

**APEEJAY COMMON ANNUAL EXAMINATION
ENGLISH LANGUAGE AND LITERATURE -184
CLASS IX (2022-2023)**

Time Allowed: 3 Hrs.

Maximum Marks: 80

General Instructions:

- 1. 15-minute prior reading time allotted for Question paper reading.**
- 2. The Question Paper contains THREE sections-READING, GRAMMAR & WRITING and LITERATURE.**
- 3. Attempt questions based on specific instructions for each part.**

SECTION A: READING SKILLS (20 marks)

I. Read the passage given below.

Time to switch off

1. We worry a lot about smog, water and noise pollution, but seldom think of light pollution: one of the fastest environmental alterations caused by humans. Orbiting satellites show our planet awash in its own light, which drowns incident light from space. Light literally spills out of everything manmade — from industry to public and residential buildings and roads. Astronomers first noticed it in the 1980s, when the telescope atop Mt. Wilson in San Diego was shut down due to this ‘sky-glow’ or ‘light trespass’ from the town. It was reducing their ability to observe the night sky.

2. Because of artificial light, songbirds serenade a false dawn, and others migrate prematurely. The moon is a directional reference for birds. On moonless nights, confused migrating flocks have been known to fly into tall illuminated buildings — sometimes killing thousands of them. Nocturnal birds and mammals like bats, badgers, and otters are often discouraged from using their feeding grounds if they are artificially lit. And newly-hatched turtles that aim for the glow of the horizon above the sea find themselves blindly heading inland, instead, to their deaths. Many photosensitive plants, too, are affected by light pollution, mistiming their blooms, or failing to flower at all.

3. Look around and see how many street lamps — some of them aglow even at midday — toss light energy skywards, instead of down onto the ground. If you are old enough to remember how the sky looked, say, 30 years ago, you’ll probably remember seeing our own galaxy, the Milky Way. But not anymore. Of the dozen constellations of the zodiac, five are now ‘invisible’ in most light-polluted skies, while the other seven have many of their stars ‘missing’. If only we realised that better lighting leads to lesser energy needs — ergo, less pollution from unnecessary power stations. Bit by bit, we are losing a direct connection with the universe. For the light from stars takes millions of years to reach us — only to be lost when it touches Earth.

Hindustan Times | By Prakash Chandra

Based on your understanding of the passage, answer the following questions. 1*10=10

i. One possible reason why we worry less about light pollution is that

- (a) light pollution is not as harmful as other forms of pollution
- (b) light pollution is a problem mainly in the cities
- (c) we are not aware that light causes pollution
- (d) light pollution does not concern us directly

ii. "Astronomers first noticed it in the 1980s." (Paragraph 1). ‘It’ here refers to

- (a) smog

(b) light pollution

(c) incident light from space

(d) poor ability to view the night sky

iii. A 'portmanteau word' or a 'blend' is a word that results from blending two or more words, such that it expresses some combination of the meaning of its parts. For example, 'brunch' from 'breakfast' and 'lunch' means a meal serving both breakfast and lunch.

Which of the following words from paragraph 1 of the passage is a PORTMANTEAU word?

(a) manmade (b) trespass (c) smog (d) awash

iv. Which of the following expressions DOES NOT relate to the idea of 'too much artificial light' on earth?

(a) "Our planet awash in its own light"

(b) "Incident light from space"

(c) "Light literally spills out of everything manmade"

(d) "Light trespass"

v. Choose the option that gives the correct labels of True' (T) and 'False' (F) to the following statements based on paragraph 2 of the passage.

