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Class - X

ENGLISH
(Language and Literature)

Maximum Marks : **80**

Time : **3 hours**

Total No. of Pages : **10**

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)

1x5=5

1. The question why some of us are left - handed is nearly as much of a mystery today as it was when Thomas Carlyle, the well - known English writer, first addressed it in 1871. The question of what causes right or left - handedness is interesting as a matter of curiosity and pure science. It is hard to think of another behavioural difference so obvious, yet so fundamental, that has not been explained satisfactorily till now.

According to Carlyle, in medieval times, right handed warriors had a distinct advantage in sword fights. They held their shields with their left hand, over their heart and thus lived to fight another battle, and to have children who were also right - handed.

That is why so many more people are right - handed. The lefties, who wielded their sword with their left hand, left their heart unprotected. As a result, they were killed and thus never lived to marry and have left - handed children.

Today nearly 9 out of 10 people are right - handed. The rest are mostly left - handed, though some can use both hands with equal ease and strength. For example, some cricket players bowl with their left hand but bat like a right - handed player.

Left handedness seems to run in families. In the British royal family, for example, the Queen Mother, Queen Elizabeth, Prince Charles and Prince William are all left - handed. Males are somewhat more likely than females to be left - handed. There is evidence that the children of left - handed mothers and right - handed fathers are more likely to be left handed than are the children of right - handed mothers and left - handed fathers.

- (1) The right hand warriors were _____ in swords fights.
 - (i) at an advantage
 - (ii) at a disadvantage
 - (iii) as good as the left - handed sword men
 - (iv) none of these
- (2) The left - handed soldiers did not survive very long since they _____.
 - (i) held their swords in left hand
 - (ii) left their heart unprotected
 - (iii) did not know how to fight
 - (iv) were very weak
- (3) We have very small percentage of left handed people as _____.
 - (i) left handed people did not give birth to children
 - (ii) left handed people failed to reproduce
 - (iii) not many left handed soldiers survived to marry and give birth to children
 - (iv) all of these
- (4) The mystery what causes right or left handedness _____.
 - (i) has been solved
 - (ii) still remains unsolved
 - (iii) has been solved on the basis of behavioural difference
 - (iv) none of these
- (5) The word which means "proof" is _____.

(i) medieval	(ii) wielded
(iii) evidence	(iv) curiosity

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

As I was clipping my nails out in the yard
A squirrel came to take a look at me.
He twitched his rat like face, stared at me hard
Raised his right palm with smart solemnity.
And placed it on his chest, as if on oath.
From a live - oak against the twilight sky
An owl swooped downwards to aurvey us both
Judged distances, and with a hybrid cry.
Half dog - half pigeon - fell upon his prey.
The squirrel had no chance, being far from cover.
Incurious, he would have got away.
One hoot: one squeak; and things were quickly over.
The owl curved off. I stood, too stunned to move
Indoors, or to continue clipping nails.
A bowl of soup boiled over on my stove
Adding to my more nugatory travails.

- (1) The face of the squirrel resembled that of a _____
(i) poet (ii) rat
(iii) squirrel (iv) all of these
- (2) The squirrel put its hand on its chest as if it was _____
(i) going to bless the poet (ii) going to take an oath
(iii) going to kill somebody (iv) none of these
- (3) The cry produced by the owl was like that of _____
(i) a dog and pigeon (ii) hoot and squeak
(iii) twilight sky (iv) stunned person
- (4) The squirrel couldn't save itself since _____
(i) the owl was very fast
(ii) there was no hiding place
(iii) the poet did not try to save it
(iv) all of these
- (5) Find the word which means "activity which causes mental or physical exertion"
(i) travails (ii) twitched
(iii) palm (iv) solemnity

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

It is true that kind actions are not always received with gratitude. But this ought never to turn aside the sympathetic helper. This is one of the difficulties to be overcome in our conflict with life. Even the most degraded is worthy of the mutual help which all men owe to each other. It should be remembered that the happiness of the cruel man is as much an integral part of the all human happiness as that of the best and noblest of men. Then again, a man cannot do good or evil to others without doing good or evil to himself.

