

**1001126 - A1**

**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                      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 :**

It was a Tuesday afternoon, May 5, 2009, under the Horn of Africa's scorching sun. Apart from usual dryness and heat, there was danger lurking in the air. The Gulf of Aden is the favourite haunt of the dreaded Somali Pirates. Four days earlier, the MV Victoria, a medium sized cargo vessel loaded with 10,000 tonnes of rice, had left the Gujarat port of Kandla, heading towards Jeddah, Saudi Arabia. The crew comprised 11 Romanians. The ship was easy prey for the pirates: her speed didn't exceed 14 knots (25 kmph) and her board railings were rather low, no more than three metres above water.

Deck officer Ruxandra Sarchizian was keeping watch on the command deck, along with the ship's captain Petru Tinu, and a stree's man. They were studying data on the navigation instrument as they sailed the 120 kilometres from the Yemeni port of Al Mukallah along the transit corridor recommended by the international military forces in the area.

They had to sail one more day before leaving the Gulf. When the ship left Europe for Kandla, they'd used the same route, all along staying seriously prepared for a pirate attack: They'd welded portholes in the lower side of the board, installed water cannons and provided no exterior stairs to the command deck, thereby reducing easy access to any unwelcome guests.

Ruxandra, 32, had seven years of experience on high seas she'd been sailing on the Victoria for seven months. According to the rules, after six months at sea, you can request for leave and go home.

(Reader's Digest March, 10)

**Answer the following question by selecting the most appropriate option from the following :**

- (a) The Gulf of Aden is known as
  - (i) place haunted by fearful Somali pirates
  - (ii) place haunted by amicable and friendly Somali pirates
  - (iii) place haunted by piranhas
  - (iv) place haunted by dreaded animals
- (b) MV Victoria could easily fall prey to pirates because of
  - (i) her speed
  - (ii) her size
  - (iii) her weight
  - (iv) her speed as well as low railings
- (c) The Captain and steerman studied data on navigation as they sailed
  - (i) 120,000 metres from Al Mukallah
  - (ii) 120 kms from Saudi Arabia
  - (iii) 1.20 kms from Kandla
  - (iv) 1200 kms from Jeddah.

- (d) Ruxandra's total experience on high seas was of
- (i) seven years
  - (ii) seventy months
  - (iii) seven months
  - (iv) seventy days.
- (e) A word that means the same as 'pirate' is \_\_\_\_\_
- (i) thieves
  - (ii) a militant
  - (iii) a robber
  - (iv) a person on a ship who attacks other ships

**2. Read the following passage carefully :**

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Believe it or not, a fragile and tiny wisp of paper could fetch millions of dollars! Considering their size and weight, postage, stamps are perhaps the costliest item in the world.

A well informed buyer or seller, who knows the intrinsic value of the postage stamp, can make this an alternate investment. As an investment it may be slow off-the-block as it is not guided by concepts of stock and exchange, but it does have a global market. In USA, China and Europe, there are auction houses specializing in auctioning of stamps. Stanley Gibbons Ltd. and Sothby's are some of the well known auction houses. The stamp dealers and collectors purchase and resell stamps here.

Trading of stamps like any other commodity, is a knowledge game based on the rules of demand and supply. The stamps, which are rare, few in number or with error in printing or old stamps with limited editions, are valuable from auctioneer's and collector's point of view. The price depends on the condition of stamps. They have to be preserved in transparent pouches and handled with great care. In India there is no organized sector for stamp dealers and collectors, but there are few auction houses.

Stamp auctions are of two types-room auction, the traditional style where connoisseurs collect to bid for items and post auctions in which auctioneer sends catalogue to collectors and they bid via post, e-mail or fax.

Author of books on philately Vishnu Saxena said, "Some of the most prestigious and popular stamps that were auctioned at Rs. one lakh each are the American cover known as lady McGill printed in 1852, British Guiana 1885, Swedish stamp of 3 shillings of 1885, India's crowning glory, invested head of 1854, bi colour stamp, queen's head in red with blue border printed upside down.

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

- (a) What amongst the following is not true about stamp collection ?
- (i) It could fetch millions of dollars.
  - (ii) It does have a global market
  - (iii) There is no auction house in India
  - (iv) Sothby's and Stanley Gibbson Ltd are well known houses.

