SAMPLE QUESTION PAPER (2019-20)
ENGLISH – Language and Literature (Code 184)
CLASS-X

Time allowed: 3 Hrs. **Maximum Marks : 80**

General Instructions:
1. This paper is divided into three sections: A, B and C. All questions are compulsory.
2. Separate instructions are given with each section and question, wherever necessary. Read these instructions very carefully and follow them.
3. Do not exceed the prescribed word limit while answering the questions.

	Section A: Reading	**20 Marks**
Q1	Read the passage carefully. **Red Cross: How Hope Evolved** On June 24, 1859, Emperors Napoleon III and Franz Joseph I engaged in the Battle of Solferino, commanding a combined total of about 270,000 troops onto the field for a single day of battle. Nearly 40,000 were either dead, injured, or missing, many of whom were simply left to die on the battlefield. Later, spectators crowded the fields, looking for loved ones, searching for items they could sell, or simply taking in the horrors of the battle .A Swiss businessman and social activist Jean Henri Dunant, who was traveling in Solferino witnessed all this. Jean Henri Dunantwitnessed the atrocities of war as well as the countries not prepared or equipped to ease the suffering of those who had been injured in the Battle of Solferino. Dunant organized a group of volunteers to help bring water and food to the injured, to assist with medical treatment, or write letters to the families of those who were dying and he urged the public to create an organization which would assist the wounded, regardless of which side they fought for during times of war. After that moment, he wrote the book, *A Memory of Solferino*, which urged the public to create an organization which would assist the wounded, regardless of which side they fought for during times of war. His writing inspired countless others to rally behind him in the creation of the International Federation of the Red Cross. The modern-day Red Cross began by devoting itself largely to disaster relief and epidemic treatment. This effort continues to this day. One of the easiest ways you can help the Red Cross is to make sure you are able to donate blood and make an appointment at the Red Cross website. But, donating blood isn't the only way you can help out—the Red Cross also encourages donating your time if you can. This is what the Red Cross wants everyone to know. (https://www.rd.com/true-stories/red-cross-origin/)	

	On the basis of your reading of the passage given above, answer the following questions- a. How many soldiers fought in the battle of Solferino on June 24? i. 270,000 ii. 40,000 iii. 230,000 iv. 23,000 b. What is the correct order of the information given below: I. Dunant organised a camp of volunteers. II. Emperor Napoleon III and Franz Joseph I fought a battle. III. The book 'A Memory of Solferino was written. IV. Dunant travelled in Solferino. (i) IV, III, II, I (ii) I, II, III, IV (iii) II, I, IV, III (iv) II, IV, I, III c. The writer of 'A Memory of Solferino' was: i. Emperor Napoleon III ii. Franz Joseph I iii. Jean Henri Dunant iv. International Red Cross d. The modern day Red Cross does not deal with: i. Blood donation ii. Disaster Relief iii. Epidemic Treatment iv. Writing a book e. The most appropriate sub-heading to para 2 of the passage is: i. How International Federation of Red Cross Evolved! ii. Functions of Red Cross iii. The Contributions of Jean Henri Dunant iv. The Battle of Solferino f. The aid provided by Dunant's volunteers during the battle of Solferino was: I. to help bring water and food to the injured II. to assist with medical treatment III. to write a book IV. to give relief in epidemic (i) I and III (ii) III and IV (iii) I and II (iv) II and III g. You can donate your blood and your _____ to Red Cross. h. Jean Henri Dunant participated in the war.(True/ False)	1x8=8

Q2	Read the passage carefully- **The Road to Success** **1**. The Road to success is not straight; there is a curve called failure, a loop called confusion, speed bumps called friends, caution lights called family, and you will have flats called jobs. But, if you have a spare called determination, an engine called perseverance, insurance called faith, and a driver called God, you will make it to a place called success! **2.** In spite of all our planning and preparation, unexpected challenges are certain to arise. The bumps in the road are unavoidable, but you'll never get to your destination if you aren't willing to drive over them. The difference between a disaster and triumph lies in whether or not you're prepared and willing to weather the storm. If you're ready, those bumps will become stepping-stones. **3.** The key thing to realize is that working harder is same as working smarter. How do you work smarter? You just need to have the right skills. People want improved circumstances and better life without an improved self. They want victory without paying the price or making efforts. It really cannot happen without the other. Any improvements that have not been generated by improving yourself are superficial and short-lived. If you want to have a better future, you have to change yourself. Stop worrying about the various challenges that will come your way. Just believe in yourself and use them as stepping-stones. **4.** "Success" is getting whatever you want out of life without violating the rights of others." It is not an accident. Success is the result of our attitude and our attitude is a choice. Hence success is a matter of choice and not chance. **5.** Today success represents a holistic and positive attitude to life. Attitude is everything. Success is not restricted within some kind of brick and mortar premises. It assumes the individuality of a complete act executed with perfection; material achievements do not define life. We don't remember sports stars for the products they endorse but the spirit of achievement they represent. In the abundance of positive attitude underline the grandeur of a truly rewarding rich life. **6**. Success can be measured from two standpoints—the external and the internal. Externally it is the measure of a job well done and recognition. Internally it the feeling of achievement and wholeness derived from the completion of a task or fulfillment of desire. 2.1 On the basis of your reading of the above extract, answer the following questions in 30-40 words each: (a) What qualities lead one to the place called success? (b) What is the difference between disaster and triumph? (c) How can one have a better future? (d) Describe two ways to measure success. 2.2 On the basis of your reading of the above extract, answer the following: (a) The synonym of 'victory' as given in paragraph 2 is _____ (i) Planning (ii) Preparation (iii) Triumph (iv) Challenges (b) The synonym of 'surplus' as given in paragraph 5 is _____ (c) The antonym of 'Defeat' as given in paragraph 6 is _____ (i) Recognition (ii) Achievement (iii) Completion (iv) Success	2x4=8 1x4=4

