

101/X/SA2/27/B1

Class - X

**ENGLISH
(Communicative)**

Time : 3 Hours

Maximum Marks : 80

Total No. of Pages : 10

The Question Paper is divided into **four** sections :

Section A : Reading 20 Marks

Section B : Writing 20 Marks

Section C : Grammar 20 Marks

Section D : Literature 20 Marks

General Instructions :

1. All questions are **compulsory**.
2. You may attempt any section at a time.
3. All questions of a particular section must be attempted in the correct order.

SECTION - A
(Reading - 20 Marks)

1. Read the poem given below.

$\frac{1}{2} \times 10 = 5$

Where is my boy tonight-
The boy of my tenderest care,
The boy that was once my joy and light,
The child of my love and prayer?
My heart overflows, for I love him he knows,
Oh, where is my boy, where is he tonight ?

Once he was pure as morning dew,
As he knelt at his mother's knee;
No face was so bright, no heart more true,
And none was so sweet as he.
My heart overflows, for I love him he knows
Oh, where is my boy, where is he tonight ?

Oh, Could I see you now, my boy,
As fair as in older time,
When prattle and smile made home a joy,
And life was a merry chime!
My heart overflows, for I love him he knows
Oh, where is my boy, where is he tonight?

Below you can see a part of the poet's diary where he summarises his memories of his boy. Fill in the blanks with suitable words to complete the summary. Use only one word for each blank.

My boy has always received (a)_____ care from me. For me, he was a result of my (b)_____ and (c)_____. I remember the time before he was corrupted by the world and was as (d)_____ as morning dew. He was the (e)_____ face that I remember and no (f)_____ could have been more true. When he was (g)_____, his (h)_____ filled my home with joy. Life was much like a joyous (i)_____. I am overwhelmed by emotions because I know that he is aware of my (j)_____. I just wish I know where he is tonight.

2. Read the passage given below and complete the statements that follow by choosing the answers from the given options.

On Sprouts

1x5=5

- (1) Sprouts relatively contain the largest amount of nutrients per unit of any food known to man. Sprouts produce a fountain of power for chemical changes. Enzymes are produced, starch gets converted into glucose. Protein is transformed into amino acids and vitamin value increases. In fact a new explosion of life force takes place. According to Dr. Bailey of the University of Minnerata, U.S.A the vitamin C value of wheat increases 600 percent in the early sprouting period. Dr. C.R. Show of the University of Taxas Cancer Centre found that cancer was inhibited upto 90% when healthy bacteria were exposed to a cancer causing substance in the presence of a juice made from wheat sprouts.
 - (2) Enzymes which initiate and control almost every chemical reaction in our bodies, are greatly activated in the sprouting process. Enzymes spark the entire digestive system to synthesize the nutrients in our food into blood. They are the key to longevity.
 - (3) Sprouts are enjoyed more when they are fresh. Mix sprouts with other foods and dressing, according to your taste and enjoy eating them. But eat them you must, everyday! you will soon realise that making sprouts a part of your diet has a dramatic effect on your health. With this live food, all the cells of your body will become active and agile.
 - (4) The nourishment which develops as the sprouts grow is very stable and can be frozen or dried for future. Sprouted potato or tomato seeds are likely to be poisonous. Alfalfa and moongbean Sprouts are excellent soft food. They are almost predigested and can be easily assimilated even by the children and the elderly. They contain every known vitamin in perfect balance, necessary for the human body.
- (1) Sprouts are useful because they _____.
 - (a) contain largest amount of nutrients
 - (b) produce a fountain of power for chemical changes
 - (c) produce enzymes, convert starch into glucose
 - (d) all of the above.
 - (2) The vitamin C value of _____ increases 600 percent in the early sprouting process.
 - (a) nutrients
 - (b) wheat
 - (c) glucose
 - (d) enzymes
 - (3) _____ seeds are likely to be poisonous when sprouted.
 - (a) Alfalfa
 - (b) Moongbean
 - (c) Potato and tomato
 - (d) none of the above

