

MARKING SCHEME
PRE-BOARD EXAMINATION (2023-24)
CLASS : X
SUBJECT: ENGLISH LANGUAGE & LITERATURE (184)

Time Allowed : 3 hours

Maximum Marks : 80

SECTION-A (READING SKILLS) (20 MARKS)

- I. Discursive passage (10)
- (i) C. Meditation- it's benefits and techniques (1)
- (ii) because it is a safe and effective technique (1)
- (iii) Any 2 relevant practices stated in the passage: Mindful/Mantra/Transcendental/
Movement (2)
- (iv) B. cruelty (1)
- (v) Any 2 reasons from passage 3: (1)
- Reduced symptoms of anxiety, depression, and PTSD
 - Improved cognitive function, including attention, memory. and decision-making
 - Reduced stress levels and improved emotional regulation
 - Improved sleep quality
 - Reduced pain and inflammation
 - Improved cardiovascular health

- Increased compassion and empathy

- 1 mark for mentioning 2 reasons

- Partial credits $\frac{1}{2}$ for addressing either of the two

(vi) Any 2 relevant reasons from the passage: (2)

- Reduced symptoms of anxiety, depression, and PTSD
- Improved cognitive function, including attention, memory, and decision-making
- Reduced stress levels and improved emotional regulation
- Improved sleep quality
- Reduced pain and inflammation
- Improved cardiovascular health
- Increased compassion and empathy

-2 for mentioning appropriate reasons

-Partial credit 1 for just an appropriate mention of either

(vii) B. (2) is independent of (1) (1)

(viii) A and C (1)

2. Case-based factual passage (10)
- (i) C. Only (1) and (III) (1)
- (ii) Rose, health (1)
- (iii) (1) Any 2 relevant answers from the passage (2)
- healthy food options that are low in sugar, fat, and salt.
 - organic and natural products
 - plant-based products such as tofu, tempeh, and plant-based milk and yogurt
- (iv) Low fat and low sugar food items. (1)
- (v) - Any 1 relevant reason from the passage or any one of the following : (2)
- because of growing awareness of the health benefits of healthy food
 - the rising demand for plant based food products
 - increasing prevalence of chronic diseases
- (vi) Many healthy ingredients - wide range of products (1)
- (vii) One factor contributing to the growth of the health and wellness packaged food market is the increasing prevalence of chronic diseases. (2)

Justification (any one):

- Consumers are becoming more concerned about the ingredients used in their food and are actively seeking out products that are made with natural and organic ingredients.
- Consumers are becoming more aware of the link between unhealthy eating and chronic diseases such as obesity, diabetes, and heart disease

- 1 mark for identifying the correct situation

-1 mark for giving a relevant justification

(viii) B. Flourishing (1)

SECTION B: GRAMMAR (10 marks)

3. Full credit 1, for correct answers.

(i) Shreen asked Sana if / whether she was sure and further asked / told her not to forget to recheck it. (1)

(ii) A. Shut; requested me to (1)

(iii) Error Correction
Go went (1)

(iv) To touch / touching (1)

(v) each (1)

(vi) B-after eating her lunch, she should go to the mechanic. (1)

(vii) A. Error: was; Correction: were (1)

- (viii) D. eat (1)
- (ix) Error Correction
can must/should (1)
- (x) A. will visit (1)
- (xi) A. scare (1)
- (xiii) Error: on; Correction: in (1)

SECTION C: WRITING SKILLS (10 marks)

Note: All details presented in the questions are imaginary and created for assessment purposes.

4. For both 4A and 4B (any one) (5)

Total-5 marks

Format-1 [full credit if all aspects included.]

Content -2

[½ mark for each content point area addressed

- suggestion, importance, implication, recommendation]

Organisation of ideas and coherence – 2 [effective style, orderly sequence, paragraph structure and formal tone and vocabulary]

5. For both 5A and 5B (any one) (5)

Analytical paragraph writing should **NOT** be confused with Descriptive paragraph writing.

