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MID-TERM EXAMINATION (2023-24)
CLASS : IX

SUBJECT: ENGLISH LANGUAGE & LITERATURE (184)

(M)

Time Allowed : 3 hours

Maximum Marks : 80

GENERAL INSTRUCTIONS:

1. The Question Paper contains THREE sections-READING, GRAMMAR & WRITING and LITERATURE.
 - Section A - Reading - 20 marks
 - Section B-Writing Skill and Grammar - 20 marks
 - Section C-Literature -40 marks
2. Attempt questions based on specific instructions for each part and question.

SECTION-A (READING)

(20 MARKS)

Reading Comprehension Through Unseen Passages

Q1. Read the passage given below:

(10)

1. Over the past few decades, there has been a noticeable decline in moral education across societies. Moral education, which encompasses the values, principles, and ethics that guide individuals' behavior, has been overshadowed by other priorities and often neglected in educational systems. This decline is concerning as it has far-reaching consequences on the overall well-being and harmony of a society.
2. One of the primary factors contributing to the decline in moral education is (the shift in societal values.) In many modern societies, there has been a greater emphasis on individualism, materialism, and personal success. This shift has led to a decreased emphasis on community values, empathy, and ethical behavior. As a result, schools and educational institutions have prioritized academic achievement and standardized testing over character development and moral reasoning.

3. Another factor that has contributed to the decline in moral education is³ (the rapid advancement of technology (and the rise of social media). While technology has undoubtedly brought numerous benefits, it has also introduced new challenges. The constant exposure to social media platforms, where information spreads rapidly and often without verification, has led to the erosion of critical thinking and ethical decision-making skills. The focus on instant gratification and online interactions has diminished the importance of face-to-face communication, empathy, and understanding the consequences of one's actions.
4. Furthermore, there has been a gradual erosion of traditional family values and the influence of religious institutions. Families, once the primary source of moral guidance, have become increasingly fragmented, and parents often struggle to find the time and resources to instill moral values in their children. Similarly, the decline in religious observance has led to a decrease in the transmission of religious teachings that often provide a moral compass for individuals.
5. The consequences of this decline in moral education are evident in various aspects of society. We witness a rise in unethical behaviors, such as cheating, dishonesty, and a lack of respect for others. There is an increase in bullying, cyber bullying, and online harassment, as individuals may not fully comprehend the impact of their actions on others.
6. In conclusion, Parents must actively engage in moral discussions with their children and lead by example, demonstrating the importance of empathy, honesty, and integrity. Society as a whole needs to reevaluate its values and priorities, placing a renewed emphasis on community, empathy, and the common good.

On the basis of your understanding of the passage, answer the following questions. (10)

- (i) Which of the following statements best describes the writer's opinion towards moral education? (1)
- (a) Education focused on academic achievement

- (b) Education that emphasizes community values and ethics
 - (c) Education that promotes materialism and personal success
 - (d) Education solely based on standardized testing
- (ii) Define the role of parents in addressing the decline in moral education according to the writer. Rationalise your response in about 40 words. (2)
- (iii) Complete the sentence appropriately :

According to the writer there has been a decline in moral education. One of the consequences of the decline in moral education is _____.

- (iv) The passage includes some words that are synonyms of each other. From the sets (a) – (d) below, identify one set of synonym. (1)

- (a) decline – rapid
- (b) erosion – decline
- (c) ethical – empathy
- (d) values – integrity

- (v) Complete the sentence appropriately : (1)

We can say that the writer's tone becomes more deep and objective (3) when discussing about the merits of advancement of technology compared to demerits of advancement of technology because _____.

- (vi) Based on the reading of the passage, examine, in about 40 words, how the weakening of family and religious ties led to a decline in moral education? (2)
- (vii) Which one of the following is the primary factor contributing to the decline in moral education? (1)
- (a) Emphasis on character development
 - (b) Increased importance of community values

(c) Shift in societal values

(d) Strengthening of traditional family values

(viii) What is the consequence of modern societies shifting towards individualism, materialism and personal success? (1)

Q2. Read the passage given below: (10)

1. (An Earth-sized planet orbiting a dim star in our galactic neighborhood is offering some of the best evidence to date of volcanism beyond our solar system, with observations suggesting a rugged and rocky world tormented by constant eruptions.)

2. Scientists said that the planet, the third detected orbiting this particular star, is likely covered with volcanoes- similar to Jupiter's moon Io, the most volcanically active body in our solar system. In our solar system, Earth and Venus are volcanically active, as are some of Jupiter's moons.

