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Class - X

ENGLISH
(Language and Literature)

Maximum Marks : **80**

Time : **3 hours**

Total No. of Pages : **13**

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

There is no denying the fact that since time immemorial, millions of birds all across the globe have been moving from one place to another in search of food and shelter. Of late keen interest has been shown by people in this phenomenon.

Thousands of clubs and societies of bird watchers have mushroomed in the west, keeping a watch on bird movements and trying to solve the mysteries surrounding their migration.

In developed countries, such as Britain, Germany, Japan, the USA and Sweden one can see a number of people of all age group, pensioners to school going children, moving about meadows, forests and parks, on river banks and sea-shores with cameras and notebooks, jotting down the names, sizes, colours and food habits of different birds.

The best way to know a bird is to flick through the pages of an authentic book written by some renowned authors such as Salim Ali. Birds are generally shy and do not like human intrusion in their territory. The best way to enjoy bird watching is through binocular.

- (1) The movement of bird started _____.
(i) recently (ii) lately
(iii) presently (iv) ages and ages ago
- (2) _____ is the aim of bird watchers.
(i) Noticing movement of the birds
(ii) Finding solution to the mystery about bird migration
(iii) Both (i) and (ii)
(iv) Searching food for birds.
- (3) The bird lovers love to know _____ of the birds.
(i) names (ii) sizes
(iii) food habits (iv) all of these
- (4) The word which means the same as "to enter somebody's area without permission" is _____.
(i) territory (ii) mushroomed
(iii) intrusion (iv) jotting
- (5) We need a _____ to observe birds without causing any disturbance to them.
(i) a globe (ii) binoculars
(iii) meadows (iv) phenomenon

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

Two tough old mules said, 'get this, dope !
We're tied together with a piece of rope.'
Said one to the other, 'you come my way,
While I talk a nibble of that new mown hay.'

'I won't, 'said the other, 'you come with me,
I have some hay over this way, you see.'
So they got nowhere, just pawed up the dirt,
Pulling each on, how that rope did hurt !

Then face they about, those stubborn mules,
And said, 'we're acting just like human fools !
Let's pull together, I'll go your way,
Then you come with me, and we'll both eat hay.'
So they ate their hay, and liked it, too,
And said, 'Let's be comrades, good and true.'
As the sun went down they were heard to bray,
'Ah this is the end of a perfect day !'

- (1) The first mule wanted to eat _____ hay.
(i) dried up (ii) stale
(iii) fresh (iv) recently cut
- (2) The activities of the two mules in the first two stanzas have been compared to that of _____ human beings.
(i) good (ii) healthy
(iii) unhealthy (iv) foolish
- (3) It was a perfect day for both of the mules since _____.
(i) the sun went down
(ii) they had fought with each other
(iii) they had hurt each other
(iv) they had decided to become true and good friends
- (4) It was _____ that helped the mules enjoy the hay.
(i) ignorance (ii) being stubborn
(iii) nibbling (iv) cooperation

(5) The word which means to “ cause pain ” is :

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| (i) nibble | (ii) hurt |
| (iii) pawed | (iv) bray |

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

Values are the essence of humanity, values assist a nation live and build her identity. India the mother to all human values enjoys a much privileged position in the world, thanks to a well developed system and defined set of values that the people here have been practicing since ages. Values are in no way hostile to materialistic, technological and scientific progress. They help people live in life peace with themselves, with society and nature. The satellite channels, another manifestation of science, inspire all of their advantages; have been hitting and hitting hard at the very root, the foundation of Indian society, i.e. its values. The availability of B.B.C, CNN, Zee TV, Nat 3eo, Discovery etc. in sitting room at the click of button have exposed the Indians, especially the young and impressionable Indians to the culture and practices which vitiates and pollutes the young and old alike.

The majority of the programmers beamed on the satellite channels are based on fantasy. They suggest infeasible solution to day to day life problems. This entices and lures people to succeed by hook or by crook. Moreover, the programmers such as W.W.F make the viewers aggressive, callous and violence-crazy. In addition to it, the life styles shown in various programmes stand a stark contrast to the one appreciated and suggested by our values. The new generation the youth is definitely being impressed with the alien culture of short dresses, promiscuity and violence, in addition to it, long hours of television viewing has led to our younger generation becoming couch potatoes. Also the time spent on social interaction, the most educative and informative interaction in decreasing. Consequently, all the values-social as well as moral are now going haywire with the blatant display of flirting, romance, extra-marital relations on various satellites channels.

It is now imperative that the parents should take up the duty of minimizing the exposure of the children to ‘idiot box’. They should owe this as the dutiful citizens of a nation. Also, the government should ensure a strict censorship of these channels so that our principles, values and culture are not eroded, damaged and spoiled.

(1) India has a very special place in the world, since it has _____.

