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PRE BOARD I (2023-24)

CLASS X

SUBJECT : ENGLISH LANGUAGE & LITERATURE

TIME :3Hrs

MM:80 Instructions:

1. 15- minute prior reading time allotted for Q-paper reading.
2. The Question Paper contains THREE sections – READING, GRAMMAR & WRITING and LITERATURE.
3. Attempt questions based on specific instructions for each part.

Section A: READING SKILLS

20 Marks

1. Read the following passage carefully. ((10 marks)

1) Like bad news and common cold, allergies can pop up when least expected. I suddenly developed an allergy to Crocin (paracetamol) some years ago after having it all my life to treat everything, from headache to fever to toothache.

(2) A stuffed or drippy nose, frequent sneezing, an itchy throat, rashes, sinus, ear pain, difficulty in breathing, stomach cramps, itchiness, red or watery eyes are some of the common symptoms of an allergic reaction. Pollen, dust, polluted outdoor air, and indoor pollutants, such as dust mites, animal dander, cigarette smoke, and mould are among the common environmental pollutants, while other triggers include medicines, paint, and chemicals in cleaners and cosmetics, such as hair colour and skin creams. Among foods, eight allergens account for almost 90% of food allergies: milk, soy, wheat, egg, peanut, tree nuts, fish, and shellfish.

(3) Most of us wrongly believe that people with allergies are either born with them or develop them in early childhood. An allergy can develop at any time in your life and its prevalence among adults is rising. While most people who develop allergies as adults have experienced some allergic reaction—either to the same or an unrelated trigger before—a few have no history of sensitivity.

(4) In an acute immune reaction, the allergy trigger may be one, but the symptom is usually caused by a combination of factors. Stress, a sterile environment that prevents the body from developing immunity and lifestyle-induced changes in the body's hormonal balance are thought to be some triggers. This has been borne out by clinical evidence that women are more likely to develop allergies at puberty, after pregnancy and at menopause, all pointing to hormonal causes.

(5) Avoiding the allergy trigger and taking anti-allergy medication as soon as you can, after exposure to an allergen is the best possible protection. Since pollen levels generally peak in the morning, people with airway sensitivity and asthma should postpone outdoor exercises to later in the day or stick to exercising indoors, as deeper and more rapid breathing induced by aerobic exercise causes more pollen and dust to be inhaled, which can wreck your airways and lungs. Since air pollutants tend to cling to clothes and hair, changing your clothes when you come home or washing your hair before going to bed, lowers exposure.

Based on your understanding of the passage, answer the questions given below.

- (i) In para 3, the author is adopting a tone of being satirical. (True/False) (1)
- (ii) How can people with airway sensitivity and asthma protect themselves? (2)
- (iii) Based on your reading of the passage, choose the INCORRECT statement from the following. (1)
- (a) An allergy can develop at any time in your life.
- (b) The allergy trigger is usually caused by a combination of factors.
- (c) Among foods, eight allergens account for almost 90% of food allergies.
- (d) Taking anti-allergy medication as soon as you can, after exposure to an allergen is the best possible protection.
- (iv) Which of the following best explains the phrase 'account for', as used in the passage? (1)
- (a) Pass off (b) Make up (c) Write up (d) Look up
- (v) Fill in the blank. (1)

The author suddenly developed an allergy to.....

- (vi) What could be the possible triggers for an allergy to occur in an individual?(2)
- (vii) Pick out the nouns from the following words. (1)
- A. Allergens B. Common C. Prevalence D. Cramps E. Itchy
- (a) A,C,D (b) A,B,E (c) A,D,E (d) B,C,D
- (viii) Choose the option that correctly states the two meanings of 'postpone', as used in the passage. (1)
- A. To arrange an event or plan at a later time B. To delay an event or plan
- C. To cancel an event or plan D. To arrange an event or plan at an earlier time
- E. To schedule an event or plan.
- (a) C and E (b) B and C (c) A and B (d) D and E

2. . Read the following passage carefully. ((10 marks)

1. Right from literacy, accessibility to schools and household expenditure on education, the rural-urban gap remains significant. There is a digital divide, too with just 4% of rural households having access to computers as compared to 23% in urban areas. These and other trends on a rural-urban gap in education are revealed in the details of a survey conducted by the National Statistical Office NSO

2. The report on 'Household Social Consumption: Education' surveyed 1.13 lakh households spread across over 8,000 villages and 6,000 urban blocks between July 2017 and June 2018. The study involved 1.52 lakh students across different levels of study.

