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**ENGLISH LANGUAGE AND LITERATURE (Code No. 184)
CLASS-X****Time allowed: 3 Hrs.****Maximum Marks: 80****General Instructions:**

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


SECTION A : READING SKILLS (20 marks)**Reading Comprehension Through Unseen Passages**

	1. Read the following text.	10 m
(1)	It is rare to find someone with good technical and communication skills. You can get far ahead of your colleagues if you combine the two early in your career. People will judge, evaluate, promote or block you based on your communication skills. Since habits form by repeating both good and bad forms of communication, learn to observe great communicators and adopt their styles and traits—in written and verbal forms. The art of listening and learning from each and every interaction, is another secret recipe. Develop the subconscious habit of listening to yourself as you speak and know when to pause.	
(2)	Learning what not to say is probably more important than learning what to say. As your career develops, you will realise that the wise speak less. Speak when you have value to add, else refrain. Poorly constructed emails with grammatical errors are acceptable between friends, but they should be seriously avoided while communicating formally with your seniors. Avoid any communication in an emotional state when you might say things you will regret later. One unnecessary word uttered at the wrong time or place can ruin a relationship, career or even your life. Such is the power of words. If such a thing happens, you should immediately apologise, else it may haunt you for life.	
(3)	Another problem to overcome is speaking too fast. Since our minds work faster than our speech, we are inclined to speak fast. This does not necessarily mean that the person hearing it will get it any faster. On	

the contrary, it is always the reverse. So slow down, and think before you speak. “When I get ready to speak to people,” Abraham Lincoln said, “I spend two-thirds of the time thinking what they want to hear and one-third thinking what I want to say.” Adding humour and wit is also essential. But realise that not all jokes are funny and observe certain boundaries. Never say anything that could offend. Remember you are not a comedian who must offend as many people as you can to be witty.

Answer the following questions, based on the passage above.

i.	What does the author prefer more over what to say? (Paragraph 2) A. To listen to the best orators B. To listen to political leaders C. To learn formal communication D. To prefer what not to say	1
ii.	What idea does the author suggest in order to excel in life? (Paragraph 1)	1
iii.	Select the option that displays what the writer projects, with reference to the following: Adding humour and wit is also essential. (Paragraph 3) It suggests that: A. it’s important to incorporate some humour while you speak. B. it’s imperative to reflect wit when you address the gathering. C. speakers should be subconscious when they are to address the gathering. D. Both (a) and (b).	1
iv.	Complete the following with a phrase from paragraph 2. Opinion _____ Reason _____ If such a thing happens, you should _____ immediately apologise, else it may haunt you for life.	1
v.	State 1 factor how you can be way ahead from your friends in your career.	1
vi.	Why should you be careful when you tend to be humorous?	2
vii.	Based on your reading of the text, list two ways how to form good habits.	2
viii.	Select the correct option to complete the sentence given below. The closing statement of the passage sounds damn _____. A. cautioning B. reprimanding C. upbraiding D. chiding	1
2.	Read the following text.	10 m
(1)	Geographically Odisha is a disaster prone state. If we will analyze the History of occurrence of disaster in Odisha then it can be better analysed that every year disaster beats Odisha in many ways. Apart from severe kind of natural disaster, every year Odisha is subjected to other natural disasters such as Sun Strokes, Heat waves, Lightning , Whirl wind, Heavy rain, Boat accident, Tornado etc. These calamities not only create huge losses of lives and damages of properties, but also severely influenced the social, cultural and economic development of the human beings. Continuous occurrence of these disasters destroys the livelihoods of small and marginal farmers, agricultural labourers, village artisans and poor by making them vulnerable.	
(2)	Due to the prompt and timely action, proper planning and management for post disaster relief measures, rescue and rehabilitation measures, now Odisha has been recognised as a pioneer state all over the world in the field of “Disaster Management”.	

