

**CLASS X (2019-20)**  
**ENGLISH (CODE 0184)**  
**SAMPLE PAPER-7**

**Time Allowed : 3 Hours**

**Maximum Marks : 80**

**General Instructions :**

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

**SECTION A - READING (20 MARKS)**

1. Read the passage given below and answer the questions that follow: (8 Marks)

1. Mt. Everest has continued to attract ever since June 8, 1924, when two members of a British expedition George Mallory and Andrew Irvine, had first attempted to climb the summit. The two men were last spotted “going strong” for the top, until the clouds perpetually swirling around Everest, engulfed them. They then vanished.
2. Mallory’s body was not found for another 75 years, in May 1999. Ten more expeditions were to follow before the historic climb of Everest for the first time, by Edmund Hillary, a New Zealand beekeeper, and Tenzing Norgay, an acclaimed Sherpa climber. The news of the climb reached England at the time of the coronation of Queen Elizabeth and Hillary became famous overnight, in all of the British Empire. Tenzing on the other hand, became a symbol of national pride across both Nepal and India.
3. Today, Mt Everest is drawing attention for all the negative reasons. The entire route that the climbers follow to reach the top is littered with rubbish and in sore need of cleaning up. The rubbish strewn all over the mountain includes oxygen cylinders, human waste, and even climbers’ bodies which do not decompose in the extreme cold.
4. Under the new regulations passed by the Nepalese government, climbers scaling Everest will have to bring back eight kilograms of garbage. This amounts exclusive of the climbers’ own garbage weight. This measure is taken to restore the pristine nature of the peak.
5. The rule will be applicable to those climbers of Mt Everest who will ascend beyond Everest’s base camp, from April onwards. Climbers who fail to comply with this new rule are likely to be charged and legal action would be taken against them. The action would involve the paying of a fine, or other penalty.
6. Expeditions returning to the base will have to submit their trash at an office to be set up in the precincts of the Everest Base Camp.

1.1 On the basis of your reading of the passage given above, answer the following questions. (1 × 8 = 8)

- (a) The first attempt to scale Mt Everest was made by:

- (i) one Britisher
  - (ii) George Mallory and Andrew Irvine
  - (iii) Andrew Irvine
  - (iv) both (i) and (ii)
- (b) The rubbish strewn all over the mountain includes \_\_\_\_\_ which do not decompose in the extreme cold.
- (i) oxygen cylinders
  - (ii) human waste
  - (iii) climbers’ bodies
  - (iv) all of these
- (c) The news of the climb reached England:
- (i) Mt Everest is drawing attention for all the negative reasons
  - (ii) the coronation of Queen Elizabeth
  - (iii) new regulations were passed by the Nepalese government
  - (iv) both (i) and (ii)
- (d) Climbers who fail to comply with this new rule are likely
- (i) to be put in prison
  - (ii) pay a fine
  - (iii) to be charged and legal action would be taken against them
  - (iv) both (i) and (ii)
- (e) George Mallory and Andrew Irvine became the victims of :
- (i) intense heat of sunlight
  - (ii) storm
  - (iii) heavy rain
  - (iv) swirling clouds around Everest
- (f) Every climber of the Mt Everest has to bring a certain amount of garbage. It:
- (i) proves that he/she reached the mountain peak
  - (ii) maintains cleanliness of the mountain peak
  - (iii) proves that he/she indeed has strength
  - (iv) is done to create a new mountain
- (g) Mallory’s body was not found for another \_\_\_\_\_ years, in May 1999.
- (h) Under the new regulations passed by the Nepalese government, climbers scaling Everest will have to bring back ten kilograms of garbage. (True/False)

**Ans :**

- (a) (ii) George Mallory and Andrew Irvine
- (b) (iv) all of these
- (c) (ii) the coronation of Queen Elizabeth
- (d) (iii) to be charged and legal action would be taken

against them

- (e) (iv) swirling clouds around Everest
- (f) (ii) maintains cleanliness of the Mountain peak
- (g) 75
- (h) False

