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SAMPLE PAPER-2 :2024-25

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.	<b>Read the following text.</b>	<b>10 Marks</b>
(1)	Veteran Industrialist Ratan Tata, known for transforming Tata group into Conglomerate through strategic acquisitions and business expansions, passed away at 86. His tenure saw the growth and the modernization of the group, maintaining its social values.	
(2)	Born to Naval Tata and Sonoo Tata on December 28, 1937, Tata and his younger brother were brought up by their grandmother Navajbai R Tata. (after their parents got divorce in 1940) in a baroque manor called Tata Palace in Downtown Bombay .( now Mumbai)	
(3)	Ratan Tata went to Cornell University in United States where he studied Architecture and Structural Engineering. He travelled the country and was so charmed by the West Coast Life style that he was ready to settle down in Los Angeles. But when Lady Navajbi's health deteriorated, Tata was compelled to return back to India in 1962	
(4)	Tata was offered a Job at Tata Plant at Jamshedpur and he worked at the shop floor and worked as an apprentice. He was nurtured and industrially groomed by Sir JRD Tata. In 1981 he was elevated as chairman of Tata Industries when Sir JRD Tata Stepped down. Tata had to face apprehensions within the group itself to prove his acumen, he was distantly related to Sir JRD Tata and that irked a lot of relatives as Sir JRD hated cronyism	
(5)	During his tenure, the group's revenues grew manifold. Tata was the chairman of major Tata companies. Tata was a famous and trustworthy Indian Brand which was making salt to satellites and they acquired famous brands like Tetley, Range-Rover, Jaguar and many like them. Tata Consultancy services took a huge leap in the arena of IT and Consultation and became highest Job Giver after Indian Railways. One cannot find a single house in India devoid of a Tata product.	

(6)	Less than a decade from the millennium, the Tata group was bloated, unevenly managed and excessively bureaucratic behemoth operating in India that had only begun jettisoning the jargon of socialism and the shibboleths of policy making that has promised plenty and delivered little. Ratan Tata changed the group for the better in a more substantial manner than any of the luminaries under whose care the organization evolved since its inception in 1868.
(7)	Ratan Tata, the chairman Emeritus of the Tata Sons was inspired to make Tata Nano after seeing a tragic scene of an Indian Family of four riding on a scooter during rain and falling into a pothole. He wanted to make road travel safe and more affordable for middle class Indians. He rolled out Tata Nano during Auto Expo in January 2008 and started its sales in 2009, it was the cheapest car of the world and soon became huge hit not only in India but also in Sri Lanka, Netherlands and other European countries.
(8)	The silver haired business tycoon backed the many startups like Ola, Car-Dekho, Snapdeal, Paytm . He famously said that he viewed these investments as a “learning experiences” .He has a stellar track record as a businessman and a philanthropist who donated more than \$ 1.2 billion (approximately Rs. 9000 crores) philanthropic causes. He was the true Gem of India and will be revered for the ages to come.

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

I	Why is the undertone of the writer while mentioning “Salt to Satellites” (a) Tata group is making Salt and Satellites. (b) Tata group is making plethora products. (c) Tata group is constraint to making few products. (d) Tata group has proven his acumen in building chemical and space technological products.	1
II	The writer claims in paragraph 3 that ‘ <i>Ratan Tata was compelled to return to India in 1962</i> ’. Infer the probable reason in your response in about 40 words.	2
III	Complete the sentence appropriately with a vital point. One cannot find a single house in India devoid of a Tata product as.....	1
IV	State whether the following statement is True or False. During the last decade of the millennium the spectrum of ‘ <b>ease of doing business</b> ’ was excellent in India.	1
V	Complete the sentence given below appropriately. Ratan Tata backed up many start-ups as.....	1
VI	Based on the reading of the passage, examine in about 40 words, why the writer says . “Tata had to face apprehensions within the group itself to prove his acumen”	2
VII	The statement given below provides an Assertion (A) and Reason (R). Mark your answer as per the codes provided below.	1

