

BUDHA DAL PUBLIC SCHOOL PATIALA
FIRST TERM EXAMINATION (23 September 2023)

ENGLISH

Class - IX (Set - B)

Time Allowed: 3 hours

Maximum Marks: 80

Section-A (*Reading - 20 Marks*)

Q1. Read the passage given below.

(10)

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.

B-1

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

Q1. The search is done by examining the treasure trove of a documented past. This also holds true for the history of food. (Paragraph 1) (1)

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

Q2. 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)

Which of the options display the MOST LIKELY the reason the first cookbooks were from royal households? (1)

- 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.

Q3. Which word in para 2 means same as 'lead' (1)

Q4. 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)

Q5. Provide one example of how cookbooks can be a source of information about trade and network. (1)

Q6. Give the antonym of the word 'hide' from para 4. (1)

Q7. The social media chefs are here to stay. (Paragraph 4) (1)

Which of these best describes the tone in the above line?

- a) curious b) hopeful c) confident d) argumentative

Q8. Based on the passage, state any two reasons why more Indians are exploring the art of cooking. (1)

Q9. In the passage, which of these is NOT suggested as a reason for people posting on social media about the food they cooked? (1)

- a. to share that they have completed a task

- b. to maintain a record of all that they have cooked
- c. to explain the steps they used for making the dish
- d. to create a sense of competition among their followers

Q10. Write an appropriate title for this passage.

(1)

Q2. Read the passage given below.

(10)

1. Playing videogames provides entertainment and many social and psychological rewards. However, videogame addiction also needs to be considered. Researchers have noted that the number of hours spent playing videogames is not necessarily a core indicator of addiction. Instead, several factors such as how fun or challenging a game is, or being able to play with friends are also important determinants to understanding whether a game is addictive or just engaging.
2. A study investigated the reasons for smartphone game addiction. This was done by analysing the reviews of games. Reviews were collected from games across different categories in an app store. A total of 25,200 reviews were collected containing references to the game being addictive. These reviews were analysed and the number of times different factors were mentioned for terming a game as addictive was recorded.
3. Table 1: Frequency of factors associated with smartphone gaming addiction, as seen in the reviews of the games.

Types of Games	Factor 1 'Challenging'	Factor 2 'Friends'	Factor 3 'Fun'
Action	456	256	110
Board	420	697	120
Card	417	512	190
Word	812	23	123

(Note: This table displays only a small portion of data from the original study which analysed 9 factors across 14 types of games.)

4. It was seen that 22.37% of the total reviews in the study that described a game as 'addictive', also described it as 'challenging'. This was the most common factor associated with addictive games, out of all the 9 factors. This was followed by 15.7% of the reviews mentioning the factor of 'friends'. Although it is a cliché, the ubiquity of the internet has made the world a global village.

Friends can now play and interact as a group, build virtual relationships within the game, and attain social recognition from others, without even meeting in person. All of these factors can be highly engaging to players, and for some, these could become addictive.

Q1. Based on the passage, state any two reasons why we need to study videogames. (1)

Q2. Layla spends two hours a day playing games on her phone. According to the passage, is this information sufficient to say she is addicted to videogames? Why/ why not? Answer in one sentence. (1)

Q3. Give the antonym of the word 'boring' from para 1. (1)

Q4. Based on paragraph 1, it can be said that the level of _____ and _____ in a videogame determine how addictive it can be. (1)

Which of these can go in the blanks to complete the sentence correctly?

1. variety 2. Violence 3. Difficulty 4. Popularity 5. enjoyment

a) 1 & 4 b) 2 & 3 c) 3 & 5 d) 4 & 5

Q5. The study mentioned in the passage used game reviews to understand what makes a game addictive. State one reason why game reviews were analysed for the purpose of the study. (1)

Q6. Based on the table in the passage, in which category of games does the factor of 'Fun' play the LEAST role? Answer in ONE word.

Q7. A developer of a crossword puzzle app is seeking advice to make improvements to the app. Based on the data provided, which of these ideas is BEST to recommend to the developer? (1)

1. Make the puzzles tougher to solve.
2. Allow players to team up or compete with other players.
3. Create more levels in the game for players to win prizes.
4. Change the colour and design to make it look more appealing.

Q8. Write a word from paragraph 4 that means the SAME as the highlighted word in the sentence below.

It is the universal appeal of smartphones that made videogames very popular.

Q9. Read the sentence given below. (1)

'Why is everyone playing on their phones?'

In which of these places in the passage can the sentence be used?

1. at the beginning of paragraph 1

2. at the end of paragraph 1
3. at the beginning of paragraph 2
4. at the end of paragraph 4

Q10. Which of these is BEST suited as a title for the passage?

(1)

1. Smartphones Boost Addiction
2. Challenge Your Mind with Games
3. A New Way to Game with Friends
4. Understanding Addiction to Games

Section -B (Writing - 19 Marks)

- Q3. You are Rhitesh/Rekha, Secretary of BL Residents' Welfare Society, Anandpur, Delhi. Write a notice in not more than 50 words requesting the members to attend a meeting of the Society to discuss the problem of security in your colony. (4)
- Q4. You were a part of an organising committee for an inter-school event which was very successful. You and the other committee members were congratulated and praised at the school assembly by the Principal. Write a letter to your grandmother telling her about the event and your feelings at being recognised and praised in front of the school. (7)

OR

Your younger brother/sister has recently won a district level football championship match on district level wherein a great number of schools participated. Write a letter to congratulate him/her and also motivate him/her for further practice to pursue it as a profession.

- Q5. Ramesh a student of ABC Public School, went on trekking during his NCC camp in Himachal Pradesh. Using these notes together with your own in the unit adventure, write a brief description for Ramesh about his trekking experience in about 100 – 150 words. (8)

Hints: Base camp at Raison in Manikaran – hot water springs – trekking from Rasion to Jana – virgin greenery, Beas river bank – walk thrilling – reached Pinni via Bringta bridge – water tumultuous and horrifying – crossed dense forests and hills – nature in full glory – rare scenes still fresh

OR

You love your father very much, for he is an ideal father. Describe him in your own words in 100 – 150 words, taking reference from the unit people, An Exemplary Leader.

