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II- PRE-BOARD EXAMINATION
ENGLISH LANGUAGE & LITERATURE 2022-23 (Code 184)
CLASS-X

Time allowed: 3 Hrs

Maximum marks: 80

<p>General Instructions:</p> <p>1. 15-minute prior reading time allotted for Question-paper reading.</p> <p>2. The Question Paper contains THREE sections-READING, GRAMMAR & WRITING and LITERATURE.</p> <p>3. Attempt questions based on specific instructions for each part.</p>
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SECTION A- READING SKILLS		20 Marks
1	Read the passage given below	10

1	<p><u>No matter what your chosen career path is, there is always scope to contribute towards climate action</u></p> <p>Climate change is widely acknowledged as a common concern that continues to propel global discussions despite the man-made political boundaries. It affects every species across the globe. Unfortunately, the worst of it is faced by those who have contributed the least towards the problem. Yet, they tirelessly battle to adapt to climate change, build resilience, and mitigate their own contribution, which was already negligible. We must then ask ourselves if it is really fair and just that our actions or inaction causes harm to innocent species and fellow human beings.</p>
2	<p>The message “climate change is a common concern for humankind” is not applicable to nations alone. It applies to each of us, irrespective of our background. We must first educate ourselves to truly understand the problem’s magnitude and intensity. Once we do, we are bound to act and make positive change.</p>
3	<p>It may seem overwhelming, initially, to understand a seemingly distinct branch heavily embedded in science. However, here are some easy and interesting ways to do it:</p>

	<p>Reading blogs that discuss the science of climate change such as the <i>Real Climate Blog</i> that lists articles on the basis of a reader’s existing knowledge of the subject.</p> <p>Listening to podcasts such as <i>Climate Emergency and Deep Convection</i> to delve deeper into the experiences of climate warriors.</p> <p>Staying up-to-date with the latest happenings through YouTube videos and news articles.</p> <p>Sharing what we learn and letting climate change become part of regular conversations, whether at the dinner table, at an office gathering or on social media, thereby learning from one another.</p>
4	<p>Then, it is time for concrete action. Every big idea or solution stems from an individual driven to make a change at an institutional level. There is no requirement to “switch” to a different profession. It is possible to make a difference within your current profession or career path.</p> <p>Climate change is multi-faceted. It combines economy, physical science, law, social sciences, agriculture, business, education and activism. It has entered every sector; the financial and corporate world through Environment Social Governance, the tourism sector through eco- tourism, the architecture sector through sustainable urban planning, and so on. Each of these is looking for ways to mitigate their contribution to climate change. We must become a part of this movement in our own individual and collective capacities.</p>
5	<p>The opportunities in each field are endless since they branch out further. We may find a niche area that suits us. For a lawyer, there is environmental litigation or policy research. A journalist can focus on sustainable business or wildlife conservation. A scientist can work in the field of meteorology, oceanography or geology.</p> <p>Just as nations must come together, we as individuals, communities, and organisations must do the same. Each of us has a role to play in climate action.</p> <p><i>A monthly column from WWF India</i></p>

Based on your reading of the passage ,answer the questions given below		10
i.	<p>The writer says that we must first educate ourselves to understand the problems of climate change because(Paragraph1)</p> <p>A An education on the problem provides opportunities B Awareness and knowledge alone can act as triggers for change C It can help to have a keener perceptive D Education and understanding are complementary</p>	1
ii.	<p>Which option corresponds to the relation between climate change and mankind?</p> <p>A It applies to each of us - irrespective of our background. B The higher the background , lesser is the impact C Whichever field you belong to- the effect felt is the same D Your background matters – Impact is relative</p>	1
iii.	<p>Select the option that displays, what the writer aims to portray with reference to the following</p> <p>“Sharing what we learn and letting climate change become part of regular conversation”</p> <p>A Denial B Caution C Awareness D Social commitment</p>	1
iv.	<p>Complete the following with a phrase from the passage</p> <p>OPINION:</p> <p>REASON: People from all walks of life can play their role in reducing the impact of climate change</p>	1
v.	<p>The writer says that a lawyer can find a niche area that fits itself for a role in environmental protection</p> <p>State one area where a lawyer could work on</p>	1

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vi.	Based on your reading of the text ,list 2 reasons why the author says that “climate change is multifaceted” a. _____ b. _____	1
vii.	What role can the media play towards mitigating the impact of climate change?	1
viii.	“We as individuals, communities and organisations must come together’ Select the reason for collective action as suggested by the writer A Experience B Enhanced output C Direction D Impact	1
ix.	Give a reason to justify that opportunities exist in all fields towards environment protection	1
x.	Substitute the word “multifaceted “with a word similar in meaning as used in the following sentence from the passage ‘ Climate change is multifaceted”	1
II	Read the passage given below	10

1.

