

1001126 - B1

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)

1. Read the passage given below and answer the questions by choosing the best alternatives from the given options.

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The Chinese proverb “without rice, even the cleverest woman can not cook” is true for innumerable Indians too. Eaten simply boiled, rice is the world’s most important staple and it’s also had as delectable pulao, biryani, idli, appams, puddings or kheer. And the grain is available in a myriad of varieties the world over.

Contrary to some urban myths, scientists and diet experts know that rice is good for you and can’t make you the heavier. It mainly comprises carbohydrates that do not add kilos if consumed in moderation. “Rice is not fattening” avers Richa Anand, chief dietitian at Dr. L.H. Hiranandan Hospital, Mumbai. “An average 100 gm serving of rice has only about 0.4 gm of fat”. Infact this serving has no more than 100 calories. And, writes noted culinary expert Tarla Dalal, “Rice has approximately the same calories as whole wheat and hence is not more fattening.”

Rice Kanji is therefore a home remedy for diarrhoea. In fact, Kanji with a few accomplishments like coconut chutney and cooked beans, makes for a healthful meal that millions in Kerala enjoy.

White or Brown? Unpolished brown rice may not be as popular as white, but is a good source of complex carbohydrates providing starch and fibre. It takes relatively more time to digest allowing the body to consume the energy released over an extended period. Brown rice is also richer in B vitamins, vitamin E and minerals like manganese and selenium, which makes it more nutritious than white varieties.

Since rice has no cholestrol or sodium, it is safe for those suffering from hypertension. Diabetics who prefer rice could choose brown (but check with your doctor first).

(Reader’s Digest Feb 2010)

Answer the questions by choosing from the best option from the alternatives given.

- (a) Rice is world’s most important staple because
 - (i) it is low in fats.
 - (ii) it has medicinal value in some cases.
 - (iii) it makes meal healthful.
 - (iv) all the above.
- (b) Diarrhoea can be treated with
 - (i) rice-husk.
 - (ii) rice-pudding.
 - (iii) rice-kanji.
 - (iv) tea-leaves.
- (c) The word that does not mean same as ‘delectable’ is
 - (i) delightful.
 - (ii) charming.
 - (iii) staple.
 - (iv) pleasant.

- (d) 'Urban myth' referred in the passage says
 - (i) that rice is poor source of nutrition.
 - (ii) that rice is fattening.
 - (iii) that rice sharpens your memory.
 - (iv) that rice has good taste.
- (e) Rice may be safe and healthful meal for a patient suffering from
 - (i) anemia.
 - (ii) hypertension.
 - (iii) blood sugar.
 - (iv) asthma.

2. Read the passage carefully and answer the questions by selecting the most appropriate option.

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Early in 2003 Tim "Woody" Witezak got some good news: a new job as vice president of sales with a startup energy-efficient lightning company in a heart land U.S. city, Minneapolis, in Minnesota. But with the position came stress and difficulty in sleeping. In June, Woody, 37, saw his family doctor, a general practitioner, who gave him samples of Zoloft, an anti-depressant that also treated anxiety. [The drug's generic name is Sertraline hcl, and is sold in India under other brand names like Serta and Sedep] "This was the first time that he'd ever been to a doctor about an issue like this." Says his wife Kim. "He was a happy person, and had no history of mental illness or depression".

Within a few days, though, Woody experienced several side effects of the drug, night sweats, diarrhoea, weight loss and trembling hands. His anxiety worsened; he became uncharacteristically irritable and restless. One evening he came home crying after driving around all day. When the samples ran out after three weeks, Woody 's doctor doubled his dose to 50 mg and urged him to give the drug time. The instructions from Pfizer Inc, the US manufacturer of Zoloft, said it could take four to six weeks to be effective. But two weeks, later Kim recalls. Woody walked in the backdoor with his blue business shirt drenched in sweat. He curled in a foetal position on the kitchen floor, his hands pressing around his head like a vice, and begged: "Help me, I don't know what's happening to me. I think I'm losing my mind. I feel like my head is outside my body looking in."

