



IDEAL INDIAN SCHOOL, DOHA – QATAR

PRE-BOARD I EXAMINATION - JANUARY 2024

ENGLISH LANGUAGE & LITERATURE

CLASS:X

Date: 23.01.2024

SET-1

Max Marks: 80

Duration: 3 Hrs.

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 (20 Marks)		
I	Read the passage given below.	10
	<p>1. Happiness is like the sun; it is often hidden by the clouds of thoughts, worries and desires. We have to scatter and dissolve these clouds to experience happiness. You don't have to create it, all you have to do is calm your mind, because when there is a quiet mind and inner peace, there is happiness. It is not something far away and unattainable and does not depend on circumstances, objects, or events. Happiness is an inseparable part of our consciousness, of our essence, but hidden and covered from sight by our thoughts, desires, and worries.</p> <p>2. The mind is always in a constant race from one thought to another, from one worry to another. It constantly moves from one object or task to another. This restlessness hides the happiness that is within you. It is like a choppy sea that hides the bottom. When the sea gets calm, you can see the bottom. In the same way, when the mind gets quiet, you sense the happiness that is within you.</p> <p>3. You cannot see a treasure at the bottom of a stormy and muddy lake although it is there. However, when the wind stops, the water becomes still and the mud sinks, you can see the treasure. The treasure is there, whether you see it or not. So is happiness. It is always here, only hidden by thoughts, desires, and worries.</p> <p>4. You can experience more happiness in your life. Only your thoughts stand in your way of experiencing it. Next time you feel happy, stop for a moment, and watch the state of your mind. You will be surprised to discover that it is calm, and there are almost no thoughts in your mind. Since the mind is not accustomed to stay in this peaceful state for long, it soon becomes active again, and the sense of happiness disappears.</p>	

	<p>5. Many people connect happiness to the achievement of certain goals. This makes happiness a reward and not an emotion that must be felt. We forget that it is something that comes by looking inward rather than waiting for an external trigger. Once you start looking inwards, you will have to treat yourself as you would treat a valued friend. This will lead to happiness. Take time to appreciate yourself, your work, and your accomplishments. Surround yourself with happy people and recall positive memories. It is important to recognise that you have the power to feel happy within you and with practice, it will be felt frequently.</p>	
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	<p>Based on your understanding of the passage, answer the questions given below</p>	
<p>i</p>	<p>Why does the writer say that you have to scatter and dissolve these clouds to experience happiness?</p> <p>(a) Our thoughts and worries hide the true essence of our happiness. (b) Our inner peace has to be dissolved to enhance true happiness. (c) Our desires, thoughts and worries are a part of our consciousness and bring happiness. (d) These clouds don't show us the real truth.</p>	<p>1</p>
<p>ii</p>	<p>Select the option that corresponds to the following relation below:</p> <p>Happiness is like the sun, hidden by clouds of worry.</p> <p>(a) Happiness is where there is a quiet mind and inner peace. (b) Less work is like a breeze which brings happiness. (c) The choppy sea hides the treasure of happiness. (d) The wind blows and brings happiness.</p>	<p>1</p>
<p>iii</p>	<p>Select the option that displays what the writer projects, with reference to the following: (Paragraph 1)</p> <p>Happiness is not something far away and unattainable.</p> <p>(a) doubt (b) caution (c) conviction (d) denial</p>	<p>1</p>
<p>iv</p>	<p>Select the phrase that states reference to the following reason (Paragraph 2):</p>	<p>1</p>

