

|SPECTRA CLASSES
SAMPLE PAPER CLASS 10TH (2024-25)
ENGLISH CORE

Time Allowed : 3hr

Maximum Marks : 80

SECTION A - READING SKILLS

20 marks

1. Read the following texts carefully and answer the questions-

A youngster quit Facebook in December after spending over three years on the social networking site. With that one act, he bid a silent adieu to more than 300 contacts that he had added to his account during the period. Like almost everyone from his "friends' circle," the 20 year old was a regular on the service; visiting it everyday to post photos and status updates. But last week, a new feature on Facebook called Timeline forced him to reconsider the pros and cons of being on the networking site.

'Everyone has some skeletons in their closet and I am just not comfortable with Facebook digging up and displaying all the facets of my life on a bulletin board,' says this youngster who has joined the network in July 2019 while he was in class 11.

Facebook, you see, had compressed the time he spent on the site and arranged it in chronological order. And while he initially liked the new, neatly organized scrapbook-like feature, he wasn't happy to reveal posts from the past, those that, until recently, were hidden under layers and layers of recent updates. Just clicking on a date on the timeline could transport his friends back in time and enable them to view every embarrassing comment, link or photo he had posted on his profile.

"I think it's a recipe for disaster," he says. "In 2020, I had some wall posts, which seemed appropriate at the time, but now after a lapse of four years, I have moved on and don't want them to be openly displayed for all to see."

And he is not alone. Many users, worried about how Facebook activity could possibly affect their offline lives, are choosing to commit 'Facebook suicide'. While some have privacy concerns, others feel that the site that was meant to bring them closer to their friends actually does the opposite. It reduces their friendship to something superficial.

"Poking and liking are not enough to keep a friendship going," says a business analyst. Having quit Facebook over three years ago, she prefers meeting her 'real' friends face-to-face, instead of reading their trite posts online.

"On Facebook, people hype everyday issues including what they ate and where they went on a daily basis," says this analyst who continues to use Twitter.

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Similarly, an engineering student, quit Facebook last July five years after joining it. On fine day, he exported all the data from his account into a little zip file and hit the delete button.

"I realized that when it came to my friends who really mattered, I could actually keep in touch with them over the phone or by meeting them in real life," he wrote on his blog.

On the basis of your understanding of the passage, answer the following questions -

- i. Why many people are quitting Facebook? **1 marks**
 - ii. The feature 'Timeline' on Facebook according to the passage, forces the youngster to reconsider _____. **1 marks**
 - iii. The meaning of the word 'share' in para 3 is: **1 marks**
 - a. Liked
 - b. Timeline
 - c. Hidden
 - d. Reveal
 - iv. What does the author want to say by 'Facebook suicide'? **1 marks**
 - v. Which of the following statements is NOT TRUE in the context of the passage? **1 marks**
 - a. People visit social media everyday to post photos and status.
 - b. People love being poked and liked on Facebook.
 - c. Few think that social media reduces their friendship to something superficial.
 - d. No one prefers meeting 'real' friends face-to-face, instead of reading their trite posts online.
 - vi. Select the option that makes the correct use of the word 'trite' as used in the 1 passage to fill in the blank space. **1 marks**
 - a. At that moment, his words sounded _____ to me.
 - b. It was either a _____ or an excellent copy.
 - c. Her _____ powers give life and color to her paintings.
 - d. A little _____ air might clear some of the cobwebs.
 - vii. Mention any two possible reasons to quit Facebook as provided in the passage. **2 marks**
 - viii. Explain the phrase 'Everyone has some skeletons in their closets.' **2 marks**
2. Hundreds of thousands of years ago giant mammoths still roamed the earth and the surface of the earth was covered by dense forests. Men took shelters in caves and covered their bodies with pelt. At that time, canines became man's best friend. At first, they followed man on his hunting trips and waited for scraps whatever it could get from the kill its master had made. Then the instinct for companionship made it adopt man as its leader.

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Soon, the man began to train the canines to help him during the hunt, to carry his burdens and to give him companionship as he sat by the fireside in the evenings. These changes took place much before recorded history came into practice.

These findings can only be confirmed by the study of the bones of the primitive canines that lay beside the remains of the primitive men in caves. As the history of the canine goes back to a time when records were not maintained, it is infeasible to be sure of these happenings.

Some scientists believe that they are the result of mating between lobos and jackals. Other scientists say that some species of canines descended from lobos while others descended from jackals. Some even go on to say that these hounds descended from coyotes and foxes. A widely held theory is that the modern canines that we keep as pets descended from a remote common ancestor.

