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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 following poem.

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Barter

Life has loveliness to sell,
All beautiful and splendid things,
Blue waves whitened on a cliff,
Soaring fire, that sways and sings
And children's faces looking up
Holding wonder like a cup.

Life has loveliness to sell,
Music like a curve of gold,
Scent of pine trees in the rain,
Eyes that love you, arms that hold,
And for your spirit's still delight,
Holy thoughts that star the night.

Spend all you have for loveliness,
Buy it and never count the cost,
For one white singing hour of peace
Count many a year of strife well lost,
And for a breadth of ecstasy
Give all you have been, or could be.

Sara Teasdale.

Complete the following statements on the basis of your reading of the above poem.

- (a) The lovely things that life has to sell are _____
- (b) The poetess has compared holy thoughts to _____
- (c) 'An hour of peace' is better than 'many a year of strife' because _____
- (d) The poetess advises us to _____
- (e) The 'children's faces' are compared to _____

2. Read the following passage carefully.

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Defining Courage

Courage is not only the basis of all virtue; it is its expression too. Faith, hope, charity and all the rest don't become virtues until someone has taken courage to exercise them. There are roughly two types of courage. The first, an emotional state which urges a man to risk injury or death, is physical courage. The second, is more reasoning attitude which enables him to take coolly his career, happiness, his whole future, or his judgement of what he thinks either right or worthwhile, is moral courage.

I have known many men who had marked physical courage, but lacked moral courage. Some of them were in high places, but they failed to be great in themselves because they lacked moral courage. On the other hand, I have seen men who undoubtedly possessed moral courage but were very cautious about taking physical risks. But I have never met a man with moral courage who couldn't, when it was really necessary, face a situation boldly.

Complete each of the following statements by selecting the most appropriate option from the ones given below:

- (a) All virtues become meaningful with the help of _____
(i) faith (ii) charity
(iii) courage (iv) hope
- (b) Physical courage is an expression of _____
(i) emotions (ii) deliberation
(iii) uncertainty (iv) defiance
- (c) People with physical courage often lack _____
(i) mental balance (ii) capacity for reasoning
(iii) emotional stability (iv) will to fight
- (d) A man with moral courage _____
(i) can defy his enemies
(ii) can overcome all difficulties
(iii) can be very pragmatic
(iv) can face a situation boldly
- (e) The word, 'marked ' in the second para means _____
(i) in danger (ii) easy to point
(iii) noticeable (iv) paid attention

3. Read the following passage carefully.

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In every country people imagine that they are the best and the cleverest and others are not so good as they are. The English man thinks that he and his country are the best; the Frenchman is very proud of France and everything French. The Germans and Italians think no less of their countries and many Indians imagine that India is in many ways the greatest country in the world. This is wrong. Everybody wants to think well of himself and his country. But really there is no person who has not got some good and some bad qualities. In the same way, there is no country which is not partly good and partly bad. We must take the good wherever we find it and try to remove the bad wherever it may be. We are, of course, most concerned with our own country, India. Unhappily, it is in a bad shape today. Most of our people are poor and unhappy. They have no joy in their lives. We have to find out how we can make them happier. We have to see what is good in our ways and customs and try to keep it, and whatever is bad has to be thrown away. If we find anything good in other countries, we should certainly take it.

(Jawaharlal Nehru)

After reading the above passage, complete the statements that follow :

- (a) People think that their country is _____
(b) Many Indians imagine that _____
(c) However, we must _____
(d) India is in a bad way today because _____
(e) (i) ill (ii) worst.

Opposites for the above words in the passage are

- (i) _____ (ii) _____

4. Read the following passage carefully.

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Polio - The Dreaded Disease

Today perhaps your only association with the word, 'polio' is the Sabin Oral Vaccine that protects children from the disease. Fifty-five years ago, this was not so. The dreaded disease, which mainly affects the brain and the spinal cord, causes stiffening and weakening of the muscles, crippling and paralysis - which is why I am in a wheelchair today. If somebody had predicted, when I was born, that this would happen to me, no one would have believed it. I was the seventh child in a family of four pairs of brothers and sisters, with a huge 23 - year gap between the first and the last. I was told that, unlike the others, I was so fair and brown-haired that I looked more like a foreigner than a Dawoodi Bohra. I was also considered to be the healthiest of the brood. Complete each of the following statements by selecting the most appropriate option from the ones given below.

