

ASN Senior Secondary School

FINAL TERM EXAMINATION (2019- 20)

CLASS X

ENGLISH (Code No. 184)

MM: 80

Time: 3hrs.

General Instructions:

a. The question paper is divided into three sections:

Section A: Reading (20)

Section B: Writing and Grammar (30)

Section C: Literature (30)

b. Attempt all the questions.

c. Adhere to the word limit.

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

(12 Marks)

1. when we think of tabla players, images of young boys or men playing the instrument come to our minds. Call it an unfair stereotype, but it is true that girls almost never opted for the tabla when they or their families thought of a musical instrument they could learn. It was always the domain of males. But times have changed, for some years now girls are making their mark in this predominantly male reserve. The story of Rimpa Siva is one such girl's story that has changed the way we look at the table.
2. It is interesting to note that Rimpa's father was beset with worry when Rimpa, a daughter was born to him. A noted tabla player, Pt. Swapan Siva, was at a loss to understand how his daughter would carry forward his legacy. For according to him and most others, only boys played the tabla.
3. But Pt. Swapan Siva's prejudice soon took a beating when he saw Rimpa, all of five years old, effortlessly mastering beats and rhythms which his male students were still struggling at. In fact, little Rimpa was not only playing like those boys, she was actually playing better than them.
4. Growing up in a musical family, Rimpa heard the notes of the tabla all day in her house. So it should not be a surprise to anyone that Rimpa talk to the instrument like fish takes to water. Early in her musical career Rimpa had been held as a child prodigy. When Ustad Zakir Hussain heard a recording of her playing the table, he was deeply impressed. When he heard that the player was a 9-year-old girl, his astonishment knew no bounds. For he had thought that the player was at least 18 or 19 years old

When Ustad visited Kolkata 2 years later, he expressed his wish to meet the prodigy. He took a careful look at Rimpa's fingers, as though trying to understand how the delicate fingers of an 11-year-old girl could produce such confident and strong notes. He congratulated Rimpa and gave her his advice and blessings.

5. In June 2018 Sangeet Natak Academy awarded Rimpa with Ustad Bismillah Khan Yuva Puraskar . But this is only the latest in a line of many awards. Rimpa won the Anunraj Memorial Fund award in Norway in 1996, the Shanmukha Sangeet Shiromani Award in 2004 and the President award in 2007. In 1999 a document titled Rimpa Siva, 'Princess of Tabla' was made in France.
6. Rimpa plays in the FarukhabadGharana, and her fingers move over the tabala with lightning speed. She improvises on stage, much to the delight of the audience. Female table players such as the late Aban Mistry and Anuradha Pal have been Rimpa's inspiration. In turn, Rimpa has inspired many other young girls to take up the table. Today the outlook is so much more promising for women tabla players in the country than it was a few decades back. Reshma Pandit and Mitali Khargonkar, are waiting in the wings to steal Rimpa's thunder!

1.1 On the basis of your understanding of the above passage, answer the following questions in 3-40 words each (2x4=8 marks)

- a. What is the reason behind the stereotype that only boys play the tabla?
- b. When did Rimpa's father Pt. Swapan Siva's prejudice that girl cannot play tabla break ?
- c. Describe the meeting between ustad Zakir Hussain and Rimpa Siva in Kolkata?
- d. To which Gharana of tabla playing does Rimpa Siva belong. Mention one quality that she displays while performing.

1.2 on the basis of your reading of the above passage answer the following.

(1x4=4 marks)

- a. The antonym of predominantly would be

1. mainly 2. hardly 3. principally 4. hugely

- b. 'Took a beating' means

1. proved wrong
2. was beaten up
3. was proved correct
4. was strengthened

c. 'Like fish takes to water' means

1. learn something effortlessly
2. learn swimming like a fish
3. jump into water
4. like something very much

d. 'prodigy' means

1. example
2. musical genius
3. model
4. a person or child with extraordinary talent.

2. Read the passage given below and answered the questions that follow:
(8 marks)

our opportunities are great but let me warn you that when power outstrips ability, we will fall on evil days. we should develop competency and ability which would help us utilize the opportunities which are now open to us. From tomorrow morning – from midnight today – we cannot throw the blame on the Britishers. we have to assume the responsibility ourselves for what we do. a free India will be judged by the way in which it will serve the interests of the common man in the matters of food, clothing, shelter and social activities. unless we root out corruption in high places and root out every trace of nepotism, love of power, profiteering and black marketing which have spoiled the good name of this country in the recent times, we will not be able to raise standards of efficiency in administration as well as in the production and distribution of the necessary goods of life.

