

**Class X**  
**English Language and Literature (184)**  
**Sample Question Paper 2018-19**

**Time allowed: 3 Hours**

**Max. Marks: 80**

**General Instructions:**

**I.** The question paper is divided into three sections :

|             |                     |          |
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| SECTION A : | Reading             | 20 MARKS |
| SECTION B : | Writing and Grammar | 30 MARKS |
| SECTION C : | Literature          | 30 MARKS |

**II.** All questions are compulsory.

**III.** You may attempt any section at a time.

**IV.** All questions of that particular section must be attempted in the correct order.

**SECTION-A**  
**(READING)**

**20**

**1. Read the passage given below -**

1. Necessity is indeed the mother of invention. When areas in and around Leh began to experience water shortages, life didn't grind to a halt. Why? Because Chewang Norphel, a retired civil engineer in the Jammu and Kashmir government came up with the idea of artificial glaciers.
2. Ladakh, a cold desert at an altitude of 3,000-3,500 metres above sea level, has a low average annual rainfall rate of 50mm. Glaciers have always been the only source of water. Agriculture is completely dependent on glacier melt unlike the rest of river/monsoon-fed India. But over the years with increasing effects of climate change, rainfall and snowfall patterns have been changing, resulting in severe shortage and drought situations. Given the severe winter conditions, the window for farming is usually limited to one harvest season
3. It is located between the natural glacier above and the village below. The one closer to the village and lowest in altitude melts first, providing water during April/May, the crucial sowing season. Further layers of ice above melt with increasing temperature thus ensuring continuous supply to the fields. Thus, farmers have been able to manage two crops instead of one. It costs about Rs.1,50,000 and above to create one.
4. Fondly called the "glacier man", Mr. Norphel has designed over 15 artificial glaciers in and around Leh since 1987. In recognition of his pioneering effort, he was conferred the Padma Shri by President Pranab Mukherjee, in 2015.
5. There are few basic steps followed in creating the artificial glacier.

6. River or stream water at higher altitude is diverted to a shaded area of the hill, facing north, where the winter sun is blocked by a ridge or a mountain range. At the start of winter/November, the diverted water is made to flow onto sloping hill face through distribution channels. Stone embankments are built at regular intervals which impede the flow of water, making shallow pools and freeze, forming a cascade of ice along the slope. Ice formation continues for 3-4 months resulting in a large accumulation of ice which is referred to as an “artificial glacier”. (349 words)

*Adapted from: <http://www.thehindu.com/opinion/op-ed/a-himalayan-solution/article7927749.ece>*

**1.1** Attempt *any eight* of the following questions on the basis of the passage you have read.

**1x8=8**

- i. Who was Chewang Norphel?
- ii. What kind of land form is Ladakh?
- iii. Why have Glaciers been the only source of water for Ladakh?
- iv. Why has the pattern of snowfall and rainfall changed?
- v. How are Glaciers significant for irrigation?
- vi. How do farmers manage to grow two crops instead of one?
- vii. In which year did President Pranab Mukherjee confer Padmashri to Mr. Norphel?
- viii. How many months does the ice formation continue for?
- ix. Find the word in the paragraph 6 which means the same as ‘gathering’?

**2. Read the passage given below and answer the questions that follow:**

1. Have you ever failed at something so miserably that the thought of attempting to do it again was the last thing you wanted to do?
2. If your answer is yes, then you are “not a robot.” Unlike robots, we human beings have feelings, emotions, and dreams. We are all meant to grow and stretch despite our circumstances and our limitations. Flourishing and trying to make our dreams come true is great when life is going our way. But what happens when it’s not? What happens when you fail despite all of your hard work? Do you stay down and accept the defeat or do you get up again and again until you are satisfied? If you have a tendency to persevere and keep going then you have what experts call, grit.
3. Falling down or failing is one of the most agonizing, embarrassing, and scariest human experiences. But it is also one of the most educational, empowering, and essential parts of living a successful and fulfilling life. Did you know that perseverance (grit) is one of the seven qualities that have been described as the keys to personal success and betterment in society? The other six are: curiosity, gratitude, optimism, self-control, social intelligence, and zest. Thomas Edison is a model for grit for trying 1,000 plus times to invent the light bulb. If you are reading this with the lights on in your room, you know well he succeeded. When asked why he kept going despite his hundreds of failures, he merely stated that what he had been not failures. They were hundreds of ways not to create a light bulb. This statement not only revealed his grit but also his optimism for looking at the bright side

