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D.A.V. INSTITUTIONS, CHHATTISGARH**Sample Paper - II****Class X Exam 2023-24****English-Language and Literature (184)****Time Allowed : 3 Hours****Maximum Marks: 80****General 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 question based on specific instructions for each part.

SECTION A- READING SKILLS (20 Marks)**I. Read the passage given below. 10**

The colour of animals is by no means a matter of chance; it depends on many considerations, but in the majority of cases tends to protect the animal from danger by rendering it less conspicuous. Perhaps it may be said that if colouring is mainly protective, there ought to be but few brightly coloured animals. There are, however, not a few cases in which vivid colours are themselves protective. The kingfisher itself, though so brightly coloured, is by no means easy to see. The blue harmonises with the water, and the bird as it darts along the stream looks almost like a flash of sunlight.

2. Desert animals are generally the colour of the desert. Thus, for instance, the lion, the antelope, and the wild donkey are all sand-coloured. "Indeed," says Canon Tristram, "in the desert, where neither trees, brushwood, nor even undulation of the surface afford the slightest protection to its foes, a modification of colour assimilated to that of the surrounding country is absolutely necessary. Hence, without exception, the upper plumage of every bird, and also the fur of all the smaller mammals and the skin of all the snakes and lizards, is of one uniform sand colour."
3. The next point is the colour of the mature caterpillars, some of which are brown. This probably makes the caterpillar even more conspicuous among the green leaves than would otherwise be the case. Let us see, then, whether the habits of the insect will throw any light upon the riddle. What would you do if you were a big caterpillar? Why, like most other defenceless creatures, you would feed by night, and lie concealed by day. So do these caterpillars. When the morning light comes, they creep down the stem of the food plant, and lie concealed among the thick herbage and dry sticks and leaves, near the

ground, and it is obvious that under such circumstances, the brown colour really becomes a protection. It might indeed be argued that the caterpillars, having become brown, concealed themselves on the ground, and that we were reversing the state of things. But this is not so, because, while we may say as a general rule that large caterpillars feed by night and lie concealed by day, it is by no means always the case that they are brown; some of them still retaining the green colour. We may then conclude that the habit of concealing themselves by day came first, and that the brown colour is a later adaptation.

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

- i.** What does the author wish to say through this statement- ‘The colour of animals is by no means a matter of chance?’ 1
- (a) It is a matter of chance. (b) It is predetermined.
 (c) It is an evolutionary advantage. (d) It is contradictory.

- ii.** What is the connection between the eternal mystery ‘who came first-the hen or the egg’ and the caterpillar’s habit of concealing itself by day or the evolution of brown colour? (Para 3) 2

- iii.** Select the option that displays what the writer projects, with reference to the following :
 ‘The blue harmonises with the water, and the bird as it darts along the stream looks almost like a flash of sunlight.’ 1
- (a) providing evidence (b) contradicting
 (c) hypothesising (d) juxtaposing

- iv.** Complete the following with a phrase from paragraph 2. 1

Opinion	Reason
_____	blend in with the environment

- v.** In the given statement, what is the comparison between plumage and fur? State 1 point of similarity between the two. 1
- “The upper plumage of every bird, and also the fur of all the smaller mammals and the skin of all the snakes and lizards, is of one uniform sand colour:”

- vi.** Mention two habits of defenceless creatures to protect them from their predators. 2
1. _____
 2. _____

- vii.** The writer says, “It might indeed be argued that the caterpillars, having become brown, concealed themselves on the ground and that we were reversing the state of things.” (Para 3) 1
- Select the underlying principle in natural evolution the scientist, Canon Tristram is referring to _____.
 (a) regression (b) progression (c) experience (d) contradiction

- viii.** Evaluate the INAPPROPRIATE reason for the question- ‘What would you do if you were a big caterpillar?’ 1
- (a) You might still retain the green colour. (b) You would be generally sand-coloured.
 (c) You might still retain the brown colour. (d) You would conceal by day and feed at night.