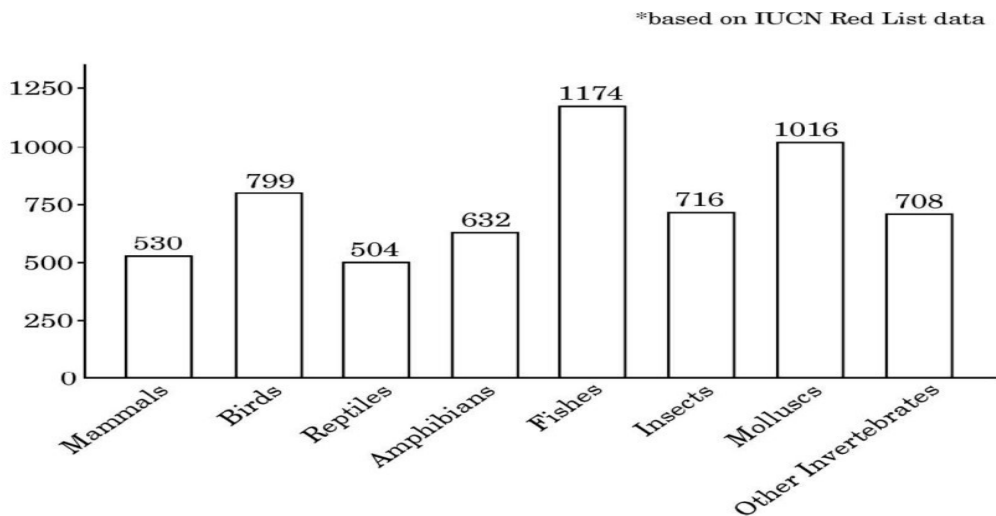
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		This restlessness hides the happiness within	
v	The writer compares the choppy sea hiding the bottom to _____.		1
vi	Based on your reading of the text, list two reasons why the writer says happiness is an inseparable part of our consciousness. (a) _____ (b) _____		1
vii	What connection does the writer draw out between the treasure that cannot be seen and happiness? (Paragraph 3)		1
viii	The writer says time you feel happy, stop for a moment, and watch the state of your mind The state of your mind will be: (a) resolute (b) calm (c) firm (d) decisive		1
ix	Supply one point to justify the following: ‘Connecting happiness to achievement of certain goals makes it a reward, not an emotion.’		1
x	Evaluate the inappropriate reason for having the power to feel happy to be within ourselves. (a) recalling positive memories (b) appreciating yourself (c) achievement of certain goals (d) looking inwards		1
II	Read the following passage carefully: 1. There was a time when human interference was minimum, the number of wild animals was quite high and there was no problem of their protection or conservation. 2. Due to the irrational use of natural and biotic resources of the Earth in the past, most of the wildlife has been destroyed beyond retrieval. According to an estimate, in India about 200 species of wild animals and birds have become extinct and another 2500 are on the verge of extinction. Some of them are black buck, chinkara, wolf, swamp deer, nilgai,		10

Indian gazelle, antelope, tiger, rhinoceros, gir lion, crocodile, flamingo, pelican, bustard, white crane, grey heron, mountain quail, etc.

3. In India, the Government and NGOs are taking keen interest in protection of wildlife. The Wildlife Protection Act, 1972, has several provisions for the conservation of wildlife. As many as 165 game sanctuaries and 21 national parks have been deployed to protect the natural habitat and wild animals. Apart from this, Wildlife Conservation Week is also celebrated from 1st to 7th October every year. But still there is a long way to go in this direction.

4. Preservation of wildlife does not mean a blanket protection to all faunal and floral species; rather it implies a proper, judicious control over the multiplication of plants and animals which interact together to provide a proper environment to man whose very existence is in peril today.

5. It is our urgent duty to protect the natural splendour of ecosystems and to evolve a system of coexistence with every living creature upon the Earth.



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

i Infer one reason for the following, based on the information in the passage.
 The number of wild animals was quite high and there was no problem of their protection or conservation. **1**

ii Select the appropriate options to fill in the blanks.
 Most of the wildlife has been _____ beyond _____ due to the irrational use of natural resources on the Earth. **1**
 I. destroyed
 II. retrieval
 III. desertion

	<p>IV. build V. revived</p> <p>(a) I and II (b) II and III (c) III and IV (d) IV and V</p>	
iii	<p>Complete the following analogy correctly with a word/phrase from the passage.</p> <p>Flowers: Garden : : _____ : Sanctuaries (Clue : Just like flowers are in a garden, similarly _____ are in the sanctuaries.)</p>	1
iv	<p>Select the correct option to complete the sentence.</p> <p>Judicious control over the multiplication of plants and animals which provide.</p> <p>(a) natural splendour of ecosystem (b) proper environment to man (c) blanket protection (d) happy and comfortable living</p>	1
v	<p>According to the graph, which is the most vulnerable animal species and the least vulnerable from the graph.</p> <p>I. Birds II. Insects III. Fishes IV. Reptiles V. Insects VI. Mammals VII. Mollusks</p> <p>(a) I and II (b) III and IV (c) V and VI (d) VI and VII</p>	1
vi	<p>Fill in the blanks by selecting the correct option.</p> <p>The Wildlife Protection Policy has several provisions for _____ of wildlife.</p> <p>(a) conservation (b) safety (c) habitation (d) well being</p>	1

