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SAMPLE PAPER CLASS-X
ENGLISH LANGUAGE AND LITERATURE (184)

MM: 80

TIME ALLOTTED: 3 HRS

This question paper is divided into three sections-

Section A : Reading	20 marks
Section B : Writing & Grammar	30 marks
Section C : Literature	30 marks

- I. All the questions are compulsory.
II. You may attempt any section at a time.
III. All questions of that particular section must be attempted in the correct order.

SECTION 'A' : READING (20 MARKS)

1. Read the following passage and answer the questions that follow : (1 X 8 = 8m)

Heavy rain in Madhya Pradesh, Rajasthan and Uttarakhand since Friday claimed 27 lives, even as rivers continued to be in spate in Bihar. Fifteen deaths were reported in Madhya Pradesh since Friday evening as the Met department predicted more showers and sounded heavy downpour alert for some districts on Sunday. Three Indian Air Force aircraft dropped food packets and medicines and flooded areas of Rewa district, Collector Rahul Jain said. Seven people, including a woman and four minors, were killed and three others were injured when a house collapsed in Rahatgarh area of Sagar district on Saturday.

Two people, including an old woman, were also killed and seven others were injured when a newly constructed building collapsed due to incessant rains at Maihar in Satna district. A jeep carrying two persons was swept away in the swollen Betwariver as it attempted to cross a bridge in Raisen district. Three bodies were recovered from a nullah on Saturday in Chhattarpur district. The victims were travelling in a car that was washed away off a bridge on the flooded nullah on Friday.

In Rajasthan, five people were killed when their house collapsed in Phool Baroda village in Baran district due to incessant rains since Saturday morning that created a flood like situation in several parts of the state. Several people are feared stranded in Chabra, Chipabarode, Kawai, Harnavadashahaji areas as the Parvan, Parwati, Ujjad and other rivers are overflowing after the rains.

Seven members of a family were killed when their hose was razed to the ground by huge boulders that rolled down the hill following a cloudburst in Pauri district of Uttrakhand on Saturday.

The Army was called in to the flood affected areas of Saran district as senior officials also rushed to the spot. At least 24 people were airlifted in Baran district and nearby areas. Several villages remained inundated after water entered buildings, houses and a private power plant in Baran.

- (a) How many lives have been lost in heavy rain?
(b) What happened in Satna district?
(c) Who was the collector of Rewa district?
(d) Why was a jeep swept away?
(e) In which district does Phool Baroda village lie?
(f) How many people died in Rahatgarh area?
(g) Which rivers are overflowing after rains?
(h) Who rescued the lives of people in Baran district?

Q.2. Read the following passage and answer the questions that follow. (2*4+1*4=12 marks)

One more Olympics has gone by. A total of 974 medals were won by 87 countries; 54 countries won at least one Gold. The U.S flew home with the best medal tally of all time for that country with 121 medals. Notwithstanding the individual brilliance and the face-saving medals of P.V.Sindhu and Sakshi Malik, India's performance is the poorest among all big countries.

The discourse on this is an unhappy one: there has been a lot of handwringing, blame on the Sports Ministry

and sports administrators, complaints about lack of facilities, grumbles about corruption being the villain, and so on. India says the same things, once in four years, during and after every Olympics. It should instead look for simple lessons, develop a strategy to win medals and execute it diligently. No, I don't believe that India should be planning for the Olympics scheduled eight or twelve years from now.

While long-term thinking is good, any leader will tell you that it is too slow. We should aim to win a lot more medals in Tokyo in 2020. But how? The final medals tally by country tells all sorts of stories. The top 22 countries — those with a double —digit medals tally with a minimum of three gold medals — took home a total of 702 medals, or 72 per cent of all medals.

The top ten suggests that only the established West (the U.S., Great Britain, Germany, France, Italy and Australia) along with Russia, Japan and South Korea will continue to dominate. The emergence of China is explained as "you know the Chinese can dictate anything, so they are not comparable." It is often implied that wealth and size are the reasons for the success of these countries. They have the facilities and programmes in place. They are bound to win. So goes the argument and acceptance.

This logic should be probed further. Olympics medals are won by people

between the ages of 15 to 29, with a few exceptions on either side of this age

band. I looked at the number of medal wins in relation to the population in the age group 15 to 29 in each country, for which data is available. This was juxtaposed with medals won, to calculate the numbers of medals won per lakh of population in this age group. The story changes dramatically.

