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Class - X

ENGLISH
(Language and Literature)

Maximum Marks : **80**

Time : **3 hours**

Total No. of Pages : **14**

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 that you consider the most appropriate in your answer sheet.

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At a time when SARS is so much in the news, it is salutary to remember that TB, too, is a dangerous infectious disease, killing more young people and adults than any other in the world, besides being the biggest killer of women. But it's also been said that most people aren't too worried when diagnosed with the disease—a sad reflection of the ignorance with which it is often regarded. For unlike other infectious diseases, TB can be cured; it only has to be detected in time. Tuberculosis germs spread through the air, much like the common cold virus, when infected people cough or sneeze and the bacteria attack the body, usually the lungs.

With increasing HIV infection weakening the immune system and the development of drug-resistant TB strains, it's not surprising that the disease has been on the rise of late in both developing and developed countries. TB has a chilling way of lying dormant, waiting for the right opportunity to strike so that many people play host to the bacteria, and are unaware of it because—thanks to the body's defences—they don't actually develop the disease. This makes life difficult not only for patients, but for doctors who must look for bacterial needles in corporal haystacks. A crude 'skin prick' test that's been in use for last 100 years (and which often produce misleading results) has been the only real diagnostic tool available to the modern medicine man.

- (a) TB is a dangerous disease because :
- (i) it is infectious.
 - (ii) biggest killer of women.
 - (iii) kills both young and adult.
 - (iv) all the above.
- (b) TB can be cured if _____ .
- (i) a child has it
 - (ii) good doctor treats the patient
 - (iii) detected in time
 - (iv) hospitalised
- (c) Common cold virus and Tuberculosis germs spread through _____ .
- (i) water
 - (ii) air
 - (iii) touch
 - (iv) clothes

- (d) TB can be detected by _____ .
- (i) blood test
 - (ii) urin test
 - (iii) skin prick test
 - (iv) stool test
- (e) Which word in the passage means the same as 'inactive' _____ .
- (i) detect
 - (ii) dormant
 - (iii) haystacks
 - (iv) bacteria

2. Read the following passage carefully and answer the questions by writing the most appropriate option in your answer sheet.

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Forests are renewable sources and they contribute substantially to the social and economic development of the country. They have major role to play in increasing the quality of our environment. The history of forest is linked with the history of civilization. The 4000 year-old *Agnipurana* mentions that a man should protect trees to ensure material prosperity and religious merit. 2500 years ago, Gautam Buddha preached that a man must plant trees every five years. The great epics Ramayana and Mahabharata give attractive description of forests like Dandakaranya, Mandavana and Khandvan.

The supreme God of Indus valley was supposed to live under Pipal (*Ficus*) trees. It is believed that it is one of the holiest trees in the forest species. It has healing and medicinal effects. It always provides oxygen and sucks poisonous gas in the atmosphere. It creates balance in the nature. Indians worship this tree as a token of respect to their ancestors. During the ancient times the people lived in harmony with their eco-system, which was formed by the forests. It is believed that two trees, namely Pipal and Babul have descended on this mother earth from the heaven.

- (a) _____ plays a major role in improving the quality of our environment.
- (i) Rain
 - (ii) Tree
 - (iii) Forests
 - (iv) Water
- (b) We should protect trees as they bring _____ .
- (i) material prosperity.
 - (ii) rain.
 - (iii) religious merit.
 - (iv) material prosperity and religious merit.

- (c) 'Plant a tree every five (5), years' — was the preaching of _____ .
(i) Buddha
(ii) Gandhi
(iii) Ramayana
(iv) Mahabharata
- (d) One of the holiest trees in the forest is _____ .
(i) Babul
(ii) Neem
(iii) Peepal
(iv) Banayan
- (e) A word in the passage that means 'forefathers' is _____ .
(i) holiest.
(ii) ancestors.
(iii) descended.
(iv) worship.

3. Read the following passage carefully and answer the questions by writing the most appropriate option.

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Where were you and where was I
When for help young children cried ?
Where were you and where was I
When they set this world alight ?
How could we not realise ?
There must be a reason why,
Wise men say,
Evil wins when good men walk away.

