

**1081403 - C2**

**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. 5

It is regrettable that the art of listening has become an undervalued and forgotten art. We clamour to be heard and to receive attention we forget that listening too is an important component to be an effective communicator. We must understand that communication is the key to every successful relationship. And the best way to understand a person is by listening.

A true listener is much more understood than a nonstop, compulsive talker. He learns more and does better things in life. Good listeners do not suffer from loneliness and they have a positive energy that makes you want their company. They are effective in their work as they know what needs to be done and how to do it. Listening is no doubt a skill and requires practice. While listening we must acknowledge by a simple nod of the head, make a conscious effort not to let our mind wander while listening and ask an occasional question or comment to recap what has been said. The narration or mere listening to the mantras chanted is soothing to the even unborn child.

So we must try to listen. We can begin by listening to our parents, teachers, friends wife, husband and children and even to our enemies. It will work a small miracle. And may be a big one indeed.

- A. The key to successful relation is :
- (a) listening                      (b) speaking  
(c) friendship                  (d) communication
- B. We want the company of a good listener as he has :
- (a) patience                      (b) positive energy  
(c) good ears                      (d) charming personality
- C. A speaker can understand that we are listening when we :
- (a) ask questions in between  
(b) look here and there  
(c) are expressionless  
(d) do not nod inbetween
- D. The skill that should be practised by one is :
- (a) speaking                      (b) listening  
(c) watching                      (d) communicating
- E. Find out a word from the passage that means the same as 'speak loudly'.
- (a) Clamour                      (b) Communication  
(c) Compulsive                  (d) Question

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

Just for a handful of silver he left us,  
Just for a riband to stick in his coat -  
Found the one gift of which fortune bereft us,  
Lost all the others she lets us devote ;  
They, with the gold to give, doled him out silver,  
So much was theirs who so little allowed:  
How all our copper had gone for his service!  
Rags - were they purple, his heart had been proud,  
We that had loved him so, followed him, honoured him,  
Lived in his mild and magnificent eye,  
Learned his great language, caught his clear accents  
Made him our pattern to live and to die  
He alone breaks from the van and the freemen,  
He alone sinks to the rear and the slaves!

Robert Browning

- A. The person who left them is their :  
(a) leader (b) parent  
(c) sibling (d) soldier
- B. He left them for the sake of -  
(a) freedom  
(b) money and position  
(c) motherland  
(d) friendship
- C. The speaker and his comrades were :  
(a) supported  
(b) deceived  
(c) respected  
(d) followed
- D. The speaker and his comrades :  
(a) hated their leader  
(b) loved and followed their leader  
(c) did not learn his language  
(d) did not feel loyal to their leader
- E. Find out a word from the passage that means opposite to the word 'Front'.  
(a) rear (b) proud  
(c) mild (d) service

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

In the twilight zone that institutionalised trauma victims inhabit, neither society nor the law holds any meaning. Both have shunned these unfortunate people. The concept of life long hospitalization is still alien in India despite the growing number of people who need it, the most poignant is perhaps the case of those with mental health problems. Families are often unwilling to keep them at home or seek appropriate medical intervention. The state has little to offer by way of help given that India which has the highest number of mental health patients in the world has only 20,893 beds in the government sector and a mere 5096 in the private sector for them. Both patients with mental problems and those who have suffered life altering physical traumas simply do not have access to institutional facilities.

The government has not taken this issue seriously on the grounds that it is stretched even when it comes to providing basic health care facilities. In fact the area of those with disabling traumas is opaque with few specialists in the field or facilities that can provide support and care to them. There are many patients who need care and not treatment after recovery. In case of mentally challenged one, families are often reluctant to take them back, unable to either bear the cost or social stigma. With India's growing number of patients, like those with aids, the argument that this can wait until basic health care is provided is unacceptable. In the case of patients with special needs, untrained family members could do more harm than good.

