

CLASS X
ENGLISH LANGUAGE AND LITERATURE (CODE 184)
SAMPLE QUESTION PAPER 2019-20

Time : 3 Hours**Maximum Marks : 80****General Instructions :**

(i) The question paper is divided into three sections.

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| Section A : | Reading | 20 marks |
| Section B : | Writing and Grammar | 30 marks |
| Section C : | Literature | 30 marks |

(ii) All questions are compulsory.

(iii) You may attempt any section at a time.

(iv) All questions of that particular section must be attempted in the correct order.

SECTION A : READING**20**

1. Read the passage given below and answer the questions that follow: [8]

1. One of the greatest advances in modern technology has been the invention of computers. They are widely used in industries and in universities. Now there is hardly any sphere of human life where computers have not been pressed into the service of man. We are heading fast towards the day when a computer will be as much part of man's daily life as a telephone or a calculator
2. Computers are capable of doing extremely complicated work in all branches of learning. They can solve the most complex mathematical problems or put thousands of unrelated facts in order. These machines can be put to varied uses. For instance, they can provide information on the best way to prevent traffic jams. This whole process by which machines can be used to work for us has been called 'automation'. In the future automation may enable human beings to enjoy more leisure than they do today. The coming of automation is bound to have important social consequences.
3. Some years ago an expert on automation, Sir Leon Bagrit, pointed out that it was a mistake to believe that these machines could 'think'. There is no possibility that human beings will be "controlled by machines". Though computers are capable of learning from their mistakes and improving on their performance, they need detailed instructions from human beings to operate. They can never, as it were, lead independent lives or "rule the world" by making decisions of their own.
4. Sir Leon said that in the future, computers would be developed which would be small enough to carry in the pocket. Ordinary people would then be able to use them to obtain valuable information. Computers could be plugged into a national network and be used like radios. For instance, people going on holiday could be

informed about weather conditions. Car drivers can be given alternative routes when there are traffic jams. It will also be possible to make tiny translating machines. This will enable people who do not share a common language to talk to each other without any difficulty or to read foreign publications.

1.1 Attempt any eight of the following questions :

[1 × 8 = 8]

- (1) Computers need detailed instructions from to operate.
 - (a) other computers
 - (b) machines
 - (c) human beings
- (2) What complicated work are computers capable of doing?
 - (a) solve complex mathematical problems
 - (b) cooking food
 - (c) none of these
- (3) How can the ordinary people get benefit by using computers?
- (4) The process by which machines can be used to work for us is called
 - (a) formation
 - (b) automation
 - (c) oscillation
- (5) What is the greatest advancement in modern technology?
 - (a) invention of light
 - (b) invention of paper
 - (c) invention of computers
- (6) How can computers help people going on holiday?
- (7) What was the prediction of Sir Leon about computers in the future?
- (8) How would computers as translating machines help people?
- (9) Write one use of computers.

Ans :

- (1) (c) human beings

- (2) (a) solve complex mathematical problems
- (3) When computers would be small enough to carry in the pocket, they can be used by the ordinary people to obtain valuable information.
- (4) (b) automation
- (5) (c) invention of computers
- (6) They could be informed about weather conditions.
- (7) He said that in the future, computers small enough to carry in a pocket would be developed.
- (8) People who do not share a common language will be able to talk to each other.
- (9) They can provide information on the best way to prevent traffic jams.

2. Read the passage given below and answer the questions that follow: [12]

1. Why does a person become overconfident? The reason lies in over assessment of his capabilities. Sometimes people over-assess their competence and jump into situations that are beyond their control.
2. Napoleon Bonaparte who became Emperor of France would say that the word 'impossible' was common only amongst fools. The overconfident Napoleon invaded Russia in the winter of 1812. This proved to be a big disaster
3. Overconfidence generally leads people into misadventures, endangering their chances in life. It is wisely said that any achievement is a result of two factors—one's personal planning and support from the external world. People, take into account only their planning, generally ignoring external factors. As a result, they are unable to foresee future developments. Hence, a great risk of failure.
4. Then there is the question: How can one manage overconfidence? The formula is very simple. Before taking a decision, discuss the matter with other informed people with an objective mind and when it is proved that you are about to go off the path, accept reality and say without delay, "I was wrong".
5. Overconfidence is a flaw characterising people who lack the virtue of modesty. Modesty makes you a realist; you become a person who is cut down to size. People of this kind become very cautious; before taking action they assess the whole situation. They adopt a realistic approach.
6. Overconfident people live within their own thoughts. They know themselves but they are unaware of others. Living inside their own cell they are unable to make use of the experiences of others. This kind of habit is highly damaging to all concerned.
7. There is a saying that the young man sees the rule and the old man sees the exception. With a slight change, I would like to say that the overconfident person sees the rule and the confident person sees the exception. Overconfident people are always at risk. It is said that taking risk is good, but it must be well calculated otherwise it becomes very dangerous.

