

101/X/SA2/19/A1

Class - X

**ENGLISH
(Communicative)**

Time : 3 hours

Maximum Marks : 80

Total No. of Pages : 9

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 carefully :

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

IN THE GALLERY

I watched the oil painting intently.
The moon, barely visible, veiled
Softly behind thick rain clouds
Building silhouettes, sky lining
The acrylic background; a lamp-post
Casting a circle of colours; on the tarmac
A beggar squatting under the lamplight;
Ploughing his skinny fingers
Through a bowl of rice and a small
Mud-bathed dog beside him lying coiled
The tone, earth brown and deep grey,
The frame.. heavy and ornate,
Suddenly the lights in the gallery failed
Turning smooth white walls pitch black
In the interim darkness
Before the emergency backups lit on
Echoed a scratchy piercing cry
Some of shifting, scuffling then silence.
Lights came back a moment later
That canvassed beggar now absent
Leaving the dog's mouth
Frothing in the cracked clay bowl
The same painting looked so different
Disrupted, dark and cold.

Given below is the summary of the poem. Fill in the blanks with suitable words to complete the summary, Use only one word for each blank.

The poet watched the (a) _____ painting with the moon behind the (b) _____ of soft thin cloud. There were dark (c) _____ of figures and a lamp-post (d) _____ a circle on the road. A beggar squatting under the lamplight was moving his fingers through a (e) _____ of rice. A dog sat by him in a (f) _____ up position. The frame of the (g) _____ was heavy and ornate and the tone was shown by the (h) _____ and grey earth... Suddenly the (i) _____ went off and there was some shuffling sound. When the gallery was again illuminated the (j) _____ was nowhere to be seen.

2. Read the following passage.

$1 \times 5 = 5$

As a family we are very result oriented. Take examinations for instance, in which the entire family takes a pivotal role. The father dons the mantle of a motivational speaker and mouths sermons to his offspring the mother takes the leaf out of Sanjeev Kapoor's book and conjures up delicacies and tongue scalding coffee to keep both the palate and the grey cells tickling. All the poor chap does is sit and study.

In the past, examination results were a celebration for the whole family. My grandfather loved narrating the tale of my uncle's law results. In the 1940s, it was grandpa who strolled to his son's college to see the results. Finding his role number missing from the list of successful candidates all he said to uncle gruffly was, 'work harder this time'. Uncle took the news stoically. The next day, checking his results, uncle discovered his role number in the list of first division, a category my pessimist grandfather had forgotten to check.. In 1970s it was still a parental duty and right to check the offspring's results. So off went my mother to check my school leaving examination results, leaving me at home in a state of depression. She was pleasantly surprised to learn that her daughter, who spent more time in writing fan letters to movie stars than her books, had actually stood first in school.

In the late 1990s, when my eldest son appeared for his boards, I took the baton from my mother. Working in the department of education I managed to get a sneak preview of the examination result a few hours before they were officially displayed in the school. It was I who broke the news to him that he had stood first in the class.

At the turn of the century, however, technology overtook us, signaling the era of online results. Ankit, my younger son, in a break from the tradition checked his results online in splendid isolation bellowed to his older brother, "Hey Prakrit, I think I have beaten you by one mark."

Now cell phone companies SMS the results to cell phone carrying students, leaving the family in the cold which may be appropriate in changing times.

Based on your reading of the above passage complete the following statements :

- (a) As one family every one is _____.
- (b) In the family the father takes the role of a _____.
- (c) We were overtakes by _____ starting the era of online results.
- (d) His grandfather was a _____ and forgot to ckeek the first division list.
- (e) Her daughter rather than studying spent her time in _____.

3. Read the passage carefully.

1x5=5

Though the house and the grounds belonged to my grandparents, the magnificent old banyan tree was mine chiefly because my grandfather at sixty five could no longer climb it. Its spreading branches, forming a number of twisting passages, gave me immense pleasure, I could hide behind thick green leaves, and spy on the world below.

