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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 :

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 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 the 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 food is out pacing 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 womb, the new borns and young children do not receive the required nutrition. This maternal malnutrition is devastating to a child. It is virtual guarantee of low birth weight, stunted growth, susceptibility of disease and quite often intellectual impairment.

- (A) The world food Day is observed :
- (a) to show minimum calorie requirement of each day.
 - (b) to provide food to the hungry men of the world.
 - (c) to show the plight of the hungry and malnourished men and children of the world.
 - (d) to show variety of food to the world.
- (B) A large number of people go hungry because :
- (a) we don't produce enough food grain
 - (b) of the pressure on land and an increase in demand of food every year
 - (c) they don't get time to eat.
 - (d) they live in rural areas.
- (C) Intellectual deficiency in children is caused by :
- (a) maternal malnutrition
 - (b) hunger
 - (c) sickness
 - (d) undernourishment

(D) The definite way to reduce poverty is :

- (a) to give employment
- (b) to distribute food to all
- (c) to empower women
- (d) to empower men and children

(E) The antonym of the word 'adequate' is :

- (a) unadequate
- (b) inadequate
- (c) disadequate
- (d) maladequate

2. 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 mind's 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) happiness
 - (b) grief
 - (c) desire
 - (d) anger
- (C) The fact that should be accepted is that the 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

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

Great, wide, beautiful, wonderful world,
With the wonderful water round you curled,
And the wonderful grass upon your breast
World, you are beautifully drest.
The wonderful air is over me
And the wonderful wind is shaking the tree,
It walks on the waters and whirls the mills,
And talks to itself on the tops of the hills
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 ?

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 whisper 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

SECTION - B

(Writing - 15 Marks)

4. You are Neha/Nikunj of class X of a Sarvodya Vidyalaya New Police colony Rohtak. Your school is situated at main road and there are no traffic lights at the crossing near your school. Write a letter to the superintendent of police (Traffic) Rohtak, requesting him to install traffic lights at the crossing near your school. 6

OR

You are Reenu/Ritesh living at L.B. hostel Chandigarh. You were away from your hostel on an historical trip to Rajasthan. On coming back you have received a letter from your mother who is worried because of delay in letter from you. Write a letter to your mother explaining him the reasons for delay in writing and also how you enjoyed the trip.

5. In the modern time life has become very busy and fast. Environment around us is very polluted. Write a speech to deliver in the morning assembly to prove that health is wealth and how can we remain healthy they in such a polluted environment in 120 words. You are Sudha/Suresh of X. 6

OR

In class IX you were assessed and promoted on the basis of formative and summative assessment. You are Manvi/Manan of class X. Write an article on 'Impact of C.C.E. (continuous comprehensive evaluation) on students' in 120 words to be published in your school magazine.

6. Mohan started writing a story. But after writing a few sentences he had lost interest in that. Complete his story so that it could be given for publishing. 3
There lived a Kala nag in a hole in the field outside the house. Children wanted to catch it. One day it rained heavily. There was water all over the field. The cobra's hole was flooded too. He came out to bask in the Sun. The boys saw him and (80 words)

OR

A big fire blaze occurred in Great India Mall at 3:00 p.m. causing a great loss of life and property there. Write a report on 'A fire Accident' in 80 words to be published in the news paper. You are Swati/Sonal New correspondent of Times of India.

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) an | (ii) a | (iii) this | (iv) the |
| (b) (i) in | (ii) of | (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 _____ (c) _____ trusted these 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 villagers 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) instintced | (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. $1 \times 3 = 3$

Principal : If you waste your time you will not do well in your exams
 Boys : How can we utilize our time ?
 Principal : Do hard work and be disciplined.
 The Principal told the boys _____ (a) _____ .
 The boys asked _____ (b) _____ .
 The Principal advised _____ (c) _____ .

- (A) (a) that if he wasted his time he would not do well in his exams.
 (b) if they wasted their time, they would not did well in their exams
 (c) that if they wasted their time they would not do well in their exams
 (d) that if they waste their time they won't do well in their exams.
- (B) (a) how they could utilize their time.
 (b) how could they utilize their time.
 (c) how we could utilize our time.
 (d) if how they could utilize their time.
- (C) (a) that do hard work and be disciplined
 (b) to do hard work and be disciplined
 (c) if did hard work and be disciplined
 (d) to did hard work and be disciplined

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

Saurabh, 10 years old son of a Rohini based businessman (a) kidnap by two motor cycle youths at 7:30 a.m. while waiting for the school bus. It (b) report by the eye witness that two youths wearing masks were in their mid twenties. It (c) expect that they will demand heavy ransom.

