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ENGLISH LANGUAGE AND LITERATURE (Code No. 184)
CLASS – X

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 questions based on specific instructions for each part.

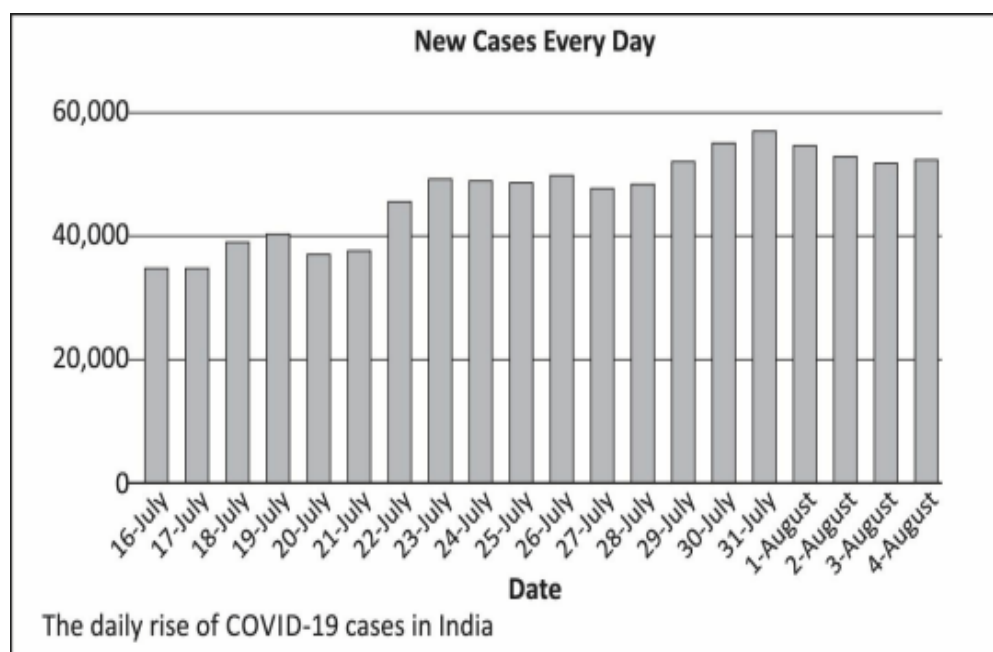
	Section A: READING SKILLS	20 Marks
I	Read the passage given below.	10
1	A group of youths from Peddapuram town in Andhra Pradesh's East Godavari district launched a social media group called 'Mana Peddapuram' (Our Peddapuram), a few years ago. The idea was to discuss Issues affecting the town and act upon them. A few months ago, Naresh Pedireddi, who has been behind the group came up with the concept of 'rice-for-plastic'. The idea behind the exchange was to encourage people to part with their non-biodegradable waste in large numbers.	
2	"The slogan we promoted was 'Avoid Plastic-Avoid Hunger'. We wanted to get rid of plastic and also feed the hungry," says Pedireddi, a Peddapuram-based entrepreneur. The programme was launched on Mahatma Gandhi's 150th birth anniversary on 2 October. Within days, the group was able to collect around 400 kgs of plastic and an equal amount of rice and other materials were distributed during the drive. Now they plan to do it every Sunday.	
3	"The plastic that was collected was deposited at the local municipality office. They promised that it will be recycled," says Pedireddi. For a town of around 70,000 people, the amount of plastic they collected through these drives is just a drop in the ocean. But the group says that they will continue to raise awareness among the residents of the town.	
4	"The most satisfying thing about this drive has been that it has inspired people in other towns of the district to launch such initiatives," says Pedireddi. The Mana Peddapuram, besides raising civic issues like cleanliness, deforestation, and cultural events, has also run campaigns spreading awareness on blood donation and the pledging of organs.	

