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CLASS: X
SUB: ENGLISH LANG. & LIT. (CODE: - 184)

Time Allowed: 3 Hours

Maximum Marks: 80

General Instructions:

Read the instructions very carefully and strictly follow them:

1. This question paper comprises 11 questions. All questions are compulsory.
2. The question paper contains THREE sections
 Section - A: Reading Skills
 Section - B: Grammar and Creative Writing Skills
 Section- C: Literature Textbook
3. Attempt questions based on specific instructions for each Part.

Section A Reading Skills (20 Marks)

1. Read the following passage carefully (10)

1. Cybercrimes have emerged as a pervasive and insidious threat in the digital age, posing significant dangers to individuals, businesses, and societies worldwide. Firstly, cybercrimes encompass a wide range of illicit activities conducted through digital platforms, including hacking, identity theft, phishing scams, malware distribution, and online fraud. These crimes exploit vulnerabilities in computer systems and networks, compromising the confidentiality, integrity, and availability of sensitive information. From personal data breaches to financial fraud schemes, cybercrimes can wreak havoc on individuals' lives, leading to financial losses, reputational damage, and psychological distress.

2. Moreover, businesses and organisations are prime targets for cybercriminals seeking to steal valuable intellectual property, trade secrets, and financial assets. Sophisticated cyberattacks, such as ransomware and supply chain breaches, can disrupt operations, cause financial losses, and erode trust among stakeholders. The proliferation of interconnected devices in the Internet of Things (IoT) era has further amplified cyber risks, as insecure IoT devices can serve as entry point for malicious actors to infiltrate networks and launch coordinated attacks.

3. In addition to economic repercussions, cybercrimes pose significant threats to national security and public safety. State-sponsored cyber espionage, cyber terrorism, and cyber warfare tactics have the potential to destabilise governments, disrupt critical infrastructure, and compromise essential services, such as healthcare, energy, and transportation systems. The interconnected nature of cyberspace means that cyber threats transcend geographical boundaries, necessitating international cooperation and coordinated efforts to combat cybercrime effectively.

4. Furthermore, the proliferation of cybercrimes has profound implications for privacy and civil liberties in the digital age. Mass surveillance programs, data breaches, and unauthorised surveillance practices undermine individuals' right to privacy, exposing them to unwarranted scrutiny and surveillance. The collection and misuse of personal data by tech giants and government agencies raise concerns about surveillance capitalism and the erosion of digital freedoms, necessitating legislative reforms and regulatory frameworks to safeguard privacy rights.

5. Moreover, the rapid evolution of cyber threats and the anonymity afforded by the dark web present significant challenges for law enforcement agencies and cybersecurity professionals tasked with combating cybercrimes. The asymmetric nature of cyber warfare, coupled with the global nature of cyberspace, makes

attribution and prosecution of cybercriminals notoriously difficult, often resulting in impunity and a lack of accountability for their actions.

6. In conclusion, cybercrimes pose pervasive and multifaceted dangers in today's interconnected world, threatening individuals, businesses, and societies on a global scale. From financial fraud and intellectual property theft to national security threats and privacy breaches, the impacts of cybercrimes are far-reaching and profound. Addressing the root causes of cybercrimes requires a comprehensive approach encompassing technological innovation, regulatory reform, international cooperation, and public awareness initiatives to mitigate risks, enhance cybersecurity resilience, and safeguard the digital ecosystem for future generations.

Answer the following questions based on the above passage.

(i) How do cybercrimes impact national security and public safety according to the passage? (1)

(ii) Complete the following sentence appropriately with the correct option. (1)

From personal data breaches to financial fraud schemes, cybercrimes can.....

on individuals' lives, leading to financial losses, reputational damage, and psychological distress.

(a) cause an impact (b) wreak havoc

(iii) Analyse the tone of the writer in the given lines from para (3). Rationalise your response in about 40 words. (2)

'The interconnected nature of cyberspace means that cyber threats transcend geographical boundaries, necessitating international cooperation and coordinated efforts to combat cybercrime effectively.'

(iv) The passage mentions that the impacts of cybercrimes are far-reaching and profound. Select **two antonyms of 'profound'** as used in this context. (1)

I. Reaching II. Sophisticated III. Superficial IV. Implication V. Mild

Options (a) I and IV (b) III and V (c) II and III (d) L. III and IV

(v) State True or False. (1)

Cybercrimes only affect individuals and have no significant impact on businesses or national security.