2. Read the passage given below and answer the questions that follow: 12

1. Deserts are usually hot and barren places; yet, they are also beautiful. A few plants, rocks and dusty red-brown soil make up the ingredients of most North American deserts where there is sufficient food and water for certain animals to survive.
2. One famous dry and hot place in the world with no visible rock or plant barely any water is the Sahara Desert. It is the largest desert in the world and is located in Northern Africa. It gives the impression of an ocean of pure white sand. Surprisingly, the Sahara is home to many strange animals.
3. These animals have survived over many generations because they were able to adapt to their particular conditions. However, a certain number of species were unable to adapt fast enough to their environment and so died out. One of the most interesting animals in the Sahara is the sand stink which in French means 'fish of the desert'. The sand stink behaves just like a fish except that instead of in water, it 'swims' through the sand. Its legs act as fins and the hard scales on its skin act as armor helping it move through the sand. A piece of transparent skin protects its eyes as it swims through the sand. Its eggs are covered with skin to prevent dehydration.
4. Another desert animal that hides from the sun is the desert shrimp. The lifespan of these tiny animals is only about two weeks because that is about when puddles of water from desert rainstorms dry up. They are able to survive in the hot conditions, but without their main source of survival, they dehydrate and are virtually roasted to death.
5. One of the rare animals able to bask in the desert sun is the camel. For many hundreds of years, the camel has been the 'horse of the desert', helping travellers across the desert. This 'horse' is slow-moving, yet it is big and strong enough to carry extremely heavy loads. The camel has larger feet almost like snowshoes. This characteristic prevents it from sinking into the sand.
6. A camel is able to drink up to one hundred and eighteen liters of water in a day. Once it is full, it can move for five to seven days without water, carrying its own portable 'water tank'. Its humps help to store fats which serve as a storage of strength, removing the need for food, sometimes for a week. In fact, the humps become smaller as the camel consumes the fats stored. They also help to regulate the camel's temperature.

2.1. On the basis of your reading of the passage, answer the following questions in 30-40 words:

(2 × 4 = 8)

- (a) How much water is a camel able to drink up in a day? What is the use of its hump?
- (b) Name one of the interesting animals in the Sahara. Describe it.
- (c) What prevents camel to sink into the sand?

(d) Why can only certain animals survive in the North American deserts?

Ans :

- (a) A camel is able to drink up one hundred and eighteen litres of water. Its humps help to store fats which serve as a storage of strength, removing the need for food.
- (b) One of the interesting animals in the Sahara is the sand stink which is known as 'fish of the desert' in French. The sand stink behaves as fish except that in water it swims through the sand.
- (c) The camel has large feet almost like snowshoes. This characteristic almost prevents it from sinking into the sand.
- (d) Only certain animals can survive in the North American deserts because sufficient food and water is there to survive.

2.2. On the basis of your reading of the above passage, answer the following. (1 × 4 = 4)

- (a) In para 2, the word which means 'opinion' is
  - (i) impression
  - (ii) barely
  - (iii) located
  - (iv) sufficient
- (b) The synonym of 'small pool' as given in para 4 is
- (c) \_\_\_\_\_ The antonym of 'unknown' as given in para 2 is
  - (i) \_\_\_\_\_
  - (ii) hot
  - (iii) barely
  - (iv) visible
- (d) The antonym of 'common' as given in para 5 is \_\_\_\_\_

Ans :

- (a) (i) impression
- (b) puddle
- (c) (i) famous
- (d) rare

## SECTION B - WRITING & GRAMMAR (30 MARKS)

3. Write an article on the topic "Save Nature, Save Mankind" with the help of the following value points in about 100-150 words. (8 Marks)

- Increased human population
- Decreased forest area
- Extinction of wild animals reasons being encroaching, poaching
- Loss of habitat
- Break in food chains

or

You are Narendra sharma/Nitin sharma, Head, Fitness Group of Gold Gym, 234, Ram Vihar, Delhi. You wish to purchase certain herbal medicines and wellness products. Write a letter to the Store Manager, M/s East India, 54, Preet Vihar, Delhi placing an order for the specific products required by you.

