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Class - X

**ENGLISH
(Communicative)**

Maximum Marks : **80**

Time : **3** hours

Total No. of Pages : **14**

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

Section A : Reading Comprehension 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 passage carefully :

That scene in FORREST GUMP in which young Forrest runs from his schoolmate tormentors so fast that his leg braces fly apart and his strong legs carry him to safety may be the only image of the polio epidemic of the 1950s etched in the minds of those too young to remember the actual devastation the disease caused. Hollywood created a scene far removed from the reality of the disease.

Unlike the braces on Forrest Gump's legs, real ones would be replaced only as the children's misshapen legs grew. Other children and young adults were entombed in iron lungs. The only view of the world these patients had was through mirrors over their heads. My late husband Albert was on the front line of polio research. In 1961, 30 years after he began studying polio, his oral vaccine was introduced in the United States and distributed widely. Forty years since polio has been eradicated in the Western Hemisphere, the WHO reports, adding that, with a full-scale effort, polio could be eliminated from the rest of the world too.

Without animal research, polio would be claiming thousands of lives each year. Animals are needed to test very new batch of vaccine that is produced for today's children. Animal activists claim that vaccines really didn't end the epidemic ---that, with improvements in social hygiene, polio was dying out anyway, before the vaccines were developed. This is untrue. In fact, advanced sanitation was responsible in part for the dramatic rise in the number of paralytic polio cases in the 50s. Improvements in sanitation practices reduced the rate of infection, and the average age of those infected by the polio virus went up. Older children and young adults were more likely than infants to develop paralysis from their exposure to the polio virus.

The polio-free generations have grown up to be doctors, teachers, business leaders, government officials and parents. Cancer, heart disease, strokes and AIDS are far more lethal realities to them now than polio. Yet, those who support an 'animal rights' agenda that would cripple research and halt medical science in its tracks are slamming the door on the possibilities of new treatments and cures.

Adapted from 'Animal Research Saves Human Lives' by Heloisa Sabin Wall Street Journal, October 18, 1995

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

- (a) Polio has been eradicated :
- (i) from the whole world
 - (ii) only from the Western Hemisphere
 - (iii) from nowhere
 - (iv) United States and Europe only

- (b) Animal research :
 - (i) has helped a great deal in bringing down the number of polio victims
 - (ii) has aggravated the situation
 - (iii) has impeded progress
 - (iv) none of the above
- (c) Polio affected :
 - (i) only the older generation
 - (ii) all age groups
 - (iii) only infants
 - (iv) only young adults
- (d) Polio-free generations :
 - (i) have not carved a niche for themselves
 - (ii) have made a mark in many professions
 - (iii) have a dismal future
 - (iv) none of the above
- (e) The oral vaccine was first introduced in :
 - (i) Asia
 - (ii) Africa
 - (iii) South America
 - (iv) The United States

2. Read the following passage carefully :

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Only forty years after Columbus discovered the Americas, a Spanish force led by Francisco Pizarro invaded the Inca Kingdom of Peru. The Spanish had become hungry for gold and in their greed began to murder and steal from the Incas. One of Pizarro's men, Sebastian Benalcazar, overran the city of Quito and stole the precious metal by the sackful. As he ransacked the city, he came to hear the remarkable story of the Misca Indian chief who took part in an unusual ceremony.

Each year the chief would float out to the middle of Lake Guatavita on a small raft. The chief and his followers threw emeralds and pieces of gold into the lake as offering to the gods. As the sun began to set, the chief entered the water and the gum dissolved, leaving the gold dust to sink to the floor of the lake. This story became known to the Spanish as El Dorado.

Some years later, in 1545, another Spanish soldier, organized work teams of Misca Indians to drain the lake using buckets. After three months the water level was lowered and several pieces of gold were found.

