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Class - X

ENGLISH
(Language and Literature)

Maximum Marks : **80**

Time : **3** hours

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The Question Paper is divided into **four** Sections :

Section A :	Reading Comprehension	15 Marks
Section B :	Writing	15 Marks
Section C :	Grammar	15 Marks
Section D :	Text Books	35 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 - 15 Marks)

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1. Read the following passage carefully and then answer the questions that follow by writing the option that you consider the most appropriate in your answer - sheet.

Often when we have to interact with a group of people, the most attractive and appealing person is the one who is cheerful, has a smiling face and behaves as if he or she is enjoying every moment. Such people have an optimistic outlook towards life. They are the ones with a positive attitude. In contrast to this could be the people who are focusing on the negative aspects of everything. Such pessimists, the ones with a negative attitude, do not attract others in the same way.

Having a positive attitude means getting on with the job on hand. It means not brooding over what's gone before, nor fearing too much about what might happen in the future. If there is a problem, positive thinkers quickly think of ways to solve it. Passing the buck, blaming other people or circumstances are excuses and alibis such positive people avoid. If such a positive thinker alone cannot solve a problem, he or she seeks help from competent people. To have a positive attitude means not to feel that it is below one's dignity to seek assistance.

Of course, even the greatest optimist cannot smile all the time and feel good. The ups and downs of life cause everyone to feel a touch of melancholy now and then, when everything seems hopeless. But developing a positive attitude helps us bounce back from every challenge and difficult experience, ready to face whatever life brings. To get the best out of life, we owe it to ourselves to approach everything - work, friendships and relationships, with a positive attitude.

- (A) A cheerful person, with a smiling face and behaving as if he or she is enjoying every moment,.....
- (a) interacts with a group of people
 - (b) wishes to attract others in the group
 - (c) has an optimistic outlook towards life
 - (d) focuses on the negative aspects of everything
- (B) A person with a positive attitude avoids.....
- (a) getting on with the job on hand
 - (b) thinking of ways to solve a problem
 - (c) blaming other people or circumstances for his or her failure
 - (d) solving a problem alone
- (C) A positive thinker seeks help from competent people when.....
- (a) there are no excuses
 - (b) he or she feels that it is below one's dignity to seek assistance
 - (c) he or she gets on with the job on hand
 - (d) he or she alone cannot solve a problem

- (D) When we approach everything in life with a positive attitude,.....
- (a) we smile all the time and feel good
 - (b) there are ups and downs in life
 - (c) we get the best out of life
 - (d) everything seems hopeless
- (E) The word in the last paragraph of the passage meaning the same as 'sadness' is ...
- (a) hopeless
 - (b) melancholy
 - (c) optimist
 - (d) challenge

2. Read the following poem carefully and then answer the questions that follow by writing the option that you consider the most appropriate in your answer-sheet. 5

ODE ON SOLITUDE

Happy the man, whose wish and care
A few paternal acres bound
Content to breathe his native air
In his own ground.

Whose herds with milk, whose fields with bread,
Whose flocks supply him with attire,
Whose trees in summer yield him shade,
In winter fire.

Blest who can concern'dly find
Hours, days and years slide soft away,
In health of body, peace of mind,
Quiet by day.

Sound sleep by night; study and ease;
Together mixt; sweet recreation;
And innocence, which most does please,
With meditation.

Thus let me live, unseen, unknown,
Thus unlamented let me die,
Steal from the world, and not a stone
Tell where I lie.

- (A) According to the poet, a happy man wishes _____.
- (a) to sell the milk of his animals
 - (b) to take care of his animals
 - (c) to be contented living with his native people and cultivating his inherited land
 - (d) to grow trees to get shade in summer

- (B) A blessed person passes his time _____.
 (a) counting hours, days and years
 (b) enjoying shade of trees in summer
 (c) remaining quiet throughout the day
 (d) keeping a healthy body and peaceful mind
- (C) The poet wants to live his life _____.
 (a) sleeping soundly by night
 (b) enjoying recreation
 (c) without being seen and known much by others
 (d) doing meditation
- (D) The poet wishes that after his death _____.
 (a) people should mourn at his death
 (b) there should be no memorial to tell the place of his burial
 (c) people should remember him for a long time
 (d) a memorial should be built at the place of his burial
- (E) 'Steal from the world' means _____.
 (a) steal some valuables from the world
 (b) depart from the world after stealing something
 (c) depart from the world quietly without much knowledge of others
 (d) to let the world know of your death

