

— SCHOOL SECTION —

STD : X CBSE

PRE EXAM - I

TIME : 3:00 Hrs

SUB : ENGLISH LL (184)

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General Instructions:

Read the instructions very carefully and strictly follow them :

1. This question paper comprises 11 questions. All questions are compulsory.
2. The question paper contains THREE sections -
 - Section - A : Reading Skills
 - Section - B : Grammar and Creative Writing Skills
 - Section - C : Literature Text Book
3. Attempt questions based on specific instructions for each part.

Section A - Reading Skills		
1	<p>Read the passage given below.</p> <p>1. It is an indisputable fact that the world has gone too far with the innovation of new technologies such as mobile phones, the internet and so on, due to which people can tour the cosmos virtually while sitting in one place using their smart devices or other technological gadgets. Though mobile internet access is often hurried and short, it can still provide common internet features like alerts, otherdata, emails, search engines, instant messages, and game and music downloading.</p> <p>2. Due to the easy access to smartphones, communication has been very effective and instant. People can convey their message all around the globe to their loved ones without spending hefty sums of money. Adults are always fond of such gadgets and they always welcome and adopt such new technology readily. Further, young people have been able to broaden their minds and improve their skills by researching on the Internet. For instance, they use smartphones to look up any new word they come across. As we know most of universities have online teaching provisions and smartphones assist students in completing their assignments on time.</p>	[10]

3. The mobile phone has been a lifesaver for a lot of people in case of an emergency. Likewise, the use of smartphones can be of vital importance in preventing crimes in society by providing information to the security forces in time.
4. Nonetheless, for the young, the use of a mobile phone can be like an addiction and they can misuse it. Young people are also prone to getting involved in undesirable activities on the Internet. This might have an adverse effect on their academic performance. Therefore, young people should always be monitored and made aware of their bad outcomes.
5. Also, a major contributor to its popularity is the availability of prepaid or pay - as - you - go services from a phone shop or an online store. This allows subscribers to load text or airtime credits to their handsets by the use of their credit cards, debit cards or by buying a prepaid card from the network they subscribe to. This plan also doesn't commit a particular customer to a contract. If a prepaid card is not that appealing to you, then you can opt to subscribe using the pay - by - month plan.

Answer the following questions:

1. In paragraph 1, what does the phrase 'people can tour the cosmos virtually while sitting in one place' suggest about technology? **(1 Mark)**
2. Complete the following with the correct option from the two given. **(1 Mark)**

Mobile phones have made communication _____.
(a) complicated and expensive
(b) efficient and cost-effective (paragraph 2)
3. Support the writer's idea that mobile phones have a positive impact on students' academic performance. (paragraph 2) **(2 Marks)**
4. Select the option that best reflects the importance of mobile phones during emergencies. (paragraph 3) **(1 Mark)**

(a) They help in saving lives by enabling quick communication.
(b) They provide entertainment in stressful situations.
5. State whether the following statement is True or False. (paragraph 4)

	<p>Young people are prone to misusing mobile phones, which can negatively affect their academics. (1 Mark)</p> <p>6. The writer mentions the popularity of prepaid services. Which of the following is a key reason for their popularity? (1 Mark)</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> (a) They bind users to long-term contracts. (b) They allow flexibility without a contract. (c) They are limited to text messaging. (d) They are only available in physical stores. <p>7. List any two ways in which mobile phones help in improving communication globally. (paragraph 2) (2 Marks)</p> <p>8. Fill in the blank with the correct option from those given. (paragraph 5) (1 Mark)</p> <p>The phrase "pay-as-you-go" refers to _____.</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> (a) A contract-free payment plan allowing users to recharge as needed (b) A credit-based system for long-term phone subscriptions (c) A method for subscribing to monthly payment plans (d) A limited service restricted to text and calls 	
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2	<p>Read the following passage:</p> <ol style="list-style-type: none"> 1. The climate and landscape in Uttarakhand vary greatly with altitude (186 – 7619 m), from the largest glaciers in the higher elevation to the subtropical forests in the lowest elevation. 2. The lowlands along the border of U.P. are covered by the drier Terai - Savanna grasslands, the moist deciduous forest of the Upper Gangetic Plains form the Bhabhar belt. Due to the extensive agricultural practices, most of these lowland forests have been cleared. Snow and bare ice occupy the highest altitudes. 3. This state occupies 53,483 sq. km., (1.63% of India's total land area). Out of 13 districts, Uttarkashi occupies the maximum area of 8039 sq. km., while Champawat covers the minimum area of 1634sq. km . Uttarakhand experiences four types of seasons, namely, Monsoon (June to September), Post - monsoon (October to November), Cold weather (December to February) and Pre - monsoon (March to May). 	[10]
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The normal annual precipitation in the state is 1446 mm . Rain usually starts at the end of April and lasts until September. The monsoon rainfall is 78% of the annual rainfall. This makes the state prone to flood during monsoon. Bageshwar receives the maximum normal annual rainfall (1872 mm). 81% falls of this rainfall occurs in the monsoon season. Haridwar receives the minimum normal annual rainfall (1107 mm).

