 **SINDHI HIGH SCHOOL, BANGALORE.**

**PRE-BOARD EXAMINATION III 2023-24**

**ENGLISH- LANGUAGE AND LITERATURE(184)**

**ANSWER KEY**

**SET II**

Class : X

Date: 29.01.2024 Time: 3 Hours

No. of pages:4 Max Marks: 80

**1. Based on your understanding of the passage, answer the questions given below. 10 marks**

i)(b) Achievements in diverse sports at the Asian Games

ii) (b) Enthusiasm**(2m)**

The writer is expressing enthusiasm and excitement about the memorable moments in Asian Games.

iii)Some medals are worth more than others in the context of continental games because: Medals in sports like badmintonlike badminton and table tennis, which have high-level competition in Asia, are more valued and carry more prestige due to the tough competition they face at the continental level.

iv) b) euphoria

v)b)events featuring multiple sports

vi) The writer is saying that for people to be proud of their achievements, both the leaders and the athletes need to do well. This means that success at the highest level requires both good leadership and skilled athletes**.(2m)**

vii) The writer emphasizes the diversification of excellence in various sports because it shows that India is doing well in more sports, not just a few, which means they are taking a more balanced approach to sports excellence.

viii) (a)The adoption of renewable energy sources on a global scale could be seen as a in the fight against climate

change.

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

i) increased industrial activity

crop residue burning

adverse weather conditions that trap pollutants in the atmosphere.

ii) (b) Concerned

iii**)** fact

**iv)** respiratory diseases,s, heart Disease, premature deaths

v) Air pollution is a big problem in India because it makes people sick, and when many people get sick, it can slow down the country's progress in terms of money (poor industrial growth and very low economic growth and the standard of living.

v) Option B

vi) A. Lung Cancer

vii) prohibiting new thermal power plants, closing down old polluting plants, controlling vehicular growth, and introducing electric bus fleets.

**III Attempt ANY TEN of the following questions. (10)**

i.c. will bring

ii. founded upon

iii.Deepa asked Ritu whether/if she had liked the new song of BTS?

iv.Gregory asked Ashish if he had received the help of anyone to complete that project on time.

v.(D)should

vi. Error-place correction-places

vii. error-laugh, correction-laughter

viii.B. have been

ix. The son affirmed and expressed his desire to have biryani from their usual restaurant.

x. D. is

xi. C. could

xii. Error-gives correction -give

IV.LETTER A / B (Format – 1 Content -2 Organisation of ideas -1 Accuracy 1 Format) (5m)

V ANALYTICAL PARAGRAPH WRITING (5m)

Content -2 Organisation of ideas -2 Accuracy 1

**VI)A Read the given extracts and answer the following (5m)**

i.A The beam of light danced away to glory as we drove past the forest.(1m)

ii.D. Hari decided to rob Hari off. Hari told himself that he had not stolen anything from a long time and if he did not do so he will be out of practice to steal and Anil did not even pay him so he needed to steal money for his living.(2m)

iii.A. Hari Singh was convincing himself about the act he was to commit.(1m)

iv. Clear(1m)

VI Bi)The Union Building in Pretoria had been the seat of White supremacy for decades.(1m)

1. a.A democratic government through fair elections (1m)
2. Instead of arresting a black they saluted him. If it was during apartheid era they would have arrested

Mandela. The change in their attitude was because of struggle and sacrifice put in by many heroes of South Africa. (2m)

1. To fight for what is right and for those who can’t fight for themselves (1m)

7) A

i)Tiger’s soft soles (1m)

ii)a) The Tiger

iii) The tiger expresses his rage quietly because there is nothing he can do from behind the bars of his cage. His strength is inside his cage now. (2m)

iv)b)Oxymoron

(a) The tiger could walk only a few steps because he was locked in a very small cage. (1m)

7B) (i) The glass is being broken by the branches of the trees which are stumbling forward to move out of the house as they are rushing towards the forest. (1m)

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ii) The’ whispers refer to the thought processes going on in the poet’s head as well as the sound made by the tress while the glass refers to the barriers being broken. Overall the mood of the poem is serious while it talks about liberation and an atmosphere of change and transition. (2m)

iii) (a) 1-(d), 2-(c), 3-(b), 4-(a) (1m)

iv) Women and their liberation is compared to trees (1m)

8. Answer any four of the following (3x4=12)

i)As the pilot (Narrator) entered the storm, his plane started jumping and twisting. He could not see anything outside the plane as it was black. When he looked at the compass and other instruments they had stopped functioning due to the storm. It was a terrible and fearsome experience for him.

