



Delhi Public School, Howrah

PERIODIC ASSESMENT II (2024-25)

SUBJECT: ENGLISH LANGUAGE AND LITERATURE (CODE - 184)

CLASS-X

Time: 3 Hours

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
(1)	In the late 1990s, the question of 'environmental refugees' was a hotly debated one, with experts both asking how we might define populations displaced by environmental change and at the same time trying to estimate how many actual people might potentially be on the move. But this debate was itself displaced by the early 2000s. In part, this was a result of the politics of international protection, as the resettlement of even conflict-related refugees became increasingly politicized and constrained following several high-profile terrorist attacks in countries like the US	
(2)	Additionally, the vagueness inherent in trying to predict the numbers who might be on the move due to environmental changes—trying to correlate the location of existing populations with the extent of possible sea level rise, for example—led to a wild and enormous range of potential outcomes. International attention—at least that of multilateral bodies like the UNHCR, IOM and many national governments—remained focused on conflict-induced displaced persons, whose numbers have ballooned since 2010, from just under thirty-five million people to over one hundred million by 2022.	
(3)	But environmental—and especially climate-driven—migration is once again at top of mind for many around the world today. The intensity of climate change is no longer theoretical and distant; rather, as wildfires spread, hurricanes and storms get stronger and arrive with greater regularity, as droughts worsen, as biodiversity continues to be lost and as food production and supplies are threatened, the viability of many landscapes are increasingly called into question. Already some have had to abandon their former homes, while others may soon have no choice but to do so. Discussions of 'environmental refugees' and 'climate refugees' once again have taken centre stage at several international meetings and in the work of scholars, practitioners, politicians and advocates.	
	Answer the following questions, based on the passage above.	
i.	Which of the following is <i>not</i> the reason for the kind of migration the passage is concerned about? A. Climate change B. Hurricanes C. Terrorist attacks D. Loss of biodiversity	1

<p>ii.</p> <p>iii.</p> <p>iv.</p> <p>v.</p> <p>vi.</p> <p>vii.</p> <p>viii.</p>	<p>Which of the following words is the synonym of 'vagueness'?</p> <p>A. gentleness B. conflict C. confusion D. ambiguity</p> <p>Which of the following is not true about the author's intention in writing the text?</p> <p>A. The author wants to create an awareness about the extended consequences of environmental changes. B. The author wants to explain that climate-driven refugees are more important than conflict-induced refugees and the government should focus on the former. C. The author wants to criticise the authorities and governments for not focusing on the migration caused by climate change. D. The author wants to determine the correlation between conflict-induced and climate-driven migration.</p> <p>Name the two multilateral organisations mentioned in the passage.</p> <p>Complete the following: Environmental refugees are those people who _____</p> <p>State the information available about the ballooned number of people who are displaced owing to a conflict in the nation.</p> <p>Why did the issue of environmental refugees become displaced by the early 2002s?</p> <p>In not more than 40 words, explain why climate change is no longer theoretical or distant.</p>	<p>1</p> <p>1</p> <p>1</p> <p>1</p> <p>1</p> <p>2</p> <p>2</p>
<p>2.</p>	<p>Read the following text:</p>	<p>10</p>
<p>(1)</p> <p>(2)</p> <p>(3)</p> <p>(4)</p>	<p>The Internet has become a lifeline to most of us. The world not only revolves around it but also 'in' it. Almost every decision achieves fruition with the active interference and assistance of the internet. Coronavirus has made us acutely realise the importance of the internet. The internet helped businesses tide through the tough lockdowns, individuals connected with each other, used the opportunity to learn and acquire new skills and provided much-needed meaning and reason to carry on.</p> <p>The number of active internet users in India continued to grow at a steady pace despite a challenging year. As per 2020 estimates, of the population of 1433 million individuals in India, 622 million individuals are active internet users (AIU: those who have accessed the internet in the last one month). This translates to about 43% of the total population across urban and rural India having used the Internet at least once in the last one month.</p> <p>Mobile phones remain the most used device for accessing the internet with almost 100% of the active internet users opting for mobile phones to access the internet. 17% of the AIU accesses the internet using a personal computer and 6% chooses to access the internet using other devices such as tablets, steaming devices, smart speakers, and smart TV.</p> <p>Mobile phones are omnipresent. Cheaper and faster data plans and availability of the content in Indian languages have triggered the universal usage of mobile phones by AIU to access internet content in both Urban and Rural. The chart below gives a picture of device usage across India.</p>	
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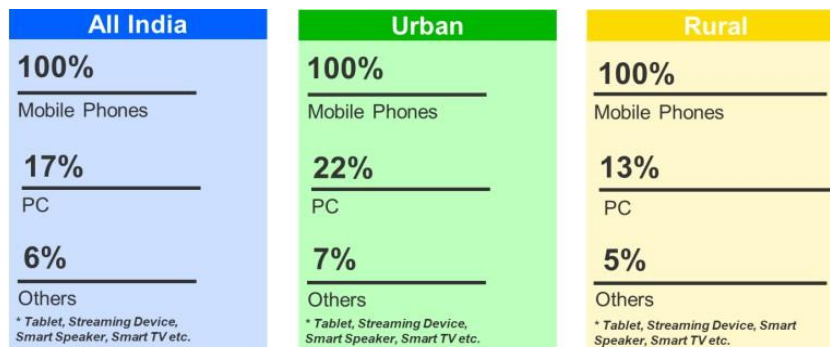


