

1001104 - B1

Class - X

**ENGLISH
(Communicative)**

Maximum Marks : **80**

Time : **3 hours**

Total No. of Pages : **12**

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)

1. Read the following poem carefully.

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I know what the caged bird feels.
Ah me, when the sun is bright on the upland slopes,
when the wind blows soft through the springing grass
and the river floats like a sheet of glass,
when the first bird sings and the first bud opens,
and the faint perfume from its chalice steals.
I know what the caged bird feels.

I know why the caged bird beats his wing
till its blood is red on the cruel bars,
for he must fly back to his perch and cling
when he fain would be on the bough a swing
And the blood still throbs in the old, old scars
and they pulse again with a keener sting.
I know why he beats his wing.

I know why the caged bird sings.
Ah, me, when its wings are bruised and its bosom sore.
It beats its bars and would be free.
It's not a carol of joy or glee,
but a prayer that it sends from its heart's deep core,
a plea that upward to heaven it flings.
I know why the caged bird sings.

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

- (a) The 'first bird sings and the first bud opens' is symbolic of :
(i) Dawn (ii) Dusk (iii) Midday (iv) Freedom
- (b) The bird is beating its wing :
(i) Because it is learning to fly
(ii) To try and break the bars of the cage
(iii) To draw the attention of a passerby
(iv) To sit and swing on the perch

- (c) A 'carol' is :
- (i) A prayer (ii) A plea
(iii) A song of celebration (iv) A song of sorrow
- (d) The poet uses the image of _____ to symbolize restricted freedom :
- (i) Chalice steals (ii) Springing grass
(iii) Bird in a cage (iv) Upland slopes
- (e) The poet's attitude to the bird's plight is one of :
- (i) Indifference (ii) Neglect
(iii) Sympathy (iv) Joy

2. Read the following passage carefully.

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Python snake, also known as Ajgar, is one of the most massively built snakes of the Indian subcontinent. It belongs to the Boidae Family and is dependent on water to quite an extent. One of the unique features of the Rock pythons of India is that they can raise their body temperature above the ambient level, through muscular contractions.

Python snake grows to an average length of somewhere around 4 m, and its weight varies from 70 to 129 pounds. An adult python is white or yellow in colour, depending upon its habitat.

Rock python of India is a lethargic creature, moving only while hunting a prey or when threatened. It shows great swimming ability and is quite at ease in water.

Python snakes can be found in dense as well as open Indian forests, mostly estuarine mangrove forest, arid scrub jungle and rain forest. They may live in abandoned mammal burrows, hollow trees, dense water reeds and mangrove thickets. However, pythons prefer to live near a permanent source of water, like rivers and lakes.

Rock python of India is an endangered species, now partly protected by the Tamil Nadu Government. The reason for this is that it is killed for its fine skin, meat and even for medicinal purposes.

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

- (a) Through muscular contractions the python
- (i) Moves faster
(ii) increases its body temperature
(iii) Devours its prey
(iv) Camouflages itself.

- (b) The colour of the python depends on its
 - (i) Age
 - (ii) weight
 - (iii) Environment
 - (iv) Genes
- (c) Which of the following statements is false
 - (i) The python is a lethargic creature
 - (ii) When in water, the python can drown
 - (iii) The python is an endangered species
 - (iv) An adult python can be of different colours.
- (d) Which word in the passage means 'forsaken'
 - (i) Estuarine
 - (ii) Boidae
 - (iii) abandoned
 - (iv) Ambient
- (e) The preferred habitat of pythons is
 - (i) Near water
 - (ii) Desert areas
 - (iii) Mountains
 - (iv) Tree hollows

3. Read the following passage carefully.

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Keep in mind that a camera sees a different picture than you do. It will record a background and a jumble of table and chairs with the same fidelity as the main subject. Outdoors it will pick up cars whizzing by, telephone wires or tree branches that appear to just out of a person's head. Find an angle that avoids such disasters.

Move closer. Shooting too far is a common failing of amateur photographers. A professional will fill the frame with his subject.

Finally watch you lighting. Remember most automatic cameras adjust to the average brightness across the picture, not to any one part. The use of a flash presents problems because you have no way of knowing how the camera will react to shadows when the flash goes off. If you stand closer than 1.5 metres the flash may wash out people's faces, it can also throw a harsh shadow behind your subjects. Avoid this problem by having people stand away from walls. Most important, realize that the flash in automatic cameras is of precious little value beyond 4.5 metres.

