



DATE: 10/01/2025	Model Examination 2 [2024-2025] English Lang and Lit(184)	Max Marks - 80
GRADE - X		TIME - 3 Hours

General Instructions

- 1. Read the instructions very carefully and strictly follow them.**
- 2. This question paper comprises 11 questions. All questions are compulsory.**
- 3. This question paper contains THREE sections-READING, GRAMMAR and WRITING and LITERATURE.**
- 4. Attempt questions based on specific instructions for each part.**

SECTION A (READING SKILLS)

Question 1.

Read the following text.

[10 Marks]

1. Hiking is a great source of pleasure to us besides being beneficial for our health. Once we leave the crowded streets of a city and go out for a walking tour away from the mad world, we feel free. The open air has a bracing effect on the mind. The congestion of the city, the uproar and tumult, the intolerable noise of traffic, the hectic daily routine, all these are forgotten and the mind is at ease. We then feel like running, leaping, singing, and laughing. We travel merrily mile after mile in the company of friends and associates.
2. Hiking takes us amid nature. The sight of waterfalls, flowers, streams, trees, and bushes is pleasing. A connection is established between us and nature. (Various sounds of nature, like the murmur of a brook or the song of a bird, acquire a new meaning and significance to us.)
3. You enjoy the beauty of nature. Minute observations like a snake casting its slough, a mouse peeping out of its hole, a squirrel leaping about on the branches of a tree, a bird flying past us, all these are noticed and they arouse our interest. We have no business worries, no fear of the examination, no anxiety about the home. We have leisure to stand, to walk, and talk. It is more thrilling and pleasurable to hike in a mountainous region than in the plains. The excitement of climbing up to the top of a hill, the adventure of coming down a slope, the grandeur of sunset behind a mountain – All these sights lend a rare charm and interest to our journey.

4. We walk along a zigzag motor road or cut across a mountain path in search of adventure. We may have bright sunny weather or might get caught in a shower of rain. We may look below us into the yawning chasm or up at the mountain peak. The feeling of unlimited freedom makes our hearts leap with joy.
5. Hiking is one of the healthiest sports. It ensures a complete escape from the urgent and busy activities of life and therefore gives solace to our brain. It regains its lost energy and can do twice as much work as before.
6. The fresh air, beautiful mountains, majestic trees, and chirping sound of birds make one's mind and soul at peace with nature

Based on your understanding of the passage, answer the questions below:

- i. Why does the writer say that the mind is at ease when you hike? [1]
(A) because hiking is an inexpensive activity.
(B) because it brings families together.
(C) because of the intolerable noise of traffic.
(D) because the depressing daily routine is forgotten..
- ii. Complete the following with a phrase: [1]
The various sounds of nature acquire _____
- iii. Infer one reason for the following based on information in paragraph 2. [2]
A contact is established between us and nature.
- iv. Give one reason why it is a pleasure to hike in the mountains than in the plains. [1]
(A) because observation is sharpened.
(B) because of the excitement of climbing up and the adventure of coming down.
(C) because it is leisure to stand, to walk
(D) because there are no worries.
- v. Hiking gives the brain, the rest it needs because [1]
(A) it is a short time activity.
(B) it is one of the healthiest sports.
(C) it makes us sleep peacefully.
(D) it is an escape from our busy schedule.
- vi. List any two examples of minute observations you make while on a hike. [2]
- vii. Complete the sentence appropriately: [1]
Hiking gives us a feeling of unlimited joy because _____.

