



INDIAN SCHOOL AL WADI AL KABIR
MID TERM EXAMINATION

Class: X ENGLISH LANGUAGE AND LITERATURE (184) Max Marks: 80
Date: 22/09/2024 Set - 2 Time: 3 hours

General Instructions:

- (i) All questions are compulsory
- (ii) You may attempt any section at a time.
- (iii) All questions of that particular section must be attempted in the correct order.
- (iv) The question paper is divided into three sections.
- (v) Attempt questions based on specific instructions for each part.
- (vi) This question paper contains 13 pages.

Section A	:	Reading	20marks
Section B	:	Writing & Grammar	20marks
Section C	:	Literature	40marks

SECTION A - READING SKILLS (20 Marks)

1. Read the passage given below:

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1. The food industry is one of the biggest exploiters of animals and is responsible for mass suffering and death. Every year, tens of billions of animals are killed for food, and most endure constant fear and torment. Nearly all the animals raised for food in America today are separated from their families and crammed by the thousands into filthy warehouses, where they spend their entire lives in abysmally filthy conditions. They are mutilated without using painkillers and deprived of everything natural and crucial for them. On the killing floor, many animals are conscious and struggling to escape while their throats are cut-and some of them are still conscious while their bodies are hacked apart or when they are dunked into tanks of scalding-hot water.

2. It is an indisputable fact that animals have sentience and complex nervous systems. Animals are intelligent and complex-much more so than many people even realize and scientists are finding more and more evidence of this all the time. But emotional complexities and intellectual capabilities aside, animals can feel pain just like humans and can adjust like us, they value their lives and do not want to suffer.

3. People may ask, "But animals eat meat, so why shouldn't we?" Some animals kill other animals for food, but unlike most humans, those animals could not survive if they didn't. Unfortunately, some suffering is a part of nature. But humans are able to make choices based on ethics such as how to feed, clothe, and entertain ourselves. So, we have the responsibility of making the most ethical choices possible and doing our best to reduce the suffering of any kind.

4. Of course, there are also similarities between humans and other animals. Like us, other animals experience fear, pain, and distress. But we are uniquely capable of choosing between cruelty and kindness, so we should never willfully inflict pain on any being-human or nonhuman.

5. According to PETA research, the food industry has caused mass suffering, and death of animals. The standard of living of most animals is filthy. They have to live in constant fear and torment. Almost in all cases, animals separated from their families feel alone and scared to face death.

6. Humans can reason and make compassionate choices, so we must end up using animals for food in favour of a humane, vegan way of eating. There is no humane or ethical way to eat animals-so if people are serious about protecting animals, the environment, and fellow humans, the most important thing that they can do is to stop eating meat, eggs, and dairy products.

7. Lowering the amount of meat people consume, will decrease the torture that animals go through. It's unethical for people to eat meat considering humans don't do it out of survival, instead out of enjoyment. Therefore, people should consume more plant-based diets.

Answer the following questions based on the passage above:

1. The central message conveyed by the excerpt is: (1)
 - 1) Promoting vegetarianism
 - 2) Discouraging non-vegetarianism
 - 3) Introducing ethical way of eating animal
 - 4) Exhibiting statistics of animal consumption

