

MODEL EXAMINATION

Class X

ENGLISH LANGUAGE & LITERATURE

Time : 3 hrs.

Marks : 80

Instructions

Question Paper is divided in to three sections

Section A-Reading, Section B-Writing & Grammar, Section C- Literature

All questions are compulsory.

SECTION - A - READING

1. Read the passage given below

1 x 10 =10

In this jet age, everyone is interested in making easy money. Thanks to the advancement in science and technology. These days life has become easier and more comfortable than earlier with a lot of domestic gadgets as well as instantaneous food recipes available in the market. This has resulted in making the people develop a mind-set to have anything immediately without waiting for-even at the traffic signals.

Most of us want results quickly. We want to reach the top immediately and get worked up when things go wrong. Perseverance and patience are forgotten words. We get upset, frustrated and angry when a skill or activity requires us to put in a lot of effort and time. We get dejected and want to give it up. Things should be easy.

Life is too short and there is not enough time to do all the things we want to. We tend to compare with others and get upset when they seem to be doing well and start believing God is being too kind to them and not to us. And so, we give up. But such thinking serves no purpose. For it doesn't solve the problem.

Success, real success and happiness come to those who have a 'bread-making' attitude. I am taking for those who are willing to knead the dough, wait for hours for it to rise only to punch it down and knead some more, wait for another couple of hours for it to rise again, then bake it before it is ready to be eaten. Nothing is instantaneous. For every endeavor-whether in the area of career, academics, music, sports, relationships, physical fitness or even in spirituality-it is a long arduous journey.

We can get results only if we are willing to spend time, put in painstaking effort and have faith. If we don't accept this difficult but true fact of life, our lives will be far from being happy and fulfilling. For we may not make that extra effort which can change the course of life dramatically for our benefit.

However, if we just pause to analyse what we are doing, we will realise how much time we are wasting searching for such magical solutions which simply do not exist. We actually save time when we stop this futile search and accept the proven methods of treading the straight and narrow path however difficult it may seem initially.

- i) What has been credited in the passage for our easier and more comfortable life?
- ii) According to the passage, choose the correct statement from the following:
 - a) Advancement in science and technology has resulted in the mind set to have things at their pace.
 - b) Advancement in science and technology has resulted in the mind set to have things instantly and fast.

- c) Advancement in science and technology has resulted in the mind set to have things slowly and patiently.
- d) Advancement in science and technology has resulted in a give-up attitude.
- iii) List 1 way in which we can save our time as advised by the author.
- iv) Choose the prerequisites to get the desired results in life as per the passage:
 - a) With perseverance and painstaking efforts.
 - b) With utmost faith in mutual understanding.
 - c) With deviated mind and fluctuations.
 - d) By greasing the palms of others.
- v) Success, real success and happiness come to those who have a bread-making attitude. The bread-making attitude tells that:
 - a) We should be absolutely inactive.
 - b) It requires a skill in household chores.
 - c) We should remain idle in order to taste success.
 - d) We should be a man of patience in order to taste success.
- vi) Nothing in life is instantaneous. The underlined word can be replaced by the word _____ in the passage.
- vii) Select the best option from the following that can help us reach the top in life.

a) Perseverance and patience	b) Science and technology
c) Dejection and frustration	d) Analysis and magical solution
- viii) The author has stated the example of bread-making attitude to make us _____.
- ix) We can only get the desired results if we do not waste time trying for the same thing again and again. True/false.
- x) Most of us want results quickly. This shows that we are _____.

2. **Read the following passage carefully.**

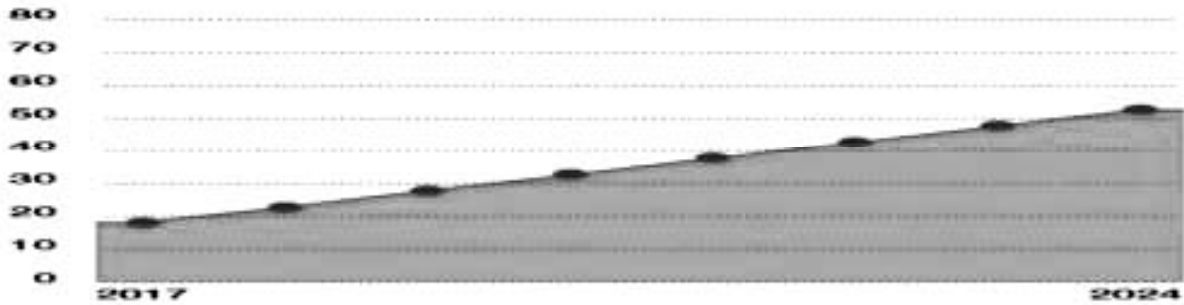
Technological evolution is a certainty. Cyber-physical systems, Big Data and the Internet of Things (IoT) have been changing the infrastructure of our world. In the 2020s, these phenomena, which are still in their nascency, will rapidly accelerate due to the increasing digitization of key areas such as health, science, transport, communications, and energy. The ubiquity of technology, and its increased ability to connect and communicate, has paved the way for this tipping point. Beneath the surface, we are moving towards an explosion of change. Over 50% of our global population is now online, and the other half is following fast.