Figure 1

(5) The Internet has gone beyond the sole purpose of connecting people and an option to do office work. Below is a graphical presentation of the activities done on the internet.

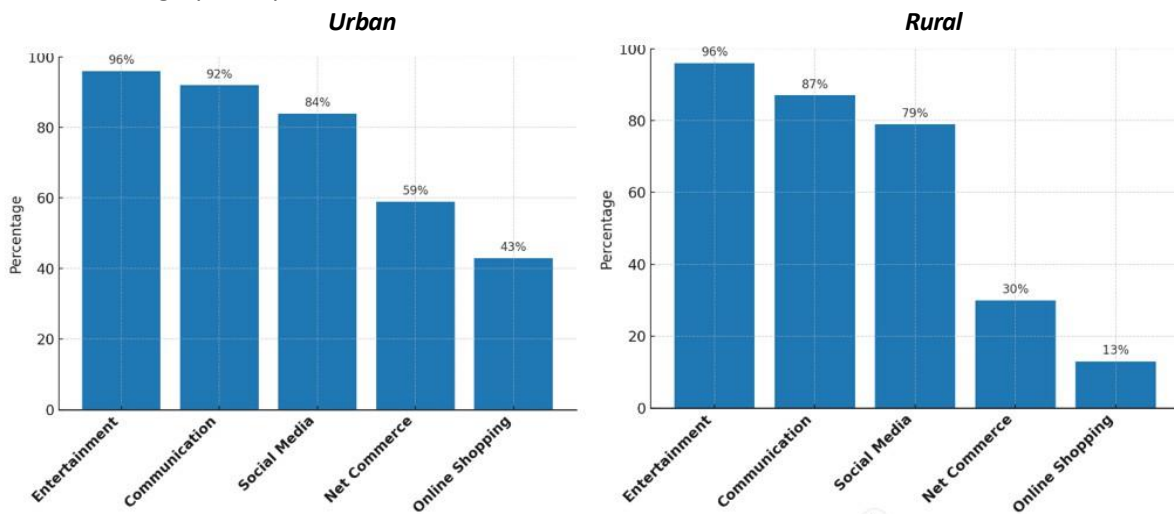


Figure 2(a)

Figure 2(b)

It has been observed that net commerce and online shopping activity are more prominent in urban users. Penetration of Net Commerce is almost two times in Urban as compared to Rural. As regards online shopping, it is three times more in Urban India than in Rural India. 59% and 43% of the urban AIU conduct net commerce and online shopping respectively. But these numbers stand at only 30% for net commerce and 13% for online shopping for the rural population.

