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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 Comprehensions 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 following passage carefully

During my trip to Pakistan, I was a part of a large group. Each person wanted to visit one or the other place. Some wanted to visit Takshila, others Lahore, Islamabad or Karachi. As we sat discussing every one voiced his opinion loudly. I noticed only Mrs. Roopa Kapur was sitting quietly. She was a seventy five year old lady from Chennai and did not speak much unless spoken to. So I asked if she had any particular place in mind to visit.

Without hesitation she said she wanted to go to Pindi.

"Where is Pindi? Is it a small town or village? I don't think we will have the time to make a detour like that from our packed itinerary," Roopa smiled at my ignorance and said, "I meant Rawalpindi. Pindi is a short term used for it by people who lived there." I was intrigued. "How do you know so much about it? Have you ever lived there?"

"I was born and brought up there," she replied and then told me her story.

She had lived there till the age of nineteen when she got married and settled down in Chennai. Though she had learnt to speak in Tamil and had learnt Tamil dishes, she had always yearned to go back to see her childhood home if she ever got a chance.

When we reached Islamabad I noticed that the city was surrounded by tall mountains and the weather was as cool as a hill station. Seeing my expression, Mrs Kapur quickly said, "Rawalpindi is a sister city, but it is older. Pindi is just twenty odd kilometres away from Islamabad." Suddenly I realised the soft spoken and introverted Mrs Kapoor had become quite garrulous.

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

- (a) Who were the people visiting Pakistan ?
 - (i) Indians
 - (ii) Tourists from all parts of the world
 - (iii) Business delegates
 - (iv) Traders
- (b) The word 'garrulous' means :
 - (i) introverted person
 - (ii) happy go lucky person
 - (iii) talkative person
 - (iv) quiet person
- (c) The narrator was initially hesitant to go to Pindi because :
 - (i) She did not know where Pindi was
 - (ii) They had a very tight schedule and the group could not afford to visit distant places
 - (iii) She was the leader of the group and she had to exercise her authority
 - (iv) She was afraid that if each lady decided to go on her independent trip the original schedule would be seriously affected.

- (d) Roopa Kapur wanted to go to Pindi because :
- (i) She wanted to enjoy the scenic beauty of the place.
 - (ii) She was born there and wanted to see her ancestral home
 - (iii) She wanted to meet some of her old friends who lived in Pindi
 - (iv) She wanted to see the new occupants of the house where she once lived.
- (e) The narrator felt intrigued because :
- (i) She was surprised to see the amount of knowledge Mrs. Kapoor had about Pakistan
 - (ii) She was surprised to note the sudden change in Mrs. Kapoor's attitude when she was asked her choice
 - (iii) She was surprised to see the beauty of Islamabad
 - (iv) She was surprised to know that Pindi was the sister city of Islamabad

2. Read the following passage carefully

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Breathes there the man, with soul so dead,
Who never to himself hath said,
This is my own, my native land!
Whose heart hath ne'er within him burn'd,
As home his footsteps he hath turn'd
From wandering on a foreign strand!
If such there breathe, go, mark him well;
For him no Minstrel raptures swell;
High though his titles, proud his name,
Boundless his wealth as wish can claim;
Despite those titles, power, and pelf,
The wretch, concentr'd all in self,
Living, shall forfeit fair renown,
And, doubly dying, shall go down
To the vile dust, from whence he sprung,
Unwept, unhonour'd, and unsung,

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

- (a) According to the poet a man's soul is considered dead because such men :
- (i) Have great patriotic feelings
 - (ii) Sacrifice their lives for their country
 - (iii) Are never remembered by their countrymen
 - (iv) Do not have any feelings of love or gratitude for their country.

- (b) Such men who abandon their motherland are generally :
 - (i) Large hearted and magnanimous
 - (ii) Self centred
 - (iii) Are very helpful to their countrymen
 - (iv) Help in the developmental programmes of their country
- (c) Titles, power and pelf refers to :
 - (i) Wealth and position acquired by vile means
 - (ii) A place in the ministry
 - (iii) A title and money bestowed on someone who has great achievements to his credit
 - (iv) A self styled leader of a notorious gang
- (d) The word 'minstrel' means :
 - (i) A minister
 - (ii) A foreigner
 - (iii) A patriot
 - (iv) A singer
- (e) What are the poets feelings about people who betray their country ?
 - (i) He feels they are an adventurous lot.
 - (ii) The poet is full of admiration for their success abroad.
 - (iii) The poet debunks such people who change their loyalty
 - (iv) He would like to honour such people who bring laurels to their country.

