

ENGLISH LANGUAGE AND LITERATURE (Code No. 184)

Time: 3 Hrs.

Maximum Marks: 80

General Instructions:

1. The Question Paper contains THREE sections-READING, GRAMMAR & WRITING and LITERATURE.
2. Attempt questions based on specific instructions for each part

SECTION A: READING SKILLS (20 marks)

Reading Comprehension Through Unseen Passages

1. Read the following text.

10 Marks

1. History in general remains an endeavour to search for the truth about the past in a contemporary light. The search is done by examining the treasure trove of a documented past. This also holds true for the history of food. Cookbooks have always played an instrumental role in researching the history of any community. The roots of recording the history of food are nearly as old as the history of writing itself. In the East, Meng Shen of T'ang dynasty recorded the origin and usage of every food consumed in the court. In India, mythology mentions that the oldest and first ever book on cookery is Pakadarpanam (The Mirror of Culinary Skills), written by King Nala.

2. Cookbooks are a guiding light that can take one on a journey of understanding traditions and culture. Scholars in the past also believed that cookbooks are a source of information not only to understand social or gender-specific roles but also material factors such as trade and network.

3. So, what could be considered a cookbook in our modern society? It has been noted recently that there is a surge in the number of infotainment and documentary programs about food. Recipes are no longer just about cookbooks. In fact, a new breed of Indian culinary experts are cooking their way to celebrity status. And they are achieving this via social media. As they demystify Indian cuisine and offer step by-step guidance to creating mouthwatering Indian dishes, these talented men and women are inspiring a lot of Indians to pick up their ladles and try out various recipes in their own kitchens.

4. The social media chefs are here to stay. No longer does an amateur home chef have to struggle with trying to understand what exactly the recipe instruction means when it says things like, "the batter should be of pouring consistency". Now one can see the chef demonstrate on video what exactly 'pouring consistency' ought to be like.

5. A lot of people used these recipes that were easily available on social media to get through the COVID-19 pandemic. Cooking, which was considered a necessity at the beginning of the COVID-19 lockdown days, turned into a recreational activity over time. It also functioned as a tool to improve people's psychological well-being. This gave them a goal-oriented behaviour to engage in, while also being a way to connect with others by sharing recipes or posting pictures of their creations on social media. Thus, documenting recipes online is the modern version of authoring a cookbook.

Answer the following questions, based on the passage above.

i. The search is done by examining the treasure trove of a documented past. This also holds true for the history of food. (Paragraph 1)

Why would the author refer to cookbooks as a 'treasure trove'?

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- A. because they contain recipes for rich foods
- B. because writing them requires a lot of time and money
- C. because they hold a wealth of information about the past
- D. because writing recipes is considered a rewarding experience.

ii. Based on the passage, state any two reasons why more Indians are exploring the art of cooking.

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1. _____ 2. _____

iii. Refer to the following from Paragraph 1: Meng Shen: records of food consumed in court King Nala: Pakadarpanam, the oldest book on cookery (Paragraph 1)

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Which of the options display the MOST LIKELY reason the first cookbooks were from royal households?

- A. The royalty was involved in the planning of all their meals.
- B. The royalty wanted ordinary folk to know how to eat like kings.
- C. The royalty had to be ready to serve special food to foreign visitors.
- D. The royalty had the resources to create complex dishes and document them.

- iv. The author says, "cookbooks are a source of information to understand gender-specific roles." (Paragraph 2) State one of the ways how cookbooks could reveal information on gender-specific roles. 1
- v. Provide two examples of how cookbooks can be a source of information about trade and network. 2

vi. Complete the following with a phrase from paragraph 3. 1

Phrase	Meaning
	gradually progress from one stage to the next

vii. The social media chefs are here to stay. (Paragraph 4) Which of the following best describes the tone in the above line? 1

