

1001126 - A2

Class - X

**ENGLISH
(Communicative)**

Maximum Marks : **80**

Time : **3 hours**

Total No. of Pages : **12**

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 :

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 concept 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 Gibbson Ltd and Solhby'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 the 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, bi colour stamp and 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) Solhby'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) The word that does not have the same meaning as 'intrinsic?'
 - (i) Inherent
 - (ii) Essential
 - (iii) Carrying an under hand plot
 - (iv) Belonging naturally

- (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) Open auction
(iv) both (i) and (ii)

2. Read the poem given below 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.

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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 the pipe, as low it dangled
Over his vesture so old-fangled

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"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 adjective does not relate in any way to the Pied Piper
 - (i) Bigger
 - (ii) Queer
 - (iii) Strangest
 - (iv) Blunt
- (b) Which of the following describes the complexion of a person?
 - (i) Blue
 - (ii) Loose
 - (iii) Swarthy
 - (iv) Impertinent
- (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) Fifty one thousand guilders
- (e) The Pied Piper's pipe was
 - (i) Hung at his scarf's end
 - (ii) Dangled with his waist belt
 - (iii) With his hair
 - (iv) None of these

3. Read the following passage carefully :

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At Haridwar, 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 water 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 handover 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 choosing the best option given below :

- (a) Which of the following is not in your vicinity at Haridwar ?
 - (i) the presence of the Ganga
 - (ii) the amount of constructions on the riverside and ghats
 - (iii) ads of reality shows, luxury hotels and guest 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) chains
 - (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) The word that is same in meaning as visible/noticeable?
 - (i) mandatory
 - (ii) slush
 - (iii) discernible
 - (iv) appearing

4. Read the following passage carefully :

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It was as Tuesday afternoon, May 5, 2009, under the torn 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 railing 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 Streersman. They were studying data on the navigation instrument as they sailed the 120 kilometers from the Yemeni port of AL Mukallah along the transit corridor recommended by the international military force in the area.

They had to sail one more day before leaving the Gulf. When the ship left Europe for Kandla, they had 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 guest.

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.

Answer the following questions by choosing 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 Somali Pirates
 - (iii) place haunted by piranhas
 - (iv) place dweet 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 and her low sailings
- (c) The Captain and steerman studied data on navigation as they sailed
 - (i) 120,000 metres from Al Mukallah
 - (ii) 120 kmts from Saudi Arabia
 - (iii) 1.20 kmts from Kandla
 - (iv) 1200 kmts from Jeddah.

- (d) Ruxandra's total experience on high seas was of :
- (i) seventy months
 - (ii) seven years
 - (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

SECTION - B

(Writing - 20 Marks)

5. Your school celebrated 'Tree Plantation Day' in October. Your Teacher has served you with following notes on the same and she has given you the task of writing a paragraph in about 100 words using these notes, on "Tree Plantation In Our School" 4

- celebration of Tree Plantation Day in School
- every year-continuity of deforestation
- Ironical situation - people talk more but pay little attention to tree
- thousands of trees are felled - fuel firewood - poaching - furniture and buildings
- pollution-increasing
- Trees-environment clean and fresh, rain
- decrease pollution
- let us be cautious for the lives of trees

6. You have come across the following newspaper clipping : 8

SANGAM-VIHAR RESIDENTS SUBMIT MEMORANDUM

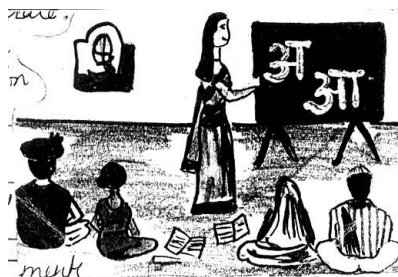
N. Delhi : The residents of Sangam-Vihar have submitted a Memorandum to the Chairman, Delhi Jal Board, protesting against the water being supplied to them only for two hours a day.

Assuming yourself a resident of this colony write a letter to the Chairman, Delhi Jal Board, on the problem related to scarcity of water. Also give a few suggestions. You are Shreshth/Shrishti of E-47, Sangam Vihar N.Delhi. (Word limit 150 words).

7. You have read the poem 'Reaching Out' in your MCB. This poem highlights the feelings of adults that inspite of their illiteracy they possess intelligence and worldly knowledge to exist in this world. But you feel that educating adults of our country should be our moral duty. So, you want to speak on the topic "Participation of Youth in Adult Education Programme" in your school during Morning Assembly you can refer to unit "Education" for your speech.

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"..... despite our illiteracy
We still exist
But we have to know
Why we should become literate"



SECTION - C

(Grammar - 20 Marks)

8. Complete the following paragraph by selecting the most appropriate option from the ones given below :

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In the same wild place where Macbeth had first (a) _____ them, the three witches (b) _____ strange songs and putting mysterious things into pot over a fire. They were making black magic. They (c) _____ suddenly. "He's coming" said one of them. Macbeth (d) _____ there, looking at them.

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| (a) (i) see | (ii) seen |
| (iii) saw | (iv) been seen |
| (b) (i) was singing | (ii) had sung |
| (iii) have been singing | (iv) were singing |
| (c) (i) stop | (ii) were stopped |
| (iii) stopped | (iv) had stopped |
| (d) (i) was standing | (ii) had stood |
| (iii) stood | (iv) have stood |

9. Complete the headlines by choosing the most appropriate option from the given ones. 4

(A) **SHOT TO HALT DIABETES IN 6 DAYS**

Scientists have developed a new drug which (a) _____ type I diabetes in its track in just six days switching off the immune system's self-destruct.

(B) **ANDHRA BAGS SEVEN OF TOP 10 RANKS**

Andhra Pradesh hit a jackpot with its students (b) _____ seven of the top 10 ranks in IIT-Joint Entrance Examination, the results of which were declared on Wednesday.

