-led peacekeepers. At least 20 people died and 100,000 became homeless in the violence.
3. The swearing-in ceremony was seen by various officials and dignitaries, but was not attended by Alkatiri. Prosecutors have said they intend to question the former prime minister over his alleged role in the violence. One East Timor

political leader said at the weekend that Ramos-Horta could face opposition from a section of Fretilin, the dominant party with 55 seats in the 88-member parliament. Ian Martin, a UN special envoy, who arrived in East Timor about two weeks ago to assess the country's need for further UN help, has welcomed Ramos-Horta's appointment, saying he hoped it would bring peace and stability to the young country.

- 1.1 On the basis of your reading of the passage given above, answer the following questions. (1 × 8 = 8)
- (a) Ramos- Horta in his inauguration speech promised to:
 - (i) bring peace
 - (ii) ensure stability
 - (iii) stop violence
 - (iv) send more funds to the poor and maintain security
 - (b) Ramos-Horta, 56, spent years abroad:
 - (i) as a spokesman for East Timor's struggle for independence from Indonesia
 - (ii) as an official
 - (iii) as the President
 - (iv) as a person raising funds
 - (c) Mari Alkatiri dismissed
 - (i) about 600 members of the 1,400-strong army
 - (ii) 1,400-strong army
 - (iii) about 300 members of the strong army
 - (iv) about 400 members of the 1,200-strong army
 - (d) Who among the following resigned from the premiership?
 - (i) Gusmao
 - (ii) Ramos-Horta
 - (iii) Alkatiri
 - (iv) none of these
 - (e) The violence in East Timor led to:
 - (i) struggle for independence
 - (ii) chaos for nearly three months
 - (iii) the intervention of the Australia-led peacekeepers
 - (iv) both (i) & (ii)
 - (f) 'watchful eye' means
 - (i) to watch
 - (ii) alert eyes
 - (iii) observant
 - (iv) keen
 - (g) was a UN special envoy, who arrived in East Timor

about two weeks ago to assess the country's need for further UN help.

- (h) Ramos- Horta could face opposition from a section of Fretilin (True/False)

Ans :

- (a) (iv) send more funds to the poor and maintain security
 (b) (i) as a spokesman for East Timor's struggle for independence from Indonesia
 (c) (ii) about 600 members of the 1,400-strong army
 (d) (iii) Alkatiri
 (e) (iii) the intervention of the Australia-led peacekeepers
 (f) (ii) alert eyes
 (g) Ian Martin
 (h) True
- 2.** Read the passage given below and answer the questions that follow: (12 Marks)
- Breathing is important for two reasons. It is the only means to supply our bodies and its various organs with oxygen which is vital for our survival. The second function of breathing is that it is one means to get rid of waste products and toxins from the body.
 - Oxygen is the most vital nutrient for our bodies. It is essential for the integrity of the brain, nerves, glands and internal organs. We can do without food for weeks and without water for days, but without oxygen, we will die within a few minutes. If the brain does not get proper supply of this essential nutrient, it will result in the degradation of all vital organs in the body.
 - The brain requires more oxygen than any other organ. If it does not get enough, the result is mental sluggishness, negative thoughts and depression and, eventually, vision and hearing decline. Old people and those whose arteries are clogged often become senile and vague because oxygen to the brain is reduced. They get irritated very quickly.
 - Poor oxygen supply affects all parts of the body. The oxygen supply is reduced to all parts of the body as we get older due to poor lifestyle. Many people need reading glasses and suffer hearing decline in old age.
 - When an acute circulation blockage deprives the heart of oxygen, a heart attack is the result. If this occurs to the brain, the result is a stroke.
 - For a long time, lack of oxygen has been considered a major cause of cancer. Even as far back as 1947, work done in Germany showed that when oxygen was withdrawn, normal body cells could turn into cancer cells.
 - Similar research has been done with disease. It showed that lack of oxygen is a major cause of heart disease, stroke and cancer. The work done at Baylor University in the USA has shown that you can reverse arterial disease in monkeys by infusing oxygen into the diseased arteries.
 - Thus, oxygen is very critical to our well-being, and any effort to increase the supply of oxygen to our body and especially to the brain will pay rich dividends. Yogis realized the vital importance