(3)	Odisha has been recognised as a role model in the country, for its excellent disaster management techniques to tackle different natural calamities like devastating flood, Phailin, Hudhud, cyclone, drought etc. in a successful manner.	
(4)	<p>After experiencing the devastation of super cyclone, the state Govt. has emphasised the participatory planning/measures to minimize the havoc of disaster and to build Odisha as a disaster resilient state in the country. In order to aware and sensitize the community to achieve successful Disaster management, now “Mock Drill” is being organised in all 30 districts of the state.</p> <p>Prepared to perform</p>  <p>122 locations 1,205 villages from 22 blocks in six coastal districts have been covered under EWDS. As part of the system, watch towers have been set up at 122 locations within 1.5 km from the coastline for dissemination of cyclone/ tsunami warning through sirens and mass messaging.</p> <p>1,000 people Odisha boasts of 870 cyclone and flood shelters, each capable of accommodating 1,000 people</p> <p>22,000 village level There are 16 district-level disaster management planning committees which reach out to 155 such committees at block and 22,000 at the village level.</p> <p>3,000 youths Thousands of youths have been trained for immediate rescue and first aid administration</p> <p>In 2018, Odisha became the first state in India to have in place the early warning dissemination system (EWDS) along its 480km long coastline. The primary aim of EWDS is a full-proof communication system to address the existing gap in disseminating disaster warning by strengthening the emergency operation centres in the state, district and block levels. It aims to save lives and property near coastal areas.</p>	

Answer the following questions, based on the passage above.

i.	Complete the following sentence appropriately, based on your understanding of paragraph 1. Odisha is called a disaster prone state because _____.	1
ii.	Fill in the blanks with the appropriate option from those given in brackets, based on your understanding of paragraph 2. Now Odisha has been recognised as a pioneer state all over the world in the field of “Disaster Management”, is a _____ (fact/opinion) because it is a _____ (subjective judgement / objective detail).	1
iii.	Justify the following, in about 40 words. <i>Odisha has been recognised as a role model in the country, for its excellent disaster management techniques to tackle different natural calamities.</i>	2
iv.	Based on the survey results, which two concerns related to disaster management should the Government address?	1
v.	As per the given data define EWDS and task undertaken by it.	1
vi.	Select the option that does not signify the meaning of ‘rehabilitation’. (Reference -Paragraph 2)	1



A



B



C



D

vii.	Infer two benefits of participatory planning initiated by Government. (Answer in about 40 words)	2
viii	Which of the following is the main take away from the study mentioned in the passage? A. Believe in yourself and you will be unstoppable. B. Push yourself out of your comfort zone and see what you are really capable of. C. Life is much better when you are living in the present moment. D. Prepare and prevent, don't repair and repent.	1

SECTION B : WRITING SKILLS & GRAMMAR (20 marks)