- (4) 'They' are the key to longevity. Here 'They' refers to _____.
- (a) nutrients
 - (b) vitamins
 - (c) sprouts
 - (d) enzymes
- (5) A word from the passage which means, to combine a large range of something is _____.
- (a) contain
 - (b) inhibited
 - (c) synthesize
 - (d) assimilate

3. Read the following passage carefully and complete the statements that follow : 1x5=5

- (1) The swiss take pride in their lush landscapes. From mid - May to September every year, tourists head for the short lived but dramatic annual display of wild flowers in the Alpine meadows of Switzerland. There they also find peace. The silence is broken only by the occasional tinkling of cowbells.
 - (2) Strictly speaking, the term 'Alpine Meadows' refers only to some regions in the mountain ranges. These regions are above the natural tree line and just below the snow line. The 'tree line' is the altitude beyond which trees cannot grow. This is because of severe weather conditions. The area is covered in snow for almost the entire year. As a result, beyond this altitude, there are only dwarf shrubs and grasslands.
 - (3) Battling heavy snowfall, frost and low oxygen and carbon-dioxide concentrations gives the plants in this region special characteristics. Many have medicinal properties. They are more nutritious for wild and domestic animals than lowland plants because they grow slower and hence have a higher fibre content.
 - (4) They also put on a floral display to attract pollinators and complete a cycle of life. The mix of highly nutritious grasses and legumes in the Alpine regions has attracted graziers to trek up every summer with their cattle for centuries. Swiss agriculture is oriented towards livestock production. This provides more than two thirds of the country's agrarian income . Therefore, Alpine meadows are a very important product of Swiss farming and provide the raw material for two famous Swiss exports, cheese and chocolates.
- (a) Switzerland is popular amongst the tourists for _____.
 - (b) Occasional tinkling of bells only _____.
 - (c) The Alpine regions attract cattle for grazing because of _____.
 - (d) Switzerland's two-thirds agrarian income depends on _____.
 - (e) The word from paragraph one which means "happening irregularly and infrequently" is _____.

4. Read the passage given below and complete the statements that follow by choosing the answers from the given options : 1x5=5

- (1) According to the International standards Organisation (ISO) biodegradable plastic is the one in which degradation results from the action of microorganisms. Of course, the speed at which plastic degrades depends on factors such as the polymer type, the concentration of active components in the polymer as well as atmospheric conditions.
 - (2) Normally biodegradable plastic is produced from natural substances such as starch and cellulose. These days biodegradable materials such as bamboo, fibre, cereal shells, chitosin, gums and polymer blends are being studied to engineer biodegradable plastic varieties that are both inexpensive and convenient to use.
 - (3) A biodegradable plastic using starchy material derived from tapioca and other tubers can degrade in just six months. However, research studies have shown that biodegradable plastic trash bags containing 6% corn starch and 94% synthetic polymer decomposed within five years.
 - (4) The large-scale introduction of biodegradable plastic will have its own limitations. First it would be more expensive than the conventional plastic. Second, it would not be as much water resistant as conventional plastic and chances of its meltdown after exposure to rainwater are quite pronounced.
- (1) Biodegradable plastics degrade mainly due to
 - (a) atmospheric conditions
 - (b) polymer types
 - (c) active components
 - (d) microorganisms
 - (2) Different materials are being studied to find out biodegradable plastics that _____.
 - (a) can be extracted from bacteria
 - (b) can degrade faster than synthetic plastics
 - (c) can melt down after exposure to rainwater
 - (d) are inexpensive and convenient to use
 - (3) These days bamboo and fibre are being studied to make plastic which is _____.
 - (a) green and durable
 - (b) beautiful and light weight
 - (c) inexpensive and convenient
 - (d) water resistant and soft
 - (4) The word 'pronounced' in paragraph 4 can be replaced by _____.
 - (a) indefinite
 - (b) strong
 - (c) weak
 - (d) unnoticed
 - (5) In the last paragraph the author _____.
 - (a) makes a case against biodegradable plastics
 - (b) lists difficulties in the large scale use of biodegradable plastics.
 - (c) argues that conventional plastics should be replaced by biodegradable plastics.
 - (d) compares the merits of conventional plastics and biodegradable plastics.