5	<p>The group claims that funds are not a problem as the people in Peddapuram are generous when it comes to donating money for worthy causes. “We have hundreds of young people in this group and we hope to take up many more issues in the coming months and years,” says Pedireddi. We can only hope for many more such enthusiastic youth organizations that work for nation-building.</p> <p>Adaptation — V KUMARA SWAMY</p>	
	Based on your understanding of the passage, answer the questions given below.	1x10
i	<p>Social media group called ‘Mane Peddapuram’ was launched for.....</p> <p>(a) commercial purposes (b) keeping In contact with friends and relatives (c) creating a platform to discuss social issues (d) gaining popularity</p>	1
ii	<p>The idea behind the concept of ‘rice-for-plastic’ was</p> <p>(a) helping the hungry people (b) collecting plastic to be sold at higher price (c) helping the farmers (d) managing non-biodegradable waste</p>	1
iii	<p>.....rice and other materials were distributed during the drive. (Para 2).</p> <p>Which of the following sentences uses the word ‘drive’ similar in meaning to the one given in the above sentence?</p> <p>(a) Mr. Gupta’s son drives his car very sensibly. (b) Too much cruelty to the workers can drive them to go on a strike. (c) The supermarket is only a five minutes’ drive away. (d) Our school launched a drive to collect funds for the orphan children.</p>	1
iv	<p>Arrange the following events in chronological order:</p> <p>I. the plastic is deposited at the municipality for recycling. II. 400 kg of plastic is collected. III. social media group called ‘Mana Peddapuram’ is launched. IV. equal amount of rice and other material is distributed. V. people from other areas also get inspired.</p> <p>(a) III, II, I, V, IV (b) III, II, IV, I, V (c) IV, II, I, III, V (d) V, II, I, IV, III</p>	1
v	<p>In the slogan ‘Avoid Plastic, Avoid Hunger’, how could the hunger be avoided?</p> <p>(a) by keeping busy in social services (b) by selling the non-biodegradable waste (c) by distribution of rice (d) all the above</p>	1

vi	Answer the following questions in one word or a sentence: 'a drop in the ocean' means.....	1
vii	How much rice was donated during the drive?	1
viii	What is the best suitable title for this passage?	1
ix	Find out the antonym of 'selfish' in above passage? (Paragraph 5)	1
x	Which word in the passage is the synonym of "consciousness"? (Para 4)	1
II	Read the passage given below.	10

1 With novel Coronavirus spreading rapidly all over the country, there are only three states right now, Meghalaya, Sikkim and Andaman and Nicobar Islands, that have less than 1,000 people infected with the disease. Lakshadweep, of course, still hasn't reported even a single case till now, the only region in India entirely free of the epidemic.

2 Otherwise, even the relatively smaller states now have significantly large spread of the disease. Goa, for example, has seen more than 7,000 of its people infected by the virus till now. Tripura has over 5,500 cases, while Manipur has more than 3,000, and Nagaland a little less than 2,500. Puducherry has more than 4,000 cases, while even Daman and Diu have over 1,300 people infected. And in each of these states, the numbers are rising at a fast pace, at a rate higher than the national level. The infections had initially reached these states in the first and second week of May, when the lockdown was relaxed for the first time to enable people stuck in different parts of the country to return to their native places.

