

BUDHA DAL PUBLIC SCHOOL PATIALA
SECOND TERM EXAMINATION (16 December 2024)
ENGLISH
Class - X (Set - B)

Time Allowed: 3 Hours]

[Maximum Marks: 80

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 - Section D: Literature Textbook
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SECTION A : READING SKILLS

(22 Marks)

1. Read the following passage.

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1. A stout lady was walking with her basket down the middle of a street to the great confusion of the traffic and with great peril to herself. It was pointed out to her that the pavement was the place for foot passengers, but she replied: "I'm going to walk where I like. We've got liberty now." It did not occur to her that if liberty entitled the foot passengers to walk down the middle of the road, the end of such liberty would be universal chaos. Everybody would be getting in everybody's way and nobody would get anywhere. Individual liberty would become social anarchy.
2. There is the danger of the world getting liberty-drunk these days like the old lady and it is just as well to remind ourselves of what the rule of the road means. It means that the liberties of all maybe preserved, the liberties of everybody must be curtailed. When the policeman steps into the middle of the road and puts out his hand, he is the symbol not of tyranny, but of liberty. You may not think so. You may see your motor-car pulled up by the police, feel that your liberty has been outraged. How dare this fellow interferes with your free use of the public highway! Then, if you are a reasonable person, you will reflect that if he did not interfere with you, he would interfere with no one, and the result would be that the road would be a maelstrom that you would never cross at all. You have submitted to reduction of private liberty in order that you may enjoy a common social liberty for all.
3. Liberty is not a personal affair, but a social contract. It is an accommodation of interest. In matters which do not touch anybody else's liberty, I may be as free as I like. If I choose to go down the road in a dressing gown, with long hair and bare feet, who will say no to me? You have liberty to laugh at me, but I have liberty to be indifferent to you.
4. We have a whole Kingdom in which we rule alone, can do what we choose, be wise or ridiculous, harsh or easy, conventional or odd. But when we step out of that Kingdom, our personal liberty becomes controlled by other people's liberty. I might like to practice on the flute from midnight till three in the morning. If I went on to the top of a mountain to do it, I could please myself; but if I do it in my bedroom my family will object, and if I do it out in the streets the neighbours will remind me that my liberty to play the flute must not interfere with their liberty to sleep in peace.
5. In the observance of the rule of the road, that we pass judgement upon ourselves, and declare that we are civilized or uncivilized. The great moments of heroism are rare. It is the little habits of daily routine that make up the great sum of life and sweeten or embitter the journey.

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Answer the following questions, based on the passage above.

(a) What kind of liberty is the old lady in the passage an example of?

- (i) Public liberty (ii) Social liberty
(iii) Individual liberty (iv) None of the above

(b) Find a word from Paragraph 1, which means the opposite of "safe & secure."

(c) Complete the following suitably.

The rule of the road means that the liberties _____

(d) Rectify the given false statement.

Liberty is a personal affair, not a social contract.

(e) Why was the stout old lady walking down the middle of the road?

(f) What is the basis of social contract?

(g) Why is there a danger of the world getting 'liberty drunk'?

(h) Is the policeman in the passage a symbol of tyranny or liberty? Explain.

(i) Why is it necessary to follow the rules of the road?

2. Read the following report.

Name	Motto	Participation in activities	Achievements	Awards	Personal Qualities	Drawbacks	Other notable things
Rohit	Together we can win	Sports Club, Science club	First prize in Science project	Budding scientist	Confident, consistent	Overly competitive	Volunteers at a local NGO
Sunil	Nation before self	Sports Club, Quiz club	First prize in quiz competition	Quiz wizard	Organized, responsible	Gets stressed	Participated in a Model United Nations conference
Raj	Try, try till you succeed	Literary club, Art club	Second prize in composition writing	Writer in the making	Helpful, adaptable	Lethargic	Helps in organizing interschool Art competition
Arya	God helps those who help themselves	Social service club, Dance club	First prize in dance competition	Best dancer	Creative, curious and detail oriented	Emotional	Volunteers at the local NGO
Anil	Be positive	Music club, Science club	First prize in music competition	Best singer	Hard working, consistent	Tends to overthink	Plays in a local band

Answer the following questions, based on the report above.

(a) Complete with a suitable reason.

We can infer that Rohit's overall performance may be negatively impacted by his weakness in emotional management because

(b) Fill in the blank with an appropriate word/phrase.

Rohit won in Science project.

(c) Who among the following plays in a local band?

- (i) Rohit (ii) Raj
(iii) Anil (iv) Sunil

(d) Which of the following is/are true about the personal qualities of Raj?