(a) Only 1 (b) Both 1 and 2 (c) 1, 2, 3 (d) Only 4
2. What does the author mean when he says, "people should consider more plant-based diets" (Para7)? Answer in about 40 words. (2)
3. The phrase "making ethical choices" in Para 3 refers to considering common concerns like:(1)
 - (a) Causing Minimal/ no damage to the environment,
 - (b) Being mindful of the food shortage for others,
 - (c) Being sensitive to inhumane treatment of food animals
 - (d) All of the above
4. Choose the option that lists statements which are NOT TRUE. (1)
 - (a) There is no humane or ethical way to eat animals.
 - (b) Animals can feel pain just like humans can.
 - (c) The food industry is one of the biggest animal-saver.
 - (d) Cruelty to animals is on the rise, because of rising non- vegetarianism.
5. In the line".....make compassionate choices" in Para 6, the word "compassionate" DOES NOT refer to (1)
 - (a) Sensitive and empathetic
 - (b) Kind and merciful
 - (c) Benevolent and thoughtful
 - (d) Indifferent and heartless
6. Which out of the following is the closest in meaning to the word "sentience" (Para2)? (1)
 - (a) Mental in capacity
 - (b) The quality of being able to experience feelings
 - (c) Lack of sensibility and awareness
 - (d) Trauma and pain
7. Choose the correct option of dairy products, being referred to in Para 6. (1)

- (a) butter, cheese, milk, honey
- (b) cheese, yoghurt, milk, butter
- (c) beans, milk, ice cream, coconut
- (d) almond milk, bread, oil, cream

8. How is the food industry a big threat to animal's life? Answer in about 40 words. (2m)

2. Read the passage carefully and answer the questions that follow: -

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1. The UN's 2017 International Year says that sustainable tourism is an important tool for development, most importantly in poor communities and countries. Today sustainability – environmental, social, and economic – is increasingly recognized as the benchmark for all tourism business. As noted by the UN World Tourism Organization, 57% of international tourist arrivals will be in emerging economies, by 2030. The various 'Tourism Terms' are defined as follows:

Category	Definition
Eco tourism	Responsible travel to natural areas that conserves the environment, socially and economically sustains the well-being of local people, and creates knowledge and understanding through interpretation and education of all involved (including staff, travellers, and community residents)
Ethical Tourism	Tourism in a destination where ethical issues are the key driver, e.g., social injustice, human rights, animal welfare, or the environment.
Geo tourism	Tourism that sustains or enhances the geographical character of a place - its environment, heritage, aesthetics, culture, and well-being of its residents.
Pro-Poor Tourism	Tourism that results in increased net benefit for the poor people in a destination.
Responsible Tourism	Tourism that maximizes the benefits to local communities, minimizes negative social or environmental impacts, and helps local people conserve fragile cultures and habitats or species.
Sustainable Tourism	Tourism that leads to the management of all resources in such a way that economic, social, and aesthetic needs can be fulfilled while maintaining cultural integrity, essential ecological processes, biological diversity, and life-support systems.

Based on data collected by a survey by Travel Bureau, the following market profile of an ecotourist was constructed: -

Age: 35 - 54 years old, although age varied with activity and other factors such as cost.

Gender: 50% female and 50% male, although clear differences based on activity were

found.

Education: 82% were college graduates, a shift in interest in ecotourism from those who have high levels of education to those with less education was also found, indicating an expansion into mainstream markets.

Household composition: No major differences were found between general tourists and experienced ecotourists.

Party composition: A majority (60%) of experienced ecotourism respondents stated they prefer to travel as a couple, with only 15% stating they preferred to travel with their families, and 13% preferring to travel alone. (experienced ecotourists = Tourists that had been on at least one “ecotourism” oriented trip.)

Trip duration: The largest group of experienced ecotourists- (50%) preferred trips lasting 8-14 days.

Expenditure: Experienced ecotourists were willing to spend more than general tourists, the largest group (26%).

Important elements of trip: Experienced ecotourists’ top three responses were: (a) wilderness setting, (b) wildlife viewing, (c) hiking/trekking.

Motivations for taking next trip: Experienced ecotourists’ top two responses were (a) enjoy scenery/nature, (b) new experiences/places.

Answer the following questions, based on the passage above:

1. In the line “...recognized as the benchmark”, the word “benchmark” DOES NOT refer to (1)

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| a) a basis for something. | b) the criterion required. |
| c) the ability to launch something new. | d) a standard point of reference. |

2. The World Tourism Organization of the UN, in an observation, shared that----- (1)

- a) emerging economies of the world will gain 57% of their annual profits from international tourists.
- b) countries with upcoming economies shall see maximum tourist footfall from all over the world in the next decade.
- c) a large number of international tourists in 2030 will be from developing countries.
- d) barely any tourist in the next decade shall travel from an economically strong nation to a weak one.

