

1001105 - 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

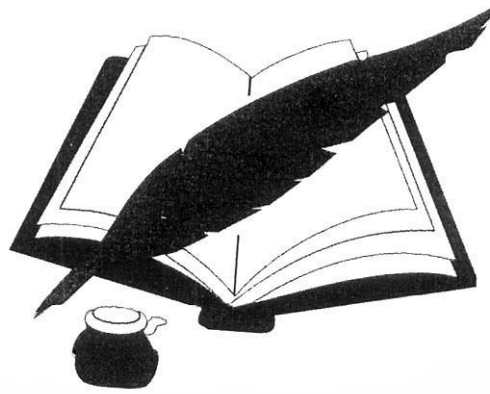
General Instructions :

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 passage carefully.

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The story begins with an escaped convict threatening to slit the throat of a young orphan boy named Pip. Much later we discover a bond between these two unlikely characters and cannot help but admire Charles Dickens's masterpiece *Great Expectations*.

Bizarre and eccentric characters litter the novel from beginning to end but none match the strangeness of elderly Havisham. She is a woman who, jilted at the altar years before, is heartbroken and unbalanced. She lives the rest of her life dressed in her bridal gown. The cobweb covered wedding cake and other food remain undisturbed on the table, reminding her of the life she has missed.

A work of fiction? Well for Dickens perhaps not. In 1856, five years before the publication of *Great Expectations*, Eliza Donnithorne from Newtown, Sydney, was left standing at the altar when her husband-to-be failed to show up. For the next 30 years, she never left her house again and lived the life of a hermit. Food and decorations from the wedding celebrations were left to rot on the table right up until Miss Donnithorne's death in 1886.

It would seem the story of poor Miss Donnithorne's situation might have reached Dickens was in London during the time he was thinking about and writing his novel, and may have helped form the basis of one of literature's most remarkable characters.

Choose the most appropriate option

(A) *Great Expectations* is probably best known as :

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| (i) a file. | (ii) a short story. |
| (iii) a play. | (iv) a novel. |

(B) The passage probably comes from :

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| (i) a history book. | (ii) a newspaper. |
| (iii) a book about Eliz Donnithorne. | (iv) an articles about <i>Great Expectations</i> . |

- (C) Dickens :
- (i) definitely used the Donnithorne story.
 - (ii) knew Eliza Donnithorne.
 - (iii) knew Miss Havisham.
 - (iv) may have heard the Donnithorne story.
- (D) The word 'bizarre' means :
- (i) a marketplace.
 - (ii) frivolously strange.
 - (iii) ghostly.
 - (iv) abnormality.
- (E) The statement that sums up the main idea in paragraph 3 is :
- (i) wedding food was left to rot.
 - (ii) Eliza Donnithorne died.
 - (iii) Eliza Donnithorne lived in Newtown.
 - (iv) Eliza Donnithorne become a hermit.

2. Read the passage carefully.

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Blind man Tony de Blois, now in his mid-twenties, watched a movie with his mother when he was only two and a half. A few weeks later he astounded his family by playing the complicated theme music from the movie on a small toy organ. These days he studies piano at America's premier jazz school, the Berkeley College of Music, and plays sophisticated, stylish jazz. Yet Tony, for all his musical talent, has the mind of a nine-year old who loves eating lollies and strongly believes in Father Christmas.

Steven Wiltshire, who has the ability to look at a building and draw it from memory in the finest detail, has severe learning disabilities. When a TV film crew took him on a helicopter flight over London recently and asked him to draw a picture, he accurately produced an aerial view of some 200 buildings and a dozen important landmarks. He has continued to amaze both scientists and artists alike and his drawings are highly sought after by collectors around the world.

Another remarkable man is Howard Potter. He has the IQ of a six-year old but can tell you within seconds like what day of the week it will be on March 22nd in the year 2346 or whether 1971 is a prime number. He is sometimes called the 'human calculator'.

What is it about these three men? Intelligence ? Brilliance ? Genius ? No, it's not that straightforward, for these men all have a condition – a rare brain condition – known as the savant syndrome. Savants usually show extraordinary abilities in music or art or in calculating numbers. In recent years savants have become the focus of renewed scientific inquiry. Work has been done in Australia and other countries to see what can be learned about the savant brain and how this knowledge might apply to non-savants.

Choose the right option from the list of options given in each questions.

- (a) Where does Tony study music?
- (i) At the Jazz School.
 - (ii) At the Berkeley College if Jazz.
 - (iii) At the Berkeley College of Music.
 - (iv) At the London College of Music.

