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PREBOARD EXAMINATION -2024-25**

SET 1

Subject – English Language and Literature (Code no.184)

Time allotted: 3Hrs

Class: X

Max Marks: 80

General Instructions:

- 1. 15-minute prior reading time allotted for Q-paper reading.**
- 2. The Question Paper contains THREE sections-READING, GRAMMAR & WRITING and LITERATURE.**
- 3. Attempt questions based on specific instructions for each part**

SECTIONA: READING SKILLS (20 marks) Reading Unseen Passages-

1.	Read the following text.
(1)	Water is one of the most essential resources on Earth, yet it is often taken for granted. Despite its abundance, the reality is that only a small fraction of the world’s water is fresh and available for human use. With increasing populations, climate change, and industrial demands, the pressure on our water resources is growing. This makes water conservation not just a collective responsibility but a crucial individual duty. Each person’s effort towards conserving water can significantly impact the preservation of this vital resource for future generations
(2)	One of the primary reasons individual water conservation efforts are so important is the cumulative effect of small actions which may seem trivial on their own. However, when multiplied by millions of people, these actions can lead to substantial water savings. For example, a single dripping tap can waste over 15 litres of water a day. Imagine the water saved if every household in a city repaired just one leaky faucet. This highlights the power of collective individual actions in reducing water waste
(3)	Moreover, personal efforts towards water conservation often lead to greater awareness and education. When individuals take steps to conserve water, they become more conscious of their water usage and the importance of this resource. This awareness can then spread within communities, inspiring others to adopt similar practices. For instance, a family that installs water-saving devices in their home may encourage neighbours and friends to do the same, creating a ripple effect. This grassroots approach to conservation can be particularly effective in areas where larger-scale initiatives may be slow to implement or lacking in support.
(4)	In addition to daily habits, individuals can also make a difference through more significant lifestyle choices. For instance, opting for drought-resistant plants in gardens and supporting water-efficient agriculture can all contribute to water conservation. Agriculture, especially livestock farming, is one of the largest consumers of water globally. By supporting sustainable farming practices, individuals can indirectly reduce the water footprint of their food.
(5)	Critics might argue that individual efforts are negligible compared to the large-scale water consumption by industries and agriculture. However, this perspective overlooks the potential for individual actions to drive systemic change. When people collectively make water-conscious choices, they send a powerful message to businesses and policymakers about the importance of conservation.
(6)	Each person’s commitment to saving water, no matter how small, contributes to a larger culture of sustainability. By making conscious choices and spreading awareness, individuals can help ensure that future generations have access to the clean, fresh water they need to thrive. Water conservation is not just the responsibility of governments and industries; it is a shared duty that begins with each of us.

Answer the following questions, based on the passage above.		
i	In paragraph 1, what does the phrase ‘each person’s effort towards conserving water can significantly impact the preservation of this vital resource’ emphasise?	1
ii	Complete the following with the correct option from the two given. Water is often taken for granted, despite its essential nature because..... a) it is abundant and always easily accessible, making people less aware of its usage b) its importance is not always recognised, leading people to overlook its value (paragraph 1)	1
iii	Support the writer's idea that small individual actions towards water conservation are not trivial.	2
iv	Select the option that best reflects the concept of a ‘ripple effect’ in the context of student life at school. a) A student’s act of volunteering at a local charity leads to the school administration organising a large-scale fundraising event. b) A student who consistently follows good study practices inspires classmates to improve their own study routines, creating a culture of academic excellence in the class.	1
v	State whether the following statement is True or False. (paragraph 3) The first step towards change is awareness.	1
vi	The writer mentions ‘sustainable farming practices’ in paragraph 4. Which of the following is a sustainable farming practice? A. Using chemical fertilizers and pesticides extensively to increase crop yields. B. Clearing large areas of natural vegetation to expand farmland for organic farming. C. Implementing crop rotation and using organic compost to maintain soil health. D. Relying solely on monoculture farming to maximise production efficiency.	1
vii	List any two points that a powerful message sent to businesses and policy makers about the importance of water conservation might include. (paragraph 5)	2
viii	Fill in the blank with the correct option from those given. (paragraph 6) In the phrase ‘culture of sustainability,’ the word ‘culture’ refers to..... A. A set of beliefs and practices shared by a group B. The artistic and traditional practices specific to a community's heritage. C. The lifestyle habits and choices that are popular among the urbane D. The techniques and methods used in development efforts	1
2.	Read the following text.	
(1)	Mind management is a way to control one’s mind. To do this, we need to be cautious about our thinking process and also need a high level of understanding and meditation as well. Understanding is wisdom – 80 percent of people are knowledgeable, while 20 per cent are wise. Knowledgeable men take sides without reason. They feel sad seeing deprived people but jealous when they see happy people. They work in the guidance of others’ inspiration, take unnecessary responsibility to keep themselves disturbed.	