- A. curious
- B. hopeful
- C. confident
- D. argumentative

viii. Write an appropriate title for this passage. 1

2. Read the following text.

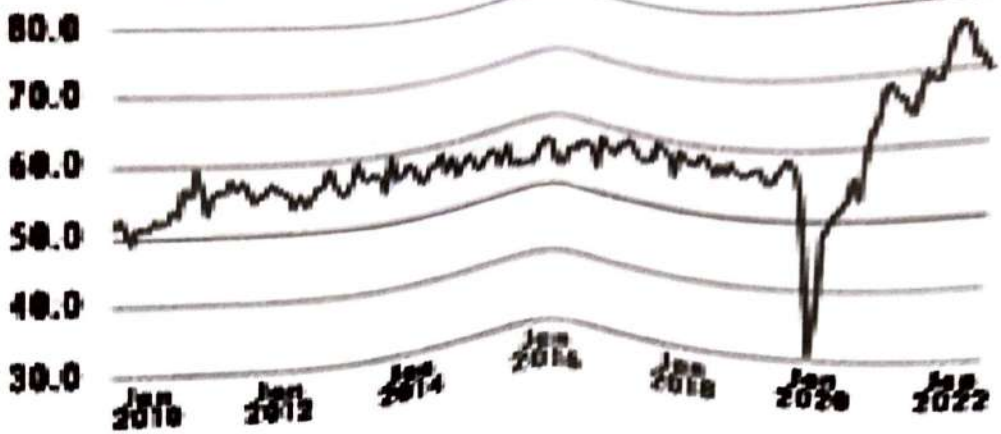
10 Marks

1. Domestic tourism in India reached a peak in 2019, with more than 232 crores of domestic tourist visits and 3.14 crore international tourist visits, the highest since 2001 according to the tourism ministry. India moved to the 34th position on the World Economic Forum's Travel & Tourism Competitiveness Index in 2019 from the 65th rank in 2013. Covid, however, halted the robust performance in its tracks, with domestic tourist visits falling to just 61 crore and international tourist visits to 71.7 lakh in 2020. However, tourism ministry data shows that while international visits to India dropped even further in 2021, to just 10.5 lakh, domestic visits increased by 11 per cent.

2. While rising costs are having an impact, all flights and hotels are fully booked, and prices for both are higher than they have been for some time. People who would otherwise have travelled abroad, are travelling within India instead. While branded and luxury hotels were among the earliest ones to recover their loyal clientele, small-scale and medium enterprises, which constitute more than 80 percent of the tourism industry, have not been able to recover fully yet. However, the domestic industry is gaining footfall.

High and rising costs weigh on the sector

Value over 50 denotes expansion and below 50 implies contraction



3. Rajasthan, which has been heavily dependent on foreign visitors, saw much distress. Most of its luxury heritage Havelis and palaces that earlier saw occupancy throughout the winter months with foreign tourists, now remain available and within reach for domestic tourists. The prices went almost down 30 per cent from their 2019 peak numbers. Likewise, prices in some Goa and Kerala hotels, too, dropped to almost one-third. These are now starting to recover due to the increasing number of domestic as well as inbound tourists.

4. Prices of hotels at weekend destinations increased after the tourist rush, thanks to the techie crowd of Bengaluru and Hyderabad. In northern India, tourists flooded holiday destinations like Srinagar, Gulmarg, and Rishikesh. The young consumer is moving towards private and experiential stays and wellness experiences. The booking windows have become shorter, and the length of stays is longer. Inbound tourism will recover by 2023 despite the hiccups.

Answer the following questions, based on the passage above.

i. Complete the following analogy appropriately, based on your understanding of paragraphs 1 and 2. 1

The fact that branded and luxury hotels in India were among the earliest ones to recover their loyal clientele, small-scale and medium enterprises, which constitute more than 80 per cent of the tourism industry, have not been able to recover fully is comparable with big movie production houses who survive even big flops however, _____.

ii. Fill in the blanks with the appropriate option from those given in brackets, based on your understanding of paragraph 1. 2

International tourism trends in India from 2020 to 2021 show that the actual impact of Covid on tourism was felt more in 2021 and not in 2020 when international visits to India dropped even further in 2021, to just 10.5 lakhs from 71.7 lakhs is (a/an fact/opinion) because it is (a/an subjective judgement/objective detail).

iii What are the primary responsibilities of the Ministry of Tourism, according to the passage? 1

