

1001101 - C1

Class - X

ENGLISH
(Communicative)

Maximum Marks : **80**

Time : **3** hours

Total No. of Pages : **11**

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. Marks are indicated against each question.
3. An additional **15** minutes time has been allotted to read this question paper only.

SECTION - A
(Reading - 20 Marks)

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1. Read the following passage carefully :

He's a lover of languages, fluent in German, French and English and of course, his mother tongue Tamil. Teaching German at the Goethe Institute upto seven days a week, and heading the long distance learning program in cooperation with IGNOU, keep him very busy. As if his life wasn't hectic enough, P. Saralathan has translated Franz Kafka's 'Letter to the Father' from the original German text into Tamil. The Tamil translation is entitled 'Thandaiku' Saralathan says he was inspired to translate 'Letter to the Father' for the potential of Kafka's words make us look at the power wielded by Indian parents over their children. In a rare departure for contemporary Indian or Tamil literature, this book explores the son's pent up remorse towards his father. It is not to say that a son in India can not feel for his father, but according to Saralathan, it's something that is not really discussed openly in our patriarchal society.

Answer the following questions by selecting the most appropriate option from the ones given below :

- (a) What makes Saralathan extremely busy ?
 - (i) seven days teaching of German at Goethe Institute
 - (ii) heads distance learning programme of IGNOU
 - (iii) translation into Tamil.
 - (iv) all the above
- (b) Why was he inspired to translate Letter to the Father into Tamil ?
 - (i) to make us understand Kafka's words
 - (ii) to make us understand the power Indian parents hold over their children
 - (iii) to educate Indian parents
 - (iv) none of the above
- (c) What has this book tried to explore ?
 - (i) son's anger towards his father
 - (ii) son's remorse towards his father
 - (iii) son's repressed remorse towards his father
 - (iv) son's affection towards his father
- (d) The word 'pent up' in the passage means :
 - (i) cordial
 - (ii) impious
 - (iii) great
 - (iv) repressed
- (e) A patriarchal society is headed by :
 - (i) female
 - (ii) grown up female
 - (iii) male
 - (iv) all the three.

2. Read the following passage carefully :

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We enjoy winter only because we have ways of keeping our body warm. But this season is not a comfortable one for many animals. If they did not have enough fur or feathers, they could not have borne the cold. Their body temperature drops in winter and they keep alive by hibernating. Animals that are cold blooded, like frogs, toads, lizards, snakes and turtles sleep through the winter and are stirred into activity only when the environment gets comfortably warm.

Warm-blooded animals go through phases of sleep and wakefulness. They sleep through most of the winter, but get up once in a while to feed or find some food, which is usually stored up in their winter home. Hedgehogs, badgers, bears, bats and squirrels are some warm blooded hibernators.

A number of insects die in winter while many others survive the cold by hibernating in the form of eggs, larva or pupa. Adult insects like butterflies, moths, house flies and mosquitoes hibernate in storehouses, holes in the ground, caves or other sheltered places.

Answer the following questions by selecting the most appropriate option from the ones given below:

- (a) Human beings can't enjoy winter unless:
 - (i) we didn't have ways to keep us warm.
 - (ii) we don't have ways to keep us warm.
 - (iii) we have ways of keeping our body warm.
 - (iv) we hibernate like animals.
- (b) What would have made winter uncomfortable for animals ?
 - (i) absence of feathers. (ii) presence of feathers.
 - (iii) extreme cold. (iv) varying body temperature.
- (c) Which of the following animal doesn't drop its body temperature ?
 - (i) frog (ii) badgers
 - (iii) lizards (iv) snakes
- (d) Warm blooded hibernators wake up once in a while to
 - (i) mate (ii) drop temperature
 - (iii) feed (iv) expose their body to sun.
- (e) Find a word in the passage that means not exposed to rain or wind.
 - (i) stirred (ii) sheltered
 - (iii) store (iv) hibernate

3. Read the following passage carefully :

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Smoking is the major cause of mortality with bronchogenic carcinoma of the lung and is one of the factors causing death due to malignancies of larynx, 'Oral cavity, oesophagus bladder, kidney, pancreas, stomach and uterine cervix and coronary heart diseases.