3. On accessibility, while 92.7% of the rural households have a primary school within 1 km as compared to 87.2% in urban areas, the situation gets skewed only 38% of the rural households have access to secondary school as compared to 70% in the urban areas on similar parameters.

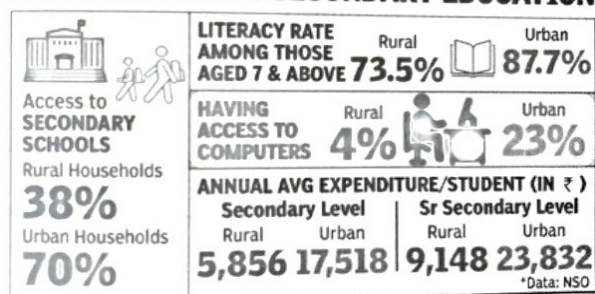
4. While accessibility to a neighbourhood school at the primary level is not an issue in rural areas, the gross attendance ratio is also satisfactory with nearly 100% boys and girls in rural as well as urban areas attending classes. However, in view of reduced accessibility, there is a gap at the secondary level between

rural and urban settings. The all-Indian literacy rate among persons aged 7 years and above is 77.7%. However, for the same age group, rural literacy is 73.5% and urban areas, it is, 87.7%.

5 The digital divide between rural and urban households is stark with just 4% of rural population having access to computers. The report highlighted that while only 15% surveyed population in the rural cluster has internet access, 42% of students in the urban areas have access to the internet.

6. At the school level while the majority of the urban households had shown a preference for private schools, it's the opposite for rural households. The report highlights that 76.1% of the rural children are attending a primary and middle school run by the government, while only 38% of the urban children attend government schools. However, for graduate and above studies, 49.7% of rural students are attending classes in government institutions as compared to 41% their urban counterparts in government institutions,

### STARK DIVIDE IN SECONDARY EDUCATION



Answer the following questions, based on the passage above.

(i) Fill in the blank appropriately. (1)

The majority of urban households show preference to.....

ii) Fill the blanks with the appropriate option from those given in brackets, based on your understanding of the passage. (1)

The rural-urban divide in the field of education is much more rampant in ... ..

(primary/secondary) education due to the problem of (accessibility/income).

(iii) What data shows that the rural-urban gap is visible at the secondary level of education? (2)

iv) Based on your understanding of the passage, list the factors that indicate the ( rural-urban gap. (1)

(v) What did the survey conducted by the NSO cover? (1)

(vi) Which word can substitute the word 'accessibility' in the following sentence from Paragraph 4. (1)

The students were concerned about the accessibility of quality academic counselling

(a) presence (b) availability(c) sufficiency (d) merging

(vii) What did the 'Household Social Consumption: Education' survey found out? (2)

(viii) In which aspect is the condition of education in the urban and rural households equal? (1)

(a) On the accessibility of primary schools(b) On the accessibility of secondary schools

(c) On gross attendance ratio of both girls and boys (d) On digital access to computers and the Internet

Section B : GRAMMAR 10 MARKS

3. Complete ANY TEN of twelve of the following tasks, as directed. 1 x 10 = 10

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

Dear Sir,

This is with reference to the committee's letter of recommendation which ..... (outline) the proposals for the upcoming conference on sustainable development. 1

(ii) Read the given sentence from a travel blog. Identify the error and supply the correction in the sentence.  
(1)

After a long hike, me and my friend were so exhausted that we was barely able to enjoy the beautiful view.

Use the given format for your response.

Error	Correction

(iii) Abhilasha and Neha had a conversation about Neha's career. Report Abhilasha's question (1)

I want to be a teacher. What about you? 1

(iv) Read the dialogue between a salesperson and a customer. (1)

Salesperson: What do you want to buy?

Customer. I want to buy a pair of sports shoes.

Select the correct option to complete the reporting of the above dialogue.

The shopkeeper asked the customer ..... The customer said that he wanted a pair of sports shoes.

(a) what he had been wanting to buy. (b) What he wanted to buy.

(c) what he had wanted to buy. (d) What he wants to buy. 1

(v) Fill in the blank with an appropriate answer. (1)

Visitors are drawn to the vivid colours and intricate details of the artwork, Marveling at..... (those/that/this) in awe.

(vi) Identify the error and provide a correction in the following sentence from a hotel's promotional material:  
(1)

You'll be amazed from our hotel's Comfortable and luxurious rooms decorated with elegant furnishings.

Use the given format for your response.