Section - C (Grammar - 15 Marks)

Q6. Fill in the blanks using the correct form of verbs given in the bracket. (4)

My mother _____ (do) a lot of work. She _____ (cook) food and _____ (clean) the house. Whenever I _____ (fallen) ill, she _____ (look) after me well. She _____ (be) a religious person. She _____ (narrate) many interesting stories from the Ramayana and the Mahabharata to us at bedtime. We _____ (listens) to these with full concentration.

Q7. In the following passage, one word has to be edited in first six lines. Attempt the errors and correction. (3)

Developed on India over 5000 years ago, ayurveda has gain worldwide recognition as a efficient healthcare system. It uses a system on analysis and physical examination where depends almost entire on observation to find out one's original nature and inbalances.

	Error	Correction
(a)	_____	_____
(b)	_____	_____
(c)	_____	_____
(d)	_____	_____
(e)	_____	_____
(f)	_____	_____

Q8. Read the following conversation and complete the passage given below: (4)

Reporter: Sorry to learn the break up of your engagement. I think marriage and sports can't go together.

Sania : What can't be cured must be endured.

Reporter : Of late you are doing not so well. Your ranking has gone down to the 90s.

Sania : I am preparing myself for reorientation and very soon you will find me in the first fifty.

The reported felt sorry for the break up of Sania's engagement and opined that (a) _____ consoling herself Sania told the reporter that (b) _____. The reporter told Sania that (c) _____ and reminded her that her ranking had gone down to the 90s. Sania assured the reporter that (d) _____ and very soon he would find her in the first 50.

Q9. Rearrange the following words to form meaningful sentences: (2)

a) baking/ powder/ dough/ with/ flour/ make/ butter/ eggs/ and/ a soft

b) the/ sparrow/ from/ city/ it/ disappeared/ house/ has/ seems/ common/ the/ that

Q10. Fill in the blanks using the most appropriate options from the ones given below : (2)

1. _____ of the candidates pass this exam.

a) Enough b) Fewer c) Either d) Most

2. _____ of the deadlines is met.

a) Neither b) No c) None d) Much

3. We should inform _____ of them.

a) many b) every c) few d) all

4. They have spent _____ for their son's wedding.

a) many b) enough c) all d) the little

Section-D (Literature - 26 Marks)

Q11. Read the extract and answer the questions that follow: (4)

Two roads diverged in a yellow wood,

And sorry I could not travel both

And be one traveller, long I stood

And looked down one as far as I could

To where it bent in the undergrowth;

1. What is the tone of the speaker in this stanza?

2. Why does the speaker say "sorry" in the second line?

3. What does the phrase "long I stood" suggest about the speaker's decision-making process?

4. What is the significance of the colour "yellow" in this stanza?

(4)

Q12. Read the extract and answer the questions that follow:

"When, after a hard morning's work cleaning out our hut, we listened in silence to the Orderly Officer's praise, the Professor would break out with a ringing, dutifully beaming, "Thank you, sir!" And how superior, how condescending he was. It was always, "Let me show you, fellow," or "No, you'll ruin your rifle, that way, old man."

- (a) Give the meaning of the word 'condescending'.
- (b) Why did Private Quelch behave in this manner with his superiors ?
- (c) Which expression tells us that Private Quelch was always cheerful ?
- (d) Give two character traits of Private Quelch, assessed from the given extract.

(2x6= 12)

Q13. Answer any six of the following questions in (30-40) words each.

1. How did the granddaughter react to her grandmother's request to teach her to read?
2. "The dog knew instantly" - What did he know? How did he behave thereafter?
3. How did the poet bring out the beauty of the song of the solitary reaper?
4. Why was Private Quelch labelled as the 'Professor' ?
5. How does the poet use the brook to draw a parallel with the life of a man?
6. Bring out the symbolism in the poem 'The Road not Taken'.
7. According to Juliette, What could increase the demand for the Villa?

(6)

Q14. Answer any one of the following in 120 words.

1. Juliette says Gaston is very witty. Do you agree? Discuss the humour evoked by Gaston's utterances.

OR

2. Suppose you are the grandmother. How did you feel when your granddaughter gave you the novel 'Kashi Yatre' to read? Write your feelings in your diary.

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FIRST TERM EXAMINATION (15 September 2023)
ENGLISH
Class - X (Set - A)

Time Allowed: 3 hours

Maximum Marks: 80

General Instructions:

1. This question paper comprises 11 questions. All questions are compulsory.
2. The question paper contains three sections:
Section - A Reading Skills
Section - B Grammar and Creative Writing Skills
Section - C Literature
3. Attempt questions based on specific instructions for each part.

Q1. Read the passage carefully.

(10 marks)

1. No longer are there enough forests to support the remaining population of *Elephas Maximus*, the Asian elephant. Large scale deforestation has deprived the elephant of its natural habitat, and the animals which once roamed through Asia, from the Tigris in the West, all through to East Asia, are now trapped in small pockets of forest land.
2. Elephants are large animals. They consume about 1 to 1.5 per cent of their body weight in a day. They forage almost continuously, and are always on the move, looking for fodder. As the situation stands presently, they encounter cultivated land at every turn. There once existed 'corridors' of forest land, connecting one patch of forest to another, but these are soon being wiped out.
3. Deprived of their natural habitat, the elephants invade cultivated land and destroy crops. They become a threat to human population. A nuisance that has to be controlled. Large scale poaching has already made them an endangered species. They cannot be treated like other vermin and disposed of. Some people nevertheless, leave crude explosives coated with food lying around in their fields. These explosives go off as soon as the animal bites into them.
4. In such cases, the animal dies of starvation—its wound renders it unable to eat. Other people deal with the problem by enclosing their plantation with electric fences. These fences are meant to scare the animal away by giving it a mild shock. But elephants are by no means dumb and stupid animals, and these are easily demolished with an insulating tree trunk.
5. Meanwhile, people keep pushing their habitations deeper and deeper into the forest, and man-elephant confrontations become inevitable. There remains only one thing to be done. Capture the beasts! Train them—teach these monstrous trouble-makers a lesson in obedience. Having tampered with the environment and caused a problem, we tamper with it some more to find a temporary and superficial solution to the problem.
6. Elephants were once captured by the *kheddan* method. Stockades were built, and herds of elephants were driven into these stockades. In most places now, however, they are captured by the supposedly more humane method of tranquillising. Whatever the method, for an animal who has spent upto 20 years in the wild, waking up to a life of captivity must be traumatic indeed.