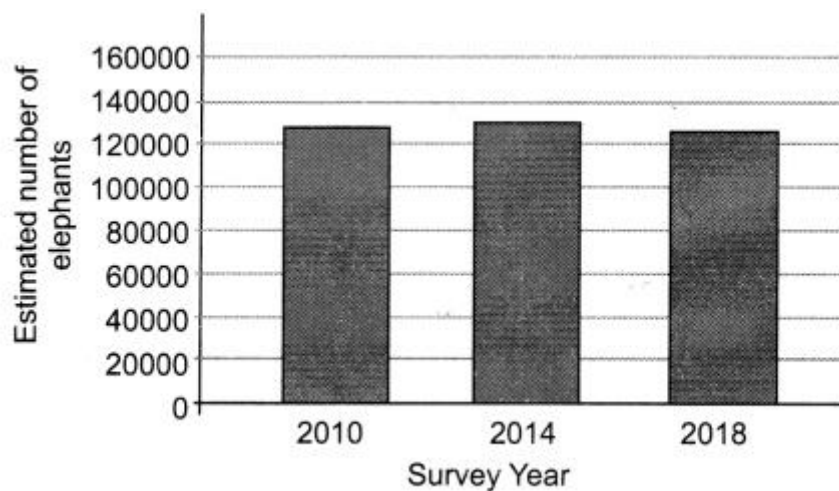
- viii. Substitute the word ‘leap with joy’ with one word similar in meaning in the following sentence form the passage. [1]

The feeling of unlimited freedom makes our hearts leap with joy. (exult/charm/regain)

Question 2

Read the following text (10 marks)

1. Elephant babies like coconut oil. This discovery has saved the lives of hundreds of orphaned, unweaned elephants left behind when their mothers were killed. victims of the ivory wars that have catastrophically reduced elephants populations across Africa.
2. The discovery came after two decades of efforts by the renowned conservationist Daphne Sheldrick, who has died aged 83. She devoted most of her life to rescuing young elephants and releasing them back into the wild.
3. When she first made attempts to keep the orphaned babies alive, often at one or two years old, with other milk sources, they remained malnourished and eventually died. It was only after trying every combination she could find that she hit on one baby milk formula from Europe, which contained coconut oil that seemed to work. She and the elephants never looked back, and now more than 230 elephants in Kenya, and many others in Asia and other parts of Africa, are alive, and mostly in the wild, thanks to her hand-rearing.



4. Her work grew from her care of orphaned elephants found by her husband, David Sheldrick, chief warden at the Tsavo National Park in Kenya in the 1960s. By the time

her sanctuary was well-established, in the late 70s and 80s, each elephant had its own stall, as otherwise, they would disturb one another, was bottle-fed every three hours, and was given blankets, raincoats, and sunscreen as needed. A keeper alternatively slept with each animal under a year old, lest the babies grow too dependent.

5. Often, the elephants arrived traumatised, having experienced the lethal violence and cruelty of poaching. It was crucial, in her view, to recognise their grief and help them to overcome it. “They are emotionally human animals,” she told journalists. “You have to think in human terms. How does a child feel when it has lost its whole family and is suddenly in the hands of the enemy?”

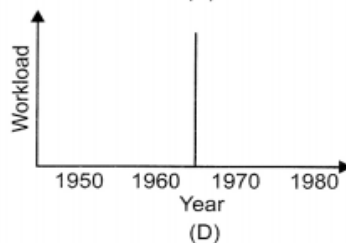
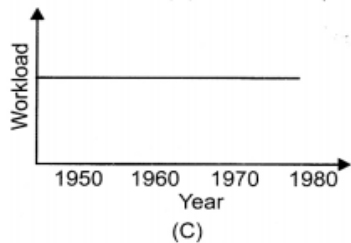
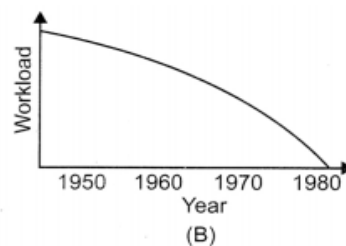
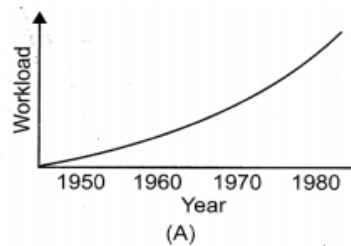
Throughout her life, Sheldrick championed the ability of elephants to communicate and their capacity for feeling. Once, she recounted, a female wrenched the tusks from a newly killed bull elephant and threw them into the jungle, before the eyes of the poachers.