4. Grit can be learned to help you become more successful. One of the techniques that help is mindfulness. Mindfulness is a practice that helps the individual stay in the moment by bringing awareness of his or her experience without judgment. This practice has been used to quiet the noise of their fears and doubts. Through this simple practice of mindfulness, individuals have the ability to stop the self-sabotaging downward spiral of hopelessness, despair, and frustration.
5. What did you do to overcome the negative and self-sabotaging feelings of failure? Reflect on what you did, and try to use those same powerful resources to help you today. (396 words)

[Adapted from [http://www.huffingtonpost.com/debbie-lyn-toomey/grit\\_b\\_12768724.html](http://www.huffingtonpost.com/debbie-lyn-toomey/grit_b_12768724.html)]

**2.1 On the basis of your reading of the passage, answer any four of the following questions in about 30-40 words each. 2X4=8**

- i. According to the passage, what are the attributes of a human?
- ii. What is perceived as grit?
- iii. How is 'failing' an educational and empowering part of human life?
- iv. In what ways can grit be developed?
- v. How does mindfulness help?

**2.2 On the basis of your reading of the passage, answer any four of the following: 1X4=4**

- i. While inventing the light bulb, Thomas Edison had failed\_\_\_\_\_.  
a. 1000 times    b. 10000 plus times    c. 1000 plus times    d. 10000 times
- ii. Failure is a part of\_\_\_\_\_life.  
a. normal    b. common    c. human    d. ordinary
- iii. In paragraph 2,\_\_\_\_\_means continue.  
a. robots    b. satisfied    c. persevere    d. flourishing
- iv. In paragraph 3, the synonym of distressing is \_\_\_\_\_.  
a. embarrassing    b. scariest    c. agonizing    d. failing
- v. \_\_\_\_\_helps in preventing individuals from going down the lines of despair.  
a. success    b. fear    c. doubt    d. mindfulness

**SECTION B :  
( WRITING AND GRAMMAR )**

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3. You are Sujal /Sujata of Pragya Public School, Nangal, Punjab who had arranged a trip for fifty students to Nanital in summer vacations for ten days with 'Mount Travels and Tourism'. The arrangements done by the travel agency were far below the standard .The accommodation and food facilities were inferior in quality .Write a letter of complaint to the director of the agency to stop duping tourists with false promises as it tarnishes the image of locals . (100-120 words)

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**OR**

India is a highly populated country. People lack in maintaining proper sanitation and hygiene as a result they suffer from various diseases. India has a serious sanitation challenge; around 60 per cent of the world's open defecation takes place in India. Poor sanitation causes health hazards including diarrhea, particularly in children under 5 years of age, malnutrition and deficiencies in physical development and cognitive ability. You are Nitish /Nikita, head boy/girl of Anand Public School, Jaipur. Write a letter to the editor of a national daily, highlighting the problem and suggesting practical ways to ensure public sanitation and the right to dignity and privacy. (100-120 words)



4. **Develop a short story with the help of the given visual / starting line .Give a suitable title to your story. (150-200 words) 10**

A.



**OR**

- B.** It was an amazing day, full of fun and frolic. We all stood aghast to see a strange flying object over our heads. We started guessing ... (write in 150-200 words)

5. **Fill in any four of the blanks choosing the most appropriate option from the ones given in the box. Write the answers in your answer –sheet against the correct blank numbers. 1x4=4**

1. Butterflies are abundant (a)\_\_\_\_\_the Central African Republic.
2. It (b)\_\_\_\_\_home to nearly 600 identified species.
3. Many butterflies are brilliantly coloured and small(c)\_\_\_\_\_some are as big as saucers.
4. Farmer Philippe (d)\_\_\_\_\_solace in collecting butterfly wings from his fields and turning them into works of art.
5. My favourite hobby, since my childhood, is (e) \_\_\_\_\_butterflies.

|                  |                |                |                        |
|------------------|----------------|----------------|------------------------|
| 1. (a) (i) in    | (ii) from      | (iii) for      | (iv) into              |
| 2. (b) (i) has   | (ii) is        | (iii) was      | (iv) are               |
| 3. (c) (i) if    | (ii) therefore | (iii) so       | (iv) while             |
| 4. (d) (i) find  | (ii) to find   | (iii) finding  | (iv) finds             |
| 5. (e) (i) catch | (ii) caught    | (iii) catching | (iv) has been catching |