For three centuries, the El Dorado story continued to entice fortune-seekers. A British Company in its attempt discovered that the bottom of the lake was covered in deep soft mud which made it impossible to walk on. The Colombian Government has restricted any further ventures

Choose the most appropriate option :

- (1) The invasion against the Incas was led by _____.
 - (i) Francisco Pizarro
 - (ii) Christopher Columbus
 - (iii) El Dorado
 - (iv) The chief of Muisca Indians
- (2) The El Dorado ritual was :
 - (i) to get rid of unwanted gold
 - (ii) to hide gold from the Spanish
 - (iii) to make an offering to the Gods
 - (iv) to pay for emptying the lake
- (3) Which method was used to empty Lake Guatavita ?
 - (i) Making use of buckets
 - (ii) Using diesel powered pumps
 - (iii) Cutting through the rim of the lake
 - (iv) Drilling up through the floor of the lake
- (4) Mud was a problem because it :
 - (i) clogged up the machinery
 - (ii) clogged up the drainage lake
 - (iii) was too soft to walk on
 - (iv) baked hard in the sun, preventing collection of the gold and jewels
- (5) Which government has put a stop to further attempts to regain possession of the gold in Lake Guatavita ?
 - (i) American
 - (ii) Colombian
 - (iii) Inca
 - (iv) British

3. Read the passage carefully :

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Tough and disposable—that's how movies have portrayed the men of the French Foreign Legion. From Gary Cooper of *Beau Geste* fame to Jean Claude Van Damme's 1998 effort, *Legionnaire*, the Foreign Legion has been presented as the ultimate boy's club.

Since its formation in 1831, hundreds of thousands of eager recruits have signed on for five or ten or twenty years service. They're men who seek adventure or escape from a past gone wrong or the clutches of law. For many, the Legion gave them a second chance and a new home. Germans, Bulgarians, Americans, in fact, men from just about everywhere have worn the white kepi—the famous legionnaires' cap—for 170 years.

Muscle-breaking tests of strength and stamina are only the start of a career in this tough guy's army. Soon 100km long marches with heavy packs are required. Specialized training on jungle, mountain and desert warfare follows and helps toughen the modern legionnaire ready to do France's dirty work.

It was often the legionnaire who was first into battle when the chances of victory were small. Heroic deeds and courageous acts have become specialities - but at a price.

Peace keeping in the world's trouble spots is now the task of modern armies. Change over the next few years will be inevitable for the Foreign Legion.

Choose the most appropriate option :

- (1) The main idea of the passage is :
 - (i) to inform the reader about the French Foreign Legion and the Legionnaires
 - (ii) to praise the bravery of the French Foreign Legion
 - (iii) to describe the macho world of the legionnaire
 - (iv) to outline the type of people recruited
- (2) Men are recruited into the legion from :
 - (i) France
 - (ii) Belgium, Germany and America
 - (iii) Any nation
 - (iv) France and Germany
- (3) What does the writer mean by 'a past gone wrong' ?
 - (i) an unpleasant experience
 - (ii) a life of crime
 - (iii) a disrupted and unpleasant life
 - (iv) all of the above
- (4) What does the phrase 'to do France's dirty work mean' ?
 - (i) Cleaning up the streets
 - (ii) Having to fight in mud
 - (iii) Having to fight in unjust wars
 - (iv) Guarding the sewerage system of Paris
- (5) The French Foreign legion is not known for :
 - (i) its white hat
 - (ii) its bravery and the heroic deeds
 - (iii) its 100km marches
 - (iv) its wine

4. Read the poem carefully :

When my shoulders are bent,
Saddled
With burdens
Of life ;
When I am tired
So tired
(And when) I think, now - that now
my knees will give in,
a small little poem comes
and stands in front of me
holds my hand and says :
Give me your burden,
Come, give it to me,
my poet.

