



# COMMON PRE-BOARD EXAMINATION 2022-23



## Subject: English Lang. & Lit. (184)

Class: X

Time: 3 Hours

Date:

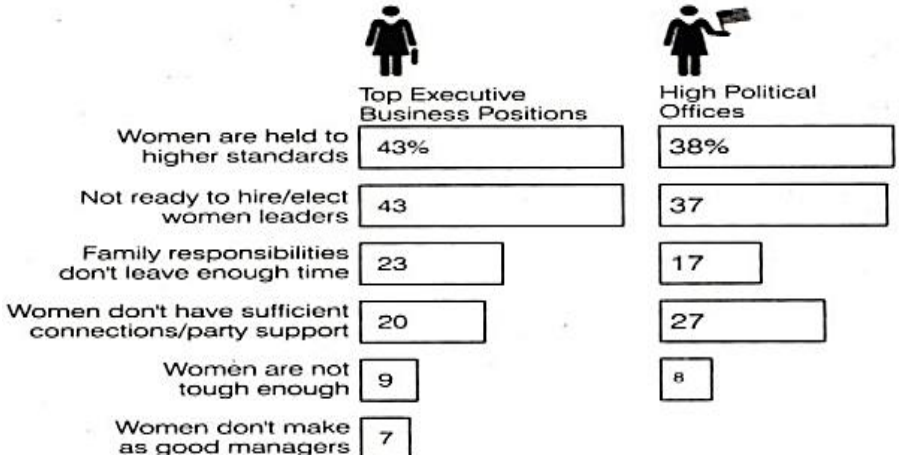
Max. Marks: 80

### General Instructions:

- 15-minute prior reading time allotted for Q-paper reading.
- The Question Paper contains THREE sections-READING, GRAMMAR & WRITING and LITERATURE.
- Attempt questions based on specific instructions for each part.

| <b>Section A: READING SKILLS</b>                                                     |                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                    | <b>20<br/>Marks</b> |
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| <b>I</b>                                                                             | <b>Read the passage given below.</b>                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                               | <b>10</b>           |
| 1                                                                                    | You want to be healthy. You know you need to exercise more. But if you are not ready to grunt through an hour of kick-boxing, don't despair. There is a growing agreement among exercise researchers that the intense physical activities offered by most health clubs are not the only—or even the preferable—path to better health. Indeed, the best thing for most of us may be to just walk.                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                   |                     |
| 2                                                                                    | Yes, walk. At a reasonable vigorous pace (five to six kmph) for half an hour or so, may be five or six times a week. You may not feel the benefits all at once, but the evidence suggests that over the long term, a regular walking routine can do a world of preventive good.                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                    |                     |
| 3                                                                                    | Walking, in fact, may be the perfect exercise. For starters, it's one of the safest things you can do with your body. It's much easier on the knees than running and doesn't trigger untoward side effects. Dr (Miss) Johna Manson, chief of preventive medicine at a leading Harvard woman's hospital says, "If everyone were to walk briskly 30 minutes a day, we could cut the incidence of many chronic diseases by 30 to 40 per cent." She further says, "Regular physical activity is probably as close to a magic bullet as we will come in modern medicine."                                                                                               |                     |
| 4                                                                                    | And for those of us who don't have half-hour chunks of time, the news gets even better. Several recent studies suggest that walking briskly three or four times a day for 10 minutes at a time may provide many of the same benefits as walking continuously for 30 minutes.                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                       |                     |
| 5                                                                                    | Here's how to make the most of your walking routine. First, get into gear. Walker's shoes need to have enough room at the front for the feet to spread. Then, ease on down that road. Avoid muscle aches by starting slowly and incorporating gentle stretches into both your warmup and cool down. You must plot your course. Some people walk at a specific time each day. Others shoe horn walking into their routines by parking the car a few minutes from the store or taking the stairs instead of the lift. Record your efforts, including how long and how far you walked. Jotting down improvements keeps you motivated and challenges you to do better. |                     |
| 6                                                                                    | Since walking affects you in so many ways at once, it's difficult to determine precisely why it's good for you. But much of the evidence gathered so far is compelling.                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                            |                     |
| 7                                                                                    | Brisk walking is good for the heart—which makes a lot of sense. The heart is a muscle after all, and anything that makes the blood flow faster through a muscle helps keep it in shape.                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                            |                     |
| <b>Based on your understanding of the passage, answer the questions given below.</b> |                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                    | <b>10x1</b>         |
| i                                                                                    | What makes people grunt while doing exercise?<br>A. Their disdain towards others.<br>B. Their exertion resulting from the vigorous activity.<br>C. Their love for kick-boxing.<br>D. Their aversion to the idea of walking.                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                        | <b>1</b>            |