Content -2 [four points included & well-developed with sustained clarity]

Organisation of ideas -2 [effective style, orderly sequence, single paragraph structure, formal tone and functional vocabulary]

Accuracy - 1[Spelling, punctuation and grammar]

SECTION D: LITERATURE TEXTBOOK AND SUPPLEMENTARY READING TEXT

(40 marks)

IV. Reference to Context (ANY ONE from A and B) (5+5-10)

6. A.(i) (1)

Anne means:

- she was being sarcastic,
- the teacher didn't like her due to her talkative behavior for a long period

Accept any other valid response

(ii) Mr. Keesing was annoyed as she was always muttering and talking. After several warnings he gave her punishment to write an essay on 'Chatterbox' which implied she herself was a chatter box. (2)

Accept any other valid response.

(iii) Mr Keesing, the old fogey who teaches Maths, was annoyed with me for ages because I talked so much. (1)

(iv) Noted down (1)

Accept any other valid response

OR

6. B. Prose

(i) B. She was perplexed about the guest (1)

(ii) (Any one) (1)

We can infer that:

- She was money minded.
- She had Good observation

Accept any other valid response.

(iii) (2)

- By telling Mrs. Hall and pretending to expect a cheque to arrive at any moment.
- By becoming invisible and
- By stealing the money from someone

Accept any other valid response

(iv) C. weird (1)

7. Any one from A and B (5)

A. Poetry

(i) He is angry but cannot do anything about it, has to remain calm. (1)

Accept any other valid response.

(ii) (2)

- He is trapped.
- Confined within the four boundaries of the cage.
- He can't walk much with the cage.

Accept any other valid response.

(iii) B. The tiger is walking up and down and has stripes (1)

(iv) The feet of the tiger, soft like velvet (1)

Accept any other valid response.

OR

7. B Poetry

(i) No, there is none like that ball/the other balls are not the same that ball was special to me.

Accept any other valid response. (1)

(ii) C. Yearning (1)

- (iii) Money is external, it cannot replace the memories, money cannot buy the emotions and memories attached. (1)

Accept any other valid response.

- (iv) Every one comes alone in this world and has to stay alone. (2)

No one can help us manage our emotions, we need to stand up for ourselves.

Accept any other valid response.

8. FOUR of five Short Answer Questions - First Flight (4x3=12)

Content-2: Organization -1

The given detailed reference points can be drawn upon to structure the desired response:

- (i) (3)

- Amanda feels she will never let down her hair from the tower.
- Amanda wants to be Rapunzel to live a peaceful life in a tower where no one gives any instruction
- She does not have to do any work.
- She does not want to escape with a prince like Rapunzel.

Accept any other valid response.

- (ii) (3)

- When Kisa Gotami requested the Buddha to cure her son, he did not give her a lecture or tell her that what she was doing was wrong.

- He instead asked her to collect mustard seeds from any house that had not experienced death. He presented her with a task that required her to reflect and learn about the universal nature of suffering.
- Buddha’s method of teaching can be understood as one where he engages his student in a journey of self-discovery, rather than directly providing them with an answer to a question.

Accept any other valid response.

(iii) The poem *Fog* is short and concise which helps contribute to the overall meaning of the poem. (3)

- The short and precise nature of the poem creates a clear and focused message. It conveys the simplicity of the fog’s presence.
- The short lines and quick pacing create a sense of swiftness and movement, mirroring the nature of the fog itself. This also mirrors the agile nature of a cat as mentioned in the poem.
- The concise structure allows for vivid and impactful visual imagery. Each line presents a distinct image, such as the fog sitting “looking over harbour and city” or “on silent haunches.” Each visual image depicted contributes to the overall mood and atmosphere of the poem.

Accept any other valid response.

(iv)

(3)

- According to Mandela, apartheid was an extraordinary human disaster
- It curbed the rights of individuals
- People were oppressed and dehumanized.
- Were not entitled to basic rights.
- Glorious achievement of overcoming apartheid.
- Becoming the first Black President

Accept any other valid response.

