

CHINMAYA ENGLISH PRIMARY SCHOOL, HUBBALLI

Class: X

Subject: English Language and Literature (Code No. 184)

Time: 3 hours

MM: 80 Marks

General Instructions:

Read the instructions carefully and strictly follow them:

- (i) This question paper comprises 11 questions. All the questions are compulsory.
- (ii) The question paper contains THREE sections-
Section- A: Reading Skills
Section- B: Grammar and Creative Writing Skills
Section- C: Literature Text Book
- (iii) Attempt questions based on specific instructions for each part.

SECTION – A

READING SKILLS

[20 MARKS]

1. Read the text given below:

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(1) Decluttering is more than just organizing your living space; it is a process that involves simplifying your environment to improve your overall well-being. In today's fast-paced world, many people accumulate more possessions than they actually need, leading to clutter that can cause stress and reduce productivity. The process of decluttering can help create a more serene and functional living space, ultimately contributing to a more balanced and focused lifestyle.

(2) One of the key benefits of decluttering is that it can significantly reduce stress. When your environment is cluttered, it can be overwhelming and distracting, making it harder to concentrate on tasks. By clearing out unnecessary items and organizing your space, you can create a calming atmosphere that promotes mental clarity and relaxation. For example, a tidy desk can improve your ability to focus and enhance your productivity.

(3) Another advantage of decluttering is the potential to discover and appreciate the things that truly matter. Often, people hold onto items because of sentimental value or because they feel obligated to keep them. Through decluttering, individuals can reassess their possessions and let go of items that no longer serve a purpose. This process not only frees up physical space but also allows people to reconnect with the items they genuinely value.

(4) Decluttering can mean reassessing the content you engage with digitally as well. Many people subscribe to numerous platforms, often feeling overwhelmed by the sheer volume of information. By reducing digital media subscriptions and focusing on content that aligns with your interests and values, you can reconnect with the digital experiences that genuinely matter to you. This approach not only minimizes distractions but also enhances your enjoyment and appreciation of the media you consume.

(5) Decluttering also has practical benefits, such as making it easier to find and access the things you use regularly. When your belongings are organized, you spend less time searching for items and can more efficiently manage your daily tasks. For instance, keeping kitchen utensils in designated drawers ensures that you can quickly find what you need while cooking.

(6) While decluttering can be highly beneficial, it is important to approach the process with a plan. Setting aside specific times for decluttering sessions and breaking the task into manageable steps can help make the process less overwhelming. Additionally, adopting a minimalist mindset can assist in making more deliberate choices about what to keep and what to discard.

(7) Overall, decluttering is not just about reducing physical clutter; it is also about creating a more organized and harmonious living environment. By focusing on what truly matters and organizing your space, you can improve both your mental and physical well-being, leading to a more fulfilling and stress-free life.

Answer the following questions, based on the above passage:

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(i) In paragraph 1, what does the phrase 'simplifying your environment to improve your overall well-being' imply about the relationship between material possessions and personal health? **1**

(ii) Complete the following with the correct option from the two given. **1**

Decluttering is often necessary because _____.

a) People frequently acquire possessions that add no real value to their lives.

b) Excessive sentimental attachment to items leads to clutter accumulation.

(iii) Support the writer's assertion that decluttering aids in mental clarity by providing an example from the passage. **2**

(iv) Select the option that best represents the concept of 'reconnecting with the items that genuinely matter' in the context of digital media consumption. **1**

a) A person reducing their digital media subscriptions to focus on content that aligns with their interests and values.

b) A person increasing their digital media consumption to stay updated on all available trends.

(v) Analyze the following statement and determine if it is True or False. **1**

The passage suggests that the process of decluttering is more effective when done spontaneously rather than with careful planning.

