

**1001126 - C2**

**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 carefully :**

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Like millions of other teenagers my 14 years old daughter Kitty is often to be found on sofa, laptop on her knees, checking facts for the essay she's writing. The TV is on and occasionally she scrolls through face book. She sends SMS's, makes calls on her mobile and takes her i pod headset on and off.

To me – and to most of other parents this seems an impossible way to work. "How can you think with all noise?" we yell. Home Work used to be something to be done in silence with all the distractions firmly removed. Yet for Kitty and her peers this is normal. The question a lot of experts are now asking is ; how is this way of working affecting their brains?

Kitty and her friends aren't the only ones exposed daily to terabytes of information. Research shows that office workers are interrupted every three minutes by their phones, computers or colleagues. Self-styled "road warriors" are permanently reachable through their mobiles while they simultaneously (and illegally) drive, talk and listen to the radio. Some feel silence and undivided attention have become the most precious commodities in the world.

But this isn't an old fogey moan at new fangled inventions. In the last few years there has been a revolution in the scientists' understanding of what the brain can do and how it can be changed by the world around us. Text books more than a decade old will tell you that you die with same brain you were born with; that growing new brain cells is impossible. But "High-tech scanners have revealed that the brain is constantly changing", says Alvaro Fernandes, "cells die off, but new ones are created all the time. These can be wired up in new and different ways depending what your brain is doing.

But an even more dramatic break through came last year. If you train using right software program it's possible to expand your working memory the human equivalent of Computer Ram.

**Answer the following questions by selecting the right option from the ones given below.**

- (a) Teenagers of modern times don't have the habit of
  - (i) doing work in silence
  - (ii) keeping laptop on knees
  - (iii) checking facts on net for any academic work like essay
  - (iv) scrolling through face book and sending SMS's
- (b) Kitty and her friends have enormous brain power to
  - (i) be exposed to terabytes of information
  - (ii) self-styled –'road warriors' to attend calls
  - (iii) talk, drive and listen music simultaneously
  - (iv) all of the above

- (c) The dramatic break through came last year revealed that
  - (i) right software training can expand working memory
  - (ii) human brain is equivalent of computer Ram
  - (iii) both (i) & (ii)
  - (iv) None of these
- (d) What is true of human brain ?
  - (i) You die with the same brain you were born with
  - (ii) New cells are created all the time in brain
  - (iii) Growth of new brain cell is impossible
  - (iv) None of these
- (e) The word that has the same meaning as the 'new fangled' is
  - (i) traditional thoughts
  - (ii) conventional vogues
  - (iii) objectionably new
  - (iv) none of these

**2. Read the Poem carefully.**

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**NIGHT**

The Sun descending in the west,  
 The evening star does shine;  
 "The birds are silent in their nest,  
 And I must seek for mine ?".  
 The moon, like a flower,  
 In heaven's high bower,  
 With silent delight  
 Sits and smiles on the night,

Farewell, green fields and happy groves  
 Where lambs have nibbled, silent moves.  
 The feet of angels bright;  
 Unseen they pour blessing,  
 And joy without ceasing  
 On each bud and blossom,  
 And each sleeping bosom.

"They look in every thoughtless nest,  
 Where birds are covered warm;  
 They visit caves of every beast,  
 To keep them from harm"  
 If they see any weeping  
 That should have been sleeping  
 They pour sleep on their head  
 And sit down by their bed.