To be precise, around 726 million people joined the web in the last three years. These new users will change the shape of the internet. Many of them will be lower income. They are choosing smartphones over laptops and tablets and are more likely to use voice commands.

Geo data and the IoT will create new markets and supply chains. The automation of manufacturing, services, and mobility has already begun. Artificial Intelligence (AI) will reach what Gartner terms the 'Plateau of Productivity, in which the technology becomes both mainstream and viable. McKinsey estimates that 70% of companies may adopt at least one AI technology by 2030. It is unlikely they will all use it well, but those that do could manage to take us to a place where man and machine are indistinguishable. Bioscience has the potential

Almost one-third of US homes are 'smart homes', this is set to grow to more than half of all homes by 2024

Total % 'smart homes' in the US



Source: Statista March 2018

to be transformative in the 2020s. Gene editing (CRISPR) technology will likely soon be able to edit genomes to allow animal organs to be accepted into human bodies – transforming, and perhaps saving, the lives of people currently waiting for organ transplants. Similar technology can also be used to combat inherited diseases and even cancer. Elsewhere, gene therapy experiments are using the body’s immune system to fight cancer through re-engineering our cells. Technology has inarguably improved science, health, communications, and transport. However, technology has not necessarily corresponded to increased economic productivity. Indeed, many of the most technologically advanced countries have seen productivity stagnate and stall, as discussed in growing inequality and opportunity. In the 2020s many questions around technology will be resolved. The scaffolding is in place. This will be the decade in which AI, geodata, the IoT, bioscience, and quantum computing are allowed to change our world. Whether this change will be surface-level or truly transformative remains to be seen.

Based on your understanding of the passage answer the questions 10 x 1 =10

- i) In the line “The ubiquity of technology, and its”, the word “ubiquity” DOES NOT refer to
 - a) Ever present
 - b) Omnipresent
 - c) Pervasive
 - d) Usage
- ii) According to Mckinsey,
 - a) 70% of companies will employ more labor force by the year 2030
 - b) Nearly 70% of the companies will adopt the use of one AI by the end of this decade
 - c) Nearly 70% of all companies will stop using AI by the end of 2030
 - d) 70% of all companies will depend on people who can use computers by the end of 2030
- iii) One of the important predictions in the passage is that we are going to reach, the ‘Plateau of Productivity’ with respect to digitization. Which option most reflects the meaning?
 - a) There will be a widespread market use of AI even if it is not viable
 - b) There will be no more resources left to develop AI
 - c) The production and use of AI will be extensive and practicable
 - d) The use of AI will stop as it will become more expensive

- iv) According to the report, the number of 52% of US house-holds become smart from 18% in
 a) 8 years b) 6 years c) 7 years d) 9 years
- v) According to the report, how many homes are smart in the year 2020?
 a) 33% b) 40% c) 25% d) 30%
- vi) According to the report, what will generate a new market chain and supply?
 a) Artificial Intelligence b) Artificial Intelligence and the Internet
 c) Geo-data and Internet of Things d) Access to meta-data
- vii) Based on our understanding of the passage, choose the option that best lists the inherent benefits of biosciences.
 1. Will revolutionize the field of cancer treatment
 2. Will revolutionize the use of computers and phones
 3. Will revolutionize the industry and its development
 4. Will revolutionize the development of new phones
 5. Will allow for genome transformation of animals
 6. Will help patients who need organ transplants
 a) 1,2,3 b) 1,5,6 c) 2,3,4 d) 3,4,5
- viii) What will gene therapy accomplish?
 a) Fight cancer by making changes in our cells
 b) Improve the body's immune system
 c) Fight cancer by making new cells in the body
 d) Fight cancer by creating a new immune system
- ix) Choose the option which is not true.
 a) Technology advancement will improve economic productivity
 b) Technology advancement may not improve economic productivity
 c) Technology advancement will improve medical facilities
 d) Technology advancement will change the way we use communication
- x) According to the report what is the most appropriate conclusion: 1M
 a) There will be a lot of changes in technology development
 b) There will be technological development but its impact on society needs to be seen
 c) There will be technological development but no significant change in society
 d) Technological development may lead to social inequality

