

**1081407 - A2**

**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 you consider the most appropriate in your answer sheet. 1x5=5

**WHO IS THE SLAVE TODAY**

Since the beginning of civilization, man has been making things for his own use like stone tools etc. As the civilization progressed, man's efforts also increased to make various gadgets. However, the speed of making of various gadgets became the fastest in the 20<sup>th</sup> century in European countries.

The present times are basically the times of machines. Everything from a tiny needle to highly advanced space technology, is done through numberless and complex machinery. It wouldn't be wrong to say that life today would be difficult without these machines and gadgets.

Ironically, modern gadgets have made us slaves to machines. From doing things in the kitchen to industrial units, all depends on machines. All this has made the modern man a slave to these gadgets.

Consequently, human health has deteriorated to a large extent. Physical labour is very necessary for good health. Perspiration due to physical labour, helps maintain the human body. But the dependence on various gadgets has increased the scope of diseases. The new generation is growing physically weak and suffers from diseases unheard of in the past.

Incidentally, the more we depend on machines, the weaker we become. Our forefathers used to walk for miles but today we need a vehicle to cover a few hundred meters. Today, man has become a machine - emotionless and devoid of mercy, pity and peace.

- (1) Machines and gadgets have become \_\_\_\_\_ part of modern life.  
(i) important (ii) necessary  
(iii) both (i) and (ii) (iv) unimportant
- (2) Perspiration is a result of :  
(i) human body (ii) good health  
(iii) physical labour (iv) all of these
- (3) The machines don't have :  
(i) emotions (ii) mercy  
(iii) pity (iv) all of these
- (4) We have become disease prone since we :  
(i) eat junk food  
(ii) depend heavily on gadgets and machines  
(iii) we live in a polluted environment  
(iv) have progressed a great deal

- (5) The word which means the same as "in strange and curious manner" is \_\_\_\_\_ .
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| (i) ironically | (ii) basically |
| (iii) devoid   | (iv) scope     |

2. 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

**WE LET YOU DOWN**

Thirty four years ago  
54 of you and many  
responded to nation's call of duty  
put your lives on the line  
to defend the nation  
against an enemy  
fought with valour and bravery  
defeated the enemy  
made us secure and proud  
all else returned home  
but left behind  
we celebrated the victory  
with wine and dine  
while you were braving torture and crime  
could hear your screams and crying  
received your letters  
got all your messages  
you waited  
for us to take you home  
but we were too busy  
sorry, we had no time  
we let you down  
we let you down

- (1) The poem suggests that \_\_\_\_\_ soldiers answered to nation's call of duty :
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| (i) thirty four                           |
| (ii) fifty four                           |
| (iii) many more along with the fifty four |
| (iv) eighty eight                         |
- (2) The soldiers fought to \_\_\_\_\_
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| (i) defend the nation             |
| (ii) save the pride of the people |
| (iii) save country's freedom      |
| (iv) all the three                |

- (3) The fifty four soldiers were \_\_\_\_\_.  
 (i) killed in the war  
 (ii) seriously injured in the war  
 (iii) taken prisoners of war  
 (iv) saved by their country men
- (4) 'We let you down' means :  
 (i) the country men did not help  
 (ii) the countrymen brought the soldiers down from a higher place  
 (iii) the soldiers disgraced the country  
 (iv) all of these
- (5) The word in the poem which means the same as 'answered' is :  
 (i) responded (ii) valour  
 (iii) victory (iv) secure

**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**

Our sacred Rigveda very aptly highlights the importance of health. It pronounces 'Aarogyam Dhan Sampada' i.e. health is key to wealth and prosperity. Health gives a larger meaning to life. A healthy person is a source of joy not only to himself but also to all those whom he interacts with. A healthy person enjoys longevity of life agility in activity, spirituality of thought, humanity of outlook and alertness in decision making.

