

**1081414 - C2**

**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</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. 5

In Belgium newspapers refer to their country as the Kingdom of Chocolates. With hundreds of chocolate factories turning out some 140000 tonnes a year, Belgian chocolate is big business and employs nearly 72000 people. How Belgium became the world's chocolate capital relates partly to its colonial past in Africa, giving it special ties to cacao producers. According to Dirk Arens, Director of Operations, at the big Nuehaus Plant, the secret of their success is that the Belgian taste in chocolate seems to be universal and they are fortunate to possess traditional craftsmanship for making fine chocolate.

Most Belgian chocolate makers learn their craft at vocational schools before being apprenticed to a master chocolatier. Once on their own, they use the cacao beans, roast them longer, and then grind the particles to a miniscule 20 to 35 microns for a super - velvety texture. And they make it rich : pure cocoa content in Belgian chocolate ranges from 35 to 43% and even higher. It also helps that the Belgian government takes chocolates seriously. In 1975, it decreed that only products made of cacao beans, cocoa butter and sugar could be labelled chocolate. That ruled out the cheaper vegetable used in many countries as a substitute for some of the cocoa butter and spurred Belgian chocolatiers to aim high and pay attention to detail. That simple, elegant little chocolate box with a little ribbon around it called a ballotin, was invented in 1912 by a meticulous member of the Neuhaus clan to protect packed chocolates.

- (a) The secret of the success of Belgian chocolate is that \_\_\_\_\_
- (i) it is cheaper
  - (ii) it has universal taste
  - (iii) it is prepared by master chocolatier
  - (iv) it is rich in cocoa content
- (b) The kingdom of chocolates is
- (i) Switzerland
  - (ii) USA
  - (iii) Belgium
  - (iv) Austria
- (c) Super velvety texture of chocolate comes from \_\_\_\_\_
- (i) Baking and grinding the particles
  - (ii) roasting and grinding the particles
  - (iii) cooking and roasting the particles
  - (iv) heating and roasting the particles
- (d) Belgium chocolates are made rich by \_\_\_\_\_ .
- (i) higher range of pure cocoa content
  - (ii) pure cocoa content
  - (iii) cacao beans
  - (iv) sugar

- (e) A word in the passage that means 'Lucky'.
- (i) traditional
  - (ii) fortunate
  - (iii) decreed
  - (iv) substitute

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

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Douglas was determined to learn swimming to get over his fear of water. Hence, he engaged a professional instructor who well understood the gravity of Douglas' problem and the intensity of the terror that gripped his heart. Instead of teaching him swimming in one go, the instructor built a swimmer out of him bit by bit. First of all, to make Douglas get over his fear of drowning, the instructor put a belt around his waist and attached it securely to a pulley that ran on an overhead cable. For almost three months, he was repeatedly made to go back and forth across the pool. Next, he was taught to put his face under water to exhale and also to raise his nose to inhale. This exercise helped Douglas shed his panic when he went under water. Douglas built up his stamina by kicking his legs at the side of the pool for weeks together. For almost six months, from October to April, he took training from his instructor. Finally, his instructor gave 'go ahead' to Douglas and said that he could swim. Thus, the methodical proceedings of the instructor built a swimmer out of Douglas inch by inch or bit by bit.

- (1) Douglas had :
- (i) fear of water and fire
  - (ii) fear of water
  - (iii) fear of fire
  - (iv) fear of drowning
- (2) Instructor taught him to \_\_\_\_\_.
- (i) do exercise
  - (ii) inhale and exhale in water
  - (iii) Swim across the pool without help
  - (iv) be calm
- (3) Kicking his legs at the side of the pool helped him \_\_\_\_\_.
- (i) cross the pool
  - (ii) over come fear
  - (iii) build stamina
  - (iv) breathe better
- (4) His instructor's \_\_\_\_\_ training helped him become a Swimmer.
- (i) rigorous
  - (ii) casual
  - (iii) careful
  - (iv) methodical and regular
- (5) A word that means take a firm hold' \_\_\_\_\_ .
- (i) gravity
  - (ii) gripped
  - (iii) panic
  - (iv) securely

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

Why should I be the first to fall  
Of all the leaves on this old tree ?  
Though sadly soon I know that all  
Will lose their hold and follow me.  
While my birth - brothers bravely blow,  
Why should I be first to go ?