3. The planet's volcanism was not directly observed but rather inferred due to its significant gravitational interaction with the (larger) of the two other planets orbiting the dim star. (The gravitational tug from the larger planet may squeeze and flex the newly identified one, heating up its interior and causing surface volcanic activity, similar to Io, the researchers said. Planets beyond our solar system are called exoplanets.)

4. "There is not yet any direct observational evidence of exoplanet volcanism, but this planet is a particularly likely candidate," said University of Kansas astronomy professor Ian Crossfield, one of the authors of the research published in the journal 'Nature'.

It is a planet that does not rotate - with one side perpetually in daylight and the other in darkness

The planet is located in the Milky Way about 86 light-years away from our solar system in the direction of the constellation Crater. A light year is the distance light travels in a year, 59 trillion miles (9.5 trillion km).

5. It is slightly larger than Earth and orbits very close to a red dwarf star-a type much smaller than our sun, with relatively low mass and temperature - completing its elliptical journey around it in only 2.8 days.

Its surface temperature appears to be slightly warmer than Earth. It is situated on the inner edge of what is called the habitable zone, or Goldilocks zone, around the star- not too hot and not too cold, perhaps able to maintain liquid water on the surface and harbor life.

On the basis of your understanding of the above passage, answer the following questions: (10)

- (i) Based on your understanding of para 1, the most volcanically active celestial body beyond our solar system is _____. (1)
- (a) An asteroid
 - (b) A comet
 - (c) An Earth-sized planet
 - (d) A meteoroid
- (ii) Was the Earth-sized planet's volcanism observed directly? How was it eventually measured? (1)
- (iii) What could be the consequence of the gravitational tug of the larger planet on the Earth sized planet? Explain in about 40 words. (2)
- (iv) Based on the researches the scientists conducted about the surface of the Earth-sized planet, they found it to be _____. (1)
- (a) Smooth and plain
 - (b) Rugged and Rocky
 - (c) Dry and rough
 - (d) Tough and plateaus

(v) State True or False : (1)

The Earth-sized planet orbiting a dim star can also be called as Exoplanet.

(vi) In the given sentence taken from the extract, select the option that correctly replaces the underlined word, with its most likely synonym. (1)

The gravitational tug from the larger planet may squeeze and flex the newly identified one, heating up its interior and causing surface volcanic activity, similar to Io, the researchers said.

(a) Tighten

(b) kneel

(c) bend

(d) straighten

(vii) Describe the unique characteristics of the Earth-sized exoplanet orbiting a red dwarf star that make it an intriguing candidate for potential habitability. Elaborate on its size, temperature, proximity to the star, and orbital period (Answer in about 40 words). (2)

(viii) Which of the following is the main takeaway from the study mentioned in the passage: (1)

Option 1: The study provides direct observational evidence of exoplanet volcanism beyond our solar system.

Option 2: The planet's proximity to a red dwarf star and its location within the habitable zone are the only considerations to make it a potential candidate for harboring life.

Option 3: The newly detected planet's gravitational interaction with another larger planet suggests the likelihood of volcanism on its surface, similar to Jupiter's moon, Io.

Option 4: The planet, located 86 light-years away in the constellation Crater, has a unique characteristic of not rotating.

SECTION B: WRITING SKILLS & GRAMMAR

(20 marks)

GRAMMAR (10 MARKS)

Q.3 Complete ANY TEN of twelve of the following tasks, as directed. (10)

- (i) Fill in the blank by using the correct form of the word in the bracket, for the given portion of a paragraph: (1)

As children, we are all taught about the water cycle in schools. This integrated understanding of how the biophysical system _____ (work) and the impact that human activities have on the environment gradually wanes away as we move into higher education.

- (ii) Read the given sentence from an article on health and wellbeing. Identify the error and supply the correction in the sentence. (1)

It is important to note that excessive loss of Water must lead to dehydration. Proper hydration is essential to maintain overall health and wellbeing

Use the given format for your response.

Error	Correction

- (iii) A father and his son had a conversation about bad habits. Report father's statement. (1)

Don't tear pages from your notebook

- (iv) Read the dialogue between a teacher and his student regarding holidays' home work. (1)

Teacher. Have you noted your holidays home work from the whatsapp group?

Student: Yes sir. I have noted.

Select the correct option to complete the reporting of the above dialogue. The teacher asked his student _____ from the whatsapp group. The student replied in positive and told that he had noted.

