

CBSE PREDICTED QUESTION PAPER (2022-23)
ENGLISH LANGUAGE AND LITERATURE (Code No. 184)

CLASS-X

Time allowed: 3 Hrs.

Maximum Marks: 80

General Instructions:

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

Section A: READING SKILLS

20 Marks

I. Read the text carefully and answer the questions: (10)

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 stepby-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.

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

(1 × 10)

- i. The search is done by examining the treasure trove of a documented past. This also holds true for the history of food. (Paragraph 1)
Why would the author refer to cookbooks as a 'treasure trove'? (1)
 - A. because they contain recipes for rich foods
 - B. because writing them requires a lot of time and money
 - C. because they hold a wealth of information about the past
 - D. because writing recipes is considered a rewarding experience
- ii. 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.
- iii. Cookbooks are a guiding light... (Paragraph 2)
Which of these options uses the same literary device as the line above? (1)
 - A. This cake is the heaven of taste!
 - B. These grapes are as sweet as candy.
 - C. These biscuits are delicious. They're the best!
 - D. This recipe was so interesting. It jumped right off the page.
- iv. 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)
- v. Provide one example of how cookbooks can be a source of information about trade and network. (1)
- vi. Complete the following with a phrase from paragraph 3. (1)

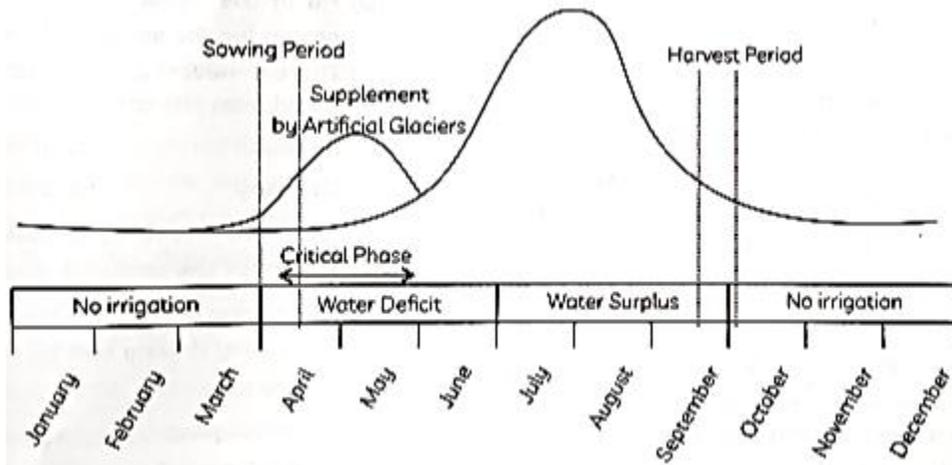
Phrase	Meaning
_____	gradually progress from one stage to the next
- vii. The social media chefs are here to stay. (Paragraph 4)
Which of these best describes the tone in the above line? (1)

- A. curious
 - B. hopeful
 - C. confident
 - D. argumentative
- viii. Based on the passage, state any two reasons why more Indians are exploring the art of cooking. (1)
- 1. _____
 - 2. _____
- ii. 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
- ii. Write an appropriate title for this passage. (1)

II. Read the text carefully and answer the questions: (1x10=10)

1. Ladakh has always experienced seasonal water scarcity according to the study of Nusser and his co-authors in his book, 'Cold Glacier'. Water scarcity issues are frequent and an annual phenomenon in Ladakh because of the complete dependence on irrigated agriculture from meltwater especially from the glaciers. Since the glaciers reside at a much higher altitude than the villages, the meltwater from these water sources comes quite late in the year. And so there is a regular problem of severe water scarcity every year in those months when sowing of the cultivated plants starts that is in earth springs.
2. Climate change has increased water shortages in mountain regions worldwide. Artificial glaciers help to alleviate seasonal water shortages by storing meltwater from winter months in ice structures at an altitude lower than the natural glaciers and higher than the cultivated fields. There are several types of artificial glaciers. Due to their lower altitude, these stores of ice melt earlier than the natural glaciers, providing irrigation just in time for the start of the agricultural seasons.
3. Constructed ice reservoirs, along with water management systems have long been in Ladakh's technological repertoire. According to Nusser's chapter on Ethnic and Cultural Dimensions of Knowledge, Ladakh has a long history of water harvesting and community management of water resources. This history includes tanks for storing meltwater called zings as well as an official called Chudpon who ensures equitable distribution of water. The Regional Environmental changes study harvesting which involves building small barrier wells.
4. Since then, four types of modern ice reservoirs have been developed, as identified by Nusser and his co-authors. Basin structures store ice similarly to how traditional zings store water. While zings are generally built around the same level as fields basins for ice storage are located at altitudes higher than cultivated fields, so that water can freeze. The advantage of ice basins over zings, and the advantage of ice reservoirs over water

reservoirs is that evaporation is minimized and so, more water is retained.



i. Select the option that is true for the two statements given below.