Ans :

### Save Nature, Save Mankind

The delicate balance of Nature has been disturbed due to increased population of human beings. The activities of mankind have led to decrease in the green

cover comprising forest land. This has resulted in many wild animals getting extinct or reaching the brink of extinction. Increased population results in clearing of forest lands. Encroaching is done for farming, leading to decrease in living space for wild animals. Poaching for skins, rhino horns, elephant turks, has led to a decrease in their numbers. Not only has the loss of habitat played havoc but the greed for animal products has caused the dwindling of the species of tigers, rhinoceros, crocodile and many of the birds. This has adversely affected the food chains. There is an urgent need for afforestation and strict implementation of forest laws. More wildlife sanctuaries are needed to protect the forest land. More voluntary agencies need to be active and work for Gandhiji's message 'Nature has enough for men's need but not for men's greed.'

or

Gold Gym  
234, Ram Vihar  
Delhi-110087  
30th July, 20xx  
The Store Manager  
East India  
Preet Vihar  
Delhi-110092

**Sub:** Order for herbal medicines and wellness products  
Sir,

We have recently opened a fitness centre at Ram Vihar and hence we require certain herbal medicines and wellness products. You are the biggest wholesale suppliers of products and offer the most competitive prices and prompt services.

The order is as follows:

Sr. No.	Medicines / Wellness Products	Brand	Quantity (Satchets)
1.	Neem Power (100 gm)	Herbal life	250
2.	Aloe Vera Gel (500 ml)	D.W.C.	500
3.	Gooseberry Candy (250 gm)	Organics India	500
4.	Coffee Beans Extract (50 gm)	Organics India	1000
5.	Bitter Gourd Pills (10 pills)	D.W.C.	500
6.	Protein Shakes (250 gm)	D.W.C.	1500

We expect at least 15% discount and proper packing of the product. In case of any damage in transit, the goods will be returned at your cost. Payment would be made by cheque once the consignment is received, we expect prompt delivery within a week.

Thanking you

Yours faithfully  
Narendra sharma (Head, fitness group)

4. Develop the following outline into a story of about

150-200 words.

(10 Marks)

**Outlines:** Mrs. Shivani Kapoor/walking with a heavy basket/two under aged bikers/jumped the red light/hit her/snatched diamond necklace/cried/young man and a couple helped to catch/finally Mrs. Shivani advised to follow traffic signals.

or

**Develop a story with the help of the following opening line.**

Once there lived a king Shibi Thakur. He was just and powerful .....

**Ans :**

Mrs. Shivani was walking on the road carrying a heavy basket full of vegetables. The road was deserted at this time of the evening. Suddenly a bike with two under aged boys passed by her side. At the zebra crossing, Mrs. Shivani was crossing the road. Instead of stopping at the red-light, both the boys jumped the red light, hitting Mrs. Shivani. Actually they thought to snatch the diamond necklace which Mrs. Shivani was wearing at that time. The biker took his bike close to the lady and the pillion rider pulled her diamond necklace. Mrs. Shivani lost her balance and fell down. Hearing her cries, a young man rushed to help her. He chased the two boys in his car and caught up with their bike. He stopped them with great difficulty. The two boys, were given a sound beating and thereafter the young was about to handover them to the police but Mrs. Shivani Kapoor forgave the under aged bike riders and advised them to follow traffic rules as they are meant for the people's safety and also not to get involved in habit of stealing.

or

Once there lived a king named Shibi Thakur. He was just and powerful king. He was famous for his truthfulness and kindness towards the poor. People loved him like God. So God Indra and God Agni made a plan to test his kindness. One day the king was sitting on the throne. Suddenly he saw a dove landed on his hand. It was frightened. Just then, an eagle also entered the hall. The dove seeing the eagle said to the king, "My lord, this cruel eagle wants to kill me." The eagle said to the king, "This dove is mine. So I request you to return my dove." The king said, "The poor dove has come to me for protection. If I don't help it, it will be a great injustice. The God will punish me and my Kingdom. My Kingdom shall not be blessed with rain and crops. So you may ask for anything, I am ready to give you instead of this dove." The cruel and clever eagle thought for a moment and asked the king, "Give me an equal quantity of flesh from your body." The courtiers were surprised. But the king was happy to keep his promise. The scales and the sword were brought there at the order of the king. The dove was placed on one of the sides of scale. The attendant cut a piece of flesh from the right side of the king's body and kept on the scale. But the dove weighted more. He kept more flesh but the dove remained the heavier. The king was sad, he agreed to give himself fully to the eagle. The courtiers became angry towards the eagle. Suddenly the hall was filled with a bright light. Nobody could see anything. In that light, the dove and the eagle became God Indira

and Agni. They were pleased with Shibi Thakur and blessed him and his kingdom.

