

Marking Scheme
Sample Paper-1, 2024-25
ENGLISH LANGUAGE AND LITERATURE(184)
Set: 8
Section A Reading Skills (20 Marks)

1. Answer the following questions, based on the passage above.

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1. (i) Cybercrimes impact national security and public safety by destabilising governments and disrupting Critical Infrastructure (1)
- (ii) (b) wreak havoc (1)
- (iii) The writer's tone in these lines is urgent and collaborative. By emphasising the global nature of cyberthreats and the need for international cooperation, the writer underscores the critical importance of unified coordinated efforts to effectively combat cybercrime. (2)
- (iv) (b) III and V (1)
- (v) False (1)
- (vi) (c) Insecure IoT devices as entry points (1)
- (vii) Mass surveillance and data breaches undermine individuals' right to privacy, exposing them to scrutiny and surveillance. These implications necessitate legislative reforms and regulatory frameworks safeguard privacy rights and protect against the misuse of personal data by tech giants and government agencies. (2)
- (viii) (a) ransomware and supply chain breaches (1)

2. Answer the following questions, based on the passage above

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2. (i) (b) Enhancing digital connectivity (1)
- (ii) (b) Both the Assertion and Reason are true, but the Reason is not the correct explanation of the Assertion (1)
- (iii) The expansion of India's road network has improved connectivity between cities and rural areas facilitating trade and economic development by enhancing transportation efficiency and accessibility. (1)
- (v) The Indian Railways has introduced high-speed trains like the Vande Bharat Express and launched the Sagarmala project to develop ports and coastal infrastructure. (1)
- (v) reduce carbon emissions, combating climate change. (1)
- (vi) The modernisation of Indian Railways has reduced travel times, improved passenger comfort and enhanced maritime trade and logistics contributing to overall improved transportation experiences. (1)
- (vii) 1,35,000 kilometres (1)
- (viii) the focus on renewable energy resources (1)
- (ix) The Indian government's focus on renewable energy projects, which more than doubled the renewable energy capacity to over 90 gigawatts, reflects a strong commitment to reducing carbon emissions and combat in climate change. (2)

Section B Grammar and Creative Writing Skills (20 Marks)

Grammar(10)

3. Attempt any ten of twelve of the following tasks, as directed. 10x1=10

Full credit 1, for correct answers. No partial credit of ½, for any question in this section

3 (i) am writing

(ii)

Error	Correction
Can	Could/Used to/Would

(iii) The teacher asked the boys if they had done their homework.

(iv) (b) he had seen them the day before in the class

(v) A few

(vi)

Error	Correction
did	does

(vii) (a)

Error	Correction
had	have

(viii) (b) bring

(ix) was going away for the weekend

(x) (b) are arriving

(xi) (a) might stop

(xii)

Error	Correction
a	the

WRITING SKILLS (10)

Note: All details presented in the questions are imaginary and created for assessment purpose. [Content, in suggested responses, may be above the recommended word limit, as it aims to share content points that can be of use.]

(For 4A & B) Total-1x5= 5

Format – 1 [full credit if all aspects included. Partial credit (½ mark) if one-two aspects are missing. No credit if more than two aspects are missing]

Content -2 [½ mark for each content point area addressed -suggestion, importance, implication, recommendation] Organisation of ideas -1 [effective style, orderly sequence, paragraphed structure and formal tone and vocabulary]

Accuracy 1 [Spelling, punctuation and grammar]

4. (A)

14 DLF,Phase III
Gurugram
15 October 2014

The Editor

Subject: Monsoon Woes on Roads

Sir

I am a resident of Gurugram. Our locality is facing lots of difficulties due to the water logging problem since last 3 years. The pits on roads, roadside ditches and gutters overflow after even a slight drizzle. The open gutters are dangerous for the people walking or driving along the road, anyone can fall into open gutter and die.

Water logging causes various issues that include the stalling of cars, and traffic snarls. Normal life comes to a standstill.