vii	Substitute the word <i>extinction</i> with one word similar in meaning from the passage. Many species are at the verge of extinction because of carelessness of human race. (a) multiplying (b) disappearance (c) diseased (d) poaching	1
viii	List any two examples of Government and NGOs trying to protect the wildlife.	1
ix	List one reason why the Government makes certain recommendations for protection of wild animals.	1
x	Select the option that can be the best title for the passage. (a) Wild Animals (b) Sanctuaries (c) Natural Resources (d) Conservation of Wildlife	1

III	SECTION B –GRAMMAR Attempt <u>ANY TEN</u> of the following questions.	10
i	Fill in the blank by choosing the correct option to complete the sentence given below. Time and again, I have seen men and women ____ and give their lives for an idea. (a) risk (b) have risked (c) are risking (d) risking	1
ii	Read the conversation given below between a teacher and her student. Complete the sentence by reporting the dialogue. Teacher: Why have you not finished your assignment? Student: Because it put me off to sleep. The teacher asked ____ to which the student replied that it had put him off to sleep.	1
iii	Select the correct option to fill in the blank for the given piece of advice. He ____ give that money he found in the street to charity. (a) has to (b) need not (c) ought to (d) could	1

iv	<p>Select the option that identifies the error and supplies the correction for the following line, from a news report:</p> <p>The proximate cause of the Leicester clashes were ostensibly tensions after an India-Pakistan match.</p> <table border="1"> <thead> <tr> <th>Option no.</th> <th>error</th> <th>correction</th> </tr> </thead> <tbody> <tr> <td>a.</td> <td>of</td> <td>for</td> </tr> <tr> <td>b.</td> <td>were</td> <td>was</td> </tr> <tr> <td>c.</td> <td>tensions</td> <td>tension</td> </tr> <tr> <td>d.</td> <td>An</td> <td>the</td> </tr> </tbody> </table>	Option no.	error	correction	a.	of	for	b.	were	was	c.	tensions	tension	d.	An	the	1
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v	<p>Complete the given narrative, by filling in the blank with the correct option.</p> <p>In the letter, the student has written that he _____ by some senior students who threatened him with dire consequences, if he complains.</p> <p>(a) is being bullied (b) has been bullied (c) was bullying (d) will have bullied</p>	1															
vi	<p>Fill in the blank by using the correct form of the word in the bracket, for the given portion of a letter:</p> <p>Dear Sir</p> <p>I would like to bring to your notice the insanitary conditions in our colony. Rubbish and garbage _____ (lie) in heaps everywhere.</p>	1															
vii	<p>Report the dialogue, by completing the sentence:</p> <p>Reena: Do you know how to swim? Surbhi: Yes, I know. I have learnt it during this summer vacation. Reena asked Surbhi whether she knew how to swim. To this, Surbhi replied _____.</p>	1															
viii	<p>Identify the error in the given sentence and supply the correction.</p> <p>Discipline in life ensure peace and harmony which in turn, offers the impetus for a nation's progress.</p> <p>Use the given format for your response.</p> <table border="1"> <thead> <tr> <th>Error</th> <th>Correction</th> </tr> </thead> <tbody> <tr> <td> </td> <td> </td> </tr> </tbody> </table>	Error	Correction														
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ix	<p>Transform the following direct speech into reported speech:</p> <p>I said to him, “Will you teach me?” .</p>	1								
x	<p>Fill in the blank by choosing the correct option to complete the sentence.</p> <p>A school of fish _____ spotted in the lake.</p> <p>(a) are (b) have (c) has (d) was</p>	1								
xi	<p>Select the correct option to complete the conversation between Abhigyan and Anmol.</p> <p>Abhigyan: Anmol, why did you not attend the Biology class yesterday? Anmol: Actually, I was practising for my Physics test. Abhigyan asked _____. Anmol replied that he had been practising for his Physics test, actually.</p> <p>(a) Anmol why she has not attended the Biology class last day. (b) Anmol that why she has not attended the Biology class last day. (c) Anmol why she had not attended the Biology class last day. (d) Anmol why she has not attended the Biology class yesterday.</p>	1								