3. One of the elements that are important to Eco tourists on trips is----- (1)

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| a) wild and untouched surroundings. | b) cultural exchange. |
| c) car and bus rides. | d) fully furnished flats. |

4. Choose the option that lists the correct answers for the following:

1. Arya Bhadra, an NRI, loves animals and wishes to travel to places that safeguard their rights and inculcate awareness of their rights. What kind of tourist is she?

2. Gurdeep Singh from the UK is an environmental scientist and has always chosen to travel to places that are examples of a symbiotic relationship between man and nature. What kind of tourist is he? (1)

- a) (1) is an ecotourist and (2) is a geotourist
- b) (1) is an ethical tourist and (2) is a geotourist
- c) (1) is a sustainable tourist and (2) is a pro-poor tourist
- d) (1) is a geotourist and (2) is a responsible tourist

5. Based on your understanding of the passage, choose the option that lists the inherent qualities of a geotourist. (1)

- 1. Showcases adventure sports
- 2. Promotes landscape appreciation
- 3. Promises luxurious travel
- 4. Includes being environmentally responsible
- 5. Believes in commercializing forests
- 6. Initiates donations for the underprivileged

- a) 1 & 2 b) 5 & 6 c) 2 & 4 d) 3 & 5

6. In the market profile of an Eco tourist, the information on gender indicates that -----(1)

- a) female Eco tourists were more than male Eco tourists.
- b) the activity preferences were varied in females and males.
- c) the choice of things to do on a trip was quite similar for both genders.
- d) male Eco tourists were frequent travellers.

7. According to the survey conducted by the Travel Bureau what percentage of experienced Eco tourists DID NOT prefer to travel alone? Also, provide a suitable title for the passage. (2)

8. Who isn't an experienced Eco tourist? Answer in about 40 words. (2)

SECTION B – GRAMMAR AND CREATIVE WRITING SKILLS (20 Marks)

GRAMMAR

3. Complete ANY TEN of twelve of the following tasks as directed: (1 x 10 = 10 marks)

i. Fill in the blank by choosing the correct option to complete the sentence.

For the past few days, I ----- pleasantly by world leaders who were coming to pay their respect before the inauguration.

- (a) have been besieged
- (b) had been besieged
- (c) was besieged
- (d) was being besieged

ii. Read the conversation between a teacher and her students. Complete the sentence by reporting the conversation between the two.

Students: Who gets the teacher's medal in creativity?

Teacher: Unfortunately, this student has been absent from school for some days and is not here to receive the applause that is due to her.

When the students asked the teacher about the winner, she informed them that ----- from school for some days and -----.

iii. Select the correct option to fill in the blank for the given line, from a travel magazine.

The Monyu festival of the Phoms, which marks the end of winter ----- with dancing, singing and social work such as the ----- and construction of bridges.

- (a) is celebrated, repairing (b) celebrate, repair
(c) celebrates, repairing (d) celebration, repaired

iv. Select the option that identifies the error and supplies the correction for the following line, from a history text book.

The rebel troops crossed the bridge in boats over the Yamuna and stood clamouring for admittance below the Red Fort walls.

Option No.	Error	Correction
(a)	troops	troop
(b)	in	of
(c)	over	under
(d)	for	over

v. Complete the given narrative, by filling in the blank with the correct option.

They ----- the path in to the woods that disappeared perhaps in to a grove of lush, old trees touching the soil with long aerial roots.

- (a) went into (b) went along (c) were going into (d) had gone into

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

Dear Sir,

We ----- (organize) our Annual Function on 5th November 20xx. On this special occasion, we would be pleased if you accept to be the guest of honour and send us a confirmation.

vii. Report the dialogue between a grandson and his grandfather, by completing the sentence.