- (1) Ladakh has always experienced water scarcity.
- (2) Climate change has increased water shortages in mountain-region worldwide.
 - a. (1) is the result of (2)
 - b. (1) is the reason for (2)
 - c. Both (1) and (2) are true
 - d. (1) contradicts (2)

ii. What has increased water shortages in mountain regions worldwide?

iii. Why are the basins for ice-storage located at altitudes higher than the cultivated fields?

iv. 'Zings are generally built around the same level as.' Choose the correct option.

- (1) fields
 - (2) roads
 - (3) canals
 - (4) underground water
 - (5) wells
- a) 1, 3, 5
 - b) 3 and 5
 - c) 2 and 4
 - d) only 1

v. Zings are generally built to retain the ice. The underlined word means to _____ the ice.

vi. _____ has always been experienced by Ladakh.

vii. The amount of water in the months of----- to----- is in surplus.

viii. There is no irrigation in the month of February as per the given chart. (True/false)

ix. Artificial glaciers help to:

- a) manage water systems
- b) alleviate seasonal water shortages
- c) irrigate agriculture from meltwater
- d) build small barrier walls

x. What does Ladakh use as a technological repertoire?

SECTION B –GRAMMAR

III. Attempt ANY TEN of the following questions. (1x10=10)

i. The crowd _____ the police barriers and attacked the hunters.

- a) broke up
- b) break up
- c) break through
- d) broke through

ii. Report the dialogue between a mother and her daughter, by completing the sentence:

Mother: Why are you looking so worried?

Daughter: My exams are approaching.

In response to the question about being worried, the daughter said that _____.

iii. Select the correct option to fill in the blank for the given line, from an article on Global Warming.

Global warming _____ also have a major impact on habitats.

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

iv. Select the option that identifies the error and supplies the correction for the following line from a news report:

These exams open doors to higher education, improve employment opportunities and increase option.

Option no.	Error	Correction
A	these	this
B	open	opens
C	to	for
D	option	options

v. My father _____ English at all although he _____ it for three years when he was in high school.

- a) hasn't been speaking / studies
- b) isn't speaking / has studied
- c) wasn't speaking / is studying
- d) doesn't speak / studied

vi. Fill in the blank by using the correct form of the word in the bracket, for the given portion of a diary entry:

Dear Diary,

Today I saw the most beautiful sunrise over the ocean. I wish I could _____ (painting) it to truly capture and preserve the beauty I witnessed.

vii. Report the dialogue between a student and his teacher, by completing the sentence:

Student: Please explain it again.

Teacher: Acid reacts with a base to form salt.

In response to a student's request to explain that again, the teacher said that _____.

viii. Identify the error and supply the correction for the following:

VACCINATE YOURSELF TO COMBAT CORONA
No prior appointment required, Walk-in & get your jab
Facility are available for 18 years and above
Health Department, Chandigarh Administration

Use the given format for your response.

error	correction

ix. It was a cease-fire and the commander was checking a few things before sending a troop. Report the commander's question.

Do our soldiers have enough weapons?

x. Fill in the blank by choosing the correct option, to complete the slogan for Earth Day.

PLASTIC _____ BE FANTASTIC BUT GREEN IS CLEAN!

- a) CAN
- b) MAY
- c) MUST
- d) WILL

xi. Complete the sentence in reported speech:

He said, "I like this song."

He said that _____.

- a) he liked this song
- b) he likes this song
- c) he liked that song
- d) he was like that song

xii. Select the option that identifies the error and supplies the correction for the following line, from a news report:

A school has adopted safety measures like screening of everyone who enters school premises and special sanitization of the school as per WHO guidelines.

Option no.	Error	Correction
A	a	the
B	has	have
C	enters	enter
D	the	a

SECTION B – CREATIVE WRITING SKILLS

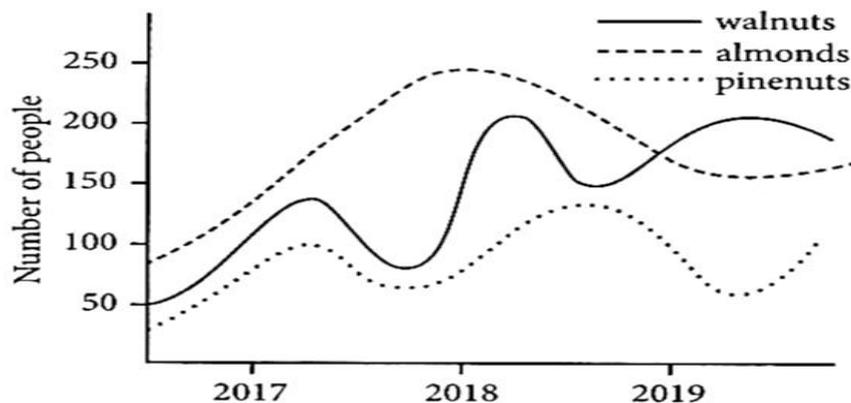
IV Attempt ANY ONE from A and B given below (5X2=10)