- (b) Steven Wiltshire's drawings are :
 - (i) liked by his mother.
 - (ii) bought by art collectors.
 - (iii) drawn on large sheets of paper.
 - (iv) always aerial views.
- (c) The cause of the syndrome is probably a form of :
 - (i) brain damage.
 - (ii) infection.
 - (iii) whiplash.
 - (iv) memory loss.
- (d) Savants are usually talented in one of three areas. These three areas are :
 - (i) numbers art and swimming.
 - (ii) art, balancing and numbers.
 - (iii) numbers, music and art.
 - (iv) art, science and numbers.
- (e) According to this article, scientists are interested in doing research on :
 - (i) people who have good memories.
 - (ii) people who are afflicted by the savant syndrome.
 - (iii) people who have artistic skills.
 - (iv) people who have mathematical skills.

3. Read the passage carefully.

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In this age of spiralling fuel costs and greenhouse emissions, any new way to reduce the environmental and economic burden associated with the use of fossil fuels is welcome.. But back in 1950's it was another story. It seems that industrial chemist John Andrews created a revolutionary additive for petrol. He claimed that once this product was added, ordinary tap water could be mixed with petrol and used to run the engine of a car. The mix of water, petrol and additive was, according to Andrews, no less combustible than petrol alone. Now, if this were true, it means that the cost of a tank of petrol could be cut by more than half and pollution dramatically reduced.

Navy officials, on hearing these claims, supposedly went to Andrew's laboratory to see a demonstration of the secret additive but on arrival found the scientist missing and his laboratory ransacked. Andrews was never seen again. Stories circulated about how major oil companies were willing to go to any lengths to protect their products from the impact of alternative fuels—lengths that might have included the abduction of Andrews and the destruction of his research data. That the case came to be discussed in the first place has simply added fuel, so to speak, to the conspiracy theory fire.

Choose the right option from the list of options given in each question.

- (a) John Andrews was a :
 - (i) chemist.
 - (ii) naval officer.
 - (iii) industrial chemist.
 - (iv) scientist.

- (b) According to John Andrews the mix of water, petrol and additive was :
- (i) less combustible than petrol alone.
 - (ii) not at all combustible.
 - (iii) no less combustible than petrol alone.
 - (iv) none of the above.
- (c) A conspiracy theory is :
- (i) a plan to work out theory.
 - (ii) a belief that others secretly plot together.
 - (iii) a way of designing something.
 - (iv) a method of finding the truth.
- (d) Which statement best sums up the main idea in the first paragraph ?
- (i) John Andrews went missing and his laboratory was ransacked.
 - (ii) Oil companies don't like competition.
 - (iii) John Andrews might have made a useful discovery.
 - (iv) Environmental issues are important.
- (e) The last sentence in the second paragraph means :
- (i) that fuel is required to keep the home fires burning.
 - (ii) that fuel is the fire's food.
 - (iii) to make a big hue and cry about an existing issue.
 - (iv) none of the above.

4. Read the poem carefully.

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No, don't erase them

Let these lines be.

The pink little hands

Of my baby

Drew these lines,

Crooked little lines.

So what if she could not draw a face ?

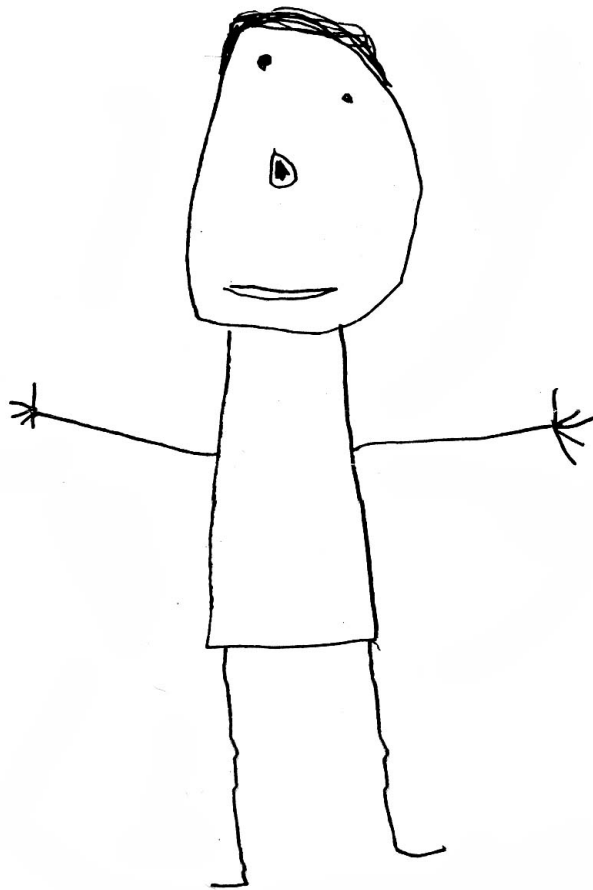
I see her in these lines

I see myself in these lines.