3. Read the following passage carefully.

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TV, Video and other electronic media are solely responsible for the decline in reading interest of children today.

The time honoured way of improving reading is by reading fiction. Psychologists say each one of us needs stories. Cavenant told stories round the fire. Mythologies and folk stories have been passed down from one generation to another. Most of us think we are literates and so our fictional needs can be satisfied by reading.

But, it is not so. Today's average and below average school children depend heavily on videos, television and film. Whilst many of these activities may be harmless, we need to realise they do nothing to build up reading skills. If instead of spending long hours watching television, children spent more hours reading, our next generation of population would be better educated.

Watching a story is a totally passive pastime. Someone else has made all the decisions about casting, set, clothing, facial expressions, tone etc. Reading a story is an active partnership with the author. Ideas are sketched and the mind of the reader creates the rest.

Why is dramatised fiction usurping the written kind ? It is because children whose reading is hesitant cannot readily identify and enjoy the plot. Watching stories is much easier. This is leading to the mind's process being stultified. The problem is that most children read very slowly. I sometimes see children carry the same 100 page book for a week or even a fortnight. Such children eventually declare that they hate reading.

Their problem is that whilst they read, they cannot interpret the text. The need to be able to read and interpret fast enough to feed the mind's hunger for a story.

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

- (a) What is that one common urge in mankind according to psychologists ?
 - (i) everyone needs stories
 - (ii) to buy TV's, films, and videos to watch stories
 - (iii) to read fiction
 - (iv) to translate all fiction into drama
- (b) The author feels that the present generation is not educated enough because :
 - (i) Children can easily dramatize stories read by them.
 - (ii) Children can read texts without having the ability to understand and interpret
 - (iii) Children love to read fiction.
 - (iv) Children are fast readers.
- (c) By saying, 'reading is an active partnership with the author' the writer means that :
 - (i) reading can only be done along with a partner
 - (ii) the reader's mind engages itself actively with the author's thoughts and ideas and so both have a silent communication.
 - (iii) as the reader reads the text aloud his mind becomes active
 - (iv) when we read aloud we have listeners who become our partners
- (d) The word 'Usurping' means to :
 - (i) to give someone a proper place of honour
 - (ii) take some one else's position forcefully
 - (iii) to experiment with new forms
 - (iv) to surf the net for information
- (e) Children who get into the habit of watching stories over videos and films generally :
 - (i) Become more creative
 - (ii) Become fast readers
 - (iii) Develop hatred for reading
 - (iv) Become avid readers

4. Read the following passage carefully.

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As dawn breaks over Washington D C, Madhulika Sikka begins her daily ritual of multitasking - reading the papers, shooting off work - related e-mails, listening to the first feed of 'Morning Edition', the American radio program she heads, and packing off her daughters Priya and Maya to school.

Arriving at work a little after 7 a. m. Sikka typically sifts through mounds of information and breaking news that feed the show's 13 million listeners.

An executive producer, Sikka, plans and helps develop the broad themes for the show. "We provide an excellent range of hard news, features, and arts coverage that we hope will set you up for the day and allow you to partake in the daily conversation whatever the topic.

Speaking about the impact and relevance of radio today, Sikka says radio has many advantages over television. "radio is a much more intimate medium than television and thus I find it more revealing in some ways. People feel a bit more comfortable without lights and cameras around them..

