

**1081403 -A1**

**Class - X**

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

Maximum Marks : **80**

Time : **3 hours**

Total No. of Pages : **12**

The question paper is divided into **four** sections :

<b>Section A :</b>	<b>Reading Comprehension</b>	<b>15 Marks</b>
<b>Section B :</b>	<b>Writing</b>	<b>15 Marks</b>
<b>Section C :</b>	<b>Grammar</b>	<b>15 Marks</b>
<b>Section D :</b>	<b>Text Books</b>	<b>35 Marks</b>

**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 answer the questions by writing the option that you consider the most appropriate in your answer sheet.

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It went totally unnoticed. World Food Day on October 16. The day is meant to highlight the plight of the hungry, the undernourished and malnourished of the world. Particularly, the plight of children of the poor, among whom the girl child, as usual is the worst off. India ranks high in the number of people unable to get the minimum calorie requirements of each day.

True we have some of the best software engineers in the world and produce enough food grains to feed all our people but the real truth is that the number of people who go to bed hungry every night is around 300 million.

The irony is that the people who work to grow food are the ones who mainly go hungry due to the pressure on land and demand for food is outpacing supply year after year.

According to the U.N. report released on the occasion of World Food Day hunger debilitates people physically, physiologically and psychologically and they get trapped in a vicious cycle of hunger-low productivity-poverty-hunger.

Women do not always have the same access to food as men which not only affects their health but also the future development and growth of their children. Seven out of ten of the world's poor are women and girls. There is strong evidence that empowering women is the surest way to reduce poverty. In households facing continuous hunger, even babies in mother's wombs, the newborn and young children do not receive the required nutrition. This maternal malnutrition is devastating to a child. It is a virtual guarantee of low birth weight, stunted growth, susceptibility to disease and quite often intellectual impairment.

(A) The World Food Day is observed :

- (a) to provide food to the hungry men of the world.
- (b) to show minimum calorie requirement of each day.
- (c) to show the plight of the hungry and malnourished men and children of the world.
- (d) to show the variety of food to the world.

(B) A large number of people go hungry because :

- (a) we don't produce enough food grain.
- (b) they live in rural areas.
- (c) of the pressure on land and an increase in demand of food every year.
- (d) they don't get time to eat.

- (C) The definite way to reduce poverty is :
- (a) to give employment
  - (b) to distribute food to all
  - (c) to empower men and children
  - (d) to empower women
- (D) Intellectual deficiency in children is caused by :
- (a) maternal malnutrition
  - (b) hunger
  - (c) sickness
  - (d) undernourishment
- (E) The antonym of the word 'adequate' is
- (a) unadequate
  - (b) inadequate
  - (c) disadequate
  - (d) maladequate

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

- (1) Great, wide, beautiful, wonderful world,  
With the wonderful water round you curled,  
And the wonderful grass upon your breast  
World, you are beautifully drest.
- (2) The wonderful air is over me,  
And the wonderful wind is shaking the tree,  
It walks on the water, and whirls the mills,  
And talks to itself on the tops of the hills.
- (3) You friendly Earth, how far do you go,  
With the wheat-fields that nod and the rivers that flow,  
With cities and gardens, and cliffs, and isles,  
And people upon you for thousands of miles ?
- (4) Ah! You are so great, and I am so small,  
I tremble to think of you, World, at all;  
And yet when I said my prayers to-day,  
A wisper inside me seemed to say,  
'You are more than the Earth, though you are such a dot  
You can love and think, and the Earth cannot!'

W.B Rands.

- (A) The beautiful dress of the world is
  - (a) the sun and the moon
  - (b) water and grass
  - (c) trees and flowers
  - (d) mountains and forest
- (B) The fields, gardens, river, cliffs, people etc show that the earth is
  - (a) small
  - (b) grand
  - (c) friendly
  - (d) round
- (C) In this poem the Poet has tried to compare :
  - (a) Man with the Earth
  - (b) World with the Earth
  - (c) World with the Air
  - (d) Nature with the World
- (D) Man is better than the earth as he :
  - (a) is a dot
  - (b) is handsome
  - (c) is large in number
  - (d) loves and thinks
- (E) Another word for 'Spin' is
  - (a) shake
  - (b) walks
  - (c) whirl
  - (d) go

**3. Read the passage given below carefully and answer the questions by writing the option that you consider the most appropriate in your answer sheet. 5**

Happiness is often so difficult to describe that some people think that it is illusory. However, it is in its absence-while experiencing distress or grief - that we realise its importance. Happiness is best described as a state of well being or a state in which our physical, psychological, social and spiritual selves are in balance.

