

THE VILLAGE INTERNATIONAL SCHOOL, THODUPUZHA
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ENGLISH (184)

GRADE X
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TIME : 3 Hours
Max. Marks : 80

General Instructions:

1. The Question Paper contains THREE sections-READING, GRAMMAR & WRITING and LITERATURE.
2. Attempt questions based on specific instructions for each part.

Section A: READING SKILLS (20 marks)

Reading Comprehension Through Unseen Passages

1. Read the following text.

(10)

1, Technology is growing by leaps and bounds. Innovation and disruption have become everyday phenomena. A technology driven organization is a company whose business model, innovation strategy, and growth are technology-centric. Advancements in technology not only help industries to function at a faster pace, but they also help to minimize human effort and increase the efficiency of production. At the same time, technology is also becoming an increasing factor for increasing unemployment.

2. Technology is giving birth to a variety of avenues of new scientific discoveries and developments. Some of these developments are artificial intelligence, 3D printing, self-driven vehicles, and robotics. As a result, technology has started creating employment for skilled professionals. Also, considering automation in agriculture and manufacturing. This has opened opportunities for people who can drive machines and even for companies which work on automation technology. Along with the growth of jobs in the automation sector, dependent industries start growing. For example, with increasing automation in manufacturing, research and development in supply chain and logistics grows. Hence, technology has been a boon considering the number of jobs it continues to create.

3. Immediate result of technological advancements is observed as losses in employment. This is because, with the growth in technology, more and more manual tasks are replaced by machines. This makes more and more jobs redundant as machines guarantee efficiency as well as are a cost-effective alternative to human employees. This forces people to continuously update themselves and hence leads to survival of the fittest. This can be hard on an unskilled workforce which has no access to skill development training or to education.

4. Although some of the studies are close when it comes to predictions up to 2020-2021, jumping ahead a decade the numbers become incomprehensibly bigger. To think that only 1.8 million jobs will go within the next two years, and ten years later that figure increases by half a million or more, is difficult to accept. But, change is coming, and as the technology becomes more prevalent and embedded within different sectors of the economy, it could be far reaching and rapid.

5. The intervention of technology in any domain has become absolutely inevitable. The wonders of technology are such that it has not just boosted productivity and efficiency, but also the level of safety which

would have been unachievable by humans alone. Faster communication, rapid transactions, global reach are all by-products of growth in technology. However, most policymakers are neither keyed in nor in pace, and we could be frittering away these growth opportunities as a result. We can, therefore, conclude by saying that although technology in terms of automation has reduced jobs for unskilled people, it has outgrown the growth in employment in other areas. This can be dealt with a shift of people from unskilled to specially-skilled employees. This change will further enhance the growth of people, their employability, their pay scales, basic income and purchasing power of people, leading the world to development alone.

Answer the following questions based on the passage above.

- i. Which of the following statement provides an appropriate premise of the given passage? (1)
- A. Technological innovations result in the improved lifestyles, and hence consumerism increases and thereby results in more employment opportunities.
 - B. Harnessing technological change for the good also requires vigilance to prevent new technology being used to emancipate workforce.
 - C. Highly paid workers are more commonly affected, but the effects are more severe for less well paid workers.
 - D. None of these
- ii. Complete the sentence appropriately by providing two distinct reasons in the blank below. (1)
- It is true that advancements in technology help _____
- iii. Which of the following is synonym of the word *frittering* provided in para 5. (1)
- A. organize B. influence C. accumulate D. squander
- iv. Using information solely from the passage, provide reason for the statement provided below. (1)
- Technology has started creating employment for skilled professionals because _____.
- v. Although technology in terms of automation has reduced jobs for unskilled people, it has outgrown the growth in employment in other areas. Rationalise your response in about 40 words. (2)
- vi. Why has the writer stated the following line in the passage? Give a reason. (2)
- Technological advancements forces people to continuously update themselves and hence leads to survival of the fittest.
- vii. What forces people to continuously update themselves ? (1)
- A. Cultural changes B. Technological advancements
C. Life experiences D. External factors
- viii. State an example from the passage that shows that along with automation sector, dependent industries start growing. Answer in one sentence. (1)

