

1001105 - A1

Class - X

**ENGLISH
(Communicative)**

Maximum Marks : **80**

Time : **3** hours

Total No. of Pages : **13**

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 passage carefully :

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There is much concern among doctors about patients who are overweight. Many of us are taking hardly any exercise and we are consuming far too many calories for our sedentary way of life.

On the other hand, doctors are also worried at the increase in the number of people who are suffering from anorexia. This is an eating disorder in which people think that they are disgustingly overweight when, in fact, they are far too thin. Often they pretend to eat at meal times, but hide the food, disposing of it later. The disease is sometimes known as the slimmer's disease, but it is far more serious than such a name implies. Anorexia can result in malnutrition and later the complete collapse of the body, eventually leading to death.

Excessively thin or skinny fashion models and other celebrities are often blamed for the spread of this disorder since the young and impressionable regard them as role models and try to copy them. Some experts claim that anorexia is an emotional disorder. Men are acknowledged sufferers of this disorder too.

At the same time, a growing number of people are suffering from bulimia. In the course of this disorder, the sufferer often has times when they overindulge and binge on various foods and then vomit to get rid of it.

It is alright to go on a diet for a short time if you want to lose weight, but you should avoid crash diets. It is far better to eat a balanced diet all the time and take some exercise.

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

- (a) Since many of us have a sedentary life style intake of excessive calories results in
 - (i) Anorexia
 - (ii) Overweight
 - (iii) Bulimia
 - (iv) Slimmer's disease
- (b) Anorexia means
 - (i) a state of mind
 - (ii) disgustingly overweight
 - (iii) an eating disorder
 - (iv) paranoia
- (c) Anorexia affects
 - (i) only women
 - (ii) only men
 - (iii) both men and women
 - (iv) none

- (d) Bulimia is a disorder where
- (i) people binge and voluntarily vomit
 - (ii) vomiting is a natural outcome of it
 - (iii) there is a regular intake of laxatives
 - (iv) people turn bulimic
- (e) This word _____ in the passage means much sitting and little physical 'exercise'
- (i) sedentary
 - (ii) impressionable
 - (iii) acknowledged
 - (iv) overindulge

2. Read the following passage carefully :

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Gordon and some of his friends were leaving for a holiday in the mountains, now that they had finished college for the summer. Since the weather should be fine, they had decided to camp out. They had clubbed together to hire a van to take them and their equipment to their destination. Since none of them had any tents, and since they couldn't afford to buy any, they had chipped in more money and gone to a shop which rented them one. They had packed the van earlier and they all piled into it and drove off. They were making good progress with Gordon as driver, when there was a loud bang and the van veered off the road. Realizing that a tyre had burst, they got out of the van and phoned a repair garage on Jack's mobile phone.

All they could do was to hang around the van and wait, since they were miles from any town. In the van were some provisions, but these had to last until they reached the camp-site and they had to ration out the food. Despite this, they decided to have some coffee. Johnn poured it out of the thermos flask into some plastic cups and they gulped it down gratefully. Then the repair man appeared and replaced the tyre. They all got back into the van, this time with Peter at the wheel. 'Don't drive too fast !' Gordon warned, 'even if we do have to make up for lost time.'

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

- (a) The van was hired so as to take Gordon and some of friends to :-
- (i) their college
 - (ii) mountains
 - (iii) a shop
 - (iv) a town
- (b) The tourists decided not buy a tent since
- (i) it was available on rent
 - (ii) they could not afford
 - (iii) it was a wastage of money
 - (iv) tents were out of stock

- (c) The mechanic took some time to reach Gordon and his friends as
- (i) he was busy
 - (ii) he could not be contacted immediately
 - (iii) he was new to the city
 - (iv) Gordon and his friends were quite away from the town
- (d) The phrase 'hang around' meant
- (i) to wander aimlessly
 - (ii) to stay put in one place
 - (iii) to hang from the branch of a tree
 - (iv) none of the above
- (e) The phrase 'gulped it down' means
- (i) to eat hurriedly
 - (ii) to drink something quickly
 - (iii) to belch
 - (iv) none of the above

3. Read the passage carefully :

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I'm holding the cover of a long forgotten LP record. You know, those wafer-thin discs of black plastic, people used to put on spinning turntables, somewhere back in the Middle Ages. The record features music played by a woman who thought she had some very unusual out-of-the-world abilities. Her name was Rosemary Brown.

She was up until 1964, an unremarkable English woman who could barely play through a church hymn on sunday. This was hardly surprising in that she is said to have had only a few music lessons in her entire life and was in no way considered a capable musician. That is, until she began to play and write new music by the greatest composers who ever lived.