(2)	A wise person does not stand for or against any idea without concrete reason. He works according to the situation and capacity. He looks at everything intellectually. To him, failure is a stepping stone for future success. So, depression and conflict are not seen. Like the phrase ‘Stop, Look, go’, first one should see, and this needs patience. Meditation is necessary to control and manage mind which then becomes an easy task.
(3)	Unless we control or manage our mind, it is difficult to achieve success and peace. Psychologists say every interest is first born in the mind as a seed. Then it continues to grow. Later it takes its real form which everybody can see. The interest that first appears in the mind remains weak for the first three minutes and it becomes strong within the next five minutes. All the negative aspects should be deleted within the first three minutes. If not taken out, they would become stronger later and you can never throw them out. After taking control over the mind, we can control passion, interest and unrest. Mind management is essential for a peaceful, successful and healthy life
(4)	The age of computers has thrown us on the escalator of aspirations but has robbed us of simple charms like falling asleep. The compulsions of hectic schedules burden the mind and cause stress. However, the joys that elude us can be regained by practicing power meditation. It creates tranquility, simplifies life and cleanses the mind. It helps control indolence, ego and anger and builds confidence and patience. With power meditation, negative thoughts get dissipated and a sense of happiness is achieved.

Answer the following questions ,based on the passage above

i	Why is mind management essential?	1
ii	Which traits are exhibited by knowledgeable people?	1
iii	What can we control ?	1
iv	What percent of people are knowledgeable and what percent are wise?	1
v	_____ is the trait of a wise man. a) i)feeling jealous seeing happy people ii) taking sides without reason b) iii) working according to the situation iv) taking unnecessary responsibility	1
vi	The age of computers has robbed us of simple charms of life. True/ False	1
vii	Psychologists say that every ‘interest is first born in the mind as a. _____	1
viii	What is the effect of power meditation?	1
ix	a) Find the word from the passage which means the same as “based on facts, not on ideas”.	1
x	a) find the synonym from the passage which means “escape”	1

SECTIONB: WRITING SKILLS & GRAMMAR (20 marks)

GRAMMAR		10
3	Complete ANY TEN of twelve of the following tasks, as directed.	1x10
i.	I Fill in the blank with the correct option to complete the opening line of a formal letter: Dear Mr. Patel, We are pleased to inform you that your proposal for the upcoming project by the board of directors_____ A. had endorsed B. will have been endorsed C. has been endorsed D. have endorsed	1