Birds migrate to move from areas of low or decreasing resources to areas of high or increasing resources. The two primary resources being sought are food and nesting locations.

Birds that nest in the Northern Hemisphere tend to migrate northward in the spring to take advantage of burgeoning insect populations, budding plants and an abundance of nesting locations. As winter approaches and the availability of insects and other food drops, the birds move south again. Escaping the cold is a motivating factor but many species, including hummingbirds, can withstand freezing temperatures as long as an adequate supply of food is available.



From

(Low/Decreasing Resources)

To.....

(High/Increasing Resources)

Less Food

Less apt nesting places

More Food

Ample nesting places

2.	<p>For birds that winter in the tropics, it seems strange to imagine leaving home and embarking on a migration north. Why make such an arduous trip north in spring? One idea is that through many generations' these tropical ancestors of these birds dispersed from their tropical breeding sites northward. The seasonal abundance of insect food and greater day length allowed them to raise more young (4–6 on average) than their stay-at-home tropical relatives (2–3 on average). As their breeding zones moved north during periods of glacial retreat, the birds continued to return to their tropical homes as winter weather and declining food supplies made life more difficult. Supporting this theory is the fact that most North American vireos, flycatchers, tanagers, warblers, orioles, and swallows have evolved from forms that originated in the tropics.</p>
3.	<p>Migrating birds can cover thousands of miles in their annual travels, often traveling the same course year after year with little deviation. First-year birds often make their very first migration on their own. Somehow, they can find their winter home despite never having seen it before, and return the following spring to where they were born.</p> <p>The secrets of their amazing navigational skills aren't fully understood, partly because birds combine several different types of senses when they navigate. Birds can get compass information from the sun, the stars, and by sensing the earth's magnetic field. They also get information from the position of the setting sun and from landmarks seen during the day. There's even evidence that sense of smell plays a role, at least for homing pigeons.</p> <p>Some species, particularly waterfowl and cranes, follow preferred pathways on their annual migrations. These pathways are often related to important stopover locations that provide food supplies critical to the birds' survival. Smaller birds tend to migrate in broad fronts across the landscape. Studies using e Bird data have revealed that many small birds take different routes in spring and fall, to take advantage of seasonal patterns in weather and food.</p>
4	Taking a journey that can stretch to a round-trip distance of several thousand

	miles is a dangerous and arduous undertaking. It is an effort that tests both the
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	<p>birds' physical and mental capabilities. The physical stress of the trip, lack of adequate food supplies along the way, bad weather, and increased exposure to predators all add to the hazards of the journey.</p> <p>In recent decades long-distant migrants have been facing a growing threat from communication towers and tall buildings. Many species are attracted to the lights of tall buildings and millions are killed each year in collisions with the structures</p>	
i.	State one reason why many bird species do not migrate in spite of the biting cold?	1
ii.	<p>Select the correct option to fill in the blanks</p> <p>From paragraph 2 we can conclude that the ----- and ----- ----- aided in raising more young ones.</p> <p>1 abundance of food 2. diversity 3. uniformity of weather 4. greater day length 5. better conditions</p> <p>A. 2 & 3 B. 1 & 4 C. 2 & 5 D. 1 & 3</p>	1
iii	<p>Replace the underlined word correctly with a word similar in meaning</p> <p>Why make such an arduous trip?</p>	1
iv.	<p>Select the correct option to complete the following sentence (paragraph 3)</p> <p>They can find their winter home despite never having seen it before and return the following spring to where they were born because</p> <p>A. Migrating birds have the capacity for it B. They follow the same path C. They follow the trail of other birds D. They traverse the same way with little change</p>	1

