

CLASS X (2020-21)
ENGLISH (CODE 0184)
SAMPLE PAPER-07

Time Allowed : 3 Hours

Maximum Marks : 80

General Instructions :

- (i) This paper is divided into two parts: A and B. All questions are compulsory.
 - (ii) Separate instructions are given with each section and question, wherever necessary. Read these instructions very carefully and follow them.
 - (iii) Do not exceed the prescribed word limit while answering the questions.
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PART - A (40 MARKS)

READING

[20 Marks]

Q1. Read the passage given below.

(10×1=10)

Social media has become almost a necessity for us, in today's world. It's become so important and evolved so much, that we carry our social media with us throughout the day, on our phones.

One of the major benefits of social media is that you can connect with people all over the world, for free. This comes in handy if you have friends who have travelled abroad. You can send them messages on Facebook or Twitter or Instagram, and they can respond quickly from wherever they are. Social media helps to fortify and maintain your personal relationships, even with people who are far away from you. If you have a family member that's travelling, you won't have to wait until they return to hear about their adventures. Just hop on Facebook or Instagram and start chatting and exchanging pictures.

This ability to communicate quickly and easily with people overseas is also very convenient for those who do business, in foreign lands. Social media platforms provide a cheap, easy way to quickly communicate your point to your customers or clients, who are across the world. You can send a private message, publicly share something or video chat, for free. Using social media for a company is very cost effective and time efficient. Staying connected to these people is important to improve your business relationship, and keep your company running properly.

Staying connected to your social networks on the platforms that you use can be vital to your professional success. Through social media sites, you can find jobs, inform your community of business opportunities and career openings, and you can even monetize your accounts. Keeping a well-maintained network will help you achieve success in your career. A good site to look at, if you're trying to create a professional network, is LinkedIn. The site is designed specifically to help you advance in your career. You'll open up plenty of new opportunities that you didn't have, before.

Being an active participant in social media is a great way to learn new things. News outlets are constantly using social media, to help keep people in the loop. Social media is the way that news is heard, and it's the way that news is spread. You can make the argument that staying connected to social media is, in fact, staying connected to life. It's not only good for sharing and spreading news, it's a great place to find out about people's opinions on various topics. For example, if you've built a sports community, you'll learn about the sports that you love. You can build communities around politics, business, cars, family, education and pretty much whatever other topic you'd like. Social media will enhance your life. It will provide you the chance to communicate, connect and be involved like never before. You'll stay connected with news outlets, family, friends and virtually whatever else you'd like to connect with.

On the basis of your understanding of the given passage, answer ANY TEN questions from the twelve that follow. (1×10=10)

- (a) One of the major benefits of social media is that :
- (i) you can see what is happening all over the world.
 - (ii) you can connect with people all over the world for free.
 - (iii) you can talk to people far away from you easily.
 - (iv) you can connect with people you have never met before.
- (b) Using social media for a company is :
- (i) very cost effective.
 - (ii) time efficient.
 - (iii) very profitable.
 - (iv) (i) and (ii).
- (c) Being an active participant in social media is a great way to :
- (i) meet new people.
 - (ii) learn new things.
 - (iii) increase your social circle.
 - (iv) stay connected to life.
- (d) In today's world, social media has become a for us.
- (i) necessity
 - (ii) luxury
 - (iii) backbone
 - (iv) support
- (e) Which of the following is NOT a social media platform ?
- (i) Facebook
 - (ii) Instagram
 - (iii) Google
 - (iv) Twitter
- (f) For whom is the ability to communicate quickly and easily with people overseas very convenient ?
- (i) those who live away from their families
 - (ii) those who have connections with people in other countries
 - (iii) those who travel to foreign lands a lot
 - (iv) those who do business in foreign lands
- (g) Social media platforms that you use can be vital to your professional success because through them you can :
1. create a business circle and increase your business connections
 2. inform your community of business opportunities
 3. find jobs
 4. monetize your accounts
 5. inform your community of career openings
- (i) 1, 2 and 4
 - (ii) 2, 3 and 4
 - (iii) 1, 2, 3 and 4
 - (iv) 2, 3, 4 and 5
- (h) Which is a good site to look at if you're trying to create a professional network ?
- (i) Twitter
 - (ii) Gmail
 - (iii) LinkedIn
 - (iv) Facebook
- (i) Which of the following is NOT a feature of social media ?
- (i) Social media will enhance your life.
 - (ii) Social media comes in handy if you have friends who have travelled abroad.
 - (iii) Social media is the way that news is spread, even if it is not heard this way.
 - (iv) Keeping a well-maintained network will help you achieve success in your career.