Answer the following questions, based on the passage above:

- i. Complete the following analogy appropriately, based on your understanding of paragraphs 1 & 2. We can say that the alarming reduction of the elephant population due to ivory wars has come with a light at the end of the tunnel because [1]
- ii. Fill in the blanks with the appropriate option from those given in brackets, based on your understanding of paragraph 3. [1]
The statement that when she first made attempts to keep the orphaned babies alive, often at one or two years old, with other milk sources, they remained malnourished and faded into death, is an/a (observed fact/theoretical opinion) because Daphne made/took a/an (exhaustive observation/cursory glance) of the elephant babies’ health.
- iii. Justify the following, in about 40 words. [2]
While the passage presents the predicament of the renowned conservationist Daphne Sheldrick and her continuous efforts to find a correct combination of baby milk formula for saving the poor elephant babies for their adulthood. what are the other revealing facts that make the reader more inquisitive about elephants?
- iv. List any 2 attempts made by Daphne Sheldrick to keep the orphaned elephant babies alive. [1]
- v. In the table given in the passage, in the third paragraph it is stated that “more than 230

elephants in Kenya, and many others in Asia and other parts of Africa, are alive, and mostly in the wild, thanks to her hand – rearing.” What inference can be drawn from this? [1]

- vi. Select the chart that appropriately represents the workload of the conservationist Daphne Sheldrick through the given years, as per Paragraph 4. [1]



- A. Option 1
- B. Option 2
- C. Option 3
- D. Option 4

- vii. State one reason why Daphne Sheldrick told journalists that “You have to think in human terms”. (Answer in about 40 words). [2]
- viii. Which of the following is the main takeaway from the passage? [1]

- A. Daphne Sheldrick died at the age of 83.
- B. The elephants arrived traumatized, due to the lethal violence and cruelty of poaching.
- C. The baby milk formula containing coconut oil proved to be a major discovery for saving baby elephants.
- D. Daphne’s work grew from her care of orphaned elephants at Tsavo National Park.

SECTION B
Writing Skill & Grammar [20 marks]

Grammar [10]

Question 3.

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

- i. Fill in the blank by using the correct form of the word in the bracket for the given portion of a letter. [1]

Dear Sir

This is to inform you that the students of our school (wish) to visit the Jim Corbett National Park as a part of our summer excursion trip in May.

- ii. Read the given sentence from a government regulation. Identify the error and supply the correction in the sentence. [1]

The Parent-Teacher Conference must go on for two hours starting from 10:00 a.m. in the morning.

Use the given format for your response.

Error	Correction
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- iii. Jaya shared some information with Shilpa about a textbook. Report Shilpa's question. [1]

Shilpa : Can I borrow your English textbook?

Jaya : Sure you can. But when will you return it?

- iv. Read the dialogue between Rahul and Sukrit. [1]

Rahul : Do you know that Ranjit met with an accident and is in the hospital?

Sukrit : Oh! I didn't know. Is he badly hurt?

Select the correct option to complete the narration of the dialogue.

Rahul asked Sukrit that Ranjit had met with an accident and was in the hospital.

Sukrit expressed his ignorance and enquired if he was badly hurt.

(a) if he knew

(b) if he knows

(c) if he had known

(d) if he will know

- v. Fill in the blank by choosing the correct option to complete the given sentence. [1]

Every morning, the rich man would steal (few/ a few/a little) glances at the widow when she came out to do her chores in the garden

- vi. Identify the error in the given sentence and supply the correction. [1]

No news these days are good news.

