

**Directorate of Education, GNCT of Delhi**

**Practice Paper (Session: 2023- 2024)**

**Class: IX**  
**Time: 3 hours**

**Sub: English- Language and Literature (184)**  
**Maximum Marks: 80**

**General Instructions:**

- 1. This Question Paper contains THREE sections- READING, WRITING & GRAMMAR and LITERATURE.**
- 2. Attempt questions based on specific instructions for each part.**

**SECTION A: READING SKILLS (20 marks)**

**Reading Comprehension Through Unseen Passages**

**Q1. Read the following text.**

**(10 marks)**

Bhagat Singh, an iconic figure in the annals of Indian history, has emerged as a symbol of courage, resilience and unwavering commitment to the pursuit of justice. Born on September 28, 1907 in Banga, Punjab, Singh's life unfolded against the backdrop of British colonial rule, developing in him an early passion for the struggle against oppression. His father Kishan Singh and uncle Ajit Singh played an important role in shaping his political consciousness.

From an early age, Bhagat Singh demonstrated keen intelligence and a voracious appetite for knowledge. His voracious reading included the works of revolutionaries and philosophers, molding his ideology into a powerful blend of socialism and patriotism. The JallianwalaBagh massacre of 1919 left an indelible impression on him, sowing the seeds of discontent against the British Raj.

In 1928, the young firebrand joined the Hindustan Socialist Republican Association (HSRA), a radical organization advocating complete independence from British rule. In the same year, HSRA prepared a bold plan to protest against the draconian Defense of India Act and Trade Disputes Act. Bhagat Singh and his comrades sought to avenge the death of LalaLajpat Rai, who succumbed to injuries sustained during a peaceful protest against the Simon Commission.

The infamous incident that brought Bhagat Singh into the national spotlight occurred on April 8, 1929, when he and BatukeshwarDutt threw non-lethal smoke bombs into the Central Legislative Assembly. His aim was not to cause harm but to use the upcoming trial as a platform to support his revolutionary ideals. During the trial, Bhagat Singh's eloquence and expression left an indelible impression on those who witnessed the proceedings.

The sad thing is that the search for justice took a poignant turn with the hanging of LalaLajpat Rai's attackers. Seeking vengeance, Bhagat Singh along with Rajguru and Sukhdev killed the responsible British police officer J.P. Saunders. This historic event took place on December 17, 1928 in Lahore, where Bhagat Singh and his comrades confronted Saunders and avenged the death of Lajpat Rai.

The subsequent trial and imprisonment further strengthened Bhagat Singh's commitment to his cause. Even in the face of imminent execution, he displayed remarkable patience, refusing to ask for clemency. Bhagat Singh, Rajguru and Sukhdev were hanged on March 23, 1931, immortalizing their sacrifice in the history of India's freedom struggle.

Bhagat Singh's legacy endures as a symbol of courage and inspires future generations. His unwavering commitment to justice, coupled with intellectual prowess, established him as an icon of India's freedom movement, reminding the world that true heroism lies in the pursuit of a just and equitable society.

**Answer the following questions, based on the passage above.**

1. Select the event that had a profound impact on Bhagat Singh, leading to his discontent against British rule? 1

- A) Quit India Movement
- B) JallianwalaBagh massacre
- C) Non-Cooperation Movement
- D) Simon Commission protest

2. Describe the event in 1928 that led Bhagat Singh to conspire to eliminate British police officer J.P. Saunders, and what was the historical significance of this event in India's freedom struggle? 2

3. Complete the sentence appropriately. 1

The main reason behind Bhagat Singh's refusal to ask for clemency even in the face of imminent execution was \_\_\_\_\_.

