

**KENDRIYA VIDYALAYA SANGATHAN JAMMU REGION
PRE-BOARD 1 (2025-26)**

Class: X

Max.Marks:80

**Subject: English Language and Literature
(Code No. 184)**

Time Allowed: 3 Hrs.

General Instructions:

Read the instructions carefully and follow them:

1. *This question paper comprises 11 questions. All questions are compulsory.*
2. *The question paper contains THREE sections –
Section – A: Reading Skills
Section – B: Grammar and Creative Writing Skills
Section – C: Literature Textbook*
3. *Attempt questions based on specific instructions for each Part.*

SECTION A: READING SKILLS (20marks)

1. Read the following passage.

(10 M)

Tea time- Pop the Kettle On

1.) 21 May is International Tea Day. Actually, a dozen days throughout the year celebrate tea in its many forms and by different cultures—Japan recognises National Matcha Day on 6 February, while 21 September is National Chai Day in India. At a daily average of three cups, Indians collectively drink a whopping 1.08 billion servings of tea every day. Tea is second to water as the most popular beverage in the world. It was discovered by accident nearly 5,000 years ago, according to legend. As the story goes, Chinese Emperor Shen Nong sipped it first in 2737 BC, after leaves from a nearby tree above him blew into his pot of boiled water. While tea was popular in China, Brits brewed theirs often. But another country beats them all: Turkey drinks the most tea per capita, followed by Ireland and then the United Kingdom.

2.) TEA'S 3,000-plus varieties boil down to a handful of main categories: black, green, yellow, white, purple, oolong and pu-erh. But they all come from the same plant, *Camellia sinensis*, a tropical evergreen shrub native to central Southeast Asia.

3) . Green tea, like Japanese sencha, have low levels of caffeine, while black teas, like orange pekoe, pack more of a punch. Perhaps you've heard that tea has more caffeine than coffee? It's technically true: By weight, dry tea leaves contain more caffeine than coffee beans do. But once the beverages are brewed, even black tea has only about half the jolt of java.

4.) The first tea bags offered a game-changing way to brew a quick, no-mess, single-serving cup of tea, but for all its brilliance, the invention is believed to have come about by accident. The most common origin story claims that in 1908, a New York tea importer sent tea samples in silk bags and told customers they should be steeped directly.

5.) One of the priciest teas in history was the original form of a variety called Da Hong Pao, picked from "mother bushes" planted high in China's Wuyi Mountains. Harvesting these prized bushes became illegal in 2007. But before then, Da Hong Pao would set you back about \$2,400 (around 12 lakh) a cup.

6.) HERBAL TEAS are said to have multiple health benefits, many with antioxidant, digestive, and scientific uses. Peppermint and ginger can ease digestive distress. Hibiscus can help lower blood pressure. Chamomile and lavender can soothe stress and lead to better sleep. Herbs, are common in Sleepy time teas—which you should drink in the evening before bed for the best results.

(Source: Readers' digest)

Answer the following questions, based on the passage above:

I. Which country drinks the most tea per capita? (Para-1) (1)

- A) United Kingdom
- B) Ireland
- C) Turkey
- D) India

II. What is true about caffeine content in dry tea leaves compared to coffee beans? (para-3) (1)

- A) Tea leaves contain less caffeine
- B) Tea leaves have no caffeine
- C) Tea leaves contain more caffeine by weight
- D) Coffee beans contain more caffeine by weight

III. State whether the following statement is True/False. (para-4)

The first tea bags were intentionally created for quick brewing. (1)

IV. Da Hong Pao tea was one of the priciest teas in history. What made it so valuable and why was harvesting stopped?(para-5) (1)

V. Based on the passage, all teas despite their different varieties like green, black, white, etc are linked together because_____ . (1)

VI. The passage mentions that herbal tea has health benefits. List any two such benefits. (2)

VII. The word 'whopping' in the line: "Indians collectively drink a whopping 1.08 billion servings of tea every day", means ----- (1)

- A) enormous
- B) minuscule
- C) relishing
- D) exceptional

VIII. Tea is second to water as the most popular beverage in the world. Based on your reading of the passage, identify two reasons why tea has become widely consumed drink? (2)

2. Read the following passage.

(10M)

1.) Climate change refers to long-term changes in the Earth's weather patterns and average temperatures. It is primarily driven by human activities such as burning fossil fuels, deforestation, and industrial processes that release greenhouse gases like carbon dioxide (CO₂), methane (CH₄), and nitrous oxide (N₂O) into the atmosphere. These gases trap heat from the sun, causing global temperatures to rise—a phenomenon called the greenhouse effect.

