

**1081414 - B2**

**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 :

<b>Section A :</b>	<b>Reading Comprehension</b>	<b>15 Marks</b>
<b>Section B :</b>	<b>Writing</b>	<b>15 Marks</b>
<b>Section C :</b>	<b>Grammar</b>	<b>15 Marks</b>
<b>Section D :</b>	<b>Text Books</b>	<b>35 Marks</b>

**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 most appropriate in your answer sheet. 5

Dear Sir,  
I feel I ought to write  
About Tom's essay - work last night,  
Of all the subjects you have set  
This seemed the most unwise yet.  
"Describe your family" ... Tom wrote it  
So well, I just had to stop it  
Being handed in; - so did my wife.  
The details of our family life  
Are not such a kind, alas,  
That I should want them read in class;  
We did not wish the High School staff  
To read them for a lunch-hour-laugh.  
We tore it out. I realize  
You may think what we did unwise-  
But give it your consideration  
And please accept my explanation,  
I trust you will not blame my son,  
For, after all, the work was done.

- (A) Father forbids his son to submit the essay to the class teacher because \_\_\_\_\_  
(i) it gave too many personal details  
(ii) topic was not wisely chosen  
(iii) topic was vague  
(iv) topic was not interesting
- (B) If submitted, the staff of the school would \_\_\_\_\_  
(i) criticise the essay  
(ii) read and laugh  
(iii) feel ashamed  
(iv) make fun of Tom
- (C) According to the poet the persons to be blamed for Tom not submitting his essay are \_\_\_\_\_  
(i) His friends  
(ii) His family members  
(iii) His parents  
(iv) His teachers

- (D) Tom, according to the father, should be pardoned because \_\_\_\_\_
- (i) His work was incomplete
  - (ii) He did the work
  - (iii) He did the work half heartedly
  - (iv) He is a child
- (E) A word in the poem that means 'hold someone responsible for a fault' is \_\_\_\_\_
- (i) consideration
  - (ii) blame
  - (iii) unwise
  - (iv) realize

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

Hudson, though, was advised against sitting up for longer than five minutes because of the risk of being smothered by flab. The only exercise he engaged in was when he attended to his ablutions; it took him an hour to negotiate the six yards to the bathroom from his bedroom. Then in 1987, he found himself wedged in the doorway. "The day I got stuck in that door," he recalled, "was when the Lord got me the help I needed." The help to which he referred was offered by Dick Gregory, a comedian who masterminded the Slim Safe Diet Scheme.

"We think what might have happened," said Gregory about his new client, "is that in 27 years of lying around he might, because of the reading of his Bible, have taken on the same characteristics as Buddhist monks slowed down the biological processes. But we don't know."

Gregory placed Hudson on a 1,200 calorie-a-day diet of raw fruit and orange juice. For exercise he was advised to lie in bed waving his arms about like a conductor.

Hudson soon lost some four inches off his knees, and within three months had shed 178 kg. It began to look as if he might fulfil such ambitions as visiting his mother's grave, riding on the New York subway, driving into the country - and even flying to a clinic in the Bahamas, from which he envisaged emerging as a sylph of 13 stones.

But it was not to be. At the time of his death, of an apparent heart attack, Hudson reportedly weighed 508 kg. Rescue workers had to cut a large hole in the wall of his bedroom to remove the body. He was unmarried.

- (A) The only exercise that Hudson took was \_\_\_\_\_
- (i) Going to bathroom
  - (ii) Attending to ablutions
  - (iii) Sitting on chair
  - (iv) Getting up from bed
- (B) In 1987 Hudson \_\_\_\_\_
- (i) fell in the bathroom
  - (ii) got stuck in the door
  - (iii) could not lift himself from the chair
  - (iv) had a heart attack

- (C) His diet was reduced to \_\_\_\_\_
- (i) 1000 calories
  - (ii) 1500 calories
  - (iii) 1200 calories
  - (iv) 2000 calories
- (D) Hudson died of \_\_\_\_\_
- (i) Kidney failure
  - (ii) Cancer
  - (iii) Heart attack
  - (iv) Accident
- (E) A word in the passage meaning 'clearly seen ' is \_\_\_\_\_
- (i) smothered
  - (ii) apparent
  - (iii) rescue
  - (iv) ablutions

**3. Read the following passage carefully and answer the questions by writing the option that you consider most appropriate in your answer sheet . 5**

The sun and the planets with their satellites form a happy family, called the solar system. 'Solar' means belonging to the sun. The sun is the father of all the planets, so the whole group is called the solar system.

At night, you see thousands of stars in the sky. Only a few of them are planets. We can easily distinguish between a planet and a star. Compared to the stars, the planets are really very tiny, like our earth. But they look bigger than stars because they are much nearer to us. Compared to a star, the moon is really quite like a baby. It looks so big because it is very near to us. The real way to distinguish a star from a planet is to see whether it twinkles or not. Stars twinkle, planets don't. Planets shine only because they get the light of the sun. It is merely the sunshine on the planets or the moon that we see.