3. Read the following passage carefully and then answer the questions that follow by writing the option that you consider the most appropriate in your answer sheet. 5

Papaya is a healthy fruit with a list of properties that is long and exhaustive. You can munch on it as a salad, have it cooked or boiled or just drink it up as milkshake or juices. Papaya has many virtues that can contribute to our good health. The most important of these virtues is the protein digesting enzyme it has. The enzyme is similar to pepsin in its digestive action and is said to be so powerful that it can digest 200 times its own weight in protein. It assists the body in assimilating the maximum nutritional value from food to provide energy and body building materials.

Papain in raw papaya makes up for the deficiency of gastric juice and fights excess of unhealthy mucus in the stomach and intestinal irritation. The ripe fruit, if eaten regularly corrects habitual constipation, bleeding piles and chronic diarrhea. The juice of the papaya seeds also assists in the above mentioned ailments.

Papaya juice, used as a cosmetic, removes freckles or brown spots due to exposure to sunlight and makes the skin smooth and delicate. A paste of papaya seeds is applied in skin diseases like those caused by ringworm. The black seeds of the papaya are highly beneficial in the treatment of cirrhosis of the liver caused by alcoholism, malnutrition, etc. A tablespoonful of its juice, combined with a hint of fresh lime juice, should be consumed once or twice daily for a month. The fresh juice of raw papaya mixed with honey can be applied over inflamed tonsils, for diphtheria and other throat disorders. It dissolves the membrane and prevents infection from spreading.

- (A) The powerful protein digesting enzyme in papaya provides energy and body building materials to the body by _____.
(a) improving the blood circulation
(b) assisting the body in assimilating the maximum nutritional value from food
(c) increasing the resistance power of the body
(d) slowing down the process of digestion
- (B) Excess of unhealthy mucus in the stomach, dyspepsia and intestinal irritation can be fought _____.
(a) if ripe papaya is eaten regularly
(b) if juice of papaya seeds is taken regularly
(c) by papain found in raw papaya which makes up for the deficiency of gastric juice
(d) by correcting habitual constipation
- (C) The cosmetic value of papaya is that _____.
(a) it treats skin diseases
(b) it makes the skin smooth and delicate
(c) it treats cirrhosis of the liver
(d) it is helpful in treating chronic diarrhea
- (D) Inflamed tonsils can be cured by _____.
(a) consuming a tablespoonful of papaya juice with a hint of fresh lime juice daily for a month
(b) by applying a paste of papaya seeds on the tonsils
(c) chewing black seeds of papaya
(d) applying fresh juice of raw papaya mixed with honey on the tonsils
- (E) The word in the passage meaning the same as 'soft' is _____.
(a) chronic
(b) smooth
(c) delicate
(d) cosmetic

SECTION - B
(Writing - 15 Marks)

4. You are Karan living at BL-25, Shalimar Bagh, Delhi. Your friend Sanjay had invited you to attend his wedding in Gurgaon. You were all prepared to attend his wedding but the same day one of your uncles met with an accident and had to undergo an operation and you could not attend your friend's wedding. Write a letter to Sanjay expressing your regret for not attending his wedding giving details. Also wish him a happy married life and give him an assurance to visit him soon. 6

OR

You are Anuj Verma, President, Residents Welfare Association, Raj Nagar, Gurgaon. There are four municipal parks in your colony and all of them are in a very poor state. Write a letter to the Director (Horticulture), Gurgaon Municipal Committee, requesting him to direct the concerned officials to develop these parks in a planned manner for the use of the local public.

