

**1081403 - B1**

**Class - X**

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

Maximum Marks : **80**

Time : **3 hours**

Total No. of Pages : **13**

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)**

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

If ever there was a man who took a total view of life and who devoted himself to the service of mankind, it was certainly Gandhiji. If his pattern of thinking was sustained by faith and the lofty ideals of service, his actions and actual teachings were always influenced by considerations at once moral and eminently practical. Throughout his career as a public leader extending over nearly sixty long years, he never allowed exigencies to shape his views. In other words, he never allowed himself to use wrong means to attain the right ends. His punctiliousness in the choice of means was so great, that even the achievement of the end was subordinated to the nature of the means used, because he believed that the right end could not be achieved by wrong means and what could be achieved by the use of wrong means would be only a distortion of the right end.

His method Constituted a soul - stirring assertion of man's abiding trust in man, of the belief that the sense of morality is inherent in the spiritual equipment of human beings. The freedom of his concept cannot be attained through mere legislation and decrees, nor can it be had through mere scientific and technological advance. A society, to be really free has to be organised for freedom and that organisation has to be started with the individual himself. To the extent that the Indian national life remains inspired by and patterned after his ideas, it will continue to be a source of inspiration.

- (A) Indian national life remains inspired by
- (a) Gandhiji
  - (b) Gandhiji's ideas
  - (c) Nehruji's ideas
  - (d) Nehruji
- (B) Gandhiji's belief was to achieve \_\_\_\_\_
- (a) right ends with wrong means
  - (b) wrong means with right ends
  - (c) right ends with right means
  - (d) wrong ends with right means
- (C) Gandhiji had a faith that
- (a) every man has the sense of morality
  - (b) man should not trust in man
  - (c) every man is not trust worthy.
  - (d) no man has the sense of morality
- (D) According to him freedom can be attained by
- (a) legislation
  - (b) decree
  - (c) scientific advances
  - (d) individual himself

- (E) Find out from the passage the synonym of the word 'claim' \_\_\_\_\_
- (a) took
  - (b) assertion
  - (c) attained
  - (d) legislation

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

Do you wonder why the grass always looks greener on the other side of the fence ? Most of us are dissatisfied with our lot. It's human nature. We always find friends, relatives and colleagues, who are smarter, richer, better looking and more successful than us. understanding that people we envy also suffer from this dissatisfaction, as they find others - better than them - to feel envious of, helps us cope better with our own dissatisfaction

Whether life hands you a bucket of stuff that you are anxious to get rid of, or you find yourself sitting on life's sidelines, you are always longing for something more.

Self confidence is a pre - requisite for success, we transfer our unconscious self appraisal to others and they respond to us accordingly. General lack of confidence fills you with an all pervading feeling of inadequacy. It colours or discolours your view of life. It leaves with a negative approach.

Confidence comes from preparation. Preparation needs planning and practice. Pressure comes from being unprepared and it can immobilise us when we need to make the move. The key to harnessing your strength lies in competing only with yourself and not getting affected by other's performance. High performers focus more intently on bettering their own previous efforts than on beating competitors. If you must compete, compete with your own potential. Trying your best and not succeeding is not failure. The real failure is in not even trying or trying but not giving it your best shot.

- (A) The common human nature is : -
- (a) to be satisfied with our lot
  - (b) to be dissatisfied with our lot
  - (c) to be happy to see others
  - (d) to be dissatisfied with others' lot
- (B) The basic quality that one requires to be successful is :-
- (a) Lack of confidence
  - (b) Only hard work
  - (c) Self confidence
  - (d) Conscious ness
- (C) Lack of Confidence fills us with \_\_\_\_\_
- (a) success
  - (b) jealousy
  - (c) feeling of adequacy
  - (d) negative approach

- (D) We can perform better :
- (a) competing with ourselves
  - (b) beating competitors
  - (c) by trying or trying only
  - (d) competing with others
- (E) The antonym of the word 'immobilise' is:-
- (a) mobilization
  - (b) mobilise
  - (c) mobility
  - (d) immobility

