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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 option that you consider the most appropriate in your answer sheet. 5

A CHILD'S PET

When I sailed out of Baltimore,
With twice a thousand head of sheep,
They would not eat, they would not drink,
But bleated o'er the deep.
Inside the pens we crawled each day,
To sort the living from the dead ;
And when we reached the Mersey's mouth,
Head lost five hundred head.
Yet every night and day one sheep,
That had no fear of man or sea,
Struck through the bars its pleading face,
And I stroked it.
And to the sheep-men standing near,
"You see," I said, "this one tame sheep ?
It seems a child has lost her pet,
And cried herself to sleep."
And every time we passed it by,
Sailing to England's slaughter- house,
Eight ragged sheep-men - tramps and thieves
Would stroke that sheep's black nose.

- (a) _____ sheep were there at the start of the journey :
(i) 3000 (ii) 2000 (iii) 1000 (iv) 4000
- (b) _____ sheep were left at the end of the journey.
(i) 500 (ii) 2000 (iii) 1500 (iv) 1000
- (c) 'One sheep that had no fear of man and sea' means _____.
(i) little lamb was innocent like a child unaware of its fate
(ii) it was strong and well built, thus not afraid of anything
(iii) it was overconfident, thus not afraid
(iv) none of the above

- (d) The sheep are taken to the _____ .
(i) market (ii) slaughter house
(iii) fields (iv) owner's house
- (e) The meaning of the word 'tramp' is _____ .
(i) walk slowly
(ii) walk with heavy steps
(iii) walk fast
(iv) walk lazily

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

In Indian mythology, there is an interesting story about the creation of music. Lord Brahma, the creator, created all beautiful things in the universe. Then he created man, his finest creation. But he was not happy as man would not respond to the beautiful things around him. When his wife, Goddess Saraswati, came to know the reason of his sadness, she instilled in man love for music. Henceforth man started responding to beauty. Such is the power of music. Music is a fine art. It teaches us the appreciation of beauty. It enthralls people of all ages and all times. It transports us to the heaven of eternal bliss. It relaxes our body, ennoble our mind and uplifts our soul. It has rightly been called 'food for soul'. Even animals respond to music. Shakespeare has rightly said that the man who does not love music is either a lunatic or a seer, but not a normal human being. Music gives man his essential humanity. Music, like a girdle, binds human beings all over the world. That is why musical concerts and competitions are held at national and international levels. If people begin to understand the language of music, all national and international feuds will come to an end and the world will become a better place to live in. We should inculcate in our youngsters love for music.

- (a) All beautiful things in the universe were created by _____ .
(i) Vishnu (ii) Brahma (iii) Shiva (iv) God
- (b) Music is called _____ :
(i) food for life (ii) food for soul
(iii) food for mind (iv) food for heart
- (c) All the national and international feuds will come to an end _____ .
(i) when people will understand language of love
(ii) when people will not be jealous
(iii) when people will understand language of music
(iv) none of the above

(d) According to Shakespeare one who enjoys music is _____ :

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| (i) lunatic | (ii) seer |
| (iii) normal human being | (iv) abnormal |

(e) The word in the passage that means 'to please' is _____ :

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| (i) responding | (ii) enthralls |
| (iii) ennobles | (iv) feuds |

3. 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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The pressure of childhood or the pleasures of childhood ? Children always wonder why they have to slog. They always want to play and concentrating on studies is difficult. Most schools instead of instilling confidence in the students, only put fear into them. In many schools the strength of a classroom is about sixty or even more. So, it is practically impossible for teachers to attend to each student's problems. So the easiest way of maintaining order and discipline in classrooms was by instilling fear in the minds of the students. So, it's a pity that most children grow up in this atmosphere of fear. No wonder that they often lack in confidence. Parents too are to blame for this syndrome for they make the life difficult for their children by setting unrealistic goals without even assessing their strengths and weaknesses. And most parents try to live their dreams through their children. By doing so, I think they are doing a great injustice to their wards.

The years in junior college are perhaps the toughest for any teenager. It is bewildering to learn that some of them study for 16 to 18 hours a day. The pressure to excel in academic begins from the eighth or ninth standard. Consequently, students are forced to keep punishing schedules, which do more harm than good to them. Very few people realize that not all of them are cut out for academics.