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| ii.   | The second paragraph suggests that walking can be fruitful if _____<br>A. people are ready to walk daily for 30 minutes.<br>B. people are ready to walk not more than 5 to 6 days a week for half an hour.<br>C. people are ready to walk for 30 minutes or so for 5 or 6 times a week.<br>D. people are ready to walk close to 30 minutes every alternate day of the week.                                                                                                       | 1 |
| iii   | The passage is _____ in effect when it projects the benefits of walking.<br>A. digressive    B. persuasive    C. distractive    D. accusative                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                     | 1 |
| iv.   | Select the option that corresponds to the following relation below:<br>"If everyone were to walk briskly 30 minutes a day, we could cut the incidence of many chronic diseases by 30 to 40 per cent."<br>A. If I work hard, I can win the first prize.<br>B. If I had worked hard, I would have won the first prize.<br>C. If I work hard, I will win the first prize.<br>D. If I worked hard, I would win the first prize.                                                       | 1 |
| v.    | Complete the sentence given below.<br>Beginners can consider walking instead of running because _____<br>A. of its unpredicted and damaging effect on the body.<br>B. of its adverse and deep effect on the body.<br>C. it is the most harmless thing which you can do with your body.<br>D. it is healthier for the ankles and knees.                                                                                                                                            | 1 |
| vi.   | The saying 'a magic bullet' means _____<br>A. a remedy with advanced specific properties.<br>B. a bullet with special features.<br>C. an object that changes its form very often.<br>D. a prop used by magicians.                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                 | 1 |
| vii.  | Suggest any two ways by which some people engage in walking in the unconventional way.<br>a) _____<br>b) _____                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                    | 1 |
| viii. | Choose the option from the options given below which correctly interprets the two statements given below.<br>(1) Some people don't get sufficient time for regular walking.<br>(2) Brisk walking for short spells of 10 minutes thrice a day is as good as 30 minutes of continuous walking.<br>A. (1) is the result and (2) is the reason.<br>B. (1) and (2) are unrelated and contradictory.<br>C. (1) is the reason and (2) is the result.<br>D. (1) is true but (2) is false. | 1 |
| ix.   | Muscle pain is an avoidable issue in a regular walking routine. Justify.                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                          | 1 |
| x.    | Identify the statement that is NOT TRUE as per the idea conveyed in the passage.<br>A. Walking is the only alternative to vigorous physical exercise.<br>B. Walking can be done in two styles.<br>C. Walking is not better than any other physical exercise.<br>D. Walking has several benefits that affect us in several ways at once.                                                                                                                                           | 1 |