Why should I be the last to cling  
Of all the leaves on this bleak bough ?  
I've fluttered since the fire of Spring  
And I am worn and withered now.  
I would escape the Winter gale  
And sleep soft - silvered by a snail .

When swoop the legions of the snow  
To pitch their tents in roaring weather  
We fallen leaves will lie below  
And rot rejoicingly together;  
And from our rich and dark decay  
Will laugh our brothers of the May.

- (A) The fallen leaf laments its fate because \_\_\_\_\_ .  
(a) It has fallen from the tree  
(b) It is the first to fall  
(c) other leaves will follow it  
(d) other leaves are still hung to the branches
- (B) The leaf that is clinging is sad because \_\_\_\_\_ .  
(a) it is worn and withered, but still clinging  
(b) it wants to be with the fallen leaf  
(c) other leaves have fallen  
(d) it is the last to fall
- (C) Fallen leaves wish to \_\_\_\_\_ .  
(a) be together  
(b) happily play together  
(c) not together  
(d) be together in winter
- (D) In the month of May \_\_\_\_\_ .  
(a) fallen leaves will be together  
(b) new plants would come  
(c) there would be new bloom  
(d) season would change
- (E) A word in the passage that means ' dry faded and dead'  
(a) cling  
(b) rejoicingly  
(c) decay  
(d) withered

**SECTION - B**  
**(Writing - 15 Marks)**

4. You are Rajiv Saxena, living at 75 Darya Ganj, Delhi. You have received an unsatisfactory report of your brother, Mohit, studying in a hostel. Write a letter to him to work hard for the session ending exam. 6
- unhappy looking at the report card
  - complaint of teacher
  - Be regular in your class / work hard
  - mend your ways - stop wasting time with friends

**OR**

As a traveller of Private buses in Delhi, you are a witness to their rash driving and other problems. Write a letter to the editor of 'Times of India' Bahadur Shah Zafar Marg., New Delhi - Sign yourself as Rohan / Ranjita

- rash driving - overtaking
  - overloading - flaunting traffic rules
  - Driven shabbily dressed - stop buses any where
5. Recently you were caught in Traffic Jam. You decide to write an article for your school magazine write the article in about 100 words. 6
- Traffic Jams serious problem
  - Not following traffic rules and lane system
  - Failure of Traffic lights
  - Follow traffic rules - heavy penalty for not following traffic rules
  - Encourage people for car pool

**OR**

You are the Head Boy / Head Girl of your school. The following photo caught your attention you decide to speak about this during morning assembly. Prepare your speech in about 100 words giving useful suggestions



- Made of harmful chemicals
- Not easily disposable
- Animals eat and die
- Block drainage

6. Rohan decides to write a short story for the school magazine but could not complete it. Complete his story in about 80 words. 3

Ramesh and Rajit were going to the market. It was little late at night. Suddenly a motorist .....

**OR**

Write a report of the Annual Day celebration of your school giving details of cultural programme, Prize distribution etc., in about 80 words.

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

Persons who (a) \_\_\_\_\_ remain on outdoor shootings pass (b) \_\_\_\_\_ be given a chance to go abroad. But they (c) \_\_\_\_\_ have their passports ready. They (d) \_\_\_\_\_ get a free ticket for one of their family members, if only their passports (e) \_\_\_\_\_ be arranged. The company would provide them spare dollars so the members (f) \_\_\_\_\_ take more foreign exchange with them .

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| (a) (i) have to | (ii) had to    |
| (iii) need to   | (iv) would not |
| (b) (i) would   | (ii) will      |
| (iii) can       | (iv) could     |
| (c) (i) should  | (ii) would     |
| (iii) may       | (iv) might     |
| (d) (i) may     | (ii) might     |
| (iii) shall     | (iv) would     |
| (e) (i) will    | (ii) would     |
| (iii) could     | (iv) may       |
| (f) (i) have    | (ii) have to   |
| (iii) can       | (iv) can not   |

8. Choose the most appropriate option from the ones given below. Write the correct number. Do not copy the whole passage.  $\frac{1}{2} \times 6 = 3$

A poverty stricken mother (a) \_\_\_\_\_ (give) birth to her son last Sunday and (b) \_\_\_\_\_ (handover) the newborn to another childless woman, the next day. Her husband a rikshaw puller (c) \_\_\_\_\_ (die) a few months before, she (d) \_\_\_\_\_ (deliver) the baby. Already (e) \_\_\_\_\_ (fight) with poverty, her future (f) \_\_\_\_\_ (become) more uncertain.

