



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 ANSWER KEY 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:

10 Marks

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)

The author suggests that people should shift their diet towards plant-based foods as a way to avoid the ethical and environmental issues associated with eating animal products. It is a call to reduce or eliminate meat and animal products in favor of plant-based alternatives.

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)

The food industry is a threat to animals' lives due to its practices of causing extensive suffering and death. Animals are subjected to inhumane conditions, such as overcrowding, lack of natural behaviors, physical mutilation without pain relief, and cruel methods of slaughter, leading to a significant amount of suffering and death.

2. Read the passage carefully and answer the questions that follow: - 10

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)

- 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)

- 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)
: 87%, since 13% preferred to travel alone, 100% - 13% = 87% did not prefer to travel alone. Any suitable title.

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

The passage does not provide specific individuals, but generally, anyone who has not been on an "ecotourism" oriented trip would not be considered an experienced Eco tourist.

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 **Unfortunately, that student had been absent from school for some days and was not there to receive the applause that was due to her.**

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 **are organizing**(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 **he was planting** so many saplings, to which the old man replied that **we need to learn** 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
after	as

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
should	Might/may/would

- 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
Bored	Board

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)

Formal Letter

Format – 1

(sender's address, date, receiver's address, subject, salutation, complimentary close and signature) Full credit if all seven aspects included

Partial credit (½ mark) if one-two aspects are missing. No credit if more than two aspects are missing

Organisation – 1

(Orderly sequence: introduction, main body and conclusion, paragraphed structure)

Accuracy and Fluency -1 (spelling, punctuation, formal tone and grammar)

Content -2

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.

Formal Letter

Format – 1

(sender's address, date, receiver's address, subject, salutation, complimentary close and signature) Full credit if all seven aspects included

Partial credit (½ mark) if one-two aspects are missing. No credit if more than two aspects are missing

Organisation – 1

(Orderly sequence: introduction, main body and conclusion, paragraphed structure)

Accuracy and Fluency -1 (spelling, punctuation, formal tone and grammar)

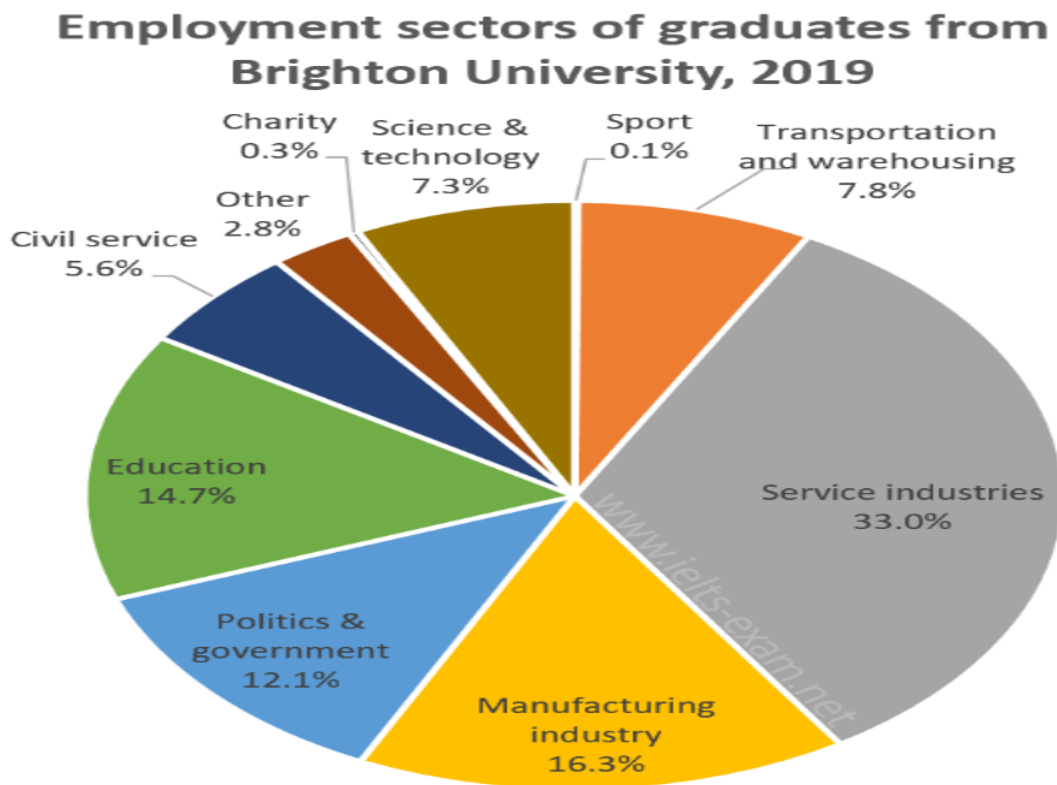
Content -2

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)**

Organisation -2 (effective style, orderly sequence: Introduction, analytical arguments and concluding statement), single paragraph and functional vocabulary)