1. Confident 2. Organized
3. Helpful 4. Creative
5. Adaptable

Select the correct option.

- (i) Only 1 (ii) Only 5
(iii) 2 and 4 (iv) 3 and 5

(e) Identify the person who is likely to take stress during any competition in the school. Give a reason for it.

(f) Based on the personal qualities of the class monitors, why is Raj the most collaborative worker?

(g) Give two reasons for Sunil being the best fit to lead a school wide initiative to promote the spirit of sports in school.

(h) Explain briefly about Sunil's motto "Nation before self".

Section - B (Writing)

- Q3. As Vinay, a student of Class X, write an e-mail in 50 words, to the Principal of your school, requesting for extra classes to be taken up during summer vacations. (3)
- Q4. Write a factual description, in not more than 100 words, 'A Historic Place visited during school trip. (4)
- Q5. Attempt any one of the following: (4)

Write a letter to the Principal of your school in not more than 120 words to allow the students to use school library at least one hour after the dismissal of the school. The librarian can help you by sorting the books on the subject you need to study. You are Adarsh of class X-A of DAV School. You may take ideas from MCB Unit 2: 'Education'.

OR

You are Mrs. Alka Rao, Librarian, S.I. Public School, Guntur. Place an order in 100-120 words with Janatha Book Store, Station Road, Channai for 5 copies each of 4 books (name any four) which students of Class X need for reference. Ask for a discount and an early delivery.

- Q6. Attempt any one of the following: (8)

- (A) Some people prefer offline teaching and learning, while others enjoy online. As Naresh of class X-C, write an article for your school magazine, in about 150 words, discussing the advantages and disadvantages of each preference and examining the factors that influence these choices. Use the given points, along with your own ideas and those you may gather from MCB Unit 2: 'Education' and Unit 3: 'Science'. (8)

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| <ul style="list-style-type: none">• Technology has transformed the way we learn• With digital technology, students find it easier to learn• Online classes are becoming popular• Online classes incorporate rapid learning• Online classes promote collaboration between students and teachers• Challenging concepts become easier through audio and video tools• Technology equips students to learn independently• Teachers don't need to waste time in preparing notes• Technology gives teachers more time to explain the concepts• Offline classes keep the students and teachers more focused on the subject |
| <ul style="list-style-type: none">• Online classes remove children from opportunities for socialization• Technology distracts students' attention through pings, alerts, rings, and notifications• Exposure to too much blue light damages vision• Too much of technology in education affects memory adversely |

OR

- (B) Closed Circuit Television is in great demand. These days, CCTVs are being installed in every classroom. As Rohit of Class X-B, write an article in about 150 words, discussing the advantages and disadvantages of CCTV for your school magazine. Use the given cues, along with your own ideas and those you may have gathered from MCB Unit 2: 'Education' and Unit 3: 'Science' to create this article.

Advantages of CCTV	Disadvantages of CCTV
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Solves cases of mischief among students Solves cases of manhandling of students by their class-mates or by support staff Helps students as well as administration to solve cases of bullying Helps teachers and parents to keep a check on students and their activities Helps to identify and capture any intruders or offenders 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Violates the privacy of students Students are charged higher fee for extra expenses on CCTVs Not necessary because the teachers are enough to keep a check on the students Installing CCTV without the consent of students and teachers is legally wrong Distracts teachers and students in their teaching and learning process

Section - C (Grammar)

- Q7. Complete the tasks A - C, as directed (3)

- A) Fill in the blanks (i) - (iii) with the appropriate option from those in the brackets.

Time travel (i) (ought to/ should/ could) become a reality in the near future, (ii) (allows/ allowed/ allowing) human beings to experience the thrill of travelling back or forward in time. However, (iii) (most many/ much) challenges must be overcome, such as ensuring safety and affordability for all potential time-travellers.

- B) In the following passage, one word has been omitted in each line. In your answer sheets, remember to write the missing word along with the word that comes before and after it, as shown below. The first one has been done as an example. (4)

	Before	Omission	After
(e.g.) Ever wondered sleep deficit? Well,	wondered	about	sleep
(a) sleep deficit a common problem among teenagers today, with many staying up late
(b) to use electronic devices. This lead to
(c) difficulty in concentrating mood swings
(d) It's important for teens to prioritize sleep to ensure their overall health and well-being.

- C) Do as directed : (3)

- (i) Rearrange the following jumbled words/phrases to given dialogue to create a meaningful sentence. (1)

Did you know that the lack of hydrological resources affects more than 40% of the world population? No, I didn't. What are hydrological resources?
water resources,/ survival/ and plant/ to human,/ animal,/ refer to/ which/ are vital/ hydrological resources

- (ii) Report the dialogue to complete the paragraph that follows: (2)

Photographer : I want to use a drone for photographing your event.