Desire and fear both agitate our minds and obscure the vision of happiness that always exists within us. When a desire is fulfilled or a cause of a fear is removed, our minds agitation subsides and in that temporary calm our mind connects to the innate state of happiness. While desire and fear are bound to come and go, we can employ certain strategies to be happier more often. Some are very tangible like exercising more, eating better and talking with friends.

However, the truth is that no preconditions are necessary for happiness and there is no better time to be happy than now. Whenever you see yourself losing sight of happiness, ask yourself: if not now then when? Accept the fact that your life will always be full of challenges and you have to decide to be happy despite it all.

To help you on that journey take a few simple initiatives such as - focus on personal goals. Decide what is important and what is less important to you. Stay connected to the world, you won't feel lonely and sad. Expand your support net work, lead a healthier life, keep realistic and positive thinking and work through tough time. Appreciate yourself and your achievements. This helps lift one's self esteem and releases stress.

"The mind is in its own place. It can make a heaven or hell out of itself".

- (A) We realise the importance of happiness when :
  - (a) we are affluent
  - (b) we celebrate an occasion
  - (c) we are in distress or grief
  - (d) we meet someone
- (B) What always lives within ourselves :
  - (a) anger
  - (b) happiness
  - (c) desire
  - (d) grief
- (C) The fact that should be accepted is - that life is full of :
  - (a) happiness
  - (b) sadness
  - (c) challenges
  - (d) fears
- (D) We can raise our self esteem by :
  - (a) doing a great job
  - (b) doing hard work
  - (c) appreciating others
  - (d) praising ourselves and our achievements
- (E) Another word for 'not real' is
  - (a) agitate
  - (b) illusory
  - (c) desire
  - (d) subsides

**Section - B**

**(Writing - 15 Marks)**

4. You are Varun/Veronica a student of class X. Keeping in mind Commonwealth games 2010. Write a letter to the Chairman, Municipal Corporation of Delhi for organising a "Keep your city clean" Campaign in the city so that we are able to match international standard. You stay at 54/52 A Krishna Vihar, Delhi. 6

**OR**

You are Krishna/Krishan residing at 50 Civillines Rohtak. You have found out that these days bikers are frequently robbing the passers by of their belongings e.g. purse, chains etc. Write a letter to your aunt at Delhi telling her to take precautions while going out of her house. She is an elderly woman staying all alone.

5. After reading a research report Neha has realised that Television viewing is a boon not a bane for the young generation. Therefore, she writes an article for the school magazine describing how T.V. viewing can brush up the knowledge and memory of children, helps them in preparing their educational projects, make them aware about social customs and evils and more over release their stress. They become Global persons. Write Neha's article in your words in 120 words. 6

**OR**

Many students excel in the exams where as lot more don't fare well in the exam. The reasons may be many. But one of the most known reason is 'Regularity and Punctuality in student's life'. Prepare a speech to deliver in the morning assembly about 'Importance of Regularity and Punctuality in student's life'. You are Prem/Prakash (120 words)

6. Medha decided to write a story to be published in a magazine. But after writing a few sentences, she lost her interest in completing the story. Complete her story so that it could be given for publishing 3

Mridul never told a lie to any one. His parents and teachers always gave his example of Truthfulness and honesty before others but one day it so happened that..... (80 words)

**OR**

Due to fast life and heavy traffic on roads, road accidents are increasing every year. Yesterday while going to school you saw a speeding truck jammed into a school bus leaving many casualties. As an eyewitness write a report of 'Road accident' to be published in the news paper. (80 words)

Section - C

(Grammar - 15 Marks)

7. Choose the most appropriate option from the ones given below to complete the following passage. Write the answer in your answer sheet against the correct blank number. Do not copy the whole passage.

$\frac{1}{2} \times 6 = 3$

Using books is (a) \_\_\_\_\_ most important means (b) \_\_\_\_\_ ensuring a child's adequate language development. None of us (c) \_\_\_\_\_ endlessly initiate and maintain speech (d) \_\_\_\_\_ very small children; we run out of ideas, (e) \_\_\_\_\_ just get plain sick of it. (f) \_\_\_\_\_ lives are limited and the experience is not there to provide raw material for constant verbal interaction.