SECTION B- GRAMMAR & CREATIVE WRITING SKILLS

3. **Attempt any Ten of the following** **10 x 1 =10**
- i) Fill in the blank by choosing the correct option to complete the following.
 We should _____ at about seven in the evening.
 a) head on b) head off c) head away d) head out

- ii) Read the conversation and complete the sentence by reporting the reply correctly.

Ankit: May I drop you there in my car?

Atul: Thanks a lot. It will be a great help to me.

Ankit asked Atul if he might drop him there in his car. Thanking him Atul said _____.

- iii) Fill in the blank by choosing the correct option, to complete an inspirational quote.

Dreams _____ work unless you do.

- a) don't b) will c) can't d) needn't

- iv) Select the option that identifies the error and supplies the correction for the following line, from a news report:

This exams open doors to higher education, improve employment opportunities and increase options.

Option no.	Error	Correction
A	this	these
B	open	opens
C	to	for
D	options	option

- v) The orders were that we _____ the area within hours to prevent further loss of life.

- a) have to evacuate b) had evacuated
c) had to evacuate d) will have evacuated

- vi) Fill in the blank by using the correct form of the word in the bracket, for the given portion of a news report

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

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

- vii) Read the conversation between a doctor and his patient. Complete the sentence by reporting the patient's reply correctly.

Doctor: How do you feel now? Did you take the medicines regularly?

Patient: Better. Yes, I took the medicines on time.

The doctor, while trying to figure out his patient's ailment, asked about his well-being and whether he had taken his medicines on time, to which, the patient _____.

- viii) Identify the error and supply the correction, for the following:

Delhi Haat, INA, New Delhi

ENCHANTING LADAKH 2021

The exhibition-cum-sale showcasing the arts, crafts and looms of Ladakh by the artisans and craftspeople of Kargil and Leh.

Use the given format for your response.

error	correction

- ix) Mom was ill and was taken to the doctor where he asked her daughter (Caroline) a few questions. Report the question.

How old is your mother?

x) Select the correct option to fill in the blank for the given line, from a health magazine.

You _____ eat to live, not live to eat.

- a) can b) might c) must d) should

xi) Complete the sentence in Reported speech

My father said, "Honesty is the best policy."

- a) My father said that honesty is the best policy.
b) My father said that honesty was the best policy.
c) My father said that honesty has been the best policy.
d) My father stated that honesty was the best policy.

xii) Select the option that identifies the error and supplies the correction for the following line, from a news report:

The schools have taken several measures to ensure the safety of students like temperature screening of everyone who enter school premises and special sanitization of the school as per WHO guidelines.

Option no.	Error	Correction
A	have	has
B	the	a
C	of	for
D	enter	enters

4. You are Amit /Anita of Kendriya Vidyalaya no. 1, Port Blair. You have recently read following articles: As the world celebrates World Environmental Health Day on September 26, we must remind ourselves of the need for environmental awareness in all ages and in every section of society. The Supreme Court of India, while hearing MC Mehta vs Union of India case in 1991, had given directions that environment should be taught as a compulsory subject at every level of education. It had also directed University Grants Commission to "prescribe a course on the environment as a compulsory subject in college education."
"Write a letter to the Editor of The Hindu, in not more than 120 words, drawing attention towards environmental issues. Describe changes needs to be made for spreading environmental awareness in education.

OR

You are the Principal of R.D. Rajpal School, Dwarka. During the rainy season, the roads around your school get broken and develop potholes. This leads to a lot of inconvenience to the staff and students of the school. Write a letter of complaint to the Municipal Commissioner, New Delhi (100-120 words)

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5. **Read the following excerpt from an article that appeared in the magazine section of a local daily:**

Not literacy but education makes a person wise. An educated person can only bring around positive changes in society and contribute to the development of society, which leads to the development of the country. In India, almost all literate individuals know the saying "honesty is the best policy". But the question arises as to whether they follow it all in their lives and in their daily activities. The answer to this question is known to each of us. In reality very few people implement it, though everyone knows. We deliberately try to avoid fact and this is the difference between an educated mind and a literate mind.

