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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 most appropriate option. 5

It is rather the self - importance of man that he thinks he owns in this world. Theories have developed since the very beginning of cultural and religious development on these lines. There is an Adam and Eve. There is an Adam and Hava. There is a Manu having brought life on this planet after *pralaya*. All religious preceptors have preached that the world is meant for man. They talk of communion between Man and God. But science has exploded such myths. It was not really so that man owned the world in the beginning. Man developed physically to the form as we find him now, over a period of time, at a very late stage. The planet started with micro life. There is a period of millions of years even between the existence of the micro life and the huge dinosaurs who owned the world and ruled over it. But nature has been rather cruel to this animal world for whom actually, everything in the world was meant. Nature bestowed man with a developed brain that it did not develop in any other creature. This partiality of nature made him *Homo Sapien*. It was only the man who could think and plan about his existence and welfare, polluting in the process, the land, the space and the seas that nature had made for all. His own creation may one day go against him. But now he owns the world and is the master of all that he surveys. He feels that all the creatures on the earth and even beyond the earth are meant for him.

The ego of ownership had made man the most cruel animal in the world. He builds palatial buildings and big cities on the abodes of small creatures like ants and other burrow - dwellers. They are all meant to die for his facilities. Nature made vegetation that is meant for all living beings. But man felt that all the animals are meant for him. He killed elephant for its tusks, deer for its horns, a large number of animals for their shoes, decoration and dresses.

- (a) The misconception that man owns the world is because of _____
- (i) his religious beliefs
 - (ii) his physical power
 - (iii) his mental ability
 - (iv) his self importance
- (b) Planet Earth started with _____
- (i) dinosaurs
 - (ii) insects
 - (iii) micro life
 - (iv) ants
- (c) Nature bestowed man with something which no other creature had. It was _____
- (i) strong body
 - (ii) developed brain
 - (iii) wisdom
 - (iv) desire to line

- (d) Most cruel animal in the world is _____
(i) Bear
(ii) Lion
(iii) Tiger
(iv) Man
- (e) A word in the passage that means 'teacher' is _____
(i) bestowed
(ii) myths
(iii) preceptors
(iv) surveys

2. Read the following passage carefully and answer the questions by writing the most appropriate option in your answer sheet. 5

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 tree 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. 5

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. 6

- 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 friend 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. 6
- 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. 3
- Amit is very fond of flying kites. On 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 : $\frac{1}{2} \times 6 = 3$
- against the correct blank number. Do not copy the passage.
- People _____ don't have any land for growing a garden often _____ very small garden in their window boxes. A window box should be strongly built, and must _____ firmly supported, for it can be very heavy when filled _____ soil. It _____ 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 : 1/2x6=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

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| (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. 4**

That was twenty four hours ago. Since then nobody had come near him. The day before all day long, he had watched his parents flying about with his brothers and sisters, perfecting them in the art of flying, 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.

- (a) Nobody came near him for _____
 - (i) 20 hours
 - (ii) 10 hours
 - (iii) 24 hours
 - (iv) 22 hours
- (b) His parents were flying with his brothers and sisters to _____
 - (i) teach them the art of catching fish
 - (ii) teach them art of flying
 - (iii) teach them the art of flying and catching fish
 - (iv) all the above
- (c) His older brothers accomplishment was that he _____
 - (i) caught fish
 - (ii) stood on top of the rock
 - (iii) flew over the sea
 - (iv) flew higher than his parents
- (d) A word meaning 'a remark intending to hurt' is _____
 - (i) skim
 - (ii) taunt
 - (iii) cowardice
 - (iv) perfecting

- (B) Sometimes, when Peggy was asking Wanda those questions in that mocking polite voice, Maddie felt embarrassed and studied the marbles in the palm of her hand rolling them around and saying nothing herself. Not that she felt sorry for Wanda, exactly, she would never have paid attention to Wanda if Peggy hadn't invented the dress game. She wished Peggy would stop teasing Wanda Petronski. 4**

- (a) When Peggy asked Wanda about dresses Maddie felt _____
 - (i) sorry
 - (ii) embarrassed
 - (iii) happy
 - (iv) overishelmed

- (b) Peggy had invented _____
 - (i) cards game
 - (ii) dresses game
 - (iii) chess game
 - (iv) cross word game
- (c) Maddie wished Peggie would _____
 - (i) let Wanda go
 - (ii) stop teasing her
 - (iii) act more sensibly
 - (iv) befriend Wanda
- (d) A word in the passage that means made to feel "awkward or ashamed" is _____
 - (i) mocking
 - (ii) embarrassed
 - (iii) invented
 - (iv) teasing

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) : 3x2=6

(A) He is learning, well behind his desperate eyes.

The epistemology of loss, how to stand up
 Knowing what every man must one day know
 And most know many days, how to stand up.

- (a) The desperate look in his eyes is because _____
 - (i) he has lost his parents
 - (ii) he has lost his ball
 - (iii) he is unwell
 - (iv) he has lost some valuable toy
- (b) The boy is learning _____
 - (i) that one must learn to put up with losses in ones life
 - (ii) that one must accept the will of God
 - (iii) that one must not lose anything in life
 - (iv) that loss is always painful
- (c) 'Epistemology of loss' here means _____
 - (i) understanding what it means to lose something
 - (ii) understanding the nature
 - (iii) understanding the complexities of life
 - (iv) understanding life.

- (B) 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 something on the tree,
'Tis the chameleon you see.
- (a) A small crawling creature found on the tree is _____
 (i) lizard
 (ii) chameleon
 (iii) snake
 (iv) frog
- (b) That creature belongs to the family of _____
 (i) insects
 (ii) reptiles
 (iii) lizards
 (iv) snakes
- (c) The rhyming scheme of the above lines is
 (i) a c b a b c
 (ii) a a b b c c
 (iii) a b a b c c
 (iv) a b c a b c
- (C) Has given my heart
A change of mood
And saved some part
of day I had rued.
- (a) The poets mood changed because of
 (i) the falling of snow
 (ii) the change of season
 (iii) the crow's act of shaking down the snow
 (iv) hemlock tree
- (b) Poet realised, he too could _____
 (i) shake off his sorrow
 (ii) shake off his sorrow and be cheerful
 (iii) Be cheerful
 (iv) save himself from dejection
- (c) The poem is written by _____
 (i) Walt Whitman
 (ii) Y.B. Yeats
 (iii) Robert Frost
 (iv) Carolyn Wells

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

- (1) What did Maddie and Peggy write to Wanda ?
- (2) What impression do you form of the Postmaster who answered Lencho's letter ?
- (3) What happened on 10 May 1994 in South Africa ?
- (4) Where in the class does Wanda sit and why ?

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

What two obligations, according to Nelson Mandela does every man have in life ? How could a man not fulfil these obligations in a country like South Africa ?

OR

Wanda had been absent for two days but nobody noticed her absence. What does it show about Wanda.

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

Dr. Hariot was a tactful person, full of common sense. Justify.

OR

How did Anil help in thief's reformation ?

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

- (1) Why did Horace Danby rob every year ? In what way was he a typical thief ?
- (2) Why did the scientist slip into a big London store ?
- (3) Why was Tricki an uninteresting object for other dogs at the surgery ?

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