1. Song birds announce a false dawn time due to the artificial light.

2. Some birds delay their migration from one place to another due to artificial light.

3. Some birds get killed when they fly into artificially illuminated tall buildings.

4. Some birds and animals find it difficult to use their breeding grounds due to excessive manmade light.

5. Artificial light forces all plants to either bloom late or not.

6. Some newly-hatched turtles head toward the glow of the horizon instead of heading blindly toward land.

(a) 1-(T), 2-(T), 3-(T), 4-(T), 5-(F), 6-(F)

(b) 1-T, 2-(F), 3-(T), 4-(T), 5-(F), 6-(F)

(c) 1-T, 2-(F), 3-(T), 4-(T), 5-(F), 6-(T)

(d) 1-(F), 2-(F), 3-(T), 4-(T), 5-(T), 6-(F)

vi. The most appropriate title for paragraph number 2 of the passage can be

(a) Birds, Animals and Plants

(b) Moonless Nights and Tall Illuminated Buildings

(c) Ill-Effects of Man-made Light

(d) Artificial Light and the Night Sky

vii. The word 'heading' (Paragraph 2) means the same as which of the following?

- (a) Following something
- (b) Falling into something
- (c) Moving away from something
- (d) Moving towards something

viii. Column I in the table below contains some objects/creatures and Column II the effects of light pollution on them. Choose the BEST option that matches them correctly.

OBJECTS/ CREATURES	HOW LIGHT POLLUTION AFFECTS THEM
Telescopes in San Diego	A. mistime their blooms or fail to flower at all
Songbirds	B. seven have stars missing, five are invisible
Some photosensitive plants	C. announce false dawn; migrate prematurely
Constellations	D. shut down due to difficulty in observing night sky

- (a) DBAC (b) DCBA (c) DCAB (d) DBCA

ix. Which of the following options is most nearly the same in meaning to the word 'serenade' used in the passage?(Paragraph 2)

- (a) soft
- (b) chant
- (c) break
- (d) refrain

x. "But not anymore"(Paragraph 3). What does not happen anymore?

- (a) People remember seeing the Milky Way.
- (b) Only seven of the twelve constellations are visible.
- (c) Street lamps throw light skywards.
- (d) People get to see Milky Way clearly.

II. Read the passage given below.

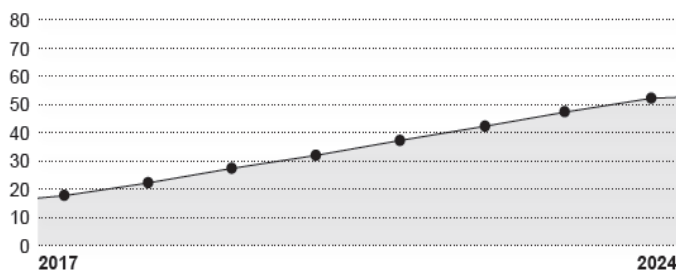
1. Technological evolution is a certainty. Cyber-physical systems, Big Data and the Internet of Things (IoT) have been changing the infrastructure of our world. In the 2020s, these phenomena, which are still in their nascency, will rapidly accelerate due to the increasing digitisation of key areas such as health, science, transport, communications and energy.

2. The ubiquity of technology, and its increased ability to connect and communicate, has paved the way for this tipping point. Beneath the surface, we are moving towards an explosion of change.

3. Over 50% of our global population is now online, and the other half is following fast. To be precise, around 726 million people joined the web in the last three years. These new users will change the shape of the internet. Many of them will be lower income. They are choosing smartphones over laptops and tablets and are more likely to use voice commands.

Almost one-third of US homes are 'smart homes', this is set to grow to more than half of all homes by 2024

Total % 'smart homes' in the US



4. Geodata and the IoT will create new markets and supply chains. The automation of manufacturing, services and mobility has already begun. Artificial Intelligence (AI) will reach what Gartner terms the 'Plateau of Productivity', in which the technology becomes both mainstream and viable. McKinsey estimates that 70% of companies may adopt at least one AI technology by 2030. It is unlikely they will all use it well, but those that do could manage to take us to a place where man and machine are indistinguishable.

5. Bioscience has the potential to be transformative in the 2020s. Gene editing technology will likely soon be able to edit genomes to allow animal organs to be accepted into human bodies – transforming, and perhaps saving, the lives of people currently waiting for organ transplants. Similar technology can also be used to combat inherited diseases, and even cancer. Elsewhere, gene therapy experiments are using the body's immune system to fight cancer through re-engineering our cells.