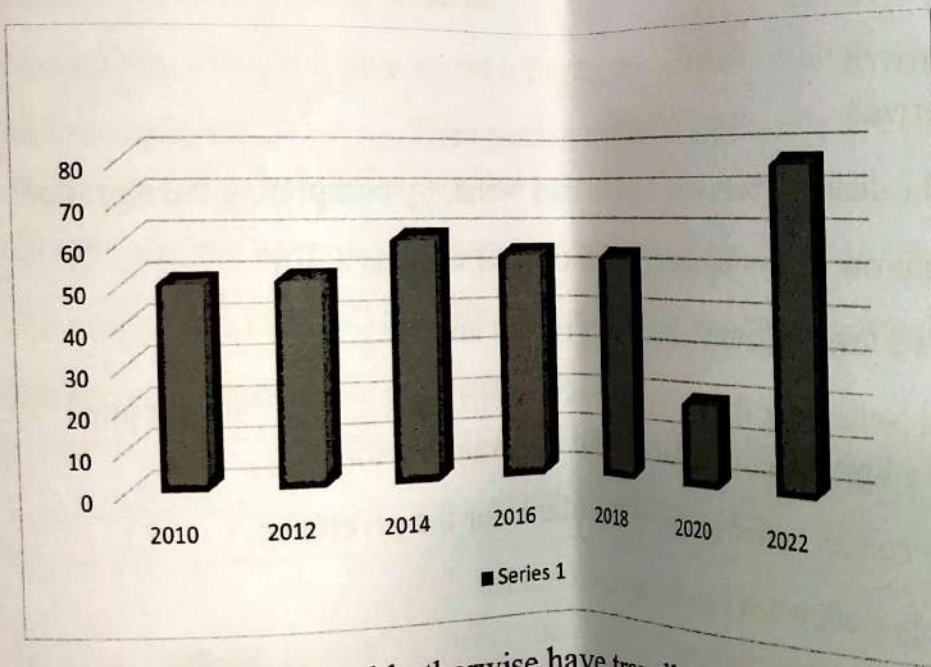
iv. Based on the report released by the Ministry of Tourism, which two main tourism trends mark the young consumers' choices in selecting holiday destinations? 1

v. Study the statement:

Hotels in the suburbs of Bengaluru and Hyderabad were able to recover from dipping tourist footfalls sooner than expected. The author has given credit for the same to..... 1

vi. State True or False.

The following bar graph rightly projects expansion and contraction in tourism sector. 1



vii. . "People who would otherwise have travelled abroad, are travelling within India instead."

Justify the statement in about 40 words with reference to 2019. 2

viii. Study the statement given below.

Domestic tourism is showing positive trends despite being weighed down by inflation. Which of the following options substantiate this statement?

- A. All flights and hotels are fully booked.
- B. Luxury hotels have recovered their loyal clientele.
- C. Heritage properties in Rajasthan are now in the reach of domestic tourists.
- D. Room rents in Goa and Kerala have dropped to one third of the earlier rates.

SECTION B : WRITING SKILLS & GRAMMAR (20 Marks)

GRAMMAR

(10 Marks)

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

1x10 Marks

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

The director had come out of the office before I _____.

- A. arrived
- B. arrive
- C. was arrived
- D. had arrived

ii. Report the dialogue between Meena and Neha, by completing the narration:

Meena: Tomorrow is your birthday, what do you want as a gift?

Neha: That is a lovely thought, but I don't want anything.

Meena asked Neha since the next day was her birthday, _____. Neha replied that that was a lovely thought, but she did not want anything.

iii. Select the correct option to fill in the blank for the given line.

I _____ barely walk when I had fractured ankle.

- A. would
- B. could
- C. should
- D. might

iv. Select the option that identifies the error and supplies the correction for the following line:

A pleasure in being outdoors is fundamental for human happiness.

Option	Error	Correction
A.	A	
B.	being	The
C.	is	be
D.	for	are
		of

v. Complete the given sentence, by filling in the blank with the correct option:
 When he died, Ramanujan _____ behind 3 incomplete books.

A. was leaving
 B. had left
 C. left
 D. leaves

vi. Fill in the blank by using the correct form of the word in the bracket.
 The furniture in his house _____ (look) impressive.

vii. Report the dialogue between Anita and Seema, by completing the narration.
 Anita: Do you know how to swim?
 Seema: Yes, I know. I have learnt it during this summer vacation.
 Anita asked Seema _____. Then Seema replied in affirmative and added that she had learnt it during the summer vacation.

viii. Identify the error in the given sentence and supply the correction.
 The movie, including all the previews, take about two hours to watch.
 Use the given format for your response.

Error	Correction

ix. Transform the following direct speech into reported speech:
 The officer to the clerk, "Why are you sitting here doing nothing?"

x. Identify the error in the given sentence and supply the correction.
 You may be hungry after the vigorous exercises.
 Use the given format for your response.

Error	Correction

xi. Abhilasha wanted to know about Neha's dance academy. Report Abhilasha's question.

Did you get a certificate after completion of the course last year?

xii. Fill in the blank by using the correct form of the word in the bracket, for the given portion of a letter:

Dear Sir

This is with reference to committee's letter of recommendation that _____ (highlight) the nominations for 'Safe Residential Area' award for this current year.