This last substantiates the differences in size and appearance between different breeds of canines. Other evidence of the wild ancestry is the build of their bodies, which is very distinctly adapted for speed and strength. Together with their keen auditory perception and olfactory excellence, it becomes obvious that they have feral hunters in their genes.

From the time when recorded history began, there have been references of this companionship. There are portrayals of canines on Egyptians tombs that are 5000 years old. The Egyptians considered them sacred and the whole family would go into mourning if it died.

Today, the canine is an indispensable part of our lives. For hundreds of young, healthy blind people, it is their seeing eye.

A seeing-eye canine is usually a German shepherd. It takes almost three months to train them. First, come to the obedience exercise repeated daily as 'setting up exercises.'

Then a U-shaped harness is buckled on and it learns to walk at the left of the trainer. They are taught to stop and wait at the curb, watch traffic and let the vehicles pass. Before the canine is passed to the blind master, a final check is made. Then the blind master and his hound train together for four weeks before they go home to work smoothly as a team.

i. Complete the following sentence-

Canines became man's best friend at an early age by _____.

1 marks

ii. Comment on any two theories about the origin of canines. **2 marks**

iii. Select the option that conveys the opposite of 'unfasten' from the words used in paragraph 8. **1 marks**

- a. Buckled
- b. Taught
- c. Curb
- d. master

iv. What makes us believe that canines have a wild ancestry?

2 marks

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- v. Explain the term 'olfactory excellence' **2 marks**
- vi. How can a canine be a 'seeing-eye' for a blind man? **1 marks**
- vii. Select the most suitable title for the above passage. **1 marks**
- History of human society
 - Canines-Their History and Ancestry
 - Evolution of Canines
 - Ways to handle canines

SECTION B WRITING SKILLS AND GRAMMAR

3. Complete any ten questions out of twelve- **10 Marks**

- i. I _____ glasses when I was younger, but now I _____ contact lenses.
- have worn/ am having
 - have been wearing/ had
 - was wearing/ have had
 - wore/ have
- ii. Correct the following sentence-
Population has rose unevenly across countries and regions.
- iii. Report the sentence-
It is said, "Where there is a will, there is a way."
- iv. Fill in the blank with a suitable determiner-
I don't want _____ coffee, thank you.
- v. Choose the correct option-
Had the police not reached there in time, the bandits _____ him.
- did have killed
 - will have killed
 - would kill
 - would have killed
- vi. Identify the error and correct the statement-
Me and my sister are going shopping tomorrow.
- | | <u>Error</u> | <u>Correction</u> |
|----|--------------|-------------------|
| a. | and | or |
| b. | me | I |
| c. | Tomorrow | yesterday |
| d. | Sister | sisters |
- vii. Correct the sentence-
Most trees have a single wood stem called a trunk which supports a mass of branches carrying leaves.

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- viii. Complete the following sentence-
She has read several books and now _____ to write an article on different types of writing.
- had plan
 - plans
 - will be planning
 - is planning
- ix. Complete the sentence with the correct form of verb-
Someone _____ (steal) my bag when I was sleeping.
- x. If you want to learn to speak English fluently, you _____ work hard.
- would
 - might
 - should
 - Could
- xi. Report the following question-
"Did you have any difficulty on the way?" he asked his guest.
- xii. Identify the error and supply its correction-
We may have been mistaken about the cars condition.

WRITING 10 MARKS

4. Write a letter to the Manager, Progress Book Emporium, Chandigarh to place a bulk order for stationery items for your school. You are Jagdish K, Senior Clerk, Global School, Gurugram.