6. Technology has inarguably improved science, health, communications and transport. However, technology has not necessarily corresponded to increased economic productivity. Indeed, many of the most technologically advanced countries have seen productivity stagnate and stall, as discussed in growing inequality and opportunity.

7. In the 2020s many questions around technology will be resolved. The scaffolding is in place. This will be the decade in which AI, geodata, the IoT, bioscience, and quantum computing are given the opportunity to change our world. Whether this change will be surface-level or truly transformative remains to be seen.

Based on your understanding of the passage, answer the following questions. 1*10=10

(i) In the line "The ubiquity of technology, and its", the word "ubiquity" DOES NOT refer to

- (a) Ever-present (b) Omnipresent (c) Pervasive (d) Usage

(ii) According to McKinsey,

- (a) 70% of companies will employ more labor force by the year 2030.
- (b) Nearly 70% of the companies will adopt use of one AI by the end of this decade.
- (c) Nearly 70% of all the companies will stop using AI by the end of 2030.
- (d) 70% of all companies will depend on people who can use computers by the end of 2030.

(iii) One of the important predictions in the passage is that we are going to reach, 'Plateau of Productivity' with respect to digitisation. Which option most reflects the meaning?

- (a) There will be a widespread market use of AI even if it is not viable.
- (b) There will be no more resources left to develop AI.
- (c) The production and use of AI will be extensive and practicable.
- (d) The use of AI will stop as it will become more expensive.

(iv) Which of the following options is most nearly the same in meaning to the word ‘viable’ used in the passage (paragraph 4)?

- (a) incredible (b) unrealistic
(c) feasible (d) futile

(v) Based on your understanding of the passage, choose the option that best lists the inherent benefits of biosciences

1. Will revolutionise the field of cancer treatment
2. Will revolutionise the use of computers and phones
3. Will revolutionise the industry and its development
4. Will revolutionise the development of new phones
5. Will allow for genome transformation of animals
6. Will help patients who need organ transplants

- (a) 1,2 and 3 (b) 1,5 and 6 (c) 2,3 and 4 (d) 3,4 and 5

(vi) The years between 2020 and 2030 will see a next-level technological advancement as per the report. What reason has been cited for the same?

- (a) Large scale investment by private sector in technology.
(b) Technology development has been the top priority of the governments.
(c) A lot of advancement has taken place in the field of internet.
(d) Increased ability of technology to connect and communicate

(vii) According to the report, what is the most appropriate conclusion?

- (a) Technological development may actually lead to social inequality
(b) There will be a lot of changes in technology development
(c) There will be technological development but its impact on society needs to be seen
(d) There will be technological development but no significant change in society

(viii) Which of the following statements is not true in the context of the passage?

- (a) Technology advancement will change the way we use communication
(b) Technology advancement will improve economic productivity
(c) Technology advancement may not improve economic productivity

(d) Technology advancement will improve medical facilities

(ix) What is the purpose behind editing genomes?

(x) How do gene therapy experiments fight cancer?

SECTION B - GRAMMAR (10 marks)

III. Attempt ANY TEN of the following questions.

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1. Fill in the blank by choosing the correct option to complete an update:

1

New dietary guidelines will be available for the benefit of Indians soon. People _____ (start) consuming more animal products, carbonated drinks, sweeteners, processed foods these days.

- A. are started B. will start
C. have started D. was started

2. Read the conversation between Sheetal and her Geography teacher. Complete the sentence by reporting Sheetal's reply correctly. 1

Geography teacher: What happened to Roma?

Sheetal: Roma found the map work very confusing.

Geography teacher asked Sheela what had happened to Roma. To this, Sheetal replied that _____.

3. Select the correct option to fill in the blank for the given line: 1

Aruna will _____ qualify for the final interview because she has good knowledge of her subject.

- A. must B. be able to C. have to D. don't have to

4. Select the option that identifies the error and supplies the correction for the following line: 1
During the floods in the village the rescue team evacuating the people and moved them to safer places.