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

1. How are elephants deprived of their natural habitat? (2)
2. Being massive animals, elephants can consume about _____ percent of their body. (1)
3. Which of the following is not true about '*Elephas Maximus*'? (1)
 - (a) They are always on the move, looking for their food.
 - (b) Poaching has made them an endangered species.
 - (c) Deprived of their natural habitat, they invade cultivated land and destroy crops.
 - (d) Nowadays, *kheddan* method is used to capture them.
4. How do humans keep control on the nuisance of elephants? (2)
5. In earlier times, _____ method is used to capture elephants. (1)

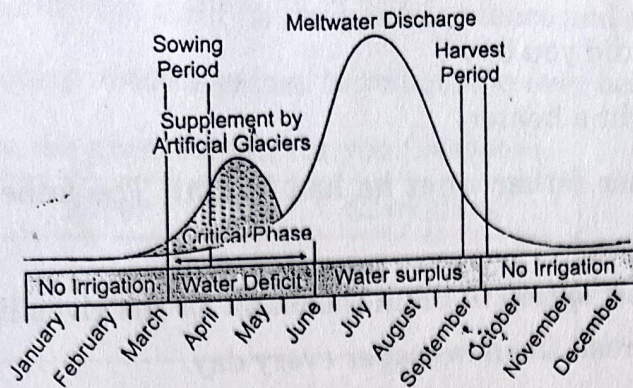
6. Arrange the given events in their correct sequence. (1)
1. Because of deforestation, elephants are now trapped in small pockets of forest land.
 2. Elephants have become a threat to human population.
 3. People kept pushing their habitations deep into the forest and due to that man-elephant confrontations have become inevitable.
 4. Earlier, there were 'corridors' of forest land that connected one patch of forest to another.
- (a) 1, 4, 2, 3 (b) 4, 3, 1, 2 (c) 1, 3, 4, 2 (d) 2, 3, 1, 4
7. When and how does an elephant die of starvation? (1)
- (a) When they consume explosives coated with food that lies around in their field.
 - (b) When they fight and had a wound which troubles them and made them unable to eat.
 - (c) Both (a) and (b)
 - (d) None of these
8. The synonym of 'rob' as given in paragraph 1 is _____ . (1)

Q2. Read the following passage carefully :

(10)

1. Necessity is indeed the mother of invention. When areas in and around Leh began to experience water shortages, life didn't grind to a halt. Why ? Because a retired civil engineer in the Jammu and Kashmir Government came up with the idea of artificial glaciers.
2. Ladakh a cold desert at an altitude of 3,000 – 3,500 meters above sea level, has a low average annual rainfall rate of 50 mm. Glaciers have always been the only source of water. Agriculture is completely dependent on glacier melt, unlike the rest of river/monsoon-fed India. But over the years, with increasing effects of climate change, rainfall and snowfall patterns have been changing, resulting in severe shortage and drought situations. Given the extreme winter conditions, the window for farming is usually limited to one harvest season.
3. It is located between the natural glacier above and the village below. The one closer to the village and lowest in altitude melts first, providing water during April-May, the crucial sowing season. Further, layers of ice above melt with the increasing temperature, thus ensuring continuous supply to the fields. Therefore, farmers have been able to manage two crops instead of one. It costs about 1,50,000 and above to create a glacier.
4. Fondly called the glacier man, he had designed over 15 artificial glaciers in and around Leh since 1987. In recognition of his pioneering effort, he was conferred the Padma Shri by The President of India.
5. There are a few basic steps followed while creating an artificial glacier. River or stream water at high altitude is diverted to a shaded area of the hill, facing north, where the winter sun is blocked by a ridge or a mountain range. At the start of winter i.e., in November, the diverted water is made to flow on sloping hills facing distribution channels. Stone embankments are built at regular intervals which impede the flow of water, making shallow pools which freeze, forming a cascade of ice along the slope. Ice formation continues for 3-4 months resulting in a large accumulation of ice which is referred to as an 'artificial glacier'.

A-2



Based on your understanding of the passage, answer the questions that follow.

(i) Infer one reason for the following, based on information in paragraph 1.

Areas in and around Leh began to experience water shortage but life didn't grind to a halt.

(ii) Select from the passage the appropriate option to fill in the blanks :

Agriculture is completely dependent on unlike the rest of river/monsoon-fed India.

- (a) rainfall pattern (b) climate change
(c) glaciers melt (d) extreme winter conditions

(iii) Complete the following analogy correctly with a word/phrase from paragraph 3 :

icing : cake :: layers :

(iv) Fill in the blank by selecting from the passage the correct option :

The have been the only source of water in areas in and around Ladakh.

- (a) glaciers (b) rivers
(c) streams (d) water springs

(v) The word 'located' in paragraph 3 means :

- (a) found (b) locally found
(c) situated (d) adapted

(vi) Write any two steps followed while creating the glaciers in 30-40 words.

(vii) Why do artificial glaciers seem the best option ? (30-40 words)

(viii) Select the most suitable title from the following for the passage.

