

PRE BOARD EXAMINATION-1
(Summative assessment – II, 2013)
ENGLISH COMMUNICATIVE
Class - X

EC 2017

Maximum Marks : 90

Time : 3 hours

Instructions :

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
Value based questions :			10marks

SECTION - A
(Reading – 20 Marks)

1. Read the poem given below :

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The Fallen Leaves
Robert Service

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 the 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.

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

The fallen leaf laments its (a)_____ because it is the first to fall while all its (b)____ brothers are still attached to the (c)_____. Another leaf which still remains on the (d)_____ of the same tree expresses its (e) _____ because it has still not (f) _____ down. It has been (g) _____ since spring and feels quite worn out and withered now. It is dying to fall off so that it can go to sleep. It is looking forward to the approaching (h) _____ which will cover both, the tree and the soil with (i) _____. Then all the fallen leaves will (j) together as they rot. Finally from this soil will arise the fresh plants in spring.

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

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Ascent to Heaven

Swargarohini – the name itself conjured images in our head. As first time trekkers, we had just taken the advice of Chain Singh Rawat to do the Har Ki Doon trek. Expectations : flowers, maybe some snow at the peak. What was in store for us was a completely new face of one of the most popular treks in India.

We reached Dehradun from Bangalore, via Delhi and drove straight to Sankhri through the winding scenic hill roads by the towns of Purola and Mori. The good news was that the road from Sankhri to Taluka, our first trekking day, was motorable.

The next morning we took a jeep to Taluka and began the trek to Seema. A broken bridge meant a longer route. Three kilometers down after a short rest at a picturesque camping spot above the river Supin, we began the "Short, sweet and light climb." (as Chain Singh put it). Knees weaker, but spirits strong, passing lovely red Rhododendrons in full bloom on the slopes, we finally got a view of the quaint little village of Dhatmeer. We negotiated a slippery descent from Dhatmeer through unexpected rainfall and reached the village of Gangaur. Alongside were wooden chalets against lush green and yellow mustard fields, pretty enough to give the Swiss cottages a run for their money.

- (1) Swargarohini is the name of
 - (a) a picturesque town in Garhwal
 - (b) a mountain peak in the Himalayas
 - (c) a hill-station in Dehradun
 - (d) a popular trek.
- (2) The author and the party were very excited because they
 - (a) had been to the mountains for the first time
 - (b) had never seen snowfall before
 - (c) had never trekked before
 - (d) were going to travel in a jeep
- (3) They had to travel three kilometers extra because
 - (a) their jeep had broken down on the way
 - (b) the road ahead was blocked
 - (c) the river Supin had no bridge over it
 - (d) there was a broken bridge on the way
- (4) „Knees weaker, but spirits strong“ indicates that the travellers
 - (a) were very tired and low in spirits
 - (b) had painful knees
 - (c) were strong despite old age
 - (d) were determined to move ahead despite fatigue
- (5) The passage is an example of _____ genre (type) of writing.

(a) diary entry	(b) travelogue
(c) dialogue	(d) story

3. Read the passage given below and complete the sentences that follow :

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He (the convict) asked me where my father and mother were. When I had pointed out their tombstones to him, he asked me with whom I lived. I told him I lived with my sister, wife of Joe Gargery, the blacksmith.

On hearing the word "blacksmith" he looked down at his legs and then at me. He took me by both arms and ordered me to bring him, early the next morning, a file and some food or he would have my heart and liver out. I was not to say a word about it at all. "I am not alone," he said "as you may think I am. There is a young man hidden with me, in comparison with whom I am an angel. That young man hears the words I speak. That young man has a secret way, peculiar to himself, of getting at a boy, and at his heart, and at his liver. It is in vain for a boy to attempt to hide himself from the young man."

I promised to bring him the file and what broken bits of food I could, and wished him good night. He limped towards the low church wall, got over it, and then turned to look for me. When I saw him turning, I set my face towards home and made the best use of my legs.

- (a) The speaker lived with Joe Gargery and his sister because _____.
- (b) If the speaker did not bring a file and food for the convict, he _____.
- (c) The convict's threat to the speaker was that _____.
- (d) Before bidding the convict good night, the narrator promised that _____.
- (e) Pick out the word from the second paragraph that means the same as "strange" _____.