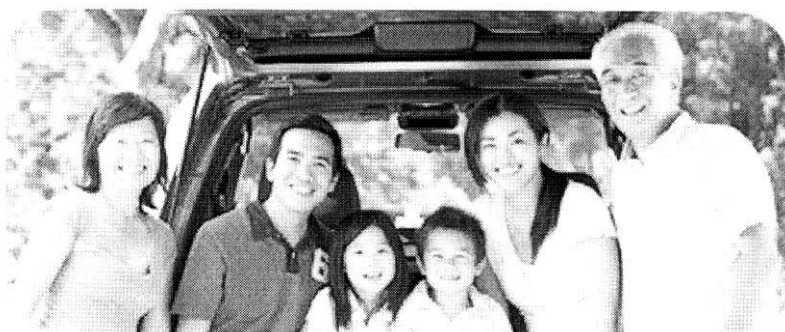
Speaking about the secret behind, Morning Edition's success, she says it is largely due to the fact that it tries to enlighten and entertain the listeners without insulting them--- as an audio medium we are at a competitive advantage in a world where more and more people are walking around with ear buds in their ears. I' am bullish about our future in the world of new media.

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

- (a) Sikka's daily ritual of multi - tasking includes :
 - (i) All domestic and official work which have to be done as a routinel
 - (ii) Cooking food and getting her daughters ready for school
 - (iii) Reading different types of news and planning other schedules for the daily radio bulletins
 - (iv) Reading news and playing music over the radio
- (b) When she says, "radio is a much more intimate medium", Sikka means :
 - (i) She is in love with the radio
 - (ii) She can avoid the public eye without being conscious of the flashing lights of cameras
 - (iii) She can relay any kind of programme she wishes
 - (iv) She can go out with her friends while the programme is being aired without anyone noticing her
- (c) I am 'bullish' about the future of radio. The word bullish means :
 - (i) radio has a bright future
 - (ii) radio programme will sell in the stock market in future
 - (iii) radio programmes will feature bulls
 - (iv) radio shows will be closed down soon
- (d) Sikka's Morning Edition is successful because :
 - (i) She works very hard.
 - (ii) She is a good radio jockey playing popular music on demand
 - (iii) Sikka's plans a rich variety of programmes that inform and entertain.
 - (iv) It gives flash news every minute
- (e) Which qualities define Sikka most appropriately ?
 - (i) A hardworking employee at a radio station
 - (ii) Efficient, hardworking, creative and successful executive
 - (iii) A creative and successful manager
 - (iv) A successful entrepreneur

SECTION - B
(Writing - 20 Marks)

5. Use notes in the following box to write a paragraph of about 100 words 4
- * Visit to Cambodia
 - * Truly magical and mystical
 - * Phnom Penh the capital city - rich, modern, multicultural - Royal Palace of the King outshines the skyline
 - * National museum is a historical club including Hindu sculptures,
 - * Famous for both Hindu and Buddhist temples
6. You are Rahul Saini living in Mumbai. As a concerned citizen of India, write a letter to a friend highlighting the benefits of the Right to Education Act passed by the parliament recently and why it should be the duty of every citizen to strengthen the hands of the govt. 8
- Situation :** a large number of people in India still illiterate even after 6 decades of independence, compulsory education upto fourteen years remains a dream, lack of political will.
- Problem :** illiterate nation cannot reap the benefits of progress and change, poverty, unemployment and exploitation will cripple India's economy.
To become a truly developed nation each citizen needs to be educated
- What we citizens can do :** discourage child labour, motivate all children to go to school, help schools raise funds to enable them to bear the extra cost of educating poor children
7. Study the picture below. Using some of the clues given below and your own ideas write an article for a health and fitness magazine on "stress management". You are Lokes/Priya. 8



- * Stress caused due to challenges posed by work, family commitments, financial obligations, and social relationships.
- * Stress has a significant impact on our risk of developing heart disease.
- * Stress only to a certain extent is good
- * How to minimise harmful effects of stress :

- * be realistic - do not try to achieve the impossible;
- * avoid negative feelings and attitudes;
- * plan your time well - prioritise your tasks
- * cultivate a circle of friends and family members with whom you can share your problems openly and frankly
- * Set aside adequate time for rest and leisure in your daily routine;
- * engage in relaxation techniques such as deep breathing, shoulder and neck massages, and meditation when you feel stress

SECTION - C

(Grammar - 20 Marks)

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

That future (a) or resting, but of incessant striving so that (b) the pledges we have so often taken and the one (c)..... today. The service of India means the service of the millions who suffer. It means the ending of poverty and ignorance and disease and inequality of opportunity. The ambition of the greatest man of our generation has been to wipe every tear from every eye. That may be beyond us but so long as there are tears and suffering, so long our work (d) over.