GRAMMAR

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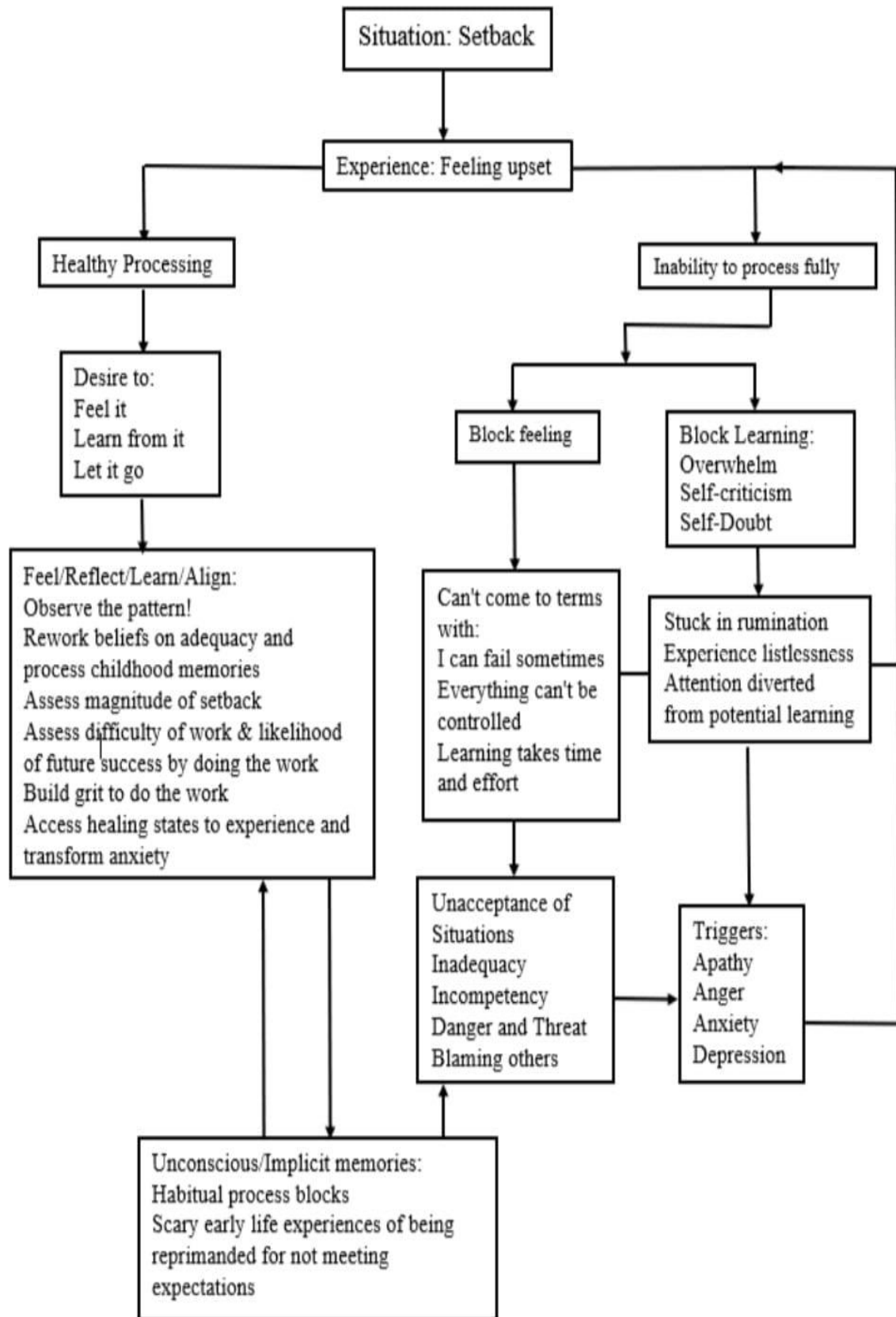
3.	Complete ANY TEN of twelve of the following tasks, as directed.	1x10
i.	Fill in the blank by choosing the correct option to complete the sentence. If you _____ to me earlier, I would have easily solved your problem. A. were writing B. had written C. have written D. No improvement	1
ii.	Sourya shared some information, with Nainika about a birthday party. Report Nainika's question. "Do you want balloons?"	1
iii.	Select the correct option to fill in the blank for the given line. _____ exam copies are still unchecked. A. A few B. Few C. Little	1

