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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 passage given below and write the option that you consider the most appropriate in your answer sheets. 5

Yamuna is a river that sustained Delhi over centuries - today it's gasping for truth. It has been polluted, deserted and left for dead. It has been reduced to being a stinking drain and its sensuality and ecological significance will soon be the stuff of legend.

It has pinned its hope on the interceptor sewage system which will bring results by 2014. Hopefully, it will reduce the pollution load in the river and take us one step closer to keeping the river alive. In fact, till Wazirabad - the point at which it enters Delhi - the river is not in such a pathetic state. Sewage and industrial effluents are dumped into the river by numerous drains that carry the city's filth. The river suffers because on its banks is a large city with insufficient sewage treatment infrastructure, poor maintenance of existing treatment plants and sewage carrying channels and no fresh water for most part of the year.

D J B, the implementing agency in the city for the Yamuna Action Plan has planned an expenditure of around Rs. 4000 crore for the interceptor project that envisages laying of parallel drains along the three main drains of the city, which will carry the sewage to sewage treatment plants, treat it and only then allow it to flow into the river.

- (A) Yamuna is gasping for breath because -
- (a) there is no water in it
 - (b) it is polluted
 - (c) it is very narrow
 - (d) there is no air to breathe
- (B) Year 2014 will be lucky for Yamuna because -
- (a) it will become wider
 - (b) it will flow smoothly
 - (c) it will become neat and clean
 - (d) it will have more garbage
- (C) When Yamuna enters Delhi, it is -
- (a) dirty
 - (b) clean
 - (c) wide
 - (d) narrow

- (D) The purpose of interceptor project is -
- (a) to clean the river
 - (b) to reduce the pollution load in river,
 - (c) to make the river dirty
 - (d) to reduce the sewage treatment.
- (E) Find out a word from the passage which means the same as 'making one feel pity or sympathise'
- (a) interceptor
 - (b) pathetic
 - (c) envisages
 - (d) effluents

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

Away from the air conditioned comfort of the shopping malls, with their row upon row of neatly stacked goods, the new definition of the new age shopping, there exists another world. Here the goods, are neither neatly stocked nor are there trolleys to cart them around, there are no check out counters, no price tags either. This is the world of the haats or the local weekly markets. Behind the chaos and the din, the loud cries of the vendors, the quiet hiss of the petromax lamps lies a tradition. A tradition which perhaps dates back to the time when the hunter - gatherer settled down to a more moored existence. As villages developed, there was a need for goods and thus for markets. Since the mode of transport was perhaps just the bullock cart, and they were perhaps needed for more important functions like ploughing, instead of the people travelling to the market, the market came to the people.

As urbanization changes the face of shopping and the shopper, the weekly haat no longer fits into the design of the urban milieu.

The sad part is that these haats are seen as intrusive unwanted episodes in the functioning of the city, but the fact is that even today, the weekly markets cater to needs of people who are not the list of consumers wooed by the supermarkets and shopping malls.

These weekly haats are today being given the make over as interesting facets of the post. They are being promoted as cultural insights, and are being hawked as tourist stopovers.

- (A) Haats and shopping malls are -
- (a) similar
 - (b) extremely different
 - (c) identical
 - (d) away from

- (B) The special features of haats are -
 - (a) noise, pollution and vendors
 - (b) pollution, crowd and vendors
 - (c) noise, petromax lamps and tradition
 - (d) noise, vendors and petromax lamps
- (C) The markets came to the people because -
 - (a) the people didn't have time to go there
 - (b) the people didn't know about them
 - (c) the people didn't have means of transport
 - (d) the shopkeepers wanted to meet them
- (D) These haats should be encouraged as
 - (a) they are important for the shopping malls
 - (b) they are important for common people
 - (c) they are important for rich cities
 - (d) they are important for animals.
- (E) Find out a word from the passage which means the same as 'attracted / tempted'
 - (a) vendors
 - (b) moored
 - (c) wooed
 - (d) intrusive

3. 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

Oh, I have slipped the surly bonds of earth
 And danced the skies on laughter - silvered wings ;
 Sunward I've climbed and joined the tumbling mirth
 Of Sun - split clouds - and done a hundred things
 You have not dreamed of - Wheeled and soared and swung
 High in the sunlit silence. Hov'ring there
 I've chased the shouting wind along, and flung
 My eager craft through footless halls of air....
 Up, up the long, delirious, burning blue
 I've topped the wind - swept heights with easy grace,
 Where never lark nor even eagle flew....
 And while, with silent lifting mind I've trod
 The high untrespassed sanctity of space,
 Put out my hand, and touched the face of God.