5. You are Karan/Karuna, secretary, excursion club, Tagore Vidya Niketan, Rani Bagh, Delhi. Your school is conducting a four day trip to Shimla for which the list of students has already been finalized. Prepare a speech to be delivered to these participants about that do's and don't's during the tour so that the tour can be a success and all the members of the tour party can enjoy it. (120 Words) 6

OR

You are Gaurav/ Garima, secretary, literary Forum of your school. You wish to enlighten the students about the benefits of reading newspapers and journals. Write an article to be published in the school magazine of your school on the topic 'Importance of reading newspapers and magazines'.

6. Given below are the initial lines of a story. Complete the story as per your own imagination. 3

Gita, a young girl of fifteen, had a great interest in dancing. She had been taking lessons in classical dance since she was ten and aspired to be a classical dancer. But fate had something else in store for her. One day while she was coming back from school, she met with an accident and lost one of her legs. All her dreams were shattered. But.... (80 words)

Start your answer with 'But.....'

OR

Recently a first aid expert visited your school and taught some valuable first - aid techniques to the students. Prepare a report about this programme in about 80 words to be published in a local newspaper. You are Raghu, Head Boy of R.K. Memorial School, Shahdara, Delhi.

SECTION - C

(Grammar - 15 Marks)

7. Choose the most appropriate option from the ones given below to complete the following passage. Write the answers in your answer sheet against the correct blank number. Do not copy the whole passage. $\frac{1}{2} \times 6 = 3$

There is hardly ____ (a) ____ doubt about the fact that no one is rich enough ____ (b) ____ buy back ____ (c) ____ past. Most of the people realize the value of things only ____ (d) ____ they have lost them. We ____ (e) ____ not achieve anything ____ (f) ____ we use our time wisely.

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|-----|-----|--------|------|--------|-------|-------|------|--------|
| (a) | (i) | little | (ii) | much | (iii) | any | (iv) | a |
| (b) | (i) | for | (ii) | to | (iii) | in | (iv) | of |
| (c) | (i) | one | (ii) | his | (iii) | one's | (iv) | my |
| (d) | (i) | where | (ii) | before | (iii) | as | (iv) | after |
| (e) | (i) | could | (ii) | must | (iii) | can | (iv) | should |
| (f) | (i) | when | (ii) | as | (iii) | if | (iv) | unless |

8. Choose the most appropriate option from the ones given below to complete the passage. Write your answers in your answer sheet with the correct number. Do not copy the whole passage. $\frac{1}{2} \times 6 = 3$

National Human Rights Commission (NHRC) is an ____ (a) ____ commission set up by law in 1993. Like ____ (b) ____, the commission is independent of the ____ (c) _____. The commission is ____ (d) ____ by the president and includes retired judges, officers and eminent citizens. The commission however does not have the burden of ____ (e) ____ court cases. It only ____ (f) ____ on helping the victims secure their human rights.

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|-----|-------|--------------|
| (a) | (i) | independence |
| | (ii) | independent |
| | (iii) | dependence |
| | (iv) | dependent |
| (b) | (i) | judicial |
| | (ii) | judicially |
| | (iii) | judiciary |
| | (iv) | judicious |
| (c) | (i) | government |
| | (ii) | governor |
| | (iii) | governing |
| | (iv) | governmental |

- (d) (i) appoints
- (ii) appointing
- (iii) appointment
- (iv) appointed
- (e) (i) decisive
- (ii) deciding
- (iii) decision
- (iv) decide
- (f) (i) focuses
- (ii) focus
- (ii) focused
- (iv) focusing

9. Read the following dialogue and then complete the report by choosing the correct option from the ones given below. Write your answers in your answer - sheet with the correct blank number. Do not copy the dialogue and the report. 1x3=3

Father : Have you made any plans for summer vacation, Rahul ?

Rahul : No, father. Can you suggest something ?

Father : You can do a basic computer course.

Rahul's father asked him ____ (a) ____ for summer vacation. Rahul replied in the negative and asked his father ____ (b) _____. His father suggested to him that ____ (c) ____ a basic computer course.