Nicotine is the major substance present in the smoke that causes physical dependence. The additives do produce damage to the body - for example, ammonia can result in a two fold increase in the ability of nicotine to enter into the smoke.

Levulinic acid, added to cigarettes to mask the harsh taste of the nicotine, can increase the binding of nicotine to brain receptors, which increases the 'kick' of nicotine.

Smoke from the burning end of a cigarette contains over 4000 chemicals and 40 carcinogens. It has long been known that tobacco smoke is carcinogenic or cancer - causing.

The lungs of smokers collect an annual deposit of 1 to 1½ pounds of the gooey black material. Invisible gas phase of cigarette smoke contains nitrogen, oxygen and toxic gases like carbon monoxide, formaldehyde, acrolein, hydrogen cyanide and nitrogen oxides. These gases are poisonous and in many cases interfere with the body's ability to transport oxygen.

Answer the following questions by selecting the most appropriate option from the ones given below:

- (a) What in a cigarette makes people addicted to it ?
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| (i) ammonia | (ii) nicotine |
| (iii) levulin | (iv) bronchogenic carcinoma. |
- (b) _____ in cigarettes helps the user to cover up the unpleasant taste of nicotine.
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| (i) smoke | (ii) ammonia |
| (iii) levulinic acid | (iv) none of the above. |
- (c) Find a word in the passage that means sticky or soft.
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| (i) substance | (ii) nicotine |
| (iii) toxic | (iv) gooey. |
- (d) What is meant by 'kick' of nicotine ?
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| (i) harsh taste | (ii) smoke |
| (iii) effect | (iv) unpleasant smell. |
- (e) Find a word in the passage that means take something from one place to another.
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| (i) transport | (ii) interfere |
| (iii) receptor | (iv) bind |

4. Read the extract carefully.

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The frost performs its secret ministry,
Upheld by the wind. The owlets' cry
Came loud - and hark, again ! Loud as before
The inmates of my cottage, all at rest
Have left me to that solitude, which suits
Abstruser musings : save that at my side
My cradled infant slumbers peacefully
'Tis calm indeed ! So calm, that it disturbs
And vexes meditation with its strange
and extreme silentness.

S.T. Coleridge.

Read the questions given below and write the option you consider the most appropriate in your answer sheet.

- (a) The 'secret ministry' of the frost is that :
- (i) it is falling on the ground
 - (ii) it ministers the earth.
 - (iii) it has secret deal with nature
 - (iv) its deal with the air
- (b) There is silence all around. This is seen in the phrase:
- (i) and, hark again
 - (ii) that solitude
 - (iii) Abstruser musings
 - (iv) all at rest
- (c) Who is sleeping in the cradle ?
- (i) poet's child
 - (ii) poets son
 - (iii) his nephew
 - (iv) a stranger baby
- (d) What disturbs the calm ?
- (i) the surroundings
 - (ii) nature
 - (iii) weather
 - (iv) calmness.
- (e) The word 'meditation' means :
- (i) prayers
 - (ii) thought
 - (iii) deep thought
 - (iv) deep ideas

SECTION B

(Writing - 20 Marks)

5. Given below is a profile of Ravindra Varma. Write a short bio-sketch of Ravindra Varma. You may take the help of the clues given below. 4

Age	-	45 years, thinly built
Height/weight	-	175 cm, 73 kg, pleasing and dynamic personality
Profession	-	drives auto rickshaw the whole day - 7.30 am - 11.30 pm - earns around Rs.600 a day.
Family	-	a large family comprising four children, bed ridden parents-one son three daughters-son works in construction sites and attending correspondence course for B.A - daughters attending school and colleges - wife works as a domestic servant in the nearby posh colony.
Likes/dislikes	-	Likes cinema, T.V. serials dislikes poverty - ready to work longer time-wants to make his children educated.