5. Fill in the gaps by choosing the most appropriate words from the options given below. (1 × 4 = 4)  
 Maria father taught mathematics (a) \_\_\_\_\_ physics in secondary school and shared his passion for learning and knowledge (b) \_\_\_\_\_ his children. The formative years left (c) \_\_\_\_\_ indelible impression on young Maria. Her contributions such as the discovery of Radium (d) \_\_\_\_\_ other key elements help us out everyday.

- (a) (i) and (ii) or  
 (iii) both (iv) of  
 (b) (i) to (ii) but  
 (iii) with (iv) and  
 (c) (i) the (ii) an  
 (iii) a (iv) some  
 (d) (i) but (ii) which  
 (iii) and (iv) who

**Ans :**

- (a) (i) and  
 (b) (iii) with  
 (c) (ii) an  
 (d) (iii) and

6. The following passage has not been edited. There is one error in each line. Write the incorrect word and the correction against each line of the passage. (1 × 4 = 4)

**Incorrect Correction**

Global warming e.g. increase increases  
 increase the

rate of rise on sea (a)  
 levels and

have led to a (b)  
 dramatic increase

is coastal flooding (c)  
 risks. Much small

islands like Maldives (d)  
 face the risk to

getting submerged  
 in the near future.

**Ans :**

	<b>Incorrect</b>	<b>Correction</b>
(a)	on	in
(b)	have	has
(c)	much	many
(d)	to	of

7. Rearrange the following groups of words and phrases to form meaningful sentences: (1 × 4 = 4)  
 (a) cultural/of/the/anticipated/carnival/festival/Hornbill/most/is/Nagaland/the  
 (b) Located in Northeast India/state/very/is/beautiful/Nagaland/diverse/ethnically/a/and  
 (c) Hornbill/the/named/is/Indian/after/the/festival  
 (d) Naga/worn/the/traditional/festivities/often/on/

is/headgears/displayed/hornbill/during/worn/tribal

**Ans :**

- (a) The Hornbill festival is the most anticipated cultural carnival of Nagaland.  
 (b) Located in Northeast India, Nagaland is very a beautiful and ethnically diverse state.  
 (c) The festival is named after the Indian Hornbill.  
 (d) The Hornbill is often displayed on the traditional tribal headgears worn during Naga festivities.

## SECTION C - LITERATURE

**(30 MARKS)**

8. Read the extracts given below and answer the questions that follow: (1 × 4 = 4)

What is the boy now, who has lost his ball  
 What, what is he to do? I saw it go  
 Merrily bouncing, down the street, and then  
 Merrily over — there it is in the water!

(a) The boy has lost:

- (i) his bat (ii) his ball  
 (iii) his toy (iv) his temper

(b) After losing the ball he:

- (i) is worried (ii) doesn't care  
 (iii) is not concerned (iv) is in a fix what to do

(c) The poet saw the ball merrily bouncing down the

(d) \_\_\_\_\_ the ball fell into \_\_\_\_\_

**or**

It was a magnificent view. Against the backdrop of densely wooded hills a sea of tea bushes stretched as far as the eye could see. Dwarfing the tiny tea plants were tall sturdy shade-trees and amidst the orderly rows of bushes busily moved doll-like figures. In the distance was an ugly building with smoke billowing out of tall chimneys.

(a) Against the backdrop of densely wooded hills, a sea of tea bushes:

- (i) was a good view  
 (ii) was not a very attractive view  
 (iii) was a typical view of a hill station  
 (iv) was a magnificent view

(b) Dwarfing the tiny tea plants:

- (i) were tiny shady trees  
 (ii) were short shady trees  
 (iii) were tall trees  
 (iv) were tall sturdy shady trees

(c) Amid the row of bushes busily moved \_\_\_\_\_

(d) In the distance was an \_\_\_\_\_ building.

**Ans :**

- (a) (ii) his ball  
 (b) (iv) in a fix what to do  
 (c) street  
 (d) the water

**or**

- (a) (iv) was a magnificent view  
 (b) (iv) were tall sturdy shady trees  
 (c) doll-like figures



(d) ugly

9. Answer any five of the following questions in 30-40 words each: (2 × 5 = 10)
- (a) What happened when Maxwell took Mijbil to the bathroom? What did Mijbil do two days after that?
  - (b) Why did Prince Siddhartha (Gautama) leave the palace and become a monk?
  - (c) How did Mr. Loisel purchase a suitable costume for his wife?
  - (d) In what respect was Bholi different from her sisters?
  - (e) Nothing is immortal in this universe. Fire and ice are very powerful things. They will destroy it. But hatred is more powerful. Explain.
  - (f) Why did Hari Singh (the thief) want to become an educated man? Who helped him in it?