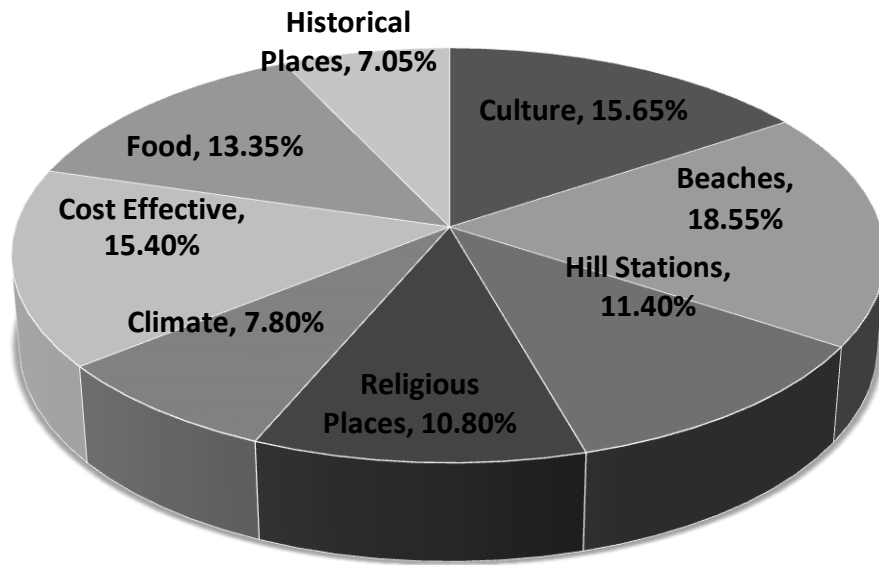


3	After a period of very slow growth, the number of cases has begun to rise rapidly in the last one month. In Goa, for example, the total number of infected people has nearly doubled in the last 15 days. Same has happened in Puducherry, as well. Tuesday was one of those rare occasions when the number of active cases in the country, those who are yet to recover from the disease, went down compared to the previous day. That is because the number of recoveries, combined with the number of deaths, exceeded the new cases that were detected on Tuesday.	
4	With over 52,500 new cases detected in the country, the total number of infections crossed 19 lakhs, out of which 12.82 lakh people have recovered from the disease. The number of dead is now close to 40,000. The number of recoveries on Tuesday was the highest-ever for a single day. More than 51,700 people were declared to have been recovered. Three days earlier, the number of recoveries had crossed 50,000 for the first time, but in the next two days the number had fallen to much lower levels. (286 words)	
i	How are these three states – Meghalaya, Sikkim and Andaman and Nicobar Islands – different from the rest of India? (i) they are the only states to have less than 1,000 people infected with novel coronavirus (ii) they are three of the five states to have less than 1,000 people infected with novel coronavirus (iii) they are the only states to have less than 2,000 people infected with novel coronavirus (iv) none of these	1
ii	_____ is the only region in India which is entirely free of the epidemic. (i) Andaman and Nicobar Islands (ii) Maharashtra (iii) Lakshadweep (iv) Tripura	1
iii	What is common among Goa, Tripura, Manipur, Nagaland, Puducherry and Daman and Diu? (i) the numbers are rising at a fast pace at rates lower than the national level (ii) the numbers are falling at a fast pace at rates equal than the national level (iii) the numbers are rising at a fast pace at rates higher than the national level (iv) none of these	1
iv	Which date in the graph shows the highest jump of detected cases in a day? (i) July 30 (ii) July 31 (iii) August 1 (iv) August 2	1

	Only for visually impaired candidates What were the total number of infected people and the number of people recovered from this disease?	
v	Which state has seen its people infected more than Manipur and less than Tripura by the virus till now? (i) Goa (ii) Daman and Diu (iii) Puducherry (iv) Nagaland	1
vi	Answer the following questions in one word or a sentence Of the 19 lakh infected cases, how many have recovered?	1
vii	More than 51,700 people were declared to have been recovered on _____.	1
viii	When had the number of recoveries crossed 50,000 for the first time?	1
ix	Which word in the passage means the same as “quickly”?	1
x	Which word in the passage is same in meaning to “indigenous”?	1
III	SECTION B – GRAMMAR	20
	Attempt ANY TEN of the following questions.	10
i	Fill in the blank by choosing the correct option to complete an online update. Please ring me up as soon as he _____ A. arriving B. arrived C. arrive D. arrives	1
ii	This dress suits her style. She _____ definitely like it! A. can B. could C. will D. may	1
iii	Keshav said, “Rita is busy right now.” A. Keshav said Rita is busy then. B. Keshav informed that Rita was busy then. C. Keshav said Rita had been busy. D. Keshav informed that Rita is busy.	1
iv	Find the error and correct it: Virat Kohli is a best cricketer (i) Error: is, Correct: are (ii) Error: a, Correct: the (iii) Error: best, Correct: better	1

