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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.

ENGLISH LANGUAGE & LITERATURE (184)

Time allowed : 3 hours

Maximum Marks : 80

	Section A - Reading Skills	
1	<p>Read the passage given below:</p> <ol style="list-style-type: none"> 1. Hiking is a great source of pleasure to us besides being beneficial for health. Once we leave the crowded streets of a city and go out for a walking tour away from the mad world, we really feel free. The open air has a bracing effect on the mind. The congestion of the city, the uproar and tumult, the intolerable noise of traffic, the hectic daily routine, all these are forgotten and the mind is at ease. We then feel like running, leaping, singing and laughing. We travel merrily mile after mile in the company of friends and associates. 2. Hiking takes us in the midst of nature. The sight of waterfalls, flowers, streams, trees and bushes is pleasing. A connect is established between us and nature. Various sounds of nature, like the murmur of a brook or the song of a bird, acquire a new meaning and significance to us. 3. You enjoy the beauty of nature. Minute observations like a snake casting its slough, a mouse peeping out of its hole, a squirrel leaping about on the branches of a tree, a bird flying past us, all these are noticed and they arouse our interest. We have no business worries, no fear of the examination, no anxiety about the home. We have leisure to stand, to walk and talk. It is more thrilling and pleasurable to hike in a mountainous region than in the plains. The excitement of climbing up to the top of a hill, the adventure of coming down a slope, the grandeur of sunset behind a mountain - All these sights lend a rare charm and interest to our journey. 4. We walk along a zigzag motor road or cut across a mountain path in search of adventure. We may have bright sunny weather or might get caught in a shower of rain. We may look below us into the yawning chasm or up at the mountain peak. The feeling of unlimited freedom makes our hearts leap with joy. 5. Hiking is one of the healthiest sports. It ensures a complete escape from the urgent and busy activities of life and therefore gives solace to our brain. It regains its lost energy and is able to do twice as much work as before. 6. The fresh air, beautiful mountains, majestic trees, and chirping sound of birds make one's mind and soul at peace with nature. <p>Based on your understanding of the passage, answer the questions below:</p> <ol style="list-style-type: none"> 1. (i) Based on the reading and understanding of the above passage, list 2 reasons why hiking is considered beneficial. (1 Mark) (a) _____ 	[10]

(b) _____

2. Select the option that corresponds to the meaning of the following sentence from paragraph 1: **(1 Mark)**

"The open air has a bracing effect on the mind."

- (a) Fresh air causes discomfort and unease.
 - (b) The fresh air refreshes and strengthens the mind.
 - (c) Open air leads to congestion in the mind.
 - (d) The open air reduces physical strength.
3. Based on your reading of the passage, examine in about 40 words how hiking connects us with nature. **(2 Marks)**
4. What is the tone of the writer in the given line from paragraph 3? Rationalize your response in about 40 words: **(2 Marks)**
- "It is more thrilling and pleasurable to hike in a mountainous region than in the plains."
5. The phrase 'yawning chasm' in paragraph 4 refers to: **(1 Mark)**
- (a) a wide and deep gap
 - (b) a narrow and shallow gap
 - (c) a bridge connecting two areas
 - (d) a small and safe path
6. In sets a - e below, identify two sets of synonyms: **(1 Mark)**
- a. hectic and calm
 - b. solitude and peace
 - c. bracing and refreshing
 - d. adventure and monotony
 - e. charm and allure

Options:

- a. c and e
- b. a and d
- c. b and c
- d. b and e

	<p>7. Complete the sentence appropriately: (1 Mark)</p> <p>Hiking is thrilling because it involves _____.</p> <p>8. Complete the following sentence: (1 Mark)</p> <p>The fresh air and beautiful scenery during a hike _____.</p>	
2	<p>Read the following passage:</p> <p>"Scouts and Guides Around the World."</p> <ol style="list-style-type: none"> Many young people aged between 6 and 25 belong to the Scout movement. It is a worldwide organization, which was set up to help young people achieve their full potential as they grow up. The organization was established in 1907 by a British general called Robert Baden - Powell. While in the army, he wrote a publication about scouting (which means searching and keeping watch) and how to survive in the wild, called 'Aids to Scouting'. He realized how popular this was, and the result was another book, 'Scouting for Boys', which had less emphasis on the military. To test his ideas, he held a week - long camp for 21 boys from various schools in London, Poole and Bournemouth. This took place in August 1907, on Brownsea Island, in Southern England. These boys had the chance to enjoy outdoors, which became another of the movement's objectives. The Scout Movement quickly got established in Europe. It then spread throughout the world, starting in Chile in 1909. To begin with, the focus was on boys aged 11 to 18 . However, as the movement grew, it was clear that younger boys, older boys and girls all wanted to be involved. Baden - Powell's sister set up the Girl Guides in 1910, and in 1914 she started Rosebuds, later renamed Brownies, for younger girls. The movement's intention to help young people play useful roles in society applies equally to girls and boys. By 2010, there were 32 million scouts, and by 2006 , there were 10 million guides around the world, from a total of 216 different countries. 2007 marked 100 years of the Scout Movement, and events took place around the world to celebrate this centenary. To mark the occasion, a colourful badge was produced for scouts to sew onto their uniforms or bags. The design included the official scout emblem, as well as the phrase, 'one world one promise', and images of doves and the globe. 2007 was also the 150th anniversary of Baden - Powell's birth. To honour both occasions, a flame was lit at Baden - Powell's grave in Nyeri. This is the place in Kenya where he spent the last few years of his life. The flame was then carried through several countries until it reached the UK. 	[10]

Country	Membership	Population participation	Scouting introduced	Guiding introduced
India	41500000	0.3%	1909	1912
Indonesia	17100000	7.2%	1912	1910
Philippines	21500000	2.2%	1910	1911
Thailand	1300000	1.9%	1911	1910
United States	7500000	2.4%	1910	1911

Answer the following questions based on your reading of the above passage:

- Infer one reason for the following, based on the information given in paragraph 4: **(1 Mark)**
'Colourful badge was sewn on to the uniform and bags of the Scouts'.
- From paragraph 1, we can infer that Scout Movement was set up _____. **(1 Mark)**
- Complete the following analogy correctly with a word/phrase from paragraph 4. **(1 Mark)**
10 years: decade:: 100 years: _____
- After reading the passage, bring a contrast between the books 'Aids to Scouting' and 'Scouting for Boys'. **(1 Mark)**
- What does the writer mean by the following phrase? **(1 Mark)**
'One world one promise.'
- According to the chart, which country took maximum time to introduce 'Guiding' after 'Scouting'? Choose your answer from the options given below: **(1 Mark)**
 - India
 - Indonesia
 - Thailand
 - Philippines
- List two reasons why a flame was lit at Baden - Powell's grave in 2007. **(2 Marks)**
 - _____
 - _____

	<p>8. Assertion (A): The Scout Movement was established to help young people achieve their full potential and play useful roles in society. (1 Mark)</p> <p>Reason (R): The movement was started in 1907 by Robert Baden - Powell after the success of his book 'Aids to Scouting' and a camp held on Brownsea Island.</p> <p>A. Both (A) and (R) are true, and (R) is the correct explanation of (A).</p> <p>B. Both (A) and (R) are true, but (R) is not the correct explanation of (A).</p> <p>C. (A) is true, but (R) is false.</p> <p>D. (A) is false, but (R) is true.</p> <p>9. Who founded the Scout Movement and in which year? (1 Mark)</p>					
	SECTION B GRAMMAR					
3	<p>Complete ANY TEN of twelve of the following tasks, as directed</p> <p>1. Fill in the blank by using the correct form of the word in the brackets, for the given portion of a letter.</p> <p>Please keep me _____ (apprise) of your next step to address this matter. Thanks for your time.</p> <p>2. Identify the error and supply correction for the given sentence taken from a case study:</p> <p>The 2020 research study pay attention to the relationship between high levels of stress and employee productivity.</p> <p>Use the given format for your response:</p> <table><tr><td>Error</td><td>Correction</td></tr><tr><td></td><td></td></tr></table> <p>3. Report the dialogue between Dolly and Mrs Diaz, by completing the sentence:</p> <p>Dolly: Have you seen Lee?</p> <p>Mrs Diaz: No, I haven't seen him since lunchtime.</p> <p>In response to the question about where Lee was, Mrs Diaz says that _____.</p> <p>4. My father said to us, "We should study and get a good division in the examination."</p> <p>Reported speech: _____</p>	Error	Correction			[10]
Error	Correction					

a) My father tells us that we should study and get a good division in the examination.

b) My father told us that we shall study and get a good division in the examination.

c) My father told us that we should study and got a good division in the examination.

d) My father said us that we should study and got a good division in the examination.

