

101/X/SA2/19/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 and complete the statements that follow :

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"I have encroached into men's territory," laughs Nuzrat Gul. The thirty-four year old Kashmiri has broken many a tradition to become the first woman turf manager in the country, successfully nurturing the Royal Springs Golf Course in Srinagar for the past eight years. Being the only woman in a male dominated field is no big deal for her anymore. After all, Gul was tough enough to take up the job after the American turf manager fled in the wake of the Kargil war in 1999. At the Master's course in Turf Management at the University of Massachusetts in 2008, she was the lone woman in a class of sixty five. "Boys would not take me seriously but one day when I gave a presentation on golf course to the class, they were awestruck," she says with pride. She returned to her job in Srinagar with a gold medal.

Gul shunned all campus placements abroad. "I was told that I was a fool, not taking up offers, as managing a turf is big money abroad. But I wanted to return to my homeland," she says. Her initial days were not easy as people could not digest a pretty woman, in a torn pair of jeans doing manual labour in the greens.

1. The (a) _____ in Srinagar is looked after by Nuzrat Gul. She took up the job after the American turf manager fled from Kashmir due to the (b) _____
2. Boys would not take her seriously because she was (c) _____ in the University of Massachusetts.
3. The desire to return to her homeland made her (d) _____
4. Her initial days as a turf manager were difficult as people could not accept a pretty woman, in a torn pair of jeans who did (e) _____

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

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Memories from childhood stay with us forever,
Taking us where we have been and will go,
Pieces of life that live on and will never
Let us forget we were young long ago.
Sometimes I wander back into those shadows,
Quietly being who I used to be,
Bringing to life all the joys and the sorrows,
Days that can't die, while they still live in me.
Holidays linger and happy times glisten;
I can see everyone active and well.
I can still hear them if only I listen,
Feeling each motion and breathing each smell.
Life has such treasures that time's always stealing;
Nothing can ever entirely stay.
While you are young, you can capture each feeling;
Make all the memories you can every day.

- (1) The poet is talking about someone who _____.
- (a) is very young
 - (b) has had a hard life
 - (c) can't remember much
 - (d) is elderly

- (2) According to the poem, our memories_____.
- are lost as we age
 - are an important part of who we are
 - become less accurate over time
 - are not worth recalling
- (3) The poet says that_____.
- some memories are happy and some unhappy
 - all memories should be happy
 - you should forget the past
 - we can change the past by forgetting some things
- (4) The poet suggests that young people should_____.
- ignore their friends and relatives if possible
 - only think about the future
 - appreciate the present to preserve it in their minds
 - try to help others stay active and healthy as they age
- (5) The rhyme scheme of the poem is:
- abab
 - aabb
 - abcb
 - abba

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

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There was a time not so long ago when kite flying was supposed to be a taboo in northern Gujarat, particularly in middle and upper class families. But what may have changed things was a voice from the sky- running commentaries on All India Radio.

Old timers in districts like Mehsana, Patan, and Banaskantha say they are delighted to see kites splashed across the sky every year on Makar Sankranti, the harvest festival. For, when they were young, social views put the sport firmly out of their reach. "Watch towers at the ruins of forts were the places where one usually found kites flying, and not on the terraces of the common folk," said Mansukhbhai Parmar, who lives in Mehsana district.

Kite flying was seen as a waste of time and money. Most often witnessed at the end of the rainy season and Dussehra, middle and upper class people looked down upon it as a pastime of vagabonds and rustics, and kite flying on the terrace of the house was forbidden. In those days, kites used to be brought from Agra in Uttar Pradesh.

All this was true until three decades ago. What is widely believed to have changed the situation is running commentaries on the sport by All India Radio. A large number of people from all walks of life would assemble near a radio set to hear the live broadcast of kite flying sessions from other parts of Gujarat during Makar Sankranti.

- Kite flying was earlier supposed to be _____
- In the olden times kites were found flying only on _____
- Most people forbade kite flying as it was considered suitable only for _____
- Kite flying has become popular in northern Gujarat due to _____
- During Makar Sankranti the live broadcast of kite flying would be heard by _____

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

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Julie's Race

The dogsled race was about to begin. Julie's team of dogs was lined up at the starting gate. Julie stood behind them. Other teams were lined up, too, and the dogs were excited. Julie kept her eyes on the clock. At exactly ten o'clock, she and the other racers yelled, "Mush!" The dogs knew that meant "Go!" They leapt forward and the race began!

