

1001117 - C1

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 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 following passage carefully:

I am very fond of atlases. As a child I used to find it difficult to lay my hands on an atlas. So when we started the Foundation at Infosys, I decided to distribute atlases free of cost to schools so that children could see the country and the world and the vastness of the planet they lived in.

One day as I was coming back from my work at dusk I saw some cattle coming back after grazing. I smelled the wonderful aroma of fresh groundnuts in the air. A man was selling fresh groundnuts in front of the local school. It was quite irresistible. I decided to buy a kilo of groundnuts from him. The man, obviously a farmer was selling his product directly to customers passing that way.

He weighed a kilo and gave it to me loose. Take this and put it in your bag,' I was not carrying one so I asked him if he could get one from somewhere. He thought for a while and then turned to his assistant and said, "Run into the school, the classrooms are still open. There will be a big red book there, with thick pages. Tear out one page and get it. Before I could stop him the boy had run into the school. Soon he came back holding a colourful page and I was handed my groundnuts in it. I looked closely at the page and realised that it was from one of the atlases which I had gifted to the school some months back. I was shocked.

"Why did you tear the page from this book?" I asked.

The man said," some lady gives these books free to the school. The Paper is nice and thick, so we use it sometimes for wrapping things."

I was shocked. Sadly I looked at the page which bore the seal of our foundation too. Since then I decided to change my policy with regards to extending monetary help to needy. I decided to give only part help henceforth.

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

- (a) Why did the narrator distribute atlases in schools?
 - (i) She wanted all children to know the locations of different places in the world and the planet earth.
 - (ii) She could not afford to buy an atlas when she was a child.
 - (iii) She thought books were the best gift one could give to children.
 - (iv) Atlases had colourful and thick pages.
- (b) The author says before she could stop him the boy had already run into the school. Why did she want to stop him?
 - (i) She decided to put the groundnuts in her handbag.
 - (ii) She was in a hurry and she felt the boy would take long to fetch the paper.
 - (iii) She realised at once that the boy would tear pages from a book which was not a good habit.
 - (iv) She felt that the boy would be punished if he was caught stealing.

- (c) The author changed her mind with respect to extending full help to the poor and the needy. What made her change her mind?
- (i) She felt that the poor would become lazy if they got into the habit of getting everything free.
 - (ii) She was a strict disciplinarian and did not like to spoil their habits.
 - (iii) She felt that any gift given totally free of cost lost its value even amongst the most needy.
 - (iv) Instead of giving help she thought it was better to give the poor people suitable jobs instead.
- (d) The word 'irresistible' in the passage means:
- (i) Cheap
 - (ii) Beautiful
 - (iii) Precious
 - (iv) Tempting
- (e) The lady and the groundnut seller reacted differently to the tearing of the pages from atlas. Which statement best describes their reactions?
- (i) Both were happy that their respective problems were solved
 - (ii) The lady appreciated the resourcefulness of the boy and the groundnut seller.
 - (iii) The lady was shocked and clearly unhappy at the misuse of atlases: the groundnut seller did not see any harm in tearing pages from books which had been given free of cost.
 - (iv) The groundnut seller tore the pages reluctantly but the lady assured him that he that there was no harm in doing it as those books were donated free of cost like tearing pages from the books but he had no option

2. Read the following passage carefully

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A FRIEND FROM ABOVE.....

I prayed for you before we met,
Not knowing who you'd be.
I asked the Lord to send a friend.
One chosen just for me.

I asked that they'd be Godly,
With wisdom of His ways.
A friend to help and guide me
I the troubles of these days.

So often in life, we need someone
To listen while we talk.
Someone who will not condemn or judge,
But encourage us as we walk.

The narrow road we choose to follow
May sometimes make us stumble.
But to have a friend to catch our fall,
Teaches us to be humble.

When I asked the Lord to send a friend,
Though many came and went.
He gave much more than I ever asked,
For you are the friend He sent.

