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Class - X

**ENGLISH
(Communicative)**

Maximum Marks : **80**

Time : **3** hours

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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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The reformer must know that what moves people is the authentic life, not mere writing. The newspapers and journals that Lokmanya Tilak and Gandhiji ran, the books they wrote, sold little, but had enormous effect. Their writing was known to reflect, or be just an extension of, their exemplary lives. It was the authenticity of their lives which lent weight to their message, to their example. All knew that their lives were an integral whole- they were not moral in public life and lax in private, nor vice versa; they were not full of pious thought and sacred resolutions within the walls of a temple and cheats outside.

A writer who is merely entertaining his readers, even one who is merely informing them, can do what he wants with the rest of his life. But the writer who sets out to use his pen to reform public life cannot afford such dualities.

Here is the testimony of one great man- Gandhiji- about the influence of another, Lok-manya Tilak;

"I believe that an editor who has anything worth saying and who commands a clientele cannot be easily hushed. He has delivered his finished message as soon as he is put under duress. The Lokmanya spoke more eloquently from the Mandalay fortress than through the columns of the printed Kesari. His influence was multiplied thousand fold by his imprisonment and his speech and pen had acquired much greater power after he was discharged than before his imprisonment. By his death, he was editing his paper without pen and speech through the sacred resolution of the people to realise his life's dream. He could not possibly have done more if he were today in the flesh preaching his views. Critics like me would perhaps be still finding fault with this expression of his or that. Today his message rules millions of hearts which are determined to raise permanent living memorial by the fulfillment of his ambition in their lives."

- (a) In the content of the passage, a reformer becomes effective if :
 - (i) he is a journalist with an objective viewpoint.
 - (ii) he is an author with an excellent style of writing
 - (iii) he is an effective political leader of the masses
 - (iv) he is a person with consistency in his writings and life style.
- (b) Lokmanya Tilak's messages were most effective :
 - (i) when he delivered them through his editorials.
 - (ii) after his death
 - (iii) before his imprisonment
 - (iv) when he became a reformer
- (c) Which of the following is the result of Lokmanya Tilak's exemplary life ?
 - (i) The news papers edited by him did not incur monetary loss.
 - (ii) The books written by him were useful.
 - (iii) People resolved to fulfill his life's dreams.
 - (iv) He was put in jail in Mandalay.

- (d) Which of the following is the general tendency of critics according to this passage ?
- (i) To find fault with one or the other expression of a writer.
 - (ii) To praise only those writers whom they know.
 - (iii) To condemn one and all reformer writers
 - (iv) To suggest new ideas to the public
- (e) Which of the following types of writers can be moral in their personal life and lax in public life ?
- (i) Those who want to reform people.
 - (ii) Those who want to entertain people.
 - (iii) Those who have large number of followers.
 - (iv) Those who lead an authentic life.

2. Read the passage carefully :

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How long I remained in the room with the cobra I cannot say. My servant said later that it was only half an hour, and no sound has ever been more welcome to me than the sounds I heard as my servant laid the table for dinner. I called him to the bathroom door, and told him of my predicament, and instructed him to fetch a lantern and a ladder. After another long wait, I heard the babel of voices, followed by the scrapping of the ladder against the outer wall of the house, when the lantern had been lifted to the window, ten feet above the ground, it did not illuminate the room, so I told the man who was holding it to break a pane of glass and pass the lantern through the opening. The opening was too small for the lantern to be passed in upright. However, after it had been relit three times, it was finally inserted into the room and, feeling that the cobra was behind me, I turned my head and saw it lying at the bottom of the bed-room door two feet away. Leaning forward very slowly, I picked up the heavy bathmat, raised it high and let it fall as the cobra was sliding over the floor towards me. Fortunately I judged my aim accurately and the bath-mat crashed down on the cobra's neck six inches from its head. As it bit at the wood and lashed about with its tail, I took a hasty stride towards the Verandah-door and in a moment was outside among a crowd of men, armed with sticks and carrying lanterns.

