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**CLASS-X
SUB: ENGLISH LANGUAGE AND LITERATURE (184)**

Time allowed: 3 Hrs.

Maximum Marks: 80

General Instructions:

1. This paper is divided into three sections: A, B & C.
2. All questions are compulsory.
3. Separate instructions are given with each section and question, wherever necessary.
4. Do not exceed the prescribed word limit while answering the questions.

**READING COMPREHENSION THROUGH UNEEN PASSAGE
SECTION-A: READING SKILL (20 MARKS)**

Read the following text.

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1. A youngster quit Facebook in December after spending over three years on the social networking site. With that one act, he bid a silent adieu to more than 300 contacts that he had added to his account during the period. Like almost everyone from his “friends’ circle,” the 20-year-old was a regular on the service; visiting it every day to post photos and status updates. But last week, a new feature on Facebook called Timeline forced him to reconsider the pros and cons of being on the networking site.
2. ‘Everyone has some skeletons in their closet and I am just not comfortable with Facebook digging up and displaying all the facets of my life on a bulletin board,’ says this youngster who joined the network in July 2007 while he was in Class 11.

3. Facebook, you see, had compressed the time he spent on the site and arranged it in chronological order. And while he initially liked the new, neatly organised scrapbook-like feature, he wasn't happy to reveal posts from the past, those that, until recently, were hidden under layers and layers of recent updates. Just clicking on a date on the timeline could transport his friends back in time and enable them to view every embarrassing comment, link or photo he had posted on his profile.

4. "I think it's a recipe for disaster," he says. "In 2007, I had some wall posts, which seemed appropriate at the time, but now after a lapse of four years, I have moved on and don't want them to be openly displayed for all to see."

5. And he is not alone. Many users, worried about how Facebook activity could possibly affect their offline lives, are choosing to commit 'Facebook suicide'. While some have privacy concerns, others feel that the site that was meant to bring them closer to their friends actually does the opposite- it reduces their friendship to something superficial.

6. "Poking and liking are not enough to keep a friendship going," says a business analyst. Having quit Facebook three years ago, she prefers meeting her 'real' friends face-to-face, instead of reading their **trite posts* online.

7. "On Facebook, people **hype* everyday issues including what they ate and where they went on a daily basis," says this analyst who continues to use Twitter.

8. Similarly, an engineering student quit Facebook last December four years after joining it. One fine day, he exported all the data from his account into a little zip file and hit the delete button.

9. "I realised that when it came to my friends who really mattered, I could actually keep in touch with them over the phone or by meeting them in real life," he wrote on his blog.

(Adopted for Academic usage- 457words)

Glossary:

**trite posts-dull and boring because it has been said or told too many times.*

**hype- extravagant claims about a person or product.*

Answer the following questions, based on the passage above

i. Which of the following statements best describes the author's attitude towards the time line feature, introduced by Facebook? 1

- (A) Finding the time line feature a recipe for disaster
- (B) Believing that everything is now compressed in a chronology
- (C) Recognizing everything is neatly organized and arranged like a scrapbook.
- (D) Feeling that past posts were hidden under layers and layers of recent updates.

ii. What is the tone of the writer in the given lines from Para-1. Rationalise your response in about 40 words? 2

'But last week, a new feature on Facebook called Timeline forced a user to reconsider the pros and cons of being on the networking site.'

iii. Complete the sentence appropriately. 1

The author's advice to active Facebook users on friendship is that_____.

- iv. The passage includes some words that are opposites of each other. From the sets a-e below, identify two sets of antonyms. 1

- a. pros and cons
- b. superficial and real
- c. link or photo
- d. organised or arranged
- e. really or actually

- v. Complete the sentence appropriately. 1

The author uses the example of a business analyst using Facebook who says that she prefers meeting her 'real' friends face-to-face to show that _____.

- vi. Based on the reading of the passage, relate in about 40 words, the phenomenon called 'Facebook suicide'. 2

- vii. What is the message conveyed by John's experience, in the following case? 1

John, a 25-year-old avid social media user, experienced heightened anxiety and depression linked to constant comparison with others on platforms like Instagram. The curated and idealized content led to a distorted self-perception, negatively impacting his mental well-being.

