



OSDAV Public School, Kaithal
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Class :X
Subject :English

SET-B

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M.M. : 80

General Instructions:-

- I. The Question Paper contains THREE sections-READING, WRITING and LITERATURE.**
- II. Attempt questions based on specific instructions for each part.**

Q.No.	Questions	Marks
1.	Read the following text:	10
	<p>1. The main difference between men and animals is the difference in their power of concentration. All success in any line of work is the result of this. Everybody knows something about concentration. We see its results every day. High achievements in art, music, etc. are the results of concentration. Those who have trained animals find much difficulty in the fact that they are constantly forgetting what is told to them. They cannot concentrate their minds on anything long at a time. Here is the difference between men and animals - the man has the greater power of concentration and also constitutes the difference between one man to another. Compare the lowest to the highest man. The difference is in the degree of concentration. This is the only difference.</p> <p>2. Everybody's mind becomes concentrated at times. We all concentrate upon things we love and we love those things upon which we concentrate our minds. What mother is there who does not love the face of her homeliest child? That face is to her the most beautiful in the world. She loves it because she concentrates her mind on it and if everyone could concentrate their minds on that face, everyone would love it. It would be to all the most beautiful face.</p> <p>3. We all concentrate our minds on those things we love. When we hear beautiful music, our minds become fastened upon it and we cannot take them away. Those who concentrate their minds on classical music do not like common music, and vice versa. Music in which the notes follow each other in rapid succession holds the mind readily. A child loves lively music because the rapidity of the notes gives the mind no chance to wander. A man who likes common music dislikes classical music because it is more complicated and requires a greater degree of concentration to follow it.</p> <p>4. The great trouble with such concentration is that we do not control the mind. It controls us. Something outside of ourselves, as it were, draws the mind into it and holds it as long as it chooses. We hear melodious tunes or see a beautiful painting, and the mind is held fast: we cannot take it away.</p> <p>5. If I speak to you well upon a subject you like, your mind becomes concentrated upon what I am saying. I draw your mind away from yourself and hold it upon the subject in spite of yourself. Thus our attention is held, our minds are concentrated upon various things, in spite of ourselves. We cannot help it.</p>	
	Answer the following questions, based on the passage above.	
i.	What is the underlying theme of the author in Paragraph 1? Which of the following sums up the main thought of the author? (a) Concentration constitutes the main difference between living creatures. (b) Concentration is what differentiates man from animals. (c) Man has better concentration than animals. (d) Even trained animals have a very small span of concentration.	1
ii.	Select the option that corresponds to the following relation below, The greater the power of concentration, the bigger the success story. (a) The more you laugh - the lesser your illness (b) The higher the stamina - the lower the food intake	1

	(c) The smaller the car - the bigger the advantage (d) The heavier the luggage - the higher the penalty	
iii.	Select the option that displays what the writer projects, with reference to the following. Those who have trained animals find much difficulty in the fact that they are constantly forgetting what is told to them. (a) doubt (b) conviction (c) substantiation (d) denial	1
iv.	Find a word from passage 3 which has the same meaning as 'inheritance of.'	1
v.	The writer explains the reason why all humans resort to concentration in the following line. Everybody's mind becomes concentrated at times. (Paragraph 2) State the reciprocal equation that makes it possible.	1
vi.	Based on your reading of the text, list 2 reasons why the writer says that lively or fast music is the popular choice of the majority. (a) (b)	1
vii.	What connection does the writer draw out between concentration and the liking for classical music?	1
viii	he writer says, 'When we hear beautiful music, our minds become fastened upon it and we cannot take them away.' Choose the option that best reflects the meaning of the word 'fastened' in the given sentence from Paragraph 3. (a) connected (b) closed (c) hooked (d) secured	1
ix	Supply 1 point to justify the following: Our mind controls us, we do not control our mind.	1
x	Evaluate the main underlying feature associated with concentration in human beings. (a) The human mind can be trained to concentrate. (b) All human beings have the same levels of concentration. (c) Our love for something drives our concentration levels. (d) Our mind decides on what to concentrate.	1
2.	Read the following text:	10
	(1) After more than two years of halted travel, India's tourism and hospitality industry is now cautiously hopeful. Tourism constituted almost 3% of India's GDP and generated around 100 million jobs in 2019. But the sector was severely hit in India countries in the past two years. like in other countries –in the past two years. (2) Indians are now travelling with a vengeance 'revenge travel', as the phenomenon is called. And many, experts say, now prefer to travel within the country instead of flying to more expensive destinations abroad. The industry is also benefitting from new trends borne of the pandemic such as micro-holidays and workcations. (3) According to a survey, 51 percent of Indian travellers believed that international travel remained an important means of expanding their horizons and connecting with other cultures. Over two years, the survey said, Indian travellers are now dreaming about their next international trip and more than 70 percent of Indians are excited about being able to travel internationally. (4) There has also been an increase in the number of students going abroad to study. The increasing desire to study overseas is credited to the pent-up demand from the pandemic's two-year duration. This has got further pronounced because of growing aspirations and affordability among the middle-class students from Tier II and Tier III cities.	

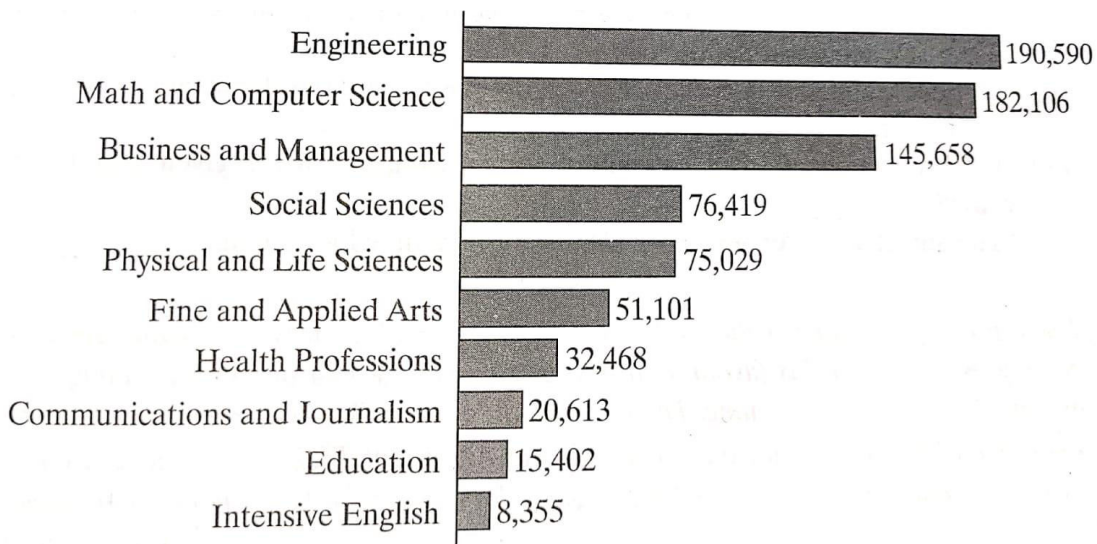
The table below shows foreign travel by Indians for different purposes from 2019 to 2022.

