



COMMON PRE-BOARD EXAMINATION 2022-23



Subject: English Lang. & Lit. (184) Marking Scheme

Class: X

Time: 3 Hours

Date:

Max. Marks: 80

MARKING SCHEME

	Section A: READING SKILLS	20 Marks
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I. Reading Passage 1

- i. B. Their exertion resulting from the vigorous activity.
- ii. C. people are ready to walk for 30 minutes or so for 5 or 6 times a week.
- iii. B. Persuasive
- iv. D. If I worked hard, I would win the first prize.
- v. C. it's the most harmless thing which you can do with your body.
- vi. A. a remedy with advanced specific properties.
- vii. a) By parking the car a few minutes from the store
b) Taking the stairs instead of the lift.
- viii. C. (1) is the reason and (2) is the result.
- ix. Avoid muscle aches by starting slowly and incorporating gentle stretches into both your warmup and cool down.
- x. C. Walking is not better than any other physical exercise.

II. Reading Passage 2

- i. C. Women are much more capable of handling top positions.
- ii. D All of these
- iii. D. Speed and quantity
- iv. B Women are at a higher position
- v. B. American people are against female leaders.
- vi. D. Both A and B
- vii. D. All of these
- viii. D. All of these
- ix. A Women have to leave their careers for motherhood.
- x. A- Compromise
B- Ethics

III. Section B: GRAMMAR

- i. D – rose
- ii. A – many – Much
- iii. C- used to
- iv. he had not been keeping well since the previous day.
- v. B- will have completed

Error	Correction
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vi.

Creature	Creatures
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vii. The teacher exclaimed that Varun's song/ his song was very melodious.

viii. D – 20% of the sum

ix. C – will

x. C. Either he or she have to go there tomorrow.

xi. D – would have

xii. B. Divya told Vicky that she had made pulav the previous evening.

IV. Section B –CREATIVE WRITING SKILLS

1. Letter – Content -2, Organizing -2, Accuracy -1 (5 marks)

2. Analytical Paragraph - Content -2, Organizing -2, Accuracy -1 (5 marks)

Section C - LITERATURE

V. Reference to the Context

1A (5 marks)

i. C -Pader

ii. C – get bread bangles

iii. A Baker from Goa

iv. to begin a journey

v. C – Onomatopoeia

or

1B

i. D. hopeful and elated

ii. B. Bholi shouted in fear and pulled her hand away.

iii. B. because it was her first day in school.

iv. C. She felt that she would be thrown out of the house and sold.

v. B. Bholi was a neglected child.

2A (5 marks)

i. C - Money only impacts a person's external environment.

ii. C- Only 1

iii. B – Resilient

iv. D – The poet

v. to understand the nature of loss

or

2B

i. The Trees, Adrienne Rich

ii. A. They can free themselves from the walls put around them by humans

iii. B – Disengage

iv. D – Simile

v. D – the oppression of women

VI. Answer ANY FOUR of the following in 40-50 words. (4 x 3=12)

i. The pilot thought that he was saved from an imminent air crash by another pilot who flew close to him in a black aeroplane and helped him land safely in an airport. However, it was just a play of his imagination. The other pilot and the black aeroplane were just a part of his illusion.

ii. In the third assignment which Mr Keesing gave Anne, he asked her to write an essay on the topic “Quack, Quack, Quack said Mistress Chatterbox” for her talkative nature. Anne decided to write something unique rather than an essay this time. With the help of her friend Sanne she wrote a verse instead which was about how a father swan had bitten his poor duckings to death because they quacked too much.

iii. Anne Gregory is blessed with beautiful great honey-coloured (yellow -coloured) hair. She says that she can easily change her hair into different colours. She wants to be loved for herself and enjoy her freedom. So, she wants to change it. She may be noticed many people who seek her external beauty but she does not want to fall in their materialistic eyes.

iv. The poet prefers fire to ice because he has experienced desire and thinks that fire or in other words desire is far better than hatred symbolized by ice as fire or desire doesn't last long like hatred.

v. The conductor was a fun loving, jolly fellow. For instance-when Valli refused his help to board the bus he said jokingly, "Don't be angry with me, fine madam... Everyone moves aside please make way for madam'. He was concerned that such a small girl was travelling alone and took care that she was comfortably seated. When Valli objected to being treated as a child, he took in good spirit and jokingly addressed her 'Madam'. He even offered her a cold drink.