- A. Constant comparison with others on platforms like Facebook and Instagram can lead to heightening of anxiety and depression
- B. Curated and Idealized content on Facebook can have a positive impact on teenagers
- C. Obsession with social media platforms like Facebook and Instagram is necessary for the emotional development of the user
- D. Social media has no bad effects on young users

- viii. State whether the following lines display an example of the **positive/ negative/ neutral** effect of Facebook on the users. 1

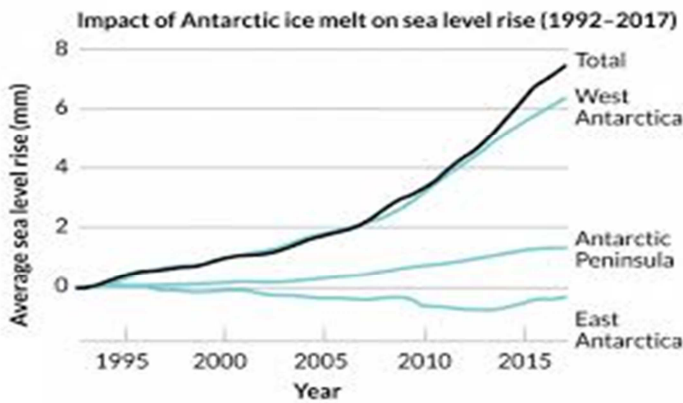
*Scrolling through timelines, a journey untold,
Chasing likes and comments, a currency of gold.
Connection in clicks, a virtual embrace,
Yet, behind screens, masks may find their place.*

2. Read the following text. 10

1. Even though Antarctica is the world's most remote and desolate continent, the damaging effects of human activity have reached this distant and pristine place.

2. Antarctica is owned by no one. 43 nations are joined in an agreement which allows it to be used only for science and tourism. Ironically, these agreements may not withstand pressures to exploit the

continent's mineral resources or prevent shipping accidents into the Southern Ocean leading to devastating oil spills. The U.K. is therefore, trying to introduce a new 'Antarctic Code' for shipping.



3. Perhaps the most worrying threat to Antarctica's wildlife comes from the atmosphere Air pollution has triggered the appearance of a vast hole in the ozone which blocks out the sun's harmful ultraviolet radiation. The plankton in the sea, on which many fish depend, may also be killed off. This is a real cry for help.

4. Global warming could have an even more devastating effect. Average temperatures in Antarctica have risen to 25°C in the last 50 years, and the ice sheet is melting more rapidly than scientists anticipated. Large chunks of ice are now actually breaking off or 'calving' to create icebergs like those in the Arctic disrupting penguins' breeding grounds in the process. The huge Larsen B Ice Shell-a 200 metres thick sheet of floating ice as big as Jamaica, recently broke up shocking scientists, who had not thought it would happen so soon. A 2018 study estimated that ice loss across the entire continent was 43 giga tonnes per year on average during the period from 1992 to 2002 but accelerated to an average of 220 pips tonnes per year during the five years from 2012 to 2017. The total contribution to sea level rise has been estimated as 8 mm to 14 mm of sea level rise.

(Adopted for Academic Usage/272 words)

Answer the following questions, based on the passage above.

- i. Complete the following analogy appropriately, based on your understanding of paragraph-1. **1**
 We can say that the situation of human activity having damaging effects on Antarctica which is a distant and pristine place is comparable with Mount Everest because hordes of mountaineers_____.
- ii. Fill in the blanks with the appropriate option from those given in brackets, based on your understanding of *paragraph 4*. **1**
 The statement that the breeding grounds of the penguins are getting disrupted in Antarctica due to disruption by icebergs is a _____ (fact/ opinion) because it is a/an _____ (**subjective judgment /objective detail**)

iii. Justify the following, in about 40 words. 2

'In the last thirty years, calving in Antarctica has turned the estimates of scientists upside down'.

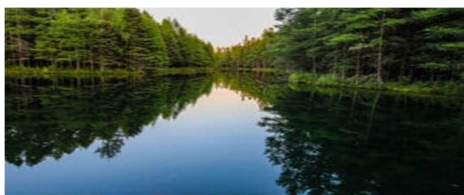
iv. Based on the environmental changes, which two concerns are scientists worried about? 1

v. Study the statement, "Antarctica is under co-owned by as many as forty-three countries yet they have not been able to preserve it."

State any one inference that can be drawn from this. 1

vi. Select the option that correctly displays what 'pristine 'signifies. 1

(Refer. Paragraph-1)



(A)



(B)



(C)



(D)

(A) A and C

(B) B and D

(C) A and D

(D) C and D

vii. Co- ownership of 43 countries over Antartica does not yield any satisfactory result. Rationalise the statement in about 40 words. 2

viii. Which of the following is the main take away from the analysis of the climate changes happening in Antarctica as mentioned in the passage? 1

(A) Global Warming is a real threat to the world.

(B) The ozone layer becoming a sieve is a reality.