We have made lots of appeals, but there is no response from the Municipality office. Through the columns of your newspaper, I wish to draw the attention of the concerned authorities to the ensuing problem, in order to get a respite.

I sincerely envisage your support in this endeavour.

Yours sincerely
(Sign)
Sanchita/Swapnil

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2nd March 2024

The Sales Manager
B/C, Woodcutters Inc Janakpuri
New Delhi

Subject: Confirmation of Order for Purchase of Furniture

Madam

This is in response to your letter no. EU/Phobes/14/15/2022/NOD, dated 2nd February 20XX. In my previous communication to you, reference letter no. wo/inc/furniture/29/01/20XX dated 29th January 20XX, I had sent a list of furniture items that we would like to purchase from you.

The letter included the model number and the details regarding the number of each item of furniture we require. These details were provided by checking the details of the products on your website. The terms and conditions specified by you are acceptable to us. Kindly consider this letter as a confirmation of the order, for the supply of all the goods mentioned in my earlier correspondence with you.

As suggested by you, we are sending the demand draft for an amount of 15,000 as advance payment on the order. The remaining amount will be remitted by online digital transfer, as mentioned in your letter, at the time of delivery.

We request you to make the delivery of the goods within a period of seven working days

Yours truly
(Sign)
Bharat Jain
Senior Purchase Officer

(For 5 A & B) Total-1x5= 5

Analytical paragraph writing should NOT be confused with writing a description of given elements or writing a summary. It requires examining the given elements closely and sharing inputs based on given stimulant. It carries no title or heading.

Content -2 Four trends/ points included & well-developed with sustained clarity

Organisation of ideas -2 [effective style, orderly sequence, single paragraph structure, formal tone and functional vocabulary]

5. (A)

What do you Watch?

With the rise in streaming applications and websites such as Netflix, Amazon Prime, etc, there is no need to investigate the new trend of binge watching. Researchers today are more focused on understanding the behaviour of binge-watching. The given graph depicts one such research in which the various themes and categories of movies are scaled between their streaming times. Overall the graph points out that people love to watch shows that are mysterious and thrilling, people love to watch thrillers, sci-fi and horror movies and shows while slow dramas such as irreverent comedies, political dramas and historical dramas are preferred by only some people. The latter category of movies have been streamed by people for less than 2 hours while the former has been devoured for more than 2 hours. People also like to stream Superhero Dramas, Crime Dramas, Dramatic Comedies and Action and Adventure. All these categories are streamed for about 2 hours. From this given data, we can understand that people binge-watch shows that cater to their senses. Something that excites them and creates a curiosity is loved by everyone and, therefore, it is more popular.

Or

B.

Commuting Trends

With modern ideas, modern life also came where commuting to work became easier. But, in the 90s and early 2000's, the modes of transport were erratic. The bar chart shows the changing patterns of transport use during the period from 1980 to 2018. In brief, the chart shows that the use of car as a means of commuting dramatically increased over the period shown, while the use of other modes fell. In 1980, the motor car was used the least as a means of commuting with only about 7% of the population using it but its use grew steadily to finally reach about 37% of the population using it by 2018. Over the same period the popularity of walking, which had been the most popular means of commuting with 35% of the population in 1980, fell to 10%. Use of motor also fell from a high of about 27% in 1980 to just 7% in 2018. On the other hand, bus use was more erratic being popular with almost 20% of the population in 1980 and rising to a peak of about 27% in 2010 before falling back to about 18% in 2018.