Purpose	2019	2020	2021	2022
Business	14.7 L	2.6 L	1.2 L	4.6 L
Job	25.2 L	7.1 L	8.3 L	21.4 L
Residency	89.5 L	28.9 L	34.6 L	72.5 L
Education	5.8 L	2.6 L	4.4 L	6.5 L
Tourists	63.8 L	13.1 L	12.8 L	30.8 L
Visit	42.1 L	10.1 L	15.1 L	40.9 L
Medical	1,448	390	545	1,253
Pilgrimage	8.8 L	1.1 L	4,139	4.6 L
Others	2.6 L	54,775	58,767	1.6 L
Total	2.5 Crore	66.2 L	77.2 L	1.8 Crore

Answer the following questions, based on the passage above.

i.	Complete the following analogy appropriately, based on your (i) understanding of paragraphs 1 and 2. We can say that the situation when people were travelling with a vengeance is comparable to people going out to dine in hordes, because.....	1
ii.	Fill in the blanks with the appropriate option from those given in brackets, based on your understanding of paragraph 1. The statement that, 'Tourism constituted almost 3% of India's GDP and generated around 100 million jobs in 2019', is a/an (fact/opinion)..... because it is a/an(subjective judgement / objective detail).	1
iii.	Justify the following in about 40 words. After being cooped up inside their houses for more than two years, Indians are now excited about being able to travel internationally.	2
iv	Based on the given table, for which 'purpose' did Indian foreign travel increase in 2022 as compared to 2019?	1
v	The industry is also benefitting from new trends borne of the pandemic such as micro-holidays and workcations.' Which 'industry' is being talked about here?	1
vi	As per the given table, for which purpose did maximum number of Indians undertake foreign travel in 2019 and in 2022 ? State any one inference that can be drawn from this.	1
vii	Why are students today choosing to go abroad to study ? (Answer in about 40 words.)	2
viii	Which of the following is the main takeaway from the study mentioned in the passage? (A)International travel remains an important means of expanding the horizons and connecting with other cultures.	1

	(B) Though travel, both domestic and international, has picked up, it has yet to reach its previous levels. (C) Indians are excited about being able to travel internationally. (D)The study needs to include experts from Tourism Department to offer any recommendations for further research.						
3.	SECTION B : WRITING SKILLS & GRAMMAR (20 marks)						
	GRAMMAR	10					
i.	Fill in the blank by using the correct form of the word in the bracket, for the given portion of a letter. Sir/Ma'am Subject: Low voltage and frequent breakdown of electricity Through the columns of your esteemed newspaper, I would like to draw your kind attention towards the poor supply of electricity in our area. The area(suffer) frequent outages and low supply as a rule.	1					
ii.	Read the given sentence from a recipe review article. Identify the error and supply the correction in the sentence. The Government of India has banned the production and use of plastic bags in our country in the year 2022. Use the given format for your response. <table><tr><td>Error</td><td>Correction</td></tr><tr><td></td><td></td></tr></table>	Error	Correction			1	
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iii.	Fill in the blank by choosing the correct option to complete the sentence. I met a young smart fan..... wanted a 'selfie' with me. So, we sat on top of a boundary wall. (a) which (b) who (c) whose (d) whom	1					
iv.	Identify the error and supply correction, for the following note in a private bank's instruction manual to its customers. <table><tr><td>ICICI Bank Never reply to e-mails asking for our password or PIN. Do safe banking with us.</td></tr></table> Use the given format for your response. <table><tr><td>Error</td><td>Correction</td></tr><tr><td></td><td></td></tr></table>	ICICI Bank Never reply to e-mails asking for our password or PIN. Do safe banking with us.	Error	Correction			1
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v.	Roma asked Gopal to go by the metro. Report Gopal's question. Which way is the metro station?	1					
vi	Fill in the blank by using that correct form of the word given in the bracket. The film with its exciting soundtrack and classical music..... (appeal) to the general audiences.	1					
vii	Fill in the blank with the correct option: There is something wonderful waiting her when she reaches home. (a) of (b) about (c) for (d) inside	1					
viii	Fill in the blank by choosing the correct option, to complete the slogan. We fight against injustice. (a) could (b) shall (c) will (d) would	1					
ix.	The father said, "I bought a watch." (Change the speech) (a) The father said that I bought a watch. (b) The father said that he bought a watch. (c) The father said that he had bought a watch. (d) The father said that he has bought a watch.	1					
x	Fill in the blank by choosing the correct option to complete the live feed on FM channel on road safety Hello dear listeners!	1					

	All of us have been guilty at some time or the other, of dashing across the streets, making the nearest driver slam his brakes in panic. (a) should (b) must (c) ought (d) could																							
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4A	As Jignesh Silva / Punkhuri Shukl of 648, Sec-19, Sadar Nagar, you feel very unhappy and annoyed with the way bikes and cars are haphazardly parked in front of residential units causing inconvenience to residents. Write a letter to the RWA of your society in about 120 words, expressing your concern at the situation and suggesting measures to remove the nuisance.	5																						
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4B	You are Rohit/Riya of Hauz Khas, New Delhi. You bought a pair of shoes from M/s. Shoe Factory, GK-II, New Delhi. On unpacking them, you found to your amazement that both the shoes are meant for your left foot. Write a letter of complaint to the Manager of M/s. Shoe Factory asking for replacement at their cost. (Word limit: 100-120 words)																							
5A	<p>Many Indian students go abroad for higher studies. The following graph shows the most popular fields of study for Indian students studying abroad in the academic year 2020-21. Analyze the graph and write an analytical paragraph, in about 120 words, by selecting features that support your analysis.</p>  <table><tr><th>Field of Study</th><th>Number of Students</th></tr><tr><td>Engineering</td><td>190,590</td></tr><tr><td>Math and Computer Science</td><td>182,106</td></tr><tr><td>Business and Management</td><td>145,658</td></tr><tr><td>Social Sciences</td><td>76,419</td></tr><tr><td>Physical and Life Sciences</td><td>75,029</td></tr><tr><td>Fine and Applied Arts</td><td>51,101</td></tr><tr><td>Health Professions</td><td>32,468</td></tr><tr><td>Communications and Journalism</td><td>20,613</td></tr><tr><td>Education</td><td>15,402</td></tr><tr><td>Intensive English</td><td>8,355</td></tr></table>	Field of Study	Number of Students	Engineering	190,590	Math and Computer Science	182,106	Business and Management	145,658	Social Sciences	76,419	Physical and Life Sciences	75,029	Fine and Applied Arts	51,101	Health Professions	32,468	Communications and Journalism	20,613	Education	15,402	Intensive English	8,355	5
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5B	<p>Many out-of-school children are employed in various odd jobs in India. Child labour deprives children of their right to go to school and reinforces intergenerational cycles of poverty. Based on the data given below in the pie chart, write an analytical paragraph, in about 120 words, analyzing the situation and probable reasons that lead children to become a part of the child labour force.</p>																							



