

## Class X Exam 2022-23

### English-Language and Literature (184)

**Time Allowed : 3 Hrs.**

**Maximum Marks: 80**

**General Instructions:**

1. 15-minute prior reading time allotted for Q-paper reading.
  2. The Question Paper contains THREE sections READING, GRAMMAR & WRITING and LITERATURE.
  3. Attempt question based on specific instructions for each part.
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#### SECTION A- READING SKILLS

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**I. Read the passage given below.**

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1. Power foods are foods that provide rich levels of nutrients like fibre, potassium and minerals. With people becoming increasingly health conscious today, a lot of fitness trainers encourage their clients to include these foods in their daily diet to increase muscle development. There are various ways of incorporating power foods in your daily diet. Of course, the key to enjoying power foods is proper preparation of these foods, the use of season-fresh foods, and identifying your choice of flavour among power foods.
2. Some of the recommended power food combinations are those that are prepared in our kitchens on a regular basis. Take for instance, the combination of chickpeas and onions. This combination is a powerful source of iron which is required by the body to transport oxygen to its various parts. Iron deficiency can lead to anaemia, fatigue, brain fog and tiredness. A study by the Journal of Agricultural and Food Chemistry says that sulphur compounds in onion and garlic help in the absorption of iron and zinc from chickpeas. The combination is a hit with teenagers who need to be diligent about getting iron in their diet. A quick way to prepare this power food is to make a chickpea salad with chopped onions, chaat masala and cilantro.
3. Another favourite combination with power food takers is yoghurt and bananas. This makes for a perfect snack after a rough game of football. Exercising bums glucose and thus lowers blood sugar. Yoghurt is packed with proteins that help preserve muscle mass, and bananas are packed with carbohydrates that help in refuelling energy and preventing muscle soreness. A quick and easy recipe with bananas is a banana smoothie topped with cool yoghurt.
4. Among beverages, green tea is the best source of catechins that are effective in halting oxidative damage to cells. According to researchers at the Purdue University, adding a dash of lemon juice to green tea makes the catechins even more easily absorbable by the body. So, the next time you have instead of are friends serve them rounds of iced green tea with mint and lemon juice.

**Based on your understanding of the passage, answer the questions given below.**

- i. What do you get from power foods?
  - (a) rich levels of nutrients.
  - (b) laziness.
  - (c) immunity.
  - (d) calcium.

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- ii. Select the option that corresponds to the following relation below:  
A quick and easy recipe with bananas is a banana smoothie topped with cool yoghurt.
  - (a) It is the sudden and violent movement of air.
  - (b) We are fast approaching the end of the hectic trip.
  - (c) Ram completed his homework very quickly and effortlessly.
  - (d) He soon learned all that his teacher could teach, for he was bright and quick.

- iii. How are onions and garlic beneficial to our diet?
  - (a) They absorb medicine.
  - (b) They absorb vegetables.
  - (c) They absorb food.
  - (d) They absorb iron and zinc.

- iv. Complete the following with a phrase from Paragraph 1.

| Opinion | Reason  |
|---------|---|
| _____   | Something that causes wonder, admiration, or astonishment |

- v. State 1 point how exercise helps in lowering blood sugar, based on information in paragraph 3.
- vi. Based on your reading of the text, list 2 reasons why the writer says that:  
“Among beverages, green tea is the best source of catechins”.
  - 1. \_\_\_\_\_
  - 2. \_\_\_\_\_

- vii. How can we enjoy power foods in a wholesome way?

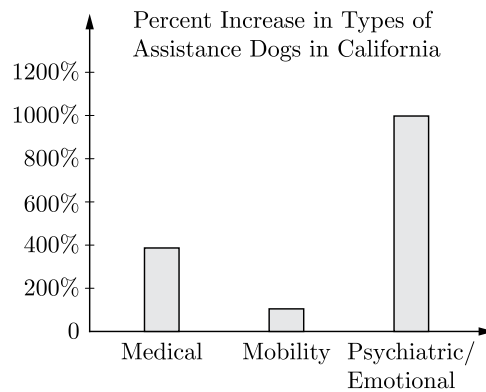
- viii. The writer says, “Power foods are foods that provide rich levels of nutrients”. Select the nutrient which the power food does not provide according to the passage.
  - (a) Fiber                      (b) Minerals
  - (c) Potassium              (d) Fats

- ix. Supply 1 point to justify the following:  
Yoghurt and bananas are enriching power food.