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| (a) (i) give | (ii) gave       |
| (iii) given  | (iv) would give |

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| (b) | (i) will handover  | (ii) would hand over |
|     | (iii) handed over  | (iv) can handover    |
| (c) | (i) has died       | (ii) had died        |
|     | (iii) die          | (iv) died            |
| (d) | (i) deliver        | (ii) delivered       |
|     | (iii) will deliver | (iv) had delivered   |
| (e) | (i) fight          | (ii) fought          |
|     | (iii) fighting     | (iv) will fight      |
| (f) | (i) has become     | (ii) became          |
|     | (iii) would become | (iv) can become      |

9. Read the following dialogue and complete the report choosing the correct option. Do not copy the dialogue and the report. Just write the correct blank number in your answer sheet .

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

Principal - Amit, why do you want character certificate ?

Amit - I want to apply for a part time job.

Principal - I can't give you the certificate unless I see your progress report

Principal asked Amit (A) \_\_\_\_\_ a character certificate. Amit replied (B) \_\_\_\_\_ apply for a part time job. Principal told him (C) \_\_\_\_\_ give the certificate unless he saw his report card.

- (A) (a) that the reason why he want  
 (b) that why was he wanting  
 (c) that why did he want  
 (d) that why he wanted
- (B) (a) that he wants to  
 (b) that he want to  
 (c) that he wanted to  
 (d) that he need to
- (C) (a) that he may not  
 (b) that he could not  
 (c) that he will not  
 (d) that he should not

10. Complete the following passage by choosing the correct passive forms of verbs given in brackets from the alternatives given below.  $\frac{1}{2} \times 6 = 3$

Thousands of people (A) \_\_\_\_\_ (kill) in the earthquake in Gujrat last Month. Many Villages (B) \_\_\_\_\_ (destroy) completely. Now new houses (C) \_\_\_\_\_ (built) for the homeless.

- (A) (i) has been killed  
(ii) killed  
(iii) can be killed  
(iv) were killed
- (B) (i) were destroyed  
(ii) will be destroyed  
(iii) destroyed  
(iv) are destroyed
- (C) (i) will be built  
(ii) are being built  
(iii) could be built  
(iv) are built

11. Complete the dialogue by choosing the correct alternative from those given below. Write your answers in the answer sheet against the correct number.  $\frac{1}{2} \times 6 = 3$

Renu - Your mother is always very well dressed. From where (A) \_\_\_\_\_  
Mohini - She is a dress designer . She (B) \_\_\_\_\_  
Renu - Oh ! Can I ask her to design my new dress ?  
Mohini - Yes, only if (C) \_\_\_\_\_

- (A) (i) she got her clothes stitched  
(ii) she gets her clothes stitched  
(iii) she would get her clothes stitched  
(iv) she did get her clothes stitched
- (B) (i) designed her own clothes  
(ii) would be designing her own clothes  
(iii) designs her own clothes  
(iv) may be design her own clothes
- (C) (i) agreed to do so  
(ii) agrees to do so  
(iii) is agreeing to do so  
(iv) will he agree to do so



**SECTION - D**  
**(Text Books - 35 Marks)**

- 12. Read the following passage carefully and answer the questions by writing the option that you consider the most appropriate in your answer sheet. 4**

**(A)** Lencho showed not the slightest surprise on seeing the money; such was his confidence - but he became angry when he counted the money. God could not have made a mistake, nor could He have denied Lencho what he had requested.