4. Find the word which means 'inarticulateness' from the passage 1

- a. ideology                      b. eloquence                      c. resilience                      d. clemency

5. Complete the sentence appropriately. 1

According to the author, Bhagat Singh joined the Hindustan Socialist Republican Association (HSRA) in 1928. The primary objective of the plan devised by him and his comrades was

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6. Based on the reading of the passage, examine, How did Bhagat Singh's reading habits shape his ideology, and what role did the Jallianwala Bagh massacre play in fostering his discontent against British colonial rule? Answer in about 40 words 2

7. Based on the understanding of the above paragraph, what was the primary ideology that Bhagat Singh developed through his voracious reading? 1

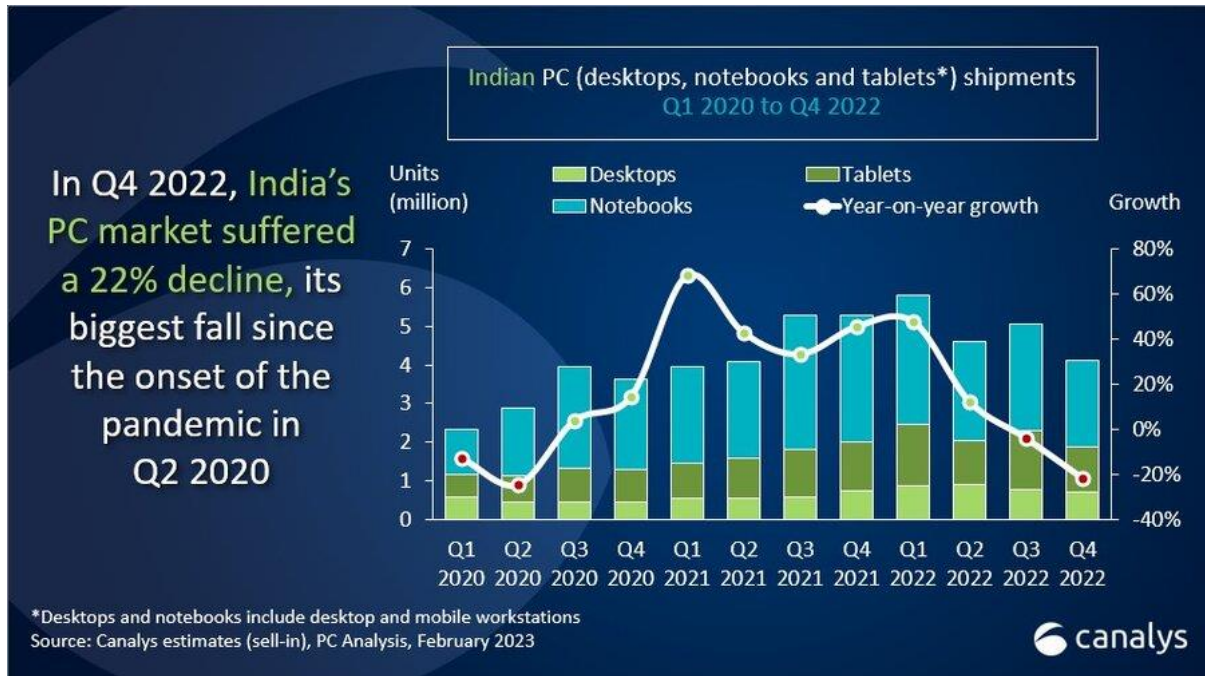
- A) Capitalism
- B) Communism
- C) Socialism
- D) Imperialism

8. Study the following statement and state True or False: 1

Statement: Bhagat Singh's legacy primarily emphasizes his intellectual prowess rather than his commitment to justice.

**Q2. Read the following text. (10 marks)**

According to Canalys estimates, the Indian PC market (desktops, notebooks and tablets) has declined by a massive 22% year-on-year, with shipments of 4.1 million units in Q4 2022. This was due to a sharp decline in notebook shipments, which declined 31% to 2.3 million units. Desktop shipments declined 5% to 695,000 units, while tablet shipments declined 7% to 1.2 million units. But, overall, 2022 was a successful year for the industry in India, with shipments growing by 5% in 2021. While notebook shipments fell 7% to 11 million units, desktop and tablet shipments grew significantly by 37% and 21% to 3.2 million. 5.4 million units respectively in 2022.