- (a) That he had noted his holidays' homework
 - (b) If they had noted their holidays' homework
 - (c) If he had noted his holidays' homework
 - (d) That he has noted his holidays' homework
- (v) Fill the blank by choosing the correct option, to complete the concluding line of an Editorial Magazine. ()

Institutional autonomy seems the best bet for the future of Indian higher education. Especially with the emergence of a large and growing number of private universities _____ (which/who/what) are setting globally accepted standards in higher education.

- (vi) Identify the error and supply correction for the given sentence from an order during covid pandemic. (1)

In case any person is found violating the aforesaid instructions, the defaulting person(s) shall be proceed against as per the provisions of applicable laws :

Use the given format for your response.

Error	Correction

- (vii) Select the option that identifies the error and supplies the correction for the closing line, from a DIARY ENTRY.

Today I feel quite sad! Akash annoyed me greatly by pushing me in the playground of no reason.

Option No.	Error	Correction
A	Feel	Feels
B	me	myself
C	of	for
D	no	none

(viii) Complete the given narrative, by filling the blank with the correct option. (1)

Then, a week or two later, came judgment day. The professor _____ our papers back to us with grades and comments

- (a) gives
- (b) gave
- (c) will give
- (d) is giving

(ix) Report the dialogue between a shopkeeper and his customer, by completing the sentence: (1)

Shopkeeper: Welcome to our mobile phone shop. How can I help you, sir?

Customer: I want to buy a new mobile phone.

The Shopkeeper welcomed the customer in his mobile phone shop and asked how he could help him. The customer answered that _____.

(x) Fill the blank by choosing the correct option to complete a classified advertisement published in a newspaper. (1)

House No. 55, Kisan Colony, Jhunjhunu. First floor with three bedrooms
_____ attached bathrooms, car parking available, park facing, best location, 24
hour power and water supply, low maintenance charges and reasonable price.

- (a) containing
 - (b) constituting
 - (c) having
 - (d) had
- (xi) Complete the line from a famous poem, by filling the blank with the correct option. (1)

Art thou abroad on this stormy night

on thy journey of love, my friend?

The sky _____ like one in despair.

- (a) groans
 - (b) has groaned
 - (c) had groan
 - (d) groan
- (xii) Identify the error and supply correction for the following popular food blog: (1)
- Hooray for June! The sun is shining and I'm looking forward to summertime activities with Grace. I've been brainstormed fun recipes for summer produce (my favorite) and working on our garden lately.

Use the given format for your response.

Error	Correction

WRITING

(10 MARKS)

Note: All details presented in the questions are imaginary and created for assessment purpose.

Q.4A Your school recently celebrated Van Mahotsav under Eco Club. The celebration included the following events- (5)

1. Tree plantation in and around school
2. Screening of a documentary on chipko movement
3. Spontaneous speech competition on the importance of growing more trees

Write a descriptive paragraph about Van Mahotsav in your school with the help of given picture and detail mentioned above in 100-120 words.



OR

Q.4B In the beginning of the previous year you were weak in English but your English teacher helped you a lot. By his/her splendid efforts you got highest marks. Describe your English teacher and her efforts in 100-120 words.

Q.5A Veena started writing a story but couldn't complete it. Taking the help of the beginning given below, complete the story in about 100-120 words. Give your story a title also.

There lived a rich man in Varanasi. He had only one son who had turned ten, wanted to find out a good adviser for his son before his own death. The man _____.

OR

Q.5B You are Jayant/Pragya, a student of class IX. When you were going to school, you saw a small student meeting an accident with a bike. Write a diary entry for this incident in about 100-120 words.

SECTION C-LITERATURE

(40 marks)

Q.6 Read the given extracts and answer the questions for any one of the two, given. (5)

A. (The Inspector had smiled after he was finished and patted Margie's head. He said to her mother, "It's not the little girl's fault, Mrs. Jones, I think the geography sector was ²geared a little too quick.)⁵ Those things happen sometimes. I've slowed it up to an average ten-year level. Actually, the overall pattern of her progress is quite satisfactory." And he patted Margie's head again.

(The fun they had)

(i) Who smiled after finishing the task? (1)

- A. Margie
- B. Mrs. Jones
- C. The Inspector
- D. Tommy

(ii) Fill in the blank appropriately, taking reference from the above context: (1)

The reason given by the Inspector for the issue in the geography sector was _____.

(iii) How did the Inspector adjust the speed of the geography sector and how did the Inspector express his approval of Margie's progress? Answer in about 40 words. (2)

(iv) State TRUE or FALSE. (1)

The Inspector thought that Margie's overall progress was excellent.

