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CLASS-X

ENGLISH-LANGUAGE AND LITERATURE (Code 184)

Time allowed : 3 hrs.

Maximum Marks : 80

General Instructions :

1. This paper is divided into three sections: A, B and C. All questions are compulsory.
2. Separate instructions are given with each section and question, wherever necessary. Read these instructions very carefully and follow them.
3. Do not exceed the prescribed word limit while answering the questions.

SECTION-A : READING

(20 Marks)

1. Read the following passage.

Smiling is a universal human gesture. In his travels, Charles Darwin discovered that smiling was the only facial expression which was recognised instantly all over the world. A smile is easy to see. It is possible to recognise a smile on someone's face at a distance of 45 meters. You'd have to be much closer to decide whether the person was showing surprise, anger or fear. It takes only one facial muscle to smile. This is the zygomatic major muscle, which reaches down from the cheekbones to the corners of the lips. To look sad or angry, you need to use at least two muscles.

Smiles are good for your health. Studies in the USA have shown that when you smile, your heart rate slows down, your blood pressure goes down and the body begins to relax. This happens whether you are feeling happy or not. In fact, if you are feeling unhappy, the simple act of smiling is the first step to feeling better. A smile makes you attractive. According to American dentist Melvin and Denholtz, an attractive smile should show most of the upper teeth, at least two thirds of the length and just the tips of the lower teeth.

When you smile a real smile, two things happen to your face: your lips move up towards your cheeks, and your cheeks themselves go up and gather in the skin around the eyes. And a real smile will usually only last for up to four seconds. False smiles are seen on the faces of politicians who have just lost an election, people who feign they are pleased to see you,

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and door to door salesmen. False smiles usually appear slightly too early or too late and they tend to go on for too long.

But if you really want to know if a smile is real or false, look at the eyes. They brighten up. In a false smile they don't change- however much the person has practised smiling.

1.1 On the basis of the reading of above passage, answer any eight of the following questions : (1×8=8)

- (1) Smile is good for health
 - (a) even when one is not feeling happy
 - (b) only when one is feeling happy
 - (c) only when one relaxes
 - (d) only when one takes the first step to feeling better
- (2) A real smile is usually
 - (a) as long as a false one
 - (b) shorter than a false one
 - (c) longer than a false one
 - (d) more pretentious than a false one
- (3) One sure sign of a real smile is the
 - (a) length of its duration
 - (b) movement of one's lips
 - (c) brightness in one's eyes
 - (d) wrinkled skin around one's eyes
- (4) An attractive smile should show
 - (a) most of the upper teeth
 - (b) the tips of the lower teeth
 - (c) both (a) and (b)
 - (d) none of the above
- (5) The author's intention in the last paragraph is to show
 - (a) how one can smile a real smile
 - (b) how one can spot a real smile
 - (c) how one can prolong a false smile
 - (d) how one can smile a false smile
- (6) The word 'feign' can be replaced by
 - (a) think
 - (b) find
 - (c) know
 - (d) pretend

- (7) It takes only two facial muscles to smile (True or False)
- (8) If you are feeling unhappy, the simple act of smiling is _____ step to feel better.
- (9) A smile on one's face can be noticed from a distance of _____ metres.