	<p><b>Assertion: Tata Nano was the cheapest car of the world.</b> <b>Reason: It was cheaper than bike, and was easily available.</b></p> <p>(i) Both A and R are true and R is the correct explanation of A. (ii) Both A and R are true but R is not the correct explanation of A. (iii) A is true but R is false. (iv) A is false but R is true.</p>													
VIII	<p>Match the given year with the notable event from the life and history of Tata.</p> <table><thead><tr><th>Year</th><th>Notable Event</th></tr></thead><tbody><tr><td>1. 1868</td><td>a. Nano launched at Auto expo</td></tr><tr><td>2. 1991</td><td>b. Tata started a trading firm</td></tr><tr><td>3. 2008</td><td>c. forsake his dreams to start afresh</td></tr><tr><td>4. 1981</td><td>d. executed radical modifications</td></tr><tr><td>5. 1962</td><td>e. ascended on Tata throne</td></tr></tbody></table>	Year	Notable Event	1. 1868	a. Nano launched at Auto expo	2. 1991	b. Tata started a trading firm	3. 2008	c. forsake his dreams to start afresh	4. 1981	d. executed radical modifications	5. 1962	e. ascended on Tata throne	1
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## 2. Read the following text.

10 Marks

- The Burgeoning popularity of the reality TV has ushered in a new era of entertainment, capturing the global audience's fascination with unscripted/scripted drama and real life spectacle. Among these, "Big Boss", an Indian adaptation of Dutch reality show "Big Brother", has emerged as cultural phenomenon, offering viewers a gawking glimpse into the lives of its participants. However, beneath the veneer of entertainment. "Big Boss" has been subject of increasing scrutiny for its potential psychological and societal repercussions.
- Its been few days since celeb inmates have been locked up for a well rated public-view- Big Boss 18. This show got the eyeballs thanks to a queer mix of participants who can bicker at the drop of a hat. But an attempt to get a professional psychoanalyse the 18 "Big Boss" inmates revealed that the reality show is on the hate list of almost entire fraternity. "I would not recommend the show to anyone. Being confined in a house brings out the worst in everyone and the audience seems to be enjoying this", said a city based psychiatrist.
- The show has adapted its name and its core concept from the Masterpiece of Geoge Orwell- 1984, where Big Brother is the character and the symbol, an ostensible ruler who kept a constant watch on the inhabitants of Oceania? Are we, the Indian audience so stressed that we have reduced our self to watching negativity of other people's lives for entertainment or have we lost purpose in our lives?

4. The concept of “Big Boss” seems to be something like what was practised in prisons in the olden days where people were confined to a restricted place and left alone without any activities, which pushed them to be frustrated and hence break down emotionally. Adding that the emotional drama, due to constant negative reaction, gossip, conflicts etc is what makes this show popular.

Adapted for academic usage( Anjali Chabbriya- Hindustan Times)

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

I	Complete the following analogy correctly with a word/phrase from Para 1.  fast : rapid      flourishing :: .....	1
II	Choose the most appropriate option from those given in the brackets, to fill in the blanks. Studies ..... (have/has) Shown that reality TV shows like “Big Boss” are not just “harmless entrainment” . They ..... (must/ can) severely damage your mental health.	1
III	Neeta is an ardent fan of the show mentioned in the passage. What changes you can expect her to develop after watching this show? Give reasons for your answer.	2
IV	What should be the purpose of life?	1
V	What are the reasons for the huge viewership of the mentioned reality show?	1
VI	What is the nearest meaning of the phrase- On drop of a hat (a) To start competing against each other. (b) To engage in hat throwing competition. (c) To engage in a philosophical conversation. (d) To start something instantly without any hesistation	1
VII	According to the passage, which of the given statement is true. (a) Watching reality has positive repercussions . (b) George Orwell is the Big Boss. (c) Participants are on the hate-list of Big-Boss. (d) Indian Big Boss is adapted from Dutch reality Show ‘Big Brother’.	1
VIII	State whether the following statement is TRUE OR FALSE.  <i>Living with strangers brings out the best of your capacities, curbs your insecurities and moulds you in a healthy manner.</i>	1
IX	Find and write antonym of hostility from para-2.	1