SECTION - B
(Writing - 20 Marks)

5. **Given below is some information about Maple, star detective of Newyork. Use the information to write a brief bio-sketch of Maple in about 80 words.** 4

MAPLE'S BIO - DATA

Breed - German Shepherd-mixed

Age - 3 years, 7 months

Gender - Male

Colour and built - Black, lean but strong

Height and weight - 76cm, 34 kg

Area of expertise - Raw sewage detection

(sniffs out illegal sewage and laundry connections)

Trainer - Scott Reynolds

work experience - worked on city and country projects in New York

6. **You are Razia/Razak of Civil Lines Moradabad U.P. Write a letter in about 120 words to the editor of a newspaper, expressing your concern about increase in the number of road accidents, rash driving and over crowded public transport. Also give suitable suggestions to solve the problems.** 8

7. **What goes inside the mind of terrorists and why they commit such heinous crimes which lead to the deaths of so many innocents, no one knows. The recent bomb blasts at various metros of the country have left everyone shocked. You are Sania/Sonik. Write an article in about 150 words on "Terrorism A threat to Humanity" by taking help from the points given below.** 8

- Terrorism has taken deep roots
- Terrorists attack anywhere, any time
- Have a vast network
- Use latest technology

Solutions :

- Combating this evil is everybody's duty
- should be vigilant
- Security forces to upgrade technology

SECTION - C
(Grammar - 20 Marks)

8. Fill in the blanks by choosing the correct answers from the options given below.

In today's competitive world, winning (a)_____ a top priority. There (b)_____ cut - throat competition in every walk of our life. But remember competition (c) _____ anxiety and (d)_____ people nervous. The more nervous they are, the more they (e)_____ prone to failure. Therefore one's effort ought to be to compete with one's ownself rather than with others i.e. to keep on (f)_____ in all fields of endeavour. This is the only way to (g)_____ yourself and others and (h)_____ a peaceful and healthy life.

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| (a) | (i) is | (ii) has | (iii) was | (iv) will | $\frac{1}{2} \times 8 = 4$ |
| (b) | (i) have been | (ii) had | (iii) is | (iv) was | |
| (c) | (i) causing | (ii) causes | (iii) has caused | (iv) will cause | |
| (d) | (i) made | (ii) making | (iii) has made | (iv) makes | |
| (e) | (i) will be | (ii) will | (iii) are | (iv) were | |
| (f) | (i) improve | (ii) improving | (iii) improved | (iv) will improve | |
| (g) | (i) helping | (ii) will help | (iii) help | (iv) helped | |
| (h) | (i) led | (ii) lead | (iii) leading | (iv) had led | |

9. Complete the following dialogue by choosing the correct options.

1x4=4

Mohit : Which is your favourite subject ?

Poorvi : My favourite subject is mathematics.

Mohit : (a) _____ this question ?

Poorvi : You see (b) _____ on students favourite subject.

Mohit : But why ?

Poorvi : Actually, our English teacher (c) _____ as a part of project.

Mohit : You got an English project to make a survey ? That's very interesting.

Poorvi : Yes, indeed (d) _____ in the survey ?

Mohit : Who ? Me ? Well, what will I get by becoming your partner ?

Poorvi : Marks, besides a bar of chocolate

Mohit : That's a deal ?

Poorvi : Deal !

- (a) (i) Why have you been asking me
(ii) Why had you asked me
(iii) Why are you asking me
(iv) Why have you to ask me
- (b) (i) I had done a survey
(ii) I had to do a survey
(iii) I can do a survey
(iv) I am doing a survey
- (c) (i) did not ask us to carry out a survey
(ii) had been asked to carry out a survey
(iii) will ask us to out a survey
(iv) has asked us to carry out a survey

- (d) (i) don't I need a partner
 (ii) will you become my partner
 (iii) will you need a partner
 (iv) will you be becoming my partner

10. **Rearrange the following words and phrases to form meaningful sentences. The first one has been done as an example.** 1x4=4

using/sharpened tool/drawing/or/pictures/the /of making/is /a pointed
 Drawing is the making of pictures using a pointed or sharpened tool.

