

CLASS X (2019-20)
ENGLISH (CODE 0184)
SAMPLE PAPER-8

Time Allowed : 3 Hours

Maximum Marks : 80

General Instructions :

- (i) This paper is divided into three sections: A, B and C. All questions are compulsory.
- (ii) Separate instructions are given with each section and question, wherever necessary. Read these instructions very carefully and follow them.
- (iii) Do not exceed the prescribed word limit while answering the questions

SECTION A - READING (20 MARKS)

1. Read the passage given below and answer the questions that follow: (8 Marks)

The Power of Thoughts

1. Ideas rule the world. You shape your fate and decide your destiny by your thoughts. You have to think high to rise. You have to believe and be sure of yourself to win a prize. Life's battles do not always go to the stronger or the faster man. But, sooner or later, the man who wins is the man who thinks he can.
2. Success starts with your thoughts. Whatever your mind can conceive and believe, it can achieve. And your mind is nothing more than a bundle of thoughts. Since you have the power to shape your thoughts, you automatically have the power to fashion your fate and decide your destiny. Thus, your thoughts are the most potent, powerful and prime source of your success.
3. For your thoughts to blossom into success, they should be combined with definiteness of purpose, perseverance and a burning, pulsating strong desire to translate them into action. Believe that you will succeed and believe it firmly. You will then do whatever is necessary to bring success about.
4. Faith in yourself as well as the confidence that you can and will succeed are the key to your success in any venture. If you keep your mind riveted on your goal and focus your thoughts on the great and splendid things that you wish to have, you will find yourself unconsciously seizing upon the opportunities that are required for the fulfillment of your desires.
5. Thoughts are supreme. Preserve the right mental attitude of courage, frankness and good cheer. Think of success in your work and you will then do automatically and unconsciously, the things necessary to bring success about. If your desire is weak and your efforts are erratic your achievements will also be slight and fleeting. But, if you go after your goal with the single-mindedness of a bulldog after a cat, nothing and nobody under the sun can stop you. Your goal should also be well-defined, clear-cut and specific and should be linked to a fixed timeframe so that your definite energies and efforts can be focussed and forcefully directed towards its attainment.

- 1.1 On the basis of your reading of the passage given above, answer the following questions. (1 × 8 = 8)

- (a) The basic triggers of achieving success are:
 - (i) Be sure of yourself
 - (ii) Think high
 - (iii) Have the power
 - (iv) Both (i) & (ii)
- (b) The suitable heading for para 3 is:
 - (i) Be positive
 - (ii) Dream big
 - (iii) Success only depends on you
 - (iv) Streamline your life
- (c) Which of these plays the most important role in achieving our success?
 - (i) our health
 - (ii) our thoughts
 - (iii) hardwork
 - (v) confidence
- (d) In order to change our thoughts into success, we must also have:
 - (i) definiteness of purpose
 - (ii) Perseverance
 - (iii) Strong desire
 - (iv) All of these
- (e) If you go after your goal with the _____, you will achieve success.
 - (i) In a hurry
 - (ii) Think about obstacles
 - (iii) Be alert
 - (iv) Single-mindedness
- (f) The key to your success in any venture is:
 - (i) Faith
 - (ii) Confidence
 - (iii) Both (i) & (ii)
 - (iv) None of these
- (g) Preserve the right mental attitude of courage, frankness and _____
- (h) Thoughts are not that important. (True/False)

Ans :

- (a) (iv) Both (i) & (ii)
- (b) (iii) Success only depends on you
- (c) (ii) our thoughts
- (d) (iv) all of these
- (e) (iv) Single-mindedness
- (f) (iii) Both (i) & (ii)
- (g) good cheer
- (h) False

2. Read the passage given below and answer the questions that follow: (12 Marks)

1. The press is a pillar of democracy. In a democracy every man is entitled to form and express his own opinion. The daily press is a convenient vehicle through which he can voice it.
2. The press is an educator. It creates and moulds public opinion. It voices public demands and ventilates public grievances. It safeguards people's

rights and interests. It raises its powerful voice against any attempted invasion of people's rights and liberties. It acts as a check on the vagaries of men placed in high position. It exposes immoral, inefficient and corrupt officials. It is the champion of all good and noble causes.