(William Blake)

**Answer the questions by selecting the best option from the ones given below.**

- (a) The angels don't do one of following things \_\_\_\_\_ .
- (i) They pour sleep in the eyes of weeping creatures
  - (ii) They keep beasts safe from harm
  - (iii) They sit in heaven's high bower and watch everything delightfully without visiting everyone
  - (iv) They see that birds are warmly covered in their nests.
- (b) The moon is compared to :
- (i) green fields
  - (ii) flower
  - (iii) grove
  - (iv) follower
- (c) The poem is beautiful impression of \_\_\_\_\_ that falls over the landscape.
- (i) piece and quiteness
  - (ii) peace and quiteness
  - (iii) tranquility and falseness
  - (iv) silence and submissiveness
- (d) The poet conveys his\_\_\_\_\_.
- (i) truthfulness
  - (ii) trust in God's protection
  - (iii) trust in man's accomplishments
  - (vi) trust in his own deeds
- (e) Grove is \_\_\_\_\_.
- (i) an area of land covered with thorny bushes
  - (ii) an area of land covered with rhododentron
  - (iii) an area of land covered with fruit trees of particular type
  - (iv) an area of land covered with Cactus

**3. Read the passage carefully.**

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Journalist-turned-author Pinky Virani opened our eyes to a deeply painful truth—sexual abuse of children in middle and upper class Indian homes. Her book “Bitter Chocolate” (Penguin 2000) revealed how rampant and perilous the crime is. It also dealt with how we Indians live in denial believing that such sins are not the norm in our culture. (Indeed, a nationwide study published in 2007 by the Ministry of Women and Child Development). In Bitter Chocolate award winning Virani poignantly talks of her own trauma of childhood incest, and underlines the importance of children being encouraged to speak up in order to overcome the shock and harm.

Earlier, Virani's first book, the award Aruna's story, documented the tragedy of a nurse who has been in a semi comatose state since 1973, after she was raped by a hospital employee while being strangled with a chain. In these 36 years of losing her speech, sight and movement, Aruna Shenbang now 61, is being kept in persistent vegetative state.

In the early 1980, Pinki Virani started out as Journalist with 'The Times of India group'. She has been editor of 'Mid Day' a Mumbai afternoon news paper and a special correspondent with 'Sunday'. She is married to Shankar Aiyar, also a veteran journalist and editor. Virani's fourth and most recent book, "Deaf Heaven" (Harper Collins) is also her first work of fiction. It's been described by "Khushwant Singh" as "ingenuously structured".

**Answer the following question by choosing the most appropriate option from the ones given below.**

- (a) The book that speaks of Viran's own trauma of childhood incest is
  - (i) Aruna's Story
  - (ii) Deaf Heaven
  - (iii) Bloody Hell
  - (iv) Bitter Chocolate
- (b) Bitter Chocolate does not reveal
  - (i) sexual abuse as a rampant crime
  - (ii) denial of Indians regarding sexual crime
  - (iii) causes & case of child labour
  - (iv) child-sexual abuse to be commonplace
- (c) Name the book/books written by Virani that won award.
  - (i) Bloody Hell
  - (ii) Better Chocolate
  - (iii) Aruna's story
  - (iv) Both (ii) and (iii)
- (d) One of the following is not related to Pinki Virani in anyway .
  - (i) The Times of India
  - (ii) Sunday
  - (iii) The Portrait of a lady
  - (iv) Mid Day.
- (e) The word that does not mean same as 'ingenuous' is \_\_\_\_\_.
  - (i) Candid
  - (ii) Straight forward
  - (iii) Shrewd
  - (iv) Innocent

4. Read the following passage carefully.

Padam Vibhushan awardee Pt. Birju Maharaj, on a recent visit and performance in Faridabad has said that the classical form of dance soothes his soul and is the purest and most beautiful form of dancing. Any attempts to fuse it with Western style of dance form is bound to adversely affect its impact. Moreover the Western form of dancing tend to be more dramatic, show driven and circus-like. The classical form of dance he added connects a dedicated performer with the almighty and he said he was feeling very sad that in India most dance performances are being organized with the sole motto of making quick money and commercial success. He is really pained to see tiny tots and very young children being trained to dance on vulgar gyrations and gestures. He still is focussing on promoting education of Kathak dancing amongst his 250 students at his dance institute. Panditji, however, still hoped that the era of classical dance form will return once again to be in the forefront of our cultural performances as truth never dies, despite whatever considerations might be pushing art form in India today. Panditji came here to perform at Lord Mahavira Auditorium in a charity cultural program christened as 'Jhankaar' organized by RPS group. The event also witnessed an equally spirited live performance by Panditji's son, Padmashri Pandit Deepak Maharaj. Besides spiritual prayer "Senan" based on an epic scripted by MeghRaj Mukhal with drama direction by Divya Vashisht, highlightly the supreme spirit of patriotism and sacrifice of Chittorgarh's queen Hedda, was also staged.