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

There was a time indeed  
 They used to shake hands with their hearts,  
 but, that's gone, son  
 Now they shake hands without hearts  
 While their left hand search  
 My empty pocket  
 Once upon a time, son  
 They used to laugh with their hearts  
 and laugh with their eyes;  
 But now they only laugh with their teeth,  
 While their ice - block cold eyes  
 Search behind my shadow  
 So I have learnt many things, son.  
 I have learned to wear many faces  
 like dresses - home face, office face  
 Street face, host face,  
 Cocktail face, with all their conforming smiles  
 like a fixed portrait smile  
 And I have learned, too,  
 to laugh with only my teeth  
 and shake hands without my heart.  
 I have also learnt to say 'Good bye'  
 when I mean 'Good riddance'  
 to say 'Glad to meet you'  
 without being glad; and to say 'It's  
 been nice talking to you',  
     after being bored  
 But believe me, son,  
 I want to be what I used to be  
 When I was like you \_\_\_\_\_

Gabriel Okava

- (A) The two periods mentioned in the first stanza are \_\_\_\_\_
- day and night
  - past and present
  - yesterday and tomorrow
  - morning and evening
- (B) The people in the past welcomed each other \_\_\_\_\_
- With the warmth of Love in heart
  - Without any feeling
  - artificially
  - formally
- (C) The poet has learnt to wear many faces
- to scare others
  - to work in a circus
  - to suit to the situation in which he is
  - to impress others with acting
- (D) The poet wants to be \_\_\_\_\_
- a great man
  - a manager
  - innocent like his son
  - shrewd and smart
- (E) Find out the word from the passage which means 'Comply' with \_\_\_\_\_
- confirm
  - conform
  - fixed
  - empty

### Section - B

#### (Writing - 15 Marks)

4. You are Nidhi/Rajan resident of 24/52 civil lines, Sonapat. You are very much inspired to watch Reality shows on 'Dance' at various channels on T.V. and wish to join Dance classes to learn 'Salsa'. Write a letter to Mr. Shamak Dhawar (Salsa Guru) Director, S.D. Group, Model Town Delhi enquiring about the dance classes, timings, fees, duration, conditions for admission etc.

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OR

Yesterday your friend Smeeksha became unconscious during assembly and is in the hospital, You know that in order to become size zero, she started doing dieting. Write a letter to her telling her the meaning of balanced and nutritious diet and how to do dieting under expert's advice. Also tell her how one can maintain his / her physique adopting other techniques.

You are Vinni / Viren residing at 3/5 Kailash Colony Jammu, J & K.

5. Contemporary life style has increased the pollution many - folds. Write an article for your School magazine in not more than 120 words on "the role of youth in saving the environment". You are Saurabh / Sonakshi. 6

**OR**

You are Nitika / Neel. Write a speech to deliver in the morning assembly about importance of National heritage and how we can maintain them. Actually Government has renovated all historical monuments in view of upcoming commonwealth Games 2010 to be held in Delhi., (120 words) and we need to preserve them.

6. Roshni decided to write story to be published in the school magazine but due to her unit tests she couldn't complete that story and ultimately lost her interest in the story. Complete her story so that it could be sent for publishing. 3

One day it was a holiday. Everybody was at home. Father assigned different tasks to his children. Veeru being the youngest, was not assigned any task. But to show his father that he could also do something to prove his worth he started watering the plants. Suddenly he \_\_\_\_\_ (80 words)

**OR**

Last week your school celebrated 'Girl Child Day'. Number of activities were conducted to celebrate the day. Our Chief Minister Smt. Sheila Dixit was invited as the chief guest. Write a report in not more than 80 words describing the event. You are Mohini / Mohan of M.D. School.

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

To read a lot is essential. It is stupid not (a) \_\_\_\_\_ venture outside the examination 'set books' (b) \_\_\_\_\_ the text books you have chosen for intensive study Read as (c) \_\_\_\_\_ books in English as you (d) \_\_\_\_\_ Not as a duty but (e) \_\_\_\_\_ pleasure. You (f) \_\_\_\_\_ not have to be constantly looking up new words in the dictionary, for that deadens interest and checks real learning.

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|-----|-----|--------|------|--------|-------|-------|------|-------|
| (a) | (i) | for    | (ii) | to     | (iii) | in    | (iv) | of    |
| (b) | (i) | and    | (ii) | but    | (iii) | or    | (iv) | yet   |
| (c) | (i) | much   | (ii) | more   | (iii) | most  | (iv) | many  |
| (d) | (i) | should | (ii) | may    | (iii) | can   | (iv) | could |
| (e) | (i) | of     | (ii) | for    | (iii) | into  | (iv) | to    |
| (f) | (i) | must   | (ii) | should | (iii) | might | (iv) | can   |

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 Brahmo Samaj led the movement for (a) \_\_\_\_\_. The ancient rules of purdah were (b) \_\_\_\_\_ and Brahmo women moved (c) \_\_\_\_\_ in society; but this was a false dawn as it was far in advance of popular opinion. As even the (d) \_\_\_\_\_ classes (e) \_\_\_\_\_ showed a disinclination towards the rise in status of their women folk, the movement for their (f) \_\_\_\_\_ was slow in taking shape.