3. By criticising the actions and lapses of the Government officials, it gives a healthy tone to the administration. Naturally the Government of a country cannot ignore the press. It cannot treat its view with disrespect.
4. Such being the character of the function of the press, it is obvious that it should be allowed a large measure of freedom. If rigid restrictions are placed on the publication of news of expression of views, the press cannot perform its duties faithfully and fearlessly.
5. Freedom from Government control does not, however, mean complete freedom for the press. That is because there are newspapers which are either party papers or are owned or controlled by big business magnates. They have to echo 'their master's voice'. They have to present news and views only in accordance with the policy of the party or the wishes of the press baron (master). They indulge in one-sided propaganda. They suppress or distort the truth. They give coloured version of reality.
6. In the USA and some other countries freedom of the press is guaranteed under their Constitution. Under our Constitution this freedom is implicit in the 'Freedom of Speech and Expression' granted to every citizen as one of his fundamental rights. In countries under the iron heels of a dictator, freedom of the press is practically non-existent.
7. Freedom of the press, like all other freedoms, carries with it certain obligations. Publication of correct news is one of them. Avoidance of mischievous or malafide criticism of the Government is another. The idea is that liberty should not degenerate into license. The press should use the great power, which it possesses, with due restraint and judgment. It is equally the duty of the people who patronise it to exercise a healthy check upon the conduct of the press. They should teach it a lesson whenever they find that its power is being used against their interests. That they can do withholding their patronage.
8. In India, the press is free. We hope that it will place before itself the high ideal of serving the interest of public and will conduct itself in a spirit of independence, without bearing for anybody's fear of favour.

2.1. On the basis of your reading of the passage, answer the following questions in 30-40 words. (2 × 4 = 8)

- (a) What are the different advantages of press?
- (b) Why cannot the government ignore press?
- (c) In what conditions can press not perform its duties well?
- (d) Does freedom of press carry with it certain obligation? If yes then specify.

Ans :

- (a) Press is actually a pillar of democracy. It creates

and moulds public opinion. It voices public demands and ventilates, public grievances. It safeguards people's rights and liberties. It exposes immoral, inefficient and corrupt officials.

- (b) By criticizing the actions and lapses of government officials press creates a healthy tone to the administration. Therefore government cannot ignore the press.
- (c) If rigid restrictions are placed on the publications of news and expression of views, press cannot perform its duties fearlessly and faithfully.
- (d) Yes, freedom of press carries with it certain obligations. Publication of correct news is one of them. Avoidance of mischievous or malafide criticism is the other.

2.2. On the basis of your reading of the above passage, answer the following. (1 × 4 = 4)

- (a) The synonym of 'advocacy' as given in para 5 is
 - (i) license
 - (ii) news
 - (iii) propaganda
 - (iv) judgement
- (b) The synonym of 'incorporated' as given in para 6 is _____
- (c) The antonym of 'freedoms' as given in para 4 is
 - (i) function
 - (ii) press
 - (iii) restrictions
 - (iv) fearlessly
- (d) The antonym of 'reveal' as given in _____

Ans :

- (a) (iii) propaganda
- (b) implicit
- (c) (iii) restrictions
- (d) suppress

SECTION B - WRITING & GRAMMAR (30 MARKS)

3. You happened to notice a lot of garbage strewn in your locality. The inefficiency of the authorities in clearing the garbage on time has resulted in an unbearable stink. The people feel that this indifference is sure to spread diseases. Write a letter in about 100-150 words to the editor of a newspaper on this problem and what you think can be done to curb this menace. You are Ishu/Vivan, F-506, Vikas Puri, New Delhi. (8 Marks)

or

You are Sanjay/Poonam, Activity Incharge of VSPK School, Dwarka, New Delhi. Your school is planning to visit Trivandrum during winter vacations with 150 students and 7 teachers. Write a letter of inquiry to the Manager, Satguru Tours and Travels, Connaught Place, Delhi, enquiring about the itinerary, charges, accommodation, food and other facilities.