Julie had trained months for this race, and she hoped she and her dogs would win. Hour after hour, day after day, Julie's dogs pulled the sled in order to get in shape for the race.

Now, they ran over snowy hills and down into frozen valleys. They stopped only to rest and eat. They wanted to stay ahead of the other teams. The racers had to go a thousand miles across Alaska. Alaska is one of the coldest places on Earth. The dogs' thick fur coats helped keep them warm in the cold wind and weather. In many places along the route, the snow was deep. The ice could cut the dogs' feet. To keep that from happening, Julie had put special booties on their feet.

At first, the dogs seemed to pull the sled very slowly. They were still getting used to the race. But on the third day out, they began to pull more quickly. They worked as a team and passed many of the other racers. Once, one of the sled's runners slid into a hole and broke. Julie could have given up then, but she didn't. She fixed it and they kept going.

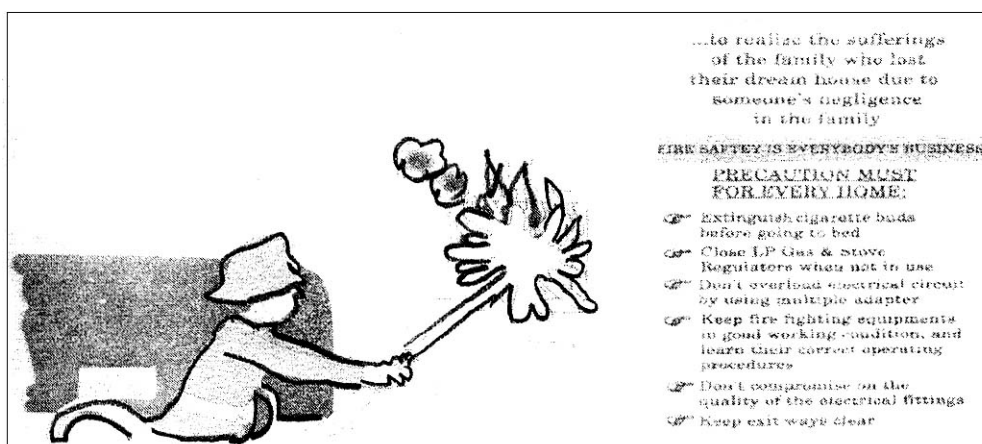
When they finally reached the finish line, they found out that they had come in first! It was a great day for Julie and her dogs.

- (1) The author of "Julie's Race" wrote the story in order to _____.
 - (a) describe how dogs stay warm in cold weather.
 - (b) tell about a dogsled race.
 - (c) explain how cold it can be in winter.
 - (d) entertain the reader with funny stories about dogs.
- (2) The dogsled race took place _____.
 - (a) in Antarctica
 - (b) on a track
 - (c) in Alaska
 - (d) in a field
- (3) Before the dogs began running _____.
 - (a) the dogs pulled the sled slowly.
 - (b) Julie's dogs lined up at the starting gate.
 - (c) the runner on Julie's sled broke.
 - (d) Julie pulled the sled slowly.
- (4) To keep the dogs warm _____.
 - (a) Julie put special booties on their feet.
 - (b) they slept by the fire at night.
 - (c) their thick fur coats helped them.
 - (d) they slept under the blanket at night.
- (5) The word *thick* means _____.
 - (a) thin
 - (b) hard
 - (c) fat
 - (d) skinny

