** SINDHI HIGH SCHOOL,HEBBAL**

**III PREBOARD EXAMINATION [2023-24]**

**SUBJECT: ENGLISH LANGUAGE & LITERATURE(184)**

**SET-II**

**Class : X Max. Marks: 80**

**Date : 29/01/2024**

**No. of sides: 10**

**General Instructions:**

* **15 minute prior reading time is allotted for Question paper reading.**
* **All Questions are compulsory.**
* **The Question Paper has 3 Sections.**
* **Section A (Reading), Section B (Writing and Grammar), Section C (Literature)**
* **Attempt questions based on specific instructions for each part.**

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|  | **Section A: Reading Skills (20 marks)**  **Reading Comprehension Through Unseen Passages** |  |
| Q1 | Read the following text | 10m |
| 1. | India’s returns of over a hundred medals from the Hangzhou Asian Games is a watershed moment in its sporting history. The momentous achievement has understandably sent the country into a state of euphoria that has even overshadowed the start of the Men’s Cricket World Cup. The 107 medals India clinched (28 gold, 38 silver and 41 bronze) is its best-ever tally, head and shoulders above the previous high of 70 secured at Jakarta 2018. While a lion’s share of the gold medals came from the three disciplines of track and field (six), shooting (seven) and archery (five), India earning podium finishes across 22 different sports points to the nation’s increasing diversification of excellence. The rowers, squash players, kabaddi stars and the men’s hockey team impressed; there was a first-ever gold medal in equestrian; new heroes were found in roller-skating, wind-surfing, wushu and sepaktakraw. |  |
| 2.  3 | Even cricket, which has long lived an insular life away from multi-disciplinary extravaganzas, joined the party, contributing to India’s tally with two golds. This being a visual era, some moments are sure to remain etched in the collective memory, like Parul Chaudhary’s stunning heist in the final 50 metres to win the women’s 5000m and Kishore Jena leading Olympic and World Champion Neeraj Chopra in men’s Javelin before settling for a creditable silver.  However, at continental games, harsh as it may sound, some medals are worth more than others. Sports such as badminton and table tennis see near world-level competition in Asia, which adds a bit more lustre to the medals won. Satwiksairaj Ranki Reddy and Chirag Shetty’s gold in men’s doubles badminton, H.S. Prannoy’s bronze in men’s singles badminton, and Sutirtha and Ayhika Mukherjee’s stunning win over the Chinese world champions in Chen Meng and Wang Yidi in women’s doubles table tennis to ensure a bronze all fall into this category. |  |
|  | Additional perspective can be gleaned from the fact that of the 28 golds, only 12 have come in events that are part of the Olympics roster. Even here, just a handful of marks, like Neeraj’s 88.88m throw, are world-beating. This shows that while Indian sport has come a long way, a lot more needs to be done to bridge the gap with global standards. |  |

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| 4. | The Union government, Sports Authority of India and various State governments have come up with a plethora of initiatives to help athletes. But they are perennially threatened by inefficient administrators, factionalism in federations, endless court battles and the giant doping cloud that hangs around. For the head to be held high, the body and the legs cannot be allowed to falter. |  |
|  | **Answer the following questions, based on the passage above.** |  |
| i. | Which of the following is the primary focus of the passage?   1. The dominance of cricket in Indian sports 2. Achievements in diverse sports at the Asian Games 3. The challenges faced by Indian athletes   (d) The popularity of Cricket World Cup | 1 |
| ii. | What is the tone of the writer in the following lines from the passage and rationalise your response in 40 words.  “This being a visual era, some moments are sure to remain etched in the collective memory…” | 2 |
| iii. | Supply one point to justify the following:  Some medals are worth more than others in the context of continental games. | 1 |
| iv. | Select the appropriate option to fill in the blanks:  Despite the challenges, the writer expresses a sense of about India’s  sporting achievements at the Hangzhou Asian Games   1. dominance (b)euphoria   (c) desperation (d) enigma | 1 |
| v. | What is meant by ‘multiple extravaganzas’ in the context of the text? | 1 |
| vi. | Examine the given sentence from the passage and elaborate what the writer means: ‘For the head to be held high, the body and the legs can’t be allowed to falter’. | 2 |
| vii. | Complete the sentence appropriately.  In the passage, the writer emphasizes the diversification of excellence in various sports because it signifies ………. | 1 |
| viii. | Select the option that makes the correct use of ‘watershed moment’ as used in the passage, to fill up the blank space.   1. The adoption of renewable energy sources on a global scale could be seen as a   … in the fight against climate change.   1. Playing and fighting with my younger sister is a in my life. 2. I spilt coffee on my shirt, and it became a in my career.   (d) Discovering a new flavour of potato chips at the store was a ---------in my diet. | 1 |