Also, like most amateur photographers, don't worry about the weather. You will be surprised at the breathtaking photographs in spite of the mist.

Take lots of pictures from different angles. You can never know the result of your efforts until your film has been developed. So experiment and increase your chances of getting an outstanding picture.

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

- (a) A camera sees a different picture than the photographer because :
 - (i) It faithfully represents the scene.
 - (ii) It has limited vision
 - (iii) It has no flashlight
 - (iv) It can adjust the distance.
- (b) People should stand away from walls :
 - (i) To get the entire landscape
 - (ii) To avoid a shadow in the photograph
 - (iii) To avoid using the flashlight.
 - (iv) To provide the appropriate distance from the camera
- (c) Which of the following statements is true :
 - (i) The camera flashlight is consistent in its effect
 - (ii) Standing too close can wash out the subject's face
 - (iii) An amateur fills the frame with his subject
 - (iv) The automatic camera light adjusts to the specific subject
- (d) An amateur must take lots of photographs because :
 - (i) He uses an automatic camera
 - (ii) It increases his chances of getting a good photograph
 - (iii) It helps the camera to adjust its flashlight
 - (iv) It furthers his passion for photography
- (e) Which word in the passage means the same as 'astounding' :
 - (i) Harsh
 - (ii) Fidelity
 - (iii) Breath taking
 - (iv) Whizzing

4. Read the following passage carefully.

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Given the constant reminders we get of impending disasters from the greenhouse effect, climate changes and water shortages - going green is essential if we want to save our planet. But changing one's lifestyle drastically isn't a piece of cake. Worse these green changes can be extremely taxing on your pocket, at least initially. Take for instance moving to solar energy. In theory it will chop away your electricity bills but to begin with solar panels are expensive. But there are a few easy ways to start green. There are a few gadgets to help you plug into the go green drive immediately.

One needs to know the carbon footprint in one's daily life to find ways to be able to chop. This is where applications like Carbon Diet, Be Green and Makemesustainable.com come in. They figure out what activities contribute to it and have tips of saving energy with smart devices to keep your daily carbon footprint in check. For instance, Makemesustainable.com has a gadget that integrates into social networks such as Face book and lets you show off your green efforts. This also encourages friends into going green.

Studies have proved that not buying new gadgets can cut down on your footprint. So look for refurbished or pre-owned electronics that are in good shape.

Today smart TVs dim by 50% thus saving power and reducing carbon emissions if you are not in front of them. They also automatically adjust using sensors to measure the room light. Today you can use portable solar chargers to charge your cell phones. Similarly there are chargers such as Hymini wind turbine that can charge your cell phone or MP3 player just by sticking it out of the window or taking it with you on your daily commute in a train or car.

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

- (a) To save our planet it is important :
 - (i) To bring changes in the way we live
 - (ii) To stop industrialization
 - (iii) To change gadgets frequently
 - (iv) To focus on community living
- (b) Which of the following statements is true ?
 - (i) Carbon emissions need to decrease to save the planet.
 - (ii) Solar panels are inexpensive to install
 - (iii) Climate change is a natural phenomenon
 - (iv) Reducing carbon footprint is the responsibility of industries.
- (c) Which of the following statements is false ?
 - (i) Dimming of the TV reduces carbon footprint
 - (ii) Wind energy can be used to charge gadgets
 - (iii) used gadgets add to carbon emissions
 - (iv) Carbon Diet offers tips to reduce emissions
- (d) Which is the odd word in the following ?
 - (i) Sustainable
 - (ii) Portable
 - (iii) Moveable
 - (iv) transferable
- (e) The phrase 'extremely taxing on your pocket' means :
 - (i) increase in government taxes
 - (ii) an exhausting experience
 - (iii) a financial drain
 - (iv) a confusing situation

SECTION - B
(Writing - 20 Marks)

5. Use the notes in the following box to write a bio-sketch of about 100 words.

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Vijendra Singh

- Born October 29, 1985 in Harayana.
- Spent early days in village - practiced boxing in Bhiwani Boxing Club.
- Picked up by coach Jagdish Singh - won national championships.
- Participated in 2004 Athens Summer Olympics; 2006 Commonwealth Games; 2006 Asian Games.
- 2008 Beijing Olympics defeated Carlos Gongora of Equador to win first ever Olympic medal (bronze) for Indian boxer.
- 2009 awarded Rajiv Gandhi Khel Ratna Award - India's highest sporting honour.