- (a) (i) emancipation  
(ii) emancipate  
(iii) emancipated  
(iv) emancipationed
- (b) (i) break  
(ii) breaking  
(iii) broken  
(iv) broke
- (c) (i) free  
(ii) freely  
(iii) freedom  
(iv) freed
- (d) (i) educate  
(ii) education  
(iii) educational  
(iv) educated
- (e) (i) generally  
(ii) general  
(iii) generalize  
(iv) generalisation
- (f) (i) uplift ment  
(ii) uplift  
(iii) uplifted  
(iv) uplifting

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 1x3=3

Do not copy the dialogue and the report :

Sudhir : How are you?  
Sumit : I am well, thank you.  
Sudhir : Have you come to this place recently?  
Sumit : Yes, we moved in here only a few days ago.

Sudhir asked Sumit (a) \_\_\_\_\_. Sumit thanked him and said (b) \_\_\_\_\_. Sudhir asked Sumit (c) \_\_\_\_\_. Sumit replied that they had moved in there only a few days before.

- (A) (a) how is he  
(b) if how he was  
(c) how he was  
(d) how he is  
(B) (a) that he was well  
(b) that he is well  
(c) if he was well  
(d) that I was well  
(C) (a) had he come to that place recently  
(b) if he had gone to that place recently  
(c) if he has come to that place recently  
(d) that he had gone to that place recently

10. Complete the following passage by choosing the correct passive forms of the verbs given in brackets from the alternatives given below the passage. 1x3=3

Write only your answers given below in the answersheet against the blank number.

Every year my birthday (A) \_\_\_\_\_ (celebrate) \_\_\_\_\_ with great pomp and show. This year on my fourteenth birthday a beautiful watch (B) \_\_\_\_\_ (gift) \_\_\_\_\_ to me by my uncle. I (C) \_\_\_\_\_ (give) \_\_\_\_\_ a piece of advice to value my time.

- (A) (i) was celebrated  
(ii) is celebrated  
(iii) had been celebrated  
(iv) has been celebrated  
(B) (i) was gifted  
(ii) has been gifted  
(iii) will be gifted  
(iv) is gifted  
(C) (i) am given  
(ii) was gave  
(iii) was given  
(iv) has been given



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

Mary : We shall have pizza (a) \_\_\_\_\_  
Lrey : That's good, but do you know (b) \_\_\_\_\_  
Mary : I don't mind that, I'll eat the Pizza (c) \_\_\_\_\_.

- (A) (a) who has cheese onion topping  
(b) which has cheese onion topping.  
(c) which had cheese onion topping.  
(d) that had cheese onion topping  
(B) (a) that the price of the Pizza has gone up.  
(b) which the price of the Pizza has gone up.  
(c) that the price of the Pizza had gone up.  
(d) if the price of the Pizza has gone up.  
(C) (a) yet it was costly  
(b) though it is costly  
(c) but it is costly  
(d) and it is costly

**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. 1x4=4

But then I slowly saw that not only was I not free, but my brothers and sisters were not free, I saw that it was not just my freedom that was curtailed, but the freedom of everyone who looked like I did, that is when I joined the African National Congress, and that is when the hunger for my own freedom became the greater hunger for the freedom of my people. It was this desire for the freedom of my people to live their lives with dignity and self respect that animated my life, that transformed a frightened young man in to a bold one, that drove a law - abiding attorney to become a criminal, that turned a family - loving husband in to a man without home.

- (A) By the words Brother and sisters he means: -  
(a) his siblings  
(b) cousins  
(c) countrymen  
(d) friends  
(B) Give the full form of 'A.N.C'.  
(a) Annual net company  
(b) Annual net congress  
(c) African National Conference  
(d) African National Congress  
(C) The aim that animated his life:-  
(a) freedom for self to live with self respect  
(b) freedom for his people to live with dignity  
(c) freedom for his family to live freely  
(d) freedom for his family to go anywhere

(D) Find out a word from the passage which means the same as 'Lawyer'.