The main ongoing concerns are recession and inflation fears, which have risen again after subsiding in late 2022. “Indian consumers spent on devices in the first half of 2022, but demand fell sharply, leading to a weak holiday season for vendors and retailers,” Canals analyst AshvizAithal said. “Meanwhile, the commercial sector continued to grapple with inventory and supply chain issues, but the decline in demand is helping ease procurement delays. Pockets of enterprise spending after last year's lockdowns have helped desktops maintain some momentum, while education deals have boosted tablet shipments.

**Answer the following questions, based on the passage above.**

- Fill the blanks with the appropriate option from those given in brackets, based on your understanding of para 1. 1  
According to Canals estimates, the year-on-year decline in the Indian PC market was \_\_\_\_\_ (5%/ 15%/ 22%) in Q4 2022.
- Complete the following appropriately, based on your understanding of para 1 & 2. 1  
We can say that the category of PC shipments which experienced the sharpest decline in Q4 2022 in India was \_\_\_\_\_
- Based on the survey results, what was the overall growth rate in PC shipments in India in 2021? 1
- Describe the major factors contributing to the 22% year-on-year decline in the Indian PC market in Q4 2022 according to Canals estimates, and how did the individual segments

of notebooks, desktops, and tablets perform during this period? Rationalize your answer in 40 words. 2

5. According to the Canals report, what are the two main ongoing concerns mentioned in the paragraph? 1
6. What happened to demand for devices in the second half of 2022, according to Canals analyst AshvizAithal? 1
- A. It remained stable.
  - B. It rose significantly.
  - C. It fell sharply
  - D. It continued to grow.
7. How did recession and inflation fears impact consumer behavior in the Indian PC market, as highlighted by Canals analyst Ashviz Aithal? Additionally, what factors contributed to maintaining momentum for desktops and boosting tablet shipments amidst challenges in the commercial sector? 2
8. Which sector saw a boost in shipments due to education deals, according to the information provided? 1
- A. Commercial sector
  - B. Device sector
  - C. Tablet sector
  - D. Enterprise sector

**SECTION B: WRITING SKILLS & GRAMMAR (20 marks)**

**GRAMMAR 10**

**Q3. Complete ANY TEN of twelve of the following tasks, as directed. 1x10**

- i. Fill in the blank by using the correct form of the word in the bracket, for the given portion of an E mail :
- Sir,  
This is with reference to your Email query; we are thrilled to inform you that you have been \_\_\_\_\_(select) for the post of Asst. Professor.
- ii. Read the given sentence from an article on social media. Identify the error and supply the correction in the sentence.  
Social networking sites has become the latest fad among school children.

Use the given format for your response.

Error	correction

- iii. Krish and Komal had a conversation about the inauguration of Komal's book launch.

Report Krish's question.

Are you excited about your book launch?

- iv. Read the dialogue between Saloni and her dance teacher, Lakshmi, regarding her dance performance.

Saloni: Is my posture okay when I do this movement?

Lakshmi: I think you need to work upon your back a bit.

Select the correct option to complete the reporting of the above dialogue.

Saloni asked Lakshmi if \_\_\_\_\_ that movement. Lakshmi replied that she thought Saloni needed to work upon her back a bit.

- A. my posture was okay when she did
- B. her posture was okay when she did
- C. her posture is okay when she did
- D. her posture was being okay when she does

- v. Fill the blank by choosing the correct option, to complete the line of a story.  
It was a dark moonless night. Saumya \_\_\_\_\_(was/were/would) returning home after his late night-shift duty.

- vi. Identify the error and supply correction for the given sentence from a marketing company.

The company aimed at increasing authority in areas frequently visited by the clients.

Use the given format for your response.

Error	correction

- vii. Select the option that identifies the error and supplies the correction for the following line, from an analytical report.

Instead of a rush of text that competes for attention, your clients see a collection of beautiful graphs those transform their historical data into actionable insights.

Option No.	Error	Correction
A	of	for
B	those	that
C	into	to
D	actionable	action

- viii. Complete the given narrative, by filling the blank with the correct option.

One by one, snowflakes fell from a gray and motionless sky, only to \_\_\_\_\_ and melt instantly on the windshield.