Stars are like the sun. They shine of themselves because they are very hot and burning. In fact, the sun itself is a star. It looks bigger than stars because it is much nearer. We see it as a great ball of fire in the sky.

- (A) Solar system consists of \_\_\_\_\_
- (i) sun and stars
  - (ii) sun and planets
  - (iii) stars and planets
  - (iv) sun and moon
- (B) Moon looks bigger than a star because \_\_\_\_\_
- (i) it shines brighter
  - (ii) it is big
  - (iii) it is nearer to earth
  - (iv) stars are smaller

- (C) Father of all the planets is \_\_\_\_\_
- (i) Moon
  - (ii) Sun
  - (iii) Earth
  - (iv) Jupiter
- (D) Planets can be distinguished from stars because \_\_\_\_\_
- (i) like stars they also twinkle
  - (ii) like stars they do not twinkle
  - (iii) they are tiny
  - (iv) they are not bright like stars
- (E) 'Stars are like the sun' - the poetic device used in this line is \_\_\_\_\_
- (i) metaphor
  - (ii) simile
  - (iii) Alliteration
  - (iv) Epithet

### SECTION - B

#### (Writing - 15 Marks)

4. Varun / Vineeta of 29 Rajpur Road, Chandigarh, is concerned about the spread of diseases during summers and decides to write a letter to the editor of a national daily highlighting the impending possibility of water borne diseases and the dire need for creating awareness about the prevention of such diseases. 6
- Water in wells + other water sources - polluted
  - Diseases such as cholera, jaundice, gastroenteritis - widely spread
  - Drink only boiled or filtered water
  - Avoid outside food
  - Wash hands before eating

**OR**

Write a letter to your friend Himanshu of 215, Pocket B, Ashok Vihar, Delhi. Advising him to celebrate Diwali without crackers to keep control over pollution. Suggest some other ways to celebrate Diwali by avoiding crackers.

- Waste money on crackers and firework
- Cause noise pollution, air pollution
- Small children work in cracker factories
- Distribute sweets / clothes to poor
- Save money to help needy

5. You are Mohit / Mohini of Manas School, Delhi. Write an article to be published in the forthcoming issue of 'The week' on why animals are ill treated and what can be done to prevent cruelty to Animals in about 120 words. 6

- Animals - useful to men
- They are dumb - can't protest -
- Kill them - ill treat them for personal benefits
- Load them with tons of weight
- Keep them in captivity
- Law - must be enforced to check it

**OR**

You are Shashwat / Shravani. You feel concerned to see how children are increasingly getting hooked to new electronic gadgets. Prepare a speech to be delivered during morning assembly in about 120 words.

- Newspapers flooded with advertisements of latest electronic gadgets.
- Latest mobiles, Cameras, Ipods etc.
- Children waste parents hard earned money
- Incalculable harm to children
- Wastage of time

6. Ragini decided to write a story for her school magazine. Suddenly she had to go to see her aunt who was very sick. Complete her story in about 80 words 3

Rohit's Mother had gone to the station to pick up his father who was returning from Bangalore. Rohit was studying when the telephone bell rang \_\_\_\_\_

**OR**

Your school organised a Fete in your school to collect money for Earthquake victims. Write a report giving details of the stalls response, tickets, money collected etc. to be published in your school magazine.

## 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.

- |     |                    |                     |                  |               |
|-----|--------------------|---------------------|------------------|---------------|
| (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.

- |     |            |             |              |            |
|-----|------------|-------------|--------------|------------|
| (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 / sandalwood / 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

- (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)

6

- (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 \_\_\_\_\_ .

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

(B) It should hide \_\_\_\_\_ .

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

(C) \_\_\_\_\_ pass besides water hole

- |                |           |
|----------------|-----------|
| (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 \_\_\_\_\_ .

- |                                 |                          |
|---------------------------------|--------------------------|
| (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 \_\_\_\_\_ .

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

(C) The poem is written by \_\_\_\_\_ .

- |                     |                    |
|---------------------|--------------------|
| (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 \_\_\_\_\_ .

- |                     |                     |
|---------------------|---------------------|
| (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) 'I' 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**

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

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

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 one of the following questions in about 80 words. 4**

What impression of Mrs Pumphrey do you get from 'A triumph of surgery ' ?

**OR**

What did Fowler think about a spy ? How did Ausable disappoint him.

**17. Answer any two of the following : 6**

- What advice did the lady give Horace about his hay fever ? Was she really interested in his health
- How can you say that Griffin was a lawless person ?
- Anil did not have money to pay the thief. Why then did he agree to feed him ?

**- o o o -**