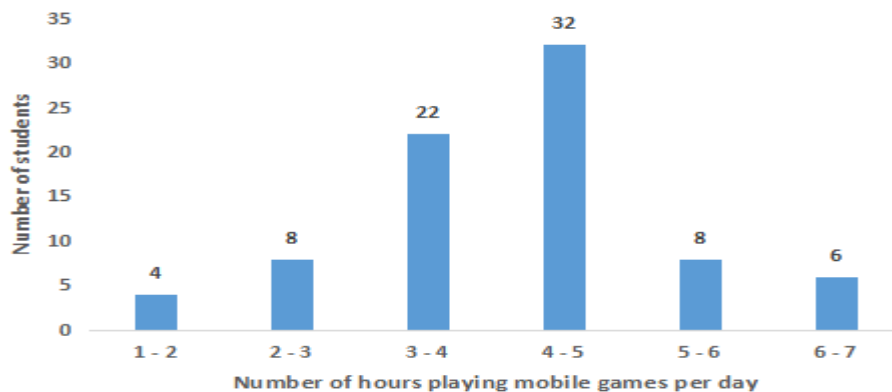
ii.	<p>Identify the error and supply the correction in the sentence. <i>Thieves held the manager at the Hotel on the gun point.</i> Use the given format for your response.</p> <table border="1"> <tr> <td>ERROR</td> <td>CORRECTION</td> </tr> </table>	ERROR	CORRECTION	1
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iii.	<p>Abhilash and Neeraj had a conversation about Abhilasha’s swimming practice. Report Neeraj’s question. <i>Isn’t she afraid of water?</i></p>	1		
iv.	<p>Read the dialogue between Shabnam and her mentor, Sara, regarding her summer internship programme. Shabnam: Ah! I am convinced this programme has the potential to enhance my abilities Sara: Why did you choose to participate in this internship programme? Select the correct option to complete the reporting of the above dialogue. Sara asked Shabnam-_____ in that internship programme. Shabnam sighed and exclaimed that she was convinced that programme had the potential to enhance her abilities.</p> <p>A. Why to choose to participate B. To choose participation C. Why she had chosen to participate</p>	1		
v.	<p>Fill the blank by choosing the correct option, to complete the line. (One another, altogether, each other, all other) In a class room students are to be trained to respect _____ .</p>	1		
vi.	<p>Identify the error and supply the correction in the sentence. <i>Bread and butter are good for breakfast.</i> Use the given format for your response.</p> <table border="1"> <tr> <td>ERROR</td> <td>CORRECTION</td> </tr> </table>	ERROR	CORRECTION	1
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vii.	<p>Identify the error and supply the correction in the sentence. <i>She was relieved to hear from the doctor that the tumor was not malignant.</i> Use the given format for your response.</p> <table border="1"> <tr> <td>ERROR</td> <td>CORRECTION</td> </tr> </table>	ERROR	CORRECTION	1
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viii.	<p>Complete the given narrative, by filling the blank with the correct option. For all his_____ he is a _____ A. tricks, cheat B. stupidity, fool C. wealth, miser D. health, player</p>	1		
ix.	<p>Report the dialogue between a teacher and a student, by completing sentence. Teacher: Did everyone understand the new assignment? Students: Yes, we all got it, thank you! The teacher asked if everyone had understood the new assignment, to which the students expressing their gratitude.</p>	1		

x.	<p>Fill in the blank by choosing the correct option from the brackets.</p> <p>The speaker did not properly space out his speech but went on _____ one point only.</p> <p>(Decrying, devoting, stressing, avoiding)</p>	1		
xi.	<p>Complete the line, by filling the blank with the correct option.</p> <p>Canada does not require that U.S. citizens obtain passport to enter the country and _____</p> <p>A. neither Mexico does B. either does Maxico C. Mexico does neither D. Maxico doesn't neither</p>	1		
xii.	<p>Identify the error and supply correction for the following note in a passengers' flight instruction manual:</p> <p style="text-align: center;">Note-Passengers will not reach the airport late in order to avoid a fine .</p> <p>Use the given format for your response.</p> <table border="1" style="width: 100%; border-collapse: collapse;"> <tr> <td style="width: 50%; text-align: center; padding: 5px;">ERROR</td> <td style="width: 50%; text-align: center; padding: 5px;">CORRECTION</td> </tr> </table>	ERROR	CORRECTION	1
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WRITING

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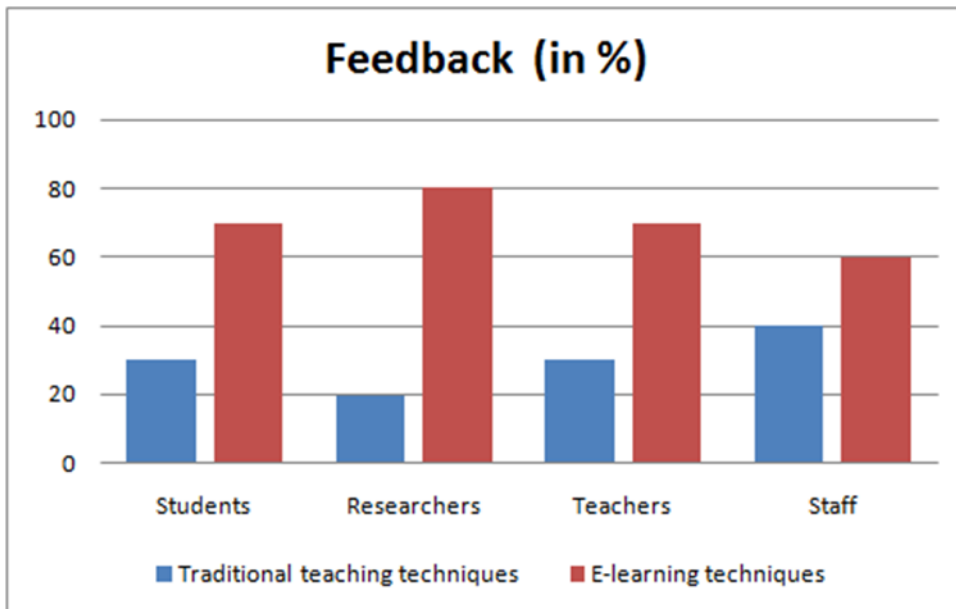
4.A 1. You are Gyan/ Gyani of D- 24 Super Market, Kolkata. You came across this graph while reading a magazine. Write a letter to the editor of a leading newspaper expressing your concern about students, spending hours playing games on mobile rather than playing outdoor games, causing their mental health issues. (Word limit- 100-120 words)