II. Read the passage given below.

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1. It's a proven fact that the content posted online has gotten less receptive from the audience as compared to, say, over 10 years ago. The viewers are merely interested in 20 percent of what you post and that too for a mere 8 sec.; this decreased from 12 seconds in the year 2000. This could have been due to various reasons, like availability of more content, or perhaps people don't really care that much now. Digital marketers are faced with the problem of producing new and innovative ideas to get the viewers hooked to the page in all this chaos of tons of content being posted for similar topics on a daily basis.
2. DigiLife has produced an interesting infographic regarding this issue and it illustrates the pattern along which people watch the content online. According to Time Magazine, as much as 55 percent of American visitors only give a brief skim of 15 seconds on average to a page that they opt for. Hence, you get an extremely limited time frame to impress the viewer before they close the tab. 69% of these spend their time viewing the left half of the page and 30% viewing the right.
3. Videos are another matter altogether. In fact, the majority of videos published on YouTube aren't even in English. The same survey also found that even though there were significantly fewer videos in English, English-language videos tend to receive around four times more views than videos in other languages. You Tube content in the US outperforms even the country's biggest news sites as the most popular channels. YouTube's billions of active users watch about a billion hours of videos every single day. It's the most visited website worldwide. India, America and Indonesia are the biggest fans of this website.
4. What's interesting is that TikTok is now the heartthrob of the teens, and the young crowd and a clear favourite over even YouTube. The excitement on social media, it seems never ends!

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

- i. Select the appropriate option to fill in the blanks. 1

From paragraph 1, we can infer that the _____ and _____ have perhaps led to the viewers becoming less receptive.

1. availability of more content
 2. failure of digital marketers
 3. only 20% posts are interesting
 4. chaos on websites
 5. fatigue in viewers
- (a) 2 and 3 (b) 1 and 4
(c) 1 and 5 (d) 3 and 5

- ii. Infer one reason for the following, based on information in paragraph 1. 1

The rate of viewer interest when it comes to reading online content is steadily going down.

iii. Select the correct option to complete the following sentence : 2

Content creators get a very small window to catch the attention of a viewer who _____ on their page or channel intentionally or _____ upon it.

- (a) come, get (b) lands, stumbles
(c) reaches, trips (d) arrives, falls

iv. Select the chart that appropriately represents the trend of viewer receptiveness on online content pages or channels. Paragraph 2. 1



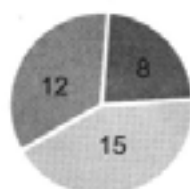
(a) ■ 2000 ■ 2020 ■ 2021



(b) ■ 2000 ■ 2020 ■ 2021



(c) ■ 2000 ■ 2020 ■ 2021



(d) ■ 2000 ■ 2020 ■ 2021

v. Fill in the blank by selecting the correct option for the conclusion drawn based on the given statement.

English-language videos tend to receive around four times more views than videos in other languages.

(Para 3) 1

It is a testament to their _____.

- (a) popularity (b) creativity
(c) admiration (d) status

vi. Substitute the word 'beat' with ONE WORD similar in meaning, in the following sentence from para 3. Some of the smaller movies have beaten those with megastars and emerged the popular choice of the masses. 1

vii. List any two examples of the popularity of video content in the English language on YouTube as referred to in Para 3. 2

1. _____

2. _____

viii. Select the option that titles paragraphs 1-3 appropriately, with reference to information in the text. 1

- (a) 1. Viewer reception
2. American viewers' online behaviour

- 3. videos in English
- (b) 1. DigiLife survey
 - 2. Viewer reception
 - 3. You Tube videos
- (c) 1. Viewer reception
 - 2. DigiLife survey
 - 3. popularity of You Tube
- (d) 1. Viewer reception
 - 2. popularity of You Tube
 - 3. DigiLife infographic

SECTION B- WRITING SKILLS & GRAMMAR (20 Marks)

GRAMMAR

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

- i.** Fill in the blank by choosing the correct option to complete the sentence. 1

A bank various kinds of loans to its account holders so that they _____ set up a business, buy property or a vehicle.