(C) **ANAND RETAINS WORLD CHESS CROWN IN THRILLER**

World Chess champion Vishwanathan Anand (c) _____ defeating Bulgarian Challenger Vesselin Topalor in the final game of the chess championship

(D) **CBI : MORE CASH, JEWELLERY SEIZED FROM AIR HOSTESS**

The CBI claimed that more cash and jewellery (d) _____ from Anu Puri, the air hostess who was booked for her links with a minister's joint secretary.

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| (a) | (i) would halt | (ii) shall halt |
| | (iii) can halt | (iv) will halt |
| (b) | (i) bags | (ii) bagging |
| | (iii) who bagged | (iv) who have bagged |
| (c) | (i) has retained | (ii) retaining his title |
| | (iii) retained his title | (iv) will retain his title |
| (d) | (i) has been seized | (ii) were seized |
| | (iii) was seized | (iv) seized |

10. Choose the most appropriate option to complete the sentences given below : 4

Ravi : (a) _____ this weekend ?

Sunil : I don't have any special plan.

Ravi : (b) _____ the idea of a visit to Karna lake ?

Sunil : How lovely it sounds! But (c) _____ parent's permission.

Ravi : I'll come to your house this evening. I (d) _____ to allow you to join the picnic

Sunil : Hey what a nice idea!

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| (a) | (i) what should you do | (ii) what are you doing |
| | (iii) what would you do | (iv) what shall you doing |
| (b) | (i) don't you like | (ii) if you like |
| | (iii) would you like | (iv) how would you like |
| (c) | (i) I would have to seek | (ii) I have to seek |
| | (iii) I will have to seek | (iv) I should have to seek |
| (d) | (i) I may request your parents | (ii) shall have to request your parents |
| | (iii) I'll request your parents | (iv) can I request your parents. |

11. Edit the following passage by choosing the correct option from the ones given below : 4

Peer counselling can best be described as a healthy interaction (a) within youngsters, whereby one performs the role of (b) the mentor, while the others seek guidance through the (c) much unfamiliar by-lanes of student life. In fact, the roles of both (d) is interchangeable with in the flexible gaunt of Peer counselling so that the process and its outcome are both enjoyable and helpful.

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| (a) | (i) | among | (ii) | between | (iii) | into | (iv) | for |
| (b) | (i) | that of | (ii) | a | (iii) | any | (iv) | some |
| (c) | (i) | more | (ii) | among | (iii) | many | (iv) | several |
| (d) | (i) | are | (ii) | shall be | (iii) | was | (iv) | will be |

12. Read the following conversation carefully and complete the following passage by choosing the right option : 4

Karan : The Taj Mahal in full moon looks fabulous

Nikhil : When did you visit the Taj ?

Karan : I went there with my parents last week.

Nikhil : We are also thinking of going there next month.

Karan told Nikhil (a) _____

_____ Nikhil asked Karan (b) _____

_____ Karan replied (c) _____

_____ Nikhil then told him (d) _____

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| (a) | (i) | that the Taj Mahal in full moon looks fabulous |
| | (ii) | that the Taj Mahal in full moon was looking fabulous |
| | (iii) | that the Taj Mahal in full moon looked fabulous |
| | (iv) | that the Taj Mahal in full moon had looked fabulous |
| (b) | (i) | when did he visited the Taj |
| | (ii) | when had he visited the Taj |
| | (iii) | when he have visited the Taj |
| | (iv) | when he had visited the Taj |
| (c) | (i) | that he went there with his parents last week |
| | (ii) | that he went there with his parents the previous week |
| | (iii) | that he has gone there with his parents the previous week |
| | (iv) | that he had gone there with his parents the previous week |
| (d) | (i) | that they will also go there next month |
| | (ii) | that they were also thinking of going there next month |
| | (iii) | that they will also be going there next month |
| | (iv) | that they are also thinking of going there next month. |

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**

Ten hours

(A) 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 ten days
 - (d) thunder and continuous lighting outside
2. 'Diabolic' here means :
 - (a) an 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 written in pain
 - (c) stinging of Scorpion to mother causes unusual events in the house
 - (d) many people rush in the house

(B) Yellow, and black, and pale and hectic red,
Pestilence-stricken multitudes; O thou,
Who Chariotest to their dark wintry bed

1. 'Multitudes' refer to :
 - (a) dull leaves
 - (b) yellow leaves
 - (c) hectic red leaves
 - (d) dead leaves in countless number
2. Who is Charioteer :
 - (a) west wind
 - (b) east wind
 - (c) stormy wind
 - (d) leaves

3. 'Wintry' word suggests
 - (a) winter season
 - (b) dull dead leaves
 - (c) the cold hand of death
 - (d) none of these
- (C) "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 :
 - (a) demand money
 - (b) pick the pocket
 - (c) ask for a leave on Christmas day
 - (d) none of the above
 2. The person being accused of picking a man's pocket is :
 - (a) Fred
 - (b) Gentleman
 - (c) Bob Cratchit
 - (d) Mrs. Cratchit
 3. The speaker of these words is :
 - (a) compassionate
 - (b) understanding
 - (c) considerate
 - (d) mean and stingy

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

1. How do neighbours/farmers respond to the situation when they came to know that mother was stung by a scorpion?
2. What difference do you find in the death scenes of Scrooge and Tiny Tim?
3. How was the poet like the West Wind once upon a time? What change has come over him now?
4. "I shivered with the cold and my own ingratitude". when did Babuli feel so?
5. Who were two creatures Cutie Pie met after coming out of the glass prison? Who did he make his friend lastly and why?

15. Suppose you are Cutie Pie. Write your feelings about the experience you had on earth. **6**

OR

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.

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