6. You are Danny/Della. You saw an advertisement in a magazine for youth. Upset by the misleading language, you decide to write an article entitled "Health is a treasure with no short cuts" for publication in your school magazine. Write the article in 180 words. 8
7. You are the Head boy / Head girl of your school. You decide to make the students aware of the advantage of tree plantation and tell them how trees can serve them as better air conditioners. Prepare a speech you intend to deliver in the morning assembly the next day and write it in your answer sheet using not more than 150-175 words. Take help of the notes. 8

Notes

Trees keep environment cool by :

- (a) taking heat of earth and air
- (b) absorbing carbon-dioxide that helps in controlling temperature rise.
- (c) bringing rains.
- (d) checking direct sunlight.
- (e) providing shade.

SECTION - C
(Grammar - 20 Marks)

8. Choose the best word from the options given below to complete the following passage: 4

Some people are lucky enough never to fall sick, but most (a) _____ us have to go (b) _____ a doctor occasionally for treatment and examination. Except in emergencies, it is customary to make an appointment (c) _____ arriving at a doctor's office. When a patient visits a doctor (d) _____ the first time, he or she is asked a number of questions.

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| (a) | (i) | of | (ii) | to | (iii) | among | (iv) | in |
| (b) | (i) | into | (ii) | with | (iii) | to | (iv) | for |
| (c) | (i) | when | (ii) | after | (iii) | while | (iv) | before |
| (d) | (i) | on | (ii) | of | (iii) | for | (iv) | in |

9. Read the following conversation carefully and complete the passage by choosing the most appropriate option: 4

Mother : Why are you late from school ?

Sajan : There was a friendly football match between our school and Kirti Public School

Mother : Why didn't you inform us earlier ?

Sajan : I rang home but nobody picked up the phone.

- (a) Mother asked Sajan _____.
(i) why were you late from school
(ii) why he was late from the school
(iii) why he has been late from school
(iv) why he had been late from the school
- (b) Sajan replied that _____ and Kirti Public School
(i) there was a friendly football match between our school
(ii) there had been a friendly football match between our school
(iii) there was a friendly football match between their school
(iv) there had been a friendly football match between their school.
- (c) Mother asked _____ earlier
(i) why he had not informed her.
(ii) why didn't you inform them
(iii) why he hadn't informed them
(iv) why didn't you inform us.
- (d) Sajan replied that he _____ up the phone.
(i) had rang up but nobody had picked
(ii) had rung home but nobody picked
(iii) rang home but nobody picked
(iv) had rung up but nobody had picked.

10. Complete the news item by choosing the correct answer from the options below : 4

- (1) 2 YEAR - OLD FALLS INTO 260 ft. BOREWELL
A two year old boy_____ into 260 ft. deep borewell in Nakodar Village in Punjab
(a) was fallen (b) fell (c) will fall (d) felled
- (2) IDOLS IMMERSSED IN RIVER
The ten day Dussehra festival came to an end today when idols of Durga_____ in the Ganges.
(a) immersed (b) had been immersed
(c) would be immersed (d) were immersed
- (3) 35 DIE IN A TRUCK - BUS ACCIDENT
Thirty five people_____ in a truck - bus accident on Coimbatore - Salem Road when the brakes of the bus failed.
(a) had died (b) were dead (c) died (d) are dead
- (4) CM INAUGURATES FLY OVER.
The Chief Minister Sri. S. Chandrachutan_____the fly over yesterday at Tirupati.
(a) inaugurated (b) has been inaugurating
(c) has inaugurated (d) is inaugurating

11. Edit the letter given below by choosing from the appropriate option. 4

24, Rose Villa
Punaloor
13 June, 2010

Dear Anand,

In this letter I (a) write about the picnic that I enjoyed. It was a very pleasant day. Cool breeze (b) was running. It was the season of mangoes. We (c) carried ripe mangoes. The music proved very sweet in such (d) neutral surroundings. We enjoyed much at the river bank. We returned home in the evening.