6. Using the following input write an article in 150 words for the school magazine

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Obey Traffic Rules

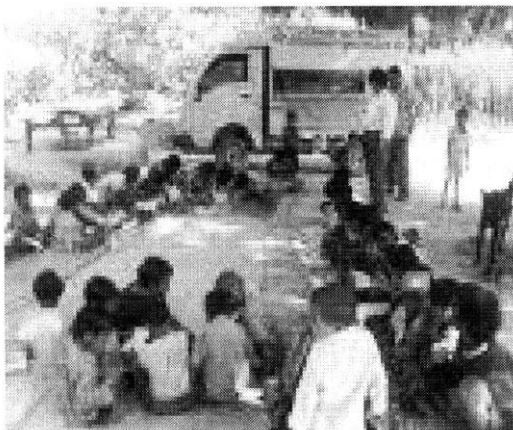
Observe speed limits

Do not Drink and Drive - Switch off your phone while driving
Remember someone is waiting for you

YOUR LIFE IS IN YOUR HANDS

7. Use the visual input to write an article for a national daily sharing your views and suggestions on the issue highlighted. (150 words)

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Where books come home to children in villages

SECTION-C
(Grammar - 20 Marks)

8. Complete the following passage by choosing the most appropriate option. Write the answer in your answer sheet. 4

In the middle of the town was a brick clock tower, (a) _____ where eight roads emanated, and the town spread out in concrete circles. Our house was one off these roads called Kacheri Bazar, because the district courts, (b) _____ there. Our road led to the Company Bagh which sprawled over 40 acres and was named, (c) _____ the East India Company. We were not far from the clock tower and our street was lively in the mornings and evenings, (d) _____ quiet in the hot afternoons when most people slept.

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| (a) (i) for | (ii) in |
| (iii) with | (iv) from |
| (b) (i) were located | (ii) was located |
| (iii) will be located | (iv) were locating |
| (c) (i) next | (ii) beyond |
| (iii) after | (iv) before |
| (d) (i) still | (ii) but |
| (iii) even though | (iv) nevertheless |

9. Complete the headlines by choosing the correct answer from the options given. 4

(A) Football crying for change : Federer

Wimbledon champion Roger Federer insists it is time football followed tennis's example _____ to avoid a repeat of the disallowed goal scandal raging at the World Cup.

- (i) and introduced technology
- (ii) and was introducing technology;
- (iii) and will be introducing technology;
- (iv) and the introduction of technology

(B) Animals flee flooded Kaziranga

Flood waters of the Brahmaputra entered Kaziranga National Park _____ scores of endangered animals to escape to safer areas, officials said.

- (i) having forced
- (ii) forcing
- (iii) forced
- (iv) is forcing

(C) No toilets for girl students in schools.

Many government and aided schools in the state, which takes pride in universal education, high literacy and women empowerment, _____ toilet facility for girls students.

- (i) does not have
- (ii) do not have
- (iii) will not have
- (iv) would not have

(D) Metro lowers coaches on Lajpat Nagar corridor

A 270 tonne crane was used to lower four coaches on the Jangpura Lajpat Nagar line late last night. The coaches _____ on the track of the upcoming corridor to save time and expedite work on sections of the corridor.

- (i) were now be assembled
- (ii) will now be assembled
- (iii) was now be assembled
- (iv) will now be assembling

10. Choose the most appropriate option to complete the sentences given below.

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Teacher : Soham, why (a) _____ you missing from class today ?

Soham : I was practising for my House function.

Teacher : You (b) _____ serious about your studies. The exams are next month.

Soham : Yes Ma'am. I (c) _____ part in any other activity after this function.

Teacher : Co curricular activities are good but it is important to realize the value of academics.

Soham : Yes ma, am I (d) _____ hard. I want to appear for the IIT entrance exam.

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| (i) was | (ii) are |
| (iii) is | (iv) were |
| (i) could become | (ii) shall become |
| (iii) must become | (iv) may become |
| (i) would not take | (ii) should not take |
| (iii) might not take | (iv) will not take |
| (i) had to work | (ii) has to work |
| (iii) shall to work | (iv) have to work |

11. Edit the following passage by choosing the correct option.

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Why save crocodiles ? As master predators(a) _____ scavengers, Crocodiles keep the water system clean. They raise the genetic quality of the animals they feed (b) _____ since they aim for the weak, sick and injured. Like the tiger in the forest, crocodiles are(c) _____ the top of the pyramid of wildlife in rivers, lakes and swamps. Without them nature(d) _____ severely unbalanced and unhealthy.