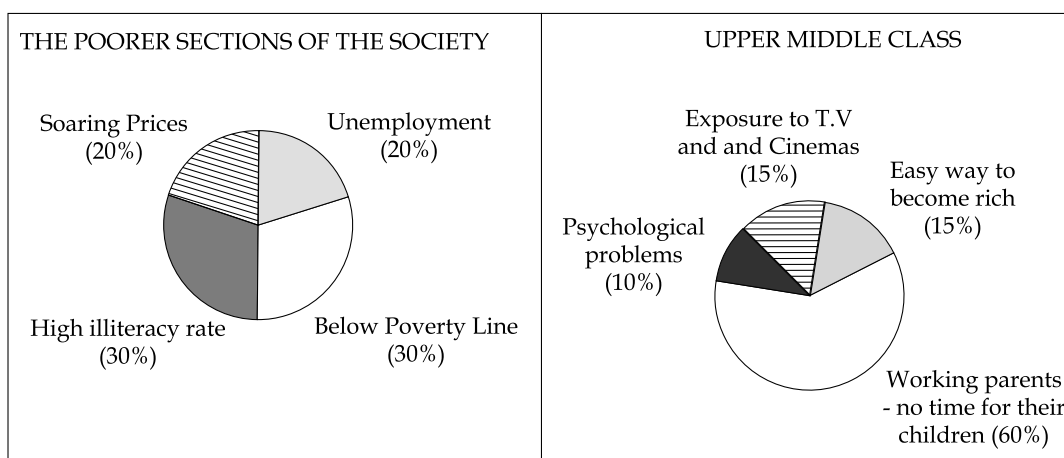
SECTION - B

(Writing - 20 Marks)

5. Recently you visited your grand parents' village and found the countryside very attractive. Write a brief description of the village giving all the relevant details in about 80 words. 4
6. Given below is an advertisement issued by the Delhi Fire Service during the Fire Service Week. Taking suggestions from this, together with your own ideas on the topic, write a letter in about 120 words to your cousin telling her how to prevent a fire and what precautions should be taken against fire in homes. Sign your name as Kavita/Rishi Gupta. 8



7. Given below is a pie chart showing various reasons for the increasing rate of crime in the metropolitan cities. Study the chart carefully and write an article on, 'Youth and Crime'. 8



SECTION - C

(Grammar - 20 Marks)

8. Complete the passage given below choosing the correct alternatives :

$\frac{1}{2} \times 8 = 4$

Pandas can be (a) _____ in the bamboo forests of China. There (b) _____ two species of Pandas - the giant Panda and the red Panda. Though they have (c) _____ from carnivore species, both Pandas (d) _____ vegetarians. Their diet largely (e) _____ of bamboo shoots. The giant Panda is (f) _____ as the emblem of the World Wildlife Fund. Because of (g) _____ and deforestation, only 1000 Pandas are now (h) _____ in the natural reserves in China.

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| (a) (1) found | (2) finding | (3) finds | (4) find |
| (b) (1) were | (2) are | (3) is | (4) be |
| (c) (1) evolve | (2) evolving | (3) evolved | (4) evolves |
| (d) (1) are | (2) be | (3) am | (4) has |
| (e) (1) consists | (2) consist | (3) consisting | (4) consisted |
| (f) (1) regarded | (2) regarding | (3) regards | (4) regard |
| (g) (1) poaching | (2) poach | (3) poaches | (4) poached |
| (h) (1) leave | (2) left | (3) leaving | (4) leave |

9. Here are some notes on the life of the legendary singer, Lata Mangeshkar. Study the given notes and complete the paragraph that follows by filling up the blanks with the most appropriate options from the choices given below.

$1 \times 4 = 4$

- Born : 28th September, 1929, Indore.
- Father, Dinanath Mangeshkar, a renowned classical singer
- Was introduced to music at a very young age
- Ghulam Haider gives her a chance to sing in the film, **Majboor**.
- Song '**Dil Mera Toda**' finally gets her noticed followed by four major hits from the films, **Barsaat, Andaz, Dulari and Mahal**
- 1949 : "**Aayega Aaneewala**" from Mahal a huge hit

Lata Mangeshkar (a) _____ 28th September, 1929 in Indore. Her Father, Dinanath Mangeshkar (b) _____ classical singer. She (c) _____ music at a very young age. Ghulam Haider gave her a chance to sing in the film, **Majboor**. The song, '**Dil Mera Toda**' finally (d) _____ followed by four major hits from the films, **Barsaat, Andaz, Dulari and Mahal**, In 1949 "**Aayega Aaneewala**" from Mahal became a huge hit.