- (a) have/making/humans/been/times/pre-historic/the drawings/since
 (b) earliest/were/the/pointed/drawing tools/sticks/stones/or
 (c) Today/variety/have/wide/we/a/of /colours/pencils/and/pens
 (d) an/is/drawing/activity/artistic

11. **The following passage has not been edited. There is one error in each of the lines. Write the incorrect words and corrections in your answer sheet against the correct blank numbers. Ensure that the words that form your answers are underlined.** $\frac{1}{2} \times 8 = 4$

The news on felling of trees	e.g.	on	of
on a large scale comes as the shock	(a)	_____	_____
because people all around has become	(b)	_____	_____
conscious in preserving ecological balance.	(c)	_____	_____
The forest department kept a strict vigil	(d)	_____	_____
in the activities of people	(e)	_____	_____
which indulge in unlawful	(f)	_____	_____
felling of trees.			
People might be educated regarding	(g)	_____	_____
a dangerous consequences of	(h)	_____	_____
indiscriminated cutting of trees.			

12. **Complete the following news reports accompanying the following headlines by filling in the blanks.** 1x4=4

- (a) Helicopters dispatched to survey possible damage
 The news agency reported that _____.
- (b) Elephants gore to death two tribals
 Two tribals _____ by elephants in Orissa.
- (c) Chinese P.M. and Indian P.M. sign several treaties
 During the recent visit of the P.M. of China _____ by the P.M.s of the two countries.
- (d) Black Hole spotted near earth
 According to Australian scientists in Canberra a black hole _____ in space very close to the earth.

SECTION - D
(Literature - 20 Marks)

13. Read the extract given below and complete the statements that follow by choosing the correct options : 1x3=3

(A) Water, water everywhere

And all the boards did shrink

Water, water everywhere

Nor any drop to drink.

- (i) The repetition of the 'word' water in the above lines conveys that _____.

- (a) the ship was in water
- (b) the water was saline
- (c) the ship was sinking in the water
- (d) there was a large volume of water

- (ii) The boards shrink due to _____.

- (a) extreme cold
- (b) saline water
- (c) intense heat
- (d) the killing of the albatross

- (iii) The irony in the above lines is that _____.

- (a) there is water everywhere yet sailors can't swim ashore
- (b) there is water everywhere yet sailors can't drink it
- (c) there are slimy creatures all around
- (d) the sea had started rotting

OR

They were the colour of the grass and we didn't see them at first but the man did.

- (i) Who are 'they' in the above extract ? Why couldn't 'they' be seen?

- (a) elephants ; because they hid themselves behind trees.
- (b) elephants ; because they lay absolutely still.
- (c) lions ; because they camouflaged themselves in grass.
- (d) lions ; because they were at a great distance.

- (ii) The man was the first one to see as _____.

- (a) his eyesight was very sharp
- (b) he was more vigilant and alert than others
- (c) he was leading the group
- (d) he was interested in photography

- (iii) Next the man _____.

- (a) led them a long distance away
- (b) asked them to turn back
- (c) ran away in panic
- (d) shooed away the animals

(B) Read the extract given below and answer the questions that follow : **1x3=3**

I am cruel, only truthful-

The eye of a little god, four-cornered

Most of the time I meditate on the opposite wall

- (i) Why does the mirror say, "I am not cruel" ?
- (ii) Why has the mirror been called a 'four - cornered' god ?
- (iii) How does the mirror spend its time ?

14. Answer any four of the following questions in 30 - 40 words each. **2x4=8**

- (a) How did the frog become the unrivalled king of the bog once again ?
- (b) What evidence do you find, in the story, 'The letter', of the postmaster's haughty temperament ?
- (c) The people of Rome exhibited mob mentality when Brutus and Antony addressed them. Justify.
- (d) What does the mirror reveal which upsets the woman ?
- (e) Why does the wedding guest listen to the ancient Mariner like a three year child ?

15. Answer the following in 100 - 125 words. **6**

Imagine that Ali writes his diary page daily after reaching home from the post office about his feelings. Write the page of his last visit to the post office.

OR

Whose speech do you feel was more effective Brutus' or Antony's ? Why ?

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