- (a) The narrator is suffering from _____
(i) polio (ii) paralysis
(iii) heart disease (iv) nervous weakness
- (b) The narrator was the seventh child in a family that had _____
(i) four children (ii) eight children
(iii) sixteen children (iv) twenty-three children
- (c) During his childhood, the narrator was _____
(i) a weakling (ii) tall and slim
(iii) very healthy (iv) short and stout
- (d) "I looked more like a foreigner than a Dawoodi Bohra", says the narrator.
This was because he was _____
(i) tall and smart (ii) a foreign child
(iii) a very healthy boy (iv) fair and brown haired
- (e) The word 'brood' in the last sentence of the passage refers to _____
(i) polio Victims (ii) Indian Children
(iii) foreign children (iv) children in the family

SECTION - B

(Writing - 20 Marks)

5. Given below are some notes about the American President, Abraham Lincoln. Write a short biosketch of Abraham Lincoln with the help of these notes in about 80 words.

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- 1809 - Born in the Big South Fork of Nolin Creek, Kentucky, U.S.A.
1828 - Had a chance to see slavery in operation for the first time. Vows to 'hit slavery hard'.
1834 - Elected to the Legislature
1838 - Elected again
1860 - Republican party nominate him as a candidate for the presidency-elected as president
1865 - Succeeded in getting passed the thirteenth amendment to the constitution which ended slavery forever
14th April 1865 - Assassinated.

6. Write a letter to your father requesting him to increase your monthly allowance stating appropriate reasons for the same. Sign yourself as Arpit/Arpita, St. John's school, Hostel Rd., Pune. Write the letter in about 120 words. 8
7. You are Subodh, a student of Alpine School, Hamirpur. Your school is celebrating 'Save Electricity Week.' You have been requested to deliver a speech on saving electricity. Write a speech stressing the importance of saving electricity and making some practical suggestions for the students. Write your speech in about 150 words. 8

SECTION - C
(Grammar - 20 Marks)

8. Choose the best word / phrase from the options to complete the following passage : $\frac{1}{2} \times 8 = 4$
- Tokyo was rocked by its (a) _____ (big, bigger, biggest, very big) earthquake in more than a year today, but escaped (b) _____ (from, by, with, for) little damage because it (c) _____ is, was, has, have) centred far beneath the floor of the Pacific Ocean. The quake (d) _____ (who, whom, whose, which) struck shortly before noon with a magnitude of 6.6, (e) _____ (make, made, send, sent) large buildings sway back and forth. The intense (f) _____ (shake, shaker, shaking, shook) for almost one minute caught many people (g) _____ (in, on, of, off) guard in Tokyo and other cities (h) _____ (to, towards, for, forward) the east.
9. Complete the following statements by choosing the correct options from those given. $1 \times 4 = 4$
- (a) Petrol and diesel prices _____ to be raised by about Rs. 1.25 per litre in view of seven dollar per barrel surge in crude oil prices.
(i) will likely (ii) will get (iii) are likely (iv) are bound
- (b) The weapon used in the murder of Satyendra Dubey, Project Officer in NHAI, and his briefcase _____ recovered by the CBI in Bihar's Gaya district on Monday.
(i) was (ii) were (iii) have (iv) had
- (c) A polytechnic university in China _____ a robot that can conduct surgeries.
(i) have developed (ii) has developed
(iii) is developing (iv) will be developing
- (d) India's medal tally went up when ace shooter Jaspal Rana _____ in the centrefire pistol.
(i) wins the gold medal
(ii) won the gold medal
(iii) has won the gold medal
(iv) winning the gold medal
10. The following passage has not been edited. There is one error in each line. Write the incorrect and the correct word in your answer sheet against the correct blank number. The first one has been done as an example. $\frac{1}{2} \times 8 = 4$
- All living creatures not alone human (e.g) alone only
beings but plants and animals also wants (a) _____
freedom. They want to live the free life. (b) _____
But the animals in the zoos is captured (c) _____
and put into cage for our (d) _____
entertainment. Animals and birds who (e) _____
are captured, are train in the circuses (f) _____
If they can talk, they would make (g) _____
us feel guilt and regretful of our actions. (h) _____