- A. land
- B. having land
- C. landing
- D. lands

- ix. Report the dialogue between a Delivery agent and his customer, by completing the sentence:

Delivery agent: Sir, Please give me a five star rating for this order.

Customer: I need to check the packet before I give the rating.

The delivery agent requested the customer to give him a five star rating for that order. The customer answered that he needed to \_\_\_\_\_.

- x.. Fill the blank by choosing the correct option to complete the news report.

With technological advancements and \_\_\_\_\_customer expectations, businesses need a robust digital transformation strategy.

- A. Evolving
- B. Evolve
- C. Evolution
- D. Evolves

xi. Complete the line from a self- awareness song, by filling the blank with the correct option.

*Delightful display*

*Snowdrops bow their pure white heads*

*To the sun's \_\_\_\_\_.*

- A. glorious
- B. glory
- C. glory's
- D. gloried

xii. Identify the error and supply correction for the following note in a passengers' flight instruction manual:

The SAMPLE TESTING MESSAGE send through Cell Broadcasting System aims to enhance public safety and provide timely alerts during emergencies.

Use the given format for your response.

Error	correction

**WRITING (10 Marks)**

**Q4 A.** You are Deepika/Deepak. You were on your morning walk when you happened to see an injured bird on the pavement under a huge Banyan tree. You picked it up and took it to an avian veterinarian. Make a Diary entry about your experience in not more than 120 words.

**OR**

**Q4B.** "I was sleeping peacefully when I heard some noise from the outside. I woke up and ran towards the balcony....."

Complete the story in 100-120 words, giving it a suitable title.

**Q5 A.** It was your father's birthday and your mom cooked a delicious Meal: write a descriptive paragraph in not more than 120 words engaging the reader's senses by describing a mouthwatering, homemade dish, including its appearance, aroma, and taste.

**OR**



**Q5 B.** You were down with viral fever for a few days and missed a lot of school work. A classmate of yours helped you a lot by sharing notes. Write the descriptive paragraph in not more than 120 words describing her appearance and thoughtful gestures.

**SECTION D : LITERATURE TEXTBOOK AND SUPPLEMENTARY READING TEXT**

**(40 marks)**

**Q6.** Read the given extracts and answer the questions for ANY ONE of the two, given.

**A.** One of the famous papers of 1905 was Einstein's Special Theory of Relativity, according to which time and distance are not absolute. Indeed, two perfectly accurate clocks will not continue to show the same time if they come together again after a journey if one of them has been moving very fast relative to the other. From this followed the world's most famous formula which describes the relationship between mass and energy:  $E=mc^2$   
In the mathematics equation, E stands for energy, m for mass and c for the speed of the light in a vacuum (about 300,000 km/s.)

**(A Truly Beautiful Mind)**

- i. What does Einstein's Special Theory of Relativity suggest about the nature of time and distance? 1
- a. Time and distance are absolute.
  - b. Time and distance are relative.
  - c. Time is absolute, but distance is relative.
  - d. Time is relative, but distance is absolute.
- ii. According to the passage, what happens to the time shown on two perfectly accurate clocks that come together after a journey, where one has been moving very fast relative to the other? Answer in about 40 words. 2
- iii. State true or false: Einstein's equation  $E=mc^2$  relates mass and energy. 1
- iv. Which word/phrase would correctly substitute 'Journey', in the given sentence from the extract. 1

**OR**

**B.** In the evening, there was another storm but the leaf did not fall. Johnsy lay for a long time looking at the leaf. Then she called out to Sue. "I have been a bad girl. You have looked after me so lovingly and I have not cooperated with you. I have been depressed and gloomy. The last leaf has shown me how wicked I have been. I have realised that it is a in to want to die." Sue hugged Johnsy. Then she gave her lots of hot soup and a mirror. Johnsy combed her hair

and smiled brightly. In the afternoon the doctor came. After examining his patient, he told Sue, "Johnsy now has the will to live. I am confident she'll recover soon.