4. Due to the differences in topographical features, temperatures vary widely. During March and April, temperatures rise until they peak in May and June, when the mean maximum temperature in the southern and valley regions is between 34° and 38°C , and the mean minimum temperature is between 20° and 24°C . Temperatures can reach 42°C in the valleys and southern half of the state and 30°C in two - kilometre - high elevations on some days. Day and night temperatures begin to dip around the end of September and reach the lowest in January and early February. January is the coldest month, with an average maximum temperature of 20°C and an average lowest temperature of 6°C . The mean maximum and mean minimum temperatures range from 10° to 12°C at altitudes of 2 km.

Answer the following questions, based on the passage above:

1. Fill in the blank suitably: **(1 Mark)**

The variance in climate and landscape of Uttarakhand as per paragraph 1 is marked by _____.

2. Based on your understanding of the paragraph 2, fill in the blanks with the appropriate option from those given in brackets. **(1 Mark)**

Most of the lowland forests are _____ (maintained/cleared) due to the _____(large-scale/small-scale) agricultural practices.

3. Based on the passage, which of the districts has the lowest rainfall in Uttarakhand? **(1 Mark)**

4. In the given sentence taken from paragraph 3, select the option that correctly replaces the underlined word, with its most likely Antonym . Rain usually starts at the end of April and lasts until September. **(1 Mark)**

(A) begins (B) arrives (C) ends (D) commences

5. 'This makes the state of Uttarakhand prone to flood during monsoon.' Justify the statement with reference to the passage given above in 30 – 40 words. **(2 Marks)**

6. Which two districts have maximum and minimum rainfall in the state? **(1 Mark)**

(A) Bageshwar and Chamoli (B) Nainital and Rudraprayag
 (C) Haridwar and Garhwal (D) Bageshwar and Haridwar

7. Complete the given table: **(1 Mark)**

Assertion	Reasoning
The temperatures vary widely in the state of Uttarakhand.	_____

8. How is Bhabhar belt formed? **(1 Mark)**

9. State which of the given statements is **not true** : **(1 Mark)**

(A) January is the coldest month, with an average maximum temperature of 20°C and an average lowest temperature of 6°C .

(B) The mean maximum and mean minimum temperatures range from 15 to 20°C at altitudes of 2 km.

SECTION B GRAMMAR

3 **Complete ANY TEN of twelve of the following tasks, as directed** **[10]**

1. Fill in the blank by using the correct form of the word in the bracket, for the given portion of a letter:

Dear Sir

In response to your query, the document that _____(explain) our country's sustainability initiatives has been attached for your consideration.

2. Identify the error in the given sentence, from a report from the News for Kids site and supply the correction.

Small gardens on bus shelter roofs are being planted with flowers chosen to help supporting the struggling insects.

Use the given format for your response.

error	correction
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3. Maria shared some information with Mathew about her flight to Kanpur. Report Mathew's question.

Were you nervous on your first flight?

4. Select the correct option to complete the reporting of the dialogues given below:

Mother: Why aren't you playing with your friends?

Rayan: I am not feeling well today.

Mother asked Rayan _____. Rayan replied that he was not feeling well that day.

- a) whether he was not playing with his friends.
- b) why he wasn't playing with his friends.
- c) that he was not playing with his friends.
- d) why wasn't he playing with his friends.

5. Fill in the blank by choosing the correct option.

According to the studies, dolphins, whales and _____ (any/many/much) other sea creatures use highly sophisticated navigation systems.

6. Read the given sentence from an article on Yoga. Identify the error and supply the correction in the sentence:

Yoga should help lower blood pressure, cholesterol, and blood sugar, all of which are not good for your heart and blood vessels.

Use the given format for your response.

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7. Identify the error and supply the correction for the following instruction put up for safe use of elevators.

