

TERM II
ENGLISH EXAMINATION- Language and Literature(184)
Class - X
ANSWERS

SECTION A - READING

1. A1	a.	The advantage of allowing every family member to be a part of the decision making process is that it promotes a sense of togetherness and bonding. The disadvantage of the same is that it becomes a source of quarrel among family members.
	b.	In today's world, the parents are asking their kids to take their own decisions from a very early age. The parents ask their kids to choose the cuisine they prefer, the movie they want to see, the holiday they wish to go upon and the subjects they wish to study.
	c.	The two pieces of advice that the writer gives to the parents are : (i) To listen to their children when they are speaking and even when they are silent. (ii) To ensure that they have sometime for their children and spend some quality time with them.
	d.	The passage does support the parents and tells that there are some times when parents need to take measures to lessen the generation gap. The parents take action for the benefit of their children, so steps should not only be taken by children but by parents as well.
	e.	The synonym of 'hurt' is injured .
	f.	The antonym of 'agreeable' as given in paragraph 5 is conflicting .
2. A2	i.	They do not remain uneducated by their own wish but they are forbidden from receiving education because of the patriarchal system in our society.
	ii.	They think it unreasonable because afterwards they would be compelled to spend a heavy amount on their dowry.
	iii.	If we educate a man, we educate an individual but if we educate a woman we educate an entire family.
	iv.	Women in India face problems like female infanticide, dowry, female suicides, domestic battering, malnutrition of women, child marriage and other related atrocities.
	v.	The irony in India is that although the deity of education is a female i.e. Goddess Saraswati according to the Hinduism, innumerable number of women are illiterate.
	vi.	Education of women can do away with the problems faced by women and also help in the development of the country.

SECTION B - WRITING AND GRAMMAR

3.	a.	<p>Gita Public School Baradari Jalandhar 1st March 20XX The Manager Green with Us Chandigarh</p> <p>Subject : Enquiry about landscaping services</p> <p>Dear Sir/Madam This is with reference to your advertisement in the Tribune, dated 25th February 20XX. We are quite impressed by your services and products. We are a reputed school and are interested in employing your services.</p> <p>We want to build a mini golf course and are also looking to have greenhouses to develop eco-friendly values in students. Will you be able to take on the contract and provide outstation services? Would it be possible to complete everything within three months? Do you have your own designers or should we provided the same? Kindly let us know if you use environment-friendly material.</p> <p>Also let us know your charges and other unique and student-friendly products that you may have. We would also like to know if your company gives additional discounts to educational institutions. Kindly share the details on the school's mail at the earliest.</p> <p>Yours sincerely, Manjula Raman Prinicipal</p>
	b.	<p>The given table suggests the internet activities of seven age groups ranging from teens to those in their seventies for six different kinds of activities. The table shows that the younger generation is more interested in online games and news, while the older generation spends time on the internet to research and buy products.</p> <p>It is evident from the table that teens mainly use the internet for games (as high as 81%), news and downloads and are interested in searching for people or friends or doing any product research. The middle-age group (people in 20s to 60s) is highly interested in getting news, doing product research and buying products, the percentage ranging from 70-80%. The internet activity which gets the least time is searching for people. All the age groups spend less than 30% of their internet time on the same. The amount of time spent on downloads decreases with age and gets as low as 6% (for people in 70s).</p> <p>Overall, the table suggests that teenagers are most likely to spend time playing games and doing downloads. On the other side, older people are interested in researching and buying products. People spend the least amount of time searching for other people online.</p>

4.		Sachin Tendulkar is a best cricketer In India. He has play for more than 20 years on the country. He retired from the games last year. He is know for his skill in batting or fielding.	<p style="text-align: center;">Error</p> e.g. a (a) play (b) on (c) know	<p style="text-align: center;">Correction</p> the played for known
5.		Patient: Thank You Doctor. How often should I take the medicine? Doctor: Just take a pill about 30 minutes before going to bed.		