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| (a) | (i) | but | (ii) | and | (iii) | also | (iv) | in addition to |
| (b) | (i) | in | (ii) | upon | (iii) | with | (iv) | on |
| (c) | (i) | in | (ii) | of | (iii) | for | (iv) | at |
| (d) | (i) | becomes | (ii) | become | (iii) | is becoming | (iv) | became |

12. Read the following conversation carefully and complete the following passage by choosing the most appropriate option.

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Shopkeeper : Good morning. Welcome to my shop.

Customer : I would like to buy a tennis racket for my son.

Shopkeeper : Would you like a titanium or wooden one ?

Customer : I would like to see the different varieties before I decide.

Shopkeeper : Sir, all the rackets are on display in that corner. Please see them and let me know.

The shopkeeper wished the customer good morning and (a) _____ him to his shop. The customer (b) _____ to buy a tennis racket for his son. The shopkeeper enquired whether he wanted a titanium or a wooden one. The customer. (c) _____ to see the different varieties before (d) _____ his decision. The shopkeeper asked the customer to see the various rackets that were on display in the corner and let him know.

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| (a) | (i) | welcome | (ii) | welcomes |
| | (iii) | welcoming | (iv) | welcomed |
| (b) | (i) | replies that he wanted | (ii) | reply that he is wanting |
| | (iii) | replied that he wanted | (iv) | replied that he was wanting |
| (c) | (i) | expresses a desire | (ii) | expressed a desire |
| | (iii) | expressed desires | (iv) | expressive desire |
| (d) | (i) | he is made | (ii) | he was making |
| | (iii) | he made | (iv) | shall make |

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) Thou dirge

Of the dying year, to which this closing night
Will be the dome of a vast sepulcher
Vaulted with all they congregated might
Of vapors from whose solid atmosphere
Black rain and fire, and hail will burst : oh hear!

(a) A 'dirge' is a :

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| (i) A hymn | (ii) a funeral song |
| (iii) A song of celebration | (iv) A breeze |

(b) 'the congregated might' of vapours refers to :

- (i) Gathering of people
- (ii) Power of the west wind.
- (iii) Nightmares
- (iv) Black rain and fire

(c) The poem and the poet are :

- (i) Ode to the west wind by P.B. Shelley
- (ii) Ode to the West Wind by Thomas Gray
- (iii) Ode to a Skylark by PB Shelley
- (iv) Ode to Autumn by John Keats

(B) My mother twisted through and through

Groaning on a mat.

My father, sceptic, rationalist,

Trying very curse and blessing,

Powder, mixture, herb and hybrid

(a) A sceptic is a person who :

- (i) doubts everything
- (ii) Believes everything
- (iii) Removes curses
- (iv) Always thinks of God

(b) The mother was twisting and groaning

- (i) Because she had broken a limb
- (ii) Because she was under a spell
- (iii) Because she was bitten by a scorpion
- (iv) Because she was crying for her son

- (c) The father appears to be
 - (i) Detached and cruel
 - (ii) Harsh but effective
 - (iii) Concerned but helpless
 - (iv) Holy and pious

(C) What's Christmas time to you but a time for paying bills without money; a time for finding yourself a year older and not an hour richer?

- (a) These lines show that
 - (i) Scrooge liked Christmas
 - (ii) Scrooge did not like Christmas
 - (iii) Scrooge cleared his accounts on Christmas
 - (iv) Scrooge met all his friends on Christmas
- (b) This extract is from
 - (i) A Christmas Story
 - (ii) A Christmas Carol
 - (iii) A Christmas Celebration
 - (iv) A Christmas Reunion
- (c) Scrooge appears to be

(i) Sensitive	(ii) Generous
(iii) Miserly	(iv) Bad tempered

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

2x4=8

- (1) What message did Jacob Marley give to Scrooge ?
- (2) What do the 'pestilence stricken multitudes' refer to in Ode to the West Wind ? Why ?
- (3) What did the father do to his wife's bitten toe ?
- (4) Babuli compares the atmosphere in the house to the stillness of a graveyard. Why?
- (5) How was Cutie Pie captured and from where ?

15. Answer any one of the following :

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You are Babuli. Write a letter to your wife explaining to her the decision you took regarding your share of property.

OR

Scrooge - A hardened sinner or a Saint. Justify with examples from the text.

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