- (a) Water Shortage (b) New Ways to Pool Water
(c) Artificial glacier (d) River Beds

SECTION B

Grammar and Creative Writing Skills

20 marks

3. Attempt any *ten* of the following twelve questions :

10×1=10

(i) Fill in the blank by choosing the correct option.

I appreciate even _____ help given to me.

- (a) little
(b) much
(c) the little
(d) few

- (ii) Read the conversation between Meera and her father.
Complete the sentence by reporting the reply correctly.

Meera : What did you buy ?

Father : I bought a heater.

Meera asked her father what he had bought. The father replied that he _____.

- (iii) Select the correct option to fill in the blank for the given line :

One _____ read the newspaper every day.

- (a) should
(b) would
(c) can
(d) may

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

I can't never forget my childhood friend Bella.

Option No.	Error	Correction
(a)	can't	can
(b)	forget	forgotten
(c)	my	mine
(d)	friend	friends

- (v) Complete the given narrative by filling in the blank with the correct option :

The domestic cat _____ related to the lion and the tiger.

- (a) be (b) is (c) has been (d) is being

- (vi) Fill in the blank by using the correct form of the word in the brackets :

Last week it _____ (rain) heavily and my house was flooded with water.

- (vii) Report the dialogue between Rashid and his father, by completing the sentence.

Father : How are you getting on with your studies ?

Rashid : Fine. I have got a certificate of improvement from the school.

Father asked Rashid how he was getting on with his studies. Rashid replied that _____.

(viii) Identify the error in the given sentence and supply the correction :

Playing outdoor games have benefits over being indoors.

Use the given format for your response.

<i>Error</i>	<i>Correction</i>

(ix) Raman shared some information with Seema. Report Seema's question.

Can you solve the sum ?

(x) Fill in the blank by choosing the correct option.

We _____ not really change a man's mind and heart with money.

- (a) can
- (b) could
- (c) may
- (d) might

(xi) Fill in the blank by choosing the correct option.

Economics _____ difficult for the students of grade nine.

- (a) is
- (b) are
- (c) has
- (d) were

(xii) Fill in the blank by choosing the correct option.

If you had worked hard you _____ have passed.

- (a) may
- (b) will
- (c) would
- (d) might

4. Attempt any *one* from (A) and (B) given below :

- (A) You are Sonu/Sonali, living in 43 B, Dilshad Garden, Delhi. You happen to see a news item in the newspaper about the popularity of Indian handicrafts abroad. However, you are unhappy about the lack of recognition given to the artisans by the Government. This is leading to the dying of traditional forms of art and craft. Write a letter to the editor of 'The Times of India' in about 100 – 120 words about the difficulties faced by the artisans and suggest ways to revive and popularize Indian indigenous products. You may use the information given below.

INDIAN HANDICRAFTS SOUGHT AFTER

New Delhi : Indian handicrafts are in great demand in the US, Europe and the Gulf countries. However, the artisans feel their products are not given the required publicity. Further, the products are bought from them at very low prices by the middlemen and sold later at much higher prices abroad. The artisans hope that the Government would do something in this regard.

OR

- (B) You are Ajay/Anita of Diwan Public School, Moga, Punjab, who had arranged a trip of forty students to Shimla during the summer vacation for a week with 'Madan Travels and Tours'. The arrangements done by the travel agency were far below standard. The accommodation and food facilities were inferior in quality. Write a letter of complaint to the Director of the agency to stop duping the tourists with fake promises.
(Word limit : 100 – 120 words)

5. Attempt any *one* from (A) and (B) given below :

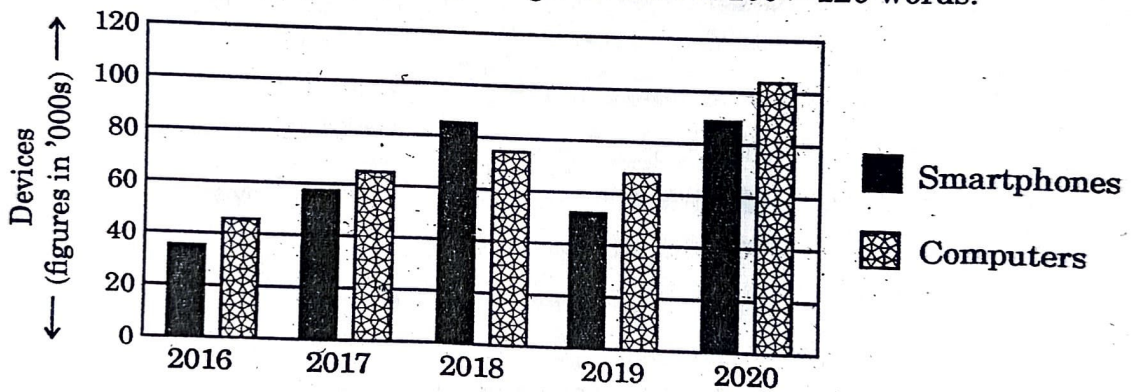
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- (A) Look at the data given below which shows the changes that have occurred between 2010 to 2020 in Jind regarding women's education. Write a paragraph in 100 – 120 words interpreting the data.

Women's Education in Jind		2010	2020
1.	Number of Girls' Schools	40	45
2.	Number of Women Colleges	23	34
3.	Number of Students in Schools	40,000	46,000
4.	Number of Students in Colleges	16,000	28,000
5.	Literacy Rate	50%	70%
6.	Distance Education Centres	02	06

OR

- (B) The bar chart below shows data about the number of digital devices purchased in Sahibabad across the years 2016 – 20. Write a paragraph analyzing the given data in 100 – 120 words.



SECTION C

Literature

40 marks

Q6. Attempt any one from (A) and (B) given below:

A) Read the following extract and answer the questions that follow:

(5)

Baking was indeed a profitable profession in the old days. The baker and his family never starved. He, his family and his servants always looked happy and prosperous. Their plump physique was on open testimony to this. Even today any person with a jackfruit-like physical appearance is easily compared to a baker.

