

**MARKING SCHEME**  
**ENGLISH LANGUAGE AND LITERATURE (Code No. 184)**  
**CLASS-X : Pre-Board : 2022-23**  
**Section-A: Reading                    20Marks**

I (i) Poor & wretched.  
(ii) (D) All of these  
(iii) (B) To help the poor  
(iv) Maximum number of employees in America consists of Indians  
(v) post-independence years  
(vi) (B) brain-drain  
(vii) written  
(viii) Upheavals.  
(ix) (A) expenses  
(x) (C) maximum

II (i) C 3 & 4  
(ii) B 1 & 3  
(iii) D amount of calories your body needs on a daily basis.  
(iv) C The dangers of crash dieting.  
(v) B 2,3,5,6 and 7  
(vi) C Only 4  
(vii) 'Subscribe to' is the correct meaning of 'take up'.  
(viii) 'Withdrawing' is the opposite of joining.  
(ix) Crash diet can make losing weight more difficult due to its strict dietary pattern.  
(x) Basal metabolic rate is the amount of calories required by the body on daily basis to maintain its regular activity.

**III                    Section-B: Grammar                    10 Marks**

**(Attempt ANY TEN of the following questions.)**

(i) (D) father would have to work hard  
(ii) (A) weak week  
(iii) (C) needs to  
(iv) went for a daily morning walk and did some breathing exercises.  
(v) went

error	correction
but	also

(vi)

(vii)

error	correction
balancing	balance

(viii) that she had gone to her uncle's house with her parents, so she had forgotten to keep it.

(ix)

error	correction
grown	grow

(x) Option (A) found

(xi) he had been offered a job there.

(xii) Option (C) through

**IV                    Section-B: CREATIVE WRITING                    10 Marks**

**(Attempt ANY ONE from A and B given below.)**

**Format 1 mark Content 2 marks Organization of Ideas 1 mark Accuracy 1 mark**

**Sample for reference**

1. A. ABC Matriculation School,  
Civil Lines,  
Pune

19 November , 2022

The Sales Manager

Bharat Electronics and Domestic Appliances

Mumbai

**Subject: Placing an Order for Electrical Appliances required for our Hostel**

Sir,

We are running an educational institute and we need the following items for our hostel urgently as the new school session is going to start from 1st April. I request you to quote your rates and terms of supply for the following items.

S.No.	Particulars	No. of items
1	Fans	20
2	Microwave Ovens	10
3	Geysers	25

If your rates and other terms and conditions suit us, we shall be pleased to place you the order. Therefore, kindly send the rates and the discount permissible on the gross purchase and also the terms of payment at the earliest. We hope to get an early response from your end.

Thank you

Yours truly

Nalini

(Hostel Warden)

OR

**B. Format 1 mark Content 2 marks Organization of Ideas 1 mark Accuracy 1 mark**

37, Raj Nagar

Jaipur

18 November , 2022

The General Manager,

Jaipur Transport Corporation

Jaipur

Subject: Inadequate Bus Service

Sir,

Through this letter of mine, I wish to draw your attention to the inadequate bus service in our area. I would like to inform you that in our area, i.e., Raj Nagar, the bus service is very inadequate. Very few buses ply through our area due to which the common public is greatly inconvenienced. The area is a bit away and residents need to regularly commute to every part of the city. Therefore, you are requested to arrange more buses in this area so that the people do not face the problem of transportation.

I hope you will take some action and do the needful as soon as possible.

Thank You

Yours sincerely

Mahim

**2. Content 2 marks Organization of Ideas 2 marks Accuracy 1 mark**

**Sample for reference**

A survey was conducted by XYZ school to discuss the role played by Computers and Information Technology in the growth and development of children. Some student representatives were also invited to add to the views given by others. Only a margin of 8% of the people opined that computers enhance creativity thus showing that they were not in favour of it. As many as 10% of people believed that computers cause eyestrain due to long sitting hours of children in front of it whereas 12% of people were of the opinion that children get access to so many sites that are inappropriate for their age. There were many others, in fact, 30% people, who believed that Information Technology increases knowledge and helps in the growth and development of a child as compared to 25% people who were of the view that computers attract a child towards itself which results in the reduction of their outdoor activities. Very few people (15%) had the opinion that it helps academically. Hence, we can sum up that 53% of the people were in favour of computer usage by children whereas there were still 47% who did not favour it.

Or

**Over-Population - A Hazard**

**B.**

**Content 2 marks Organization of Ideas 2 mark Accuracy 1 mark**

**Sample for reference**

Over population has become a menace in the present times. Every 4 s, a new baby is born in India while the death ratio is very low. The rise in population is taking its toll on normal life. Pressure is growing on the basic amenities. The public transport services ply overcrowded with no space to breathe fresh air. Wherever you go, there are long queues. People can be seen waiting whether it is a hospital, a railway station, shops, gas agencies, bus stands and in fact almost everywhere. Over population has led to unemployment also which further leads to social unrest among the youth. The cases of robbery, violence and eve-teasing are on the rise. The only solution to this problem is family-planning. People must be made aware of the dire consequences of over population. Awareness should be spread among the masses through campaigning or street plays so that people may understand that over population must be checked.

**Attempt ANY ONE of two extracts given..**

- (i) (C) Mr Keesing
- (ii) (D) third lesson
- (iii) (C) roared
- (iv) (C) joke
- (v) (A) Option (1)

Or

- B. (i) (B) The Buddhist ascetic
- (ii) (D) medicine
- (iii) (D) ten
- (iv) (B) banished
- (v) (B) sixteenth

2. A. (i) (D). lost

- (ii) (A) troubled
- (iii) (C) responsibility
- (iv) (B) The boy
- (v) (C) rigid

Or

- B. (i) (B) bare feet
- (ii) (B) bare
- (iii) (D) on soft dust
- (iv) (C) imagines
- (v) (A) Metaphor

**VI. Answer ANY FOUR of the following in about 40-50 words each.**

**Content :2 Marks Expression :1 Mark**

**Value Points**

(i) The coorgi tradition of courage and bravery is recognised in modern India as the coorgis are the only citizens permitted to carry guns without a license. The Coorgi Regiment is one of the most decorated ones in the army. This shows that the valour of the coorgis remains apparent in modern times.