Choose the right option from the list of options given in each question :

- (a) The lines in the poem are spoken :
- (i) by a grandmother.
 - (ii) by a mother.
 - (iii) by a poet.
 - (iv) none of the above.

- (b) The speaker wants the lines :
- (i) to be erased.
 - (ii) to be increased.
 - (iii) to be decreased.
 - (iv) not to be erased.
- (c) The lines were drawn :
- (i) by her grown-up daughter.
 - (ii) by her baby.
 - (iii) by her neighbour's baby.
 - (iv) none of the above.
- (d) The lines drawn were :
- (i) straight.
 - (ii) at a tangent.
 - (iii) crooked.
 - (iv) wavy.
- (e) The speaker is :
- (i) happy at the effort.
 - (ii) dismayed at the effort.
 - (iii) ashamed at the effort.
 - (iv) none of the above.



SECTION B

(Writing - 20 Marks)

5. Use the notes in the box given below to write a paragraph of 100 words. 4

Tahitian notional Raeoaoa Taurae rescued by local fishermen boat ran aground on a reef he had drifted about 1100kms across the South Pacific badly dehydrated had survived on raw fish and rainwater.

6. A clear sky exists only in an artist's canvas if he happens to envisage one in his painting or in a person's mind's eye! Write an article on the high level of air pollution in the atmosphere. 8
7. Ivy League Universities have been permitted to function in the metros of our country. As a thinking individual express your viewpoints in a letter to the editor of a national daily on the pros and cons of allowing universities from abroad to function in India. 8

SECTION-C

(Grammar - 20 Marks)

8. Choose the right option from the list of options given and complete the conversation. 4

- (a) A : What kind of novels do you like reading ?
B : I 've got very broad tastes. I like any novel_____ grips me.
(i) what (ii) that (iii) can (iv) could
- (b) A : I'm going to buy a season ticket and watch every match.
B : Season tickets are really expensive, you know.
A : I don't care. I'm going to buy one_____ the cost.
(i) what (ii) whichever (iii) whatever (iv) which
- (c) A : Here are the letters you asked for.
B : Thank you very much.
A : I think you'll find they contain all _____ you need to know.
(i) that (ii) which (iii) should (iv) if
- (d) A : I want to buy a new bike, but there are so many good offers at the moment, I just don't know which one to get.
B : If I were you, I'd try several and buy_____ feels the most comfortable.
(i) which (ii) whichever (iii) that (iv) what

9. Choose the most appropriate options from the list of options given and complete the headlines. 4

- (a) HOLIDAY CHAOS ON THE ROADS :
A combination of warm weather and a public holiday _____ chaos on the country's motorways.
(i) has caused (ii) would caused
(iii) causes (iv) had caused
- (b) FAMILY SAVED, THANKS TO 7 YEARS OLD'S QUICK THUMBS :
A mother praised the technical skills of her seven year old son Tom, after the boy _____ a text message telling the emergency services that the family car had been involved in an accident.
(i) was sending (ii) sent
(iii) sends (iv) was sent
- (c) ICE MAN COMES INTO THE LEXICON :
A Cambridgeshire paramedic who developed a life-saving idea which has taken the country by storm has been celebrating after his acronym _____ in the English language.
(i) was officially recognized (ii) had officially recognized
(iii) is officially recognized (iv) is being officially recognized
- (d) TORIES MAY JUST CROSS HALFWAY MARK, END 13 YEARS OF LABOUR RULE :
After 13 years of a left of centre Labour party government, Britain _____ veering to the right in favour of a Conservative party administration.
(i) could be (ii) was
(iii) will be (iv) should be

10. Choose the right option from the list of options given in each question. 4

- (a) Jenny _____ leave the hospital only six hours after the baby was born.
(i) was able to (ii) could
(iii) can (iv) is able to
- (b) We _____ into the state of the Swedish car industry.
(i) did some researches (ii) made some research
(iii) made research (iv) did some research
- (c) I notified _____ I had changed my address.
(i) with the bank that (ii) the bank that
(iii) that the bank (iv) to the bank that
- (d) He asked me where he _____ put the box.
(i) shall (ii) ought to
(iii) will (iv) should

11. Edit the passage given below by choosing the most appropriate option from the list of options given. 4

Charles Dickens ____ (a) ____ one of the ____ (b) ____ English novelists. He was born of poor (c) ____ in 1812. He worked as ____ (d) ____ newspaper reporter. He ____ (e) ____ famous (f) ____ his first two books were ____ (g) ____ after that he wrote ____ (h) ____ novels.