My first friend was a small grey squirrel. Arching his back and sniffing into the air he seemed at first to resent my invasion of his privacy. But when he found that I didn't arm my self with a catapult or an air-gun, he became friendly, and when I started bringing him pieces of cake and biscuits he grew brave and was soon taking morsels from my hand. Before long he was delving into my pockets and helping himself to whatever he could find . He was a very young squirrel, and his friend and relatives probably thought him foolish and headstrong for trusting a human.

In the spring, when the banyan tree was full of small red figs, birds of all kinds would flock onto its branches: the red bulbul, cheerful and greedy: gossipy-rosy pastors; parrots, mynas and crows squabbling with one another. During the fig season, the banyan tree was the noisiest place in the garden. Half way up the tree I had built a crude platform where I could spend the afternoons when it was not too hot. I would read there propping myself up against the bole of the tree with a cushion from the living room. 'Treasure Island'. 'Huckleberry Finn' and 'the Story of Dr Dolittle' were some of the books that made up my banyan tree library.

When I did not feel like reading, I would look down through the leaves at the world below. And on one particular afternoon, I had a grand-stand view of that classic of the Indian wilds, a fight between a mongoose and a cobra. And this one had no been staged for my benefit !

Complete the statements given below by choosing the correct options in your answer sheet.

- (a) The old banyan tree was the narrator's sole property because
- (i) its branches spread wide
 - (ii) his grandfather at 62 could no longer climb it.
 - (iii) the grounds belonged to his grandfather.
 - (iv) he could spy the world below.
- (b) The narrator was able to make friends with _____
- (i) birds that built nests in the tree
 - (ii) all flying creatures
 - (iii) a small grey squirrel
 - (iv) a mongoose
- (c) The squirrel's friends and relative thought that he was foolish and headstrong because _____
- (i) he was young
 - (ii) he liked biscuits and cakes
 - (iii) he had trusted a human
 - (iv) he loved the banyan tree
- (d) In the spring season, the banyan tree was the noisiest place in the garden because _____
- (i) birds of all kinds would flock onto its branches
 - (ii) birds ate figs
 - (iii) it was a good place to build nests
 - (iv) birds could twitter with each other.
- (e) The narrator had built a crude platform halfway up the tree to _____
- (i) rest and talk
 - (ii) spend the afternoon when it was hot
 - (iii) have fun climbing the tree
 - (iv) make friends with the creatures.

4. Read the passage carefully.

1x5=5

Zaheer, an MBA credits his teachers for whatever he has achieved. Interestingly, by teachers he does not mean his school teachers but his peers, children only a few years older than him who taught him under the Child to Child programme. To cater to the educational needs of the slum children students of various schools in the city turned peer educators under an informal education system. On the terrace of a health centre by St. Stephen's Hospital children can be seen huddled around blackboards, listening intently to their teacher run a child only a few years older than them.

The informal education model is a big hit as it has laid the foundation of many youths who now aspire to be artists, bankers and managers. The Child to Child programme started ten years ago with only fifteen children. The group grew to fifty and then more children joined it. Today there are 1,200 children from the Sunder Nagri area under the programme.

Under this programme, children in groups of ten to fifteen are put under the care of a trained child volunteer who is generally a student of VII or VIII. The class follows the course content prescribed in schools for subjects like English, Hindi and Mathematics, but the approach is friendly and that of a caring peer.

The next stage is that of a young volunteer chosen from teenagers, preferably a student who is in class X or above. They teach students of senior classes and train the child volunteers. To oversee the work of the youth volunteers, there is a resource group of youngsters, again chosen from among the students, many of whom have passed out and are pursuing higher studies.