- (a) will offer, will
- (b) offers, can
- (c) should offer, must
- (d) will be offering, should

- ii.** Read the conversation between a judge and a lawyer. Complete the sentence by reporting the dialogue. 1

“Call the accused,” said the judge.

“My client is hospitalised for hypertension,” his lawyer informed the judge.

As soon as, the judge commanded _____ the accused, his lawyer informed him that his client for hypertension.

- iii.** Select the correct option to fill in the blank for the given line, from a health magazine on mental health. 1

Even highways have lines, which provide safety and if we go over one side, we’ll go into the ditch and if we cross over the line in the middle, we _____ get killed.

- (a) should
- (b) must
- (c) could
- (d) need not

- iv.** Select the option that identifies the error and supplies the correction for the following line, from an article on philosophy. 1

‘These sights of disease, misery and death quite moved him that he at once became a beggar and went out into the world to seek enlightenment concerning the sorrows he had witnessed.’

Option No.	Error	Correction
(a)	of	about

(b)	quite	so
(c)	into	around
(d)	had witnessed	witnessed

v. Complete the given narrative, by filling in the blank with the correct option. 1

But I _____ myself, traveling, doing speaking engagements and so on—I simply got exhausted and I could do it no more.

- (a) was being pushed (b) am pushing
(c) had pushed (d) kept pushing

vi. Fill in the blank by using the correct form of the word in the bracket, for the given portion of a letter sent to the maintenance office of a gated campus. 1

Subject : Flaunting of safety rules

There is no checking of visitors at the main entrance gate of our society. Thus, vendors and messengers _____ (wander) and have free access to the doorsteps of the residents.

vii. Report the dialogue between two friends- Venu and Kanan by completing the sentence. 1

Venu : How will standing in my rice field help you win a Nobel?

Kanan : I've heard that the people who have won Nobel prizes were all out 'standing' in various fields.

Venu asked his friend Kanan how would standing in his rice field get him a Nobel. Kanan replied that _____ that the people who _____ Nobel prizes had been all out 'standing' in various fields.

viii. Identify the error in the given sentence, from an article on environment and supply the correction. 1

This has been resulting in environmental degradation, over spilling of landfills and more dangerously, a thoroughly careless mind-set in us.

Use the given format for your response.

Error	Correction

ix. Read the following lines and report the question asked by a surprised Shelley. 1

'Bunny told Shelley that he was planning to participate in a swimming competition for beginners.'

x. Fill in the blank by choosing the correct option, to complete the sentence on a government campaign. 1

Many people have expressed their views on Swachchh Bharat Abhiyan and how, if implemented sincerely at all levels, it _____ produce a great change in the society.

- (a) can (b) ought
(c) shall (d) needs to

xi. Select the correct option to complete the narration of the dialogue between a doctor and a patient. 1

Doctor : You should take this medicine every day.

Patient : Should I take it before dinner or after dinner?

When the doctor advised the patient to take medicine every day , the patient further asked him before or after dinner.

xii. Identify the error in an online advertisement.

Goyal Foods
Shimla
We know a value of pure fruits and veggies.

Use the given format for your response.