of an adequate oxygen supply thousands of years ago. They developed and perfected various breathing techniques. These breathing exercises are particularly important for people who have sedentary jobs and spend most of the day in offices. Their brains are oxygen starved and their bodies are just 'getting by'. They feel tired, nervous and irritable and are not very productive. On top of that, they sleep badly at night, so they get a bad start to the next day continuing the cycle. This situation also lowers their immune system, making them susceptible to catching colds, flu and other 'bugs'.

- 2.1.** On the basis of your reading of the passage, answer the following questions in 30-40 words:

(2 × 4 = 8)

- (a) What is the significance of breathing?
 (b) Why is oxygen important?
 (c) What is the harmful effect of lack of oxygen?
 (d) What did yogis do, when they realized the importance of oxygen? For whom it is beneficial?

Ans :

- (a) Breathing is important as it is the only means to supply our bodies and its various organs with oxygen which is important for our survival and also it is the means to get rid of waste products and toxins from the body.
 (b) Oxygen is important because it is essential for the integrity of the brain, nerves, glands and other internal organs.
 (c) Poor oxygen supply affects all parts of our body. When an acute circulation blockage deprives the heart of oxygen, a heart attack is the result. If this occurs to the brain, the result is a stroke.
 (d) Yogis developed and perfected various breathing techniques. These techniques are important for the people who have sedentary jobs and who spend most of the time in offices.

- 2.2.** On the basis of your reading of the above passage, answer the following. (1 x 4 = 4)

- (a) In para 3, the word which means 'lethargic' is
 (i) clogged (ii) sluggish
 (iii) discard (iv) decline
 (b) In para 8, the word which means sufficient is
 (c) _____, the word opposite in meaning to 'clear/certain' is _____
 (i) enough (ii) negative
 (iii) clogged (iv) vague
 (d) In para 8 the word opposite in meaning to 'insufficient' is _____

Ans :

- (a) (ii) sluggish
 (b) adequate
 (c) (iv) vague
 (d) adequate

SECTION B - WRITING & GRAMMAR (30 MARKS)

- 3.** Western Culture has completely mesmerized the

younger generation. They do not respect their elders. Write an article on “Loss of Moral Values over Material Gains” in about 100-150 words. (8 Marks)

or

You are Nitin/Vina, resident of 34, Krishna Nagar, New Delhi. Last week, you came across an advertisement pertaining to ‘Best Out of Waste’ course and wish to join the same. Write a letter of inquiry to the Director, Pooja Hobby Classes, 412, Azad Nagar, Delhi enquiring about the details of the course.

Ans :

Loss of Moral Values over Material Gains

Man’s incessant greed and lust for money has been the prime cause for the loss of moral values. Never content with what he has, he forever strives to amass money and material goods by any means. Nowadays people are primarily interested in acquisition of money and status. The present day world is highly materialistic and the ever increasing greed for money and matter at the cost of material has engulfed the society as a whole. There are very few who can claim that materialism has not affected him in any way. We are not complacent with the fulfillment of our basic needs but we want to acquire more and more by hook or by crook even if we have to jeopardize moral and ethical values. The mania of this excess money has squeezed humanistic approaches and has made us misanthropes, stoic, and egoistic in our efforts to fulfill this mania.

or

34, Krishna Nagar
New Delhi
10th July, 2019
The Director
Pooja Hobby Classes
412, Azad Nagar
Delhi

Sub: Inquiry about ‘Best Out of Waste’ Course

Dear Sir,

In response to your advertisement published in the Hindustan Times dated 7th May, 2019, I wish to state that I am a student of class X and have appeared for the Secondary School Examination. I want to pursue a short term Best Out of Waste Course during the summer break as I have two month’s time at my disposal.

Kindly provide me with the following details:

- Duration of the course
- Faculty
- Transportation facility, if available
- Discount for school students, if any
- Fee structure and mode of payment
- Class duration
- Material provided
- Certificate or Diploma course
- Timings.