SECTION D : LITERATURE TEXTBOOK AND SUPPLEMENTARY READING TEXT (40 marks)		
Read the given extract and answer the questions:		5
6A	LOMOV : It's cold... I'm trembling all over, just as if I'd got an examination before me. The great thing is, I must have my mind made up. If I give myself time to think, to hesitate, to talk a lot, to look for an ideal, or for real love, then I'll never get married. Brr...It's cold! Natalya Stepanovna is an excellent housekeeper, not bad-looking, well-educated. What more do I want? But I'm getting a noise in my ears from excitement. (Drinks) And it's 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 right eyebrow.	
i.	Which of the following is NOT a reason why Lomov thinks he must marry? (a) He is already 35 years old. (b) He suffers from palpitations. (c) He is excitable and easily upset. (d) He is in love with Natalya.	1
ii.	Why is it fair to say that Lomov's tone, when he says "What more do I want?", uncertain and questioning?	2
iii.	Read the following descriptions (i)-(iii) and identify which one correctly corresponds to the extract. (i) A debate is a formal discussion on a particular topic, usually with two or more people presenting different viewpoints and arguments. (ii) A soliloquy is a speech given by a character alone on stage, which reveals their innermost thoughts and feelings to the audience. (iii) An aside is a brief comment or remark made by a character directly to the audience, which is not intended to be heard by other characters on stage.	1
iv.	If an actor were to enact this extract, what would he be required to focus on, while modulating his voice?	1
OR		
6B	His landlord disliked him and tried to eject him. In revenge, Griffin set fire to the house, To get away without being seen he had to remove his clothes. Thus it was that he became a homeless wanderer, without clothes, without money and quite invisible-until he happened to step in some mud, and left footprints as he walked!	
i.	Griffin's landlord tried to eject him because (a) he was a lawless person. (b) he had set his house on fire. (c) he didn't like him. (d) he was a drug addict.	1
ii.	Fill in the blank with one word only.	1

	Griffin deliberately removed his clothes because he wanted to become.....	
iii.	Select the option that correctly captures the application of the word 'fire' as used in this extract. (a) Griffin said that he would fire the manager. (b) The soldiers opened fire at the enemy. (c) His remarks provoked heavy fire from the political opponents. (d) The Amar Palace was completely destroyed by the fire.	1
iv.	Griffin's presence was felt when (a) he jumped into the water with a splash. (b) he wore clothes. (c) he left muddy footprints. (d) he stepped in mud.	1
v.	Which of the following is not true with reference to the given extract? (a) Griffin had become penniless. (b) Griffin promised to behave himself. (c) Griffin revealed himself by his muddy footprints. (d) No one could see Griffin when he took off his clothes.	1
	Read the given extract and answer the questions :	5
7A.	But he's locked in a concrete cell, His strength behind bars, Stalking the length of his cage, Ignoring visitors. He hears the last voice at night, The patrolling cars, And stares with his brilliant eyes At the brilliant stars. (A Tiger in the Zoo)	
i.	Complete the sentence appropriately. It is clear that 'Metonymy' is the poetic device used in 'Strength behind bars' because (Clue: explain how Metonymy applies here)	1
ii.	The poet has used poetic device in the given lines. What effect does he wish to create by its use? (In the words 'concrete cell' there is..... (a) emphasis (b) comparison (c) empathy (d) rhythm	1
iii.	State whether the following statement is TRUE or FALSE. 'Tiger is safe and secure in the cage.'	1
iv	Select the appropriate option to complete the sentence, according to the extract. The idea that has been reflected 'And stares with his brilliant eyes', is (a) didactic (b) sadness (c) apprehensive (d) optimism	1
v.	What is the poet's point view about the caged tiger? (a) Tigers are caged for their safety. (b) Tiger craves for its freedom. (c) People who love tigers they cage them. (d) He is not able	1
	OR	
7B.	The way a crow Shook down on me The dust of snow From a hemlock tree Has given my heart A change of mood And saved some part Of a day I had rued.	
i.	When the speaker mentions the 'dust of snow' which figure of speech he is referring to?	1
ii.	What does the poet want to convey through the poem?	1
iii.	Which of the following best describes the use of synecdoche by the poet? (a) Has given my heart, A change of mood	1

	(b) And saved some part, Of a day I had rued (c) A crow, Shook down on me (d) The dust of snow	
iv.	Comment on the poet's use of symbolism in these lines in about 30-40 words.	2
8.	Answer ANY FOUR of the following five questions, in about 40-50 words.	4x3=12
i.	Maxwell decides to keep an otter as a pet. Elucidate with reference to the fact that owning a pet is a life of commitment. (Mijbil the Otter)	
ii.	Why does the author say that the presence of the Baker's furnace in the village is absolutely essential? Justify with reference to "A Baker from Goa".	
iii.	The use of symbolism in the poem 'Fire and Ice' conveys the poet's message effectively. Expand with reference to the poem.	
iv.	'The Tale of Custard the Dragon' is a humorous ballad. How does Ogden Nash create humour and entertainment in the poem?	
v.	"There is a great difference between divine love and human love." Justify the statement with reference to the poem 'For Anne Gregory'.	
9.	Answer ANY TWO of the following three questions, in about 40-50 words.	2x3=6
i.	Why was Mr Herriot shocked at Tricky's appearance?	
ii.	Why was Fowler so keen to meet Ausable? What were the repercussions of this much-awaited meeting? (The Midnight Visitor)	
iii.	How would you assess Griffin as a scientist? (Footprints Without Feet)	
	Answer ANY ONE of the following two questions, in about 100-120 words.	1x6=6
10A	"The natural beauty of both Assam and Coorg is panoramic. It is an immense pleasure to visit both the places. Assam and Coorg have their own glimpses." Compare and contrast the natural delight of Assam and Coorg as described in 'Tea from Assam' and 'Coorg'. Even Amanda wants to run away into the arms of nature to escape from the suffocating environment at home. Explain how nature provides joy to one and solace to another.	
	OR	
10B	Difficulties come in life but they are not bound to stay forever. They are transient - they come and go. Comment referring to the poem 'Fog' and Lencho's life in 'A Letter to God'. What did he do in the face of crisis? How did he overcome the crisis?	
	Answer ANY ONE of the following two questions, in about 100-120 words.	1x6=6
11A	Rushing to a conclusion without going into details may lead to chaos and failure. Elaborate this with reference to the Martian invasion in the chapter 'The Book That Saved the Earth'.	
	Or	
11B	'Trust and compassion can reform a person'. Discuss with reference to 'The Thief's Story'?	