1. How did the baker and his family members look?

- (a) starved (b) slightly fat (c) sturdy (d) emaciated

(1)

2. Jackfruit like physical appearance of the bakers shows their (1)
 (a) laziness (b) prosperity and happiness (c) richness (d) greediness
3. What is the present day condition of baking as a profession in Goa? (2)
4. The plump physique of a baker is the testimony of his (1)

OR

The two boys started in surprise at the fresh muddy imprints of a pair of bare feet. What was a barefooted man doing on the steps of a house in the middle of London? And where was the man? As they gazed, a remarkable sight met, their eyes. A fresh footwork appeared from nowhere! Further footprints followed, one after another, descending the steps and progressing down the street. The boys followed, fascinated, until the muddy impressions became fainter and fainter and at last disappeared altogether.

1. Why were the two boys in London surprised and fascinated? (2)
2. Select the option that correctly captures the usage of the word 'started' in the above extract.
 a) When I reached the theatre the movie had already started. (1)
 b) The fire started from the kitchen.
 c) On hearing the bell ring, the sleeping Raman started and jumped out of bed.
 d) Taking a deep breath, Ravi started down the stairs.
3. The boys' reaction can best be described as : (1)
 a) captivated, bored b) repulsed, absorbed
 c) curious, unhappy d) captivated, interested
4. Complete the analogy by selecting the suitable word from the text: (1)
 disappeared : vanished :: extraordinary : _____

Q7. Attempt any one from (A) and (B) given below:

A) Read the following extract and answer the questions that follow:

(5)

The true Chameleon is small,
 A lizard sort of thing;
 He hasn't any ears at all
 And not a single wing.
 If there is nothing on the tree,
 'Tis the Chameleon you see.

1. The given stanza is aptly describing a Chameleon. Find out the IRRELEVANT statement from the following: (1)
 a) The Chameleon has the special quality of camouflaging.
 b) Chameleon has no ears.
 c) Chameleon is an animal without wings.
 d) They capture their prey by whipping out their tongues with incredible precision.
2. Fill in the blank. (1)
 The poet has _____ a Chameleon with a lizard in the above stanza.
3. Which one of the following doesn't correspond to 'sort of'? (1)
 a) Remotely b) Moderately c) Slightly d) Actually

4. Why does the poet say that if there is nothing on the tree then it is the Chameleon you see? (2)

OR

B) Read the following extract and answer the questions that follow:

Some say the world will end in fire
Some say in ice.
From what I've tasted of desire
I hold with those who favour fire.

1. It is about the drastic consequences of (1)
(a) fire (b) ice (c) negative passions (d) positive feelings
2. With regard to the destruction of the world, the poet holds with those who favour (1)
(a) war (b) fire (c) ice (d) natural calamities
3. Fire in these lines stands for (1)
4. What kind of contrast is used in these lines? What is its significance? Answer in about 30 – 40 words. (2)

Q8. Answer any four of the following questions in 40 – 50 words each : (4x3=12)

- a) How did Anne Frank justify the need of talking, in her essay on the topic chatter box?
b) What message do you learn from your reading of the poem 'The Ball'?
c) Did Lencho try to find out who sent the money to him? Why/ why not?
d) The fear of the young seagull and the pilot of Dakota DS 088 are similar yet different. Discuss.
e) I'll take the risk. What is the risk? Why does the narrator take it?

Q9. Answer any two of the following questions in 40 – 50 words each : (2x3=6)

- a) Horace Danby loses his cool at the mention of 'honour among thieves'. Why?
b) How did the balcony save Ausable, Fowler and the missile papers?
c) The narrator had got Anils money but lost something more significant. Validate the statement.

Q10. Answer any one of the following questions in about 100 – 120 words. (6)

- a) The Bakers of Goa were polite and courteous. They could rightly be called friends, philosophers and guide. Discuss the statement with special reference to the tradition Bakers in Goa.

OR

- b) Mandela said, "People must learn to hate, and if they can learn to hate, they can be taught to love." Discuss.

Q11. Answer any one of the following questions in about 100 – 120 words. (6)

- a) We need intelligence more than physical strength in a difficult situation. How is it proved from the story 'The Midnight Visitor'?

OR

- b) Riches can buy us luxuries and comforts but not health and happiness. Discuss the statement with reference to the story, "The Triumph of Surgery."

BUDHA DAL PUBLIC SCHOOL PATIALA
FIRST TERM EXAMINATION (15 September 2023)
ENGLISH
Class - X (Set - B)

Time Allowed: 3 hours

Maximum Marks: 80

General Instructions:

1. This question paper comprises 11 questions. All questions are compulsory.
2. The question paper contains three sections:
Section - A Reading Skills
Section - B Grammar and Creative Writing Skills
Section - C Literature
3. Attempt questions based on specific instructions for each part.

Q1. Read the passage carefully.

(10 marks)

1. All too often people are quick to pass judgement on others or on situations without knowing the full background. We listen to how people behave with each other and we find numerous occasions on which someone is quick to criticise someone else for their actions. Everyone thinks that his understanding of a situation is right and everyone else is wrong.
2. There is a true account of an explorer from Australia, David Edgeworth, who accompanied Ernest Shackleton on an expedition to the South Pole. It was a very dangerous and difficult expedition. One day, Edgeworth's assistant was working inside his tent. Suddenly, he heard a voice from outside. He listened hard but could not make out what the voice was saying. Finally, he knew it was the voice of Edgeworth, who asked, "Are you very busy?" The assistant who was working on something, said, "Yes, I am busy."
3. The voice of Edgeworth was again heard saying, "Are you very busy?" The assistant was angry and impatient with the boss for disturbing him, yet he called in an annoyed tone, "What is it that you want?" Edgeworth was silent for a moment, and then he called back with a muffled apology, "Well, I have slipped down a crack in the ice and I do not think I can hang on much longer. I may get killed very soon."
4. Imagine how embarrassed and even guilty the assistant must have felt that he was so wrapped up in himself that his boss might have fallen into the crack and would have been killed, if he had not been there to help him out. His boss was polite and respectful even in the face of risk to his own life, while the assistant was impatient and angered by the inconvenience caused to him by a call for help.
5. Many times we think we understand the circumstances of others. We are annoyed when others do things that we do not agree with or do not want them to do. We are annoyed when we hear people's reasons for doing what they do, and think their reason is merely an excuse. However, how many of us are willing to put ourselves in the shoes of another? How many times have we passed judgements on others only to find, that they were right and we were wrong?