It shall be highly appreciated if the details are provided to me at the earliest.

Thanking you

Yours faithfully
Nitin

4. Write a story in about 150-200 words with the clues

given below.

(10 Marks)

Hints: Pooja alone at home/grandfather ill/scaring night/different thought came in her mind/ heard a noise/surprised to see her pet dog.

or

Develop a story with the help of the following opening line.

Once there lived a potter named Kabira in a village.....

Ans :

It was the first time that Pooja was alone at home. Her parents would never leave her alone ever for a few hours. But one day there had been an emergency. Her grandfather had suddenly fell ill and because of her school, Pooja’s mother had been very worried about Pooja as she had never left her alone. But Pooja assured her that she would be fine. Anyway, it was just for a day and night, as in the morning her aunt would reach home from Pune. Pooja spent the afternoon and evening playing on the computer and then finishing her homework. But with nightfall all her courage seemed to be disappearing. She first thought she would sleep with light on but when she could not, she switched off. Pooja started getting frightened while tossing and turning on the bed. When she looked towards the window, her mind started conjuring up all sorts of shapes in the darkness. She told herself it was just a tree outside and nothing else but yet she was scared. Suddenly she heard a noise in the hall. Pooja was alarmed and thought of going and seeing from where the noise had come, but she could not get up from the bed. Finally she got up and quickly switched on the light. She went into the hall and to her amusement and dismay, it was only her pet dog Jackie playing in the hall.

or

Once there lived a potter named Kabira in a village. He was planning and making arrangements for his son’s wedding, for which he planned to have a grand procession on the night of wedding. He wished to take his son and the bride on an elephant’s back round the village in a procession. Only one man named Sohanlal in the village had an elephant. Kabira asked him for borrowing his elephant. Sohanlal agreed. On the day of wedding, the bride and the bridegroom went riding on the elephant. After the procession, when Kabira was taking the elephant back to Sohanlal’s house, the elephant suddenly fell down and died. Kabira was shocked and very sad. He rushed to Sohanlal and reported about the same. Kabira said that he would give the price of the elephant or another elephant. Sohanlal said that he only wanted his own elephant. The case was taken to a court where the judge also ordered Sohanlal to either accept the money or another elephant but he didn’t agree. The judge asked them to come the next morning. Then he called Kabira and said, “Don’t come to the court in the morning and stay in your house, keep your pots near the door and close it. I will ask Sohanlal to come to your house to call you. He will open the door in a hurry and all the pots will be broken.” The same thing happened. Now, Sohanlal said, “I will give you money or I will buy you new pots. At this Kabira disagreed. Sohanlal realised

his mistake and went away without getting anything.

5. Fill in gaps by choosing the most appropriate words from the options given below. (1 × 4 = 4)
 Dhyan Chand, the hockey wizard, was a soldier hailing (a) _____ a humble background. He said about (b) _____ moment when he learned of (c) _____ selection for the New Zealand tour in 1926, 'I ran like a hard to reach (d) _____ barracks and communicated the good news to my fellow soldiers. He was the elder brother of another hockey player Roop Singh.

- (a) (i) of (ii) from
 (iii) to (iv) at
 (b) (i) their (ii) a
 (iii) the (iv) an
 (c) (i) his (ii) him
 (iii) my (iv) it
 (d) (i) him (ii) our
 (iii) I (iv) my

Ans :

- (a) (ii) from
 (b) (iii) the
 (c) (i) his
 (d) (iv) my

6. The following passage has not been edited. There is one error in each line. Write the incorrect word and the correction against each line of the passage. (1 × 4 = 4)

		Incorrect	Correction
CV Raman were born in	e.g.	were	was
Terichirapalli, Tamil Nadu. Soon her	(a)		
family moved to Vishakhapatnam at	(b)		
Andhra Pradesh and Raman pursued	(c)		
his education on Chennai Presidency College.	(d)		

Ans :