- A. Trauma patients are :
- (a) physically weak
  - (b) with high fever
  - (c) mentally upset/ill
  - (d) physically disabled
- B. The concept that is alien to India is :
- (a) to treat patients in hospital
  - (b) lifelong hospitalization
  - (c) lifelong take care at home
  - (d) to discharge them after being cured
- C. Government is not able to provide sufficient medical aid to trauma patients due to :
- (a) less hospitals
  - (b) insufficient specialists and facilities
  - (c) lack of medical colleges
  - (d) lack of funds
- D. Families don't show interest in keeping mentally challenged because :
- (a) they don't love them
  - (b) they feel overburdened
  - (c) they are very busy in life
  - (d) they fear the cost of treatment or social stigma
- E. Find out a word from the passage that means the same as 'not clear' :
- (a) Opaque
  - (b) Poignant
  - (c) Trauma
  - (d) Intervention

**SECTION - B**  
**(Writing - 15 Marks)**

4. You are Sharda/Shren of class X government school student. You feel that the need of the hour, is to 'save electricity'. Write a letter to the editor of a reputed national daily drawing attention of the public towards this awareness. Write how one can save electricity at home, school and at public place ? What are its benefits to a person and the nation. 6

**OR**

You are Manan/Manvi staying at Room No. 04 Girls/Boys hostel, D.S.P.School Dehradun. Recently the member of an N.G.O. took your class to the 'oldage Home' where you spent 4 hours with the deserted old people. Write a letter to your mother sharing your experience at 'the Oldage Home' and promising not to leave them alone in their old age.

5. You are Shreya/Shobhit studying in class X. Everyother day you read in the newspaper killing of old couples by the domestic helps. Write an article in 120 words on 'the security of old couples' mainly those who stay alone. 6

**OR**

You are Rachna/Ritesh a student of Sarvodaya Vidyalaya Narela. Still You find in your surroundings that women are suppressed in the male dominating society. Prepare a speech on 'women empowerment' stating how freedom of women on economic, social, wedding, professional front is desperately required in the changing scenario.

6. Medha decided to write a story to be published in the school magazine. But due to terminal exams in school. She became busy with her studies and lost interest in the story. Complete her story using your imagination. 3

There was an Annual Inspection in the school. All the teachers and students were busy in decorating the school. Neha was asked to decorate the walls of the main corridor. But she was taking no interest in that and sitting quiet on a bench. Actually yesterday ..... (80 words).

**OR**

You are Rakesh/Radha of class X. You were member of your school cultural club which participated in the zonal inter school music and dance competition and won the trophy. Write a report in about 80 words for your school magazine describing the items presented, preparation, costumes, music performance and efforts of the participants and teachers.

## 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 :

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

The beginning of the report acts as \_\_\_\_ (a) \_\_\_\_ introduction. It \_\_\_\_ (b) \_\_\_\_ attract the attention \_\_\_\_ (c) \_\_\_\_ the reader, arouse \_\_\_\_ (d) \_\_\_\_ interest and create desire \_\_\_\_ (e) \_\_\_\_ read further. The presentation or the looks of a report are also important. They determine whether it \_\_\_\_ (f) \_\_\_\_ be read and how carefully it would be read.

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|-----|-----|-------|------|-------|-------|--------|------|--------|
| (a) | (i) | this  | (ii) | an    | (iii) | a      | (iv) | the    |
| (b) | (i) | may   | (ii) | would | (iii) | must   | (iv) | should |
| (c) | (i) | of    | (ii) | to    | (iii) | for    | (iv) | into   |
| (d) | (i) | my    | (ii) | his   | (iii) | their  | (iv) | her    |
| (e) | (i) | to    | (ii) | on    | (iii) | into   | (iv) | of     |
| (f) | (i) | could | (ii) | would | (iii) | should | (iv) | will   |

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 world today is \_\_\_\_ (a) \_\_\_\_ with a large number of problems like arms \_\_\_\_ (b) \_\_\_\_ fundamentalism, separatist movements as well as \_\_\_\_ (c) \_\_\_\_ terrorism. International terrorism has today \_\_\_\_ (d) \_\_\_\_ as one of the most ominous threats to world peace and security. There has been \_\_\_\_ (e) \_\_\_\_ growth of terrorism between the 1960s and 1980s. This has \_\_\_\_ (f) \_\_\_\_ been due to international system.