- (A) (i) if you have made any plans
- (ii) if you had made any plans
- (iii) had he made any plans
- (iv) if he had made any plans
- (B) (i) could you suggest something
- (ii) could he suggest something
- (iii) if he could suggest something
- (iv) if you could suggest something
- (C) (i) he could do
- (ii) he can do
- (iii) you could do
- (iv) you could done

10. Complete the following passage by choosing the correct passive forms of the verbs given in brackets from the alternatives given below the passage. Write your answers only in the answer - sheet against the correct blank number. 1x3=3

In a glittering ceremony held yesterday in the Ashoka Hall of the Rashtrapati Bhawan, 20 children ____ (a) ____ (honour) for their acts of bravery in the year 2009. The children ____ (b) ____ (garland) by the President and given cash prizes and badges of honour. A group photograph of all the awardees ____ (c) ____ (take) with the President on this occasion.

- (A) (i) are honoured
(ii) were honoured
(iii) had been honoured
(iv) will be honoured
- (B) (i) will be garlanded
(ii) was garlanded
(iii) were garlanded
(iv) were being garlanded
- (C) (i) was taken
(ii) were taken
(iii) is taken
(iv) was being take

11. Complete the dialogue by choosing the correct alternative from those given below. Write your answers only in the answer sheet against the correct blank number : 1x3=3

Ajay : Vijay, I am planning to buy a laptop. Can you suggest me a good shop ____ (a) ____

Vijay : There is a shop in our local market named 'Unik computers' ____ (b) ____

Ajay : Do you have any idea ____ (c) ____ ?

Vijay : I do not have any idea about that.

- (a) (i) what I can buy it from
(ii) where can I buy it from
(iii) where I can buy it from
(iv) where I shall buy it from
- (b) (i) which is famous for its best deals
(ii) which was famous for its best deals
(iii) where is famous for its best deals
(iv) what is famous for its best deals
- (c) (i) as they provide good after sale service
(ii) if they will provide good after sale service
(iii) if they provided good after sale service
(iv) if they provide good after sale service

SECTION - D

(Text Books - 35 Marks)

12. Read the following passages taken from 'First Flight' carefully and then answer the questions that follow by writing the option that you consider the most appropriate in your answer sheet :

1x4=4

- (A) My country is rich in the minerals and gems that lie beneath its soil, but I have always known that its greatest wealth is its people, finer and truer than the purest diamonds.

It is from these comrades in the struggle that I learned the meaning of courage. Time and again, I have seen men and women risk and give their lives for an idea. I have seen men stand up to attacks and torture without breaking, showing a strength and resilience that defies the imagination. I learned that courage was not the absence of fear, but the triumph over it. The brave is not he who does not feel afraid but he who conquers that fear.

- (a) According to Nelson Mandela, the greatest wealth of South Africa is....

- (i) the minerals and gems
- (ii) its soil
- (iii) the purest of diamonds
- (iv) its people

- (b) 'These comrades' in the passage refer to :

- (i) the ministers of Mandela's cabinet
- (ii) Mandela's childhood friends
- (iii) Mandela's companions in South Africa's freedom struggle
- (iv) Mandela's family members

- (c) Nelson Mandela learned that a brave person is one _____.

- (i) who defies the imagination
- (ii) who stands up to attacks and torture without breaking
- (iii) who does not feel afraid
- (iv) who conquers the fear

- (d) Find a word in the passage meaning the same as 'victory' :

- (i) courage
- (ii) strength
- (iii) triumph
- (iv) resilience

- (B) But he stuck to his resolution : he asked for money from his employees, he himself gave a part of his salary, and several of his friends were obliged to give something 'for an act of charity'.

1x4=4

It was impossible for him to gather together the hundred pesos, so he was able to send the farmer only a little more than half. He put the money in an envelope addressed to Lencho and with it a letter containing only a single word as a signature : God.