2.1 On the basis of your reading of the passage, answer any four of the following questions in 30-40 words each: [2 × 4 = 8]

- (a) Is overconfidence a flaw in one's character?

- (b) To what will you attribute Napoleon's failure in Russia? Why?
- (c) How can one avoid the risk of failure?
- (d) Why should people be 'cut down to size'?
- (e) When do, sometimes, situations get out of control?

Ans :

- (a) Overconfidence is a flaw in one's character because such people live within their own thoughts. They know themselves, but they are unaware of others.
- (b) Napoleon's success in battles made him overconfident of his powers. He failed to find out the dangers of attacking Russia during winter and failed miserably in the battle.
- (c) One can avoid the risk of failure by planning well, not to ignore external factors and foresee future developments.
- (d) If people are 'cut down to size', they will become realists and modest. They will not take rash actions but be cautious in what they do.
- (e) When people become overconfident, they over-assess their competence. So, they do not make a correct judgement of their abilities and situations get out of control.

2.2 On the basis of your reading of the passage, fill in any two of the following blanks with appropriate words/phrases: [1 × 2 = 2]

- (a) Overconfident people are always at _____
- (b) Overconfident people live within their own _____
- (c) Overconfidence leads people into _____

Ans :

- (a) risk
- (b) thoughts
- (c) misadventures

2.3 Find out the words that mean the same as under. Attempt any two of the following : [1 × 2 = 2]

- (1) putting someone at risk / at risk (paragraph 3)
 - (a) endangering
 - (b) external
 - (c) ignoring
- (2) a sudden accident that causes damage to life (paragraph 2)
 - (a) impossible
 - (b) disaster
 - (c) none of these
- (3) sensible (paragraph 5)
 - (a) flaw
 - (b) modesty
 - (c) realistic

Ans :

- (1) (a) endangering
- (2) (b) disaster
- (3) (c) realistic

SECTION B : WRITING AND GRAMMAR**30**

3. Influence of friends can have both positive and negative impact on the students. Write an article in 100-150 words discussing how we can make it more positive and productive. [8]

or

You are Apoorva / Arpit. You bought a refrigerator from Ganesh Electronics and Electricals, Gandhi Marg, Nagpur. It does not function properly. Write a letter to the Sales Manager of the shop, complaining about the defect and asking for immediate replacement or repair, as necessary. (100-150 words)

Ans :**Influence of Friends on Students**

It is no secret that the peer group has a great influence on young minds. Teenagers in school look up to their friends. They are influenced by their manners, behaviour, fashion modes, etc. Friends can have both positive and negative impact on the students. If we make a wrong choice, we can fall prey to all kinds of bad habits.

The first step is the home atmosphere where the students can choose good values. In school, the students will instinctively avoid bad company will not fall prey to anti-social behaviour. The teachers in school will have to be vigilant too, set a proper example and engage the students in healthy sports, and develop an interest in studies.

or

33, Gandhi Marg,
Nagpur
16 July 2019
The Sales Manager,
Ganesh Electronics and Electricals,
Nagpur
Sir,

Subject: Complaint about Defective Refrigerator

On 7-07-2019, I purchased a Godrej refrigerator, Model No. 892 vide receipt no: 456 from your showroom paying ₹20,000.

Unfortunately, the refrigerator does not function properly now. It does not cool properly and side walls of it get heated a lot. The freezing compartment of the refrigerator stops suddenly. It produces noise with vibrations.

To resolve this problem, I would appreciate if you would replace it as it seems to have some manufacturing problem.

I look forward to your reply and a solution to my problem and will wait until a week before seeking help from the consumer protection. Kindly contact me at the above address.

Yours sincerely,

Arpit

Enclosures CC: Receipt of purchase and warranty card.

4. Write a story in about 150-200 words based on the input given below: [10]

He opened the factory door — peeped inside — some light — last shift over — could be thieves

or

They started a trek to the peak of mountain — supposed to be a very hard journey — a five-day long trek — when they started

Ans :

He opened the factory door noiselessly and peeped inside. It was very late, and even the last shift was over. To his surprise, there was a dim light at the far end of the hall. Who could it be? Thieves? A gang carrying on some illegal business? For many seconds he stood, undecided, near the door. Should he take the risk of investigating? They, whoever they were, could be armed. Should he leave immediately and inform the directors and the police? But then he may lose precious time. Finally, he decided to move closer before taking any action. As he advanced further, he saw half a dozen people bent over bags of polythene, stuffing them and sealing them. What could it be? His mind raced over possibilities, they were involved in some illegal activity drugs or stealing factory products. It had to be reported immediately. He quietly closed the door and bolted it and promptly called the police and the owners and the managers of the factory. Blissfully unaware of the fate awaiting them, the culprits kept on with their work, only the wailing sirens of the police made them realise the danger. But it was too late.

or

After a day's rest, the group of teenagers started their trek to the peak, a tough five-day long climb to their destination. They had already spent twenty nerve-racking days, facing thunderstorms and snowfall. It was a relentless fight against nature, but the group's morale was high, their spirits unflagging, ready to complete the task before them.