(vi) The writer mentions 'adopting a minimalist mindset'. Which of the following practices aligns with this mindset? **1**

A. Accumulating a diverse range of items for potential future use.

B. Retaining only essential items that add value to daily life.

C. Continuously updating possessions to reflect current trends.

D. Maintaining multiple copies of similar items for convenience.

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(vii) Identify two indirect benefits of decluttering that contribute to an improved quality of life as discussed in the passage. 2

(viii) Fill in the blank with the correct option from those given. 1

In the phrase 'a more organized and harmonious living environment,' the word 'harmonious' implies _____.

- A. A balance between physical space and personal possessions.
- B. A consistent and strict organizational system.
- C. A living space that supports emotional well-being and reduces stress.
- D. A variety of decorative styles in home design.

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2. Read the extract given below:

(1) A comprehensive review conducted in various regions of South Asia has unveiled crucial findings about maternal health practices. It was discovered that approximately 70% of pregnant women receive antenatal care through local health centers. Despite the high percentage of antenatal care access, only about 20% of these women have access to specialized prenatal services, such as advanced ultrasound and genetic screening, which are often available only in urban hospitals.

(2) Surprisingly, only a small fraction, around 10%, of maternal health initiatives is supported by international aid organizations. These initiatives focus on improving maternal nutrition, providing necessary medical supplies, and educating women about safe childbirth practices. Unfortunately, the funding for these initiatives remains inadequate, hindering their overall effectiveness. Having sufficient nutritional support is essential for maintaining maternal health and promoting fetal development during pregnancy. Women who receive appropriate vitamins and minerals tend to experience fewer complications and have healthier babies. The efforts of these organizations are crucial in regions where local resources are limited.

(3) Among the antenatal care services, nearly 60% are centered on basic health check-ups, such as monitoring blood pressure and weight. Approximately 25% of the services provide educational support regarding childbirth and postnatal care, while the remaining 15% focus on psychological counseling and mental health support, which is often overlooked in traditional maternal health care. Mental health support can significantly improve a woman's emotional well-being during the transition to motherhood. When mothers feel supported and understood, they are more likely to engage positively with their babies, leading to healthier parent-child relationships and better outcomes for both.

(4) Further analysis reveals that 50% of the antenatal care services are offered through mobile clinics that travel to remote areas. Around 30% are provided in community health centers, and the remaining 20% are available in private clinics, which are often expensive and less accessible for low-income families.

(5) To fully understand the state of maternal health, it is essential to compare various factors such as access to care, quality of services, community involvement, and the impact of international aid. These comparisons not only provide a clearer picture of maternal health challenges but also highlight areas for improvement and potential strategies for enhancing care in underserved regions.

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Based on your understanding of the extract, answer the questions given below:

- (i) What does the use of the phrase 'crucial findings' by the writer, in paragraph 1, tell us about their feelings? 1
A. The writer is suggesting a sense of urgency and critical importance regarding the findings.
B. The writer is indicating a passive interest in the findings without significant engagement.
C. The writer is showing a sense of skepticism about the significance of the findings.
D. The writer is expressing indifference to the importance of the findings.
- (ii) Select the option that is true for the assertion and reason given below.
Assertion: A significant percentage of pregnant women in South Asia receive antenatal care through local health centers.
Reason: Despite the high access to antenatal care, only a small fraction of maternal health initiatives are supported by international aid organizations. 1
A. Both the assertion and reason are true, and the reason correctly explains the assertion.
B. Both the assertion and reason are true, but the reason does not explain the assertion.
C. The assertion is true, but the reason is incorrect.
D. The assertion is incorrect, but the reason is correct.
- (iii) Identify the term from the passage that implies a less-than-anticipated level of support or investment in maternal health initiatives. 1
- (iv) How can mobile clinics be said to improve the condition of antenatal care in remote areas of South Asia? 1
- (v) Read the given prompt and select the correct option in the brackets to fill in the blank:
In a rural health clinic, a program focusing on prenatal nutrition education is implemented. 1

The percentage of maternal health services that this program would be classified under is (15% / 25% / 35%).