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| Q2.  1. | **Read the following passage carefully:**  As winter approaches, air quality in North India plunges, leaving people gasping for breath. After late rains flushed the air clean in early October, Air Quality Index (AQI) has declined ahead of Diwali. However, air pollution is not just seasonal; it is one of India’s biggest problems, for now and for the future. India – a services-driven economy – has some of world’s most air-polluted cities at a relatively early stage of its manufacturing evolution. As India expands its manufacturing, the problem will only rise exponentially. |  |
| 2. | The Commission for Air Quality Management has instructed industries and construction and demolition sites to follow its directives over the next few days. |  |
| 3. | The World Air Quality Report released by Swiss organization IQAir in March 2022 should set alarm bells ringing in India. The study found that 35 of the 50 cities in the world with the worst air quality are in India. |  |
| 4. | It’s also a global phenomenon, and some of the fastest growing economies have also been the worst air polluters, including the US and China. China too paid a steep price for its economic growth. Growing prosperity boosted air pollution that led to a public health crisis, killing millions every year. But the country has drastically improved the air quality of its cities. It prohibited new thermal power plants and shuttered old plants, curbed vehicular growth and introduced electric bus fleets, among many measures.  Adapted for academic usage- |  |
| 5. | Air-pollution-INFOGRAPHICS-English-1 | Vishesh Baat News |  |
|  | **Answer the following questions, based on the passage above** | **1x10=10** |
| i. | The air quality in North India is persistently poor during the winter months because  ……………… | 1 |
| ii. | Which option best describes the tone of the writer in the passage?  (a) Neutral (b) Concerned  (c) Objective (d) Informative | 1 |
| iii. | State whether the given statement is fact/ opinion based.  India’s struggle with air pollution is primarily due to its rapid, economic growth and its increase in the manufacturing activities. | 1 |

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| iv. | Based on the study report, state one major problem faced by India due to air pollution | 1 |
| v. | How does air pollution acts as a threat to the overall development of India? | 2 |
| vi. | Select the option that correctly displays what ‘plunges’ signifies  A)  B)   1. D) | 1 |
| vii. | Pick out the disease that is caused by inhaling polluted air for a long period of time   1. Lung cancer 2. Alzheimers 3. Parkinsons   d. Rheumatoid arthritis | 1 |
| viii. | China has drastically improved the air quality of its cities. What strategies can India take from China to reduce air pollution? | 2 |
|  | **SECTION B-WRITING SKILLS AND GRAMMAR (20 marks)** |  |
|  | **GRAMMAR** | 10 |
| **Q 3** | **Attempt ANY TEN of twelve of the following tasks, as directed.** | 1x10 |
| i. | Fill in the blank by choosing the correct option to complete this advertisement. Are you looking for more books to read? Due to popular demand, we back our 'Buy One Get One Free' offer next weekend!  A. brings B. brought C. will bring D. were bringing | 1 |
| ii. | Read the given sentence from the anniversary brochure of a construction firm. Identify the error and supply the correction in the sentence.  *We are excited to mark the 11 years of M Square, found upon unwavering trust and dedication.*  Use the given format for your response.   |  |  | | --- | --- | | Error | Correction | |  |  | | 1 |
| iii.  iv. | Ritu and Deepa had a conversation on the latest song of the boy band, BTS.  Report Deepa’s question.  Did you like the new song of BTS?  Read the dialogue between Ashish and his friend, Gregory, regarding the submission of science project and fill in the blanks.  Greogory: Did you receive the help of anyone to complete this project on time?  Ashish: No, I did it on my own.  Select the correct option to complete the reporting of the above dialogue.  Gregory asked Ashish\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_on time. Ashish replied that he had  done it on his own.  A. whether he did receive the help of anyone to complete that project  B. if he received the help of anyone to complete that project  C. if Ashish received the help of anyone to complete that project  D. if he had received the help of anyone to complete that project | 1 |

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| v. | Complete the notice by filling in the blank with the correct option:  The selected candidates ……… send a confirmation mail to the company on or before the 6th of November to intimate their decision of joining.  (a) might (b) could (c) would (d) should | 1 |
| vi. | Identify the error in the given sentence from a magazine article and supply the correction.  Coorg, a beautiful hill station in Karnataka, is one of the most wonderful place to visit.   |  |  | | --- | --- | | Error | Correction | |  |  |   Use the given format for your response. | 1 |
| vii. | Select the option that identifies the error and supplies the correction for the closing line, from the advertisement of a dental hospital.   |  |  |  | | --- | --- | --- | | Option No | Error | Correction | | A | Laugh | Laughter | | B | the | a | | C | best | better | | D | medicine | medicines |   Laugh is the best medicine. | 1 |
| viii. | Fill in the blank by using the correct form of the word in the bracket.  I just heard the journalist report that several highways in Arunachal Pradesh ---------- blocked due to landslides as continuous rain batters the hill state.   1. had been 2. have been 3. were being 4. will have been | 1 |
| ix. | Report the dialogue between a mother and her son by completing the sentence. Mother: We can go together for an outing.  Son: Yes. I want to have biriyani from our usual restaurant.  Mother said that they could go together for an outing. The son affirmed and  …………………………………………………….. | 1 |