With regards,

Arun

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| (a) (i) wrote | (ii) will write |
| (iii) am writing | (iv) have written. |
| (b) (i) had blown | (ii) has blown |
| (iii) blew | (iv) was blowing |
| (c) (i) have bought | (ii) bought |
| (iii) brought | (iv) had bought. |
| (d) (i) natured | (ii) natural |
| (iii) naturally | (iv) nature. |

12. Fill in the gaps by choosing the correct option given below:

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The exhausted earth groaned and quivered (a) in the glare of the sun. Spirals (b) in heat rose from the ground (c) on it from Molten Lava. A panting lizard (d) crawl painfully over the hot rocks in search of a shady crevice.

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| (a) | (i) | under | (ii) | on | (iii) | at | (iv) | into |
| (b) | (i) | for | (ii) | of | (iii) | to | (iv) | from |
| (c) | (i) | because | (ii) | and | (iii) | even | (iv) | as |
| (d) | (i) | was crawled | (ii) | crawled | (iii) | crawling | (iv) | crawls |

SECTION - D

(Literature - 20 Marks)

13. Read the extracts and answer the following questions by choosing the most appropriate option. (Attempt any two):

3x2=6

(A) May the sins of your previous birth

Be burned away tonight, they said

May your suffering decrease

The misfortunes of your next birth, they said

May the sum of evil

Balanced in this unreal world.

(1) The Peasants pray that :

- (i) the scorpion may sit still
- (ii) the mother's pain may lessen
- (iii) the mother may be all right
- (iv) Poet's mother's sins of previous birth be burnt.

(2) The Peasants comfort the mother by stating that her sins may be washed by.

- (i) her sufferings
- (ii) the scorpion's bite
- (iii) her sufferings due to scorpion's bite
- (iv) her groaning.

(3) 'In this unreal world' means.

- (i) present world which is not real
- (ii) present world which is like an illusions
- (iii) the unrealistic world
- (iv) the world shown in physical terms.

(B) As thus with thee in prayer in my sore need.
Oh, lift me as a wave, a leaf, a cloud !
I fall upon the thorns of life ! I bleed !
A heavy weight of hours has chained and bowed,
One too like thee - tame less, and swift, and proud.

- (1) In his childhood the poet was :
 - (i) like the west wind
 - (ii) tameless, swift and proud
 - (iii) like a proud super hero
 - (iv) most powerful like the west wind.
- (2) He prays to the west wind to :
 - (i) help him
 - (ii) fly in the air
 - (iii) treat him as it does a wave, a leaf and a cloud
 - (iv) remove his fears of life.
- (3) The poet feels sad because :
 - (i) he is down with fear
 - (ii) he can't face the world
 - (iii) the heavy weight of life troubles him
 - (iv) the heavy weight of life is a load for him

(C) I wish I had him here. I'd
Give him a piece of my mind
To feast upon and I hope he'd
Have a good appetite for it .

- (1) Who does 'him' refer to here ?
 - (i) Jacob Marley
 - (ii) Mr. Cratchit
 - (iii) Mr. Scrooge
 - (iv) Fred
- (2) Who is the speaker ?
 - (i) Second ghost
 - (ii) Belle
 - (iii) Mr. Cratchit
 - (iv) Mrs. Cratchit

(3) Why does the speaker say these words about the person under attack ?

- (i) because the latter is mainly responsible for their misery
- (ii) the latter is very rich
- (iii) the former is poor.
- (iv) the former is unsympathetic

14. Answer any Four of the following questions in 30 - 40 words each:

2x4=8

- (a) What were the changes that came in Babuli after he was comfortably settled in the city ?
- (b) What did the elder brother usually do to cater to Babuli's love for fish during school days ?
- (c) Why did Cutie Pie think that even if he got a chance to escape, it would be no use escaping ?
- (d) How is the West Wind both a destroyer and a preserver ?
- (e) What do you learn about Scrooge's views about charity towards the poor ?

15. Answer any ONE of the following in 150 words :

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As Christopher grows he maintains a close contact with Cutie Pie. Imagine you are Christopher. Write a letter to your friend about your alien friend, how he still visits you and how you are disappointed that no one believes you.

OR

Imagine Babuli's wife writes diary. Write a diary page for her about her reactions over the handing over of their share of property by Babuli to his elder brother.

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