(ii) The little seagull's parents tried every possible way to make him to fly. They came to him and asked him and asked him to fly. The rebuked him and threatened him, that if he didn't fly, the will leave him to die of hunger. They even pretended to ignore him.

iii 10th May 1994 is important for South Africa as the inaugural oath-taking ceremony of Nelson Mandela and his colleagues took place on that day. Nelson Mandela became the first black President of South Africa after three centuries of white rule.

(IV) In the beginning, Lencho was very happy and satisfied to receive the letter. But when he counted the money and found it less, he became very angry. He wrote another letter to God, demanding 30 more pesos.

(v) The narrator was shocked to land safely after struggling against the black storm. Besides, he wanted to thank the other pilot who showed him the way, but he was nowhere to be seen. It was a sort of secret help, of which no one was aware.

**VII Answer ANY TWO of the following in about 40-50 words each**

**Content :2 Marks Expressipon :1 Mark**

**Value Points**

(i) Griffin who had successfully escaped from his landlord after setting his house on fire had run into a departmental store where he clothed himself and decided to take a nap. Unfortunately, Griffin was discovered by the store clerks early morning the next day, prompting him to once again leave behind all his clothes and escape in the chill January air.

(ii) Tricki was not suffering from any ailment in reality. In fact, the cause of his suffering was his obesity caused by Madam Pumphrey's overly luxurious treatment. Madam Pumphrey only fed Tricki lots of sweets and other foods instead of maintaining a healthy diet for him. This caused him to grow fatter and fatter until he was so obese that he became inactive and lethargic.

(iii) Detailed answer: Matilda Loisel was very pretty. She considered herself to be born for a luxurious life but the reality was different from her dreams. In reality, she was married to a petty clerk and had to lead a very simple life. Her fantasy over ambitiousness made her unhappy. Matilda's desire to belong to the rich and affluent section of society was responsible for her downfall. If she had accepted her condition with a smile and without any complaints, she would not have had to live 10 long years of her life in such abject poverty.

**VIII Answer ANY ONE of the following in 100-120 words each:**

**Content :3Marks Expressipon :2 Marks Accuracy :1 Mark**

**Value Points**

(i) Mijbil was an intelligent, friendly, and fun-loving animal. On the very first day of his arrival at the author's bedroom, Mij was aloof and indifferent and was neither friendly nor hostile. He chose to sleep on the floor as far from the author's bed as possible. This was all probably because he had suddenly been introduced into a new environment. It was a new place and surrounding for him and was hence a little cautious. On the second day, the otter changed a lot. He felt at home in the author's bedroom. From the second day onwards, he started sleeping on the author's bed.

Or

(ii) Lencho was a simple and hard-working farmer. His corn crops were destroyed in a hailstorm and he was very sad. He felt that he and his family would go hungry the whole year unless they found someone who could help them. He had a firm faith in God,

so he started correspondence with God and asked for a hundred pesos. He was confident of receiving the amount. The letter, on the other hand, was read by the postmaster of the post office.

To ensure that Lencho does not lose faith in God, the postmaster collected money from post office employees and sent the 70 pesos that he had collected to Lencho. When Lencho opened the envelope, he found a lesser amount in it. He was not happy. He thought that the rest of the money had been taken by the post office employees. He called them a bunch of crooks and wrote another letter to God asking for the remaining money but telling Him (God) not to send it through the Post Office employees. He did not realise the irony that it was in fact, those people only who were the real helpers. Calling them 'a bunch of crooks' was not at all justified.

**IX. Answer ANY ONE of the following in 100-120 words each:**

**Content :3 Marks Expressions :2 Marks Accuracy :1 Mark**

**Value Points**

(i) The thief befriended Anil because he wanted to have an acquaintance with him so as to make him his next victim. Moreover, he needed a place to live. He started to work for Anil who was a credulous person. Anil started teaching him how to read and write. One day Anil brought a bundle of notes. The thief stole the money though he was out of practice and had not robbed anyone for so many days. After stealing the money, he planned to go to Lucknow. But at the station, his inner conscience pricked him and did not allow him to go. His heart changed as he wanted to be an educated man. So, he returned back and placed the money back in its place. Hari was grateful to Anil because Anil had taught him to read and write and was helping him in becoming an educated man. With education, Hari would be able to achieve much more in life. So, he did not want to hurt Anil by losing his trust.

OR

(ii) Mr. Loisel was a petty clerk in the office of the Board of Education. He was neither rich nor distinguished. He was very simple. He did not have showy nature. He loved simple living, i.e., he loved simple home food, served in ordinary utensils and lived in a simple house with shabby walls and worn chairs. But he did not have any complaint. M. Loisel was a loving husband beyond any doubt. He was aware of his wife's aspirations and so he thought that the invitation to the ball would please her. For that party, he offered his savings to buy her an outfit, suited for the occasion.

When she had lost the necklace at the party, without being aggressive, he sacrificed his eighteen thousand francs, which his father had saved for him without any complaints and he cooperated with her at every step to make up for the loss and arranged loans from moneylenders. He arranged 36,000 francs for replacing the diamond necklace. Moreover, he worked and overworked, evening and night, for ten long years after his regular job to repay the amount. And he made the necessary compromises in his life without complaining.