Ans :

F-506, Vikas Puri
New Delhi
16th June 2019
The Editor
The Times of India
New Delhi

Sub: Inefficiency of authorities in clearing garbage.
Sir,

Through the column of your esteemed newspaper I wish to bring to the notice of the Municipal Corporation the inefficiency of the concerned authorities in clearing the garbage on time in our locality.

The accumulated garbage gives out an unbearable stink making it difficult for the residents to walk in the colony. The garbage that is strewn around breeds a lot of mosquitoes and flies. The people of our locality feel that this indifference on the part of the authorities is sure to spread diseases. Our repeated complaints have fallen on deaf ears. It is our request to the MCD to allow the Residents Association to take charge of allocating responsible agencies with the job of clearing garbage on time. We will ensure that the garbage is dumped at the right place at the right time. This will also enable us to keep our locality clean and hygiene and help instill a sense of civic awareness among the residents.

I sincerely hope you will publish my letter in your esteemed newspaper so that our woes are brought to the notice of the Municipal Corporation.

Yours sincerely
Ishu

or

VSPK School
Dwarka, New Delhi
14th March, 2019
The Manager
Satguru Tours and Travels
134, Connaught Place
New Delhi

Sub: Inquiry about the charges and facilities provided Sir,

With reference to your advertisement in the Hindustan Times dated 14th March, 20xx, I have come to know that you organize educational tours for school and colleges. Our school is planning for an educational trip with 150 students and 7 teachers to Trivandrum during winter vacations from 5 June, 20xx to 12 June, 2019.

Kindly furnish me with the following details:

- Travel itinerary
- Total charges (cost per head)
- Accommodation AC Room
- Places to visit (sightseeing, shopping)
- Food/Meal provided
- Pick and drop facilities
- Special attraction
- Discount for students
- Mode of transport (Air/Train)

It shall be highly appreciated if the details are provided to us at the earliest.

Thanking you

Yours faithfully
Sanjay
(Activity Incharge)

4. Complete the story with the help of the following clues in about 150-200 words. (10 Marks)

Hints: Mohit going to school/saw an old woman/helpless/bitter cold/took her home/gave something to eat/old age home/blessed him.

or

Develop a story with the following opening line.

Many years ago there lived in Holland a little boy,

whose name was Peter.

Ans :

One day when Mohit was on his way to his school, he found an old woman in need. As he was walking to the school in the early hours of the morning, he saw the elderly woman huddled in one corner. It was a cold December morning and the old woman was in a thin cotton sari. She appeared to be a very poor and hungry woman and was shivering in the bitter cold. Mohit approached her and asked her about her relatives. She told him that her son and daughter-in-law had thrown her out of the home. She had no place to live. Mohit offered her to take home with him where his parent could make the necessary arrangements for her. She willingly accepted his offer and walked home with Mohit. Mohit's mother gave her warm clothes and food to eat. Mohit's father arranged for her to get admitted in a shelter for homeless where she could begin a new life. The old woman became very happy and thanked him and his parents for their act of extreme kindness and benevolence and gave them a million blessings.

or

Many years ago there lived in Holland a little boy, whose name was Peter. One afternoon his mother called him and asked him to go across the dyke to the cottage of Anmol. "Take these cakes I made for him," said mother. "You should be home before sunset," she added.

The little boy was delighted and twenty minutes later, he arrived at Anmol's house. Peter was fond of Anmol, because he told him so many interesting tales about the wonderful things in the world. This time also when Anmol was telling story and Peter was enjoying, Peter remembered his mother's wish that he return before dark and so, with quick goodbye to his old friend he set out for home. While returning at one place he heard the sound of trickling water. He stopped. There must be a hole in the dyke somewhere. Peter searched carefully till he saw a tiny stream of water flowing from a small hole in the dyke. He could not waste time in going back home for help. He knew the danger and how this leak could soon grow to be a flood. Peter shouted but no one answered. Bending down he pushed his hand as far as he could into the hole. An hour went by, no one passed. Again and again he shouted but no one heard him. His hand and arm grew very stiff and cold. During this time, his mother had been anxiously waiting for him but when darkness came she closed and locked the cottage door because she thought that Peter must be staying the night with Anmol.