Suddenly, Sameer, the leader of the team, gave a startled cry and stopped climbing. Puzzled the group rushed up to join him, and these were cries of horror heard from all of them. A young couple, seemingly dead, were lying frozen in the snow! The group hurriedly started their rescue act, relieved that the couple were only unconscious and not dead. They took them down to the base camp where first aid was given promptly. The young man revived first and what a tale he had to tell. With the total rashness of the young, they had decided to climb the peak with only oxygen masks to help them. They lost their way, the oxygen was over, and they fell unconscious. Sameer was furious with them. Their foolish act could have proved fatal. Properly chastened, the couple were sorry but grateful to the group for saving their lives.

5. Fill in any four of the following blanks choosing the most appropriate options from the ones given below. Write the answers in your answer sheet against the correct blank numbers. [1 × 4 = 4]

Reading a novel or a short story (a) _____ the second language could dramatically (b) _____ physiological responses to emotions such (c) _____ smiling (d) _____ frowning. When we read a novel or short story, we literally replicate the physiological processes (e) _____ emotions of the characters.

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|-----|--------|---------|------------|---------|
| (a) | (i) of | (ii) in | (iii) from | (iv) at |
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|-----|------------|-----------------|---------------|---------------|
| (b) | (i) reduce | (ii) reduces | (iii) reduced | (iv) reducing |
| (c) | (i) like | (ii) similar to | (iii) as | (iv) alike |
| (d) | (i) or | (ii) from | (iii) of | (iv) as |
| (e) | (i) and | (ii) or | (iii) but | (iv) if |

Ans :

- (a) (ii) in
 (b) (i) reduce
 (c) (iii) as
 (d) (i) or
 (e) (i) and

6. In the following passage, one word has been omitted in each line. Write the missing words in any four sentences of the given paragraph, along with the words that come before and the words that come after it in the space provided. 4

| | | Before | Missing Word | After |
|---------------------------------------|-----|--------|--------------|-------|
| A company cash was | (a) | ----- | ----- | ----- |
| kept a safe was owned by | (b) | ----- | ----- | ----- |
| three partners who not | (c) | ----- | ----- | ----- |
| trust other. They decided | (d) | ----- | ----- | ----- |
| to put locks the door and distributed | (e) | ----- | ----- | ----- |
| the keys among themselves. | | | | |

Ans :

| | Before | Missing Word | After |
|-----|--------|--------------|-------|
| (a) | cash | which | was |
| (b) | kept | in | a |
| (c) | who | did | not |
| (d) | trust | each | other |
| (e) | locks | on | the |

7. Rearrange any four of the following word clusters to make meaningful sentences. 4
- (a) very impatient / makes / an energetic man / slow progress
 (b) to the / there are / culprit / many clues / real / pointing
 (c) the / find / murderer / who / real / out / is
 (d) can be / two / blamed / persons / the murder / for
 (e) read / I / the / the / in / paper / that / had / been / thief / caught

Ans :

- (a) Slow progress makes an energetic man very impatient.
 (b) There are many clues pointing to the real culprit.
 (c) Find out who the real murderer is.
 (d) Two persons can be blamed for the murder.
 (e) I read in the paper that the thief had been caught.

SECTION C : LITERATURE

30

8. Read the extract given below and answer the questions that follow: $[1 \times 4 = 4]$

No one is born hating another person because of the colour of his skin, or his background, or his religion. People must learn to hate, and if they can learn to hate, they can be taught to love, for love comes more naturally to the human heart than its opposite. Even in the grimmest times in prison, when my comrades and I were pushed to our limits, I would see a glimmer of humanity in one of the guards, perhaps just for a second, but it was enough to reassure me and keep me going. Man's goodness is a flame that can be hidden but never extinguished.

- (a) Why is it easy to learn to love?
 (b) What was the opinion of Mandela about the man's goodness?
 (c) Where did Mandela and his friends have the most unpleasant time?
 (i) in prison
 (ii) in school
 (iii) none of these
 (d) Trace a word from the extract that means 'severe'.
 (i) hate
 (ii) grimmest
 (iii) flame

or

He should be snarling around houses
 At the jungle's edge,
 Baring his white fangs, his claws,
 Terrorising the village!

- (a) Who is 'he' referred to in the above stanza?
 (i) poet

- (ii) tiger
 (iii) lion
 (b) Whom is the tiger frightening?
 (i) the villagers
 (ii) poachers
 (iii) visitors
 (c) What does 'white fangs' refer to in the above lines?
 (d) Find out a word that means 'showing the teeth and making fearful sound'.