Error	Correction

WRITING

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

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

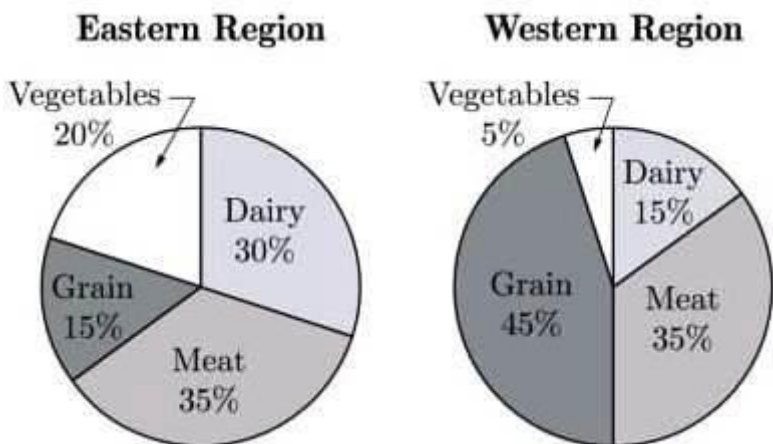
A. You have lost your original certificate of class X. You want to get the duplicate issued but you do not know the procedure. Write a letter to the Chairman, CBSE, Preet Vihar enquiring about the fee to be deposited, mode of payment, time taken by the board to issue duplicate certificate and any other formalities. You are Kavya/Kavish, 76/B, Karma Apartments, Dehradun, Uttarakhand. (100-120 words)

OR

B. You are Pragya/ Prathmik, of 24/7, Mall road, Shimla. Write a letter in 100-120 words to the Editor of The Daily News expressing your views on Swachchh Bharat Abhiyan and how, if implemented sincerely at all levels, it can produce a great change in the society.

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

A. The charts below show agricultural production in two different regions of the country. Write an analytical paragraph in 100-120 words by selecting and reporting the main features, and making comparisons where relevant.



OR

B. The table illustrates the proportion of monthly household income of five European countries spend on food and drink, housing, clothing and entertainment. Using the given data, write an analytical paragraph in about 100-120 words.

**proportion of monthly household income of five European countries spend
on food and drink, housing, clothing and entertainment**

	Food and drink	Housing	Clothing	Entertainment
France	25%	31%	7%	13%
Germany	22%	33%	15%	19%
UK	27%	37%	11%	11%
Turkey	36%	20%	12%	10%
Spain	31%	18%	8%	15%

SECTION C- LITERATURE TEXTBOOK AND SUPPLEMENTARY READING TEXT (40 MARKS)

VI. Read the given extracts and answer the questions for ANY ONE of the two, given. 5

A. Last year we lent you our threshing machine, although on that account we had to put off our own threshing till November you behave to us as if we were gipsies. Giving me my own land indeed! No really, that's not at all neighbourly! In my opinion, it's even impudent if you want to know.

(The Proposal)

- i.** What did the speaker do last year? 1
- (a) lent their threshing machine (b) giving him his own land
- (c) option (a) and (b) only (d) option (a) only
- ii.** What happened after that? 1
- iii.** Supply a word for the underlined, opposite in context from the extract. 1
- Mrs. Mehta occasionally sounds polite.
- iv.** How did Natalya try to prove that they were at least good neighbours? 2

OR

B. His fingerprints, for he had opened the safe without gloves, were all over the room, and no one believed him when he said that the wife of the owner of the house had asked him to open the safe for her. The wife herself, a gray-haired, sharp-tongued woman of sixty, said that the story was nonsense.

Horace is now the assistant librarian in the prison. He often thinks of the charming, clever young lady who was in the same profession as he was, and who tricked him. He gets very angry when anyone talks about 'honour among thieves.

(A Question of Trust)

- i.** Select the option that correctly captures the usage of the word 'charming' from 6th line of the extract. 1
- (a) Scores of charming lakes lie in a row.
- (b) Charming are the ways of deceitful people.
- (c) You can be charming when you want to be
- (d) What a charming girl you are!
- ii.** The narrator uses certain words and phrases in the given extract to Horace's mental state mention any two. 2
1. _____.
2. _____.
- iii.** According to the extract authorities did not believe in him, mention the reason. 1

1. His fingerprints were all over.
2. He was found with the booty with him.
3. The landlady had never asked him to open the safe.
4. His story was not accepted.
5. He was a was picked from the house. Select the correct option