2.) The consequences of climate change are widespread and severe. Rising global temperatures lead to the melting of polar ice caps and glaciers, causing sea levels to rise and threatening coastal areas with flooding. More frequent and intense extreme weather events like hurricanes, droughts, floods, heat waves, and wildfires pose risks to human health, agriculture, and natural ecosystems. Additionally, changing climate disrupts biodiversity and food production, and increases water scarcity in many regions.

3.) Efforts to combat climate change focus on reducing greenhouse gas emissions by transitioning to renewable energy sources, improving energy efficiency, protecting forests, and adopting sustainable agricultural practices. Global cooperation and policy action are essential to limit temperature rise and mitigate the adverse effects.

4.)

Causes of Climate Change	Effects of Climate Change
Burning fossil fuels (coal, oil, natural gas)	Rising global temperatures and heat waves
Deforestation and land-use changes	Melting ice caps and rising sea levels
Industrial emissions and waste	More frequent extreme weather events
Agriculture (methane from livestock)	Disruption of ecosystems and biodiversity
Increased greenhouse gases in the atmosphere	Food and water scarcity

5.) Addressing climate change urgently is vital to protect the planet's health, ecosystems, and future generations. Reducing emissions and adopting sustainable practices can help secure a livable environment worldwide.

Answer the following questions, based on the passage above:

- I. **Which of the following does not explain the primary cause of current climate change?** (1)

- a) Natural variations in Earth's orbit
- b) Human activities releasing greenhouse gases

- c) Occasional Volcanic eruptions
- d) Increased solar radiation

II. Burning fossil fuel releases large amounts of _____ into the atmosphere, contributing to the greenhouse effect and global warming. (Paragraph 5)

(1)

III. Complete the following appropriately.

(1)

Deforestation _____ the number of trees available to absorb carbon dioxide, resulting in higher atmospheric CO₂ levels, which intensifies the greenhouse effect and accelerates climate change.

IV. What is the main effect of melting polar ice caps caused by climate change?

Write correct option.

(1)

- a) Increased forest cover
- b) Stabilized weather patterns
- c) Rising sea levels threatening coastal areas
- d) Reduction in global temperatures

V. Which of the following is an example of climate change mitigation?

(1)

- a) Building flood barriers
- b) transitioning to renewable energy sources
- c) Adapting crop types to drought conditions
- d) Increasing water conservation efforts

VI. Complete the given sentence with a suitable word:

Changing climate disrupts _____ and food production, and increases water scarcity in many regions. (1)

VII. How does deforestation contribute to climate change? Write the correct option. (1)

- a) By increasing the Earth's effect
- b) By reducing oxygen levels in the atmosphere
- c) By increasing carbon dioxide levels due to fewer trees absorbing CO₂
- d) By increasing biodiversity

VIII. Why is international cooperation necessary to address climate change effectively? (Paragraph 6) (2)

IX. Evaluate the importance of renewable energy in the fight against climate change. (1)

SECTION B: WRITING SKILLS & GRAMMAR (20 marks)
(GRAMMAR 10M)

3. Complete ANY TEN of twelve of the following tasks, as directed:

I. Complete the given narrative, by filling the blank with the correct option:

The experience of nursing an injured bird left me _____ grateful for knowing the importance of being kind and compassionate to all creatures.

(1)

- A. having felt
- B. felt
- C. feeling
- D. feels

II. Select the option that identifies the error and supplies the correction for the given sentence: (1)

At the airport, it looked like she is reuniting with her family after so long.

OPTIONS	ERROR	CORRECTION
OPTION A	Looked	Looking
OPTION B	Is	Was
OPTION C	Reuniting	Reunited
OPTION D	With	By

III. Sonia and Tammana had a conversation about their Pre- Board examination. Report Sonia's question. (1)

Are you well prepared for the exams?

IV. Identify the error and write the correction in the given sentence: (1)

Our company is new, and we have trying our best to establish ourselves in the market.

Use the given format to write your answer.

Error	Correction

V. Choose the correct option to complete the given sentence: (1)

_____ people in our country have no idea about health care policies run by the Government.

- A. much
- B. many
- C. little
- D. more

VI. Choose the correct option to complete the given sentence. (1)

Mridul said, "Wow! This is wonderful."