xii	<p>Complete the given narrative, by filling in the blank with the correct option:</p> <p>All the girls went to the swimming pool but only _____ could swim.</p> <p>(a) most (b) few (c) a few (d) little</p>	1								
IV	SECTION B – WRITING	10								
1 A	<p style="text-align: center;">Attempt ANY ONE from A and B given below.</p> <p>The following pie chart shows the major causes of air pollution in metropolitan cities in India. Study the data and write an analytical paragraph in 100 120 words.</p> <div style="text-align: center;"> <p>Air Pollution in Metropolitan Cities in India</p> <table border="1" style="margin-left: auto; margin-right: auto;"> <tr> <td></td> <td>Vehicles</td> </tr> <tr> <td></td> <td>Industries</td> </tr> <tr> <td></td> <td>Waste burning</td> </tr> <tr> <td></td> <td>Construction</td> </tr> </table> </div>		Vehicles		Industries		Waste burning		Construction	5
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B	<p>Write an analytical paragraph based on the double bar graph showing the percentage growth in different sectors in a developing country from the year 2012 to 2022.</p> <table border="1"> <caption>Data from the Double Bar Graph</caption> <thead> <tr> <th>Sector</th> <th>2012 (%)</th> <th>2022 (%)</th> </tr> </thead> <tbody> <tr> <td>Education</td> <td>25</td> <td>12</td> </tr> <tr> <td>Private Sector</td> <td>18</td> <td>20</td> </tr> <tr> <td>Govt. Sector</td> <td>18</td> <td>18</td> </tr> <tr> <td>Medical</td> <td>12</td> <td>15</td> </tr> <tr> <td>Transport</td> <td>5</td> <td>10</td> </tr> <tr> <td>Agriculture</td> <td>13</td> <td>10</td> </tr> </tbody> </table>	Sector	2012 (%)	2022 (%)	Education	25	12	Private Sector	18	20	Govt. Sector	18	18	Medical	12	15	Transport	5	10	Agriculture	13	10	5
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2.	Attempt <u>ANY ONE</u> from A and B given below.																						
A	<p>You are Anshul/ Anshika, a student of Grade X and a resident of 36 D Ring Road, ITO, New Delhi, wants to be a choreographer. Recently you came across an advertisement by Set Fire Dance Academy, MG Road, New Delhi, which offers various forms of dancing. Write an inquiry letter seeking information about the course and its package. (Word limit 100-120 words)</p>	5																					
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B	<p>You are pained to see that in your city, there is no proper arrangement for cleaning of drains. There are heaps of accumulated garbage and stagnant water. Write a letter to the Municipal Commissioner of your city complaining about the same as there is a fear of outbreak of disease. You are Alka/Ashish of Vivek Vihar, Delhi. (Word limit 100-120 words)</p>	5																					
V	SECTION C - LITERATURE	40																					
	Attempt ANY ONE of the two extracts given.	5																					
1. A	<p>The two boys started in surprise at the fresh muddy imprints of a pair of bare feet. What was a barefooted man doing on the steps of a house in the middle of London? And where was the man?</p>																						

	As they gazed, a remarkable sight met, their eyes. A fresh footmark appeared from nowhere! Further footprints followed, one after another, descending the steps and progressing down the street. The boys followed, fascinated, until the muddy impressions became fainter and fainter and at last disappeared altogether.	
i.	The boys reaction can best be described as (a) captivated, bored (b) repulsed, absorbed (c) curious, unhappy (d) captivated, interested	1
ii.	Select the option that correctly captures the usage of the word ‘started’ in the above extract. (a) When I reached the theatre, the movie had already started. (b) The fire started from the kitchen. (c) On hearing the bell ring, the sleeping Raju started and jumped out of bed. (d) Taking a deep breath, Ravi started down the stairs.	1
iii	Why were the two boys in London surprised and fascinated? (Answer in about 30-40 words)	2
iv	Complete the analogy by selecting the suitable word from the text: Disappeared: Vanished:: Extraordinary :	1

