

Class - X
ENGLISH
(Communicative)

Time : 3 Hours

Maximum Marks : 80

Total No. of Pages : 9

The Question Paper is divided into **four** sections :

Section A : Reading 20 Marks

Section B : Writing 20 Marks

Section C : Grammar 20 Marks

Section D : Literature 20 Marks

General Instructions :

1. All questions are **compulsory**.
2. You may attempt any section at a time.
3. All questions of a particular section must be attempted in the correct order.

SECTION - A
(Reading – 20 Marks)

1. Read the poem given below :

1x5=5

BLOSSOMS

Fair pledges of a fruitful tree,
Why do ye fall so fast ?
Your date is not so past,
But you may stay yet here awhile

To blush and gently smile,
And go at last.
What, were ye born to be
An hour or half's delight
And so to bid good night ?

'T was pity nature brought ye forth
Merely to show your worth
And lose you quite.
But you are lovely leaves, where we
May read how soon things have
Their end, though ne'er so brave;
And after they have shown their pride
Like you, awhile, they glide
Into the grave.

Given below is the summary of the poem. Fill in the blanks with suitable words to complete the summary. Use only one word for each blank.

Today when I was strolling in the evening, I saw beautiful (a) _____ of a fruitful tree, which were (b) _____ very fast. This led me on to think about (c) _____ short stay in the world. These flowers seemed to be very (d) _____ but (e) _____. They displayed their beauty by (f) _____ and smiling gently. I was shocked at the (g) _____ of their life. The fate of the blossoms led me to think of the (h) _____ of human life, and similar (i) _____ of all the (j) _____ things of life.

2. Read the passage given below and complete the statements that follow by choosing answers from the given options. 1x5=5

I have heard nearly as much nonsense about zoos as I have about God and religion. Well meaning but misinformed people think animals in the wild are “happy” because they are “free”. These people usually have a large, handsome predator, a lion or a cheetah in their minds. They imagine this wild animal roaming about the savannah on digestive walks after eating a prey that accepted its lot piously, or going for callisthenic runs to stay slim after over indulging. They imagine this animal overseeing its offspring proudly and tenderly, the whole family watching the setting of the sun from the limbs of trees with sighs of pleasure. The life of the wild animal is simple, noble and meaningful, they imagine. Then it is captured by wicked men and thrown into tiny jails. Its “happiness” is dashed. It yearns mightily for “freedom” and does all it can to escape. Being denied its “freedom” for too long, the animal becomes a shadow of itself.

Animals in the wild lead lives of compulsion and necessity within an unforgiving social hierarchy in an environment where the supply of fear is high and the supply of food low and where territory must constantly be defended and parasites forever endured.

- (a) According to many people animals in the wild are happy because _____.
- (i) they get plenty to eat
 - (ii) there is no restriction
 - (iii) they are free
 - (iv) their children are with them
- (b) Such people have large animals like _____ in mind.
- (i) elephants
 - (ii) hippopotamus
 - (iii) giraffe
 - (iv) lions
- (c) According to these people, animals enjoy in the wild with _____.
- (i) other animals
 - (ii) their offsprings
 - (iii) others of their species
 - (iv) none of the above
- (d) The wild animals are captured by _____.
- (i) good people
 - (ii) sporting people
 - (iii) ‘wicked’ people
 - (iv) happy people
- (e) The word, ‘endured’ here means _____.
- (i) dealt with difficult situations
 - (ii) dealt with happy situations
 - (iii) bore patiently
 - (iv) none of the above.

**3. Read the passage given below and complete the sentences that follow :
1x5=5**

Gandhiji was of a ripe age, but he was still full of vitality and his capacity for work was prodigious. The end came suddenly at the hands of an assassin. India was shocked and the world grieved, and to those of us who were more intimately connected with him the shock and sorrow were hard to bear. And yet, perhaps, it was a fitting close to a magnificent career and in his death, as in his life, he served the cause to which he had devoted himself. None of us would have liked to see him gradually fade in body and mind with increasing years. And so he died, as he had lived, a bright star of hope and achievement, the Father of the Nation which had been shaped and trained by him for half a century.

To those who had the high privilege of being associated with him in some of his innumerable activities, he will ever remain the embodiment of youthful energy. We shall not think of him as an old man, but rather as one who represented, with the vitality of spring, the birth of a new India. To a younger generation who did not come in personal contact with him, he is a tradition, and numerous stories are woven round his name and activities. He was great in his life, he is greater since he passed away.

- (a) Gandhiji's capacity for work was great despite his _____.
- (b) Gandhiji was never considered an old man because _____.
- (c) The shock and sorrow were hard to bear to those who _____.
- (d) He lived and died as _____.
- (e) The word from the passage which means the same as 'great' is _____.