Please refrain by standing near the door as it could lead to an

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8. He is the man about whom we _____ so much.

- a) heard

b) have heard
c) had heard
d) would have heard

9. Rakhi shared some information with Ramesh about her school camping trip. Report Ramesh's question.

What challenge did you face on your trek?

10. Choose the correct reported speech of a given sentence:

"I don't speak Urdu," she said.

a) She said that she didn't spoke Urdu.
b) She said that she didn't speak Urdu.
c) She says that she didn't speak Urdu.
d) She said that she doesn't speak Urdu.

11. **Complete the line from a self - awareness song, by filling the blank with the correct option.**

Abou Ben Adhem (May his tribe increase!)

_____ one night from a deep dream of peace,

And _____, within the moonlight in his room,

Making it rich, and like a lily in bloom,

a. Awoke, saw b. Awakening, seen c. Awakes, sees d. Awoke, seen

12. Identify the error and supply the correction, for the following:

India Expo Centre Greater Noida

INDIA'S FOLDING CARTON

Visit India's only focused FOLDING CARTON event
PRODUCTS FOR DISPLAY: Carton making equipment,
printing machinery, paper packaging, lamination
machines, adhesives, carton processing equipment, etc

Use the given format for your response.

error	correction
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SECTION B CREATIVE WRITING SKILLS

4	<p>You are Rajan Sharma living at D - 25, Anand Sector, Hyderabad. Write a letter to the editor of the Daily Times, Hyderabad, regarding the poor living conditions of child Labourers in tailoring units, jewelry making units and restaurants in your city. Give suggestions to improve their conditions and their right to education. You can use the following clues:</p> <div data-bbox="192 361 931 487" style="border: 1px solid black; padding: 5px;"> <p>Poor living and unhealthy working conditions-long hours-not enough light-childhood become a curse- all work and no play-no basic and compulsory education.</p> </div> <p>OR</p> <p>You are Neha/Nehal Panjwani, residing at 8576, Sarita Apartments, Hanger Street. As a responsible citizen, you believe in promoting environmentally responsible practices. Write a letter to the Director, Alternate Energy Commission, sharing your views about 'Reducing the Carbon Footprint' by encouraging the use of renewable energy sources, such as solar and wind power and to provide subsidies to families who want to avail the facility.</p>	[5]												
5	<p>Stress and pressure sometimes has an adverse effect on young adults. Budding Minds conducted a survey to show how the mental health of young people has been affected. 4,324 young people took part in the survey which shows stress and competition has impacted performance and mental health. Write an analytical paragraph in about 100 words on how the mental health of young people has been impacted in the modern world.</p> <table border="1"> <thead> <tr> <th>Mental Health Impact</th> <th>Percentage</th> </tr> </thead> <tbody> <tr> <td>Much Worse</td> <td>5%</td> </tr> <tr> <td>Bit Worse</td> <td>29%</td> </tr> <tr> <td>No Difference</td> <td>16%</td> </tr> <tr> <td>Bit Better</td> <td>41%</td> </tr> <tr> <td>Much Better</td> <td>9%</td> </tr> </tbody> </table> <p>OR</p> <p>Read the following excerpt from an article that appeared in the magazine section of a local daily:</p>	Mental Health Impact	Percentage	Much Worse	5%	Bit Worse	29%	No Difference	16%	Bit Better	41%	Much Better	9%	[5]
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The ban on single-use plastic is impractical. The purpose of articles such as bags and packing material is ultimately to make human life easier. Plastic articles make this convenient, so they should not be banned.

Write an analytical paragraph in 100 - 120 words for the given argument. You could give rationale/evidence that would counter/strengthen the argument.

SECTION C - LITERATURE

6 **Read the given extracts and answer the questions for ANY ONE of the two, given.** **[5]**

1. Read the extract given below and answer the questions that follow:

And as the light came on,

Fowler had his first authentic thrill of the day.

For halfway across the room,

a small automatic pistol in his hand stood a man.