Don't you talk of history,
What was then will never be,
Time has moved on, life has changed,
Now we just won't let this be,
Every wrong now we will right,
Won't forget the reason why,
Wise men say ,
Evil wins when good men walk away.

-- Sanjay Kapil

- (a) 'I' refers to _____ .
- (i) mother
 - (ii) poet
 - (iii) father
 - (iv) child
- (b) The children cry because _____ .
- (i) they are hungry
 - (ii) they want to go out
 - (iii) they need help
 - (iv) they wanted their mother
- (c) We shouldn't talk of history because _____ .
- (i) life has changed
 - (ii) things can never be same
 - (iii) time has moved on
 - (iv) all the above
- (d) _____ wins when there is dearth of good men.
- (i) Sin
 - (ii) Evil
 - (iii) Misery
 - (iv) Happiness
- (e) A word in the passage which means 'cause' _____ .
- (i) history
 - (ii) reason
 - (iii) alight
 - (iv) wise

SECTION - B

(Writing - 15 Marks)

4. You are Girish Sharma, a resident of Ambedkar Nagar, New Delhi and have been coming across certain headlines in the news paper on the shortage of Electricity. Write a letter to the Editor of a local daily 'Indian Express' regarding your plight and mentioning inconvenience faced by the residents of the locality.

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- Long hours of power cut.
- No fixed timings.
- Low voltage – Electric appliances damaged.
- Mostly power cut during night + afternoon.
- Work suffers.
- Exams approaching – student's study suffers.

OR

You are Sukhdev of 95 Dayanand Colony, Delhi. One of your close friends staying in Jaipur has lost his mother. Write a letter of condolence to him.

- Shocked to learn about her sudden demise.
- Noble lady / lovable mother.
- Looked upon you as her son.
- Prayer for the departed soul.

5. You don't approve of the ways of people as they waste a lot of water in different activities. Even the taps in schools are not closed properly, thereby wasting the valuable water due to negligence and carelessness. You wish to spread the awareness among students by giving a speech during morning assembly. Write the speech in about 120 words.

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- Water essential – grow food – keep clean – provide power –
- Carelessly waste the essential resource
- Waste water – bathing – washing –
- Use water wisely – Rain water Harvesting.

OR

Write an article for your school magazine about the importance of 'Morning walk and exercise'.

- Start the day with morning walk
- Keeps you active throughout the day
- Enjoy fresh air — beauty around —
- Opportunity to be with one self
- Meet friends — make friends
- Exercise — essential for mind /and + body

6. Meera decided to write a story for her school magazine; but before she could finish, she was called by her mother for some important work. Complete her story in about 80 words.

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Amit is very fond of flying kites. One day, standing on the wall of the house flying kite, he noticed _____ .

OR

You are Mohan of Govt. Boys School, Kalkaji. Before recess you went to have water, when you noticed fire in the cycle shed of your school. Write a report of the same in about 80 words to be submitted to your Class Teacher.

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 passage.

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

People (a) _____ don't have any land for growing a garden often (b) _____ very small garden in their window boxes. A window box should be strongly built, and must (c) _____ firmly supported, for it can be very heavy when filled (d) _____ soil. It (e) _____ have good water drainage and be filled with finely ground soil mixed with plant food. The direction (f) _____ the window face is important.

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| (a) | (i) whose | (ii) who | (iii) those | (iv) when |
| (b) | (i) had | (ii) have | (iii) has | (iv) can |
| (c) | (i) not | (ii) apply | (iii) be | (iv) not be |
| (d) | (i) with | (ii) at | (iii) on | (iv) upto |
| (e) | (i) can | (ii) could | (iii) would | (iv) should |
| (f) | (i) with | (ii) of | (iii) on | (iv) at |

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.

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

Rohit's frequent _____ (a) _____ from his school made him shirk hard work. His academic _____ (b) _____ declined day by day. This came to notice with his _____ (c) _____ in the terminal tests. _____ (d) _____ from his parents led him to confess his fault. Their _____ (e) _____ filled him with a new hope. Rohit's _____ (f) _____ purified his heart and he turned over a new life.