Less than a week later, Woody seemed to be springing back. He ran almost five kilometres, bought flight tickets for a bachelor party in Las Vegas and when he spoke by phone one morning to Kim, an advertising account executive who was in Detroit on a short business trip, he suggested they celebrate their tenth wedding anniversary in Thailand. That evening though things had changed "His voice sounded hollow" she remembers, "I just assumed he was busy and distracted. The last thing he said was, "I love you Kim". Woody was dead. He had hung himself from the rafters. By cruel coincidence, the Minneapolis. Star-Tribune ran a front-page story that Day: "UK Finds Link Between Antidepressant And Suicide"

(Reader's Digest Feb 2010)

- (a) Which of the following is not related to “Woody Witezak”?
 - (i) Minneapolis.
 - (ii) Depression.
 - (iii) Bronchitis.
 - (iv) Zoloft.
- (b) The generic name of the drug prescribed to “Woody Witezak” was :
 - (i) Sartreline.
 - (ii) Sirtraline.
 - (iii) Sertraline.
 - (iv) Sretreline.
- (c) ‘Woody’ wanted to celebrate his tenth wedding anniversary in :
 - (i) Singapore.
 - (ii) China.
 - (iii) Thailand.
 - (iv) U.S.A.
- (d) Which of the following thing ‘Woody’ didn’t do, after his dose was doubled :
 - (i) He curled in a foetal position.
 - (ii) He walked in the back yard in his yellow-business shirt.
 - (iii) He felt his head was out of his body looking in.
 - (iv) He pressed his hand around his head.
- (e) A word that means the same as “drenched” :
 - (i) dry.
 - (ii) soaked.
 - (iii) free from moisture.
 - (iv) none of the above.

3. Read the following poem carefully.

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SYMPATHY

I lay in sorrow, deep distressed;
 My grief a proud man heard;
 His looks were cold, he gave me gold
 But not a kindly word
 My sorrow passed I paid him back
 The gold he gave to me;
 Then stood erect and spoke my thanks
 And blessed his charity.
 I lay in want, in grief and pain
 A poor man passed my way;

He bound my head, he gave me bread
He watched me night and day,
How shall I pay him back again,
For all he did to me ?
Oh, gold is great, but greater far
Is heavenly sympathy!

(Charles Mackay)

Read the questions and answer them by selecting the most appropriate option .

- (a) A proud man helped the poet by :
- (i) speaking gentle words.
 - (ii) serving him with food.
 - (iii) giving him gold.
 - (iv) taking him to hospital.
- (b) The poet lay :
- (i) in grief and distress.
 - (ii) in his bed.
 - (iii) in a hospital.
 - (iv) in want, grief and pain.
- (c) A poor man served him with :
- (i) money.
 - (ii) gold and human service.
 - (iii) sympathy.
 - (iv) sympathy, food and care.
- (d) 'Distress' does not mean :
- (i) grief.
 - (ii) pain.
 - (iii) diddle.
 - (iv) anguish.
- (e) The poet could not pay back :
- (i) the interest of the money.
 - (ii) gold of proud man.
 - (iii) sympathy shown by poor man.
 - (iv) money of poor man.

4. Read the passage carefully :

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Time was when even wild horses couldn't drag me within miles of a barber's shop or salon as they are called now a days. Those were days when the hippie cult held sway and a close cropped guy was an exception. Yet, even in those days civilization was measured by the length of your locks and I was no exception. Much water has flown under the bridge since then and in recent times I begin to yearn for barber's ministrations the moment my hairs kiss my ears. But then there is another reason for this yearning and that is my barber Salim. He is more educated than me, having done his Masters in Literature with a first class first, capable of quoting Chancer & Byron with equal felicity as he could RajaRao and Narayana. He had been an English Professor for a couple of years but when his father, who ran the salon, kicked the bucket he found that it was good economics to make a switchover.

Salim's Salon was salon with a difference. A big signboard announced that politics was taboo. Salim once enlightened me on this, recalling that he had sent a customer packing though only half of his hair had been cut because he had dared to take a political stand, which to add insult to injury was contrarian to Salim's viewpoint. I once asked him, "Don't you miss all those students whom you were teaching English literature. I have heard a couple of them say that you were the best among the lot." "Not at all" said Salim without batting an eyelid, "they might no longer be my students but they are my customers now. And I do manage to clear a doubt or two when they come for a sitting." It was then that I realized that the barber's itch for literature had not dampened one bit through combs & scissors had replaced his original tools of trade.

(C.V. Aravind)

Answer the following questions by choosing the best option.

- (a) In earlier days civilization was measured by :
 - (i) wild horses.
 - (ii) length of hair locks.
 - (iii) number of cropped guys.
 - (iv) number of salons in the town.
- (b) Salim switched over from professor to a barber because :
 - (i) of his family pressure.
 - (ii) of his passion for this profession.
 - (iii) it was good economics to make a switchover.
 - (iv) of the advice of his students.
- (c) Salim considered politics :
 - (i) to be a taboo.
 - (ii) to be having liberality.
 - (iii) he had no viewpoint about politics.
 - (iv) to be good and essential for everyone.