Peter now and again would shout for help but it was all in vain. Early next morning a postman, heard a groan, he saw a boy with his hand thrust into a hole in the wall. The man shouted to several men who were following him, they ran to the boy's assistance. Very tenderly they lifted him up and rubbed his arm. Some of the men set to work at once to mend the dyke. Others carried the little hero home. The people of the village were proud of Peter as he saved the village.

5. Fill in the gaps by choosing the most appropriate words from the options given below. (1 × 4 = 4)
- Mobile phones take up much more battery power when (a) _____ are in vibration mode than when the ringtone is (b) _____. Keep brightness to a

minimum, (c) _____ switch off your bluetooth (d) _____ times when you are not sharing files.

- (a) (i) it (ii) them
(iii) that (iv) they
(b) (i) in (ii) on
(iii) of (iv) to
(c) (i) after (ii) but
(iii) and (iv) nor
(d) (i) on (ii) many
(iii) to (iv) at

Ans :

- (a) (iv) they
(b) (ii) on
(c) (iii) and
(d) (iv) at

6. The following passage has not been edited. There is one error in each line. Write the incorrect word and the correction against each line of the passage. (1 × 4 = 4)

Incorrect Correction

Music can takes us to e.g. takes take
ecstatic

heights. Put your (a)
heart and soul in

it and it fills your up (b)
with real

happiness. All kind of (c)
music is divine.

Any kind of music (d)
have the ability

to uplift your mood
and the power to
recondition your
mind.

Ans :

	Incorrect	Correction
(a)	in	into
(b)	your	you
(c)	kind	kinds
(d)	have	has

7. Rearrange the following groups of words and phrases to form meaningful sentences: (1 × 4 = 4)

- (a) own/their/live/overconfident/thoughts/people/
within
(b) others/they/of/know/unaware/are/but/
themselves/they
(c) experience/others/use/of/of/they/unable/the/
are/to/make
(d) habit/concerned/all/this/highly/to/of/kind/
damaging/is

Ans :

- (a) Overconfident people live within their own thoughts.
(b) They know themselves but they are unaware of others.

- (c) They are unable to make use of the experience of others.
(d) This kind of habit is highly damaging to all concerned.

SECTION C - LITERATURE

(30 MARKS)

8. Read the extracts given below and answer the questions that follow:

(I am an orphan, roaming the street.
I pattern soft dust with my hushed, bare feet.
The silence is golden, the freedom is sweet.)

(a) Amanda imagines herself as a /on _____

(b) She is:

- (i) roaming around the valley
(ii) roaming around the town
(iii) roaming around the fields
(iv) roaming around the street

(c) She makes patterns on soft dust with her

(1 × 4 = 4)

- (i) fingers (ii) hands
(iii) shoes (iv) bare feet

(d) The silence is _____ the freedom is sweet.

or

Mij and I remained in London for nearly a month. He would play for hours with a selection of toys, ping-pong balls, marbles, rubber fruit, and a terrapin shell that I had brought back from his native marshes. With the ping-pong ball he invented a game of his own which could keep him engrossed for up to half an hour at a time.

(a) Mij and the narrator remained in London for:

- (i) a week (ii) a fortnight
(iii) twenty days (iv) nearly a month

(b) He would play for hours:

- (i) with a ball (ii) with a football
(iii) with a selection of toys (iv) with his master

(c) He invented a game of his own with _____

(i) a ping-pong ball

(ii) a rubber ball

(iii) a tennis ball

(iv) marbels

(d) The game could keep him _____ for up to half an hour.

Ans :

- (a) orphan
(b) (iv) roaming around the street
(c) (iv) bare feet
(d) golden

or

- (a) (iv) for nearly a month
(b) (iii) with a selection of toys
(c) a ping-pong ball
(d) engrossed

9. Answer any five of the following questions in 30-40 words each: (2 × 5 = 10)

- (a) Why was Valli amazed to hear herself 'a child'?
(b) What was Tricki's condition when Mrs. Pumphrey

recollected him?