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| (a) | (i) | a   | (ii) | an    | (iii) | the | (iv) | this     |
| (b) | (i) | of  | (ii) | in    | (iii) | to  | (iv) | into     |
| (c) | (i) | may | (ii) | must  | (iii) | can | (iv) | should   |
| (d) | (i) | of  | (ii) | for   | (iii) | to  | (iv) | with     |
| (e) | (i) | and | (ii) | but   | (iii) | or  | (iv) | but also |
| (f) | (i) | my  | (ii) | their | (iii) | his | (iv) | her      |

8. Choose the most appropriate option from the ones given below the passage. Write your answers in your answer sheet with the correct number. Do not copy the whole passage.

$\frac{1}{2} \times 6 = 3$

The (a) \_\_\_\_\_ of Rajendra in village Kishori was not a welcome one. Due to his beard, he was (b) \_\_\_\_\_ as a terrorist from Punjab. A village elder (c) \_\_\_\_\_ trusted this young men. However, Mina, a villager (d) \_\_\_\_\_ them to come down to work, instead of merely (e) \_\_\_\_\_ lectures. The next day, Rajendra and his associates joined the villages in the (f) \_\_\_\_\_ operation of tanks.

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|-----|-----|-----------|------|------------|-------|---------------|------|-------------|
| (a) | (i) | arrive    | (ii) | arrival    | (iii) | arrived       | (iv) | arrives     |
| (b) | (i) | mistaken  | (ii) | mistake    | (iii) | mistook       | (iv) | mistakes    |
| (c) | (i) | instinct  | (ii) | instincted | (iii) | instinctively | (iv) | instinctive |
| (d) | (i) | challenge | (ii) | challenger | (iii) | challenges    | (iv) | challenged  |
| (e) | (i) | give      | (ii) | given      | (iii) | giving        | (iv) | gave        |
| (f) | (i) | dig       | (ii) | digging    | (iii) | dug           | (iv) | digs        |

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.

$1 \times 3 = 3$

He : Haven't you got a television set ?

I : No, Nobody in our village has got one.

He : How can you bear to live in such a backward place ?

He asked me (A) \_\_\_\_\_ a television set.

I replied in negative that (B) \_\_\_\_\_

He asked me (C) \_\_\_\_\_ such a backward place

- (A) (a) if I hadn't got  
(b) if he hadn't got  
(c) that I hadn't got  
(d) if you hadn't got
- (B) (a) nobody in my village had got one  
(b) nobody in our village had got one  
(c) nobody in our village has got one  
(d) no body in my village had gotten one.
- (C) (a) if how I could bear to live in  
(b) how he could bear to live in  
(c) how could I bear to live in  
(d) how I could bear to live in

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 only your answers given below in the answer sheet against the blank number. 1x3=3

Rinku singh and Dinesh Patel, high ticket pitcher in the US baseball league (a) flow to Los Angeles where they (b) induct in to major baseball club, Pittsburgh Pirates, to become first India born athletes to sign a contract. They (c) invite to a reception at the white House tomorrow to meet President Obama.

- (A) (a) flew (b) has flown  
(c) were flown (d) were flew
- (B) (a) were inducted (b) are inducted  
(c) inducted (d) will be inducted
- (C) (a) invited (b) are invited  
(c) will be invited (d) were invited

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

Scientists have warned (a) \_\_\_\_\_ is fast running out. Attempts have been made to convert sea water into fresh water.

One of the scientists said (b) \_\_\_\_\_ on a large scale. But many people still don't know (c) \_\_\_\_\_ .

- (A) (a) how the earth's supply of water  
(b) that the earth's supply of water  
(c) as the earth's supply of water  
(d) when the earth's supply of water
- (B) (a) when cheap atomic energy is made available  
(b) that cheap atomic energy is made available  
(c) if cheap atomic energy is made available  
(d) how cheap atomic energy is made available
- (C) (a) how can they save water  
(b) when can they save water  
(c) how they can save water  
(d) how much can they save water



**Section - D**

**(Text Books - 35 Marks)**

12. (a) **Read the following passage carefully and answer the questions by writing the option that you consider the most appropriate in your answer sheet.** **4**

All through the night Lencho thought only of his one hope: the help of God, whose eyes as he had been instructed, see everything, even what is deep in one's conscious. Lencho was an ox of a man, working like an animal in the fields, but still he knew how to write the following Sunday, at day break, he began to write a letter which he himself would carry to town and place in the mail.