(C) Ice is melting and the sea-level is rising.

(D) The sea plankton and penguins are suffering.

SECTION B: WRITING SKILLS & GRAMMAR (20 MARKS)

GRAMMAR (10 MARKS)

3. Complete ANY TEN of twelve of the following tasks, as directed. (1x10)

i. Fill in the blank by using the correct form of the word in the bracket, for the given portion of a letter. 1

Subject: Electricity problem in the locality

Dear Sir

Kindly _____ (publish) an article in your esteemed daily, so that the authorities should focus on the problem reported and take needful action in order to help people get out of the miserable condition of the electricity breakdown.

- ii. Read the given sentence from an e-magazine. Identify the *error* and supply the *correction* in the given sentence. 1

In the last decade, conservationists and academics have turned his attention to studying the best ways to install these natural features in the North.

Use the given format for your response.

Error	correction

- iii. The class teacher shared some information, with Prakriti, about the Open House.
Report class teacher's question. 1
Why were your parents absent, yesterday?

- iv. Read the dialogue between Aman and a confectioner, by completing Aman's sentence: 1
Confectioner: How may I help you child?
Aman: I am looking for an eggless cake for my granny's birthday.
The confectioner on noticing a small child Aman, asked him affectionately _____. 1
In response to the question of the confectioner, Aman replied that he was looking for an eggless cake for his granny's birthday.

- v. Fill in the blank by choosing the correct option to complete the sentence. 1
Give me _____ (some/many/little) advice on how to improve my writing skills.
- vi. Identify the error in the given sentence and supply the correction. 1

Is money the more important thing in life?

Use the given format for your response.

Error	Correction

- vii. Select the option that identifies the *error* and supplies the *correction* for the following line, from a news report: 1

Every inhabitant of planet Earth depend on water for their survival and their day- to-day activities.

Option no.	Error	Correction
(A)	their	there
(B)	depend	depends
(C)	every	each
(D)	and	or

- viii. Complete the given sentences by filling in the blank with the correct option. 1

The wicked people who smuggled brown sugar into the town _____ yesterday.

- (A) were arrested (B) arrested
(C) had arrested (D) have arrested

ix. Read the conversation between Rima and Smita and complete the sentence by reporting Smita's reply correctly. 1

Rima: When did you return from Hyderabad?

Smita : I returned yesterday night.

Rima enquired Smita when she had returned from Hyderabad. Smita replied that _____.

x. Complete the given narrative, by feeling the blank with the correct option. 1

The experience of nursing an injured bird left me _____ grateful for knowing the importance of being kind and compassionate to all creatures.

(A) feeling (B) having felt (C) felt (D) feels

xi. Complete the line from a self - awareness song, by filling the blank with the correct option. 1

In the mirror of my mind, reflections clear,
A journey within, _____ the fear.

Lost in thoughts, but I persevere,

Discovering myself, drawing near.

(A) is conquered (B) conquering (C) conquered (D) has conquer

xii. Identify the *error* and supply the *correction*, for the following: 1

VACCINATE YOURSELF TO COMBAT CORONA

No prior appointment required, Walk-in & get your job
Facilities have been available for 18 years and above.
Health Department, Chandigarh Administration

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.

4. A. You are Indra Naidu, the Secretary of the Health and Wellness Club in Seaside Public School, Visakhapatnam. Insomnia is a condition when you experience disruptions in how you feel or function because you aren't sleeping well or sleeping enough. Today many students, office-goers and other professionals suffer from sleep deprivation which may lead to insomnia and other medical conditions. You believe that enough sleep is the basic necessity for a healthy life.

Write a letter to the Editor of a national daily, in about 120 words, stressing the need for sound sleep for eight hours a day. Discuss the benefits and challenges of sleeping for required hours. 5

OR

4.B. You are Archita/Archit of Modern Public School, HVL Nagar, New Delhi. Write a letter of order in about 120 words to MS Chowla Sports, New Delhi placing an order for sports equipments for the school. Invent all necessary details.

5. A. Every four seconds a new baby is born in India while the death ratio is very low. If the present trend continues serious consequences will be seen. Pressure is growing on the civic amenities. Over population has become a menace. Being an alert citizen, you feel concerned about it and intend to spread awareness. In this regard you decide to write a paragraph on, **Over Population – A Hazard**, taking help from the verbal input and visual stimulus given below: 5

Causes of Over Population	Effects of Over Population
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • High Birth rate 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Strain on Resources
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Lack of Family Planning 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Environmental Degradation
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Improved Health Care 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Over Crowded Cities
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Increase Life expectancy 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Poverty
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Cultural Religious beliefs 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Reduced Quality of Life
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Lack of Education 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Competition for Livelihood

5.B. Ms. Sunayana Ramaswami of class 12 is contesting for the post of Sports Secretary, in the upcoming Students' Counsel Election. Given below are her character traits, shared in the public domain, by the school counsellor for the awareness of student voters at school.

