

**1081401 - A2**

**Class - X**

**ENGLISH**  
**(Language and Literature)**

Maximum Marks : **80**

Time : **3 hours**

Total No. of Pages : **14**

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)**

1. Read the following passage carefully and then answer the questions by writing the option that you consider the most appropriate in your answer - sheet 1x5=5

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 helps 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.

**ODE ON SOLITUDE**

1x5=5

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. 1x5=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 milk shake 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) by papain found in raw papaya which makes up for the deficiency of gastric juice
  - (c) if juice of papaya seeds is taken regularly
  - (d) by correcting habitual constipation
- C. The cosmetic value of papaya is that \_\_\_\_
  - (a) it treats skin diseases
  - (b) it treats cirrhosis of the liver
  - (c) it makes the skin smooth and delicate
  - (d) it is helpful in treating chronic diarrhea
- D. Inflamed tonsils can be cured by \_\_\_\_
  - (a) applying fresh juice of raw papaya mixed with honey on the tonsils
  - (b) by applying a paste of papaya seeds on the tonsils
  - (c) chewing black seeds of papaya
  - (d) consuming a table spoonful of papaya juice with a hint of fresh lime juice daily for a month
- E. The word in the passage meaning the same as 'soft' is \_\_\_\_
  - (a) cosmetic
  - (b) delicate
  - (c) smooth
  - (d) chronic

## 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 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 Gagan / Geeta, Secretary, Excursion club, Birla Vidya Niketan, Vikas Puri, Delhi. You have noticed that many students do not take much interest in the tours and excursions organised by the school from time to time. Prepare a speech to be delivered in the morning assembly of your school highlighting the importance of joining such outdoor activities. (120 words) 6

OR

You are Ankur / Akriti of St. Francis school, Delhi. You are a student of class XII A of your school. Write an article to be published in the school magazine of your school on the topic 'How to Stay Healthy'.

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

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) dependence   |
| (iii) independent    | (iv) dependent    |
| (b) (i) judicial     | (ii) judicially   |
| (iii) judicious      | (iv) judiciary    |
| (c) (i) governor     | (ii) government   |
| (iii) governing      | (iv) governmental |
| (d) (i) appoints     | (ii) appointed    |
| (iii) appointment    | (iv) appointing   |
| (e) (i) deciding     | (ii) decisive     |
| (iii) decision       | (iv) decide       |
| (f) (i) focus        | (ii) focuses      |
| (iii) 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

Reena : Where did you learn to make paper flowers ?

Preeti : I learnt it from one of my aunts.

Reena : Does she live near your house ?

Preeti : Oh, yes.

Reena asked Preeti (a)\_\_\_\_\_ to make paper flowers. Preeti told her that (b)\_\_\_\_\_ from one of her aunts. Reena wanted to know (c)\_\_\_\_\_ near her house. Preeti replied in the affirmative.

- (a) (i) Where you learnt  
(ii) Where she had learnt  
(iii) Where she learnt  
(iv) Where you had learnt
- (b) (i) She learnt it  
(ii) I had learnt it  
(iii) You had learnt it  
(iv) She had learnt it
- (c) (i) if she lives  
(ii) did she live  
(iii) if she lived  
(iv) if she does live

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 taken



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 passage 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 when she was just opposite to him, she halted, her wings motionless, the piece of fish in her beak almost within reach of his beak. He waited a moment in surprise, wondering why she did not come nearer, and then, maddened by hunger, he dived at the fish. 1x4=4
- (a) The young Seagull's mother came to him with a piece of fish in her beak because :
- (i) he was very hungry
  - (ii) she felt pity for him
  - (iii) she wanted to feed him
  - (iv) it was her trick to make him fly
- (b) When the young Seagull's mother was just opposite to him, she halted because :
- (i) she was waiting for him to cry
  - (ii) she wanted to tease him
  - (iii) she wanted to make him dive at the fish
  - (iv) she wanted him to learn to be patient.
- (c) When the young Seagull dived at the fish, :
- (i) he snatched the fish from his mother's beak
  - (ii) he fell down and died
  - (iii) he learnt to fly
  - (iv) he fainted and fell into the sea below
- (d) A word in the passage meaning the same as 'stopped for a while' is :
- (i) waited
  - (ii) halted
  - (iii) maddened
  - (iv) dived

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. 3x2=6  
 [Attempt any TWO of the given stanzas]

- (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) abab
  - (ii) aabb
  - (iii) abcb
  - (iv) abac

(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) abab
  - (ii) aabb
  - (iii) abcb
  - (iv) abac

- (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 lep and lep 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) What made Lencho call the post office employees 'a bunch of crooks'?  
 (c) Why did the woman in the control centre look at the pilot of the Dakota aeroplane strangely?  
 (d) How did Anne justify her being a chatterbox in her first essay?

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

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How did Maddie feel when she and Peggy could not find Wanda? What important conclusion did Maddie reach then?

**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.**

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Describe Griffin's adventures in the village of Iping in your own words.

**OR**

Giving examples from the text show Mrs. Pumphrey's extreme love for Tricki, her pet dog.

- 17. Answer any TWO of the following questions in about 40-50 words each.**

**3x2=6**

- (a) Who was Max? Why did he enter Ausable's room secretly?
- (b) How did Horace Danby's hay fever result in his failure in his robbery attempt at Shotover Grange?
- (c) What urged Hari singh to rob Anil of his money?

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