Accuracy and fluency - 1 (Spelling, punctuation, formal tone and grammar: use of words like greater than / less than / other comparative devices)

Content -2 (well-developed four points)



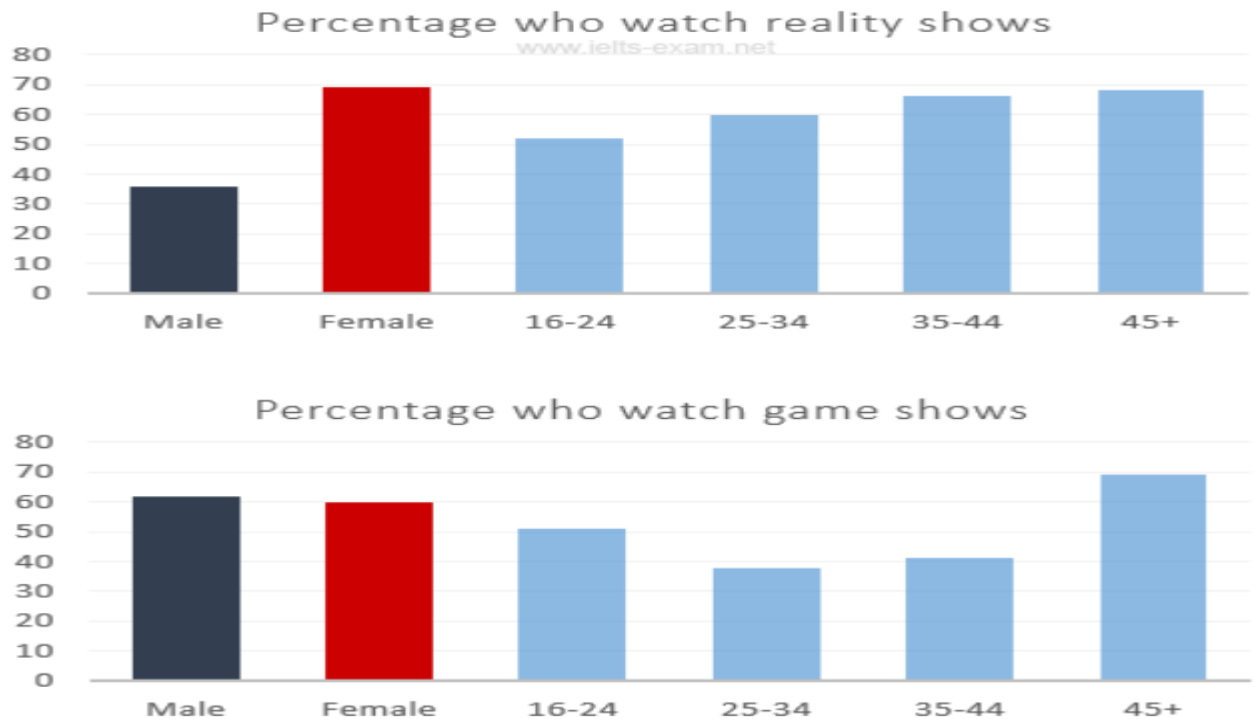
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5B. The charts give information about two genres of TV programmes watched by men and women and four different age groups in Australia. Analyze the graph and write your observations in a paragraph of 100-120 words. Do not add any extra information.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

Organisation -2 (effective style, orderly sequence: Introduction, analytical arguments and concluding statement), single paragraph and functional vocabulary)

Accuracy and fluency - 1 (Spelling, punctuation, formal tone and grammar: use of words like greater than / less than / other comparative devices)

Content -2 (well-developed four points)



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)

Amanda's mother is irritated / annoyed / frustrated / exasperated - Amanda does not respond / react at that moment - She escapes into the world of imagination.

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 **frustration of the speaker.**

(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)

The line 'And no one buys a ball back. Money is external' indicates that the value of a possession is not determined by its cost or monetary value. Instead, the value of a possession is determined by the emotional attachment towards it, as seen in the way the boy values his ball.

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)

The two boys could see Griffin's muddy footprints on the steps of a house in central London, descending towards the street. It was surprising to see the footprints as they could not see the man. Thus, curiosity made the children follow the footprints.

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. **True**

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. **True**

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

Anne gave a brief sketch about her family in the diary because no one would understand if she dove right in. (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?

