

**S1**  
**FINAL EXAMINATION - 2024**  
**SUBJECT – ENGLISH**  
**(SET-1)**

**TIME DURATION: 3 hours**

**M.M:80**

**General Instructions:**

1. 15-minute prior reading time allotted for question-paper reading.
2. The question paper contains THREE sections - READING, GRAMMAR AND WRITING and LITERATURE.
3. Attempt questions based on specific instructions for each part.

**SECTION A - READING (20 MARKS)**

**Q.1. Read the passage given below. (10 Marks)**

1. There are clever ways in which supermarkets make us spend money. It's true that supermarkets offer value for money. However, what we don't realise is that the supermarket owners want you to spend as much money as possible. Here are some ways that they try to get us to part with our cash.
2. Firstly, supermarkets aim to appeal to your senses when you enter the store. You'll usually find brightly coloured fruits and flowers just past the entrance to put you in a good mood so that you spend more money.
3. Next, they appeal to your sense of smell. The smell of freshly baked bread and cakes in the bakery can trigger hunger. Your sense of hearing is also important. Notice how some shops play music with a slow rhythm. When you walk slowly through the store, you spend more time looking at items, and are more likely to spend money.
4. Shelf order is important. The most expensive items are usually placed at eye level. Notice that you find the cheaper items on lower shelves, because they are more difficult to reach. Consider the time spent queuing at the checkout. Some supermarkets put chocolates and sweets here, because queuing to pay can take time. It's tempting to pick up something sweet for yourself or for a bored child while you're waiting.
5. People opine that online shopping offers a solution to the problem of excessive shopping. However, those who have tried will vouch for the fact that it doesn't help much as more variety of items are available online than in a supermarket. Moreover, there are additional discounts available. Little do shoppers realise that the discounted products are usually near expiry or in worst case scenarios, fake.
6. So how can we avoid falling for these tricks? One of the best ways to stop yourself from buying extra is to make a list of what you need before your supermarket trip, and to make sure you stick to it. Additionally, you must shop after you eat — if you feel full, you won't be tempted by free samples or special

offers. And don't use a trolley — use a basket — it's smaller, and you're less likely to pick up things you don't need. You won't fall for temptations and can keep your shopping under control.

**Answer the following questions, based on the passage above.**

- i) According to the author, what is the main aim of supermarket owners? (1)
- A. To provide customers with top quality products.  
B. To offer products without a margin for themselves.  
C. To make the customers spend as much money as possible.  
D. To make the customers aware about the cheaper alternatives available for every product.
- ii) What is the tone of the writer in the given lines from paragraph 5? Rationalise your response in about 40 words. (2)  
"People opine that online shopping offers a solution to the problem of excessive shopping. However, those who have tried will vouch for the fact that it doesn't help..."
- iii) Complete the sentence appropriately. (1)  
The author discusses a strategy, in Paragraph 3, which helps supermarket owners in tricking the customers by bringing their olfactory sense into play. It is by \_\_\_\_\_.
- iv) Identify the synonym of the word 'validate' as used in paragraph 5. (1)
- v) Complete the sentence appropriately (1)  
The author opines that in order to keep our shopping under control, we need to curb our \_\_\_\_\_.
- vi) Based on your reading of the passage, examine in about 40 words, how we can help ourselves in order to not part with our money? (2)
- vii) Why are cheaper items placed on the lower shelves while the more expensive items are placed at the eye level? (1)
- A. Customers prefer the more expensive items.  
B. Convenience of the customer is paramount.  
C. Convenience can be traded for money.  
D. Customers prefer the lowermost shelves for purchasing products.
- viii) State the message conveyed in the last paragraph of the passage. (1)