- (j) Which of the following is an appropriate title for the passage ?
- (i) The Beneficial Social Media
 - (ii) Social Media— A Necessity
 - (iii) Importance of Staying Connected Through Social Media
 - (iv) The Revolution of the Whole World Around the Social Media
- (k) Choose an option that clearly states the meaning of the word ‘enhance’.
- (i) further improve the quality or value of something
 - (ii) highlight a quality that was being ignored before
 - (iii) understand the true value of something
 - (iv) something that empowers you
- (l) Choose an option that is a synonym of the word ‘fortify’.
- (i) barricade
 - (ii) strengthen
 - (iii) improve
 - (iv) boost

Q2. Read the passage given below.

Dried fruits are basically fresh fruits that have been dried. Fruits are dehydrated by conventional sun-drying or other drying techniques. They shrivel up and the pulpy remains are the dry fruits that you enjoy at breakfast or during those mid-meal breaks. As the water content is removed, the fruits become energy-bombs with concentrated nutrients.

Some of the most common dry fruits and nuts are raisins, cashew nuts, almonds, walnuts, dates, figs, prunes and apricots. Some varieties of dried fruits like mangoes, pineapples, cranberries, etc., are also available in sugar-coated candied versions. Of these, dry fruits devoid of any additives are the best for your body.

Walnuts and almonds for the brain, cashews to fight migraine, apricots for healthy eyes and raisins for digestion — these are only a few benefits of dried fruits and nuts. Dry fruits also help the body in the following ways :

Loaded with essential nutrients, the benefits of dry fruits and nuts for health cannot be overlooked. Dry fruits increase your nutrient intake as they are rich in potassium, iron, folate, calcium and magnesium. The antioxidants boost your immunity, keeping you healthy and free from diseases and other illnesses.

People who include nuts and dried fruits in their diet are well-aware of dry fruits’ benefits for weight loss. When consumed in moderation, they help you reduce weight and stay fit. Those who swear by dry fruits are known to take in lesser fats, sugar and more essential nutrients for proper metabolism.

Raisins and prunes are rich in iron and are beneficial for those who are anaemic. Dry fruits are packed with nutrients like Vitamin B, minerals like phosphorous and copper, and unsaturated fats that boost the regeneration of blood cells and haemoglobin in the body. Almonds, figs, pistachios and cashew nuts also give energy and build stamina. Raisins play a significant role in lowering systolic blood pressure. They control cholesterol and reduce inflammatory markers in the body. Almonds contain Vitamin E and monounsaturated fatty acids that prevent spikes in cholesterol levels and maintain it at a healthy optimum. Brazil nuts keep a check on blood pressure as they are a source of potassium, magnesium and calcium. As you can see, dry fruits and nuts reduce the risk of heart diseases, stroke and heart attacks.

Dry fruits are a rich source of beta carotene, an antioxidant that battles anxiety and depression in people. These antioxidants also improve memory. Dry fruits help to improve sleep and enhance learning and performance.

Are There Any Side Effects of Eating Dried Fruits?