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| x. | Fill in the blank by choosing the correct option to complete the sentence. A bouquet of flowers required to invite the Chief guest.  a. are b. have c. has d. is | 1 |
| xi. | Complete the line from a song, by filling the blank with the correct option.  I made myself a snowball As perfect as be.  I thought I’d keep it as a pet And let it sleep with me.   1. should (b) can (c) could (d) may | 1 |
| xii. | Identify the error and supply the correction for the following note, displayed on the wall of the local library in your locality.  Goals gives you direction and it allows you to stay mentally and physically focused on the road to where you want to go.   |  |  | | --- | --- | | Error | Correction | |  |  | | 1 |
|  | **WRITING** | 10 |
| 4.A | You are Apoorva/Arpit. You bought a refrigerator from Ganesh Electronics and Electricals, Gandhi Marg, Nagpur. It does not function properly. Write a letter to the Sales Manager of the shop, complaining about the defect and asking for immediate replacement or repair, as necessary | 5 |
|  | **OR** |  |
| 4.B | You are Parvati/Praveen, Store In-Charge of Aman Stores, 32/54, Ravi Nagar, Delhi. Your school requires school bags and accessories in bulk for the commencement of the new session. Write a letter of enquiry to the Sales Manager, Duckback Industries Ltd. 13/4, Maharajpur, Delhi enquiring about the details of goods manufactured |  |
| 5A. | The charts below show the results of a survey about what people of different age groups say makes them most happy. Write an analytical paragraph based on this in not more than 120 words |  |
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| 5B. | Given below is the flyer of a summer camp. You are asked to go through the flyer and the given details to see if it will suit your 4-year-old brother.    **Extra features**   * The main campus is built in a serene, calm and hilly area on the outskirts of the city * Innovative labs, dance, music and play areas * Project-based learning facilities * Personalised learning * Modern fully air-conditioned transport system * Buses are equipped with ‘Uber-like’ app to track * Provide unique, balanced, nutritional, healthy snacks and lunch * Fee structure is inclusive of the food   Analyse it to see whether the activities given suit the nature of your brother, while focusing on his safety, interests and physical wellness. Write this analytical paragraph in about 120 words. |  |
|  | **SECTION D-LITERATURE TEXTBOOK AND SUPPLEMENTARY READING TEXT (40 marks)** | 40 |
| 6. | **Read the given extracts and answer the questions for ANY ONE of the two given.** | 5 |
| 6.A | Well, it’s time I did some real work, I told myself; I’m out of practice. And if I don’t take the money, he’ll only waste it on his friends. After all, he doesn’t even pay me. Anil was asleep. A beam of moonlight stepped over the balcony and fell on the bed. I sat up on the floor, considering the situation. If I took the money, I could catch the  10.30 Express to Lucknow. Slipping out of the blanket, I crept up to the bed. Anil was sleeping peacefully. His face was clear and unlined; even I had more marks on  my face, though mine were mostly scars. |  |
| i. | Choose an appropriate option that imitates the literary device as used in, “A beam of  moonlight stepped over the balcony”. | 1 |

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|  | 1. The beam of the light cannot be tolerated while driving. 2. The beam of light danced away to glory as we drove past the forest. 3. They sat down with the light in their hands as they did not know the path. 4. The lights are on, so there must be somebody at home. |  |
| ii. | Why did Hari Singh say, “it’s time I did some real work”? | 2 |
| iii. | “he’ll only waste it on his friends. After all, he doesn’t even pay me”. This indicates that …………….   1. Hari Singh was convincing himself about the act he was to commit. 2. Hari Singh was annoyed with Anil. 3. Anil was a spendthrift. 4. Hari Singh was blaming Anil. | 1 |
| iv. | Complete the analogy by selecting the suitable word from the extract.  frown: smile:: blemishes: | 1 |
|  | **OR** |  |
| 6.B | The ceremonies took place in the lovely sandstone amphitheatre formed by the Union Building in Pretoria. For decades this had been the seat of white supremacy, and now it was the site of a rain bow gathering of different colours and nations for the installation of South Africa’s first democratic, non-racial government. | (1x5=5 Marks) |
| i. | had been the seat of White supremacy for decades. | 1 |
| ii | What type of government was chosen in South Africa?   1. A democratic government through fair elections 2. A democratic government through unfair means 3. A government in the King’s name 4. A democratic government in the Queen’s name. | 1 |