(6) Accessing OTT, online gaming, digital payments, and online learning are some of the additional activities done on the Internet. Since entertainment is the key activity done online, it was observed that AIUs are spending more time on OTT. With a penetration of 95% among AIU, OTT stands to be the top-most activity done. Penetration of OTT usage is similar across both Urban and Rural India. Online gaming has seen a lot of growth in recent times. Almost half of the AIU in India are into online gaming. 72% of urban AIUs are into online gaming whereas only 31% of rural AIUs are into online gaming. Digital payments have seen a wider acceptance among active internet users in India. 46% of the active internet users make digital payments. While 3 out of 5 active internet users in Urban India are making digital payments, only 33% are doing so in Rural India.

(7) To conclude the internet usage growth in India continues to have an upward trend. The real growth potential can be seen in Rural India, where the growth has been 3X as compared to Urban India. As of 2020, about 323 million(est.) out of a total estimated population of about 485 million in Urban India are expected to be active users of the Internet and about 299 million(est.) out of an estimated population of 948 million are estimated to be the users of internet.

Answer the following questions, based on the passage above:		
i.	AIU stands for: A. All Internet Users B. Active Internet Users C. Any Internet Users D. Activating Internet Users	1
ii.	Which of the following is an additional activity on the internet? A. Remote Working B. E-Commerce C. Online Gaming D. Communication	1
iii.	What is the percentage of the Urban-Rural divide in Net-Commerce activities as can be found in Figure 2? A. 9% B. 19% C. 29% D. 39%	1
iv.	Which of the following words in paragraph 2 can have the possible antonym 'weak'? A. pace B. translates C. accessed D. steady	1
v.	Assertion (A): 22% of the Urban population has access to PC whereas the figure is 13% in rural areas. Reason (R): The urban economy helps the affordability of the population in owning PC whereas mobile phones, cheaper than PC, can be afforded by the rural counterpart. A. Both A and R are true but R is not the correct explanation of A B. A is true but R is false and irrelevant to the passage C. Both A and R are true and R correctly explains A D. A is false and irrelevant to the passage but R is true	1
vi.	Complete the analogy: Entertainment: OTT :: Online Shopping: _____	1
vii.	Given below are a few reasons voted by the people that explain the absence of AIUs in an area. Based on your understanding, state the demographic composition of the region. Give reasons for your answer. <div style="border: 1px solid black; background-color: #fff9c4; padding: 10px; margin: 10px auto; width: fit-content;"> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ● Not aware of the benefits of the internet. ● Internet is very confusing to me. ● Never felt any interest towards it. ● Unable to handle smartphones. </div>	2
viii.	Draw an inference, in not more than 40 words, from the lines "While 3 out of 5 active internet users in Urban India are making digital payments, only 33% are doing so in Rural India."	2

SECTION B: WRITING SKILLS & GRAMMAR (20 marks)

GRAMMAR		10				
3.	Complete ANY TEN of the following tasks, as directed:	(1x10)				
i.	<p>Fill in the blank by choosing the correct option: I was afraid to go out lest he _____ follow me. (a) would (b) could (c) should (d) can</p>					
ii.	<p>Samiksha shared some information with Sameer regarding the annual blood donation camp. Report Sameer's question: How did you feel when you were donating blood?</p>					
iii.	<p>Fill in the blank by choosing the correct option: He _____ in the United States but he still does not have a command over the English language. (a) had lived (b) has been living (c) lived (d) is living</p>					
iv.	<p>Identify the error and supply correction for the given policy as framed by the current government: The education department aimed to build strong human resources.</p> <table border="1" style="margin-left: auto; margin-right: auto;"> <thead> <tr> <th style="text-align: center;">ERROR</th> <th style="text-align: center;">CORRECTION</th> </tr> </thead> <tbody> <tr> <td style="height: 20px;"> </td> <td> </td> </tr> </tbody> </table>	ERROR	CORRECTION			
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v.	<p>Fill in the blank by using the correct form of the word in the bracket: The policeman gave no _____ (indicate) that there was a road banner ahead.</p>					
vi.	<p>Complete the line from a song, by filling the blank with the correct option.</p> <p style="text-align: center;">The Sun paints the Sky with gold The Breeze and Ocean _____ your song The Clouds and Rain dance along You're finding your way back home To sing your heart out strong.</p> <p>(a) will carry (b) carry (c) had carried (d) carries</p>					
vii.	<p>Identify the error in the given note left for the guests by the manager: <i>Guests are requested to not leave their valuables unattended in their rooms to avoid burglar.</i></p> <table border="1" style="margin-left: auto; margin-right: auto;"> <thead> <tr> <th style="text-align: center;">ERROR</th> <th style="text-align: center;">CORRECTION</th> </tr> </thead> <tbody> <tr> <td style="height: 20px;"> </td> <td> </td> </tr> </tbody> </table>	ERROR	CORRECTION			
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viii. Fill in the blank by using the correct form of the word in the bracket, for the given portion of a letter:
Subject: Seeking leave approval