4. Read the passage given below and answer the questions that follow by choosing the answers from given options.

1x5=5

Modern food has become our enemy. We have become so taken in by taste and presentation that we eat food for its entertainment value, not for its nutritional benefit. Even as health awareness is increasing the variety of junk and nutrition deprived food is also increasing. Each restaurant boasts of a new cuisine, which is a mixture of refined flour, oil and sugar. Pasta, noodles, white rice, white bread and maida based products like pizzas, burgers, naan, and rumali roti are the main options in Italian, Chinese, Indian or Mexican cuisines. The vegetarian dishes are either over cooked or have a lot of corn starch and fat. The non-vegetarian dishes are either white- sauce based or made in rich gravies.

People are trying to lose weight by eating less in the day, so that they can accommodate such foods in the night. They skip breakfast and lunch so that they can satisfy their taste buds in the night with a family dinner.

Perfect health, however, cannot be achieved by a process of deprivation and elimination. The idea is to nourish the body. You might achieve some weight loss but you will also lose out on your health.

Therefore, whilst embarking upon any weight loss programme, remember that health is so much more than just weight loss, at the same time achieving an ideal body weight in a healthy way does provide a basis for achieving perfect health.

- (1) The writer calls modern food our enemy because _____.

- (a) food is eaten for taste not nutrition
(b) it causes diseases
(c) old people do not like it.
(d) it is full of chemicals.
- (2) People compensate for eating less during the day by _____.
- (a) eating at restaurants everyday
(b) eating fruits and milk
(c) eating junk food at night
(d) by exercising before eating
- (3) According to the writer, restaurant food is not good for health because_____.
- (a) it is made from sugar, oil and refined flour which are bad for health.
(b) it is not made hygienically
(c) it does not have any nutrition
(d) it makes one fat
- (4) While losing weight one must not forget to _____.
- (a) eat junk food
(b) eat nourishing food
(c) eat fatty food
(d) eat tasty food
- (5) The meaning of the word 'cuisine' is
- (a) expensive and stylish food
(b) name of a medicine
(c) junk food
(d) detested billiard table

SECTION - B

(Writing - 20 Marks)

5. Given below is a profile of Mrs. Smitha Lamba, your English teacher. Write a short bio-sketch of Mrs. Smitha Lamba 4

Age	:	35 years
Height	:	165 cm 68 kg a little fat, pleasant looking
Education	:	M.A (Eng) Delhi University, B.Ed. Punjab University
Duties	:	Organising extra curricular activities, editor of school magazine, class - co-ordinator of class X
Other qualities	:	Kind, helpful, good guide, well-informed, polite, soft spoken

6. You are Kriti/Ketan studying in M.G. Public School, Phagwara. The road leading to your school is very congested and full of pot holes. Students and parents are often caught in traffic jams. In spite of several representations, the government has not done anything to improve the condition of the road. Write a letter in about 120 words to the Editor of 'The Times of India', drawing the attention of concerned authorities towards this problem. 8
7. While reading a magazine, Raman came across the following excerpt : 8

The first UN Conference on Environment was held 38 years back in 1972 in Stockholm, Sweden. In the next quarter of a century our planet has undergone dramatic changes in, pollution, population and the pressures that humanity puts on its natural resources. This has disturbed the ecological balance. It is high time to take some concrete steps to check the deteriorating situation.

He decided to give a speech in the morning assembly on " How to check environmental pollution."

Draft the speech in about 150 words on the basis of your own ideas, ideas from the excerpt together with those in the unit on environment.

SECTION - C
(Grammar - 20 Marks)

8. Complete the following passage by choosing the correct answers from the options given below.

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Last evening I reached home late. After taking dinner, I (a) _____ to bed as I had (b) _____ an early morning flight to Mumbai. I had slept only for an hour or so when I heard someone (c) _____ at the door. It is not my habit (d)

_____ someone (e) _____ for me at the door for long. So, I got up at once, (f)

_____ the door and I was surprised (g) _____ my friend, Mukta, (h) _____ a basket of flowers in her hand. She wanted to greet me on my birthday.

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| (a) | (i) | retiring | (ii) | retire | (iii) | retired | (iv) | retirement |
| (b) | (i) | caught | (ii) | to catch | (iii) | catching | (iv) | catches |
| (c) | (i) | it knock | (ii) | knocked | (iii) | knocking | (iv) | had knocked |
| (d) | (i) | to have kept | (ii) | kept | (iii) | had kept | (iv) | to keep |
| (e) | (i) | waiting | (ii) | waited | (iii) | wait | (iv) | is wait |
| (f) | (i) | opened | (ii) | to open | (iii) | opening | (iv) | had opened |
| (g) | (i) | saw | (ii) | seen | (iii) | to see | (iv) | sees |

(h) (i) carried (ii) carry (iii) to carry (iv) carrying

9. Complete the following dialogue by choosing the correct options :

1x4=4

- Sonia : Hello, Divya! Please tell me (a) _____ this club.
Divya : For that you have to fill in a form and deposit some money
Sonia : Please tell me in detail (b) _____.
Divya : You have to attach an NOC from your parents.
Sonia : (c) _____.
Divya : Deposit the application form, NOC and membership fee with the cashier , and you will be issued membership card.
Sonia : By the way (d) _____?
Divya : It is only five hundred rupees initially.