Probably there is no influence so powerful as sympathy in awakening the affections of the human heart. There are few even of the most rugged natures, whom it does not influence. A kind of word, or kind look, will act upon those upon whose coercion has been tried in vain. While sympathy invites love and obedience, harshness provokes aversion and resistance. The poet is right, who says that, "power itself health not one of the half the might of gentleness."

Sympathy, when allowed to take a wider range, assumes the larger forms of public philanthropy. It influences man in the endeavour to elevate his fellow-creatures from a state of poverty and distress, to improve the condition of the masses of the people, to diffuse the results of civilization far and wide among mankind.

- (1) Sympathy is the first step in the path of ____
 - (i) Greatness
 - (ii) Wealth
 - (iii) Public philanthropy
 - (iv) Civilization
- (2) ____ Can bring about a change of heart even in a person with rugged nature
 - (i) sympathy
 - (ii) power
 - (iii) endeavour
 - (iv) civilization
- (3) The passage suggests that the ____ of a cruel man is also important.
 - (i) sadness
 - (ii) suffering
 - (iii) happiness
 - (iv) cruelty
- (4) The sympathetic helper should never change his habit even if ____
 - (i) People do not help him
 - (ii) People make fun of him
 - (iii) Both (i) and (ii)
 - (iv) His kind actions are not received with thanks
- (5) Word which means "thankfulness"
 - (i) gratitude
 - (ii) mutual
 - (iii) degraded
 - (iv) influence

SECTION - B

(Writing - 15 Marks)

4. Delhi is being given a face lift in order to make it a befitting place for Common wealth games 2010. Fancy street lights are being installed; passenger friendly bus stops and means of transportation are being introduced. Also the green cover in Delhi is being increase. Write a letter to your cousin inviting him/her to Delhi during common wealth games. You are Saksham / Somaya living at B-96 Arpan Vihar New Delhi. 6

OR

Vending and begging at the busy inter-sections is a common sight in Delhi. It not only slows down the speed of traffic but also leads to congestion on roads. Moreover sometimes the criminals in disguise of beggars and vendors take to pick pocketing and chain snatching etc. Write a letter to the editor of a national daily highlighting the problem. You are Mohan / Mohana of B 89 Mall Apartments, Delhi.

5. Water is one of the most precious gifts of nature to man. But of late man has been showing utter disregard to elixir of life. Consequently people all over the world are facing acute water shortage. Write a speech for school morning assembly encouraging the students to conserve water. You are Sambhavana of 10th - C 6

OR

The modern life is full of stress and tension. Practising yoga-various asans, pranayams etc can help us live a healthy and stress free life. Write an article titled "Advantages of yoga" You are Sumedha of 10th - D

6. Your school orgainzed a trip to Leh in Jammu and Kashmir for forty students and five teachers of the school. The participants enjoyed tracking and bathing in crystal clear streams. Write a report of the trip in not more than sixty words for your school magazine. You are Yuvraaj / Yukti of 10th B 3

OR

Anuj decided to write a story to be published in a magazine for children but unfortunately he could complete his story. Complete his story so that it could be given for publishing.

Chiku, the rabbit was very naughty. He always made fun of other animals. One day decided to poke fun at Sheru, the young cub. Now Sheru was an ill-tempered

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

As a child I remember reading (a) _____ interesting story. It was (b), _____ the sun and the wind challenging (c) _____ other to get the coat (d) _____ a man's back. The wind blew first hard then harder and (e) _____. But did not succeed. Next it was the turn of the sun. He used (f) _____ force. He simply shone brightly to make it hot. After sometime the man removed his coat by himself.

