

PRE-BOARD EXAMINATION REGIONAL (2020-21)

ENGLISH – Language and Literature

CLASS-X

Time allowed: 3 Hrs.

Maximum Marks : 80

General Instructions:

- 1. This paper is divided into two parts: A and B. All questions are compulsory.**
- 2. Separate instructions are given with each section and question, wherever necessary. Read these instructions very carefully and follow them.**
- 3. Do not exceed the prescribed word limit while answering the questions.**

PART A (40 MARKS)

READING (20 MARKS)

Q1. Read the passage given below:

Even international students whose first language is English can find themselves struggling to understand an alien academic culture. The problems are very familiar. Students' first problem is often with listening skills. They may feel nervous about this and it is certainly a steep learning curve. They need structured listening experience, for instance how to pick out the main ideas. They also need help with academic reading-how to approach an article or book, how to skim, read and make notes.

However, while a student's confidence in listening skills grows, it is in the area of academic writing where more serious cultural differences become apparent. Much of British education is based on essay writing, but this may be a demanding task for students from other cultures. Suddenly, they are faced with the need to express their own ideas, develop their opinions and evaluate different issues, all in polished English. For some, the concept of originating this kind of written discourse can prove problematic, and they may find themselves scoring low marks because of plagiarism, or reproducing someone else's ideas. In Britain, plagiarism is regarded as academic theft, though this is not always the case in other countries. Students are expected to do research in a library before tackling an assignment, and simply regurgitating to lecture notes is also not acceptable.

The best way to overcome these hurdles is to be prepared. The first step is to take a test to assess the English language skills needed to cope with the issues of academic culture.

If an accredited test indicates that a student's language skills are not sufficient to embark on a university degree, the next step is to consider pre-sessional courses, generally at the university where the student will take a degree. These can last from three weeks to an academic year, so it is wise for students to be realistic about their needs. It is generally accepted that approximately 200 hours of study are needed to improve on one bad score on some tests. Some of the 'new' universities that formed from polytechnics in 1992 are experimenting with new styles of pre-sessional and foundation courses. Elspeth Jones, Director of the Centre for Language Study at Leeds Metropolitan University explains, "Our courses are monthly and so students from parts of the world with a different academic year can enrol at any time."

She feels that language training in new universities is generally more flexible than in older institutions. "Universities like ours can take students with lower language test grades and can put them through a programme that will bring them up to the required standard, though we cannot guarantee how long it will take."

On the basis of your understanding of the passage, answer any ten of the following questions. (1x10= 10)

(i) Which problem do the international students face?

- (a) Listening Skills (b) Struggle of understanding English
- (c) Writing in English (d) Speaking in English

(ii) Academic writing includes

- (a) how to approach an article (b) how to read a work
- (c) how to make notes (d) All of these

(iii) Which of the following lists the ways in which a student can overcome the hurdles faced by international students?

- 1. preparations 2. Test 3. Realistic 4. Writing practice
- 5. Pre-sessional courses 6. Listening practice
- (a) 2,4 and 6 (b) 1,2 and 6
- (c) 1,3 and 5 (d) 3,4 and 5

(iv) Why is essay writing a demanding task?

- (a) One needs to develop ideas and evaluate issues in polished English
- (b) One needs research in library
- (c) One cannot write lecture notes
- (d) All of the above

(v) Which of the following will be the most appropriate title for the passage?

- (a) Overcoming Language hurdles (b) Language Training
- (c) British English- Ways to Cope (d) Emergence of New Kind of Courses

(vi) Which is the first step to overcome the hurdles associated with language?

- (a) To learn the language (b) To assess the language skills needed
- (c) To take pre-sessional courses (d) To revise the basics of language

(vii) Select the option that makes the correct use of 'flexible' as used in the passage, to fill the space.

- (a) Paul Jones said that it was a _____ law of nature that those who will not risk, cannot win.
- (b) Tony Robbins once said that you need _____ to your decisions.
- (c) Being a goalie in hockey requires a great deal of speed and _____
- (d) Trees which are more _____ can withstand stronger winds than those trees that are very rigid.

(viii) How are pre-session courses of new universities better?

- (a) Students can enrol anytime
- (b) It takes students of all levels
- (c) It teaches in minimum time
- (d) It is very versatile

(ix) British education is based on

- (a) essay writing
- (b) listening and speaking skills
- (c) the knowledge of grammar
- (d) writing projects

(x) What is plagiarism?

- (a) Incorrect usage of Grammar
- (b) Using formal language in essay writing
- (c) Reproducing someone else's ideas
- (d) Academic theft

(xi) What is the period of pre-session course?