Since dried foods do not contain water, they are packed with concentrated sugar and are high on calories. They also have reduced Vitamin C and lesser antioxidants than fresh fruits. This may pose

a threat to our health if not consumed in moderation. Some of the side effects of eating dried fruits are:

- The high sugar content increases the risk of diabetes.
- Dried fruits with the extra calories can be a major reason for weight gain.
- They are also known to augment heart-related issues if consumed in unhealthy quantities.
- Sulphites found in dried fruits can cause asthma attacks and also trigger allergies, rashes and stomach cramps in some cases.

On the basis of your understanding of the given passage, answer ANY TEN questions from the twelve that follow. (1×10=10)

- (a) After the water content is removed, the dry fruits become with concentrated nutrients.
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| (i) healthier | (ii) energy-bombs |
| (iii) fatty sugar | (iv) unsaturated fats |
- (b) Some of the most common dry fruits and nuts are :
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| 1. mangoes | 2. cashew nuts |
| 3. lychee | 4. walnuts |
| 5. dates | 6. raisins |
| 7. cranberries | 8. apricots |
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| (i) 2, 4, 5, 6 and 8 | (ii) 1, 2, 4, 5 and 7 |
| (iii) 4, 5, 6, 7 and 8 | (iv) 2, 3, 4, 6 and 7 |
- (c) Raisins and prunes are beneficial for those who :
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| (i) have high blood pressure. | (ii) are anaemic. |
| (iii) suffer from anxiety. | (iv) have migraine. |
- (d) Dried fruits pose a threat to our health if :
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| (i) they are not dried properly. | (ii) they are not soaked in water. |
| (iii) they are not taken in moderation. | (iv) they are not taken in correct form. |
- (e) Brazil nuts keep a check on blood pressure as they are :
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| (i) monounsaturated fatty acids that prevent spikes. |
| (ii) packed with minerals like phosphorous and copper. |
| (iii) contain nutrients like Vitamin B and C. |
| (iv) a source of potassium, magnesium and calcium. |
- (f) Which of the following is NOT a benefit provided by the antioxidants in the dried fruits ?
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| (i) keeping you healthy |
| (ii) boosting your immunity |
| (iii) keeping you free from diseases or illnesses |
| (iv) lowering your systolic blood pressure |
- (g) Which of the following dried fruits give energy and build stamina ?
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| (i) walnuts, apricots and almonds |
| (ii) raisins and prunes |
| (iii) almonds, figs, pistachios and cashew nuts |
| (iv) cashews nuts, raisins and brazil nuts |
- (h) Dried foods are packed with concentrated sugar and high on calories because:
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| (i) they are processed foods. |
| (ii) they do not contain water. |
| (iii) they are sautéed in watered sugar. |
| (iv) they are energy boosting foods. |

- (i) What does the author mean by the words 'swear by' ?
 (i) to strongly believe that something is effective or useful
 (ii) to recommend the good quality of something
 (iii) to stand by a thought or opinion
 (iv) to share something that is good with others
- (j) Dry fruits are packed with nutrients like Vitamin B, minerals like phosphorous and copper, and unsaturated fats that :
 I. boost haemoglobin in the body
 II. boost the regeneration of blood cells
 III. boost energy in the body
 IV. boost the immunity of the body
 (i) I and IV (ii) II and III
 (iii) III and IV (iv) I and II
- (k) If the dried fruits with extra calories are consumed, they can become a reason for :
 (i) stomach cramps. (ii) weight gain.
 (iii) heart-related issues. (iv) allergies.
- (l) Beta carotene is an antioxidant that battles :
 (i) systolic blood pressure.
 (ii) anxiety and depression in people.
 (iii) cholesterol and reduces inflammatory markers in the body.
 (iv) weight gain and unsaturated fats.

LITERATURE**(10 Marks)**

- Q3. Read the extracts given below and attempt ANY ONE by answering the questions that follow. (5×1=5)

Lencho showed not the slightest surprise on seeing the money; such was his confidence—but he became angry when he counted the money. God could not have made a mistake, nor could he have denied Lencho what he had requested. Immediately, Lencho went up to the window to ask for paper and ink. On the public writing-table, he started to write, with much wrinkling of his brow, caused by the effort he had to make to express his ideas. When he finished, he went to the window to buy a stamp which he licked and then affixed to the envelope with a blow of his fist.

