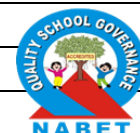




INDIAN SCHOOL DARSAIT
MID-TERM EXAMINATION- SAMPLE PAPER
ENGLISH LANGUAGE & LITERATURE (184)



Class X	Max Marks 80
Date:	Time: 3hrs.
<u>General Instructions:</u>	
(i) All questions are compulsory.	
(ii) The question paper is divided into three sections:	
Section A—Reading	-20 marks
Section B—Writing and Grammar	-30 marks
Section C—Literature & Supplementary Reading Text	-30 marks

SECTION—A (READING: 20 MARKS)		
1.	Read the following passage carefully.	8 marks
1.	Spices bring to mind the images of tempting cuisines, fascinating voyages and the bitter struggle for independence. Expressions like ‘variety is the spice of life’ and all things are nice’, explain how spices play upon the literary abilities of men of letters.	
2.	To Orientals, spices are indeed the soul of their food. In the western world, it evokes dreams of exotic tropical islands, exciting expeditions, and the rise and fall of empires. Columbus went westwards in 1492, from Europe, to find a sea route to the land of spices, but found the New World. Eight years later, Vasco da Gama went round Africa and touched Kozhikode on the south-west coast of India. Long before that, Arabs started trading with the Orient through land routes. During the 13 th century, Marco Polo began the travelling and experienced attraction of spices. The European conquests and trade arrangements in India and the East Indies also have to do with spices.	
3.	Thousands of years ago, great masters of Ayurveda notably, Susruta and Charaka discussed in detail the uses of spices for culinary and medicinal purposes. Enterprising soldiers of fortune carried the knowledge of spices to Egypt. There they used spices and aromatic herbs in food, medicine, cosmetics and for embalming. The conquest of Egypt and Asia by Alexander the Great made spices an article of commercial value in the Mediterranean countries, and central and northern Europe. There are reports of pepper being used in the preservation of meat, and to make the unpleasant odour of stale meat available after long winter storage.	
4.	Hippocrates, the father of modern medicine, and Theophrastus, a Greek scholar and botanist, wrote treatises on medicinal plants, including spices.	
A.	Choose the correct option to complete the following sentences.	(1X4=4)
(i)	Columbus went westwards from _____ to find a sea route to the land of spices.	
	(a) America	(b) Europe
	(c) Egypt	(d) Russia

	(ii)	_____ went around Africa and touched Kozhikode on the south-west coast of India.	
		(a) Vasco da Gama	(b) Arabs
		(c) Columbus	(d) Marco Polo
	(iii)	During the _____ century, Marco Polo began the travelling and experienced attraction of spices.	
		(a) 18th	(b) 12th
		(c) 20th	(d) 13th
	(iv)	_____ is the father of modern medicine.	
		(a) Theophrastus	(b) Susruta
		(c) Hippocrates	(d) Charaka
B.	Answer the following questions in one sentence.		(1X4=4)
(i)	(i)	Why do spices fascinate people?	
	(ii)	Where did Columbus want to reach?	
	(iii)	What did Susruta and Charaka discuss in detail?	
	(iv)	What made spices an article of commercial value in Mediterranean countries?	
2.	Read the following passage carefully.		(12marks)
1.	The habit of reading is one of the greatest resources of mankind, and we enjoy reading books that belong to us much more than if they are borrowed. A borrowed book is like a guest in the house; it must be treated with punctiliousness, with a certain considerate formality. You must see that it sustains no damage; it must not suffer while under your roof. You cannot leave it carelessly, you cannot mark it, you cannot turn down the pages, and you cannot use it familiarly. And then, someday, although this is seldom done, you really ought to return it.		
2.	But your own books belong to you; you treat them with that affectionate intimacy that annihilates formality. Books are for use, not for show; you should own no book that you are afraid to mark up, or afraid to place on the table, wide open and face down. A good reason for making favourite passages in books is that this practice enables you to remember more easily the significant sayings, to refer to them quickly, and then in later years, it is like visiting a forest where you once blazed a trail. You have the pleasure of going over the old ground and recalling both the intellectual scenery and your own earlier self.		
3.	Everyone should begin collecting a private library in youth; the instinct of private property, which is fundamental in human beings, can here be cultivated with every advantage. One should have one's own bookshelves, which should not have doors, glass windows, or keys; they should be free and accessible to the hand as well as to the eye. The best of mural decorations are books; they are more varied in 'colour and appearance' than any wallpaper, they are more attractive in design, and they have the prime advantage of being separate personalities, so that if you sit alone in the room in the firelight, you are		

	surrounded with intimate friends. The knowledge that they are there in plain view is both stimulating and refreshing. You do not have to read them all. Most of my indoor life is spent in a room containing six thousand books, and I have a stock answer to the invariable question that comes from strangers. "Have you read all of these books? "Some of them twice". This reply is both true and unexpected.	
4.	My devotion to reading has never made me a recluse. How could it be? Books are of the people, by the people, for the people. Literature is the immortal part of history; it is the best and most enduring part of the personality. But book-friends have this advantage over living friends; you can enjoy the most truly aristocratic society in the world whenever you want it. The great dead are beyond our physical reach, and the great living is usually almost the inaccessible; as for our personal friends and acquaintances, we cannot always see them. Perchance they are asleep, or away on a journey. But in a private library, you can at any moment converse with Socrates or Shakespeare or Carlyle or Dumas or Dickens or Shaw or Barrie Carlsworthy.	
A.	Answer the following questions briefly:	(2X4=8)
(i)	We enjoy reading books that belong to us much more than if they are borrowed. Why?	
(ii)	What is a good reason for making favourite passages in books?	
(iii)	What kind of bookshelf should one have?	
(iv)	Why are books the best mural decorations?	
B.	Find the words from the passage that mean the same as the following. Choose the correct option.	
(i)	strict or exact in the observation (para-1)	
	(a) punctiliousness	(b) familiarly
	(c) formality	(d) seldom
(ii)	ability to think and understand things (para-2)	
	(a) significant	(b) annihilates
	(c) intellectual	(d) blazed
(iii)	the most basic and important (para-3)	
	(a) fundamental	(b) private
	(c) intimate	(d) instinct
(iv)	living or lasting forever (para-4)	
	(a) devotion	(b) enduring
	(c) immortal	(d) aristocratic