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| (i) essence of humanity | (ii) built her identity |
| (iii) a defined set of values | (iv) both (i) and (ii) |

- (2) The passage suggests that materialistic, technological and scientific progress are _____ to values.
- (i) friendly (ii) hostile
(iii) unfriendly (iv) a hindrance
- (3) Indian values are being attacked by _____.
- (i) science (ii) scientific progress
(iii) satellite channels (iv) young people
- (4) Both _____ and government should join hands to stop the harm being done by the satellite channels.
- (i) parents (ii) censor board
(iii) the new generation (iv) social reformers
- (5) The word in the passage which means 'something unknown' is _____.
- (i) callous (ii) alien
(iii) entices (iv) lures

SECTION - B
(Writing - 15 Marks)

4. A student of your class is highly intelligent and talented. But instead of using his potential for good and creative activities he uses his wonderful traits to trouble other students and annoy the teachers. Write a letter to your cousin telling him/her about this boy. You are Saksham/Somaya living at B-96 Arpan Vihar, New Delhi. 6

OR

The number of vehicles in Delhi has increased alarmingly. Consequently the average speed of vehicles has come as low as 8 km per hour. This leads to a big wastage of time and fuel. Write a letter to the editor of National Delhi expressing your concern on this issue suggesting some measures to this ever worsening problem. You are Mohan / Mohana of B-89 Mall Apartments, Delhi.

5. Various surveys show that obesity among children is caused by addiction to junk food-cold drinks, pizza, burger etc and lack of physical exercise. Write a speech to be delivered in the morning assembly of your school highlighting the need of physical exercise and motivating the children to eat healthy and balanced diet. 6

OR

Majority of the parks in Delhi are in a dilapidated condition. They are used as garbage dumping places. Moreover, the antisocial elements use these parks for drinking and gambling. Write an article for your school magazine on the topic Need to Maintain Public Parks. You are Mauz of 10-F.

6. Sports day was celebrated in your school with great enthusiasm. A number of events – high jump, long jump, relay and hurdle races were organized. Write a report of the sports day celebration for the publication in your school magazine. You are Vistar of 10-D. 3

OR

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

Once there lived a rich man. In spite of all his riches all he thought of was making more and more money. One day a saint.....

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 .

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The word Geography is a combination of (a) _____ Greek words 'geo' (b) _____ 'graphy' meaning the science dealing (c) _____ the study of the earth. Geography, thus, concerns (d) _____ with all subjects relating to earth, (e) _____ as shape and structure of (f) _____ earth.

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| (a) | (i) | two | (ii) | an | (iii) | some | (iv) | any |
| (b) | (i) | of | (ii) | or | (iii) | and | (iv) | else |
| (c) | (i) | by | (ii) | with | (iii) | about | (iv) | of |
| (d) | (i) | itself | (ii) | herself | (iii) | themselves | (iv) | ourselves |
| (e) | (i) | like | (ii) | such | (iii) | similar | (iv) | so |
| (f) | (i) | a | (ii) | an | (iii) | the | (iv) | all |

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 .

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

Informal letters are (a) this letters which are written to friends, blood relatives and (b) acquaintance. These include letters of (c) congratulate , condolences and thanks. Since it is a (d) person letter its language should be simple and should (e) suit to the occasion. But it is necessary that the ideas are in a proper (f) sequenced

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| (a) | (i) | a | (ii) | an |
| | (iii) | the | (iv) | all |
| (b) | (i) | aquaint | (ii) | aquainted |
| | (iii) | aquaintor | (iv) | acquaintances |
| (c) | (i) | congrats | (ii) | congratulation |
| | (iii) | congratulating | (iv) | congratulations |
| (d) | (i) | personality | (ii) | persons |
| | (iii) | personnel | (iv) | personal |
| (e) | (i) | suiteded | (ii) | suiting |
| | (iii) | suitable | (iv) | suit |
| (f) | (i) | sequenc | (ii) | sequencingly |
| | (iii) | sequence | (iv) | sequencedly |

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 . 1x3=3

Teacher : What is nearer to your home Kutub Minar or the moon ?

Rohit : The moon sir.

Teacher : How can you say this ?

Rohit : I can see the moon from my house but I can't see the Kutub Minar.

Teacher asked Rohit (a) _____ Kutub minar or the moon. Rohit replied respectfully that it is the moon. The teacher asked again (b) _____. Rohit said that (c) _____.

- (a) (i) what was nearer to his home
(ii) which was nearer to his home
(iii) what is nearer to his home
(iv) what is near to his home
- (b) (i) how can he say this
(ii) how he could say that
(iii) how he can say this
(iv) how he had said this
- (c) (i) he could see the moon from his house but could not see the Kutub minar
(ii) he can see the moon from his house but cannot see the Kutub minar
(iii) he could see the moon from his house but cannot see the Kutub minar
(iv) he saw the moon from his house but cannot see the Kutub minar.

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

Banking (a) _____ (make) quite comfortable with the help of internet. Now money (b) _____ (withdraw) any time you like. Also many other changes (c) _____ (introduce) in banking by the government.

- (a) (i) made (ii) has made
(iii) have made (iv) make
- (b) (i) can be withdrawn (ii) withdrawal
(iii) withdrew (iv) withdraws
- (c) (i) have been introduced (ii) had been introduced
(iii) will be introduced (iv) has been introduced

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

Problems (a) _____ trouble us so often. But the people (b) _____ bother little about them. Such people are role models for those (c) _____.