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| (a) | (i) absent | (ii) absence |
| | (iii) absenteeism | (iv) absentee |
| (b) | (i) achievable | (ii) achieve |
| | (iii) achievement | (iv) achieved |
| (c) | (i) failed | (ii) failure |
| | (iii) failing | (iv) fail |
| (d) | (i) Encourage | (ii) Encouraging |
| | (iii) Encouragement | (iv) Encouraged |
| (e) | (i) inspiration | (ii) inspire |
| | (iii) inspiring | (iv) inspired |
| (f) | (i) repent | (ii) repenting |
| | (iii) repented | (iv) repentance |

9. Read the following dialogue and then complete the report by choosing the correct option from the ones given below. Write your answer in your answer sheet with the correct blank number. Do not copy the dialogue and the report. 1x3=3

Captain : Do you know how to play cricket ?

Nitesh : Never had a chance to learn it.

Captain : In this school every student has to learn it.

Nitesh : give me a chance and I shall learn it.

The Captain asked Nitesh (a) _____ .

Nitesh replied (b) _____ to learn it. The captain then told Nitesh (c) _____

Nitesh requested the captain to give him a chance and he would learnt it.

- (a) (i) if he had known how to play cricket
(ii) if he knew how to play cricket
(iii) if he could play cricket
(iv) if he can play cricket
- (b) (i) that he did not get a chance
(ii) that he never had a chance
(iii) that he did not know
(iv) that he could not get a chance
- (c) (i) that in their school every student was to learn it
(ii) that in the school every student had to learn it
(iii) that in that school every student had to learn it
(iv) that every student had to learn in the school.

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 the answer given below in the answer sheet against the blank number. 1x3=3

Raman is feeling proud of his father because he ____ (a) ____ (elect) President of Welfare Association. It seems he is not aware of the unfair means that ____ (b) ____ (use) for his success. In reality he ____ (c) ____ (like) by the people because of his impolite manner and wrong practices.

- (a) (i) had been elected
(ii) has been elected
(iii) will be elected
(iv) would be elected
- (b) (i) has been used
(ii) have been used
(iii) had been used
(iv) were used
- (c) (i) was not liked
(ii) is not liked
(iii) will not be liked
(iv) would not be liked

11. Complete the dialogue by choosing the correct alternative from those given below.
Write your answer in the answer sheet against the correct number.

1x3=3

Rohit : Your cycle is excellent. Will you please tell me (a) _____ ?

Mudit : It is Hero Ranger.

Rohit : Please tell me (b) _____

Mudit : From a leading cycle store.

Rohit : Do you know (c) _____

- (a) (i) which make it is
- (ii) what make it is
- (iii) where it is made
- (iv) how it is made
- (b) (i) when you bought it from ?
- (ii) where you bought if from ?
- (iii) how you bought it ?
- (iv) from where he bought it ?
- (c) (i) how you ride a cycle ?
- (ii) how to ride a cycle ?
- (iii) how to drive a cycle ?
- (iv) when to ride a cycle ?

SECTION - D

(Text Books - 35 Marks)

12. (a) Read the following passage carefully and answer the questions by writing the option that you consider most appropriate in your answer sheet.

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All through the night, Lencho thought only of his one hope: the help of God, whose eyes, as he had been instructed, see everything, even what is deep in ones conscience. Lencho was an ox of a man, working like an animal in the fields but still he knew how to write. The following Sunday, at day break, he began to write a letter which he himself would carry to town and place in the mail.

- (a) All through the night he thought of _____ .
- (i) the help of neighbours
 - (ii) the help of friends
 - (iii) the help of God
 - (iv) the help of relatives
- (b) Lencho has been referred to as 'ox of a man' because _____ .
- (i) he owned an ox
 - (ii) he worked like an ox
 - (iii) he worked like an animal
 - (iv) he was a man having an ox
- (c) He wanted the letter to be sent _____ .
- (i) by hand
 - (ii) by mail
 - (iii) through his wife
 - (iv) through his friend
- (d) A word in the passage that means 'inner sense of right and wrong' _____ .
- (i) thought
 - (ii) conscience
 - (iii) through
 - (iv) instructed

- (b) Read the following passage carefully and answer the questions by writing the option that you consider the most appropriate in your answer sheet.