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

- (a) The title of the poem shows that the poet is looking for :
 - (i) a friend who can help him in his hour of need
 - (ii) a friend as he is a loner
 - (iii) a friend who has godlike qualities
 - (iv) an alien friend from the extra terrestrial world
- (b) The narrow road indicated in the fourth stanza is :
 - (i) A narrow lane in one of the big cities
 - (ii) A narrow path which leads up the hill
 - (iii) Negative thoughts which lead us to make wrong decisions
 - (iv) Pride and high headedness
- (c) 'To catch a fall' means :
 - (i) Catch a falling object
 - (ii) To make the best use of end of season sales
 - (iii) To rescue a defeated soldier
 - (iv) To prevent a person from coming to any harm due to his insolence or false pride
- (d) The poet wants a friend who :
 - (i) can sympathise with him in his hour of agony
 - (ii) scolds him when he makes a mistake
 - (iii) understands him and does not become judgemental
 - (iv) can transform his habits
- (e) The poet's best friend is :
 - (i) from amongst the many people he comes across in life
 - (ii) his reader
 - (iii) a priest of the church
 - (iv) a poor helpless man in the street.

3. Read the following passage carefully.

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It was in Mumbai in the year 2001 where I started my first cross country motorcycle rally. A group of 30 youngsters on 15 bikes embarked on a four day drive to Chennai. 'Write your blood group on the back of your palms so that we know it in case you meet with an accident' was the first instruction before we started. It was enough to send shivers up the spine of a timid first timer like me. But, I decided to ride along for I had no train ticket to get back to Chennai. But within a few minutes fear gave way to a feeling of freedom and peace. Senior Chyk member, Sunder Anna, a seasoned rider took it upon himself to enlighten me on the skills and nuances of motorcycling - the art of overtaking, the virtues of patience, the joys of cruising, the wisdom of judgement, the importance of safety and the love of comradeship. After several hours of riding and countless tit-bits from Sunder Anna I realised that it is easy to travel but it takes tremendous skill and maturity to be a seasoned rider. Today biking for me is a form of Yoga – skill in mindful action.

Motorcycles don't just burn rubber on road, but also hardwire some life long values in our brains. Like the ability to focus, cruising at over 90 kilometer per hour, one cannot afford to take one's mind off the road. With little effort the mind is sharp and alert, attentive to the heartbeat of the road. Motorcycling stretches and challenges ones physical and mental limitation, building a permanent thirst for adventure and challenges in our lives.

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

- (a) to send "shivers up the spine" means to :
 - (i) feel terribly cold
 - (ii) feel nervous
 - (iii) feel excited
 - (iv) feel tired
- (b) The cross country rally was to take place in:
 - (i) Bombay
 - (ii) Chennai
 - (iii) Bombay to Chennai
 - (iv) Chennai to Bombay
- (c) According to the author, motorcycling helps a person to be :
 - (i) physically strong and energetic
 - (ii) an adventure seeker
 - (iii) a nature lover
 - (iv) more focussed, alert and disciplined
- (d) Motor bikers must write their blood group on the back of their palms because:
 - (i) they must show this at every check post.
 - (ii) so that the doctors can cross verify their blood group.
 - (iii) it is customary for the organisers to know the blood group of all the riders.
 - (iv) the rider can be given immediate first aid and blood in case he meets with an accident.

- (e) Rally in the passage means:
- (i) a place where motorcyclists can meet
 - (ii) to bring an army to order
 - (iii) Sharp rise in prices
 - (iv) To engage in a long distance automobile race

4. Read the following passage carefully.

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Fourteen year old Michael Otto crawled out of his tent still half-sleepy. The scenery captivated him immediately: the river Elbe was steaming in the early morning light as it flowed towards the North Sea. Geese were flying over the water, which the rising sun had turned into a golden carpet. "At that moment, I felt the elemental power of the Elbe," says Michael Otto 52 years later.

Otto's relationship to the Elbe perfectly describes his way of describes his way of doing business: it explains why the billionaire has done so much for the environment. Furs, paints and tropical hardwoods were taken off the product line, ecological textiles became the focus early on-and he fought against the expansion of the Elbe as a waterway.

During his early years Michaels family faced trying times. They had to relocate themselves in Hamburg after the Russians marched through West Prussia (now Poland). In Hamburg they were safe but poor. Michael's father decided to improve their lot by setting up a mail-order shoe company. Later the parents divorced. Michael moved out to a rural suburb with his mother but he remained close to his father. The beauty of the landscape-the meadows, forests fascinated him. His desire for discovery turned into wanderlust as he when stood at the harbour watching ships.

