

101/X/SA2/16/B1

Class - X

ENGLISH
(Communicative)

Time : 3 Hours

Maximum Marks : 80

Total No. of Pages : 8

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 passage given below carefully and answer the questions that follow by choosing the most appropriate options from the ones given. 5

1. The word 'Petroleum' comes from the Latin phrase *petra oleum*. The word *petra* means " rock " and *oleum* means " oil ". Thus " petroleum " means mineral oil that forms underground and is obtained from wells sunk into the ground.
2. Petroleum and its products are of great importance to modern life. These products include gasoline (petrol), kerosene (paraffin), diesel oil, fuel oil, lubricants, bitumen and wax. No industrialist can do without them. Petrol is used in motor cars. Kerosene is used in oil lamps.

Diesel oil is used in diesel engines for buses, lorries and ships. Fuel oil is burned to make steam in the boilers of steam ships and in furnaces of many kinds, such as the ones used in the manufacture of steel, glass and pottery. Lubricants are the oils and greases needed to make machinery of any kind run smoothly and easily. Bitumen is used in asphalt (a black sticky substance used for making roads).

3. Petroleum was probably formed from dead plant and animal life of the seas. The dead remains decayed on the seabed until only fatty and oily substances were left. These substances became buried under mud and as time went on, the mud was squeezed into a layer of rock while the oily substances were changed into petroleum and gas.
4. The oil seldom remained in the rock where it was formed. Sometimes it travelled many miles through pores in the rock until it met a hard, non - porous rock which it could not get through. Here, trapped beneath a cap of non - porous rock, the oil can be found contained in the lower surface, like water in a sponge. Only drilling can prove that oil exists at a particular place.

(A) Petroleum, generally, means _____.

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| (a) <i>petra oleum</i> | (b) rock oil |
| (c) petrol | (d) mineral oil |

(B) _____ is not a "petroleum" product.

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| (a) paraffin | (b) olive oil |
| (c) wax | (d) fuel oil |

(C) "Asphalt " means _____.

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| (a) a black sticky substance called bitumen |
| (b) a black sticky substance used for making roads |
| (c) a mixture of lubricants used for making roads |
| (d) None of these |

(D) The existence of oil at a particular place can be proved _____

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| (a) by digging | (b) by using a stick |
| (c) by going to that place | (d) by drilling |

(E) The word, _____in the passage, is opposite of 'hardly' (In paragraph 2)

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| (a) easily | (b) smoothly |
| (c) great | (d) oily |

2. Read the poem given below and answer the questions that follow by choosing the correct options : 1x5=5

On the door step of the temple
under the hot sun
I see her every day
Her hands and feet are
withered like limbs of a dead tree.
Her eyes tired of searching
for rays of hope
are sunk deep like caves
in a rock.
Neither they receive light
nor give it.

Her three yard sari
has torn in thirty places
Her body had observed
sixty years of dirt.
Her knotty matted hair
is the abode of worm and lice.
Here and there some black teeth
stand as guards in her open mouth.
The lines on her face
have spread far and deep
like the crow's feet.
Raising her shaking hands
with hope in her eyes
she looks at me
and an electric current
joins together our two hearts.
Time goes back fifteen years,
her face changes, her eyes twinkle !
When she smiles, her teeth dazzle !
Is that one magic ?

(A) "Her " refers to _____.

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| (a) a lady | (b) a saint |
| (c) an old woman | (d) a nun |

- (B) Her eyes are compared to _____.
 (a) rays of hope (b) deep caves
 (c) caves in rock (d) dead tree
- (C) Her sari is _____.
 (a) a three yard one (b) torn in thirty places
 (c) not ironed (d) untidy
- (D) In her, the poet sees _____.
 (a) a bright sparkling smile (b) a genuine human being
 (c) a miraculous smile (d) the image of his dead mother
- (E) The noun form of "electric "is _____.
 (a) current (b) electrified
 (c) bright (d) electricity

3. Read the passage given below and complete the statements that follow : 1x5=5

The drink of Asia for hundreds of years, tea is believed to have been brought to Europe by the Dutch. Today from the remotest corners of Ladakh to Buckingham Palace, tea is synonymous with cheer. It is rightly said that there will be no agreement on the perfect cup of tea. Though for tea drinkers the brew is addictive, the preferred method of preparation and taste differs from person to person and region to region.