Option No.	Error	Correction
A.	the	a
B.	in	of
C.	evacuating	evacuated
D.	them	these

5. Complete the given newspaper report with the correct option: 1

Bonchart Smith, who hails from Barcelona, was travelling with his friend Mukesh Jha, from Connaught Place to Paharganj when the incident _____ at 8.30 pm on Monday, a Senior police officer said.

- A. took place C. taken place
B. taking place D. will take place

6. Fill in the blank by using the correct form of the verb in the bracket, for the given portion of a letter. 1

Sir

Subject: Need to repair Link Road

Through your newspaper, I would like to draw the attention of the local authorities of Indirapuram towards the bad condition of the Link Road.

The road _____(be) vital since it links Indirapuram with the National Highway.

7. Report the dialogue between Deepti and Aastha, by completing the sentence: 1
Deepti: Hello Aastha. I rang you up last evening. But you weren't at home. Where had you gone?
Aastha: We were celebrating our Annual Day yesterday. So I had gone to the school.

Deepti informed Aastha that she had called her up the previous evening but she was not at home. She asked_____. Aastha informed her that they had been celebrating their Annual Day the last day.

8. Identify the error in the given sentence and supply the correction: 1
You must controlled your diet to avoid putting on weight.
Use the given format for your response.

Error	Correction

9. Shikha was playing loud music. Report Kriti's response to Shikha. 1
'Do not play such loud music, for it may disturb the patient,' Kriti said to Shikha.

10. Fill in the blank by choosing the correct option: 1
It wasn't a good match. _____team played well.
A. Neither B. Both
C. Every D. All

11. Select the correct option to complete the narration of the dialogue between the electrician and Mohan: 1

Electrician: When did the electricity go?

Mohan: It is not working since evening.

The electrician asked Mohan when the electricity had gone. Mohan replied that_____.

- A. It had not been working since evening.
B. It was not working since evening.
C. It were not working since previous night.
D. It has been working since evening.

12. Identify the error in the given sentence from an article and supply its correction: 1
The gap between the theatrical and digital release of a film were revised to eight weeks from four weeks in August this year.
Use the given format for your response.

Error	Correction

IV. SECTION B- CREATIVE WRITING SKILLS (10 marks)

1. Attempt ANY ONE from A and B given below: 5

A. Use the given notes to write a descriptive paragraph in about 100-120 words to describe a chef.

(Hint: Chef- Diploma in culinary arts- knowledge of different cuisines- responsibilities: cooking, supervising, training staff, setting up the kitchen, managing stock, uniformed, skill: time-management, patience)



OR

B. A first-aid training program was organised in your school. You were one of the volunteers. Write a description of the event. Use the following value points:

- Held in the school auditorium on January 20
- focus on raising awareness about importance of first-aid
- discussion on techniques with Dr. Kiran, a cardiologist, practical demonstration of techniques, group activity trying out techniques, first-aid kits given to volunteers

First Aid Training
FOR WHEN SECONDS COUNT!

This course will help Participants to gain knowledge, skills and confidence via practical exercise to manage a medical emergency until more advance help is available. Some of the key topics are :

- Personal safety
- Physical Assessment
- Control of Bleeding
- Activating EMS
- Unresponsive Patients
- Managing Shock/Injury
- CPR
- Foreign body airway obstruction
- Altered level of Responsiveness

2. Attempt ANY ONE from A and B given below:

A. It was raining heavily, the street lights had gone off and I was returning..... 5
Complete the story in 100-120 words and provide an appropriate title to it.

OR

B. Write a short story using the beginning of the lines given below in about 100-120 words:
It was a scary cold winter night. Raman was wearing a long coat and a muffler around his neck and was taking long steps on the metalled road. There was ...

SECTION-C LITERATURE (40 marks)

V. Reference to Context

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I. Attempt ANY ONE of the following extracts.

