

**CLASS-X**

**PRACTICE TEST (2019-20)**

**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 carefully and answer the questions given below : (8)**

I have often thought it would be a blessing if each human being was stricken blind and deaf for a few days at some time during his adult life. Darkness would make him more appreciative of sight, silence would teach him the joy of sound. Now and then I have tested my seeing friends to discover what they see. Recently I asked a friend, who had just returned from a long walk in the woods, what she has observed. "Nothing in particular," she replied. How was it possible I asked myself to walk for an hour through the woods and see nothing worthy of note? I, who cannot see find hundreds of things to interest me through mere touch. I feel the delicate symmetry of leaf. I pass my hands lovingly about the smooth skin of a silver birch or the rough, shaggy bark of a pine. In spring I touch the branches of trees hopefully in search of a bud, the first sign of awakening nature after her winter's sleep. Occasionally if I am fortunate & place my hand gently on a small tree and feel the happy quiver of a bird in full song. At times my heart cries out with longing to see all these things. If I can get so much pleasure from mere touch, how much more beauty must be revealed by sight. And I have imagined what I should must like to see if I were given the use of my eyes, say, just for three days. I should divide the period into three parts. On the first day, I should want to see the people whose kindness and gentleness and companionship have made my life worth living. First I would like to gaze upon the face of my dear teacher, Mr. Anne Sullivan Macy. She came to see me when I was a child. She opened the other world for me.

Questions:

- a) What would make one's blindness more appreciative of sight?  
(i) Blackness (ii) Darkness (iii) Whiteness (iv) Joyfulness
- b) What would silence teach one's deafness?  
(i) Joy of music (ii) Joy of voice (iii) Joy of sound (iv) Joy of speaking
- c) Where did her friend go?

- (i) in a village (ii) in a city (iii) in a town (iv) in a wood
- d)** How could Helen Keller find hundreds of things?
- (i) by mere touch (ii) by voice (iii) by sound (iv) by listening
- e)** Whom would she like to see first if she was given sight?
- (i) Her father (ii) Her teacher (iii) Her brother (iv) Her mother
- f)** Give the noun form of 'observe'?
- (i) Observation (ii) Observasion (iii) Obserwation (iv) Obserwasion
- g)** The plural form of 'leaf' is?
- (i) Leafs (ii) Leaves (iii) Leafen (iv) Leafen
- h)** The verb form of 'thought' is?
- (i) think (ii) thinked (iii) thinks (iv) to think

**(2) Read the passage carefully- (12)**

The Road to Success

1. The Road to success is not straight; there is a curve called failure, a loop called confusion, speed bumps called friends, caution lights called family, and you will have flats called jobs. But, if you have a spare called determination, an engine called perseverance, insurance called faith, and a driver called God, you will make it to a place called success!
2. In spite of all our planning and preparation, unexpected challenges are certain to arise. The bumps in the road are unavoidable, but you'll never get to your destination if you aren't willing to drive over them. The difference between a disaster and triumph lies in whether or not you're prepared and willing to weather the storm. If you're ready, those bumps will become stepping-stones.
3. The key thing to realize is that working harder is same as working smarter. How do you work smarter? You just need to have the right skills. People want improved circumstances and better life without an improved self. They want victory without paying the price or making efforts. It really cannot happen without the other. Any improvements that have not been generated by improving yourself are superficial and short-lived. If you want to have a better future, you have to change yourself. Stop worrying about the various challenges that will come your way. Just believe in yourself and use them as stepping-stones.
4. "Success" is getting whatever you want out of life without violating the rights of others." It is not an accident. Success is the result of our attitude and our attitude is a choice. Hence success is a matter of choice and not chance.
5. Today success represents a holistic and positive attitude to life. Attitude is everything. Success is not restricted within some kind of brick and mortar premises. It assumes the individuality of a complete act executed with perfection; material achievements do not define life. We don't remember sports stars for the products they endorse but the spirit of achievement they represent. In the abundance of positive attitude underline the grandeur of a truly rewarding rich life.

6. Success can be measured from two standpoints—the external and the internal. Externally it is the measure of a job well done and recognition. Internally it the feeling of achievement and wholeness derived from the completion of a task or fulfillment of desire.

**2.1** On the basis of your reading of the above extract answer the following questions in 30-40 words each: (2X4=8)

- (a) What qualities lead one to the place called success?
- (b) What is the difference between disaster and triumph?
- (c) How can one have a better future?
- (d) Describe two ways to measure success.

