

CLASS-IX
MID TERM EXAMINATION (2023-24)
ENGLISH LANGUAGE AND LITERATURE
SET B2

Time allowed: 3 Hrs.

Maximum Marks: 80

General Instructions:

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

Section A: READING SKILLS

20 Marks

I. Read the passage given below.

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1. The modern classroom has taken several steps forward in its evolution of the learning environment in the past 25 years. Many of the benefits that we have seen in this setting are due to the introduction of new technology options for students. Instead of having a single computer for a class to use or a laboratory environment for the entire school placed in one room, we can now help students learn at their table or desk with items issued to them directly. Thus, there are quite a lot of advantages to having technology in classrooms.
2. Technology helps children to stay motivated during the learning process. Most students don't like to go to school if they feel like they are wasting their time. When there is technology allowed in the classroom, then teachers have an opportunity to let children work at a pace which suits them the best without disturbing others. They can look up additional information about a subject they are learning about that day, play educational games that reinforce the lesson, or work on advanced material using a program.
3. As many of today's technology options allow students to see how well they are doing compared to the average of all users, it gives them a chance to push harder for themselves and their education. Many of the programs that encourage learning also issue rewards or award certificates, which helps to make the lessons fun as well.
4. Technology encourages more communication between teachers and parents. When there is technology in the classroom, then there are more opportunities for parents and teachers to connect with each other. Using a blog for the classroom can help parents get to see what their children are learning each day. Apps and software options allow teachers to instantly report on a child's behaviour to let parents know in real-time what is happening throughout the day. There are options for chat boxes, instant messaging, and other forms of communication as well.
5. Technology also creates new ways to learn for today's student. There are three critical forms of intelligence that we see in children today: emotional, creative, and instructional. The traditional classroom environment, which typically encourages lecture-based lessons, focuses more on the latter option. Standardized tests and similar ranking tools do the same. When children have access to technology today, then those who excel outside of the standard learning setup can still achieve their full potential.
6. Technology allows children to embrace their curiosity in multiple ways. They can try new things without embarrassment because their tech access gives them a level of anonymity. This process allows children to work, through trial-and error if they wish, to see if a different strategy helps them to learn more effectively.

Based on your understanding of the passage, answer the questions given below.

- i. According to the passage, most children don't like to go to school if _____: **1**
A. They don't feel valued.
B. They feel like they are wasting their time.
C. They are unable to wake up on time.
D. They can get away with it.
- ii. Mention two advantages of having a technology that allows students to see how well they are doing compared to the average of all users. **2**
- iii. Choose the most appropriate option to fill in the blank: **1**
Technology allows children to embrace their _____ in multiple ways.
A. intelligence
B. hard work
C. curiosity
D. passion
- iv. State whether the following statement is **TRUE or FALSE**. **1**
Technology creates new ways to learn for today's students.
- v. Based on your reading of the text, examine in about 40 words how technology helps children to stay motivated during the learning process. **2**
- vi. The three critical forms of intelligence that we see in children today are (Choose the correct option) **1**
I. motivational
II. Creative
III. Instructional
IV. Competitive
V. emotional

A. I, II and III
B. II, III and IV
C. II, III and V
D. I, IV and V
- vii. Find a word from paragraph 5 which means same as 'capability'. **1**
- viii. State one method through which technology encourages more communication between teachers and parents. **1**