- (a) 1 year
- (b) 3 months to a year
- (c) One month
- (d) 6 months

(xii) Choose the option that incorrectly states the meaning of 'accredited', as used in the passage.

- (1) To credit
 - (2) To thank
 - (3) Officially recognised or authorised
 - (4) To give licence
 - (5) Of quality
 - (6) To give an appointment
- (a) 1 and 2
 - (b) 3 and 4
 - (c) 5 and 6
 - (d) 3 and 6

Q2. Read the passage given below:

Ayurveda, the science of life, is an ancient system of Indian medicine that is 4000 years old. According to Ayurveda, health depends on the normal balance of three elements of the body - Vata (air), Pitta (bile) and Kapha (phlegm).

Information about the system with proof is contained in two important medical treatises in Sanskrit language - the CharakaSamhita and the SushrutaSamhita, considered as belonging to the physicians Charaka and Sushruta who were surgeons. These are compilations of up-to-date medical knowledge made in the

first century AD and later in the seventh century AD. Another work widely followed in recent times is Vaghabhatta's 'Ashtangahridayam'.

Sushruta identified as many as 1200 diseases including tuberculosis and small pox. Ayurvedic treatment is largely dietetic (food prescribed) and medicinal. All drugs used are obtained from indigenous plants. Charaka lists 500 medicinal plants and Sushruta mentions 760. In the older days, physicians used to collect the plants and prepare the drugs themselves. Many of these have finally appeared in Western pharmacopoeias (books describing drugs). Ancient Ayurveda included advanced surgical practices. Details of instruments for different operations are given in the classical texts. Even plastic surgery was done particularly for the restoration of an amputated (cut off) nose, by transplanting tissue from the cheek. Modern surgeons have adopted this technique.

Sushruta describes 20 sharp and 101 blunt surgical instruments including knives of various patterns. During the British rule, large sections of the population, especially in the rural areas, continued to rely on Ayurveda. But Allopathy (Western system of medicine) was officially encouraged by the British. Since independence, however, Ayurveda has received official recognition. Ayurvedic universities and colleges have been started and integrated courses are set up, combining the study of ancient remedies and modern medicine. Many research institutions are now documenting ancient health practices and herbal remedies.

On the basis of the passage you have read, answer any ten of the following questions. (1x10= 10)

(i) Ayurveda is _____

I. an ancient system of Indian medicine II. the science of life

III. a non-medical practice of herbs IV. very cheap in comparison to allopathic treatment

(a) I and II (b) II and IV (c) III and IV (d) I and IV

(ii) Which of the following is NOT a benefit of Ayurveda?

(a) Non toxic (b) Cures from root

(c) Obtained from difficult to find places (d) Person specific

(iii) Sushruta identified _____ diseases.

(a) 760 (b) 500 (c) 1200 (d) 121

(iv) Ayurvedic universities focus on _____

(a) combining the study of ancient and modern medicine

(b) finding dietetic alternatives to modern chemical based medicines

(c) study of books of ancient medicine (d) popularising plant based medicine

- (v) Ancient Ayurveda included advanced _____
(a) research (b) surgical practices (c) knowledge (d) system
- (vi) The British encouraged _____ system of medicines .
(a) allopathic (b) ayurvedic (c) homeopathic (d) none of these
- (vii) Since _____ integrated courses in Ayurveda have been set up.
(a) independent (b) liberalisation (c) independence (d) dematerialisation
- (viii) _____ in the passage means 'a written work dealing formally and systematically with a subject'.
(a) Patterns (b) Treatises (c) Compilations (d) All of these
- (ix) Pharmacopoeias are _____
(a) surgical instruments (b) books describing drugs (c) food prescribed (d) All of these
- (x) Health depends on the balance of _____
(a) vata (air) (b) Pitta (bile) (c) Kapha (phlegm) (d) All of these
- (xi) How many types of instruments have been described by Sushruta ?
(a) 20 blunt and 101 sharp instruments (b)) 20 sharp and 100 blunt instruments
(c) 20 sharp and 101 blunt instruments (d) 20 blunt and 100 sharp instruments
- (xii) Which form of plastic surgery was performed by ancient surgeons?
(a) shaping of nose (b) Creation of nose using cheek tissues
(c) amputation of nose (d) All of the above

LITERATURE (10 marks)

Q3. Read the extracts given below and attempt ANY ONE, by answering the questions that follow. (5x1)

(A) At twelve, he was sent away for schooling in the Hindu sacred scriptures and years later he returned home to marry a princess. They had a son and lived for ten years as befitted royalty. At about the age of twenty-five, the prince heretofore shielded from the sufferings of the world, while going out on hunting, chanced upon a sick man, then an aged man, then a funeral procession, and finally a monk begging

for alms. These sights so moved him that he at once became a beggar and went out into the world to seek enlightenment concerning the sorrows he had witnessed.

