

Pre-Board Examination 1- 2019-20

English Language and Literature- 184

Class: X

Marks: 80

Date: January 2020

Time: 3 hrs

General Instructions: -

The question paper is divided into three sections.

Section A : Reading 20 marks

Section B : Writing and Grammar 30 marks

Section C : Language and Literature 30 marks

All questions of a particular section must be attempted in order.

Answers must be numbered correctly and clearly in the margin.

This question paper has 6 pages and 11 questions.

Section A Reading (20 marks)

1. Read the passage carefully.
 1. We've heard about the stock market and the wild price swings taking place. What are stocks? Some form of gambling? It seems that way because of the large amounts of money that people make and lose when trading stocks. Stocks are parts of a company. If you own stock in Walt Disney Corporation, you are part owner of that company. You own part of Disney World. Companies that are divided into shares that people can buy and sell are called corporations.
 2. These corporations use much of their profits to build the company. They spend it on research and development to bring out new products, building new factories and equipment and sometimes buying other companies. The profits that aren't reinvested into the company's growth are paid out to the shareholders as dividends. The more shares of stock you own, the more dividend you get.
 3. The stock market is made up of a number of exchanges where buyers offer to purchase shares of a company's stock at a price, they think is fair. Owners, who want to sell, offer to give up their stocks at a price they think is fair. When those two prices are the same, a sale is made. Millions of shares are traded every business day.
 4. When things are looking better for a company, more people want to own its stock, so the price goes up. But sometimes buyers aren't willing to pay as much, and those holding the stock are more willing to sell, even if it means taking less money than they paid for it. Then the price falls. Perhaps someday you'll want to start a business. If you don't have enough money to start your company, you might issue and sell shares of stock. That means

you'll have to share ownership with others, but you can get the money you need to start up.

A. On the basis of your reading of the passage given above, answer the following questions. 1x6=6

- i. What are stocks?
 - a) Money
 - b) Parts of a company
 - c) Instruments
 - d) Currency
- ii. What are companies that are divided into shares called?
 - a) Dealers
 - b) Shares
 - c) Corporations
 - d) Constituents
- iii. What is the amount paid to stockholders called?
 - a) Dividend
 - b) Profit
 - c) Margin
 - d) Bonus
- iv. Find the word from the passage which means 'put back into the same scheme.'
 - a) Exchange
 - b) Reinvested
 - c) Shares
 - d) Traded
- v. Issuing and selling shares of stocks means that
 - a) traders' benefit.
 - b) you share ownership.
 - c) the corporation loses money.
 - d) there is a good demand.
- vi. Companies use the money from their profits
 - a) to continue with R&D
 - b) expand their operations
 - c) buy out other companies
 - d) All the above.

1x2=2

B. Answer the following questions in one word or one sentence.

- a. Gambling is the same as trading stocks because.....
- b. If the stockholder sells his stock at a lower price than what was paid for it originally, the price of the stock will fall. True / False.

2. Read the passage carefully.

1. Getting a good night's sleep can help you cope with stress more effectively. But not getting enough sleep can cause more stress. Insomniacs have higher concentration of stress hormones than other.

2. Women are prone to sleep disturbances. Their sleep problems frequently interfere with their daily activities. Experts believe that sleep, especially deep sleep, enables our nervous system to function well. Without it, we lose our ability to concentrate, remember or analyse. Some experts speculate that during sleep, cells manufacture more proteins, which are essential for cell growth and repair damage from things like stress and UV rays.

3. Scientists believe that activity in the area of the brain that controls emotions and social interaction lessens during sleep and that deep sleep may help people to be emotionally and socially adept when awake.

4. Sleep may also help our brain to store a newly learned activity in its memory bank. In a study in Canada, students deprived of sleep after learning a complex logic game showed a 30 per cent learning deficit when tested a week later compared with students not deprived of sleep.

5. The effect of sleep deprivation on other bodily functions is just as alarming. In studies from five medical centres across the country, researchers established that individuals with insomnia were also more likely to have poor health, including chest pain, arthritis and depression, and to have difficulty accomplishing daily tasks. Another breakthrough study revealed that even temporary loss of sleep could affect the body's ability to break down carbohydrates, interfere with the function of various hormones and worsen the severity of ailments such as diabetes and high blood pressure. So whatever works to help you sleep well, whether its regular exercise earlier in the day, weekly massages, yoga, meditation or a lavender-scented bath, make time for it today.

2.1. On the basis of your reading of the passage, answer the following questions in 30-40 words each: 2x4=8

- a. What can prevent our nervous system from functioning properly?
- b. Experts have come to some conclusions about lack of sleep. What are they?
- c. How can lack of sleep have an alarming effect on our bodily functions?
- d. Explain the word 'breakthrough' and revelations made by the study on sleep.