- (a) Why was Lencho not surprised on seeing the money ?
 (i) because he had already expected it
 (ii) because he had no hope
 (iii) because he believed that help would come some way or the other
 (iv) because he had firm faith in the help of God
- (b) Lencho was angry because :
 (i) he did not get the money on time.
 (ii) the money was not the exact amount he had asked for.
 (iii) he did not want to impose his wish on God.
 (iv) the letter was not signed to him by God.
- (c) Why did Lencho ask for paper and ink ?
 (i) to thank God for his help in his desperate time
 (ii) to ask for more money from God as his trouble was not yet gone
 (iii) to tell God that someone had taken a portion of the money he had sent
 (iv) to complain about the postal problem he had faced

- (d) Which word has the same meaning as 'slightest' ?
- (i) least (ii) decent
(iii) huge (iv) considerate
- (e) Pick the option that correctly classifies fact/s(F) and opinion/s(O) given below.
- I. Lencho had extreme faith in God.
II. The last letter from Lencho must have disappointed the postmaster.
III. It was a good act from the postmaster to try to help Lencho.
IV. The statement that all good actions have a good result is not always true.
- (i) F-I, IV and O-II, III (ii) F-I, II and O-III, IV
(iii) F- I and O-II, III, IV (iv) F-IV and O-I, II, III

OR

A deep silence met the reading of this letter. Miss Mason took off her glasses, blew on them and wiped them on her soft white handkerchief. Then she put them on again and looked at the class. When she spoke her voice was very low. "I am sure that none of the boys and girls in Room Thirteen would purposely and deliberately hurt anyone's feelings because his name happened to be a long, unfamiliar one. I prefer to think that what was said was said in thoughtlessness. I know that all of you feel the way I do, that this is very unfortunate thing to have happened—unfortunate and sad, both. And I want you all to think about it."

- (a) What did Miss Mason do before reading the letter ?
- (i) blew on her glasses (ii) wiped her glasses
(iii) took off her glasses (iv) (i), (ii) and (iii)
- (b) Which of the following is NOT an action that Miss Mason did before she spoke to the class ?
- (i) blow on her glasses
(ii) take off her glasses
(iii) use a handkerchief to wipe her glasses
(iv) fold her handkerchief and put it in a pocket
- (c) What did Miss Mason want all the students to do ?
- (i) to think about what had happened
(ii) to think over their actions
(iii) to never repeat what had happened
(iv) to forget about the past actions
- (d) Miss Mason told the class that she preferred to think that the actions of the students were done in :
- (i) anger. (ii) thoughtlessness.
(iii) jealousy. (iv) carelessness.
- (e) Choose an option that is similar in meaning to the word 'unfortunate'.
- (i) regrettable. (ii) appropriate.
(iii) satisfactory. (iv) incomprehensible.

- Q4. Read the extracts given below and attempt ANY ONE by answering the questions that follow.(5×1=5)
- But presently up spoke little dog Mustard,
I'd have been twice as brave if I hadn't been flustered,
And up spoke Ink and up spoke Blink,
We'd have been three times as brave, we think,
And Custard said, I quite agree
That everybody is braver than me.

- (a) What had happened before Mustard spoke up ?
 (i) the entrance of the pirate
 (ii) joyful celebration of their survival
 (iii) the death of the pirate
 (iv) praising of the dragon's bravery
- (b) Who had been flustered ?
 (i) Custard (ii) Ink
 (iii) Blink (iv) Mustard
- (c) According to Custard, everyone was than him.
 (i) stupider (ii) braver
 (iii) crazier (iv) bolder
- (d) What does the word 'flustered' mean ?
 (i) agitated (ii) composed
 (iii) calm (iv) settled
- (e) Name the poet.
 (i) Carl Sandburg (ii) John Berryman
 (iii) Robert Frost (iv) Ogden Nash

OR

Don't eat that chocolate, Amanda !
 Remember your acne, Amanda !
 Will you please look at me when I'm speaking to you,
 Amanda !

