



INDIAN SCHOOL AL WADI AL KABIR
REVISION PAPER

Class: X ENGLISH LANGUAGE AND LITERATURE Max Marks: 80
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.

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. Happiness is like the sun; it is often hidden by the clouds of thoughts, worries and desires. We have to scatter and dissolve these clouds to experience happiness. You don't have to create it, all you have to do is calm your mind, because when there is a quiet mind and inner peace, there is happiness. It is not something far away and unattainable and does not depend on circumstances, objects or events. Happiness is an inseparable part of our consciousness, of our essence, but hidden and covered from sight by our thoughts, desires, and worries.

2. The mind is always in a constant race from one thought to another, from one worry to another. It constantly moves from one object or task to another. This restlessness hides the happiness that is within you. It is like a choppy sea that hides the bottom. When the sea gets calm, you can see the bottom. In the same way, when the mind gets quiet, you sense the happiness that is within you.

3. You cannot see a treasure at the bottom of a stormy and muddy lake although it is there. However, when the wind stops, the water becomes still and the mud sinks, you can see the treasure. The treasure is there, whether you see it or not. So is happiness. It is always here, only hidden by thoughts, desires and worries.

4. You can experience more happiness in your life. Only your thoughts stand in your way of experiencing it. Next time you feel happy, stop for a moment and watch the state of your mind.

You will be surprised to discover that it is calm, and there are almost no thoughts in your mind. Since the mind is not accustomed to stay in this peaceful state for long, it soon becomes active again, and the sense of happiness disappears.

5 Many people connect happiness to achievement of certain goals. This makes happiness a reward and not an emotion that must be felt. We forget that it is something that comes by looking inward rather than waiting for an external trigger. Once you start looking inwards, you will have to treat yourself as you would treat a valued friend. This will lead to happiness. Take time to appreciate yourself, your work and your accomplishments. Surround yourself with happy people and recall positive memories. It is important to recognize that you have the power to feel happy within you and with practice, it will be felt frequently.

Answer the following questions based on the passage above:

(i) Select the option that displays what the writer projects, with reference to the following: (Paragraph 1) (1 mark)

Happiness is not something far away and unattainable.

- (a) doubt
- (b) caution
- (c) conviction
- (d) denial

(ii) Complete the analogy by selecting the suitable word from the passage. (Para 1) tranquil: serene: inextricable:..... (1 mark)

(iii) Why does the writer say that you have to scatter and dissolve these clouds to experience happiness? (1 mark)

- (a) because observation is sharpened. Our thoughts and worries hide the true essence of our happiness.
- (b) Our inner peace has to be dissolved to enhance true happiness.
- (c) Our desires, thoughts and worries are a part of our consciousness and bring happiness.
- (d) These clouds don't show us the real truth.

(iv) Select the option that corresponds to the following relation below: (1 mark)

Happiness is like the sun, hidden by clouds of worry.

- (a) Happiness is where there is a quiet mind and inner peace.
- (b) Less work is like a breeze which brings happiness.
- (c) The choppy sea hides the treasure of happiness.
- (d) The wind blows and brings happiness.

(v) Supply two points to justify the following:

Connecting happiness to achievement of certain goals makes it a reward, not an emotion. (2 marks)

(vi) The writer says 'Next time you feel happy, stop for a moment and watch the state of your mind The state of your mind will be: (1 mark)

- (a) resolute
- (b) calm

- (c) firm
- (d) decisive

(vii) Based on your reading of the text, list two reasons why the writer says happiness is an inseparable part of our consciousness. (2 marks)

(viii) Complete the following with a phrase: (1 mark)

The writer compares the choppy sea hiding the bottom to-----

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

1 According to a new study, a vast blanket of pollution stretching across South Asia is cutting down sunlight by 10 per cent over India, damaging agriculture, modifying rainfall patterns and putting hundreds of thousands of people at risk. The findings, by scientists working with the United Nations Environment Programme (UNEP), indicate that the spectacular economic growth seen in this part of the world in the past decade may soon falter as a result of the "Asian Brown Haze". Vital follow up studies are needed to unravel the precise role this three-kilometre-deep pollution blanket may be having on the region's climate and the worlds.