- i. Who does 'he' refer to here?
 - a) Buddha (b) Sick Man (c) Monk (d) An aged man
- ii. What did the prince see while he was out on hunting?
 - (a) He saw a sick and aged man (b) He saw a funeral procession (c) He saw a monk begging for alms (d) All of these
- iii. Choose the option that lists the set of statements that are NOT TRUE according to the given extract.
 1. He was Lord Buddha.
 2. He was kept away from sorrows of life.
 3. He was just ten years old when he left the kingdom.
 4. He became a beggar because he was dethroned.
 5. He gained enlightenment.
 6. His son was ten years old when he left the kingdom.

(a) 3 and 4 (b) 1 and 4 (c) 2 and 5 (d) 2 and 6

iv. Pick the option that correctly classifies fact/s (F) and opinion/s (O) given below.

1. He was born a prince and was kept away from sorrows.
2. He should not have taken such a rash decision.
3. His wife and son must have hated him.
4. He was the enlightened one.

(a) F-1,3 and O-2,4

(b) F-2,3 and O-1,4

(c) F-1, 4 and O-2, 3

(d) F-1 and O-2, 3, 4

v. He decided to seek.....

(a) self-consciousness

(b) enlightenment

(c) cure for people from pain

(d) helpless people from sorrow

OR

(B) There was a fifty rupee note on his fingers. My heart sank. I thought I had been discovered. "I made some money yesterday," he explained. "Now you'll be paid regularly." My spirits rose. But when I took the note, I saw it was still wet from the night's rain. "Today we'll start writing sentences," he said. He knew. But neither his lips nor his eyes showed anything.

(i) Why did the narrator's heart sink?

- (a) He thought that Anil might know that he had stolen the money.
- (b) He thought that Anil might be sad from his behaviour.
- (c) He thought that Anil wouldn't trust him anymore.
- (d) All of the above

(ii) What did Anil say to Hari Singh on knowing about his guilt?

- (a) He said that Hari Singh will be paid regularly.

- (b) He said that Hari Singh will be punished for his offence.
- (c) He said that he will educate Hari.
- (d) He didn't say anything.

(iii) Which personality trait of Anil transformed Hari Singh?

- (a) Honesty (b) Kindness (c) Empathy (d) Humbleness

(iv) 'Neither his lips nor his eyes showed anything' means –

- (a) he was unable to speak and see (b) he was not able to see so he didn't speak
- (c) he neither rebuked or abused nor showed any kind of gestures (d) he hid his lips and eyes from everybody.

(v) Hari Singh felt guilty because.....

- (a) he stole the money from Anil. (b) he broke the trust of Anil.
- (c) he was not kind like Anil (d) Both (a) and (b)

Q4. Read the extracts given below and attempt ANY ONE, by answering the questions that follow. (5x1)

(A) I am an Orphan, roaming the street

I pattern soft dust with my hushed , bare feet.

The silence is golden, the freedom is sweet

- i) In the above extract who wants to be an orphan?
 - (a) Amanda (b) Amanda's mother
 - (c) Amanda's teacher (d) Amanda's grandmother
- ii) Why does she dream to be an orphan?
 - (a) Because she thinks that orphans lead a care-free life.
 - (b) Because she thinks that no one pesters them with instructions.
 - (c) Because she wanted to get away from her parents.
 - (d) Both (a) and (b)
- iii) Which of the given words DO NOT describe how the speaker is feeling in the given lines?
 - (a) Peaceful (b) Satisfied (c) Joyous (d) Free
- iv) The speaker's desire to 'Pattern soft dust with my hushed, bare feet.' reveal that_____
 - (a) She wants to get dirty
 - (b) She wants to live life on the streets.
 - (c) She wants to be free to do as she wishes
 - (d) She loves to draw.
- v) Which poetic device has been used in the above line?
 - (a) Paradox (b) Irony (c) Alliteration (d) Metaphor

OR

(B)

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 mouse holed.