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

- (a) According to Birju Maharaj the attempts to mix classical dance with Western will
  - (i) create a more soothing brand of dance
  - (ii) make it move dramatic
  - (iii) affect it adversely
  - (iv) make it show driven
- (b) Birju Maharaj says that classical form of dance
  - (i) soothes the soul of listener
  - (ii) is beautiful form of dancing that soothes his soul
  - (iii) makes the mind think purest thoughts
  - (iv) doesn't have any effect on anyone
- (c) Panditji is really pained to see
  - (i) tiny tots choosing dance as a career
  - (ii) tiny tots dancing for charity
  - (iii) young children focussing on Kathak or other classical dances
  - (iv) tiny tots and young children dancing on vulgar gyrations and gestures
- (d) Panditji's son is
  - (i) Meghraj Mukkal
  - (ii) Jagjit Sing Maharaj
  - (iii) Maharaj Deepak Veer Singh
  - (iv) Padan Shri Pandit Deepak Maharaj
- (e) One of the following doesn't have the same meaning as 'gyration'.
 

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| (i) Whirling | (ii) Revolving |
| (iii) Spiral | (iv) Giggling  |

**SECTION - B**  
**(Writing - 20 Marks)**

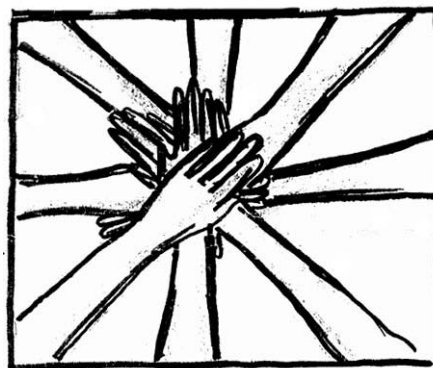
5. Look at the data given below which shows the changes that have occurred between 1995 to 2010 in Bilaspur regarding the women education. Write a paragraph in about 100 words to record the changes by interpreting this data. 4

|    | Female Education in Bilaspur | 1995   | 2010   |
|----|------------------------------|--------|--------|
| 1. | No of Girl's school          | 10     | 15     |
| 2. | No of Women Colleges         | 3      | 4      |
| 3. | No of students in schools    | 10,000 | 16,000 |
| 4. | No of students in colleges   | 6000   | 10,000 |
| 5. | Literacy rate                | 30 %   | 55%    |
| 6. | Distance Education Centres   | Nil    | 03     |

6. You are Shivangi Gupta. You saw the following poster in newspaper which states many things to be done/not to be done. You feel it your moral responsibility to create awareness among the students of your school by highlighting the points stated in poster so that we may contribute a bit in keeping Delhi neat and clean and making our nation feel proud to host Common Wealth Games 2010 successfully. Write your speech in about 180 words. 8

**LET US WORK TOGETHER TO MAKE  
OUR NATION FEEL PROUD**

- Don't make obstructive parking.
- Use public transport, keep city clean.
- Don't support beggary, Maintain law and order, Throw your garbage in a bin only, Segregate your garbage in biodegradable and non-biodegradable before throwing into a bin.
- Restrict the use of plastic bags.
- Maintain greenery in city, Don't spit on road and public places.
- Be courteous to guests, who are coming to participate in Common Wealth Games. Don't swindle.