2. Read the passage carefully.

1. A little girl went to her bedroom and pulled a glass jelly jar from its hiding place in the closet. She poured the change out on the floor and counted carefully. Three times, even. The total had to be exactly perfect. No chance here for mistakes. Carefully placing the coins back in the jar and twisting on the cap, she slipped out from the back door and made her way six blocks to Rexall's Drug Store with the big Red Indian Chief sign above the door. She waited patiently for the pharmacist to give her some attention, but he was too busy at this moment. Tess twisted her feet to make a scuffing noise. Nothing. She cleared her throat with the most disgusting sound she could muster. No good. Finally she took a quarter from her jar and clanged it on the glass counter. That did it! 'And what do you want?', the pharmacist asked in an annoyed tone of voice. "I'm talking to my brother from Chicago whom I haven't seen in ages", he said without waiting for a reply to his question.
2. 'Well, I want to talk to you about my brother,' Tess answered back in the same miffed tone. 'He's really, really sick... and I want to buy a miracle.'
'I beg your pardon?' said the pharmacist.
'His name is Andrew and he has something bad growing inside his head and my Daddy says only a miracle can save him now. So how much does a miracle cost?'
'We don't sell miracles here, little girl. I'm sorry but I can't help you,' the pharmacist said, softening a little.
'Listen, I have the money to pay for it. If it isn't enough, I will get the rest. Just tell me how much it costs.'
The pharmacist's brother was a well dressed man. He stooped down and asked the little girl, 'What kind of a miracle does your brother need?'
'I don't know', Tess replied with her eyes welling up. 'I just know he's really sick and Mommy says he needs an operation. But my Daddy can't pay for it, so I want to use my money.'
'How much do you have?' asked the man from Chicago. 'One dollar and eleven cents,' Tess answered barely audibly.
3. 'And it's all the money I have, but I can get some more if I need to.'
'Well, what a coincidence,' smiled the man. 'A dollar and eleven cents—the exact price of a miracle for little brothers.' He took her money in one hand and with the other hand

he grasped her mitten and said, 'Take me to where you live. I want to see your brother and meet your parents. Let's see if I have the miracle you need.'

That well dressed man was Dr. Carlton Armstrong, a surgeon, specializing in neuro-surgery. The operation was completed free of charge and it wasn't long until Andrew was home again and doing well.

Mom and Dad were happily talking about the chain of events that had led them to this place. 'That surgery,' her Mom whispered. 'was a real miracle. I wonder how much it would have cost?'

Tess smiled. She knew exactly how much a miracle cost.. one dollar and eleven cents....plus the faith of a little child.

2.1. Answer the following question briefly. (2×4=8)

- (a) Where was the glass jelly jar? Why did the little girl ensure that there was 'no chance here for mistakes'?
- (b) What were the efforts made by Tess to attract the attention of the pharmacist?
- (c) Who was the man from Chicago? What "miracle" did he perform?
- (d) What was the "real miracle" according to the mother? What was the cost of the miracle according to the writer?

2.2. On the basis of the reading of the passage, answer the following (4)

- (a) The meaning of the word 'scuffing' in para 1 is
 - (i) Scratch
 - (ii) Soft
 - (iii) Loud
 - (iv) Smooth
- (b) The synonym of the word 'muster' in para 1 is
 - (i) Collect
 - (ii) Divison
 - (iii) Separation
 - (iv) Diverse
- (c) The antonym of the word 'miffed' in para 2 is
 - (i) Resentful
 - (ii) Pleased
 - (iii) Furious
 - (iv) Irked
- (d) The phrase 'welling up' in para 2 means
 - (i) Protruding
 - (ii) Shrinking
 - (iii) Concentrating
 - (iv) Brimming

SECTION-B : WRITING AND GRAMMAR

(30 Marks)

3. PM Modi in his Independence Day speech has appealed to the nation to eliminate single-use plastic and to find alternatives for plastic water bottles on priority. Terracotta products like Khulhads, glasses and plates, plastic bottle crushing machines are some such alternatives.

Inspired by the above news item, write an article on the menace of plastics and appeal to the

public to shun its use. Also give some more viable alternatives and suggestions to make India plastic free.(150-200 words) (8)

OR

You are Vanshika/Viraj. You are captivated with ISRO's courageous attempt to land Chandrayan-2 Lander Vikram on the moon. Despite the partial success, it has inspired millions of youngsters to join the space sector and back the country's long term space aspiration. Write a letter to the Editor of a National daily in about 100-150 words, applauding the efforts of the space agency and expressing your joy on the new role models that are motivating young minds.

4. Complete the story beginning with the lines given below in 150-200 words : (10)

"Once there were three young men who were good friends. One of them, who was very short, was exceptionally clever. He often...."