In modern times when worry reigns and there is cut throat competition in every sphere of life, health has acquired added importance, health - physical as well as mental improves our efficiency. A healthy person is at peace with himself he can concentrate better on his work. Hence his output is quality output. Social health is another important and integral part of health. So a society with healthy individual makes a healthy society where all members share each other's joys and sorrows. Also such a society as this is free from various ills and vices such as jealousy ill - will, exploitation and suppression. Moreover since health includes spiritual well being also, a healthy person is pure at heart. He trusts others and never betrays the trust of others. Also simple living and high thinking becomes the principle and way of life for spiritually healthy people. Thus we see health ensures peace, equality, justice and bliss in a society. Also it brings about prosperity and true happiness all around. Living a healthy life is not an expensive, cumbersome or demanding affair. A balanced diet and adherence to the principle of 'eating to live' doing light exercise regularly and enjoying sound sleep are the only pre requisites of a healthy life. Let us remember a healthy beggar is better than a sick king.

1. According to Rigveda wealth and prosperity \_\_\_\_\_ is a must.  
 (i) power (ii) unity  
 (iii) health (iv) property
2. Health brings about \_\_\_\_\_  
 (i) longevity (ii) spirituality of thought  
 (iii) alertness (iv) all of these

3. Since there is so much \_\_\_\_\_ health has become more important.
 

(i) worry	(ii) competition
(iii) happiness	(iv) only (i) and (ii)
4. To live a healthy life one needs \_\_\_\_\_.
 

(i) lot of money	(ii) lot of efforts
(iii) balanced diet	(iv) balanced diet and sound sleep
5. Word which means 'rules'
 

(i) pronounces	(ii) reign
(iii) bliss	(iv) requisites

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

4. Recently your school organized a CAREER MELA. A number of eminent counsellors informed the students about various career options. All the participants especially the class tenth and twelfth students benefitted a lot from the interactive sessions held during the MELA. Write a letter to your cousin telling him / her how such MELAS help the students. You are Saksham / Somaya living at B - 96 Arpan Vihar New Delhi. 6

**OR**

During the rainy season various water borne diseases like cholera, diarrhoea disenterary etc. are quite common. The main culprit is consumption of contaminated water. Write a letter to the editor of a national daily sharing your vies on this issue. You are Mohan / Mohana of B 89 Mall Apartments, Delhi.

5. On Mother's Day you have to deliver a speech in the morning assembly of your school. Write the speech highlighting the important role mothers play in the life of every person. You are lpshita of class X A. 6

**OR**

Foreigners who visit India, are a big source of foreign exchange. Also their arrival creates job opportunities. But many greedy shopkeepers, drivers and beggars trouble them. Also they are troubled by eve - teasers. Write an article "Athithi Devo Bhava". Write an article for your school magazine. You are Sanjay of class X<sup>th</sup> B.

6. Your school participated and won the zonal level debate competition. You were a member of the winning team. Write a report of the competition like - venue, topic of the debate and the best debater award. 3

**OR**

Anuj decided to write a story to be published in a magazine, but unfortunately he could not complete his story. Complete his story so that it could be given for publishing.

SUMIT lived in a small and remote village. Once he visited his uncle who lived in a big city. He was mesmerized by the fascilities and cleanliness in the city. When he came back from city .....

**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 Himalayas are \_\_\_\_ (a) \_\_\_\_ the largest sources of fresh water in \_\_\_\_ (b) \_\_\_\_ world. All the major rivers of north India originate from \_\_\_\_ (c) \_\_\_\_ high altitude snow - capped peaks. Shrouded in a veil of icicles \_\_\_\_ (d) \_\_\_\_ mist, the Bhagirathi originates from the Gomukh - a massive snout of \_\_\_\_ (e) \_\_\_\_ of the \_\_\_\_ (f) \_\_\_\_ glaciers in the Himalayas.