	(d) The antonym of 'deep' as given in Paragraph 3 is _____	
	Section B: Writing & Grammar	**30 Marks**
Q3)	You are Neha/Nihal Singh, Computer In-charge of Army Public School. Your school wishes to buy 20 computers and computer accessories from Apple Inc., Nehru Place, New Delhi. Draft a letter placing an order for the same. (100-150 words) OR The government has urged the people of India to realize the dream of 'Clean India'. Write an article describing the measures that people can take for a cleaner and greener India. You are Anju/Amit Kumar (100-150 words)	(8)
Q4)	Complete the following story- (150-200 words) Once there was an old man. He had four sons. They always quarreled with one another. One fine day…… OR  Taking cue from the picture given above, write a story in 150-200 words **For Visually Impaired candidates only-** **Kunal- good student- determined- scored good marks- examination- got late- helping an old man- teacher scolded- later appreciated- gave exam- stood first**	(10)
Q5)	Complete the paragraph given below by filling in the blanks choosing the correct option from those that follow- Elephants (a) _____ the largest land mammals. Three species of elephants (b) _____ living today. Elephants (c) _____other Elephantidae were once classified with other thick skinned . The elephant's gestation period is 22 months, (d) _____ longest for any land animal. (a) (i) is (ii) are (iii) was (iv) were (b) (i) are living (ii) have been living (iii) had been living (iv) will be living	1x4=4

	(c) (i) with (ii) also (iii) and (iv) but (d) (i) a (ii) an (iii) which (iv) the	
Q6)	The following paragraph has not been edited. There is one error in each line. Write the incorrect word and the correction in your answer sheet against the correct blank number. **Error Correction** Tsunami is a series in waves (a) _____ _____ generated in a body from water (b) _____ _____ through an impulsive disturbance (c) _____ _____ causing damage to property or loss of life. (d) _____ _____	1x4=4
Q7)	Rearrange the following sets of words and phrases to form meaningful sentences- a. of/ the world's /sugar cane / in Asia / over 40 percent / is produced b. can be /used as fuel / ethyl alcohol / for cars / extracted / sugar cane / from c. not the /only thing / can power/ automobiles / gasoline is / that d. can be / alternative /energy source / an / hydrogen/ also	1x4=4
	Section C - Literature	**30 Marks**
Q8	Read the extract given below and answer the questions that follow. "He should be lurking in shadow, Sliding through long grass Near the water hole Where plump deer pass." a. The poem, "A Tiger in the Zoo" is written by (i) Leslie Norris (ii) William Blake (iii) Peter Niblett(iv) Robert Frost b. The tiger should be lurking in the shadow (i) for his prey (ii) for taking rest (iii) for leisure (iv) for scaring others c. The deer frequents the water hole to _____ d. The phrase 'lurking in the shadow' here means _____ OR "I agreed that it was pretty disrespectful treatment. We did, however, search the house. Since it was only one storey high, Bill went round it, peering in at all the windows. We examined the barn and stable." a. Who does 'I' refer to- (i) Sinclair Lewis (ii) Carol Lewis (iii) Oliver Lutkins(iv) Leslie Norris b. What was Bill's profession? (i) Lawyer (ii) hack driver	1x4=4

	(iii) guide (iv) drama artist c. The disrespectful treatment faced by the speaker was _____ d. The phrase 'peering in at all windows' here means _____	
Q 9	**Answer any five of the following questions in 30 to 40 words each.** a. Why did Hari Singh think that Anil's job was queer? b. Bholi was a neglected child. Explain. c. Why did Mr.Keesing call Anne 'an incorrigible chatterbox'? d. Nelson Mandela speaks of 'Twin Obligations'. Elucidate e. Why did Belinda tickle the dragon? f. How is bread an important part of life in Goa?	2x5=10
Q10	Lencho had faith in God but lacked faith in humanity. Elaborate with reference to 'A Letter to God'.(100-150 words) OR Life is full of trials and tribulations which can be overcome by a human being through his own efforts. Explain with reference to Kisa Gotami's life.(100-150 words)	8
Q11	Ostentation and vanity often land people in trouble. Matilda is an apt example of this. Justify.(100-150 words) OR Valli shows extraordinary courage in taking a bus journey all alone. Explain how ability and courage are essential to fulfill one's dream. (100-150 words)	8