v.	<p>Fill in the blanks using the appropriate option</p> <p>The secret of bird's navigational skill cannot be fully understood due to ----- while navigating.</p> <p>A. Unexpected behaviour B. Surprising combinations C. Varied senses D. Difficult movements</p>	1
vi.	<p>Give two examples of the manner in which birds are informed during their flight</p>	1
vii.	<p>Name a man-made hazard that the bird may encounter during its migration?</p>	1
viii.	<p>Select the option that titles Paragraph 1-4 with reference to information provided in the passage</p> <p>(A) (B)</p> <p>1. Migration of birds 1. Why do birds migrate? 2. How they migrate 2. What triggers migration? 3. Dangers while migrating 3. How do birds navigate? 4. Causes of migration 4. Migration hazards</p> <p>(C) (D)</p> <p>1. How birds migrate 1. Migrating reasons 2. Why they migrate 2. Causes of migration 3. Encounter of problems 3. Dangers encountered 4. The wonder called migration 4. Manner of migration</p>	1
ix.	<p>Complete the sequence correctly by choosing an apt word from paragraph 1</p> <p>Hot is to cold as _____ is to declining.</p>	1
x.	<p>Which word is not an antonym for the word "motivating" as used in the passage</p> <p>A deterrent B. hindering C driving D. interfering</p>	1

III	SECTION -B GRAMMAR	10															
Attempt ANY TEN of the following questions		Marks															
1.	<p>Fill in the blanks by choosing the correct option to complete the headline</p> <p>The aircraft manufactured at Geneva blasted while _____ yesterday morning.</p> <p>A. took off B. taking off C. is taken off D. lift off</p>	1															
ii.	<p>Here is the conversation between a mother and her son. Complete the sentence by reporting the son’s words correctly</p> <p>Mother: Why do you feel irritated so easily when I correct your mistakes? Son : That is because irritation is the only weapon I can use to slow you down.</p> <p>A mother while trying to correct her son asked him the reason for his quick reaction, to which he replied _____.</p>	1															
iii	<p>Select the apt option to fill in the blank for the given line from an advertisement in a magazine</p> <p>The adage oft quoted states that “fast food _____ the fast gateway to death”</p> <p>A, was B. will C. can D. is</p>	1															
iv.	<p>Select the option that identifies the error and supplies the correction for the following lines from a news report</p> <p>Last month a tourist bus collided in a lorry and caused many casualties</p> <table border="0" data-bbox="399 1680 1356 1904"> <thead> <tr> <th data-bbox="399 1680 718 1724">OPTION NO</th> <th data-bbox="718 1680 957 1724">ERROR</th> <th data-bbox="957 1680 1356 1724">CORRECTION</th> </tr> </thead> <tbody> <tr> <td data-bbox="399 1769 718 1814">A</td> <td data-bbox="718 1769 957 1814">a</td> <td data-bbox="957 1769 1356 1814">the</td> </tr> <tr> <td data-bbox="399 1814 718 1859">B</td> <td data-bbox="718 1814 957 1859">in</td> <td data-bbox="957 1814 1356 1859">with</td> </tr> <tr> <td data-bbox="399 1859 718 1904">C</td> <td data-bbox="718 1859 957 1904">many</td> <td data-bbox="957 1859 1356 1904">much</td> </tr> <tr> <td data-bbox="399 1904 718 1948">D</td> <td data-bbox="718 1904 957 1948">caused</td> <td data-bbox="957 1904 1356 1948">causes</td> </tr> </tbody> </table>	OPTION NO	ERROR	CORRECTION	A	a	the	B	in	with	C	many	much	D	caused	causes	1
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v.	Complete the given narrative by filling in the blank with the correct Option	1															