OR

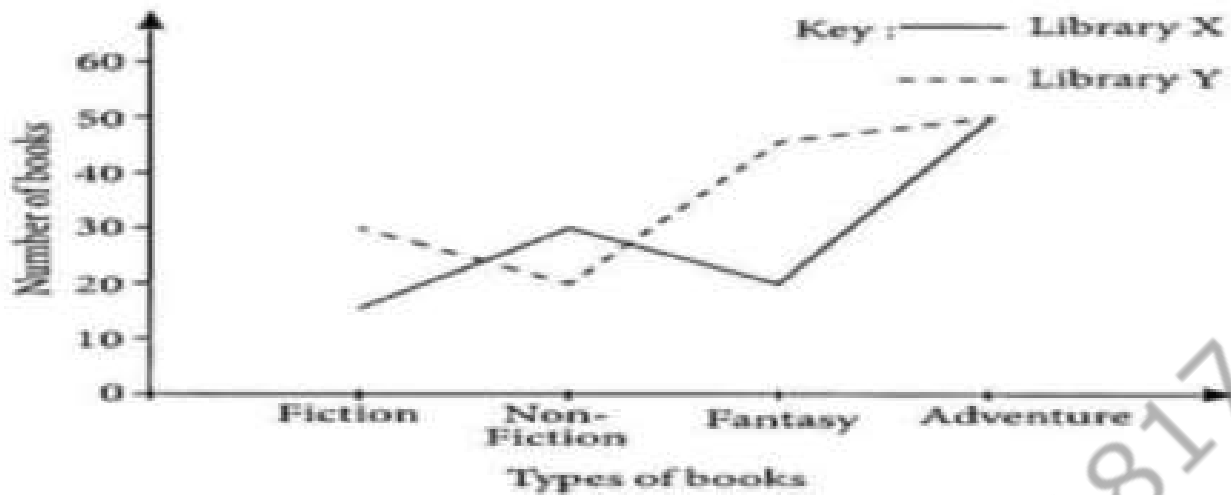
You have lost your original certificates of Class X and XII. You want to get their duplicates issued but you do not know the procedure. Write a letter to the Chairman, CBSE, Preet Vihar, New Delhi enquiring about the fee to be deposited, mode of payment, time taken by the board for issuing duplicate certificates and any other formalities. You are Tarun/ Taruna, 7/9, Kunj Apartments, Shimla.

5. The given double line graph shows the number of different types of books in two libraries. Write an analytical paragraph using the information given in the graph.

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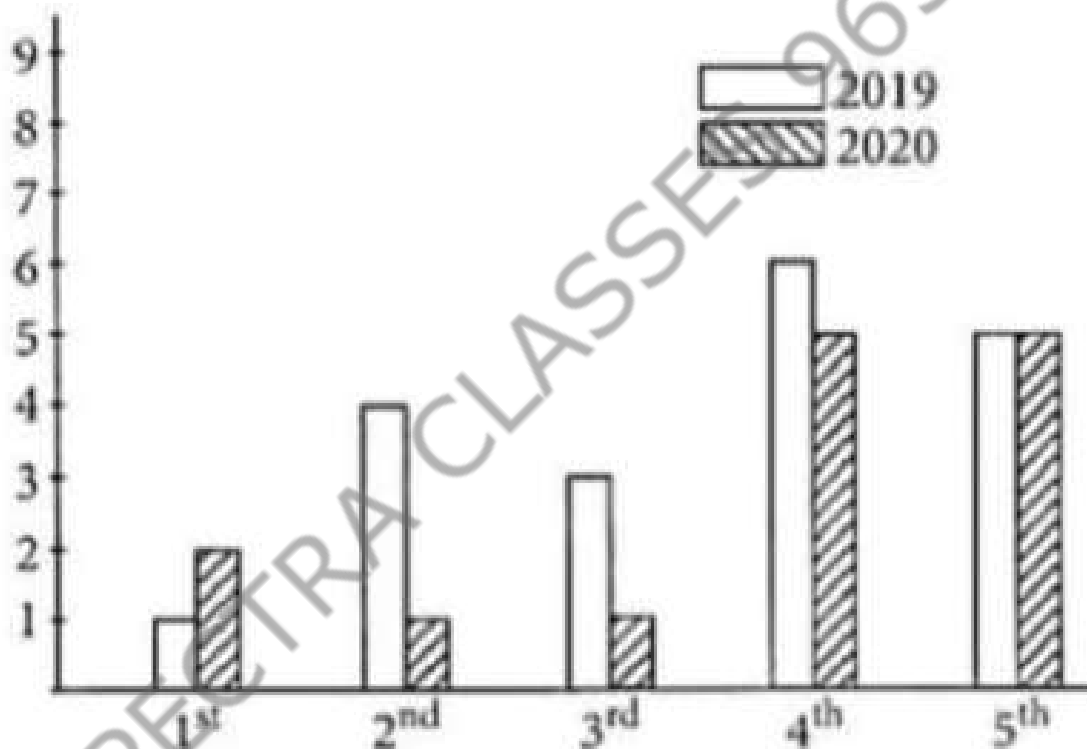
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OR

The given bar graph shows the wickets taken by a bowler during five test matches in two years. Study the graph carefully and write an analytical paragraph.