VII. Answer ANY TWO of the following in 40-50 words. (2 x 3=6)

I. Presence of mind and intelligence are the assets of Ausable. His sharp reaction, particularly to a dangerous situation, is very quick and thorough. When he finds crafty Max in the room with a pistol in his hand, he at once understands the purpose of his visit. Though his looks were not mysterious but with his presence of mind he cooked up the story of non-existent balcony and got rid of Max.

II. He knew that Anil might have come to know about the theft that he committed because the notes were still wet from the previous night's rain.

III. Griffin was a brilliant scientist. But he resorted to using his invisibility to steal and harm others. He began to steal for a living. He even set fire to his landlord's house. When he stole from the clergyman's house the villagers in Iping got suspicious and tried to catch him. He escaped after harming most of them.

VIII. Answer ANY ONE of the following in 100-120 words. (1×6=6)

I. Humanity does exist. According to the story 'A letter to God's, Lencho, a farmer who wrote a letter to God requesting for 100 pesos so that he could grow crops and his family won't suffer starvation. As his field was devastated by a hailstorm. The letter was sent into the post box and when a postman read the letter, he laughed at it as it seemed very stupid letter addressing to God. The postman told about the incident to the postmaster and both did laugh at it but then the postmaster became serious and was shaken by the faith of Lencho that he had in God so they managed to collect some pesos which was barely 70. Still, the humanity exists as the postmaster didn't wanted to share the writer's faith in God. That's why he sent him the money. They could even deny to help the farmer but they didn't. (Any other relevant points)

II. The tiger in the poem is wretched in its cage. It longs for freedom. It may be well looked after, but the fact of the matter is that unless one is free, one is not alive. Confinement brings bondage, and bondage is cruelty. One may argue that at least this way they all will not be killed and become extinct. However, taking away one's freedom to keep one alive kill the desire to live anyhow. Even humans throughout the world oppose the chains of slavery and oppression. How are other living creatures any different? Humans have encroached on their space, and sheltering them in zoos is truly inhuman. Humans must learn to respect nature, for humans exist only due to nature. The same tiger feels depressed and low in spirits when he is put

behind the bars. He stalks constantly the length of his cage in his 'quiet rage'. He ignores the visitors and feels helpless. Behind the bars, he keeps on staring at the brilliant stars in the open sky. This sadly reminds him of his loss of freedom and intensifies his grief.

IX. Answer ANY ONE of the following in 100-120 words. (1×6=6)

- I. The lesson 'The Triumph of Surgery' is an example of overindulgence and pampering. There are parents who pamper their children by ensuring that all their demands are met. They spoil their children in the name of love and care. They not only feed them junk but also spoil their social habits. This kind of a behaviour is very harmful for children. Such overprotective parental behaviour hinders their growth as adults. In fact, it sows the seeds of greed and dependency in them. They become stubborn and do not learn to value anything. For them, hard work is a myth as they get everything easily. Over pampered children often fail to face the hardships of life later, as for them life has been a cakewalk. Pampering children in moderation is healthy, but excess of it is harmful. It is not just bad for humans but also for animals, as we see in the story 'A triumph of Surgery'. Tricky was pampered and given too much of care and affection by Mrs Pumphrey who fed him with a lot of food and became the reason for his illness.

Ebright was a keen observer and a hardworking child. He was sharp-minded and had great curiosity. He started working when he was very young. He collected all 25 species of butterflies found around his hometown by the time he was in second grade. He raised a flock of butterflies and tagged them to help Dr. Fredrick to study their migration. In the seventh grade, when he lost in the county science fair, he learnt that actual science was about real experiments which give results. His competitive spirit helped him to perform real experiments. In his high school, he discovered a new theory on the life of cells. With his perseverance, dedication and continuous hard work to achieve his aim, he could determine that DNA is the blueprint for life. This discovery helped him to become a renowned scientist all over the world. Thus, Richard Ebright had all the ingredients required for the making of a scientist-analytical mind, providing ideas through experiment, a strong will to win and work for the benefits of others.