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| (a) (i) was not one of ease | (ii) has been on of ease |
| (iii) is easing | (iv) is not one |
| (b) (i) we are fulfilling | (ii) we have fulfilled |
| (iii) we might fulfill | (iv) we will fulfil |
| (c) (i) we shall take | (ii) we have taken |
| (iii) we are taking | (iv) we took |
| (d) (i) should not be | (ii) has not been |
| (iii) will not be | (iv) is not |

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

- (a) **Singapore tops 'most competitive nations' list.**

For the first time, Singapore to oust the United States in its top spot ranking of the world's most competitive nations.

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| (i) Had been able to | (ii) would be able to |
| (iii) has been able to | (iv) should be able to |

- (b) **UK faces aggressive cuts in 'age of austerity'.**

Britain faces an "age of austerity" as the new coalition government aggressive cuts in public spending to slash the deficit.

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| (i) Deciding to make | (ii) decides to make |
| (iii) decided to make | (iv) has been deciding to make |

(c) **Opel, European unions agree on restructuring plan.**

The General Motors European unit Opel marked an important step on Friday when the unions to agree on terms for a long-awaited restructuring plan.

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| (i) it was able to get | (ii) they were able to get |
| (iii) it would be able to get | (iv) it would have been able to get |

(d) **Mangalore air crash : Most bodies burnt beyond recognition.**

An Air India Boeing 737-800 on a hilltop runway in good weather and clear visibility killing 158 passengers including the crew on board.

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| (i) had crashed while attempting to land |
| (ii) crashed while attempting to land |
| (iii) was crashing when it attempting to land |
| (iv) had crashed while it was attempting to land |

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

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Reena : Vibha, when did you (a) dance ?

Vibha : Since I was six years old.

Reena : How long (b)each day ?

Vibha : About 3 to 4 hours each day.

Reena : Who motivated you to learn dancing ? Is there (c)in the family who dances ?

Vibha : My mother is a good dancer too. She inspired me to learn dancing.

Reena : What are your future plans ?

Vibha : I (d) a famous choreographer in the Indian film industry.

Reena : Great! Wish you all the best.

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| (a) (i) start learning | (ii) start to learn |
| (iii) started to learn | (iv) starting to learn |
| (b) (i) did you practice | (ii) were you practicing |
| (iii) had you practiced | (iv) do you practice |
| (c) (i) somebody else | (ii) anybody else |
| (iii) anyone else | (iv) everyone else |
| (d) (i) want to become | (ii) wanted to become |
| (iii) wished to become | (iv) wishing to become |

11. Edit the following passage by choosing the correct options from the options given below . 4

Our lives tend to be lived like battle grounds where every situation (a) is requiring all our will power to not only meet the problem (b) and also overcome it. Right through school we are trained to excel in everything we do so as to find a fantastic job, making lots and lots of money and find a good life partner. We become so (c) are focussed on the end results that we (d) oftentimes forget to enjoy the pleasures of the journey towards them.

- (a) (i) requiring (ii) require (iii) requires (iv) requirement
(b) (i) but also (ii) but when (iii) but so (iv) but sometimes
(c) (i) focussing (ii) focus (iii) focussed (iv) will focus
(d) (i) sometimes (ii) never (iii) every-time (iv) often

12. Read the following conversation carefully and complete the following passage by choosing the most appropriate option. 4

Adi : Hai Rose ! What brings you here today ?

Rose : I have come to invite you to the launch of my first documentary film.

Adi : What is the documentary about ?

Rose : It is about the heritage buildings of India.

Adi : And what made you decide on this topic ?

Rose : You see, I felt that our youth had no idea of India's rich heritage. Through the film I proposes to enlighten them about India's rich historical past.

Greeting Rose, Adi asked her as to what (a) that day. She told him that she (b) him to the launch of her first documentary film. Adi next asked her (b) Rose informed him that it was about the heritage buildings of India. Adi wanted to know what made her decide on this topic. She told him that she had felt that our youth had no idea of India's rich heritage and so through the film (d) them about India's rich historical past.