	D. Much																
iv.	<p>Complete the given narrative, by filling in the blank with the correct option: His father wrote to him, "It is high time you _____ preparing for the forthcoming examination." A. would start B. started C. had started D. have started</p>	1															
v.	<p>Identify the error in the given sentence, and supply the correction. When he got off the train, he realizes that a large gathering of his admirers had been waiting for his arrival for a long time. Use the given format for your response.</p> <table border="1" style="margin-left: auto; margin-right: auto;"> <thead> <tr> <th style="width: 50px;">error</th> <th style="width: 100px;">correction</th> </tr> </thead> <tbody> <tr> <td style="height: 20px;"> </td> <td> </td> </tr> </tbody> </table>	error	correction			1											
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vi.	<p>Report the dialogue between Suresh and his friend, by completing the sentence:</p> <p>Suresh: Did you watch the cricket match on television last night? Pratyush: Yah, watched and enjoyed a lot, especially the nail-biting end.</p> <p>In response to the question about the match, Pratyush said that _____.</p>	1															
vii.	<p>Fill in the blank by using the correct form of the word in the bracket, for the given portion of a letter: Subject: Increasing cases of road accidents, rash driving and overcrowding. Sir, Through the columns of your esteemed newspaper, I wish _____ (express) the anguish of the general public over the increasing number of road accidents, cases of rash driving and the problem of overcrowding in the buses.</p>	1															
viii.	<p>Select the option that identifies the error and supplies the correction for the following line, from a news report:</p> <p>Nature is declined globally at rates unprecedented in human history - and the rate of species extinctions is accelerating,</p> <table border="1" style="margin-left: auto; margin-right: auto;"> <thead> <tr> <th style="width: 100px;">Option no.</th> <th style="width: 100px;">error</th> <th style="width: 100px;">correction</th> </tr> </thead> <tbody> <tr> <td>A.</td> <td>at</td> <td>with</td> </tr> <tr> <td>B.</td> <td>declined</td> <td>declining</td> </tr> <tr> <td>C.</td> <td>and</td> <td>but</td> </tr> <tr> <td>D.</td> <td>is</td> <td>are</td> </tr> </tbody> </table>	Option no.	error	correction	A.	at	with	B.	declined	declining	C.	and	but	D.	is	are	1
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ix.	<p>Select the correct option to complete the narration of the dialogue between Lalitha and her father.</p> <p>Father: Why do you want to be a computer engineer? Lalitha: Well, I have always been interested in computers. Father asked Lalitha the reason for her wanting to be a computer engineer. Lalitha replied that she _____.</p>	1															

	<p>A. have always been interested in computers</p> <p>B. is always interested in computers</p> <p>C. had always been interested in computers.</p> <p>D. will be always interested in computers</p>					
x.	<p>Identify the error in the given sentence, and supply the correction.</p> <p>God like qualities are planted with us at birth.</p> <p>Use the given format for your response.</p> <table border="1" style="margin-left: auto; margin-right: auto;"> <tr> <td style="text-align: center;">error</td> <td style="text-align: center;">correction</td> </tr> <tr> <td style="height: 20px;"></td> <td style="height: 20px;"></td> </tr> </table>	error	correction			1
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xi.	<p>Fill in the blank by choosing the correct option, to complete the sentence.</p> <p>India _____ become a sport- loving nation after the Common Wealth Games.</p> <p>A. will</p> <p>B. may</p> <p>C. need</p> <p>D. can</p>	1				
xii.	<p>Identify the error and supply the correction for the following statement.</p> <p>Since storytelling takes so many forms, creating a good story will be challenging. .</p> <p>Use the given format for your response</p> <table border="1" style="margin-left: auto; margin-right: auto;"> <tr> <td style="text-align: center;">error</td> <td style="text-align: center;">correction</td> </tr> <tr> <td style="height: 20px;"></td> <td style="height: 20px;"></td> </tr> </table>	error	correction			1
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WRITING		10				
4.A	<p>As Vaibhavi Sinha, the examination incharge, Goodway Public School, Aurobindo Road, Indore, you want to place an order for some stationary for the forthcoming PA- II examinations.</p> <p>Write a letter to the proprietor of Sunrise Stationary Mart, 12 Mall Road, Indore in about 120 words, placing an order of stationary items like A4 Paper, carbon paper, red and blue ball point pens, staplers and stapler pins, rubber bands etc mentioning terms of payment, discount and delivery date.</p>	5				
OR						
4.B	<p>Slums are spreading more than the planned townships. The life in the slums is miserable. Crowded living, lack of drinking water, insanitary conditions, poor power supply etc. are causing a lot of suffering to the people.</p> <p>Write a letter to the Editor of a national newspaper in about 120 words drawing attention of the concerned authorities to this problem and asking for a proper solution. You are Udit/ Udita, 26, JN Road, Bhubaneswar.</p>					

5.A Study the concept chart from the self-help magazine section of a monthly publication. Write a paragraph in not more than 120 words, analysing the listed responses to the situation when one faces setbacks.