**2.2** On the basis of your reading of the above extract, answer the following:

- (a) The synonym of ‘victory’ as given in paragraph 2 is
  - (i) Planning (ii) Preparation (iii) Triumph (iv) Challenges
- (b) The synonym of ‘surplus’ as given in paragraph 5 is
- (c) The antonym of ‘Defeat’ as given in paragraph 6 is
  - (i) Recognition (ii) Achievement (iii) Completion (iv) Success
- (d) Find a word from paragraph 6 which means same as ‘Satisfaction/Completion’

**Section B: Writing & Grammar (30 Marks)**

- (3) You are Rohan/Roshni, a resident of 14, Hudson Street, Karnal. You have recently been transferred to Ambala. You have shifted your furniture and other household items using the services of Agrasen Transport Company. You found that some of your furniture has been damaged while being moved. Write a letter in 100 – 120 words to The Manager, Agrasen Transport Company, Hayward Road, Karnal, complaining about the same and demanding compensation for the damaged goods. (100-150 words) (8)

OR

The government has urged the people of India to realize the dream of ‘Clean India’. Write an article describing the measures that people can take for a cleaner and greener India. You are Anju/Amit Kumar (100-150 words)

- (4) Complete the following story- (150-200 words) (10)

Outside a crowded city mall, I saw a crowd pacifying a lady. She was crying bitterly. Her five-year-old son ... ..

OR

Taking cue from the picture given above, write a story in 150-200 words



(5) Fill in the blanks in the sentences given below by choosing the most appropriate options from the ones that follow. Attempt **any four**. Write the answers in your answer sheet against the correct blank numbers. ( $1 \times 4 = 4$ )

- He is averse (a) playing football.  
 The train was derailed (b) no one was hurt.  
 We stayed (c) Kashmir for two weeks.  
 I (d) of his arrival yesterday.  
 I know a place (e) black roses grow.  
 (a) (i) of (ii) for (iii) to (iv) from  
 (b) (i) but (ii) and (iii) if (iv) when  
 (c) (i) into (ii) for (iii) on (iv) in  
 (d) (i) hears (ii) had heard (iii) heard (iv) has heard  
 (e) (i) when (ii) where (iii) how (iv) which

(6) In the following paragraph, one word has been omitted in each line. Write the missing word along with the word that comes before and the word that comes after it against the correct blank number. The first one has been done for you. Attempt **any four**. ( $1 \times 4 = 4$ )

	<i>Word before</i>	<i>Missing word</i>	<i>Word after</i>
It is perfectly natural us to use	e.g. natural	for	us
a dictionary we come across an unfamiliar word.	(a) _____	_____	_____
Some students use dictionary too much which	(b) _____	_____	_____
may not necessary at all. Dictionary may be	(c) _____	_____	_____
used not too much. While reading an article in	(d) _____	_____	_____
a newspaper or a magazine we likely to meet	(e) _____	_____	_____
a number of difficult words.			

(7) Rearrange the following groups of words/phrases to make meaningful sentences : ( $1 \times 4 = 4$ )

- (a) we / insulted / so many / feel / times  
 (b) as a sign / to ignore / of weakness / is taken / an insult  
 (c) to / angry / it / feel / easy / is / very  
 (d) insult / forgiving / greatness / sign of / an / is a

**Section C – Literature (30 Marks)**

(8) Read the extract and answer the questions which follow

**“I agreed that it was pretty disrespectful treatment. We did, however, search the house. Since it was only one storey high, Bill went round it, peering in at all the windows. We examined the barn and stable.” (1X4=4)**

a. Who does ‘I’ refer to-

(i) Sinclair Lewis (ii) Carol Lewis (iii) Oliver Lutkins (iv) Leslie Norris

b. What was Bill’s profession?

(i) Lawyer (ii) hack driver (iii) guide (iv) drama artist

c. The disrespectful treatment faced by the speaker was \_\_\_\_\_

d. The phrase ‘peering in at all windows’ here means \_\_\_\_\_

OR

*The way a crow*

*Shook down on me*

*The dust of snow*

*From a hemlock tree*

**Questions :**

(a) What did the crow do to the hemlock tree?

(b) What was there in the tree at that time?

(c) Where do you think was the poet then?

(d) What is the name of the poem?

(9) Answer any five of the following

a. Why did the pilot think of going back to Paris? (Black Aeroplane)

b. What importance does a baker enjoy in a Goan village?

c. Why was the boy upset on losing his ball?

d. How was Ausable different from other secret agents?

e. Why did the young lawyer wish to return to New Mullion?

f. Was Tricky suffering from any ailment in reality? If not, then what made him inactive and lethargic?

(10) Lencho had faith in God but lacked faith in humanity. Elaborate with reference to

‘A Letter to God’.(100-150 words) (8)

OR

Give a brief character sketch of Anne Frank highlighting the contradictions and conflicts she faced in her short life.

(11) Matilda wanted to live a life above her status. How did this desire of her lead to her sufferings? (100-150 words) (8)

OR

Horace was clever but the lady in red was cleverer. Do you agree with this statement? Justify your answer.

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