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	commendable activities undertaken by these students guided by their teachers. They could be nominated for awards on Earth Day and suggest how such deeds could be lauded.	
2.	Attempt ANY ONE from A and B given below	5
<p>A Manju Kumari is an aspiring candidate for a career with the Armed Forces. She belongs to a family of teachers and has limited exposure to a career in the armed forces. She conducts a research about her chances of success if this career was opted for and note the following points</p> <p>POSSIBILITIES</p> <p>Option to reach high positions Chances of joining Military Engineering Services Intangible qualities like leadership, discipline etc. Tangible benefits like facilities /medical care/ travel discounts/ paid vacation</p> <p>WEAKNESS AS A POTENTIAL CANDIDATE</p> <p>Her gender may be a deterrent Lack of exposure to people in the forces No motivation from parents Lack of coaching centers in her village to train herself Fear of an uncertain and dangerous life</p> <p>ADDED ADVANTAGES</p> <p>The satisfaction of serving her motherland Invitation to a life of adventure A life full of action and thrill Opportunity to constantly upgrade one's own skills Can be in communion with the best minds of the nation</p> <p>THREAT</p> <p>May be side lined in a male dominated field Own safety may be at stake A comfortable family life may not be always possible Lack of familial support due to majority of them having chosen the career of teaching.</p> <p>Analyze her notes and write a paragraph in about 100-120 words stating why /why not a career with the armed forces is desirable for women like Manju Kumari.</p>		
B	<p>Read the following lines from a newspaper article on the correlation between rural migration to cities and pollution</p> <p>Rural unemployment or underemployment could be the cause for largescale migration to urban areas. Even though these migrants are able to earn better, their subjective wellbeing might be worse due to the burden exerted on the available resources which are put under pressure to cater to the needs of a teeming population. Such migrations are therefore seen as driving agents of environmental</p>	

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	<p>in urban areas has to be dealt with proactive measures like opening new avenues in the rural sector Write a paragraph in about 100-120 words to analyses the given arguments</p> <p>Suggest other explanations or justifications to weaken the given conclusion about rural migration and include proof or logical evidence that could contradict/support the argument</p>	
SECTION C- LITERATURE		40 Marks
V	Reference to the context	10
1.	Attempt ANY ONE of two extracts given	5
I.A	<p>The jingling thud of his bamboo woke us up from sleep and we ran to meet and greet him. Why was it so? Was it for the love of the loaf? Not at all. The loaves were bought by some Paskine or Bastine, the maid servant of the house! What we longed for were those bread bangles which we chose carefully. Sometimes it was sweet bread of special make.</p> <p style="text-align: right;">The Baker From Goa</p>	
i.	<p>What quality of the baker's arrival was a stimulant to wake up from sleep</p> <p>A. The sweet aroma of bread loaves B. The musical sound of his staff with its jhing -jhang sound C. Love for the sweet bread D. The company of the baker</p>	1
ii.	<p>What does the writer mean to say when he mentions the loaves being bought by some Paskine or Bastine?</p> <p>A Helper B Cook C Man Servant D Maid servant</p>	1
iii.	<p>Fill in the blanks with ONE WORD only</p> <p>The bread bangles were the _____ items in the minds of the children of Goa households</p>	1
iv.	<p>Pick out the phrase from those given below which suggests that the baker was a part of every house</p> <p>A. The jingling woke us up B. What we longed for was the bread bangles C. Woke us up from sleep and ran to greet him D Sometimes it was sweet bread specially made</p>	1

v.	Select the option which best describes the baker's role A friend companion and guide B. bread seller and friend C a good businessman and friend D a family friend most loved by the kids	1
	OR	
1.B	<p>“Natalya is an excellent housekeeper, not bad looking, well educated. “What more do I want? But I'm getting a noise in my ear due to excitement. And it is impossible for me not to marry. In the first place I'm already 35 – a critical age, so to speak. In the second place, I ought to lead a quiet and regular life. I suffer from palpitations. I'm excitable and always getting awfully upset ,at this very moment my lips are trembling and there's a twitch in my eyebrow.</p> <p style="text-align: right;">The Proposal</p>	
i.	Complete the analogy by selecting the suitable word from the extract Haphazard :regular:: inferior :-----	1
ii	<p>According to the extract which option given below best sums up his intentions about marriage</p> <ol style="list-style-type: none"> 1. Being a bachelor, marriage was inevitable for him 2 He can tie up with a rich family in order to ensure comfort in life 3 He loves her from the core of his heart 4 Marriage was the only option for him <p style="text-align: center;">Select the correct option</p> <p>A. 4 & 1 B. 1 & 2 C. 3 & 1 D. 4 & 2</p>	1
iii.	List any two priorities fixed by couples in marriages	1
iv.	<p>Select the option that correctly captures the use of the word “getting “from line 2 of the given extract</p> <p>A. He is getting a reward from Natalya. B. Getting a proper match is difficult. C. To get something you need to search for it. D. He is getting and feeling the thrill of it.</p>	1