Error	Correction

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(vii) Select the option that identifies the error and supplies the correction for the following sentence from a company's advertising campaign: (1)

Experience a most unique and breathtaking view of the city's skyline from our rooftop bar.

Option No.	Error	Correction
A	From	By
B	a most	the most
C	Thecity	a city
D	breathtaking	breath-taking

(viii) Complete the given sentence by filling the blank with the correct option. (1)

Riya looks tired. She ..... working in the sun since 7 a.m.

(a) will be (b) had been (c) has been (d) is 1

(ix) Report the dialogue between Parth and Ravi by completing the sentence: (1)

Parth: What kind of computers can you use?

Ravi: I can use Mac, and I have also used Windows 11 once.

Parth wanted to know the kind of computers Ravi could use. Ravi replied that he

(x) Fill in the blank with an appropriate answer: (1)

She has been learning to play the piano for six months and..... already play a few songs.

(a) can (b) could (c) may (d) should 1

(xi) Choose the correct option to fill in the blank and complete the sentence from a cooking recipe: (1)

Once the vegetables are sautéed to a golden brown..... the mixture into a large mixing bowl

(a) pour (b) pouring (c) poured (d) will pour 1

(xii) Identify the error and supply correction for the following sentence: (1)

The teacher asked her to start with the student in that she had the most trust.

Use the given format for your response:

Error	Correction

## Section B: CREATIVE WRITING SKILLS

10 Marks

All details presented in the questions are imaginary and created for assessment purpose.

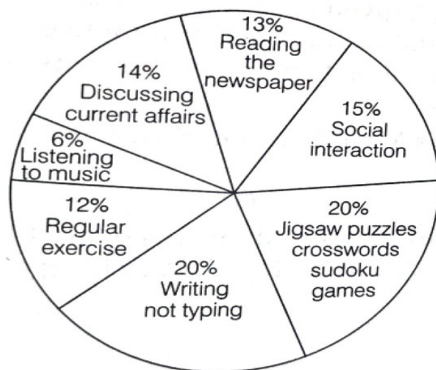
4A You have lost your original certificates of Class X and XII. You want to get their duplicates issued but you do not know the procedure. Write a letter to the Chairman, CBSE, Preet Vihar enquiring about the fee

to be deposited, mode of payment, time taken by the board for issuing duplicate certificates and any other formalities. You are Tarun/Taruna Gupta, 7/9, Kunj Apartments, Shimla. (120 words) (5)

OR

B. You are Vaibhavi Sinha, examination in charge, Goodway Public School, Aurobindo Road, Indore. You require 4 reams of white paper, 2 packets of carbon paper, one dozen registers, and blue and red ballpoint pens (50 each). Place an order with Sunrise Stationery Mart, 12 Mall Road, Indore mentioning terms of payment, discount asked by you and delivery date. (120 words)

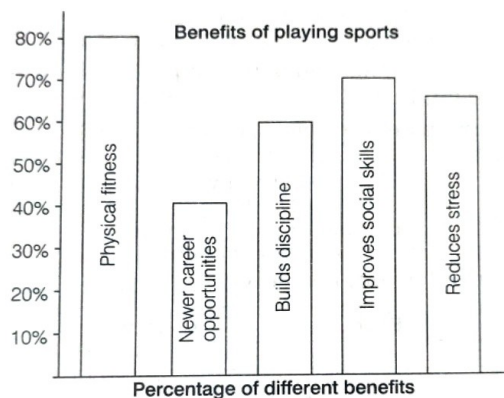
5. A. Internet provides every information one seeks at the click of a button. As a children today are living in a comfort zone. According to research, this will in long-term consequences which will affect



their brain. Based on the follow chart, write an analytical paragraph in not more than 120 words on activitie Improve brain power. (5)

OR

B. School authorities and parents have realised the benefits of encouraging their children to play and participate in sports. The age-old myth that academic excellence is the only foundation for a successful



career has been replaced. White a paragraph in not more than 120 words analyzing the given information.

### Section C: LITERATURE

40 Marks

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

A. A man who takes away another man's freedom is a prisoner of hatred; he is locked behind the bars of prejudice and narrow mindedness. I am not truly free if I am taking away someone else's freedom just as surely as I am not free when my freedom is taken from me. The oppressed and the oppressor alike are robbed of their humanity.

