

PRE-BOARD EXAMINATION – 2020-21

SUBJECT – ENGLISH - STANDARD

Class: X (CBSE)

Total Marks: 80

Date:

Time: 3 hours

General Instructions:

- This paper is divided into 2 parts, A and B. All Questions are compulsory.
- Separate instructions are given with each section and question, wherever necessary. Read these instructions very carefully and follow them.
- Do not exceed the prescribed word limit while answering the questions.
- Please check this question paper contains 23 printed pages only.

Part – A (Objective Questions 40 Marks)

I. Read the passage carefully:

Air pollution kills an estimated seven million people worldwide every year. WHO data shows that 9 out of 10 people breathe air containing high levels of pollutants. More than 80% of people living in urban areas that monitor air pollution are exposed to air quality levels that exceed WHO guideline limits, with low and middle-income countries suffering from the highest exposures, both indoors and outdoors. Around 3 billion people still cook using solid fuels (such as wood, crop wastes, charcoal, coal and dung) and kerosene in open fires and inefficient stoves. Most of these people are poor, and live in low and middle-income countries

Impacts on health

3.8 million people a year die prematurely from illness attributable to the household air pollution. Among these 3.8 million deaths:

- 27% are due to pneumonia
- 18% from stroke
- 27% from ischemic heart disease
- 20% from chronic obstructive pulmonary disease (COPD)
- 8% from lung cancer.

Pneumonia

Exposure to household air pollution almost doubles the risk for childhood pneumonia and is responsible for 45% of all pneumonia deaths in children less than 5 years old.

Household air pollution is also a risk for acute lower respiratory infections (pneumonia) in adults, and contributes to 28% of all adult deaths.

COPD

One in four or 25% of deaths from chronic obstructive pulmonary disease in adults in low and middle-income countries are due to exposure to household air pollution. Women exposed to high levels of indoor smoke are more than twice as likely to suffer from COPD as women who use cleaner fuels and technologies. Among men (who already have a heightened risk of COPD due to their higher rates of smoking), exposure to household air pollution nearly doubles that risk.

Stroke

12% of all deaths due to stroke can be attributed to the daily exposure to household air pollution arising from cooking with solid fuels and kerosene.

Ischemic heart disease

Approximately 11% of all deaths due to ischemic heart disease, accounting for over a million premature deaths annually, can be attributed to exposure to household air pollution.

Lung cancer

Approximately 17% of lung cancer deaths in adults are attributable to exposure to carcinogens from household air pollution caused by cooking with kerosene or solid fuels like wood, charcoal or coal. The risk for women is higher, due to their role in food preparation.

On the basis of your reading of the passage given above, answer any ten of the following questions. (1X10=10)

- a. Around how many people die due to air pollution every year?
- (1) more than seven million
 - (2) less than seven million
 - (3) around seven million
 - (4) 3 billion
- b. According to WHO data, around how many people breathe air containing high levels of pollutants?
- (1) 9 out of 10
 - (2) 5 out of 10
 - (3) 6 out of 10
 - (4) 10 out of 10
- c. Which type of countries suffers from the highest exposures, both indoors and outdoors?
- (1) developed
 - (2) low and middle-income
 - (3) developing
 - (4) all of these
- d. What do around 3 billion people still use for cooking?
- (1) solar energy
 - (2) electric energy
 - (3) liquid fuels
 - (4) solid fuels
- e. What is the financial condition of these people living in low and middle-income countries?
- (1) rich
 - (2) poor
 - (3) medium
 - (4) very poor
- f. Why do around 3.8 million people die prematurely every year?

- (1) due to water pollution
- (2) due to air pollution
- (3) due to environmental pollution
- (4) due to house hold air pollution

g. Name the disease that kills the lowest percentage from 3.8 million deaths.

- (1) stroke
- (2) lung cancer
- (3) pneumonia
- (4) COPD

h. Name the cause of approximately 17% of lung cancer deaths in adults.

- (1) using intoxicants
- (2) exposure to sun
- (3) exposure to carcinogens
- (4) all of these

i. Why do men have double risk in COPD?

- (1) higher rates of smoking
- (2) higher rates of strain
- (3) higher rates of stress
- (4) higher rates of alcoholism

j. What is the cause of women having high risk for lung cancer?