Strength

- Exceptional athletic skills and performance in various sports
- Strong leadership qualities demonstrated through team captaincy
- Effective communication skills to coordinate and motivate team members
- Organizational skills for planning and executing sports events
- Passion for promoting physical fitness and a healthy lifestyle

Weakness

- Limited experience in sports event management and coordination
- May need to work on time management to balance sports and academic responsibilities
- Limited knowledge of rules and regulations relevant to sports events
- Limited knowledge of sports policies and procedures
- Possible need for further development in conflict resolution and problem-solving skills

As a student voter, analyse Ms Sunayana Ramaswami's candidature for the post of the sports secretary with regard to the information cited above so that you can vote for her or vote against her. Write the analytical paragraph in about 120 words by selecting features that support your analysis.

SECTION: C LITERATURE TEXT BOOK AND SUPPLEMENTARY READING TEXT

(40 marks)

6. Read the given extracts and answer the questions for ANY ONE of the two, given. 5

A. He stepped slowly out to the brink of the ledge, and standing on one leg with the other leg hidden under his wing; he closed one eye, then the other and pretended to be falling asleep. Still, they took no notice of him. He saw his two brothers and his sister lying on the plateau dozing with their heads sunk into their necks. His father was preening the feathers on his white back. Only his mother was looking at him. She was standing on a little high hump on the plateau, her white breast thrust forward. Now and again, she tore at a piece of fish that lay at her feet and then scrapped each side of her beak on the rock. The sight of the food maddened him. How he loved to tear food that way, scrapping his beak now and again to whet it. **(His First Flight)**

- i. Mention an observation about the Seagull's preparedness from the line, 'under his wing; he closed one eye, then the other and pretended to be falling asleep from the line'. **1**
- ii. *Elaborate the maxim, 'Strict and responsive parenting style produce the best outcomes in children'. Answer in 40 words.* **2**
- iii. Provide a line / phrase from the extract that justifies why the following statement is FALSE. **1**
If the young seagull hadn't been hungry, it could have easily taken up the flight.
- iv. Mention one word/phrase that can correctly replace 'maddened' in the given sentence from the extract. **1**
The sight of the food maddened him.

OR

B. THINK-TANK: Elementary, my dear Omega. Hold one of the items up so that I may view it closely. (*Omega holds a book on the palm of her hand.*) Yes, yes, I understand now. Since Earth creatures are always eating, the place in which you find yourselves is undoubtedly a crude refreshment stand.

OMEGA: (*to Iota and Oop*) He says we're in a refreshment stand.

OOP : Well, the Earthlings certainly have a strange diet.

THINK-TANK : That item in your hand is called a sandwich.

OMEGA : (*nodding*) A sandwich.

IOTA : (*nodding*) A sandwich.

OOP : (*taking book from his head*) A sandwich?

THINK-TANK : Sandwiches are the main staple of Earth diet. Look at it closely. (*Omega squints at book.*) There are two slices of what is called bread, and between them is some sort of filling. (***The Book that Saved the Earth***)

- i. State any one inference about Think tank and his crewmates from the given context. **1**
"There are two slices of what is called bread, and between them is some sort of filling"
- ii. Choose the right option that corresponds to the interpretation based on the lines as cited below. **1**

Since Earth creatures are always eating, the place in which you find yourselves is undoubtedly a crude refreshment stand. This dialogue of Think-Tank infers about him that _____.

- A. a hypothesis or a possible explanation for something that has not yet been found to be true or correct
 - B. an assumption that is accepted without any proof
 - C. a misconception is a wrong idea or understanding of something
 - D. a theory or a set of ideas that tries to explain something
- iii. Oop says, "Well, the Earthlings certainly have a strange diet." Elaborate the strangeness as pointed out by the aliens in about 40 words. 2
- iv. State a reason why refreshment stand has been called 'crude'. 1

7. Attempt ANYONE of the two extracts given. 5

A. Custard the dragon had big sharp teeth,
And spikes on top of him and scales underneath,
Mouth like a fireplace, chimney for a nose,
And realio, trulio, daggers on his toes.

