

PRE-BOARD EXAMINATION TERM II (2021-22)
CLASS-X
ENGLISH – LANGUAGE AND LITERATURE (184)

TIME ALLOWED: 2 HRS.

MAXIMUM MARKS: 40

General Instructions:

1. The Question Paper contains THREE sections - READING, WRITING & GRAMMAR and LITERATURE.
2. Attempt questions based on specific instructions for each part.

SECTION A- READING (10 marks)

1. Read the passage given below.

I saw ‘Jaws’, the popular shark movie, the summer it came out, in 1975 and became paranoid about sharks. Though I kept swimming after Jaws, it was always with the vague fear that a shark’s teeth could tug on my leg at any moment. Never mind that there’d been only two shark bites since 1900 on the Connecticut coast, where I lived.

So, when I got this assignment for the National Geographic magazine, I decided to accept and do what I’d never wanted to do: swim with the sharks. I had to go to a place in the Bahamas known as Tiger Beach and dive with tiger sharks, the species responsible for more recorded attacks on humans than any shark except the great white. It was to be my first dive after getting certified—which meant it would be my first dive anywhere other than a swimming pool or a quarry—and without a diver’s cage. Most people who got wind of this plan thought I was either very brave or very stupid.

But I just wanted to puncture an illusion. The people who know sharks intimately tend to be the least afraid of them, and no one gets closer to sharks than divers. The divers who run operations at Tiger Beach speak lovingly of the tiger sharks the way people talk about their children or their pets. In their eyes, these sharks aren’t man-eaters any more than dogs are.

The business of puncturing illusions is never just black and white. My fellow divers had hundreds of dives under their belt and on the two-hour boat ride to the site in the morning of our first dive, they kept saying things like, “Seriously, I really can’t believe this is your first dive.” All this was okay with me until I reached the bottom and immediately had to fend off the first tiger shark, I had ever laid eyes on. However, when I watched the other divers feeding them fish and steering them gently, it became easy to see the sharks in a very benign light.

I think it would be unfair not to mention that though tiger sharks are apex predators. They act as a crucial balancing force in ocean ecosystems, constraining the numbers of animals like sea turtles and limit their behaviour by preventing them from overgrazing the sea grass beds. Furthermore, tiger sharks love warm water, they eat almost anything, have a huge litter and are the hardest shark species. If the planet and its oceans continue to warm, some species will be winners and others will be losers, and tiger sharks are likely to be winners.

Based on your understanding of the passage, answer ANY FIVE questions from the six given below. 1*6

- i. State any one trait of the writer that is evident from the first two paragraphs and provide a reason for your choice. 1
- ii. People thought the writer was ‘either brave or very stupid’. Why did some people think that he was ‘very stupid’? 1
- iii. Why does the writer say that people who know sharks intimately tend to be least afraid of them? 1

- iv. Rewrite the given sentence by replacing the underlined phrase with another one, from third and fourth paragraph. 1

Some academicians think that reward, as a form of discipline, is a simple right or wrong issue.

- v. What does the use of the phrase ‘benign light’ suggest in the context of the writer’s viewpoint about the tiger sharks? 1
- vi. Apex predators serve to keep prey numbers in check. How can we say that tiger sharks are apex predators? 1