Choose the right option from the list of options given for each of the questions :

- (a) The 'burden' here refers to :
- (i) a heavy sack
 - (ii) adversities that have plagued him
 - (iii) his haversack
 - (iv) none of the above
- (b) The word 'tired' here refers to :
- (i) fatigue
 - (ii) the loss of will to carry on any further
 - (iii) disillusionment
 - (iv) the result of being exposed to the scorching sun
- (c) The saviour that gives him temporary reprieve is :
- (i) god
 - (ii) a bystander
 - (iii) outpourings of the heart in the format of a poem
 - (iv) friendship
- (d) The central idea of the poem is :
- (i) when a person is down and out he can take refuge in poetry
 - (ii) he can unburden and give vent to his feelings by penning a few lines
 - (iii) he can curl up with a book of poems
 - (iv) none of the above

(e) An apt title would be :

- (i) Never lose hope
- (ii) Fortitude
- (iii) Burden
- (iv) Saviour



SECTION - B

(WRITING - 20 MARKS)

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

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Devil's triangle - associated with maritime disasters - triangle - shaped area - 1,140,000 sq kms --- between the island of Bermuda, the coast of Southern Florida and Puerto Rico-floating masses of gulf weed ---area regarded perilous - unexplained disappearances of a number of US planes - no trace

6. Crystal ball gazing and fortune telling, tarot reading, consulting psychics etc are gaining momentum. Write an article on this very latest fad in not more than 150 words .

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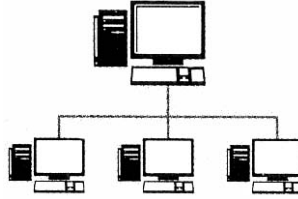


7. A sound mind in a sound body was and hopefully still is the mantra about sports. In the present context it has taken a different connotation and sports and sporting events are plagued by controversies rather than the true spirit of the game. As a concerned citizen write a letter to the editor of a national daily expressing your viewpoints.

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SECTION - C
(GRAMMAR - 20 MARKS)

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



- (a) Sure, you've heard of the Internet, but what is it exactly ? Simply put the Internet is a _____ that are all connected to each other.
- (i) collection of computers
 - (ii) computer network
 - (iii) computer
 - (iv) wires
- (b) Some people, typically in universities and large companies, have _____ a day.
- (i) 24 hourly connections
 - (ii) Round the clock connections
 - (iii) Connection open for 24 hours
 - (iv) Connections a day
- (c) Some use a modem to link their _____ for a certain amount of time each day.
- (i) Home computers
 - (ii) Computers connected in their homes
 - (iii) Computers bought for their homes
 - (iv) Machines
- (d) Computers definitely are a _____.
- (i) bane
 - (ii) boon
 - (iii) boons
 - (iv) smart machine

9. Choose the right option from the list of options and complete these headlines. 4

(A) PROFESSIONAL LORRY DRIVER TOOK TESTS FOR LEARNERS

A former lorry driver who confessed _____ his skills behind the wheel to pass tests for dozens of learner motorists was jailed for six months yesterday.

- (i) to using
- (ii) to use
- (iii) had used
- (iv) has used

(B) RON READYFOR LAST LAUGH OVER BARCA

Cristiano Ronaldo _____ still have-the last laugh by snatching the La Liga title from under Barcelona's nose.

- (i) should
- (ii) can
- (iii) will
- (iv) might

(C) SHOWCAUSE NOTICE NOTHING BUT FICTION

Lalit Modi told Times Now that the second showcause notice sent to him by BCCI _____ all fiction.

- (i) was
- (ii) is
- (iii) could be
- (iv) must be

(D) NEANDERTHALS LIVE ON IN HUMAN DNA

There _____ a little Neanderthal in nearly all of us according to scientists.

- (i) is
- (ii) was
- (iii) were
- (iv) weren't

10. Choose the most appropriate option from the list of options given and complete the conversations. 4

A : Jughead ? Thank goodness it's you ! (1) I _____ (can/can't / will / should) tell you how good it is to hear your voice!

J : You (2) _____ (could have / may have / might have / will have) called me.

A : I tried, (3) but I _____ (can't / couldn't / wouldn't / shouldn't) get through.

Emily : It's ages since I've been here. The town looks different.

Charlotte : It is different. For one thing, they've built a car park where the library (4) _____ used to be / would be / will be / was.