- (1) role in cooking
- (2) due to passive smoking
- (3) due to household air pollution
- (4) lack of exercise

k. A term in the passage which means the same as 'of having no protection from something harmful' is

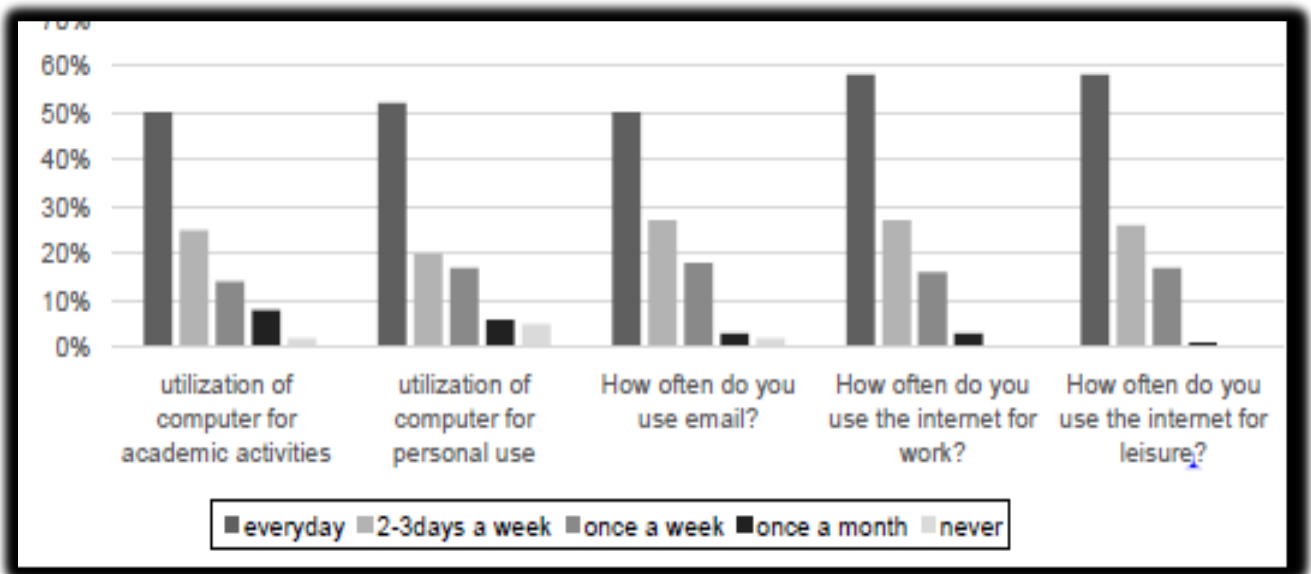
- (1) suffer
- (2) premature
- (3) exposure
- (4) chronic

l. Find out a word from the last paragraph which means 'that can cause cancer is

- (1) cancer
- (2) charcoal
- (3) attributable
- (4) carcinogen

II. Read the passage given below.

The present generation is well updated in the use of internet and computers. The rapid development in computer technology and increase in accessibility of the internet for academic purposes has changed the face of education for everyone associated with it. Let's look at the data arising out of a recent survey that was done to ascertain the time spent on utilization of the computer and internet:



2. At present, many schools and universities have been implementing internet-based learning, as it supplements the conventional teaching methods. The internet provides a wide variety of references and information to academics as well as scientific researchers. Students often turn to it to do their academic assignments and projects.

3. However, research on the Net is very different from traditional library research, and the differences can cause problems. The Net is a tremendous resource, but it must be used carefully and critically.

4. According to a 2018 Academic Student e-book Experience Survey, conducted by LJ's research department and sponsored by EBSCO, when reading for pleasure, almost 74% of respondents said they preferred print books for leisure whereas, 45 % of respondents chose e-books rather than the printed versions, for research or assignments.



5. When asked what e-book features make them a favourite for research, the respondents were clear. Having page numbers to use in citations, topped the list (75%); followed by the ability to resize text to fit a device's screen (67%); the ability to bookmark pages, highlight text, or take notes for later reference (60%); downloading the entire e-book (57%); and allowing content to be transferred between devices (43%) were the varied responses.

On the basis of your understanding of the passage, answer ANY

TEN questions from the twelve that follow.

(1x10 = 10)

a. According to the passage, one of the reasons for the recent transformation of education is the:

- (1). techno-efficiency of the present generation.
- (2). expanse of courses on technology.
- (3). simplification of the teaching and learning- method.
- (4). easy availability of the internet

b. Pick the option that lists statements that are NOT TRUE according to the passage.