- (a) Lencho was confident that \_\_\_\_\_  
(i) god would grant his request  
(ii) god could not make a mistake  
(iii) god would send him the money  
(iv) all the above
- (b) Lencho became angry because \_\_\_\_\_  
(i) he found that God had not granted his wish  
(ii) he found that God had made a mistake  
(iii) he found that the money received was less than what he had asked for  
(iv) Because his crop was destroyed
- (c) Lencho wanted the money to \_\_\_\_\_  
(i) sow his fields for new crop  
(ii) feed his family  
(iii) plant flowers  
(iv) pay back loan
- (d) opposite of 'denied' is \_\_\_\_\_  
(i) accepted  
(ii) granted  
(iii) delivered  
(iv) drastic

**(B)** Paris was about 150 kilometres behind me when I saw the clouds. Storm clouds. They were huge. They looked like black mountains standing in front of me across the sky. I knew I could not fly up and over them, and I did not have enough fuel to fly around them to north or south. 4

- (a) He had come \_\_\_\_\_ kilometres ahead of Paris  
(i) 100 km (ii) 120 km  
(iii) 150 km (iv) 140 km
- (b) Storm clouds looked like \_\_\_\_\_  
(i) black mountains  
(ii) black stones  
(iii) big elephants  
(iv) huge giants

- (c) He could not fly up and over the clouds because \_\_\_\_\_
  - (i) he was scared
  - (ii) he did not have enough fuel
  - (iii) he was scared he would get lost
  - (iv) he lost the sense of direction
- (d) A word in the passage that means 'sufficient'
  - (i) across
  - (ii) huge
  - (iii) enough
  - (iv) around

**13. Read the following passage carefully and answer the questions by writing the options that you consider most the appropriate in your answer sheet option. 3x2=6**

- (A) But if it had to perish twice  
 I think I know enough of hate  
 To say that for destruction ice  
 Is also great  
 And would suffice
- (a) 'It' here refers to \_\_\_\_\_
    - (i) the hatred people have for each other
    - (ii) the destruction ice causes
    - (iii) the world we live in
    - (iv) the life one lives
  - (b) The two things that would destroy \_\_\_\_\_
    - (i) volcano and ice
    - (ii) fire and ice
    - (iii) wind and fire
    - (iv) wind and ice
  - (c) The poet equates ice with \_\_\_\_\_
    - (i) conflict
    - (ii) lust
    - (iii) hatred
    - (iv) fury
- (B) He hears the last voice at night  
 The patrolling cars  
 And stares with his brilliant eyes  
 At the brilliant stars
- (a) 'He' in the above lines is \_\_\_\_\_
    - (i) Hyena
    - (ii) Tiger
    - (iii) Lion
    - (iv) deer

- (b) He is awake at night because \_\_\_\_\_
- (i) he is disturbed by the visitors
  - (ii) noise of patrolling cars disturb him
  - (iii) he is planning his escape
  - (iv) he is not sleepy
- (c) Patrolling cars are moving around to see \_\_\_\_\_
- (i) that it is safe and there is no trouble
  - (ii) that tiger is awake
  - (iii) that tiger is not awake
  - (iv) the smooth flow of traffic

(C) If when you're walking round your yard

You meet a creature there,

Who hugs you very, very hard

Be sure it is a bear.

- (a) A bears attacks its victim \_\_\_\_\_
- (i) By squeezing him
  - (ii) By giving a hug
  - (iii) By biting him
  - (iv) By roaring at him
- (b) You may come across the bear \_\_\_\_\_
- (i) near human habitation
  - (ii) in the jungle
  - (iii) in a lonely area
  - (iv) hiding behind bushes
- (c) Rhyming scheme of above lines is \_\_\_\_\_
- (i) b b a a
  - (ii) a a b b
  - (iii) b a a b
  - (iv) a b a b

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

- (a) Why do you think Wanda gave Maddie and Peggy the drawings of the dresses ?
- (b) What does Mandela mean when he says he is 'simply the sum of all those African patriots who had gone before him ?
- (c) What are the raindrops compared to and why
- (d) When did the seagull's flight begin ? Where did it end ?

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

'Paper has more patience than people' Elucidate

**OR**

How did Lencho react to the postman's help ?

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

What was Mrs. Pumphrey's reaction when Tricki, showed less enthusiasm for exertion?

**OR**

'The thief's story' is a study of the complexities of human mind. Discuss in about 80 words

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

- (a) Who was Henery ? How did he help Ausable ?
- (b) Why were the two boys in London surprised and fascinated ?
- (c) What was Anil's job ? What did he usually do with the money he earned ?

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