

101/X/SA2/37/A1

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 poem given below and complete the summary, by filling in the appropriate word. Supply one word for each blank.

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The birth of a girl child, what should it bring?
A life, joyful and happy;
But what does it bring?
A sad life of sorrow and misery.
What is the future for her?
In this dark world, occupied by the distinguished man.
A life by day or by night.
Woman, you have woken up and found your true place,
In today's world of maze.
Now, here she is shining bright
Gingerly but surely ascending the throne of radiating light.
Woman, behold your future empire,
Ruled by your dynamic will
Your fame will engulf this earth like a raging fire
And you woman will flow steadily and still.

The birth of a girl child should make one's (a)_____ happy. But, why do people feel sad and (b)_____ ? To her, the world seems to be dark, because it is occupied by the distinguished man. However, she manages to find a (c)_____ for herself, in today's world of maze. The woman is sure to (d)_____ the throne of glory. Her fame can be compared to a (e)_____ fire.

2. Read the passage given below and complete the statements which follow :

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Happiness has been defined as, "the enjoyment or pleasurable satisfaction attendant upon well-being or welfare of some kind or other." It is regarded by many as "the state of satisfaction, which is experienced in the pursuit, but more obviously in the attainment, of that which is regarded as desirable or good." A man who becomes a money-making machine, regards money as the highest goal. He claims that money is the secret of happiness. But, does mere money make a man happy? What about the dyspeptic; insomniac unhappy millionaires? They cannot buy appetite, sleep or happiness with any amount of money. It is happiness that we all seek in one form or the other. Man's misconception of happiness has taken him astray. It is his avarice for money that stands as an obstacle in the way.

- (1) Happiness is the satisfaction experienced with the attainment of (a)_____
- (2) A man who has become a money-making machine (b)_____
- (3) Money cannot buy the millionaires (c)_____
- (4) Man is led astray by his (d)_____
- (5) The obstacle in his way to progress is (e)_____

3. Read the passage given below and answer the questions that follow by choosing the answers from the given options. 5

The Value of Games in Education

The aim of education is to enable the human personality to grow to its full stature. Man has a body, a mind and a spirit. Accordingly education aims at the physical, the intellectual, the spiritual and moral development of man.

Games are a means of keeping the body healthy and fit. Physical fitness and freedom from all kinds of ailments is the desire and ambition of every human being. Those who play games maintain good health, whether it be hockey, football, tennis or Kabaddi. Games provide physical exercise and keep the body healthy and strong. Games make the body muscular too. They also provide recreation.

Education teaches people the need and value of recreational activities. The essence of recreation is that it refreshes the body, mind and soul.

- (1) Education aims to _____
 - (a) enable man to fight odds.
 - (b) make man a better person.
 - (c) help a personality, grow to its full stature.
 - (d) develop man's potential.
- (2) Man wishes to get freedom _____
 - (a) from all ailments.
 - (b) from his fellow-beings
 - (c) from the bitterness of life.
 - (d) from everything that he dislikes.
- (3) Games help man _____
 - (a) to look good.
 - (b) to feel energetic.
 - (c) to be in action all the time.
 - (d) to be strong, healthy and muscular.
- (4) Besides building the body, _____
 - (a) Games keep one away from routine work.
 - (b) Games provide an excellent recreation.
 - (c) Games nurture the soul.
 - (d) Games mould the character too.
- (5) Games make a man _____
 - (a) a genuine person
 - (b) proud and arrogant
 - (c) attractive
 - (d) complete and full-fledged.

4. Read the passage given below and answer the questions that follow by choosing the answers from the given options :

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Shifting to Madras at the age of Seven, we lived with my grandfather on the strangely named Abraham Mudali Street, Mylapore. He had a black Hillman car. He'd drop me at Saint Thomas High School, my aunt at Queen Mary's College and go to his office in Chepauk. At S.T. High School, I became a favourite with our Headmaster, V.A Ramachandra Iyer, who asked me if I had studied in a Convent School. This English teacher was famous for giving marks with fractions tagged to the total.

I developed confidence by participating in AIR's children's programmes. What joy to go in a group to the studio, then at Marshal's Road and be treated to an idli, upma breakfast. Later, in Presidency College, what a thrill to see my name on the board of Papworth Prize Winners given for extempore speeches. Sadly, the board is missing now.