- x. Evaluate the appropriate meanings of ‘halting’, as used in the passage.
  - (a) bring something to a standstill
  - (b) being hesitant
  - (c) to arrest progress
  - (d) keeping up

## II. Read the passage given below.

1. Sniffer dog Tucker uses his nose to help researchers find out why a killer whale population off the northwest coast of the United State is on the decline. He searches for whale faeces floating on the surface of the water, which are then collected for examination. He is one of the elite team of detection dogs used by scientists studying a number of species including right whales and killer whales.
2. Conservation canines are fast becoming indispensable tools for biologists according to Aimee Hurt, associate director and co-founder of Working Dogs for Conservation, based in Three Forks, Montana.
3. Over the last few years, though, so many new conservation dog projects have sprung up that Hurt can no longer keep track of them all. Her organization's dogs and their handlers are fully booked to assist field researchers into 2012.
4. "Dogs have such a phenomenal sense of smell," explained Sam Wasser, director of the center for Conservation Biology at the University of Washington in Seattle. He has worked with scat- detection dogs since 1997. Scientists have been using Conservation Canines in their research since 1997. These dogs have enabled them to non-invasively access vast amount of genetic and physiological information which is used to tackle conservation problem around the world. Such information has proved vital for determining the causes and consequences of human disturbances on wildlife as well as the action needed to mitigate such impacts.
5. The ideal detection dog is extremely energetic with an excessive play drive. These dogs will happily work all day long, motivated by the expectation of a ball game as reward for sample detection. The obsessive high energy personalities of detection dogs also makes them difficult to maintain as pets. As a result they frequently find themselves abandoned to animal shelters facing euthanasia. The programme rescues these dogs and offers them a satisfying career in conservation research.



### Based on your understanding of the passage, answer the questions given below.

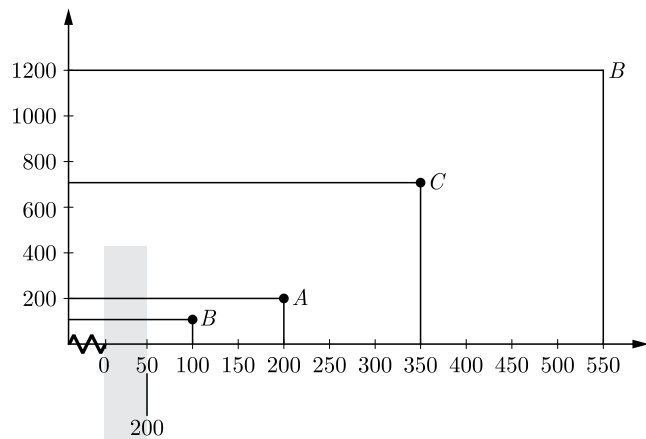
- i. Infer one reason for the following, based on information in Paragraph 1:  
Sniffer dog Tucker is one of the elite team of detection dogs used by scientists studying several species.
- ii. Select the appropriate option to fill in the blank.  
These dogs cannot be kept as pets because \_\_\_\_\_.
  - (a) they are obsessed with high energy personality of detection
  - (b) they are possessive
  - (c) they are aggressive
  - (d) they are lazy with no personality

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iii. Complete the following analogy correctly with a word from Paragraph 2.  
 Contradictory : similar :: trivial : \_\_\_\_\_  
 (Clue : Just like contradictory is an antonym of similar, similarly trivial is an antonym of...)