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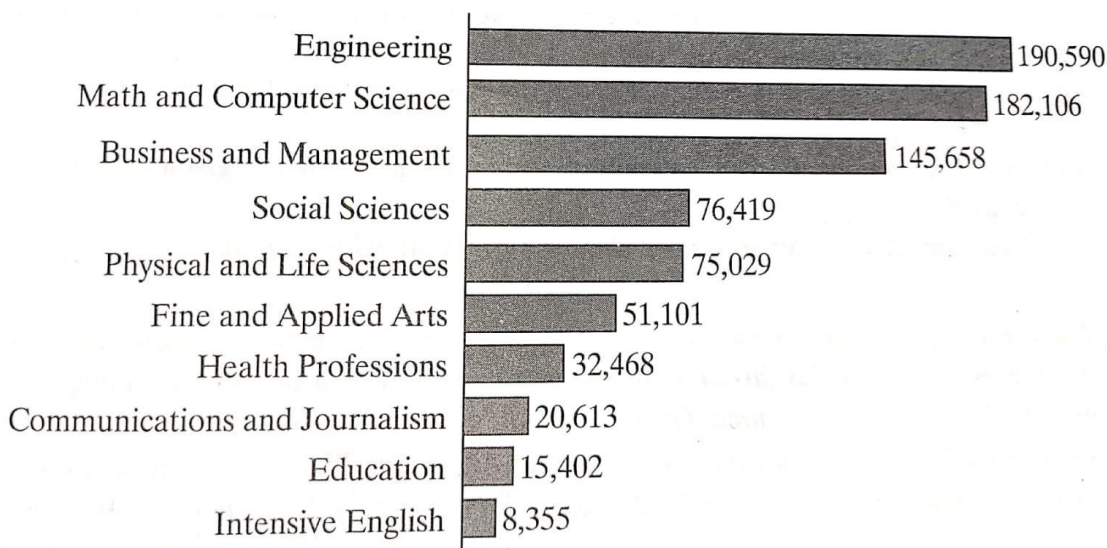

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	<p>1. Frankness may be among the most overrated of virtues! And here's why. Because unrestricted and unfiltered frankness is a recipe for breaking relationships, even the closest ones. Such frankness is understandable, acceptable and even 'cute' only in children under the age of five.</p> <p>2. Thinking before one speaks and using restraint are hallmarks of growing maturity and preparation for life. Learning to put a filter between thought and spoken word (and, even more importantly, written word) is an important life skill. Think is a popular acronym for True, Helpful, Inspiring, Necessary and Kind. This would do wonderfully well as a filter in our minds.</p> <p>3. It is good to speak what's true, but only along with the other attributes in the acronym, particularly the last one, kindness. In the righteous glow of speaking what we see as the truth, we often forget to be kind. We blurt out "truths" even when it is totally unhelpful and unnecessary to do so, let alone inspiring! Too often, such truth-telling is destructive rather than noble. Only those who do not care about the consequences can afford the luxury of 'speaking their minds' whenever and wherever they please. When relationships are at stake, it is essential to choose the time, place and words appropriately when imparting unpleasant truths. And even then, only when absolutely necessary and with the utmost kindness.</p> <p>4. Speaking without forethought can be even more dangerous in other circumstances, for example, when someone has entrusted us with a secret. A sign of maturity is the ability to keep a secret. Very young children are incapable of understanding the concept of a secret. To them, every piece of information is interesting, new and meant to be shared. As we grow older, we all learn how to keep a secret, but too often we keep only our own secrets and not those that others confide in us. We may blurt out something a friend told us in confidence, perhaps carelessly but often to appear important in other people's estimation. It gives us a sense of power to know something that our friends don't, and it requires conscious effort to keep the information to ourselves.</p> <p>5. But this is the real test of an important life skill: self-restraint. Revealing a friend's secret is equivalent to betrayal of the friendship. Indeed, the consequences may well spread way beyond the friendship alone. It may lead to gossip spreading like a forest fire, destroying peace of mind and even lives.</p> <p>6. Words have power to hurt or heal. They are not mere tools for tweeting and messaging. Before the tongue speaks, before the fingers fly over the keyboard, it is important to pause and apply the THINK acronym filter. Is this True, Helpful, Inspiring, Necessary and Kind?</p> <p>7. Of course it is important to communicate. But it is far more important to be considerate and compassionate. Speaking well is a skill: speaking kindly is a life skill.</p>	
	Answer the following questions, based on the passage above.	
i.	The writer says that "Learning to put a filter between thought and speech" is an important life skill. Which of the following options best encapsulates this principle? (i) To be sympathetic in our thoughts. (ii) Thinking before one speaks (iii) Communicate with compassion. (iv) Speaking well is a skill.	1
ii.	What is the tone of the writer in paragraph 1?	1

iii.	Complete the sentence appropriately. The author's use of vivid imagery in paragraph 5, such as "gossip spreading like a forest fire" is meant to reinforce the dangers of speaking without forethought in adults vis a vis children because.....	1																																																							
iv.	The passage includes some words that are similar in meaning to each other. From the sets 1-5 below, identify two sets of synonyms. 1. considerate and compassionate 2. to hurt or to heal 3. tweeting and messaging 4. unrestricted and unfiltered 5. whenever and wherever (i) 1 and 4 (ii) 3 and 5 (iii) 2 and 3 (iv) 1 and 3	1																																																							
v.	Supply one point to justify the following statement. 'Adults are hypocritical beings and keep double standards.'	1																																																							
vi.	Based on the reading of the passage, examine in about 40 words, the connection the writer draws out between 'blurting out truths and the feeling of 'righteousness'.	2																																																							
vii.	Evaluate which of the following reasons is NOT recommended by the author when it comes to truth-telling or the luxury of speaking one's mind. (i) Choose the time, place, and words appropriately. (ii) Be callously frank. (iii) Speak the truth kindly. (iv) Think before you speak.	1																																																							
viii	The writer emphasizes that very young children are immature and behave without restraint or forethought. unlike adults. Select the reason which DOES NOT correspond to the way they share secrets. (i) To them, every piece of information is interesting. (ii) Every piece of information is new. (iii) Every piece of information is meant to be shared. (iv) Every piece of information gives them a sense of power.	1																																																							
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	<p>remained an important means of expanding their horizons and connecting with other cultures. Over two years, the survey said, Indian travellers are now dreaming about their next international trip and more than 70 percent of Indians are excited about being able to travel internationally.</p> <p>(4) There has also been an increase in the number of students going abroad to study. The increasing desire to study overseas is credited to the pent-up demand from the pandemic's two-year duration. This has got further pronounced because of growing aspirations and affordability among the middle-class students from Tier II and Tier III cities.</p>	
	Answer the following questions, based on the passage above.	
i.	<p>Justify the following in about 40 words.</p> <p>After being cooped up inside their houses for more than two years, Indians are now excited about being able to travel internationally.</p>	2
ii.	<p>Fill in the blanks with the appropriate option from those given in brackets, based on your understanding of paragraph 1.</p> <p>The statement that, 'Tourism constituted almost 3% of India's GDP and generated around 100 million jobs in 2019', is a/an (fact/opinion)..... because it is a/an(subjective judgement / objective detail).</p>	1
iii.	<p>Complete the following analogy appropriately, based on your (i) understanding of paragraphs 1 and 2.</p> <p>We can say that the situation when people were travelling with a vengeance is comparable to people going out to dine in hordes, because.....</p>	1
iv	Based on the given table, for which 'purpose' did Indian foreign travel increase in 2022 as compared to 2019?	1
v	The industry is also benefitting from new trends borne of the pandemic such as micro-holidays and workcations.' Which 'industry' is being talked about here?	1
vi	<p>As per the given table, for which purpose did maximum number of Indians undertake foreign travel in 2019 and in 2022 ?</p> <p>State any one inference that can be drawn from this.</p>	1
vii	Why are students today choosing to go abroad to study ? (Answer in about 40 words.)	2
viii	<p>Which of the following is the main takeaway from the study mentioned in the passage?</p> <p>(A)International travel remains an important means of expanding the horizons and connecting with other cultures.</p> <p>(B) Though travel, both domestic and international, has picked up, it has yet to reach its previous levels.</p> <p>(C) Indians are excited about being able to travel internationally.</p> <p>(D)The study needs to include experts from Tourism Department to offer any recommendations for further research.</p>	1
3.	SECTION B : WRITING SKILLS & GRAMMAR (20 marks)	
	GRAMMAR	10
i.	<p>Fill in the blank by choosing the correct option to complete the beginning of an article in a blog post on adolescence.</p> <p>The importance of physical exercise as well as mental health..... teenager. by the</p>	1