Today many varieties of tea, and tea brands are available in the market. An innovation is the tea - bag that is easy, quick and less messy than traditional ways of brewing tea. Green tea is popular in China and the Far East. In Japan, the tea ceremony is a traditional way of greeting guests and is a social occasion. Unlike the tea we are familiar with, green tea is not drunk with sugar or milk. It is an olive - coloured liquid served in porcelain cups. In Morocco, green tea is infused with freshly plucked mint.

Some scientists believe that tea prevents tooth decay because it is a rich source of fluoride. Tea is also a folk remedy for stomach upsets, flu and diarrhoea. Research suggests that drinking tea reduces the risk of heart disease and cancer and lowers cholesterol levels in the blood. A welcome thought for inveterate tea drinkers !

- (a) Tea originated _____.
 (b) We use tea bags because _____.
 (c) Tea is rich source of fluoride so _____.
 (d) The traditional way of greeting guests in Japan is _____.
 (e) Green tea is _____.

4. Read the passage given below and answer the questions that follow : 1x5=5

The main justification for capital punishment is that it deters others from committing the same crime. But statistics show that capital punishment is not a deterrent.

Every state that has abolished capital punishment has actually seen a decline rather than an increase in capital crimes. And in England, where there has been a long decline in capital punishment, there has been a similar decline in capital crimes. It is a well - known joke that when pickpockets were publicly hanged in England, other pickpockets plied their trade among the crowds watching the hanging. A deterrent indeed ! Surely life imprisonment would be at least an equal deterrent.

On the other hand, capital punishment is an absolute hindrance to rehabilitation and to the correction of a mistake. All modern criminologists recognize that the purpose of punishment is to bring about rehabilitation, but how can you rehabilitate a dead man?

Furthermore it is more reasonable to treat him than to put an innocent man to death. What restitution can be there for such a horrible mistake ? A compassionate society should not legalize murder, but should carry on programmes of rehabilitation.

- (a) The author feels that _____ used as a deterrent.
- (b) In England Capital Crime _____ because _____ has been abolished.
- (c) When _____ others were picking pockets..
- (d) Capital punishment hinders _____ .
- (e) Purpose of punishment is _____ of the _____.

SECTION - B (Writing - 20 Marks)

5. Use the notes in the following box to write a paragraph of about 80 words : 4

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- Wonderful place - open houses
- People - friendly, happy- go -lucky
- Landscape - picturesque, beaches
- Restaurants - delicious sea food
- Sightseeing - ferry boats, churches, temples, hotels

6. Today is World Environment Day. You are invited to deliver a speech in the morning assembly to arouse awareness about environmental issues. In about 150 words write a speech on any four issues based on your own knowledge of the environment or information from Unit 4 of your MCB on environment. 8
7. Imagine that you are going on an educational tour. Write a letter in about 120 words to a friend telling him or her about the itinerary. Choose a place (country or town) and one or two places that you are particularly looking forward to visit. Tell your friend what you are going to see and do. 8

SECTION - C (Grammar - 20 Marks)

8. Complete the paragraph choosing the correct options : $\frac{1}{2} \times 8 = 4$

When (a) _____ papayas (b) _____ our garden were ripe, grandmother (c) _____ sent a basket of (d) _____ to her friend, Mrs. Ghosh (e) _____ was the Principal (f) _____ the nursery school. On (g) _____ occasion, Henry (h) _____ to get into the basket.

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| (a) (i) a | (ii) the | (iii) an | (iv) few |
| (b) (i) on | (ii) for | (iii) in | (iv) upon |
| (c) (i) ever | (ii) usually | (iii) never | (iv) is |
| (d) (i) them | (ii) it | (iii) these | (iv) that |
| (e) (i) which | (ii) when | (iii) that | (iv) who |
| (f) (i) of | (ii) in | (iii) on | (iv) for |
| (g) (i) this | (ii) which | (iii) it | (iv) the |
| (h) (i) managed | (ii) manage | (iii) want | (iv) desire |

9. Fill in the blanks with the appropriate alternatives provided below : 1x4=4

The teacher asked Sam why he was late. Sam replied that (a) _____. The teacher told him that (b) _____. Sam said that his mother was ill and (c) _____. The teacher consoled him by saying that she (d) _____.