- iv. Choose the option that lists the correct answers for the following:
1. Scarf, since she was pup of five, helped tracking poachers even beyond the neighbourhood. The anti-poaching team loves Scarf so much that they put her safety above theirs.
  2. Once they reach age 10, we have to retire them. No matter how close they are to us, at that age they cannot continue to do their jobs. There is no law that states what to do with these dogs once they retire.
- (a) 1. Scarf gets love  
2. but retired dog cannot be loved.
  - (b) 1. The handler places priority on Scarf  
2. No one might know what can be done once the dog retires.
  - (c) 1. Scarf is very special  
2. after she retires she will still be special.
  - (d) 1. Scarf’s talent was beyond expectation  
2. so were the talent of all other sniffer dogs.

v. If the initial number of dogs by 2000 were 50 for assisting psychiatric/emotional needs, then which point in the graph accurately gives the increase for dogs needed for psychiatric/emotional assistance?



- (a) 200
- (b) 100
- (c) 350
- (d) 400

vi. Fill in the blank by selecting the correct option.  
 The type of dogs that have increased over the years in California is \_\_\_\_\_.

- (a) medical
- (b) mobility
- (c) psychiatric/emotional
- (d) None of these

- vii. Substitute the word ‘abandoned’ with ONE WORD similar in meaning, in the following sentence from Paragraph 5:  
As a result, they frequently find themselves **abandoned** to animal shelters, facing euthanasia.
- viii List two types of information that detection dogs can give to tackle conservation problems around the world.
1. \_\_\_\_\_
  2. \_\_\_\_\_
- ix. List one reason why the writer says “The ideal detection dog is extremely energetic with an excessive play drive”.
- x. Select the option that titles the detection dogs under Paragraph 5 appropriately, with reference to information in the text.
- (a)
    1. The ideal detection dog is extremely energetic.
    2. Excessive play drive
    3. Abandoned to animal shelters
  - (b)
    1. Indispensable tools for biologists
    2. Excessive play drive
    3. Human disturbances on wildlife
  - (c)
    1. Searches for whale faeces
    2. Abandoned to animal shelters
    3. Conservation Canines
  - (d)
    1. Field researchers
    2. Human disturbances on wildlife
    3. Conservation Canines

**III. SECTION B- GRAMMAR 10**

**Attempt ANY TEN of the following questions. 10**

- i. Fill in the blank by choosing the correct option to complete the online update.  
By the next month, we shall \_\_\_\_\_ the project.
- (a) has completed      (b) completing  
(c) completed          (d) have completed
- ii. Read the conversation between a traveller and a peasant. Then complete the following in the reported speech.  
Traveller : Can you tell me the way to the nearest inn?  
Peasant : You must go to the Aheli inn.  
The traveller asked the peasant if he could tell him the way to the nearest inn to which the peasant suggested him \_\_\_\_\_.

iii. Select the option to fill in the blank for the given line.

He is our colleague. We \_\_\_\_\_ invite him.

- (a) can
- (b) must
- (c) dare to
- (d) will

iv. Select the option that identifies the error and supplies the correction for the following line, from a news report:

The State police have launched a special drive against tractors and trolleys which created chaos in residential areas these days.

| Option No. | Error    | Correction |
|------------|----------|------------|
| (a)        | Against  | For        |
| (b)        | Have     | Has        |
| (c)        | Tractors | Has        |
| (d)        | These    | This       |

v. Complete the given narrative by filling in the blank with the correct option.

I \_\_\_\_\_ this book since morning.

- (a) had been reading
- (b) has been reading
- (c) have had read
- (d) shall be reading

vi. Fill in the blank by using the correct form of the word in the bracket, for the given portion of a letter:

Subject: Request for leave to attend cousin's marriage

Respected Sir/Madam

I am a student in your prestigious institution. I respectfully beg that you \_\_\_\_\_ (grant) me a five-day leave of absence to attend my cousin's wedding.

vii. Report the dialogue between a merchant and his servant by completing the sentence:

Merchant : Do you really want any work?

Servant : Yes, if you have any.

The merchant asked the servant if he really wanted any work to which the servant replied \_\_\_\_\_.

viii. Identify the error in the given sentence from a school magazine report and supply the correction.