	Incorrect	Correction
(a)	her	his
(b)	at	in
(c)	and	but
(d)	on	in

7. Rearrange the following groups of words and phrases to form meaningful sentences: (1 × 4 = 4)
 (a) drugs/invented/one/man/of/useful/is/penicillin/most/the
 (b) by/its/heal/we/help/bacteria/can/with/wounds/caused
 (c) few/in/use/this/discovery/beginning/the wonder/and/very/people/of knew/its
 (d) lives/soldiers/it/of/of/thousands/hundreds/

saved/the/of

Ans :

- (a) Penicillin is one of the most useful drugs man invented.
 (b) We can heal wounds caused by bacteria with its help.
 (c) In the beginning very few people know of this wonder discovery and its use.
 (d) It saved the lives of hundreds of thousands of soldiers.

SECTION C - LITERATURE

(30 MARKS)

8. Read the extracts given below and answer the questions that follow: (1 × 4 = 4)

He hears the last voice at night,
 The patrolling cars,
 And stares with his brilliant eyes
 At the brilliant stars.

- (a) The tiger is locked in a cage:
 (i) in a zoo (ii) in the forest
 (iii) in the sanctuary (iv) in the reserves
 (b) He hears the voice of the patrolling cars:
 (i) in the morning (ii) in the forenoon
 (iii) at night (iv) in the evening
 (c) The eyes of the tiger are _____
 (d) He stares at the _____ stars.

or

Lencho's soul was filled with sadness. When the storm had passed, he stood in the middle of the field and said to his sons, "A plague of locusts would have left more than this. The hail has left nothing. This year we will have no corn."

- (a) The hailstones completely destroyed his crops which made him very:
 (i) perverse and reckless
 (ii) reckless and dejected
 (iii) reckless and depressed
 (iv) dejected and depressed
 (b) He shared his sorrow with _____
 (c) A plague of _____ would have left more than this.
 (d) This year they will have:
 (i) a bumper crop (ii) a good crop
 (iii) a heavy crop (iv) no corn

Ans :

- (a) (i) in a zoo
 (b) (iii) at night
 (c) bright
 (d) bright

or

- (a) (iv) dejected and depressed
 (b) his son
 (c) locust
 (d) (iv) no corn

9. Answer any five of the following questions in 30-40 words each: (2 × 5 = 10)

- (a) Why did the pilot decide to fly through the

clouds?

- (b) What was Lencho expecting from the God? What did he receive? Why?
- (c) Why did the landlord want to eject Griffin? Why did Griffin set the house on fire?
- (d) What did Hari Singh say about the different reactions of people when they are robbed?
- (e) What is the point of controversy between Natalya and Lomov? What argument does Lomov put to prove his point?
- (f) Why did Bholi at first agree to the unequal match? Why did she later reject the marriage? What does this tell about her?

Ans :

- (a) The pilot decided to fly through the clouds because he wanted to reach England desperately and also he could not fly up and over the huge clouds in his old Dakota.
- (b) Lencho expected God to send him the hundred pesos he asked for. However he received only seventy pesos which had been collected by the Postmaster through contribution made by the post office employees.
- (c) Though Griffin was a brilliant scientist, the landlord wanted to eject him from his house because of his whimsical activities. Griffin set the house on fire to take his revenge on the landlord.
- (d) Hari Singh said that when robbed, the greedy man showed fear; the rich showed anger; the poor showed acceptance while a careless man would not even notice. But a man like Anil would be sad when discovered that he was stolen; not because of his loss of money but because of loss of trust.
- (e) The point of controversy between Natalya and Lomov is about the ownership of the Oxen Meadows. Lomov argues that his aunt's grandmother had given the free use of the Meadows to the peasants of Natalya's father's grandfather for forty years. In return the peasants were to make bricks for her. But the peasants thought that they were owners of the land.
- (f) No doubt, Bholi agreed to an unequal match at first. A proposal of marriage came from a well-to-do grocer-called Bishamber. He was an aged man. He was almost the same age as her father was. There was another defect in him. He limped. Moreover, he had children from his first wife. They were quite grown up. No girl could like such a match. However, Bholi didn't oppose the proposal. She didn't agree because he was rich and had several thousands in the bank. But she agreed just to keep the honour of her family and her parents. In the end she rejected the marriage on the grounds of principles. The greedy bridegroom was demanding a dowry of 5000 rupees. He was ready to marry a girl with pock-marks only after receiving that sum. Even when Ramlal put his turban at Bishamber's feet, his heart didn't melt. Then, Bholi decided that enough was enough. She threw away the garland into the fire. She refused to have such a mean, greedy and coward as her husband. This shows that she was no more a hesitant, weak and stammering girl. Now she was

a determined girl who could sacrifice anything for her principles and for the honour of her family.