OR

B. Thinking to humour his disconsolate charge by a gift of sweets, the man took him to the counter of the sweet shop "What sweets would you like, child?" he asked. The child turned his face from the sweet shop and only sobbed, "I want my mother, I want my father!"

(The Lost Child)

(i) What did the man offer to the disconsolate child? (1)

- A. A trip to the park
- B. A gift of sweets
- C. A new toy
- D. A visit to a museum

(ii) State TRUE or FALSE: (1)

When the man met the child, the child became very happy and enjoyed the fair.

(iii) What was the child's response when asked about his preferred sweets? Why did he behave in a certain way? Answer in about 40 words. (2)

(iv) Fill in the blank appropriately with reference to the above passage: (1)

The child expressed his longing by _____.

Q7. Read the given extracts and answer the questions for any one of the two, given: (5)

A. I shall be telling this with a sigh
Somewhere ages and ages hence;
Two roads diverged in a wood, and I -
I took the one less travelled by,
And that has made all the difference.

(The road not taken)

(i) "I took the one less travelled by". In this line, what is the possible meaning of 'less travelled by'.

- A. The road was worn out
- B. The road was not travelled by many people
- C. The road needed repair
- D. The road was travelled by many people

(ii) State TRUE or FALSE:

(1)

The central theme of the poem is Choices and their consequences

(iii) What does the speaker mean by "Two roads diverged in a wood" and why did he take the road "less travelled by"? Answer is about 40 words.

(2)

(v) Fill in the blank appropriately with reference to the above context :

(1)

The literary device used in the line "Somewhere ages and ages hence" is

OR

B. He won't do what you tell him.

So, come, let's build strong homes,

Let's joint the doors firmly.

Practise to firm the body.

Make the heart steadfast.

Do this, and the wind will be friends with us

(Wind)

- (i) Who is 'he' in the first line? (1)
- A. The poet
 - B. Doors
 - C. The Friends
 - D. Wind

(ii) What is the main message conveyed in this poem, and how does it suggest achieving a harmonious relationship with the wind? Answer in about 40 words. (2)

(iii) State TRUE or FALSE: (1)

The phrase "joint the doors firmly" actually means Close and lock the doors securely so that no one can enter the house, in the context of the poem.

(iv) Fill the blank appropriately with reference to the above context: (1)

The poetic device used in the line. "Do this, and the wind will be friends with us" is _____.

Q.8 Answer ANY FOUR of the following FIVE questions briefly in about 40-50 words. (4x3=12)

(a) 'The Snake and the Mirror' is a story about a frightening incident which has been narrated humorously. Justify the narration style of the writer with reference to the story.

(b) 'And the melancholy darkness gently weeps in rainy tears'. What does the poet mean by 'Melancholy darkness' and what memories does rain bring to the poet's mind? (Rain On The Roof)

(c) Evelyn's mindset towards her achievements in music was sincere. Explain. (The Sound of Music)

(d) How did Kezia's father react when he learned about the torn papers and the little girl's involvement? Was it justified? Rationalize your answer. (The little girl)

- (e) In the poem 'Lake Isle of Innisfree', 'Innisfree' has been described as a place. Do you think its only a place or a state of mind? Rationalize your answer.

Q.9 Answer ANY TWO of the following THREE questions briefly in about 40-50 words. (2x3=6)

- (a) Explain the primary responsibilities of Mahendra as a junior supervisor at the construction sites he is assigned to. (Iswaran the Storyteller)
- (b) Define Toto's bath routine and how did he almost boil himself alive. What was the outcome of this incident? (The adventures of Toto)
- (c) How did the king and the minister change the routine of the people in the kingdom? Explain. (In the kingdom of fools)

Q.10 Answer ANY ONE of the following questions in 100-120 words. (6)

- (a) In the story 'The Fun They Had', Margie hated her 'school'. Give reasons. Why did she feel that the old kind of schools must have been fun? Explain.

(The Fun They Had)

OR

- (b) Einstein was an unusual child. In what ways was he different? Comment upon the values in his character that made him a 'global citizen'. Elaborate.

(A Truly Beautiful)

Q.11 Answer ANY ONE of the following questions in 100-120 words. (6)

- (a) In the context of the Kingdom of Fools, describe the experiences and observations of the guru and his disciple. Did they find it justified and rational? Explain.

(In the kingdom of fools)

OR

- (b) Explain some of the specific incidents involving Toto's misbehavior and how did these incidents contribute to the family's realization that Toto was not a suitable pet? Justify your answer.

(The adventures of Toto)