2. It is said. "Acids in the haze may, by falling as acid rain, have the potential to damage crops and trees. Ash falling on leaves can aggravate the impact of reduced sunlight o the Earth's surface. The pollution that is forming the haze could be leading to sever hundreds of thousands of premature deaths as a result of higher levels of respiratory diseases."

3. Studies indicate that the level of fatalities is rising along with the levels of pollution. Results from seven cities in India alone, including Ahmedabad, Kolkata, Delhi and Mumbai, estimate that some kinds of air pollution were annually responsible for 24,000 in the early 1990s. By the mid-1990s they resulted in an estimated 37,000 premature fatalities.

4. "The haze has cut down sunlight over India by 10 percent (so far) - a huge amount. As a repercussion, the North-West of India is drying up." Prof. V. Ramanathan said when asked specifically about the impact of the haze over India. He said, "We are in an early stage of understanding of the impact of the haze,"

5. Prof. V. Ramanathan was asked whether the current droughts in most parts of India after over a decade of good monsoons was owing to the haze. He said, "It was t (early to reach a conclusion. If the droughts persist for about four to five years, then would start suspecting that it may because of the haze." India, China and Indonesia: are the worst affected owing to their population density, economic growth completing forest cover.

Answer the following questions, based on the passage above:

(i) Infer one reason for the following based on the information in paragraph 1 :
In India rainfall patterns are changing. (1 mark)

(ii) Which of the following mean the same as 'persist' in 'droughts persist' as used in paragraph 5? (1 mark)

- (a) destroying
- (b) halting
- (c) continue
- (d) blocking

(iii) List two phenomena which lead to weather disruptions. (2 marks)

(iv) Fill in the blank by selecting the correct option.

Ash falling on leaves can _____ the impact of reduced sunlight on the earth's surface. (1 mark)

- (a) worsen
- (b) encourage
- (c) diminish
- (d) support

(v) Substitute the word 'repercussion' with one word similar in meaning in the following sentence from paragraph 2. (1 mark)

The haze has cut down sunlight over India ... As a repercussion, the North-West of India is drying up.

(vi) Study the following statements: (1 mark)

(A) The level of fatalities is decreasing along with the levels of pollution.

(B) The pollution that is forming the haze could be leading to sever hundreds of thousands of premature deaths.

- (a) (A) is correct and (B) is false.
- (b) (B) is correct and (A) is false.
- (c) Both (A) and (B) are correct.
- (d) Both (A) and (B) are false.

(vii) List any two countries which are affected due to depleting forest cover. (2 marks)

(viii) Complete the analogy by selecting the suitable word/phrase from the passage. (Para 2) (1 mark)

possibility : _____ : : suspecting : doubting

SECTION B - WRITING & GRAMMAR (20 Marks)

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

(i) Complete the given narrative by filling in the blank with the correct option:

When he _____ is not known.

- (a) will arrive
- (b) has arrived
- (c) will have arrived
- (d) arrived

(ii) Fill in the blank by using the correct form of the word given in the brackets.

The names of the applicants were _____ (list) in the report and submitted to the manager.

(iii) Fill in the blank by choosing the correct option.

Economics _____ difficult for the students of grade nine.

(a) are (b) were (c) is (d) has

(iv) Report the dialogue between Priti and Meera, by completing the sentence.

Priti: Life's pretty dull. I need a job

Meera: What kind of job are you interested in?

In response to Priti's claim that she needed a job, Meera-----

(v) At this time tomorrow, we our project details to ma'am.

(a) are presenting b) shall be presenting c) have been presenting d) will have presenting

(vi) Identify the error in the given sentence and supply the correction:

A story, to engage the interest of the read, must include mystery and adventure.

Use the given format for your response:

Error	Correction

(vii) Complete the given narrative by filling in the blank with the correct option:

It has been two weeks, but the team has still not ----- from its defeat.