(vi) What is a significant factor contributing to the increased risk of cyberattacks on businesses and organisations in the IoT era? (1)

(a) Lack of employee training (b) Increased use of mobile devices

(c) Insecure IoT devices as entry points (d) Outdated software systems

(vii) List any TWO implications of mass surveillance and data breaches for individuals' privacy. Why do these implications necessitate legislative reforms and regulatory frameworks? (2)

(viii) Fill in the blank with the correct option from those given. (1)

The sophisticated cyberattacks mentioned include.....

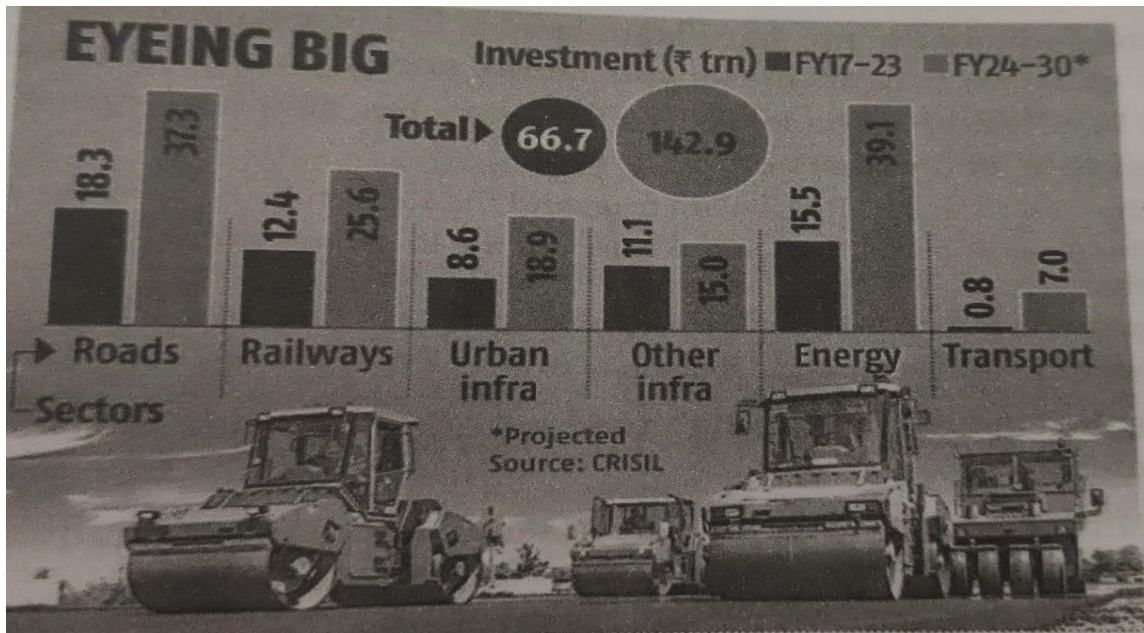
(a) ransomware and supply chain breaches (b) financial frauds

(c) identity leaks (d) data hacking

2. Read the following passage carefully.

(10)

1. Over the past decade, India has experienced significant infrastructural growth, with numerous projects aimed at improving transportation, energy, and urban development. One notable area of expansion is the transportation sector, where the government has invested heavily in building new roads, railways, and airports.



2. According to data from the Ministry of Road Transport and Highways, India's road network has expanded rapidly in the past decade, with the total length of national highways increasing from around 70,000 kilometres in 2010 to over 1,35,000 kilometres by 2020. This expansion has improved connectivity between cities and rural areas, facilitating trade and economic development.

3. In addition to roads, the Indian Railways has also undergone significant modernisation and expansion efforts. The introduction of high-speed trains, such as the Vande Bharat Express, has reduced travel times and improved passenger comfort. Furthermore, the government's ambitious Sagarmala project aims to develop ports and coastal infrastructure to enhance maritime trade and logistics.

4. India's energy infrastructure has also seen considerable growth, with a focus on renewable energy sources. According to the Ministry of New and Renewable Energy, the country's renewable energy capacity has more than doubled in the past decade, reaching over 90 gigawatts by 2020. This expansion of renewable energy infrastructure aligns with India's commitment to reduce carbon emissions and combating climate change.