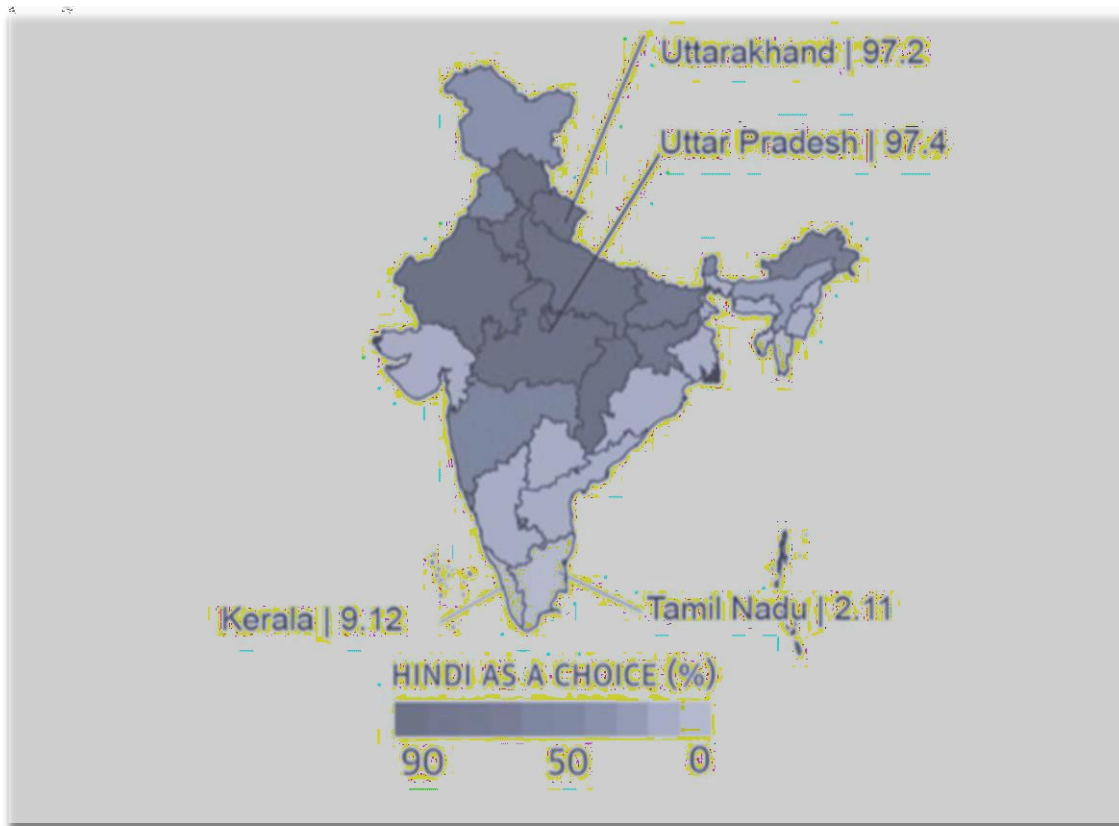
II. Read the passage given below.

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1. People in only 12 out of 35 States (Figures are for undivided Andhra Pradesh) and Union Territories had overwhelmingly chosen Hindi as the first choice for communication. Among the rest, while a few chose Hindi as their second or third language of communication, a majority of them chose English, according to the results of the 2011 Language Census released in 2018. About 43.63% of the total population said their mother tongue was Hindi.
2. The 2011 Census data shows that most Indian States, apart from a handful of States in northern and central India, do not primarily speak Hindi but have adopted the language as a secondary language. Most southern and north-eastern States are not Hindi-speaking and have adopted English as their secondary language. The study recommendations for tourism planners included the need to concentrate on some key areas like enhancement of tourist facilities, tourism financing, focus on community involvement and others for the formulation of a sustainable tourism strategy in the North-East States of India. The given map shows the

State-wise percentage of people who stated that Hindi was their first, second, or third choice of language. Most of the 12 States and Union Territories that chose Hindi as their first choice were located in northern and central India – over 96% of the population in Uttar Pradesh, Delhi, Uttarakhand, and Himachal Pradesh speak Hindi.

3. The share of Hindi-speaking people in Gujarat is significantly lower than most States. The southern and north- eastern states, apart from Arunachal Pradesh and Sikkim, have the lowest proportion of Hindi-speaking population among all states.



Based on your understanding of the passage, answer the questions given below.

- i. Which states have adopted English as their secondary language of communication?

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- I. Southern states of India
- II. Northern states of India
- III. North-Eastern states of India
- IV. Central states of India

- A. I and II
- B. I and III
- C. III and IV
- D. I, II and III

- ii. Based on your reading of the text, examine in about 40 words the study recommendations for tourism planners in the North-Eastern states of India.

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- iii. Hindi speaking population in Arunachal Pradesh is :

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- A. lowest among the north-eastern and southern states.
- B. higher than other north-eastern states.
- C. lowest among the north-eastern states.
- D. higher than other north-eastern and southern states.

- iv. Which state has a lower share of Hindi speaking people than any other state? 1
 A. Gujarat
 B. Tamil Nadu
 C. Kerela
 D. West Bengal
- v. Find a word from Paragraph 2 which means same as **acquired**: 1
- vi. State whether the following statement is **TRUE or FALSE**: 1
 Over 96% of population in Southern India speaks Hindi as their first language of communication.
- vii. According to 2011 census data, which parts of India have not adopted Hindi as a secondary language? 2
- viii. Complete the following analogy correctly with a word from paragraph 1:
 psychology: human mind :: linguistics: _____ 1

SECTION B –GRAMMAR & WRITING SKILLS GRAMMAR

20 MARKS

III. Attempt ANY TEN out of the **TWELVE questions given below.**

1x10=10

- i. Fill in the blank by choosing the correct option to complete the sentence.