(a) got along (b) got in (c) got over (d) got about

(viii) Fill in the blank by choosing the correct option to complete the Social Service Club notice.

Children _____ volunteer for an hour a week to spend time with the elderly.

(a) must (b) used to (c) ought to (d) will

(ix) Fill in the blank with the correct option:

The number of people attending this evening annual function is ----- than of the previous year's.

(a) fewer (b) few (c) less (d) much

(x) Select the correct option to complete the narration of the dialogue between Ajay and his friend.

Friend: Ajay, did you buy a zoom lens with your camera?

Ajay: No, I did not. I ran out of money.

Ajay friend asked Ajay whether he had bought a zoom lens with his camera. Ajay replied that he had not because _____.

- (a) he was running out of money (b) he has ran out of money
(c) he have run out of money (d) he had run out of money

(xi) Select the option that identifies the error and supplies the correction for the following line from a news report:

The winning athletes were felicitation by the State Government and the City Council.

Option No.	Error	Correction
(a)	winning	win
(b)	were	was
(c)	felicitation	felicitated
(d)	and	but

(xii) Identify the error in the given sentence and supply the correction:

There was exciting in the air, when the winning school team marched into the hall.

Use the given format for your response:

Error	Correction

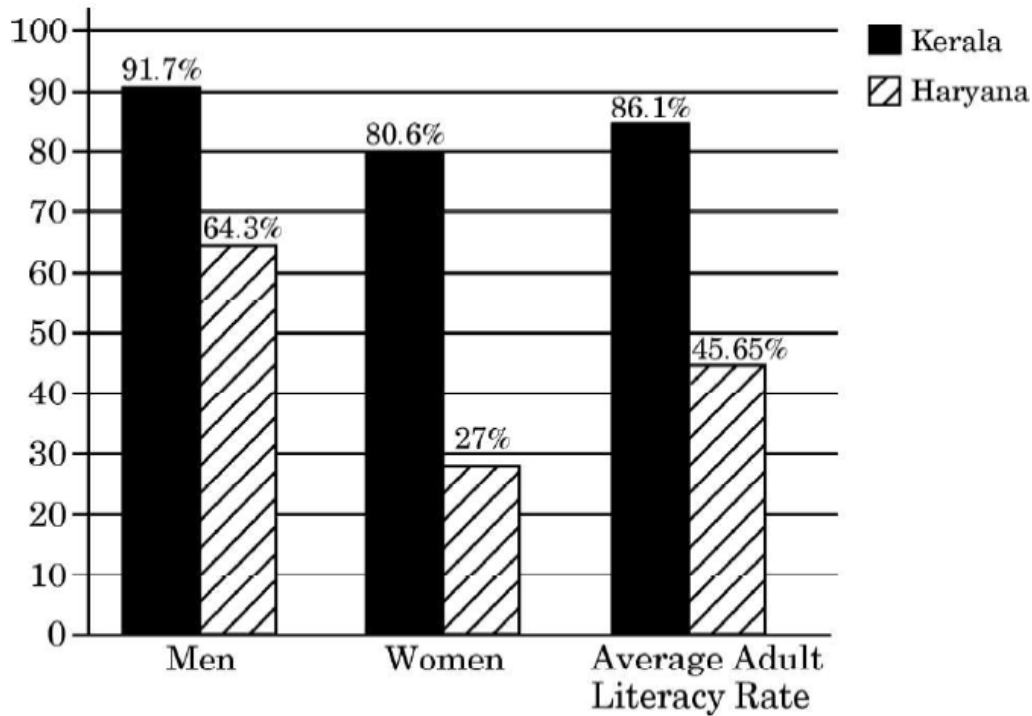
4A. You are Reema/Rajesh living at Mayur Colony, Mumbai. Write a letter of enquiry in 100 120 words to the Director of National Science Centre, Mumbai, to gather relevant information as you are interested in joining their Astronomy Club. Inquire about eligibility, activities, frequency of meetings and other details. **(5 marks)**

OR

4B. The recent monsoon has left behind a trail of woes from potholes to blocked sewage and outbreak of malaria and dengue. This has not happened for the first time and residents have repeatedly complained about the issue. The bad roads and traffic jams are additional problems. Write a letter in about 100 120 words to the Commissioner, Public Works Department, drawing attention to the problems which seem to have become an annual affair with no hope of any relief. You are Rasili/Rashid.