- (1). Internet-based education can only complement familiar methods of education.
 - (2). Net-based learning will replace face-to-face education.
 - (3). The resources that the net provides are a danger to the education system.
 - (4). The current times has seen a rise in the convenience of using the internet for academic purposes
- a. 1 & 2
 - b. 3 & 4
 - c. 2 & 3
 - d. 1 & 4

c. The word 'tremendous', as used in paragraph 3, means the same as

- (1). 'expensive'.
- (2). 'renowned'.
- (3) 'innovative'.
- (4). 'incredible'.

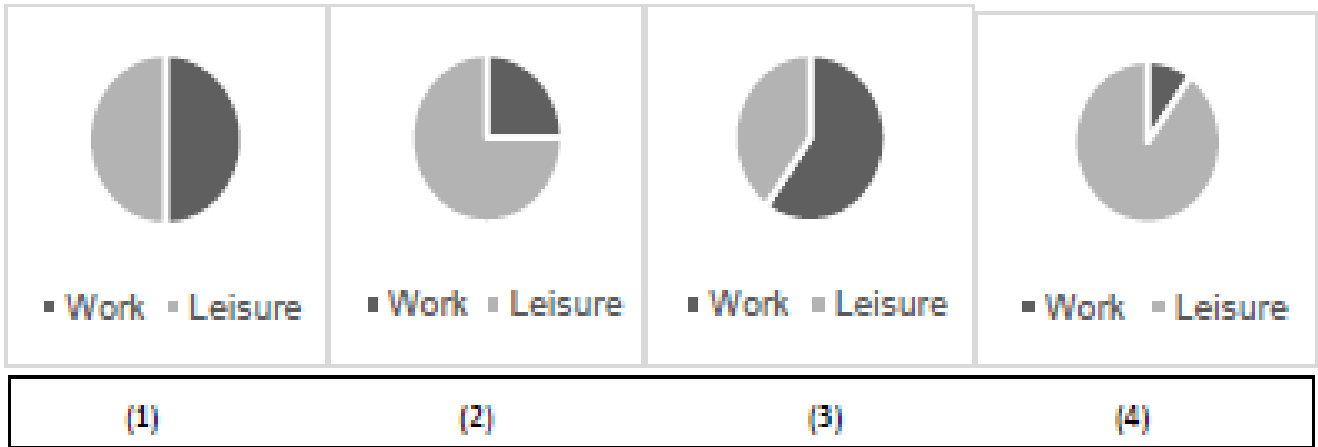
d. Based on the graphical chart in the passage, choose the option that correctly states the depiction of internet usage for work and for leisure, for once a month.

(1). Option (1)

(2) Option (2)

(3). Option (3)

(4). Option (4).



e. “But it must be used carefully and critically.” The idea of being careful and while using the internet, is mainly a reference to

(1). hardware malfunction.

(2). plagiarism.

(3). troubleshooting.

(4). virus threats.

f. Based on the given graphical representation of data in the passage, choose the option that lists the statements that are TRUE with respect to the usage of email.

(1). The everyday usage of email is more than the everyday usage of computer for personal use.

(2). About 18% people use email once a week.

(3). There are a smaller number of email users using it 2-3 times a week than the ones using it once a month.

(4). Less than 5% of people never use the email.

a. 1 and 3

b. 2 and 4

c. 1 and 2

d. 3 and 4

g. Based on the given graphical chart, pick the option that lists the area of zero response from respondents.

(1). Never using the internet for work and leisure

(2). Daily use of the computer for academic activities

(3). Writing and receiving emails once a week

(4). Using the internet for personal tasks once a month

h. In the cartoon, the student's reaction reveals that he is _____.

(1) indignant

(2) apologetic

(3) obedient

(4) inquisitive

i. Which of the following statements is NOT substantiated by information in paragraph 4?

(1). About three-quarters of the respondents preferred print books for recreational reading.

(2). A little less than a 50% of the respondents voted for e-books for research or Assignments.