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

_____ (Much / Many / Few) time is required to learn a new language.

6. Identify the error in the given sentence, from a school magazine report and supply the correction.

While much needs to be done to transforming our education system to meet the needs of all types of students, it is equally important to teach our children the art of taking stress in their strides.

Use the given format for your response.

error	correction

7. Select the option that identifies the error and supplies the correction for the following line, from the headline of a news report:

TWO CHILD DIE AFTER MASSIVE FIRE BREAKS OUT IN TIRUPATI

Option no.	Error	Correction
A	child	children
B	die	dies
C	breaks	break
D	in	at

8. In recent decades, the efficiency of the United Nations _____ by a growing number of countries.

- a) would be questioned
- b) has been questioned
- c) had been questioned
- d) will have been questioned

9. **Report the dialogue between a mother and her son, by completing the sentence:**

Mother: Did you hurt yourself?

Amit: I got a bad bruise on my left knee.

In response to the question about being hurt, Amit says that _____.

10. He said to me, "I have often told you not to play with fire".

Reported speech: _____

a) He told me that he had often told me not to play with fire.

b) He said that he has often been telling me not to play with fire.

c) He said to me that he often told me not to play with fire.

d) He reminded me that he often said to me not to play with fire.

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

"Where words come out from the depth of truth

Where tireless striving _____ its arms to ward perfection

Where the clear stream of reason _____ not _____ its way

Into the dreary desert sand of dead habit."

a. stretches, had lost

b. stretches, has lost

c. stretched, has lost

d. stretched, had lost

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

Delhi Government

BENEFITS OF RAINWATER HARVESTING

- Help cater to the potable water need of the ever-growing population
- Stop the rapid fall for Groundwater
- Help maintain Green Cover

Use the given format for your response.

error	correction

SECTION B CREATIVE WRITING SKILLS

4 You are Preeti/Pramod residing at Green View Apartments, Pune. The rising prices of daily commodities have added to the problems of the common man who is finding it difficult to meet his daily needs. Write a letter to the editor of a

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national daily in 100 - 120 words voicing the problems you are facing because of this inflation and requesting the concerned authorities to look into the matter.

OR

Obesity has become a global issue. The lack of physical fitness programmes and extra - curriculums has created significant problems that could affect future health of youngsters. 39 percent of individuals around the world are overweight and 13 percent are obese. You are Shiksha/Sumit of Ramjas School, Ranchi. You believe that efforts by the government will help to turn the tide.

Write a letter to the Ministry of Health for implementing compulsory programmes at school level to emphasize need for proper nutrition and fitness from a young age.

- 5 The chart below displays details regarding online activity for four age groups in six categories. Write an analytical paragraph for the table provided in about

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Activity%	Age	Age	Age	Age
	Teens	20s	30s	40s
News	76	71	72	78
Downloads	85	55	35	25
Buying a product	44	66	67	69
Online games	88	55	36	28
Searching for a product	0	77	81	85
Searching for people	6	33	22	21

100 words.

OR

The chart below gives the percentage of social media users by age in India in 2020. Write a paragraph analysing the given information in 100 - 120 words.

Age Group							
Activity %	Teens	20s	30s	40s	50s	60s	70+
Get News	76	73	76	75	71	74	70
Online games	81	54	37	29	25	25	32
Downloads	52	46	27	15	13	8	6
Product research	0	79	80	83	79	74	70
Buying a product	43	68	69	68	67	65	41
Searching for people	5	31	23	23	24	29	27

Internet Activities by Age Group

SECTION C - LITERATURE

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

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- Read the extract given below and answer the questions that follow:

Ausable was, for one thing, fat. Very fat. And then there was his accent. Though he spoke French and German passably, he had never altogether

lost the American accent he had brought to Paris from Boston twenty years ago.

“You are disappointed,” Ausable said wheezily over his shoulder.


- a. Who is ‘you’ here?(1)
 - i. Fowler
 - ii. Ausable
 - iii. Waiter
 - iv. Max
- b. How is Ausable different from other secret agents?(2)
- c. ‘You’ believed that Ausable was _____.(1)
- d. It can be inferred from the extract that a secret agent is expected to be(1)
 - 1) fit.
 - 2) compassionate.
 - 3) apologetic.
 - 4) suave.
 - 5) violent.
 - i. Option 1, 3 & 5
 - ii. Option 1 & 4
 - iii. Option 2 ,4 & 5
 - iv. Option 2 & 3

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

The moment the letter fell into the mailbox the postmaster went to open it. It said, "God: of the money that I asked for, only seventy pesos reached me. Send me the rest, since I need it very much. But don't send it to me through the mail because the post office employees are a bunch of crooks".

