

Solution

1 PRELIMS 24- 25

Class 10 - English Language and Literature

Section A - Reading Skills

1.
 - i. (a) It provides a sense of freedom and relief from the congestion and noise of city life.
(b) It connects us with nature, allowing us to observe and appreciate the beauty around us.
 - ii. (b) The fresh air refreshes and strengthens the mind.
 - iii. Hiking allows us to immerse ourselves in the natural environment, where we can observe and appreciate details like the sounds of a brook, the songs of birds, and the movement of animals. This experience fosters a deep connection with nature.
 - iv. The tone of the writer is enthusiastic and appreciative. The writer expresses excitement about the adventure and beauty of hiking in mountainous regions, highlighting the unique charm and interest it brings to the experience.
 - v. (a) a wide and deep gap
 - vi. (a) c and e
 - vii. Hiking is thrilling because it involves exploring challenging terrains and enjoying the excitement of adventure.
 - viii. The fresh air and beautiful scenery during a hike bring peace and relaxation to both mind and soul.
2.
 - i. The "blackout" phase refers to the period when the Sun will block Mars from the Earth, causing a communication break with the satellite. This phase will last from June 8 to 22, approximately 15 days.
 - ii. 2, 3 & 5
 - iii. aroma : cooking :: satellite : space research
 - iv. According to ISRO official till 8th July, when Sun will block Mars, only for few signals per day will be sent to the spacecraft.
 - v. The ISRO officials are confident about their control over the spacecraft after the blackout phase.
 - vi. The spacecraft has been configured to handle the blackout phase, and no commands will be sent to it during this time. However, the spacecraft will send signals for about two to three hours per day until June 8. After this, communication will be completely halted until the end of the blackout phase.
 - vii. (A) is true and (B) is false.
 - viii. elite

SECTION B GRAMMAR

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

(i) The correct form of the word to complete the sentence is **"constructing."**

| (ii) | Error | Correction |
|------|-------------------|---------------------|
| | a delay redressal | a delayed redressal |

(iii) the car had been towed away as he had parked it in the 'no parking' zone.

(iv) **(b)** She admitted to her teacher that she had lost her book the previous day.

Explanation: {

She admitted to her teacher that she had lost her book the previous day.

(v) Little

| (vi) | Error | Correction |
|------|-------|------------|
| | was | is |

(vii) **(A)** play - plays

(viii) **(d)** is going to be beaten

Explanation: {

is going to be beaten

(ix) Tony asked Sarita why she had called him. Sarita wanted to know whether Tony would go to the museum with her.

(x) **(a)** insisted

Explanation: {

insisted

(xi) D. loves

The sentence is in a dialogue form, i.e., in direct speech and the situation depicts the present state.

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| (xii) error | correction |
| for | at |

SECTION B CREATIVE WRITING SKILLS

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April 5, 2018

The Editor

The Times of India

New Delhi

Sir.

Subject: Rising Prices

Through the columns of your esteemed newspaper, I want to express my deep concern regarding the rising prices. This inflation has made the life of a common man very difficult. It was not so in earlier times when things were very cheap and were within the reach of almost everyone. The worst hit is the fixed income groups like the salaried people, labour class and the pensioners. For them, even the commodities of basic necessities like wheat, pulses, grains, vegetables, etc. are getting out of reach. The government should tackle this problem in the best possible way. The hoarders, black marketers, and profitters should be dealt with severely. The public distribution system of rationing should be made more transparent and efficient. Moreover, taxes on basic necessities should be reduced to bring down the contrast between wholesale and retail prices. It is high time that the concerned authority should wake up to this social cause and try to put reins to the rising price so that people can lead a comfortable and peaceful life.

Thanking you.

Yours sincerely,

Praneeta.

OR

B-25,

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4 October 2023

The Director

National Science Centre

Delhi

Subject: Enquiry about the Astronomy Club

Sir,

I hope this letter finds you in good health. I recently came across an advertisement in *The Times of India* regarding the commencement of new batches for the Astronomy Club at the National Science Centre. I am deeply interested in joining this club and would appreciate some additional information.

Could you kindly provide details regarding the venue, duration of the sessions, fee structure, and the specific activities or programs that the club offers. Additionally, any prerequisites for membership or other relevant information would be greatly appreciated.

I am eager to explore the fascinating world of astronomy and look forward to your prompt response.

Yours Sincerely,

Ankit/Ankita

5. The given information states about the different types of activities housewives did in their spare time. The activities are knitting, reading, watching tv, exercising and meditating.