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| (a) (i) among  | (ii) in      |
| (iii) of       | (iv) between |
| (b) (i) an     | (ii) the     |
| (iii) a        | (iv) all     |
| (c) (i) its    | (ii) it's    |
| (iii) there    | (iv) where   |
| (d) (i) among  | (ii) or      |
| (iii) of       | (iv) and     |
| (e) (i) most   | (ii) many    |
| (iii) one      | (iv) all     |
| (f) (i) longer | (ii) long    |
| (iii) lengthy  | (iv) longest |

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

A young boy has (a) confident that his friends would come to (b) helping. He remembers their promise. But he does not (c) knowledge that most of the friends turn their back in the times of (d) needy. It does cause (e) disappoint but the boy learns a lesson of (f) livelihood

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| (a) (i) confidently  | (ii) confidence      |
| (iii) confide        | (iv) confided        |
| (b) (i) help         | (ii) helped          |
| (iii) helping        | (iv) helps           |
| (c) (i) knowingly    | (ii) knew            |
| (iii) known          | (iv) know            |
| (d) (i) needless     | (ii) needs           |
| (iii) need           | (iv) needed          |
| (e) (i) disappointed | (ii) disappointment  |
| (iii) disappointing  | (iv) disappointingly |
| (f) (i) life         | (ii) living          |
| (iii) lives          | (iv) lifes           |

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

Patient : What is your fees Doctor?  
Doctor : I charge Rs. three hundred only.  
Patient : Don't you think it is so much?  
Doctor : No my charges are normal.

A patient asked a doctor (a)\_\_\_\_\_. The doctor replied (b)\_\_\_\_\_ Rs. three hundred only. Then the patient enquired of the doctor (c)\_\_\_\_\_. The doctor told that his charges were normal.

- (a) (i) what his fees was  
(ii) what was his fees  
(iii) what is your fees  
(iv) what his fees is  
(b) (i) that he charged  
(ii) that his fees is  
(iii) that I charge  
(iv) that I charged  
(c) (i) didn't he think it was so much  
(ii) if he didn't think it was so much  
(iii) if he do not think it was so much  
(iv) didn't he thought it was so much

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

Earlier steam engine (a)\_\_\_\_\_ (replace) by diesel engines. After sometime electric engines (b)\_\_\_\_\_ (introduce). The electric engines are eco friendly as electricity (c)\_\_\_\_\_ (use) to run them.

- (a) (i) was replaced  
(ii) were replaced  
(iii) had been replaced  
(iv) has been replaced  
(b) (i) will be introduced  
(ii) have been replaced  
(iii) were replaced  
(iv) had replaced  
(c) (i) was used  
(ii) is using  
(iii) is used  
(iv) used

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

Elephant (a)\_\_\_\_\_ is a friendly creature. Man (b)\_\_\_\_\_ traps elephants with sugarcane sticks (c)\_\_\_\_\_.

- (a) (i) who is the largest land animal  
(ii) who was a largest land animal  
(iii) which was a largest land animal  
(iv) which is the largest land animal
- (b) (i) who knows the art of taming animals  
(ii) which knows the art of taming animals  
(iii) which has known the art of taming animals  
(iv) which had been knowing the art of taming animals
- (c) (i) who was quite juicy  
(ii) who were quite juicy  
(iii) which are quite juicy  
(iv) who is quite juicy

**Section - D**  
**(Text-Books - 35 Marks)**

12. 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) With a satisfied expression he regarded the field of ripe corn with its flowers, draped in a curtain of rain. But suddenly a strong wind began to blow and along with the rain very large hailstones began to fall. These truly did resemble new silver coins. The boys, exposing themselves to the rain, ran out to collect the frozen pearls.

- (1) He felt \_\_\_\_\_ when he saw his fields covered with a curtain of rain.  
(i) angry  
(ii) upset  
(iii) satisfied  
(iv) only (i) and (ii)
- (2) The rain was followed by \_\_\_\_\_ :  
(i) strong wind  
(ii) more rain  
(iii) bright sun  
(iv) a party



(3) The hailstones looked like \_\_\_\_\_ :

- (i) silver coins
- (ii) rain drops
- (iii) young children
- (iv) all the above

(4) The frozen pearls are \_\_\_\_\_ :

- (i) silver coins
- (ii) corn field
- (iii) hailstones
- (iv) only (i) and (ii)

(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**

The ceremonies took place in the lovely sandstone amphitheatre formed by Union Buildings in Pretoria. For decades this had been the seat of white supremacy, and now it was the site of a rainbow gathering of different colours and nations for the installation of South Africa's first democratic, non racial government.