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

1. What is the main idea, according to you, of the given passage? (2)
2. David Edgeworth went on an expedition to the _____. (1)
3. Ernest Shackleton was Edgeworth's _____. (1)
4. According to the passage, people usually get annoyed _____. (1)
 - (a) when people do things that they don't agree with
 - (b) on hearing reason of doing a certain thing and take the reason as a mere excuse
 - (c) when people do things that they don't want them to do
 - (d) all of these
5. Another word for 'assistant' is _____. (1)
 - (a) helper
 - (b) opponent
 - (c) apprentice
 - (d) both (a) and (c)

6. Arrange the given events in their correct sequence. (1)
1. Edgeworth went on an expedition to South Pole.
 2. Edgeworth slipped down on a crack in the ice and hurt himself badly.
 3. Shackleton was busy working on something inside the tent.
 4. The assistant felt embarrassed and guilty.
- (a) 1, 2, 3, 4 (b) 1, 3, 2, 4 (c) 4, 2, 1, 3 (d) 3, 4, 2, 1
7. Choose the correct synonym of the word 'reason' as given in paragraph 5. (1)
- (a) Annoy (b) Willing (c) Circumstances (d) Excuse
8. What do you think is the author trying to tell us through the given passage? (2)

Read the passage carefully

(10 marks)

1. Stereotypes and fears were what Amanpreet Kaur of Mohali *encountered*¹ when she was selected for the post of Constable in Punjab Police in 2012. No one in her family had ever been in this profession and after initial *hesitancy*², her decision to join the force *dominated*³ by men was supported by her family. Ten years later, Amanpreet, now a Senior constable and mother to a two and half-year old, is happy to be a part of the system that's undergoing change on gender perception. "Today when young girls come forward to shake hands and say my uniform inspires them, it gives me pride and satisfaction".
2. Generalisation about the police force is *cited*⁴ as the primary reason for the low intake of women, despite the 'power' and job security. Analysing the "Data on Police Organisations 2021" released by the Bureau of Police Research and Development (BPRD), the India Justice Report of July 2022 reveals that the share of women in Indian police force in 2020 was merely 10.5 per cent. In Punjab, the number stood at 9.4 per cent, in Haryana 8.9. At the officer level, Haryana was a little ahead at 11.6 per cent compared to Punjab's 7.1.
3. Gurpreet Deo, ADGP, community affairs division and women's affairs, Punjab, who chaired the recent selection of 4,383 constables, 33 per cent of whom were women, observes that not many urban women apply for jobs in the police at junior levels. It is mostly women from rural and backward areas looking for a government job who apply. "This profession is very demanding and requires 24×7 time and *commitment*⁵. Law and order issues can erupt anywhere, anytime," she says.
Deo reveals that during the last recruitment, the largest number of women candidates was from Malwa, with most coming from the districts of Fazilka, Sangrur, Bathinda and Patiala. There was very little representation from Majha and Doaba regions.
4. Anita Punj, ADGP cum Director, Punjab Police Academy, Phillaur says the 33 per cent quota for women will help reduce the *massive*⁶ gap in this traditionally male-dominant organisation. As the number of women entering the police increases, she points out, the dynamics of gender roles and stereotyping are bound to change, which will help women perform more active policing duties. "At our end, we are trying to bring about gender sensitisation, which is part of our curriculum. Our workshops also sensitise the male and female recruits in their response to each other professionally."

UNINSPIRING FIGURES

As per data compiled by the BPRD, out of the actual strength of 20,91,488 police personnel in states/UTs as on January 1, 2020, the strength of women police personnel is 2,15,504.

This share of women in police force grew to 10.5 per cent in 2020. Clustered mainly in lower rungs of hierarchy, the percentage of women officers stands at 8.2.

WOMEN'S SHARE IN POLICE FORCE (2020)

	Haryana	Punjab	HP	Chandigarh
Overall	8.9%	9.4%	13.5%	22.1%
Officers	11.6%	7.1%	5.2%	7.2%

5. While in Chandigarh Police, the overall percentage of women is 22.1 per cent, its officer strength is 7.2 percent. The Himachal Pradesh Police fares better than other northern states. The overall percentage of women personnel in the state, which has the distinction of inducting the earliest all-women battalion almost 10 years back, lies at 13.5 per cent, a drop from 19.2 percent in 2019.

6. The number of women officers in the state, however, remains at a low of 5.2 percent. "Women personnel are being *integrated*⁷ at all levels and help desks have been established in all police stations in the state. At least six women per police station are posted." says Sanjay Kundu DGP, Himachal Pradesh.
7. India's first woman IPS officer, Kiran Bedi, is happy at the change that is coming about, albeit slowly. She says, "I faced biases, prejudices, *apprehensions*⁸, envy, competition, snide remarks and isolation when I first joined the forces. Culturally, India has a huge legacy of gender discrimination. The induction of women in police force started not so long back. It is taking its time to pick up and become a preferred vocation. Today, women cops are at all levels." (-'The Tribune')

Based on your understanding of the passage attempt the questions that follow.

(i) Read the two statements given below and select the option that suitably explains them. [1]

1. There are less number of women in the police force as compared to men.
2. There are deep-rooted prejudices against women doing seemingly male jobs.