2.2. On the basis of your reading of the passage, fill in the following blanks with appropriate words/phrases. 1x2=2

1. Women are prone to sleep _____.
2. Insomniacs have higher concentration of _____ hormones.

2.3. Find the words from the passage that mean the same as:

1x2=2

i. Make a guess (paragraph 2)

a. Interfere b. speculate c. stress

ii. disadvantages (paragraph 4)

a. deprived b. complex c. deficit

Section B Writing & Grammar (30 marks)

3. a. You recently visited an important historical monument in Delhi. You were shocked to find it in a state of utter neglect. Write an article in about 100-150 words, highlighting the poor condition of an important archaeological and heritage site. Point out the lack of essential services, the poor state of maintenance and its misuse by people. Give suggestions for improving the situation.

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OR

- b. Recently you read a report on increasing stress levels among the younger generation and you are disturbed by the scenario. You decide to write a letter to the editor of a newspaper expressing your concern and about some measures which can be adopted by the youth to overcome stress. (100-150 words)
4. Sunita accepted a challenge that she would write such an emotional story that would extract the last drop of tears from the eyes of readers but saying is easier than doing. Taking help from the given lines, make it easy for Sunita by completing the story line given below in about 150-200 words.

In a village, there lived a girl named Rashi. Though it was difficult for the family to make both ends meet somehow, they were satisfied, but destiny willed otherwise. One day.....

OR

Write a short story in about 150-200 words based on the following hints:
Raman, a Hindu – Akbar, his Muslim neighbor – both very good friends – riots break out – people of both communities out to kill each other – one friend comes to the rescue of the other – saves his life – gives him refuge in his own house.

5. Complete the following passage by choosing the most appropriate option from the ones given below. 1x4=4

The FBI field office is a four-storey brick fortress (a) _____ the southern shore of Lake Pontchartrain. We stop (b) _____ the heavy iron gate (c) _____ show an armed guard our credentials. Once inside, we hurry (d) _____ to the vestibule where a woman awaits us. She takes us within to the full view of the office.

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| a) (i) at | (ii) on | (iii) towards | (iv) for |
| b) (i) at | (ii) on | (iii) in | (iv) to |
| c) (i) that | (ii) for | (iii) as | (iv) to |
| d) (i) through | (ii) at | (iii) by | (iv) outside |

6. The following passage has not been edited. There is an error in each of the lines against which a blank is given. Write the incorrect word and the correction in your answer sheet. 1x4=4

	Error	Correction
(a) Longer before Newton, Aristotle and Galileo,	_____	_____
(b) had done a lot of research of the subject of	_____	_____
(c) gravity. Aristotle stating that a heavier object	_____	_____
(d) fall to Earth faster than a lighter one.	_____	_____

7. Rearrange the following words and phrases to form meaningful sentences. 1x4=4
- a debate / contest / is / between / a / two / speakers
 - required / or against / are / speakers / to / for / speak / the / topic
 - to participate / debate, / prepare / one must / an outline / in a / points / of the main
 - greatest/ orators/ his time/ Cicero / one of / the /was /of

Section C Literature (30 marks)

8. Read the extract given below and answer ANY ONE the questions that follow. 1x4=4

The house – the only one in the entire valley – sat on the crest of a low hill. From this height one could see the river and the field of ripe corn dotted with the flowers that always promised a good harvest. The only thing the earth needed was a downpour or at least a shower. Throughout the morning Lencho – who knew his fields intimately – had done nothing else but see the sky towards the north-east.

- Where was the house situated?
- What did Lencho wish for throughout the morning?
- Why was Lencho desperately waiting for a downpour?
- Give the meaning of 'downpour'.

OR

*'Never shall a young man,
Thrown into despair
By those great honey-coloured
Ramparts at your ear,
Love you for yourself alone
And not your yellow hair.'*

1. Name the poem and the poet.
2. Who is the speaker of these lines and to whom is he speaking?
3. What does the 'honey-coloured ramparts' refer to?
4. Why does the young man love the young woman?

9. Answer ANY FIVE of the following questions in 30-40 words each. 2x5=10

- a. What did Mandela mean when he said he was simply the sum of all those African patriots who had gone before him?
- b. How did her friend Sanne, help Anne in writing the third essay?
- c. What did the bakers wear when the author was young?
- d. Sum up the substance of the poem, 'The Ball Poem.'
- e. Who was the source of encouragement for Ebright when he was very young?
- f. Why was Ramlal worried about Bholi and not about his other children?

10. Answer ANY ONE of the following questions in 100-150 words. 8x1=8

- a. Express the narrator's feelings when his flight was stuck in the thunderous clouds.

OR

- b. Bring out the highlights in the character of Lomov in the story of 'The Proposal.'

11. Answer ANY ONE of the following questions in 100-150 words. 8x1=8

- a. Do you agree that Lutkins is the primary character of the story, 'The Hack Driver' even when his identity is disclosed only at the end of the lesson? Give reasons for your answer.

OR

- b. Ausable says to Fowler, "No, he won't return." Explain with reference to the context.