Dear Madam,

I write this letter to request you to consider the _____ (urgent) of my condition and grant me a leave of four days.

ix. Rahul is in conversation with Animesh. At one point in the conversation, Rahul expresses that it was difficult for him to face his father after he had lost his job. Animesh, in an attempt to console his friend, told him not to lose hope. There were other opportunities to explore.

Read the reported conversation above and fill up the following with the suitable option:

Rahul said to Animesh, "It is difficult for me to face Dad, now that I _____ my job."

Animesh replied, "Do not lose hope. There are other opportunities to explore."

- (a) has lost
- (b) have lost
- (c) had lost
- (d) is losing

x. Following is a portion of a summary of a report issued by a company for its employees. Fill in the blanks with the correct option"

Despite the fact that the project was initially met with scepticism from several key stakeholders, _____ (that/ which/ who) were concerned about the feasibility and potential impact on the company's existing operations, the team managed to successfully navigate the numerous challenges and obstacles.

xi. Complete the given narrative by filling in the blank with the correct option:

The attendant _____ several guests at the same time to ensure prompt service.

- (a) waited on
- (b) waited in
- (c) waited up
- (d) waited

xii. Select the option that identifies the error and supplies the correction in the journal entry:

As I was standing on the dock, looking out at the lake for the last time, a feeling of emptiness had washed over me like darkness.

Option No.	Error	Correction
(a)	looking	too look
(b)	was standing	stood
(c)	had washed	washed
(d)	as	when

WRITING

(10)

4.A. You are Madhavi/Madhav, the newly appointed Hostel Warden of Bharati Residential School, Pune, Maharashtra. Write a Letter, in not more than 100-120 words, to the sales manager of Deep Electronics and Domestic Appliances Ltd. to place an order for different kinds of electronic and domestic items. Ask for a discount permissible on the purchase along with the sales receipt. The details are given in the following table:

Item/s	Quantity
Fans	25
LED Light Bulbs	50
Geysers	5
Microwave	2
Electric Kettle	4
Electronic Iron	2

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OR

4.B. You are Manas/Manasi, the head boy/girl of Blooming Public School. You are concerned with a poster you have seen outside your school that states:
“Learn English in One Week! Subscribe to my tutorial videos for only Rs 99/-”
 Write a letter, in not more than 100-120 words, to The Daily Newspaper drawing attention to the harmful and misleading advertisements, especially on vulnerable students. Propose a drive to promote different skills of Learning English and create an awareness that mastering a language takes long-term effort and practice.

