

**1081407 - A1**

**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 :      Literature      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. 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 \_\_\_\_\_ .  
(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. 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 :  
(i) thirty four  
(ii) fifty four  
(iii) many more along with the fifty four  
(iv) eighty eight
- (2) The soldiers fought to \_\_\_\_\_  
(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. 5**

Why don't Indian people go to libraries anymore ? The reason is that even though India has a population of approximately 100 crores, only 50 per cent are literate and only 30 per cent educated. So, out of 100 hardly 5 people visit libraries and make use of facilities.

Most of the erudite class lives in the metros or smaller cities and towns. Life in the smaller towns and cities is slower than the metros and at the end of the day, they get time of fulfill their hobbies. But only a fragment of the educated class can afford to pursue a hobby. People cannot afford to lose themselves in the fantastic world of books due to monetary constraints. Often those who are interested in reading do not have the financial backup, whereas people who are rich enough to buy all the luxuries of the world do not consider books a money - spinning investment.

People do not mind spending thousands of rupees on clothes but think twice before buying a book. People no longer have the space, time and energy in their lives to read.

Another aspect, which needs to be highlighted in this context, is the inception of satellite television. It is largely responsible for the decline in reading habits, especially among the youth.

Today we are addicted to the television. As a result, children instead of going through big bulky books for pleasure or purpose prefer watching their favourite T.V channel. And those who do read do not necessarily read good literature. As somebody said, "education has produced a vast population able to read but unable to distinguish what is worth reading".

It is a fact that a major setback to the libraries all over the world has come due to the Internet. Nobody has the time and patience to go to the libraries. Instead, they prefer accessing online e-book services, which save time and money.

Another fact, which fails to draw people towards the library, is that a number of them are funded by the state Governments, which are always short of resources to update the books and facilities and as a result, fail to provide the reader with the latest and handy information.

- (1) A few Indians read books since
  - (a) Poor cannot afford books
  - (b) Rich think that reading books will not help them in earn money
  - (c) 70% of Indians cannot read books
  - (d) All the above
- (2) \_\_\_\_\_ is mainly responsible for decline in reading among youths
  - (a) lack of space
  - (b) lack of energy
  - (c) satellite T.V
  - (d) only (i) and (iii)
- (3) People prefer accessing online e-book, services as they \_\_\_\_\_.
  - (a) have no time
  - (b) have little patience
  - (c) both (i) and (ii)
  - (d) save time and money
- (4) Government funded libraries always \_\_\_\_\_.
  - (a) attract readers
  - (b) repel readers
  - (c) lack in funds
  - (d) do not attract readers
- (5) Word which means "highly educated" is \_\_\_\_\_.
  - (a) erudite
  - (b) constraints
  - (c) inception
  - (d) back up

## SECTION - B

(Writing - 15 Marks)

4. Use of mobile phones has increased considerably. Consequently the number of road accidents has increased. Also the performance of students at academics has worsened. Write a letter to the editor of a local daily expressing your concern on this issue. You are Mohan/Mohana of B 89 Mall Apartments, Delhi. 6

OR

Recently you joined a hobby club. There you enjoyed painting and swimming. Now whenever you feel tired after studies these leisure time activities recharge and refresh you. Thanks to these activities you never feel bored now. Write a letter to your cousin telling him\her advantages of hobbies. You are Saksham/Somaya living at B-96 Arpan Vihar New Delhi.

5. Nowadays, students are over burdened with the tuition classes after school hours. Also tuition classes lead to confusion since different teachers use different methods to teach similar concepts. You are much disturbed by this problem of students and decide to deliver a speech on this issue in the morning assembly of your school. Write the speech. You are Santosh of 10<sup>th</sup> - E. 6

OR

The Indian government has introduced a law on Right to Education yet children are seen working at tea-stalls, in hazardous industries and as domestic helps. Write an article titled "Child labour: A social evil."

6. On the occasion of world environment day your school organized a number of activities like painting competition and short plays highlighting the need to save our earth and environment. Write report of the world environment day celebration for your school magazine. You are Mazid/Anni of 10<sup>th</sup> C. 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.

Aharawat, the elephant was fond of fast food-pizza, burger, biscuits, cold drinks etc. One day he had a severe stomachache. Kapi, the monkey came and examined Aharawat, the elephant....