**JOIN YOUR HANDS  
TOGETHER**

7. You are Ravi / Raveena of Class X and you have received a telegram from International Mathematics Olympiad committee informing that you have been lucky enough to win 10<sup>th</sup> rank at International level. You feel excited to write a letter to your friend Simmy / Sunny sharing your happiness with her / him as well as telling her / him how did you prepare for this exam. Write this letter in about (150 words) 8

**SECTION - C**  
**(Grammar- 20 Marks)**

**8. Complete the headlines by choosing correct option from the given ones.**

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(a) **KOLI Gets Death For Girl's Murder.**

A special CBI Court on Wednesday (a) \_\_\_\_\_ Surrender Koli to death for murdering seven years old Arti from Noida's Nithari Village.

(b) **'SHOLAYS' 'Sambha' Mac Mohan Dies.**

Veteran actor Mac Mohan, immortalized in the role of Sambha in blockbuster 'Sholay' (b) \_\_\_\_\_ in Mumbai on Monday.

(c) **Justice Kapadia Sworn In As new CJI.**

Justice Sarosh Homi Kapadia, who hailed from a poor family, (c) \_\_\_\_\_ as 38<sup>th</sup> Chief Justice of India on May 12.

(d) **14 years old's Hoax Call to His School.**

A 14 years old boy of Amrita Public School of Sangam Vihar (d) \_\_\_\_\_ claiming there was a bomb in the school.

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|-----------------------------|------------------------|
| (a) (i) has sentenced       | (ii) had sentenced     |
| (iii) sentence              | (iv) sentenced         |
| (b) (i) died                | (ii) has died          |
| (iii) had died              | (iv) have died         |
| (c) (i) is sworn in         | (ii) was sworn in      |
| (iii) has sworn in          | (iv) would sworn in    |
| (d) (i) makes a PCR call    | (ii) made a PCR call   |
| (iii) was making a PCR call | (iv) has made PCR call |

**9. Complete the following sentences by choosing the most appropriate option.**

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Neetu : Mom, (a) \_\_\_\_\_ to visit my friend Veena ?

Mother : (b) \_\_\_\_\_ your home work ?

Neetu : No, not yet, I'll complete it after I return.

Mother : (c) \_\_\_\_\_ to go ?

Neetu : (d) \_\_\_\_\_ some notes from her.

- (a) (i) if I go  
(ii) may I go  
(iii) shall I go  
(iv) could I go
- (b) (i) Shall you complete  
(ii) Had you completed  
(iii) Have you completed  
(iv) Whether you completed



- (c) (i) How do you want
- (ii) Why do you want
- (iii) What do you want
- (iv) When do you want
- (d) (i) Will borrow
- (ii) Have to borrow
- (iii) Would have borrowed
- (iv) Had to borrow

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

Once a poor woman, who (a) \_\_\_\_\_ her only son (b) \_\_\_\_\_ to Buddha and prayed to him (c) \_\_\_\_\_ her dead son back in life. Buddha told her that there was only one medicine that (d) \_\_\_\_\_ back her son's life.

- (a) (i) had lost (ii) has lost (iii) lost (iv) have lost
- (b) (i) come (ii) came (iii) have come (iv) had come
- (c) (i) to bringing (ii) to bring (iii) brought (iv) bring
- (d) (i) can give (ii) will give (iii) could give (iv) would give

11. Edit the following paragraph by choosing the correct option from those given below : 4

Andhra Pradesh is (a) one state abounding (b) of natural wonders, rich in cultural heritage and most of all excellent tourism spots. Andhra Pradesh (c) on this day retains much of its regal glory (d) or old worldly charm

- (a) (i) one of (ii) only (iii) a (iv) solely
- (b) (i) in (ii) with (iii) along with (iv) into
- (c) (i) in (ii) up to (iii) to (iv) along with
- (d) (i) and (ii) with (iii) beside (iv) besides

12. Read the dialogues carefully and complete the passage by choosing the most appropriate option from the ones given below. 4

Stranger : Are you Mustafa's son ?

Alladdin : Yes sir, I am! 'But my father is dead'.