- (A) Where is the poet ?
 - (a) in the car
 - (b) in the airplane
 - (c) on the road
 - (d) walking

- (B) The poet is proud of
- slipping the surly bonds
 - joining the clouds
 - soaring in the sky
 - all the above
- (C) Which phrase suggests that the plane is keen to help the pilot do whatever he wishes _____ .
- hovering there
 - eager craft
 - delirious
 - wind swept heights
- (D) He mentions the birds like lark and eagle because
- both of them are very big.
 - both of them are very shy.
 - both of them are very colourful.
 - both of them are very high.
- (E) Find a phrase which is quite opposite of 'sunlit silence'.
- delirious
 - untrepassed sanctity
 - shouting wind
 - lifting mind

SECTION - B

(Writing - 15 Marks)

4. Write a letter to the editor of a newspaper expressing your views about the topic - Delhi - the city of my Dream, as you are impressed by the Metro and Shopping Malls, Delhi haats, historical monuments and museums etc. You are Abha. 6

OR

Write a letter to your cousin advising him / her to conserve water by water harvesting and recycling of water at home. You are Vikrant / Vineeta of 14 C, Kamla Nagar, Delhi.

5. You are Anuj / Anuja of Girls Senior Secondary School, Saraswati Vihar. Write an article in about 120 words on the topic 'India of 2050'. 6

OR

You are Shashank / Shefali of Government Senior Secondary School. Write an article in about 120 words on the topic "Impact of films on young children" for your school magazine.

6. Recently you witnessed an auto fair where a variety of vehicles were displayed and the young visitors were enthusiastic to buy motor bikes and latest cars. Write a report in about 80 words for your school magazine. 3

OR

Your teacher has asked you to participate in the National Story Writing Competition in which the beginning of the story is already given. You are Seema / Asim of Sarvodaya Vidyalaya, Raj Nagar.

The young child wanted to move but he could not move. Then he shouted for help. The door opened suddenly and 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 : $\frac{1}{2} \times 6 = 3$

He (a)_____ take a lot of care (b)_____ his horse. Daily he (c)_____ scrub the horse with soap water and give (d) _____ good bath. He adorned it (e) _____ colourful beads and tinkling cowbells. Often he would love him like he would do to (f)_____ own children.

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| (a) (i) will
(iii) used to | (ii) can
(iv) had to |
| (b) (i) of
(iii) to | (ii) for
(iv) at |
| (c) (i) can
(iii) would | (ii) could
(iv) should |
| (d) (i) this
(iii) an | (ii) a
(iv) the |
| (e) (i) with
(iii) by | (ii) for
(iv) to |
| (f) (i) her
(iii) their | (ii) his
(iv) my |

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

This was India's first battle for (a) ____ and is (b) ____ known as the Sepoy Mutiny. (c) ____ we did not succeed, but that is hardly (d) ____ we were not united. We had no (e) ____ spirit. A good many Indians (f) ____ supported the British.

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| (a) | (i) free | (ii) freely |
| | (iii) freedom | (iv) freeness |
| (b) | (i) popularity | (ii) popular |
| | (iii) popularize | (iv) popularly |
| (c) | (i) Fortunate | (ii) Fortunately |
| | (iii) Unfortunate | (iv) Unfortunately |
| (d) | (i) surprise | (ii) surprising |
| | (iii) surprised | (iv) surprisingly |
| (e) | (i) nation | (ii) nationalised |
| | (iii) national | (iv) nationally |
| (f) | (i) actively | (ii) active |
| | (iii) act | (iv) activity |

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 : $1 \times 3 = 3$

Kapil : Where will you go during vacation ?

Aadhar : I want to go to Bhopal.

Kapil : You went there last year.

Aadhar : I am going to get my slippers back.

Kapil asked Aadhar where (a) _____. Aadhar replied (b) _____. Kapil told him (c) _____ Aadhar replied that he was going to get back his slippers.

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| (a) | (i) he will go during vacation |
| | (ii) he would go during vacation |
| | (iii) would he go during vacation |
| | (iv) will he go during vacation |
| (b) | (i) that he wants to go to Bhopal |
| | (ii) if he wants to go to Bhopal |
| | (iii) that he wanted to go to Bhopal |
| | (iv) that he had wanted to go to Bhopal |
| (c) | (i) that he went there last year |
| | (ii) that he had gone there last year |
| | (iii) that he had gone there the previous year |
| | (iv) that he went there the previous year |

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

The drainage system (a) _____ (install) about seven years ago. The population (b) _____ (increase) ten times. It (c) _____ (believe) _____ that the drainage system may not be very helpful.

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| (a) (i) installed | (ii) is installed |
| (iii) will installed | (iv) was installed |
| (b) (i) increases | (ii) increased |
| (iii) was increased | (iv) will be increased |
| (c) (i) believes | (ii) believed |
| (iii) is believed | (iv) was believed |

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

Asit : Your city is very clean, please tell me (a) _____ .

Mamta : I want to tell you (b) _____ .

Asit : Then please tell me (c) _____ .

