**SINDHI HIGH SCHOOL,HEBBAL**

**III PREBOARD EXAMINATION [2023-24]**

**SUBJECT: ENGLISH LANGUAGE & LITERATURE(184)**

**SET-I**

**Class : X Max. Marks: 80**

**Date : 29/01/2024**

**No. of sides: 8**

**General Instructions:**

* **15 minute prior reading time is allotted for Question paper reading.**
* **All Questions are compulsory.**
* **The Question Paper has 3 Sections.**
* **Section A (Reading), Section B (Writing and Grammar), Section C (Literature)**
* **Attempt questions based on specific instructions for each part.**

**SECTION A- READING 20 M**

**Q1. Read the passage given below:**

**MIND MANAGEMENT**

1. Mind management is a way to control one’s mind. To do this, we need to be cautious about our thinking process and also need a high level of understanding and meditation as well. Understanding is wisdom -80% of people are knowledgeable, while 20% are wise. Knowledgeable people take sides without reason. They feel sad seeing deprived people but jealous when they see happy people. They work in the guidance of others’ inspiration, take unnecessary responsibility to keep themselves disturbed.
2. A wise person does not stand for or against any idea without concrete reason. He works according to the situation and capacity. He looks at everything intellectually .To him, failure is a stepping stone for future success .So depression and conflict are not seen. Like the phrase ‘ Stop, Look, Go’, first one should see, and this needs patience. Meditation is necessary to control and manage mind which then becomes an easy task.
3. Unless we control or manage our mind, it is difficult to achieve success and peace. Psychologists say every interest is first born in the mind as a seed. It then continues to grow. Later it takes its real form which everybody can see. The interest that first appears in the mind remains weak for the first 3 minutes and it becomes strong within the next 5 minutes. All the negative aspects should be deleted within the first 3 minutes. If not taken out, they would become stronger later and you can never throw them out. After taking control over the mind, we can control passion, interest and unrest. Mind management is essential for a peaceful, successful and healthy life.

4. The age of computers has thrown us on the escalator of aspirations but has robbed us of simple charms like falling asleep .The compulsions of hectic schedules burden the mind and cause stress. However, the joys that elude us can be regained by practising power meditation. It creates tranquility, simplifies life and cleanses the mind .It helps control indolence, ego and anger and builds confidence and patience. With power meditation, negative thoughts get dissipated and a sense of happiness is achieved.

**Based on your reading of the passage, complete/answer the following:**

i).Mind management is essential for .

## 1M

ii) Mention any two traits exhibited by knowledgeable people.

## 2M

iii )The age of computers has robbed us of simple charms of life. True/False.

## 1M

iv) Which of the following statement is False? 1M

* 1. A wise man stands for or against an idea with concrete reason.
  2. He does not lament failure
  3. He adapts to situations effectively.
  4. He takes sides without reason.

v. Mention a few benefits of power meditation in 30 words.

## 2M

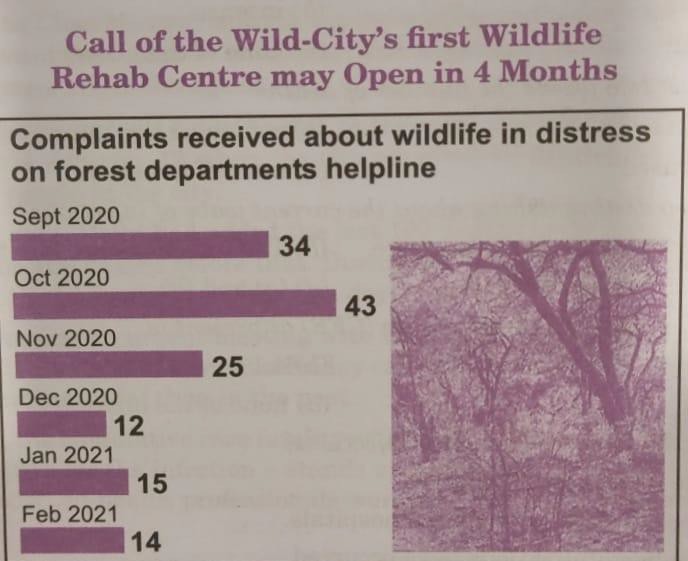
vi. The age of computers has thrown us on the escalator of aspirations. What is your interpretation of this