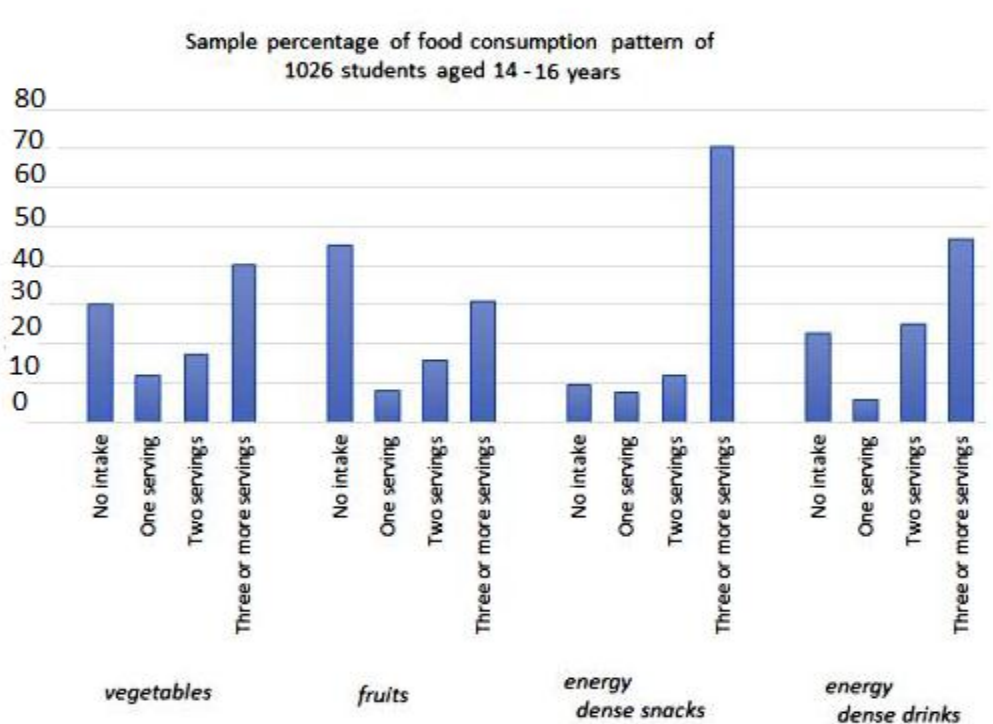
2. Read the passage given below.

Changing food preferences have brought about rapid changes in the structure of the Indian diet. The rapid proliferation of multinational fast-food companies and the influence of Western culture have replaced traditional home-cooked meals with ready-to-eat, processed foods thus increasing the risk of chronic diseases in urban Indians. Therefore, nurturing healthy eating habits among Indians from an early age would help to reduce health risks.

To date, little is known about the quality and quantity of foods and beverages consumed by urban Indian adolescents. This lack of evidence is a significant barrier to the development of effective nutrition promotion and disease prevention measures.

Therefore, a self-administered, semi-quantitative, 59-item meal-based food frequency questionnaire (FFQ) was developed to assess the dietary intake of adolescents. A total of 1026 students (aged 14–16 years) attending private, English-speaking schools in Kolkata completed the survey.

A sample percentage of the food consumption pattern is displayed (Fig. 1)



The survey results report poor food consumption patterns and highlights the need to design healthy eating initiatives. Interestingly, while there were no gender differences in the consumption of legumes and fried snacks, the survey found more females consumed cereals, vegetables and fruits than their male counterparts.

In conclusion, the report suggested that schools ought to incorporate food literacy concepts into their curriculum as they have the potential of increasing the fruit and vegetable intake in

teenagers. Additionally, healthy school canteen policies with improved availability, accessibility, variety and affordability of healthy food choices would support the consumption of nutritious food in students.

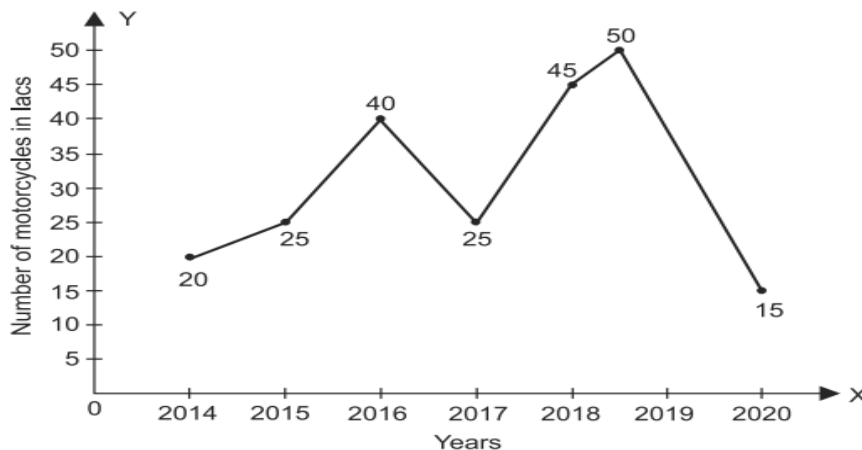
On the basis of your understanding of the passage, answer ANY FIVE questions from the six given below. 1*5