SECTION—B(WRITING AND GRAMMAR : 30 MARKS)										
3.	You are Prabhu Kumar/Parvati of I7E, Ravi Dass Road, Kochi. Write a letter in 100-120 words to the editor of a newspaper about the nuisance caused by loudspeakers in the city during examination days drawing the attention of the concerned authorities to the problem.								(8 marks)	
OR										
You are Pratibha/Rahul of Class X. Write an article in 100-120 words on ‘Ill effects on students of too much of television’. You can use the following clues :										
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4.	Write a short story using the given outline, in about 150-200 words . Give a suitable title to the story.								(10 marks)	
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5.	Complete the following passage by choosing the most appropriate option from the ones given below. Do any four .								(1X4=4)	
The modern student (a)_____ the importance (b)_____ physical exercise. He spends one to two hours in open air (c)_____ he takes part in different sports. However, care should (d) _____not to overstrain (e) _____body.										
(i)	(a)	understood	(b)	understand	(c)	have under stood	(d)	understands		
(ii)	(a)	of	(b)	by	(c)	from	(d)	with		
(iii)	(a)	how	(b)	which	(c)	where	(d)	why		
(iv)	(a)	be taken	(b)	took	(c)	takes	(d)	has taken		
(v)	(a)	a	(b)	an	(c)	the	(d)	some		
6.	The following passage has not been edited. There is one error in each line. Write the incorrect word and the correction against the correct blank number in your answer sheet. Do any four .								(1X4=4)	
					Incorrect	Correct				
Research is an detailed study of a					(a)	_____	_____			
subject undertaking on a systematic					(b)	_____	_____			
basis in order to increase a stock of					(c)	_____	_____			
knowledge, including knowledge for man,					(d)	_____	_____			

	culture and society, that the use of this stock	(e)	_____	_____	
	of knowledge to devise new applications.				
7.	Rearrange any four of the following words and phrases to form meaning full sentences.				(1X4=4)
	(a)	standing / at the / one day / I / beach / was			
	(b)	number / come / of people / a large / had / there			
	(c)	hawkers / there / eatables / so many / were / selling			
	(d)	wave / suddenly / came / huge / a			
	(e)	road / all the / rushed / towards / the / people			
	SECTION—C(LITERATURE & SUPPLEMENTARY READING TEXT : 30 MARKS)				
8.	Read any one of the extract given below and answer the questions that follow:				(1X4=4)
	<p><i>Listen. The glass is breaking. The trees are stumbling forward into the night Winds rush to meet them. The moon is broken like a mirror, its pieces flash now in the crown of the tallest oak.</i></p>				
	(a)	What is happening to the glass?			
	(b)	Where are the pieces of the broken moonshining?			
	(c)	Who is the poet of the poem “The Trees”			
		(a) Walt Whitman	(b) Adrienne Rich		
		(c) Carl Sandburg	(d) W.B. Yeats		
	(d)	Which poetic device is used in line 4?			
		(a) metaphor	(b) imagery		
		(c) personification	(d) simile		
	OR				
	<p><i>“She protected small children from bullies. And she cried for hours if she saw an animal mistreated. If anybody had said to her “Don’t you think that is a cruel way to treat Wanda?” she would have been very surprised. “Cruel? Why did the girl say she had a hundred dresses”?</i></p>				
	(a)	Who does ‘she’ refer to in the first sentence?			
		(a) Wanda	(b) Maddie		
		(c) Peggy	(d) None of the above		
	(b)	Why was Peggy surprised if anybody told Peggy that she had been cruel to Wanda?			
	(c)	What cruel way of treating is being referred to here?			
	(d)	Why is Maddie embarrassed by the questions Peggy asks Wanda?			
		(a) She liked Wanda	(b) She was poor as Wanda		
		(c) She hated Peggy	(d) All of the above		
9.	Answer any five of the following questions in about 30—40 words each.				(2X5=10)
	(i)	What did Mandela realise about his brothers and sisters?			
	(ii)	Why did the writer follow the pilot of another aeroplane?			
	(iii)	Why does Amanda seem moody most of the times?			

	(iv)	How did Ebright's mother help him in becoming a scientist?	
	(v)	Do you think Tricki was enjoying his stay at the hospital?	
	(vi)	Why was Matilda's friend astonished to see her at the end of the story?	
10.		Answer any one of the following questions in about 100-150 words .	(8 marks)
		"From the diary of Anne Frank' throws light on teacher-student relationship, class atmosphere and discipline. Write a paragraph on the values of these aspects of school and how far these values are necessary for learning and life.	
		OR	
		Describe Lencho's qualities in light of his faith in God. Do you have faith in God like Lencho? Was Lencho's reaction towards post office employees right?	
11.		Answer any one of the following questions in about 100-150 words .	(8 marks)
		Hari Singh didn't board the express and returned to Anil. Why did he return? On what values does this incidence put light on?	
		OR	
		Why did Max scream shrilly when he dropped to the balcony?	