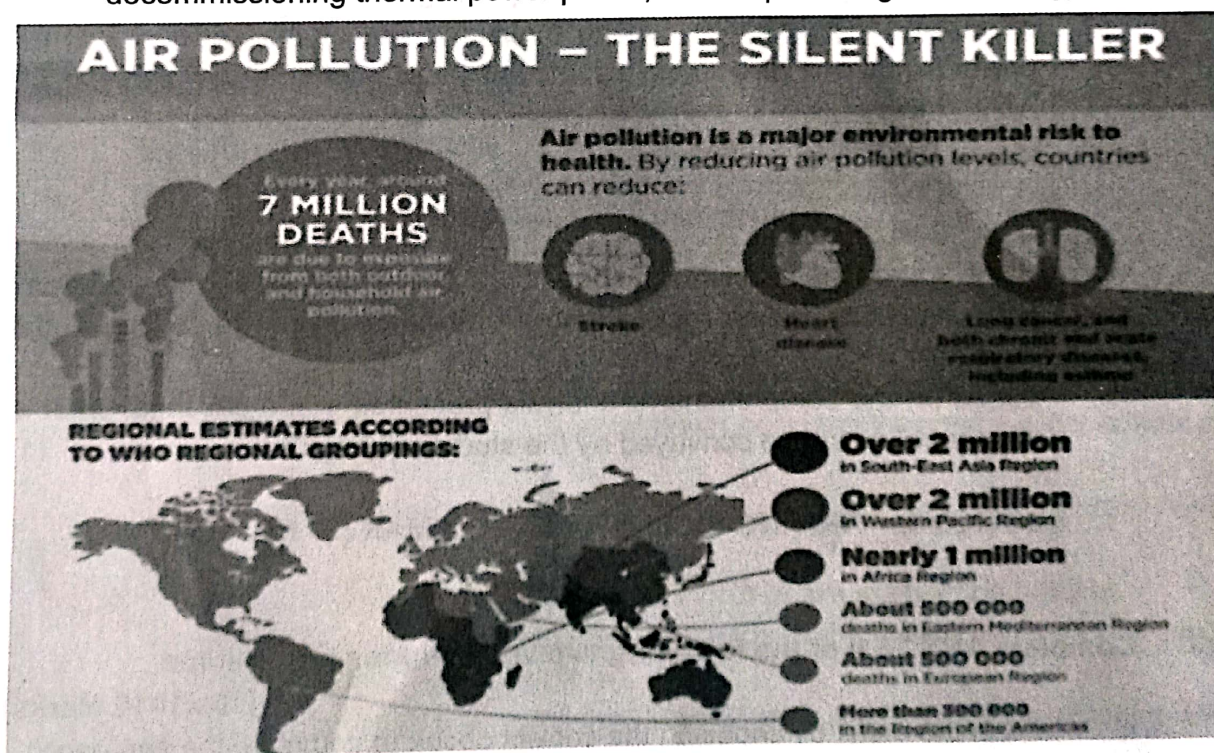
**Q2. Read the passage given below.**

**(10 Marks)**

1. In winter, North India experiences a deterioration in air quality, causing respiratory distress. Although late rains temporarily improved the Air Quality Index in early October, India grapples with some of the world's most polluted cities even at an early stage of its industrial development. The expansion of

manufacturing activities in India is anticipated to exacerbate this problem exponentially.

2. The causes of the decline in air quality include the burning of stubble in India's agricultural hubs of Punjab and Haryana, emissions from vehicles and industries trapped in winter fog, and the use of fireworks leading up to Diwali. The Commission for Air Quality Management has mandated industries, construction, and demolition sites to comply with its directives in the upcoming days.
3. The World Air Quality Report released by Swiss organization IQ Air in March 2022 should set alarm bells ringing in India. The study found that 35 of the 50 cities in the world with the worst air quality are in India. No Indian city met the World Health Organization's air quality standards.
4. It's also a global phenomenon, and some of the fastest growing economies have also been the worst air polluters, including the US and China. China paid a steep price for its economic growth. Growing prosperity boosted air pollution that led to a public health crisis, killing millions so it has prohibited new thermal power plants and shuttered old plants, curbed vehicular growth and introduced electric bus fleets, among many measures.
5. Indian government is addressing air pollution by phasing out old vehicles, decommissioning thermal power plants, and emphasizing clean energy sources.