- (A) (a) were kidnapped
 (b) is kidnapped
 (c) was kidnapped
 (d) are kidnapped
- (B) (a) is reported
 (b) has been reported
 (c) had been reported
 (d) was reported
- (C) (a) was expect
 (b) is expected
 (c) will be expected
 (d) was being expected

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

Mother : I told you (a) before going outside.

Son : Mother, the match (b) , is very tempting.

Mother : (c) you can go and enjoy the match.

- (A) (a) that you have to complete your work.
 (b) that you had to complete your work.
 (c) if you have to complete your work.
 (d) what you have to complete your work.
- (B) (a) which is playing outside
 (b) which is being played outside
 (c) that is played outside
 (d) that was played outside
- (C) (a) if you had to complete your work
 (b) that you finish your work
 (c) when you finish your work
 (d) what you finish your work.

SECTION - D

(Text Books - 35 Marks)

12. Read the following passage carefully and answer the questions by writing option that you consider the most appropriate in your answer sheet. 1x4=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 conscience. 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 hailstones
 (d) He lived all alone in 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 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 'mind' :

- (a) conscious
- (b) conscience
- (c) instructed
- (d) mail

12. (b) Read the following passage carefully and answer the questions by writing the option that you consider the most appropriate in your answer sheet. 1x4=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 150 km. behind
- (b) paris was 70 km. behind
- (c) paris was 175 km. behind
- (d) paris was 50 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 a 'turned'.

- (a) jumped
- (b) dead
- (c) twisted
- (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 passage] 3x2=6

- (a) From a Hemlock tree
Has given my heart
A change of mood
And saved some part
Of a day I had rued

- (A) The composer of the above lines is :
 (a) Leslie Norris
 (b) Robin Klein
 (c) Robert Frost
 (d) John Berryman
- (B) The change of mood was brought by
 (a) hemlock tree
 (b) autumn season
 (c) fall of dust of snow
 (d) voice of crow
- (C) Some part of the day was saved as the poet became :
 (a) sad
 (b) happy
 (c) quarrelsome
 (d) sleepy
- (b) He hears the last voice at night, the patrolling cars,
 And stares with his brilliant eyes
 At the brilliant stars
- (A) 'He' here refers to :
 (a) the poet
 (b) the zoo
 (c) the tiger
 (d) Leslie Norris
- (B) What state of the tiger do these lines show ?
 (a) he is free
 (b) he is helpless
 (c) he is hopeful
 (d) he is independent
- (C) The rhyming scheme of the poem is :
 (a) a b b a
 (b) a b a a
 (c) a b a b
 (d) a b c a
- (c) The true chameleon is small
 A lizard sort of thing;
 He hasn't any ears at all
 And not a single wing.
 If there is nothing on the tree,
 'tis the chameleon you see

- (A) The composer of this stanza is :
 (a) carolyn wells
 (b) Robert Frost
 (c) Robin Klein
 (d) Leslie Norris
- (B) A chameleon looks like
 (a) snake
 (b) lizard
 (c) snail
 (d) fish
- (C) Why can't one see chameleon on the tree ?
 (a) It is green
 (b) It is brown
 (c) It can change its body colour accordingly
 (d) It can't change its body colour

14. Answer any three of the following questions in 40-50 words each. 3x2=6

- (a) Mandela had 'hunger for freedom'. How did it change his life ?
 (b) How did the young seagull's mother teach him the art of flying? How did the other family members help him ?
 (c) Why did Anne prefer to keep a diary ? In what way is Anne's diary different ?
 (d) Did Wanda have a hundred dresses ? Why did she say so and how did she prove that ?

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

Prove that Griffin was a law less person. Quote examples from the text 'Footprints without feet'. (Minimum two)

OR

Why was Fowler disillusioned to meet Ausable a secret agent in the beginning? What happened in the end ? (Midnight Visitor)

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

- (a) When Tricki showed less enthusiasm for exertion what steps were taken by Mrs. Pumphrey to bring him back to normal health. Was she successful ?
 (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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