SECTION C- LITERATURE

6.	i.	The title of the poem `Amanda!' has an exclamation mark in it to emphasize the frustration that the mother of this school-going girl named Amanda is inflicting upon her. The poet has used this exclamation mark with Amanda's name throughout the poem just to make reader's feel that Amanda's mother called out her name angrily.
	ii.	The `pretty disrespectful treatment' was the way Lutkin's mother challenged the hack driver and the narrator with a rod in her hand. Holding the rod, she had said that the lawyer might search the house but only if he did not mind getting burnt first. Frightened, they had searched the house, but were still unable to find Lutkins there.
	iii.	Valli was a keen observer as well as a meticulous planner. She had collected all the useful information by observing the passengers everyday and by making discreet inquiries about the timings, duration and fare for the ride. She saved every penny to finance her trips and finally accomplished it by the efficient execution of her plans.
	iv.	Lomov was an unmarried man in his mid-thirties. He couldn't get a bride of his choice but looking at his advancing age and several ailments that he had, he decided to compromise by proposing to Natalya for marriage. Natalya was Chubukov's daughter and Lomov's immediate neighbour. Both the families never got along well. Even after that Lomov thought Natalya to be fairly good-looking well-educated and a great housekeeper. So, Lomov visited Chubukov's home with a proposal to marry his daughter.
	v.	The poem draws a contrast between humans and animals. With the passage of time, humans have forgotten all those good qualities that they possessed and have become uncivilized beasts who are extremely jealous, greedy, egoistic hypocrite, lusty and discontent. However, the animals have been successful to carry the similar virtues that they had in them from the beginning of the world.
	vi.	Bholi was a neglected child in the family. Due to her deep black pock marks, impaired speech and lack of sense, she was considered backward and a simpleton. But due to her teacher's encouragement and sympathetic treatment, she became a bold girl. Later, she even had the courage to reject her marriage as she did not want a husband who disrespected her father.
	vii.	A parent should always be a companion to a child. Ebright's mother was not only his moral support but also his learning partner. She encouraged Ebright to study new aspects of science and for that, she bought him many books.

7.	i.	<p>Curiosity and motivation are the basic foundation for becoming a successful scientist. It is the urge to know more that develops scientific aptitude. One cannot be a rational, well informed person if one does not have curiosity to know more. One has to think differently if one wants to do something different. Richard Ebright is an example. At a very young age Richard Ebright was competitive and he put in extra effort in his work. He was always curious to know more about the things around him. In addition to curiosity and motivation, there are many other values which are required in becoming a successful scientist. One has to be hardworking, sincere, determined and patient. One should never lose hope but should be optimistic. One must accept success and failure in the right spirit. I have learned the value of curiosity, hard work, determination and strong willpower from the character of Richard Ebright.</p>
	ii.	<p>Hello everybody! My name is Bholi and today I am here amongst you all girls to tell you about the importance of being independent, fearless and strong. I was born as a very fair and pretty child but fatefully, when I was just 10 months old, I fell off the cot and a part of my brain was damaged. At the age of two I had small pox which ruined my face with pock-marks. I also stammered as a child. One day, I met my teacher who changed my life. She taught me to read and I stopped stammering gradually. She turned me into an extremely courageous lady. When I grew up my father fixed my marriage to a rich fifty-year-old man who was very greedy. On the day of marriage he asked for fifty thousand rupees as dowry to compensate for my pock-marked face. Then I decided to call off the marriage and spend all my life serving my parents and becoming a teacher myself. That fearless decision changed my life. I broke the stereotype of marrying an old greedy man just because I don't look pretty. So, independence and fearlessness are important for breaking the stereotype. Girls should be educated and never compromise for anything less.</p>
	iii.	<p>Siddhartha Gautama, in his youth had never seen any suffering of human life like weakness, diseases, old-age and death. He was born as a prince in a royal family who lived a luxurious life and was oblivious to the common sufferings of the people. When he saw sufferings of people one day, he realized that nobody is spared by such sorrows. Money and materialistic things can't stop one from reaching death. Buddha then decided to give up all up his riches and comfort of life in search of enlightenment concerning the sorrows and sufferings of human life. However, after enlightenment, Buddha achieved his aim of life and learned that one might rise above all the worldly pleasures to attain peace of mind.</p>