| II                                                    | Read the passage given below.                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                             | 10                     |                                  |                        |                                    |     |     |                                       |    |    |                                                 |    |    |                                                       |    |    |                            |   |   |                                   |   |  |  |
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| 1                                                     | According to the majority of Americans, women are every bit as capable of being good political leaders as men. The same can be said of their ability to dominate the corporate boardroom. And according to a new research center survey on women and leadership, most Americans find women indistinguishable from men on key leadership traits with man saying they're stronger than men in terms of being compassionate and organized leaders.                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                           |                        |                                  |                        |                                    |     |     |                                       |    |    |                                                 |    |    |                                                       |    |    |                            |   |   |                                   |   |  |  |
| 2                                                     | So why, then, are women in short supply at the top of government and business in the United States. According to the public, it's not that they lack toughness, management chops or proper skill sets. It's also not all about work-life balance. While previous survey findings have shown that career interruptions related to motherhood may make it harder for women to advance in their careers, relatively few adults in the new survey point out this as a key barrier.                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                            |                        |                                  |                        |                                    |     |     |                                       |    |    |                                                 |    |    |                                                       |    |    |                            |   |   |                                   |   |  |  |
| 3                                                     | When it comes to characteristics that apply specifically to political and business leadership, most Americans don't distinguish between men and women. But among those who do draw distinctions, women are perceived to have a clear advantage over men in some key areas.                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                |                        |                                  |                        |                                    |     |     |                                       |    |    |                                                 |    |    |                                                       |    |    |                            |   |   |                                   |   |  |  |
| 4                                                     | Many adults (34%) think that female politicians are better at working compromises than their male counterparts. Only 9% say men are better. Women are perceived to have an edge over men when it comes to being honest and ethical (34% say women are better at this; 3% say men are better at it). They also have a somewhat narrower advantage over men when it comes to working to improve the quality and standing up for what they believe in despite political pressure.                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                            |                        |                                  |                        |                                    |     |     |                                       |    |    |                                                 |    |    |                                                       |    |    |                            |   |   |                                   |   |  |  |
| 5                                                     | Just as in the political realm, the public does not see major differences between men and women on key business leadership qualities. Where they do see gaps, women have a clear advantage over men on honesty and ethics, providing fair pay and benefits, and offering mentorship to young employees.                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                   |                        |                                  |                        |                                    |     |     |                                       |    |    |                                                 |    |    |                                                       |    |    |                            |   |   |                                   |   |  |  |
| 6                                                     | <p>The pipeline for female leaders seems to be widening. Women have made significant gains in educational attainment in recent decades, better positioning themselves not only for career success but also for leadership positions</p>  <table border="1"> <thead> <tr> <th></th> <th>Top Executive Business Positions</th> <th>High Political Offices</th> </tr> </thead> <tbody> <tr> <td>Women are held to higher standards</td> <td>43%</td> <td>38%</td> </tr> <tr> <td>Not ready to hire/elect women leaders</td> <td>43</td> <td>37</td> </tr> <tr> <td>Family responsibilities don't leave enough time</td> <td>23</td> <td>17</td> </tr> <tr> <td>Women don't have sufficient connections/party support</td> <td>20</td> <td>27</td> </tr> <tr> <td>Women are not tough enough</td> <td>9</td> <td>8</td> </tr> <tr> <td>Women don't make as good managers</td> <td>7</td> <td></td> </tr> </tbody> </table> |                        | Top Executive Business Positions | High Political Offices | Women are held to higher standards | 43% | 38% | Not ready to hire/elect women leaders | 43 | 37 | Family responsibilities don't leave enough time | 23 | 17 | Women don't have sufficient connections/party support | 20 | 27 | Women are not tough enough | 9 | 8 | Women don't make as good managers | 7 |  |  |
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| Women are not tough enough                            | 9                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                         | 8                      |                                  |                        |                                    |     |     |                                       |    |    |                                                 |    |    |                                                       |    |    |                            |   |   |                                   |   |  |  |
| Women don't make as good managers                     | 7                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                         |                        |                                  |                        |                                    |     |     |                                       |    |    |                                                 |    |    |                                                       |    |    |                            |   |   |                                   |   |  |  |
|                                                       | <b>Based on your understanding of the passage, answer the questions given below.</b>                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                      | <b>10x1</b>            |                                  |                        |                                    |     |     |                                       |    |    |                                                 |    |    |                                                       |    |    |                            |   |   |                                   |   |  |  |
| i                                                     | <p>What does the majority of Americans accept?</p> <p>A. Women suffer partiality in top positions.<br/> B. Women have been unable to get to the top position because of society.<br/> C. Women are much more capable of handling top positions.<br/> D. Men do not justify their positions.</p>                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                           | 1                      |                                  |                        |                                    |     |     |                                       |    |    |                                                 |    |    |                                                       |    |    |                            |   |   |                                   |   |  |  |
| ii                                                    | <p>Which characteristics of women make them leaders equivalent to men?</p> <p>A. Proper skills sets<br/> B. Compassion and organisation<br/> C. Managerial power<br/> D. All of these</p>                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                 | 1                      |                                  |                        |                                    |     |     |                                       |    |    |                                                 |    |    |                                                       |    |    |                            |   |   |                                   |   |  |  |

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| iii        | In the line "... as capable of being", the capability DOES NOT include _____.<br>A. political leadership<br>B. boardroom positions<br>C. training and mentorship<br>D. speed and quantity                                                                                                                                             | 1                   |
| iv         | With respect to the characteristics that are needed for political and business leadership, females<br>A. are at a lower position to men.<br>B. are at a higher position.<br>C. are on equal footing.<br>D. can't be compared to men.                                                                                                  | 1                   |
| v          | The passage clearly DOES NOT indicate that<br>A. many women don't have time to take other jobs because of family responsibilities.<br>B. American people are against-female leaders.<br>C. women have made many education attainments in previous years.<br>D. motherhood is not a key barrier for women to advance in their careers. | 1                   |
| vi         | What does the passage tell us about female politicians?<br>A. They have higher ability at working out compromises.<br>B. They are more honest and ethical.<br>C. They have higher standards.<br>D. Both (a) and (b)                                                                                                                   | 1                   |
| vii.       | Based on your understanding of the passage, choose the option that lists the thing at which women have an advantage;<br>1.Pressures 2. Honesty 3. Ethics 4.Management 5.Leadership 6.Improvement<br>A. 1,2 and 3<br>B. 4,5 and 6<br>C. 1,2, and 4<br>D. All of these                                                                  | 1                   |
| viii       | In which fields do the women have advantage over men?<br>A. Honesty and ethics<br>B. Providing fair pay and benefits<br>C. Offering mentorship to young employees<br>D. All of these                                                                                                                                                  | 1                   |
| ix         | What did the previous surveys state regarding women?<br>A. Women have to leave their careers for motherhood.<br>B. Women have to face double standards.<br>C. Women have to work twice as hard to prove themselves.<br>D. Women are not as educated for the top position.                                                             | 1                   |
| x          | Find a word from the passage which means the same as:<br>A. Understanding (paragraph 4)-<br>B. Moral principles (paragraph 5)-                                                                                                                                                                                                        | 1                   |
| <b>III</b> | <b>Section B – GRAMMAR</b>                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                            | <b>20<br/>Marks</b> |
|            | <b>Attempt ANY TEN of the following questions.</b>                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                    | <b>10x1</b>         |
| <b>i.</b>  | <b>Fill in the blank by choosing the correct option</b><br>She cooked biriyani and its fragrance _____ heavenward.<br>A. rised                      B. had rised                      C. had risen                      D. rose                                                                                                       | 1                   |