	modern (a) are well understood (b) is well understood (c) is being understood well (d) will be well understood	
ii.	Read the conversation between a master and a servant. Complete the sentence by reporting the conversation. Master: Why do you need such a long leave? Servant: My brother is having a destination wedding in Goa. The master asked his servantsuch a long leave, to which he replieda destination wedding in Goa. (i) did he really need, his brother was having (ii) why he needed, that his brother was having (iii) that why he needed, his brother was having (iv) why he needed, his brother will be having	1
iii.	Fill in the blank by using the correct form of the word in the bracket, for the given portion of a letter. Dear Sir I would like to inform you that I.....(resign) from my position as Manager for the NCLAT, effective from 7 July 2025.	1
iv.	Complete the given narrative, by filling in the blank with the correct option. The Prime Minister reaches Chennai next week where he..... an auditorium. (i) will inaugurate (ii) would inaugurate (iii) might inaugurate (iv) will inaugurating	1
v.	Select the correct option to fill in the blank for the given piece of advice. He..... give that money he found in the street to charity. (i) has to (ii) need not (iii) ought to (iv) could	1
vi	Select the correct option to fill in the blank for the given line, from a health magazine. The advertisement read, 'If you smoke, statistically your story.....end 15% before it should'. (a) must (b) should (c) will (d) ought to	1
vii	Sunil shared some information, with Tariq, about a holiday at sea. Report Tariq's question. Did you enjoy travelling by sea?	1
viii	Fill in the blank by choosing the correct option to complete a report on road accidents in India. Today, road accidents India a dubious distinction. She has the worst road traffic accident rate. (a) are earning (b)have earned (c) earn (d)might have earned	1
ix.	Read the conversation between a mother and her daughter. Complete the sentence by reporting the mother's question correctly. Mother: Why are you looking so worried? Daughter: My exams are approaching. The mother looking at her daughter's anxious face asked..... to which the daughter replied that her exams were approaching.	1
x	Select the correct option to fill in the blank for the given line, from a health magazine. As per the advisory issued by the government, proper distancing, regular service of the buses and their proper disinfectionbe ensured. (a) ought (b) must (c) need to (d) have to	1
	WRITING SECTION	10
4A	You are Rohit/Riya of Hauz Khas, New Delhi. You bought a pair of shoes from M/s. Shoe Factory, GK-II, New Delhi. On unpacking them, you found to your amazement that both the shoes are meant for your left foot. Write a letter of complaint to the Manager of M/s.	5

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4B	As Jignesh Silva / Punkhuri Shukl of 648, Sec-19, Sadar Nagar, you feel very unhappy and annoyed with the way bikes and cars are haphazardly parked in front of residential units causing inconvenience to residents. Write a letter to the RWA of your society in about 120 words, expressing your concern at the situation and suggesting measures to remove the nuisance.																							
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5B	<p>Many out-of-school children are employed in various odd jobs in India. Child labour deprives children of their right to go to school and reinforces intergenerational cycles of poverty. Based on the data given below in the pie chart, write an analytical paragraph, in about 120 words, analyzing the situation and probable reasons that lead children to become a part of the child labour force.</p>  <p style="text-align: center;">Child labour in India</p> <table><thead><tr><th>Job</th><th>Percentage</th></tr></thead><tbody><tr><td>bottles collection</td><td>46%</td></tr><tr><td>shoes polishing</td><td>20%</td></tr><tr><td>car washing</td><td>12%</td></tr><tr><td>cleaning</td><td>7%</td></tr><tr><td>dishwashing</td><td>7%</td></tr><tr><td>selling and wood collection</td><td>7%</td></tr><tr><td>begging</td><td>1%</td></tr></tbody></table>	Job	Percentage	bottles collection	46%	shoes polishing	20%	car washing	12%	cleaning	7%	dishwashing	7%	selling and wood collection	7%	begging	1%							
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6A	Valli devoured everything with her eyes. But when she started to look outside, she found her view cut off by a canvas blind that covered the lower part of her window. So she stood up on the seat and peered over the blind.	
i.	The word 'devoured' as used in the passage shows that Vallieverything she saw. (a) ate greedily (b) consumed (c) obsessed (d) absorbed	1
ii.	Valli stood up on her seat because (a) she didn't get enough space on the seat. (b) she could not see outside the window while seated. (c) her legs were aching. (d) she felt uncomfortable.	1
iii.	Which traits of Valli's personality get reflected in this extract?	1
iv.	What was obstructing Valli's view? Why else was she facing the problem? Answer in about 40 words.	2
OR		
6B	And suddenly Bholi noticed that the teacher was standing by her side, smiling at her. "What's your name, little one?" "Bh-Bho-Bho-." She could stammer no further than that. Then she began to cry and tears flowed from her eyes in a helpless flood. She kept her head down as she sat in her corner, not daring to look up at the girls who, she knew, were still laughing at her. When the school bell rang, all the girls scurried out of the classroom, but Bholi dared not leave her corner. Her head still lowered, she kept on sobbing. "Bholi." The teacher's voice was so soft and soothing! In all her life she had never been called like that. It touched her heart. (Bholi)	
i.	What is the tone the teacher is UNLIKELY to have used in the line, "What's your name, little one?" (a) reassuring (b) comforting (c) settling (d) calming	1
ii.	How does the teacher's comforting demeanour contrast with the behaviour of the other girls in the classroom?	1
iii.	Fill in the blank with the correct word from the bracket. The word 'flood' in the line '...tears flowed from her eyes in a helpless flood.' Indicates that Bholi was crying (uncontrollably/unintentionally).	1
iv.	How does the author's use of Bholi 's perspective help build the narrative in the extract?	2
	Read the given extract and answer the questions :	5
7A.	Or if some time when roaming round, A noble wild beast greets you, With black stripes on a yellow ground. Just notice if he eats you. This simple rule may help you learn The Bengal Tiger to discern.	
i.	Who is the 'noble wild beast' in the above lines? (a) zebra (b) Asian Tiger (c) Asian Lion (d) Bengal Tiger	1
ii.	It is clear that Alliteration" is the poetic device used for 'roaming round because (Clue explain how alliteration applies here)	1
iii.	State whether the following statement is True or False: The extract helps to identify a Royal Bengal Tiger.	1
iv	In the given lines, what effect does the port create? Just notice if he cats you. This simple rule may help you learn The Bengal Tiger to discern." (a) irony (b) terror (c) sympathy (d) criticism	1