(i). What happens when we take away someone else's freedom? (1)

(a). The other person robs us of our freedom.(b).The other person hates us and tries to kill us

©. We are robbed of our own humanity(d). We spread hatred all around us

(ii). What happens when someone takes away our freedom? (1)

(a). We become oppressors

(b). We become rebels

©. We lose our freedom

(d). We lose our wealth

(iii) How are the oppressor and the oppressed alike? (1)

ANS. ....

(iv) Define freedom as per the lines. (2)

OR

B. Brilliant scientist though he was, Griffin was rather a lawless person. His landlord disliked him and tried to eject him. In revenge Griffin set fire to the house, to get away without being seen he had to remove his clothes. Thus, it was that he became a homeless wanderer, without clothes, without money and quite invisible - until he happened to step in some mud and left footprints as he walked!

(i) The writer says that Griffin was a brilliant scientist. Elaborate in about 40 words with evidence.(2)

(ii) State True or False.

None of the terms (a)-(d) can be applied to the statement - His landlord disliked him and tried to eject him.

(a) A hypothesis - a proposed explanation for a phenomenon

(b) An assumption - something that is taken for granted or assumed to be true

(c) A hyperbole - exaggerated statements or claims not meant to be taken literally

(d) A premise - a proposition that forms the basis of an argument

(iii) State the reason he was wandering on the streets.

(iv) Which phrase would correctly substitute 'a lawless' in the given sentence from the extract? 'Brilliant scientist though he was, Griffin was rather a lawless person.' (1)

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

*Never shall a young man*

*Thrown into despair*

*By those great honey-coloured*

*Ramparts at your ear.*

i)'Never shall a young man' reminds us of.....

a) *Metaphor* b) *hyperbole* c) *inversion* d) *oxymoron*

- (ii) What makes young men fall in love with her, according to the stanza? (1)
- (iii) What does love you for yourself alone and not your yellow hair mean? (2)
- (iv) Select the sentence in which the word 'love' is used in the similar manner as line 5 of the stanza. (1)
- (a) The love of his life is loyal to his beloved
- (b) Love thy country and respect your countryman
- (c) Love has always been treacherous to me
- (d) Love knows no boundary, no country, no caste.

OR

B. But up jumped Custard, snorting like an engine, Clashed his tail like iron in a dungeon, With a clatter and a clank and a jangling squirm He went at the pirate like a robin at a worm. (The Tale of Custard the Dragon)

- i) What is the poet's purpose of using the onomatopoeic words given in the extract? (1)
- (a) It is to emphasise on the might and boldness of Custard.
- (b) It is to introduce the character Custard to the readers.
- (c) It is to impress upon the readers that Custard was ready.
- (d) It is to make Custard bold enough to face the situation.
- (ii) Mention what the poet wants to convey through these lines. Answer in about 40 words. (2)
- (iii) What does Custard do to the pirate? (1)
- iv) Complete the sentence appropriately. (1)

Custard's comparison to an engine shows a literary device of .....

8. Answer ANY FOUR of the following five questions, in about 40-50 words. (4x3=12)

- (i) 'I will take the risk' what is the risk? Why does the pilot of the old Dakota take it? (3)
- (ii) What did Valli find out about bus journey? How did she find out these details? (3)
- (iii) What is the controversy about Oxen Meadows? (3)
- (iv) What difference do you find between Robert Frost and other nature poets? Answer with reference to the poem 'Dust of Snow's. (3)
- (v) Why does Amanda imagine herself to be mermaid, an orphan or Rapunzel? (3)

9. Answer ANY TWO of the following five questions, in about 40-50 words (2x3=6)

- (i) Horace Danby was a meticulous planner but still he faltered. Where did he go wrong and why? (3)
- (ii) Bholi was totally transformed by her teacher and became her teacher's masterpiece. Elucidate (3)
- (iii) It was not weapon, but presence of mind which Ausable used to kill Max, give reason. (3)

10. Answer ANY ONE of the following two questions, in about 100-120 words. (1x6=6)

A . Valli was an extraordinary girl who had self confidence and courage to realize her ambition by planning and drawing on her spirit of adventure. Discuss in reference to the chapter ' Madam Rides the Bus'

OR

B. 'Death and suffering are inevitable truth of life' explain with reference to the chapter ' Sermon at Benares'.

11. Answer ANY ONE of the following two questions, in about 100-120 words. (1x6=6)

A.Hari Singh didn't board the Lucknow Express and return to Anil. It shows that everyone has some conscience that they do not put in practice. Elaborate with reference to (The Thief's Story).

OR

B. Dr James Herriot was a competent veterinary surgeon. His practical approach and common sense helped in the rapid recovery of Tricki. Comment,