



DELHI PUBLIC SCHOOL VINDHYANAGAR
PRE-BOARD EXAMINATION 1 (2019-20)

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CLASS - X

Max. Marks: 80

SUBJECT - ENGLISH LANGUAGE & LITERATURE (184

Time: 3 Hrs.

General Instructions

- I) The Question paper is divided into three sections:
Sec. A: Reading 20 marks
Sec. B: Writing & Grammar 30 marks
Sec. 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 SKILLS

20 MARKS

Q1. Read the passage given below and answer the questions that follow: (8 marks)

Tourists visiting Singapore can get up close with the major river ecosystems of the world, complete with its flora and fauna. For, Wildlife Reserve Singapore (WRS) – which is the holding company of the famed Jurong Bird Park, Night Safari and the Singapore Zoo – has recreated such an eco system. Created on a 12 hectare land, it offers a glimpse of the wildlife, mostly fresh water fauna of some of the iconic rivers of the world, This includes the Ganges and Mississippi, Mekong and Yangtze river, Murray, Congo and the Nile. Also included is a guided cruise along a man made river to get a peep into the wildlife found in the Amazon region.

While 85% of the collections are designed to be viewed walking through special enclosures and galleries, each with a theme, the Amazon River Quest boat ride provides a glimpse of the remaining 15%. A pair of giant Pandas along side a couple of red Pandas housed in the climate-controlled exhibit in the Yangtze River zone is one of the major attractions of the River Safari. The walk through exhibits gives a glimpse of nearly 400 plant species and over 6000 animal specimen, representing 200 species, making the river safari the first of its kind in Asia.

The river zone of the Ganges is set against the façade of a temple and the wild life is represented by the gharial and the goonch catfish. Moving on to different river zones, one

can catch a glimpse of giant river otters, Chinese giant salamanders(world's largest amphibian), Mekong giant cat fish (world's largest fresh water fish which measures up to 3 m in length and weighs about 295 kg) among others. The Amazon River Quest which is actually a boat ride meandering through a man-made river, takes the visitors close to the jaguar, giant anteater, Brazilian tapir, capybara and a few other species that live along the Amazon River.

Though the message of conservation underlying the concept is important, the project has also stemmed from WRS' constant need to innovate to ensure an increase in the tourist footfalls so they can be financially self-sufficient.

Attempt the following questions on the basis of the passage you have read:

- a) One can find major river eco ecosystem of the world in.....
 - i) Jurong Bird Park
 - ii) Night Safari
 - iii) Singapore zoo
 - iv) Wild Life Reserve Singapore
- b) One of the major attractions of the River Safari is
 - i) Pandas
 - ii) tigers
 - iii) Penguin
 - iv) Peacocks
- c) The Amazon River Quest is a boat ride through a man-made river to see various animals.

(True/False)
- d) Wildlife Reserves Singapore offers a glimpse of the wildlife only. (True/False)
- e) A pair of giant Pandas is housed in the climate-controlled exhibit in the.....
- f) The tourists have to go through special enclosures and galleries to see.....
- g) One of the two-fold objectives of WRS is.....
- h) Find the word from the passage which means the same as 'catch sight of'. (para. 1)

Q.2 Read the following passage carefully: (12 marks)

The buildings that we live and work in have a major impact on the environment since they consume energy and resources, and create waste. There are countless studies which show a direct correlation between an occupant's health and adequate daylight and ventilation. With our lifestyle and the majority of our time spent indoors, the design of our spaces is of great importance.

Over the last few years the term Green Building has been used extensively by everybody. It implies these projects have incorporated measures like energy saving, water conservation and ventilation. The important thing to remember is that when we decide to build or buy a new home or office, we must ensure that it is Green –certified. Secondly, even if your current space is not designed according to Green standards, you can still protect the environment by adopting a few simple strategies.

The first thing to be kept in mind is energy saving. Major energy consumption happens when we use appliances, air conditioners and for lighting. It is best to use 3-star or higher rated air conditioners and appliances at home. They are rated by the Bureau of Energy efficiency. We need to clean the air filters in the AC regularly. Turn off plug when not in use. Chargers and appliances, even if they are not turned on, will consume electricity if they are connected to a plug point.

Water is fast becoming a scarce commodity and fresh water is brought in large tankers to most city homes and apartments. So we need to save water. This can be done by fixing water saving fixtures in bathrooms and by turning off the taps while brushing teeth.