- (a) What is Amanda asked not to eat ?
 (i) junk food (ii) chocolate
 (iii) cakes (iv) sweets
- (b) What is Amanda asked to remember ?
 (i) that she has acne
 (ii) that she is not healthy
 (iii) that she slouches
 (iv) that she disbehaves
- (c) Who is speaking the above lines ?
 (i) Amanda's grandmother
 (ii) Amanda's mother
 (iii) Amanda's sister
 (iv) Amanda's aunt
- (d) Amanda is not looking at the speaker because
 (i) she is thinking about something more important.
 (ii) she does not want to hear anything being said.
 (iii) she is bored of the talk already.
 (iv) she is not paying attention to the instructions.
- (e) Which of the following is NOT a synonym of the word 'look' ?
 (i) stare (ii) gaze
 (iii) peep (iv) glow

GRAMMAR**(10 Marks)**

Q5. Choose the correct options to fill in the blanks to complete the note. (3×1=3)
 No one knows when or by whom rockets (a) In all probability the rocket (b) 'invented'
 but (c) over a long period of time, perhaps in different parts of the world at the same time.

- (a) (i) was invented
 (ii) will be invented
 (iii) is invented
 (iv) were invented
- (b) (i) was not suddenly
 (ii) is not suddenly
 (iii) were not suddenly
 (iv) will not suddenly be
- (c) (i) evolve gradually
 (ii) evolved gradually
 (iii) will evolve gradually
 (iv) evolving gradually

Q6. Choose the correct options to fill in the blanks to complete the narration. (3×1=3)

Robin : It is said that if you wish for anything in front of this statute it will come true.

Matt : That cannot be true. Who came up such an idea ?

Robin : It's not a lie. My sister's wish really did come true.

Matt : What did she wish for ?

Robin : True love.

Robin took his best friend to the statue he had heard so much about from his sister. There, he informed Matt that whatever anyone (a) front of that statue always comes true. Matt said that it cannot be true and exasperatedly asked him who (b) But Robin told him that his information (c) because his sister's wish had really come true. When Matt asked what his sister's wish was, Robin told him that it was true love.

- (a) (i) wished for in
 (ii) wishes for in
 (iii) wishing for in
 (iv) wish for in
- (b) (i) had come up with such an idea
 (ii) came up with such an idea
 (iii) got such an idea
 (iv) had such an idea
- (c) (i) cannot be a lie
 (ii) could not be a lie
 (iii) was not a lie
 (iv) is not a lie

Q7. Fill in the blanks by choosing the correct options for ANY FOUR of the six sentences given below.

(4×1 = 4)

- (a) The river Ganga through Haridwar.
 (i) is flowing (ii) has been flowing
 (iii) flows (iv) has flowed
- (b) My family at the airport tomorrow but I have forgotten at what time the plane get in.
 (i) is arriving (ii) will be arriving
 (iii) will arrive (iv) arrives
- (c) Damini is an expert on monuments, but she knows about physics.
 (i) a lot (ii) few
 (iii) little (iv) many
- (d) employees prefer a competent manager to a dumb one.
 (i) Each (ii) Many
 (iii) Little (iv) Most
- (e) Be polite ! You be rude to you elders.
 (i) cannot (ii) shouldn't
 (iii) don't have to (iv) couldn't
- (f) One drive too fast in narrow lanes.
 (i) mustn't (ii) shouldn't
 (iii) couldn't (iv) can't

PART-B (40 MARKS)

WRITING

(2×5=10)

Q8. Attempt ANY ONE of the following in 100-120 words. (5 Marks)