Use the given format for your response

Error	Correction
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- vii. Select the option that identifies the error and supplies the correction for the following line. [1]

A few of my friends owns cars. Much of their money comes from their parents.

Option	Error	Correction
(a)	owns	own
(b)	cars	car
(c)	comes	come
(d)	their	his

viii. Complete the given narrative, by filling the blank with correct option. [1]

Please step out of the car, Mr. Saran. Do you realise you at over 90 mph?

- (a) were driving
- (b) have driven
- (c) had been driving
- (d) had driven

ix. Report the dialogue between Duke and Shylock by completing the sentence. [1]

Duke : What can I do for you, sir?

Shylock : Will you take me to the doctor?

Duke : Yes, Sir.

The Duke asked what he could do for him. Shylock asked the Duke

The Duke replied in the affirmative.

x. Complete the given narrative by filling in the blank with the correct option. [1]

The teacher asked the boys if they

- (a) had done their homework
- (b) do their homework
- (c) will get the homework done
- (d) did the homework

xi. Complete the line from a poem by filling the blank with the correct option. [1]

If you a pine on the top of the hill,

Be a scrub in the valley – but be

The best little scrub by the side of the rill;

Be a bush if you can't be a tree.

- (a) cannot be
- (b) will not be
- (c) should not be

- xii. Identify the error in the given sentence. [1]
 Police reports claim that substantial seizure of cocaine have been made in the last two months.
 Use the given format for your response.

Error	Correction
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Creative Writing Skills (10 Marks)

Note: All details presented in the questions are imaginary and created for assessment purposes
 Question 4.

- A. As Vaishali Nathani of 214, Indrayani Apartments, Vaishali Street, Daipur, you believe that forming Ecology clubs and appointing Eco-minders in your city can aid in the preservation and conservation of nature. [5]

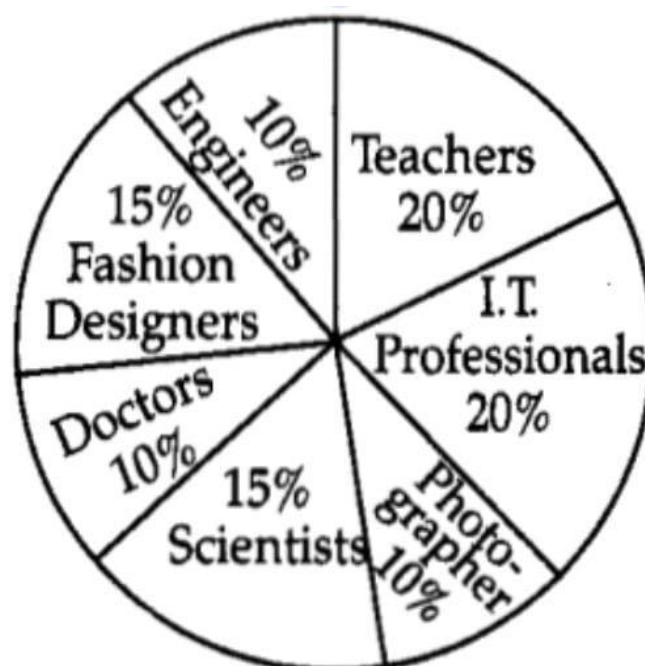
Write a letter to the MLA of your city area, in about 120 words, suggesting the need to form such clubs. Share their importance and implications. Recommend the involvement of resident volunteers for the implementation of eco-club activities that nurture and protect the local ecosystem.