OR

Take cue from the picture given below and frame a story in not more than 150-200 words:



5. The following passage has not been edited. There is an error in each line. Identify and write the incorrect word along with the correction as given in the example. (4)

	Incorrect	Correction
The Vice President says that India has a great demographic dividend with 65 % in its population below 35 years of age. He observes that it was necessary to had a healthy, active and productive young population for take the country to greater heights.	says (a) (b) (c) (d)	said

6. Read the dialogue and choose the appropriate option to fill in the blanks given below : (4)

Ryan : When is the fancy dress competition in your school?

Seher : It is after two weeks.

Ryan : Are you taking part in it?

Seher : Yes, I am a caterpillar.

Ryan asked Seher (a)_____. Seher replied (b)_____. Ryan enquired (c)_____ to which Seher replied (d)_____.

- (a) When the fancy dress competition was in her school
(b) When the fancy dress competition in her school was
(c) When the fancy dress competition is in her school
(d) When was the fancy dress competition in her school
- (a) that it is after two weeks
(b) that it was after two weeks
(c) that it will be after two weeks
(d) that it is in two weeks
- (a) if she is taking part in it
(b) if you were taking part in it
(c) if you are taking part in it
(d) if she was taking part in it
- (a) that she was a caterpillar
(b) that she is a caterpillar
(c) that I am a caterpillar
(d) that I was a caterpillar

7. Rearrange the following words and phrases to form meaningful sentences. (4)
- (a) Bombay/Rudyard Kipling/the/born in/British writer/was
 - (b) about animals/where/his childhood/he used to/listen/fables/to/ spent/in India/ he
 - (c) wrote down/fables/Kipling/The Jungle Book/in/jungle/the/living in/about/these animals
 - (d) to spot/ creatures/the ways/Kipling/learnt/described/danger/his fables/in which/in/ different

SECTION-C : LITERATURE

(30 Marks)

8. Read the following extract and answer the questions that follow. (1×4=4)

So they show their relations to me and I accept them,
They bring me tokens of myself, they evince
them plainly in their possession
I wonder where they get those tokens,
Did I pass that way huge times ago and negligently drop them?

(i) Who does 'they' refer to?

- (a) men
- (b) God
- (b) animals
- (d) ancestors

(ii) What have 'they' preserved?

- (a) Civilization
- (b) Greed
- (b) Wealth
- (d) Virtues

(iii) The poet accepted the _____.

(iv) What does the speaker mean by the phrase 'tokens of myself'?

OR

"The doorknob turned. Swiftly Max pushed with his left hand to free himself from the sill and drop to the balcony. And then, as he dropped, he screamed once, shrilly."

(i) Who was Max?

- (a) Writer
- (b) Informer
- (b) Secret agent
- (d) Journalist

(ii) Who turned the door knob?

- (a) Fowler
- (c) Police
- (b) Ausable
- (d) Waiter

(iii) Max dropped to the balcony because _____.

(iv) Max screamed shrilly as _____.

9. Answer any five of the following questions in about 30-40 words each : (2×5=10)
- (a) Fear and lack of confidence stop one from taking the 'first flight'. Elaborate in the context of the chapter-"Two stories about flying".
 - (b) Who does Nelson Mandela refer to as 'outlaws not so long ago'? Why?
 - (c) How did Lutkins befool the lawyer?
 - (d) In what way does Think-Tank misinterpret an old book of nursery rhymes as a threat to the Martians?
 - (e) Why do Natalya and Lomov enter into a verbal fight in their first meeting?
 - (f) What do the metaphors of 'fire' and 'ice' convey?
10. Freedom can't be bargained at any cost. How does Leslie Norris convey this message to the readers through the poem 'A Tiger in the Zoo'? (100-150 words) (8)

OR

Age is not a barrier when it comes to doing something different and bold. How does this come true in Valli's life? (100-200 words)

11. Education provides the required stimulus to overcome one's personal barriers. Bholi chose a dignified life of service rather than surrendering herself to a greedy old man for the rest of her life. Explain the role of education in shaping her life with respect to the lesson 'Bholi'. (100-200 words) (8)

OR

Matilda Loisel's disposition invites her doom. Write her character sketch with suitable instances from the story in 100-200 words.