5. Urban development has been another priority with initiatives like the Smart Cities Mission aimed at creating sustainable and liveable urban centres. Under this program, over 100 cities across India have been selected for various infrastructure projects, including improved public transportation, waste management systems, and digital connectivity.

6. In conclusion, India has made significant strides in infrastructural growth over the past decade, with investments in transportation, energy, and urban development. These efforts have not only improved connectivity and livability but also contributed to economic growth and sustainable development.

Answer the following questions based on your reading of the above passage.

(i) What is one of the main priorities of the Smart Cities Mission mentioned in the passage? (1)

- (a) Improving agricultural productivity (b) Enhancing digital connectivity
(c) Expanding military infrastructure (d) Investing in space exploration

(ii) Select the option that is true for the Assertion and Reason given below. (1)

Assertion:- India has made significant strides in infrastructural growth over the past decade, with investments in transportation, energy and urban development.

Reason:- In addition to roads, Indian Railways has also undergone significant modernisation and expansion.

- (a) Both the Assertion and Reason are true, and the Reason is the correct explanation of Assertion.
- (b) Both the Assertion and Reason are true, but the Reason is not the correct explanation of the Assertion.
- (c) The Assertion is true, but the Reason is false.
- (d) The Assertion is false, but the Reason is true.

(iii) How has the expansion of India's road network impacted the country's economic development? (1)

(iv) What modernisation efforts have been made in the Indian Railways in the past decade? (1)

(v) Read the prompt and select the correct option from brackets to fill in the blanks. (1)

This expansion of renewable energy infrastructure aligns with India's commitment to..... (reduce carbon emission/reduce pollution) and(combating the root of pollution/combating climate change)

(vi) How has the modernisation of railways improved passenger experiences? (1)

(vii) Complete the following sentence suitably. (1)

According to data from the Ministry of Road Transport and Highways, India's road network has expanded the total length of national highways from around 70,000 kilometres in 2010 to over..... by 2020.

(viii) Complete the following with a suitable reason. (1)

India's energy infrastructure has seen considerable growth because of

(ix) What can be inferred about the Indian government's commitment to environmental sustainability from its energy infrastructure projects? (2)

Section B Grammar and Creative Writing Skills (20 Marks)

Grammar

3. Complete ANY TEN of twelve of the following tasks as directed. (1x10=10)

(i) Fill in the blank by using the correct form of the word in the bracket for the given portion of the letter.(1)

Subject:- Job Application for Assistant Manager

Dear Sir/Ma'am

I.....(write) to apply for the position of Assistant Manager-Supply Chain at your esteemed firm.

(ii) Read the given sentence from a government regulation. Identify the error and supply the correction in the sentence. (1)

Tendulkar can play cricket when he was three.

Use the given format for your response.

Error	Correction

(iii) The teacher asked a question from the boys about the assignment. Report the teacher's question. (1)

The teacher said to the boys, "Have you done your homework?"

(iv) Read the dialogue between Kanak and Kartik about the movie Three Idiots. (1)

Kanak:- Have you seen Three Idiots?

Kartik:- I saw them yesterday in the class.

Select the correct option to complete the reporting of the dialogue.

Kanak asked Kartik if he had seen 'Three Idiots'. Kartik replied that

(a) he has been seeing them the day before (b) he had seen them the day before in the class

(c) he saw them yesterday (d) he has seen them the day before

(v) Fill in the blank. (1)

There were..... (many/a few/much) people who did not attend the event as not much food was left over.

(vi) Identify the error in the given sentence and provide the correction. (1)

At least half an hour of exercise a day did wonders for one's health.

Use the given format for your response.

Error	Correction

(vii) Select the option that identifies the error and supplies the correction for the following line. (1)

The kids had worked really hard for the show. Now, don't cancel it, please.

Options	Error	Correction
(a)	had	have
(b)	worked	work
(C)	the	a
(d)	don't	do

(viii) Complete the given narrative by filling in the blank with the correct option. (1)

Kamal Hassan is the latest celebrity to..... to attention the ongoing protest by the wrestling community in India.