- (a) What was the result of Olympics? **2m**
(b) How can India stand at the strong position in Olympics? **2 m**
(c) How do the other countries dominate in Olympics? **2m**
(d) What are the short comings for the poor position in Olympics? **2m**

(e) Identify the word which means the same as 'a plan of action'(Para2) **1m**

- (i) discourse (ii) wringing
(iii) complain (iv) strategy

(f) Identify the word which means the same as 'carry out'.(Para2) **1m**

- (i) strategy (ii) execute
(iii) grumbles (iv) diligently

(g) Identify the word which means the same as 'suggested'.(Para3) **1m**

- (i) implied (ii) established
(iii) dominate (iv) explained

(h) Identify the word which means the same as 'investigated'.(Para4) **1m**

- (i) exception (ii) juxtaposed
(iii) calculate (iv) probed

SECTION B (Writing and Grammar : 30 marks)

Q3. You are Sujal /Sujata of Pragya Public School, Nangal, Punjab who had arranged a trip for fifty eight students to Nainital in summer vacation for ten days with 'Mount Travels and Tourism'. The arrangements done by the travel agency were far below the standard .The accommodation and food facilities were inferior in quality .Write a letter of complaint to the director of the agency to stop duping tourists with false promises as it tarnishes the image of locals . (100-120 words) **(8marks)**

OR

India is a highly populated country. People lack in maintaining proper sanitation and hygiene as a result they suffer from various diseases. India has a serious sanitation challenge. Around 60 per cent of the world's open defecation takes place in India. Poor sanitation causes health hazards including diarrhea, particularly in children under 5 years of age, malnutrition and deficiencies in physical development and cognitive ability. You are Nitish /Nikita, head boy/girl of Anand Public School, Jaipur. Write a letter to the editor of a national

daily, highlighting the problem and suggesting practical ways to ensure public sanitation and the right to dignity and privacy. (100-120 words) (8marks)

Q4. Develop a short story with the help of the given beginning lines.....Give a suitable title to your story. (150-200 words) (10marks)

The doorbell rang. Sunil opened the door. At first he could not recognize the tall and well-dressed man who stood before him. Then the man spoke and all of a sudden.....

OR

It was an amazing day, full of fun and frolic. We all stood aghast to see a strange flying object over our heads. We started guessing ...

Q.5. Read the sentence given below and fill in the blanks by choosing the most appropriate options from the ones that follow: (1*4=4 marks)

He was (a)_____at the news (b)_____the success of(c)_____poor candidate (d)_____ got the highest votes in Bihar election.

- (a) (i) surprising
(ii) surprise
(iii) surprised
(iv) having surprised

- (b) (i) of
(ii) for
(iii) to
(iv) by

- (c) (i) a
(ii) an
(iii) the
(iv) both

- (d) (i) which
(ii) whose
(iii) whom
(iv) who

Q.6 The following passage has not been edited. There is one error in each line against which a blank has been given. Write the incorrect word and the correction in your answer sheet against the correct blank number as given in the example. Remember to underline the word that you have supplied.

(1*4=4 marks)

	Incorrect word	Correction
Research is an detailed study of a	eg. An	a
subject undertaking on a systematic	(a) _____	_____
basis in order to increase a stock of	(b) _____	_____
knowledge, including knowledge for man,	(c) _____	_____
culture and society, that the use of this stock	(d) _____	_____
of knowledge to devise new applications.		

Q.7 Rearrange the jumbled words and phrases into meaningful sentences. (1*4=4 marks)

- (a) in/the cactus/very hot,/grows/dry places/and
(b) Do not/leaves/have/they/but/spiny needles.

- (c) Flowers/are/and/bloom/some of them/Cactus/at night/big,
(d) Absorb/from fog/water/in the air/Cacti can/in the desert

SECTION C 30 (LITERATURE)

Q8. Read the extracts given below and answer the questions that follow-

(1x4=4 marks)

A. What is the boy now, who has lost his ball, what, what is he to do? I saw it go merrily dancing, down the street, and then merrily over-there it is in the water! No use to say- 'O there are other balls'

Questions:

- i What has happened to the boy?
- ii Why does the poet say- No use to say- 'O there are other balls'?
- iii Which word means 'happily'?
- iv Where did the ball go?

OR

B. At about the age of twenty five, the Prince, thereof shielded from the sufferings while hunting out glanced upon a sick man, then an aged man, then a funeral procession, and finally a monk begging for alms. These sights so moved him that he at once became a beggar and went out into the world to seek enlightenment concerning the sorrows he had witnessed.

Questions :

- i. Whose age has been referred here?
- ii. What was the effect of sights on the prince?
- iii. How did witnessing sorrow change him?
- iv. What does 'glance' imply in the given lines?

Q9. Answer all the following questions in 30-40 words -

(2x5=10 marks)

- i. Hari Singh is both a thief and a human being. Explain.
- ii. How does the necklace change the course of the Loisel's life?
- iii. Explain the qualities of the post office employees?
- iv. Where did the young seagull sit alone? What did he watch from there?
- v. Bholi's heart was overflowing with a "New hope and a new life". What does the phrase 'the new hope and the new life' mean?

10. Attempt any one out of two long answer type questions in 100-150 words-

(8 marks)

Give a brief character sketch of Anne Frank highlighting the contradictions and conflicts she faced in her short life.

OR

Simple moment proves to be very significant and saves rest of the day of poet from being wasted. Explain on the basis of the poem 'Dust of Snow'.

11. Attempt any one out of two long answer type questions in 100-150 words-

(8 marks)

The 'Necklace' reveals that vanity is evil. It may bring joy for a short period but ultimately it leads to ruin. If you were placed in a situation similar to that of Matilda, what would you have done? Write your views

OR

What does Historian say about the importance of books in the twentieth century? Why does he point out that a particular dusty old rhyme saved the world from a Martian invasion?