- (vi) What does the dominant focus on antenatal care among maternal health services reveal about the healthcare priorities in rural areas? 1
- (vii) Complete the sentence suitably:
Access to prenatal vitamins is crucial for _____ during pregnancy. 1
- (viii) Complete the following with a suitable reason:
The most likely reason the writer emphasizes the role of psychological counseling in maternal health care is because it _____. 1
- (ix) In the context of the last paragraph, describe how examining access to care and quality of services can impact maternal health improvements. 2

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SECTION – B WRITING SKILLS AND GRAMMAR - [20 MARKS]

GRAMMAR

3. Complete ANY TEN of the following twelve tasks, as directed:

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

Subject: Request for approval

Dear Mr. Green,

I am sending this request for your approval of our marketing proposal for our next project. The team and I (create) a detailed plan that I've attached in this email.

(ii) Read the given sentence from a government regulation. Identify the error and supply the correction.

No person can smoke in any public place except in a hotel where provision for a smoking area has been made.

Use the given format for your response:

Error	Correction

(iii) Chetan asked Sneha about her work from home. Report Chetan's question.

Do you work from home?

(iv) Fill in the blank by choosing the correct option.

I want to buy a soft drink. Can you lend me (The/any/a) Euro?

(v) Select the option that identifies the error and supplies the correction for the following line. According to tradition, Gautama Buddha sat in meditation in the Bothe tree at Bodh Gaya.

Option	Error	Correction
(a)	Sat	Sit
(b)	Tradition	Traditions
(c)	In	Under
(d)	at	In

(vi) Identify the error in an online advertisement.

Silver Gym
New Delhi
Make your body stronger. Become the member today!

Use the given format for your response.

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Error	Correction

(vii) Complete the line from a song, by filling the blank with the correct option.

"Like the horn you played in Catholic school,

The city open its mouth and cry out. Don't worry 'bout nothing.

- A. Can
- B. Would
- C. Will
- D. Must

(viii) Fill in the blank by choosing the correct option to complete an online update.

The climate control comment by an activist on social media yesterday.

- A. blow up
- B. blew up
- C. is blown
- D. will be blown

(ix) Select the correct option to complete the narration of the dialogue between Latha and her father.

Father: Why ask so many questions, Latha?

Latha: I believe that if you don't know the answer, keep asking till you do!

Father asked Latha the reason for the many questions she was asking. Latha exclaimed good-humouredly that in event of not knowing the answer one should.....

- A. keep asking till one does.
- B. kept asking till one does.
- C. keeps asking till one do.
- D. kept on to ask till one do.

(x) Fill in the blank by choosing the correct option, to complete the slogan by the Ministry for Child Welfare.

..... WE AFFORD TO NEGLECT CHILDREN? THINK TWICE!!

- A. WILL
- B. MAY
- C. NEED
- D. CAN

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(xi) Complete the line from a self-awareness song, by filling in the blank with the correct option:

The autumn breeze cradles your thoughts,
The falling leaves your melancholy,
The Sunset paints your mood,
As the evening ushers in the night.

- A. share
- B. shares
- C. shared
- D. shall share

(xii) Read the dialogue between Shabnam and her mentor, Sara, regarding her summer internship programme.

Sara: Why did you choose to participate in this internship programme?

Shabnam: Ah! I am convinced this programme has the potential to enhance my abilities.

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

Sara asked Shabnam _____ in that internship programme.
Shabnam sighed and exclaimed that she was convinced that programme had the potential to enhance her abilities.

- A. why to choose to participate
- B. to choose participation
- C. why she had chosen to participate
- D. with her choice in participating

WRITING

[10 Marks]

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

4. Attempt ANY ONE from A and B given below:

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- A. As the head of the music department, write a letter in about 120 words to Delhi Music House placing an order for some musical instruments like Tabla, Harmonium, Guitar, and Flute. You are Ankita/Ajay of HPS School, Aliganj Hyderabad. Format the order with the name of the instrument, the number of items required, and the preferred brand in a table form.