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| (a) | (i) | a | (ii) | the | (iii) | an | (iv) | of |
| (b) | (i) | about | (ii) | of | (iii) | on | (iv) | with |
| (c) | (i) | every | (ii) | each | (iii) | some | (iv) | one |
| (d) | (i) | of | (ii) | away | (iii) | from | (iv) | off |
| (e) | (i) | hardest | (ii) | harder | (iii) | hard | (iv) | hardly |
| (f) | (i) | no | (ii) | more | (iii) | most | (iv) | much |

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

Parents (a) especial mothers worry if their child does not eat (b) welley. (c) Them concern is very much valid looking at the fact that (d) nutritionist food is necessary for the (e) grow of children. A few change in menu can alter your child's attitude towards eating.

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|-----|-------|--------------|------|-------------|
| (a) | (i) | special | (ii) | spcial |
| | (iii) | especialy | (iv) | especialled |
| (b) | (i) | well | (ii) | good |
| | (iii) | better | (iv) | best |
| (c) | (i) | there | (ii) | their |
| | (iii) | three | (iv) | your |
| (d) | (i) | nutriciously | (ii) | nutrition |
| | (iii) | nurturing | (iv) | nutritious |
| (e) | (i) | grown | (ii) | growth |
| | (iii) | grew | (iv) | growing |
| (f) | (i) | changing | (ii) | changed |
| | (iii) | changings | (iv) | changes |

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. $1 \times 3 = 3$

Monkey : Will you marry me ?
She Monkey : Are you an NRI ?
Monkey : Yes, I am.
She Monkey : Give me your bio - data.

Once a monkey asked a she monkey ____ (A) ____ The she - monkey enquired ____ (B) ____ The monkey answered in affirmative. Then the she - monkey told the monkey ____ (C) ____.

- (A) (i) would she marry him (ii) if she would marry him
 (iii) will she marry him (iv) if she would marry me
 (B) (i) was he an NRI (ii) if he were an NRI
 (iii) if he was an NRI (iv) if you were an NRI
 (C) (i) to give her his bio - data (ii) to gave her his bio - data
 (iii) to give me your bio - data (iv) to give me his bio - data.

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

These days money ____ (a) ____ (give) so much importance by the people. Earlier all human activities ____ (b) ____ (guide) by love and affection. This undesirable change ____ (c) ____ (bring) about due to ever increasing materialism.

- (a) (i) gave (ii) is given
 (iii) given (iv) have been given
 (b) (i) are guided (ii) were guide
 (iii) were guided (iv) have been guided
 (c) (i) have brought (ii) have been brought
 (iii) has been brought (iv) had brought

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

I think children (a) _____ suffer from various diseases. To treat the diseases (b) _____ doctors suggest food supplements. Also, medicines (c) _____ are prescribed.

- (a) (i) who avoid taking nutritious diet
 (ii) which avoid taking nutritious diet
 (iii) that avoid taking nutritious diet
 (iv) whom avoid taking nutritious diet
 (b) (i) who are caused by deficiency
 (ii) which are cause by deficiency
 (iii) that cause deficiency
 (iv) which are caused by deficiency
 (c) (i) whom are quite expensive
 (ii) that are quite expensive
 (iii) who are quite expensive
 (iv) which is quite expensive

SECTION - D
(Literature - 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. 4

His father was preening the feathers on his white back. Only his mother was looking at him. She was standing on a little high hump on the plateau, her white breast thrust forward. Now and again, she tore at a piece of a fish that lay at her feet and then scrapped each side of her beak on the rock. The sight of the food maddened him. How he loved to tear food that way, scrapping his beak now and again to whet it.