According to Rosemary Brown, Beethoven, Bach, Liszt, Chopin and many other dead composers contacted her from beyond the grave. They dictaed new works for her to write down and to play. They gave her music lessons and taught her to improve her piano skills. They were, she claimed, in almost constant communication with her.

Now it's one thing for a person to claim that the spirit of a dead relative has sent a sign, or even been in contact; but it is entirely different being able to play on the piano a new piece of music by the dead composer Schubert or to write a couple of songs by the dead composer Bach.

Musicians and critics who listened and examined the music of Rosemary Brown were of two views. Some did not believe it to be genuine. The second view accepted that she was indeed in touch with their spirits as the music was the work of the composers.

Not much has been heard of Rosemary Brown in recent years. Perhaps someday a perfectly rational explanation may emerge but until then Rosemary Brown and the music she produced remain something of an unexplained mystery.

Choose the right option from the list of options given below :

- (a) The writer
 - (i) was born in the Middle Ages.
 - (ii) had a plastic wafer.
 - (iii) had an LP record.
 - (iv) lost the record cover.
- (b) Up until 1964, the word 'unremarkable' was used to describe Rosemary Brown. It was because she was _____.
 - (i) dull and boring
 - (ii) lazy
 - (iii) popular
 - (iv) ordinary
- (c) The writer of this article was
 - (i) Uncle Harry
 - (ii) Schubert
 - (iii) Bach
 - (iv) none of the above
- (d) The word _____ in the passage means 'original'
 - (i) rational
 - (ii) turntables
 - (iii) genuine
 - (iv) spirits
- (e) As long as a perfectly rational explanation is found out Rosemary Brown's music will continue to _____ people.
 - (i) enthrall
 - (ii) charm
 - (iii) fascinate
 - (iv) mystify

4. Read the poem carefully :

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We are
These days,
Estranged,
My shadow and I.

It accused me
Of walking in the dark.
It alleged
I walked in the dark
In order to efface It
So it wouldn't track me
I protested.

I walked alone even in the light,
And in the dark.
When I really needed it,
It abandoned me.
It took off
Leaving no trace....
My shadow, my partner.

We are these days,
Estranged,
My shadow and I.

On the basis of your reading of the poem answer the questions by choosing the correct options from the list of options given.

- (a) The poet and his shadow in the present context are
 - (i) in the throes of enmity
 - (ii) great friends
 - (iii) not in the good books of each other
 - (iv) sharing a great camaraderie
- (b) The shadow's grouse against the poet was that
 - (i) he walked in the dark purposely
 - (ii) he liked darkness
 - (iii) he wanted to see the last of it
 - (iv) none of the above
- (c) The poet's viewpoint was that
 - (i) it was never around when he needed it
 - (ii) it was always around when he needed it.
 - (iii) there was no trace of it
 - (iv) none of the above
- (d) The word_____ used in the extract means 'rub off'
 - (i) Estranged
 - (ii) abandoned
 - (iii) efface
 - (iv) alleged
- (e) The narrator
 - (i) has made up with his shadow.
 - (ii) is still cross with his shadow.
 - (iii) has no grouse against his shadow anymore.
 - (iv) none of the above

SECTION - B
(Writing - 20 Marks)

5. Study the picture given below. Write a paragraph of about 100 words based on the illustration. Your composition may be about the subject of the illustration or may take suggestions from it; but there must be a clear connection between the illustration and the composition. 4



6. Transportation has come of age. Write an article at least in 150 words highlighting how transportation has made a difference in your country. 8



7. The Commonwealth Games is round the corner. There is hectic sprucing up and constructions galore. Is it only at these times we are awakened from deep slumber to make a mark in the international arena where beautification and facilities are concerned? Write a letter to the Editor of a national daily expressing your views. 8

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SECTION - C
(Grammar - 20 Marks)

8. Here are some extracts about sport from the media. From the list of options given choose the right option to complete the sentences. 4
- (1) At any moment now the players.....come out of the tunnel.
(a) be sure to (b) are about to (c) need (d) might
- (2) It is rumoured that the Chelsea manager leaving the club, a move which will disappoint generations of fans.
(a) was (b) is on the brink of
(c) is going to (d) will be going to
- (3) After another season of winning performances, the champion take her place in the sport's all-time hall of fame.
(a) is set to (b) shall (c) might (d) be sure of
- (4) Burton says she in the world's top 100 players by the end of this year.
(a) is (b) aims to be (c) hoping to be (d) should be
9. Complete the headlines by choosing the correct option from the list of options given : 4
- (1) Supreme Court bans narco, brain mapping and lie detector test
The Supreme Court on Wednesday to forced narco-analysis, polygraph and brain mapping tests.
(i) put an end (ii) is putting an end
(iii) is deciding to (iv) was deciding
- (2) Government gives visa rules breather to tourists
The Union ministry of home affairs.....the tourist visa guidelines.
(i) was revising (ii) had been revising
(iii) will revise (iv) has revised
- (3) Picasso painting sets new auction record
A rarely seen Pablo Picasso painting Rs 478.55 crore at an auction on Tuesday night, a new world record.
(i) was selling for (ii) was sold for
(iii) will be sold for (iv) might be sold for
- (4) IIT Bombay alumnus first Indian origin Harvard dean -
Professor Nitin Nohria, an alumnus of the IIT Bombay, named the first Indian-American dean of the prestigious Harvard Business School.
(i) has been (ii) will be
(iii) should be (iv) shall be