Ausable blinked a few times.

a. Who was standing in the room with a pistol in his hand?(1)

b. Ausable blinked because he:(1)

i. was getting adjusted to the light.

ii. got afraid of the man with a pistol.

iii. was thrilled to have reached his room.

iv. started thinking of how to get rid of the man.

c. Fowler was thrilled because what he saw looked like a _____.(2)

d. Which word in the extract means the same as 'genuine/real?(1)

2. **Read the extract given below and answer the questions that follow:**

So, in order not to shake the writer's faith in God, the postmaster came up with an idea to answer the letter. But when he opened it,

was evident that to answer it, he needed something more than goodwill, ink, and paper. But he stuck to his resolution: he asked for money from his employees, he himself gave part of his salary and several friends of his were obliged to give something for an act of charity'. It was impossible for him to gather together the hundred pesos, so he was able to send the farmer only a little more than half. He put the money in an envelope addressed to Lench and with it a letter containing only a single word as a signature: God. The following Sunday Lench came a bit earlier than usual to ask if there was a letter for him. It was the postman himself who handed the letter to him while the postmaster, experiencing the contentment of a man who has performed a good deed, looked on from his office.

- a. What is the significance of the situation where the postmaster decided to help Lench? Answer in about 40 words.(2)
- b. How did the postmaster collect money to be sent to Lench? Complete the sentence with the appropriate option. He collected money from his employees and gave _____.(1)
 - i. a part of his salary to send to Lench.
 - ii. the collected money to Lench.
 - iii. the contribution to Lench.
 - iv. his monthly salary to Lench.
- c. Identify the word from the passage, which is opposite to the phrase 'very few'.(1)
- d. What were the things the postmaster kept in the envelope? State any one inference about the postmaster from the given context: "So, in order not to shake the writer's faith in God, the postmaster came up with an idea to answer the letter."(1)

7 **Read the given extracts and answer the questions for ANY ONE of the two, given.**

1. Read the extracts given below and answer the questions that follow:
My head is full of whispers
which tomorrow will be silent.
Listen. The glass is breaking.

[5]

The trees are stumbling forward
into the night. Winds rush to meet them.
The moon is broken like a mirror,
its pieces flash now in the crown
of the tallest oak.

- a. Why would the whispers be silent tomorrow?(1)
- b. The forest undergoes tremendous transformation overnight. Discuss with reference to the poem “The Trees”(2)
- c. Which word in the stanza means the same as ‘quiet’?(1)
- d. Which poetic device has been used in the last line ‘its pieces flash now in the crown of the tallest oak.’(1)
 - i. Simile
 - ii. Alliteration
 - iii. imagery
 - iv. Personification

2. Read the extract given below and answer the questions that follow:

Belinda still lives in her little white house,
With her little black kitten and her little gray mouse,
And her little yellow dog and her little red wagon,
And her realio, trulio, little pet dragon.

- a. With whom does Belinda live and where?(1)
- b. How many characters and animals are introduced in this extract?(1)
 - i. 1, 4 ii. 2, 5 iii. 4, 1 iv. 1, 5
- c. Fill in the blank with one word. Bravest of all pets was _____.(1)
- d. What effect do the words ‘realio and trulio’ have on the poem?(2)

8	<p>Answer ANY FOUR of the following five questions, in about 50 words each.</p> <ol style="list-style-type: none"> 1. What attracts visitors to Coorg? (Glimpses of India) 2. How does the tiger walk in the cage? 3. What is the play “The Proposal” about? 4. What does Anne write in her first essay? 5. Fire and Ice was first published in 1920. Briefly explain how the WW I might have influenced the theme of the poem. 	[12]
9	<p>Answer ANY TWO of the following three questions, in about 40 - 50 words.</p> <ol style="list-style-type: none"> 1. We are often over - indulgent towards people we care about. Explain with reference to the context of the story A Triumph of Surgery. 2. Why do Bholi’s parents accept Bishamber’s marriage proposal? 3. How did Griffin enjoy himself inside a big London store? 	[6]
10	<p>Answer ANY ONE of the following two questions, in about 100 - 120 words</p> <ol style="list-style-type: none"> 1. In a parallel world, the pilot of the black aeroplane narrates his adventure in a story titled The Old Dakota . You come across an excerpt from the story, which responds to the ending questions of Black Aeroplane and describes the black aeroplane pilot’s decision to fly away after watching the Dakota land. Compose the said excerpt of the story employing relevant details from Black Aeroplane . 2. What deep meaning does the poem ‘Fire and Ice’ carry in it? 	[6]
11	<p>Answer ANY ONE of the following two questions, in about 100 - 120 words.</p> <ol style="list-style-type: none"> 1. Your teacher conducted an Turn Tables in class, and asked you to put forth your views on Frugality in Life is the Ideal Way to Live . Write the debate script with points to supplement your stand, both for and against the motion and conclude with your own views. Answer in the context of the lesson The Necklace. 	[6]

	2. Having stolen Anil's money what did Hari Singh do?	
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