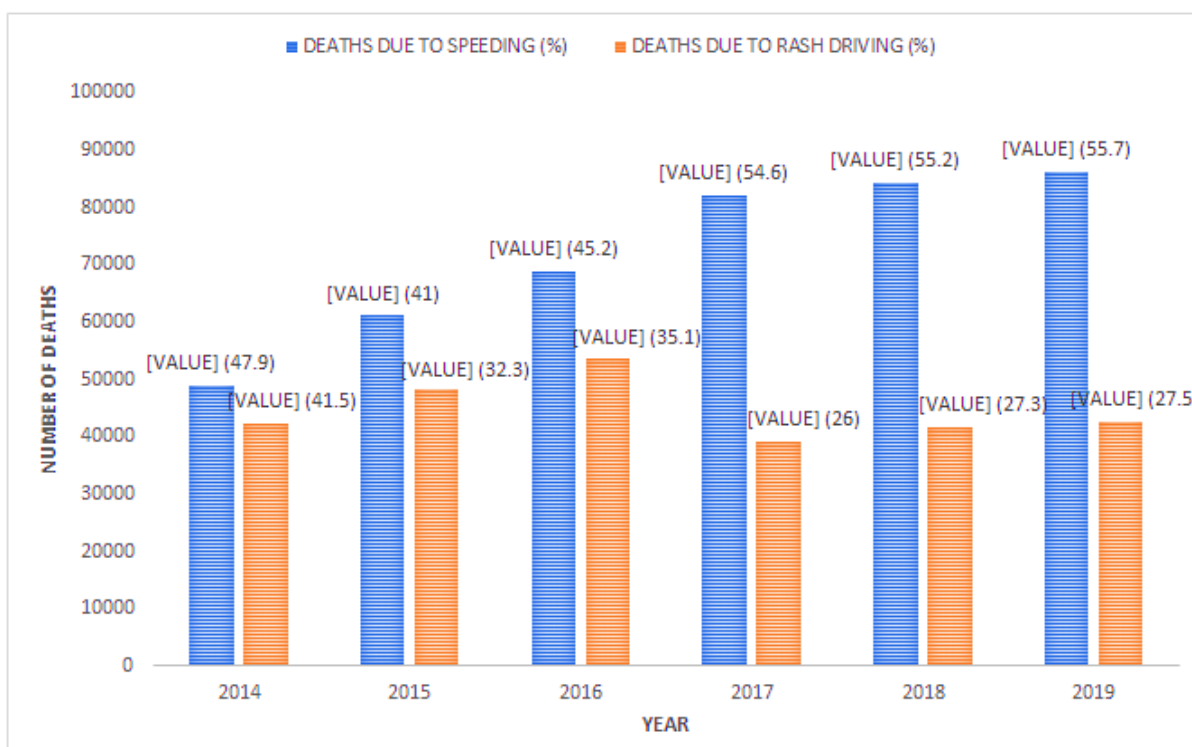
2. Read the following text. (10)

1. A comparative analysis of National Crime Records Bureau (NCRB) data since 2014 shows over 80% of fatalities in road accidents in India happened due to speeding and dangerous driving. Experts said most of the fatal accidents are recorded by police under speeding and dangerous driving categories in the FIR as there are no other provisions in the Indian Penal Code (IPC) for such offences.
2. According to the latest NCRB report on accidental deaths, 83.2% of road fatalities were on account of these two types of violations and the rest 16.8% of fatalities were due to reasons including drunk driving, bad weather conditions and mechanical defect. In 2014, when such causes of fatal crashes were first

compiled, 89.4% of the deaths were due to speeding and dangerous or careless driving as per the police records and this was the highest ever.

3. “We face a host of challenges ranging from poor system of issuing driving licences to almost zero scientific investigation of fatal crashes. Most of our national highways and state highways, which pass through villages, have no pedestrian crossings. On the top of this, in all fatal cases, police automatically registers them under section 279 (negligent driving resulting death) of the IPC,” said Rohit Baluja, who has been a regular guest faculty at Indian Police Academy, Hyderabad.

4. Confirming this, traffic adviser in Punjab, government, Navdeep Asija said in case of all fatal accidents, the provisions of IPC are slapped. “In IPC, any crime or offence has to be lodged against a human being and hence there cannot be any charge against a road, vehicle or any other object. That’s why police data may not indicate the exact reason of crashes. But it is also a fact that violation of traffic rules is rampant on roads and only electronic surveillance can put a check on them,” he added.



