

CLASS X (2019-20)
ENGLISH (CODE 0184)
SAMPLE PAPER-7

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. Mt. Everest has continued to attract ever since June 8, 1924, when two members of a British expedition George Mallory and Andrew Irvine, had first attempted to climb the summit. The two men were last spotted “going strong” for the top, until the clouds perpetually swirling around Everest, engulfed them. They then vanished.
 2. Mallory’s body was not found for another 75 years, in May 1999. Ten more expeditions were to follow before the historic climb of Everest for the first time, by Edmund Hillary, a New Zealand beekeeper, and Tenzing Norgay, an acclaimed Sherpa climber. The news of the climb reached England at the time of the coronation of Queen Elizabeth and Hillary became famous overnight, in all of the British Empire. Tenzing on the other hand, became a symbol of national pride across both Nepal and India.
 3. Today, Mt Everest is drawing attention for all the negative reasons. The entire route that the climbers follow to reach the top is littered with rubbish and in sore need of cleaning up. The rubbish strewn all over the mountain includes oxygen cylinders, human waste, and even climbers’ bodies which do not decompose in the extreme cold.
 4. Under the new regulations passed by the Nepalese government, climbers scaling Everest will have to bring back eight kilograms of garbage. This amounts exclusive of the climbers’ own garbage weight. This measure is taken to restore the pristine nature of the peak.
 5. The rule will be applicable to those climbers of Mt Everest who will ascend beyond Everest’s base camp, from April onwards. Climbers who fail to comply with this new rule are likely to be charged and legal action would be taken against them. The action would involve the paying of a fine, or other penalty.
 6. Expeditions returning to the base will have to submit their trash at an office to be set up in the precincts of the Everest Base Camp.
- 1.1** On the basis of your reading of the passage given above, answer the following questions.(1 × 8 = 8)
- (a)** The first attempt to scale Mt Everest was made by:
 - (i) one Britisher
 - (ii) George Mallory and Andrew Irvine
 - (iii) Andrew Irvine
 - (iv) both (i) and (ii)
 - (b)** The rubbish strewn all over the mountain includes _____ which do not decompose in the extreme cold.
 - (i) oxygen cylinders
 - (ii) human waste

- (iii)climbers' bodies (iv) all of these
- (c) The news of the climb reached England:
- (i) Mt Everest is drawing attention for all the negative reasons
(ii) the coronation of Queen Elizabeth
(iii)new regulations were passed by the Nepalese government
(iv)both (i) and (ii)
- (d) Climbers who fail to comply with this new rule are likely
- (i) to be put in prison
(ii) pay a fine
(iii)to be charged and legal action would be taken against them
(iv)both (i) and (ii)
- (e) George Mallory and Andrew Irvine became the victims of :
- (i) intense heat of sunlight
(ii) storm
(iii)heavy rain
(iv)swirling clouds around Everest
- (f) Every climber of the Mt Everest has to bring a certain amount of garbage. It:
- (i) proves that he/she reached the mountain peak
(ii) maintains cleanliness of the mountain peak
(iii)proves that he/she indeed has strength
(iv)is done to create a new mountain
- (g) Mallory's body was not found for another _____years, in May 1999.
- (h) Under the new regulations passed by the Nepalese government, climbers scaling Everest will have to bring back ten kilograms of garbage. (True/False)

- Q2. Read the passage given below and answer the questions that follow: 12
- Deserts are usually hot and barren places; yet, they are also beautiful. A few plants, rocks and dusty red-brown soil make up the ingredients of most North American deserts where there is sufficient food and water for certain animals to survive.
 - One famous dry and hot place in the world with no visible rock or plant barely any water is the Sahara Desert. It is the largest desert in the world and is located in Northern Africa. It gives the impression of an ocean of pure white sand. Surprisingly, the Sahara is home to many strange animals.
 - These animals have survived over many generations because they were able to adapt to their particular conditions. However, a certain number of species were unable to adapt fast enough to their environment and so died out. One of the most interesting animals in the Sahara is the sand stink which in French means 'fish of the desert'. The sand stink behaves just like a fish except that instead of in water, it 'swims' through the sand. Its legs act as fins and the hard scales on its skin act as armor helping it move through the sand. A piece of transparent skin protects its eyes as it swims through the sand. Its eggs are covered with skin to prevent dehydration.
 - Another desert animal that hides from the sun is the desert shrimp. The lifespan of these tiny animals is only about two weeks because that is about when puddles of water from desert rainstorms dry up. They are able to survive in the hot conditions, but without their main source of survival, they dehydrate and are virtually roasted to death.
 - One of the rare animals able to bask in the desert sun is the camel. For many hundreds of years, the camel has been the 'horse of the desert', helping travellers across the desert. This 'horse' is slow-moving, yet it is big and strong enough to carry extremely heavy loads. The camel has larger feet almost like snowshoes. This characteristic prevents it from sinking into the sand.
 - A camel is able to drink up to one hundred and eighteen liters of water in a day. Once it is full, it can move for five to seven days without water, carrying its own portable 'water tank'. Its humps

help to store fats which serve as a storage of strength, removing the need for food, sometimes for a week. In fact, the humps become smaller as the camel consumes the fats stored. They also help to regulate the camel's temperature.