Pandit Jawaharlal Nehru referred to the great contribution which this country will make for the promotion of world peace and the welfare of mankind. the Chakra, the Ashokan Wheel which is there in the flag embodies for us a great idea so dear to Ashoka, the greatest of our emperors. look at the words of H.G.Wells about him "Highness, Magnificences, Excellences, Serenities, Majesties. Among them all, he shines alone a star, Ashoka the greatest of all monarchs." He cut into rock his message for the healing of discords. if there are differences, the way in which you can solve them is by promoting concord. Concord

is the only way by which we can get rid off differences. there is no other method which is open to us.

we are lucky in having for our leader, one who is a world citizen, who is essentially a humanist, who possesses a buoyant optimism and robust good sense in spite of the perversity of things and the hostility of human affairs. we believe that if India gains freedom, that freedom will be used not merely for the well – being of India but for Vishva Kalyana, world peace and the welfare of mankind.

Extract from a speech by Dr. S. Radhakrishna.

2.1 Answer the following questions . (5 x1 =5 Marks)

a. when do we fall on evil days?

b. How will a free India be judged?

c. How will India use it's freedom?

d. How can we raise the standards of efficiency in administration?

e. What did Pandit Nehru refer to?

2.2 Find the word that mean as the same as under: (1x3 =3 marks)

a. to go much faster (para 1)

b. favouritism (para 1)

c. harmony between people or groups (para 2)

Section B (Writing)

3. A. Write a letter in 100 to 150 words to the Tour Manager, Bala Tours and Travels, Chennai, seeking information regarding the tour packages offered by the company. You are Aruna Mittal from Ludhiana, Punjab who is planning to visit all the holy places of South India with your aged parents.

(8 marks)

OR

B. You are Renu Malik . Write a letter of complaint in 100 to 150 words against defective Microwave that you purchased from XYZ electronics only a month before .

4. Write a story in one 5200 words with the following beginning give a suitable title to your story (10 marks)

a. The Metro stops suddenly inside the tunnel

OR

b. The house shook as if caught in a powerful tornado

Section c Grammar & Literature)

5. Fill in any four of the following blanks choosing the most appropriate option from the ones given below. Write the answers in your answer –sheet against the correct blank numbers.

A. Sanitation and hygiene are also important (a)..... the well – being of society and biodiversity conservation.

B. The government has(b)..... a programme.

C. It aims to develop (c)..... riverfronts.

D. It will solve the problem of pollution (d)the rivers.

E. The need has been (e)..... for a long time.

(a) (i) by (ii) from (iii) for (iv) into

(b) (i) initiates (ii) initiated (iii) initiate (iv) initiating

(c) (i) an (ii) a (iii) in (iv) the

(d) (i) in (ii) on (iii) onto (iv) by

(e) (i) feeling (ii) feel (iii) felt (iv) have felt

6. In the following passage one word has been omitted in each line . Write the missing word, in any four sentences of the given paragraph, along with the word that comes before and the word that comes after it in the space provided

(4 marks)

	Before	Missing Word	After
Himachal Pradesh a good place for Eco Camp Eg. Pradesh		is	a
Pine Hill Eco Camp one of the ecotourism resort. (a)	_____	_____	_____
near Barog Himachal Pradesh. Ecotourism is (b)	_____	_____	_____
gaining popularity each passing day as more (c)	_____	_____	_____
and more people want get away from the (d)	_____	_____	_____
hectic schedules. This become a favourite tourist (e)	_____	_____	_____
spot			

7. Rearrange any four of the following word clusters to make meaningful sentences. (4 marks)

(a) rain water / flooding / helps/ harvesting / in / chances of / reducing

(b) storm / helps/ also/better/ water/ it / water management / in

(c) plant growth / in/storing /rainwater / can/ help / improving

(d) is/ from / stored/ natural and/ pollutants /rain water /free/ man- made

8. Read the following extract and answer the questions given below .

(4 marks)

When she finished her arithmetic she did start a note to Peggy. Suddenly she posed shuddered. She pictured herself in the school yard a new target for Peggy and the girls.

a. What did Maddie want to write in the letter ?

b. Maddy suddenly post and shattered because

c. What would Peggy ask Maddie in the schoolyard ?

d. was the old target for Peggy and the girls

OR

But he's locked in a concrete cell

His strength behind bars

stalking the length of his cage

ignoring visitors.

a. The Tiger is locked up in a concrete cell in a

b. the phrase 'his strength behind bars' means

c. the word in the extract which means walking with an angry gait is

d. why is the Tiger ignoring visitors ?

9. Answer the following in 40-60 words. (5x2=10 marks)

a. Explain the metaphor that the poet uses to describe the fog .

b. What happened on the 3rd day when the author let tricky out of the surgery ?

c. Why did Horace Danby find it easy to open the safe ?

d. What what was the frightful disaster that has overtaken the Loisels?

e. What had happened to make the authors legal career almost come to an end even before it began ?

10. Answer the following in 100-150 words (8 marks)

a. Why was the 20th century called the era of the book ?

OR

b. Bill fools the narrator under the pretext of helping him . Discuss.

11. Answer the following in 100- 150 words (8 Marks)

a. Fowler fails to judge Ausible correctly at first. But Ausible made correct guess about Fowler. Discuss

OR

b. 'The Trees' presents a conflict between humans and nature. Discuss