

English Language & Literature
(Code No. 184)
CLASS X – Mock Test 2016-17

Evening

Time allowed- 3 hours

Maximum Marks-70

Instructions:-

- a) The question paper is divided in to three sections.
- Section A: Reading 20 Marks
 - Section B: Writing and Grammar 25 Marks
 - Section C: Literature/ Text Books & Long Reading Texts 25 Marks
- b) All questions are compulsory. (d) Marks are indicated against each question

SECTION - A

READING – 20 marks

1. Read the passage given below:

1 × 8 = 8

Fish keeping has benefits that make it an attractive hobby for millions of people. Aquariums can bring a bit of nature, a living ecosystem, into any home, including apartments that do not allow other pets, like tending a furry animal, helping to maintain a fish tank can teach a child the responsibility of caring for other living creatures.

As pets fish have distinct advantages: they are quiet, they do not chew or scratch the furniture, and with a few slow -release feeders in their tank, they can safely be left alone for a week or two.

But it is likely the documented benefit to human health that has helped make aquariums so popular like petting a dog or cat, gazing at an aquarium at the end of a long, hard day can reduce stress and lower blood pressure. Likewise, research shows that people waiting to see a doctor or undergo medical procedure were less anxious after watching fish swimming in a tank. Watching fish also has a significant calming effect on children with attention deficit as well as on elderly people with Alzheimer's disease.

Today, home aquariums became popular as commercial fish breeding operations and air transport made it easy and affordable. More durable tanks and improved filtration system enabled hobbyists to sustain fish for longer periods.

Today, home aquariums range from a child's goldfish bowl to elaborate tanks holding several hundred gallons of water and dozens of exotic fish. more adventurous hobbyists opt for saltwater tanks, which take more work and equipment to maintain a stable environment, saltwater fish are more costly and more susceptible to changes in temperature and water quality than freshwater species on the positive side, they are spectacularly colorful and turn a tank into a dramatic focal point.

Modern aquariums have evolved far beyond the boring rectangular tank. today's models come in almost any shape imaginable -round hexagonal, bow front, concave, free form and flat to hang on the wall, they also have become key elements in home and office décor, they are built into walls and incorporated into tables, lamps, desks and even bath tubs. Almost any object it seems can be turned into a fish tank.

On the basis of your reading of the passage answer the following questions:

- (a) Why do people prefer keeping fish as a pet?
- (b) What are the special advantages of petting fish?
- (c) How does fish-keeping control high blood pressure?
- (d) Why is salt water tank used sometimes for keeping fish?
- (e) What is the main reason for the popularity of aquariums?
- (f) Why are aquariums available in different shapes?
- (g) Find a word from the passage which means the same as:
 - (i) a disease of the brain that affects memory.
 - (ii) remarkable

2. Read the passage given below:

1. Tourism is travel for recreation, leisure, religious, family or business purposes, normally for a limited duration. Tourism is generally associated with International travel, but may also refer to travel to another place within the same country. The World Tourism Organization defines tourists as people "travelling to and staying at places outside their usual environment for not more than one consecutive year for leisure, business and other purposes."
2. Tourism has become a popular global leisure activity. Tourism can either be domestic or international and international tourism can be classified as either inbound or outbound tourism. Today inbound tourism is a major source of income for many countries especially in terms of foreign exchange earned by the country as a whole. It also has a substantial impact on the local economy and employment of a place frequently visited by tourists.
3. India is a country with a rich cultural heritage which has always fascinated travelers. It is a unique land of diversities where all kinds of natural beauty including desert, sea, forests, mountains, flowers,

wildlife is present within a single geographical boundary of a country. Anybody visiting India will have experience of different dresses, culture, flora and fauna in different states. Thus India has always been a destination for tourists who want to enjoy this combination of culture, tradition and rich heritage. Not only this, foreign tourists act as "Ambassadors of Indian Culture" and take the message further across the world.

4. Indian government has made various efforts to take advantage of these unique possessions to promote tourism. One such big initiative is the scheme of e-Tourist Visa. The measure has been introduced to make travelling to India easier and simpler for foreign tourists.
5. The entire scheme began with the demand by the tourism industry to liberalize the visa regime for foreign tourists to give a boost to tourism in the country. In response, "Visa-On Arrival" was initiated by the government and is now made available to forty four countries. "Visa-On-Arrival" means that you need a visa to enter but it is possible to apply for and receive the visa only when you show up in the country of visit itself.