2.1. On the basis of your reading of the passage, answer the following questions in 30-40 words: (2 × 4 = 8)

- (a) How much water is a camel able to drink up in a day? What is the use of its hump?
- (b) Name one of the interesting animals in the Sahara. Describe it.
- (c) What prevents camel to sink into the sand?
- (d) Why can only certain animals survive in the North American deserts?

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

- (a) In para 2, the word which means 'opinion' is
 - (i) impression
 - (ii) barely
 - (iii) located
 - (iv) sufficient
- (b) The synonym of 'small pool' as given in para 4 is _____
- (c) The antonym of 'unknown' as given in para 2 is _____
 - (i) famous
 - (ii) hot
 - (iii) barely
 - (iv) visible
- (d) The antonym of 'common' as given in para 5 is _____

SECTION B - WRITING & GRAMMAR (30 MARKS)

Q3. Write an article on the topic "Save Nature, Save Mankind" with the help of the following value points in about 100-150 words. (8 Marks)

- Increased human population
- Decreased forest area
- Extinction of wild animals reasons being encroaching, poaching
- Loss of habitat
- Break in food chains

OR

You are Narendra sharma/Nitin sharma, Head, Fitness Group of Gold Gym, 234, Ram Vihar, Delhi. You wish to purchase certain herbal medicines and wellness products. Write a letter to the Store Manager, M/s East India, 54, Preet Vihar, Delhi placing an order for the specific products required by you.

Q4. Develop the following outline into a story of about 150-200 words. (10 Marks)

Outlines: Mrs. Shivani Kapoor/walking with a heavy basket/two under aged bikers/jumped the red light/hit her/snatched diamond necklace/cried/young man and a couple helped to catch/finally Mrs. Shivani advised to follow traffic signals.

OR

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

Once there lived a king Shibi Thakur. He was just and powerful

Q5. Fill in the gaps by choosing the most appropriate words from the options given below. (1 × 4 = 4)
 Maria father taught mathematics (a) _____ physics in secondary school and shared his passion for learning and knowledge (b) _____ his children. The formative years left (c) _____ indelible impression on young Maria. Her contributions such as the discovery of Radium (d) _____ other key elements help us out everyday.

- (a) (i) and
- (ii) or
- (iii) both
- (iv) of
- (b) (i) to
- (ii) but

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| (iii) with | (iv) and |
| (c) (i) the | (ii) an |
| (iii) a | (iv) some |
| (d) (i) but | (ii) which |
| (iii) and | (iv) who |

- 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)

	Incorrect	Correction
Global warming increase the	e.g. increase	increases
rate of rise on sea levels and	(a)	
have led to a dramatic increase	(b)	
is coastal flooding risks. Much small	(c)	
islands like Maldives face the risk to	(d)	
getting submerged in the near future.		

- Q7. Rearrange the following groups of words and phrases to form meaningful sentences: (1 × 4 = 4)
- (a) cultural/of/the/anticipated/carnival/festival/HornbilUmost/is/Negaland/the
 (b) Located in Northeast India/state/very/is/beautiful/Nagaland/diverse/ethnically/a/and
 (c) Hornbill/the/named/is/Indian/after/the/festival
 (d) Naga/worn/the/traditional/festivities/often/on/is/headgears/displayed/hornbill/during/worn/tribal

SECTION C - LITERATURE

(30 MARKS)

- Q8. Read the extracts given below and answer the questions that follow: (1 × 4 = 4)

What is the boy now, who has lost his ball
 What, what is he to do? I saw it go
 Merrily bouncing, down the street, and then
 Merrily over — there it is in the water!

(a) The boy has lost:

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| (i) his bat | (ii) his ball |
| (iii) his toy | (iv) his temper |

(b) After losing the ball he:

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| (i) is worried | (ii) doesn't care |
| (iii) is not concerned | (iv) is in a fix what to do |

(c) The poet saw the ball merrily bouncing down the _____

(d) Finally the ball fell into _____

OR

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.

(a) Against the backdrop of densely wooded hills, a sea of tea bushes:

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| (i) was a good view |
| (ii) was not a very attractive view |
| (iii) was a typical view of a hill station |

(iv) was a magnificent view

(b) Dwarfing the tiny tea plants:

(i) were tiny shady trees

(ii) were short shady trees

(iii) were tall trees

(iv) were tall sturdy shady trees

(c) Amid the row of bushes busily moved _____

(d) In the distance was an _____ building.

- Q9. Answer any five of the following questions in 30-40 words each: (2 × 5 = 10)
- (a) What happened when Maxwell took Mijbil to the bathroom? What did Mijbil do two days after that?
- (b) Why did Prince Siddhartha (Gautama) leave the palace and become a monk?
- (c) How did Mr. Loisel purchase a suitable costume for his wife?
- (d) In what respect was Bholi different from her sisters?
- (e) Nothing is immortal in this universe. Fire and ice are very powerful things. They will destroy it. But hatred is more powerful. Explain.
- (f) Why did Hari Singh (the thief) want to become an educated man? Who helped him in it?

- Q10. Answer any one of the following questions in about 100-150 words. (8 Marks)
Write a character sketch of Natalya Stepanovna. (100-150 words)

OR

How is a baker synonymous with Goan village?

- Q11. Answer any one of the following questions in about 100-150 words. (8 Marks)
What does Bill say about Lutkin's character to the narrator? (100-150 words)

OR

Describe Bholi's first day experience at school. Did she enjoy it? Give a reasoned answer.

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