- (b) Stamp market is
  - (i) guided by concepts of stock and exchange
  - (ii) a knowledge game based on concept of demand and supply
  - (iii) both (i) and (ii)
  - (iv) none of the above
- (c) Which word does not have the same meaning as 'intrinsic'
  - (i) inherent
  - (ii) essential
  - (iii) belonging naturally
  - (iv) carrying an under hand plot
- (d) One of the following stamps was not auctioned at Rs. 1 lakh which one was that?
  - (i) Lady McGill printed in 1852
  - (ii) British Guiana, 1885
  - (iii) Sind Dak, 1852
  - (iv) Swedish stamp of 3 shillings of 1885
- (e) Two types of stamp auctions are
  - (i) room auction, the traditional type
  - (ii) post auction
  - (iii) both (i) and (ii)
  - (iv) none of the above

**3. Read the following poem carefully :**

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The Pied Piper of Hamelin  
 'Come in! "The Mayor cried, looking bigger,  
 And in did come the strangest figure!  
 His queer long coat, from heel to head,  
 Was half of yellow and half of red;  
 And he himself was tall and thin,  
 With sharp blue eyes, each like a pin,  
 And light loose hair, yet swarthy skin  
 No tuft on cheek nor beard on chin,  
 But lips where smiles went out and in ;  
 There was no guessing his kith and kin.  
 And nobody could enough admire  
 The tall man and his quaint attire.

He advised to the council table;  
 And "please your honour," said he, "I'm able,  
 By means of secret charm, to draw  
 All creatures living beneath the sun  
 That creep, or swim, or fly, or run,  
 After me so as you never saw!  
 And I chiefly use my charm  
 On creatures that do people harm,  
 The mole, the toad, the newt, the viper:  
 And people call me the "Pied Piper".  
 And there they noticed round his neck  
 A scarf of red and yellow stripe,  
 To match his coat of the self - same check,  
 And at the scarf's end hung a pipe ;  
 And his fingers, they noticed, were ever straying.  
 As if impatient to be playing  
 Upon this pipe, as low it dangled  
 Over his vesture so old - fangled .

"And as for what your brain bewilders,  
 If I can rid your town of rats  
 Will you give me a thousand guilders?"  
 "One? Fifty thousand!" - was the exclamation  
 Of the astonished Mayor and Corporation  
 — Robert Browning.

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

- (a) One of the following adjectives does not, in any way, relate to the Pied Piper:
  - (i) bigger
  - (ii) queer
  - (iii) blunt
  - (iv) strangest
- (b) Which of the following word describes the complexion of a person?
  - (i) blue
  - (ii) loose
  - (iii) swarthy
  - (iv) impatient
- (c) Find from the following the most suitable expression similar to "quaint attire"
  - (i) odd demeanour
  - (ii) whimsical nature
  - (iii) strange dress
  - (iv) elegant figure

- (d) The Pied Piper demanded
  - (i) one fifty thousand guilders
  - (ii) fifty thousand guilders
  - (iii) one thousand guilders
  - (iv) none of these
- (e) The Pied Piper's pipe was
  - (i) hung at his scarf's end
  - (ii) dangled with his hair
  - (iii) kept in his waist belt
  - (iv) none of these

**4. Read the following passage carefully :**

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At Hardwar, the first thing that hits the eye, is the presence of the Ganga. It certainly appears to be a big river. But look around and away from water and the second thing that will strike the eye, is the amount of constructions on the river side and the ghats. There are bridges, pillars, staircases that seem to lead to nowhere in particular and some of them even seem to stick out of the river waters for no discernible reason! The third thing is the ads for underwear. It seems almost mandatory like a dip in the river.

To take a dip in the river hang on to chains that have been fixed to the stairs, duck and pray that the slush beneath your feet does not make you lose your balance. That is the holy dip taken by 98% of visitors in a nutshell.

But I am one of the 2% who travel further upriver and camp on white beaches. I go to sleep in a tent listening to the tinkle of the river. Next morning, along with a few other campers, we prepare to hand over our lives to rubber dinghies, paddle muscles, and river guides, in a bid to enjoy the white water rafting sport on the Ganga.