- (a) The incident narrated in the passage is
- (i) thrilling
 - (ii) tragic
 - (iii) dramatic
 - (iv) humorous
- (b) The room in which the writer was locked in with cobra is his:
- (i) bed-room
 - (ii) toilet
 - (iii) bath room
 - (iv) drawing room
- (c) "It did not illuminate the room". Here 'illuminate' can be replaced by
- (i) light up brightly
 - (ii) throw faint light
 - (iii) enlighten
 - (iv) make colorful

- (d) A large crowd had gathered outside the writer's room, presumably to
 - (i) break open the door
 - (ii) kill the snake if it came out
 - (iii) catch the snake
 - (iv) enjoy themselves at the fun created there.
- (e) The people who gathered outside were armed with:
 - (i) spears
 - (ii) pistols
 - (iii) sticks
 - (iv) none of the above

3. Read the following passage carefully :

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In a thicket at the foot of the Himalaya Mountains there once lived a parrot together with other animals and birds. One day a fire started in the thicket from the friction of bamboos in a strong wind and the birds and animals were in frightened confusion. The parrot feeling compassion for their fright and suffering and wishing to repay the kindness he had received in the bamboo thicket where he could shelter himself, tried to do all he could to save them. He dipped himself in a pond near by and flew over the fire and shook off the drops of water to extinguish the fire. He repeated this diligently with a heart of compassion out of gratitude to the thicket.

This spirit of kindness and self-sacrifice was noticed by a heavenly god who came down from the sky and said to the parrot "you have a gallant mind, but what good do you expect to accomplish by a few drops of water against this great fire?" The parrot answered "There is nothing that cannot be accomplished by the spirit of gratitude and self-sacrifice. I will try over and over again and then over in the next life." The great god was impressed by the parrot's spirit and together they extinguished the fire.

- (a) Which of the main quality of the parrot depicted in the story ?
 - (i) kindness
 - (ii) persistence
 - (iii) self sacrifice
 - (iv) gratitude
- (b) The reference to 'the spirit of gratitude' in the second paragraph is meant to :
 - (i) defend ideas in first para
 - (ii) illustrate an idea described in 1st para
 - (iii) contradict the point made
 - (iv) none of the above
- (c) This passage can be called :
 - (i) cynical
 - (ii) ironical
 - (iii) analytical
 - (iv) none of these

(d) The fire in the thicket started due to :

- (i) strong wind
- (ii) confusion of animals
- (iii) anger of great God
- (iv) friction of bamboos

(e) The word 'compassion' means :

- (i) a strong feeling of sympathy
- (ii) desire to eat
- (iii) desire to drink
- (iv) none of these

4. Read the following passage carefully :

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The forces that generate conditions conducive to crime and riots are stronger in urban communities than in rural areas. Urban living is more anonymous living. It often releases the individual from community restraints more common in tradition- oriented societies. But more freedom from constraints and control also provides greater freedom to deviate. And living in the more impersonalized, formally controlled urban society means that regulatory orders of conduct are often directed by distant bureaucrats. The police are stronger executing these prescriptions on an anonymous set of subjects. Minor offences in small town or village are often handled without resort to official police action. As disputable as such action may seem to be, it results in fewer recorded violations of the law compared to the big cities. Although perhaps causing some decision difficulties for the police in small towns, formal and objective law enforcement is not always acceptable to villagers.

Urban areas with mass population, greater wealth, more commercial establishment and more product of our technology also provide more frequent opportunities for theft. Victims are impersonalised, property is insured, consumer goods in more abundance are vividly displayed and are more portable. The crime rate increases despite formal moral education given in schools.

(a) Which type of living is more anonymous :

- (i) urban
- (ii) rural
- (iii) semi-urban
- (iv) none of these

(b) Which of the following is a characteristic of an urban setting?

- (i) unreported minor crimes
- (ii) no derivation from freedom
- (iii) less forceful social control
- (iv) fewer recorded violations of the law.