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

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Television has revolutionised the life of every man, woman and child around the globe. This medium of mass entertainment has an iron grip on the

imagination as well as thinking faculties of children. Viewing television saves time; money and the bother of travelling to far off places in search of objects that arouse your curiosity. Sitting comfortably at home in an armchair, you can watch the performance of any man, bird or beast on land, in air or in water. It is indeed a matter of great regret that this „messiah“ of awareness is sometimes labelled the “idiot box”.

Studies have indicated that television increases the general vocabulary and helps to broaden views. And yes, the images provided by the television do not have an indelible impression on our minds – they infact serve as a stimulus – to increase our imagination. It goes without saying that the impact of audio visual memory is everlasting. No doubt that the television is also accused of producing `couch potatoes` – but again, it is not the television that compels any individual to sit in front of it for hours – it is the individual's own mind that does so. The role of television in modern society is a very vital one – being a medium of education and entertainment.

- (1) The author portrays TV as _____.
 - (a) a medium that breeds mediocrity and stupidity.
 - (b) a medium of armchair entertainment.
 - (c) a medium that plays a vital role.
 - (d) a powerful medium of entertainment and information
- (2) TV is sometimes called an idiot box because _____.
 - (a) it is watched by idiots.
 - (b) it is condemned by idiots.
 - (c) it retards original thinking and creativity.
 - (d) all its programmes are stupid.
- (3) “They in fact serve as a stimulus” (para 2). Here the word „they“ refers to _____.
 - (a) studies
 - (b) images
 - (c) views
 - (d) TV channels
- (4) It is the individual's own mind that „does“ so. What do the individuals do? They _____.
 - (a) become couch potatoes
 - (b) compel others to sit in front of TV
 - (c) sit in front of TV
 - (d) accuse TV of making them couch potatoes
- (5) The word „indelible“ (para 2) means :
 - (a) temporary
 - (b) dangerous
 - (c) good
 - (d) permanent

SECTION - B (Writing –20 Marks)

5. Given below you can see some notes on Dr. Radhakrishnan, former President of India and a great Indian Scholar and Philosopher. Use the information to write a short biosketch of his in about **80 words (4 marks)**



Birth	:	born in Tirutani near Madras, 1888
Family	:	belonged to a poor Brahmin family
Education	:	graduated from Madras Christian college.
Teaching Career	:	taught philosophy at Madras, Mysore and Calcutta Universities; Professor of Eastern Religions at Oxford in 1936.
Later life	:	Indian Ambassador to the U.S.S.R in 1949; Vice

Works : Written many books. The Hindu Way of Life, The Indian Philosophy, Eastern Religion and Thought are among his famous books.

6. You are an ace batsman of your team and training very hard for the next month's Inter School Cricket tournament. Yesterday you were told by your coach that you have not been selected to represent your school. You are shocked and extremely disappointed and decide to write a letter to your coach requesting him to reconsider his decision and offer you one more chance. Write a letter in about **120 words** and sign yourself as Reema/ Ravikant.

Man becoming too much dependent on machines	Robots replacing human workers
Threat of Nuclear war	

8. Complete the passage given below by choosing the correct alternatives. ½ x8=4

(a)	(i)	am	(ii)	is	(iii)	are	(iv)	was
(b)	(i)	does	(ii)	did	(iii)	do	(iv)	done
(c)	(i)	and	(ii)	or	(iii)	but	(iv)	as
(d)	(i)	a	(ii)	an	(iii)	the	(iv)	there
(e)	(i)	an	(ii)	their	(iii)	that	(iv)	this
(f)	(i)	in	(ii)	on	(iii)	of	(iv)	at
(g)	(i)	for	(ii)	to	(iii)	about	(iv)	beside
(h)	(i)	who	(ii)	what	(iii)	this	(iv)	which

9.Given below are some instructions. Use them to complete the paragraph that follows by choosing the correct options.

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How to make Peaches and cottage cheese spread

- Drain the liquid from the peaches and arrange the halves on a bed of shredded cabbage.
- Blend the sauce, salt and pepper together and mix well with a fork.
- Use a heaped spoonful of mixture to stuff the peaches and garnish each with a coriander leaf.

The liquid from the peaches (a) _____ and the halves (b) _____ on a bed of shredded cabbage. Sauce, salt and pepper are blended together and mixed well with a fork. A heaped spoonful of the mixture (c) _____ to stuff the peaches and each (d) _____ with a coriander leaf. Thus a colourful appetizer spread is made.

