**SINDHI HIGH SCHOOL**

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

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

**SET-1(ANSWER KEY)**

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

**Date : 15.12.2023**

**Q1. Comprehension passage (10 marks)**

i. (a) Businessmen should always be honest (1)

ii. It permits us to make a lot of profit in various ways. . It allows us to join in great and

exciting enterprises that we could ever undertake if we relied on economic incentives

alone. (1)

iii. Honesty is, in fact, primarily a moral choice. Business people do tell themselves

that, in the long run, they will do well by doing good. But there is little factual or logical

basis for this conviction. (2)

iv. (d) None of these. (1)

v. We can be proud of a system in which people are honest because they want to be, not

because they have to be. Materially, too, trust based on morality provides great advantages.

It allows us to join in great and exciting enterprises that we could ever undertake if we

relied on economic incentives alone. (2)

vi. (b) It is correct for all businesses (1)

vii. (c) Try to convince (1)

viii. (a) The consequences of business (1)

**Q2. Comprehension passage (10 marks)**

i. the gulf is wide and needs to be bridged. (1)

ii. an opinion, a subjective judgement (1)

iii. More than 7.1 crore students were taking private coaching or tuition classes in addition to

their basic education in India because of the ever-widening gap between learning and

understanding. (2)

iv. 1. The gap between learning and understanding is caused by lack of quality teaching

especially in government schools. (2)

2. The problem is more rampant in small towns and villages.

v. (i) Fill the gap caused by lack of quality teaching (1)

vi. (d) Diploma Certificate (1)

vii. A disadvantage is that private coaching is a huge drain on the resources of the families

desperately seeking to give their children a decent education. A benefit is that these centres

are providing quality education in small towns and villages. (1)

viii. (a) The lack of good teachers is most felt at the secondary level. (1)

**SECTION B (GRAMMAR & WRITING)**

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

i. (a) have been, besieged

ii. and was not there to receive the applause that was due to her.

iii. (a) is celebrated, repairing

iv. (d) then than

v. (b) went along

vi. are organising

vii. why he was planting so many saplings

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ix. The mother asked angrily what he meant by those words.

x. (c) might

xi. (b) had been referred to

xii.

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4. WRITING

A. Letter to the Editor (5m)

Format : 1

Content : 2

Language and Expression : 2

B. Letter of Enquiry

Format : 1

Content : 2

Language and Expression : 2

5 A. Analytical Paragraph writing base on an article you read.

(The World Health Organization defines mental health as a “state of well-being

whereby individuals recognize their abilities, are able to cope with the normal

stresses of life, work productively and fruitfully, and make a contribution to their

communities.”)

Title : 1 mark Content : 2 marks Language and expression : 2 marks

B. Analytical paragraph on ChatGpt. (Based on graph)

(Sample Paragraph)

Chat GPT -Records One Million Users

Chat GPT, the conversational AI tool developed by Open AI, has achieved a major

milestone in its short history. As per the recent reports, Chat GPT jumped to a million

users just five days after its founding in November 2022. This is an impressive feat,

especially when compared to other popular online platforms that have taken a greater

time to reach a similar hallmark. Different widespread social media platforms/services

such as Instagram, Spotify, and Dropbox have also achieved the one million user mark,

but it took them a greater time to do so. Instagram achieved this major milestone in just 2.5 months. Similarly, platforms, such as Spotify and Dropbox achieved the one million user spot in 5 and 7 months, respectively. Netflix, after its launch in 1999, took almost three years to reach the hallmark, which Chat GPT just reached within 5 days of its launch. This shows how much faster online services can attain users now, compared to 15 years ago. The increase in internet usage over the years has made it easier for online services to reach more users, and Chat GPT is no exception. In conclusion, the quick success of Chat GPT is a testament to the possibility of AI technology, and we will likely see even more use cases for this tech shortly. This rapid adoption can be attributed to its ability to save time and streamline various tasks.

**SECTION C:LITERATURE TEXTBOOK AND SUPPLEMENTARY READING TEXT (40 marks)**

**6. A EXTRACTS**

i. ‘Pushed their way ‘ means to move ahead by pushing and making people move out of one's

way. (1)

ii. Pranjol was unaware of both the Chinese and Indian legends related to the discovery of tea.