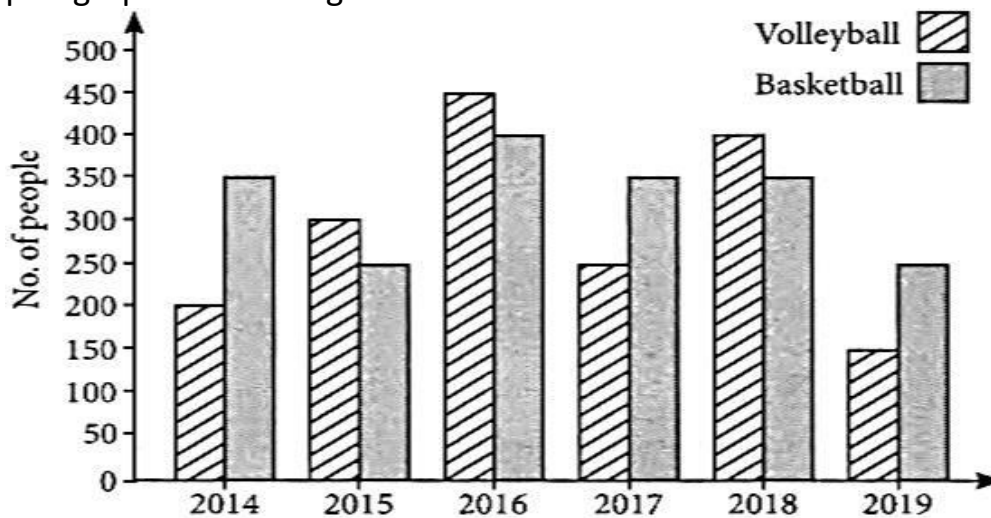
v	<p>Fill in the gap:</p> <p>Jessica _____ born in Australia on 13th November, 2000</p> <p>Were Had Was Is</p>	1
vi	<p>Fill in the blank by using the correct form of the word in the bracket, for the given portion of a letter:</p> <p>Subject: Complaint letter regarding the poor maintenance of the garden and improper waste disposal</p> <p>Sir,</p> <p>I am Shawn Mendez, a resident of Rory Lane. I _____ (write) to bring to your notice the poor maintenance of the garden around our residential area and the improper disposal of waste.</p>	1
vii	<p>Report the dialogue between two friends, by completing the sentence:</p> <p>Mike: "What are you doing here, Liz? I haven't seen you since June." Liz: "I've just come back from my holiday in Ireland."</p> <p>Mike asked Liz what she was doing there and he said that he had not seen her since June. Liz explained that</p>	1
viii	<p>Choose the correct alternative for underline part</p> <p><u>Would</u> you like (to have) some water?</p> <p>(A) Do (B) Shall (C) Can (D) No improvement</p>	1
ix	<p>Select the appropriate option and fill in the blank.</p> <p>When Hemant was at Chirag's flat yesterday, Hemant asked if he _____ uses the phone.</p> <p>(A) can (B) may (C) must (D) could</p>	1
x	<p>Complete the dialogue by choosing the correct option</p> <p>A: _____</p> <p>B: We have eight a day. They are 40 minutes long.</p> <p>A. Are there any foreign students in your school? B. How many days are there in a week? C. How far is your school to your house? D. How many lessons do you have every day?</p>	1
xi	<p>The train _____ before he reached the station.</p> <p>A. has left B. was left</p>	1

	c. had left D. is left	
xii	<p>Complete the following sentence</p> <p>Anu: How many girls are there in your class?</p> <p>Beena: There isn't any girl in my school.</p> <p>Anu: Really? Why?</p> <p>Beena: Because_____</p> <p>A. we don't like girls.</p> <p>B. my school is a single-section school.</p> <p>C. boys are better than girls.</p> <p>D. it is a mixed school.</p>	1
IV	SECTION B - CREATIVE WRITING SKILLS	10
<i>All the names and addresses used in the questions are fictitious. Resemblance, if any, is purely coincidental.</i>		
1.	Attempt ANY ONE from A and B given below.	5
A.	You are Aditya/Milli, a resident of Behala, Kolkata You are very much inspired to watch reality shows on 'dance', at various channels on T.V and wish to join dance classes learn classical dance. Write a letter to Pt. Lokenath Maharaj, Director, Nritya kala Academy Group, Behala, Kolkata, enquiring about the dance classes, timings, fees, duration, condition for admission etc.	
	OR	
B.	You are Navin /Arti of Safdarjung, New Delhi. You are deeply saddened by the attacks on elderly persons who live alone. Write a letter to the editor of 'The New India News' making people aware of the authorities to guarantee that such attacks do not occur.	
2.	Attempt ANY ONE from A and B given below.	
A.	The following Pie chart shows, the factors that attracts the foreign tourists to India. Write an analytical paragraph in not more than 120 words to interpreting the given data. Attempt any one of the following passages.	



OR

- B.** The given double bar graph shows the preferences of children in a school in playing different games over the span of six years. Write an analytical paragraph about the given information.



SECTION C - LITERATURE		40
V	Reference to the Context	10
1	Attempt ANY ONE of two extracts given.	5
1.A	<p>A few moments later we all lifted our eyes in awe as a spectacular array of South African jets, helicopters and troop carriers roared in perfect formation over the Union Buildings. It was not only a display of pinpoint precision and military force but a demonstration of the military's loyalty to democracy, to a new government that had been freely and fairly elected. Only moments before, the highest generals of the South African defence force and police, their chests bedecked with ribbons and medals from days gone by, saluted me and pledged their loyalty. I was not unmindful of the fact that not so many years before they would not have saluted but arrested me. Finally, a chevron of Impala jets left a smoke trail of the black, red, green, blue and gold of the new South African flag. The day was symbolized for me by the playing of our two national anthems, and the vision of whites singing 'Nkosi Sikelel –iAfrika' and blacks singing 'Die Stem', the old anthem of the Republic. Although that day neither group knew the lyrics of the anthem they once despised, they would soon know the words by heart.</p> <p style="text-align: right;">(Nelson Mandela: Long walk to freedom)</p>	
i.	<p>"I was not unmindful of the fact that not so many years". What fact the narrator was talking about?</p> <p>a. the fact was that South Africa was now independent.</p> <p>b. the fact was that the Military officers who were saluting him that day had arrested him some years back.</p> <p>c. that apartheid was demolished in South Africa.</p> <p>d. that the rule of white supremacy had been turned down forever.</p>	1