- (a) The postmaster resolved to answer the farmer's letter to God as _____.
- (i) the farmer needed the money badly
 - (ii) he did not want to shake the farmer's faith in God
 - (iii) he was a kind person
 - (iv) he could collect money from his employees
- (b) 'An act of charity' here refers to :
- (i) answering the farmer's letter to God
 - (ii) praying to God to help the farmer
 - (iii) helping the farmer by sending him money
 - (iv) maintaining the farmer's faith in God
- (c) When Lencho, the farmer, counted the money sent by the post office employees, he _____.
- (i) was greatly surprised
 - (ii) felt very happy
 - (iii) thanked God for his help
 - (iv) became angry as the money was less than what he had asked for
- (d) The word in the passage meaning the same as 'a firm decision' is :
- (i) signature
 - (ii) charity
 - (iii) resolution
 - (iv) act

13. Read the following stanzas carefully and then answer the questions that follow by writing the option that you consider the most appropriate in your answer sheet. [Attempt any two of the given stanzas] :

3x2=6

(A) Has given my heart

A change of mood

And saved some part

of a day I had rued

(a) What has given the poet's heart a change of mood ?

- (i) The cries of a crow
- (ii) The falling snow
- (iii) Meeting with a friend
- (iv) Shaking down of the dust of snow on him from a hemlock tree by a crow

- (b) 'Saved some part of a day' means the poet _____.
 (i) saved some money during the day
 (ii) divided the day into different parts
 (iii) came out of his sad mood and spent the remaining part of the day in a cheerful mood
 (iv) did nothing during the remaining part of the day
- (c) The rhyming scheme of the given stanza is _____.
 (i) a b a b
 (ii) a a b b
 (iii) a b c b
 (iv) a b a c

(B) He should be lurking in shadow
 Sliding through long grass
 Near the water hole
 Where plump deer pass.

- (a) 'He' in these lines refers to _____.
 (i) the Bengal Tiger
 (ii) the Asian Lion
 (iii) the tiger who is presently in a cage in the zoo
 (iv) the tiger who is sliding through long grass
- (b) 'He' should be lurking in shadow to _____.
 (i) enjoy the shadow without anyone's knowledge
 (ii) save himself from the sun
 (iii) save himself from the angry lion
 (iv) attack the deer who comes to drink water at the water hole
- (c) The rhyme scheme of these lines is _____.
 (i) a b a b
 (ii) a a b b
 (iii) a b c b
 (iv) a b a c

(C) If strolling forth, a beast you view,
 Whose hide with spots is peppered,
 As soon as he has lept on you,
 You'll know it is the Leopard.
 'Twill do no good to roar with pain,
 He'll only lep and lep again.

- (a) These lines have been composed by _____.
 (i) Carolyn Wells
 (ii) Robert Frost
 (iii) Leslie Norris
 (iv) John Berryman

- (b) The Leopard can be easily identified as _____.
 (i) it tries to hide its spots
 (ii) its body is peppered with spots
 (iii) it can be easily spotted
 (iv) it tries to hide itself behind spots
- (c) 'He'll only leap and leap again' shows that _____.
 (i) the Leopard enjoys leaping
 (ii) the Leopard goes mad while attacking its victim
 (iii) the Leopard attacks its victim mercilessly
 (iv) the Leopard does not like its victim roaring with pain

14. Answer any three of the following questions in 40-50 words each : 2x3=6

- (a) How did the young Seagull's parents treat him initially when he did not fly ?
 (b) Why were Lencho and his family in distress ? Whom did he ask for help ?
 (c) 'I'll take the risk'. What risk did the pilot of the old Dakota aeroplane take and why ?
 (d) What urged Anne to keep a diary ?

15. Answer any ONE of the following questions in about 80 words : 5

'Hundred dresses, all lined up in the closet would be Wanda's answer whenever Peggy and the other girls teased her by asking how many dresses she had. How did Wanda prove herself right ? How did Peggy and Maddie react when they realized what Wanda meant ?

OR

How do you assess Mr. Keesing as a teacher ? Support your answer citing examples from the lesson 'From the Diary of Anne Frank'.

16. Answer any ONE of the following questions in about 80 words : 4

How can you say that Fowler's visit to Ausable was a thrilling experience for Fowler ?

OR

Though Horace Danby was a thief, he earns our sympathy. What do you think make the readers sympathize with Horace ?

17. Answer any TWO of the following questions in about 40-50 words each : 3x2=6

- (a) Why was Dr. Herriot tempted to keep Tricki on as a permanent guest ?
 (b) What kind of a life did Anil lead ?
 (c) How was the landlord's wife convinced that Griffin was an 'eccentric scientist' ?

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