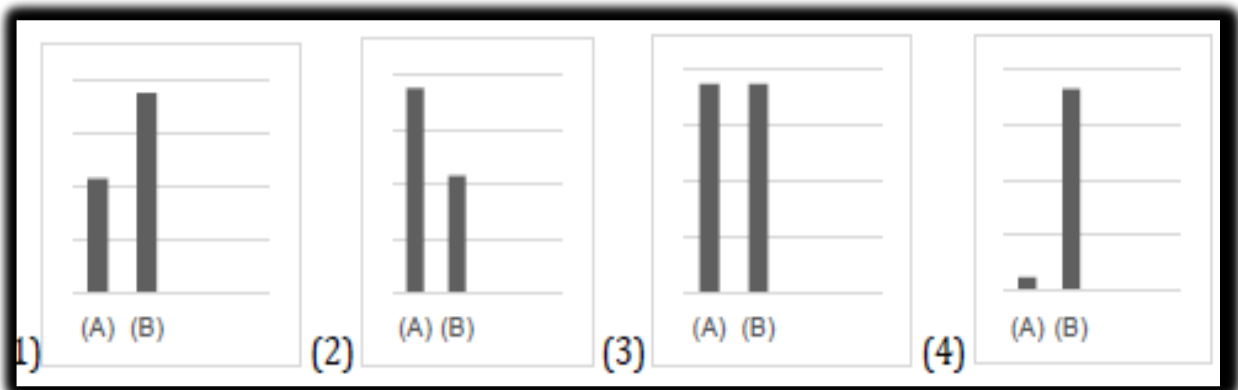
(3). More than 50% respondents stated enjoying both versions of books for leisure reading.

(4). The survey was intended for understanding the e-book experience among.

j. According to the 2018 survey, which is the option that correctly displays the features of

(A) page numbers for use in citation and

(B) content transfer between devices respectively.



a. Option (1)

b. Option (2)

c. Option (3)

d. Option (4)

k. Arrange the given e-book features preferred for research from the least favourite to the most favourite, from the following:

(1). downloading the entire e-book.

(2) choosing page numbers in citations.

(3). highlighting text.

(4). resizing text to fit screen.

a. 1, 3, 4, 2

b. 3, 2, 1, 4

c. 2, 4, 3, 1

d. 4, 1, 2, 3

I. Write a suitable title for the passage.

(1). Education

(2). Computer

(3). Internet

(4). Internet and Computer.

III. Read the extract and answer the questions that follow: (1x 5 = 5)

LOMOV : No. I've come only to see you, honoured Stepan Stepanovitch.

CHUBUKOV : Then why are you in evening dress, my precious? As if you're

paying a New Year's Eve visit!

LOMOV : Well, you see, it's like this. [Takes his arm] I've come to you,

honoured Stepan Stepanovitch, to trouble you with a request. Not

once or twice have I already had the privilege of applying to you for

help, and you have always, so to speak... I must ask your pardon, I

am getting excited. I shall drink some water, honoured Stepan

Stepanovitch. [Drinks.]

a. Who is the writer of the play "The Proposal"?

- 1) Robert Frost
- 2) Anton Chekov
- 3) Carolyn Wells
- 4) Robin Klein

b. What request did Chubukov think Lomov would make?

- 1) ask for her daughter's hand in marriage
- 2) borrow money
- 3) borrow land
- 4) all of the above

c. Why was Lomov wearing his evening dress?

- 1) to pay New Year Eve's visit
- 2) ask for his daughter's hand in marriage
- 3) borrow money
- 4) borrow land

d. Who does Chubukov call a "lovesick cat"?

- 1) Lomov
- 2) himself
- 3) his maid
- 4) Natalya

e. Give the meaning of privilege.

- 1) pardon
- 2) right
- 3) wrong
- 4) none of these

OR

“Somehow this was very funny to Valli. She laughed and laughed until there were tears in her eyes. “Hey, lady, haven’t you laughed enough?” called, the conductor. “Better save some for tomorrow.” At last the cow moved off the road. And soon the bus came to a railroad crossing. A speck of a train could be seen in the distance, growing bigger and bigger as it drew near. Then it rushed past the crossing gate with a tremendous roar and rattle, shaking the bus. Then the bus went on and passed the train station. From there it traversed a busy, well-laid-out shopping street and, turning, entered a wider thoroughfare. Such big, bright-looking shops! What glittering displays of clothes and other merchandise! Such big crowds! Struck dumb with wonder, Valli gaped at everything”.

