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Class - X

ENGLISH
(Language and Literature)

Maximum Marks : **80**

Time : **3 hours**

Total No. of Pages : **11**

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

Business cards or visiting cards as they are popularly known, is your professional identity. It's not just enough to flaunt just any card, since a card reflects the personality as well. While some prefer simple but smart cards. There are many who make it really fancy, a cleverly designed card for a dentist with floss weaving through the teeth displayed at the end of the card.

The idea of giving out a business card is to let people think about you instantly. While there are many who like to keep their business cards simple, others like them to be more pictorial and funky. The debt recovery agent's card is a transparent black one with an X-ray of a broken bone. Even though his is a serious job, it has a fun element. A chairman of a group of hotels believes in the cause of environment. His business card is rather eco-friendly. It holds some plant seeds so that his clients can continue the good deed. Some people use second hand cards to save paper or make a statement.

Business cards are definitely being given a lot of attention these days. And it is nice to see something as drab as a business card acquire an aesthetic appeal as well.

- (A) A fancy visiting card has _____.
(a) creativity (b) smartness (c) beauty (d) simplicity
- (B) How is a visiting card important for a business man ?
(a) It makes them look rich and educated.
(b) It makes them look smart.
(c) It brings money to them.
(d) It helps them get orders for their business.
- (C) Plant seeds are held in a visiting card so that _____.
(a) a person can collect the seeds
(b) a person can sow the seeds
(c) a person can sell the seeds.
(d) a person can eat the seeds.
- (D) A transparent black one with an X-ray of a broken bone means _____.
(a) He can break the bones.
(b) He is a bone specialist.
(c) His bones are fractured.
(d) He eats broken bones.
- (E) Find out a word from the passage which means the same as 'caught hold of' :
(a) clinched (b) aesthetic
(c) flaunt (d) funky

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

'Full are my pitchers and far to carry ,
Lone is the way and long,
Why, O why was I tempted to tarry
Lured by the boatman's song?
Swiftly the shadows of night are falling,
Hear, O hear, is the white crane calling,
Is it the wild owl's cry?
There are no tender moon beams to light me,
If in the darkness a serpent should bite me,
or if an evil spirit should smite me,
Ram re Ram! I shall die.

My brother will murmur, "Why does she linger ?"
My mother will wait and weep.
Saying, " O safe may the great gods bring her,
The Jamuna's waters are deep"
The Jamuna's waters rush by so quickly,
The shadows of evening gather so thickly,
Like black birds in the sky.....

O! if the storm breaks, what will betide me ?
Safe from the lightning where shall I hide me ?
Unless thou succour my footsteps and guide me.
Ram re Ram! I shall die."

- (A) What made the young girl late ?
(a) She did not notice it was getting late.
(b) She was very careless
(c) She was attracted to listen to the boatman's song.
(d) She came from a distant place.
- (B) The three problems mentioned here are :
(a) Wild owl's cry, crane calling and shadows.
(b) heavy pitchers, distance and loneliness.
(c) long way, night falling and owl's cry
(d) heavy pitchers, owl's cry and distance.
- (C) Here she was afraid of _____ .
(a) a serpent and an evil spirit
(b) a serpent and night
(c) a serpent and an old
(d) night and darkness.

- (D) Her mother will weep while her brother will :
 (a) get annoyed (b) be worried
 (c) smile (d) linger
- (E) Find out a word which means the same as help or sympathy :
 (a) murmur (b) betide
 (c) succour (d) smite.

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

People all over the world wash their hands with water. Using soap adds to the time spent, washing, breaks down the grease and dirt that carry most germs by facilitating the rubbing and friction that dislodge them and leaves hands smelling pleasant. Good hand washing techniques include washing your hands with soap and water or using an alcohol based sanitizer. It has been reported that washing with soap is one of the most effective ways to prevent diarrhoeal diseases. It is also the cheapest way. In addition, hand washing with soap can limit the transmission of respiratory disease, a killer of children under five.

Acute respiratory infections like pneumonia are the leading cause of child death. Evidence suggests that better hygiene practices - washing hands with soap after defecation and before eating - could cut the infection by about 25 percent. It seems pretty simple a step to make such big changes in the lives of the people. The best time to get accustomed to this habit is during childhood.

- (A) We should wash hands :
 (a) only once after eating (b) twice before going to sleep.
 (c) twice before eating. (d) twice before eating and after defecation
- (B) The advantage of washing hands with soap is that :
 (a) it is very cheap. (b) it is effective
 (c) it prevents diseases (d) all the above.
- (C) In order to break down grease and dirt from the hands one should :
 (a) wash hands without soap.
 (b) wash hands
 (c) wash hands with soap
 (d) wash only hands.
- (D) The main cause of death among children is _____.
 (a) lack of hygiene (b) respiratory disease
 (c) pneumonia (d) not washing hands
- (E) Find out from the passage a word which means the same as – 'to stop' :
 (a) prevent (b) sanitizer
 (c) defecation (d) effective

SECTION - B

(Writing - 15 Marks)

4. Write a letter to the editor of a newspaper expressing your views about poor maintenance of the roads causing traffic jams specially during rainy season. You are Rama of Sarvodaya Kanya Vidyalaya, Sarojini Nagar. **6**

OR

You are Parul / Prem of A - 36, Raj Nagar. Write a letter to your younger brother / sister telling him / her not to waste time in watching T.V. Suggest him / her to read interesting and educative books.