Grandson: Why are you planting so many saplings, grandpa?

Grandfather: We need to learn the quality of giving selflessly only from the trees.

A grandson asked his grandfather why ----- so many saplings, to which the old man replied that ----- the quality of giving selflessly only from the trees.

viii. Identify the error from the given sentence, from a story in a popular magazine and supply the correction.

The woman agreed to apply for the post after suggested by the police superintendent.

Use the given format for your response.

Error	correction

ix. Read the response of a child to his mother.

Mother: What do you mean by these words?

Child: “You have misunderstood my words, Mummy!”

Now report the question posed by the mother.

- (a) The mother asked angrily what he means by those words.
- (b) The mother asked angrily what he meant by those words.
- (c) The mother asked angrily what did he meant by those words.
- (d) The mother asked angrily that what he meant by those words.

x. Identify the error in the given sentence and supply the correction

Labelling a child as obese should run the risk of making him angry.

Use the given format for your response.

Error	Correction

xi. Select the correct option to complete the narration of the conversation between two friends studying in different universities.

A: Recently, we honoured Professor Timothy Walsh with an award for outstanding work in languages.

B: Do you know that his research work ----- by the students of linguistics around the world?

- (a) was referred to
- (b) had been referred to
- (c) will be referred to
- (d) is referred to

xii. Identify the error on the board of an office and supply the correction:

Executive Bored Room
Keep Silence!