Stranger : Don't worry my son this is indeed a sad news. I am your father's brother A stranger met Alladdin and asked him (a) \_\_\_\_\_. Alladdin told him (b) \_\_\_\_\_. The stranger told him (c) \_\_\_\_\_ and further informed him (d) \_\_\_\_\_ brother. Alladdin went inside and told his mother about the stranger that he called himself as his father's brother.

- (a) (i) was he Mustafa's son
- (ii) is he Mustafa's son
- (iii) if he was Mustafa's son
- (iv) he was Mustafa's son

- (b) (i) that he was but his father was dead
- (ii) that he was but his father had been dead
- (iii) that he was but his father has been dead
- (iv) that his father is dead
- (c) (i) to not worry and told him that is indeed sad news
- (ii) not to worry and told him that that had been indeed a sad news
- (iii) to do not worry and that that is indeed a sad news
- (iv) not to worry and said that that was indeed a sad news.
- (d) (i) that he is his father's brother
- (ii) that he has been his father's brother
- (iii) that he was his father's brother
- (iv) that he had been his father's brother

#### SECTION - D

(Literature - 20 Marks)

- 13. Read the following extracts and answer the questions by selecting the most appropriate option. (Any two)**

**3x2=6**

- (a) As thus with thee in prayer in my sore need

Oh, lift me as a wave, a leaf, a cloud!

I fall upon the thorns of life ! I bleed !

1. Who is 'thee' in these lines ?

- (a) Wind
- (b) Azure's sister
- (c) West Wind
- (d) Storm

2. The mood of the poet reflected in these lines is that of

- (a) ecstasy
- (b) fear
- (c) desperation
- (d) dejection, sadness and desperation

3. 'Thorns of life' are

- (a) sad moments
- (b) thorns that prick him
- (c) strife and sufferings
- (d) none of these

- (b) After twenty hours  
it lost its sting  
My mother only said  
Thank God the scorpion picked on me  
and spared my children
1. The cause of mother's suffering was
    - (a) the scorpion's bite and peasants' fright
    - (b) the poison injected in mother's body by scorpion
    - (c) the endless rain
    - (d) the missing scorpion
  2. How long did mother 'twist' in pain ?
    - (a) Ten hours
    - (b) Twenty hours
    - (c) Twelve hours
    - (d) One twenty hours
  3. Mother thanked God because
    - (a) she was saved
    - (b) her son was safe
    - (c) the villagers and her husband were safe
    - (d) scorpion chose her and spared her children
- (c) If I had my way, every idiot who goes about with 'Merry Christmas' on his lips should be boiled with his own pudding and buried with a stake of holly through his heart.
1. Who is speaking to whom ?
    - (a) Ebenezer Scrooge to gentleman
    - (b) Ebenezer Scrooge to Fred
    - (c) Ebenezer Scrooge to children singing hymns
    - (d) Scrooge to Bob Cratchit
  2. Speaker of these lines is
    - (a) theist and true Christian
    - (b) atheist, anti-Christian and cruel
    - (c) antisocial and crude
    - (d) money minded and greedy
  3. Who is 'idiot' in these lines ?
    - (a) One who loves his fellow being
    - (b) One who celebrates Christmas
    - (c) One who comes for charity
    - (d) One who shows pity for poor and destitutes

14. Answer the following questions in 30 - 40 words. (Any four). 2x4=8

- (1) "Cutie-Pie were the words they flinched from". Who does 'they' refer to ? Why did they do so ?
- (2) Describe Scrooge's encounter with the gentleman.
- (3) Give two instances to show 'fatherly characteristics' of Babuli's elder brother.
- (4) Give two examples of 'personifications' from the poem 'Ode To The West Wind'
- (5) Explain 'Flame feeding on my mother' from the poem 'Night of The Scorpion'

15. Suppose you are Babuli's eldest sister-in-law. State your feelings, after receiving Babuli's handwritten note, meant for your husband, in a form of diary entry. 6

**OR**

As a reporter, of a nationally acclaimed news paper, you have kept a close watch on Cutie-Pie from the prison cell to his final taking off to his planet. Write a report for the newspaper making references to all small and big incidents.

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