Ans :

- (a) It is easy to learn to love because love comes more naturally to the human heart than hate.
 (b) Mandela's opinion about the man's goodness is that it can be hidden but not extinguished.
 (c) (i) in prison
 (d) (ii) grimmest

or

- (a) (ii) tiger
 (b) (i) the villagers
 (c) 'White fangs' refer to pointed white teeth of a tiger.
 (d) snarling

9. Answer any five of the following questions in 30-40 words each: $[2 \times 5 = 10]$

- (a) How did the otter appear for the first time when he was taken out of the sack?
 (b) Why did Anne's teacher ask her to write another essay for the third time? Who helped her and why?
 (c) How did Lencho's hope change to despair?

- (d) How do people think of the world? Take reference to the poem, 'Fire and Ice'.
- (e) Why did Matilda feel unfortunate?
- (f) Horace Danby was not an ordinary thief. How can you say this?

Ans :

- (a) The otter had been brought after all for the author. He was taken out of the sack. He resembled a very small dragon. He looked very beautiful. However, he was coated with pointed scales of mud. These spread over his body from the head to the top of the tail. Between the tips was visible a soft velvet fur like that of a mole.
- (b) Mr Keesing, her mathematics teacher, had asked her to write another essay in lieu of punishment, as she was continuously talking in the classroom premises. Anne desired to write with something real, so she took help from Sanne, her friend, who hinted her to write the essay in poetry style.
- (c) Rain brought a complete disaster to Lencho's life. His happiness did not last long. The raindrops changed into hailstones which covered everything. Not a single leaf remained on the trees. The corn was totally destroyed. So, his hope changed to despair as he had nothing to eat for the whole year.
- (d) Some people think that the world will end in the fire while others think that the world will end in ice.
- (e) Matilda was a dreamy woman. She gave much value to her dreams. She overlooked the realities of life. She felt as if she was meant for all delicacies and luxuries in life. She felt unfortunate to have married a petty clerk.
- (f) Horace Danby was a typical thief. He robbed only one safe every year. Moreover, he robbed only those who had a lot of money. He didn't hurt anybody, so he didn't carry any weapon.

10. Answer one of the following questions in 100-150 words: [8]

- (a) Describe the Coorgi people and their descent.
or
- (b) From another point of view, it was God who had sent Lencho seventy pesos. Explain.

Ans :

- (a) The Coorgi people are fiercely independent and brave. According to one theory, they are of Greek descent. It is said that they are the successors of a part of Alexander's army who came to Southern India and settled there when their return became impractical. According to another theory, they are of Arab descent. There is a resemblance between Kuppia that the Coorgi people wear, and Kuffia that the Arabs and Kurds wear.
or
- (b) God has been an abstract term throughout since men and women began to pray to Him, yet there

have been instances that prove his existence. God acts through men, women, children, animals and through the rest of nature. In Lencho's case, we can believe that it was God who inspired the postman to take such an initiative and raise money for Lencho. Lencho's faith in God deeply moved the postmaster. He didn't want to shake this faith in God. That is why he sent him the money with the help of his subordinates in the post office. He signed the letter 'God' to make Lencho believe that God had sent the money. Unlike man, God doesn't demand man's acknowledgement or thanks. He does good without the least desire for name and fame.

11. Answer one of the following questions in 100-150 words: [8]

- (a) What was the mystery behind imprints?
or
- (b) Presence of mind and intelligence are more powerful than a gun. How far is it true in case of Ausable, the secret agent?

Ans :

- (a) Two boys in London were surprised when they saw footprints without feet. They saw the imprints of a pair of bare feet and were left amazed and shocked. When they gazed, suddenly muddy imprints appeared from nowhere. After this, they chased the imprints going down the streets. Lastly, they disappeared. This led to a mystery behind these imprints. Though we clearly know as a reader that these impressions of footprints were discovered when Griffin invented a rare drug of being invisible and drank a portion of it. This made him unseen by anyone.
or
- (b) It is not necessary that a good secret agent should be handsome, attractive and smart. Physical strength can be an advantage but certainly not the essential one. Detectives have to face many critical situations at every step. Though the appearances and traits of Ausable didn't match up to be a detective, with the presence of mind, he was able to outwit Max. One midnight when Ausable entered his room with Fowler who was a romantic writer, he found Max, another secret agent in his room. Ausable was not the least afraid of Max's presence. At once, he used this presence of mind and made a false story of a balcony. He convinced Max to believe in this fake story. After some time, they heard a knock at the door, and Ausable told Max that it was the police who came for his security. Max without wasting time rushed towards the window and dropped to the non-existent balcony and met his tragic end. In this way, Ausable won over the critical situation by his sheer presence of mind.

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