WRITING

10 Marks

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

4. A You recently attended a seminar on how to prepare for the Olympiads. Using the clues given below, describe the event in 100 – 120 words 5

- 01. Know the Exam
- 02. Prepare a Time Table
- 03. Know the Syllabus by Heart
- 04. IAS Current Affairs
- 05. Choose your Optional Wisely
- 06. Pick Up your NCERTs

- 07. General Science
- 08. Practice Answer Writing
- 09. Solve Past Year Papers & Mocks
- 10. Make use of Govt Resources & Relevant Magazines
- 11. Revise, and then revise some more
- 12. Start your Interview Preparations Early

4.B You are Anita/Ankush, a student of class IX. You have been selected for the school cricket team. Write your feelings in the form of a diary entry in 100 - 120 words using the hints given in the box below: 5

OR

Selected for school team- will play in tournament - dream coming true- father recognised my talent - presented an MTS bicycle

5. Based on the outline given below, write an interesting story in 100-120 words. Give a suitable title:

A. Dark night-quiet jungle-sounds of footsteps-following footprints trail-reached lonely house-hidden behind trees-entered-shocked to see. 5

OR

B. An obstinate girl - asked for an expensive ring - poor mother - couldn't afford - girl ran away from home - reached the railway station - saw a beggar with no hands - realisation happens - thanked God for all she had - returned to parents. 5

SECTION D

40 Marks

LITERATURE TEXTBOOK AND SUPPLEMENTARY READING TEXT

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

A. I was one of many children — a short boy with rather undistinguished looks, born to tall and handsome parents. We lived in our ancestral house, which was built in the middle of the nineteenth century. It was a fairly large pucca house, made of limestone and brick, on the Mosque Street in Rameswaram. My austere father used to avoid all inessential comforts and luxuries.

i. Based on the detail of the house; how can it best be described? 1

- A. capacious
- B. dilapidated
- C. malefic
- D. unique

- ii. Kalam's fathers assumed three primary roles: the protector, the provider, and the disciplinarian. Elaborate in about 40 words, with reference to the extract.
- iii. Why does the speaker say that he had rather undistinguished looks?
- iv. Kalam's was a family of _____

OR

B. INTRUDER: That's a lie. You're not dealing with a fool. I'm as smart as you and smarter, and I know you run a car. Better be careful, wise guy!

GERRARD: Are you American, or is that merely a clever imitation?

INTRUDER: Listen, this gun's no toy. I can hurt you without killing you, and still get my answers.

GERRARD: Of course, if you put it like that, I'll be glad to assist you. I do possess a car, and it's in the garage round the corner.

INTRUDER: That's better. Do people often come out here?

i. Which of the following is NOT a reason, why the intruder chooses Gerrard as the man whose identify he can easily take on? 1

- A. Similar in build to Gerrard
- B. His resemblance to Gerrard
- C. Gerrard's criminal background
- D. Gerrard 's unsocial life

ii. Suggest a phrase that would correctly substitute, 'round the corner', in the given sentence from the extract. 1

I do possess a car, and it's in the garage round the corner.

iii. Why is it fair to say that Intruder's tone, when he says, "Listen, this gun's no toy.", is intimidating and desperate? Answer in about 40 words. 2

iv. If an actor were to enact this extract, what would he be required to focus on, while modulating his voice? 1

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

A. will arise and go now, for always night and day
I hear the lake water lapping with low sounds by the shore;
While I stand on the roadway, or on the pavements grey,
I hear it in the deep heart's core.

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I feel....

i. How do you think the speaker feels? Choose the option that best fits his state of mind. 1

- A. i) emotional ii) elated iii) overwhelmed
- B. i) elated ii) desperate iii) overwhelmed
- C. i) overwhelmed ii) elated iii) suffocated
- D. i) elated ii) desperate iii) suffocated

ii. What is the significance of the use of the phrase 'always night and day', to describe the desire and how does this choice of words contribute to the overall mood and tone of the poem? Answer in about 40 words. 2

iii. Complete the analogy. 1

Roadway:: Pavement Shore:: _____

iv. Identify the type of imagery used in the lines of the poem. 1

OR

B. *Wind, come softly.*

Don't break the shutters of the windows.

Don't scatter the papers.

Don't throw down the books on the shelf.

There, look what you did — you threw them all down.

You tore the pages of the books.

