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SAMPLE QUESTION PAPER (TERM 2)

ENGLISH LANGUAGE AND LITERATURE (184)

Class X

Time allowed: 2 hours

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.

1. Are emotions and intelligence two separate domains? Or do they overlap? E L Thorndike, who was influential in popularizing the notions of IQ in the first half of the 20th century once proposed that ‘social intelligence’, an aspect of emotional intelligence that demonstrates the ability to understand others and act suitably in social and personal relations, was itself an aspect of a person’s IQ.
2. In the second half of the 20th century, however, personal and social intelligence were largely dismissed by theorists of IQ as being a fashionable concept that had little use. But these intelligences could not be ignored for long. Common sense and intuition is what drives personal intelligence. In a study where people were asked to list the qualities of an intelligent person, it was these two qualities that were among the main points listed. Subsequent research proved that social and personal intelligence is distinct from academic abilities which makes up the greater part of IQ. But they are an intrinsic part of what makes people do well in life.
3. In recent years, it has been conceded that while IQ, based on math and language skills, will make a person do well in the classroom, it will be of less and less influence as life goes beyond the classroom. Today, a wider view of intelligence is taken. It is being defined as abilities that make a person lead life successfully – and those abilities are different from the skills required to do well at school. There is no doubt now that personal and social intelligence have a great say in how successful one is in life.

4. Emotional intelligence, which includes personal and social intelligence, can be explained under the following heads:

Knowing one's emotions – being aware of oneself is the bedrock of emotional intelligence. If we cannot understand our feelings, we become slaves to our emotions and let them overtake us.

Managing emotions – this ability derives from the ability to understand oneself. The ability to take charge of one's emotions, for example, to calm oneself, shake off anxiety or sadness or frustration, is important for a person to bounce back after failure or misfortune.

Self-motivation – channeling emotions towards the achievement of a goal is essential for success. Controlling one's impulses, restraining one's desires, and doing what is the need of the hour, are all skills that make a highly productive individual.

Empathy – it is the ability to recognize emotions in others. It forms the basis of what is known as 'people skill'. Empathetic people catch personal and social cues faster, and do well in professions that require handling people, such as teaching, nursing, management and sales.

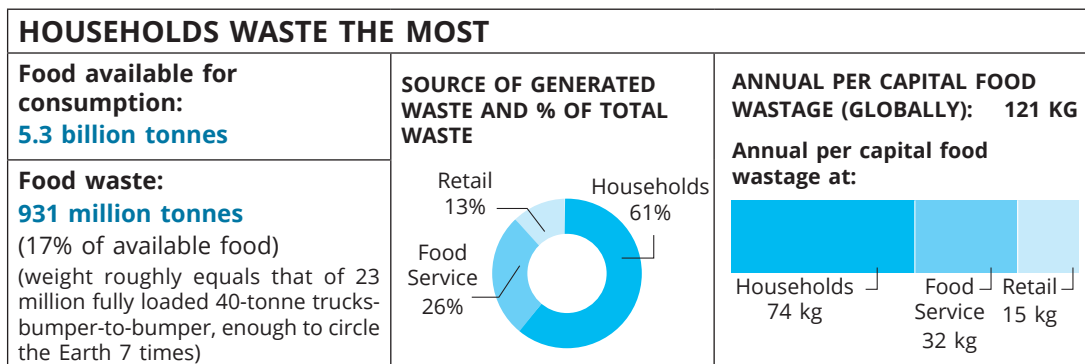
Handling relationships – if we have empathy and are able to manage other people's emotions, we have successful relationships. Success in relationships leads to popularity, helps in effective leadership and interpersonal skills.

Based on your understanding of the passage, answer any five questions from the six given below. **(1 × 5)**

- i. According to the theorists in the second half of the 20th century, which concept of intelligence did they believe in and which one did they reject?
- ii. Which two qualities of a person are considered to be responsible for a person's personal intelligence?
- iii. Rewrite the following sentence by replacing the underlined phrase with a word that means the same from paragraph 3:
“Your plan for the project might work,” she grudgingly acknowledged, “but I still think mine is better.”
- iv. Why is knowing one's emotions considered to be a 'bedrock' of emotional intelligence?
- v. Which of the emotional intelligence listed would you be using while
 - a. consoling someone who is in grief?
 - b. working on a fitness regime?
- vi. In order to be a highly successful individual, why is self-motivation necessary?

2. Read the following excerpt from a case study titled Global Food Shortage.

1. Many people die of hunger every year across the globe and yet 931 million tonnes of food was wasted the world over in 2019. An estimated 931 million tonnes of food available to consumers in 2019 globally, went into the waste bins of households, restaurants and other food services, said the Food Waste Index Report 2021, released by the UN Environment Programme. It's been termed as a global paradox regarding the



COUNTRY-WISE ANNUAL PER CAPITA FOOD WASTAGE AT HOUSEHOLDS

(country and kg/capita/year)

				SOUTH ASIA	
		G-7 Countries			
Global (Worst five)	Other Countries				
Nigeria	189	Israel	100	Afghanistan	82
Rwanda	164	UAE	95	Bhutan	79
Greece	142	South Korea	71	Nepal	79
Bahrain	132	China	64	Sri Lanka	76
Malta	129	Russia	33	Pakistan	74
				Maldives	71
				Bangladesh	65
				India	50

manner in which emphasis is put on agriculture to improve food security and then a third of all the food produced ends up as waste.