Customer : Really ! Do you usually offer this advice?

Photographer : No. I don't. Your event is in an open and picturesque area and I want to capture the complete scene.

The photographer told the customer that she wanted to use a drone for photographing his event. The customer exclaimed in surprise and asked (a) The photographer replied in the negative and shared that (b) as his event was in an open and picturesque area.

Section - D (Literature)

Q8. Read the given extract carefully. Attempt any two out of three extracts: (4+4=8)

A) Well, I was in no position to contradict Jenkins, for as yet, his magazine had been the only one to print my stuff.

1. Who is Jenkins?
2. Who is referred to as 'I'?
3. What does the narrator mean by 'print my stuff'?
4. Which word in the extract means the same as 'say no to'?

B) Higher and higher everyday,
Till over the mast at noon -
The Wedding - Guest here beat his breast,
For he heard the loud bassoon

1. What went higher and higher?
2. What is a mast?
3. Why did the wedding guest beat his breast?
4. What is meant by a 'bassoon'?

C) If thou dost bend and pray and
fawn for him,
I spurn thee like a cur out of my way

1. Identify the speaker.
2. Who was bending, praying and fawning?
3. In what context have the above words been spoken?
4. What do these words reveal about the character of the speaker?

Q9. Answer any five of the following six questions in about 30-40 words each : (5x2=10)

- a) Why is Lavinia angry with her husband John? What decision does she take?
- b) What is your impression of Michael? (Virtually True)
- c) What arguments does Antony put forward to refute the charge that Caesar was an Ambitious man?
- d) How is the poet guilty of violating the rule of hospitality? (Snake)
- e) Why did the sailors hang the dead albatross around the neck of the Ancient Mariner?
- f) Satyajit Ray emphasize the valuable contribution of a mentor in changing a negative mind-set into a positive one. Discuss with reference to the chapter "Patol Babu, Film Star".

Q10. Answer any one of the following in about 150 words.

(8)

- a) Whenever we act against the voice of our conscience, the result is suffering. Explain with reference to the poet's action against the snake and its consequences.

OR

- b) Caesar was dearly loved by the Romans but they got easily satisfied by Brutus' explanation. Discuss with reason in comparison to poet, D.H. Lawrence, who overpowered the voice of his conscience with the social stereotyping that a snake has to be hit as it is a harmful reptile.

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SECTION A : READING SKILLS

(22 Marks)

1. Read the following passage.

(12)

1. The police superintendent was walking across the market square. A policeman followed him. There was silence all around. Someone in the crowd said, "So you bite, you damned brute? Lads, don't let him go! Biting is prohibited nowadays! Hold him!"
2. The superintendent looked in the direction of the sound and saw a dog, hopping on three legs. A man was chasing her. Soon a crowd, which seemed to have sprung out of the earth, was gathered round.
3. The Superintendent strolled towards the crowd. He saw the aforementioned man holding his right hand in the air and displaying a bleeding finger to the crowd. The Superintendent recognized him as the local Goldsmith. The culprit who had caused the sensation was a white puppy sitting on the ground.
4. "What's it all about?" the Superintendent inquired.
5. "I was walking along here, not interfering with anyone," the Goldsmith began, "I was talking to my friend, then this low brute for no rhyme or reason bit my finger."
6. The Superintendent asked, "Whose dog is it? I won't let this pass! I teach them not to let their dogs run all over the place! It's time this gentleman would look after, if there would be the regulations! When he's fined, the blackguard, I'll teaching what it means to keep dogs and such stray cattle! I'll give him a lesson!"
7. "I think it is the General's dog," said someone in the crowd.
8. "The General's. There's one thing I can't make out how it came to bite you?"
9. The Superintendent said to the Goldsmith: "Surely it couldn't reach your finger. It's a little dog, and you are a great hulking fellow. You must have scratched your finger with a nail, and then the idea struck you get damages for it. We all know your sort! I know you devils!"
10. "No, that's not the General's dog," said the policeman.
11. "I know it too. The General has valuable dogs, thoroughbred, and this is goodness knows what! No coat, no shape, a low creature. You have been injured, Mr. Goldsmith, and we can't let the matter drop..... We must give them a lesson!"
12. "Yet I think it is the General's," said the policeman, I sold one like it the other day in his yard."
13. "Here comes the General's cook, ask him" the Superintendent said.
14. "We have never had one like that!" replied the cook.