The postmaster decided to answer the letter, but as Lencho very badly needed some money, he asked for money from his employees. He himself gave part of his salary and several of his friends joined him. He could gather only seventy pesos. He put the money in an envelope addressed to Lencho and with it a letter containing only one word as signature: God.

b. What are the twin obligations every man has in life?

Mandela thinks that every man has twin obligations in life. The first is his obligation to his family, to his parents, to his wife and children. The second duty is duty to his people, to his community and his country. Each man has to fulfil these obligations according to his position and abilities.

c. How does the author describe the young Seagull's fear of flying?

The young Seagull was afraid of flying though he wanted very much to fly. When he flapped his wings, he became afraid. The sea stretched down beneath. He felt certain that his wings would never support him. So, he bent his head and ran away back to the little hole. He could not get himself to fly like his siblings.

d. How does a leopard behave when he sees someone?

A leopard has black spots all over its body. As soon as it sees someone, it leaps over him at once. There will be no use of crying with pain. It will not show any mercy, but keep on pouncing continuously on its victim.

e. The tiger in the poem 'A Tiger in the Zoo' has some obvious limitations, describe them in contrast to its natural habitat.

The tiger in the zoo was confined to a small space. He was angry that he couldn't be free to move, hunt and do what he pleased forced to be a showpiece; and the cage's bars obstructed his view of the starry night. This was all unlike his natural habitat where he hunted fiercely and slept fitfully.

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?

Ausable showed his annoyance for the nuisance created by the balcony. He said that this was the second time that someone had got into his room through it. He also said that the balcony was not his but belongs to the next apartment and earlier his room used to be a part of a large unit.

b. Do you think Griffin is a brilliant scientist who degenerated into a lawless person? Compare him as a scientist and a human being.

Griffin as a brilliant scientist discovered the scientific formula to make a human body invisible. Griffin as a lawless person robbed people, set his landlord's house on fire, threw a chair at Mr. and Mrs. Hall etc. He was a brilliant scientist but not a law-abiding person. He abused his intelligence, became a criminal who had no respect for humanity

c. Anil walked away. I followed casually'. Why do you think the narrator followed Anil?

The narrator's purpose of robbing Anil had not yet been served. He followed Anil to gain his trust and look for an opportunity that may help him give shape to his plans.

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?

Frost presents the two of the darkest traits of humanity; the capacity to hate and the capacity to be consumed by lust or desire. Of the two, he attributes the greater of the two evils, is desire. In giving desire the foremost position with regard to the destruction of the world, Frost is providing a powerful statement on the subject of greed and jealousy, saying that above all trait of humanity that is most likely to lead to its demise. Desire represents the greatest problem that attributes to the cause of the war. Frost then attributes hatred with the same capacity to do harm. However, he lessens the relative importance of hatred but still presents it as having the ability to lead to the destruction of the world if it were to happen for a second time.

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?

The narrator was really in deep trouble. The huge mountains of black clouds were around him. The old Dakota aeroplane was jumping and twisting in the air. His compass was dead. The other instruments were dead too. Nothing worked for him. Even his efforts to contact Paris control failed. The radio was dead too. In such a hopeless situation, the sudden appearance of a mysterious black aeroplane was like God's sent help for him. There were no lights on the wings of that black aeroplane. The narrator could see the pilot's face. He was saying "Follow me". The narrator was totally lost. He thought that the pilot was trying to help him. So, he followed the black aeroplane like an obedient child. He was frightened as he had fuel enough to last for five or ten minutes. Suddenly, he came out of the clouds. He saw two long straight lines of lights in front of him. It was a runway. "An airport!" he cried. He was out of danger and could land safely. He turned to look for his rescuer in the black aeroplane, but the sky was empty.

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'.

Tricki was a very lucky dog to be looked after by a very sensitive lady Mrs. Pumphrey, who looked after him like a pampered child. Tricki was fed on such delicacies and delicious food as might be a matter of jealousy for other dogs. Tricki also loved the heart that cared for him. After he had stayed with Mr. Herriot for about a fortnight, he was eager to meet his mistress. The moment he saw her come to pick him up, he rushed to her with a tremendous leap. He expressed his love for her by licking her face and barking. He was excited when he met her after some time. He wanted to thank Mrs. Pumphrey for giving him a lot of love. He was so loving and excited on meeting her that she could not hold back her tears. This behaviour of Tricki makes us realise that the animals are also grateful to their loving masters.

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.

Balcony plays an important role in the story's climax. Ausable cooked up a story of a balcony just below his window, Max got convinced. Max dropped himself from the balcony (assuming it to be a door) through the window, when the waiter arrived – fell down and died. Conclusion – Clever Ausable could outwit and get rid of his rival or enemy, proved that presence of mind and intelligence are more powerful than a gun.