- (A) Lencho thought of his one hope as :
- (a) he wanted to be rich
  - (b) he wanted to buy more land.
  - (c) All his crops were ruined due to hail stones
  - (d) He lived all alone on the hill top
- (B) Lencho was an ox of man. It means that Lencho :
- (a) was master of an ox
  - (b) was an illiterate
  - (c) was a hard working and strong man
  - (d) was a weak and dependent man
- (C) Lencho needed the help of God as :
- (a) He knows everything about man and help him
  - (b) Lencho worshipped him a lot
  - (c) Lencho donated a lot to God
  - (d) He loved him the most
- (D) Find out a word from the passage which means the same as 'mind' :
- (a) conscious
  - (b) conscience
  - (c) instructed
  - (d) mail

- (b) **Read the following passage carefully and answer the questions by writing the option that you consider the most appropriate in your answer sheet.** **4**

Inside the clouds, everything was suddenly black. It was impossible to see anything outside the aeroplane. The old aeroplane jumped and twisted in the air. I looked at the compass. I couldn't believe my eyes: The compass was turning round and round and round.

It was dead. It would not work! The other instruments were suddenly dead, too. I tried the radio, 'Paris control ? Paris control ? Can you hear me ?

There was no answer. The radio was dead too

- (A) The Pilot saw the storm clouds when :
  - (a) Paris was 70 km. behind
  - (b) Paris was 150 km. behind
  - (c) Paris was 50 km. behind
  - (d) Paris was 175 km. behind
- (B) What happened suddenly to all the instruments ?
  - (a) They started working well
  - (b) They started working very fast
  - (c) They stopped working
  - (d) They started turning round and round
- (C) The pilot could not establish contact with
  - (a) Paris control
  - (b) his boss
  - (c) the commander
  - (d) the passengers
- (D) Find a word from the passage which means the same as "turned" :
  - (a) jumped
  - (b) twisted
  - (c) dead
  - (d) control

13. Read the following passage carefully and answer the questions by writing the options that you consider the most appropriate in your answer sheet. [Any two of the passages]

3x2=6

- (a) The way a crow  
Shook down on me  
The dust of snow  
From a hemlock tree
- (A) The word 'Me' here refers to
  - (a) Leslie Norris
  - (b) Robert Frost
  - (c) Walt Whitman
  - (d) Carolyn Wells

(B) The crow and Hemlock represents :

- (a) Joy
- (b) Sorrow
- (c) Only bird and tree
- (d) Winter season

(C) The dust of Snow was dropped from

- (a) a Neem tree
- (b) a Palm tree
- (c) a hemlock tree
- (d) a fruit tree

(b) He should be lurking in shadow

Sliding through long grass

Near the water hole

Where plump deer pass.

(A) 'He' refers to :

- (a) tiger
- (b) poet
- (c) gardener
- (d) crocodile

(B) He slides through long grass for a chance :

- (a) to watch plump deer
- (b) to kill plump deer
- (c) to drink water at water hole
- (d) to bathe in the water hole

(C) The words 'Lurking' and 'Sliding' describe :

- (a) silence
- (b) movement
- (c) anger
- (d) happiness

(c) If when you're walking round your yard

You meet a creature there

Who hugs you very, very hard

Be sure it is a bear

If you have any doubts, I guess

He'll give you just one more caress

- (A) The composer of the stanza is :
  - (a) John Berryman
  - (b) Ogden Nash
  - (c) Carolyn wells
  - (d) Leslie Norris
- (B) A creature who hugs you is :
  - (a) Lion
  - (b) Bear
  - (c) Leopard
  - (d) Tiger
- (C) He will give 'Just one more caress' in order to :
  - (a) love you
  - (b) leave you
  - (c) kill you
  - (d) smile at you

14. Answer any three of the following questions in 40-50 words each. 2x3=6
- (a) What is Mandela's opinion regarding oppressor and oppressed ? Describe.
  - (b) When did the Seagull's flight begin ? and where did it end ?
  - (c) Why did Mr. Keesing allow Anne to talk in class ?
  - (d) Why did other girls see Wanda different from them ? How did they treat her ?

15. Answer one of the following questions in about 80 words : 5
- Describe the flight of the Dakota aeroplane till it landed safely at the airport.

**OR**

Which act of Wanda made the girls know that she liked them even though they had teased her? How did Peggy and Maddie realise this? Explain.

16. Answer ONE of the following questions in about 80 words : 4
- How did Griffin become invisible and then homeless wanderer? What did he do inside the big London store ?

**OR**

Who was Max? How did Ausable get rid of him ?

17. Answer any two of the following questions briefly in about 40-50 words each. 3x2=6
- (a) Tricky showed less enthusiasm for exertion. What steps were taken by Mrs. Pumphrey to bring him back to normal health. Was she successful in her efforts ?
  - (b) Why was Hari Singh grateful to Anil ? What type of man was Anil ?
  - (c) Horace Danby was a typical thief. Describe how he planned his work ?

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