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| (a) (i) was born on | (ii) is born on |
| (iii) is born at | (iv) are born in |
| (b) (i) was a renowned | (ii) is a renowned |
| (iii) are a renowned | (iv) be a renowned |
| (c) (i) is introduced to | (ii) was introduced to |
| (iii) are introduced to | (iv) be introduced to |
| (d) (i) getting her noticed | (ii) get her noticed |
| (iii) got her noticed | (iv) gets her noticed |

10. Read the conversation given below and complete the paragraph that follows in reported speech. 1x4=4
- Babita : Where do you want to go ?
 Pragati : I want to go to the drop point near the Zoo.
 Babita : In that case you will have to get down at the Lakshmi Nagar bus stop and take an auto.
 Pragati : How long will I take to reach there ?
 Babita asked Pragati (a)_____Pragati told her that (b)_____Babita told Pragati that (c) _____ at the Laxmi Nagar and take an auto. Pragati asked Babita (d)_____.
11. Read the headlines given below and complete the news that follows : 1x4=4
- (a) **Ganguly retained captain**
 Saurav Ganguly_____for the two test series against South Africa according to a BCCI communique.
- (b) **DEALER SHOT DEAD**
 Last Saturday a dealer _____by miscreants in broad daylight.
- (c) **DRIVER HELD FOR IIM PROFESSOR'S MURDER**
 Two persons, including a driver_____on Tuesday for the murder of assistant professor, Dr. Amrita Pancholi.
- (d) **VICTIM'S BROTHER BEATEN**
 The brother of Ruchika, a molestation victim_____by the police when he lodged a complaint against the molester cop.
12. Rearrange the following to form meaningful sentences. 1x4=4
- (a) you/have/kept/where/the/books?
 (b) not/in/run/the/do/corridors/and make/noise/a
 (c) has a /rich/cultural/India/its diversity/heritage/with.
 (d) a /pleasant/what/sight/was /it/!

SECTION - D
(Literature - 20 Marks)

13. Read the extract given below and complete the statements that follow by choosing the most appropriate alternatives from those given below : 1x3=3
- (A) 'Animals for miles around
 Flocked towards the magic sound
 And the frog with great precision
 Counted heads and charged admission'.
- (a) Animals came from miles around_____.
 (i) to listen to the frog's baritone
 (ii) for a meeting with other creatures
 (iii) to discuss the problems of the creatures of the bog
 (iv) to listen to the nightingale's sweet songs
- (b) The frog counted heads with precision because he wanted to_____.
 (i) know the exact number of people coming for the concert
 (ii) avoid most of the crowd
 (iii) make money by giving entry tickets to all who came to the concert
 (iv) see that there was proper seat arrangement for all the guests
- (c) The frog in these lines seems to be_____.
 (i) proud (ii) meticulous
 (iii) boastful (iv) greedy and money-minded

OR

Blood and destruction shall be so in use
 And dreadful objects so familiar
 That mothers shall but smile when they behold
 Their infants quarter'd with the hands of war'

- (a) These lines are spoken by _____.
 (i) Brutus (ii) Caesar
 (iii) Antony (iv) Cassius
- (b) The phrase, in use' means _____.
 (i) particular (ii) special
 (iii) rare (iv) common
- (c) Mothers shall 'smile' when _____.
 (i) they go mad
 (ii) their infants are cut to pieces
 (iii) Gods bless them
 (iv) there are celebrations

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

'Our grandmother looked at us, me, my first born brother, and my little brother on her lap.'

- (a) Who is the speaker of these lines ?
 (b) In which situation were these lines spoken ?
 (c) What decision did grandmother take ?

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

- (a) What surprise did the bog creatures get one fine day ?
 (b) Why did Ali not come to the Post Office for several days ? Why was he impatient when he finally returned to the Post Office ?
 (c) What tribute does Antony pay to Caesar ?
 (d) Both the woman and the mirror have different attitudes towards life. Which do you prefer !
 (e) What crime was committed by the ancient Mariner ? How did all the mariners suffer for it ?

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

In the play, Julius Caesar, the citizens prove to be fickle minded. Justify the statement.

OR

In the form of a diary entry describe Ali's feelings of helplessness and disappointment at not receiving his daughter's letter.

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