Section C Literature Textbook (40 Marks)

6 Read the given extracts and answer the questions for any one of the two, given (5 Marks)

A. Prose

(1) (c) The bus that travelled through her village. (1)

(ii) Watching the street gave Valli many new and strange experiences. She felt joyous standing at the doorway, She would especially wait for source of immense joy for her the bus that travelled between her village and the nearest town. It was a source of immense joy for her. (2)

(iii) 'unusual (1)

(iv) Valli was different from children of her age as she was not interested in playing any elaborated games like other children. (1)

Or

B. Prose

B. (1) (b) Borrow jewels from a rich friend (1)

(ii) Mme Loisel was a pretty young lady but she belonged to a poor family. She was married to a clerk. She had great aspirations in life. Her poverty and lack of recognition made her angry and unhappy. She was materialistic and loved only what she didn't have. (2)

(iii) irritation (1)

(iv) She needed the jewels to present herself as a rich lady in the party of rich people. (1)

7 Read the given extracts and answer the questions for any one of the two, given. 5 Marks

7. A. Poetry

(1) The poet listens to the whispering sounds coming from the leaves and lichens on the trees. These sounds will not be present on the next day as the trees will have moved out into the forest in the night. The poet can hear the glass breaking. As the glass breaks, the trees hurry to go outside. (2)

(ii) stumble (1)

(iii) The trees are stumbling forward because they have grown too big and can't be contained and they are exhausted due to efforts in detaching themselves. (1)

(iv) (a) simile (1)

B. Poetry

(i) While Amanda's mother reprimands her, she imagines herself as a mermaid in a deep green sea. She imagines being the only resident of the sea who lives her life a very relaxing way: in a Her mother's constant nagging drives her to escape into her imagination wherein she can live a peaceful and solitary life. Being a teenager she loves the life of freedom.
(2)

(ii) Rhyme Scheme (1)

(iii) Amana wants to be away from this noisy and disturbing atmosphere and hence wishes to be the sole inhabitant of the sea in the world of fantasy. (1)

(iv) (a) Imagination (1)

8 Answer any four of the following five questions, in about 40-50 words. 4x3=12

Content-2

Organisation -1 ; ½ mark to be deducted for Accuracy from the overall credit of a response, if error density is high -more than a total of 2 spellings and/or grammatical errors.

8.(i) The pilot t decided to follow the black aeroplane as it was his only chance for survival. He was happy to go behind this strange aeroplane as it was guiding him out of the storm to safety. If he hadn't followed the black aeroplane, he would have ended up losing his life inside that storm.

(ii) The poet creates humour by describing various beasts of prey differently by the use of words and emotions. The Bengal tiger is never noble in his heart. The leopard kills his prey within seconds. His crying won't save him. Moreover, the bear's hag is never loving and the hyena never smiles happily.

(iii) Anne justified her being a chatterbox in her essay by explaining that talking was a student's trait and that she would try to cure it. But, being talkative was incurable as she had inherited this trait from her mother and no one could cure an inherited trait.

(iv) Yes, the lost ball stands as a metaphor of the boy's lost childhood. The boy has lost his ball and is saddened by the loss as it will never be found again. This loss will lead to the loss of childhood as the boy learns to take responsibility. The boy now understands that loss is a part of life and one must move on from it. This realisation makes the boy grow up and lose the childhood days that he had cherished till now.

(v) While looking outside from the window of the train, Rajvir saw greenery all around. First, he saw the green paddy (rice) fields which gave way to the tea bushes. Against the backdrop of densely wooded hills, he saw a sea of tea gardens that were pruned to the same height. The beautiful view amazed and fascinated him.

9 Answer any two of the following three questions, in about 40-50 words. 2x3=6

Content-2; Organisation -1; ½ mark to be deducted for Accuracy from the overall credit of a response, if error density is high -more than a total of 2 spellings and/or grammatical errors.

9.(1) Hari Singh did not catch the tram deliberately because his inner conscience held him back. He thought that Anil would feel sad not for the loss of money but for the loss of trust he had reposed in him. Moreover, he did not want to lose the chance of learning as his inner self was transformed.

(ii) When the teacher asked her name, Bholi stammered and could not tell her name completely to her teacher. So, she broke into tears and kept her head down as the other girls in the classroom were laughing at her.