On the basis of your reading of the passage answer the following questions:

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- (a) What do you understand by 'tourism'?
- (b) How is the economy of a country affected by tourism?
- (c) Can India be a popular tourist destination? Give two reasons.
- (d) Give any two factors that help boost tourism in India.

Choose the right option from the given alternatives :

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(I) Identify the word which means the same as "consecutive" (para 1)

- (i) period of time one after the other without interruption.
- (ii) period of time with some interruption.
- (iii) period of event with some interruption.
- (iv) period of event with no interruption at all

(II) Identify the word which is the synonym of "frequently". (para 2)

- (i) daily (ii) habitual (iii) sometimes (iv) always

(III) Identify the word which is the antonym of "simpler" (para 4)

- (i) complicated (ii) plane (iii) possible (iv) foolish

(IV) Identify the word which means the same as "liberalize" (para 5) it allows:

- (i) people more freedom
- (ii) people more opportunity
- (iii) selected people some opportunity
- (iv) only limited freedom

SECTION B

WRITING and GRAMMAR – 25 marks

3. You are Neetu / Neelansh of Angel Public school, Delhi . You are concerned about the cleanliness in your school, as the students waste a lot of paper and do not use dust-bins properly .Write a letter to the Principal of your school, highlighting the possibility of diseases and the dire need for creating awareness about the prevention of such diseases through informative posters in the morning assembly and giving suggestions to maintain cleanliness in the school in about 120 words.

OR

You are Jaya /Ajay. After the recent earthquake, You feel that there is need to be aware and alert about natural disasters. You are sad to know that Man is responsible for these disasters due to his greed and carelessness. Write an article on 'Natural Disasters ' (about 100 -120 words)

4. Given below is the beginning of a story. Continue from this point and complete the story in about 150-200 words. 10

This was a dark and cold night. Nobody was outside of the house. I went to sleep after finishing my homework. Suddenly I heard a roar outside

5. Read the passage given below and fill in the blanks by using the most appropriate words : 3

Rekha exercises (a) ----- (all, each, any, once) day of the week. She (b) ----- (do, does, doing, done) aerobics/yoga and (c) ----- (lifts, lifting, lift, lifted) weights.

6. The following passage has not been edited. There is an error in each line against which a blank has been given. Write the incorrect word and the correction in your answer sheet against the correct blank number as given in the example. Remember to underline the word that you have supplied. 4

Thanks to the current interest for fitness
and health that peoples are taking
in each locality we find this days
some centres and clubs is springing
up and they are do well in their
new venture.

eg. For in
(a) _____
(b) _____
(c) _____
(d) _____

7. Rearrange the following words or phrases into meaningful sentences. One has been done for you as an example. (e.g.) 3

e.g. is / good / both / for / and / early / rising old/ adults

Early rising is good for both old and adults.

- (a) is / best / the / ever / I've / read / This / book
(b) Only / I've / loved / ever / the / You're / liked
(c) a / Ramesh / letter / father / wrote / his / to / father
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SECTION C

Literature Text Books and Long Reading Text – 25 marks

8. Read the extracts given below and answer the questions that follow: 3

a (Belinda paled, and she cried Help! Help!)

b (But Mustard fled with a terrified yelp,

ink trickled down to the bottom of the house hold,

c (And little mouse Blink strategically mouse-holed.)

(a) Why did Belinda cry for help?

(b) Who was Mustard?

(c) How did Blink react?

Or

Suddenly she was startled by a voice. "Listen, child," said the voice, "you shouldn't stand like that. Sit down." Sitting down, she looked to see who had spoken. It was an elderly man who had honestly been concerned for her, but she was annoyed by his attention.

(a) Why did Valli stand up?

(b) Why was Valli annoyed by the elderly man?

(c) What is the meaning of the word 'concerned'?

9. Answer the following questions in 30-40 words each.

2 × 4 = 8

- (a) What was the effect of small pox on Bholi?
- (b) Bholi was the masterpiece of her teacher, how?
- (c) Why did Mme Loisel throw the invitation instead of being happy?
- (d) Why did Mme Loisel look older than her real age?

10. Answer the following question in about 80 - 100 words

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Matilda was victim of circumstances. Explain her circumstances which changed her life.

OR

Why did Bholi at first agree to an unequal match? Why did she later reject the marriage? What does this tell us about her?

11. Choose any one option and give answer :

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Option A. The Diary of a Young Girl

How did the diary help Anne overcome her loneliness?

OR

Paper has more patience than people. Justify.

Option B. The Story of My Life

Helen was very close to nature. Discuss the role of nature in Helen's life.

OR

Sketch the character of Kate Keller.