As a leg spinner, I was in the School Cricket team. Tennis was perceived as a rich man's game. We boys talked, thought, dreamt, watched and played cricket. Discussing girls was not a taboo, but cricket excluded them from our minds. I prepared and circulated 'Indian Cricket', a hand-written magazine.

Parents were strict, life was simple, clothes Spartan, luxuries unknown, we cycled or took the bus. The plain Rita vanilla ice-cream, for one anna was affordable, not the badam ice-cream for four annas. But mouth-watering sweets and snacks for every festival were made at home. Believe it or not, bread with home - made ghee, with a dab of jam-was fancy food.

- (1) For the narrator the AIR's children's programme_____.
 - (a) was the most interesting.
 - (b) developed his confidence.
 - (c) earned him name and fame.
 - (d) was a popular quiz programme.
- (2) the Papworth prizes were awarded for_____.
 - (a) elocution
 - (b) debate
 - (c) off-hand speeches
 - (d) quiz
- (3) The passage says that_____.
 - (a) life those days, was easy.
 - (b) life in Madras was simple and affordable.
 - (c) the life style of the people in Madras, was entirely different.
 - (d) life lacked spice or variety.
- (4) The narrator and his friends did not discuss girls because_____.
 - (a) they did not like girls.
 - (b) discussing girls was a taboo.
 - (c) cricket excluded girls from their minds.
 - (d) they were shy.
- (5) The passage speaks about the narrator's_____.
 - (a) feeling of guilt
 - (b) anguish
 - (c) reverse
 - (d) feeling of nostalgia

SECTION - B
(Writing - 20 Marks)

5. You are Prem/Prerna. Write an e-mail to your friend in about 80 words, expressing your love for books and also encourage him to get into the habit of reading. 4
6. 'World Environment Day' is celebrated on 5th June every year. Taking ideas from the given points and the unit on 'Environment' along with your own ideas, write a speech in about 150 words to be delivered in the morning assembly on "How the environment can be made pollution- free." 8

- Switch off the vehicle's ignition at signals
- Maintain your vehicle properly.
- Use public transport, rather than personal vehicles.
- Use car pool.
- Do not litter around public places.
- Segregate garbage into bio-degradable and non bio - degradable.
- Throw the garbage into the bins only.
- Restrict the use of plastic bags.
- Use electronic goods longer.
- Help grow trees in the neighbourhood.

7. You have been reading headlines in the newspapers, on shortage of electricity. As Prakash of 24//8, Roshan Buildings, Vaidhyuth nagar, Tarapore, Write a letter in about 120 words to the editor of the local daily, expressing your grievance about the erratic supply of electricity and mentioning the inconvenience faced by the residents. 8

SECTION - C
(Grammar - 20 Marks)

8. 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 numbers. Do not copy the whole passage. 1/2x8=4

Most libraries have (a)_____ online catalogue of holdings available (b)_____them. An online catalogue is a list of (c)_____ materials available in the library, and this list (d) _____be accessed through the computer. One can (e)_____use of the online catalogue to locate books (f)_____other materials. The (g) _____ common way of locating a book (h) _____by author's name, title and subject.

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| (a) | (i) | a | (ii) | the | (iii) | an | (iv) | any |
| (b) | (i) | with | (ii) | on | (iii) | for | (iv) | at |
| (c) | (i) | many | (ii) | all | (iii) | the | (iv) | most |
| (d) | (i) | could | (ii) | must | (iii) | might | (iv) | can |
| (e) | (i) | have | (ii) | make | (iii) | take | (iv) | get |
| (f) | (i) | or | (ii) | and | (iii) | even | (iv) | all |
| (g) | (i) | only | (ii) | many | (iii) | most | (iv) | one |
| (h) | (i) | are | (ii) | was | (iii) | is | (iv) | were |

9. Given below are the notes on the installation of a water purifier. Read the notes and complete the passage by filling in the gaps, choosing the answers from the given options. 1x4=4

NOTES

- Unscrew the lid on the body.
- Remove the inner protective seal and replace it with the filter pad.
- Fit the blue adaptor onto the body.
- Screw back the lid.
- Peel off the lower seal before use.
- Hold the tap and push the Aqua Blue up the tap until attached securely.

First of all, the lid on the body is unscrewed the inner protective seal (a) _____ with the filter pad. After that, the blue adaptor (b) _____ onto the body and the lid is screwed back. Then, the lower seal (c) _____. Finally, (d) _____ Aqua Blue is attached securely to the tap.