- i. What does the researcher mean by ‘changing food preferences’? 1
- ii. Why was this survey on the food consumption of adolescents undertaken? 1
- iii. With reference to fig.1, write one conclusion about students' consumption of energy-dense drinks. 1
- iv. What can be concluded by the ‘no intake’ data of fruit consumption versus energy dense snacks, with reference to fig.1? 1
- v. There were no gender differences observed in the consumption of healthy foods, according to the survey. Substantiate. 1
- vi. Why is ‘affordability’ recommended as a significant feature of a school canteen policy? 1

SECTION B - WRITING AND GRAMMAR (10 marks)

3. Attempt ANY ONE from i and ii.

- i. The line graph given below shows the number of motorcycles manufactured in Honda Automobile Company from 2014 to 2020. Summarise the information by selecting and reporting the main features. Don't forget to make comparisons where necessary. 5



- ii. You are Vineet/Tanvi, Manager of Perfect Appliances Store, 312, Raja Garden, New Delhi. You wish to purchase various electrical appliances from M/s Khanna Electricals, 25, Bhagirath Palace, Delhi to update your stock. Write a letter of enquiry to the Sales Manager asking for the relevant details about the same in 100-120 words. 5

4. The following paragraph has not been edited. There is one error in each line. Identify the error and write its correction against the correct blank number. Remember to underline the correction. The first one has been done for you. 1*3

	Error	Correction	
Popcorn is a type of corn who expands from the kernel	E.g. who	<u>which</u>	
and puffs up when heated. When heated pressure build	(a)		1
within the kernel, and an small explosion or “pop” is the	(b)		1
end result. There are various techniques off popping corn.	(c)		1

5. Read the conversation between a teacher and student and complete the passage that follows.



I found a Covid-19 patient waiting in the clinic. I (a) sitting there. The Covid-19 patient (b) suffering from high fever and had a running nose. I said that he thought he was Covid-19 affected.

SECTION C- LITERATURE (20 marks)

6. Answer ANY SIX questions in 30-40 words each. 2*6
- i. Can grieving and lamentation avoid death and decay in this world? What did the Buddha say in this regard? 2
 - ii. Why does Amanda escape into the dreamy world of mermaids, fairies and orphans? Does she find any solace there? 2
 - iii. The poem is a light-hearted ballad with a powerful message. If the poem was written in any other style, do you think it would have created the same effect on readers? Justify your response with reason(s). 2
 - iv. Calling someone 'an animal' usually has a negative connotation. How does the poet invert it? 2
 - v. To what end does the playwright employ Lomov's palpitations in the play? 2
 - vi. How did you feel when you read about Bholi being ignored and ill-treated by her parents as a child? 2
 - vii. Why did Oliver Lutkins and his mother laugh at the lawyer (the narrator) when he served the summons? Why did Lutkins take him to his neighbour's house for a cup of coffee? 2
7. Answer ANY TWO of the following in about 120 words each. 4*2
- i. Parents play a crucial role in the upbringing of their children. Richar's mother supported and was like a companion while Bholi's parents were opposite. Critically examine the parents of Bholi and Ebright, highlighting their impact on their children's lives. 4
 - ii. Valli's journey to the town is also her induction into the mystery of life and death. Such real experiences of life make us mature. Do you agree? Elaborate. 4
 - iii. India is known for its old traditions. There is unity in diversity. It is all because we the Indians never forget our culture and tradition. We always cherish the traditional practices. Do you agree? Give your views with reference to 'Glimpses of India'. 4