5. Baluja said there is a need to define what is dangerous driving and the norms for fixing speed limits. “In Delhi, the speed limit is same across major roads, residential areas and markets during day time and at night as well. No authorities are held responsible for deficiencies on their part,” he pointed out. Though the amended Motor Vehicle Act has included a provision to hold road owning agencies, contractors and consultants in case of fatal accidents due to faulty road construction or design, the government is yet to notify the process for this.

Answer the following questions, based on the passage above

i. Based on your understanding of the passage, choose the option that lists accurate speed limit rules authorised in Delhi. (1)

1. Different speed limits for major roads and residential areas.
2. Same speed limit for major roads and residential areas.
3. Same speed limit during day time and at night as well.

A. Only 1

B. Both 1 and 2

C. Both 2 and 3

D. Only 2

- ii. According to the latest NCRB report, what percentage of total fatal road accidents occur due to high speed driving and rash driving? (1)
 A. 16.8% B. 32.3% C. 27.5% D. 83.2%
- iii. Which word in para 4 is similar in meaning to ‘observation’? (1)
- iv. In the line “..... the norms for fixing speed”, the word “norm” DOES NOT refer to: (1)
 A. a model B. a standard C. usual D. exception
- v. Complete the sentence based on information from the passage. (2)
 According to the traffic adviser in Punjab government, any crime of offence must be lodged against.....
- vi. The data displays that the largest number of road accidents took place in 2016. (True/False) (1)
- vii. Why has the writer stated the following line in the passage? Give a reason. (2)
 16.8% of fatalities were due to reasons including drunk driving, bad weather conditions and mechanical defect.
- viii. As per the amended Motor Vehicle Act, who among these are also held responsible for fatal road accidents? (1)
 A. Road contractors B. Road consultants C. Both A and B D. Neither A nor B

SECTION B: WRITING SKILLS & GRAMMAR (20 marks)

GRAMMAR

3 Complete ANY TEN of twelve of the following tasks, as directed. 1 x 10

- i. Select the correct option to fill in the blank for the given line, about a rare musical instrument.

The Vichitra Veena as the name suggests is a rare instrument and there are not _____ artists who can play this instrument.

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

- ii. Identify the error in the given sentence, from a newspaper report and supply the correction.

There have also been several films, television and theatrical productions, and even an opera, based over the novel.

Use the given format for your response.

Error	Correction

- iii. Fill in the blanks with appropriate conjunction:

We lost the game _____ we tried our best.

- A. Whatever B. And C. though D. Until

- iv. Select the correct option to complete the narration of the dialogue between Latha and her father.

Interviewer: What are your qualifications?

Candidate: I have done Hotel Management from the National Institute of Hotel Management.

The interviewer asked the candidate what his qualifications were. The candidate replied that _____ from the National Institute of Hotel Management.

- A. he had done Hotel Management

- B. he has done Hotel Management
- C. he does Hotel Management
- D. he did Hotel Management

v. Select the option that identifies the error and supplies the correction for the following line from a news report.

Olympic champion javelin thrower Neeraj Chopra scripted history as he become the first Indian to win a Diamond League Crown.

Option No.	Error	Correction
A	scripted	script
B	become	became
C	win	winning
D	a	the

vi. Choose the correct form of verb to fill the gap.

At this time tomorrow we _____ our project details to madam.

- A. are presenting
- B. shall be presenting
- C. have been presenting
- D. will have been presenting

vii. Fill in the blanks with suitable word from the options:

The peasantry _____ the most vulnerable to climate change impacts.

- A. is
- B. was
- C. are
- D. None of these

viii. Read the given dialogue carefully. Identify the error and supply the correction in the sentence.

Ram as well as his brothers have been coming today.

ix. Report the following question:

Athul asked, “Why are you so rude?”

x. Identify the error in the given sentence, from a newspaper report and supply the correction.

Everyone in the family have been questioned about the theft.

Use the given format for your response.

Error	Correction

xi. Fill in the blank with appropriate option:

He _____ daily for a year now.

- A exercises
- B was exercising
- C has been exercising
- D have been exercising

xii. Read the conversation between a mother and son. Complete the sentence by reporting the son’s reply correctly.

Rose: Did you see my new umbrella? Isn’t it fine?

Roy: Yes, it is! Did you buy it from the mall?

Rose asked her son Roy if he had seen her new umbrella and she wanted to know whether it was a fine one.

Roy agreed and asked his mother _____.