v.	Which word in the extract tells you that you have recognised the "noble beast"? (a) rule (b) discern (c) notice (d) roaming	1
	OR	
7B.	Belinda paled, and she cried Help! Help! But Mustard fled with a terrified yelp, Ink trickled down to the bottom of the household, And little mouse Blink strategically mouseholed.	
i.	Examine the portrayal of Blink in the given lines.	2
ii.	Complete the following suitably. The word 'paled' implies that Belinda.....	1
iii.	What kind of picture is painted by the poet through the line, 'Ink trickled down to the bottom of the household'?	1
iv.	What kind of atmosphere is created through these lines? Select the correct option: 1. Urgency 2. Apprehension 3. Uncertainty 4. Mystery 5. Aggression (a) 1 and 4 (b) Only 2 (c) 1, 2 and 3 (d) 4 and 5	1
8.	Answer ANY FOUR of the following five questions, in about 40-50 words.	4x3=12
i.	The use of symbolism in the poem 'Fire and Ice' conveys the poet's message effectively. Expand with reference to the poem.	
ii.	"There is a great difference between divine love and human love." Justify the statement with reference to the poem 'For Anne Gregory'.	
iii.	Maxwell decides to keep an otter as a pet. Elucidate with reference to the fact that owning a pet is a life of commitment. (Mijbil the Otter)	
iv.	'The Tale of Custard the Dragon' is a humorous ballad. How does Ogden Nash create humour and entertainment in the poem?	
v.	Why does the author say that the presence of the Baker's furnace in the village is absolutely essential? Justify with reference to "A Baker from Goa".	
9.	Answer ANY TWO of the following three questions, in about 40-50 words.	2x3=6
i.	Why was Fowler so keen to meet Ausable? What were the repercussions of this much-awaited meeting? (The Midnight Visitor)	
ii.	Why was Mr Herriot shocked at Tricki's appearance?	
iii.	How would you assess Griffin as a scientist? (Footprints Without Feet)	
	Answer ANY ONE of the following two questions, in about 100-120 words.	1x6=6
10A	Difficulties come in life but they are not bound to stay forever. They are transient - they come and go. Comment referring to the poem 'Fog' and Lencho's life in 'A Letter to God'. What did he do in the face of crisis? How did he overcome the crisis?	
	OR	
10B	"The natural beauty of both Assam and Coorg is panoramic. It is an immense pleasure to visit both the places. Assam and Coorg have their own glimpses." Compare and contrast the natural delight of Assam and Coorg as described in 'Tea from Assam' and 'Coorg'. Even Amanda wants to run away into the arms of nature to escape from the suffocating environment at home. Explain how nature provides joy to one and solace to another.	
	Answer ANY ONE of the following two questions, in about 100-120 words.	1x6=6
11A	Trust and compassion can reform a person'. Discuss with reference to 'The Thief's Story'?	
	Or	
11B	Rushing to a conclusion without going into details may lead to chaos and failure. Elaborate this with reference to the Martian invasion in the chapter The Book That Saved the Earth".	



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M.M. : 80

General Instructions:-

- I. The Question Paper contains THREE sections-READING, WRITING and LITERATURE.**
- II. Attempt questions based on specific instructions for each part.**

Q.No.	Questions	Marks
1. i.	(ii) Thinking before one speaks	1
ii.	The writer's tone in paragraph 1 is caution. He wants to advise people about frankness. He is very much cautious about unrestricted and unfiltered frankness.	2
iii.	unlike in children below the age of five who share information without a thought, a lack of self-restraint in adults is a sign of immaturity and revealing a friend's secret amounts to betrayal.	1
iv.	1 and 3	1
v.	Too often we keep only our own secrets and not those that others confide in us.	1
vi.	When feeling 'righteous,' we blurt out 'truths' even when it is totally unhelpful and unnecessary to do so. Too often, such truth-telling is destructive rather than noble. When relationships are at stake, we ought to be more careful.	1
vii.	Be callously frank.	1
viii	Every piece of information gives them a sense of power.	1
2. i.	51 percent of Indian travellers believed that international travel remained an important means of expanding their horizons and connecting with other cultures. *more than 70 percent of Indians are excited about being able to travel internationally.	2
ii.	fact, objective detail	1
iii.	People were tired of eating home food	1
iv	Education	2
v	Tour & Travel Hospitality	1
vi	Residency purpose In 2019 it was the highest (89.5L) and in 2022 also (72.5L)	1
vii	because of growing aspirations and affordability among the middle-class students from Tier II and Tier III cities.	2
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ix		1
3.	SECTION B : WRITING SKILLS & GRAMMAR (20 marks)	
	GRAMMAR	10
i.	(b) is well understood	1
ii.	(i) why he needed, that his brother was having	1
iii.	am resigning	1
iv.	(i) will inaugurate	1
v.	(iii) ought to	1
vi	(c) will	1
vii	Tariq asked if he had enjoyed travelling by sea.	1
viii	(b)have earned	1
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	OR	
4B	<p>648, Sector-19, Sadar Nagar. 23 January 2025</p> <p>The President, Residents' Welfare Association (RWA), Sector-19, Sadar Nagar. Subject: Concern Regarding Haphazard Parking in the Society Dear Sir I am writing to express my concern over the increasing problem of bikes and cars being haphazardly parked in front of residential units in our society. This practice not only causes inconvenience to residents but also poses a safety hazard during emergencies.</p> <p>I suggest that designated parking areas be clearly marked, and residents be instructed to park their vehicles responsibly. The RWA could also consider issuing notices or imposing fines on repeated offenders to discourage this behavior.</p> <p>I hope you will take prompt action to resolve this issue for the convenience and well-being of all residents. Yours sincerely, Jignesh Silva / Punkhuri Shukl</p>	
5A	The graph illustrates the most popular fields of study for Indian students studying abroad in the academic year 2020-21. Engineering tops the list with 190,590 students, closely followed by Math and Computer Science with 182,106 students. Business and Management ranks third, attracting 145,658 students. Social Sciences and Physical and Life Sciences draw moderate interest, with 76,419 and 75,029 students, respectively. Fields like Fine and Applied Arts (51,101), Health Professions (32,468), and Communications	5