**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 causes for cataract formation \_\_\_\_ (a) \_\_\_\_ not fully known. It is basically \_\_\_\_ (b) \_\_\_\_ ageing phenomenon. Next to old age there are \_\_\_\_ (c) \_\_\_\_ factors like deficiency of food like proteins \_\_\_\_ (d) \_\_\_\_ vitamins,. Also \_\_\_\_ (e) \_\_\_\_ toxic drugs, general diseases like diabetes, infections and injuries cause cataract. To delay the onset of cataract, \_\_\_\_ (f) \_\_\_\_ should take nourishing diet rich in proteins and vitamins.

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|-----|-----|------|------|------|-------|------|------|----------|
| (a) | (i) | are  | (ii) | is   | (iii) | am   | (iv) | were     |
| (b) | (i) | a    | (ii) | some | (iii) | an   | (iv) | the      |
| (c) | (i) | much | (ii) | many | (iii) | some | (iv) | other    |
| (d) | (i) | and  | (ii) | or   | (iii) | but  | (iv) | however  |
| (e) | (i) | any  | (ii) | some | (iii) | few  | (iv) | a little |
| (f) | (i) | one  | (ii) | he   | (iii) | she  | (iv) | it       |

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

Another (a) assume of (b) democratic is that the majority is always right. But how can we be (c) certainty that fifty one (d) person are always (e) wise than forty nine. Thus, we can see that like every system democracy also has its (f) flaw.

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|-----|-----|-----------------|------|-----------|-------|------------|------|-----------|
| (a) | (i) | assumption      | (ii) | assumed   | (iii) | assumingly | (iv) | assuming  |
| (b) | (i) | democratization | (ii) | democracy | (iii) | demo       | (iv) | democrat  |
| (c) | (i) | certained       | (ii) | certain   | (iii) | certain    | (iv) | certainly |
| (d) | (i) | peoples         | (ii) | people    | (iii) | personaly  | (iv) | persons   |
| (e) | (i) | wisest          | (ii) | wisely    | (iii) | wiser      | (iv) | wised     |
| (f) | (i) | flaws           | (ii) | flawed    | (iii) | flawless   | (iv) | flawly    |

9. Read the following dialogue and then complete the report by choosing the correct option from the ones below. Write your answers in your answer sheet with the correct blank number.  $1 \times 3 = 3$

Mother : Why were you shouting at your brother?  
Isha : He was teasing me.  
Mother : Did you tease your sister, Ranjan?  
Ranjan : No, I don't know how to tease

The mother asked Isha \_\_\_\_ (a) \_\_\_\_ brother. Isha replied that \_\_\_\_ (b) \_\_\_\_ Then the mother asked Ranjan, why \_\_\_\_ (c) \_\_\_\_ Ranjan replied innocently that he did not know to tease.

- (a) (i) why she had been shouting at her brother  
(ii) why she was shouting at her brother  
(iii) why she shouted at her brother  
(iv) none of these

- (b) (i) he had been teasing her
- (ii) he teased her
- (iii) he had teased her
- (iv) he was teasing her
- (c) (i) whether he had teased his sister
- (ii) whether he teased his sister
- (iii) did he tease his sister
- (iv) was he teasing his sister

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

In order to make tea first of all some water   (a)   (boil). After this some tea leaves   (b)   (add). Now milk and sugar are added to taste. Finally hot tea   (c)   (served).

- (a) (i) is boiled
- (ii) boiled
- (iii) is being boiled
- (iv) was boiled
- (b) (i) were added
- (ii) was added
- (iii) is added
- (iv) are being added
- (c) (i) is being served
- (ii) served
- (iii) were served
- (iv) is served

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

Examinations   (a)   are part and parcel of life. Our education minister   (b)   has decided to make exams student friendly. But C.C.E   (c)   has not found favour with many students.

- (a) (i) who are disliked by everyone
- (ii) which is disliked by everyone
- (iii) who is disliked by everyone
- (iv) which are disliked by everyone
- (b) (i) who is quite energetic and experience
- (ii) that was quite energetic and experienced
- (iii) that is quite energetic and experienced
- (iv) that will be quite energetic and experienced
- (c) (i) who were a much hyped mechanism
- (ii) who is a much hyped mechanism
- (iii) which was a much hyped mechanism
- (iv) which is a much hyped mechanism



**SECTION - D**  
**(Literature - 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
- What important decision did Maddie make? Why did she have to think hard to do so?
- OR**
- What characteristics of Anne Frank's personality are reflected in the lesson 'A few pages from a diary'?
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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