Adapted for academic usage-<https://www.livemint.com/opinion/online-views/mint-explainer-india-suphill-battle-to-bring-down-air-pollution-11666088633908.html>  
(230 words approx.)

On the basis of your understanding of the above passage, answer the following questions.

- i. Complete the following statement.  
According to the passage, as India amplifies its \_\_\_\_\_, the predicament is poised to escalate significantly. (1)
- ii. Fill the blanks with the appropriate option from those given in brackets, based on your understanding of paragraph 3. (1)  
Unfortunately, the air quality in no Indian city conformed to the World Health Organization's standards is a \_\_\_\_\_ (fact/ opinion) because it is a/an \_\_\_\_\_ (subjective judgement/ objective detail).
- iii. Identify and expound upon the sources and factors elucidated in the passage that contribute to air pollution. (2)
- iv. Which word in paragraph 4 is similar in meaning to 'forbidden'? (1)
- v. Which option best describes the tone of the writer in the passage? (1)
  - A. Neutral
  - B. Concerned
  - C. Enthusiastic
  - D. Apathetic
- vi. Which country, as mentioned in the passage, successfully improved the air quality of its cities by taking measures like prohibiting new thermal power plants and introducing electric bus fleets. (1)
  - A. India
  - B. The United States
  - C. China
  - D. Switzerland
- vii. What approaches can India adopt from China to mitigate air pollution? How has the Indian government formulated plans to address the issue? (2)
- viii. Based on the comprehensive analysis presented in the passage, what is the central message conveyed by the study's findings? (1)

### SECTION B - WRITING SKILLS AND GRAMMAR (20 MARKS)

#### GRAMMAR

Q3. Complete ANY TEN of the following twelve questions, as directed: (10 x1=10 Marks)

- i. Fill in the blank by choosing the correct option to complete the sentence.  
John \_\_\_\_\_ his colleagues about the upcoming changes in the company's policy yesterday.  
(a) tells (b) is telling (c) told (d) have told

- ii. Read the conversation between Prateek and Raghav. and complete the narration that follows.

Prateek: I don't feel well today.

Raghav: How can I help you, Sir?

Prateek: Can you take me to the doctor?

Raghav: Yes, Sir.

Prateek told Raghav that he did not feel well that day. Raghav asked how he could help him. Prateek asked Raghav \_\_\_\_\_. Prateek replied in the affirmative.

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

I \_\_\_\_\_ face laughter from everyone if I decide to dye my hair a bright flame orange.

(a) must            (b) should            (c) ought to            (d) can

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

As the high school student in Grade 11, she excelled in her classes and actively participated in various extracurricular activities.

Option No.	Error	Correction
(a)	excelled	excel
(b)	actively	active
(c)	participated	participate
(d)	the	a

- v. Complete the given sentence, by filling in the blank with the correct option:  
The biker \_\_\_\_\_ Sheetal down accidentally when he lost control of his bike.

(a) was knocking    (b) had knocked    (c) knock    (d) would have knocked

- vi. Fill in the blank by using the correct form of the word in the bracket.

I enjoy \_\_\_\_\_ (spend) my weekends at the beach, where I can swim in the refreshing ocean waters.

- vii. Report the dialogue between Manya and Ashima, by completing the narration:

Manya: Where are you going?

Ashima: I am going to watch a movie. Do you want anything?

Manya asked Ashima where she was going. Ashima replied that she was going to watch a movie. She further asked Manya \_\_\_\_\_.

- viii. Identify the error in the given sentence and supply the correction.  
Maintaining order in one's life foster tranquillity and balance, providing the catalyst for a nation's advancement.  
Use the given format for your response.

Error	Correction

- ix. Transform the following direct speech into reported speech:  
The class teacher said to Anju, "Why didn't you attend the morning assembly?"