- (c) Why was the narrator sent Lutkins back to New Mullion? Who went with him?
- (d) How did Bholi react when her father caught her by the hand to take her to school?
- (e) What did Lencho call the raindrops? How did he value them?
- (f) What animated Mandela's life and transformed a frightened young lawyer into a bold criminal?

Ans :

- (a) Valli did not consider herself a child. She had paid full fare of thirty paise for the trip like others when an elderly man called her a child and requested to sit down, she was amazed and said that there was none a child.
- (b) Tricky's ears were flapping. His tail was waving. He had been transformed into a lithe, hard muscled animal. His chest was almost brushing the ground. He was frolicsome, rather than an uninteresting object. The other dogs enjoyed his company.
- (c) Lutkins was to be produced in the court in a witness the next day. The narrator had failed to serve summons on him. Therefore he was sent back to New Mullion. A man who had worked with Lutkins went with him.
- (d) Bholi's father caught her by her hand to take her to school. She was scared as she did not know what the school was like. She remembered how her old cow had been turned out of the house and sold. Therefore she was frightened and reluctant to go to school.
- (e) Lencho called the big drops the ten cent coins and little ones of five cents. He called them so because his fields needed the rain for a good harvest. They were going to give him money.
- (f) It was the desire for the freedom of his people to live their lives with dignity and self-respect that animated his life. It transformed a frightened young man into a bold one. It drove a law abiding attorney to be a criminal. It turned a family loving husband to live like a monk.

- 10.** Answer any one of the following questions in about 100-150 words. (8 Marks)

What things did Mij do which tell you that he was an intelligent, friendly and fun loving animal who needed love?

or

Write a brief note about Coorgis.

Ans :

Mij was an intelligent, friendly and fun loving animal who needed love. Mij was put into a box for transportation. When the author returned after meal, he saw blood from the airholes. He opened it, the animal whimpered and caught him by the leg. While travelling the box was opened in a flash. It disappeared down the aircraft. But very soon it was on his knees. It began to muzzle his face and neck. About his being fun-loving, the otter enjoyed galloping on the thirty yard wall near that of the author in London. It distracted the attention of school staff and the children. It was a fun loving animal. It enjoyed playing all kinds of game. It would play with a selection of toys, ping-pong balls,

marbles, rubber fruit and a terrapin shell. It required love and affection from Maxwell and it got that readily.

or

Coorgis are also known as Kodaves and they love their independence. These are two school of thought about their ancestors. One school believes as per the dress worn by them. A long black coat with a designed waist-belt similar to the one worn by the Arabs. The other theory believes that a part of Alexander's army decided to stay back and subsequently moved to south to Coorg. They spread their family tree by marrying the local girls. These Greek descendants have their own tradition and culture. Apart from the, Coorgis are very friendly and also expert in marital art.

- 11.** Answer any one of the following questions in about 100-150 words. (8 Marks)

Science has given us many things. But it is the man who misuses them. Griffin had made wonderful discovery but he misused it. Explain.

or

Describe Anil's qualities as a man and as an employer.

Ans :

Misuse of Science

Today is the age of science. Almost the whole world is trying to convert itself into digital one. The present time is therefore dependent on science and technology. In the coming years survival without electronic gadgets would be almost impossible. But there are various examples where science is being misused to create panic and terror in the society. Scientific experiments on various deadly diseases are let out to cause mass destruction. Technology is used more for warfare purposes, to kill and to terrorize. The resulting product of scientific research can robustly sway the norms of our civilization and even determine the fate of the humans. In all, the application of science has been valuable to human society and has greatly raised the quality of life, but it has also led to the growth of means to destroy human society.

or

The narrator met Anil when he was watching a wrestling match. During this match, the narrator started talking to him to make him his friend. Anil was a very kind-hearted fellow. Although he didn't need to have a servant because he was not in a position to pay him, yet he became ready to have him in his room on his request. He told him that he would have to cook. But the narrator did not know how to cook food. He taught him the art of cooking. He also started to teach him how to read and write. Many times Anil himself made tea and cooked food and served it to Hari Singh. He knew that Hari Singh saved rupees from the daily purchasing, but he didn't say him anything. Thus Hari Singh found Anil very kind-hearted and generous as an employer.

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