When he was 15 he accompanied his father on his first business trip to Canada By 19 he was scouting for real-estate in Canada. He did a bank apprenticeship and studied economics. Later he started a company of his own and travelled extensively across the globe even traversing difficult hilly terrains with nomads. In 1972 he published a book '*Limits to Growth*' where he says, "*we can only exploit the earth to the extent that it can regenerate itself*". Since then he has used this as a guiding principle of this work. Even in the uppermost echelons of business, he ensures that economy and ecology go hand in hand.

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

- (a) Michael Otto was an:
- (i) economist and writer
 - (ii) nature lover and adventurer.
 - (iii) scientist cum socialist
 - (iv) entrepreneur

- (b) The river Elbe was inspirational for Otto because:
- (i) by meditating on its banks most of his worried got over.
 - (ii) he realised that rivers could become great trading routes.
 - (iii) when he saw the beauty of the Elbe under the morning sun and the geese flying over it he was so enchanted that he realised that nature was to be preserved and not exploited.
 - (iv) the beauty of Elbe inspired him to write inspirational poems in praise of nature.
- (c) How does Michael ensure that ecology and economy go hand in hand?
- (i) he encouraged eco-tourism in his part of the country.
 - (ii) he launched a big drive against pollution control
 - (iii) he ensured that he did not use wood, fur or paints in his products.
 - (iv) he forced the Govt. to make some strict laws for the preservation of environment.
- (d) 'Travelled extensively 'means:
- (i) travelled widely to different places of the world
 - (ii) travel along extended paths
 - (iii) travel on expensive routes
 - (iv) travel long distances.
- (e) In his book, "limits to growth" Michael strongly advocates that:
- (i) the more we exploit natural resources the better growth we can expect
 - (ii) natural resources should be exploited only to the extent they can be regenerated
 - (iii) a country which is rich in natural resources can expect better and faster growth in economy.
 - (iv) there should be an international law which puts limits on the amount of natural resources a nation can use for its growth.

SECTION - B
(Writing - 20 Marks)

5. Use notes in the following box to write a paragraph of about 100 words 4
- Trip to Malshej:
 - Located at a height of 700 meters in the Western Ghats in Thane District of Maharashtra
 - An off beat summer get away-very scenic-low lying clouds
 - Hotspot for trekkers-serpentine paths leading to forests and rugged hills, the more enthusiastic ones can take the gruelling climb to Harishchandragad peak at 4,670 feet-incredible view once atop
 - Famous Shivneri fort-birthplace of legendary Maratha Chieftain, Shivaji

6. You are Rana/Rani of 12L Parliament enclave New Delhi in most metropolitan cities, the traffic scene is so pathetic that many patients die en-route before they can reach the hospitals. Write a letter to the Health Minister Govt. of India highlighting the problems and offering some solutions. You may refer to the clues given below: 8
- Situation :** Traffic scene bad-even ambulances are stuck in traffic jams-no one gives way-
- Problem :** many emergency cases die before they reach hospitals
- Solution :** Have more ambulances fitted with global tracking systems and radio communication system-send the one located closest to the nearest hospital
- Have special lanes for ambulances ____ Sensitise public through advertisements and slogans such as "Save a life Give way to ambulance"- provide each citizen with a universal emergency number
- Service may be kept free of charge only for the poor.
7. You have been requested to write an article for a popular Health Magazine on," Compulsory Health Education and Meal Planning Courses in Schools. As Karuna, write the article. You may use the cues given below: 8
- Most children have no stamina - fall unconscious during assembly - do not eat breakfast
 - No exercise or outdoor games - love sedentary computer games or watch TV - becoming lazy
 - Eat non nutritious junk / fast food
 - Teenagers fascinated by slim line bodies of models - starve themselves
 - Working parents have no time to cook proper meals - advantages of meal planning
 - Health education will ensure a healthy future for children