OR

- B. You are Anjali/Ajay of House No. 101, Sector 22 Chandigarh. You are greatly disturbed by the increase in traffic, pollution and uncleanliness in your "City Beautiful". Write a letter to the Editor of The Tribune, Chandigarh, in about 120 words throwing light on these aspects, so as to make the citizens aware of these growing drawbacks in their city and seeking their cooperation.

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5. Attempt ANY ONE from A and B given below:

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A. Read the product details on a label for a reusable water bottle:

STAINLESS STEEL REUSABLE WATER BOTTLE

1. Made from high-quality, BPA-free stainless steel
2. Double-walled insulation to keep drinks cold for 24 hours and hot for 12 hours
3. Leak-proof and sweat-free design
4. Wide mouth for easy filling and cleaning
5. Comes with a detachable strainer for infusing fruits or tea
6. Available in various sizes and colors

Now, analyze why this reusable water bottle would be a beneficial purchase. Write an analytical paragraph in 120 words, considering factors such as its material safety, insulation properties, functionality, convenience, and design options.

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OR

B. Read the given details of a community library proposed for your neighborhood:

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- Reading Nooks: Cozy seating areas inspired by various global cultures.
 - Book Collection: Diverse books in multiple languages.
 - Children's Section: Age-appropriate books and a storytelling corner.
 - Tech Corner: Computers and tablets for digital reading.
 - Study Rooms: Soundproof rooms for individual or group study.
 - Community Events: Space for book readings and workshops.

Analyze the details and write an analytical paragraph in about 120 words about the suitability of this community library.

Focus on factors such as accessibility, educational value, cultural inclusivity, suitability for different age groups, and community engagement.

SECTION - C

LITERATURE TEXTBOOK

40 MARKS

6. Read the following extracts and answer the questions for ANY ONE of the given two: 5

(A) LOMOV: It's cold... I'm trembling all over, just as if I'd got an examination before me. The great thing is, I must have my mind made up. If I give myself time to think, to hesitate, to talk a lot, to look for an ideal, or for real love, then I'll never get married. Brr...It's cold! Natalya Stepanovna is an excellent housekeeper, not bad-looking, well-educated. What more do I want? But I'm getting a noise in my ears from excitement. (Drinks) And it's impossible for me not to marry. In the first place, I'm already 35—a critical age, so to speak. In the second place, I ought to lead a quiet and regular life. I suffer from palpitations, I'm excitable and always getting

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And stares with his brilliant eyes
At the brilliant stars

(i) What is the caged tiger NOT likely to say to the visitors? [join me /set me free]. Select one from the given options. 1

(ii) How does the author use imagery in the extract to convey the emotions of the tiger and enhance the mood of the scene? 2

(iii) Fill in the blank with ONE word: 1

The fact that the tiger is 'stalking the length of his cage' tells us that he is feeling

(iv) The tiger's 'brilliant eyes' reveal that he..... 1

- A. hopes to be free and 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

(B) "I heard an old religious man
But yester night declare
That he had found a text to prove
That only God, my dear,
Could love you for yourself alone
And not your yellow hair."

(i) How does the poet's allusion to divine love in the old man's claim contrast with the human aspects of love in the extract? 2

(ii) What kind of atmosphere is created through these lines? 1

- 1. Devotion
- 2. Skepticism
- 3. Introspection
- 4. Admiration
- 5. Dismissal

Options:

- A. 1 and 3
- B. Only 2
- C. 2 and 4
- D. 3 and 5

(iii) What does the speaker imply by quoting the "old religious man"? 1

(iv) Complete the sentence appropriately: The given extract strongly defines the idea of 1

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awfully upset; at this very moment my lips are trembling, and there's a twitch in my right eyebrow.

