

101/X/SA2/36/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 passage given below carefully and complete the statements that follow by choosing the best options :

1x5=5

A big reason for the drop in stomach cancer over the last century is refrigeration, which has greatly reduced the need for pickling foods to preserve them. Nitrates are often used in pickling for flavour and to prevent bacterial growth. However, nitrates are converted to cancer - causing nitrosamines during digestion. Vitamins A and C, beta carotene and other antioxidants can inhibit the cancer - causing potential of nitrosamines. Eating ample fresh vegetables and fruits may counteract any risk from pickled foods. Smoking was once essential for preserving meat and fish. But hundreds of components have so far been identified in smoke including alcohols, acids, phenols and several other toxic and possibly even cancer-causing substances. The chemicals inhibit the growth of bacteria and slow the breakdown of fat. But cured meats are high in nitrates, which combine with amino acids during cooking and digestion to form cancer - causing nitrosamines. The risk of cancer from nitrates is small, especially compared to the risk of coronary disease from getting too much saturated fat - plentiful in smoked meat. If you enjoy smoked or salted meats, make sure you eat them only occasionally and in moderate amounts.

- (1) The advent of _____ brought about a change in preservation of food
(a) nitrates (b) refrigeration (c) vitamin A (d) vitamin C
- (2) It is better not to consume smoked meat as it contains a lot of _____.
(a) vitamins (b) cancer causing substances
(c) saturated fat (d) amino acids
- (3) 'Inhibit' means _____.
(a) prevent (b) involve (c) start (d) slow down
- (4) Eating _____ can protect us from the risk of pickled food.
(a) good food (b) fresh vegetables
(c) vitamin tablets (d) boiled vegetables
- (5) The art of preserving fish and meat was by _____.
(a) adding nitrates (b) growing bacteria
(c) smoking it (d) breaking it

2. Read the passage given below carefully and complete the statements that follow it by choosing the correct options :

1x5=5

For several centuries, two towns near the Olympic site, Elis and Pisa fought for the prestige and power of controlling the games. In the fourth century BC, the dispute broke into open warfare, and there was a battle during the pentathlon. But winning meant everything to the ancient Greeks and they only understood success. There were no awards for second and third place in the ancient Olympics. First place was only the first place. The longest race in the early games was only about five kilometers. The race we call the marathon wasn't created until some 2500 years later. It was part of the programme of the first modern Olympics held in Athens in 1896 and commemorated that ancient run. The first Olympic marathons, from Athens in 1896 to Antwerp in 1920 were run at varying lengths, ranging from 39,996 to 42,750 metres. It wasn't until the 1924 games in Paris that it was decided to adopt the standard distance of 42,195 metres used at the London Games in 1908, the exact distance from the start at Windsor Castle to the White City Stadium.

- (1) The towns of Elis and Pisa even resorted to war for _____.
 - (a) the medal
 - (b) winning pentathlon
 - (c) conducting the games
 - (d) warfare
- (2) 'Greeks only understood success' means _____.
 - (a) they wanted the third place
 - (b) Greeks were never winners
 - (c) they always wanted to win
 - (d) they wanted the second place
- (3) _____ was the longest race in the early games.
 - (a) The five kilometer race
 - (b) The marathon
 - (c) 39,996 meters
 - (d) 42,195 meters
- (4) The standard distance for marathon was decided at _____.
 - (a) London
 - (b) White city stadium
 - (c) Paris
 - (d) Windsor castle
- (5) 'Commemorate' means _____.
 - (a) to comment on
 - (b) to celebrate in the memory of one
 - (c) in the memory of a beloved
 - (d) conduct well

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

In school, I found mathematics and chemistry boring and confusing. But getting mediocre grades in English upset me because I was interested in the subject. My failure to excel in English gave impetus to my father's argument that my true talents may someday be realized as a tailor. As a school boy, journalism absorbed most of my free time, and as my academic standing fell below the level required to earn college - entrance consideration, my father became more insistent that I spend time in his workshop. He wanted me to learn to cut and secure a pair of trouser cuffs and to make button-holes. At the very least, tailoring was something I could fall back on. I knew from watching my father work that tailoring was tedious, time-consuming, and demanding. Stitch by stitch he made each suit, feeling the needle in his fingers as he penetrated a piece of wool or silk. If he deviated from his definition of perfection, he would pull it apart and do it again. My mother was a businesswoman, an entrepreneur whose customers were her best friends. She held private conversations with them, earning their confidence and trust in a way that sooner or later inclined them towards buying most of the dresses she recommended. The shop was a kind of talk show that flowed around the engaging manner of my mother. Later, when I started interviewing people, I learned never to interrupt when people had difficulty in explaining themselves as at such moments, they are often very revealing. Their pauses and sudden shifts in subject matter were likely indicators of what embarrassed them. As I settled into the life of a writer, I realized that I learned more from them than from anybody else.