It was the amazing sight to see, a sight which no one could help admiring in spite of the trouble it has caused us all.

| Error | Correction |
|-------|------------|
|       |            |

- ix. Lata shared some information with John about a visit to a hill station. Report John's question. How was your experience with the snow?
- x. Fill in the blank by choosing the correct option to complete the conversation.  
Whose bag is this?  
I am not sure. It \_\_\_\_\_ be Ann's.  
(a) might                      (b) must  
(c) should                      (d) would
- xi. Select the correct option to complete the narration of the dialogue between Neha and Priya.  
Neha : Tomorrow is your birthday, what do you want as a gift?  
Priya : That is a lovely thought but I don't want anything.  
Neha asked Priya what gift she wanted for her birthday the next day. Priya replied \_\_\_\_\_.  
(a) I don't want anything.  
(b) it is a lovely thought but she didn't want anything.  
(c) that it was a lovely thought but she did not want anything for her birthday.  
(d) that it was a lovely thought but she did not wanted anything for her birthday.
- xii Identify the error in the given sentence and supply the correction.  
I have met some people in my life but the person who has influenced me the most is Mother Teresa.  
Use the given format for your response.

| Error | Correction |
|-------|------------|
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**IV. SECTION B- CREATIVE WRITING SKILLS 10**

*All the names and addresses used in the questions are fictitious. Resemblance, if any, is purely coincidental.*

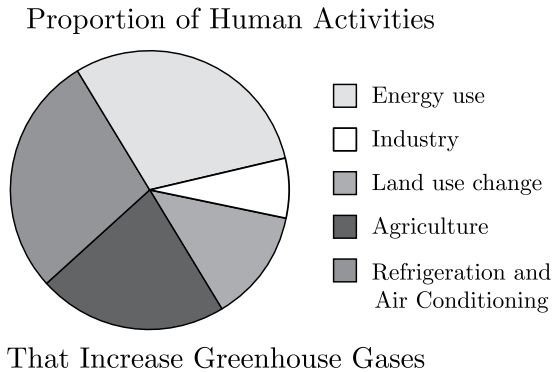
1. **Attempt ANY ONE from A and B given below. 5**
- A. You are Anita of Adarsh Public School, Nagal, Punjab who had arranged a trip for fifty students of Nantial in summer vacations for ten days with 'Mount Travel, and Tourism'. The arrangements done by the travel agency were far below standard. The accommodation and food facilities were inferior in quality. Write a letter of complaint to the director of the agency to stop duping tourists with false promises as it tarnishes the image of locals. (100-120 words)

Or

- B. You are Vinita/Vinit, a customer of Excitel Broadband. Write a letter to the Customer Care Department, Excitel regarding the poor service of Internet connection. You are a resident of 485, Ram Nagar, Shandara.

2. Attempt ANY ONE from A and B given below. 5

A. Global warming is primarily a result of the greenhouse effect caused by too much carbon dioxide in the atmosphere which acts as a blanket, trapping heat. Global warming is leading to Arctic meltdown. Study the following pie chart and write an analytical paragraph in 100-120 words on factors affecting global warming.



Or

B. Manisha is to write an analytical paragraph on 'Smoking is a silent killer of life'. Using your own ideas and the outline given below, write this paragraph on her behalf in 100-120 words.

Smoking is actually a silent killer \_\_\_\_\_ nicotine is a poison \_\_\_\_\_ dangerous to various vital organs \_\_\_\_\_ smoking a cigarette shortens \_\_\_\_\_ causes a deadly disease \_\_\_\_\_ guide our smoking youth \_\_\_\_\_ ensure good health to all Indians.

**SECTION C- LITERATURE** 40

V. **Reference to the Context** 10

1. Attempt ANY ONE of two extracts given. 5

1.A The following Sunday Lencho came a bit earlier than usual to ask if there was a letter for him. It was the postman himself who handed the letter to him while the postmaster, experiencing the contentment of a man who has performed a good deed, looked on from his office.