Today the competition in any walk of life is very stiff. So it is very important that we build our self-confidence and strengthen ourselves before picking up the gauntlet. Success at school and college does not always spell success. No doubt, one has to do well in studies, but even more important is the process of learning. It is essential that we learn new things and move ahead in life. It's no use rejoicing over past glory.

In every field there are pressures to perform. But instead of succumbing to the pressure one has to be motivated and perform better. After all, in every failure there is a lesson to be learnt. And then both parents and teachers should guard against putting unnecessary pressure on children. Man's biggest enemy is his fear of failure. It is something, which can adversely affect his performance. So, brace up and do your duty without any fears.

(a) The complaint about schools is that _____ .

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| (i) they instil a sense of fear in the students |
| (ii) they make them overconfident |
| (iii) they pressurise them to study |
| (iv) they do not bother about all round development of the student. |

- (b) It is difficult for the teacher to attend to each students problem because of_____
- (i) different level of students
 - (ii) less number of students in each class
 - (iii) large number of students in each class
 - (iv) different problems of each student
- (c) Parents try to realize their own dreams through their children. They are_____ .
- (i) overambitious
 - (ii) not being practical
 - (iii) doing injustice to their children
 - (iv) all the above
- (d) Students study for 16 to 18 hours to _____ .
- (i) become master of all subjects
 - (ii) get admission in good college
 - (iii) compete with others
 - (iv) excel in academics
- (e) A word in the passage that means yield to temptation _____ .
- (i) succumbing
 - (ii) gauntlet
 - (iii) syndrome
 - (iv) brace

SECTION - B
(Writing - 15 Marks)

4. People are worried about the decline in the performance of our sports / games persons at the international level. Write a letter to the editor of Indian Express, conveying people's concern and suggest how the state of affairs could be improved. 6
- Hardly bag silver or gold
 - Lost our supremacy even in hockey - our national game
 - Schools and colleges no sports facilities of international level
 - No dearth of talent but not proper guidance
 - Policy makers - to allocate enough fund for sports

OR

You are Mohit / elder brother of Saurabh who is in class XII pursuing his studies in the commerce stream. Saurabh seeks your guidance regarding his undergraduate studies. He is not sure if he should pursue his undergraduation in India or abroad. Write a letter to him, advising him to pursue his course in India.

- Innumerable courses available in India
- Low and affordable course fee
- Backing of parents, friends
- No cultural crisis
- Job opportunities
- Low cost of living

5. You are Sumit / Suniti. Prepare a speech to be presented in your school's Science Day celebration on how science and technology can be misused in different ways and how it is going to effect our greatest wealth of health.

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Health Hazards

- Unhygienic junk food
- Pesticides in plantation / milk
- Chemicals in cosmetics
- Toxins in soft drinks
- Artificial measures to ripen fruits and promote yield
- From fields

OR

As a concerned resident you are worried about the harmful effects of insanitary conditions in your town. Write a speech on the necessity of sanitation to be given during morning assembly in your school.

- Inside house - well decorated - throw garbage outside paper wrappers, polythene etc. in the lanes
- These dump - ground for transmission of diseases
- RWA's indifferent
- Garbage dumped - near schools, hospital, every where
- No accountability among workers
- Educate people - impose heavy penalty

6. National Book Trust - organised exhibition of books in your school for the students of class I to VI. You are Ankit, head boy of the school. Write a report of the exhibition giving all the details, for your school magazine.

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OR

Ragini decided to write a story for the school magazine, which she could not complete. Complete the story in about 80 words.

Rohan was studying till late at night. He went to the kitchen to have water. When he switched on the light.....

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 choosing the most appropriate option. Do not copy the whole passage. $\frac{1}{2} \times 6 = 3$

Yesterday a speeding car hit a scooterist who (a)_____ (fall) unconscious. The poor fellow (b)_____ (bleed) a lot before he (c)_____ (rush) to the hospital. The man (d)_____ (struggle) for half an hour before he (e)_____ (breathe) his last. The doctor (f)_____ (feel) his pulse and declared him dead.