- a. What did Lencho mean by ‘the rest’? Answer in about 40 words. (2)
- b. Read the following descriptions (a) - (c) and identify which one correctly corresponds to the extract. (1)
 - i. Lencho thought only God could help them in that hour of need.

	<p>ii. Lencho wanted to punish post office employees.</p> <p>iii. Lencho wanted more money.</p> <p>c. Predict and justify the reaction of the postmaster after receiving the second letter from Lencho. (1)</p> <p>d. Fill the blank with one word. A word which is the opposite of "honest" in the passage is _____. (1)</p>	
7	<p>Read the given extracts and answer the questions for ANY ONE of the two, given.</p> <p>1. Read the lines given below and answer the questions that follow:</p> <p>The trees inside are moving out into the forest, the forest that was empty all these days Where no bird could sit no insect hide no sun bury its feet in shadow.</p> <p>a. Complete the sentence appropriately.(1)</p> <p>It is clear that Personification is the poetic device used for 'No sun bury its feet....' because (Clue: explain how personification applies here)</p> <p>b. State whether the following statement is True or False:(1)</p> <p>The extract uses trees as a symbol for conservative people.</p> <p>c. Select the appropriate option to complete the sentence, according to the extract. The idea of a forest that has been 'empty all these days' is _____.(1)</p> <p>i. unnatural ii. scary iii. magical iv. legendary</p> <p>d. Which three things cannot happen in a treeless forest?(2)</p> <p>2. Read the lines given below and answer the questions that follow:</p> <p>Custard the dragon had big sharp teeth, And spikes on top of him and scales underneath, Mouth like a fireplace, chimney for a nose, And realio, trulio daggers on his toes.</p> <p>a. Describe the physical appearance of Custard the dragon.(1)</p>	[5]

	<p>b. Fill in the blank with one word. This extract describes the physical appearance of Custard. He carried all the features of _____ that could make him powerful, scary, and brave.(1)</p> <p>c. Which belief about dragons is in contrast to Custard's behaviour in the extract.(1)</p> <ol style="list-style-type: none"> Dragons are brave and feared. Dragons can grant wishes. Dragons can become invisible at will. Dragons are soft - hearted and kind. <p>d. Comment on the poet's use of language in these lines.(2)</p>	
8	<p>Answer ANY FOUR of the following five questions, in about 50 words each.</p> <ol style="list-style-type: none"> Rajvir was very fond of reading detective stories. Why did he not like to read them during his journey? Write the appropriate response comprising of at least two reasons to present a counter to the following:  <ol style="list-style-type: none"> What does Chubukov say to Lomov about his being a hunter? In what way does 'Anne Frank's Diary' reflect the theme of isolation? For Frost, what do fire and ice stand for? 	[12]
9	<p>Answer ANY TWO of the following three questions, in about 40 - 50 words.</p> <ol style="list-style-type: none"> I was really worried about Tricky this time. Comment on the writer's choice of beginning the story in this manner. What purpose does it serve? Does Bholi enjoy her first day at school? How was Griffin received at the inn in Iping? 	[6]
10	<p>Answer ANY ONE of the following two questions, in about 100 - 120 words</p> <ol style="list-style-type: none"> A noted author, Richard Bach wrote - For most gulls it was not flying that mattered, but eating. For this gull, though, it was not eating that mattered, but flight. Evaluate this statement with respect to the young seagull. The poem 'Fire and Ice' carries deep thematic ideas with it. Elaborate on these darkest traits of humanity. 	[6]
11	<p>Answer ANY ONE of the following two questions, in about 100 - 120 words.</p> <ol style="list-style-type: none"> Matilda goes home after meeting Madam Forestier after ten years and shares the fact with M Loisel that the necklace was a false one. Write the dialogue between Matilda and M Loisel. Matilda: I don't know how to tell you this but I met Madam Forestier today and she told me that her necklace was M Loisel: What! I can't believe my ears. That huge debt was for nothing! Matilda: ... M Loisel: ... 	[6]

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| | 2. Education, love and sympathy can transform even a thief. How is it true in the case of Hari Singh? | |
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