Belinda was as brave as a barrel full of bears,
Cage And Ink and Blink chased lions down the stairs,
Mustard was as brave as a tiger in a rage
But Custard cried for a nice safe cage. (*A Tale of Custard the Dragon*)

- i. Complete the following sentence meaningfully:
The speaker mentions the custard as '*cried for a nice safe cage*' to mean that _____. 1
- ii. What is the contrast between the appearance and character of Custard as mentioned in the above stanzas? Answer in about 40 words. 2
- iii. Which of these *DOESN'T* contain the same poetic device as used in '*And spikes on top of him and scales underneath*'? 1
- A. This is the land where the sun rays are rare.
 - B. The flowers do hug my soul and humbles its agony.
 - C. As critically as a poet the fly rejects the call of stale food.
 - D. The star does shine in his best grandeur.
- iv. Validate the suitability of the use of words 'realio', 'trulio' in the above 1st stanza. 1

OR

B. The fog comes
on little cat feet.
It sits looking
over harbour and city
on silent haunches
and then moves on.

(*Fog*)

- i. Complete the conversation with what Fog would most likely say. Answer in one sentence.
Radha: where do you come from? 1
Fog: _____.

- ii. Which line has a word that personifies fog thus making the complicated concept of the poem more accessible to readers? 1
- A. on little cat feet.
 B. It sits looking
 C. over harbour and city
 D. on silent haunches

iii. Identify the type of imagery, used in these lines. 1

iv. Can 'cat' be synonymous with fog? Support your response in about 40 words. 2

8. Answer ANY FOUR of the following five questions in about 40–50 words each. 4x3=12

- i. Bakers became identical with celebrations and festive occasions in Goa. Rationalize the statement.
(Glimpses of India- Bakers from Goa)
- ii. Through funny descriptions, the poet also subtly directs the reader's attention to the dangerous nature of these animals. Examine the appropriateness of the statement.
(How to tell wild animals)
- iii. Was Anne wise enough to choose 'Kitty' as her real friend who could know her inner most feelings despite her sweet relationship with the members of her family? Justify your response keeping in view Anne's resolve for doing so.
(From the Diary Of Anne Frank)
- iv. Understanding and respect are the key ingredients for a healthy relationship. Discuss how far Natalya and Lomov would be able to maintain their relationship. *(The Proposal)*
- v. Would you agree that "the depths of oppression" create heights of character? How does Mandela illustrate this?
(Nelson Mandela-A Long Walk to Freedom)

9. Answer ANY TWO of the following three questions, in about 40-50 words each. 2x3=6

- i. Scientists contribute to make the world a better place to live in. Evaluate the conclusive statement given below with apt instances from the story.
Griffin is an antithesis to the aforementioned statement. (Making of a Scientist)
- ii. The story 'Bholi' is a powerful example of the importance of education as armour against adversity. Explain.
(Bholi)
- iii. "Intelligent attack is the tangible defense against evils for wise people." Justify the statement with reference to Ausable's selected means for success in handling an evil secret agent like Max.
(The Midnight Visitor)

10. Answer ANY ONE of the following two questions, in about 100-120 words. 1x6=6

A. Imagine yourself as John Berryman, the author of The Ball Poem. You came across Kisa Gotami in her way from Benares where she had got enlightenment. You discussed with her to know how acceptance of loss has influenced her life and will also bring her real peace and maturity for a better life afterwards.
(The Sermon at Benares and The Ball Poem)

Create this conversation in not more than 120 words.

You may begin the dialogue as given below:

Berryman: Hello, Kisa, how are you. You're really a blessed human being.

Kisa: _____.

OR

B. You as the school Leader of your School, have been asked to address the morning assembly on *Fathomless faith in God is ever rewarding and keeps us optimistic in all circumstances in life.* Prepare a speech in about 120 words with reference to the commonality of the themes in 'A letter To God and For Anne Gregory.'

You may begin this way:

Good morning, everyone. Now, I would like to share my views on one weighty value of our life.....

To conclude, I would like to say that...

Thankyou.

11. Answer ANY ONE of the following two questions, in about 100-120 words. 1x6=6

A. Wrongdoers often go for poor choices in life and hence live miserably. They never learn from discomfort and failures they face because of their evil mindset. Elucidate how far does this notion stand true with regard to Griffin, the scientist and his foolish and vengeful attemptsthatinvite disdainand hatred from his society and the readers of the story as well.

(Footprints without Feet)

OR

B. Anil didn't hand over Hari Singh to the police. Of course, most of the people would have done so either to reform him or punish him. Imagine yourself to be Anil and in a *diary entry* recount why you had decided to pardon Hari Singh throwing light on the noble feelings that had pushed you into such an act of benevolence.

(The Thief's Story)