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| (a) | (i) fell | (ii) had fallen | (iii) will fall | (iv) falling |
| (b) | (i) bled | (ii) was bleeding | (iii) bleeding | (iv) had bled |
| (c) | (i) rush | (ii) rushed | (iii) was rushed | (iv) rushing |
| (d) | (i) had struggle | (ii) struggled | | |
| | (iii) struggling | (iv) was struggling | | |
| (e) | (i) breathed | (ii) was breathing | | |
| | (iii) had breathed | (iv) breathe | | |
| (f) | (i) feeling | (ii) felt | | |
| | (iii) had felt | (iv) was feeling | | |

8. Choose the most appropriate option from the ones given below. Write your answer in the answer sheet. $\frac{1}{2} \times 6 = 3$

You (a) _____ come to school in proper uniform. You (b) _____ make it a habit to visit the library in your vacant periods. You (c) _____ borrow the books of your choice. But spoiling the books (d) _____ be avoided at any cost. Tearing off pages or underlining the passages (e) _____ be seriously dealt with. Remember, you (f) _____ behave like gentleman to be worthy student of the school.

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| (a) | (i) can | (ii) must | (iii) may | (iv) could |
| (b) | (i) may | (ii) will | (iii) should | (iv) would |
| (c) | (i) cannot | (ii) can | (iii) will | (iv) would |
| (d) | (i) must | (ii) will | (iii) may | (iv) would |
| (e) | (i) can | (ii) cannot | (iii) shall | (iv) may |
| (f) | (i) must | (ii) may | (iii) would | (iv) will |

9. Read the following dialogue and then complete the report by choosing the correct option from the ones given below. Write your answer in the answer sheet with the correct blank number. 1x3=3

Mother : What have you done in the test ?

Son : I cannot answer this now.

Mother : Give me some general idea of what you have done.

Son : I shall get good marks.

Mother asked her son (a)_____. He replied (b)_____. At this the mother asked him to give her some general idea of what he had done. The son told her (c)_____.

- (a) (i) what he had done in the test ?
(ii) what had he done in the test ?
(iii) what he would have done in the test ?
(iv) what in the test he had done ?
- (b) (i) that he could answer that but not then
(ii) that he could not answer that then
(iii) that he can not answer that then
(iv) that he will not answer that then
- (c) (i) that he will get good marks
(ii) that he should get good marks
(iii) that he would get good marks
(iv) that he shall get good marks

10. Rearrange the words and phrases given below into meaningful sentences. Write the correct sentences in your answer sheet. The first one is done for you as an example. 1x3=3

Many Indians / sandal wood / to be / is considered / sacred by/

Sandalwood is considered to be sacred by many Indians.

- (a) Medicinal properties / it is / fragrance / and / for its / highly valued
- (i) it is highly valued for its medical properties and fragrance.
(ii) it is highly valued for its fragrance and medical properties.
(iii) it is valued highly for its medical fragrance and properties.
(iv) highly valued it is for its medical properties and fragrance.

- (b) Sandal and turmeric / for a / by women / in ancient times / was used / blemish free skin /
- In ancient times sandal and turmeric was used by woman for a blemish free skin.
 - In ancient times for a blemish free skin sandal and turmeric was used by women.
 - For a blemish free skin in ancient times sandal and turmeric was used by women.
 - Sandal and turmeric was used by women for the blemish free skin in ancient times.
- (c) The purest / and / the / of Mysore / the / Sandal wood trees / renowned Sandal oil comes from
- The sandal oil comes from the purest and renowned sandal wood tree of Mysore.
 - The purest and renowned sandal oil comes from the sandalwood tree of Mysore.
 - The renowned and purest sandal wood tree of Mysore comes from purest and renowned sandal oil.
 - The sandal wood of the Mysore purest and renowned sandal wood oil comes from Mysore.

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

Teacher : Why are you late Shruti ?

Shruti : I (a) _____

Teacher : You should have reached the bus stop on time.

Shruti : My mother (b) _____

Teacher : Oh ! I am sorry (c) _____

- I woke up late.
 - I walked all the way.
 - I missed the school bus.
 - I do not like the school.
- is coming with me.
 - is going to her parent's house.
 - is ill and hospitalised.
 - is sleeping.
- may be coming to school.
 - she may get well soon.
 - she may be angry with you.
 - she may cook food for you.

SECTION - D
(Text Books - 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

It is from these comrades in the struggle that I learned the meaning of courage. Time and again, I have seen men and women risk and give their lives for an idea. I have seen men stand up to attacks and torture without breaking, showing a strength and resilience that defies the imagination. I learnt that courage was not the absence of fear, but the triumph over it.