- (a) (i) he would miss the school bus
(ii) he could miss the school bus
(iii) he had missed the school bus
(iv) he was missing the school bus
- (b) (i) he should have reached the bus stop on time
(ii) he could have reached the bus stop on time
(iii) he must have reached the bus stop on time
(iv) he reached the bus stop on time
- (c) (i) that she has been hospitalized the previous day
(ii) she will be hospitalized the previous day
(iii) she should be hospitalized the previous day
(iv) that she had been hospitalized the previous day
- (d) (i) may get well soon
(ii) will get well soon
(iii) could get well soon
(iv) would get well soon

10. Rewrite the jumbled groups of words in the correct order : 1x4=4

- (a) banned/ smoking/ all public places/ has been/ in/
(b) worshipped/ a medicine/ tulsi/ as/ and/ is/ used
(c) I/ please/ may/ have / salad/ the/ ?
(d) from/ fell/ had/ a miraculous escape/ Sandra/ a high wall/ after she

11. In the passage given below there is an error in each line. Write the incorrect word and the correction as given in the example against the correct blank number in your answer sheet : 1/2x8=4

	Incorrect go	correct <u>went</u>
Suraj go to the tap in the	(a) _____	_____
court yard or took a quick bath.	(b) _____	_____
He put off a clean shirt and	(c) _____	_____
shorts. Carelessly he brushed	(d) _____	_____
his thick curl hair, knowing	(e) _____	_____
he cannot bring much order	(f) _____	_____
to its wildness. Than he gulped	(g) _____	_____
down a glass with milk and	(h) _____	_____
hurried out of a house.		

12. Read the headlines and complete the news items .

1x4=4

- (a) US SAYS INDIA HELPING LIBYA
Libya _____ according to U.S.
- (b) 37 LAKH INDIANS TO PERFORM HAJ
It was informed that the number of Indians _____ risen to 37 lakhs.
- (c) FROGS MARRIED OFF IN THE HOPE OF RAINS A MONTH AGO
A pair of golden frogs _____ in West Bengal in the hope of rains.
- (d) HIGH COURT DISMISSES PETITION
A petition filed by Mr. Gupta _____ by the High Court.

SECTION - D

(Literature - 20 Marks)

13. (A) Read the excerpt given below and complete the statements that follow by choosing the right options :

1x3=3

“ How foolish do your fears seem now, Calpurnia. I am ashamed I did yield to them. Give me my robe, for I will go.

- (1) The fears referred to here are _____.
(a) fears of war (b) fears of drought
(c) dreams of Calpurnia (d) All of the above
- (2) _____ is feeling ashamed.
(a) Brutus (b) Decius
(c) Caesar (d) None of the above
- (3) _____ wants to go to _____.
(a) Calpurnia to Rome (b) Caesar to the Capitol
(c) Brutus to the Capitol (d) None of the above

OR

“ When I woke up he still wasn't anywhere. All that day we just sat and waited”.
Choose the correct alternatives in the following statements :

- (1) “ I ” in these lines is _____.
(a) the author of THE ULTIMATE SAFARI
(b) the grandmother
(c) the nine year old girl
(d) a man
- (2) ‘We’ were waiting for _____.
(a) the father of the narrator
(b) the grandfather of the narrator
(c) the man who helped them
(d) the uncle

- (3) They were heading for _____.
- (a) their home
 - (b) their grandparents ' home
 - (c) the refugee camp
 - (d) the animal reserve

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

“ Lakshmi Das, were you indeed the first to come to the office this morning ? ”

- (a) Who is the speaker here ?
- (b) Who appeared first to the speaker ?
- (c) What was given by the speaker to that person who appeared first ?

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

- (a) Why does the narrator of THE ULTIMATE SAFARI have a desire to return to her home in Mozambique ?
- (b) Give any two reasons that Brutus gave the citizens to justify the assassination of Caesar.
- (c) Justify the statement of the mirror, “ I am not cruel, only truthful. ”
- (d) Why did Ali give up hunting ?
- (e) Why did the fellow mariners hang the albatross around the mariner's neck ?

15. Explain the lessons we can learn from the frog's deception of the nightingale. 6

OR

If you are the postmaster in “ The Letter ”, describe how you have come to realize the importance of a letter.

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