10. Choose the most appropriate option from the list of options given below :

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- (a) Father : There _____ some disagreement here. What's it all about and who started it ?
(i) was (ii) seems to be (iii) will be (iv) would be
- (b) Oscar : Well it _____ me. It was John who started it.
(i) was (ii) wasn't (iii) isn't (iv) is
- (c) Jon : It _____ about him taking my football.
(i) is (ii) was (iii) wasn't (iv) isn't
- (d) Oscar : And I _____ that because you were trying to annoy me by playing your music so loudly.
(i) did (ii) am doing (iii) should do (iv) shall do

11. Choose the right option from the list of options given and complete the sentences.

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- (a) If you look carefully, you _____ find writing scratched on the glass.
(i) can (ii) are going to (iii) will (iv) shall
- (b) Sorry we're late, we _____ the wrong turning.
(i) had taken (ii) were taking (iii) took (iv) are taking
- (c) The traffic lights _____ green and I pulled away.
(i) became (ii) turned (iii) go (iv) went
- (d) _____ during the storm.
(i) the fence was collapsed (ii) they collapsed the fence
(iii) the fence collapsed (iv) collapsed the fence

12. Choose the right option from the list of options given :

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- (a) Who was coming to see me this morning ?
(i) you said (ii) did you say
(iii) did you say that (iv) you did say.
- (b) Why return the money ?
(i) did you not (ii) you did not
(iii) you didn't (iv) didn't you
- (c) want to do this weekend ?
(i) what you (ii) which do you
(iii) what do you (iv) what you do
- (d) He asked me where he put the box.
(i) shall (ii) ought to
(iii) will (iv) should

SECTION - D
(Literature - 20 Marks)

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

3x2=6

My father, sceptic, rationalist,
Trying every curse and blessing,
Powder, mixture, herb and hybrid.
He even poured a little paraffin
Upon the bitten toe and put a match to it.

- (a) In the light of the situation the father
(i) remained a stubborn rationalist
(ii) compromised on his rationalist stance
(iii) was least bothered
(iv) none of the above
- (b) The bitten toe
(i) was set afire symbolically
(ii) was cooled
(iii) was set alight over a little paraffin covering
(iv) was doused
- (c) The poet's mother towards the end
(i) recovered from immense pain
(ii) was dead
(iii) was unconscious
(iv) continue to writhe with pain.

- (B) O wild West Wind, thou breath of Autumn's being,
Thou, from whose unseen presence the leaves dead
Are driven, like ghosts from an enchanter fleeing.
- (a) The West Wind is the mainstay of the
- (i) spring season
 - (ii) summer
 - (iii) autumn
 - (iv) winter
- (b) A comparison is drawn between the
- (i) dead leaves and the spirits
 - (ii) the enchanter and the spirits
 - (iii) the ghosts and the West Wind
 - (iv) none of the above
- (c) The poetic device used in the third line given above is a
- (i) metaphor
 - (ii) hyperbole
 - (iii) simil
 - (iv) personification
- (C) Marly : No. And heed them when they appear. Remember it is your last chance
to escape my miserable fate.
- (a) Marley is referring to
- (i) a group of children
 - (ii) the three spirits
 - (iii) the angels
 - (iv) none of the above
- (b) Ebenezer Scrooge had always been
- (i) a philanthropist
 - (ii) a miser
 - (iii) a generous fellow
 - (iv) god-fearing
- (c) The miserable fate refers to
- (i) not having attained salvation
 - (ii) him being in the throes of poverty
 - (iii) his tenure in hell
 - (iv) none of the above

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

2x4=8

- (i) Hype surrounded Cutie Pie's advent on earth. Explain.
- (ii) Babuli's better half comes across as a conniving person. Explain.
- (iii) Scrooge escaped being in shackles. Explain in brief his transformation.
- (iv) Describe the sway of the West Wind over the sky.
- (v) The peasants indeed were a helpful lot in the face of adversity. Explain

15. Answer any one of the following

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The revelations made by the three ghosts were an eye-opener for Ebenezer Scrooge. Explain

OR

Babuli's brother was an epitome of goodness and selfless love. Explain

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