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15. "There's no need to waste time asking," suggested the Superintendent. "It's a stray dog! There's no need to waste time talking about it."
16. "It is not our dog," the cook went on. "It belongs to the General's brother, who arrived the other day."
17. "So, this is his honour's dog? Delighted to hear it..... Take it. It's not a bad pup..... A lively creature..... Snapped at this fellow's finger! Hahaha..... come, why are you shivering? The rogue is angry..... a nice little pump," said the Superintendent. (496 words)

Answer the following questions, based on the passage above.

- (a) Why did the Superintendent say that the dog could not belong to the General? (1)
 (i) The General has valuable dogs.
 (ii) The General has no dogs.
 (iii) The General has sheepdogs.
 (iv) The General had been transferred long back. (1)
- (b) What is the most significant tone of the passage?
 (i) Sad (ii) Happy
 (iii) Sarcastic (iv) Suspense
- (c) Complete the following suitably. (1)
 "Surely, it couldn't reach your finger. It's a little dog,"
- (d) Rectify the given false statement. (1)
 Someone in the garden said, "So, you beat, you damned brute?....."
- (e) Who was walking behind the police Superintendent? (1)
- (f) Who was chasing the dog? (1)
- (g) Who asks for damages? Why? (2)
- (h) Who does the dog belong to? How do we know? (2)
- (i) Why and how does the superintendent's attitude towards the Goldsmith changes? (2)

2. Read the following report.

(10)

Name	Motto	Participation in activities	Achievements	Awards	Personal Qualities	Drawbacks	Other notable things
Kim	Together we can win	Sports club, Adventure club	1st Prize in Mountaineering	Best Student	Confident, team-spirited and helpful	Takes stress	Volunteer at a Local NGO
Sam	Have courage to do the Right	Debate club, Quiz club	1st prize in Quiz contest	Best Orator	Firm, curious and organizer	Self-critical	Participated in the National Quiz
Joe	Respect the Differences	Social service club, Drama club	1st prize in Inter-school Drama Contest	Best Actor	Humble, creative and adaptable	Sometimes procrastinates	Volunteers at a Charitable Centre
Sid	Never give up	Sports club, Music club	Gold Medal in Football	Best Footballer	Perseverant, team player and humble	Overly competitive	Volunteers at a Sports Academy
Pal	Strive for Excellence	Science club, Quiz club	Gold medal in Science Olympiad	Scientist of the Year	Confident, hard-working and consistent	Tends to overthink	Participated in the National Quiz Contest

Answer the following questions, based on the report above.

- (a) Complete with a suitable reason. (1)
 We can infer that Joe's overall performance maybe negatively impacted by his weakness in time management because
- (b) Fill in the blank with an appropriate word/phrase. (1)
 : guitar :: Joe: props
- (c) Which House Captain is most likely to struggle the most with handling stress during the School's Annual Inter-House Sports Tournament? (1)
 (i) Kim (ii) Sam (iii) Joe (iv) Sid (v) Pal (1)

Which of the following personal qualities are related to Joe?

1. Confident
2. Humble
3. Hard-working
4. Firm
5. Creative

Select the correct option.

- (i) Only 1
(ii) 2 and 5
(iii) 3 and 4
(iv) Only 5
- (e) Identify the person who is likely to ask many "why" questions with one reason. (1)
(f) Explain in brief the motto of Kim "Together we can win". (2)
(g) Give two reasons for Joe being the best fit to lead a school-wide initiative to promote human values among students. (2)
(h) Based on the personal qualities of the House Captains, why is Kim the most likely to be a collaborative worker? (1)

Section - B (Writing)

- Q3. As Aarushi, a student of class X, write an E-mail in 50 words, to the Principal of your school, requesting him/her for a Personality Development session to be organised in school. (3)
- Q4. Write a factual description, in not more than 100 words, "A Bulletin Board" near the office, in your school. (4)
- Q5. Attempt any one of the following: (4)

You are Rohit/Renuka, 112/D, Navjeevan Apartments, Dehradun, Uttarakhand. You have lost your original certificate of class X. You want to get the duplicate issued but you do not know the procedure. Write a letter to the Chairman, CBSE, Preet Vihar, enquiring about the fee to be deposited, mode of payment, time taken by the board to issue duplicate certificate and any of their formalities. Use ideas from MCB Unit 2 : Education along with your own to write this letter in not more than 120 words.

OR

You are Ravinder/ Ravina of 12/34 Hill Road, Shimla. Write a letter to the Editor of 'The Daily News' expressing your views on Swachhh Bharat Abhiyan and how, if implemented sincerely at all levels, it can produce a great change in the society. Use ideas from MCB Unit 1 : Health and Medicine and Unit 4: Environment along with your own to write this letter in not more than 120 words.