(a) bringing (b) bring (c) having brought (d) belong

(ix) Report the following sentence said by Garima. (1)

Garima said to me, "I am sorry but I can't come to your birthday party because I am going away for the weekend."

Garima told me that she was sorry but she couldn't come to my birthday party because she.....

(x) Complete the given sentence by filling the blank with the correct option. (1)

Is it true that the students from the Space Research Centre..... this evening?

(a) was arriving (b) are arriving (c) is arriving (d) were arriving

(xi) Complete the line from a poem by filling the blank with the correct option. (1)

When times are hard, you..... for a bit,

But it's not over until the moment you quit.

On a river's bridge, failures are the planks;

Take one step at a time until you reach its banks.

(a) might stop (b) shall stop (c) had stopped (d) stopped

(xii) Identify the error in an online advertisement. (1)

<p>Apex Classes Chander Nagar, Lucknow Education is not only learning facts but also training a mind to think.</p>
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Use the given format for your response.

Error	Correction

WRITING

Note: All details presented in the questions are imaginary and created for assessment purpose.

4. Attempt **ANY ONE** from A and B given below. (5)

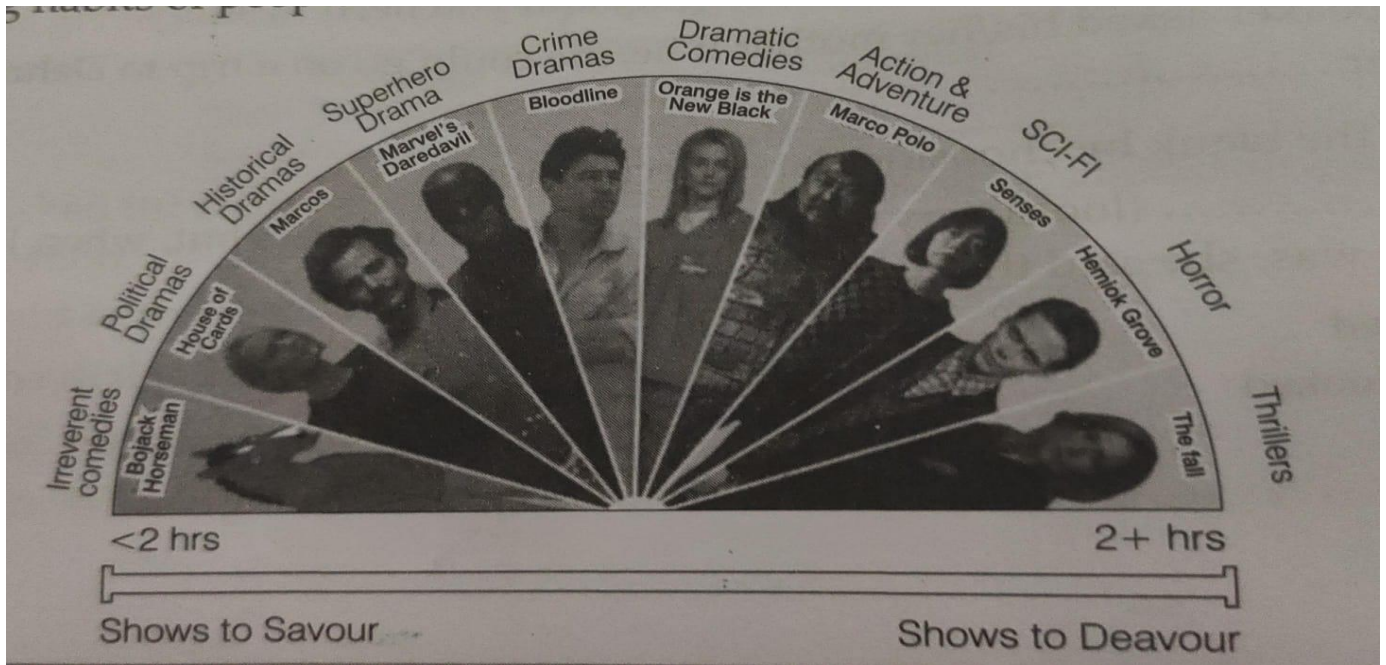
A. You are Sanchita/Swapnil living at 14, DLE, Phase III, Gurugram. Your streets and roads get waterlogged during the monsoon season every year. Cars stall, drains overflow and traffic comes to a standstill. It is difficult to lead a normal life and this adds to your woes. Write a letter in 100-120 words to the editor, 'The Times of India', highlighting the problems and suggesting measures to control the problem.