- a. What was the most fascinating scene for Valli in the street?
 - (1) The bus with new set of curtains every time.
 - (2) The bus with new set of passengers every time.
 - (3) The bus with new driver every time.
 - (4) The bus with new conductor every time.
- b. What can you tell about the conductor from the text?
 - (1) he was funny
 - (2) he was grumpy
 - (3) he was quiet
 - (4) all of the above
- c. What does it tell you about Valli when she refused to accept the conductor’s treat?
 - (1) responsible
 - (2) stubborn
 - (3) rude
 - (4) disrespectful
- d. What made her laugh on her journey?
 - (1) the sight of a running cow
 - (2) the old woman’s earrings
 - (3) the old man
 - (4) None of the above
- e. How did she pick up small details about the bus journey?
 - (1) listening to conversations of neighbours
 - (2) asking a few discreet questions
 - (3) All of the above
 - (4) None of the above.

IV Read the extract and answer the questions that follow: (1x 5 = 5)

Saw it go

Merrily bouncing, down the street, and then

Merrily over — there it is in the water!

No use to say 'O there are other balls':

An ultimate shaking grief fixes the boy

As he stands rigid, trembling, staring down

All his young days into the harbour where

His ball went

a. The poet uses the ball as a symbol of the boy's

1) sense of adventure.

2) carefree childhood days.

3) ability to bounce back.

4) extended family.

b. The poet feels that there is no point consoling the boy as

1) it would give him false hope.

2) he might demand for a new ball.

3) it might distress him further.

5) whatever he has lost is irretrievable.

c. The word 'harbour' DOES NOT have a meaning similar to

1) port.

2) pier.

3) dock.

4) cargo.

d. Merrily over — there it is in the water!’ The dash here is meant to convey

1) some familiar experience.

2) a feeling of excitement.

3) a sense of unexpected interruption.

4) some thoughtful moments.

e. The word that DOES NOT indicate a physical manifestation of sorrow in the boy, is

1) worthless.

2) shaking.

3) trembling.

4) rigid.

OR

But up jumped Custard, snorting like an engine,

Clashed his tail like irons in a dungeon,

With a clatter and a clank and a jangling squirm,

He went at the pirate like a robin at a worm”.

a. Custard, the dragon has been compared to an

1) iron

2) pirate

3) dungeon

4) engine

b. Custard attacked the pirate like a ----- on a worm.

- 1) robin
- 2) dungeon
- 3) crow
- 4) cat

c. ----- is used in the line 'clashed his tail like irons in a dungeon'.

- 1) metaphor
- 2) simile
- 3) oxymoron
- 4) None of the above

d. Find the same meaning of 'wriggle' in the extract.

- 1) squirm
- 2) jangling
- 3) snorting
- 4) none of these

e. The rhyme scheme of the above stanza is

- 1) abcd
- 2) aabb
- 3) abca
- 4) aabc

V. Fill in the blanks with the appropriate options given: (0.5x4=2)

1. It(a) ----- too late when Ravi saw the watch. He was taken over by the old

fear that he might (b) ----- stranded for whole night. He (c) -----
the train. Once he had missed the train and was up and (d) ----- a taxi.

- (a) (i) was getting (ii) got (iii) gets (iv) have gotten
- (b) (i) missed (ii) have missed (iii) miss (iv) misses
- (c) (i) hurries (ii) hurried (iii) would hurry (iv) hurriedly
- (d) (i) hires (ii) hired (iii) would hire (iv) hiring

2. The following passage has not been edited. There is one error in each line against which a blank is given. Write the incorrect word and the correction in your answer sheet as given below against the correct blank number. Remember to underline the word that you have supplied. **(0.5x6=3)**

More of the fun and excitement in your life (a) _____
comes from use your senses. Senses open up (b) _____
a world who is full of sights, sounds, smells (c) _____
tastes and things in touch. They sharpen your (d) _____
senses and the more you use it, the (e) _____
more enjoyable each of those becomes for you. (f) _____

- a. (i) much (ii) most (iii) All (iv) none of these
- b. (i) used (ii) using (iii) have used (iv) has used
- c. (i) which (ii) when (iii) where (iv) how
- d. (i) for (ii) of (iii) to (iv) too
- e. (i) that (ii) them (iii) though (iv) its

- f. (i) them (ii) these (iii) thus (iv) the

3. Read the conversation given below and complete the paragraph that follows by choosing the correct option. (Any 5) **(1x5=5)**

Anis: Hello Rakib, how are you?

Rakib: I am fine and you?

Anis: I am fine too.

Rakib: What were you reading about?

Anis: The importance of planting trees.