Recycling waste is another important thing that all of us need to do. Many cities have large, unsightly and ever-growing landfills surrounding them. These are not only an environmental hazard, but a breeding place for disease-causing germs. Surprisingly landfills are filled with materials that can be easily recycled. Most countries in the world collect trash in a segregated form because it becomes easier to recycle. One of the simplest ways to reduce waste is to reduce our consumption of items that produce waste.

2.1 On the basis of your reading of the above passage answer the following questions in 30-40

words each:

(2x4=8)

- a) Why do buildings have a major impact on the environment?
- b) What does 'Green Building' mean?
- c) Why will chargers and plugs even in switched off mode consume electricity?
- d) What is the easiest way to reduce trash?

2.2 Fill in the blanks with words /phrases.

(2 marks)

- a) 'design of our spaces' means.....
- b) Recycling of waste reduces.....

2.3 Find the words from the passage which mean same as:

(2 marks)

- a) A significant or strong influence
- b) Too many to count

SECTION- B (WRITING AND GRAMMAR)

(30 MARKS)

Q.3 You purchased a new refrigerator last month. But it is not functioning properly since the day one and causing one problem or another. You have also complained about it but no improvement. Write a letter to the Regional Manager, Samsung Electronics, Kolkata to replace it. You are Sultan/Sultana, 245, Gangotri apartments, Kolkata. (word limit 100-150) (8 marks)

OR

You are Sameer/Sabina of class X. Write an article on 'Cricket is a Religion in our country' for your school magazine in about 100- 150 words. (8 marks)

Q.4 Write a story on the hints provided below: (word limit 150-200) (10 marks)
On Sunday I was watching TV. Suddenly I heard people shouting outside.....

OR

'May I get in?' asked the young boy. The police officer looked at him smilingly.....

Q.5 Fill in the blanks with the appropriate word from the options given: (1X4=4)
We all drink coffee (a).....pleasure. It is an inspirational drink that (b).....
become aspirational. Coffee(c)..... Keep us alert and therefore helps us perform
better (d)..... reduce stress.

- a) to, for, in, at
- b) have, has, will, shall
- c) is, has, can, will
- d) to, and, in, for

Q.6 There is a word missing in each line. Write the missing word along with the one that comes before and the one that comes after it: (4 marks)

- a) Stress and anxiety levels students
- b) at time of examination have come
- c) down significantly few students
- d) making distress calls the CBSE,
according to the report released by them. XXXXXXXX

Q.7 Rearrange the following words/phrases to form meaningful sentences: (4 marks)

- a) writer/Yale/Indian/Prize/won/University/the/Literary/the
- b) Windham Campbell/Literature/earlier/Prize/won/the/has /writer/the
- c) Modern/evolution/has/Asia/written/he/about/the/of
- d) The/he/Caesar/against/join/may/conspiracy

Q.8 Read the extract given below and answer the questions that follow. Write the answers in one or two lines only. (1x4=4)

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 received the letter from.....
- The postmaster was contented because he had performed a good deed.
True/false
- Lencho requested God to send him..... as a help.
- Give a synonym of 'enacted' from the extract.

OR

Belinda embraced him, Mustard licked him,
No one mourned for his pirate victim.
Ink and Blink in glee did gyrate
Around the dragon that ate the pirate.

- Everyone embraced the dragon because he had the pirate.
- The custard proved that he was not a.....
- No body was happy because the pirate was not eliminated. True/False
- Find the antonym of 'unhappy' in the extract.

Q.9 Answer **any five** of the following questions in 30-40 words each: (2x5=10)

- With what request does Lomov come to Chubukov? What is his state of mind at that time?
- When did Maxwell realize that the otter loved water?
- What role did the baker play in the childhood of the narrator?
- Who was Omega? Why did he try to eat the book?
- How did the hack driver sketch the character of Lutkins?
- What lesson does Ebright learn when he does not win anything at a science fair?

Q.10 Answer the following question in 100-150 words:

(8 marks)

Fear and lack of confidence stop one from learning new things. Do you agree? How did these two traits of the young seagull make him coward? How did he overcome these shortcomings?

OR

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?

Q.11 Answer the following question in 100-150 words:

(8 marks)

Why did Bholi at first agree to an unequal match? Why did she later reject the marriage? What does this tell us about her?

OR

One must be a law abiding citizen of the country. Griffin lacked this attribute in his character. How did it make him an undesirable person? How did lawlessness overshadowed his greatness as a scientist?

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