- (c) According to the passage, all the following contribute to higher crime rates in urban areas except :
- (i) vivid display of consumers goods
 - (ii) inadequate police force
 - (iii) increasing population
 - (iv) higher standards of living
- (d) According to the passage, the crime in small towns :
- (i) is less frequently reported or dealt officially
 - (ii) is brought well under control.
 - (iii) is often dealt with objective law enforcement
 - (iv) always causes difficulties for police force.
- (e) The word 'abundance' in the second para means :
- (i) scarcity
 - (ii) a large quantity
 - (iii) significance
 - (iv) none of these

SECTION-B
(Writing - 20 Marks)

5. With the help of notes given below write a paragraph in about 80 words on the topic: **We are Happier than Our Fore fathers** 4
- Life more comfortable with technology
 - Medical facilities
 - Illiterate, superstitions
 - Hygienic conditions
 - Longer span of life
6. Read the following article and write a letter to the Editor. The Hindustan Times, New Delhi, commenting on the child abuse and pointing out some solutions to the problem. (Word limit 150) 8

Child Abuse Growing Reality

Open your eyes to see kids cleaning utensils and serving in dhabas, some polishing stainless wares in polishing factories, some rag picking, some binding bricks on frivolous wages. The tale of child abuse is horrendous.

7. **Manish feels disappointed at the lack of observance of traffic rules on the roads in his city and the growing menace of vehicular traffic. So he decides to write an article for a local newspaper. Write that article for Manish in about 180 words using your own ideas and those given below.** 8

All kinds of vehicular traffic

Rash driving

Jumping traffic signals

Frequent jams

Encroachment by shopkeepers

Absence of police

Need to have traffic sense

Fines for law breakers.

SECTION - C

(Grammar - 20 Marks)

8. **Complete the following passage by choosing the most appropriate option given below :** 4

Hi

I (a) _____ in Minneapolis. I (b) _____ for more than a month now, and I (c) _____ to think about coming home. Everything I have seen so far (d) _____ really very interesting.

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| (a) (i) have just arrive | (ii) have just arrived |
| (iii) had just arrived | (iv) arrived |
| (b) (i) have been travelling | (ii) travelled |
| (iii) travel | (iv) have travelled |
| (c) (i) am beginning | (ii) have begun |
| (iii) has been beginning | (iv) have been beginning |
| (d) (i) is | (ii) was |
| (iii) has been | (iv) have been |

9. **Complete the headline by choosing the correct answer from the option.** 4

1. **House Tax Bill on computer.**

Preparation of house tax bills (a) _____ within the next six months

- (a) (i) has been done on computers
(ii) was done on computers
(iii) will be done on computers
(iv) is done on computers

2. **P.M. to Lay Foundation stone of Golden Country Resort.**

The Prime Minister arrives tomorrow in Chandigarh where (b) _____ for developing agro- forestry farms.

- (b) (i) he would lay the foundation stone of Golden Country Resort
- (ii) he lay the foundation stone of Golden Country Resort
- (iii) he will lay the foundation stone of Golden Country Resort
- (iv) he will be lay the foundation stone of Golden Country Resort.

3. **Monsoon Session from September 22 :**

The Delhi Cabinet finalized that (c) _____ from September 22

- (c) (i) it might hold the Monsoon session
- (ii) it would hold the Monsoon session
- (iii) it shall hold the Monsoon session
- (iv) it should hold the Monsoon session

4. **S.C. Stays D.D.A. Take over Bid of Hospital Land.**

The Supreme Court (d) _____ the Delhi High Court order directing the Delhi Development Authority (DDA) to take over the land of Raheja Hospital

- (d) (i) has stayed (ii) have stayed
- (iii) had stayed (iv) has stay

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

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Julia : Hello Kevin, (a) _____
you for ages. How are you ?

Kevin : I'm fine. How about you?
(b) _____

Julia : Yes, I'm very well thanks.
(c) _____ somewhere
Or (d) _____ somebody off a train ?

- (a) (i) I haven't seen
- (ii) I hadn't seen
- (iii) I didn't see
- (iv) I do not see
- (b) (i) you must be looking very well
- (ii) you look very well
- (iii) you should be looking very well
- (iv) you looked very well.
- (c) (i) you are going
- (ii) are you going
- (iii) were you going
- (iv) did you go

- (d) (i) are you meet
- (ii) you were going to meet
- (iii) you will meet
- (iv) are you meeting

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

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Gangotri has (a) the special significance

(b) by the devout as it is considered as the abode of King Bhagirath who

(c) bought the Ganga down (d) from the earth.