statement? 1M

vii. Find a word from the passage which is an antonym of **abstract. (Para 2)** 1M

viii. Find a word which means ‘**to escape from or avoid’** 1M

# a)Elude b) dissipate c) aspirations d) indolence

**Q2. Read the passage given below:**

1. After ridge management board recently gave clearance to Delhi’s first wildlife rescue-cum- rehabilitation centre at Rajokri, forest officials said the facility was expected to become operational by July. The project has been pending for over 3 years.
2. “We will make a fresh detailed project report to chalk out the capacity and other requirements”, said a senior forest official. Compensatory Afforestation Fund Management and Planning Authority has sanctioned a budget of nearly Rupees 1 crore for the project, the official added.

3. As the Delhi Forest Department lacks proper manpower and equipment to help wild animals in need, most of the cases are transferred to 2 NGOs. Some cases were reported last year when the forest department could not immediately rescue or treat injured wild animals after they strayed out of their habitat. At times, the rescue operation stretches for days.

1. “The forest and wildlife department does not have its own veterinarian and rescue vehicle. The department seeks help of National Zoological Park and the process of treatment at times gets delayed in coordinating with the Delhi Zoo. If a big animal is rescued, the forest department faces difficulty in shifting the animal without a proper rescue vehicle”, said an official.
2. According to the department, it had received 141 calls on its helpline number from September 2020 to this February about wildlife in distress. As the forest department seeks NGOs help, many local people often directly contact them. Most of the complaints for animal rescue are received in the monsoon due to the rise in man- reptile cases. “When our rescue teams will be operational, the number of calls may increase”, said an official.
3. National green tribunal had created the post of veterinarian and two compounders for the centre.” As these two are new posts, the appointment process is yet to begin,” said an official
4. According to sources, a monkey rescue centre at Rajokri is lying abandoned for the past many years and it was announced in 2017 that a bird rescue centre would come up. However, a committee constituted by the Supreme Court had pointed out that a bird rescue centre was not required as just a few species like kites and pigeons would be treated. Rather, as a large number of reptiles enter human habitation during monsoon while wild animals, including Nilgai and Mongoose, stray into the city, there is a need for wildlife rescue centre , it had added.

**On the basis of your understanding the passage, answer the questions that follow:**

i)What is sad about the rescue cum rehabilitation centre? (1m)

ii)There is a greater need of a wildlife centre than a bird rescue centre because \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_and