- Q6. Attempt any one of the following: (8)

"Today the mantra is development. The government is talking about India to greater heights in International forums and platforms." Any such journey begin with being united and supportive within the country. National integration in the need of the hour. Write an article in not more than 150 words on." Let us all come together for the nation.

Clues : What is National integration? United we stand, divided we fall is what we must showcase, what steps must we take to create a sense of national pride?

OR

- (B) Textbooks versus Smartphones is a heated topic. As Jagmeet Singh of class X-D, write an article for your school magazine, in about 150 words, discussing the importance of both. Use the given cues, along with your own ideas and those you may have gathered from MCB Unit 2: 'Education'.

Textbooks	Smartphones
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Increases vocabulary Heightens intelligence Increases memory function Reading textbook helps one sleep better Reading reduces stress and anxiety Reading increases language skills Reading textbooks increases empathy and creativity 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Central radiation can cause brain cancer Bright screens smartphones can cause retinal damage Back and head pain occur from staring at the screen and being in an unnatural hunched position Overuse of smartphones can cause mental health problems Smartphones provide a lot of information to students for their project work

Section - C (Grammar)

Q7. Complete the tasks A - C, as directed

(3)

- A) Fill in the blanks (i) - (iii) with the appropriate option from those in the brackets.
 Neither the children nor their mothers (i) (admit, admitted, was admitted) their faults. However, one of the boys (ii) (is, was, are) caught, and so he (iii) (was punished, is punished, will be punished)

- B) In the following passage, 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, in four lines of the given paragraph in the space provided.

(4)

	Before	Word	After
(a) Climate change one of the hotly contested debates of our time
(b) India and Antarctica once part of the same landmass
(c) Antarctica is a crucial element this debate
(d) 90% of the Earth's total volume of water stored there.

C) Do as directed :

(3)

- (i) Rearrange the following jumbled words/phrases to make meaningful sentences.(1)

Electrician : When did your electricity go?

Ravi : It is not working since evening.

Electrician : CASE/ IN THIS/ I WILL/ SORRY/ CHECK/ HAVE/ SIR/ TO/ THE/ FUSE/ NOW

- (ii) Report the dialogue to complete the paragraph that follows:

(2)

Teacher : Children, let us all pledge to save trees.

Children : Yes, Ma'am, we all pledge to save our trees as the trees are the lungs of the city.

Teacher : Let us start today by planting a sapling.

The teacher asked all the students to pledge to save trees. The children replied affirmatively to pledge to save the trees (a) Then the teacher said (b)

Section - D (Literature)

Q8. Read the given extract carefully. Attempt any two out of three extracts: (4+4=8)

A) He holds him with his glittering eye-
The Wedding - Guest stood still,
And listens like a three years' child
The Mariner hath his will.

1. Why did the mariner hold back the wedding guest?
2. Why was the wedding guest unable to move?
3. What does the word 'glittering' mean?
4. Explain the phrase 'hath his will'.

B) On the roof Sebastian looked round, and glanced at his watch nervously. 'It should be here by now?

1. Which game was Micheal playing?
2. Why was Sebastian nervous?
3. What was he waiting for?
4. What does the word 'nervously' mean?

C) But here's a parchment with the seal of Caesar,
I found it in his closet, 'tis is his will :
Let but the common here this testament
Which pardon me, I do not mean to read
And they would go and kiss dead Caesar's wound

1. Who speaks these words? Where is the speaker at this moment?
2. What are the contents of Caesar's will?
3. Why does the speaker read Caesar's will to the citizens?

Q9. Answer any five of the following six questions in about 30-40 words each : (5x2=10)

- a) On what conditions was Antony allowed to speak on Caesar's funeral?
- b) What contradictory thoughts did the poet have on seeing the snake?
- c) Mention the advice given to Patol Babu by Mr. Pakrashi.
- d) John was worried and concerned about his wife's response after meeting the ghost. But it proved to be baseless. Justify.
- e) Will power and determination bring success against all odds. Comment with reference to 'Virtually True'.
- f) Why did the sailor hail the albatross in God's name?

Q10. Answer any one of the following in about 150 words.

(8)

- a) In the lesson 'Patol Babu, Film Star', what kind of values are being uphold by Patol Babu? Quote instances to show his sincerity and dedication.

OR

- b) Loyalty is inherent in friendship. A friend is expected to avenge the hurt caused to his friend.

"Justice prevails either sooner or later" Describe how Antony proves his loyalty to Julius Caesar by bringing the conspirators to Justice in comparison with the crew members, who hung the albatross in Mariner's neck as a symbol of justice to the bird.

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