SECTION C LITERATURE AND SUPPLEMENTARY

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6. Read the given extract and answer the questions for ANY ONE of the two, given- 5 Marks

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a. The arrival of a stranger at an inn in winter was in any case an unusual event. A stranger of such an uncommon appearance set all tongues wagging. Mrs. Hall, the landlord's wife, made every effort to be friendly. But Griffin had no desire to talk, and told her, "My reason for coming to Iping is a desire for solitude. I do not wish to be disturbed in my work. Besides, an accident has affected my face." Satisfied that her guest was an eccentric scientist, and in view of the fact that he had paid her in advance, Mrs. Hall was prepared to excuse his strange habits and irritable temper.

- i. State any one inference about Griffin from the given context:
"My reason for coming to Iping is a desire for solitude. I do not wish to be disturbed in my work. Besides, an accident has affected my face."
- ii. State True or False-
Even though Mrs. Hall was satisfied with Griffin, she was skeptical to excuse his strange habits and irritable temper.
- iii. Which phrase would correctly substitute 'set all tongues wagging' in the given sentence from the extract?
A stranger of such uncommon appearance _____.
- iv. It was not difficult for Griffin to convince the landlord and his wife about his strange appearance and eccentric behavior.
Elaborate in about 40 words with reference to the context.

OR

"Don't you want to have a look at the sights, now that you're here?" "All by myself? 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 about that," she answered.

- i. Why did the girl not want to look at the sights?
- ii. Fill in the blank with *one* word only-
The conductor's _____ clearly comes through when he hears the girl speaking.
- iii. Select the option that correctly captures the application of the word 'sight' as used in the extract.
 - a. Rashid could not sight the tiger.
 - b. He lost his sight in the left eye.
 - c. The ordered the soldiers not to shoot at sight when they saw the enemy.
 - d. Uma was fascinated by the sight of the city as she went on a tour.
- iv. The last line indicates the girl's _____.
- v. Complete the analogy using a word from the text.
entertained : amused :: apprehensive : _____.

7. Attempt any one from the given extracts-

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a. All night the roots work to
disengage themselves from the cracks
In the verandah floor.
The leaves strain towards the glass
Small twigs stiff with exertion
Long cramped boughs shuffling under the roof
Like newly discharged patients
Half dazed moving
To the clinic doors.

- i. Why do the leaves strain towards the glass?
- ii. The poet compares the trees to 'newly discharged patients'. Highlight any two reasons for the same.
- iii. Comment on the work done by trees according to the poet.
- iv. Give one example of personification and simile from the given extract.

OR

b. "But I can get a hair dye
And set such color there,
Brown, or black, or carrot,
That young men in despair
May love me for myself alone
And not my yellow hair."

- i. What is the speaker's tone in the extract?
 - a. Thoughtful
 - b. Agitated
 - c. Authoritative
 - d. Insulting
 - e. Argumentative
- ii. What causes the young men to 'despair' according to the extract?
- iii. Identify the reason for the speaker's need to color her hair.
- iv. Complete the analogy about the speaker's hair.

yellow : blonde :: _____ : carrot

- v. Select the sentence in which the word 'set' is used in the similar manner as line 2 of the extract.
 - a. I want to set him up and get my work done this time.
 - b. Do you have another set of books that can I read?
 - c. The dessert needs to set for two hours before being served.
 - d. The set for the school play looked quite grand.

8. Answer ANY FOUR of the following in about 40-50 words- 12 Marks

- i. Give one reason why 'The Tale of Custard the Dragon' is more a fable than a ballad.
- ii. Explain why the poet personally holds the conviction that the world will primarily end with fire.

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- iii. Give a character sketch of Natalya.
- iv. What did the Buddha preach people?
- v. Describe the havoc created by Mijbil on the airplane when it came out of the box.

9. Answer ANY TWO of the following in about 40-50 words- 6 Marks

- i. Why did Hari Singh change his name every month?
- ii. What did Ausable do when he saw Max with a pistol?
- iii. Why was Tricki an uninteresting object for other dogs at the surgery?

10. Answer ANY ONE of the following in about 100-150 words- 6 Marks

What does Nelson Mandela think about the patriots? Can they be repaid? Why, according to him, people of his country are real diamonds?

OR

Explain how the setting of a story or a poem can enhance its plot with reference to Dust of Snow and Tea from Assam.

11. Answer any one of the following in about 100-150 words- 6 Marks

Based on The Book That Saved The Earth, state how jumping to conclusions had an unintended consequence for the Martians.

OR

Fowler's day took a one-eighty degree turn by the end of the evening. Examine the statement with reference to The Midnight Visitor.

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