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I have loving parents and a sixteen—year old sister, and there are about—thirty people I can call friends. I have a family, loving aunts and a good home. No, on the surface I seem to have everything, except my one true friend. All I think about when I'm with friends is having a good time. I can't bring myself to talk about anything but ordinary everyday things. We don't seem to be able to get any closer, and that's the problem. May be it's my fault that we don't confide in each other.

- (a) 'I' in the above passage is
 - (i) narrator's sister
 - (ii) Anne Frank
 - (iii) Anne Frank's father
 - (iv) one of her friends
- (b) In spite of the fact that she is with her family, she feels lonely because _____.
 - (i) she is not loved by her family
 - (ii) she is an introvert
 - (iii) she is not happy with the family
 - (iv) she has no true friends
- (c) She talks of a problem. The problem is that _____.
 - (i) she is not with her friends
 - (ii) the relationship with her friends is superficial
 - (iii) she can not confide in her friends
 - (iv) she can not trust her friends
- (d) A word in the passage that means 'to tell a secret' is _____.
 - (i) surface
 - (ii) ordinary
 - (iii) confide
 - (iv) fault

13. Read the following passage carefully and answer the questions by writing the options that you consider most appropriate in your answer sheet. (Any two of the passage). 3x2=6

(A) But he is locked in a concrete cell,
 His strength behind bars,
 Stalking the length of his cage,
 Ignoring visitors.

- (a) 'He' in the above lines is _____.
 - (i) crocodile.
 - (ii) lizard.
 - (iii) hyena.
 - (iv) tiger.
- (b) He is locked _____.
 - (i) in an iron cage
 - (ii) in a concrete enclosure
 - (iii) in a wooden cage
 - (iv) in a small house

- (c) He ignores visitors because _____ .
(i) he hates them
(ii) he doesn't know them
(iii) he has been watching them everyday
(iv) he knows they are cruel people

(B) The way a crow shook down on the
The dust of snow from a hemlock tree

- (a) The crow was sitting on _____ .
(i) a wall
(ii) top of a hill
(iii) branch of hemlock tree
(iv) top of a house
- (b) The crow _____ .
(i) sang a song
(ii) plucked a leaf from the tree
(iii) flew away on seeing the poet
(iv) shook down the dust of snow on the poet
- (c) The name of the poet is _____ .
(i) Robert Frost
(ii) Tagore
(iii) Teslie Norris
(iv) John Berryman

(C) Though to distinguish beasts of prey
A novice night non plus,
The crocodile you always may
Tell from the Hyena thus :
Hyenas come with merry smile;
But if they weep theyr'e crocodile.

- (a) A novice gets non plus _____ .
(i) distinguishing beasts of prey
(ii) distinguishing men from animals
(iii) distinguishing wild animals from domestic animals
(iv) distinguishing sea animals from land animals
- (b) The animals that have been compared here are _____ .
(i) the bear and the lion
(ii) the lion and the tiger
(iii) the crocodile and the hyena
(iv) the camel and the chameleon

(c) The crocodile _____ as it approaches you.

- (i) smiles
- (ii) weeps
- (iii) dances
- (iv) roars

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

2x3=6

- (1) Was the pilot of the Dakota able to meet the pilot of the black aeroplane ?
- (2) How did the seagull express his excitement when he saw his mother bringing food for him.
- (3) What does Mandela refer to as 'an extraordinary human disaster' ?
- (4) Lencho was angry when he received the letter. How did he express his anger ?

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

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In what way was Wanda different from the other children ?

OR

How did Anne finally stop Mr. Keesing from punishing her ?

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

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Mrs. Pumphrey said, "This is a triumph of surgery". Justify the statement.

OR

How did Ausable get rid of Max ?

17. Answer any two of the following questions in about 40-50 words.

3x2=6

- (1) What did the secret agent tell Max when he heard a knock at the door ?
- (2) Does Anil realise that he has been robbed ?
- (3) In what way could Horace Danby's arrest have helped the young lady ?

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