



Delhi Public School, Howrah

PERIODIC ASSESSMENT I (2025-2026)

Class-X

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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: - 1.5 Hours

Maximum Marks - 40

General instructions:

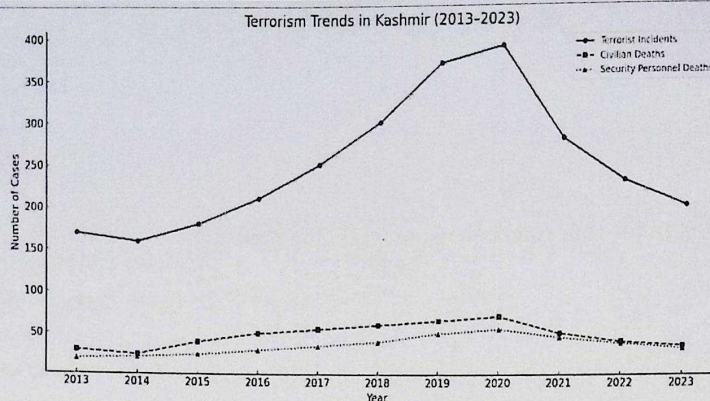
1. 15-minute prior reading time allotted for reading the question paper.
2. The Question Paper contains THREE sections-Section A - (READING), Section B- (GRAMMAR and WRITING) and Section C (LITERATURE).
3. Attempt questions based on specific instructions for each part. Write the correct question number in your answer sheet to indicate the option/s being attempted.
4. Separate instructions are given with each section and question, wherever necessary. Read these instructions and follow them.

Section A: READING SKILLS		10
I	Read the passage given below. <u>India's E-Waste Challenge</u> (1) Electronic waste, or e-waste, refers to discarded electronic appliances such as computers, smartphones, televisions, and refrigerators. According to a report by the Central Pollution Control Board (CPCB), India generated over 1.7 million tonnes of e-waste in 2020-21, an increase of 31% from the previous year. With the digital revolution and increasing dependence on electronic devices, e-waste generation is expected to surpass 5 million tonnes by 2025. (2) The top five e-waste generating states in India are Maharashtra, Tamil Nadu, Uttar Pradesh, West Bengal, and Delhi. However, only about 22% of this waste is collected and recycled through formal channels, while the remaining ends up in landfills or is handled by informal workers in hazardous conditions. These workers often lack protective gear and process e-waste by burning or using acid baths to extract valuable metals like gold and copper, releasing toxic fumes and chemicals such as lead, mercury, and cadmium into the environment. (3) The government launched the E-Waste Management Rules in 2016, revised in 2022, making Extended Producer Responsibility (EPR) mandatory. Under EPR, manufacturers are responsible for the collection and proper disposal of their products. Despite these regulations, enforcement remains weak, and awareness among consumers is low. (4) Efforts by NGOs and startups like "Ecopack" and "Karo Sambhav" are helping bridge the gap through awareness drives and e-waste pickup services. However, experts believe an extensive national strategy involving better infrastructure, stricter law enforcement, and educational initiatives is needed to address this growing environmental concern.	
Answer the following questions based on the above passage		10
i.	Which of the following best explains the indirect impact of informal e-waste processing on public health? A. Increase in smartphone usage	1

	B. Reduced life span of electronic devices C. Contamination of air and water sources D. Introduction of Extended Producer Responsibility (EPR)	
ii.	Based on the data, which statement can be logically inferred? A. Formal recycling accounts for most of the e-waste management. B. Public awareness campaigns have led to a reduction in e-waste. C. India's e-waste generation is likely to double in five years. D. Maharashtra is the least responsible for the e-waste problem.	1
iii.	Evaluate the effectiveness of EPR based on the passage. Do you think policy alone is sufficient to address the e-waste crisis? Support your answer with reasoning.	2
iv.	The passage suggests that startups like "Ecopack" play a role in _____ the gap between policy and practice in e-waste management.	1
v.	Reason(R): The government revised the E-Waste Management Rules in 2022. Assertion(A): India has achieved full compliance with e-waste recycling targets. A. Both A and R are true and R is the correct explanation of A B. Both A and R are true but R is not the correct explanation of A C. Both A and R are false D. A is true but R is false	1
vi.	Which of the following assumptions underlies the need for educational initiatives in e-waste management? A. Students are the main producers of e-waste. B. Most consumers lack awareness about proper disposal methods. C. Manufacturers are already compliant with EPR. D. NGOs are no longer effective in handling e-waste.	1
vii.	The word that is synonymous to 'comprehensive' in the above passage is _____.	1
viii.	What might be the long-term consequence if only 22% of e-waste continues to be formally recycled?	2
II	SECTION B – GRAMMAR	
	Attempt ANY TEN of the following questions.	(10x0.5=5)
i	Each of the students __ a unique talent. (Insert suitable verb)	
ii	Change to reported speech: Direct: The doctor said to me, "You must rest for at least a week."	
iii	Ten years __ a long time to wait for justice. (Insert suitable verb)	
iv	Priya dropped the tray while she _____ the dishes to the kitchen. A. carried B. had carried C. was carrying D. is carrying	