WRITING

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

4A. You happen to meet few underprivileged children, struggling to procure books for their studies, as they live in slums. You wish to extend a helping hand to them; therefore, you decide to write a letter to the Editor of 'The Herald', New Delhi on this issue, advocating the establishment of a free Library in your locality and support such students in their studies. Sign yourself as Arun/Arunima, a student from Pancham Nagar, 46 Kings Road, New Delhi. Write the letter in about 100-120 words.

OR

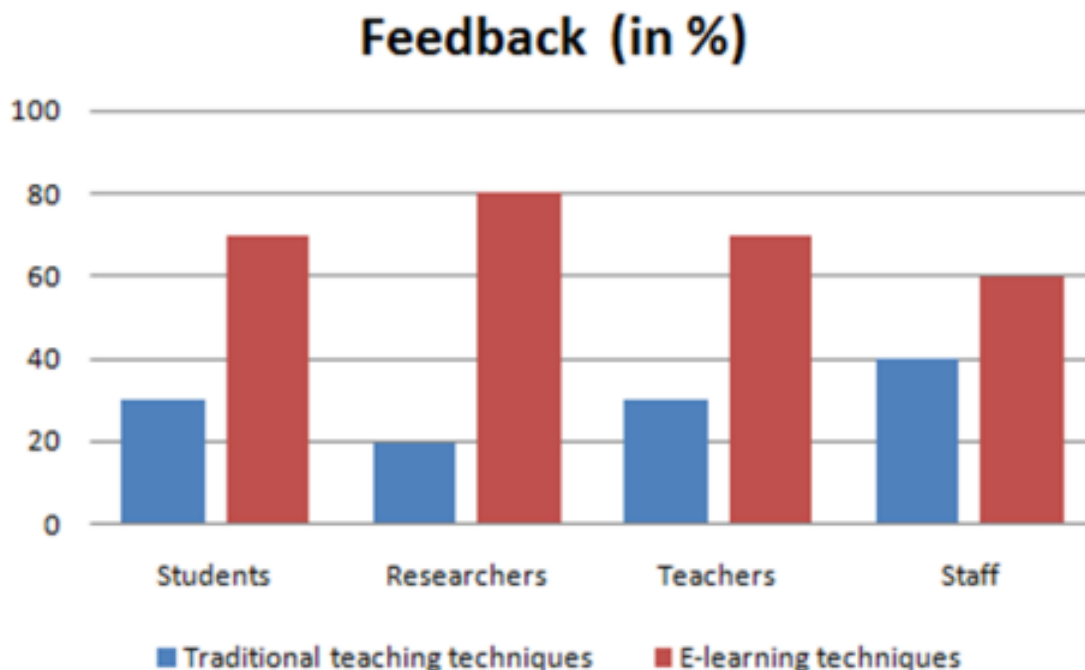
4B. You are Manu/Maya, a student of Class X, ABC International School, New Delhi. You aspire to pursue the course in Graphic and become a Graphic Designer. You came across an advertisement in the News Paper about the Graphic Designing. Write a letter in 100-120 words to the Head of the Institute of Graphic Designer, University of Delhi, seeking information about the course admission procedure, eligibility criteria, fee structure, facilities, placement opportunities, etc.

5A. The following table shows that textbooks are cheaper than technological means, to promote education in a country like India. Analyse the table and write a paragraph in about 100-120 words.

	Text Books	Digital Modules
Content	100.25	150.23
Management	200	50
Device	00	30,000
Network	00	10,000
Teacher training	100	1000
Total	400.25	41,200.23

OR

5B. The bar graph given below shows the data of Traditional teaching techniques and E- learning techniques. Write an analytical paragraph in about 100-120 words, analysing the graph and statement, 'Need to Walk according to the signs of the world''



SECTION D: LITERATURE TEXTBOOK AND SUPPLEMENTARY READING TEXT (40 marks)

6. Read the two given extracts and answer the questions for ANY ONE of the two. (5)

A. It was only when I began to learn that my boyhood freedom was an illusion, when I discovered as a young man that my freedom had already been taken from me, that I began to hunger for it. At first as student, I wanted freedom only for myself, the transitory freedom of being able to stay out at night, read

what I pleased and go where I chose. Later as a young man in Johannesburg I yearned for the basic and honourable freedom.