11. In the passage given below, one word has been omitted in each line. Write the missing word along with the words, that come before and after it in your answer sheet against the correct blank number. The first one has been done as an example.
- The koel generally considered e.g. Koel is generally $\frac{1}{2} \times 8 = 4$
the musical among the Indian birds. Many (a) _____
Indian poets have sung its praises ancient (b) _____
times. In the spring season, all through day (c) _____
and night, one hear the koel sing. At the (d) _____
approach winter, the bird becomes silent (e) _____
and then it migrates warmer parts. the (f) _____
koel is strange bird, as it never builds its own (g) _____
nest. The mother bird lays her eggs a crow's nest. (h) _____
12. Read the given conversation and complete the report. Do not add any new information. Write the answers in your answer sheet against the correct blank numbers. Do not copy the whole sentences. 4
- Raghav : Ravi, Varun and I are going to watch the cricket match tomorrow. Would you like to join us ?
Ravi : I would love to but I have to take my father's permission first.
Raghav : You must let me know by this evening because I have to arrange for the passes.
Ravi : I will do so.
- Raghav informed Ravi that Varun and he were going to watch the cricket match the next day. He asked Ravi (a) _____. Ravi replied (b) _____ permission first. Raghav told him to let him know by that evening as (c) _____ for the passes. Ravi said (d) _____ so.

SECTION D

(Literature - 20 Marks)

13. (A) Read the following extract carefully and complete the statements that follow by choosing the most appropriate options from those given below. 3
- Dumbstruck sat the gaping frog,
And the whole admiring bog
Started towards the sumac rapt,
And, when she had ended, clapped.
- (a) She in the above lines refers to the _____
(i) duck (ii) heron
(iii) nightingale (iv) cuckoo
- (b) The frog was dumbstruck because _____
(i) he had never heard such a melodious voice.
(ii) he had never seen such a beautiful bird.
(iii) a huge crowd had gathered to listen to his voice.
(iv) he was being awarded for his beautiful voice.

- (c) The whole bog clapped because _____
- (i) the frog had told them to do so.
 - (ii) the whole bog was in the habit of clapping.
 - (iii) she sang really very beautifully.
 - (iv) she was really very beautiful and smart.

OR

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

- (a) The expression 'thou bleeding piece of earth' refers to _____
- (i) the earth red with the blood of soldiers.
 - (ii) Caesar's dead body.
 - (iii) the piece of land acquired by the enemies.
 - (iv) the piece of land where Caesar was killed.
- (b) The speaker is meek and gentle with these butchers because _____
- (i) he fears his own death.
 - (ii) he fears that the butchers might destroy the whole of Rome.
 - (iii) he wants to avenge Caesar's death.
 - (iv) he fears the butchers might kill the kith and kin of Caesar.
- (c) That I am meek and gentle with these butchers !
The poetic device used in this line is _____
- (i) irony (ii) paradox
 - (iii) simile (iv) metaphor

(B) Read the following extract and answer the questions that follow.

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The clinic gives us special powder to make into porridge for him and perhaps one day, he'll be all right.

- (a) Who is the person being talked about here ?
- (b) What has happened to him ?
- (c) What does this extract tell you about the narrator ?

14. Answer any four of the following in 30-40 words each.

2x4=8

- (a) "The grief of separation is inescapable". Who realised this and how ?
- (b) Who are the 'liars' in the poem, Mirror ? Why are they called so ?
- (c) Who gives the ancient Mariner evil looks and why ?
- (d) In what circumstances did the nightingale die ?
- (e) What was wrong with the 'head' of the narrator's little brother in 'The Ultimate Safari' ? Why ?

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

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You are Coachman Ali. Make a diary entry expressing your feelings after you have given five gold guineas to Lakshmi Das.

OR

Imagine you are Mark Antony. With your skilful oratory you are able to instigate the mob to take revenge on Caesar's murderers. As Mark Antony write a diary entry about the day's events and your satisfaction that you ultimately were able to take revenge on the assassins of Caesar.

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