5



OR

5.B Ria Gupta is an aspiring candidate in a university in the U.S.A. She belongs to India and is lacking confidence. Write a paragraph in about 100-120 words, analysing her SWOT notes to support your stand on whether she will gain confidence at university.

Strengths

- I can confidently write information on paper to communicate a message to my teacher.
- I know I am capable of achieving things when put my mind to it.
- I did well in high school and know that I am academically minded.
- I know that I can study hard when I have exams coming up.

Weaknesses

- I have trouble speaking in front of groups. I find it intimidating.
- I'm not really sure yet what standards are expected of me at university.
- I have trouble connecting with other people in small groups.
- I don't have a group of friends to lean on at university yet.

Opportunities

- There is an upcoming library seminar on developing academic skills that I can attend.
- I will have some low-risk exams and essays coming up that I can use for practice.
- The upcoming small group work task will give me an opportunity to develop social contacts that may be able to support me through things.

Threats

- I worry that I will get anxiety leading up to the presentation I have to give in a few weeks.
- I'm not sure I'll be able to make it to my Tuesday class every week. If I miss this class, my confidence might be impacted.

SECTION C : LITERATURE TEXTBOOK AND SUPPLEMENTARY READING TEXT (40 marks)

6. **Read the given extracts and answer the questions for ANY ONE of the two, given.** 5

A. "The two boys started in surprise at the fresh muddy imprints of a pair of bare feet. What was a barefooted man doing on the steps of a house in the middle of London? And where was the man? As they gazed, a remarkable sight met, their eyes. A fresh footmark appeared from nowhere! Further footprints followed, one after another, descending the steps and progressing down the street. The boys followed, fascinated, until the muddy impressions became fainter and fainter and at last disappeared altogether".

(Footprints Without Feet)

i. The boys were surprised to see a barefooted man in London because _____ . 2

ii. Select the option that correctly captures the usage of the word 'started' in the above extract.
 a. When I reached the theatre the movie had already started.
 b. The fire started from the kitchen.
 c. On hearing the bell ring, the sleeping Raman started and jumped out of bed.
 d. Taking a deep breath, Ravi started down the stairs. 1

iii. Complete the analogy by selecting the suitable word from the text:
 Disappeared : Vanished :: Extraordinary _____
 . 1

iv. The boys reaction can best be described as _____ . 1

OR

B.	<p>“He just felt a bit dizzy. Then he flapped his wings once and he soared upwards. “Ga, ga, ga, Ga, ga, ga, Gaw-col-ah,” his mother swooped past him, her wings making a loud noise. He answered her with another scream. Then his father flew over him screaming. He saw his two brothers and his sister flying around him curveting and banking and soaring and diving.</p> <p>Then he completely forgot that he had not always been able to fly, and commended himself to dive and soar and curve, shrieking shrilly”.</p> <p style="text-align: right;"><i>(Two Stories About Flying: His First Flight)</i></p>	
i.	State the most appropriate reason why the young sea gull felt dizzy.	1
ii.	<p>How would you describe the screams of the gulls in the given extract?</p> <p>A. elation B. bewilderment C. shock D. protection</p>	1
iii.	What does the line ‘he completely forgot that he had not always been able to fly’ imply in the above passage?	2
iv.	<p>Which phrase would correctly substitute the phrase ‘swooped’ in the given sentence from the extract?</p> <p>His mother swooped past him, her wings making a loud noise.</p>	1
7.	Read the given extracts and answer the questions for ANY ONE of the two, given.	5
A.	<p>‘But he’s locked in a concrete cell, His strength behind bars, Stalking the length of his cage, Ignoring visitors.</p> <p>He hears the last voice at night, The patrolling cars, And stares with his brilliant eyes At the brilliant stars’.</p> <p style="text-align: right;"><i>(A Tiger in the Zoo)</i></p>	
i.	<p>By ‘Ignoring Visitors’, what is the poet trying to say?</p> <p>A. tiger knows his power is restricted B. there is no use of showing rage C. he is less terrorizing because of the cage D. all the above</p>	1
ii.	The expression ‘stalking the length of his cage’ implies that the tiger was _____.	1
iii.	Evaluate the effect of the repeated use of the word ‘brilliant’.	2
iv.	Complete the following analogy correctly with a word/ phrase from the extract. brilliant : dazzling : : _____ : toughness	1
OR		
B.	<p>‘..... . I would not intrude on him; A dime, another ball, is worthless. Now He senses his first responsibility In a world of possessions. People will take Balls, balls will be lost always, little boy. And no one buys a ball back.’</p> <p style="text-align: right;"><i>(The Ball Poem)</i></p>	