ii) The fire symbolises burning desires, while the ice, on the other hand, describes ice-cold hatred. It describes how we humans will be the end of our own race. It also illustrates how desires, feelings of lust, and passion lead us to do ourselves harm, how hatred and unsympathetic judgement make us cold towards everyone.

iii).A tractor was pulling a trailer-load of tea leaves at the Dhekiabari Tea Estate. Rajvir asked Pranjol.s father if that was the second flush or sprouting period. Rajvir told that the second sprouting period lasts from May to July and yields the best tea. Such detailed information about tea leaves surprised Pranjol.s father. He told Rajvir that he seemed to have done his homework before coming there.

iv). In ‘The Ball Poem’ John Berryman gives a very positive message. Gain and loss, getting and losing are the essentials in the cycle of life. One should learn epistemology or the knowledge and nature of the loss. Our childhood with all its attachments and sweet memories has gone forever never to come back again. We should not weep over the losses that we have suffered. Let us learn to live and moving ahead in life forgetting all inconsolable losses.

#### v).Mr.Keesing was annoyed with Anne because she was very talkative. He punished her by giving her extra homework. He asked her to write essays such as ‘A chatterbox’,’An incorrigible chatterbox’ and the third time it was’Quack, quack, said Mistress Chatterboxand the topics were always related to her talkative nature.

**9.Answer ANY TWO of the following in about 40-50 words each: (3x2=6)**

i)Think-Tank compares the beauty of the Martians with the people on Earth. He calls Martians more handsome race than that of the people on the Earth, whom he calls ‘Earthlings with ugly little heads’.He calls the Earth 'a ridiculous little planet' and 'a primitive ball of mud'.

ii) .Mrs **Pumphrey fed him excessively**, spoiling Tricki's health to such an extent that he had to be hospitalized.Pumphrey spoiled Tricki by overfeeding him. She gave her cream cakes and chocolates regularly. When Dr. Herriott asked her to cut down on Tricki's diet, she did not relent.

## iii)Richard.s mother played a huge role in making him a great scientist. She would take him on trips to encourage learning. He was a single child. After his father died, his mother made him the focus of her life. She would buy him all kinds of microscopes, telescopes and other equipment. After dinner, she gave him problems to solve. This helped Richard to learn a lot. She was his only companion for a long time. It was his mother who got him the book The is of Monarch X. This book opened the world of science for Richard. She also wrote to Dr Urquhart to guide her son. The scientist helped Richard and guided him. Thus, his mother actually shaped him into an extraordinary scientist.

## 10Answer ANY ONE of the following in about 100-120 words.(6m)

## I Personal response- points included:

## Mother: It was naughtly- mishaps could have occurred- not listening to elders could have landed her in trouble- lists out the number of examples given before- punishes Valli by not giving her money anymore

## Valli-tries to argue- pleades with her mother- she had been dreaming about the bus journey- apologises- promises not to do it again

## ii) Young seagull impressed with Custard- admires his courage- wants help- asks Custard to encourage him and motivate him - asks how he could do it inspite of Belinda and his other housemates teasing him constantly – seagull shares his experiences –feels dejected – he feels his parents and siblings are trying their best – wants to push himelf.

## 11)Answer ANY ONE of the following in about 100-120 words.(6M)

## i)A lawless scientist is a curse to society as he can use his genius and scientific expertise to cause harm rather than benefit to the society. A scientist has the power todesroy a nation. Various examples such as COVID and the nuclear explosions , biological warfare are proof to the above statement.Griffin was an amazing scientist but he was also a lawless person. He set the home of his property owner on fire and got away without being seen by just removing his clothes. Consequently, he became a homeless wanderer.He used his invisibility as a cloak to commit crimes. He broke into a shop, he callously attacked the shopkeeper and robber him. He used his wonderful mind to create havoc even in the sleepy villageof Iping where he robber a clergyman, scared his landlady and her husband and used his invisibility to escape. Griffin was an exceptionally talented chemist who discovered a formula to make himself invisible. However, instead of using his newfound power for the greater good, he chose to exploit it for his personal gain and selfish desires.

## 2.Mme Loisel- initially pretty but her vain character got her into trouble-ended up becoming a crude woman who lost her looks- Bholi on the other hand, was neglected had ugly pockmarks and used to stammer as a child but her inner beauty is reflected when she chooses to forgive her parents even though they had neglected her and promises to look after them. Mme Loisel- well loved by her husband but comes across as a selfish person- while Bholi is selfless and determined –and initially accepts the marriage for their sake but does not let her parents give dowry-education gives Bholi a new purpose, shapes her enehnchances her- while Mme. Loisel ends up an embittered woman who loses her happiness for a few moments of joy