|           | OR                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                    |          |        |          |      |     |     |      |     |     |      |     |     |      |     |     |  |
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| <b>B.</b> | <p>Recently S. Janaki of 13G, Jaya Nagar, Egmore, Chennai -11 saw the following poster about a wonder drug on the notice board of the residential park in her area. She feels strongly about the misinformation spread by fraudsters to exploit innocent children and parents. She decides to write a letter about its risks to the editor of 'The Times of India'. Write this letter in 100-120 words.</p> <div style="border: 1px solid black; padding: 10px; margin: 10px 0;"> <p style="text-align: center;"><b>WONDER DRUG DISCOVERED</b></p> <p style="text-align: center;"><b>Now only for Rs.1999/-</b></p> <p>MEMRISE-05 is a wonder drug which sharpens intellect, helps memory, increases brain power, builds bones and strengthens muscles. Children using MEMRISE - 05 have shown all-round development in various spheres.</p> <p><i>Complete Course @Rs.1999/-                      Sample Course (three days) @ Rs.120/-</i></p> <p><i>Money refundable if found ineffective    Available at all leading medical shops</i></p> </div> | <b>5</b> |        |          |      |     |     |      |     |     |      |     |     |      |     |     |  |
| <b>2</b>  | <b>Attempt ANY ONE from A and B given below.</b>                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                      | <b>5</b> |        |          |      |     |     |      |     |     |      |     |     |      |     |     |  |
| <b>A.</b> | <p>The following graph gives an idea about the number of users of two online retail companies. Write an analytical paragraph in 100-120 words on the given information by selecting and reporting the main features and make comparisons wherever relevant.</p> <div style="text-align: center;"> <table border="1" style="margin: 10px auto; border-collapse: collapse;"> <caption>Verified users in 1000</caption> <thead> <tr> <th>Year</th> <th>Amazon</th> <th>Flipkart</th> </tr> </thead> <tbody> <tr> <td>2016</td> <td>200</td> <td>280</td> </tr> <tr> <td>2017</td> <td>280</td> <td>500</td> </tr> <tr> <td>2018</td> <td>620</td> <td>600</td> </tr> <tr> <td>2019</td> <td>800</td> <td>720</td> </tr> </tbody> </table> </div>                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                         | Year     | Amazon | Flipkart | 2016 | 200 | 280 | 2017 | 280 | 500 | 2018 | 620 | 600 | 2019 | 800 | 720 |  |
| Year      | Amazon                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                | Flipkart |        |          |      |     |     |      |     |     |      |     |     |      |     |     |  |
| 2016      | 200                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                   | 280      |        |          |      |     |     |      |     |     |      |     |     |      |     |     |  |
| 2017      | 280                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                   | 500      |        |          |      |     |     |      |     |     |      |     |     |      |     |     |  |
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| 2019      | 800                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                   | 720      |        |          |      |     |     |      |     |     |      |     |     |      |     |     |  |
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| <b>B.</b> | <p>Technological development has revolutionized the active readers and motivated many to take up reading habit with the advent of Portable Document Format (PDF) and E Readers. E-Readers like Kindle have taken the experience of reading to greater heights with its latest annotating features and because of its compact nature. In spite of all these there is a considerable population of readers in favour of the traditional mode of reading i.e. Physical books. Write a paragraph in 100-120 words analysing the merits and demerits of any one form of reading over the other. You could think about what alternative explanations might weaken the given conclusion and include rationale / evidence that would strengthen / counter the given argument.</p>                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                             | <b>5</b> |        |          |      |     |     |      |     |     |      |     |     |      |     |     |  |