(v) In the story, His First Flight, the seagull was afraid to fly until his intense hunger made him forget his fear. (3)

- The young seagull was desperate for food as he had not eaten since the previous night.
- He observes his family members flying and catching fish and enjoying their food. The sight of his siblings and parents successfully feeding themselves intensifies his hunger.
- As his hunger deepens, his fear of flying becomes secondary to his overpowering desire to find food. This is why when his mother offers him a piece of fish he musters the courage to jump off the cliff and dive at the food, and thus take his first flight.

Accept any other valid response.

Content: 2; Organization -1

The given detailed reference points can be drawn upon to structure the desired response:

(i) (3)

- The Martians misinterpret Earth's books, especially the nursery rhymes. This creates a satirical commentary on cultural misunderstandings and the dangers of jumping to conclusions.
- In the end, it was a simple book of nursery rhymes that became the key to saving the Earth from the invasion by an alien military force, creating an ironic and satirical twist to the story.
- Think-Tank's intelligence is described in exaggerated terms as the 'most powerful and intelligent creature in the whole universe. He is even described as having a large 'balloon brain'. This is an example of satire and mockery as Think-Tank is shown to be more pompous than intelligent.

Accept any other valid response.

(ii) (3)

- Mr. Loisel deeply loved Matilda.
- Matilda's desire for social status and material possessions led to her own downfall and He tried to keep her content and satisfied throughout, had Matilda simply been grateful and content with all that she had, she could have avoided a lot of pain.

- The twist at the end of the story, which revealed the true value of the necklace, emphasises the emptiness that lies in the pursuit of material wealth.

Accept any other valid response.

(iii) (3)

- Ebright found that cells would divide and grow into a normal butterfly if they were fed a hormone that was found in the gold spots of the monarch.
- Hence, he proved a new theory which formed the blue print of DNA.
- The experiments conducted by Ebright amply show him to be a successful scientist.

Accept any other valid response.

10. ONE of two, Long Answer Questions - First Flight (6)

Points from the given detailed suggested response can be drawn upon to structure the desired final response.

- (i) [A, the final answer crafted by the learner, is to be written in first person, as indicated from the question cues. It has to be a cohesive whole, structured in paragraphs and devoid of headings, in about 120 words.]

Content-3

Expression - 2

Accuracy-1

Good morning, everyone. Today, I would like to talk to you about how parents are a role model for their children....

Amanda:

- She was fed up of the constant nagging of her mother
- Wanted to become an orphan
- Wanted to be alone without any Prince

First Flight:

- Parents especially mother helped overcome the fear and helped the little seagull fly.
- Used hunger as a motivator.
- Parents want children to become perfect.
- The way of parenting varies and is different which plays an important role in shaping up the child.

Accept any other valid response.

OR

- (ii) [the final answer has to be a cohesive whole, structured as a conversation, in about 120 words.]

Content-3

Expression - 2

Accuracy-1

The following are only a few hints

Lencho: Will talk about the hailstorm

The trust he had on God

How God helped him in the form of a postmaster.

Pilot: Talk about his storm

The Plane stuck in the storm

Accept any other valid response.

11. ONE of two, Long Answer Question-Footprints Without Feet (6)

Content – 3, Expression – 2, Accuracy – 1

Points from the given detailed suggested response can be drawn upon to structure the desired final response.

(i)

- Bholi got her brain damaged when she was only ten months old.
- At the age of two, she had an attack of smallpox which left permanent pockmarks on her body. She stammered while speaking.
- she was a neglected child in her family.
- Her parents called her a dumb cow and treated her so.
- Luckily she was sent to school and her teacher changed her life entirely

- when Bishamber insulted her parents and demanded 5000 rupees, she refused to marry him and declared that she will never marry anyone and will always serve her parents in their old age.
- Thus in spite of being a neglected child, Bholi acted like all daughters in Indian societies.

Accept any other valid response.

OR

(ii)

- Today, I had a dreadful realization, I was robbing throughout these years without taking into consideration the feelings of others.
- Anil Transformed me as a person
- Changed the thinking
- Made me realize the importance of honesty.
- Importance of education.
- Need of education.

Accept any other valid response.