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|-----|-------|---------------|------|-------------------|
| (a) | (i)   | confront      | (ii) | confronts         |
|     | (iii) | confrontation | (iv) | confronted        |
| (b) | (i)   | proliferates  | (ii) | proliferated      |
|     | (iii) | proliferate   | (iv) | proliferation     |
| (c) | (i)   | internated    | (ii) | internationalised |
|     | (iii) | internation   | (iv) | international     |
| (d) | (i)   | emergence     | (ii) | emerged           |
|     | (iii) | emerge        | (iv) | emergency         |
| (e) | (i)   | consideration | (ii) | considerable      |
|     | (iii) | considered    | (iv) | consider          |
| (f) | (i)   | largely       | (ii) | enlarged          |
|     | (iii) | enlarge       | (iv) | large             |

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

Tushar : Our school is celebrating 'World Health Day' tomorrow.

Anil : Who is your chief guest ?

Tushar : Our chief guest is the honourable governor of the state.

Anil : That is quite incredible.

Tushar told Anil \_\_\_\_ (a) \_\_\_\_\_. Anil asked him \_\_\_\_ (b) \_\_\_\_\_. Tushar replied \_\_\_\_ (c) \_\_\_\_\_ the honourable governor of the state. Anil was surprised and commented that was incredible.

- A. (i) that their school is celebrating World Health Day the next day  
(ii) that their school was celebrating the World Health Day tomorrow  
(iii) that their school was celebrating the World Health Day the next day  
(iv) that his school was celebrating the World Health Day the next Day
- B. (i) who was their chief guest ?  
(ii) who their chief guest was ?  
(iii) who his chief guest is ?  
(iv) who their were chief guest ?
- C. (i) that my chief guest is  
(ii) that their chief guest was  
(iii) that our chief guest was  
(iv) that their chief guest has been

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

When a house \_\_\_\_ (a) \_\_\_\_ (construct), a lot of time and effort \_\_\_\_ (b) \_\_\_\_ (put) in it . Therefore, the best quality materials \_\_\_\_ (c) \_\_\_\_ (buy) for the house.

- A. (a) was constructed  
(b) is constructed  
(c) has been constructed  
(d) are constructed
- B. (a) is put  
(b) is putted  
(c) was put  
(d) is being putted
- C. (a) is bought  
(b) could be bought  
(c) should be bought  
(d) was bought

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

Radhika : Come and see \_\_\_\_ (a) \_\_\_\_

Deepika : Oh, I see. You have made a picture. Please tell me \_\_\_\_ (b) \_\_\_\_

Radhika : Can't you recognise this man ? I'll tell you \_\_\_\_ (c) \_\_\_\_ You'll then know all about him.

(A) (a) what have I made ?

(b) what I have made ?

(c) what do I make ?

(d) what did I make ?

(B) (a) who is it ?

(b) who it is ?

(c) who it was ?

(d) who was it ?

(C) (a) what is he famous for ?

(b) what did he famous for ?

(c) what he is famous for ?

(d) how he is famous for ?



**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**

The sun was now ascending the sky, blazing on his ledge that faced the South. He felt that heat because he had not eaten since the previous night fall. He stepped slowly out to the brink of the ledge, and standing on one leg with the other leg hidden under his wing, he closed one eye, then the other, and pretended to be falling asleep. Still they took no notice of him. He saw his two brothers and his sister lying on the plateau dozing with their heads sunk in to their necks.

- A. He had not eaten since last night as :
- (a) he was angry
  - (b) he could not eat anything
  - (c) his family had left him therefor being coward
  - (d) his family had left him as it did not love him
- B. He closed his eyes one by one :
- (a) to pretend to sleep
  - (b) to meditate
  - (c) to weep
  - (d) to sleep
- C. His brother and sister were :
- (a) flying in the sky
  - (b) sleeping carefree
  - (c) sitting on another plateau
  - (d) eating fish
- D. Find out the word from the passage which means the same as 'a narrow extended flat piece of rock' :
- (a) blazing
  - (b) brink
  - (c) plateau
  - (d) ledge

- (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**

I finished my poem and it was beautiful ! It was about a mother duck and a father swan with three baby ducklings who were bitten to death by the father because they quacked too much. Luckily Mr. Keesing took the joke the right way. He read the poem to the class, adding his own comments, and to several other classes as well. Since then have been allowed to talk and haven't been assigned any extra home work. On the contrary, Mr. Keesing's always making jokes these days.