(a) (1) is the problem and (2) is the solution for (1).

(b) (1) is false but (2) correctly explains it.

(c) (1) is true and (2) is the reason for (1).

(d) (1) summarises (2)

(ii) Select the option that correctly explains the lower share of women in the police force in India. [1]

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| 1. prejudices | 2. lack of knowledge |
| 3. isolation | 4. snide remarks |
| 5. illiteracy | 6. easy lifestyle |

(a) 1, 3 and 5

(b) 1, 3 and 4

(c) 2, 4 and 6

(d) 2, 5 and 6

(iii) What is sure to positively impact the growing share of women in the police force? [1]

(iv) Give reasons for women to join and not join the police force in 30-40 words. [2]

(v) According to the data table, which state shows the highest share of women in the police force? [1]

(vi) The share of women in police force in Punjab, as compared to that in India in general is

(a) 1.1 percent less

(b) 1.2 per cent less

(c) 9.4 per cent

(d) 10.5 per cent

[1]

(vii) Which factors could account for the better share of rural women in the police force than that of the urban women? Answer in 30-40 words.

[2]

(viii) Which of these sentences does not show the use of the word 'sensitize' as made in para 4?

[1]

- (a) You boys need to be sensitized to rid yourself of the shame of doing female jobs.
- (b) People are becoming more sensitized to the dangers of global warming.
- (c) People need to be sensitized to climatic changes.
- (d) Sensitize yourself to this smoke. Sooner the better.

SECTION B

Grammar and Creative Writing Skills

20 marks

3. Attempt any *ten* of the following twelve questions :

10×1=10

(i) Fill in the blank by choosing the correct option.

If I were attending the workshop, I _____ stay on till the end of the second session as well.

- (a) would
- (b) may
- (c) can
- (d) should

(ii) Read the conversation between a passenger and the clerk at the ticket counter.

Complete the sentence by reporting the reply correctly.

The clerk at the ticket counter : Where do you want to go ?

Passenger : Please give me a ticket to Bhopal.

The clerk at the ticket counter enquired where the passenger wanted to go. The passenger requested the clerk _____.

(iii) Select the correct option to fill in the blank for the given line :

As a true patriot, I _____ lay down my life for my motherland.

- (a) might
- (b) could
- (c) will
- (d) should

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

My sister lives at the ground floor of a two-storeyed apartment and hates living there.

<i>Option No.</i>	<i>Error</i>	<i>Correction</i>
(a)	live	living
(b)	at	on
(c)	hates	hate
(d)	there	their

- (v) Complete the given narrative by filling in the blank with the correct option :

When I was a very young girl, _____ grocery shopping was considered a major outing for me.

- (a) to be going
 (b) going
 (c) having gone
 (d) went

- (vi) Fill in the blank by using the correct form of the word in the brackets :

The package _____ (arrive) at nine in the morning, the day after tomorrow.

- (a) will arrive
 (b) would arrive
 (c) can arrive
 (d) cannot arrive

- (vii) Report the dialogue between Tony and Sarita, by completing the sentence.

Tony : Why did you call me ?

Sarita : Will you go to the museum with me ?

Tony asked 'Sarita why' she had called him. Sarita wanted to know whether Tony _____.

- (viii) Identify the error in the given sentence and supply the correction :

Do you know that slouching should cause many problems ?

Use the given format for your response:

<i>Error</i>	<i>Correction</i>

- (ix) Roma asked Gopal to go by the metro. Report Gopal's question.

Which way is the metro station ?

(x) Fill in the blank by choosing the correct option.

Drivers _____ wear helmets for their safety.

- (a) must
- (b) can't
- (c) don't
- (d) ought

(xi) Fill in the blank by choosing the correct option.

Economics _____ difficult for the students of grade nine.

- (a) is
- (b) are
- (c) has
- (d) were

(xii) The father said, "I bought a watch." (Change the speech)

- (a) The father said that I bought a watch.
- (b) The father said that he bought a watch.
- (c) The father said that he had bought a watch.
- (d) The father said that he has bought a watch.

4. Attempt any *one* from (A) and (B) given below :

(5)

(A) You are Armaan/Anjali of C-63, Panvel. You recently read a magazine article which highlighted the condition of underage children working in hazardous conditions. Instead of going to school, they are working in dimly lit factories, tea stalls, in garages, etc. to supplement family incomes. Write a letter to the editor of 'The Times of India' in about 100 - 120 words, drawing attention to this national problem and suggesting solutions.

OR

(B) You are Rohit/Riya of Hauz Khas, New Delhi. You bought a pair of shoes from M/s. Shoe Factory, GK-II, New Delhi. On unpacking them, you found to your amazement that both the shoes are meant for your left foot. Write a letter of complaint to the Manager of M/s. Shoe Factory asking for replacement at their cost. (Word limit : 100 - 120 words)

5. Attempt any one from (A) and (B) given below :

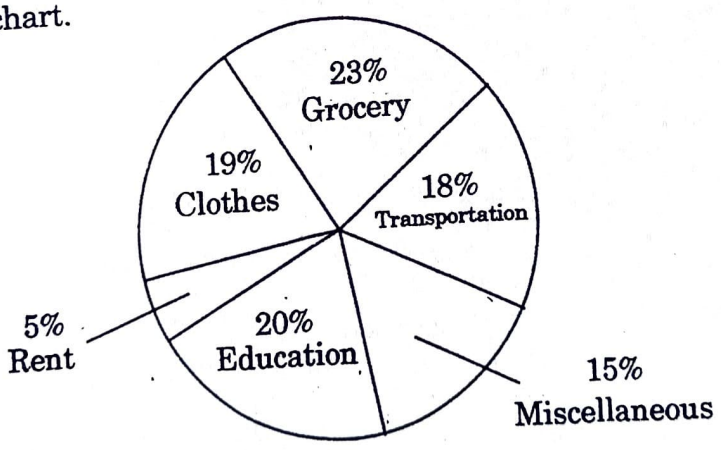
(A) Given below are the pollution figures for some major towns and cities in India :

	Suspended Particulate Matter	Sulphur Dioxide	Nitrogen Oxide
Permissible Limits	200	80	80
Ludhiana	453	20	64
Delhi	680	124	137
Mumbai	485	27	53
Chennai	262	45	34

Using the information given above along with your own ideas, write an analytical paragraph in 100 - 120 words.