- (a) (i) who is a part and parcel of life
- (ii) which are a part and parcel of life
- (iii) which is a part and parcel of life
- (iv) who are a part and parcel of life
- (b) (i) who face them boldly
- (ii) who faces them boldly
- (iii) whose face them boldly
- (iv) which faces them boldly
- (c) (i) who is afraid of problems
- (ii) which is afraid of problems
- (iii) which are afraid of problems
- (iv) who are afraid of problems

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. 4

(A) On that lovely autumn day I was accompanied by my daughter Zenani. On the podium, Mr. de Klerk was first sworn in as second deputy president. Then Thabo Mbeki was sworn in as first deputy president. When it was my turn, I pledged to obey and uphold the Constitution and to devote myself to the well-being of its people.

- (1) The speaker of these lines is_____.
- (i) Zenani.
 - (ii) Mr. de Klerrk.
 - (iii) Nelson Mandela.
 - (iv) All of these.
- (2) The speaker took an oath to_____.
- (i) obey the constitution.
 - (ii) uphold the constitution.
 - (iii) devote himself to the well being of South Africans.
 - (iv) all of these.
- (3) The speaker took oath as_____.
- (i) Second deputy president.
 - (ii) first deputy president.
 - (iii) president.
 - (iv) speaker.
- (4) This oath taking ceremony took place at_____.
- (i) Zenani's home.
 - (ii) amphitheatre formed by Union Buildings.
 - (iii) Mr de Klerk's house.
 - (iv) UNO buildings.

(B) The day before, all day he had watched his parents flying about with his brothers and sister, perfecting them in the art of flight, teaching them how to skim the waves and how to dive for fish. He had, in fact, seen his older brother catch his first herring and devour it, standing on a rock, while his parents circled around raising a proud cackle.

(1) He in the above lines is :

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| (i) young seagull. | (ii) the father seagull. |
| (iii) the author. | (iv) herring. |

(2) _____ trained the brothers and sister in the art of flying.

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| (i) Young seagull. | (ii) Parents. |
| (iii) Both (i) and (ii). | (iv) None of these. |

(3) The parents raised a cackle as they were _____.

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| (i) angry. | (ii) disturbed. |
| (iii) sad. | (iv) quite happy. |

(4) find the word in the passage which means the same as to eat quickly :

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| (i) devour. | (ii) herring. |
| (iii) cackle. | (iv) skim. |

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 to the stanzas] ^{3x2=6}

(A) Has given my heart

A change of mood

And saved some part

Of a day I had rued

(1) A _____ has brought about a change of heart for the poet.

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| (i) crow | (ii) happy thought |
| (iii) woman | (iv) dust storm |

(2) The poet was quite _____ before this incident.

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| (i) angry | (ii) excited |
| (iii) happy | (iv) upset and disturbed |

(3) A crow is considered _____ creature.

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| (i) lucky | (ii) auspicious |
| (iii) inauspicious | (iv) only (i) and (ii) |

(B) If ever you should go by chance
To jungles in the east
And if there should to you advance
A large and Tawny lawny beast
If he roars at you as you're dyin'
You will know that it is the Asian lion.

- (1) You come across the Tawny beast in jungles of _____.
 - (i) West
 - (ii) North
 - (iii) South
 - (iv) East
- (2) You come to know that you are facing Asian Lion when it _____.
 - (i) runs after you
 - (ii) roar sat you
 - (iii) hides
 - (iv) follows you
- (3) Synonym of the word 'large' is _____.
 - (i) tall
 - (ii) big
 - (iii) small
 - (iv) spacious

(C) The true chameleon is small
A lizard sort of thing
He hasn't any ears at all
And not a single wing
If there is nothing on the tree
'Tis the chameleon you see

- (1) The rhyming scheme of the poem is _____.
 - (i) abab
 - (ii) abcd
 - (iii) aabb
 - (iv) ababcc
- (2) A lizard sort of thing — means that a chameleon is _____.
 - (i) shorter than a lizard
 - (ii) bigger than a lizard
 - (iii) similar to a lizard
 - (iv) none of these
- (3) A chameleon does not have _____.
 - (i) wing
 - (ii) ear
 - (iii) both wing and ear
 - (iv) eye

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

- (A) How do know that Lencho was a hardworking farmer ?
- (B) Who according Maddie was going to win the contest for girls ? Why ?
- (C) Explain 'teachers are the most unpredictable creatures'.
- (D) An incident involving a white guard in jail helped Mandela continue his struggle against the racial government. What was the incident ?

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

Imagine yourself as Mr Keesing. Describe your reaction when Anne Frank read out her third essay in the class.

OR

Recount the experience of the pilot of the Dakota inside the black clouds.

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

Describe Jaffer's fight with Griffin at the village of Iping.

OR

Which two stories did Mr. Ausable fabricate to outwit Max ?

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

- (1) What story did Ausable make about the balcony ?
- (2) Why did Hari Singh come back to Anil ?
- (3) How was Horace Danby a typical thief ?

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