- The weight of the global food waste roughly equals India’s total production of food grain, oilseeds, sugarcane and horticultural produce in 2019-20. The report shows that most of this waste globally comes from households, followed by food services and retail outlets.
- One of the top contributors to food wastage is the lack of appropriate planning on the consumer part. Overproduction in the foodservice industry is also a leading cause of food wastage. Another reason is that food processing companies have to comply with high food safety regulations. In complying with these strict policies, they end up creating waste as any small error means the food will be rejected even if it’s simply due to imperfection in appearance or shape. Wastage also often takes place because of the constraints to do with a lack of proper management, inadequate finances, and technical difficulties in the lines of harvesting methods, storage, and cooling problems in adverse weather conditions, processing, packaging, infrastructure, and marketing systems.

Based on your understanding of the passage, answer any five questions from the six given below. (1 × 5)

- Why has food security been termed as a ‘global paradox?’
- According to the Food Waste Index Report, what is the source of maximum food waste, and as per the statistics in the image what is the amount of food wasted globally?

- iii. Name any four sources which contribute to large amounts of wasted food as mentioned in the passage.
- iv. What was shocking about the information about the weight of global food waste in a recent year?
- v. Suggest one way a consumer can show good planning and not contribute to food wastage.
- vi. High food safety regulations also contribute to a significant amount of food wastage. Why is this so?

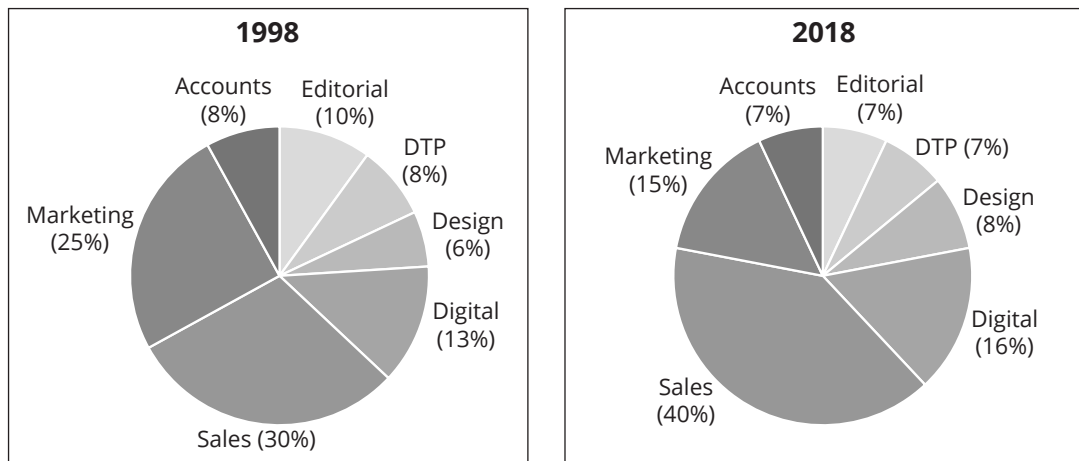
Section B

WRITING and GRAMMAR

(10 marks)

3. Attempt any one from i and ii.

- i. The two pie charts show the percentages of employees in the different departments of a publishing house in 1998 and 2018. Study the information and write a paragraph in not more than 120 words analysing the data of the two years. (5)



- ii. You are Anushree/Alok living at Rabindra Nagar, Dibrugarh. You came across the following advertisement: (5)

Online classes for English. Contact Director, Alpha Centre, 31A College Road, Kolkata.

Write a letter in about 120 words to the Director, asking for information about the course, the duration, fees, mode of instruction, etc.

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

Neil Armstrong was the commander of Apollo 11.

He was the first to walk over

the moon. What many people do not know

is that, unlike most of their fellow

astronauts, he was the civilian and not part of the military.

	Error	Correction
	e.g. over	on
(a)		
(b)		
(c)		

5. Read the conversation between Surbhi and Jaya complete the passage that follows. (1 × 2)

Surbhi: Jaya, do you know where TK Shopping Centre is?

Jaya: It's along the main street. You drive on till you reach a crossroad where the 1st street meets the 2nd street. You know where it is, don't you?

Surbhi asked her friend Jaya (a) _____ Jaya told her that

(b)_____

Section C

LITERATURE

(20 marks)

6. Answer any six questions in 30-40 words each.

(2 × 6)

- How did the *pader* and his family look? Why is a person with a plump physique compared to a baker?
- Valli refused the conductor's offer of a cold drink. What does this tell you about Valli?
- How is Amanda instructed to sit? What does the fact she is 'slouching' suggest about Amanda?
- According to the poet, how are animals different from humans?
- Was Custard really a coward, or was he a 'realio, trulio' dragon?
- Why did Mme Loisel start weeping after she read the invitation? What did she ask her husband to do?
- What did Bholi see around the walls of her classroom that fascinated her?

7. Answer any two of the following in about 120 words each.

(2 × 4)

- The author says that the Buddha's first sermon was about 'one inscrutable kind of suffering.' What is that inscrutable suffering? Why is it called 'inscrutable'?
- The Proposal* is a play about rich people wanting to marry for economic reasons, overlooking the fact that they do not get along well. Justify the statement.
- The narrator in the story *The Hack Driver* describes himself as a country boy who is sick of the city. Do you think that is why the narrator quickly trusted Bill and got fooled?