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| (a) (i) who keeps it clean |
| (ii) what keeps it clean |
| (iii) how keeps it clean |
| (iv) and keeps it clean |
| (b) (i) that if the citizens keep it clean |
| (ii) that the citizens keep it clean |
| (iii) whether the citizens keep it clean |
| (iv) so the citizens keep it clean |
| (c) (i) when they keep it clean |
| (ii) how they keep it clean |
| (iii) where they keep it clean |
| (iv) that they keep it clean |

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

I looked at the compass. I couldn't believe my eyes : the compass was turning 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. I had no radio, no compass and I could not see where I was. I was lost in the storm. Then, in the black clouds quite near me, I saw another aeroplane. It had no lights on its wing, but I could see it flying next to me through the storm.

- (A) He looked at the compass to -
(a) know the direction
(b) know the weather
(c) know the height
(d) know about the rain
- (B) He tried to contact Paris Control to -
(a) inform them about weather
(b) inform them about compass
(c) inform them about his airplane
(d) inform them about his difficulties
- (C) Problems faced by the pilot were -
(a) no compass, no contact with Paris Control
(b) stormy weather, compass dead.
(c) no airplane, no compass and no help
(d) radio and compass failed and stormy weather.
- (D) He could not contact Paris Control because
(a) his phone was not working
(b) the radio was not working
(c) the compass was not working
(d) there was no one at the counter

- (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

A deep silence met the reading of this letter. Miss Mason took off her glasses, blew on them and wiped them on her soft white handkerchief. Then she put them on again and looked at the glass. When she spoke, her voice was very low.

"I am sure that none of the boys and girls in room thirteen would purposely and deliberately hurt anyone's feelings because his name happened to be a long, unfamiliar one. I prefer to think that what was said was said in thoughtlessness. I know that all of you feel the way I do, that this is a very unfortunate thing to have happened - unfortunate and sad, both. And I want you all to think about it."

- (A) Which letter is referred to here ?
- (a) the letter written by Lencho.
 - (b) the letter written by Wanda's mother.
 - (c) the letter written by Wanda's father.
 - (d) letter written by Wanda.
- (B) Miss Mason was sad after reading the lesson because -
- (a) Wanda's father had scolded her.
 - (b) Wanda had left the school.
 - (c) A student of her class was humiliated.
 - (d) she felt sorry for Wanda and her father.
- (C) Whose long and unfamiliar name is referred to here ?
- (a) Peggy.
 - (b) Maddie/Madeline.
 - (c) Wanda Petronski.
 - (d) Miss Mason.
- (D) Find out a word from the passage which means the same as 'knowingly'.
- (a) purposely.
 - (b) deliberately.
 - (c) unfortunate.
 - (d) unfamiliar.

13. Read the following passage carefully and answer the questions by writing the option that you consider the most appropriate in your answer sheet. (Any Two of the passages) **1x3=3**

- (a) But he's locked in a concrete cell.

His strength behind bars,

Stalking the length of his cage,

Ignoring visitors.

- (A) 'He' here refers to -
 (a) tiger
 (b) lion
 (c) hyena
 (d) prisoner
- (B) 'Behind bars' refers to -
 (a) prison
 (b) zoo
 (c) circus
 (d) hotel
- (C) The words which express 'his' helplessness are -
 (a) concrete cell, stalking and cage
 (b) locked, cage and behind bars
 (c) locked, strength and ignoring
 (d) locked, strength and stalking
- (b) His ball went, I would not intrude on him 1x3=3
 A dime, another ball, worthless. Now
 He senses first responsibility
- (A) Who is 'I' referred to here ?
 (a) Poet
 (b) Child
 (c) Child's father
 (d) Sports teacher
- (B) Where did the ball go ?
 (a) On the road
 (b) To the neighbour's house
 (c) Into the sea
 (d) In the drain
- (C) What is 'his' first responsibility ?
 (a) To play without ball
 (b) To buy another ball
 (c) To look after his belongings
 (d) To spend a dime.
- (c) Has given my heart 1x3=3
 A change of mood
 And saved some part
 Of a day I had rued.
- (A) Who has changed the poet's mood ?
 (a) Snowfall
 (b) Clouds
 (c) Crow
 (d) Nature

(B) What was the mood of the poet earlier ?

(a) Very happy

(b) Sad

(c) Pleasant

(d) Bad

(C) These lines show that the poet -

(a) loved nature

(b) disliked nature

(c) liked a crow

(d) hated snow

14. Answer any THREE of the following questions in 40-50 words each.

2x3=6

- (a) Why did Lencho describe the post office employees as bunch of crook's ?
- (b) Describe the inauguration ceremony when Nelson Mandela took the oath.
- (c) Why could the young sea gull not fly with his brothers and sisters ?
- (d) Why was Mr. Keesing annoyed with Anne ?

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

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Give the character sketch of Anne as a child who had confidence and intelligence.

OR

Imagine your self as Maddie and write a letter to Wanda to express your feelings after reading her father's letter to Miss Mason.

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

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Describe Hari Singh's qualities due to which he could win the heart of Anil though he knew that he was a clever thief.

OR

Describe the mischievous activities of Griffin a scientist.

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

- (a) How did the lady in red befool Horace
- (b) How did Max enter and go out of Ausable's room ?
- (c) Why was Tricky sent to the hospital ?

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