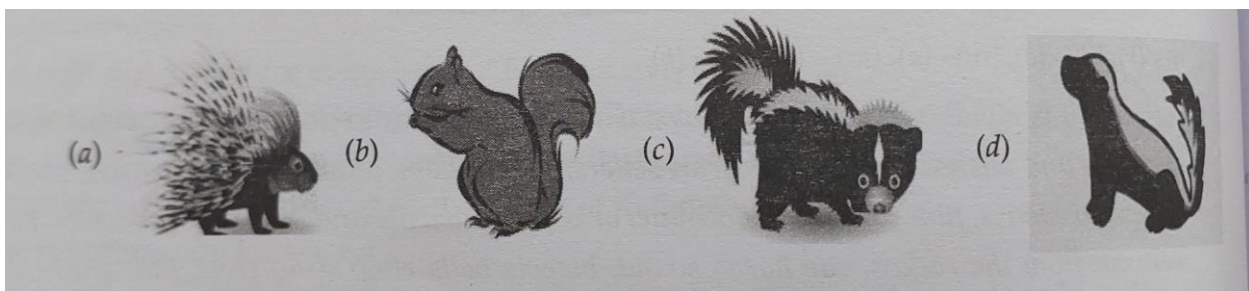
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IA. I look at the flute seller standing in a corner of the square near the hotel. In his hand is a pole with an attachment at the top from which fifty or sixty bansuris protrude in all directions, like the quills of a porcupine. They are of bamboo: there are cross-flutes and recorders. From time to time he stands the pole on the ground, selects a flute and plays for a few minutes. The sound rises clearly above the noise of the traffic and the hawkers' cries. He plays slowly, meditatively, without excessive display. He does not shout out his wares. Occasionally he makes a sale, but in a curiously offhanded way as if this were incidental to his enterprise.
(Kathmandu)

i. Whom did the narrator witness in the above extract?

- A. a porcupine
- B. a bamboo-seller
- C. a hawker
- D. a flute-seller

ii. The arrangement of the flutes on the pole is compared to -(Select the correct option)



- A.
- B.
- C.
- D.

iii. The narrator has meticulously observed the flute-seller and described him. Pick out the option from the following that doesn't enlist the narrator's description.

- A. The flute-seller was not anxious to attract attention of the crowd.
- B. The man would play different flutes for short durations.
- C. He sold one flute but did not appear too interested to have a good sale.
- D. Occasionally, the flute-seller would feed the cattle grazing in the vicinity.

iv. Complete the analogy by selecting the suitable word from the extract.

bulge: protrude:: show:_____

v. Choose the correct option:

'He doesn't shout out his wares' means

- A. he doesn't play his flutes too loudly
- B. he doesn't yell and shout to sell his goods
- C. he is tired of shouting

D. he doesn't seem to be inclined to indulge in public admiration of his goods

OR

I.B. In accordance with our social ranking as the new teacher saw it, I was asked to go and sit on the back bench. I felt very sad, and so did Ramanadha Sastry. He looked utterly downcast as I shifted to my seat in the last row. The image of him weeping when I shifted to the last row left a lasting impression on me.
(*My Childhood*)

i. What did the new teacher ask of Kalam?

- A. To leave the class
- B. To sit with another friend
- C. To read a poem aloud
- D. To occupy the last seat

ii. According to the extract, what feelings did Kalam and his friend go through?

- 1) nervousness 2) fear of rejection 3) sad 4) enraged 5) isolated

Select the correct option.

- A. 1 and 3
- B. only 4
- C. 3 and 4
- D. only 3

iii. What left a deep and lasting impression on Kalam?

- A. The teacher's act of racism
- B. The social injustice to him
- C. The image of Ramanadha weeping
- D. The teacher's lack of kindness

iv. What social issue is Kalam highlighting?

- A. Racism
- B. Social injustice
- C. Nationalism
- D. Religion based hatred and prejudice

v. Complete the analogy by selecting the suitable word from the extract.

laughing: chuckling :: crying : _____

2. Attempt ANY ONE of the following extracts.

5

2. A. *A slumber did my spirit seal-*
 I had no human fears.
 She seemed a thing that could not feel
 The touch of earthy years.