- x. Identify the error in the given sentence and supply the correction.  
Sheena wanted to go attend the birthday party but she was not sure if she should make it owing to the traffic.  
Use the given format for your response.

Error	Correction

- xi. Select the correct option to complete the narration of the dialogue between Saloni and Lakshmi.

Saloni: Is my posture okay when I do this movement?

Lakshmi: I think you need to work upon your back a bit.

Saloni asked Lakshmi if \_\_\_\_\_ that movement.  
Lakshmi replied that she thought Saloni needed to work upon her back a bit.

- A. my posture was okay when she did  
B. her posture was okay when she did  
C. her posture is okay when she did  
D. her posture was being okay when she does
- xii. Fill in the blank by choosing the correct option to complete the sentence.  
You \_\_\_\_\_ pay attention in the class.  
(a) can      (b) should      (c) may      (d) might

### WRITING (10 MARKS)

**Note:** All details presented in the questions are imaginary and are created for assessment purposes only.

**Q4. Write a paragraph in 100-120 words based on ANY ONE of the following topics. (5)**

**A.** You are Reena/Raman. Last evening, you happened to attend a live concert of one of the famous singers. The songs have been reverberating in your head since then and you learnt a lot of lessons through those songs. Write a paragraph describing your experience at the event.

**OR**

**B.** Yesterday, when you were at a cafe, an elderly woman came to your table and struck up a conversation with you which you enjoyed a lot. You realised that she was a treasure trove of experience. This was your first interaction with a stranger of that age. Write a paragraph describing the elderly woman.

**Q5. Answer ANY ONE of the following in about 120 words. (5)**

**A. Write a story in about 120 words based on the following opening line.**  
My hair stood on end, a shiver raced down my spine and a lump came to my throat. It was a lion, staring at me right outside our cottage...

**OR**

**B.** You are Natalie/ Nathan, residing in a hostel in a different country. As you went shopping for a photo frame today, the salesman showed you the best piece in his showroom. There was something about that photo frame that made you think of your home. Write a diary entry expressing how you felt when you saw that photo frame and why you ended up buying it.

### SECTION C- LITERATURE (40 MARKS)

**Q6. Read the given extracts and answer the questions for ANY ONE of the two. (5)**

**A. GERRARD :** At last a sympathetic audience! I'll tell you the story of my life. How as a child I was stolen by the gypsies, and why at the age of thirty-two, I find myself in my lonely Essex cottage, how ...

**INTRUDER :**Keep it to yourself, and just answer my questions. You live here alone? Well, do you?

**GERRARD :** I'm sorry. I thought you were telling me, not asking me. A question of inflection; your voice is unfamiliar.

**INTRUDER :(with emphasis) Do you live here alone?**

**GERRARD :** And if I don't answer?

INTRUDER : You've got enough sense not to want to get hurt. (If I Were You)

- i. The tone of the intruder in the line "You've got enough sense not to want to get hurt" is \_\_\_\_\_. (1)
- ii. The sympathetic audience in the given extract refers to \_\_\_\_\_. (1)
- iii. What is the characteristic trait of Gerrard that has been highlighted in the line "I'm sorry. I thought you were telling me, not asking me." How does it help him in the play? (2)
- iv. Based on the following line, what do you understand about the intruder?  
"Keep it to yourself, and just answer my questions." (1)
  - A. The intruder is ready to shoot Gerrard.
  - B. The intruder is calm and composed.
  - C. The intruder is getting restless.
  - D. The intruder is having a candid conversation.

