



PRE-MID TERM EXAM REVISION PAPER (2024-25)

Class: X

ENGLISH LANGUAGE AND LITERATURE

Max Marks: 30

Time: 1 Hour

Instructions:

1. All questions are compulsory.
2. The question paper consists of three sections. Section A-Reading (05marks), Section B – Writing & Grammar (10 marks), Section C Literature (15 Marks)
3. Write question numbers correctly.
4. Attempt one section at a stretch and then move on to the next section.
5. Use of correcting fluid (whitener) is prohibited. Note:

SECTION A READING

1. Read the passage given below:

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Perhaps the environmental crisis' at hand has not yet touched your life, but the time is shortly to come. Recent NASA reports of a 60% loss of ozone over the Arctic provide an explanation for increased severity in the world's weather patterns which has only begun to affect us whether directly or indirectly. The social, political and economic implications are difficult to imagine as our ozone layer continues to thin, forests disappear and desertification is occurring at an alarming rate.

Today, almost 1 million acres of forest disappear each week. This alarming rate of deforestation is forcing many world economies to rethink their business and manufacturing practices. A seventy-foot tree cut for its lumber takes 65 years to replace. A seventy-foot bamboo cut for market can be replaced in less than 3 months, as bamboo is officially recognized as the world's fastest growing plant. Some species can grow 3 feet per day!

Driven by the constantly-growing consumer demand for environmentally friendly products, bamboo is gaining momentum as a reliable source for high quality and durable green building material over traditional non-sustainable products.

Bamboo is known to produce 30% more oxygen than a hardwood forest of comparable size, while preventing erosion, restoring soil, providing sweet edible shoots and removing toxins from contaminated soil. Ecologists tout bamboo as a logical, renewable source of building material. Many promote bamboo planting for erosion prevention, and to reverse the effects of global warming. Being a grass, bamboo regenerates without replanting after harvesting.

Traditional hardwood lumber trees, such as oak, maple, and birch, take 40-50 years to regenerate. In the meantime, there is less oxygen produced, less carbon dioxide consumed, and more soil runoff in the spot where those trees were harvested – all producing negative environmental effects. Our planet is suffering from resource depletion, habitat loss, species extinction, and ecosystem pollution. The choice of bamboo as building material will greatly help reverse those negative trends.

On the basis of your understanding of the passage, answer any FIVE questions given below: (5 Marks)

(a) Use of bamboo is gaining momentum because _____.

- (i) it is not environment friendly
- (ii) it is non-sustainable.

- (iii) consumers prefer traditional material.
 (iv) people are conscious of preserving environment.
(b) The greatest advantage of bamboo is that it _____.
 (i) provides sweet edible shoots.
 (ii) is the best building material.
 (iii) regenerates easily.
 (iv) is better than hardwood.
(c) The word 'tout' in para four means _____.
 (i) publicize (ii) understate (iii) cheat (iv) restore
(d) "more soil run off in the spot" means _____.
 (i) the trees do not help absorb water (ii) the trees drain away all the available water
 (iii) there is more soil erosion (iv) soil helps to absorb more water in that place.
(e) The antonym for the word 'reliable' is _____
 (i) dependable (ii) trust worthy (iii) believable (iv) undependable
(f) Four problems troubling the earth are _____.

SECTION B WRITING & GRAMMAR

2. Attempt any one from (A) and (B) given below:

2A. You are Asha / Ashwin. You are keenly interested in reading books and magazines. Your town does not have a proper public library. Write a letter to the editor of a newspaper, urging the concerned authorities to set up a public library so that the general public can benefit from it.

OR

2B. Indian woman is yet to be emancipated despite efforts made by social workers like Raja Ram Mohan Roy. Her liberty and welfare continue to be plagued by endless problems. The society, law, media and intelligentsia continue to be helpless spectators. Write a letter to the editor of a national daily. in minimum 120 words on the topic „Woman Bears and Others Stare“.

3. Complete ANY FIVE of six of the following tasks. (1x5= 5marks)

- a) They----- (build) a new power station at the moment.
 a) have built b) has been buiding c) had been building d) are building
- b) I----- (learn) English for seven years now.
 a) have been learning b) has been learning c) had been learning d) am learning
- c) During my last summer holidays, my parents -----(send) me on a language course to London.
 d) a) have sent b) has sent c) had sent d) sent
- e) Where -----(be) you yesterday?
 a) are b) were c) was d) had you been
- f) I _____ that you were here.
 a) wasn't knowing b) didn't knew c) didn't know d) weren't knowing

SECTION C: LITERATURE - (15 marks)

4. Read the extract given below and answer the questions that follow: (1 x 4 = 4 Marks)

The way a crow
Shook down on me
The dust of snow
From a hemlock tree
Has given my heart
A change of mood
And saved some part
Of a day I had rued.

(i) What is the poet's tone in the extract?

1. excited 2. calm 3. weary 4. lethargic 5. rejoiced
(a) 3 and 4 (b) 1 and 4 (c) 1 and 5 (d) 2 and 5

(ii) Identify the symbols that represent the poet's depressive mood, as per the extract.

- (a) the crow and the hemlock tree (b) the dust of snow falling from the tree
(c) the change of mood in his heart (d) his day being saved at last

(iii) Complete the following analogy about the poet's experience.

white: snow: _____: crow

(iv) Select the sentence in which the word 'shook' is used in the similar manner as line 2 of the extract.

- (a) They shook hands at the airport and parted their ways.
(b) The accident shook his family to their core.
(c) She shook the laundry before hanging it on the line.
(d) He shook his head in shame when his name was called at the last.

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

- a) What is the message of the poem 'Fire and Ice'?
- b) Describe the loss caused by the heavy fall of hailstones in general and to Lencho in particular.
- c) What makes you know that Mrs. Pumphrey was a rich lady?

6. Answer any one of the following questions in about 100-120 words: (1 x 5 = 5 marks)

- a) The foolish indulgence and pampering of the rich mistress, Mrs Pumphrey was the real cause of Tricki's miserable condition. Elucidate.

OR

- b) "If you don't help me, my family and I will go hungry this year." Lencho had faith in God but he didn't manage to solve the problem by himself. Did he lack the courage to resolve his matter himself? Explain.