Use the given format for your response

Error	Correction

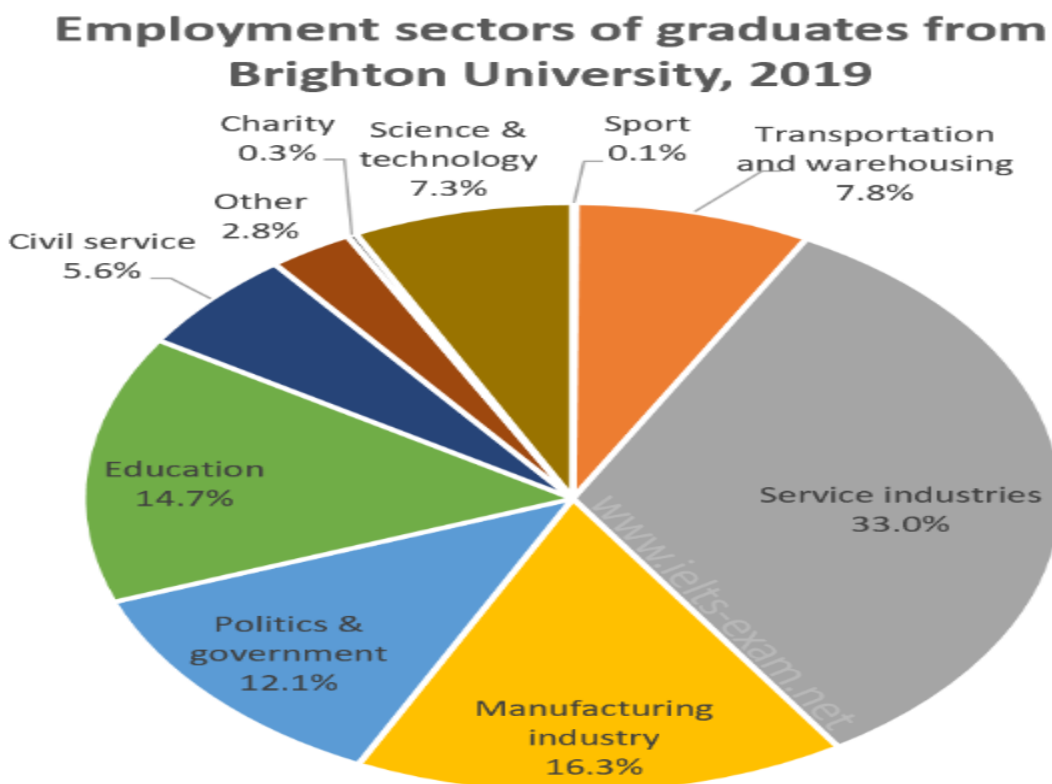
CREATIVE WRITING SKILLS

4A. You are Saurabh Srivastava, a resident of Defence Colony, Rohini, New Delhi. Your colony is facing the severe problem of inadequate and contaminated water supply. You decide to express your views and make the authorities aware of the situation by writing a letter to the Editor of The Times of India, New Delhi in about 100-120 words. (5 marks)

OR

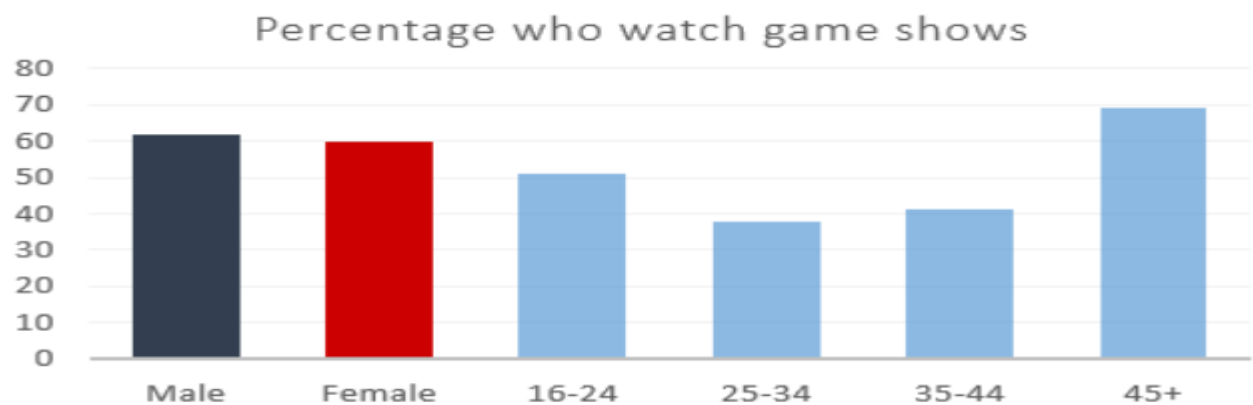
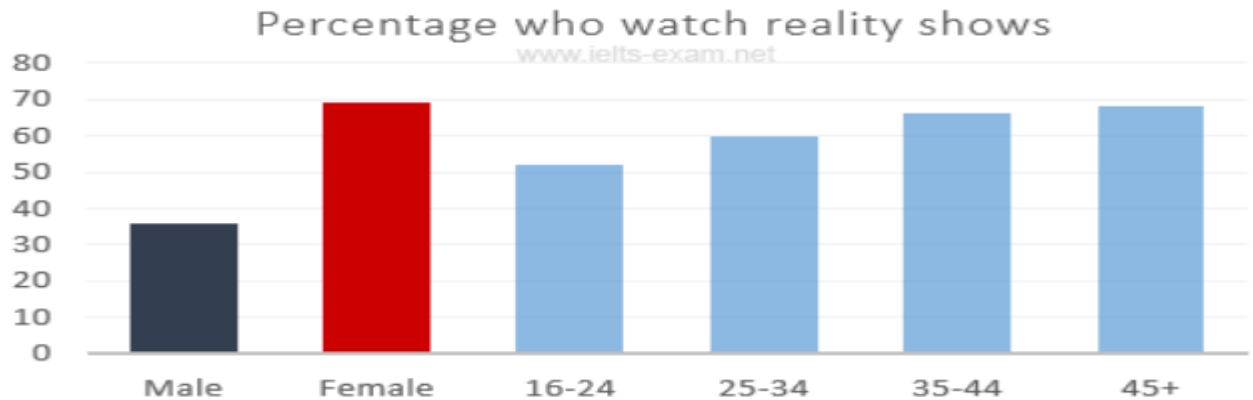
4B. Write a letter to M/s V. P. Appliances, C-24 Devpuri, Mumbai, complaining that the Geyser supplied by them has stopped working in less than a week. Sign yourself as Gaurav of 52, Tilak Marg, Mumbai.