Or

B. You are Bharat Jain of Eureka Forbes, Noida. You have received the reply to your inquiry letter from Woodcutters Inc. You feel positive about the company's terms and conditions. Write a letter to them, confirming the order for the items that you had mentioned in the previous communication. (100-120 words)

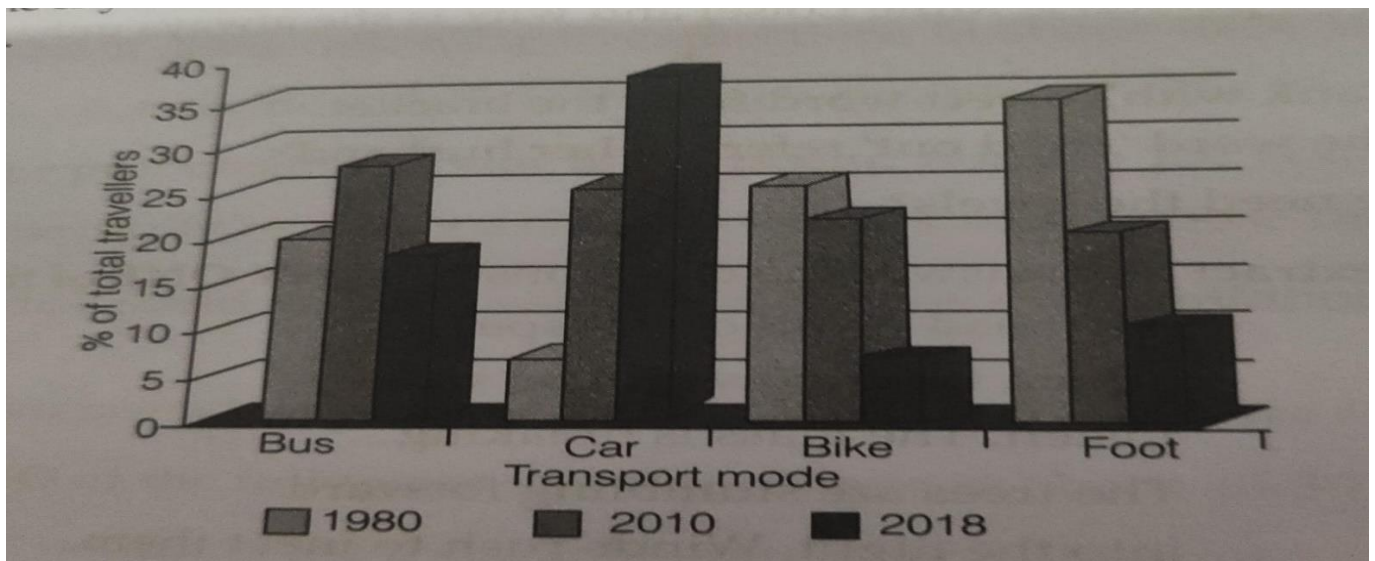
5. Attempt **ANY ONE** from A and B given below. (5)

A. Given below is a graph illustrating behaviour of people while streaming shows on various sites such as Netflix, Amazon Prime, etc. Write an analytical paragraph on the bingeing habits of people in about 120 words.



OR

B. The following bar chart shows the different modes of transport used to travel to and from work in one city in 1980, 2010 and 2018. Using the given data, write analytical paragraph in 120 words. (5)



Section C Literature Textbook (40 Marks)

6. Read the given extracts and answer the questions for **ANY ONE** of the given two. (5)

A. But for Valli, standing at the front door was every bit as enjoyable as any of the elaborate games other children played. Watching the street gave her many new unusual experiences.

The most fascinating thing of all was the bus that travelled between her village and the nearest town. It passed through her street each hour, once going to the town and once coming back. The sight of the bus, filled each time with a new set of passengers, was a source of unending joy for Valli. (Madam Rides the Bus)

(i) What was the most interesting thing for Valli? (1)

- (a) The children playing elaborate games (b) Watching the street
 (c) The bus that travelled through her village (d) All of these

(ii) How did Valli feel while standing at the doorway? For what specific reason did Valli stand at the doorway? Answer in about 40 words. (2)

(iii) Fill in the blank with correct word from the bracket.