- (a) (i) how will one be a member of
(ii) how can one be a member of
(iii) how one will be a member of
(iv) how one can be a member of
(b) (i) what is needed extra
(ii) what else is needed
(iii) what more is needing
(iv) what is needed else
(c) (i) What I shall have to do then ?
(ii) What shall I have to do then ?
(iii) What may I have to do then ?
(iv) What shall I be doing then ?
(d) (i) how much money has to be deposited
(ii) how more money has to be deposited
(iii) what money has to be deposited
(iv) which amount of money has to be deposited

10. Rearrange the following to form meaningful sentences. The first one has been done as an example for you.

1x4=4

surveys/ shown/ the/ that/ bills/ medical/ of / vegetarians/ lower/
considerably/non-vegetarians/ the/ have/ are/ than those of

Surveys have shown that medical bills of vegetarians are considerably lower than those of the non-vegetarians.

- (a) protection / vegetarianism /from/ diseases/ coronary/ offers
(b) it/ helps/of/management/the/ diseases/the/ gastro-intestinal/

- (c) is/it/for/suitable/insulin/non-insulin/dependent/dependent / and /diabetics
 (d) use/as/a/part/major/their/of/Nephrologists/it/diet.

11. Read the following headlines and complete the news reports that follow :

1x4=4

- (a) Heavy Rains Lash Orissa

The heavy rain which _____ threw normal life out of gear in most parts of the state.

- (b) M.B.A Classes to begin in October.

The centre incharge has informed _____ in October.

- (c) Theatre Personality Bags Title.

The Kalanidhi title _____ and scholar, M.K. Swamy.

- (d) 20 people killed As Buses Collide

About _____ on the highway leading to Bengaluru.

12. Read the comic strip given below and complete the passage that follows :

1x4=4



Mr. Jiggs told his intimate friend Lucky that (a) _____ and how he liked it. Mr. Lucky replied (b) _____. Then he inquired from Lucky (c) _____. Lucky replied that (d) _____.

SECTION - D

(Literature - 20 Marks)

13. Read the passage given below and complete the statements that follow by choosing the correct options :

1x3=3

- (A) And you're Mozart in disguise come to earth before my eyes " well , I charge a modest fee,"

"Oh!" But it won't hurt, you'll see".

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- (i) The nightingale calls the frog "Mozart in disguise" as _____.
- (a) she is unduly impressed by him
 - (b) she is a great fan of Mozart
 - (c) the frog looks like Mozart
 - (d) Mozart had disguised himself as a frog
- (ii) The frog's proposal brings out _____.
- (a) his enthusiasm to train the nightingale
 - (b) his greed and cunning
 - (c) his love for music
 - (d) his training abilities
- (iii) Nightingale's "Oh" brings out her _____.
- (a) shock
 - (b) joy
 - (c) excitement
 - (d) disappointment

OR

O, pardon me, thou bleeding piece of earth, That I am meek and gentle with these butchers !

- (i) The above lines are spoken by _____.
- (a) Brutus
 - (b) Cassius
 - (c) Mark Antony
 - (d) Second Citizen
- (ii) 'Bleeding piece of earth' stands for _____
- (a) the battlefield from where Caesar returned victorious
 - (b) the spot where Caesar was assassinated
 - (c) the place where Caesar's body was taken for burial
 - (d) the dead body of Caesar's
- (iii) The speaker is 'meek' with the butchers because _____
- (a) of his timidity
 - (b) of his diplomatic approach
 - (c) he is afraid of being killed by them
 - (d) he is ill-armed

(B) Read the extract given below and answer the questions that follow :

But when the war is over, you won't be allowed to stay here.
go home!

- (a) Who speaks these lines to whom ?
- (b) Which war is referred to here ?

1x3=3
(c) 'Here' refers to _____

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

2x4=8

- (a) The mirror says, "I am not cruel, only truthful" Elaborate.
- (b) Why was the postmaster keen to deliver the letter to Ali himself ?
- (c) What consequences did the mariners have to face as a result of killing the albatross ?
- (d) How does Antony prove to the crowd that Caesar was not ambitious ?
- (e) How did the narrator's grandmother prepare for the journey to the refugee camp ?

15. Answer the following question in **100-125** words:

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Imagine yourself as the narrator of 'The Ultimate Safari'. Write a page of diary about the horrible experience of passing through Kruger Park.

OR

What were the blessings which the mariners experienced when the albatross arrived on the ship ?

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