- (a) 1 and 3 (b) 3 and 4
(c) Only 3 (d) 1, 3 and 4

iv. Complete the analogy by selecting the suitable word from the text 1
Socks : feet :: _____ : hands

VII. Read the given extracts and answer the questions for ANY ONE of the two, given. 5

A. “Ink trickled down to the bottom of the household and little mouse Blink Strategically mouseholed. But up jumped Custard, snorting like an engine, Clashed his tail like irons 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. Complete the sentence appropriately. 1

It is clear that figure of speech used in ‘With a latter and a clank and a jangling Squirm’ is Onomatopoeia because

ii. What is the poet’s purpose in using the onomatopoeic words given in the extract? 1

- (a) To emphasise the boldness of Custard
- (b) To introduce the character
- (c) To impress upon the readers
- (d) To make Custard bold enough

iii. The extract mentions ‘irons’ in dungeons. 1

According to this extract, what does ‘irons’ refer to?

iv. ‘He went a the pirate like a robin at a worm. Why has this comparison been used here? Answer in 40 words. 2

OR

B. The trees inside are moving out into the forest,
the forest that was empty all these days
where no bird could sit no insect hide
no sun bury its feet in shadow
the forest that was empty all these nights will be full of trees by morning.

- i. What is the poet's tone in the extract? 1
1. Authoritative
 2. Alarming
 3. reflexive
 4. optimistic
 5. commanding

Select the appropriate option.

- (a) 2 and 3 (b) 3 and 4
(c) 2 and 5 (d) 1 and 5

- ii. What does the poet convey in the given extract? 2
- iii. Complete the analogy about the trait of the animal from the extract. 1

Caterpillar : Cocoon :: _____ : Nest

- iv. Select the sentence in which the word 'Bury' is used in the similar manner as 5th line of the extract. 1
- (a) Let us bury the hatchet.
 - (b) Bury the brave with honour.
 - (c) Little child will bury his feet in sand.
 - (d) Bury the rotten vegetable, they stink

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

- i. Why does the poet use the image of a 'hemlock tree'? (*Dust of Snow*)
- ii. What was the young seagull's experience during his first flight? (*Two Stories about Flying*)
- iii. What were the bakers called? Describe their peculiar dress. (*Glimpses of India*)
- iv. Who is the 'mermaid' in the poem Amanda? What does 'she' wish to do? (*Amanda!*)
- v. Chubukov says to Lomov, "And I've always loved you, my angel, as if you were my own son." Is he sincere in saying so? Give reasons. (*The Proposal*)

IX Answer ANY TWO of the following three questions, in about 40-50 words each. 2x3 = 6

- i. Mrs. Pumphery's affection turned Tricky a bloated sausage. How? (*A Triumph of Surgery*)
- ii. Mention any two points of differences between Earthlings and Martians in the 20th century. (*The Book that Saved the Earth*)
- iii. Bholi's father Ramlal was not in favour of sending girls to school. Why? (*Bholi*)

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

- A. Much of the humour in the poem arises from the way language is used, although the ideas are funny as well. Throw some light in context of the poems 'How to Tell Wild Animals' and 'The Tale of Custard the Dragon'. (How to Tell Wild Animals and The Tale of Custard the Dragon)

OR

B. Valli read the 'The Ball Poem' and engrossed so much that dreamt of John Berryman, found him preaching her how one should be mature since tender age to prevent self from irreparable loss and damage. Write their conversation as took place in her dream. You may begin like this:

Valli : I am glad to read 'The Ball Poem'

John : Then, you might have taken some lesson out of it. (The Ball Poem and Madam Rides the Bus)

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

A. 'How small a thing will ruin or save one!' justify with reference to Matilda's fate. (The Necklace)

OR

B. The story 'The Midnight Visitor' highlights the theme that wisdom is more powerful than other weapons.

Comment with reference to it.

(The Midnight Visitor)

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