5. You are Monika / Monu of Government Senior Secondary School, Saket. Write an article for your school magazine about the Importance of Games in about 120 words. **6**

OR

You are Rishi / Rasika of 5 B, Kamla Nagar. Write a speech to be delivered on the occasion of World No Tobacco Day highlighting the harm caused by the use of tobacco and tobacco products.

6. Write a report about an accident of a train with a truck killing five people on the spot. You are Amit / Amita of Hari Nagar. (80 words) **3**

OR

Harish decided to write a story to be published in the school magazine but he fell ill and could not complete the story. On the basis of the beginning complete his story in about 80 words.

Monu was surprized to see the stranger in his room. He shouted to call his parents but nobody responded. Suddenly he saw.....

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

In a remote village (a) _____ South India there lived (b) _____ poor village priest called Hari Prasad with (c) _____ wife. Every day early in the morning he (d) _____ go out to the village carrying a copper pot in his hand (e) _____ a bag slung on his shoulder. He sang hymns in praise (f) _____ God and collected alms.

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| (a) | (i) | at | (ii) | inside | (iii) | into | (iv) | in |
| (b) | (i) | an | (ii) | a | (iii) | the | (iv) | some |
| (c) | (i) | my | (ii) | his | (iii) | her | (iv) | their |
| (d) | (i) | will | (ii) | can | (iii) | used to | (iv) | would |
| (e) | (i) | but | (ii) | so | (iii) | as | (iv) | and |
| (f) | (i) | in | (ii) | of | (iii) | for | (iv) | by |

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

Rajan stopped in ____ (a) ____ and folding his hands in reverence said ____ (b) ____, "I am truly blessed by you, dear sir, and I am convinced that you are the ____ (c) ____ of the ____ (d) ____ Lord come to grace us with your ____ (e) ____ . Rajan bowed his head ____ (f) ____ and thanked him.

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|-----|-------|------------|------|--------------|
| (a) | (i) | surprising | (ii) | surprized |
| | (iii) | surprise | (iv) | surprisely |
| (b) | (i) | humble | (ii) | humbleness |
| | (iii) | humbly | (iv) | humleless |
| (c) | (i) | message | (ii) | messenger |
| | (iii) | messengers | (iv) | messengering |
| (d) | (i) | mercy | (ii) | merciless |
| | (iii) | merciful | (iv) | mercied. |
| (e) | (i) | kind | (ii) | kindness |
| | (iii) | kindly | (iv) | unkindly |
| (f) | (i) | respect | (ii) | respectfully |
| | (iii) | respecting | (iv) | respected |

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

Chander : Why did you sell your new house ?

Manish : It was a haunted house.

Chander : Do you believe in ghosts ?

Manish : No, but the ghosts believe in human beings.

Chander asked Manish (a) _____ new house. Manish replied (b) _____ haunted house. Chander further asked (c) _____ in ghosts. Manish replied that he did not, but the ghosts believed in human beings.

- (a) (i) Why did you sell your ...
(ii) Why did he sell his...
(iii) Why he had sold his...
(iv) Why he sold his...
- (b) (i) If it was a (ii) That it is a
(iii) That it was a (iv) That it had been a
- (c) (i) that he believed (ii) if he believes
(iii) if he had believed (iv) if he believed

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 in the answer sheet against the blank number. 1x3=3

Our city (a) _____ (declare) smoke free by the Chief Minister. The people

(b) _____ (advise) not to use tobacco in any form to avoid diseases like cancer.

The users (c) _____ (give) treatment in the local clinics.

- (a) (i) declares (ii) declared
(iii) were declared (iv) was declared
- (b) (i) advise (ii) advised
(iii) are advised (iv) were advised
- (c) (i) gave (ii) given
(iii) were given (iv) is given.

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

Anika : I want to play with your toys. (a) _____ .

Rahul : I purchased them from the shop (b) _____ .

Anika : Please tell me (c) _____ .

- (a) (i) so they are very lovely (ii) When they are very lovely
(iii) because they are very lovely. (iv) that they are very lovely.
- (b) (i) which is near my house. (ii) who is near my house
(iii) if it is near my house (iv) where is near my house
- (c) (i) how I can go there. (ii) that I can go there.
(iii) that can I go there (iv) if can I go there.