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| (a) (i) an | (ii) a | (iii) great | (iv) much |
| (b) (i) for | (ii) of | (iii) to | (iv) at |
| (c) (i) bring | (ii) buy | (iii) has brought | (iv) brought |
| (d) (i) to | (ii) towards | (iii) of | (iv) by |

12. Immigration officer: Why are you visiting the country ?

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Couple : We are on a holiday

Officer : How long do you intend to stay ?

Couple : Two weeks.

After getting off the plane, a couple had to queue for an hour to get through immigration. Finally it was their turn. The immigration Officer asked them (a) _____ and the couple told him (b) _____. Then he wanted to know (c) _____. The couple replied (d) _____.

- (a) (i) why were they visiting the country ?
- (ii) why are they visiting the country ?
- (iii) why they were visiting the country
- (iv) why they are visiting the country
- (b) (i) they are on a holiday
- (ii) that they were on a holiday
- (iii) that they had been on a holiday
- (iv) they were on a holiday
- (c) (i) that how long they intended to stay
- (ii) how long they intended to stay
- (iii) how long they are intended to stay
- (iv) how long did they intend to stay
- (d) (i) they will stay for two weeks
- (ii) two weeks
- (iii) that they are going to stay for two weeks
- (iv) that they would stay for two weeks

SECTION - D
(Literature - 20 Marks)

- 13. Read the extracts and answer the following questions by choosing the most appropriate option (Attempt any two) :** **2x3=6**
1. "May the sum of evil
balanced in this unreal world
against the sum of good
become diminished by your pain, they said"
- 3**
- (a) Why has the world been called 'unreal'?
- (i) It is full of danger.
 - (ii) It is full of superstitious beliefs
 - (iii) It is affected by pain and agony
 - (iv) It is affected by time and death
- (b) What would be diminished if she undergoes that unbearable pain?
- (i) poison in her blood
 - (ii) sum of good deeds
 - (iii) sum of evil deeds
 - (iv) balance of this unreal world
- (c) Who are 'they' ?
- (i) relatives
 - (ii) doctors
 - (iii) priests
 - (iv) villagers
2. "It matters very little to you. Another idol has displaced me, a golden one". **3**
- (a) Who said the above to whom?
- (i) Scrooge to Belle
 - (ii) Fan to Marley
 - (iii) Belle to Scrooge
 - (iv) Second Ghost to Scrooge
- (b) Who showed this image ?
- (i) Ghost to Jacob Marley
 - (ii) Ghost of Christmas Past
 - (iii) Ghost of Christmas present
 - (iv) Ghost of Christmas yet to be
- (c) Where did the First Ghost take Scrooge?
- (i) to his school
 - (ii) to Church
 - (iii) to Bob Cratchit's house
 - (iv) to a graveyard

3. If I were a dead leaf thou mightest bear:

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If I were a swift cloud to fly with thee;

A Wave to pant beneath thy power and share

The impulse of thy strength, only less free

Than thou, O uncontrollable!

(a) What would happen if the poet were a dead leaf?

(i) he would have fallen on the ground

(ii) he would have been carried away by the wind and could have experienced its power.

(iii) he would have been buried in the ground

(iv) he would have been powerful

(b) Who has been referred as uncontrollable ?

(i) swift cloud

(ii) a wave

(iii) the West Wind

(iv) the poet

(c) Who is only less free?

(i) The poet

(ii) The wave

(iii) The dead leaf

(iv) The wind

2x4=8

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

(a) Babuli's elder brother was always loving and caring, towards Babuli. Justify the statement.

(b) How was Cutie Pie captured and from where ?

(c) Who is Jacob Marley. How is his role significant in the story ?

(d) How does the poet establish a link between himself and the West Wind ?

(e) What impression do you get of the peasants in the poem ?

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15. As Babuli's Elder brother, write a paragraph expressing your feelings towards Babuli after you read that note.

OR

What kind of information did Cutie Pie and Christopher exchange about their world ?

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