	OR	
1. B	Read the following extract and answer the questions that follow: “Don't you want to have a look at the sights, now that you're here?” “All by myself? Oh, I'd be much too afraid”. Greatly amused by the girl's way of speaking, the conductor said, “But you weren't afraid to come in the bus.” “Nothing to be afraid of about that,” she answered.	
i.	Why did the girl not want to look at the sights? (a) She had seen them before. (b) She disliked visiting historical sites. (c) She did not want to go with the conductor. (d) She feared going by herself.	1
ii.	Why did Valli not get off the bus when it stopped at the bus stand? (Answer in about 30-40 words.)	2

iii.	<p>Select the option that correctly captures the application of the word 'sight' as used in the extract.</p> <p>(a) Rashid could not sight the tiger.</p> <p>(b) Rashid lost his sight in the left eye.</p> <p>(c) The General ordered the soldiers not to shoot at sight when they saw the enemy.</p> <p>(d) Rashid was fascinated by the sights of the city as he went on a tour.</p>	1
iv.	<p>Complete the analogy using a word from the text.</p> <p>entertained: amused : : apprehensive : _____.</p>	1
2	Attempt ANY ONE of the two extracts given.	5
2.A	<p>But up jumped Custard, snorting like an engine, Clashed his tail like irons in a dungeon, With a clatter and a clank and a jangling squirm He went at the pirate like a robin at a worm.</p>	
i	<p>What is the poet's purpose of using the onomatopoeic words given in the extract?</p> <p>(a) It is to emphasize on the might and boldness of Custard.</p> <p>(b) It is to introduce the character Custard to the readers.</p> <p>(c) It is to impress upon the readers that Custard was ready.</p> <p>(d) It is to make Custard bold enough to face the situation.</p>	1
ii.	<p>Mention what the poet wants to convey through this poem. (Answer in about 30- 40 words.)</p>	2
iii	<p>What does Custard do to the pirate?</p>	1
iv.	<p>Fill the blank with one word.</p> <p>Custard's comparison to an engine shows a literary device of _____.</p>	1
OR		
2.B	<p>Some say the world will end in fire Some say in ice. From what I've tasted of desire I hold with those who favour fire. But if it had to perish twice, I think I know enough of hate To say that for destruction ice Is also great And would suffice.</p>	

i.	Complete the analogy with reference to the text. wish : desire : : die : _____	1
ii.	Complete the sentence appropriately. It is clear that alliteration is the poetic device used for ‘world will.....’ because_____. (Clue- explain how alliteration applies here)	1
iii.	What is the main idea of the poem? (Answer in about30- 40 words.)	2
iv	Select the appropriate option to complete the sentence, according to the extract. I _____ those who favour ice. (a) disbelieve (b) support (c) betray (d) belittle	1

VI	Answer ANY FOUR of the following in about 40-50 words each.	4x3=12
i.	While alone on the ledge, how did the little seagull try to draw the attention of his family? <i>(Two Stories About Flying)</i>	3
ii.	How is the fog like a cat? What three things does the poem suggest? <i>(Fog)</i>	3
iii.	Through the story of Kisa Gotami, what did the Buddha try to preach to the common man? <i>(The Sermon at Benares)</i>	3
iv.	Anne believed that paper has more patience than people. Why? <i>(From the Diary of Anne Frank)</i>	3
v.	Why did Maxwell call the airhostess “the very queen of her kind”? <i>(Mijbil the Otter)</i>	3
VII	Answer ANY TWO of the following in about 40-50 words each.	2x3=6
i	How did Richard’s mother helped him to become a scientist? <i>(The Making of a Scientist)</i>	3
ii.	“Horace Danby was good and respectable-but not completely honest”. Why do you think this description is apt for Horace? <i>(A Question of Trust)</i>	3

iii.	Did Hari Singh understand the value of education? How can you prove it? <i>(The Thief's Story)</i>	3
VIII	Answer ANY ONE of the following in about 100-120 words.	1x6=6
i.	Despite being a good housekeeper educated and not bad looking, Natalya is quarrelsome, vain, and highly impulsive. Justify your answer. <i>(The Proposal)</i>	
	OR	
ii.	How does the poem 'The Trees' make a strong plea against deforestation? <i>(The Trees)</i>	
IX	Answer ANY ONE of the following in about 100-120 words.	1x6=6
i.	Read the following quote. "We are too involved in materialistic things, and they don't satisfy us. The loving relationships we have, the universe around us, we take these things for granted." – Mitch Albom Matilda was never satisfied with her life and desired more. The given quote reflects her character. Justify. <i>(The necklace)</i>	
	OR	
ii.	"A good education can change anyone. A good teacher can change everything." Discuss this with reference to Bholi. <i>(Bholi)</i>	