Complete the statements given below by choosing the correct options :

- (a) _____ aims to achieve the educational needs of the slum dwellers.
- The Child to Child programme
 - The Child with Children programme
 - The child for Child studies
 - The St. Stephen's programme
- (b) The classes are conducted _____
- in a hospital room
 - in a terrace of a health centre run by St. Stephen's hospital
 - in Sunder Nagri area
 - in a class room with a blackboard
- (c) The programme began _____
- fifteen years ago with five children
 - ten years ago with five children
 - ten years ago with fifty children
 - ten years ago with fifteen children
- (d) The child volunteer teaches the course prescribed in schools with a _____ approach of a peer.
- friendly and caring
 - fun filled
 - strict and disciplined
 - loving and caring
- (e) The slum children dream of becoming _____
- doctors
 - artists, bankers and managers
 - MBAs
 - graduates

SECTION - B
(Writing - 20 Marks)

5. Enclosed in the box given below is some data on Shrimati Mohan, your Mathematics teacher. Use the information to write her biographical sketch in about 80 words. 4

- age - 40 years
- height/ weight/ appearance - 5 and a half feet/ 75 kgs/fat, smart, good looking
- education - M.A. (Mathematics) Chennai University, Chennai
- experience - 15 years
- duties - teaching Mathematics, class teacher, organizes Mathematics Olympiads.
- why I like/dislike her - painstaking, thorough, explains in detail, solves our problems, easily available, patient listener, cheerful, friendly approach.

6. You are Sohan/ Suhani. You had the opportunity to visit a film studio, where the shooting for a reality T.V. show, featuring children was in progress. The long shooting hours made you wonder whether the children were losing their precious childhood years, which should have been spent enjoying a carefree life in the lap of nature rather than satisfying the desires of over-ambitious parents and contributing to the family income. Write a letter to the editor of a national daily expressing your concern in about 120 words. Take ideas from the hints given below: 8
- Loss of innocence
 - Neglect of studies
 - Overriding parental ambition
 - Burdened with responsibilities at a tender age.

7. As a concerned resident of Gaur Residency you are disturbed by the complete disregard some residents seem to have for the cleanliness of the surroundings. Some of the problems you have noticed are - garbage bins kept outside the flats, filthy stains on the stairs and leaking taps on different floors. As President of the Residents' Welfare Association, write a speech in about 150 words to be delivered in the annual meeting of the association, requesting the residents to be more careful and to have a regard for general cleanliness and hygiene. 8

SECTION - C
(Grammar - 20 Marks)

8. Complete the following dialogue by choosing the most appropriate options. 1x4=4

John: Friends, I sent you many flowers on Valentine's Day.

Harry : (a)_____

Jack : Are you sure you sent it to us?

John : (b)_____

Harry : You must have sent cauliflowers!

John : (c)_____

Jack : I kept them in the refrigerator !

Harry : (d)_____

- (a) (i) I sent many flowers on Valentine's
(ii) I had sent flowers on Valentine's
(iii) What do you mean? I did not receive them
(iv) he sent many flowers on Valentine's
- (b) (i) Yes, they were big white ones.
(ii) No, they were big white ones.
(iii) What did he mean ?
(iv) That what he meant was flowers.
- (c) (i) What he got in return
(ii) what had he got in return
(iii) Will I get anything in return ?
(iv) Your guess is right.
- (d) (i) Thanks for sending cauliflowers.
(ii) Must have sent cauliflowers.
(iii) Thanks you may have sent cauliflowers
(iv) Should you had sent cauliflowers ?

9. Complete the following passage by choosing the most appropriate option from the ones given below. 1x4=4

We could not (a)_____ for a walk that afternoon. There was such a freezing cold wind, and such heavy rain, that we all (b)_____ indoors. I was very glad, (c) _____ I never liked long walks, especially (d) _____ winters. I used to hate coming home when it was almost dark, with icy-cold fingers and toes, feeling miserable because Bessie the nursemaid, was always scolding me.

- (a) (i) go (ii) going (iii) went (iv) goes
(b) (i) stayed (ii) lived (iii) stay (iv) keep
(c) (i) though (ii) although (iii) as (iv) until
(d) (i) this (ii) during (iii) all (iv) at

10. Read the newspaper headlines given below and expand them appropriately. 1x4=4

(a) TWO PILGRIMS KILLED IN AMARNATH SHRINE STAMPEDE

Two pilgrims to _____ in stampede near the cave.