- A. Mr. Keesing is a :
- (a) Hindi teacher and very strict
  - (b) Maths teacher and irritating
  - (c) History teacher and loving
  - (d) Maths teacher and good human being
- B. He asked Anne to write an essay on 'Quack Quack' as :
- (a) she was a good poet
  - (b) she was a chatterbox
  - (c) she was a good writer
  - (d) she was best among all
- C. When Mr. Keesing read the poem he :
- (a) scolded Anne to write such poem
  - (b) became very angry
  - (c) appreciated the poem
  - (d) he asked Anne to leave the school
- D. Find out the word from the passage which means the same as 'opposite' :
- (a) always
  - (b) luckily
  - (c) contrary
  - (d) comment

**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) But if it had to perish twice  
 I think I know enough of hate  
 To say that for destruction  
 Is also great  
 And world suffice

- A. 'I' here refers to the :
- (a) the man who reads the poem
  - (b) the poet who approves the poem
  - (c) the composer Robert Frost
  - (d) Leslie Norris
- B. If the world is to perish twice the poet favours :
- (a) water to flood it
  - (b) ice to destroy it
  - (c) fire to burn it
  - (d) atom bomb to blast it

- C. The phrase 'Ice also great' means here :
- (a) Ice makes the atmosphere cold
  - (b) Ice of hatred is great to destroy the world
  - (c) Ice is enough and easily available
  - (d) Ice will destroy the hatred in the world
- (B) Though to distinguish beasts of Prey  
 A Novice might nonplus  
 The crocodile you always may  
 Tell from Hyena thus:  
 Hyenas come with merry smiles but if they weep they are crocodiles
- A. A novice can be puzzled when he :
- (a) sees both the animals again and again
  - (b) find out the difference between the both
  - (c) touche both of them
  - (d) is attacked by the both animals
- B. Crocodile is different from Hyena as :
- (a) It laughs but Hyena cries to see you
  - (b) It weeps but Hyena smiles to see you
  - (c) It is strong but Hyena is weak
  - (d) It is dangerous but hyena is not
- C. The popular phrase 'crocodile tears' means :
- (a) really sorrowful
  - (b) crocodile cries
  - (c) pretend to be sorrowful and sorry
  - (d) feel sorry
- (C) He is learning, well behind his desperate eyes,  
 The epistemology of loss, how to stand up,  
 Knowing what everyman must one day know,  
 And most know many days, how to stand up.
- A. He is desperate as :
- (a) his ball has fallen down into the water of the sea
  - (b) he has lost his parents
  - (c) his money has been stolen
  - (d) his ball has been stolen
- B. The boy in getting the knowledge :
- (a) to feel sorry over loss
  - (b) to fight with other over loss
  - (c) how to bear the loss
  - (d) never to lose anything

- C. What every man must know ultimately ?
- (a) One should not bear the loss
  - (b) One should cry over the loss
  - (c) Losses and gains are part of life
  - (d) Losses and gains don't happen usually

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

- (a) Why is 10<sup>th</sup> May 1994 so important for South Africa ? What was observed on the streets of Pretoria on this day ?
- (b) What does Anne write about her father and grandmother in her diary ? How did she feel for them ?
- (c) Why did Peggy and Middie go to Boggin's Height ? What did Maddie want to tell Wanda ?
- (d) Where did Dakota plane reach at the end ? How did the woman in the control centre surprise the Captain of Dakota plane ?

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

Despite many efforts of the family members young seagull didn't fly. Then how did his mother make him come out of his fear and teach him the art of flying ?

**OR**

Apart from his blind faith in God was Lencho a wise person ? Was he justified in calling post office employees 'a bunch of crooks' ? Prove your point by giving examples from the text 'A Letter to God'.

**16. Answer one of the following questions in about 80 words. 4**

Griffin, the scientist, misused his discovery in many of his acts. Did he do that out of compulsion or was he a lawless person by nature ? Prove your point giving examples.

**OR**

Do you think Hari Singh was really a bad person who was transformed by the goodness of Anil, his master ? Prove your points by quoting examples from the text 'The thief's story'.

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

- A. How was Max, a secret agent, in contrast with Ausable another secret agent ? Explain.
- B. Mrs. Pumphrey gave many excuses for not following Dr. Harriot's advice. What were those ? What had happened to dog then ?
- C. Horace Danby was good and respectable person but not completely honest. Prove.

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