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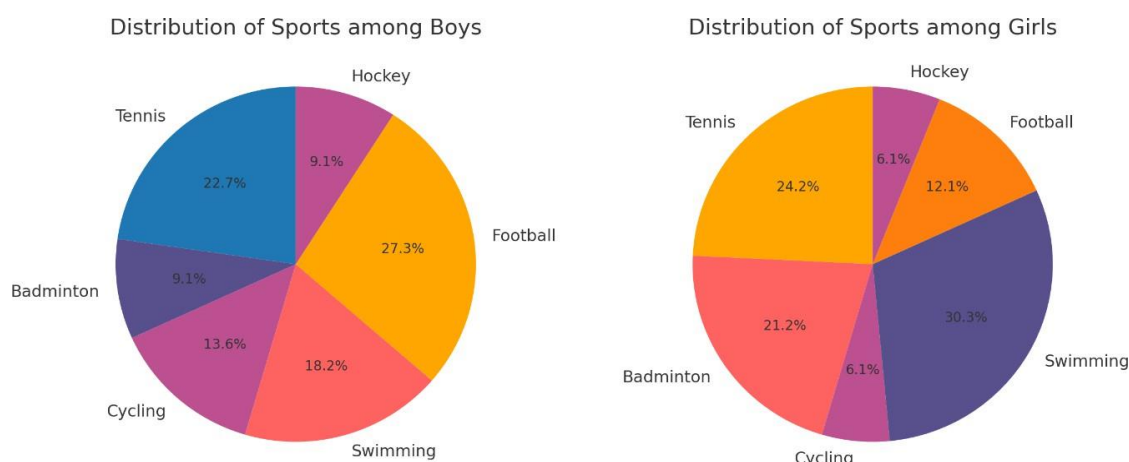
5.A. Read the following excerpt from a survey conducted on people’s attitudes towards pet animals. Write an analytical paragraph to analyse the given statement in 100-120 words.
“Pet ownership is becoming increasingly common in urban India, but many pet owners lack awareness about responsible pet care and ignore the needs of their animals. Cases of abandonment, neglect, and abuse of pets such as dogs, cats, and birds are not uncommon. Additionally, the illegal breeding and sale of pets in unregulated markets leads to continued animal suffering and contributes to overpopulation.”

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OR

5.B. The pie charts show the involvement in sports among Boys and Girls. Write an analytical paragraph based on the given information in about 100-120 words:

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SECTION C: LITERATURE TEXTBOOK AND SUPPLEMENTARY READING TEXT (40 marks)

6.	Read the given extracts and answer the questions for ANY ONE of the two:	5
<p>A.</p> <p>“At length, Kisa Gotami met a man who replied to her request, “I cannot give thee medicine for thy child, but I know a physician who can.”</p> <p>And the girl said, “Pray tell me, sir; who is it?” And the man replied, “Go to Sakyamuni, the Buddha.”</p> <p>Kisa Gotami repaired to the Buddha and cried, “Lord and Master, give me the medicine that will cure my boy.”</p> <p align="right">-The Sermon at Benares</p> <p>i.</p> <p>In this context, ‘repaired’ means:</p> <p>a) fixed</p> <p>b) requested</p> <p>c) went to</p> <p>d) cured</p> <p>ii</p> <p>Complete the sentence: Kisa Gotami was looking for a cure for her son because _____</p> <p>iii.</p> <p>What was Buddha’s reply to Kisa Gotami’s plea?</p> <p>iv.</p> <p>Was Kisa Gotami successful in fulfilling Buddha’s given task? Give a reason for your answer.</p>		<p>1</p> <p>1</p> <p>1</p> <p>2</p>
OR		
<p>B.</p> <p>“And as the light came on, Fowler had his first authentic thrill of the day. For halfway across the room, a small automatic pistol in his hand, stood a man.</p> <p>Ausable blinked a few times.</p> <p>“Max,” he wheezed, “you gave me quite a start. I thought you were in Berlin. What are you doing here in my room?”</p> <p align="right">- The Midnight Visitor</p> <p>i.</p> <p>What was Fowler’s profession?</p> <p>a) Secret agent</p> <p>b) Assistant</p> <p>c) Writer</p> <p>d) Reporter</p> <p>ii.</p> <p>Why had Max come to meet Ausable?</p> <p>a) to hand over the important report to Ausable</p> <p>b) to inform Ausable about the important report</p> <p>c) to protect Ausable from their common enemies</p> <p>d) to take the important report away from Ausable</p> <p>iii.</p> <p>What was the only menacing thing about Max?</p> <p>iv.</p> <p>Where were Fowler and Ausable lodged?</p>		<p>1</p> <p>1</p> <p>1</p> <p>2</p>
7.	Read the given extracts and answer the questions for ANY ONE of the two:	5
<p>A.</p> <p>“But I can get a hair-dye And set such colour there, Brown, or black, or carrot, That young men in despair May love me for myself alone And not my yellow hair.”</p> <p align="right">- For Anne Gregory</p>		