Write a paragraph in about 100–120 words to analyse the given argument. You could think about alternative explanations and include rationale / evidence that would strengthen / counter the given argument

OR

The table given below is extracted from the CBSE's Annual Report 2018-2019. Study the table of region wise, gender wise pass percentage in the years 2018 and 2019. Make a comparative analysis of the data pertaining to Delhi and Thiruvananthapuram regions and present your observations in the form of a short paragraph (100-120words)

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Region wise pass Percentage of Boys & Girls- Class XII

REGION	2018			2019		
	Boys	Girls	Total	Boys	Girls	Total
Ajmer	84.04	90.55	86.76	82.44	89.53	85.36
Bhubaneshwar	79.63	86.14	82.43	80.11	85.87	82.62
Panchkula	81.63	90.55	85.48	84.02	91.89	87.41
Delhi	84.93	93.19	89.00	88.63	95.17	91.87
Guwahati	66.52	71.76	69.06	66.06	71.38	68.69
Chennai	92.46	95.63	93.87	91.18	95.06	92.93
Patna	65.81	78.72	70.54	61.57	76.08	66.73
Prayagraj	70.48	81.02	74.31	69.89	81.09	73.95
Thiruvananthapuram	96.35	98.26	97.32	97.41	98.94	98.20
Dehradun	70.73	83.06	75.58	72.62	83.61	76.98
TOTAL	78.99	88.31	83.01	79.40	88.70	83.40

SECTION C-LITERATURE

6. Read the following extracts and answer the questions that follow. Attempt any one . 5

1.A "Day after day she watched the bus, and gradually a tiny wish crept into her head and grew there: she wanted to ride on that bus, even if it was just once. This wish became stronger, until it was an overwhelming desire. Valli would stare wistfully at the people who got on and off the bus when it stood at the street corner. Their faces would kindle in her longings, dreams, and hopes. If one of her friends happened to ride the bus and tried to describe the sights of the town to her. Valli would be jealous to listen and would shout, in English: Proud! Proud!

i) Pick the option that shows the list of words that collocate with 'overwhelming' (e.g. overwhelming desire)

- i. response ii. lies iii. support iv. majority
v. pets vi. places

Options:

- a) i, v and vi b) i, iii and iv c) ii and v d) iii, v and vi

ii) Valli would be jealous to listen... This indicates Valli's

- a) longing to ride the bus. b) nature as an envious person.
c) denial to accept her situation. d) inclination to trouble travellers.

iii) A part of the extract has been paraphrased. Choose the option that includes the most appropriate solution to the blanks.

The desire became so (1) _____ that it transformed into an (2) _____ one. Valli would look (3) _____ at people who boarded the bus and got off.

- a) (1) active (2) overt (3) longingly b) (1) vigorous (2) overpowering (3) cheerfully
c) (1) staunch (2) overt (3) joyfully d) (1) vigorous (2) overpowering (3) longingly

iv) What does the line 'gradually a tiny wish crept into her head and grew there, mean '?

v) The word _____ from the given extract means *to arouse or inspire*.

OR

1B. When I returned, there was an appalling spectacle. There was complete silence from the box, but from its air holes and chinks around the lid, blood had trickled and dried. I whipped off the lock and tore open the lid, and Mij, exhausted and blood spattered,

Whimpered and caught at my leg. He had torn the lining of the box to shreds; when I removed the last of it so that there were no cutting edges left, it was just ten minutes until the time of the flight, and the airport was five miles distant. I put the miserable Mij back into the box, holding down the lid with my hand. (Mijbil The Otter)

i) Select the option that DOES NOT state the possible reason for Maxwell's cutting the box edges off.

- a) Mij could have injured himself further. b) It could have made the place untidy.
c) Mij could have accidentally swallowed the torn pieces
d) It could have obstructed the shutting of the lid.

ii) Where was Mijbil?

iii) What appalling spectacle did the narrator find?

iv) Choose the option that is closest in resemblance to the box's condition in which Mij was kept.