Mridul exclaimed with _____

- A. excitement that was wonderful
- B. joy that it was wonderful
- C. wondered that it is wonderful
- D. surprised that was it wonderful

VII. Identify the error and write the correction in the given sentence.(1)

Neither the leader nor the followers was aware of the schedule change.

Use the given format to write your answer.

Error	Correction

VIII. Fill in the blank with the correct option from those given in the brackets:

(1)

The Wangala is festival for Garo in Meghalaya. It is a post-harvest festival _____ (marks/markings) the end of the agricultural year.

IX. Fill in the blank with the correct form of word given in the brackets for the given part of advertisement: (1)

Eat Healthy, Live Happy!

Fuel your body with our fresh, _____(nutrition) and delicious fruits and vegetables today. Make a healthy choice for a better tomorrow.

X. Complete the slogan, by filling in the blank with the correct option: (1)

There is no place like Earth to live and work. So let's _____ a better place.

- A) Makes
- B) Make
- C) Will make
- D) To make

XI. Fill in the blank by choosing the correct option:

You ___ wear a helmet while riding a bike. It's for your safety. (1)

- A) must
- B) can
- C) should
- D) may

XII. Fill in the blank with the correct form of verb given in the brackets: (1)

Tansen Sangeet Samaroh _____ (celebrate) every year in the month of December in Behat village of Gwalior district, Madhya Pradesh.

(Writing 10M)

NOTE: All details presented in the questions in writing section are imaginary and created for assessment purpose

4A. Attempt any one from A and B given below: (5 Marks)

People today are becoming increasingly dependent on technology for their daily activities, from education and entertainment to communication and even basic problem-solving. While technology has made life comfortable, it has also created health issues, reduced real human interaction and weakened critical thinking.

As Saurabh/Surbhi, a concerned student of Class X, write a letter to the editor of a national daily expressing your views on over-dependence on technology and its effects.

OR

4B . A lot of garbage is thrown on the roads near the colony bus stop causing bad smell. It becomes worse during monsoon season. Write a letter to the Municipal Commissioner, asking him to take urgent action in the matter. You are Shobha/Shobit of 25/D, Resham Nagar, Jammu.

5A . Analyze the following arguments surrounding e-libraries and write a paragraph in about 120 words: (5 marks)

“E-Libraries: A Step into Future”

E-Libraries are digital platforms designed to provide access to a vast range of books, journals and study materials without the need for physical copies. Instead of visiting a traditional library, students and readers can log in online and explore millions of resources from anywhere. This innovation is revolutionizing the education sector by enhancing accessibility, reducing costs, and promoting eco-friendly learning. However, some argue that e-libraries pose more problems than solutions. The concerns are raised about screen fatigue, technical barriers and the potential neglect of physical books.

You may begin like this:

I believe e-libraries offer more solutions than problems / I believe e-libraries are more problematic than helpful.....

OR

5B. Cultural Fest (Dance Team Vs Drama Team)Two teams, Dance and Drama, participated in the Cultural Fest at New Horizon School. Their Performances are recorded Below:

Category	Dance Team	Drama Team
Performance	Scored 87 points	Scored 91 points
Creativity	Innovative choreography	Powerful script and direction
Contribution	Conducted a free dance workshop	Conducted a theatre appreciation camp

The cultural committee suggests that the Drama team should win the Best Team Trophy. As a student representative, analyses the data and write a paragraph in 120 words supporting or opposing this suggestion.

SECTION D: LITERATURE TEXTBOOK

(40 marks)

6. Read the given extracts A and B and answer ANY ONE of the two. (5 marks)

A. *“We, who were outlaws not so long ago, have today been given the rare privilege to be host to the nations of the world on our own soil. We thank all of our distinguished international guests for having come to take possession with the people of our country of what is, after all, a common victory for justice, for peace, for human dignity.”*

(Nelson Mandela - A long Walk to Freedom)

- I. It is a victory for ‘human dignity’. What do you understand by “human Dignity” here? (1)
- II. Why are the guests at the ceremony being called distinguished? (2)
- III. Choose the option that showcases the usage of ‘host’ as in the extract. (1)

- A. He was praised for his hospitality as the host of the party.
- B. She was able to host the event without any hindrance.
- C. She met the host and apologized for her friend's misbehaviour.
- D. He is the best host that one can ever come across.

