



Delhi Public School, Howrah

PERIODIC ASSESSMENT I (2024-2025)

Class-X

Care must be taken not to write anything on the question paper. All the questions must be attempted in the correct sequence.

SUBJECT: ENGLISH LANGUAGE AND LITERATURE (CODE - 184)

Time: - 2 Hours

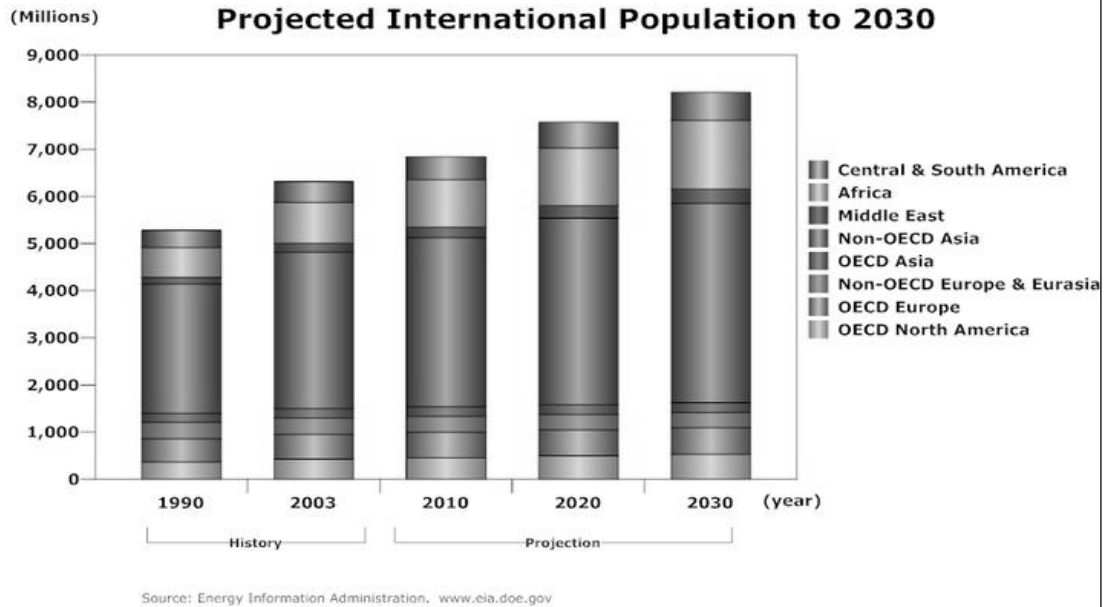
Maximum Marks. - 40

General instructions:

1. The Question Paper contains THREE sections-READING, WRITING and LITERATURE.
2. Attempt questions based on specific instructions for each part.
3. Separate instructions are given with each section and question, wherever necessary. Read these instructions and follow them.
4. Do not exceed the prescribed word limit while answering the questions

Q. No	SECTION A – READING	8
1.	Read the passage given below and answer the questions that follow:	
i	Starting Monday, the country's low-cost Mars mission with the red planet for an extended period will enter the blackout phase snapping communication with the satellite. From June 8 to 22 the Sun will block Mars from the Earth snapping communication with the satellite.	
ii	A senior Indian Space Research Organization official said. "That will be for the first time that there will be communication break for such a long period of about 15 days. During this period there will be no communication with the satellite, he added.	
iii	Expressing confidence about regaining control over the satellite once the blackout phase is over, he said, "the scenario had been tested and the line of communication will be established" The spacecraft's life has been extended for another six months in March due to surplus fuel.	
iv	Stating that the spacecraft has been "configured for the blackout, the ISRO official said, "we are not sending any commands to the spacecraft now; till 8 June few hours of signals will be sent by the spacecraft that will be for about two to three hours per day" In May next year, the mission will have to go through a similar phase once there is another extension of mission life when the Earth will come between the Sun and Mars.	
v	Scripting space history, India on September 24 last successfully placed its low-cost Mars spacecraft in orbit around the red planet in its very first attempt, breaking into an elite club of three countries.	
	Based on your understanding of the extract, answer the questions below:	
i	Infer one reason for the following based on information in paragraph 1: The blackout phase is significant -----	1
ii	Choose the appropriate option to fill in the blank. From paragraph 1&2, we can infer that there will be.....	1

	<p>1. no communication with the people. 2. blackout phase 3. satellite will get no communication 4. moon will block the earth 5. the communication break will be for 15 days (A) 1,2&3 (B) 1,3&4 (C) 2,3&5 (D) 3,4&5</p>	
iii	<p>According to ISRO official till 8 June, when Sun will block Mars..... Signal/signals per day will be sent to the spacecraft (A) no (B) considerable (C) indefinite (D) only few</p>	1
iv	<p>Complete the following sentence. The ISRO officials are..... about their control over the spacecraft after the blackout phase. (A) Doubtful (B) Apprehensive (C) Confident (D) jittery</p>	1
v	<p>The spacecraft's life was extended by six months because of (A) extra fuel (B) incomplete work (C) lack of communication amongst ISRO officials (D) technical problems in its landing</p>	1
vi	<p>Read the following sentence: (a) The blackout was a sudden development. (b) Because of this, the officials are very nervous about the success of the spacecraft. (A) Both (A) & (B) are true (B) Both (A) & (B) are false. (C) (A) is true and (B) is false. (D) (A) is false and (B) is true.</p>	1
vii	<p>Complete the sentence: Find the word in the 1st para which means the same as 'a sudden break'.....</p>	1
viii	<p>Throw light on India's script in space history in about 40 words.</p>	1
2.	<p>Attempt both questions i and ii given below, within 100 – 120 words.</p> <p>i. Given is a bar graph showing the projected international population growth by the year 2030, in different continents of the world. Write an analytical paragraph based on the statistics of the graph.</p>	5