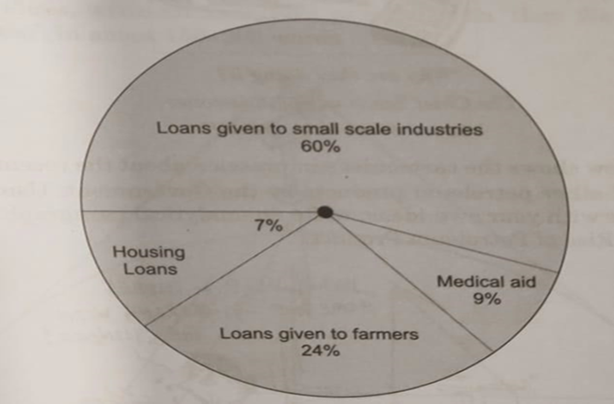
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| . |  | (2m) |
| iii) What is yet to be done to make the project operational? |  | (1m) |
| a) Waiting for government nod |  |  |
| b) Making a fresh detailed report |  |  |
| c) Putting the project on paper |  |  |
| d) None of the above. |  |  |
| iv) What ails the Delhi Forest Department in discharging its wildlife duties? |  | (1m) |
| v) What happened to wild animals when they strayed out of their habitat? |  | (1m) |
| a) They were caught |  |  |
| b) They were killed |  |  |
| c) They were injured |  |  |
| d) None of the above. |  |  |
| vi) What problems does the forest and wildlife department face? |  | (1m) |
| a) No veterinarian b) No rescue vehicle c) Only a d) a and b |  |  |
| vii) What difficulty is faced when a big animal is rescued? (1m)  viii) Find a word from the Para 7 which is an antonym of **inhabited** and frame a  sentence using the same. (2m)    **WRITING AND GRAMMAR 20 M**  **Q3. Attempt any 10 of the following, as directed: (1x10=10)**  i) The group of students were punished for misbehaviour. (Edit the sentence)   |  |  | | --- | --- | | Error | Correction | |  |  |     ii) After \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_ a week in the cottage, he decided that he did not really enjoy  the countryside. (Choose the correct option)  a). Spending b). Have spent c). Spent d). Spend  iii) Rahul to Varun: Do you know that David was hit by a two wheeler yesterday?  (Change to Reported Speech)  iv) Ideas rule the world. (Change the voice)  a) Rule the world with ideas.  b) Let ideas rule the world.  c) The world is ruled by ideas.  d) World will be ruled by ideas.  v) I don’t see why you \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_ borrow his bicycle. You have one of your own.  (Choose the correct option)  a) Should b) Could c) May d) Might  vi) There is \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_sugar in the tin for a cup of tea. (Choose the correct option)  [ a) Enough b) Much c) More d) Any  vii) The train is running late. We for an hour.  a) Would wait  b) Should have to wait  c) Will have to wait  d) May be waiting.  viii) My brother has drawn this landscape. (Change the Voice)  ix) Sai said to Manu, “I fear there will be retribution for my dissent.”  (Change to Reported Speech)  a) Sai told Manu that he feared that there will be retribution for his dissent.  b) Sai told Manu that he feared that there would be retribution for his dissent.  c) Sai told Manu that he fears that there would be retribution for his dissent.  d) Sai told Manu that he fears that there will be retribution for his dissent.  x) I will not be able to make tea for you. There is \_\_\_\_\_\_\_ milk left in the vessel.    a) any b) little c) a little d) some.  xi) Man’s urge to communicate \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_ his associates brought speech and  writing. (Fill in the blank with an appropriate word)  xii) Nationalism is the love for one’s country but the willingness to defend it.  (Edit the sentence)   |  |  | | --- | --- | | ERROR | CORRECTION | |  |  |   **Q4. Attempt any one from A and B given below: 5M**  A)You are Radha /Anil of 162, Kakatya Nagar, Hyderabad. Last week, you bought an  automatic Whirlpool washing machine from Modern Gadgets, Naimpalli,  Hyderabad. Now you find that the machine is not cleaning clothes properly and  making an unbearable noise. Write a letter to the Manager of the store complaining  about the same and requesting him to change the washing machine at the earliest.  **OR**  B) You are Tarun, a resident of 96, Model Town, Bhopal. Write a letter to the Editor  of The Hindustan Times, telling him about the nuisance of loudspeakers in your  area.  **Q5.Attempt any one from A and B given below: 5M**  **A)** A survey was conducted on why teens under-perform at school. Using the  information given below, write an analytical paragraph in about 120-150 words.  Lack of motivation/dedication – 15%  Poor work habits/Study skills- 15%  Problems at home or with peers- 20%  Emotional and behaviour problems\_ 30%  Lack of discipline-15%  Medical problems- 5% |  |  |

**OR**

**B)** Imagine you are the Head of ABC Bank. You have to write an analytical paragraph on its functioning and

how loans are disbursed. Using the information given in the pie chart, write an analytical paragraph in 120

Words.



**SECTION C**

**LITERATURE TEXTBOOK AND SUPPLEMENTARY READING TEXT 40 M**

# Q6A. Read the extract given below and answer the questions that follow:

# He stalks in his vivid stripes

**The few steps of his cage**

**On pads of velvet quiet,**

**In his quiet rage.**

1. The name of the poet is 1
   1. Carolyn Wells B) Elizabeth Jane

C) Robert Frost D) Leslie Norris.

1. What is the literary device in the third line? 1
   1. Metaphor B) Personification

C) Simile D) Anaphora.