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
- What you do to prevent body odour? Spray deodorant on your body! And (a) _____ what the Chinese government (b) _____ its smelly landfills in Beijing. It is Installing 100 giant guns of deodorant at a dumpsite called Asuwei, after people living around it complained of stink. These high-pressure guns (c) _____ of fragrance per minute with a range of up to 20 feet.
- Also at places the government (d) _____ with plastic to trap the smell. The real solution lies elsewhere though. If this city of 17 million people recycle only four per cent of the 18,000 tonnes of trash they generate everyday, the need for such expensive odour-concealers would disappear.
- (a) (i) that is what (ii) this is why
(iii) that is exactly (iv) this is exactly

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| (b) (i) are doing to fight | (ii) will be doing to fight |
| (iii) have been doing to fight | (iv) is doing to fight |
| (c) (i) shall spray gallons | (ii) should spray gallons |
| (iii) can spray gallons | (iv) could spray gallons |
| (d) (i) will cover the trash | (ii) has to cover the trash |
| (iii) should cover the trash | (iv) shall cover the trash |

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

(a) **Tough US measures needed to beat climate change :**

US scientists say the United States _____ the global fight on climate change by setting tough standards for the amount of greenhouse gases it emits into the atmosphere.

- (i) will have to lead
- (ii) would be leading
- (iii) was leading
- (iv) will have led

(b) **Chemical sweep yields hope in malaria battle :**

In a massive screening of chemicals scientists _____ that could be used in drugs as a possible cure for malaria

- (i) had found thousands of compounds
- (ii) have found thousands of compounds
- (iii) will have found thousands of compounds
- (iv) have had found thousands of compounds

(c) **Open learning: no longer a refuge for average scorers :**

Today most of the high scorers are opting for courses offered by the The School of Open Learning, Delhi University exploding the myth that open schooling _____

- (i) was meant for average students only
- (ii) were meant for average students only
- (iii) is meant for average students only
- (iv) had been meant for average students only

(d) **Most Disasters in India could have been averted :**

A geographical study of disasters has revealed that many of these disasters _____ or at least the scale and extent of damage could have been significantly controlled through adequate socio - political vigil.

- (i) was averted
- (ii) shall be averted
- (iii) could have been averted
- (iv) should be averted

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

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Apart from emotional benefits, flowers have a tangible effect on the human body besides (a) _____ of natural sugar, iron and vitamins. (b) _____ for digestion as they have fibres and can ease headaches. Rose (c) _____ flower in natural medicine. (d) _____ in a beverage form to heal the liver and intestine, especially in cases of irritable bowels.

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| (a) (i) it is being a source | (ii) it is sourced |
| (iii) being a source | (iv) it being a source |
| (b) (i) it is good | (ii) they were good |
| (iii) they had been good | (iv) they are good |
| (c) (i) are a very popular | (ii) were very popular |
| (iii) was a popular | (iv) is a very popular |
| (d) (i) they are used | (ii) it is used |
| (iii) they were used | (iv) they are being used |

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

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Feelings of patriotism (a) arised when a cricket match (b) was playing between India and Pakistan or when there is a terrorist bombing in a train or hotel. People pray for India. In the dying moments of the match, the (c) nation is thrilling. This is perhaps how an India shows his love for his motherland. Where does this love for motherland go (d) when we threw rubbish out of the car window or while jumping the red lights?

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| (a) (i) arose | (ii) arising |
| (iii) arise | (iv) are arising |
| (b) (i) are played | (ii) is played |
| (iii) is playing | (iv) are playing |
| (c) (i) nations are thrilled | (ii) nation are thrilling |
| (iii) nation is thrilled | (iv) nation being thrilled |
| (d) (i) while we throw | (ii) that we throw |
| (iii) how we throw | (iv) when we throw |

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

Ramesh (to Siya a film director) : How do you choose the themes for your films?

Siya : I choose contemporary themes based on social issues. But I also keep the Indian film audience in mind.

Ramesh : How do you know what the audience wants?

Siya : Not much has changed about the expectations of the Indian audience. It is still star driven and want an escape from the real world.

Ramesh asked Siya how (a) _____ the themes for her films. Siya told him that she chose contemporary themes based on social issues. But, she also told him (b) _____ the Indian film audience in mind. Ramesh then asked her how she knew (c) _____ Siya replied that not much has changed about the Indian audience and that (d) _____ still star driven and wanted an escape from the real world.