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

Sometimes when Peggy was asking Wanda those questions in that mocking polite voice. Maddie felt embarrassed and studied the marbles in the palms of her hand, rolling them around and saying nothing herself. Not that she felt sorry for Wanda, exactly she would never have paid any attention to Wanda. If Peggy hadn't invented the dresses game. But suppose Peggy and all the others started in on her next ? She wasn't as poor as Wanda, perhaps but she was poor. Of course she could have more sense than to say she had a hundred dresses. Still she would not like for them to begin on her. She wished Peggy would stop teasing Wanda Petronski.

- (A) Peggy made fun of Wanda because _____.
(a) She was a foolish girl
(b) Wanda was her best friend
(c) Wanda boasted about hundred dresses
(d) Wanda also made fun of her
- (B) How was Maddie different from Wanda ?
(a) She was richer
(b) She was richer and more sensible
(c) She was more intelligent.
(d) She was smarter.
- (C) Maddie felt embarrassed when Peggy asked questions to Wanda because_____.
(a) She did not want to make fun of anybody
(b) She could be the next victim of Peggy
(c) Wanda was her best friend
(d) She felt that she was poor like Wanda
- (D) Find out a word from the passage which means 'taunting / making fun of .
(a) Teasing (b) mocking
(c) invented (d) embarrassed.

- (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

He had then trotted back and forth from the end of the ledge to the other, his grey body, the colour of the cliff, his long grey legs stepping daintily, trying to find some means of reaching his parents without having to fly. But on each side of him, the ledge ended in a sheer fall in precipice, with the sea beneath and between him and his parents, there was deep wide charm. Surely he could reach them without flying if he could only move northwards along the cliff face. But then on what could he walk? There was no ledge, and he could not fly. And above him he could see nothing. Top of the precipice was perhaps farther away than the sea beneath him.

- (A) How did 'he' want to reach his parents ?
(a) by train (b) by flying
(c) without flying (d) by walking
- (B) Who is 'he' referred to here ?
(a) the narrator (b) the pilot
(c) young seagull (d) mother seagull
- (C) What was his main problem ?
(a) He could not fly
(b) His mother was not near him.
(c) His parents were not near him
(d) There was sea all around him
- (D) Find out a word from the passage which means the same as 'a deep opening in the ground' ?
(a) charm (b) daintily
(c) ledge (d) precipice

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) Though to distinguish beasts of prey
A novice might nonplus,
The crocodile you always may
Tell from the hyenas thus:
Hyenas come with merry smiles;
But if they weep they are crocodiles.

- (A) Crocodiles and hyenas are similar because :
- (i) they can fly
 - (ii) they can fight like human beings
 - (iii) they can laugh like human beings
 - (iv) human emotions are associated with them
- (B) How would you distinguish a hyena from a crocodile ?
- (i) hyenas are always laughing but crocodiles are always crying
 - (ii) hyenas are always crying
 - (iii) hyenas live on ground but crocodiles live in water
 - (iv) Hyenas are smarter than crocodiles
- (C) The opposite of 'merrily, is ____
- (i) cheerfully
 - (ii) gladly
 - (iii) seriously
 - (iv) gloomily

(b) He stalks in his vivid stripes

The few steps of his cage

On pads of velvet quiet,

In his quiet rage.

- (A) Who is he in the cage ?
- (a) 'he' is punished
 - (b) to save the visitors from his rage
 - (c) 'he' is hidden there
 - (d) 'he' has to entertain from there.
- (B) He is in quiet rage because :
- (a) He can walk only few steps
 - (b) He has velvet pads
 - (c) He has vivid stripes
 - (d) He is in the cage
- (C) 'Vivid stripes' here refers to ____
- (a) lines of the cage
 - (b) stripes on the zebra crossing
 - (c) blue lines
 - (d) stripes on the tiger's body

- (c) But if it had to perish twice,
I think I know enough of hate
To say that for destruction ice
Is also great
And would suffice
- (A) 'Ice' here stands for :
(a) hate (b) love (c) coldness (d) ice cream
- (B) The rhyming scheme of the stanza is :
(a) aabba (b) abaab (c) abbaa (d) ababa
- (C) How can 'It' perish twice ?
(a) by love and by hate (b) by fire and by ice
(c) by ice only (d) by fire and fire

14. Answer any **THREE** of the following questions in 40-50 words each : 2x3=6
- (a) Why did Lencho curse the employees of the post office ?
(b) Why did Mr. Keesing punish Anne ?
(c) Why did the pilot of Dakota need help of the other pilot ?
(d) Why did children make fun of Wanda ?

15. Answer **ONE** of the following questions in about 80 words : 5
- What were the difficulties faced by Nelson Mandela in achieving freedom for his people ?

OR

Give the character sketch of Peggy.

16. Answer **ONE** of the following questions in about 80 words : 4
- How did Anil change the life and life style of Hari Singh without being harsh to the child.

OR

Give the character sketch of the invisible Scientist.

17. Answer any **TWO** of the following questions briefly in about 40-50 words each : 3x2=6
- (a) How could Ausable get rid of Max ?
(b) Why was Tricky admitted in the hospital ? What cured him there ?
(c) Why does Mrs. Hall find the scientist eccentric ?

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