**Read the questions and answer them by selecting the most appropriate option given below :**

- (a) Which of the following is not in your vicinity at Hardwar?
  - (i) the presence of Ganga
  - (ii) the amount of constructions on the riverside and ghats
  - (iii) ads of reality shows, luxury hotels and guests houses
  - (iv) bridges, pillars and staircases etc.
- (b) 2% people\_\_\_\_\_
  - (i) take a holy dip hanging on the chains.
  - (ii) go upriver and camp on white beaches.
  - (iii) feel afraid
  - (iv) don't sleep in tents

- (c) Which of the following may make you lose your balance
- (i) chain
  - (ii) slush beneath your feet
  - (iii) stairs
  - (iv) dinghies
- (d) Which of the following has been considered by the author mandatory/almost mandatory ?
- (i) ads of luxury hotels
  - (ii) ads of underwear
  - (iii) dip in the river
  - (iv) both (ii) and (iii)
- (e) Which of the following word is same in weaving as visible/noticeable ?
- (i) mandatory
  - (ii) appearing
  - (iii) slush
  - (iv) discernible

### SECTION B

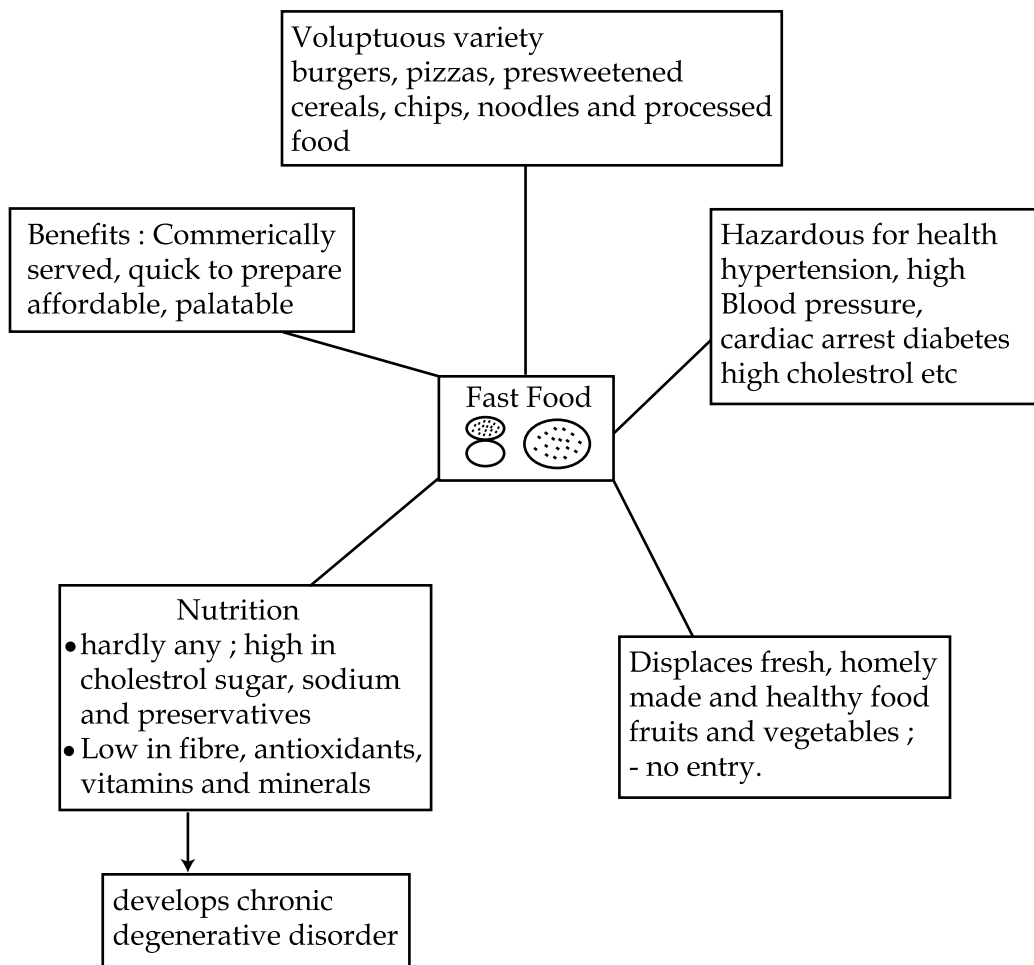
(Writing - 20 Marks)