## SECTION B (GRAMMAR & WRITING SKILLS)- 20 MARKS

<b>GRAMMAR</b>	<b>10 Marks</b>
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3.	Complete <b>ANY TEN</b> of twelve of the following tasks, as directed.	1x10=10				
I	<p>Fill in the blank by using the correct form of the word in the bracket, for the given portion of a letter.</p> <p>Respected Sir, This is in response to your advertisement in “The Daily Post” dated 25 September 2024..... (regard) the job for a teacher in Tagore Public School.</p>	1				
II	<p>Read the given sentence from a review article in a newspaper. Identify the error and supply the correction in the sentence.</p> <p>Several passengers injure in severe turbulence on Air India flight from Delhi to Sydney.</p> <p>Use the given format for the response.</p> <table><tr><td>ERROR</td><td>CORRECTION</td></tr><tr><td></td><td></td></tr></table>	ERROR	CORRECTION			1
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III	<p>Report the following sentence.</p> <p>Rohan said, “<i>I like the book.</i>”</p>	1				
IV	<p>Read the dialogues between Raj and Yash. Select the correct option to complete the reporting of the above dialogues.</p> <p><b>Raj:</b> I’m working as an HR in Air India in Delhi. By the way, what have you been doing all these years?</p> <p><b>Yash:</b> I did B.E. in Aeronautical Engineering from London and have come for an Interview at Air India.</p> <p>Raj told Yash that he was working as an HR in Air India and asked him..... Sahil replied that he had done B.E in Aeronautical Engineering from London and had come for an interview at the Air India.</p> <p>i. What he had been doing all those years?</p> <p>ii. What he had been doing all these years?</p> <p>iii. What he had been doing all those years.</p> <p>iv. What was he doing all these years.</p>	1				
V	<p>Fill in the blank by choosing the correct option, to complete an online update.</p> <p><i>Police found that a man was shooting a dangerous stunt reel inside a Delhi Metro Coach and is now wanted. Please inform the SHO Rajeev</i></p>	1				

	<p><i>Chowk Metro on 1234567890 or 1511 (control room) or 112 (police helpline). Identity of informer..... confidential.</i></p> <p>(i ) will be kept (ii ) should kept (iii ) would keep (iv ) keep</p>					
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VII	<p>Fill in the blank by choosing the correct option, to complete the sentence from a health magazine.</p> <p>When HDL is at healthy levels in your blood. It ..... extra cholesterol and plaque building up in your arteries and then sends it to your liver.</p> <p>(i) Remove (ii) Removes (iii) Removed (iv) Removing</p>	1				
VIII	<p>Complete the given narrative, by filling in the blank with the correct option.</p> <p><i>The founders of Zerodha, which is an online stock trading company, have revealed that they do not hire people who have passed out from colleges, including the IIt, IIM. While the report....., Zerodha's founder, Nitin Kamath, feels it very tough to fit such people in his organization.</i></p> <p>(i ) might astonish you (ii ) ought to astonish you (iii ) astonished you (iv ) astonish you</p>	1				
IX	<p>Report the dialogue between a mother and her daughter by completing the sentence.</p> <p>Rashi said to her mother," <b><i>I want a scoop of Ice-Cream.</i></b>"</p> <p>Rashi said to her mother that.....</p>	1				
X	<p>Select the option that identifies the error and supplies the correction for the following line:</p> <p><i>Your overall healthy depends on your healthy food and healthy thoughts.</i></p>	1				

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XI	<p>Complete the line by filling the blank with the correct option.</p> <p>It was roses, roses all the way,  With myrte mixed in paths like mad  The house roofs..... to heave and sway  The church-spires flamed,  Such flags they had  A year ago on this day.</p> <p>(i ) seem  (ii ) seems  (iii ) had seem  (iv ) seemed</p>	1															
XII	<p>Fill in the blank by choosing the correct option to complete the sentence from a health magazine.</p> <p>Chia seeds, an excellent .....of plant-based protein, can also be used in home-made granola bars, along with nuts and other ingredients, to increase its nutrition content.</p> <p>(i ) sourced  (ii ) sources  (iii ) source  (iv ) sourcing</p>	1															

### WRITING (10 Marks)

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

4	<p>Attempt <b>ANY ONE</b> from A and B given below.</p> <p><b>A.</b> You are Riddhi/ Rahil resident of 34 Paradise Residency, Ajmer. You know that the playing sports and games develop us physically, mentally and socially. However facilities for sports and games are very poor in your city. Write a letter to Municipal commissioner of your city complaining about the same and requesting him/her to provide more such facilities for the town's residents. (you can invent other details as required for your answer)</p> <p style="text-align: center;"><b><u>OR</u></b></p> <p><b>B.</b> You are Gouri/Gautam resident of 56 Swami Nagar Ambala. After seeing many newspaper reports about defacing and doing graffiti on various historical sites and</p>	5
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monuments you feel as it is your moral duty the raise this alarming issue. Write a letter to the Editor of Hindustan Times, Chandigarh expressing your concern and also suggest some ways to curb this nuisance. Invent other necessary details as required for your answer.