The most preferred choice among the housewives to spend their spare time is to watch tv. Almost 50% females preferred it and made it the most favourite pastime. Next preferred choice is exercising which was preferred by 20% of housewives. Reading and knitting were neck to neck in preference and stood at 15% and 10%. 15% housewives chose reading to do in their spare time whereas only 10% preferred to do knitting.

The given data shows that the modes of entertainment i.e., watching tv and reading were preferred by most housewives to utilise their spare time. Healthcare was also a choice made by 20% housewives who preferred exercising in their spare time, but mental healthcare was at the back foot as only 5% housewives preferred to do it in their spare time.

To conclude the given data we can say that different women have different choices and it is also guided by the circumstances they

have around them. As watching TV can be mingled with many other activities and many tasks can be done simultaneously while watching tv, it stood as the most preferred choice whereas meditation which needs utmost concentration and no disturbance was the least preferred choice.

OR

The survey conducted by *Budding Minds* paints a concerning picture of the mental health landscape among young adults in the modern world. A staggering 70% of the respondents indicated experiencing adverse effects due to stress and pressure, with 29% stating that their mental health was "much worse" and 41% feeling it was "bit worse." The data underscores the immense impact of societal pressures and competition on the younger generation, leading to increased stress levels and compromised mental well-being. These findings emphasize the urgent need for comprehensive support systems and mental health resources tailored to the unique challenges faced by young adults today, ensuring they have the necessary tools to cope with stress and maintain their mental health in the face of modern pressures.

SECTION C - LITERATURE

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

- (i)
 - i. Max was standing in the room with a pistol in his hand.
 - ii. (d) started to think of how to get rid of the man.
 - iii. looked like a real thriller scene finally. The kind of action and scene he had been expecting while he was on his way.
 - iv. authentic
- (ii)
 - i. Lencho was not surprised at seeing the money because he was confident and had firm faith in God.
 - ii. (A) Lencho was angry because he requested 100 pesos from God and he got only 70 pesos.
 - iii. The irony of the situation was that the post office employees about whom Lencho complained to God thinking that they had stolen the money, actually made contributions to help him.
 - iv. The Postmaster was **a kind, generous, helpful, amiable and God-fearing man**. He received a letter from Lencho which was written to God asking for hundred pesos so that he could sow his fields again. The postman felt sympathetic towards Lencho. He gave up a part of his salary and asked all other employees to help.

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

- (i)
 - i. The whispers will be silent because the trees will move outside to the forest.
 - ii. The trees of the forest were cut down by man for selfish purposes. The forest was turned into a barren land as the trees were captivated inside the house as a part of interior decoration. However, the trees struggled very hard to free themselves from the confines of the house and return to their natural habitat which is forest. The roots of these trees are engaged in the cracks of the veranda floor. At night, these roots try to free themselves from the cracks. The leaves try to move towards the glass. Twigs become hardened and the boughs try to expand under the roof. Thus, Andreine Rich tries to convey in his poem "The Trees" that trees should be kept alive not by imprisoning them inside the house merely to beautify indoors.
 - iii. The word is 'silent'.
 - iv. Option (c)- imagery
- (ii)
 - i. Belinda lives with her pets - kitten, mouse, dog and dragon in a little white house.
 - ii. (a) 1, 4 (Character- Belinda, Animals/pets- black kitten, a little gray mouse, a little yellow dog and a little dragon)
 - iii. Custard, the dragon.
 - iv. The words 'realio and trulio' refer to really and truly respectively. They have been invented by the poet and repeated in different stanzas to enhance the rhythm and lyrical quality of the poem. This also adds the humour in the poem.

8. Answer ANY FOUR of the following five questions, in about 40-50 words

- (i) The season of joy in Coorg typically commences in September and continues till March, i.e., mostly during the winter months. The cool temperatures, minimum rainfall, and beautiful landscapes make it an ideal time to explore and enjoy outdoor activities. The harvest season during winter also adds to the festive atmosphere, with abundant fresh produce and celebrations in the region.
- (ii) The caged tiger is not free. He is imprisoned and helpless whereas the same tiger when in forest is free. He walks in the tall grass and hunts the deer that pass near the water hole.
- (iii)
 - Why he was in his evening dress
 - He was dressed up
- (iv) Mr. Keesing gave Anne a lot of homework for talking a lot in the class. When she presented an interesting poem, Mr. Keesing couldn't help laughing. He appreciated her and stopped punishing her. Moreover, no one in the class including Anne would know what there was in the minds of the teachers and what their next step would be.