5. You are Swati and have been asked by your teacher to write a bio-sketch of P.T.Usha in about 100 words. You can use the notes given in the following box. 4

P.T.Usha

- Birth-20<sup>th</sup> May 1964 in Kerala (Keothali)
- Discovered by her Physical education teacher Balakrishnan
- Participated in 100m, 200m, long jump and won many prizes at school level
- Won silver medal in Asian Games at N. Delhi, 1982
- Brought honour for nation in Olympics at Los Angeles in 1984
- Won 4 gold medals and 1 silver at Seoul Asian Games
- A devoted and dedicated athlete ever born in India

6. You got your right arm fractured while playing in the school during games-period. Now it has been plastered for three weeks. Write an E-mail, narrating the incident, to your Class Teacher and informing him/her that you will not be able to appear in II formative test because of that. Also tell him/her that you will submit your leave application along with medical certificate in a week's time. (150 words) 8
7. Study the verbal input on Fast Food, given below, and write an article for your school magazine on "Modern Generation And Fast Food". You can refer to unit 'Health And Medicine'. (180 to 200 words) 8



### 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
- Kamla Das also (a) \_\_\_\_\_ is (b) \_\_\_\_\_. She (c) \_\_\_\_\_ 'My Story' when she was 42 years old. Her autobiography (d) \_\_\_\_\_ into many foreign languages.



- (a) (i) called as Kamla Suraiyya  
(ii) known by Kamla Suraiyya  
(iii) known as Kamla Suraiyya  
(iv) said as Kamla Suraiyya.
- (b) (i) famous Indian writer  
(ii) a famous Indian writer  
(iii) the famous Indian writer  
(iv) famous as the Indian writer
- (c) (i) published her autobiography titled  
(ii) published an autobiography titled  
(iii) published autobiography titled as  
(iv) published an autobiography as
- (d) (i) is being translated  
(ii) has been translated  
(iii) will be translated  
(iv) have been translated

9. Complete the headlines by choosing answers from the options given below :

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- (a) **DIKSHIT'S SECURITY BEEFED UP AFTER THREAT**  
Sheila Dikshit's security (a) \_\_\_\_\_ after the police control room received a call from an anonymous woman who claimed that the chief minister's life was in danger.
- (b) **MODI'S LAWYER SUBMITS DOCUMENTS**  
Lalit Modi's lawyer Mehmood M Abdi (b) \_\_\_\_\_ all the relevant documents to the league and its set up that BCCI had demanded.
- (c) **JETHMALANI IS SC BAR COUNCIL CHIEF**  
The former law minister and one of India's topmost criminal lawyers, Ram Jethmalani (c) \_\_\_\_\_ of the Supreme Court Bar Association.
- (d) **24 CELL TOWERS SEALED**  
Around 24 illegal cellular towers (d) \_\_\_\_\_ by MCD on Wednesday in Delhi's Central and South Zones.
- (a) (i) is beefed up  
(ii) was beefed up  
(iii) had been beefed up  
(iv) will be beefed up.
- (b) (i) have submitted  
(ii) has submitted  
(iii) submitted  
(iv) would submit

- (c) (i) won the President's post
- (ii) wins the President's post
- (iii) had won the President's post
- (iv) will win the President's post
- (d) (i) has been sealed
- (ii) was sealed
- (iii) had been sealed
- (iv) were sealed

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

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Renu: How (a) \_\_\_\_\_ such beautiful dolls ?

Meenu: It is an art which has to be learnt

Renu: Where (b) \_\_\_\_\_ it from?

Meenu I (c) \_\_\_\_\_ classes

Renu: How much time (d) \_\_\_\_\_

For learning this art

Meenu : It was nearly two years.