- (a) (i) brought her there (ii) brings you here
(iii) had brought her there (iv) was bringing her there
(b) (i) has come to invite (ii) is coming to invite
(iii) had coming to invite (iv) was coming to invite
(c) (i) which is the film about (ii) what the film was about
(iii) is the film about (iv) what has the film been about
(d) (i) she proposing to enlighten (ii) she is proposing to enlighten
(iii) she will propose to enlighten (iv) she proposed to enlighten

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) I listened to all this like an innocent lamb looking into the darkness. I felt as if the butcher was sharpening his knife, humming a tune and waiting to tear me into large chunks of meat, and consoling me saying that there is a better life after death.

- (i) 'all this' refers to :
 - (a) division of property and household items
 - (b) the huge fields
 - (c) Babuli's wife's talk
 - (d) neighbours chatter at the time of division
- (ii) Babuli compares his wife to a butcher because :
 - (a) she was quite indifferent to her husbands reactions.
 - (b) she seemed to be heartless while discussing her plans on how to invest the money which would come from the sale of lands
 - (c) she could cut meat as efficiently as any butcher
 - (d) she made sharp and biting remarks about his family
- (iii) 'There is a better life after death' refers to :
 - (a) the life of comfort that Babuli and his wife would lead after they got their share
 - (b) life of peace after the death of a person
 - (c) peace in the house after the partition would take place
 - (d) silence after a noisy feud.

(B) Seemed a better story. Was there a link between the alien creature and the spaceship ? But this faded too. The questions were fine - but where were the answers?

Only one person on earth knows them and he is still too young to tell them to anyone but his mother.

- (i) Which story is being referred to ?
 - (a) Story that a space ship had visited earth.
 - (b) Stories of the strange sight that the two hunters had seen
 - (c) Stories about how Cutie Pie would lie down next to the baby and talk to him
 - (d) Stories about mother's love
- (ii) People have not been able to find answers because :
 - (a) Their memory is shortlived ---- they ask a question and then forget about it .
 - (b) They have not made any effort
 - (c) Only people who have visited other planets can find answers
 - (d) Scientists were too baffled to answer any questions relating to Cutie-Pie

- (iii) The only person who knows the answers is :
 - (a) The baby and his mother
 - (b) The mother
 - (c) The baby
 - (d) Both baby and the mother
- (C) My mother twisted through and through
 Groaning on the mat
 My father sceptic and rationalist
 Trying every curse and blessing,
 He even poured a little paraffin
 Upon the bitten toe and put a match to it
 - (i) The mother was twisting through and through because :
 - (a) She has swooned as a result of hard labour
 - (b) She was bitten by a scorpion
 - (c) She had fallen down and fractured her leg
 - (d) She had become very weak after a prolonged illness
 - (ii) The poet says the father was both a sceptic and a rationalist. He says so because:
 - (a) The father was neither a superstitious man nor religious
 - (b) The father was a doctor so he knew what medicine to administer.
 - (c) The father used common sense rather than hard sense
 - (d) The father had no faith even in his own skills
 - (iii) The poem is more about :
 - (a) The scorpion
 - (b) The mother and her suffering
 - (c) The villagers and their beliefs
 - (d) The attitude and reactions of the different people

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

2x4=8

- (a) Cutie Pie could re-establish contacts with his mother. How ?
- (b) How did Scrooge surprise Cratchit's family ?
- (c) The elder brother could take in both sorrow and happiness dispassionately. Discuss.
- (d) Percy Bysshe Shelley leaves us with a prophetic message at the end of his poem, 'The ode to West Wind'. Interpret the message in your own words.
- (e) Nissim Ezekiel in his poem says : "he risked the rain again, "What does he imply?

15. Answer any one of the following :

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After going back to his mother Cutie Pie was asked to write his story of his recent adventure on earth for a magazine. Write his story not forgetting to mention some of his impressions about the people on earth.

OR

After writing the letter to his brother, Babuli felt greatly relieved. That night he wrote his diary. Imagining yourself to be Babuli, write the diary.

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