OR

(B) The given pie chart represents the amount of money spent by a family on different items in a month. Write an analytical paragraph in 100 - 120 words using the information given in the pie chart.



Literature

(40 marks)

(5)

Q6. Attempt any one from (A) and (B) given below:

A) Read the following extract and answer the questions that follow:

"We, who are outlaws not so long ago, have today been given the rare privilege to be host to the nations of the world on our own soil. We thank all of our distinguished international guests for having come to take possession with the people of our country of what is, after all, a common victory for justice, for peace, for human dignity".

1. It is a victory for 'human dignity'. Pick the option that lists the correct answer for what 'human dignity' would include (1)
 - (a) equality, liberty, indecency
 - (b) liberty, indecency, self-respect
 - (c) immorality, self-respect, equality
 - (d) equality, liberty, self-respect
2. Why does the speaker say that it is 'rare privilege'? (1)
3. How do you think is the speaker feeling? (2)
4. Pick the option that showcases the usage of 'host as in the extract. (1)
 - (a) He was praised for his hospitality as the host of the party
 - (b) She was able to host the event without any hindrance
 - (c) She met the host and apologized for her friend's misbehaviour
 - (d) He is the best host that one can ever come across

OR

Ausable did not fit any description of a secret agent Fowler had ever read. Following him down the musty corridor of the gloomy French hotel where Ausable had a room, Fowler felt let down. It was a small room, on the sixth and top floor, and scarcely a setting for a romantic adventure. Ausable was, for one thing, fat. Very fat. And then there was his accent. Though he spoke French and German passably, he had never altogether lost the American accent he had brought to Paris from Boston twenty years ago. "You are disappointed," Ausable said wheezily over his shoulder.

1. "Following him down the musty corridor of the gloomy French hotel where Ausable had a room..." Choose the correct option to replace the underlined words: (1)
 - (a) expansive, abnormal
 - (b) lighted; formal
 - (c) damp; dingy
 - (d) uncanny; smart
2. It can be inferred from the extract that a secret agent is expected to be (1)
 1. fit
 2. Compassionate
 3. Apologetic
 4. Suave
 5. Violent
 - a) option 1, 3 & 5
 - b) option 1 & 4
 - c) option 2, 4, & 5
 - d) option 2 & 3
3. Fowler was disappointed with Ausable. Why? Answer in 30 – 40 words. (2)
4. Ausable's room was on the tenth and top floor, not easily visible to anyone. (True/False) (1)

Q7. Attempt any one from (A) and (B) given below: (5)

A) Read the following extract and answer the questions that follow:

People will take

Balls, balls will be lost always, little boy.

And no one buys a ball back. Money is external

1. What does the poet mean by 'money is external'? (2)
2. _____ cannot compensate for the sense of loss. (1)
3. The poet wants to say that the loss of dear things is : (1)
 - a) a fact of life
 - b) extraordinary
 - c) not normal
 - d) painful
4. Identify the poet of the given stanza. (1)
 - a) William Blake
 - b) Y.B. Yeats
 - c) Robert Frost
 - d) John Berryman

OR

B) Read the following extract and answer the questions that follow:

(I am an orphan, roaming the street.
I pattern soft dust with my hushed, bare feet.
The silence is golden, the freedom is sweet.)

1. The tone of the given lines is _____ (1)
(a) analytical (b) despairing (c) peaceful (d) nervous
2. The above extract is written in parenthesis i.e. (). Why? (2)
3. Name the poetic device used in the second line of the extract. (1)
4. The golden silence is contrasted with the _____ (1)
(a) chaos of the street (b) constant instructions received
(c) sweetness of freedom (d) hushed, bare feet

(4x3=12)

Q8. Answer any four of the following questions in 40 – 50 words each :

- a) Valour and hospitality are inherent in the people of Coorg. Explain.
- b) What is ironic about the post office employees helping Lencho?
- c) 'Family played a vital role in the first flight of the young seagull'. Give reasons.
- d) How would the tiger behave in the forest? (A Tiger in the Zoo.)
- e) Frost has used powerful and contrasting symbols to underline the central theme of the poem. What is the significance of the use of the symbols of 'fire' and 'ice'?

(2x3=6)

Q9. Answer any two of the following questions in 40 – 50 words each :

- a) How did Hari Singh justify to himself his stealing Anil's money?
- b) How can you say that Horace Danby was good and respectable but not completely honest?
- c) Was Tricky suffering from any ailment in reality? If not, then what made him inactive and lethargic?

(6)

Q10. Answer any one of the following questions in about 100 – 120 words.

- a) Anne believed that paper has more patience than people. She could confide more in her diary than in people. Why did she feel so? Was she free from bias and stereotypes? Explain in 100 – 120 words the values we need to imbibe from the diary as a friend.

OR

- b) Curiosity is the mother of learning. If one has the urge to know more about anything, one learns many things. Rajvir from 'Tea from Assam' also has the urge to know more about things and his surroundings which makes him confident and mature. What traits of his character make him stand out?

(6)

Q11. Answer any one of the following questions in about 100 – 120 words.

- a) One must be a law abiding citizen of the country. Griffin lacked this attribute in his character. How did lawlessness overshadowed his greatness as a scientist.

OR

- b) A character arc is the transformation or development of a character throughout a story. In the light of the above information, trace the character arc of the 'Thief' in Ruskin Bond's "The Thief's Story" in about 120 words.

B-9