A. You are Tanvi/Shirish of Safdarjung Development Area, New Delhi. You are extremely disturbed about the attacks on old people living alone. Write a **Letter** in 100-120 words to the Editor of the 'The New Indian News' making people sensitive to the problem. Make suggestions to the people living alone and the authorities to ensure that such attacks do not take place.

OR

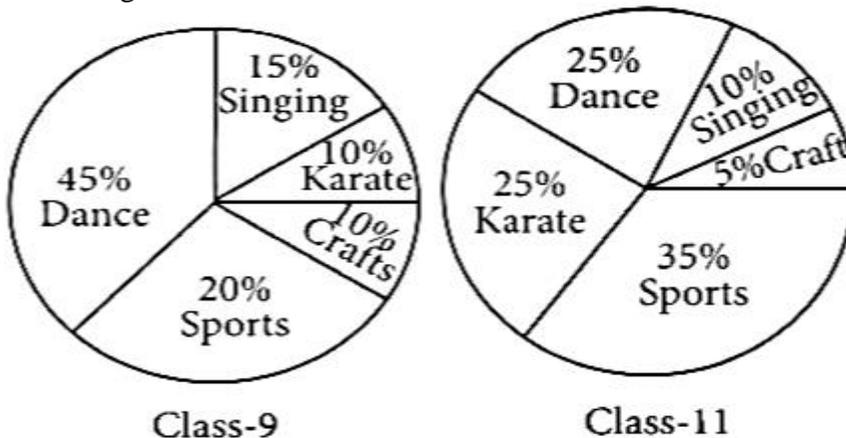
You are Vipul/Apoorva, living at D-424, Island Avenue, Ernakulam. You have seen an advertisement about a diploma course in the French language soon to be organized by Maxwell Institute of Languages, Fort Road, Kochi. Write a **letter** in 100-120 words to the advertiser seeking all the relevant information like admission procedure, fee structure, duration of the course, the timing of the class, transport facilities etc.

B. The given graph shows the increment in consumption of nuts over a period of three years. Write an **analytical paragraph** based on the given information.



OR

The given pie charts show percentage of girls of class - 9 and 11 regarding their interest in extracurricular activities study the pie chart and write an **analytical paragraph** describing the information.



SECTION C – LITERATURE

V Reference to the Context

1 Attempt ANY ONE of two extracts given (5X1=5)

1A. Read the text carefully and answer the questions:

So, in order to not to shake the writer's faith in God, the postmaster came up with an idea: answer the letter. But when he opened it, it was evident that to answer it he needed something more than goodwill, ink and paper. But he stuck to his resolution: He asked money from his employees.

- i. Who decided to answer the letter?
 - a) The postmaster
 - b) Lencho himself
 - c) a post office employee
 - d) God
- ii. How did the postmaster help the writer of the letter?
- iii. The word _____ in the extract means the same as a firm decision.
- iv. Write an antonym for unnoticeable from the passage?
 - a) evident
 - b) faith
 - c) resolution
 - d) goodwill
- v. What kind of a person was the postmaster?
 - a) cunning
 - b) arrogant
 - c) amiable
 - d) lethargic

OR

1B. Read the text carefully and answer the questions:

“Yes, I’m travelling alone,” she answered curtly. And I’ve got a ticket too.’ ‘Yes she’s on her way to town,’ said the conductor. ‘With a thirty paise ticket.’

‘Oh, why don’t you mind your own business,’ said Valli. But she laughed all the same, and the conductor laughed too.

But the old woman went on with her drivel. ‘Is it proper for such a young person to travel alone? Do you know exactly where you’re going in town?

What’s the street? What’s the house number?

‘You needn’t bother about me. I can take care of myself,’ Valli said, turning her face towards the window and staring out.”

i. Pick the option that matches the expressions with mind correctly.