- (d) A word that means the same as 'kicked the bucket'
- to harm as well as humiliate.
 - to show no surprise or concern.
 - died.
 - past events that are over and done with.
- (e) Was Salim still in touch with his students ?
- No he was not in contact with them.
 - Yes, he met them but never helped them.
 - His students were his customers and he used to solve their doubts.
 - He used to take extra sitting/extra classes for them.

SECTION - B
(Writing - 20 Marks)

5. You have been served with the following notes on 'Kashmir'. Develop a paragraph on "Kashmir; The Paradise of India" using all these notes. 4

Kashmir
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Surrounded by mountains, snow covered peaks, beautiful lakes and gardens. • Kesar (saffron) grown on hilly terrain. • Visited by tourists throughout the year. • Kashmiri people keep Kangri to warm themselves. • Wicker work, Kashmiri embroidery, walnut work – the chief handicrafts of Kashmiri people. • Dal lake- the famous one – House boats. • Kashmir – heaven created by god on earth. • People – helpful – enjoy delicious food.

6. Your friend Ravina/Raman has sought admission in a new school in Kerala because of his father's transfer to that place. But you came to know through his E-mail that he misses his previous school, teachers and old friends and doesn't feel adjusted to new place and people. Write an E-mail advising him/her to keep patience, be friendly, try to mix with other students and devote time to studies so that he may feel comfortable. 8

7. Recently a Health-check-up was organised in your school where the survey showed the following points : 8

- 50% children with normal health.
- 10% children were underweight.
- 7% were obese.
- 20% had eye-problems.
- 8% had dental problem.
- 5% suffering from skin ailments.

On the basis of this survey, Assuming yourself as Shyamla /Shyam, write a letter to Editor of National daily suggesting the mothers to snatch sometime from their busy schedule to take care of the health, food habits and physical fitness of their children so that they (children) may not become disease-prone. Also suggest ways to overcome the health problems and defficiencies the young children are facing today.

SECTION - C
(Grammar - 20 Marks)

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

Even (a) _____ a computer is a man-made device, it is fast becoming a creature like (b) _____ creator, the man. Today a computer (c) _____ effortlessly do (d) _____ of the things that we do.

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|-----|-----|------|------|---------|-------|-------|------|-----------|
| (a) | (i) | if | (ii) | when | (iii) | now | (iv) | though |
| (b) | (i) | his | (ii) | our | (iii) | her | (iv) | its |
| (c) | (i) | will | (ii) | can | (iii) | could | (iv) | may |
| (d) | (i) | many | (ii) | several | (iii) | most | (iv) | countless |

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

New Science Fictions published for children NBT has publicised that

- (a) ___(a)___ by a publishing company in collaboration with NBT
(b) TOKYO Rocked By Strongest Quake of year.

Reuter reports that ___(b)___ yesterday

- (c) Eco-Friendly Method Introduced: Poison Eliminated.

The ___(c)___ of bio control method to kill rodents is eco-friendly as it helps in elimination of crop thieves without the use of poison.

- (d) Rain diseases Kill Over Two Dozen

Kathmandu: About ___(d)___ in the remote villages of north-western Kalikot district due to rain related diseases.

- (a) (i) new science fiction were published for children.
(ii) new science fictions have been published for children.
(iii) new science fictions has been published for children.
(iv) new science fictions were being published for children.
- (b) (i) tokyo is rocked by the strongest quake of the year.
(ii) tokyo was rocked by the strongest quake of the year.
(iii) tokyo had been rocked by the strongest quake of the year.
(iv) tokyo can be rocked by the strongest quake of the year.
- (c) (i) introduced.
(ii) introduce.
(iii) new introduced methods.
(iv) introduction.
- (d) (i) two dozen people were being killed.
(ii) two dozen people have been killed.
(iii) two dozen people are killed.
(iv) two dozen people had been killed.

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

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Shreya : Leena (a) _____ so worried ?

Leena : I (b) _____ for my English paper.

I (c) _____ only general articles etc.

Shreya : Don't worry. You (d) _____ from news papers or magazines to enhance your reading skill.

Leena : I feel fully relieved at your assurance. Thank you for your consolation.

- (a) (i) why are you
(ii) why do you look
(iii) why did you look
(iv) why have you looked
- (b) (i) can not prepare well
(ii) have not prepared well
(iii) did not prepare well
(iv) would not prepare well
- (c) (i) would read only
(ii) have read
(iii) could read
(iv) had read

- (d) (i) shall read general articles
- (ii) should read general articles
- (iii) need to read general articles
- (iv) must read general articles

11. Edit the following passage by choosing the most appropriate option.

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After our stay in Russia, I returned with my son to visit my father (a) for India. We flew (b) by the magnificent expanse of the Himalayas (c) in New Delhi. The plane (d) arrives on time after that darkness fell over.