**Ans :**

- (a) When Maxwell took Mijbil to the bathroom, it became wild with joy for about half an hour. Then it rolled and plunged into it. After two days it went itself and struggled with the chromium tap till it had a full flow. It was very much happier with the water.
- (b) While going out for hunting Prince Siddhartha saw a sick man, an aged man and then a funeral procession. Then he saw a beggar begging for alms. These sights mourned him very much. He realised that the world is full of sorrows. He thus turned into a monk.
- (c) Matilda's husband i.e. Mr. Loisel had saved substantial amount of money to buy a gun for him. His wife had declined to attend the ball unless he purchased a party dress for her. Therefore he had to go for the idea of buying the gun. The entire four hundred francs were spent on buying the costume.
- (d) Bholi was the weakest and youngest child of Ramlal. Bholi had ugly looks and absence of brain. Her sisters Radha Mangla and Champa were healthy, strong and good looking. They had been happily married.
- (e) It is a universal truth that nothing is immortal in this universe. Every thing has to destroy one day. Fire and ice will not leave anything. The poet also supports those who favour fire. But the feeling of hatred is more dangerous than fire and ice. Hatred will destroy it into pieces. This feeling will spoil the humanity from this earth that is the human ornament.
- (f) Hari Singh wanted to become an educated man because an educated man can earn and get everything in his life. Anil wanted to help him in this work. He started giving him lessons in English.

10. Answer any one of the following questions in about 100-150 words. (8 Marks)  
Write a character sketch of Natalya Stepanovna. (100-150 words)

**or**

How is a baker synonymous with Goan village?

**Ans :**

Natalya Stepanovna is the only daughter of Stepan Stepanovich Chubukov. She is about twenty-five. She is a well educated woman and can serve as a good housewife. She possesses all the good traits of head and heart. She is very much attached to her household belongings and does not want to part with them. At this age, she has become love-sick. There visits Lomov and both have a hearty-talk. There arises a long controversy over the Oxen Meadows since both are the claimants of the said property. Till then she does not know that Lomov has come for her. Her father calls Lomov a blind hen who has come with a proposal for her. Immediately she softens and asks her father to call back Lomov.

**or**

Although the Portuguese had left the shores of Goa long back the tradition and practices still remain. This also includes the baker and his bread. The baker still moves around the roads making a certain noise which announces his arrival. The noise not only pleased the ears but was also liked by the children who would rush to buy his sweet bread. The would literally only start with the arrival of the baker and the lady to the house would come out to buy his bread.

11. Answer any one of the following questions in about 100-150 words. (8 Marks)  
What does Bill say about Lutkin's character to the narrator? (100-150 words)

**or**

Describe Bholi's first day experience at school. Did she enjoy it? Give a reasoned answer.

**Ans :**

The Hack Driver is a story of gripping interest. It depicts a battle of wits between a country folk and a city born lawyer. In fact lawyer is the narrator himself. The narrator had failed to locate Lutkins, still he was excited about meeting a man like Bill. Bill was Lutkins himself. He exploited narrator's simple nature. Bill gives funny picture of Oliver Lutkins. He says that Lutkins never pays a cent to anyone. He plays poker very much. He drove the narrator to the different places in his village. He pretended that he was looking for Lutkins when he was Lutkins himself in real life. Bill keeps the narrator out of sight and talks to the shopkeeper and even to his own mother.

**or**

Bholi did not wish to go to school. But her father forced her and took her to school. When they reached the school, the children were already in their classrooms. Bholi looked at the headmistress with fear-laden eyes. The headmistress asked Bholi to sit down in a corner in one of the classrooms. The teacher who was in the class was saying something to the girls but Bholi could understand nothing. she looked on the pictures on the wall. The teacher talked to her very politely and gave her a book. Bholi was assured that she would be able to read the book within a month. Her heart throbbed with a new hope and a new life.