- (A) He learnt the meaning of courage from his _____.
(i) wife (ii) comrades
(iii) daughter (iv) friend
- (B) According to the author the meaning of courage was _____.
(i) absence of fear (ii) triumph of fear
(iii) living with fear (iv) risking your life
- (C) Men and women risked their life for _____.
(i) each other (ii) friends
(iii) family (iv) an idea
- (D) A word in the passage which means 'the ability to deal with any kind of hardship and recover from its effects'.
(i) courage (ii) struggle
(iii) resilience (iv) triumph

12. (b) He waited a moment in surprise, wondering why she did not come nearer, and then, maddened by hunger he dived at the fish. With a loud scream he fell outwards and downwards into space. Then a monstrous terror seized him and his heart stood still he could hear nothing. 4

- (A) 'She' in the above passage is _____.
(i) sister's friend (ii) friend
(iii) sister (iv) mother
- (B) 'he dived at the fish' because _____.
(i) he was mad (ii) he was hungry
(iii) he wanted to kill it (iv) he wanted to eat it
- (C) 'his heart stood still' because of _____.
(i) fear (ii) heart attack
(iii) unconsciousness (iv) none of the above
- (D) A word in the passage that means 'take possession of' _____.
(i) terror (ii) monstrous
(iii) seized (iv) scream

13. Read the following passage carefully and answer the questions by writing the option that you consider the most appropriate in your answer sheet. (Any two of the passages)

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- (a) He should be lurking in shadow,
Sliding through long grass
Near the water hole
Where plump deer pass.

(A) 'He' in the above lines refer to _____ .

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| (i) tiger | (ii) deer |
| (iii) hyena | (iv) lion |

(B) It should hide _____ .

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| (i) behind water hole | (ii) in shadow |
| (iii) in long grass | (iv) besides water hole |

(C) _____ pass besides water hole

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| (i) plump deer | (ii) deer |
| (iii) tiger | (iv) lion |

- (b) If strolling forth, a beast you view,
Whose hide with spots is peppered,
As soon as he has leapt at you,
You'll know it is the leopard.

(A) You'll recognize the leopard looking at _____ .

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| (i) spots on his skin | (ii) stripes on his skin |
| (iii) long hair around its neck | (iv) discoloured skin |

(B) The moment he spots you it will _____ .

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| (i) hide | (ii) leap at you |
| (iii) ignore you | (iv) run away |

(C) The poem is written by _____ .

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| (i) Robert Frost | (ii) Carolyn Wells |
| (iii) John Berryman | (iv) Leslie Norris |

- (c) What is the boy now, who has lost his ball,
What, what is he to do ? I saw it go
Merrily bouncing, down the street, and
then merrily over - there it is the water !

(A) The boy was playing with _____ .

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| (i) a ball | (ii) a cricket ball |
| (iii) a tennis ball | (iv) a foot ball |

- (B) The ball got lost _____ .
 (i) in the street (ii) in the water
 (iii) behind the bushes (iv) behind the car
- (C) 'T' in the above lines refer to _____ .
 (i) the boy (ii) the poet
 (iii) his friend (iv) his partner

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

- (a) Why did the post master sent a reply to Lencho's first letter addressed to God ?
 (b) What did Nelson Mandela pledge when he was sworn in as President ?
 (c) What was the opinion of judges about Wanda's drawings ?
 (d) How did Anne want her diary to be different ?

15. Answer one of the following questions in about 80 words. 2x3=6

Author could not thank the pilot of the black aeroplane. There was a mystery behind that plane. Explain the mystery.

OR

Do you think hunger was a good motivation for the young Seagull in his first flight ?

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

- (a) Hari Singh stole money for Anil's room. When he was asleep. Why did he come back and put the money back ?
 (b) Who is the real culprit in the story 'A Question of Trust' ? How did the real culprit manage to rob the safe without leaving a single fingerprint ?

17. Answer any two of the following questions in about 40 to 50 words. 6

- (a) Why was Mr. Harriot happy to keep Tricki as a permanent guest ?
 (b) What justification does Hari Singh give for stealing Anil's money ?
 (c) How did Ausable outsmart Max ?

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