ii	You are Ajeet / Anika, a student of S.M. Public School, Electronic City . You are concerned about the water crisis which has reached a very dangerous level. Write a letter to the editor of a newspaper highlighting the need to provide water in drought hit areas and the dire need of creating awareness about the conservation of water through informative posters.	5
3.	Attempt <u>any ten</u> of the following	10X0.5=5
i.	One of my friends ____ the proprietor of this restaurant. (insert suitable verb)	
ii	Thirty two miles _____ a pretty long distance. (insert suitable verb)	
iii	Change the following sentence to reported speech. <i>Direct:</i> The teacher said to us, "You are all intelligent students but you have never been sincere to you work." <i>Indirect:</i>	
iv	Mohan cut himself while he _____. a. Shave b. was shaving c. would be shaving d. will have shaved	
v	I must have this book at _____ rate. a. Some b. less c. little d. any	
vi	The advertisement read, "If you smoke statistically, your story _____ end 15% before it should." a. May b. ought to c. will d. must	

vii	<p>Identify the error in the following sentence and supply the correction The pleasure in being outdoors is fundamental to human happiness.</p> <table border="1" data-bbox="639 203 935 327"> <thead> <tr> <th data-bbox="639 203 764 253">error</th> <th data-bbox="764 203 935 253">correction</th> </tr> </thead> <tbody> <tr> <td data-bbox="639 253 764 327"></td> <td data-bbox="764 253 935 327"></td> </tr> </tbody> </table>	error	correction						
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vii	<p>Sunil shared some information with Tariq, about a holiday at sea. Report Tariq's question: <i>Did you enjoy travelling by sea?</i></p>								
ix	<p>Identify the error on a shop's hoarding and supply the correction, for the following sales offer:</p> <table border="1" data-bbox="225 539 1326 689"> <tr> <td data-bbox="225 539 1326 577" style="text-align: center;">SAI & DAUGHTERS PVT. LTD.</td> </tr> <tr> <td data-bbox="225 577 1326 616" style="text-align: center;">Bindapur, Jharkhand</td> </tr> <tr> <td data-bbox="225 616 1326 689" style="text-align: center;">Massive discount for all senior citizen vaccinated with the precautionary dose.</td> </tr> </table> <p style="text-align: center;">Use the given format for your response.</p> <table border="1" data-bbox="639 730 906 864"> <thead> <tr> <th data-bbox="639 730 740 790">Error</th> <th data-bbox="740 730 906 790">Correction</th> </tr> </thead> <tbody> <tr> <td data-bbox="639 790 740 864"></td> <td data-bbox="740 790 906 864"></td> </tr> </tbody> </table>	SAI & DAUGHTERS PVT. LTD.	Bindapur, Jharkhand	Massive discount for all senior citizen vaccinated with the precautionary dose.	Error	Correction			
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x	<p>Read the conversation between a doctor and his patient. Complete the sentence by reporting the patient's reply correctly, Doctor: Do you feel down from time-to-time Mr. Captain? Patient: Yes, I do not stay in a good mood. The doctor, while trying to figure out his patient's ailment, asked about his well- being, to which, the patient affirmed.....</p>								
xi	<p>The climate control comment by a social media activist _____ the internet, yesterday. a. Blow up b. blew up c. has blown up d. had blown up</p>								
xii	<p>The scissors _____ sharpening. a. Need b. needs c. is needing d. to need</p>								
SECTION C – LITERATURE		17							
4.	<p>Attempt <u>any one</u> of the following questions A. Read the following extract and answer the questions accordingly. “He should be lurking in the shadows, Sliding through the long grass Near the water hole Where the plump deer pass.” i. Who is this ‘he’? ii. What is this ‘he’ doing right now? iii. Bring out the contrasting image present in the the poem. iv. What should this ‘he’ be doing around the houses at the edge of the jungle? v. What is the last voice heard by ‘him’?</p>	5X1 = 5							

	<p>B. Read the following extract and answer the questions accordingly.</p> <p>“It is from these comrades in the struggle that I learned the meaning of courage. Time and again, I have seen men and women risk and give their lives for an idea.”</p> <p>i. Which idea is the speaker talking about?</p> <p>ii. Bring out the significance of the day when the speech was stated.</p> <p>iii. What is the speaker’s opinion about ‘hatred’?</p> <p>iv. Later in this speech, the speaker talks about the twin ‘obligation’, state these ‘obligations’.</p> <p>v. Who according to the speaker is a ‘brave man’?</p>	
5.	<p>Answer <u>any one</u> of the following in about 40-50 words each.</p> <p>i. Explain how the description of the devastation caused by the hailstorm reflects the sadness within Lencho, in A Letter to God?</p> <p>ii. Why does Amanda wish to turn into a mermaid?</p>	3X1=3
6	<p>Answer <u>any one</u> of the following in 40-50 words each.</p> <p>i. Why did the young thief find it difficult to rob Anil?</p> <p>ii. What was Hari Singh’s reaction to the prospect of receiving education?</p>	3X1=3
7	<p>Answer <u>any one</u> of the following questions in about 100-120 words.</p>	6X1=6
i.	<p>‘The moon itself is beautiful but it shines bright with the sun’s light.’ Similarly a good pupil can achieve greatness in company of a good pastor. Comment on this statement with reference to the short story “The Making of a Scientist”.</p>	
ii.	<p>Life is simple only if we can shun our vices. Both the poem ‘Dust of Snow’ and ‘Fire and Ice’ convey this message to us. Justify this statement, with references to both the mentioned poems.</p>	