v.	The extract gives certain physical discomforts experienced by Lomov. List them	1
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	I.) _____ II) _____	
2.	Attempt ANY ONE of two given extracts	5
2.A	Don't bite your nails Don't hunch your shoulders, Amanda! Stop that slouching and sit up straight, Amanda! (There is a languid, emerald sea, Where the sole inhabitant is me- A mermaid drifting blissfully.)	
i.	The poetic device used in lines 1 & 2 is _____, which serves as a tool for emphasis	1
ii.	Examine the statement given and say whether it is True or False Most teenagers do not behave like Amanda.	1
iii.	The poet has used a poetic device in line 3. Identify it.	1
iv.	The last two lines of the above extract serve to convey which idea? A, The mermaid wants to hide in the sea B. Amanda wishes for some solitude and respite from restrictions. C. Teenagers love to lead lonely lives D. The mermaid can swim and enjoy the sea	1
v.	“Stop that slouching and sit up straight” The speaker's tone here is A, Chiding B. Insulting C. Thoughtful D. Authoritative	1
Or		
2.B	The fog comes On little cat feet. It sits looking Over harbour and city On silent haunches And then moves on	

i.	The metaphorical expression "on little cat feet" implies that A. fog is a natural phenomenon that occurs silently unawares. B the fog moves like a cat analyzing the situations. C the fog approaches noiselessly and stealthily, just like a cat. D the cat moves secretly like the arrival of fog	1
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ii.	Explain the similarity between fog and difficulties in life	1
iii.	“It sits looking over harbour and city” Explain how personification applies here	1
iv.	Examine whether the statement “ The poem does not have a rhyme scheme ,“is TRUE OR FALSE	1
v.	Select the appropriate option to complete the sentence, according to the extract. The idea of comparing fog to unexpected difficulties in life is _____. A. scary B . unusual C. appropriate D. ambiguous	1
VI	Answer ANY FOUR of the following in about 40-50 words.	4X3=12
i.	Validate the given statement with reference to the historic events in the South African Freedom movement as mentioned in the lesson “A Long Walk to Freedom” “Courage is not the absence of fear, but the triumph over it”	3
ii.	Explain why Robert Frost is of the opinion that fire has the potential to end the world?	3
iii.	Bholi’s transformation was possible with the help of a teacher. Do you agree? .If so give ample evidence for it.	3
iv.	Contrast the tiger as mentioned in the different stanzas of the poem “A Tiger in the Zoo”. Highlight the cause for the difference for it.	3
v.	Can you point out an evidence from the lesson Mijbil the Otter to prove that the natural and known habitat of an animal projects itself wherever it is brought up	3
VII	Answer ANY TWO of the following in about 40-50 words each	2x3=6
i.	“An excellent doctor is the one who has the ability to diagnose the symptom”. .Discuss this with reference to the events mentioned in the story “Triumph of Surgery”	

ii.	“Persistence can be a key factor to gain success in any field. ”Justify this statement in the context of the example of Richard Ebright in The Making of a Scientist”	
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iii.	Cite two examples to illustrate the large heartedness shown by Anil in “Thief’s Story”	
VIII	Answer ANY ONE of the following in about 100-120 words	1x6=6
i.	<p>Paper has more patience than people. This was how Anne the girl feels in the lesson “From the Diary of Anne Frank”.</p> <p>As a girl/boy of almost the same age group can you identify yourself with Anne’s emotions. Also refer to the similar feelings of Amanda. Describe how Anne and Amanda must have felt and highlight the reasons which would have forced Anne to write a diary and Amanda to long for loneliness.</p>	
Or		
ii.	<p>If you desire for something the whole world will help you to achieve this”</p> <p>Both Valli and Bholi are fine examples of girls with a will to get what they longed for .Suppose they are invited to a ceremony to honour them and were requested to speak about how they could achieve their dreams. Assume that you are either Bholi OR Valli and write the speech. (YOU CAN WRITE THE SPEECH OF BHOLI OR VALLI).Do not write the experience of both of them.</p>	
IX	Answer ANY ONE of the following in about 100-120 words.	1x6=6
i.	<p>“Science should be used as a boon and not as a bane”. Analyse this in detail with reference to Griffin the lawless scientist in the lesson “Footprints without Feet”.</p>	
Or		
ii.	<p>“Living beyond your means can cause mental agony and ruin. ”Forgetting ground realities and having endless aspirations is not good. Elaborate this with reference to the story “The Necklace”</p>	