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| (a) (i) were | (ii) was | (iii) had been | (iv) being |
| (b) (i) great | (ii) very great | (iii) greater | (iv) greatest |
| (c) (i) parent | (ii) parents | (iii) parentage | (iv) parenting |
| (d) (i) the | (ii) a | (iii) an | (iv) their |
| (e) (i) becomes | (ii) became | (iii) was becoming | (iv) become |
| (f) (i) while | (ii) when | (iii) whilst | (iv) whence |
| (g) (i) publishing | (ii) published | (iii) publish | (iv) publishes |
| (h) (i) much | (ii) many | (iii) a lot | (iv) more |

12. Choose the right option given in the brackets and complete these short conversation. 4

A : I bumped into your son yesterday. I hardly recognized him.

B : I know what you mean - - - he (1) _____ (appears/looks /is/looking) very grown up, doesn't he?

A : Yes, he's (2) _____ (gone/turned/turns/turning) into a very pleasant young man.

A : Be careful - - - - you nearly went off the road then!

B : Sorry, but I'm really finding it really hard to (3) _____ (be/stay/staying/stayed) awake.

A : Do you want me to drive ?

B : No, I'll be okay, but you could talk to me to (4) to _____ (keep/remain/make/have) me awake.

SECTION - D
LITERATURE - 20 Marks

- 13. Read the extracts and answer the following questions by choosing the most appropriate option. Attempt any two (from a, b, and c). 3x2=6**

(a) Scatter as from an undistinguished hearth

Ashes and sparks, my words among mankind!

Be through my lips to unawakened earth

The trumpet of a prophecy ! O wind

1. If Winter comes can Spring be far behind ?

(i) The cycle of seasons is referred to here.

(ii) Sorrow is not a permanent feature and hope of a better existence is sure to follow.

(iii) The pristine glory of Spring is described here.

(iv) There's not much gap between Winter and Spring.

2. The emotion expressed in these lines is one of :

(i) realism.

(ii) pessimism.

(iii) optimism.

(iv) none of the above.

3. The matter that the poet wants the West Wind to scatter is :

(i) ashes.

(ii) soot.

(iii) words of wisdom.

(iv) hope of a happy future.

(b) May the poison purify your flesh

of desire, and your spirit of ambition,

they said, and they sat around

on the floor with my mother in the centre

the peace of understanding on each face

1. "They' here refers to :
 - (i) the poet's relatives.
 - (ii) the peasants.
 - (iii) the paramedics.
 - (iv) the doctors.
 2. The phrase 'peace of understanding' implies :
 - (i) that the pain will benefit the mother.
 - (ii) that understanding should rule supreme.
 - (iii) that one should understand that the mother is in pain.
 - (iv) none of the above.
 3. The narrator's mother :
 - (i) was on the cot.
 - (ii) was in the hospital.
 - (iii) was on a mat on the floor.
 - (iv) was in the kitchen.
- (c) Scrooge: Merry Christmas, indeed! What right have you to be merry ? You are poor enough!
1. Fred is _____.
 - (i) a carol singer.
 - (ii) Scrooge's nephew.
 - (iii) Scrooge's employee.
 - (iv) a rag picker.
 2. "Dismal' means :
 - (i) happy and contented.
 - (ii) sad and gloomy.
 - (iii) joyful.
 - (iv) gregarious.
 3. Fred came to meet Scrooge :
 - (i) to ask for alms.
 - (ii) to wish him merry Christmas.
 - (iii) to partake of the turkey in Scrooge's house.
 - (iv) to ask for shelter.

14. Answer any four of the following questions in 30-40 words each. 2x4=8

- (1) Cutie-Pie became a sensation. Explain briefly the Cutie-Pie phenomenon.
- (2) Who was Maenad ? Why is the West Wind compared to Maenad ?
- (3) Do you think the father's behaviour was in keeping with his nature and beliefs ? Why/why not ?
- (4) Babuli too had fallen prey to ingratitude! Give any two instances of his ingratitude.
- (5) Even if he is endowed with enough wealth, Scrooge comes across as an unhappy person. Why?

15. You are Babuli's elder brother. You have just read the note left by Babuli bequeathing his share of land in your name. Write a letter to your relative in the village expressing your innermost feelings. 6

OR

Write in detail how the reformation of Scrooge came about.

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