

**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
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**SECTION A - READING (20 MARKS)**

Q1. 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 lead 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)

Q2. Read the passage given below and answer the questions that follow: (12 Marks)

1. 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.
2. 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.
3. 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.
4. 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.
5. 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.
6. 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.

7. 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.
8. 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?

2.2. On the basis of your reading of the above passage, answer the following.

(1 × 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) In para 3, 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 \_\_\_\_\_

## SECTION B - WRITING & GRAMMAR (30 MARKS)

- Q3. 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.

- Q4. 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.....

- Q5. 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.

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| (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   |

- Q6. 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)

	<b>Incorrect</b>	<b>Correction</b>
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)	

- Q7. 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

## SECTION C - LITERATURE

**(30 MARKS)**

- Q8. 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:

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|------------------------|----------------------|
| (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:

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| (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     |

- Q9. 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?

- Q10. 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?

- Q11. 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'?

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