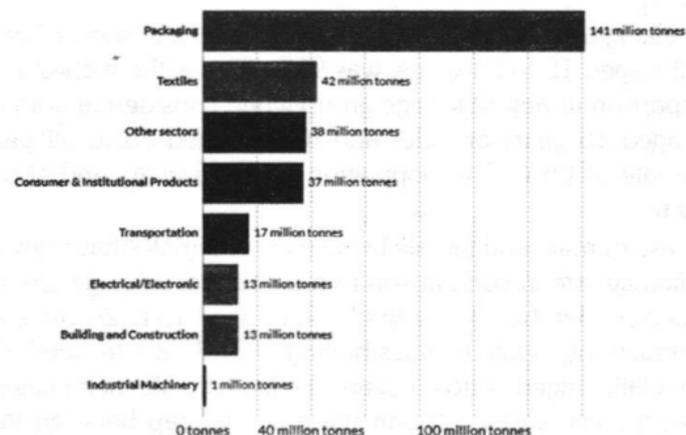
You are Samkit/Samriddhi of Eureka Forbes, Noida. You have received the reply to your inquiry letter from Woodcutters Inc. dated 22nd May 2019. You feel positive about the company's terms and conditions. Write a letter placing order for the furniture that you have mentioned in the previous communication.

OR

Woodcutters Inc. could not deliver the furniture to Eureka Forbes in working condition. Write a letter of complaint with immediate effect to the Delivery Department, Woodcutters Inc. Janakpuri, Delhi 112233 to redress your grievances.

Q9. Attempt ANY ONE of the following in 100-120 words. (5 Marks)

The following data shows the global plastic waste generation by the industrial sector in the year 2015. Write an analytical paragraph describing the given data.



OR

The following data shows global literacy rates by age group and sexes in the year 2016. Write an analytical paragraph describing and analysing the given data.

Indicator	Adults (aged 15 years and older)	Youth (aged 15-24 years)	Population aged 25-64 years	Elderly (aged 65 years and older)
Global literacy rate (%)				
Both sexes	86	91	86	78
Men	90	93	90	83
Women	83	90	82	73

LITERATURE**(30 Marks)**

- Q10. Answer ANY TWO questions in 20-30 words each, from (a) and (b) respectively. (2×4=8)
(a) Answer ANY TWO. (2×2=4)
- How brave are Belinda, Ink, Blink and Mustard as shown in first part of the poem ?
 - Why would Valli stand in the front doorway of her house ?
 - What does the luppia' worn by the Kodavus indicate ?
- (b) Answer ANY TWO.** (2×2 = 4)
- Did Griffin reciprocate when Mrs. Hall wanted to be friendly with him ? How ?
 - What can Ebright's theory of cell life lead to if it is proved correct ?
 - How did Matilda gain time from Mme Forestier for returning her necklace ?
- Q11. Answer ANY TWO questions in 40-50 words each, from (a) and (b) respectively. (3×4=12)
(a) Answer ANY TWO. (3×2 = 6)
- How did Rajvir and Pranjol go from Mariani Junction to the tea-garden managed by Pranjol's father ?
 - What is the central idea of the poem 'Animals' ?
 - "My dear fellow, why are you so formal in your get-up !" Why is Lomov so formally dressed ?
- (b) Answer ANY TWO.** (3×2=6)
- "Tricki's only fault was greed." How did it get him into trouble ?
 - What did the hack driver tell the narrator about Lutkin's mother ?
 - The household dogs at the surgery rejected Tricki as "an uninteresting subject." Why ?

- Q12. **Answer ANY ONE of the following in 100-120 words.** **(5×1=5)**
“The fiercely independent people of Coorg are possibly of Greek or Arabic descent.” What are the two theories about their descent ? Which theory about their descent seems more appealing to you ? Why ?

OR

Discuss the importance of proper upbringing with reference to the poem `Amanda` by Robin Klein.

- Q13. **Answer ANY ONE of the following in 100-120 words.** **(5×1=5)**
Education is the basic step required for the development of a better personality in a person. How did education change Bholi's personality ?

OR

Richard Ebright displayed a well rounded personality. Do you agree ?
Elucidate in context of the lesson 'The Making of a Scientist.'

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