10. Answer any one of the following questions in about 100-150 words. (8 Marks)

Parents of the young seagull supported him to fly and search for his food by himself. Write a paragraph on 'Parenting' on the basis of reading of the story.

or

Explain what was crossing the author's mind when he was flying over Paris. Suddenly what happened?

Ans :

Parenting

Parents should love their children unconditionally. A parent is someone who cuddles his/her children when they are going right in their lives, because parents everywhere can say that if we as parents trust ourselves enough to trust our children, it will make parenthood easier. Parents know what their child's requirements are and they train them to become independent in life. There is no need to teach anyone how to be a good parent. Even an illiterate mother knows how to take care of her children. But in today's competitive world, raising a child is a very important task because it's not always easy, it's even harder if we do not have the consistent help if we are a single parent. Every good parent does not read parenting books, goes to parenting classes or had examples to learn more. In today's world it is better if the young adults are trained how to become better parents. This can help them to bring up their children by providing them with better nutrient food and care.

or

It was very early morning when the author was flying his old Dakota aeroplane over Paris. Everything seemed to be in perfect order specially the weather and the nice thought of a delicious breakfast waiting back home, then meeting his family and also the holiday waiting for him.

Even the guidelines by the Paris control room and the Dakota's instruments, fuel tank etc. were in perfect order. But the author's excitement was short lived as soon as the aeroplane entered into a huge black cloud all the gadgets stopped working. He was completely taken over by fear and worry.

11. Answer any one of the following questions in about 100-150 words. (8 Marks)

There can be no trust among thieves. The story 'A Question of Trust' is ironical, sarcastic on the lives of thieves. On the basis of reading of the story write a paragraph on "Trustworthiness".

or

What is the role of Madam Forestier in the story 'The Necklace'?

Ans :

Trustworthiness

Trust is one of the most important aspects of relationship. Medicine cures the physical ailment of a person but trust and care help a person recover mentally. A trustworthy person will be dependable and honest with you. They will not lie, steal, cheat,

lose devotion in something or turn their back on you over trivial matters. Integrity, honesty, reliability and loyalty are the easy ways to describe trustworthiness. Integrity is believing in yourself and standing up for what you believe in. Life will be difficult if there is no trust between husband and wife, parents and children, friends and neighbours, etc. When trust is lost it is irreparable. If trust is lost life may go on but the broken edge will always be visible. A trustworthy person is a valuable and reliable person.

OR

Madam Forestier plays quite an important role in the plot of the story 'The Necklace'. She was a rich friend of Matilda. She was a schoolmate at the convent. Though quite rich, Madam Forestier never gave an image of an arrogant and snobbish lady. When Matilda told her that she needed jewels to adorn herself for the ball, she at once obliged her. She opened her jewel box and asked her to make her choice. She happily lent her a superb diamond necklace of her choice. If Matilda didn't want to visit Madam Forestier, it was not her fault. Matilda's inflated ego prevented her from going there. She suffered so much when she returned the necklace. Matilda suffered because she couldn't enjoy all delicacies and luxuries like her rich friend. Madam Forestier could snub Matilda for returning the necklace rather late. She told her, "You should have returned them to me sooner...." But she was a sympathetic lady. She showed her sympathy when she came to know of all miseries that Matilda suffered because of the necklace. Alas! Matilda didn't take Madam Forestier into her confidence about the lost necklace. Madam Forestier was gracious enough to forgive her. After all, the jewels she lent to Matilda were false.

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