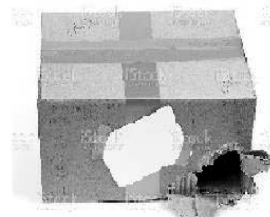
(1)



(2)



(3)



(4)

- a) Option (1) b) Option (2) c) Option (3) d) Option (4)

5) Choose the option that correctly states Maxwell's likely feelings, in the situation below. "... I put the miserable Mij back into the box, holding down the lid with my hand."

(1) anxious (2) disappointed (3) terrified

(4) guilty (5) insulted

- a) 1 and 5 b) 2 and 3 c) 1 and 4 d) 3 and 5

2A. Read the text carefully and answer the questions:

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

- i) The fact that the tiger is stalking the length of his cage tells us that he is:
 - a) restless
 - b) reckless
 - c) resilient
 - d) reverent
- ii) What is the rhyme scheme of the given stanzas?
 - a) abcb; abcb
 - b) abcb; abcd
 - c) abcd; abcd
 - d) abcd; abcb
- iii) These stanzas bring out the contrast between _____.?????
- iv) State whether the following statement is TRUE or FALSE:
 The poet here says that the tiger enjoys gazing at the stars in the night from his cage.
- v) The tiger's brilliant eyes reveal that he:
 - a) hopes to be free and be in the wild, someday
 - b) is looked after well and is nourished and healthy
 - c) enjoys staring at the bright stars each night
 - d) is well-rested and hence, wide-awake

OR

2B The fog comes
 on little cat feet.
 It sits looking
 over harbour and city
 on silent haunches
 and then moves on.

- i) The way fog comes silently resembles:
 - a) Steps of lion
 - b) The steps of a cat
 - c) The steps of a leopard
 - d) None of these
- ii) It sits looking over harbour and city
 The poetic device used in these lines is.....
- iii) 'On silent haunches' what does mean it 'haunches'.
 - a) Folding its neck
 - b) Looking at a mouse
 - c) Looking at a dog
 - d) Folding its legs
- iv) Which are/is the true in context with poem?
 - a) It is free verse poem.
 - b) Poem has regular rhyme.
 - c) Poem is an extended Metaphor.
 - d) All Of the Above
- v) When does Fog comes?

7. **Answer any four of the following questions in 40-50 words each:** **4 x 3 =12**
- i) How would you, as a young adult of your times, title this poem For Anne Gregory. Give a reason for your choice.
 - ii) Why did Kisa Gotami say, 'How selfish am I in my grief!' What did she realize about the fate of mankind?
 - iii) Do you think Chubukov is a good father? Justify your opinion based on your reading of the text.
 - iv) There are two kinds of conflict in the story 'A Letter to God'. between humans and nature and between humans themselves. How are these conflicts illustrated?
 - v) Describe the struggle of the roots, leaves, small twigs and long boughs to free themselves and break open the artificial barriers created by man.
8. **Answer any two of the following questions in 40-50 words each:** **2 x 3 =6**
- i) Do you think Tricki was happy to go home? What do you think will happen now?
 - ii) When and why did the woman in red say, "Society must be protected from men like you"? Doesn't it sound ironical
 - iii) What lesson did Ebright learn when he did not win anything at a science fair?
9. **Answer any one of the following questions in 100-120 words each:** **1 x 6 =6**
- i) On the one hand, Anne Frank says that she is not all alone in the world. On the other hand ,she says that she seems 'to have everything, except my one true friend'. Why can't she confide in and come closer to her friends?
 - ii) A few days after the experience, the narrator sat with his wife and recalled a long conversation he'd had with his young son the day before. The narrator's son had spoken to him about his close friend, Freddie, and the many ways Freddie helped him. When the narrator suggested inviting Freddie home for lunch, his wife casually said, "Freddie is like your friend in the black aeroplane!"
That night the narrator decided to record his thoughts in his diary to clear his head. As the narrator, write the diary entry.
10. **Answer any one of the following questions in 100-120 words each:** **1 x 6 =6**
- i) Imagine that one of Mr Herriot's partners can understand the language of dogs and listens to Tricki on his last night with them. What might Tricki share about his experience at surgery? How would he evaluate it in comparison to his home experience?
 - ii) **Read the following quote**
"We are too involved in materialistic things, and they don't satisfy us. The loving relationships we have, the universe around us, we take these things for granted." -Mitch Albom
Matilda was never satisfied with her life and desired more. The given quote reflects her character. Justify.