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|-----|-------------------|--------------------|------------|------------|
| (a) | (i) to | (ii) by | (iii) over | (iv) in |
| (b) | (i) on | (ii) above | (iii) over | (iv) along |
| (c) | (i) over | (ii) to | (iii) by | (iv) at |
| (d) | (i) arrived | (ii) had arrived | | |
| | (iii) has arrived | (iv) would arrived | | |

12. Read the following conversation and complete following passage by choosing the most appropriate :

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Captain : Do you know how to play cricket ?

Raman : Never had a chance to learn it.

Captain : In this school every student has to learn it.

Raman : Give me a chance and I shall learn it.

Captain asked Raman (a) _____ .

Raman replied that (b) _____ .

Captain then told Raman (c) _____ .

Raman requested him (d) _____ .

- (a) (i) did he know how to play cricket
- (ii) if/whether he knew how to play cricket
- (iii) if he did know to play cricket
- (iv) if he had known how to play cricket
- (b) (i) he had never a chance to learn it
- (ii) he have never had a chance to learn it
- (iii) he had never had a chance to learn it
- (iv) he did never have a chance to learn it
- (c) (i) in that school every student has to learn it
- (ii) in that school every student have to learn it
- (iii) that in that school every student had to learn it
- (iv) that in this school every student should learn it
- (d) (i) to give him a chance and he would learn it
- (ii) to give him a chance and he should learn it
- (iii) to give him a chance and he shall learn it
- (iv) to give him a chance and he will learn it

SECTION -D
(Literature - 20 Marks)

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

- (a) Thou who didst waken from his summer dreams
The blue Mediterranean, where he lay,
Lull'd by the coil of his crystalline streams .
1. 'Thou' stands for :
 - (a) West Wind.
 - (b) Mediterranean sea.
 - (c) Crystalline streams.
 - (d) Summer dreams.
 2. Blue Mediterranean is awakened by :
 - (a) the rain.
 - (b) storms and thunder.
 - (c) force of West Wind causing huge waves and tides.
 - (d) streams that fall in it.
 3. "Where he lay" poetic device used in this expression is :
 - (a) alliteration.
 - (b) simile.
 - (c) metaphor.
 - (d) personification.
- (b) May the poison purify your flesh
Of desire, and your spirit of ambition,
They said, and they sat around
On the floor with my mother in the centre.
1. Peasants believe that human body is
 - (a) the house of God.
 - (b) the house of human soul.
 - (c) the house of wants and desires.
 - (d) house of ambition.
 2. 'Spirit of ambition' signify the desire
 - (a) of accumulating material wealth.
 - (b) to have contentment.
 - (c) to pray to God.
 - (d) None of these.

3. Peasants' prayers show
 - (a) their firm faith in God.
 - (b) their confidence.
 - (c) their love for mother.
 - (d) their sensible nature.
- (c) Then I have no doubt his liberality is well represented by his surviving partner.
 1. Who speaks to whom in these lives
 - (a) Marley to Scrooge.
 - (b) Gentleman to Scrooge.
 - (c) Scrooge to Fred.
 - (d) Cratchit to Scrooge.
 2. Whose 'liberality' is being referred to
 - (a) Scrooge's.
 - (b) Fred's.
 - (c) God's.
 - (d) Jacob Marley's.
 3. Reaction of 'Surviving partner' shows his
 - (a) benevolence.
 - (b) insensitive attitude.
 - (c) forbearance.
 - (d) helpful nature.

14. Answer the following questions in 30-40 words (any four).

2x4=8

- (1) How does Ebenezer Scrooge behave with his nephew Fred who wishes him a Merry Christmas ?
- (2) Why did Babuli have to visit his family village ?
- (3) "Oh, he's just too cute to Love !". The world said. How does this remark almost come true ?
- (4) Describe the storm in your own words as poet has described in 'Ode to The West Wind ?
- (5) 'A lot of cobwebs have settled around me". What does Babuli mean by this statement ?

- 15. Imagine you are Babuli's wife. Write a letter to your sister telling her about Babuli had done and how you feel about it.**

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OR

As C.H.Winter's write your feelings in the form of diary entry which his strange behaviour sometimes arouses in your mind. (As he has talked to you about that strange alien who has befriended him).

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