OR

4.B 1. You are Amit/ Amita, the Head boy/ Girl of your school. You, along with your committee members, would like to organize a 'Book Fair' in the school. Hence, you require to purchase some new edition books for the fair. Write a letter to Umesh Book Store, Delhi, placing orders for books you require for the fair. (100-120 words)

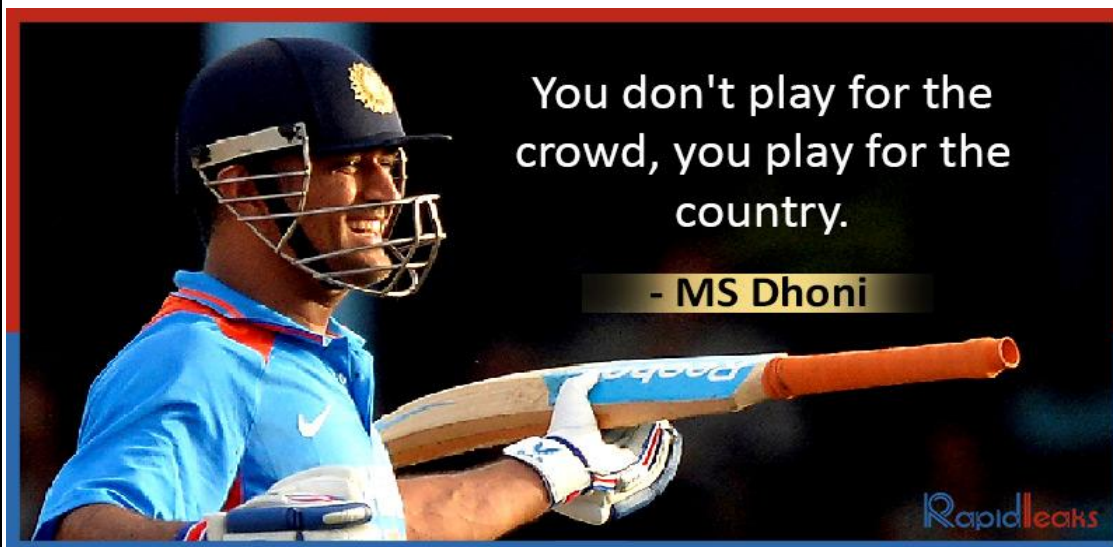
5.A The bar graph given below shows the data of Traditional teaching techniques and E- learning techniques. Write an analytical paragraph in about 100-120 words, analysing the graph and statement, ‘ Need to Walk according to the signs of the world’



OR

5.B

1. “Cooperation and helpfulness, rather than a spirit of competition will make you really successful”. MS. Dhoni is well known for cooperation with his team; hence he has reached height uncharted by any other cricketer.” Analyse this statement in about 100-120 words.



SECTION D: LITERATURE TEXTBOOK AND SUPPLEMENTARY READING TEXT (40 marks)