OR

- A. You are Akriti, of 25/12, Friends Colony, Noida. Every day, you are late to school by fifteen minutes. Your school bus is being blocked by various political/religious organisations. Along with your own ideas, write a letter to the Editor of a newspaper in about 120, highlighting this problem and suggesting some remedy for it. [5]

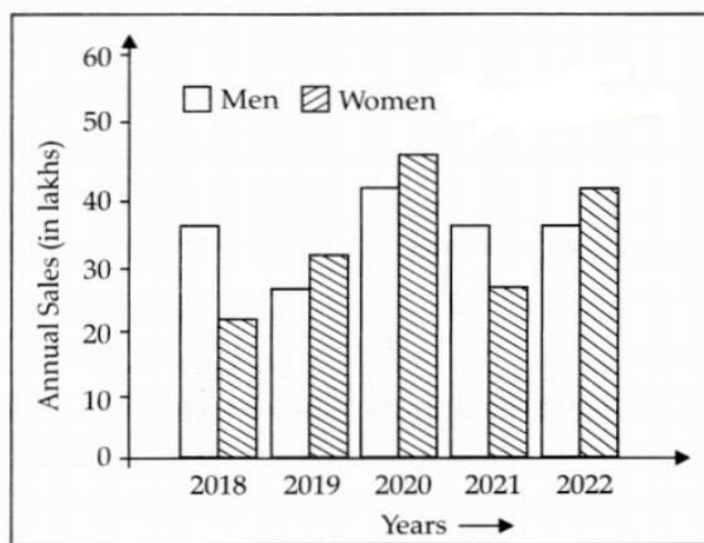
Question 5.

- A. In an exclusive survey conducted by a leading daily, students of class X expressed their job preference. Based on the information given in the pie chart, write a paragraph analysing the careers they want to pursue after school. (Word limit 100-120 words) [5]



OR

- B. Given below is a graph comparing the consumption of health care supplements amongst men and women between the age 25-35 from the year 2018-2022 in terms of their sales. Write an analytical paragraph in about 100-120 words using the details given. [5]



SECTION – C

Literature Textbook and Supplementary Reading Text (40 Marks)

Question 6

Read the given extracts and answer the questions for ANY ONE of the two, given. [5]

- A. That evening, after I'd finished the rest of my homework, the note about the essay caught my eye. I began thinking about the subject while chewing the tip of my fountain pen. Anyone could ramble on and leave big spaces between the words, but the trick was to come up with convincing arguments to prove the necessity of talking. (From The Diary of Anne Frank)

(i) What does she write in her essay? [2]

(ii) Read the following descriptions (a) - (c) and identify which one correctly corresponds to the extract. [1]

(a) A debate is a formal discussion on a particular topic, usually with two or more people presenting different viewpoints and arguments.

(b) A soliloquy is a speech given by a character alone on stage, which reveals their innermost thoughts and feelings to the audience.

(c) An aside is a brief comment or remark made by a character directly to the audience, which is not intended to be heard by other characters on stage.

(iii) What is integral to writing her essay according to Anne? [1]

(iv) According to the passage and the story, Anne was [1]

- (a) thinking about what to write in the essay
- (b) angry with Mr Keesing
- (c) too tired to write the essay
- (d) unable to write the essay

OR

B. He was silent, stupefied, in dismay, at the sight of his wife weeping. He stammered, “What is the matter? What is the matter?” By a violent effort, she had controlled her vexation and responded in a calm voice, wiping her moist cheeks, “Nothing. Only I have no dress and consequently I cannot go to this affair. Give your card to some colleague whose wife is better fitted out than I.” He was grieved, but answered, “Let us see, Matilda. How much would a suitable costume cost, something that would serve for other occasions, something very simple?” She reflected for some seconds thinking of a sum that she could ask for without refusal and a frightened exclamation from the economical clerk. (The Necklace) [5]

i) State one reason for M. Liosel’s reaction as stated in the extract. [1]

ii) State True or False. [1]

None of the terms (a) – (d) below, can be applied to the statement –

- (a) A hypothesis – a proposed explanation for a phenomenon
 - (b) An assumption – something that is taken for granted or assumed to be true without proof
 - (c) A premise – a proposition that forms the basis of an argument
 - (d) A theory – a well-substantiated explanation for a natural phenomenon
- (iii) Which phrase would correctly substitute ‘vexation’, in the given sentence from the extract.