OR

B. In the evening, there was another storm but the leaf did not fall. Johnsy lay for a long time looking at the leaf. Then she called out to Sue. "I have been a bad girl. You have looked after me so lovingly and I have not cooperated with you. I have been depressed and gloomy. The last leaf has shown me how wicked I have been. I have realised that it is a sin to want to die." Sue hugged Johnsy. Then she gave her lots of hot soup and a mirror. Johnsy combed her hair and smiled brightly. In the afternoon the doctor came. After examining his patient, he told Sue, "Johnsy now has the will to live. I am confident she'll recover soon. (The Last Leaf)

- i. What did Johnsy realise after looking at the last leaf during the storm? (1)
  - A. She was a good companion and a reliable friend.
  - B. Sue was unresponsive to collaborative efforts.
  - C. Depression is wicked and challenges wellbeing.
  - D. Expressing a death wish for self is immoral.
- ii. What deductions can be made regarding Sue's behaviour based on the given information? (1)
- iii. In what ways did the doctor assess Johnsy's condition, and what was his prognosis for her recovery? Answer in about 40 words. (2)
- iv. Which of the following words is closest in meaning to 'melancholy' as mentioned in the extract? (1)
  - A. Radiant
  - B. Depressed
  - C. Cooperated
  - D. Recover



**Q7. Read the given extracts and answer the questions for ANY ONE of the two, given. (5 Marks)**

**A.** And both that morning equally lay  
In leaves no step had trodden black.  
Oh, I kept the first for another day!  
Yet knowing how way leads on to way,  
I doubted if I should ever come back.

- i. Mention whether the given statement is true or false. (1)  
The poet was sure that he would come back to take the other road.
- ii. "Both" in the first line refers to \_\_\_\_\_. (1)  
A. the poet                      C. the two roads  
B. the steps                      D. the leaves on the roads
- iii. Explain the line "how way leads on to way". (2)
- iv. Which road does the poet finally choose? (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.  
You're very clever at poking fun at weaklings.

- i. The poet is \_\_\_\_\_ the wind. (1)  
A. appreciating                      C. congratulating  
B. chiding                              D. admiring
- ii. The poet is urging the wind to \_\_\_\_\_. (1)
- iii. From the given pool, pick out the words that best describe the behaviour of the wind in the given extract. (1)

Vehement, Cheerful, Unforgiving, Pleasing, Forlorn, Enchanting

- iv. How does the wind poke fun at weaklings? Substantiate with examples. (2)

**Q8. Answer ANY FOUR of the following five questions in about 40-50 words each. (4x3=12 Marks)**

1. The presence of parents or the lack thereof, play an important role in shaping a child. Justify the statement; based on your understanding of the life of Maria Sharapova.
2. What effect did Einstein's letter to President Roosevelt have on the history of the world?
3. What is the poet reminiscent about in the poem 'Lake Isle of Innisfree'?
4. In the poem 'A Slumber Did My Spirit Seal', what does the poet mean by "the touch of earthly years"? How does this affect his loved one?
5. What were the two earth-shaking decisions taken by the doctor? (Snake and the Mirror)

**Q9. Answer ANY TWO of the following three questions in about 40-50 words each. (2x3=6 Marks)**

1. Ishwaran was an excellent story-teller. Elucidate.
2. Toto proved to be a fiscally demanding companion. What prompts the writer to designate Toto as a high-maintenance pet?
3. Briefly explain how the swallow came to serve as the 'eyes' of the Prince?

**Q10. Answer ANY ONE of the following two questions in about 100-120 words. (1x6=6 Marks)**

A. Based on your reading of the chapter 'The Fun They Had', highlight the changes that Margie would bring to her education system, if given a chance, based on the reading of the 'real' book.

**OR**

B. Greed and selfishness are vices, even in the scriptures. How has Phoebe Cary highlighted the repercussions of these vices and the lesson to be learnt through her poem 'The Legend of the Northland'?

**Q11. Answer ANY ONE of the following two questions in about 100-120 words. (1x6=6 Marks)**

A. "Rebuilding your life is not easy, but it's the only way to move forward." In what manner did the narrator change his views on life and his classmates as he acknowledged the arduous yet essential process of rebuilding? (A House is not a Home)

**OR**

B. Childhood is characterized by numerous moments of delight. In "The Lost Child," the protagonist is initially enthralled by various attractions in the fair. However, later in the story, these very elements cease to bring him joy. Discuss and support these assertions with examples from the narrative.