(v) Our desires and hatred would be enough to destroy the world. According to the poet, 'fire' represents 'desire and lust for the possessions' and 'ice' represents 'dislike and hatred which grows silently within us'. Desires, just like fire, spread rapidly and engulf one's whole life. Similarly, 'hatred' fills life with a poison which slowly and gradually leads him to the destruction.

9. Answer ANY TWO of the following three questions, in about 40-50 words.

- (i) Mr. Herriot advised Mrs. Pumphrey to cut his diet but she did not pay attention to it. So he had no other option except admitting him to the hospital as his condition was very critical. He was not able to walk and breath. His tongue was out of his mouth and he was near to death.
- (ii) When Sulekha was ten months old, she had fallen off the cot on her head and perhaps it had damaged some part of her brain. She remained a backward child and simpleton. Because of her weakness, everybody started calling her Bholi and made fun of her. She learnt to speak a little late and stammered a lot. She was sent to school because of the Tehsildar's pressure. Her father couldn't disobey him. So, her mother asked him to send Bholi to school as there was little chance of her getting married.
- (iii) After escaping from the London store, Griffin decided to go to Drury Lane, the centre of the theatre world. He entered a shop and took clothes to fit himself from head to feet. He wore bandages around his forehead, a wide-brimmed hat, spectacles and big side-whiskers. To escape without being seen, he attacked the shopkeeper from behind, after which he robbed him of all the money he could find.

10. Answer ANY ONE of the following two questions, in about 100-120 words

(i) February 28, 20XX

France, 10.00 pm

Who saved me when I had lost all the contacts on the radio with Paris control? Who was the pilot of the black aeroplane who helped me to land safely without a compass, without the radio and without much fuel? These questions had been haunting me since past few days but they still remain unsolved puzzle. Even the lady in the control room couldn't detect any other plane on the stormy night other than the old Dakota on the radar. The mysterious pilot of the black aeroplane was like God's help sent to me to land safely. I was in real trouble before the mysterious black aeroplane appeared before me. I was lost and to make things worse my compass became dead. Gods knows what would have been my condition, had the pilot of the black aeroplane not guided me out of storm clouds to safety.

(ii) Dear Trees,

It is with great joy that I write to you today on the occasion of your freedom. I can imagine the elation you must be feeling after so many years of captivity, and I join you in celebrating this momentous occasion.

I am writing to you today to talk about freedom. For me, freedom is something that I have fought for all my life. It is something that I believe everyone deserves, no matter who they are or where they come from.

I know that you have seen a lot of things in your lifetime, and I am sure you have your own ideas about what freedom means. For me, it is about being able to live my life the way I want to, without interference from anyone else. It is about being able to speak my mind and express my opinions without fear of retribution. I know that there are many people in the world who do not have these freedoms, and I am committed to fighting for them.

Sincerely,

Nelson Mandela

11. Answer ANY ONE of the following two questions, in about 100-120 words.

(i) The Editor

Mr Jay,

It's a pleasure to write of my woes in your column. You are the best adviser to everybody's problems. You lent a patient ear to each of your guests. Now listen and be the best adviser to me.

I am into depression mode as I recently lost a diamond necklace of my best friend which I had borrowed for a party. No amount of pacifying from my husband M Loisel could bring me out of this feeling. Though I was cynosure of everybody's eyes in the party. The loss of necklace brought it all down. After losing it, I got so worried as how I will face my friend now. All through this my husband has been very supportive of me, his immense love and faith in me sailed me through this time. He did all in his capacity to get me out of it. To repay the necklace we borrowed her another necklace which has made our lives very difficult and we now live a life of penury with meager income to support us. How should I help myself to get out of this!

Mr. Jay: Well Matilda! Whatever happens, happens for the best. So put your worries across and think of your future ahead. You have suffered enough, now think of brighter side of life and learn from your mistakes. I am sure you will be out of it soon.

(ii) I should have been able to jump into one of the carriages, but I hesitated - for some reason I can't explain - and I lost the chance to get away perhaps god has some good plans for me this time. That's why I can't feel the pleasure of stealing six hundreds rupees. Instead, I'm feeling guilty of having violated the trust that Anil had reposed on me. That's why I could not board the train. Anil always treated me like his friend. I too, valued Anil's friendship feelings for me. But after discovering the theft, I'm sure, Anil would not be sad for the loss of money, but for loss of trust. The only person I knew and who could help me was Anil whom I had robbed a few hours ago. I robbed that person who was so large-hearted and the one who wanted me to get educated so that I, too, could earn respect, name and money. Alas! God, forbid me and my sins.

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