Probably, Pranjol he was amused and tickled at what Rajvir shared about tea. He did not

believe or found it hard to believe the story shared by Rajvir. The legend of Bodhidharma

cutting off his eyelids and tea plans growing from them is quite extra ordinary and may seem

far-fetched to some people. (2)

iii. TRUE (1)

iv. clattered (1)

OR

**B. The Necklace**

i. (a) To go to a party of rich people (1)

ii. Madam Loisel is a beautiful woman born in a poor family of clerks. She is simple but always

unhappy. Her unhappiness is because of her desire to afford the world's riches and be

adorned by the same. She is unhappy with her lifestyle and keeps day dreaming of the finest

days of luxury. (2)

iii. (c) A dialogue is a conversation between two or more people as a feature of a book, play,

or film. (1)

iv. Mme Loisel's husband, Monsieur Loisel, initially suggested that she wear some natural

flowers as jewellery, but she refused to do it. Then, he advised her to request and borrow

some jewels from her rich friend, Mme Forestier. (1)

**7. A FOG (POEM)**

i) enjambment (1)

ii) d) By keeping the lines short, the poet is controlling the pace to make the reader slow

down thereby reflecting the slow rolling in of the fog. (1)

iii) c) 1,3 and 5 (1)

iv) The word "little" used to describe the fog in the poem suggests the subtle and quiet nature

of the fog. The word "little" also evokes a sense of innocence and vulnerability, as if the

fog is a harmless creature moving through the city. This contributes to the overall mood

and tone of the poem, which is calm and peaceful, with a touch of mystery. (2)

**OR**

**7B. THE TALE OF CUSTRARD THE DRAGON**

i) the pirate was gobbled up by Custard. (1)

ii) On seeing the pirate, Belinda’s pets ‘trickle down’ and ‘mouseholed’ themselves proving

their cowardice. This is in contrast to the description given in the beginning when they were

chasing lions and showing off their rage. It makes the situation ironical. The reader easily

deduces it as the poet refrains from commenting on it. (2)

iii. b) A-2, B-1, C-4, D-3 (1)

iv. Rhyme Scheme – aa bb cc (1)

**8. Answer ANY FOUR of the following five questions, in about 40-50 words. (4 x 3 = 12)**

i) Courage by definition means “strength in the face of pain or grief”. Mandela valued courage

a lot and referred is as “setting up your mind and having the willingness to face danger or

any difficulty with spirit”. He regarded courage as a mental and moral strength. For Mandela,

courage does not mean the absence of fear but a victory over fear. According to him, brave

men need not be fearless but should be able to conquer fear.

ii) Normally people are not interested in others; they are far too busy with their own lives and

‘problems. It is very difficult to find a person who is genuinely interested in us and will listen

to us with understanding and feels sympathy for our problems.On the other hand when we

write our feelings and thoughts on paper we can write as long as we want. We can give vent

to our feelings – both sad and happy. Paper does not get bored and does not stop us from

writing. It becomes a patient friend who listens to us with attention and sympathy. Though

Anne had many friends but she did not have a friend in whom she could confide or who was

genuinely interested in her life. Hence Anne turned to her diary to give her feelings

expression.

iii) Yeats is of the view that most people love others just because they attract them physically.

The complexion of the skin and the colour of the hair are more important for us than the

‘real’ worth of a person. We rarely love people ‘for themselves alone’. Even the beautiful

Anne Gregory is not liked or loved for her inner beauty or her rare qualities of head and

heart, but for her beautiful yellow hair. Shallow minded people adore only physical beauty.

We should look for spiritual beauty before falling in love with a lady. Physical beauty is just

skin-deep. It is momentary. Unfortunately, most of the people are attracted by the colour of

the skin and hair. Only God can love a person for himself alone.

iv) When Natalya cames to know that Lomov had come there to propose her she was shocked.

She wails, changes her stance and asks her father to fetch Lomov. She threatens to die if

Lomov is not brought back.

(Natalya was shocked and then she started crying and also she asked her father to bring

Lomov back to her and also blamed her father for quarreling with Lomov.)

v) The poet suggests that if a large and tawny beast in the jungle in the east advances towards

us, then it is an Asian lion. We can identify it when it roars at us while we are dying with

fear. When roaming, we come across a wild beast that is yellow in colour with black stripes,

it is a Bengal tiger.

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

i) The two boys in London were surprised and fascinated because they saw a fresh muddy

footprint of a pair of bare feet. They could not see anyone but only the footprints. They

wondered what a barefooted man was doing on the steps of a house, in the middle of London.