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| iii | | | Why did the military general’s attitude change towards Mandela? | | 2 | |
| iv | | | What lesson can be learned from this story?   1. To believe in justice 2. To fight for what is right and for those who can’t fight for themselves 3. To go where your destiny takes you 4. None of these | | 1 | |
| 7. | | | **Read the given extracts and answer the questions for ANY ONE of the two given.** | | 5 | |
| 7.A | | | He stalks in his vivid stripes The few steps of his cage On pads of velvet quiet  In his quiet rage. | |  | |
| i. | | | **Pads of velvet** means   1. Tiger’s skin 2. Tiger’s whiskers 3. Tiger’s soft soles 4. None of these | | 1 | |
| ii. | | | Who is he in the above lines   1. The Tiger 2. The Poet 3. The Zoo keeper 4. The Lion | | 1 | |
| iii. | | | Why does the ‘he’ express ‘quiet rage’? | | 2 | |
| iv. | | | - is the literary device employed in ‘quiet rage’   1. Alliteration 2. Oxymoron 3. Metaphor 4. Enjambment | | 1 | |
| v. | | | Why does ‘he’ walk only the **few steps?** | | 1 | |
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| 7.B | | | Read the extract given below and attempt it by answering the questions that follow. | | 5 | |
|  | | | My head is full of whispers  which tomorrow will be silent.  Listen. The glass is breaking.  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 (The Trees) | |  | |
| i. | | | In the line, ‘Listen. The glass is breaking’ who is the poet addressing and why? | | 1 | |
| ii. | | | What is the significance of the use of the words ‘whispers’ and ‘glass’ in the poem and how does this word choice contribute to the overall mood and tone of the poem? Answer in about 40 words. | | 2 | |
| iii.    iv. | Which of the following is the correct match between the poetic devices and their definitions?     |  |  | | --- | --- | | 1. The moon is broken like a mirror | (a) personification | | 2. The glass is breaking | (b) enjambment | | 3. The moon is broken like a mirror,  its pieces, flash now in the crown  of the tallest oak. | (c) metaphor | | 4. The trees are stumbling forward | (d) simile |     (a) 1-(d), 2-(c), 3-(b), 4-(a)  (b) 1-(b), 2-(c), 3-(d), 4-(a)  (c) 1-(d), 2-(b), 3-(c), 4-(a)  (d) 1-(a), 2-(b), 3-(c), 4-(d    Comment on the poet’s use of trees as metaphors in these lines. | | 1  1 | |

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| **8** | Answer **ANY FOUR** of the following in about 40-50 words each | **4x3=12** |
| i. | Describe the narrator’s experience as he flew the aeroplane into the storm. Throw light on his feelings and emotions at that time. (The Black Aeroplane) | 3 |
| ii. | The use of symbolism in the poem ‘Fire and Ice’ conveys the poet’s message effectively. Explain with reference to the poem. | 3 |
| iii. | You seem to have done your homework before coming,” Who has done the homework and why is it so impressive? 3 (Glimpses of India) | 3 |
| iv. | What is the message conveyed through the poem ‘The Ball Poem’? | 3 |
| v. | ‘Why was Mr. Keesing annoyed with Anne and what extra homework did he give to her after several warnings? (From the Diary of Anne Frank) | 3 |
| **9** | Answer **ANY TWO** of the following in about 40-50 words each | **2x3=6** |
| i. | How does Think-Tank compare the Martians with the people on the Earth? What does he call the earth mockingly? (The Book That Saved the Earth) |  |

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| ii. | How did Mrs. Pumphrey spoil Tricky? (Triumph of Surgery) |  |
| iii. | Explain the role played by Richard Ebright’s mother in his life. (The Making of a Scientist) |  |
| **10** | **Answer ANY ONE of the following in about 100-120 words.** | **1X6=6** |
| i. | Valli’s visit to the town has been disclosed and mother gives her a scolding. Develop a conversation between Valli and her mother emphasising how important it is to follow the instructions given by the elders. (Madam Rides the Bus) |  |
|  | **OR** |  |
| ii. | After reading the poem ‘The Tale of Custard the Dragon’, the young seagull is impressed by his bravery and simplicity. Imagine you are the seagull and write a letter to the dragon appreciating him and sharing your experiences as well.  You may begin like this:  Dear Mr. Custard,  I hope Belinda, you and your friends are doing well. I must say I was impressed …… |  |
| 11 | **Answer ANY ONE of the following in about 100-120 words.** | **1X6=6** |
| i. | A lawless scientist is a curse to the society.” Discuss with reference to the story ‘Footprints without Feet.” |  |
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| ii. | Compare and contrast the characters of Bholi and Mme. Loisel. How did their circumstances affect them? |  |

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