- (1) The author's father was insistent that the author worked in his workroom because _____.
- (2) The characteristic trait of the author's father was that he was a _____.
- (3) The author's mother was a good businesswoman because she was able to gain _____.
- (4) The negative aspects related to the author's father's profession were that it was (a) _____ (b) _____.
- (5) The author was upset about getting low marks in English because he was _____.

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

When I learned that my 71 year old mother was playing scrabble, I knew that I had to do something. 'Who's playing' ? I asked when I saw a half finished game on the table. 'My right hand versus the left. Well, I want to keep my mind sharp.' She said. We packed our old PC, complete with scrabble and word -processing - programs, and delivered it to my parent's home. Gradually, all she had to talk about was her computer. After a few months of scrabble, I decided it was time to introduce her to word processing. The first step was to buy a printer for Christmas. Despite my mother's excellent keyboard skills, word processing proved to be a challenge. Thanks to the computer, my father has finally overcome his phone allergy. For, as long as I can remember, anytime I called, it was my father who answered. Then, a couple of months ago, I heard Dad's gruff voice when I called. 'She's always on the computer.' After a lifetime of being her child, I was finally the one with knowledge to share with mom. But even now, I realize she continues to teach me. I'm learning that no matter how old you are, a willing spirit is capable of anything.

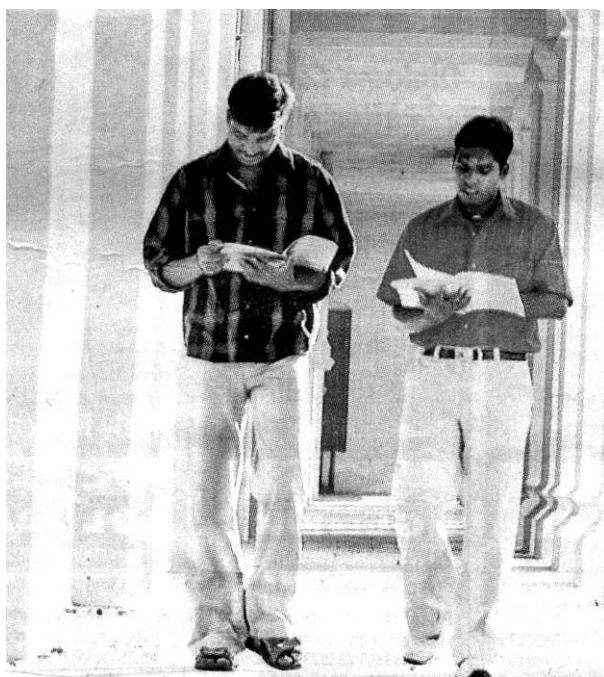
- (1) To keep her mind sharp the mother resorted to _____.
- (2) To help her mother the author sent her _____.
- (3) The author's father overcame his phone allergy _____.
- (4) The author finally learnt from her mother _____.
- (5) The author presented her mother _____ for Christmas.

SECTION - B
(Writing - 20 Marks)

5. Your parents were away. As your brother fell sick, you had to take the responsibility of looking after him. Describe the process of how you checked his temperature using a clinical thermometer. Write in about 80 words. **4**
 - wash in running water
 - shake till mercury is below normal
 - place under tongue
 - check temperature after one minute
6. 'India has attained a reasonably good position in the recent Asian Games'. As Manager of the Indian contingent, write a letter in about 120 words to your friend on the good results that the Indian sportspersons have shown. **8**

7. 'The new Exams Reforms Committee set up by the Higher Education Council has recommended weightage to both internal assessment and co-curricular activities.' Write an article in about 150 words for the newsletter of your school on your views on the new examination system.

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SECTION - C
(Grammar - 20 Marks)

8. Choose the most appropriate options from the ones given below to complete the following passage. Write the answers in your answer sheet against the correct blank numbers.

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My aunt lived in a sprawling house (a)_____faced the beach. A wall at the front (b)_____ the house was made entirely of glass. It was always a pleasure (c)_____ wake up to the sound of (d)_____ waves in the morning and hear it just before (e)_____to bed. The sea breeze (f)_____ wind everyday of the year (g)_____ during summer months. However, my aunt's house was also susceptible to hurricanes (h)_____ the rainy season.