- i] What do the above given lines tell about Lomov's character? 1
- ii] Why is it fair to say that Lomov's tone, when he says "What more do I want?" is uncertain and questioning? [Answer in about 40 words.] 2
- iii] Read the following descriptions (A)-(C) and identify which one correctly corresponds to the extract. 1
- A. A debate is a formal discussion on a particular topic, usually with two or more people presenting different viewpoints and arguments.
- B. A soliloquy is a speech given by a character alone on stage, which reveals their innermost thoughts and feelings to the audience.
- C. An aside is a brief comment or remark made by a character directly to the audience, which is not intended to be heard by other characters on stage.
- iv] Fill in the blank with the correct word from the bracket. 1
- The use of the word 'twitch' adds to a sense of (anxiety / composure) in the extract.

OR

(B) Two days later, Mijbil escaped from my bedroom as I entered it, and I turned to see his tail disappearing round the bend of the corridor that led to the bathroom. By the time I got there he was up on the end of the bathtub and fumbling at the chromium taps with his paws. I watched, amazed; in less than a minute he had turned the tap far enough to produce a trickle of water and after a moment or two achieved the full flow.

- (i) What was the first thing the narrator noticed about Mijbil's behaviour after entering the room? 1
- A. Mijbil was hiding under the bed.
- B. Mijbil had escaped and was headed towards the bathroom.
- C. Mijbil was sitting by the window.
- D. Mijbil was already in the bathtub, playing with water.
- (ii) How does Mijbil's interaction with the water tap highlight his intelligence and add depth to the narrative? 2
- (iii) Why does the narrator mention the specific detail of Mijbil "achieving the full flow" of water? 1
- (iv) Fill in the blank appropriately: 1
- Mijbil went to the bathroom because he loved to play [with water/ in bathroom]

7. Read the following extracts and answer the questions for ANY ONE of the given two: 5

(A) 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,

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8. Answer ANY FOUR of the following five questions in 40-50 words each:

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- (i) Why did Anne find a friend in her diary? Justify your answer. [From the Diary of Anne Frank]
- (ii) What does the postmaster's reaction to Lencho's letter reveal about his character? [A Letter to God]
- (iii) How does Valli's curiosity and independence shape her character, and what important life lessons does she learn during her journey? [Madam Rides the Bus]
- (iv) How does the use of personification in the poem 'Fog' contribute to the overall mood and imagery of the poem?
- (v) How has the poet observed 'nature' in the poem 'Dust of Snow'?

9. Answer ANY TWO of the following three questions in 40-50 words each:

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- (i) How can you say that it was hard for Mrs. Pumphrey to part with her doting pet? [A Triumph of Surgery]
- (ii) How does Ausable manage to make Max Believe that there is a balcony attached to his room? [The Midnight Visitor]
- (iii) "And in her smiling eyes was the light of a deep satisfaction that an artist feels when contemplating the completion of her masterpiece." (Bholi) The line talks about an artist and the masterpiece. Elaborate.

10. Answer ANY ONE of the following two questions in 100-120 words each:

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- (i) Both poems "The Tale of Custard the Dragon" and "Trees" incorporate elements of fantasy to convey their messages. How does the use of imaginative scenarios in "The Tale of Custard the Dragon" and the depiction of natural beauty in "Trees" reflect their respective themes?
- (ii) Both "The Sermon at Benares" and "His First Flight" explore the concept of overcoming obstacles and achieving self-realization. Examine the similarities in how these texts depict the process of overcoming internal and external challenges to attain a higher state of understanding or accomplishment.

11. Answer ANY ONE of the following two questions in 100-120 words each:

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- (i) Evaluate how Mme Loisel's character is developed through her pursuit of material wealth, the resulting hardships, and her interactions with society in "The Necklace."
- (ii) How does Horace Danby's character in "A Question of Trust" reveal the nuanced interplay between criminal intent and personal morality, and what does this suggest about the nature of trust?

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