- (a) (i) was removed and replaced.
(ii) is removed and replaced.
(iii) has been removed and replaced.
(iv) would be removed and replaced.
- (b) (i) will be fitted
(ii) was fitted
(iii) is fitted
(iv) has been fitted
- (c) (i) will be peeled off
(ii) was peeled off
(iii) is peeled off
(iv) would be peeled off
- (d) (i) holding the tap up.
(ii) was holding the tap.
(iii) held the tap up
(iv) would hold the tap.

10. The following passage has not been edited. There is one error in each line. Write the incorrect word and the correction in your answer sheet against the correct blank number. Remember to underline the word, you have supplied. 1/2x8=4

The road of success is not a bed of (a)
roses. It has full of thornas, pitfalls (b)
and puddles. Only these who wade (c)
bravely in the hazards and hurdles (d)
with grit or determination can (e)
enjoy a fruit of success. That was (f)
how, Gandhiji becomes a leader (g)
par excellence, and that make Churchill (h)
the greatest war-time leader.

11. Look at the words and phrases given below. Rearrange them to form meaningful sentences. Write the correct sentences in your answer sheet. 1x4=4

two/yesterday/by/to the/ a/ East German/hot-air/escaped/West/families/
balloon/early.

Two East German families escaped to the west, early yesterday by a hot-air balloon.

- (a) and/adults/four/the/carried/balloon/children/four
- (b) came/after/flight/down/a 30 - minute/it
- (c) hid/women/the/barn/children/in/and/a
- (d) where/tried/balloon/the/soldiers/had landed/to/find/the/out

12. Read the conversation given below and complete the passage that follows : 1x4=4

Arun : Could you tell me the procedure to open an SB account?

Bank Manager : Fill in this form. It contains details regarding your name, age, address etc. Then, somebody who is already an account holder will have to introduce you.

Arun : My Headmaster has an account here. He will be here shortly.

Arun asked the Bank Manager (a)_____ the procedure to open an SB account. The manager instructed Arun (b)_____ form which (c)_____ his name, age, address etc. He also told Arun that somebody (d)_____ to introduce him

SECTION - D
(Literature - 20 Marks)

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

The very deep did rot; O Christ!

That ever this should be!

Yea, slimy things did crawl with legs

Upon the slimy sea.

- (a) The speaker is filled with _____
 - (i) anxiety
 - (ii) contempt
 - (iii) grief
 - (iv) wrath
- (b) The deep refers to _____
 - (i) the bed of the sea
 - (ii) the sea creatures and the vegetation
 - (iii) the ocean
 - (iv) the still waters of the sea.
- (c) The speaker is _____
 - (i) the wedding guest
 - (ii) the ominous bird
 - (iii) the sailors
 - (iv) the ancient Mariner

OR

For her ears were now addicted
 To applause quite unrestricted
 And to sing into the night
 All alone gave no delight.

- (a) The passage tells about _____
 - (i) the frog
 - (ii) the toad
 - (iii) Mozart
 - (iv) the nightingale
- (b) Her ears were addicted to _____
 - (i) the crass cacophony
 - (ii) the baritone
 - (iii) the appraisals of the creatures
 - (iv) the frog's tirade
- (c) The singer enjoyed singing _____
 - (i) all day long
 - (ii) for the frog
 - (iii) for the creatures in the bog
 - (iv) in the moonlit night.

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

Moreover, he hath left you all his walks
 His private arbours and new-planted orchards,
 On this side Tiber he hath left them you,
 And to your heirs forever, common pleasures,
 To walk abroad, and recreate yourselves.

- (a) Who is the generous man mentioned in the passage ?
- (b) Who are the heirs of the man's property ?
- (c) What have they received by his will ?

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

- (a) Why has the mirror been described as being 'unmisted' ? What is the poet trying to convey about the nature of the mirror ?
- (b) Why is it said that the nightingale was 'brainless' ?
- (c) What is Kruger Park ?
- (d) What treatment was meted out to Ali, at the post-office ?
- (e) How does the bird relate to the mariners ?

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

How does Antony prove to the mob that Caesar was not ambitious ?

OR

As the grandmother in the story, "The Ultimate Safari", write an account of your plans for the children's future.

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