Expression	Meaning
1. bring to mind	A. be receptive to someone's ideas
2. be in two minds	B. think about only one subject
3. have an open mind	C. recall something
4. put your mind at ease	D. undecided
	E. reassure you
	F. reach a decision

- a) 1-F, 2-C, 3-A, 4-D
- b) 1-C, 2-D, 3-A, 4-E
- c) 1-B, 2-F, 3-E, 4-A

- d) 1-F, 2-D, 3-C, 4-B
- ii. Valli told the conductor to mind his own business and laughed as well. This shows that Valli ...
- a) was not really bothered about what the conductor said.
 - b) didn't like the conductor speaking about her.
 - c) disliked what the conductor said but was amused.
 - d) was impressed with what the conductor said.
- iii. The old woman went on with her drivel. The word drivel is used here to mean _____.
- iv. The old woman asked her questions
- a) due to anxiety about Valli travelling alone.
 - b) out of curiosity and concern for Valli.
 - c) interest in Valli's life and need for travel.
 - d) due to the habit of interfering in Valli's life.
- v. How do you think Valli felt when the old woman asked her questions?

2. Attempt ANY ONE of two extracts given (5X1=5)

2A. Read the text carefully and answer the questions:

Has given my heart,
A change of mood.
And saved some part,
Of the day I rued.

- i. What did it shake on the poet?
- a) Dust of snow
 - b) Branch
 - c) Dust
 - d) None of these
- ii. _____ is the poet of the above lines.
- iii. What was the mood of the poet in the beginning of the poem?
- a) Sad mood
 - b) Happy mood
 - c) Confuse mood
 - d) No mood at all
- iv. What does "Dust of Snow" represent?
- v. Name the poetic device used in the line "Has given my heart"
- a) alliteration
 - b) metaphor
 - c) oxymoron
 - d) similie

OR

2B. Read the text carefully and answer the questions:

(I am Rapunzel, I have not a care;
life in a tower is tranquil and rare;
I'll certainly never let down my bright hair!)

Stop that sulking at once, Amanda!

You're always so moody, Amanda!
Anyone would think that I nagged at you, Amanda!

i Which of these reflects the speaker's tone in the second stanza of the extract?

1. critical
2. worried
3. concerned
4. sympathetic
5. commanding

A. 1, 5

B. 2, 3

C. 2, 4

D. 4, 5

ii Why has line 6 of the extract been referred to as ironical?

iii Identify the reason Amanda says she will never let down her hair.

- A. She has very short hair.
- B. She likes her hair a lot.
- C. She wishes to be left alone.
- D. She awaits her Prince Charming.

iv Complete the analogy with a word from the extract.

life: death:: grinning: _____

v. Select the sentence in which the word 'bright' is used in a similar manner as line 3 of the extract.

- A. Sekhar is a very bright child.
- B. Rama looked bright and chirpy today.
- C. Bobby's shirt was so bright and cheerful.
- D. Hemant has such bright prospects for the future.

VI Answer ANY FOUR of the following in about 40-50 words each.(4X3=12)

- I. How did Buddha get enlightenment?
- II. Which age old question does the poem Fire and Ice revolve around?
- III. What is the importance of the river Kaveri in the district of Coorg?
- IV. What do you think changed the attitude of the other animals and that of Belinda towards the dragon?
- V. "The Lomovs and the Chubukovs have always had the most friendly, and I might almost say the most affectionate, regard for each other." How would you evaluate Lomov and Chubukov's relationship as neighbours?

VII. Answer ANY TWO of the following in about 40-50 words each.(2X3=6)

- I. What kind of a person do you think the narrator of 'A Triumph of Surgery', a veterinary surgeon, is? Would you say he is tactful as well as full of common sense?

- II. What did Ausable say to Fowler while walking towards the room?
- III. What are the qualities that are required into the making of a scientist?

VIII. Answer ANY ONE of the following in about 100-120 words. (1X6=6)

- i. What advice might “chatterbox” Anne (Frank) have for the quietly imaginative Amanda? Present this as a conversation between the two.

You may begin this way:

Anne: Gosh! You do run off into some strange worlds, don't you?

Amanda: (nods) Well...

OR

- ii. Imagine Anne Gregory grows up to be a motivational speaker. As Anne Gregory, write a short speech on the importance of loving oneself.

You may begin this way:

Dear friends

The importance of believing in oneself can never be overstated. It becomes most important, therefore, to love oneself. I learnt this, as a young teen, the day a poet pointed out that..... (continue)

IX. Answer ANY ONE of the following in about 100-120 words. (1X6=6)

- i. Hari Singh says- He knew it but neither his lips nor his eyes showed anything. Anil successfully addressed the situation by not addressing it at all. Elaborate based on your reading of ‘The Thief’s Story’.

OR

- ii. Describe the twist in the plot in 'The Midnight Visitor'. Analyse how Fowler's opinion of Ausable must have undergone a change after the plot twist.