	and Journalism (20,613) show comparatively lower enrollments. Education and Intensive English have the least interest, with only 15,402 and 8,355 students, respectively. This data indicates a strong preference among Indian students for technical and business-related fields, reflecting career-oriented decision-making and demand-driven education choices.	
	OR	
5B	The pie chart highlights the distribution of child labor in India across various odd jobs. The largest percentage of children, 46%, is involved in bottle collection, followed by 20% in shoe polishing. Car washing accounts for 12%, while cleaning and dishwashing contribute 7% each. Selling and wood collection employ another 7%, and begging has the smallest share, at just 1%. This data underscores the grim reality of child labor, where economic hardships and poverty force children into labor-intensive jobs instead of attending school. Lack of education, unemployment among adults, and large family sizes may further aggravate this issue. Addressing child labor requires enforcing stricter laws, improving access to education, and supporting families with financial aid and awareness campaigns.	
	SECTION D : LITERATURE TEXTBOOK AND SUPPLEMENTARY READING TEXT (40 marks)	
	Read the given extract and answer the questions:	5
6A		
i.	(d) absorbed	1
ii.	(b) she could not see outside the window while seated.	1
iii.	The extract reflects Valli's curiosity, enthusiasm, and determination. Her keen interest in observing the world around her highlights her adventurous spirit and resourcefulness as she takes initiative to overcome obstacles to fulfill her desire to explore.	1
iv.	Valli's view was obstructed by a canvas blind covering the lower part of the window. Additionally, her short height prevented her from seeing outside while seated, so she stood up on her seat to get a clear view.	1
	OR	
6Bi.	(c) settling	1
ii.	The teacher's soothing and understanding approach is in stark contrast to the mockery of the other girls, who laugh at Bholi's stammering. While the teacher shows kindness and patience, the girls' behavior is cruel and insensitive, further isolating Bholi.	1
iii.	uncontrollably.	1
iv.	The author's focus on Bholi's emotions and thoughts allows readers to empathize with her vulnerability and pain. This perspective highlights her fear, insecurity, and eventual comfort through the teacher's kindness, creating a poignant and emotionally engaging narrative.	1
	Read the given extract and answer the questions :	5
7A i.	(d) Bengal Tiger	1
ii.	Alliteration involves the repetition of the same consonant sound at the beginning of closely connected words. Here, the repetition of the 'r' sound in "roaming round" exemplifies alliteration.	1
iii.	True	1
iv	(a) irony	1
v.	(b) discern	1
	OR	
7B i.	Blink is portrayed as a clever but timid character. When danger arises, the mouse quickly seeks safety by hiding in its hole, showcasing strategic thinking but also a fearful nature.	1
ii.	The word "paled" implies that Belinda was overcome with fear or shock, likely losing	1

	color of her face due to the alarming situation.	
iii.	The poet paints a picture of panic and cowardice as Ink, the pet, retreats in fear to the lowest and safest part of the house, reflecting its helplessness.	1
iv.	(c) 1, 2, and 3: Urgency, Apprehension, and Uncertainty.	1
8.	Answer ANY FOUR of the following five questions, in about 40-50 words.	4x3=12
i.	<p>The use of symbolism in Robert Frost's poem "Fire and Ice" is a key element in conveying the poet's message effectively. The two opposing forces of "fire" and "ice" are used to symbolize two different forms of unchecked passion, desire and hate.</p> <p>The "fire" symbolizes desire and its destructive power when left unchecked. The speaker of the poem suggests that the world may end due to the unchecked desire for pleasure and satisfaction, represented by the fire.</p> <p>Fire captures the image of something that burns brightly, consumes rapidly, and leaves nothing but ash in its wake. Through this symbol, Frost reflects on how uncontrolled desires—whether personal or societal—can lead to catastrophic outcomes, both metaphorically and literally.</p> <p>In contrast, ice symbolizes cold emotions such as hatred, apathy, and indifference. While fire burns hot and fast, ice is slow and numbing, representing the gradual erosion of relationships, compassion, and humanity. Hatred and indifference may not be as visible or immediate in their destructiveness, but their effects are equally devastating. By using ice as a symbol, Frost highlights how the absence of warmth and empathy can freeze the human spirit and cause irreparable damage to the world.</p> <p>Although the poem is brief, its symbolism resonates universally. Frost's use of everyday elements like fire and ice allows readers to connect with the message on a deeper level. These natural forces mirror human experiences, making the poem both relatable and thought-provoking.</p>	
ii.	In the poem 'For Anne Gregory' by W.B. Yeats, the distinction between divine love and human love is explored through the speaker's reflection on the nature of love and beauty. Divine love is often characterized by its purity, selflessness, and transcendence, while human love is frequently marked by its imperfections, desires, and conditions. Yeats illustrates this difference through the speaker's admiration for Anne Gregory, who is perceived to be beautiful and worthy of love. However, the speaker's love is not purely divine; it is influenced by human emotions and desires. The poem suggests that while divine love seeks the well-being of the beloved without any expectation, human love can be possessive and conditional. This juxtaposition highlights the complexities of human relationships compared to the idealistic nature of divine love.	
iii.	Owning a pet is a lifetime commitment, involving considerable responsibility. The decision to acquire one, therefore, should be made by the whole family; otherwise it would end up, being unwanted. In this story, Gavin Maxwell has very intelligently shown us that how a pet has to be taken care of, loved and made a part of the family. Maxwell, who brought home an otter, tried to find out its feelings and thoughts and tried to provide an environment suitable for its existence.	
iv.	<p>Ogden Nash's "The Tale of Custard the Dragon" is a delightful ballad that employs various literary techniques to create humor and entertain readers. Nash's playful use of language, unexpected rhymes, and whimsical character descriptions contribute to the poem's light-hearted tone.</p> <p>Nash introduces characters with exaggerated traits, such as Belinda's kitten, Ink, and mouse, Blink, who are described as brave enough to chase lions down the stairs. This hyperbole not only amuses readers but also sets up a humorous contrast with Custard, the</p>	

	<p>supposedly cowardly dragon.</p> <p>The poet employs inventive rhymes and wordplay to maintain a rhythmic and engaging narrative. For instance, pairing "Belinda" with "window" and "wagon" with "dragon" adds a whimsical touch, enhancing the poem's musical quality. Nash's creative rhyming patterns contribute to the poem's charm</p>	
v.	<p>In "A Baker from Goa," the author emphasizes the essential role of the baker's furnace in the village due to the integral part that bread plays in Goan culture and daily life. Bread is a staple in various ceremonies and festivities, making the baker's presence vital. For instance, during marriages, the sweet bread known as 'bol' is indispensable. Engagement ceremonies often feature sandwiches prepared by the lady of the house, necessitating fresh loaves. Festivals like Christmas are incomplete without traditional cakes and 'bolinhas,' all of which rely on the baker's furnace for preparation.</p> <p>Beyond special occasions, the daily routine of the villagers includes the consumption of bread, with the baker delivering fresh loaves each morning. Children eagerly await 'bread-bangles,' while adults consider bread an essential part of their meals. This daily dependence underscores the baker's furnace as a cornerstone of the village's social and cultural fabric, highlighting its absolute necessity.</p>	
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iii.	Griffin was a brilliant scientist who discovered a method to make the human body invisible, a significant scientific achievement. However, he misused his discovery for personal gain and to harm others, indicating a lack of ethical responsibility.	
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OSDAV Public School, Kaithal
Pre Board Marking Scheme
Class :X
Subject :English