Rakib: Trees save us from floods and many other natural calamities.

Anis wished (a)_____ Rakib said that he was fine
and asked Anis (b)_____ Anis said that he was
(c)_____ Rakib wanted to know what
(d)_____ about. Anis said that he was reading about
(e)_____ trees. Rakib said that trees saved them from floods and (f) -----

(a) (i) Rakib and asked how he was

(ii) Rakib asked how he is

(iii) Rakib and ask how he is

(iv) Rakib and asks how he were

(b) (i) how he is

(ii) where he is

(ii) how he was

- (iv) why he was
- (c) (i) fine too
- (i) fines too
- (iii) fined to
- (iv) fine to
- (d) (i) Anis is reads
- (ii) Anis is reading
- (ii) Anis was reading
- (iv) Anis had been reading
- (e) (i) the importance of planting
- (ii) an important of planting
- (iii) the importance of plant
- (iv) the importance of planted
- (f) (i) much other natural calamity
- (ii) much other natural calamities
- (iii) many others natural calamity
- (iv) many other natural calamities

Part – B (Subjective Questions 40 Marks)

I. Attempt **ANY ONE** of the following in 100-120 words.

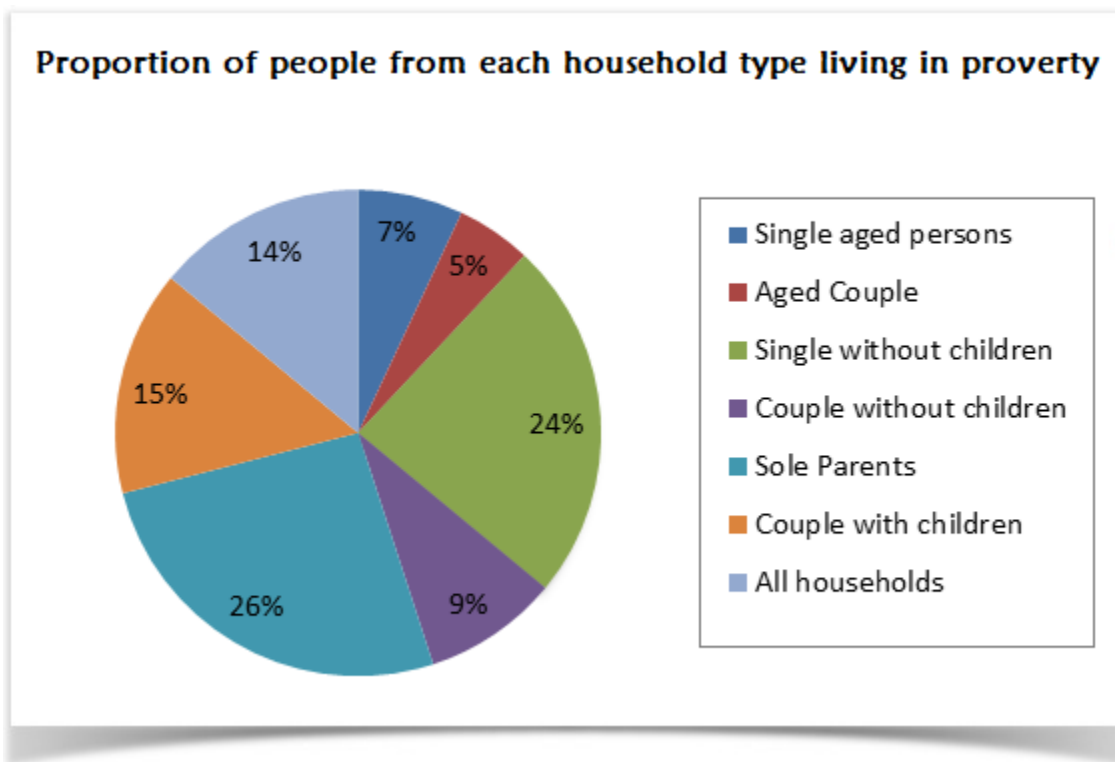
Write a letter to the Editor of a local newspaper about the need to help the people during lockdown. (100-120 words). You are Shubha/Krishna Mohanty, residing in Subhadra Apartments Gurgaon, New Delhi

(5x1=5)