6.	Read the given extracts and answer the questions from ANY ONE of the two, given.	5
A.	Let me put it more clearly, since no one will believe that a thirteen-year-old girl is completely alone in the world. And I 'm not. I have loving parents and a sixteen-year-old sister, and there are about thirty people I can call friends. I have a family, loving aunts and a good home. No, on the surface I seem to have everything, except my one true friend. All I think about when I'm with friends is having a good time. I can 't bring myself to talk about anything but ordinary everyday things. We don 't seem to be able to get any closer, and that's the problem. Maybe it's my fault that we don't confide in each other. In any case, that's just how things are, and unfortunately they 're not liable to change. This is why I 've started the diary.	
i	Why was Anne Frank disturbed even when she had loving parents, relatives and friends?	1
ii	Why did Anne decide to write a diary?	1
iii	Find the word that means the same as unluckily	1
iv	To confide in somebody is to	2
OR		
B.	Anil was watching a wrestling match when I approached him. He was about 25- a tall, lean fellow-and he looked easy-going, kind and simple enough for my purpose. I hadn't had much luck of late and thought I might be able to get into the young man's confidence. "You look a bit of a wrestler yourself," I said. A little flattery helps in making friends.	
i	According to the extract, the young boy was watching the wrestling match because he: a. Had been invited there by the wrestlers. b. Was supposed to meet someone there. c. Was looking for simple people to dupe. d. Loved wrestling and followed it very closely.	1
ii	'I hadn't had much luck of late' means that the boy hadn't: a. ever conned people successfully. b. Been successful in duping people lately. c. Understood the consequences of theft till date. d. Considered the role of fate in deceiving others.	1
iii	'I might be able to get into the young man's confidence.' Choose the option that DOES NOT display what the statement means. a. He wanted to win his trust. b. He wanted him to share his thoughts without caution. c. He wanted him to feel comfortable revealing more details about himself. d. He wanted to be able to spend quality time with him.	1
iv	Anil looked easy-going, kind and simple to the narrator. Which of characteristics would NOT fit in this description? a. Compassionate b. Suave c. Uncomplicated d. Carefree	1
v	Based on the line, "A little flattery helps in making friends", choose the option that displays the quote closest in meaning. a. Imitation is the best form of flattery; people generally understand that my comedy is not intended to hurt anybody. b. I know imitation is the highest form of flattery but stealing one's identity is totally different. c. Nothing is so great an example of bad manners as flattery. If you flatter all the company, you please one; If you flatter only one or two, you offend the rest.	1

	d. One may define flattery as a base companionship which is most advantageous to the flatterer.	
7.	Read the given extract and answer (A) or (B)	5
A.	<p style="text-align: center;"><i>The way a crow Shook down on me The dust of snow From a hemlock tree Has given my heart A change of mood And saved some part Of a day I had rued</i></p>	
i	Select the appropriate option and complete the sentence, according to the context. The falling of dust of snow on the poet made him ----- a. Angrier b. Retrospect c. Feel startled d. Feel happier about the day	1
ii	The poet's heart has under gone a change of mood because -----.	1
iii	1. It is clear that Symbolism is the poetic device used for the crow and the hemlock tree because _____	1
iv	What do the crow, snow, and tree symbolize?	1
v	What was the poet's opinion about the day?	1
OR		
B.	<p style="text-align: center;"><i>He stalks in his vivid stripes The few steps of his cage, On pads of velvet quiet, In his quiet rage. He should be lurking in shadow, Sliding through long grass Near the water hole Where plump deer pass.</i></p>	
i	Find the poetic device mentioned in the following line, "In his quite rage"	1
ii	i. "He should be lurking in shadow". In this line the poet expresses which of the following emotions? a) Anger, confusion b) Empathy, disappointment c) Anxiety, Rage d) Anger, sympathy	1
iii	Find the poetic device mentioned in the following line, "On pads of velvet quiet"	1
iv	The tiger in the zoo is neither happy nor sad. (True/False)	1
v	Why the tiger could walk only a few steps?	1
8	Answer ANY FOUR of the following five questions, in about 40-50 words.	4x3=12
i	How does the traditional baker and his bread play a significant role in the cultural and social fabric of Goan society?	3
ii	Why did the postmaster send money to Lencho? Why does he sign the letter 'God'?	3
iii	What does Nelson Mandela mean by "transitory freedom "and" the basic and honourable freedom"	3

iv	According to John Berryman what does the boy learn from the loss of the ball?	3
v	Why does Maxwell say “the airhostess was the very queen of her kind”?	3
9	Answer ANY TWO of the following three questions, in about 40-50 words.	2x3=6
i	Why was Mrs Pumphery worried? What did she do to help the dog?	3
ii	How does education play a transformative role in Bholi's life? (<i>Bholi</i>)	3
iii	What was the cause of Matilda’s ruin? How could she have avoided it?	3
10	Answer ANY ONE of the following two questions, in about 100-120 words.	1x6=6
(A)	Evaluate of the role of the mothers in the life of the baby seagull ,and Amanda, towards helping their children.	
OR		
(B)	Throw light on the characteristics of Valli which helped her to achieve what she longed for.	
11	Answer ANY ONE of the following two questions, in about 100-120 words.	1x6=6
(A)	Imagine that M.Loysel, from <i>The Necklace</i> by Guy de Maupassant, writes a diary entry,realising that living beyond means can cause mental agony and ruin. Write this diary entry, as written by M.Loysel,inabout 120 words.	
OR		
(B)	Horace Danby was clever but the young woman was cleverer. Discuss	