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| (a) | (i) | for | (ii) | that | (iii) | who | (iv) | when |
| (b) | (i) | of | (ii) | in | (iii) | for | (iv) | through |
| (c) | (i) | for | (ii) | in | (iii) | to | (iv) | when |
| (d) | (i) | those | (ii) | them | (iii) | the | (iv) | all |
| (e) | (i) | going | (ii) | sleeping | (iii) | go | (iv) | sleep |
| (f) | (i) | bought | (ii) | bring | (iii) | brought | (iv) | brings |
| (g) | (i) | every | (ii) | even | (iii) | always | (iv) | really |
| (h) | (i) | to | (ii) | since | (iii) | for | (iv) | during |

9. Complete the statements given below by choosing the correct options : 1x4=4

- (a) Internet major Yahoo _____ to cut 650 jobs or about 5% of its total work force.
 (i) was planning (ii) is planning
 (iii) has planning (iv) planned
- (b) The W.C parker scholarships at the University of Kentucky _____ to Indian students.
 (i) opened (ii) was now open
 (iii) have been opened (iv) is now open
- (c) Like other branches of physical sciences, analytical chemistry _____ tremendously.
 (i) was developed (ii) are developed
 (iii) have developed (iv) has developed
- (d) 30 people _____ when the van they were travelling in fell into a lake.
 (i) were killed (ii) was killed
 (iii) have killed (iv) has been killed

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. The first one has been done for you ½x8=4

	incorrect	correct
Susan saw a poster for a new dance course	for	of
outside the community club. Her costumes	(a) _____	_____
worn by the models attracting her. They	(b) _____	_____
were clad on long frilly gowns and white	(c) _____	_____
high heels. The course fee was well without	(d) _____	_____
her budget. Susan can not wait to sign up	(e) _____	_____
for the course. She could not believed her luck.	(f) _____	_____
Two week later the classes started. The other	(g) _____	_____
students was surprised to see such a young girl	(h) _____	_____
in the class		

11. Rearrange the following to form meaningful sentences. The first one has been done for you. 1x4=4

for many\for a\had been\weeks\Mark\marathon\training\
 Mark had been training for a marathon for many weeks.

- (a) the intense\both\indoors\training\and outdoors\took place\
 (b) he used\was indoors\the treadmill\when he\
 (c) exercise\rigorous\outdoor\was\the\more
 (d) for miles\his ankles\he\with weights\ran\strapped to

12. Read the following conversation and complete the passage given below. 1x4=4

Mr. Dutta : Yesterday, I fell into a gutter when I was out on a morning walk

Mr. Sharma : Oh! Was there anyone with you ?

Mr. Dutta : I was all alone. But a few youngsters who were passing by helped me out

Mr. Sharma : Thank God! It is always better to have a companion.

Mr. Dutta told his friend that (a) _____ had been out on a morning walk.

Mr. Sharma wanted to know (b) _____. Mr. Dutta replied that though he had been all alone (c) _____ out. Mr. Sharma advised him that (d) _____ .

SECTION D
(Literature - 20 Marks)

13. (A) Read the following extract and complete the statements that follow by choosing from the given alternatives : 1x3=3

Till the birds and beasts grew tired

At a voice so uninspired

And the ticket office gross

Crashed, and she grew more morose.

(a) The word 'she' referred to here is _____

(i) the frog

(ii) the nightingale

(iii) solitary loon

(iv) the birds

(b) The voice was "uninspired" because _____

(i) the birds and beasts were tired

(ii) the frog could not inspire her

(iii) she grew morose

(iv) of continuous training

(c) The phrase "ticket office gross crashed" means _____

(i) all tickets were sold out

(ii) there was no audience

(iii) ticket office fell down

(iv) the sumac tree crashed down

OR

I do beseech ye, if you bear me hard

Now whilst your purpled hands do reek and smoke

fulfill your pleasure

(a) The speaker in these lines is _____.

(i) Mark Antony

(ii) Julius Caesar

(iii) Marcus Brutus

(iv) Publius Climber

(b) Their hands were "purpled" because _____.

(i) they had killed the conspirators

(ii) their hands were painted

(iii) they had killed Caesar

(iv) their hands were burnt

(c) The word 'pleasure' here refers to the pleasure of _____.

(i) ascending the throne

(ii) killing Julius Caesar

(iii) killing Mark Antony

(iv) living a comfortable life

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

Down dropt the breeze, the sails dropt down

T'was sad as sad could be

And we did speak only to break

The silence of the sea!

- (a) Name the poem and the poet
- (b) Who are the "we" referred to here ?
- (c) Why were they "sad"?

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

- (a) Why was the grandmother unwilling to go back home?
- (b) What are the qualities that the mirror boasts of ?
- (c) What request did Ali make to Lakshmi Das? Why ?
- (d) Why was the guest late for the wedding?
- (e) How did Caesar's will reveal his love for the Romans?

15. Answer **any one** of the following in **100-125** words : 6

How did the conspirators bring Caesar to the senate and execute his assassination ?

OR

How did the frog become again 'The unrivalled king of Bingle Bog' ?

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