6. In the following passage one word has not been edited in each line .Write the incorrect word along with the correct word in the space provided. Do any four . 4

|   | incorrect | correct |
|---|-----------|---------|
| In Himalayas, the desert is turning green .     | e.g. the  | a       |
| Climate change in a Indian region of            | a) _____  |         |
| Ladakh has shrunk glaciers or has made rainfall | b) _____  |         |
| and temperature unpredictable. Water has        | c) _____  |         |
| needed to irrigating the fields .               | d) _____  |         |
| Farmers may requiring aid from the government.  | e) _____  |         |

7. Rearrange any four of the following word or phrases to make meaningful sentences. 4

- i. enters / millions tons / the/ every year / of / ocean /plastic
- ii. are / waters/ sightings / junk – filled /of /common
- iii. population / middle-class / increasing / is / coastlines / along
- iv. trash/ increase/ has led / waste management/lack/of/in / to
- v. close/like/ others/ helping/my/friends

**SECTION C  
(LITERATURE)**

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

1x4=4

A. The moon was coming up in the east, behind me, and stars were shining in the clear sky above me. There wasn't a cloud in the sky. I was happy to be alone high up above the sleeping countryside.

Questions :

- i. Who narrates the above lines?
- ii. Which type of weather conditions are being discussed in the above lines?
- iii. Explain the term 'the sleeping countryside'?
- iv. Why is the narrator happy?

**OR**

B. At about the age of twenty five, the Prince, thereof shielded from the sufferings of the world, while hunting out glanced upon a sick man, then an aged man, then a funeral procession, and finally a monk begging for alms. These sights so moved him that he at once became a beggar and went out into the world to seek enlightenment concerning the sorrows he had witnessed.

Questions :

- i. Whose age has been referred here?
- ii. What was the effect of sights on the prince?
- iii. How did witnessing sorrow change him?
- iv. What does 'glance' imply in the given lines?

**9. Answer any four of the following questions in 30-40 words each.**

**2x4=8**

- i. Hari Singh is both a thief and a human being. Explain.
- ii. How does the necklace change the course of the Loisel's life?
- iii. Explain the qualities of the post office employees?
- iv. Why would you not agree with Lencho calling them 'a bunch of crooks'?
- v. Bholi's heart was overflowing with a 'New hope and a new life'. What does the phrase 'the new hope and the new life' mean?

**10. Attempt any one out of two long answer type questions in 100-120 words.**

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A. People should always try to live within their means. Aspirations have no limits but one should never forget the ground realities. Elaborate on the basis of chapter, "The Necklace".

**OR**

B. Simple moment proves to be very significant and saves rest of the day of poet from being wasted. Explain on the basis of the poem 'Dust of Snow'.

**11. (A) Answer the following questions in about 200-250 words.**

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a. Kitty plays a vital role in Anne's life. Elucidate

**OR**

b. In spite of the heartrending circumstances in which 'The Diary' was written, it was not an inspiring rather a depressing book. Explore.

**OR**

**(B) Answer the following questions in about 200-250 words (10 marks)**

a. How did Miss Anne Sullivan help Helen to communicate properly?

**OR**

b. Give a pen portrait of Helen Keller.

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**English Language and Literature**  
**Marking Scheme 2018-19**

**Time allowed: 3 Hours**

**Maximum Marks: 80**

**SECTION A (READING)**

**20**

- 1.** **8**
- i. a retired civil engineer
  - ii. cold desert
  - iii. Ladakh is a cold desert at 3000-3500 meters ,annual rainfall rate of 50mm
  - iv. climate change
  - v. Glaciers provide water in the months of April/May which is crucial for irrigation
  - vi. Glaciers and their layers close to the village melt and provide water
  - vii. 2015
  - viii. 3-4 months
  - ix. Accumulation
- 2.1** **8**
- i. feelings, emotions, and dreams; meant to grow ;flourishing and trying to make our dreams come true is great when life is going our way
  - ii. If you have a tendency to persevere and keep going then you have what experts call grit.
  - iii. Failing teaches how to be perseverant and keep going for ones goals. Each failure makes one understand what to do and what not to do.
  - iv. Do not accept defeat; effort to overcome limitations; not to stay down.
  - v. Mindfulness is a practice that helps the individual stay in the moment by bringing awareness of his or her experience without judgement. This practice is a technique that many have used to quiet the noise of their fears and doubts.
- 2.2** **4**
- i. 1000 plus
  - ii. human
  - iii. Persevere
  - iv. agonising
  - v. Mindfulness