- (a) (i) have you make
- (ii) can you make
- (iii) would you make
- (iv) should you make
- (b) (i) had you learnt
- (ii) did you learn
- (iii) did you learnt
- (iv) have you learn
- (c) (i) have attended the Art and Craft
- (ii) had attended the Art & Craft
- (iii) attended the Art & Craft
- (iv) attend the Art and Craft
- (d) (i) have you spent
- (ii) can you spend
- (iii) did you spend
- (iv) do you spend

**11. Complete the following passage by choosing the correct option from the options given below :**

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Ahmad was afraid (a) \_\_\_\_\_

the animals residing (b) \_\_\_\_\_ the

forest. Once he had a chance to go

(c) \_\_\_\_\_ some brave boys (d) \_\_\_\_\_ a forest picnic

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| (a) | (i) | of         | (ii) | from | (iii) | to   | (iv) | off    |
| (b) | (i) | at         | (ii) | in   | (iii) | into | (iv) | on     |
| (c) | (i) | along with | (ii) | with | (iii) | by   | (iv) | beside |
| (d) | (i) | to         | (ii) | on   | (iii) | in   | (iv) | at     |

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

Shepherd : How many sheep do you have in all ?

Friend : 998

Shepherd : Amazing ! Did you count them all?

Friend : No I just counted all the legs and divided them by 4

A shepherd asked his friend (a) \_\_\_\_\_

His friend (b) \_\_\_\_\_

The shepherd was amazed to hear it and (c) \_\_\_\_\_

The man replied (d) \_\_\_\_\_

- (a) (i) how many sheep did he have in all
- (ii) how many sheep he had in all
- (iii) how many sheep had he had in all
- (iv) how many sheep has he had in all
- (b) (i) replied that he did have 998 sheep
- (ii) replied that he has 998 sheep
- (iii) replied that he had 998 sheep
- (iv) replied that 998 sheep
- (c) (i) asked did he count them all.
- (ii) asked if he counted them all
- (iii) asked if he had counted them all
- (iv) asked had he counted them all.
- (d) (i) replied that he just counted legs and divided by 4
- (ii) in negative and said that he had just counted legs and divided them by 4
- (iii) replied in negative and further answered that he has just counted legs and divided them by 4
- (iv) replied in negative and said that he just had counted legs and did divide them by 4.

**SECTION D**  
**(Literature - 20 Marks)**

- 13. Read the extracts and answer the following question by choosing the most appropriate option (Attempt any two)** **3x2=6**

(a) 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-

1. What made the scorpion enter the house and sting the poet's mother

- (a) rain and cold outside
- (b) ten hours of steady rain
- (c) continuous downpour of two hours
- (d) thunder and continuous lightning

2. 'Diabolic' here means

- (a) act committed by a devil
- (b) scorpion's biting looks like an act of devil
- (c) scorpion looked like devil
- (d) painful biting of scorpion

3. The poet remembers the night because

- (a) his mother gets stung
- (b) his mother writhes in pain
- (c) stinging of scorpion to mother causes unusual events in the house
- (d) many people rush in his house

(b) "A poor excuse for picking a man's pocket every twenty fifth day of December. I suppose you must have the whole day."

(1) 'Poor excuse' refers to

- (i) ask for a leave on Christmas day
- (ii) demand money
- (iii) pick the pocket
- (iv) none of the above

(2) The person being accused of picking a man's pocket is

- (i) Fred
- (ii) Gentleman
- (iii) Bob Cratchit
- (iv) Mrs. Cratchit

- (3) The speaker of these words is
- compassionate
  - mean and stingy
  - understanding
  - considerate
- (C) Yellow, and black, and pale, and hectic red,  
Pestilence-stricken multitudes: O thou,  
Who chariotest to their dark wintry bed
- (1) 'Multitudes' refers to
- dull leaves
  - yellow leave
  - hectic red leaves
  - dead leaves in countless number
- (2) Who is 'Charioteer'
- leaves
  - east wind
  - west wind
  - stormy wind
- (3) 'Wintry' word suggests
- winter season
  - dull dead leaves
  - the cold hand of death
  - none of these

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

- How was the poet like West Wind once upon a time? What change has come over him now ?
- 'I shivered with the cold and my own ingratitude' When did Babuli feel so ?
- Who were the two creatures Cutiepie met after coming out of the glass prison ? Who did he make his friend lastly why ?
- How do neighbours/farmers respond to the situation? When they came to know that the poet's mother was stung by a Scorpion ?
- What difference do you find in the death scenes of Scrooge & Tiny Tim ?

**15. Imagine you are Babuli's mother and you are greatly agonised to see the proceedings of the partition. Write your feelings in the form of diary entry. 6**

**OR**

Imagine you are Cutie Pie. Tell your mother about the experience you had on earth.

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