5A. The bar graph given here, depicts the adult literacy rate in two states of India. Write an analytical paragraph in 100 120 words drawing comparison between the two and write possible reasons for this difference **(5 marks)**

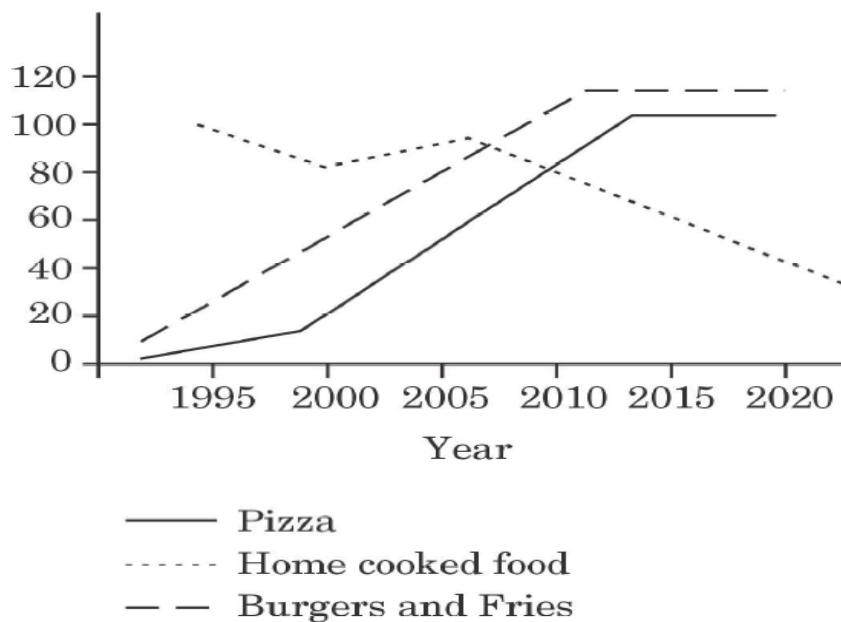
Adult Literacy Rates



OR

5B. There is no greater love than the love for food. The following graph shows eating habits of teenagers and how often they go out to eat. Write a paragraph in not more than 120 words analyzing the listed responses.

Eating habits of teenagers : Number of times eaten per year



SECTION C - LITERATURE (40 Marks)

6. Attempt ANY ONE of the two extracts.

Read the given extract and answer the questions that follow: (1 x 5 = 5 marks)

(A)Lomov: He is old, but I wouldn't take five Squeezers for him. Why, how can you? Guess is a dog; as for Squeezer, well it's too funny to argue. Anybody you like has a dog as good as Squeezer you may find them under every bush almost. Twenty-five roubles would be a handsome price to pay for him.

Natalya: There's some demon of contradiction in you today, Ivan Vassilevitch. First you pretend that the Meadows are yours; now, that Guess is better than Squeezer. I don't like people who don't say what they mean, because you know perfectly well that Squeezer is a hundred times better than your silly guess. Why do you want to say he isn't?

Lomov: I see, Natalya Stepanovna, that you consider me either blind or a fool. You must realize that Squeezer is overshot!

(i) To pay a 'handsome price' most nearly means: 1 mark

(a) to pay good looking money

(b) to pay for a good-looking dog

(c) to pay a lot of money

(d) to pay less money

(ii) Fill in the blank with one word only. 1 mark

Lomov degrades Squeezer by commenting that dogs like him are very -----

(iii) How does Lomov defend 'Guess'? Answer in 40 words. 2 marks

(iv) Based on the given extract, state whether the following statement is True or False. 1 mark

The argument between Lomov and Natalya is a lover's quarrel.