- i. Why did Belinda become pale?
 - (a) To see the bravery of custard
 - (b) to see the pirate
 - (c) Due to fear
 - (d) Due to her illness
- ii. The given lines indicate that Belinda and her pets
 - (a) Feared pirates
 - (b) were cowards
 - (c) Were cunning
 - (d) were stupid
- iii. The word 'Terrified' **DOES NOT** have a meaning similar to
 - (a) Be scared
 - (b) stuck with horror
 - (c) Be alarmed
 - (d) be cunning
- iv. 'Strategically mouse-holed' conveys
 - (a) A plan to pet a mouse
 - (b) a plan to hide in a mouse hole
 - (c) A plan to make a hole for a mouse
 - (d) A plan to hide the mouse hole
- v. Which of the following words **DO NOT** indicate the emotions of Belinda and pets?
 - (a) Paled
 - (b) Cried
 - (c) Bottom
 - (d) Fleed

GRAMMAR (10 marks)

Q5. Choose the correct options to fill in the blanks (1X3=3)

From the coffee houses of the sixteenth century to the modern-day cafes, coffee has (i) _____ a significant impact on the lifestyles of people from all walks of life. Coffee (ii) _____ an important role in many societies around the world today. It (iii) _____ a long way to become the most popular beverage in the world today.

- (i) a) has b) having c) had d) did
 (ii) a) playing b) played c) play d) plays
 (iii) a) came b) has come c) is coming d) will come

Q6. Choose the correct options to fill in the blanks to complete Venu's narration. (1x3= 3) (Reported Speech)



Paul was frustrated as he couldn't enjoy the Dog Owners monthly issue digitally. So, his mom surprised him with it. She (i) she knew that Paul was frustrated with the digital version, so she went to the store and got it for him. Paul was(ii) At that time, his mom addressed Paul's beloved pet and warned him. She could feel him telling her that he was (iii).....the first copy.

(i) (a) told him that (b) said to him that (c) replied that (d) warned him that

(ii) (a) shocked (b) elated (c) irritated (d) angry

(iii) (a) enjoying by eating (b) happy with (c) happy by ruining (d) sadly chewing

Q7. Fill in the blanks choosing the correct option for any four of the six sentences given below (1x 4 = 4)

(i) Mohan said , " We go to see the Taj on the moonlit night."

(a) shall (b) may (c) must (d) can

(ii) He his servant, why he was so lazy that day.

(a) replied to (b) asked (c) interrogated (d) enquired

(iii) The judge said to the accused, " your tongue."

(a) held (b) keep (c) hold (d) stop

(iv) She said, " My parents Karachi."

(a) will going to (b) gone to (c) were going to (d) are going to

(v) Childhood is the time when there are responsibilities to make life difficult.

(a) many (b) little (c) few (d) more

(vi) child finds pleasure in playing in rain.

(a) The , an (b) The , the (c) Either , a (d) A , an

PART B

WRITING (2x5= 10 marks)

8. Attempt ANY ONE of the following in 100-120 words. (5 marks)

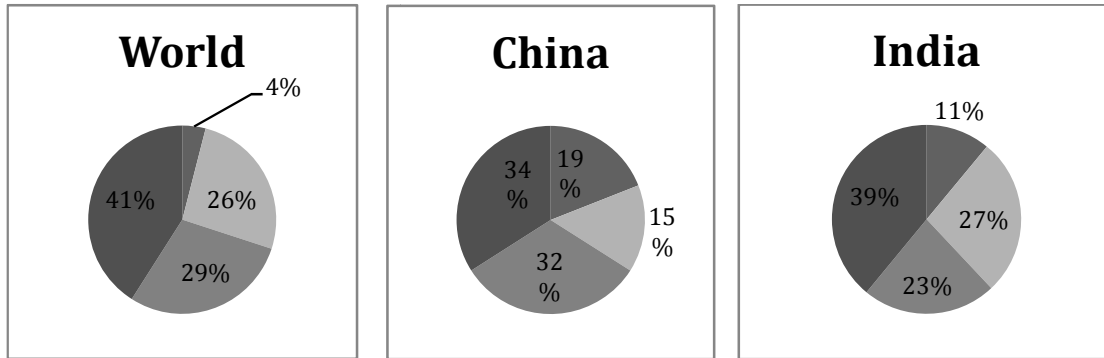
(A) You are Rashi, a resident of Noida. You are a subscriber of Reader's Digest. Lately you have not been receiving the copies of the edition. Write a letter to the circulation Manager, Reader's Digest, explaining the situation regarding the non-receipt of copies in about 100-120 words.

OR

(B) You eat at your school cafeteria at lunch time every day. However, recently you saw the condition of it which made you think that it needs some improvements. Write a letter to the school authority/principal explaining the situation in about 100-120 words.