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| (a) (i) she chooses | (ii) she chosen |
| (iii) she was choosing | (iv) she chose |
| (b) (i) which she keeps | (ii) that she keeps |
| (iii) that she kept | (iv) that she was keeping |
| (c) (i) what the audience wanted | (ii) what the audience wants |
| (iii) which the audience wanted | (iv) what the audience is wanting |
| (d) (i) most of them are | (ii) many of them are |
| (iii) all of it is | (iv) most of it is |

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) Yet I have never been able to break those strands of complacency which have coiled around me. I have kept quiet to prove that I am busy and pre - occupied. Now she does not complain. Probably she understands position.

- (i) Which strands of complacency has the narrator wound around himself?
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| (a) that it does not matter if he does not communicate with his parents |
| (b) he wanted to find an excuse by continuing to pretend that the city life was busy |
| (c) he could take advantage of being the youngest in the family |
| (d) he knew his mother would always defend his actions |
- (ii) Babuli deliberately kept quiet because:
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| (a) he did not know how to break his silence |
| (b) he was guilty |
| (c) he had no proper excuse |
| (d) he was very happy with his wife in the city |

- (iii) When Babuli says probably she understands my position, he means to say that:
 - (a) his mother probably thinks he is very busy and so has no time to write to them
 - (b) the inordinate silence has perhaps made his mother think that Babuli no longer cares for them.
 - (c) the mother has stopped complaining
 - (d) his mother is not the complaining sorts
- (b) 'A poor excuse for picking a man's pocket every twenty fifth day of December. I suppose you must have the whole day. But be here all the earlier the next day. Understand?'
 - (i) Scrooge was reacting to:
 - (a) the children's request for money to buy Christmas gifts
 - (b) the lavish expenses incurred on Christmas gifts and food
 - (c) Crachit's request for one day leave
 - (d) Crachit's request for advance of money to spend on Christmas gifts
 - (ii) By saying, "a poor excuse for Picking a man's pocket," Scrooge meant that:
 - (a) many poor people turned pick pockets during Christmas time
 - (b) shop keepers raised prices of all items so as to make huge profits during Christmas time.
 - (c) a lot of lending and borrowing went on during Christmas time
 - (d) Christmas was a silly excuse for most people to spend money even beyond their means.
 - (iii) By making the statement, "I suppose you must have a whole day Scrooge was sarcastic towards Crachit who had requested for
 - (a) one day's time to complete the job he had been assigned
 - (b) one full day off
 - (c) one full day's leave to take his sick child to hospital
 - (d) one full day's leave for doing Christmas shopping
- (c) Ten hours
 Of steady rain had driven him
 To crawl beneath a sack of rice.
 Parting with his poison-flash
 Of diabolic tail in the dark room...
 - (i) The 'he' in the above lines refers to :
 - (a) the neighbour
 - (b) the father
 - (c) the son
 - (d) the scorpion

- (ii) Why did he crawl beneath the sack of rice?
 - (a) he was scared of darkness
 - (b) it was cold outside
 - (c) it was raining and he needed to take shelter
 - (d) he had been chased inside by some ruffians
- (iii) How did he Part with his poison?
 - (a) by giving away his share of poison
 - (b) by stinging someone
 - (c) by selling a phial of poison to someone
 - (d) secretly lending some poison

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

2x4=8

- (a) How did Babuli and his wife react on receiving the letter from home?
- (b) What did the two hunters see? Why did they not tell the world what they saw?
- (c) The poem, 'Night of the Scorpion' reveals a typical Indian motherhood, affection and sacrifice. Explain
- (d) In the poem "Ode to the West wind" what does the poet ask West wind to do?
- (e) Why did Scrooge not want to celebrate Christmas?

15. Answer any one of the following :

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- (a) The narrator of the Play, "A Christmas Carol" says, " Scrooge, for the rest of his days helped keep the spirit of Christmas." How do you think Scrooge keep this spirit alive?

OR

You are Babuli's wife. You are very disappointed after you learn that Babuli has refused to accept his share of land and property. Write a diary entry describing how you feel and how your plans have come to naught.

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