5 Attempt ANY ONE from A and B given below.

A. You are Mukti/ Mohan, the senior student representative of PM Shri Kendriya Vidyalaya Banar, Jodhpur and you have been assigned to choose your deputy from the given display details of the five candidates .

**Analyse the Candidates choose your deputy while presenting the valid reasons for your selection**

Name	Motto	Participation in activities	Achievement	Qualities	Drawbacks
Mayank	Love conquers all	Music club Art club	1 <sup>st</sup> prize in Kala Utsav in Solo Song	Humble Organized Active listener	At times lazy
Rahil	Never give up	Debate club Quiz club	1 <sup>st</sup> prize in inter-house quiz contest	Hardworking consistent	Takes stress
Atharv	Strive for excellence	Dance club Literary club	1 <sup>st</sup> prize in essay writing contest	Innovative compassionate	At times Procrastinates
Ruby	Service to man is service to God	Sports club Science club	Gold medal in swimming	Responsible systematic	At times over thinks
Vibha	Service before self	Social service club Science club	Rajya Puraskar in Guide	Helpful Curious	At times too critical

You may begin like this:

As I am shouldering the responsibility of choosing the deputy student representative, I strongly feel that.....

You may end like this:

For these reasons I believe ..... should be selected as Deputy Student Representative.

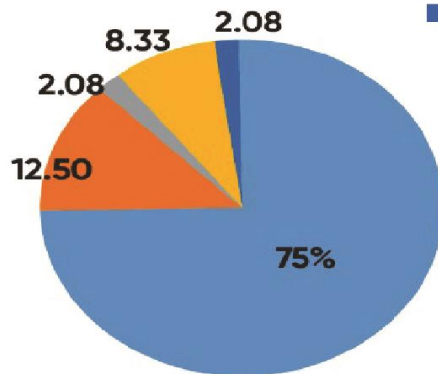
**OR**

B. In the report Published by Ministry of Railways following are the major causes of the rail accidents during the year 2022-2023 the main insight was to analyse and understand the set reason behind train accidents.



## Accident Cases 2022-23

■ Derailments ■ Collision ■ LC Gates ■ Fire ■ Others



(LC Gate- Level Crossing gate( barrier that blocks the path of the road vehicles at a railway crossing

Summarize the information in the chart by selecting and reporting the main features and write an analytical paragraph.

Clues-derailments-75% collision- 12.50% LC gates-2.08% fire-8.33% others-2.08%

### SECTION C(LITERATURE TEXTBOOK AND SUPPLEMENTARY READING TEXT-40 MARKS

6	Read the given extracts and answer the questions for ANY ONE of the two given.	5
A	Marriage gifts are meaningless without the sweet bread known as the bol, just as a party or a feast loses its charm without a bread. Not enough can be said to show how important a baker can be for a village. The lady of the house must prepare sandwiches on the occasion of her daughter's engagement. (Glimpses of India- A Baker from Goa)	
i	State whether the following statement is TRUE or FALSE Sandwiches were a must have delicacy to be prepared by mother of the going-to-be-bride.	1
ii	What was the importance of a Baker in a Goan Village?	2
iii	Which word from the passage means similar to the 'celebration meals'? (a) Charm (b) Occasion (c) Engagement	1

	(d) Feast	
Iv	What was the importance of Bol during Goan weddings?	<b>1</b>

**OR**

<b>B</b>	Then a monstrous terror seized him and his heart stood still. He could hear nothing. But it only lasted a minute. The next moment he felt his wings spread outwards. The wind rushed against his breast feathers, then under his stomach and against his wings. (His First Flight)	
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<b>I</b>	Which of the following depicts the correct state of the Seagull (a) Seagull was calm and composed and was sure about his acumen in aviation. (b) Seagull was on the brink of the painful death. (c) Seagull was at complete mercy of the Gods and his mother was hoping for a miracle. (d) Seagull's intuitions and latent skills helped him in conquering over his fright	<b>1</b>
<b>li</b>	'Seagull waited in the moment of surprise to let his intuitions assist him to overcome his cardinal fear'. Justify or refute the statement with suitable evidence from the given extract. Answer in about 40 words	<b>2</b>
<b>lii</b>	What did he feel about his wings?	<b>1</b>
<b>iv</b>	Complete the analogy by selecting the most suitable option from the above extract. begin: last :: moving : .....	<b>1</b>