The director had come out of the office before I_____.

- A. arrived
 B. arrive
 C. was arrived
 D. had arriving

- ii. Read the conversation between a father and his son. Complete the sentence by reporting the son's reply correctly.

Father: Did you complete your project?

Son: No, it will take another three days.

The father asked his son if he had completed his project. The son replied in the negative and said that_____

- iii. Select the correct option to fill in the blank

I doubt if it_____be of any use calling them so late.

- A. would
 B. could
 C. should
 D. ought

- iv. Select the option that identifies the error and supplies the correction for the following line:

A pleasure in being outdoors is fundamental for human happiness.

Option No.	Error	Correction
a)	being	be
b)	A	The
c)	is	are
d)	In	at

- v. Complete the given sentence, by filling in the blank with the correct option:
When he died, Ramanujan _____ behind three notebooks.
A. was leaving
B. had left
C. left
D. leaves
- vi. Fill in the blank by using the correct form of the word in the bracket.
The furniture in his house _____ (arrange) by his grandparents last week.
- vii. Report the dialogue between Anita and Seema, by completing the narration.
Anita : Do you know how to swim?
Seema : Yes I know. I have learnt it during this summer vacation.
Anita asked Seema _____. Then Seema replied in the affirmative and also added that she had learnt it during the summer vacation.
- viii. Identify the error in the given sentence and supply the correction.
The movie, including all the previews, take about two hours to watch.
Use the given format for your response:

error	correction

- ix. Transform the following direct speech into reported speech:
He said to us, “Why are you all sitting about there doing nothing?”
- x. Fill in the blank by choosing the correct option, to complete the sentence.
You _____ be hungry after all that walking.
A. may
B. must
C. need
D. can
- xi. Select the correct option to complete the narration of the dialogue between a doctor and Mohan.
Doctor: Do you feel stressed lately?
Mohan: Yes, I do not feel happy.
The doctor, while trying to figure out his patient’s ailment, asked if he felt stressed out lately to which the patient replied _____
- xii. Identify the error and supply the correction for the following sentence :
The countries near the Equator are some warmer than the countries farther to the North and South of the globe.
Use the given format for your response:

error	correction

WRITING

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All the names and addresses used in the questions are fictitious. Resemblance, if any, is purely coincidental.

IV.A Last summer vacation you went to your friend's hometown. His grandmother looked after you as if you were her grandchild. Your heart is full of affection for her. Describe her in 100-120 words. You may take the information given below in the input. **5**

Most amazing person –she always puts a smile on our faces-had the funniest laugh-would help anyone no matter what the situation was- always had a welcoming home-made the best idlis and payasam-very understanding and compassionate-kind and caring

OR

IV.B Read the cues and describe the person in 100-120 words. Your teacher of English, Ms. Devyani is a strict teacher but is a favourite of one and all. Write a detailed description of her. **5**

Hints: Disciplined-organised-closely connected to students-friendly teacher-explains concepts easily-employs innovative methods of teaching-up to date in latest information, technologically advanced.

V.A. Using the given prompt, write a short story in about 100-120 words. Add a suitable title to your story. **5**

In the background, I could hear awful commotion, men's voices raised and women screaming. I was at a loss to understand what the matter was. I tried to ignore it and sleep, but the voice was too severe. I could hardly sleep. I was so irritated that I threw my sheet and rushed towards the window. I was aghast to find.....

OR

V.B. Using the given prompt, write a short story in about 100-120 words. Add a suitable title to your story. **5**

Annual Athletic Meet -Ravi participates-prepares for months-wins 100 mts. and 200 mts. - loses 400 mts. by 58 secs.-Champions Trophy-someone else's possession- resolves to work harder- wins by large margin.

VI. Read the given extracts and answer the questions for ANY ONE:

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A. *The two men were hungry. Now that the shops were open, they went to buy some groceries. To their astonishment, they found that everything cost the same, a single duddu — whether they bought a measure of rice or a bunch of bananas, it cost a duddu. The guru and his disciple were delighted. They had never heard of anything like this. They could buy all the food they wanted for a rupee. (In The Kingdom of Fools)*

- i. Who are the two men mentioned in the extract? 1
- ii. 'They had never heard of anything like this' implies _____ 1
 - a) It was new to them
 - b) It was in a different language
 - c) It was unfamiliar and rare.
 - d) It was difficult to understand
- iii. 'To their astonishment, they found that everything cost the same, a single duddu.' 1

Which aspect of the Kingdom would be affected with the equal price of all the items?