**(The Last Leaf)**

- i. What did Johnsy realize after looking at the last leaf during the storm? 1  
A. She had been a bad friend  
B. Sue had been uncooperative  
C. Depression is wicked  
D. It is a sin to want to die
- ii. What did the doctor say about Johnsy after examining her? 1
- iii... In what ways did the doctor assess Johnsy's condition, and what was his prognosis for her recovery? Answer in about 40 words. 2
- iv..Which of the following words is closest in meaning to 'melancholy' as mentioned in the extract?
- A. Gloomy  
B. Cooperated  
C. Depressed  
D. Recover

**Q7 Read the given extracts and answer the questions for ANY ONE of the two, given.**

A. Then good Saint Peter grew angry,  
For he was hungry and faint;  
And surely such a woman  
Was enough to provoke a saint.

**(A Legend of the Northland)**

- i. Fill the blank with one word. 1  
Saint Peter felt \_\_\_\_\_ in the given lines
- ii. According to the lines, what condition was Saint Peter in? 1  
A. Happy and content  
B. Hungry and faint  
C. Excited and energetic  
D. Tired but satisfied

iii. In the context of the stanza, analyze the emotions of Saint Peter. How does hunger contribute to his reaction, and what does the poet imply about the impact of the woman's actions on Saint Peter's state of mind? Rationalise your answer in about 40 words. 2

iv. Which of the following words can be an antonym of the word "provoked" as mentioned in the line: "Was enough to provoke a saint."  
a. Stirred  
b. kind  
c. Pleased  
d. Shy

**B.** It takes much time to kill a tree,  
Not a simple jab of the knife  
Will do it. It has grown  
Slowly consuming the earth,  
Rising out of it, feeding  
Upon its crust, absorbing  
Years of sunlight, air, water,  
And out of it leprous hide  
Sprouting leaves.  
(On Killing A Tree)

i.. What is the poet's view on killing a tree according to the lines? 1

ii.. According to the poet How does the tree grow and what does the tree feed upon as it grows? Explain in about 40 words. 2

iii.. Complete the sentence with the appropriate option. 1

According to the poet, the tree's leaves represent \_\_\_\_\_ of the tree.

iv.. Find the word which means 'Diseased' from the above stanza of the poem. 1

**Q8. Answer ANY FOUR of the following five questions, in about 40-50 words. 4x3=12**

- i. Margie had never studied in a regular school. But she got to know about the traditional school. Comment on the statements. (The Fun They Had)
- ii. Kezia did not have a loving relationship with her father. She always felt scared of him. Justify this taking examples from the chapter "The Little Girl"

- iii. Describe the feeling of Bliss, According to the poet in the poem, Rain on The Roof.
- iv. Give a brief description of the central idea of the poem, “Wind”.
- v. Mention the qualities that Kalam inherited from both his parents. (My Childhood)

**Q9. Answer ANY TWO of the following three questions, in about 40-50 words. 2x3=6**

- i. The disciple decided to stay in the Kingdom of Fools while the Guru left? Give reasons.
- ii. According to the author, Iswaran seemed to more than make up for the absence of TV in Mahendra’s quarter. How? Elaborate.
- iii. How did Olga’s treatment of Lushkoff, brought a life altering change in the latter? Explain.

**Q 10. Answer ANY ONE of the following two questions, in about 100-120 words. 6**

Some remarkable values of Evelyn’s character made her achieve the target despite her handicap. Santosh Yadav also had to face the challenges from a traditional family during her growing up years. Compare and contrast the characters of both in the light of above statements.

(The Sound of Music and Reach for The Top)

**OR**

“Einstein was deeply shaken by the extent of destruction during the second world war”. What qualities of Einstein’s character are revealed by this statement? What efforts did he make to promote peace and democracy? Elaborate

(A Truly Beautiful Mind)

**Q11. Answer ANY ONE of the following two questions, in about 100-120 words. 6**

Childhood is a period which is full of joyful moments. The child in the “The Lost Child” is fascinated to see many things before going to the fair but later on, the same things didn’t bring him any joy. Comment and justify the statements taking examples from the story.

**OR**

Draw a character sketch of the Guru in the chapter, “In The Kingdom of Fools”