<b>7</b>	<b>Read the following stanzas below and attempt the questions for ANY ONE that follow.</b>	<b>5</b>
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<b>A</b>	<i>He should be lurking in the shadow Sliding through the grass Near the waterhole Where plump deer pass.</i>  (A tiger in the Zoo)	
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<b>I</b>	Fill in the blank appropriately with ONE word only. ..... is the poetic device used as sentence is continuing to the next line without any punctuation mark.	<b>1</b>
<b>li</b>	Why does the Tiger lurking in the shadow?	<b>2</b>
<b>lii</b>	What does the poet try to create? (a) Image of bearing skills of Tiger (b) Image of survival skills of deer	<b>1</b>

	(c) Image of hunting skills of Tiger (d) Image of bravery of Deer	
iv	Select a word from the stanza which means opposite to the - Skinny	1

**OR**

B	The night is fresh, the whole moon shines In a sky open The smell of leaves and lichen Still reaches like a voice into the rooms.  (The Trees)	
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I	On the first glimpse the line- 'Still reaches like a voice into the room' seems to be powered by- (a) simile (b) refrain (c) alliteration (d) repetition	1
li	What is the theme(s) of the given lines? Elaborate it in about 40 words.	2
lii	What does the poet symbolize when he uses the phrase 'smell of leaves'?	1
iv	Select a word from the stanza which means opposite to the - Dull	1

8.	Answer <b><u>ANY FOUR</u></b> of the following questions, in about 40-50 words.	<b>4x3=12</b>
i	What was demanded in the letter? How were the demands met? (A letter to God)	<b>3</b>
li	How did the Mijbil pass his time in the author's home in London? (Mijbil the otter)	<b>3</b>
iii	What was the remedy suggested by Gautam Buddha to revive the dead son of the grief stricken mother? (Sermon at Benaras)	<b>3</b>
iv	What made the woman at the control room looked at the narrator strangely? (The Black Aeroplane)	<b>3</b>
v	Give a brief pen-portrait of Lomov. (The Proposal)	<b>3</b>
	Answer <b><u>ANY TWO</u></b> of the following questions, in about 40-50 words.	<b>2X3=6</b>
I	Why changes came into the life of Loiseles after borrowing money? (The Necklace)	<b>3</b>
li	Griffin became a law-less person? What did he do to earn such a name? (Footprints Without Feet)	<b>3</b>
iii	The Martians misunderstood the books and gave wrong interpretations of it. List three examples. (The Book That Saved The Earth)	<b>3</b>

10	Answer <b><u>ANY ONE</u></b> of the following questions, in about 100-120 words.	<b>1X6=6</b>
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A	<p>Dalai Lama has said</p> <p><b>“Choose to be optimistic, it feels better”</b></p> <p>The poems The dust of Snow and Fog both shed light on apprehensive and anxious nature of the man. Describe some reasons for anxiety and suggest some ways to curb these pessimistic thoughts to live a happy and peaceful life.</p> <p>(Reference – The Dust of Snow and Fog)</p>
B	<p>Read the following quote by William Makepeace Thackeray</p> <p><b>“Bravery and courage are never out of Fashion”</b></p> <p>In Madam rides the bus, “ Never Mind she said, “ I can get on by myself.” “You don’t have to help me,” said the Valli to the conductor she shows extraordinary courage in making the bus journey all alone.</p> <p>In Long Walk to Freedom, Nelson Mandela was the hero of South Africa’s freedom movement. He also shows extraordinary courage like Valli.</p> <p>Evaluate the above to understand the notion of courage in the two personalities.</p> <p>(Madam rides the bus and A Long Walk to Freedom)</p>

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A	<p>TED is a non-profit organisation devoted to spreading ideas, usually in the form of short powerful talks often called “TED Talks” Bholi was praised for showing extraordinary strength, showing immense courage against societal norms and evils and emerged as a warrior and subsequently was invited for TED Talks.</p> <p>As Bholi deliver a short speech on <b>“What Made me Strong”</b> in around 100-120 words</p> <p>(Bholi)</p>
B	<p>Read the following quote by Novelist J.M. Barrie</p> <p><b>“All the world is made of faith, and trust and pixie dust”</b></p> <p>Hari Singh denounced his old ways and made up his mind to leave his shady past behind and start afresh and to adore Education as the building block of his newer self and gradually he became an IAS Officer</p> <p>As a mentor and guide of Hari- Singh, Anil decided to write a to Hari Singh to honour his honesty and efforts to become a better person.</p> <p>Write a letter as Anil in around 100-120 words</p> <p>( A Thief’s Story)</p>