 - a) Economy
 - b) Education
 - c) Human resources
 - d) Electricity
- iv. What were the two strange laws in that kingdom? 2

OR

B. *He especially loved mechanical toys. Looking at his newborn sister, Maja, he is said to have said: Fine, but where are her wheels"?*

A headmaster once told his father that what Einstein chose profession wouldn't as a use he'll never make a success at anything.

Einstein began learning to play the violin at the age of six, because his mother wanted him to; he later became a gifted amateur violinist, maintaining this skill throughout his life.

(A Truly Beautiful Mind)

- i. What kind of toys Einstein would prefer as a child? 1
 - a) Mechanical toys
 - b) Bat and ball
 - c) Board games
 - d) Musical instruments
- ii. "Fine, but where are her wheels"? Here **her** refers to _____ 1
- iii. What did the headmaster opine about Einstein? 2
- iv. Einstein used to play violin in _____ 1
 - a) his leisure time
 - b) frequently
 - c) occasionally
 - d) rarely

VII. Read the given extracts and answer the questions for ANY ONE:

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A. *Wind, come softly
Don't break the shutters of the windows.
Don't scatter the papers
Don't throw down the books on the shelf
There, look what you did – you threw them all down.
You tore the pages of the books.
You brought rain again.
You're very clever at poking fun at weaklings.
(Wind)*

- i. The poet makes a request to the _____ in the above lines. **1**
- ii. What does the poet ask the wind to do? **1**
 - a) The poet asks the wind to blow gently.
 - b) To blow over the hills
 - c) To speed up its movement
 - d) To be more ravaging.
- iii. Write about any two destructive activities of the wind? **2**
- iv. Identify the poetic device in the second and third line of the extract? **1**
 - a) Simile
 - b) Metaphor
 - c) Transferred Epithet
 - d) Anaphora

OR

B. *I will arise and go now, and go to Innisfree,
And a small cabin build there, of clay and wattles made:
Nine bean-rows will I have there, a hive for the honey-bee;
And live alone in the bee-loud glade.
(The Lake Isle of Innisfree)*

- i. In the given extract, I refers to _____ **1**
 - a) Robert Frost
 - b) John Keats
 - c) Coates Kinney
 - d) WB Yeats
- ii. Wattles' are used for making: **1**
 - a) cabins and rooms
 - b) wall paper
 - c) covering for roofs and windows
 - d) fences and walls
- iii. The poetic device used in 'hive for the honey-bee' is _____ **1**
- iv. Why does he want to go to Innisfree? **2**

VIII. Answer ANY FOUR out of the FIVE questions from Beehive given below in 40-50 words:
3x4=12

- a. How does Tommy describe the old kind of school? (*The Fun They Had*)
- b. Why was Kezia afraid of her father? (*The Little Girl*)
- c. Where did Bismillah Khan play the Shehnai in 1947? Why was the event historic?
(*Sound of Music Part II*)
- d. What were the two earth-shaking decisions taken by the doctor when he was looking at himself in the mirror? (*The Snake and the Mirror*)
- e. What is the single major memory that comes to the poet? Who are the “darling dreamers” he refers to? (*Rain on the Roof*)

IX. Answer ANY TWO out of the THREE questions given below from MOMENTS in 40-50 words :
3x2=6

- a. How did Toto take a bath? How did he learn to do this? (*The Adventures of Toto*)
- b. Why did the guru want to leave this Kingdom quickly? Why did the disciple stay on?
(*In The Kingdom of Fools*)
- c. Why does the author say that Iswaran seemed to more than make up for the absence of a TV in Mahendra’s living quarters? (*Iswaran The Storyteller*)

X. Answer ANY ONE of the following questions from BEEHIVE in 100-120 words: 6x1=6

- a. Evelyn Glennie’s deafness was more than compensated by other parts of her body so far as the music was concerned. Discuss with reference to *Sound of Music (Part I)*.

OR

- b. ‘Albert Einstein was a scientific genius as well as a ‘World Citizen’ who worked to promote peace and democracy in the world.’ Comment on the above statement with reference to the lesson ‘A Truly Beautiful Mind.’ (*A Truly Beautiful Mind*)

XI. Answer ANY ONE of the following questions from MOMENTS in 100-120 words: 6x1=6

- a. Describe the character of the child as depicted in the short story *The Lost Child*.

OR

- b. How did the Grandfather take Toto to Saharanpur? Why does the Ticket-Collector insist on calling Toto a dog? (*The Adventures of Toto*)