The word..... in the extract means the same as 'uncommon'. (unending/unusual) (1)

(iv) How was Valli different from children of her age? (1)

Or

B. She was not convinced. 'No', she replied, 'there is nothing more humiliating than to have a shabby air in the midst of rich women.'

Then her husband cried out, "How stupid we are! Go and find your friend Madame Forestier and ask her to lend you her jewels.'

She uttered a cry of joy. "It is true!" she said. 'I had not thought of that.' (The Necklace)

(1) What did Matilda's husband suggest her? (1)

(a) Borrow jewels from family (b) Borrow jewels from a rich friend

(c) Steal jewels (d) Buy jewels

(ii) What kind of a person is Mme Loisel and why is she always unhappy? Answer in about 40 words. (2)

(ii) Fill in the blank with correct word from the bracket.

The use of the word 'cried out' refers to her husband's..... (irritation/affection). (1)

(iv) Why did she need the jewels? (1)

7. Read the given extract and answer the questions for **ANY ONE** of the given two. (5)

A. My head is full of whispers
 which tomorrow will be silent.
 Listen. The glass is breaking.
 The trees are stumbling forward
 into the night. Winds rush to meet them.
 The moon is broken like a mirror,
 its pieces flash now in the crown of the tallest oak(The Trees)

(i) What sounds have been referred to in the given lines? Answer in about 40 words. (2)

(ii) Fill in the blank with one word. The word from the poem which is similar in meaning to 'slip' or 'loose one's balance' is..... (1)

(iii) Why are tree stumbling forward? (1)

(iv) Select the poetic device used in the line 'The moon is broken like a mirror' is..... (1)

(a) simile (b) personification (c) metaphor (d) symbolism

Or

B. (There is a languid, emerald sea,
where the sole inhabitant is me-
a mermaid, drifting blissfully.) (Amanda)

(i) Comment on the imagery that the poet creates in these lines in about 40 words. (2)

(ii) Complete the following suitably. (1)

'There is a languid, emerald sea,
where the sole inhabitant is me'

The poet has used the poetic device..... in the given lines.

(iii) Why does Amanda want to be sole inhabitant of sea? (1)

(iv) What does the stanza being given within brackets in the poem represent? (1)

(a) Imagination (b) Uncertainty (c) Urgency (d) Aggression

8. Answer **ANY FOUR** of the following five questions in about 40-50 words each. (4×3=12)

(i) Why did the pilot decide to follow the black aeroplane? (The Black Aeroplane) (3)

(ii) How does the poet create humour in the poem? (How to Tell Wild Animals) (3)

(ii) How did Anne justify her being a chatterbox in her essay? (From The Dairy of Anne Frank) (3)

(iv) Does the lost ball stand for the metaphor of the boy's lost childhood? How ? (The Ball Poem) (3)

(v) What did Rajvir see while looking outside from the train? (Tea From Assam) (3)

9. Answer **ANY TWO** of the following three questions in about 40-50 word each. (2 x 3 =6)

(i) Hari Singh did not catch the train deliberately while he could catch it easily. Why ?(The Thief's Story) (3)

(ii) How did Bholi react when the teacher asked her name? (Bholi) (3)

(iii) How did Think-Tank interpret the 'Humpty Dumpty' nursery rhyme?(The Book that Saved the Earth) (3)

10. Answer **ANY ONE** of the following two questions in about 100-120 words. (1x6=6)

A. 'Humanity still exists' is what one gets to know after reading 'A Letter to God' in which firm faith in God of a poor farmer and helpfulness of the post office employees are apathy depicted.

Write a paragraph on the human qualities in the story in about 100-120 words. Give the paragraph a suitable title.

OR

B. The principle 'Forgive and Forget' helps a lot in maintaining cordial relations with our Neighbours. Do you think the author proves this message in the play "The Proposal"?

11. Answer **ANY ONE** of the following two questions in about 100-120 words. (1x6=6)

A. Describe the landlord and his wife's experience with the strange scientist. (Footprints without Feet)

OR

B. Do you think the story 'The Necklace' is aptly titled? Justify your answer.(The Necklace)