Lencho showed not the slightest surprise on seeing the money; such was his confidence - but he became angry when he counted the money. God could not have made a mistake, nor could he have denied Lencho what he had requested.

*(A Letter To God)*

i. Why was Lencho not excited after seeing the money?

- (a) He knew God would give him money already.
- (b) The money was not as much as he had asked.
- (c) The harvest of that season has been fruitful.
- (d) Lencho wanted God's assurance more than the money.

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- ii. Why is there a sense of contentment on the face of the postmaster while handing Lencho his letter?
- iii. Fill in the blank with ONE WORD only.  
Lencho's \_\_\_\_\_ comes through when he counts the money in the letter he had received from the God.
- iv. What, according to Lencho, might have happened to the remaining sum of money he did not receive?
  - (a) The people at the post office took it.
  - (b) God could only send him seventy pesos.
  - (c) The postmaster took the money.
  - (d) The letter got into wrong hands first.
- v. Select the option that correctly captures the application of the word 'following' as used in the extract.
  - (a) Korean pop bands have a huge fan following all around the globe.
  - (b) They are following the standard protocol for quarantine as prescribed by the doctor.
  - (c) I ran as fast as I could when I sensed someone was following me at night.
  - (d) We were to go to the hill station the following weekend but she got sick.

Or

- 1.B "That night when Ramlal consulted his wife, she cried, "Are you crazy? If girls go to school, who will marry them?"
- But Ramlal had not the courage to disobey the Tehsildar. At last his wife said, "I will tell you what to do. Send Bholi to school. As it is, there is little chance of her getting married, with her ugly face and lack of sense. Let the teachers at school worry about her."
- The next day Ramlal caught Bholi by the hand and said, "Come with me. I will take you to school." Bholi was frightened.
- (Bholi)*
- i. Select the option that correctly captures the usage of the word 'hand' from the extract.
    - (a) Ankit asked for her hand in marriage but she refused him in front of everyone.
    - (b) The toddler learnt to walk by holding his mother's hand.
    - (c) The younger siblings usually have to wear the hand me downs of the elder ones.
    - (d) It is not in my hand to predict the future of our company.
  - ii. Complete the following analogy by selecting the suitable word from the extract :  
obey : disobey :: sane : \_\_\_\_\_.  
*(Clue : Just like obey is an antonym of disobey similarly sane is an antonym of...)*
  - iii. Select the option that displays the reason why the Tehsildar asked Ramlal to send his daughter to school.
    - (a) To instil confidence in Bholi by educating her.
    - (b) Because Bholi was ugly and no one would marry her.
    - (c) To fight the custom of dowry by educating girls.
    - (d) To set an example for others in the village.

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- iv. According to the extract, what is likely to be Bholi's parents' attitude towards the notion of sending her to school?
1. inspiring
  2. to educate their daughter for a bright future
  3. to get her married as soon as possible
  4. to get rid of her for a while
  5. hesitant
- Select the correct option:
- (a) 2 and 3                      (b) 1 and 5  
(c) 4 and 5                      (d) 3 and 4

- v. Bholi's parents, however reluctantly, pave the way for Bholi's bright future in the given extract. List two incidents how it benefited Bholi.

2. Attempt **ANY ONE** of two extracts given.

2.A "I heard an old religious man  
But yesternight declare  
That he had found a text to prove  
That only God, my dear,  
Could love you for yourself alone  
And not your yellow hair."

*(For Anne Gregory)*

- i. Complete the sentence appropriately.  
It is clear that Alliteration is the poetic device used in 'he had' and 'your yellow' because \_\_\_\_\_.  
*(Clue: explain how alliteration applies here)*
- ii. The poet has used a poetic device of Repetition in the given lines. What effect does he wish to create by its use in 'your yellow hair'?
- (a) 'your yellow hair' annoy Anne by repeating her weakness.
  - (b) 'your yellow hair' reinforce the notion of Anne's physical beauty.
  - (c) 'your yellow hair' tell the readers again that Anne has blonde hair.
  - (d) 'your yellow hair' show everyone that physical beauty matters.
- iii. State whether the following statement is TRUE or FALSE:  
The poet is hinting that he had a conversation with a priest who showed him holy scriptures.
- iv. Select the appropriate option to complete the sentence, according to the extract.  
The idea that only God 'could love you for yourself alone' is \_\_\_\_\_.  
  - (a) a conflicted idea that can be contested.
  - (b) the relief that Anne gets after despising her appearance.
  - (c) an open ended statement that is not true.
  - (d) The ultimate truth and gist of the poem.