- (a) dignity
- (b) attorney
- (c) criminal
- (d) animate

(b) Goodness! Wasn't there anything she could do?

1x4=4

If only she could tell Wanda she hadn't meant to hurt her feelings. She turned around and stole a glance at Peggy, but Peggy didn't look up. She seemed to be studying hard. Well, whether Peggy felt badly or not, she Maddie had to do something. She had to find Wanda Petronski. May be she had not yet moved away. May be Peggy would climb the Heights with her, and they would tell Wanda she had won the contest, that they thought she was smart and the hundred dresses were beautiful.

(A) These lines express the point of view of \_\_\_\_\_

- (a) Maddie
- (b) Peggy
- (c) Wanda
- (d) Miss Mason

(B) 'Heights' which have been referred in the passage is \_\_\_\_\_

- (a) heights of a Mountain
- (b) heights of a Building
- (c) boggins Heights
- (d) heights of Alps

(C) Maddie wanted to find out wanda to \_\_\_\_\_

- (a) hurt her
- (b) feel sorry and congratulate her
- (c) tease her to make hundred dresses
- (d) play with her for her drawing

(D) Find out a phrase from the passage which means the same as 'looked at quickly'

- (a) look up
- (b) moved away
- (c) steal a glance
- (d) stole a glance

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) Some say the world will end in fire  
Some say in ice  
From what I've tasted of desire  
I hold with those who favour fire
- (A) The composer of the extract is
- (a) Robert Frost
  - (b) Carolyn Wells
  - (c) Robin Klein
  - (d) Leslie Norris
- (B) People believe that the world will end in: -
- (a) fire
  - (b) ice
  - (c) fire or ice
  - (d) desire
- (C) The cause of man's destruction is \_\_\_\_\_
- (a) family
  - (b) lust
  - (c) gold
  - (d) money
- (b) No use to say 'O there are other balls'!  
An ultimate shaking grief fixes the boy  
As he stands rigid, trembling,  
Staring down
- (A) The boy is sad as \_\_\_\_\_
- (a) he has lost his money
  - (b) he has lost his parents
  - (c) he has lost his ball
  - (d) he has lost his way
- (B) To poet, the loss is not important enough : -
- (a) to worry about
  - (b) to plan for
  - (c) to weep over
  - (d) to laugh at

- (C) The word 'trembling' here means \_\_\_\_\_
- (a) Jumping with joy
  - (b) Speaking with delight
  - (c) Walking with pleasures
  - (d) Shaking with anxiety.
- (c) He should be snarling around houses  
At the Jungle's edge  
Baring his white fangs, his claws  
Terrorising the village!
- (A) 'He' here refers to \_\_\_\_\_
- (a) tiger
  - (b) hunter
  - (c) watchman
  - (d) the poet
- (B) He snarls around the houses \_\_\_\_\_
- (a) to invite the domestic animals
  - (b) to hunt villagers
  - (c) to frighten the villagers
  - (d) to amuse himself
- (C) He shows his white fangs and claws \_\_\_\_\_
- (a) his teeth are ultra white
  - (b) he is chained in zoo
  - (c) he is hungry and angry
  - (d) he is helpless

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

- (a) Lencho said, "These aren't rain drops \_\_\_\_ they are 'new coins'. Why did he say so? How did these new coins ultimately bring disaster to his corn field?"
- (b) Who rescued the First Pilot in Dakota and how?
- (c) Seagull was very excited when he saw his mother bringing food for him. How and why did he express his excitement?
- (d) Who was Peggy? Why and how did she make fun of Wanda?

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

Nelson Mandela in his inaugural speech used these two words 'an extraordinary human disaster' and 'so glorious a human achievement'. What did he mean by that? Explain.

**OR**

When did Anne start writing a diary? Why did she think 'Paper has more patience than people'. Explain quoting examples from the text 'From the Diary of Anne Frank.'

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

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How did Veterinary Surgeon treat Tricki and why was he tempted to keep Tricki a permanent guest ?

**OR**

Write down the character Sketch of Harace Danby. Support your answer with the examples from the text 'A quest of Trust'.

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

- (a) Prove that Ausable was an intelligent secret agent by writing how he got rid of Max ?
- (b) Why did thief come back to Anil ?
- (c) Why did Griffin enter the shop of a theatrical company ? What did he do there ?

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