SET-B

Time: . 3hrs

M.M. : 80

General Instructions:-

- I. The Question Paper contains THREE sections-READING, WRITING and LITERATURE.**
- II. Attempt questions based on specific instructions for each part.**

Q.No.	Questions	Marks
1. i.	(b) Concentration is what differentiates man from animals.	1
ii.	(d) The heavier the luggage - the higher the penalty	2
iii.	(c) substantiation	1
iv.	succession	1
v.	We all concentrate upon things we love and we love those things upon which we concentrate our minds.	1
vi.	(i) Lively music is not complex like classical music. (ii) The musical notes follow each other in rapid succession and hold the mind.	1
vii.	Classical music is more complicated and requires a greater degree of concentration to follow it.	1
viii	hooked	
ix	The level of concentration we have is controlled by our mind ,independently of our Will.	1
x	(b) All human beings have the same levels of concentration.	
2. i.	People were tired of eating home food	1
ii.	fact, objective detail	1
iii.	51 percent of Indian travellers believed that international travel remained an important means of expanding their horizons and connecting with other cultures. *more than 70 percent of Indians are excited about being able to travel internationally.	2
iv	Education	1
v	Tour & Travel Hospitality	1
vi	Residency purpose In 2019 it was the highest (89.5L) and in 2022 also (72.5L)	1
vii	because of growing aspirations and affordability among the middle-class students from Tier II and Tier III cities.	2
viii	(B) Though travel, both domestic and international, has picked up, it has yet to reach its previous levels.	1
3.	SECTION B : WRITING SKILLS & GRAMMAR (20 marks)	
	GRAMMAR	10
i.	suffers	1
ii.	Has banned	1
iii.	who	1
iv.	Our-your	1
v.	Gopal asked Roma which way the metro station was.	1
vi	appealed	1
vii	for	1

viii	will	1
ix.	(c) The father said that he had bought a watch.	1
x	(b) must	1
	WRITING SECTION	10
4A	<p>648, Sector-19, Sadar Nagar. 23 January 2025</p> <p>The President, Residents' Welfare Association (RWA), Sector-19, Sadar Nagar. Subject: Concern Regarding Haphazard Parking in the Society Dear Sir I am writing to express my concern over the increasing problem of bikes and cars being haphazardly parked in front of residential units in our society. This practice not only causes inconvenience to residents but also poses a safety hazard during emergencies.</p> <p>I suggest that designated parking areas be clearly marked, and residents be instructed to park their vehicles responsibly. The RWA could also consider issuing notices or imposing fines on repeated offenders to discourage this behavior.</p> <p>I hope you will take prompt action to resolve this issue for the convenience and well-being of all residents. Yours sincerely, Jignesh Silva / Punkhuri Shukl</p>	5
	OR	
4B	<p>Hauz Khas, New Delhi. 23 January 2025</p> <p>The Manager, M/s. Shoe Factory, GK-II, New Delhi. Subject: Request for Replacement of Defective Shoes Dear Sir I am writing to bring to your attention a defect in a pair of shoes I recently purchased from your store. To my astonishment, upon unpacking, I found that both shoes are for the left foot. This manufacturing defect has rendered the shoes unusable. I request an immediate replacement of the defective pair with a proper pair at your cost. Kindly inform me of the procedure for the replacement. Attached are the purchase receipt and relevant details for your reference. I look forward to your prompt response to resolve this matter. Yours sincerely, Rohit/Riya</p>	
5A	The graph illustrates the most popular fields of study for Indian students studying abroad in the academic year 2020-21. Engineering tops the list with 190,590 students, closely followed by Math and Computer Science with 182,106 students. Business and Management ranks third, attracting 145,658 students. Social Sciences and Physical and Life Sciences draw moderate interest, with 76,419 and 75,029 students, respectively. Fields like Fine and Applied Arts (51,101), Health Professions (32,468), and Communications and Journalism (20,613) show comparatively lower enrollments. Education and Intensive	5

	English have the least interest, with only 15,402 and 8,355 students, respectively. This data indicates a strong preference among Indian students for technical and business-related fields, reflecting career-oriented decision-making and demand-driven education choices.	
	OR	
5B	The pie chart highlights the distribution of child labor in India across various odd jobs. The largest percentage of children, 46%, is involved in bottle collection, followed by 20% in shoe polishing. Car washing accounts for 12%, while cleaning and dishwashing contribute 7% each. Selling and wood collection employ another 7%, and begging has the smallest share, at just 1%. This data underscores the grim reality of child labor, where economic hardships and poverty force children into labor-intensive jobs instead of attending school. Lack of education, unemployment among adults, and large family sizes may further aggravate this issue. Addressing child labor requires enforcing stricter laws, improving access to education, and supporting families with financial aid and awareness campaigns.	
	SECTION D : LITERATURE TEXTBOOK AND SUPPLEMENTARY READING TEXT (40 marks)	
	Read the given extract and answer the questions:	5
6Ai.	(d) He is in love with Natalya.	1
ii.	Lomov's tone is uncertain and questioning because, even though he lists Natalya's positive qualities (like being a good housekeeper, well-educated, and not bad-looking), he still appears unsure of whether these qualities are sufficient. His hesitation ("What more do I want?") suggests a self-doubt, as he contemplates whether these are enough reasons to marry her or if he is missing something more ideal.	1
iii.	The correct answer is (ii) A soliloquy. Lomov is speaking to himself, revealing his inner thoughts and feelings, which is characteristic of a soliloquy. He is not engaging in a debate or delivering an aside.	1
iv.	The actor would need to focus on conveying nervousness, hesitation, and inner conflict. Since Lomov is experiencing a mix of excitement, uncertainty, and anxiety, the actor should modulate his voice to reflect these emotions—perhaps through a wavering tone, pauses, and variations in volume to show his emotional struggle. His voice might tremble or shake as he speaks, especially when he mentions his health issues, such as his palpitations and twitching eyebrow.	1
	OR	
i.6B	(c) he didn't like him.	1
ii.	invisible	1
iii.	(d) The Amar Palace was completely destroyed by the fire.	1
iv.	(c) he left muddy footprints.	1
v.	(b) Griffin promised to behave himself.	1
	Read the given extract and answer the questions :	5
i.	it substitutes the tiger's physical strength for the whole tiger itself, implying that the tiger's power and freedom are constrained by the bars of the cage. Metonymy applies here because "strength" represents the tiger as a whole and is associated with its physical prowess.	1
ii.	emphasis	1
iii.	False	1
iv	sadness	1
v.	(b) Tiger craves for its freedom.	1
	OR	
7Bi.	Metaphor	1
ii.	The poet wants to convey that even simple, ordinary experiences in nature, such as snow falling from a tree, can bring about a positive change in our mood and help us see life more optimistically, even on difficult days.	1

iii.	(a) Has given my heart, A change of mood	1
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8.	Answer ANY FOUR of the following five questions, in about 40-50 words.	4x3=12
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