(b) MAN ROBBED OF RUPEES 46 THOUSAND

A man claimed that he _____ of Rs 46,000 cash and valuables near Budha Park

(c) DEAD FISH FLOOD SATLUJ BEAS CANAL

Drinking water supply in several parts in Punjab has been stopped after _____ dead fish.

(d) FOREIGN AFFAIRS MINISTER LEAVES FOR MOSCOW.

The Foreign Affairs Minister _____ on next Thursday, according to reports from the Ministry.

11. Read the instruction given below for making delicious potato rolls. 1x4=4

POTATO ROLLS

- Boil 1/2 Kg potatoes.
- Mash the boiled potatoes.
- Add salt, spices, bread crumbs.
- Make smooth batter.
- Take small portions of batter and shape them into small balls.
- Deep fry potato balls on high flame till golden brown.
- Rolls ready to serve with tomato sauce.

Now complete the procedure correctly :

The boiled potatoes (a) _____ into a smooth consistency. Salt, spices and bread crumbs (b) _____ to it. A small portion of the mashed potatoes (c) _____ and shaped into round balls. These small potatoes balls are deep fried till golden brown. The potato rolls (d) _____ to be served with sauce.

12. In the following paragraph one word has been omitted from each of the lines. Write the missing word along with the word that comes before and the word that comes after it in your answer sheet. Ensure that the word that forms your answer is underlined. $\frac{1}{2} \times 8 = 4$

Not a mood to

Eg. Not in a

waste time when University reopens,
the Dayal Ram College, affiliated to Delhi

(a) _____

University is organising orientation
programme the Freshers on Monday.

(b) _____

The session being organized
two days before new

(d) _____

session kicks. The college

(f) _____

wants organise the orientation session

(g) _____

because they want to start off

regular classes from very first day

(h) _____

SECTION - C
(Literature - 20 Marks)

13. (A) Read the extract given below and complete the statements that follow by choosing the most appropriate options. 1x3=3

“Then please note it down, brother. It will be useful if a letter should come when I am not here.

- (a) speaks these words to _____
(i) Gokul Bhai to Ali
(ii) Ali to the Postmaster
(iii) Lakshmi Das to Ali
(iv) Ali to himself
- (b) ‘.....when I am not there’ means _____
(i) when I am gone
(ii) when I go outside
(iii) when I am not in the town
(iv) when I am dead
- (c) Ali asks the postmaster
(i) to greet him
(ii) to send his letter
(iii) to meet him
(iv) to write his address

OR

‘_____he went off into the grass to be on his own.’

- (a) ‘he’ here refers to _____
(i) the white man
(ii) the man leading the team
(iii) the narrator’s brother
(iv) the narrator’s grandfather
- (b) ‘He’ went into the grass to _____
(i) do something secret
(ii) be away from others
(iii) answer nature’s call
(iv) eat something
- (c) ‘He’ didn’t return and perhaps might have _____
(i) been killed
(ii) returned to his village
(iii) drowned
(iv) gone off to sleep

- (B) Read the extract given below and complete the statements that follows : 1x3=3

And had cleared her throat to sing

She was started by a croak

"Sorry - was that you who spoke ?"

She enquired when the frog

Hopped towards her from the bog.

(a) 'She' here refers to _____

(b) 'She' was sitting on _____

(c) The frog hopped towards her to _____

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

(a) Which sound does Ali hear during his morning 'walk'?

(b) 'We knew about the Kruger park.' What did the narrator know about it ?

(c) Why is the frog referred to as heartless' in Vikram Seth's poem ?

(d) Why does the wedding guest call the ancient Mariner a grey-bearded loon ?

(e) What tricks does Decius employ to lure Caesar to go to the senate ?

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

Lakshmi Das is puzzled by the queer behaviour of the postmaster and his awkward questions about Ali. As Lakshmi Das write a diary entry about what happened that particular morning highlighting your arguments to convince him why Ali could not come there.

OR

Imagine that the grandfather eventually arrives at the camp. Write a paragraph describing his arrival and how he reached the camp.

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