IV. Why does the speaker say that it is a rare privilege? (1)

OR

B. *So, the world is afflicted with death and decay, therefore the wise do not grieve, knowing the terms world.*

"Not from weeping nor from grieving will anyone obtain peace of mind; on the contrary, his pain will be the greater and his body will suffer. He will make himself sick and pale, yet the dead are not saved by his lamentation. He who seeks peace should draw out the arrow of lamentation, and complaint and grief." (The Sermons at Benares)

I. **Complete the given statement:**

The Buddha gave this sermon to Kisa Gotami _____ (1)

II. **What fact of life did the Buddha convey to Gotami in this sermon?**(2)

III. **How can one obtain peace?** (1)

- A) By organizing oneself
- B) By lifting up other's mood
- C) By overcoming one's sorrows
- D) By understanding others

IV. **Which word in the passage means the same as 'affected by suffering or pain'?** (1)

7. Read the given extracts A and B and answer ANY ONE of the two. (5 Marks)

A. *The trees inside are moving out into the forest,
the forest that was empty all these days
where no bird could sit
no insect hides
no sun bury its feet in shadow
the forest that was empty all these nights
will be full of trees by morning.*

(The Trees)

I. **State whether the following statement is True or False:** (1)

The extract uses trees as a symbol for conservative people.

II. **Select the appropriate option to complete the sentence, according to the extract.** (1)

The idea of a forest that has been 'empty all these days' is _____

- A. Unnatural
- B. Scary
- C. Magical

- D. Legendary
- III. **How does the use of poetic device 'enjambment' impact this extract?** (2)
- IV. **Identify the poetic device used in the given line:** (1)
'no sun bury its feet in shadow'

OR

B.

*Belinda giggled till she shook the house,
And Blink said Weeck! Which is giggling for a mouse,
Ink and Mustard rudely asked his age,
When Custard cried for a nice safe cage.
Suddenly, suddenly they heard a nasty sound,
And Mustard growled, and they all looked around.
(The Tale of Custard the Dragon)*

- I. **Why does the poet deliberately show Custard as cowardly while others appear brave?** (1)
- A. To highlight Custard 's weakness as a permanent flaw
B. To build irony and contrast for a later twist in the poem
C. To show the superiority of Belinda and her pets.
D. To make the poem humorous only.
- II. **How does the sudden introduction of 'nasty sound 'act as a turning point in the poem?** (2)
- III. **Which literary device is used in the line 'Belinda giggled till she shook the house?'** (1)
- IV. **What does Custard 's wish for a nice safe cage reveal about his character?** (1)

**8. Answer ANY FOUR of the following five questions, in about 50 wordseach:
(4x3=12 Marks)**

- I. Explain how hunger is nature's strongest motivator in the story, 'His First Flight'?
- II. How does the repeated use of the name Amanda influence the overall tone of the poem?
- III. Bring out the irony in the ending of story 'A Letter to God'?
- IV. Why didn't Valli want to make friends with the elderly woman in the story Madam Rides the Bus?
- V. What were the guesses made by the Londoners about Mij in the story, Mijbil the Otter?

**9. Answer ANY TWO of the following three questions, in about 40-50 words.
(2x3=6 marks)**

- I. How did Matilda come to know about the truth about the necklace?
- II. How important is curiosity to scientific exploration and discovery? justify your answer with examples from the text *The Making of a Scientist*?
- III. Describe how 'The Book That Saved the Earth' can be considered a satire with supporting examples from the text.

**10. Answer ANY ONE of the following two questions, in about 100-120 words:
(6 marks)**

A. The poet in the poem *For Anne Gregory* conveys that one should give importance to the inner beauty and not to physical appearance. Elaborate with reference to the poem. (*For Anne Gregory*)

OR

B. The narrator made every possible endeavour to save himself. He didn't lose hope in the difficult situation. Discuss what helped him endure the critical situation bravely? (*Black Aeroplane*)

**11 Answer ANY ONE of the following two questions, in about 100-120 words.
(6 marks)**

A. Did Griffin from **Footprints Without Feet** follow the saying 'with great power comes great responsibility'? Justify your answer in 120 words.

Or

B. Imagine that Mrs. Pumphrey from **A Triumph of Surgery**, reflects upon her behaviour and mistakes as a pet owner, and write a diary entry about her overindulgence in 120 words.