v	I bought this book at a _____ price than expected. A. fewer B. lesser C. lower D. short					
vi	"You _____ apologize for your rude behaviour," said the manager. A. might B. ought to C. would D. can					
vii	Identify the error and rectify. Sentence: He is good in art but weak in English. <table><tr><td>ERROR</td><td>CORRECTION</td></tr><tr><td></td><td></td></tr></table>	ERROR	CORRECTION			
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viii	Report Tanya's question: "Have you ever seen the Taj Mahal?"					
ix	Identify the error on the label and rectify. Label: "Keep this medicines out of reach of children." <table><tr><td>ERROR</td><td>CORRECTION</td></tr><tr><td></td><td></td></tr></table>	ERROR	CORRECTION			
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x	No sooner had the match started _____ it began to rain. A. then B. when C. than D. and					
xi	Complete the reported conversation: Father: "Did you water the plants today, Neha?" Father asked Neha _____.					

III	SECTION B – CREATIVE WRITING SKILLS	5
<i>All the names and addresses used in the questions are fictitious. Resemblance, if any, is purely coincidental.</i>		
	Attempt ANY ONE from A and B given below.	5
A.	The graph attached herewith shows the number of terrorist incidents, civilian deaths, and security personnel casualties in Kashmir from 2013 to 2023. Study the data carefully and write an analytical paragraph in about 100–120 words describing the trend of terrorism in the region. Highlight the years with the highest and lowest incidents, possible reasons behind the rise or fall, and the overall impact on the people and security forces.	



OR

- B.** Write a letter to the Store In-charge of your school stationery shop requesting the requisition of essential classroom supplies (such as whiteboard markers, chart papers, and notebooks etc.) for upcoming academic activities. Mention in details the quantity of the specific items required in a form of a list.

SECTION C- LITERATURE		20
IV	Reference to the Context	5
1	Attempt <u>ANY ONE</u> of two extracts given.	5
1.A	"Some say the world will end in fire, Some say in ice. From what I've tasted of desire I hold with those who favor fire."	
i.	Choose the correct option which uses the word 'tasted' in the same sense as used in the poem: A. I tasted the new soup my mom made. B. I tasted success after years of hard work. C. I tasted bitterness in the tea. D. He tasted saltwater while swimming.	1
ii.	Complete the following sentence using ONE word: The poet associates fire with _____.	1
iii.	What does the poet mean by 'favor fire'?	2
iv.	Which of the following correctly expresses the literary device used in the lines "Some say the world will end in fire, Some say in ice." A. Literal imagery describes something exactly as it is. B. Alliteration is the repetition of an identical consonant sound at the beginning of nearby words. C. Enjambment is the continuation of a phrase or sentence from one line to the next without any punctuation D. Anaphora is repetition of a word or expression at the beginning of successive phrases, clauses, sentences.	1
OR		
1.B	"I tried to sound severe: 'Now I really mean this. If you don't cut his food right down and give him more exercise, he is going to be really ill. You must harden your heart and help him slim down.' Mrs. Pumphrey wrung her hands and looked helplessly at me."	
i.	What is the speaker warning about in this extract?	1
ii.	Comment on the change that the speaker is expecting in Tricki's routine in about 40 words.	2

iii.	What does Mrs. Pumphrey's reaction ('wrung her hands') reveal about her personality? A. she is short tempered B. she is overwhelmed C. she is anxious and emotional D. she is agitated	1
iv.	The phrase 'harden your heart' means _____.	1
V	Answer ANY TWO of the following in about 40-50 words each.	2x3=6
i.	How does the poem Amanda! reflect the conflict between authority and the desire for freedom?	3
ii.	What does Nelson Mandela mean by 'twin obligations' in the text 'A Long Walk to Freedom'? How did apartheid make it impossible to fulfill them?	3
iii.	How does the author use the metaphor of 'flight' to highlight the importance of self-confidence and independence?	3
VI	Answer ANY ONE of the following in about 40-50 words each.	1X3=3
i.	'Curiosity, perseverance, and the will to win'- How are these qualities reflected in Ebright's journey to becoming a scientist?	3
ii.	How is the moment of epiphany important in changing the life of Hari Singh?	3
VII	Answer ANY ONE of the following in about 100-120 words.	1x6=6
i.	In both the stories, 'A Letter to God' and 'The Black Aeroplane', the protagonists experience extraordinary help in moments of crisis. How do these stories explore the theme of unseen forces guiding human lives?	6
OR		
ii.	In both the stories- 'A Thief's Story' and 'A Midnight Visitor', appearances are deceptive- Anil seems simple, Ausable seems unimpressive. How do these characters challenge stereotypes and expectations?	6