OR

(B) "Don't you want to have a look at the sights, now that you're here?"

"All by myself? Oh, I'd be much too afraid."

Greatly amused by the girl's way of speaking, the conductor said, "but you weren't afraid to come in the bus."

‘Nothing to be afraid of about that’ she answered.

(i) Fill in the blank with one word only.

1 mark

The conductor’s -----clearly comes through when he hears the girl speaking.

(ii) Select the option that correctly captures the application of the word ‘sight’ as used in the extract.

1 mark

(a) Rashid could not sight the tiger.

(b) Rashi lost his sight in the left eye.

(c) The General ordered the soldiers not to shoot at sight when they saw the enemy.

(d) Rashid was fascinated by the sights of the city as he went on a tour.

(iii) The last line indicates the girl’s

1 mark

(a) self-confidence

(b) worry

(c) fear

(d) anxiety

(iv) Why didn’t Valli want to go to the stall and have a drink? Answer in 40 words. 2 marks

7. Attempt ANY ONE of the two extracts.

Read the given extract and answer the questions that follow:

(5 marks)

**(A) 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 there are other balls’**

(i) What does the expression ‘What, what is he to do’ denote?

(1 mark)

(a) loss of the ball

(b) ask the poet for another ball

(c) boy’s grief over the loss of the ball

(d) go down the street

(ii) The extract suggests that the poet is-----

(1 mark)

(a) an onlooker observing

(b) a parent recounting the incident

(c) the boy talking about himself

(d) imagining the incident

(iii) State whether the following statement is True or False based on the given extract:

The poet was delighted to watch the ball bouncing down the street into the water. (1 mark)

(iv) Why was the boy upset on losing his ball? Answer in 40 words. (2 marks)

OR

**(B) Or if some time when roaming round,
A noble wild beast greets you,**

With black stripes on a yellow ground,

Just notice if he eats you.

This simple rule may help you learn

The Bengal Tiger to discern.

(i) Which word in the extract tells you that you have recognized the 'noble beast' (1mark)

(a) rule (b) discern (c) roaming (d) notice

(ii) State whether the following statement is true or false:

The extract helps to identify a Royal Bengal Tiger.

(ii) Complete the sentence appropriately:

It is clear that Alliteration is the poetic device used for roaming round because _____.

(Clue: explain how alliteration applies here) (1mark)

(iii) How will you recognize the Bengal Tiger? (2 marks)

(iv) In the given lines, what effect does the poet create? (1mark)

'Just notice if he eats you.

This simple rule may help you learn

The Bengal Tiger to discern.

(a) irony (b) terror (c) sympathy (d) criticism

8. Answer any FOUR of the following in about 40-50 words each: (4 x 3 = 12 marks)

a. What does Mandela refer to as 'so glorious a human achievement'?

b. What happened when Maxwell took Mijbil to the bathroom? What does it tell us about Mijbil?

c. What does the poet mean by epistemology of loss' in the 'Ball Poem'?

d. Valour and hospitality are inherent in the people of Coorg. Explain.

e. Why and when did the narrator say that 'everything' was going well, it was an easy flight?

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

a. How can you say that Horace Danby was good and respectable but not completely honest?

b. Why is Dr. Herriot tempted to keep Tricki on as a permanent guest?

c. Why did Richard Ebright raise a flock of butterflies?

10. Answer any ONE of the following in about 100-120 words each: (6 x 1 = 6 marks)

(a) How does Buddha bring about a different perspective in Kisa Gotami's understanding of life?

OR

(b) Once we decide to achieve something, so many difficulties come in our way. With focused attention we can make that achievement. How did Valli succeed in fulfilling her desire of riding a bus?

11. Answer any ONE of the following in about 100-120 words each: (6 x 1 = 6 marks)

(a) Matilda's greed and ambition brings about her downfall. Support the statement with references from the text.

OR

(b) Education is always a great asset in the life of a woman. How did Bholi an educated girl, face the challenge posed by Bishamber's greed?