They wondered where the man was.

ii) Dr Herriot gave no medical treatment to Tricki. He realised that the only problem of Tricki

was his greed for food. For two days, he kept an eye on him. He was given a cozy bed in a

warm loose box. He was kept under strict observation for first two days and given a plenty

of water but no food was given to him.

iii) Other than Science, Richard Ebright was interested in collecting rocks, coins and fossils

and was also interested in star-grazing and astronomy. He was also a good debater, canoeist

and expert photographer and all-around outdoors-person. He's also an expert photographer,

particularly of nature and scientific exhibits.

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

i. (Answer in first person)

I was actually surprised today when a man called Mr.Maxwell, got into the plane with an otter. He had put the otter in a cardboard box. He called the otter Mij. The box was lined with metal sheet. Mij didn’t find it comfortable to be there so he tried to escape. Mr.Maxwell wanted to keep it near his seat. It was a strange request, so I obliged and told him to keep it near his knee. Later Mij escaped from the box and created quite a confusion in the flight. I had to tell Mr. Maxwell that I will find the otter and bring him back, but by then Mij had found his way back to Mr.Maxwell. Mr.Maxwell felt I was being very kind and was probably impressed with me.(Should accept personal answers- the whole flight incident should be written)

(4 – content, 2 language and expression)

**OR**

ii. Diary entry format ----- 1 mark (Place

Day, Date (Personal answer to be accepted)

Time

Content :2 marks,

Language and expression – 2 marks (first person)

(Example)

The life of mortals in this world is troubled and brief and combined with pain. For there is

not any means by which those that have been born can avoid dying; after reaching old age

there is death; of such a nature are living beings. After reading the lesson ‘Sermon at

Benares’, I realised that just as ripe fruits are early in danger of falling, so mortals when

born are always in the danger of death. As all other vessels made by the

potter end in being broken so is the life of mortals. What Buddha has said is so true. The

life of mortals according to the Buddha is long, parallel, short and busy. (b) By no means

death can be avoided by those- that have been born ,that have never been born (iii)that

have courage and that have ambition. I really feel said for Kisa Gotami but one must realise

that death is inveitable and young or old, one has to leave this earth one day. We should gain

strength and move on in life. Its easier said than done, but one has to realize that.

1. Answer **ANY ONE** of the following two questions, in about 100-120 words. **1X6=6**

**(Article – personal response)**

Education - A Road to Success

- By XYZ

Education contributes to an individual’s personality development by introducing them to

different perspectives. It helps them develop various skills such as problem-solving,

analyzing, communication, and interpersonal relations. Education shapes a person’s attitude,

behaviour, and approach towards life, leading to an increase in confidence and success. For

instance, Bholi who was so naïve and innocent gradually gained confidence and spoke out

against dowry.

Quality education ensures the socio-emotional development of a child. Social-emotional

skills include self-regulation and self-management. Socio-emotional learning helps build

and maintain relationships, increase confidence and self-esteem.

Every individual must learn skills to work with diversity and collaboration. Socio-emotional

development ensures holistic development. Education is no longer limited to knowing or

learning known things; it’s about exploring, creating, testing, and re-learning. Its purpose

is to empower individuals to navigate through complex and volatile situations.

Bholi, the protagonist of the story, is initially portrayed as an uneducated and timid girl who

is constantly subjected to ridicule and discrimination due to her physical appearance.

However, with the help of her compassionate teacher, Bholi begins to develop a new

perspective towards herself and the world around her.

Success in education is about developing identity, agency, values, curiosity, and mobilizing

cognitive, social, and emotional resources. Education builds the foundation of society and

contributes to the holistic growth of individuals and society at large. It opens up many

opportunities to explore, grow, and enhance living, along with freedom of mind and body.

The future of the nation depends on the quality of education being provided to children.

OR

**(SPEECH --- PERSONAL RESPONSE)**

Good morning to everyone present here! I am \_\_\_\_ and I am here to speak on the topic that

misunderstanding of cultural differences between various races can cause confusion and

conflict.

The play ‘The Book that Saved the Earth’ conveys the message that misunderstanding of

cultural differences between various races can cause confusion and conflict. Confusion of the Martians arose because of their ignorance of the language, culture and tradition of the people on Earth. In this age of globalisation, it is all the more necessary to have healthy cross-cultural communication. These cultural differences across nationality, religion, language, border culture and behaviour can be overcome with the help of effective cultural communication. The diversity of people in cities and countries means an element of cross-cultural communication will always be needed between various ethnic groups. This will help in reducing tension and misunderstanding between these communities and thus, everyone will live in peace and harmony. This type of communication can be established through learning each other’s language, religion and traditions.

Thank you!

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