ii.	Why did they lift their eyes in awe? a. there was an impressive display of South African jets. b. a sudden noise came into the air. c. they were surprised to see the helicopters for the first time. d. a beautiful rainbow had come up.	1
iii.	Why were two national anthems sung at the installation ceremony? a. to symbolize the equality of blacks and whites and the termination of apartheid. b. to impress the world with two national anthems. c. to please the people of all races and colours. d. the new government believed that two anthems would help in double the growth of the country.	1
iv.	Why did they despise the lyrics of the anthems? a. the lyrics contained sensitive words. b. both the groups hated each other due to the policy of apartheid and oppression of blacks. c. they were demanding to keep one anthem for South Africa. d. the lyrics of the anthems were not relevant for them.	1
v.	Select the odd pair from the following – a. Independence: : dependence b. emancipation : : restriction c. Liberty: : opportunity d. Freedom: : captivity	1

OR

1.B	<p>“Ramlal stood rooted to the ground, his head bowed low with the weight of grief and shame. The flames of the sacred fire slowly died down. Everyone was gone. Ramlal turned to Bholi and said, “But what about you, no one will ever marry you now. What shall we do with you?” <i>And Sulekha said in a voice that was calm and steady. “Don’t you worry, Pitaji! In your old age I will serve you and Mother and I will teach in the same school where I learnt so much. Isn’t that right, Ma’am?”</i> <i>The teacher had all along stood in a corner, watching the drama. “Yes, Bholi, of course,” she replied. And in her smiling eyes was the light of a deep satisfaction that an artist feels when contemplating the completion of her masterpiece.”</i> (Bholi)</p>	
i.	i. Ramlal stood rooted to the ground because he a) was moved by what he heard. b) was influenced by Bholi’s words c) was in a state of shock. d) was in an immovable position.	1

ii.	ii. Bholi had refused to get married as a) her father couldn't afford the dowry that was demanded b) the bridegroom had been greedy and was disrespectful c) the bridegroom had insulted her father d) her father was getting her married to a man older to her	1										
iii.	iii. Pick the sentence that brings out the meaning of 'contemplating' as used in the extract. a) Contemplating sharing my belongings with someone is definitely tough. b) She took some time to respond as she was contemplating what to say. c) I was contemplating my reflection in the mirror and was speechless. d) She was contemplating though the pages of the document that was with her.	1										
iv.	Why did the teacher stand in one corner watching the drama? a) She was elated to see what was happening. b) She wanted to see what Bholi would be doing. c) She didn't want to interfere in a family matter. d) She had faith in Bholi standing up for herself.	1										
v.	Pick the option that includes the correct matches of Column A with Column B. <table><tr><th>Column A</th><th>Column B</th></tr><tr><td>I. Bholi</td><td>i) independent and confident</td></tr><tr><td>II. Ramlal</td><td>ii) burden less and free</td></tr><tr><td>III. Teacher</td><td>iii) sense of contentment and accomplishment</td></tr><tr><td></td><td>iv) embarrassed and anxious</td></tr></table> a) I-ii; II-iv; III-iii b) I-i; II-iv; III-iii c) I-iii; II-ii; III-i d) I-iii; II-iii; III-iv	Column A	Column B	I. Bholi	i) independent and confident	II. Ramlal	ii) burden less and free	III. Teacher	iii) sense of contentment and accomplishment		iv) embarrassed and anxious	1
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2	Attempt ANY ONE of two extracts given.	5										
2. A	<i>Belinda tickled him, she tickled him unmerciful, Ink, Blink and Mustard, they rudely called him Percival, They all sat laughing in the little red wagon At the realio, trulio, cowardly dragon. (Tale of custard the dragon)</i>											