i.	Complete the sentence appropriately. It is clear that Alliteration is the poetic device used for ‘buys a ball back’ because _____ . (Clue: Explain how alliteration applies here)	1
ii.	The poet doesn’t want to intrude on ‘him’? A. He won’t like interference. B. The poet wants him to face the situation. C. He is very arrogant. D. Another ball can be bought.	1
iii.	State whether the sentence is TRUE or FALSE. Poet’s decision of ‘not intruding on him’ expresses his indifference.	1
iv.	How does the use of symbolism impact line 5 in the given extract?	2
8.	Answer ANY FOUR of the following five questions, in about 40-50 words.	4x3=12
i.	Justify the author’s opinion of Coorg as ‘a piece of heaven that must have drifted from the kingdom of God’. <i>(Glimpses of India-II)</i>	3
ii.	How does Robin Klein use vivid imagery and metaphorical language in the poem ‘Amanda’, to effectively depict the helplessness, frustration and discontentment, experienced by the teenager? <i>(Amanda)</i>	3
iii.	Explain how the description of the devastation caused by the apartheid movement in South Africa reflects the, pain, torture and oppression of the black South Africans, in Nelson Mandela: Long Walk to Freedom? Refer to the given lines, from the text- The policy of apartheid created a deep and lasting wound in my country and my people. All of us will spend many years if not generations, recovering from that profound hurt.	3
iv.	To help Lencho was perhaps ‘one man decision’. Do you think the Post Master could have debated more with his colleagues to avoid comments like ‘bunch of crooks’. Why/ Why not? Justify your answer with reference to A Letter to God.	3
v.	How does Robert Frost’s Dust of Snow, reinforce the notion that small things can have a significant impact on our lives? <i>(Dust of Snow)</i>	3
9.	Answer ANY TWO of the following three questions, in about 40-50 words.	2x3=6
i.	Evaluate the statement, "Privilege often confused actual needs for perceived ones" with reference to Mrs Pumphrey. <i>(The Triumph of Surgery)</i>	3
ii.	Max was unprepared for his mission. Discuss with reference to the chapter “The Midnight Visitor”.	3
iii.	In the chapter “A Question of Trust”, Horace Danby’s final arrest was a blessing in disguise. Comment briefly.	3
10.	Answer ANY ONE of the following two questions, in about 100-120 words.	1x6=6
A.	Amanda and Nelson Mandela both desired to have freedom. Amanda chose to be silent and remained lost in her own world. But Nelson Mandela fought for freedom and was even imprisoned for many years. Explain how definition of freedom was different for both of them. Support your answer with evidence from the poem “Amanda” and the prose lesson “Nelson Mandela: Long walk to freedom”.	
OR		

B.	Parents are the strength and support system of children. Comment on the role of mother in building confidence in Amanda and the young seagull with reference to the poem “Amanda” and the prose lesson “His First Flight”.	
11.	Answer ANY ONE of the following two questions, in about 100-120 words.	1x6=6
A.	Albert Einstein said, ‘The important thing is to never stop questioning’. With reference to this quote, comment on the use and abuse of science with regard to the lessons ‘Footprints Without Feet’ and ‘The Making of a Scientist’.	
OR		
B.	As the young woman who dupes Danby, pen down a diary entry for the night before the robbery. Write down your thoughts, fears and hopes from the robbery based on the events of the story. (A Question of Trust).	