11. Read this article about the controversy surrounding the opening of a new hotel. Correct the errors by choosing the right option from the list of options given. 4

When the first guests checked into the new 64 storey Shallerton Hotel in New York, they

- (a) _____ forward to the standards that have come to be expected from the world's
(b) _____ growing hotel chain. The hotel's website promises
(c) _____. However
(d) _____ 48 hours of the hotel's grand opening, the first 180 guests had experienced theft.

- (a) (i) look
(ii) looked
(iii) was looking
(iv) looks
(b) (i) faster
(ii) fastest
(iii) fast
(iv) fasting
(c) (i) a welcome atmosphere
(ii) a welcomed atmosphere
(iii) a welcome atmosphere
(iv) a most welcome atmosphere
(d) (i) with
(ii) within
(iii) without
(iv) between

12. Read this extract from an interview with someone who has returned to his hometown after living abroad for nearly twenty years. Choose the most appropriate option : - 4

I've only been back a couple of days and already I (a) _____ lots of old friends.

- (i) have met
(ii) am meeting
(iii) met
(iv) should meet

They don't appear to (b) _____ very much

- (i) have changed
(ii) change
(iii) changes
(iv) changing

The are as (c) _____ as ever.

- (i) friendlier
- (ii) friendly
- (iii) friends
- (iv) friendliest

And they say that I (d) _____ the same as I always did.

- (i) looking
- (ii) look
- (iii) looks
- (iv) looked

SECTION - D

(LITERATURE - 20 MARKS)

13. (A) Read the extracts and answer the following questions by choosing the most appropriate option. 3x2=6

- (a) 'To lose his feathers was to lose himself'.

'His feathers' refers to

- (i) the peacock
- (ii) the mynah
- (iii) Cutie - pie
- (iv) the scarecrow

- (b) Feathers :

- (i) lend beauty to the fauna.
- (ii) are extra baggage for the fauna.
- (iii) are of no use
- (iv) none of the above

- (c) To Ch-tsal his feathers :

- (i) was an important feature and an expression of his unique individuality
- (ii) did not matter
- (iii) he felt better off without them
- (iv) were a burden.

- (B) 'Shook from the tangled boughs of Heaven and Ocean

Angels of rain and lightning : there are spread

On the blue surface of thine aery surge.

- (a) The clouds here are compared to :

- (i) snowflakes
- (ii) dead leaves
- (iii) mist
- (iv) all of the above

(b) The West Wind causes rain :

- (i) by blowing gustily
- (ii) by invoking the rain gods
- (iii) by giving the clouds command
- (iv) by passing by in that direction

(c) The impact of the West wind is such :

- (i) that there is a torrential downpour
- (ii) that the clouds are least affected
- (iii) that the clouds refuse to budge from their comfortable domain
- (iv) that lethargy has set in

(C) I remember the night my mother

Was stung by a scorpion. Ten hours

Of steady rain had driven him

To crawl beneath a sack of rice.

(a) The scorpion crawled beneath the sack of rice :

- (i) as it was famished
- (ii) to escape from the scorching heat
- (iii) to take refuge from the rain
- (iv) to unleash terror on human beings

(b) What did it do thereafter ?

- (i) It fell asleep.
- (ii) It went out into the rain.
- (iii) It stung poets mother.
- (iv) None of the above

(c) Why did it call it a day after the devilish act ?

- (i) It felt suffocated.
- (ii) It wanted a breath of fresh air.
- (iii) It was scared of the people.
- (iv) It went out to do a inventory of the weather conditions.

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

- (i) Babuli in "The Tribute" calls himself heartless. Do you agree ? Why ? Why not ?
- (ii) What did the villagers do to help the mother ?
- (iii) Give a brief account of Jacob Marley.
- (iv) Give a brief account of the Questar.
- (v) Why did the elder brother place the wristwatch along with the other items being partitioned ?

15. Answer any one of the following questions : 6

Adversities did not hamper the spirit of Christmas in the Cratchit household. Explain in detail.

OR

Justify the title Tribute.

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