You brought rain again.

i. Read the following descriptions (a)-(c) and identify which one correctly corresponds to the extract. 1

- (a) Repetition of a word or expression at the beginning of successive lines of a verse. The most common figure of speech in the poem, 'Wind' is Anaphora.
- (b) The ordered pattern of rhymes at the ends of the lines of a poem or verse. The extract follows a regular rhyme scheme.
- (c) The repetition of usually initial consonant sounds in two or more neighbouring words or syllables *such as*, 'Don't scatter the papers. Don't throw down the books on the shelf.'

ii. When the speaker says that the wind brought rain again, he refers to _____, as the means for destruction. 1

iii. What message might the poem 'Wind' hold for those who are in distress? 2

Complete the sentence with the appropriate option. 1

iv. The lines from the poem tell us that wind is _____.

8. Answer ANY FOUR of the following five questions, in about 40-50 words.

4x3=12

- i. Why do you think Margie's mother had shaken her head sorrowfully and sent for the County Inspector? (The Fun They Had) 3
- ii. Imagine that author writes a blog on 'Kathmandu - Allure of The Valley of Temples'. A part of the blog focusses on bountiful nature. As the writer, write this part of the blog. You may proceed like this: 3

Kathmandu is for sure one of the best destinations for a spiritual sojourn and religious rejuvenation. The culture that exists.....

- iii. The poem, 'A Legend of the Northland' is a light-hearted ballad with a powerful message. what is the message conveyed by Phoebe Cary? 3
- iv. The author was the most eligible bachelor. Elaborate. 3
- v. Prejudice based on race and colour, or any other reason causes profound damage. Discuss the outcomes of such hatred and intolerances in the society. 3

(No Men Are Foreign)

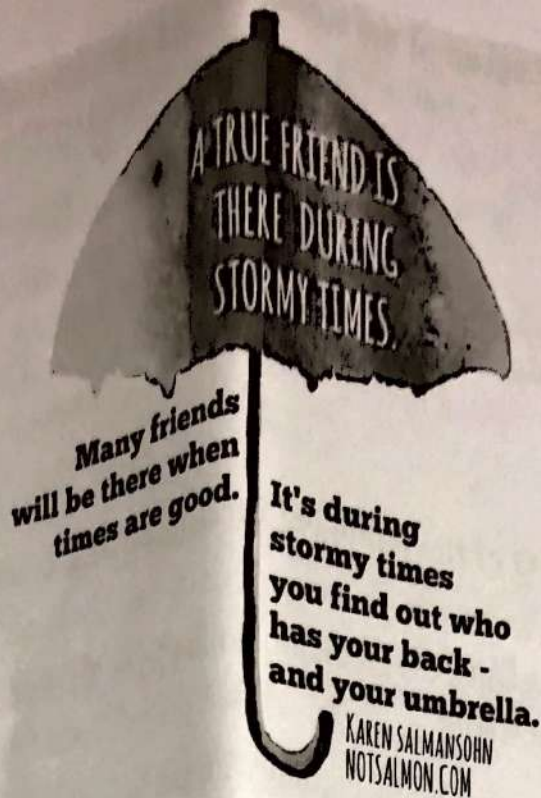
9. Answer ANY TWO of the following three questions, in about 40-50 words. 2x3=6

- i. The advice given by elders is crucial to young lives. Explain in the context of the chapter 'The Lost Child'. 3
- ii. The author shares a post on Instagram with the following hashtags.



He doesn't mention his old friends and teachers in his post. As a friend of the author, what would be your advice to him and why? 3

(A House Is Not a Home)



iii. Sue brought her drawing-board into Johnsy's room and started painting. To take Johnsy's mind off her illness, she whistled while working on the above painting. How could it play a transformative role in Johnsy's life? 3

(The Last Leaf)

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

A. Imagine the poem, 'On Killing a Tree', were written for the silenced sufferings of animals. Underlining unnoticed pain animals go through, revealing distress they face due to human insensitivity.

Which all act of human cruelty would you highlight in the poem? Pen down the advice, you think you would have given to the reader. 6

OR

B. The young girl Santosh Yadav was not ready to accept anything unreasonable. She displayed extra ordinary courage to pursue her dream. Pick a character from any of the units (lessons/poems) in Beehive, who displayed similar characteristics, like her and overcame a troubling issue? What similarities and differences do you find between the character and Santosh? 6

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

A. Struggles teach us many lessons. With reference to the tough times and challenges Lushkoff had to face in mastering a skill or learning a job, write about the lessons he learnt. 6
(The Beggar)

OR

B. Write a letter to the author, Ruskin Bond detailing your favourite aspects of the chapter, and the ones that you did not like. Include a request about which animal you'd like to exclusively write a story on. Give reason/s for your choice. 6

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Sir

I just read the story written by you, 'The Adventures of Toto' and enjoyed it thoroughly! (continue).....

Yours sincerely