5A. The pie chart below shows the proportions of graduates from Brighton University in 2019 entering different employment sectors. Write an analytical paragraph in 100-120 words. (5 marks)



OR

5B. The charts give information about two genres of TV programmes watched by men and women and four different age groups in Australia. Analyze the graph and write your observations in a paragraph of 100-120 words. Do not add any extra information. (5 marks)



SECTION C - LITERATURE (40 Marks)

6. Attempt ANY ONE of the two extracts.

(A) Read the given extract and answer the questions that follow: (5 marks)

'Don't bite your nails, Amanda!

Don't hunch your shoulders, Amanda!

Stop that slouching and sit up straight,

Amanda!'

a. "Don't bite your nails Amanda! Don't hunch your shoulders Amanda!" What does this reflect about Amanda's mother and Amanda? Answer in about 40 words. (2)

b. Alliteration is a literary device used in the extract. (1)

Which of the following options **DOES NOT** include examples of this literary device?

i) The moon and the shimmering stars watched over us

ii) I wonder if she ever wanted them

iii) Away ran the pathetic pooch pouting like a princess

iv) Dee dee was driving down day after day

c. The repetition of "Amanda!" at the end of each line reflect _____. (1)

d. select the option that fits with the following: (1)

slouching: straight: _____ : _____

i) transparent: translucent

ii) lazy: agile

iii) forgetful: lively

iv) generous: liberal

OR

(B) Read the following extract and answer the questions that follow:

What is the boy now, who has lost his ball,

What, what is he to do? I saw it go

Merrily bouncing, down the street, and then

Merrily over — there it is in the water!

No use to say 'O there are other balls':

a. Based on the extract, what makes a possession valuable? Answer in about 40 words. (2)

b. The poet seems to have indicated the merry bouncing of the ball to _____. (1)

i. create a sense of rhythm in these lines.

ii. support the happiness of the experience of playing.

iii. contrast with the dejected feeling of the boy.

iv. indicate the cheerful mood of the boy.

c. Assertion (A): In "The Ball Poem," the boy's loss of the ball symbolizes his entry into adulthood and the realization of life's inherent losses. (1)

Reasoning (R): The poem reflects on the nature of loss and suggests that through losing something as simple as a ball, the boy comes to understand more complex emotional truths about life.

i. Both Assertion and Reasoning are correct, and the Reasoning is the correct explanation for the Assertion.

ii. Both Assertion and Reasoning are correct, but the Reasoning is not the correct explanation for the Assertion.

iii. Assertion is correct, but Reasoning is incorrect.

iv. Assertion is incorrect, but Reasoning is correct.

d. Choose the situation that corresponds to the emotion behind the exclamation mark in the poem. (1)

1) Hey! Hey! That's no way to dispose off the garbage. Have you no community sense? Please put it in the bin.

(2) I knew it! I knew he'll fare well in his auditions for 'Young Chef'. Now, we prepare for the semi-finals.

(3) I don't know where I've placed my ID-card. Let me check the bag once more. Ah, finally!