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**SECTION B WRITING AND GRAMMAR**

- 3. LETTER WRITING** **8**

FORMAT 1 Mark  
CONTENT 4 Marks  
ACCURACY 1.5 Marks  
FLUENCY 1.5 Marks



**4. STORY WRITING 10**

- TITLE 1 marks
- CONTENT 4 marks
- ACCURACY 2.5 marks
- FLUENCY 2.5 marks

**5. GAP FILLING 4**

- a) (i) in
- b) (ii) is
- c) (iv) but
- d) (iv) finds
- e) (iii) catching

**6. EDITING 4**

1 mark to be awarded to each correct answer. For the marks to be awarded the incorrect word and the correct word should be written. The correct word should be underlined.

**Incorrect word                      Correct word**

- a) a                                      the
- b) or                                      and
- c) has                                      is
- d) irrigating                              irrigate
- e) requiring                              require

**7. SENTENCE RE- ORDERING 4**

- Millions tons of plastic enters the ocean every year.
- Sightings of junk filled waters are common.
- Middle – class population is increasing along coastlines.
- Lack of waste management has led to increase in trash.
- My close friends like helping others.

**SECTION- C 30**  
**(LITERATURE)**

**8. a) 4**

- i) The pilot who was flying an aeroplane from Paris to England
- ii) Favourable weather conditions. Sky was clear.
- iii) Everything was going well/calm and quiet
- iv) happy because of being alone

**OR**

- b)
  - i) Gautam Buddha/ The Prince
  - ii) All the sights moved him.
  - iii) He left his palace and went in search of enlightenment
  - iii) Looked at

**9.** (1 for content = 1 for grammatical accuracy) **8**

- i. No doubt Hari is a thief as well as good human being. Situations compel a person to become either beast or remain as a human being. Even goodness and nobility of a person changes anyone's heart and mind.
- ii. Only because of necklace and showing off, Loisel fell in a debt trap which forced her to live like an ordinary lower middle class housewife. She started doing all the household chores which a lady of her status normally does not do. Aspirations have no limits but one should never forget the ground realities.
- iii. Employees were kind and helpful.
- iv. Lencho was not at all justified in calling them 'a bunch of crooks' because they helped him by collecting money and helping him.
- v. To serve her parents in old age and to teach the students in the same school where she had learnt too much.

**10.** (4 for Content = 2 for Fluency = 2 for Grammatical Accuracy ) **8**

- i) Live a contented life,
- ii) Best quoted phrase is 'Honesty is the best policy'
- iii) Simple living and high thinking,
- iv) We should not run after materialistic world
- v) We must not think beyond our limits.

**OR**

- i) Nothing is good or bad only our thinking makes so
- ii) Best things in life are free
- iii) Life is full of problems we should solve them rather than sitting and regretting.
- iv) Sometimes unimportant things change the meaning of life.
- v) Like a lesson taught by crow and the hemlock how to take adverse season in stride and work for the better life

**11.** (5content+2.5fluency+2.5grammatical accuracy) **10**

ANY 5-6 POINTS

- i) Got on her 13<sup>th</sup> birthday
- ii) Her father gifted her

- iii) Gave diary a nickname, 'Kitty'
- iv) Became her companion as well as good and trusted friend.
- v) Confides everything with her
- vi) Pen down her thoughts and feelings
- vii) Listens to Anne without any advises and preconceptions

**OR**

- i) Anne shares the atrocities.
- ii) whole book reveals her nature,
- iii) war,
- iv) Viewpoint of people who are termed as sufferers.
- v) Book reveals about the mentality of the people during war
- vi) Depressing end
- vii). Every one died in the end except Mr. Frank

(5content+2.5fluency+2.5grammatical accuracy)

**ANY 5-6 POINTS**

- i) Deaf person is deprived of exchanging thoughts and ideas
- ii) Deaf and a blind person can't distinguish the tone of a voice, without a support/  
help
- iii) Helen's teacher, Anne Sullivan, recognized the problem
- iv) Firmly helped her to supply the kinds of stimulus she lacked
- v) Kept on repeating the words
- vi) Used to speak as well as spell the words for Helen.

**OR**

- i) Author of The Story of my Life
- ii) Deaf and Blind due to childhood illness.
- iii) Capability to work tirelessly
- iv) Educate public about rights and needs of people with disability.
- v) Expressive person
- vi) Discover pleasure in simplest things