(1) The ceremonies referred in the first line are the ceremonies held on the occasion of \_\_\_\_\_ :

- (i) Nelson Mandela's marriage
- (ii) installation of the racial government
- (iii) installation of the non racial government
- (iv) inauguration of lovely sandstone amphitheatre

(2) Rainbow gathering means \_\_\_\_\_ :

- (i) appearance of rainbow in the sky
- (ii) making of the rainbow on a big screen
- (iii) gathering of peoples from different nations
- (iv) colours scattered by aeroplanes

(3) The first non racial government was led by \_\_\_\_\_ :

- (i) Zenani
- (ii) Pretoria
- (iii) Union Buildings
- (iv) Nelson Mandela

(4) White supremacy-- stands for \_\_\_\_\_ government.

- (i) white people
- (ii) union buildings
- (iii) racial Government
- (iv) non racial government

13. Read the following stanzas carefully and answer the questions by writing the options that you consider the most appropriate in your answer sheet. [Any two of the stanzas]

3x2=6

(A) He should be lurking in shadow,  
Sliding through long grass  
Near the water hole  
Where plump deer pass.

- (1) 'he' here refers to \_\_\_\_\_  
(i) long grass  
(ii) tiger  
(iii) deer  
(iv) shadow
- (2) 'he' lurks in shadow so as to \_\_\_\_\_  
(i) enjoy shade  
(ii) avoid detection  
(iii) enjoy the sweet smell of the grass  
(iv) both (i) and (iii)
- (3) 'he' is looking for a \_\_\_\_\_  
(i) water hole  
(ii) some human being  
(iii) a plump deer  
(iv) all of these

(B) Did you finish your homework, Amanda?  
Did you tidy your room, Amanda?  
I thought I told you to clean your shoes,  
Amanda!  
(I am an orphan, roaming the street.  
I pattern soft dust with my hushed, bare feet.  
The silence is golden, the freedom is sweet.)

- (1) In the first stanza the speaker seems to be \_\_\_\_\_ with the listener.  
(i) happy  
(ii) pleased  
(iii) annoyed  
(iv) none of these
- (2) The listener thinks that \_\_\_\_\_ is most important.  
(i) being an orphan  
(ii) making designs on dust  
(iii) freedom  
(iv) silence

(3) The above lines have been composed by \_\_\_\_\_ :

- (i) Robert Frost
- (ii) Robin Klein
- (iii) John Berryman
- (iv) Robin Frost

(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.

(1) 'It' here stands for \_\_\_\_\_ :

- (i) hate
- (ii) ice
- (iii) the world
- (iv) destruction

(2) 'Ice' here refers to \_\_\_\_\_ :

- (i) ice in the polar regions
- (ii) coldness in behaviour
- (iii) cruelty
- (iv) (ii) and (iii) only

(3) The other thing that can destroy the world is \_\_\_\_\_ :

- (i) greed
- (ii) war
- (iii) money
- (iv) atomic bomb

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

**2x3=6**

- (a) What did freedom mean to Mandela in childhood ?
- (b) What did the postmaster do so as not to shake Lencho's faith in god ?
- (c) What did the young seagull do to attract his mother's attention ?
- (d) Why did Maddi and Peggy go to Wanda Petronsky's home?

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

**5**

All parental acts are for the betterment of the children. Justify this statement by taking points from the lesson "The first flight".

**OR**

"Everything was going well. It was an easy flight". What went wrong suddenly?

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

**4**

What did Mrs. Pumphrey do to bring Tricki back to normal health? Was she wise ?

**OR**

Who was Anil? How did he transform Hari Singh's character ?

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

Why did Fowler go to the gloomy French hotel ?

Why did Hari Singh steal money from Anil's house ?

How can you say that Mrs. Pumphrey had pampered Tricki to extremity ?

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