9. Attempt ANY ONE of the following in 100-120 words. (5 marks)

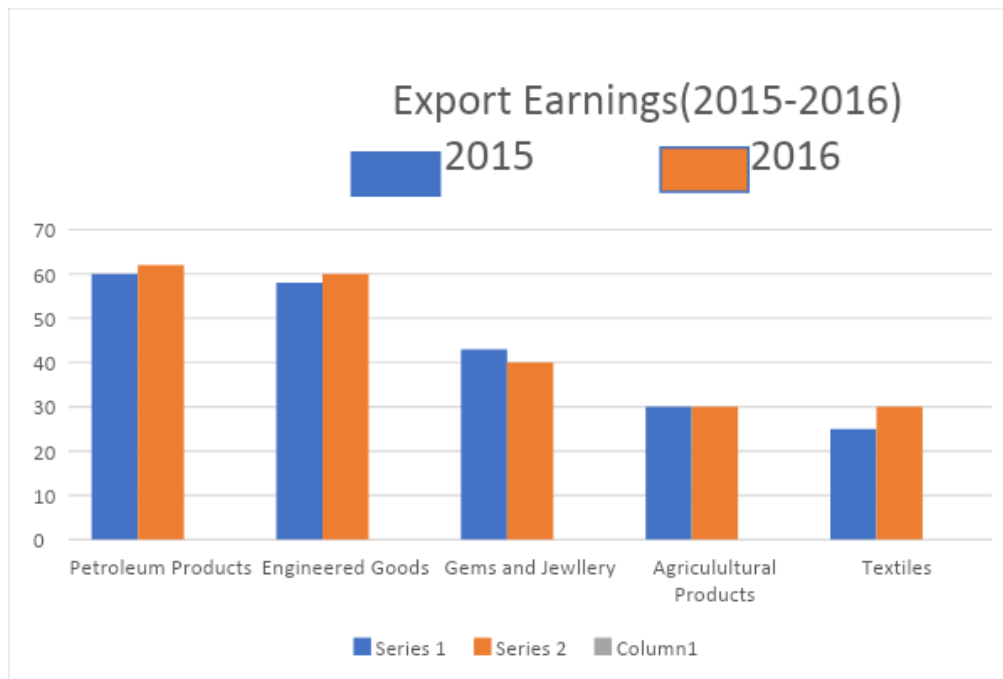
(A) Below given are pie- charts showing consumption habits of India, China and World overall. Write an analytical paragraph describing the pie charts (100-120 words).



- Processed Food
- Nuts and Seeds
- Vegetables and Fruits
- Animal Food

OR

(B) The chart given below shows the value of one country's export in various categories during 2015 and 2016. The table shows the percentage change in each category in exports in 2016 compared with 2015



LITERATURE (30 marks)

10. Answer ANY TWO questions in 20-30 words each, from (A) and (B) respectively. (2x4=8)

(A) (any two) (2x2=4)

- i. What is the central theme of the poem, 'Dust of Snow'?
- ii. How did Valli save money for her first bus journey?
- iii. 'Paper has more patience than people'. Elucidate. (From the Diary of Anne Frank)

(B) (any two) (2x2=4)

- i. Do you agree that Tricky was in better hands of the surgeon who offered him no food but plenty of water, than with his rich mistress?
- ii. How did Hari Singh make money though he was not paid by Anil?
- iii. What other interests, besides Science, did Richard Ebright pursue?

11. Answer ANY TWO questions in 40-50 words each, from (A) and (B) respectively. (3x4=12)

(A) (any two) (3x2=6)

- i. Give a brief description of Maddie.
- ii. How do Coorg's location and natural features add to the diversity of India?
- iii. Explain the qualities of the post office employees. (Letter To God)

(B) (Any two) (3x2=6)

- i. Why was Matilda always unhappy?
- ii. Bholi found a ray of hope in her teacher. Justify.
- iii. What was Tricky's ailment? How did it worry Mrs. Pumphrey?

12. Answer ANY ONE of the following in 100-120 words. (5x1)

(A) 'From the diary of Anne Frank' throws light on the teacher-student relationship, class atmosphere and discipline. Discuss with reference to the story.

OR

(B) The principle 'Forgive and Forget', helps a lot in maintaining cordial relations with our neighbours. Do you think Anton Chekhov conveys this message in the play 'The Proposal'?

13. Answer ANY ONE of the following in 100-120 words. (5x1)

(A) In life, people who easily trust others are sometimes made to look foolish. One should not be too trusting. Describe how Oliver Lutkins made a fool of the young lawyer.

OR

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

"I am only one but, I am one. I cannot do everything but I can do something. And I will not let what I cannot do interfere with what I do."

Bholi's evolution from a 'dumb cow' to a 'masterpiece' supports the given quote. Justify.

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