(ii) The rhyme Humpty Dumpty makes Think Tank scream. He interprets the words 'had a great fall' and thinks that the earthlings are planning to capture Mars Central Control and him. As a result, he orders his crew to prepare a space capsule for him to escape

10. Answer any one of the following two questions, in about 100-120 words 1x6=6

Content 3

Expression 2

Accuracy 1

[A detailed discussion has been presented to allow for usage of content points as per individual choice. However, the final answer has to be a cohesive whole, structured in paragraphs, in about 120 words.]

10. A. Existence of Humanity in the story 'A Letter to God' written by GL. Fuentes reinforces our faith in humanity. After reading the story, we come to know that still there are people who help others without any self-interest. In the story, the postmaster and other post office employees illustrate an example of humanity and kindness for others. They were really moved by Lencho's faith in God. They decided to help him to keep his faith alive and firm. Even though it was not possible for them to collect hundred pesos, they managed to collect seventy pesos and kept them in an envelope for Lencho. They signed it as "God" to further reinforce Lencho's faith in God. This act shows us the true picture of humanity and motivates us to be noble and kind.

Or

B. Life is a journey which is often compared to the roller coaster ride. It means life is full of ifs and buts and ups and down. But the path of life can be smoothened by virtues of our actions, attitudes and behaviour. And the principle of forgive and forget comes from these virtues. Letting go of anger and bitterness can work wonders both for our attitude and for our health.

Anger may spoil anything like poison. One cannot afford to remain self-pitying in anger or sad feelings. Life has to move on and if one wants to get ahead one has to imbibe "forgive and forget". Only sensitive and great people can follow this gospel.

In the present play "The Proposal" we find that Lomov visits the house of Chubukov with a Proposal to marry his daughter Natalaya. Chubukov's joy knows no bound to hear this. But in course of their common talk, they pick up nonsensical issue and stand fighting and abusing each other.

Even Natalaya also enters the verbal quarrel. When after the sudden departure of Lomov, Natalaya comes to know about the proposal, she asks her father to call Lomov back. When he comes back this time he and Natalaya starts abusing each other and have heated oral fight over dogs. But in the end, they compromise, they forget their issue and forgive each other. The Proposal changes into marriage. Hence we see that the principle helped them unite.

11. Answer any one of the following two questions, in about 100-120 words 1x6=6

Content 3

Expression 2

Accuracy 1

[A detailed discussion has been presented to allow for usage of content points as per individual choice. However, the final answer has to be a cohesive whole, structured in paragraphs, in about 120 words.]

11. A. The landlord and his wife had a very strange experience with the eccentric scientist. Once in an early morning both of them were shocked to find the door of the scientist's room to be open. They knew that their guest did not like being disturbed and would normally keep the room locked. So, they looked inside only to find that nobody was present in the room. As they entered the room to investigate it, they found that the bed was cold and the clothes and bandages that their guest regularly wore were lying about in the room. Suddenly, Mrs. Hall heard a sniff and soon the hat on the bedpost was thrown at her face. Then, the chair was thrown at her legs and it pushed Mrs. Hall and her husband out of the room. The door was automatically shut and was locked. These shocking turn of events made Mrs. Hall become hysterical. She almost fell down the stairs. She thought that her furniture was haunted and that the strange scientist was to be blamed for it.

Or

B. The whole narrative of the story 'The Necklace' revolves around a young woman Matilda, who in her foolish pride, borrows a necklace inviting misery and sorrow for herself as well as for her husband. The 'necklace' was lost and the Loiseles fall into a tremendous debt. They spend the next ten years of their life in paying debt for the replacement of the lost necklace. Their entire life moves around impoverished everyday saga of misery and hunger and the necklace, in fact, changes the very course of their life. Also, it is against the back drop of the necklace that Matilda's pride and dishonesty are highlighted. At the same time, the necklace serves a twist at the end as it turns out to be a fake one. The story is, hence, most aptly titled as the necklace is, in fact, the leading character of this ironic tale of desire, the doom and the tragedy.