3. Who is ‘He ‘in the first line? 1

4. What does ‘quiet rage’ mean? What is the reason for the rage? 2

**OR**

# B. But I can get a hair dye

**And set such colour there Brown or black or carrot That young men in despair May love me for myself alone And not my yellow hair**

1. Who is the speaker of these lines? 1
   1. WB Yeats B) Leslie Norris

C) Anne Gregory D) Poet’s neighbour

1. Young men, according to the speaker, shall love her due to \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_. 1

3. Changing the colour of hair suggests 1

A) That outer beauty is changeable B) That a person’s soul is more important.

C) That men love women with golden hair D) That love is blind.

4.Who, according to the poem, can love us for ourselves alone? Elaborate. 2

# Q7A).Read the extract given below and answer the questions that follow:

**I sat in the back of the car with the box beside me as the driver tore through the streets of Basra like a ricocheting bullet. The aircraft was waiting to take off; I was rushed through to it by infuriated officials. Luckily, the seat booked for me was at the extreme front .I covered the floor around my feet with newspapers, rang for the air hostess and gave her a parcel of fish (for Mij ) to keep in a cool place. I took her into my confidence about the events of the last half hour. I have retained the most profound admiration for that air hostess; she was the very queen of her kind. She suggested that I might prefer to have my pet on my knee, and I could have kissed her hand in the depth of my gratitude.**

1. The driver drove the vehicle like a ricocheting bullet. What does it mean? 1
   1. At breakneck speed
   2. Very slow
   3. Average speed
   4. Slow and steady

2. Find a word from the passage which means the same as ‘very deep’ 1

3. Why were the officials infuriated? 1

4.Why does the author call the air hostess ‘the very queen of her kind’? 2

**OR**

# B. Kisa Gotami became weary and hopeless, and sat down at the wayside watching the lights of the city,

# as they flickered up and were extinguished again. At last the darkness of the night reigned

# everywhere. And she considered the fate of men that their lives flicker up and are extinguished again.

# And she thought to herself: “How selfish am I in my grief! Death is common to all; yet in this valley

# of desolation there is a path that leads him to immortality who has surrendered all selfishness.”

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| 1. What was the cause of Kisa’s grief ? |  | 1 |
| 2. Why did she become weary and hopeless? |  | 1 |
| 3. What does selfishness refer to here?  A) Grief is solely to the one concerned. |  | 1 |
| B) Collecting material things |  |  |
| C) Controlling people |  |  |
| D) Expecting all our desires to come true.  4. What can be achieved by surrendering all selfishness? | 2 |  |

**Q8.Answer any 4 of the following questions in 50 words: 3X4=12**

1. “The oppressor and oppressed alike are robbed of their humanity”, says Nelson Mandela. What does he mean to say? (A Long Walk to Freedom)
2. How was the baker a friend, companion and guide of the children? (Glimpses of India)
3. How did Custard the dragon handle the pirate? (The Tale Of Custard The Dragon)
4. How does the Bengal tiger look? What is so distinct about him? (How To Tell Wild Animals)
5. How do Lomov and Natalya try to prove that their dog is superior to the other’s? (The Proposal)

# Q9. Answer any 2 of the following questions in 50 words: 3X2=6

1. Why was the arrival of a stranger in a village inn an unusual event? Give two reasons.

(Footprints Without Feet)

2. What, according to you**,** is the meaning of the expression- Honour among thieves?

(A Question Of Trust)

3. How did the book change Think-Tank’s opinion about the Earthlings?

(The Book That Saved The Earth)

# Q10. Answer any one of the given questions in 100-120 words: 6M

What is the conflict that is the conveyed through the poem Amanda? Can the conflict be resolved?

Justify your answer.

**OR**

There are many hurdles on the path of success. With focused attention and meticulous planning one can

achieve one’s goals.. How did Valli succeed in fulfilling her desire?

# Q11. Answer any one of the given questions in 100-120 words: 6M

Horace Danby and Hari Singh meet one fine day. Horace has just finished his prison term after his encounter with the lady in red and Hari Singh has returned to Anil’s house from the railway station. Write the conversation in about 120 words.

## **OR**

The Necklace reveals that ‘ Vanity comes before a fall’. It may bring joy for a short period but ultimately it leads to ruin. How far is this statement true with respect to Matilda? If you were placed in a situation similar to that of Matilda, what would you have done? Write your views.

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