By a violent effort, she had controlled her vexation and responded in a calm voice, wiping her moist cheeks [1]

(iv) Why was Matilda crying? [2]

Question 7.

Read the given extracts and answer the question for ANY ONE of the two, given. [5]

Don’t eat that chocolate, Amanda!

Remember your acne, Amanda!

Will you please look at me when I’m speaking to you, Amanda! (Amanda)

(i) Complete the sentence appropriately. [1]

Amanda is not looking at the speaker because.....

(ii) The speaker wants Amanda to look at her to ensure [1]

(a) Amanda can become obedient

(b) stops eating chocolate

(c) Amanda follows the instructions

(d) does not sleep

(iii) What does the speaker's worry about acne show? [1]

(iv) Why is Amanda forbidden to eat chocolate? Answer in about 40 words.[2]

OR

B. He should be lurking in shadow,

Sliding through long grass

Near the water hole

Where plump deer pass. (A Tiger In the Zoo)

(i) According to the extract, the poet wishes for the tiger to be 'sliding' through the foliage as this would [1]

(a) assist in keeping the prey unsuspecting of the predator's sound.

(b) aid in camouflaging the presence of the predator before it rushes in.

(c) help the predator pounce on the prey comfortably without getting tired.

(d) support the predator's vision as it eyes its prey.

(ii) What would the tiger do in the forest? Answer in about 40 words. [2]

(iii) 'Shadow' here, refers to the shadow of [1]

(iv) Where is the tiger now? [1]

Question 8.

Answer ANY FOUR of the following five questions, in about 40-50 words. [4 × 3 =12]

(i) Why does the postmaster send money to Lencho? Why does he sign the letter as 'God'? (A Letter to God) [3]

(ii) What does Chubukov at first suspect that Lomov has come for? Is he sincere when he later says 'And I've always loved you, my angel, as if you were my own son'?

Find reasons for your answer from the play. (The Proposal) [3]

(iii) Would you agree that the 'depths of oppression' create 'heights of character'?

How does Mandela illustrate this? (Nelson Mandela-Long Walk to Freedom) [3]

(iv) How does the poem A Tiger in the Zoo point to the cruelty of animals in captivity? [3]

(v) Does the lost ball stand for the metaphor of the boy's lost childhood? How? (The Ball poem) [3]

Question 9

Answer ANY TWO of the following three questions, in about 40-50 words. [2 × 3 = 6]

(i) What kind of mother was Ramlal's wife? [3]

(ii) Mme Loisel now knew the horrible life of necessity. Do you think Mme Loisel accepted this change willingly? Give two reasons in support of your answer. (The Necklace) [3]

(iii) Hari Singh did not catch the train deliberately while he could catch it easily. Why? [3]

Question 10

Answer ANY ONE of the following two questions, in about 100-120 words. [1×6 = 6]

A. You have been chosen to address a student gathering from the neighborhood schools, to speak on the resilience of the human spirit required to transcend discrimination.

Prepare the speech draft in not more than 120 words, concerning the commonality of themes in Nelson Mandela: Long Walk to Freedom and The Trees by Adrienne Rich.

You may begin this way

Good morning, everyone. Today, I'd like to discuss two pieces of literature that offer a powerful insight into the resilience of the human spirit required to transcend discrimination.

OR

B. Both poems "Dust of Snow" and "Fire and Ice" use contrasting elements of nature to convey their respective messages about life and human emotions but they do it differently. Examine these differences.

Question 11

Answer ANY ONE of the following two questions, in about 100-120 words. [1×6 = 6]

A. Do you think parents like Mrs. Pumphrey exist? If yes, is it a good thing to pamper children? Why or why not? Answer about 'The Triumph of Surgery'.

OR

B. Discuss the role of Ebright's mother in making him a scientist. (The Making of a Scientist)