(From Nelson Mandela Long Walk to Freedom)

- i. Why does the speaker mention some freedoms as 'transitory'? (1)
- ii. Based on the extract, describe why the speaker says 'at first as a student I wanted freedom only for myself'. Answer in 40 words. (2)
- iii. According to the extract what did the narrator yearn for? (1)
- iv. Find a word from the extract which means the same as 'deception' (1)

OR

B. But he never got the chance to begin his plan. By noon a policeman had arrested him for the jewel robbery at Shotover Grange. His fingerprints, for he had opened the safe without gloves, were all over the room, and no one believed him when he said that the wife of the owner of the house had asked him to open the safe for her. The wife herself, a gray-haired, sharp-tongued woman of sixty, said that the story was nonsense. Horace is now the assistant librarian in the prison. He often thinks of charming, clever young lady who was in the same profession as he was, and who tricked him. He gets very angry when anyone talks about 'honour among thieves'.

(From A Question of Trust)

- i. Based on the extract, choose what you think are the main feelings Horace probably has, for the young lady who tricked him, when he thinks about her? (1)
 - A. Anger and blame
 - B. Admiration and respect
 - C. Respect and gratitude
 - D. Anger and vengeance
- ii. Which evidence that the police might have used against Horace, to arrest him? (1)
- iii. Honour among thieves is an example of a/an (1)
 - A. Idiom
 - B. Slogan
 - C. Proverb
 - D. Lyric
- iv. Based on the extract, describe 'Honour among thieves'. Answer in 40 words. (2)

7. Read the two given extracts and answer the questions for ANY ONE of the two.

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A. Suddenly, suddenly they heard a nasty sound,
And Mustard growled, and they all looked around.
Meowch! cried Ink, and Ooh! cried Belinda,
For there was a pirate, climbing in the winda.

Belinda paled, and she cried,
Help! Help! But Mustard fled with a terrified yelp,
Ink trickled down to the bottom of the household,
And little mouse Blink strategically mouse holed.

(The Tale of Custard the Dragon)

- i. Why was everyone frightened? (1)
- ii. What does a nasty sound refer to? (1)
- iii. How did the residents in the house react on seeing the pirate? Answer in about 40 words. (2)
- iv. What does mouse holed mean? (1)

OR

B. What is the boy now, who has lost his ball,
what, what is he to do? I saw it go
merrily bouncing, down the street, and then
merrily over – there it is in the water!
No use to say – O there are other balls.

An ultimate shaking grief fixes the boy
As he stands rigid, trembling, staring down
All his young days into the harbour where
His ball went. I would not intrude on him.

(The Ball Poem)

- i. Select the option that DOES NOT convey the meaning of the word 'ULTIMATE' as used in the given extract. (1)
A. eventual B. furthest C. consequent D. fateful
- ii. The poet does not intrude on him. Why? Answer in 40 words. (2)
- iii. Why does the poet say No use to say – 'O there are other balls '? (1)
- iv. Where did the ball go? (1)

8. Answer ANY FOUR of the following five questions in about 40–50 words. 4 x 3=12

- i. How do people differ in their opinions about the cause of destruction of the world?
ii. What does Anne Frank tell about her family in her diary?
iii. How has the Coorgi tradition of courage and bravery been recognised in modern India?
iv. What is the theme of the poem For Anne Gregory?
v. How did Kisa Gotami realise that life and death is a process?

9. Answer ANY TWO of the following three questions, in about 40–50 words. 2x3=6

- i. How did the seagull express his excitement when he saw his mother bringing food for him?
ii. Describe how Horace Danby planned his work?
iii. How did Richard Ebright's involvement in butterfly research expand his scientific pursuits?

10. Answer ANY ONE of the following two questions in about 100–120 words. 1x6=6

A. After having read the lesson on the oppression that communities faced in South Africa, you were deeply hurt. You could also relate to the struggles and hardships of millions of Indians who fought against the oppressive British rule.

Write a diary entry expressing your feelings about oppression faced by people in their homeland. You may begin like this:

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My heart is filled with sadness as I think of the oppressed who had to tolerate the inhuman attitude of the oppressors in their own land.....

OR

B. The tiger in the poem 'A Tiger in the Zoo' presents a contrasting image with the tiger in the poem 'How to Tell Wild Animals'. Compare and contrast the two tigers with reference to the manner in which they have been presented in both poems.

11. Answer ANY ONE of the following two questions, in about 100–120 words. 1x6=6

A. Explain the role of Bholi's teacher in shaping her personality and her life. How does this reflect on the importance of a good teacher in a student's life?

OR

B. 'Money can't make a man as much as education can'. Justify your answer in 120 words