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- v. The poet directly addresses Anne in the poem. How does this impact the extract?
- (a) It tells us that the poet is in love with Anne.
  - (b) It breaks the flow of the poem so the reader can think.
  - (c) It gives a sense of discussion going on between two people.
  - (d) It feels like Anne is complaining about her looks.

Or

2.B 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 is the tone of the events taking place in the extract?
- 1. dynamic
  - 2. stagnant
  - 3. monotonous
  - 4. vile
  - 5. revolutionary
- Option :
- (a) 1, 5                      (b). 4, 5
  - (c) 2, 4                      (d) 2, 3
- ii. What event is leading to 'glass is breaking', according to the extract?
- iii. Identify the meaning behind 'moon is broken like a mirror', as per the extract.
- (a) The moon has shattered at the attempts of the trees to move out in the forest.
  - (b) Just like the pieces of a broken mirror cannot be fixed, the deeds cannot be undone.
  - (c) The trees have now tried to reach the moon, and just like the glass before, they have broken it.
  - (d) The branches of the trees are obstructing the moon's view, making it look like a broken mirror.
- iv. Complete the analogy correctly by choosing the suitable word from the extract :  
loud : silent :: today : \_\_\_\_\_.
- (Clue : Just like loud is the opposite of silent similarly today is the opposite of...)*
- v. Select the sentence in which the word 'flash' is used in the similar manner as used in the extract.
- (a) Before fainting, she told me she was experiencing a hot flash and it got worse.
  - (b) The police asked him for the details but it all happened in a flash that he could not remember.
  - (c) I could see the flash of the torch through my mirror in the room.
  - (d) We were waiting at the airport and saw a news flash about floods in the North.

**VI Answer ANY FOUR of the following in about 40-50 words each. 4 × 3 = 12**

- i. What was the ‘appalling spectacle’ Maxwell noticed when he returned from having a hurried meal ?  
*(Mijbil the Otter)*
- ii. How did Anne finally stop Mr. Keesing from punishing her?  
*(From the Diary of Anne Frank)*
- iii. Do you think Chubukov is a good father? Justify your opinion based on your reading of the text.  
*(The Proposal)*
- iv. How does the poet suggest that you identify the lion and the tiger? When can you do so, according to him?  
*(How To Tell Wild Animals)*
- v. What impression of Amanda do you get from the poem ‘Amanda!’?

**VII Answer ANY TWO of the following in about 40-50 words each. 2 × 3 = 6**

- i. Whose footprints did the two boys follow? Why were they charmed then?  
*(Footprints Without Feet)*
- ii. What did Ebright do for his eighth-grade project?  
*(The Making of a Scientist)*
- iii. What are the subtle ways in which the lady manages to deceive Horace Danby into thinking she is the lady of the house?  
*(A Question of Trust)*

**VIII Answer ANY ONE of the following in about 100-120 words. 6**

- i. The narrator asks a question at the end : “Who was the pilot on the strange black aeroplane, flying in the storm, without lights ?” Discuss.  
*(Two Stories About Flying)*

Or

- ii. Discuss how extreme behaviour can hasten the end of the world with respect to the poem ‘Fire and Ice’.  
*(Fire and Ice)*

**IX Answer ANY ONE of the following in about 100-120 words. 6**

- i. Sometimes appearance can be deceptive. How is this statement proved in the story The Midnight Visitor?

Or

- ii. “If you ask for too much, you lose even that which you have.” Elaborate this with reference to the character of Matilda Loisel in “The Necklace”.

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