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| (a) | (i) | is drained | (ii) | is drain |
| | (iii) | was drain | (iv) | is draining |
| (b) | (i) | are arranging | (ii) | are arranged |
| | (iii) | arranged | (iv) | were arranged |
| (c) | (i) | used | (ii) | is using |
| | (iii) | is used | (iv) | was being used |
| (d) | (i) | garnished | (ii) | is garnishing |
| | (iii) | garnishes | (iv) | is garnished |

10. Rearrange the following words / phrases to make meaningful sentences. The first one has been done for you.

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A headache/ are several/ there/ reasons for

There are several reasons for a headache.

a) emotional and/ mental factors/ physical/ are a few/ anxiety and tension.

b) a signal of / can be/ an underlying/ sometimes/ headache/ disease.

c) yoga therapy/ more than/ medicines/ suits any need.

d) a comprehensive mode/ yoga is/ and the mind / of culturing the body

11. In the passage below there is one word missing in each line. Fill in the missing word along with the word that comes before it and the word that follows it.

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	Word before	Answer	Word after
Frequently when is an air crash	eg. when	<u>there</u>	is
there is mention black box. This	(a) _____	_____	_____
is important part of every plane.	(b) _____	_____	_____
It is basically			
an electronic device is used by people	(c) _____	_____	_____
investigating the reasons the crash.	(d) _____	_____	_____
There are usually black boxes one	(e) _____	_____	_____
contains			
the cockpit voice recorder the other	(f) _____	_____	_____
contains flight data. Both them	(g) _____	_____	_____
give information about cause	(h) _____	_____	_____
of the accident.			

12. Complete the news reports accompanying the following headlines.

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- (a) Two killed in Blue Line Accidents
_____ buses here on Monday, one, an 18 year old girl and the other, a cyclist.
- (b) Assam seeks CBI probe
The Assam government today _____ into the violence during the anti reservation rally last week.
- (c) Two die of burns
Two senior executives of Baranagar Jute Factory _____ in the factory premises.
- (d) Cold wave grips Delhi
Delhi _____ by intense cold wave as the temperature plummeted 5 degrees below the normal to settle at 0.3°C

SECTION - D (Literature – 20 Marks)

13A. Read the extract given below and answer the questions that follow by choosing the correct options.

- (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
- (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) At this point of time, the sailors yearned to _____
- (a) drink water
 - (b) repent
 - (c) return home
 - (d) move forward
- (iii) The irony in the above line 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 rolling.

OR

O, Pardon me, thou bleeding piece of earth
That I am meek and gentle with these butchers!

- (i) The above lines are spoken by _____
- (a) Brutus
 - (b) Cassius
 - (c) Mark Antony
 - (d) Second citizen
- (ii) „Bleeding piece of earth" stands for _____
- (a) the battlefield from where Caesar returned victorious.
 - (b) the spot where Caesar was assassinated.
 - (c) the place where Caesar's body was taken for burial.
 - (d) the dead body of Caesar.

- (iii) The speaker is meek with the „butchers“ because
- (a) of his timidity
 - (b) of his diplomatic approach
 - (c) he is afraid of being killed by them
 - (d) he is ill-armed

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

But I must confess how I liked him,
How glad I was he had come like a guest,
To drink at the water- trough
And depart peaceful, pacified and thankless,
Into the burning bowels of this earth?

- (a) Who had come as a guest?
- (b) How do we know that the guest's thirst was quenched?
- (c) Where would it go?

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

- (a) Why does John want the ghost to disappear before his wife appears on the scene ?
- (b) What job did Patol Babu have in Calcutta and why did he leave it ?
- (c) What was written on the pedestal of the statue of Ozymandias ?
- (d) What is the purpose of Antony's speech? Does he succeed in his mission ?
- (e) What crime had the mariner committed and how did it prove hellish ?

15. Answer the following question in about 120 words.

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How did Sebastian's memory stored on disk's end up on Michael's computer?
How had Sebastian Shultz entered the games ?

OR

When the Albatross arrived on the ship, the Mariners experienced a sense of joy
and were infused with new hope. Comment.

VALUE BASED QUESTION

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16. Patol Babu, Film Star

..’ They just got hold of some people, got them to go through certain motions, paid them for their labours and forgot all about it. Paid them, yes, but how much? Ten, fifteen, twenty rupees? It is true that he needed money very badly, but what was twenty rupees when measured against the intense satisfaction of a small job done with perfection and dedication.’

At the end it was not money which would have given so much happiness as he got from playing his role well. Motivated by his story, you decide to write an e mail to your friend telling him about the value of putting in ones best in everything one does be it at work, home or play because the quality of one's work is a measure of the quality of the person himself.