(*A Slumber did my Spirit Seal*)

i. The stanza given above suggests that the poet is:

- A. in dilemma whether his beloved is alive.
- B. Convinced with the bitter fact of nature.
- C. In a trance that kept him from seeing the truth of life.
- D. Afraid of his death.

- ii. The poet seems to have indicated:
- His deep love with his beloved and reaction of a sudden death.
 - His unwavering faith in the bitter cycle of nature that is death.
 - That he believed his beloved would live forever.
 - Both A and B
- iii. Pick the option that showcases an example of alliteration from the extract.
- Seemed a thing that could not feel
 - Touch of earthy years
 - A slumber did my spirit seal
 - Human fears
- iv. Pick the meaning that DOES NOT display what 'slumber' means in the context given.
- A state of permanent sleep
 - Half awake
 - Sub-conscious
 - Wide awake
- v. What human fear is being referred to in the line: 'I had no human fears.'?
- The fear of losing possessions or life
 - The fear of getting separated from relatives or friends
 - The fear of leading poverty-stricken life
 - Both A and B

OR

2.B. The wind blows out weak fires.
 He makes strong fires roar and flourish.
 His friendship is good.
 We praise him every day.
(Wind)

- i. What does the wind do to the weak fires?
- the wind extinguishes the weak fire.
 - the wind makes the weak fires roar and flourish.
 - both (A) and (B)
 - neither (A) nor (B)
- ii. What message do we get from the poem?
- we should be strong so as to face all the challenges in life.
 - we should be like the weak fire that can get blow down by strong wind.
 - we should not befriend anyone stronger than us
 - we should destroy everything that is weak and timid.
- iii. Name the poetic device in the line 'He makes strong fires roar and flourish'.
- iv. What does the poet want us to do?
- to make friends with wind
 - to praise everything strong and mighty
 - both (A) and (B)
 - Neither (A) nor (B)
- v. Complete the analogy by selecting the suitable word from the extract.

extinguish: blow out :: prosper: _____

VI. Answer ANY FOUR of the following in about 40-50 words each. 4*3=12

- i. 'The land our brothers walk upon. Is earth like this, in which we all shall lie!' What does the poet mean to say in the above lines? Explain with reference to the poem 'No Men Are Foreign'.
- ii. One has to sacrifice something to achieve something in life. Do you agree? Justify with reference to Maria Sharapova from 'The Reach for the Top'.
- iii. Do you feel Kezia's father took the right step by beating her with a ruler? Discuss (The Little Girl)
- iv. Einstein wrote two letters- to the United Nations and to President Roosevelt. Did his letters have desired impact? Justify your answer. (A Truly Beautiful Mind)
- v. Gerrard describes this encounter with the intruder as 'an amusing spot of bother'. What light does this attitude reflect on Gerrard?

VII. Answer ANY TWO of the following in about 40-50 words each. 2*3=6

- i. How can you say that the child in the story 'The Lost Child' was an obedient one?
- ii. According to you, who was a fool in the kingdom, the king or the public. Why? (In the kingdom Of Fools)
- iii. "Zan is a teenager who is struggling with the changes in his life." What are these changes? Elaborate with reference to the story 'A House is not a Home'.

VIII. Answer ANY ONE of the following in about 100-120 words. 1*6=6

- i. *Look deep into nature*, and then you will understand everything better. A connection with nature provides joy, and solace and brings back blissful memories. Discuss with reference to the poems 'Rain on the Roof' and 'The Lake Isle of Innisfree'

OR

- ii. Is there any relevance of the theme of the poem, 'On Killing a Tree' in the life of a human being? Elaborate.

IX. Answer ANY ONE of the following in about 100-120 words. 1*6=6

- i. "Compassion and pity can bring positive changes in a human being." How does the story 'The Beggar' prove it?

OR

- ii. Devoted friendship can be a succour during times of crisis. Discuss with reference to the virtues of a true and faithful friend, exhibited by Sue from the story 'The Last Leaf'.