- (1) 'how he loved to tear' - here he refers to _____.
(i) father seagull (ii) brother seagull
(iii) the young seagull (iv) food
- (2) It was his _____ who was looking at him.
(i) mother (ii) father
(iii) brother (iv) sister
- (3) To _____ her beak the mother scrapped each side of her beak on the rock.
(i) shorten (ii) sharpen
(iii) break (iv) both (i) and (iii)
- (4) The sight of the food madden him since _____.
(i) he was fed up with eating
(ii) he did not like to eat fish
(iii) he had been hungry for a long time
(iv) he did not like his mother eating a fish

- (B) The moon was coming up in the east, behind me, and stars were shining in the clear sky above me. There wasn't a cloud in the sky. I was happy to be alone high up above the sleeping countryside. I was flying my old Dakota areoplane over France back to England. I was dreaming of my hoilday and looking forward to being with my family. I looked at my watch : one thirty in the morning. 4

- (1) I here refers to _____.
(i) the pilot (ii) cloud
(iii) moon (iv) aeroplane
- (2) The pilot felt _____ while flying above the sleeping countryside.
(i) sad (ii) sleepy
(iii) happy (iv) anxious
- (3) The prospects of _____ made the pilot excited.
(i) flying the areoplane through black clouds
(ii) meeting his family
(iii) flying over France
(iv) none of these
- (4) The word in the passage which means the same as anticipating is _____.
(i) looking forward (ii) dreaming
(iii) flying (iv) none of these

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]

(A) An ultimate shaking grief fixes the boy 3x2=6

As he stands rigid, trembling, staring down
All his young days into the harbour where
His ball went, I would not intrude on him
A dime, another ball is worthless

(1) The boy is grieving since he has ____

- (i) lost his parents
- (ii) been scolded by his parents
- (iii) lost his ball
- (iv) not given

(2) 'I' does not want to buy new ball for the child since ____

- (i) The child likes old balls only
- (ii) the child has his childhood memories associated with the ball
- (iii) 'I' is very miserly
- (iv) he would find out his old ball

(3) A dime is ____

- (i) A currency
- (ii) a bat
- (iii) a weapon
- (iv) none of these

(B) Though to distinguish beasts of prey

A novice might nonplus
The crocodile you always may
Tell from the Hyena thus
Hyenas come with merry smiles
But if they weep they're crocodiles

(1) An inexperienced person may make a mistake in ____

- (i) doing plus and minus questions
- (ii) in killing a beast of prey
- (iii) in differentiating between a crocodile and a hyena
- (iv) in serving a hyena and a crocodile

(2) Tears and ____ help recognizing a crocodile and a hyena.

- (i) beasts
- (ii) hyenas
- (iii) nonplus
- (iv) smiles

(3) To shed crocodile's tears means ____

- (i) To make a crocodile weep
- (ii) to weep with a crocodile
- (iii) to show or express a false / fake concern
- (iv) all the above

(C) Stop that sulking at once, Amanda !
You're always so moody, Amanda !
Anyone would think that I nagged at you,
Amanda !

- (1) The speaker of the above lines is ____
(i) Amanda's teacher (ii) Amanda's father
(iii) Amanda's mother (iv) none of these
- (2) The lines have been composed by ____
(i) Robert Frost (ii) Robin Klein
(iii) John Berryman (iv) Leslie Norris
- (3) Word which means "harassed" is ____
(i) sulking (ii) moody
(iii) nagged (iv) once

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

- (A) Anne Frank felt suffocated. Why ?
(B) How did a law abiding advocate become a criminal ?
(C) What did Wanda's father write in his letter ?
(D) The young seagull was afraid of flying. Why ?

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

What made Maddie feel uncomfortable and uneasy when Peggy and other girls made fun of Wanda Petronski ?

OR

Suppose you are the postmaster. Explain your feelings when you received the second letter of Lencho.

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

Why did Fowler want to meet Ausable ? Why was he disappointed when he met Mr. Ausable ?

OR

Write any two illegal activities of Griffin the scientist after setting his rented house to fire.

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

- (A) How and where did Hari Singh spend the night ?
(B) Why would Horace get angry when anyone talked of "honour among thieves" ?
(C) Why was Mr. Herriot worried about Tricki ?

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