OR

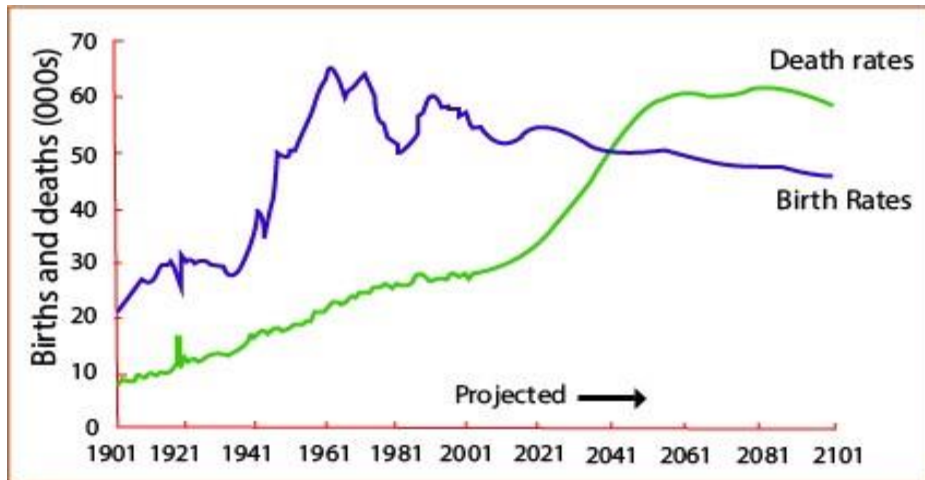
Eating fast food, lack of exercise and physical activities, and over use of mobile and the internet has been causing various lifestyle diseases such as obesity, heart diseases, diabetes, etc. among children. Write a letter to the Editor of a newspaper in 100-120 words on the rising tendency of lifestyle diseases among school children, giving your suggestions to prevent them. You are Amit / Amita.

II. The pie chart shows the proportion of people from different households living in poverty in the UK in 2002. Write an analytical paragraph to describe the information in 100 to 120 words. **(5x1=5)**



OR

Below is a graph given showing birth and death rates in a country from 1901 to 2101. Write an analytical paragraph in 100 to 120 words.



III. Answer ANY TWO questions in 20-30 words each, from (A) and (B) respectively.

(2x2=4)

(A) Any Two

1. How does the poet react to crow and hemlock tree?
2. Describe the black clouds from the point of view of the pilot.
3. Where did Gautama Buddha preach his first Sermon? What was it all about?

(B) Any Two

(2x2=4)

1. Why did Mrs Pumphrey suffer in the absence of Tricky?
2. Why were the landlord and his wife surprised to see the scientist's door wide open?
3. How did Richard Ebright excite the world of science at the age of twenty-two?

IV. Answer ANY TWO questions in 40-50 words each, from (A) and (B) respectively.

(A) (Any two)

(3x2=6)

1. "Freedom is a birth right. It is the most beautiful gift of god. It is valuable for all human beings as well as for creatures," Discuss with reference to the poem "A

Tiger in the Zoo.”

2. Possession in nine-tenths of the law’ How far does the contents of the poem, ‘The Ball Poem’, illustrate this idiom?

3. “Paper is more patient than people.” Elucidate with reference to the lesson, ‘From the Diary of Anne Frank’

(B)

(Any two)

(3x2=6)

1. What is the twist at the end of the tale in the story ‘The Necklace’?

2. Lutkins played with the emotions of the young lawyer. By the end of the story, he was hurt on knowing the truth of the hack driver. Would you call Lutkins an insensitive fellow? Should we hurt the feeling of someone like this?

3. God created this world but teachers create human beings. How did Bholi’s teacher succeed in changing the course of her life?

V. Answer any one of the following in 100 – 120 words:

(1x5=5)

Nelson Mandela joined the African National Congress as a young man. It transformed his life. What made him join it? What does it show about his character?

OR

Peggy realized her fault in making fun of Wanda. What excuses did she think up for her behaviour with Wanda? What does it show about her character?

VI. Answer any one of the following in 100- 120 words:

(1x5=5)

Hari Singh says- "He knew it but neither his lips nor his eyes showed anything."

Anil successfully addressed the situation by not addressing it at all. Elaborate based on your reading of The Thief's Story.

OR

Read the following quote by an American author, E. E. Hale.

"I am only one but, I am one. I cannot do everything but I can do something. And I will not let what I cannot do interfere with what I do." Bholi's evolution from a 'dumb cow' to a 'masterpiece' supports the given quote. Justify.