(4) I've been trying to call mom for the past 20 minutes and can't get through. I don't know how...Aarrgh!

i. Option 1 ii. Option 2 iii. Option 3 iv. Option 4

7. Read the following extract and answer the questions that follow: (5)

(A) He escaped easily enough from the boys who followed his footprints in London. But his adventures were by no means over. He had chosen a bad time of the year to wander about London without clothes. It was mid-winter. The air was bitterly cold and he could not do without clothes. Instead of walking about the streets, he decided to slip into a big London store for warmth.

a. What made the boys follow Griffin? Answer in about 40 words. (2)

b. Assertion: It was stupid on his part to come out on a winter night. (1)

Reason: He was not completely stupid, though.

a. (A) is right and (B) is wrong.

b. (B) is right and (A) is wrong.

c. Both (A) and (B) are right.

d. Both (A) and (B) are wrong

c. State whether the following is True or False: (1)

After getting rid of the boys the invisible man felt partly relieved.

d. The phrase 'slip into' means the same as: (1)

a. fall into

b. enter quietly

c. enter boldly

d. move out

OR

Read the following extract and answer the questions that follow:

(B) Let me put it more clearly, since no one will believe that a thirteen-year-old girl is completely alone in the world. And I'm not. I have loving parents and a sixteen-year-old sister, and there are about thirty people I can call friends. I have a family, loving aunts and a good home. No, on the surface I seem to have everything, except my one true friend. All I think about when I'm with friends is having a good time. I can't bring myself to talk about anything but ordinary everyday things. We don't seem to be able to get any closer, and that's the problem. Maybe it's my fault what we don't confide in each other. In any case that's just how things are, and unfortunately, they are not liable to change. This is why I've started the diary.

a. State whether the following is True or False: (1)

Anne doesn't plan to let anyone else read her diary as she wants to cherish these moments herself.

b. Why did Anne give a brief sketch about her family in the diary? Answer in about 40 words.

(2)

c. Rearrange the sentences in the correct sequence and choose the correct option. (1)

(a) I'd better provide a brief sketch of my life, much as I dislike doing so.

(b) 'Paper has more patience than people.'

(c) I don't want to jot down the facts in this diary the way most people would do.

(d) since no one will believe that a thirteen-year-old girl is completely alone in the world.

i. (c)(a)(d)(b)

ii. (a)(b)(c)(d)

iii. (d)(a)(b)(c)

iv. (b)(d)(c)(a)

d. Assertion: Anne Frank was all alone in the world. (1)

Reason: Her parents had left her.

i. Both assertion and reason are correct and reason is the correct explanation of assertion.

ii. Both assertion and reason are correct but reason is not the correct explanation of assertion.

iii. Assertion is true and reason is false.

iv. Assertion is false and reason is true.

8. Answer any four of the following five questions in 40 – 50 words each: (4 x 3 =12)

- a. What does the postmaster do to answer Lencho's Letter?
- b. What are the twin obligations every man has in life?
- c. How does the author describe the young Seagull's fear of flying?
- d. How does a leopard behave when he sees someone?
- e. The tiger in the poem 'A Tiger in the Zoo' has some obvious limitations, describe them in contrast to its natural habitat.

9. Answer any TWO of the following three questions in about 40-50 words each. (2 x 3 = 6)

- a. What made the story of the balcony so convincing?
- b. Do you think Griffin is a brilliant scientist who degenerated into a lawless person? Compare him as a scientist and a human being.
- c. Anil walked away. I followed casually'. Why do you think the narrator followed Anil?

10. Answer any ONE of the following questions: - (6 marks)

- a. What do the metaphors of Ice and Fire convey to the reader? Elaborate. What is the message given by the poet?

OR

- b. Describe the appearance of the strange black aeroplane in the most hopeless situation. How did the pilot of the black aeroplane help the narrator to come out of the storm clouds and land safely?

11. Answer any ONE of the following questions: - (6 marks)

- a. Animals also understand the language of love. They have a loving attitude towards their masters. Elaborate with reference to the story 'A Triumph of Surgery'.

OR

- b. The non-existent balcony plays a crucial role in 'The Midnight Visitor'. How? Examine the witty strategy used by Ausable in emerging as a super spy.