i.	(i) Who did Belinda tickle? a.) ink b) blink c) custard d) pirate	1
ii.	(ii) What did other pets call dragon? a) Percival b) merciful c) cowardly d) Wagon	1
iii.	State whether the following statement is TRUE or FALSE: The extract describes custard as a symbol of bravery.	1
iv.	Select the appropriate option to complete the sentence, according to the extract. The poem is in the form of a _____ A. verse B. ballad C. Sonnet D. Ode	1
v.	How can we say there is an Allusion in the above extract (i) In the poem, the characters make fun of Custard by calling him 'Percival'. (ii) the word 'little' has been repeated multiple times (iii) here is repetition of the sentence - And a realio, trulio. (iv) None of the above	1
OR		
2.B	<i>I am an orphan, roaming the street. I pattern soft dust with my hushed, bare feet. The silence is golden, the freedom is sweet.</i> <i>(Amanda)</i>	
i.	i) The tone of the given lines is a) analytical. b) despairing. c) peaceful. d) nervous.	1
ii.	Read the statements A and B given below, and choose the option that correctly evaluates these statements. Statement A – The figure 'I' imagines a less than realistic view of being an orphan. Statement B – The figure 'I' does not like the speaker. a) A is true, B is false, according to the extract b) A is true, B cannot be clearly inferred from the extract.	1

	c) A cannot be clearly inferred from the extract, B is false. d) A is true and can be inferred from the poem, B is true too.	
iii.	The golden silence is contrasted with the_____. a) chaos of the street. b) constant instructions received. c) sweetness of freedom. d) hushed, bare feet.	1
iv.	The rhyme scheme 'aaa' in the above extract is followed in all other stanzas of the poem that are written in parenthesis, i.e. (). Why? Read the reasons given below, and choose the option that lists the most accurate reasoning: (i) It shows the simplicity of the child's thoughts. (ii) It reflects the harmony and rhythm of the child's inner world. (iii) It mirrors a child's expression. (iv) It highlights the poet's aesthetic sensibility. a) (i) and (iv) b) (i) and (ii) c) (ii) and (iii) d) (iii) and (iv)	1
v	Select the sentence in which the word 'set' is used in the similar manner as line 2 of the extract. a. I want to <u>set</u> him up and get my work done this time. b. Do you have another <u>set</u> of the books that I can read? c. The dessert needs to <u>set</u> for two hours before being served. d. The <u>set</u> for the school play looked quite grand.	1
VI	Answer ANY FOUR of the following in about 40-50 words each.	4*3=12
i.	Why didn't Valli want to go to the stall and have a drink? What does this tell you about her? (<i>Madam Rides a Bus</i>)	3
ii.	<i>Those who deny freedom to others, do not deserve it for themselves.</i> <i>Comment.</i> (<i>A Tiger in the Zoo</i>)	3
iii.	How do you usually understand the Idea of 'Selfishness? Do you agree with Kisa Gotami that she was being 'Selfish in Her Grief'? (2 reasons) (Sermons at Benares)	3
iv.	What made the woman in the Control Centre look at the narrator strangely? (First Flight _ The Black Aeroplane)	3
v.	What does the young man mean by "great honey-colored /Ramparts at your ear?" Why does he say that young men are "thrown into despair" by them? (For Anne Gregory)	3
VII	Answer ANY TWO of the following in about 40-50 words each.	2*3=6
i.	Horace Danby was a meticulous planner but still he faltered. Where did he	3

	go wrong and why?	
ii.	Why did Mrs Pumphrey, the mistress of Tricki, make a frantic call to the noted veterinary surgeon, Dr James Herriot? How did Dr James Herriot succeed in curing Tricki? (<i>A Triumph of Surgery</i>)	3
iii.	<i>How can one become a scientist, an economist, a historian...? Does it simply involve reading many books on the subject? Does it involve observing, thinking and doing experiments? Elaborate</i> (<i>The Making of a Scientist</i>).	3
VIII	Answer ANY ONE of the following in about 100-120 words.	1*6=6
i.	What things does Mij do which tell you that he is an intelligent, friendly and fun-loving animal who needs love? (<i>Mijbil -the Otter</i>)	6
OR		
ii.	Arguments and disputes seldom solve a problem'. 'Describe the dispute between Natalya and Lomov over the dogs and their superiority. (<i>The Proposal</i>)	6
IX	Answer ANY ONE of the following in about 100-120 words.	1*6=6
i.	Mrs. Pumphrey was extremely fond of her dog. Elucidate with examples from the text? (<i>A Triumph of Surgery</i>)	6
OR		
ii.	How does Ausable manage to make Max believe that there is a balcony attached to his room? Look back at his detailed description of it. What makes it a convincing story? (<i>The Midnight Visitor</i>)	6