<p>i.</p> <p>ii.</p> <p>iii.</p> <p>iv.</p>	<p>Identify the figure of speech that is used in the word 'carrot'</p> <p>a) metaphor b) personification c) metonymy d) anaphora</p> <p>Choose the correct option to complete the following sentence: The speaker of the above lines wishes to colour her hair because _____</p> <p>a) she wants to try new colours for her hair to change her looks b) she wants to disguise herself so that young men with fake emotions cannot bother her c) she wants to test young men's affection towards her true self and not her outward beauty d) the poet tells her to do so</p> <p>Who turns out to be indifferent to her 'yellow hair' at the end of the poem?</p> <p>a) The poet b) The young men c) Old religious man d) God</p> <p>Explain, in not more than 40 words, the symbolism associated with 'yellow hair'.</p>	<p>1</p> <p>1</p> <p>1</p> <p>2</p>
<p>B.</p> <p>i.</p> <p>ii.</p> <p>iii.</p>	<p>"I saw it go Merrily bouncing, down the street, and then Merrily over — there it is in the water! No use to say 'O there are other balls': An ultimate shaking grief fixes the boy As he stands rigid, trembling, staring down All his young days into the harbour where His ball went." – The Ball Poem</p> <p>Why is it useless to say "O there are other balls"?</p> <p>State the supposed impact of the line "An ultimate shaking grief fixes the boy..."</p> <p>Given below is a hypothetical ending to the poem: <i>A cleaner driving his tractor happens to pass when he sees the distressed boy. He gets off and learns about the boy's plight. The man readily arranges for some equipment from his vehicle and gets down into the water. He successfully retrieves the ball for the boy.</i> How does this ending defy the poet's intention of writing the poem?</p>	<p>1</p> <p>2</p> <p>2</p>
<p>8.</p>	<p>Answer ANY FOUR of the following five questions in about 40-50 words:</p>	<p>4x3</p>
<p>i.</p> <p>ii.</p> <p>iii.</p> <p>iv.</p> <p>v.</p>	<p>Decode the line "The fire in the furnaces has not yet been extinguished" as perceived by the author Lucio Rodrigues in 'The Glimpses of India'</p> <p>A mother's resilience can induce the growth of well-rounded and capable individuals. Discuss the relevance of this statement in relation to the story 'His First Flight'.</p> <p>How according to Carolyn Wells, one should be able to identify a Bengal Tiger? Describe the impact of the method on the readers.</p> <p>Justify the poem 'The Tale of Custard the Dragon' as a ballad.</p> <p>Why was writing a diary a 'strange experience' for Anne Frank? Why was it important for her to write a diary despite that?</p>	<p></p>
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9.	Answer ANY TWO of the following three questions in about 40-50 words:	2x3
i.	Why was smiling in 'the most appealing way' necessary for Hari?	
ii.	How did the teacher inspire 'hope' in Bholi?	
iii.	How is the deceptive nature of appearance addressed in the story 'The Midnight Visitor' through both Ausable and Max?	
10.	Answer ANY ONE of the following two questions in about 100-120 words.	1x6
A.	"Liberty, when it begins to take root, is a plant of rapid growth." The given quote by George Washington enunciates the nature of liberty as an expanding entity. Relate closely to the given idea to prove the progress of freedom and liberty in 'A Long Walk to Freedom' and 'Trees'.	
OR		
B.	"Valli smiled to herself. She didn't want them to understand her smile. But, then, there wasn't much chance was there?" - Comment on the ending of the story 'Madam Rides the Bus' with special reference to Valli's varied experience throughout the bus journey.	
11.	Answer ANY ONE of the following two questions in about 100-120 words.	1x6
A.	Bring out the essence of Bholi's internal thoughts through a blog that, hypothetically, she is writing herself, exploring the theme of social neglect and prejudice. Write the blog in about 100-120 words.	
OR		
B.	Greed is a potent factor in bringing about one's ruin, as it drives individuals to make destructive choices that ultimately lead to their downfall. Connect the theme to both Griffin and Matilda, both being overreachers in their own ways.	

