

101/X/SA2/29/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 that particular section must be attempted in the correct order.

SECTION - A
Reading - 20 Marks

1. Read the poem given below carefully :

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OWLS

They stare at you,
These ugly phantoms of the night,
And do not seem to care
If you stare back at them
All day they perch half asleep,
In lonely ruins, dark church towers,
Not liking the sun.
Dozing and dreaming with stupid face,
Of scurrying mice, fat beetles; baby birds,
Swallowed greedily in cruel gulp.

At twilight they come out
Like floating paper glide along lanes,
Noiselessly dipping over hedges
Or fanning their ghostly way
Around the houses, down the avenues
Ears and eyes set for the kill
Then gorged with fresh meat,
They sag back home,
The moon's eye watching them,
Hooting in the wind,
Waiting for the next raw victim.
I do not like owls,
I shiver when I hear them
Screeching at the bottom of the garden,
Invading the darkness,
Glad I am not a mouse,
Small birds or beetle.

On the basis of your reading of the above poem complete the following sentences:

- (a) The poet describes the owls as _____
- (b) During the day the owls remain asleep in _____ as they don't like the sun.
- (c) In their sleep, they dream of
 - (i) _____
 - (ii) _____
 - (iii) _____
- (d) After satisfying their hunger with raw flesh , they _____
- (e) The poet shivers when he hears the owls screeching because _____
- (f) The poet is happy that _____
- (g) 'Screeching' in the poem means _____
- (h) 'Phantoms' in the poem means _____

2. Read the following passage carefully and answer the questions that follow : 1x5=5

Ideas rule the world. You shape your fate and decide your destiny by your thoughts. You have to think high to rise. You have to believe and be sure of yourself to win a prize. Life's battles do not always go to the stronger or faster man; but sooner or later the man who wins is the man, who thinks he can. Success starts with your thoughts. Whatever your mind can conceive and believe, it can achieve. And your mind is nothing more than a bundle of thought. Since you have the power to shape your thoughts you automatically have the power to fashion your fate and decide your destiny. Thus your thoughts are the most potent, powerful and prime source of your success. For your thoughts to blossom into success, they should be combined with definiteness of purpose, perseverance and a burning, pulsating strong desire to translate them into action. Believe that you will succeed and believe it firmly. You will then do whatever is necessary to bring success about.

Faith in yourself, confidence that you can and will succeed, is the key to your success in any venture. If you keep your mind riveted on your goal and focus your thoughts on the great and splendid things you wish to have you will find yourself unconsciously seizing upon the opportunities that are required for the fulfilment of your desires.

Thoughts are supreme. Preserve a right mental attitude of courage, frankness and good cheer. Think of success in your work and you will then do automatically and unconsciously, the things necessary to bring success about. If your desire is weak and efforts are erratic your achievements will also be slight and fleeting. But if you go after your goal with the single - mindedness of a bulldog after a cat, nothing and nobody under the sun can stop you. Your goal should also be defined, clear-cut and specific and should be linked to a fixed time frame so that your definite energies and efforts can be focused and forcefully directed towards its attainment.

Choose the most appropriate options out of the following :

- (i) Life is a great challenge and a fierce battle one _____ wins out the battles of life.
 - (a) who is stronger and faster than others
 - (b) who browbeats others
 - (c) who perseveres
 - (d) who thinks deeply and constructively
- (ii) _____ are more important to succeed in life.
 - (a) Powerful and effective thoughts
 - (b) Powerful thoughts directed at the goal to be achieved
 - (c) Blessings of God and self-confidence
 - (d) Sound philosophy of life and spirituality
- (iii) The surest key to success is one's belief in _____.
 - (a) faith and confidence
 - (b) hard work and belief in destiny
 - (c) perseverance and strong character
 - (d) co-operation and guidance of the wise.
- (iv) The writer wishes that people should _____.
 - (a) develop healthy attitude towards life.
 - (b) have positive thoughts and shun negative ones.
 - (c) develop good thoughts and ideas and right mental make-up
 - (d) have lofty aims and hard work.
- (v) The correct meaning of the word, 'fleeting' is _____.
 - (a) running on skates
 - (b) passing quickly
 - (c) squinting
 - (d) beating hard.

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

Getting a good night sleep can help you cope with stress more effectively. But not getting enough sleep can cause more stress. Women are prone to sleep disturbances. Their sleep problems frequently interfere with their daily activities. Experts believe that sleep, especially deep sleep, enables our nervous system to function well. Without it, we lose our ability to concentrate, remember or analyse. Some experts speculate that during deep sleep, cells manufacture more proteins, which are essential for cell growth and repair of damage from things like stress and ultraviolet rays.

Scientists believe activity in the area of the brain that controls emotions and social interactions lessens during sleep and that deep sleep may help people be emotionally and socially adept when awake. Sleep may also help our brain to store a newly learned activity in its memory bank. In a study in Canada, students deprived of sleep after learning a complex logic game showed a 30 percent learning deficit when tested a week later compared with students not deprived of sleep.

- (1) While good sleep helps to (a) _____ , lack of it can (b) _____ ,
- (2) Deep sleep makes the nervous system (c) _____ , and without it (d) _____ .
- (3) A Canadian research on student's sleep has provide that (e) _____ .

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

Environmental News.

Look at any waste garbage dump. In addition to vegetable scrapes, paper and broken glass you will notice a considerable amount of plastic material such as shampoo bottles, bags, worn-out slippers and the like. Vegetable scrapes and paper are biodegradable, but glass and plastic continue to accumulate and harm the environment. Plastic is often mistaken for food by birds, animals and fish, leading to their death. It also chokes sewer pipes and becomes a trap for living beings in ponds rivers and oceans. Investigations have been going on for a long time to produce an environment- friendly plastic in the sense that it decays and becomes a part of the soil like rotting vegetable scrapes do. The scientists of Imperial Chemical Industries at London have been able to develop just such a plastic called 'Biopol'. It is manufactured by microbes. Bottles film and fibers can be made out of it. Fungi and bacteria can eat it and break it down in to carbon dioxide and water. This new plastic can also be used to make capsules for slow release in the body of some type of medicines, and of pesticides in fields.

Read the questions given below and write the options you consider the most appropriate in your answer sheet.

- (a) Plastic can kill animals if they _____ .
- (b) Materials which disintegrate and decay are _____ .
- (c) Plastic chokes _____ and becomes _____ in rivers and oceans.
- (d) The main advantage of 'Biopol' over other type of plastic is that it _____ .
- (e) 'Biopole' was invented by _____.

SECTION - B
(Writing - 20 Marks)

5. You recently visited a newly constructed mega mall in your city. Write a description of the same using the hints given below in about 80 words. 4
- Huge mall, as many as four floors
 - Top of the line fashion outlets
 - Big brands in shoes and men's wear.
 - Food courts and multiplexes
 - Big parking lot available.
6. You are Swati, living at 10, Nana Sahib Road, Kanpur. You happened to see your neighbour's ten year old housemaid ill treated by the house owner. Write a letter to the editor of a national daily in about 120 words about the prevalence of child labour in spite of strict rules laid down by the government. Take ideas from the hints given below : 8
- Made to work for longer hours
 - Ill treated, paid very less.
 - Law breakers to be punished.
7. You recently visited an orphanage and got to meet children whose parents had died in natural calamities like droughts, floods and earthquakes. Their condition made you feel miserable. After coming back home you decided to write your feelings in the form of diary entry in about 150 words. 8

SECTION - C
(Grammar - 20 Marks)

8. Complete the passage given below choosing the correct alternatives. 1x4=4

Due to terrorist threat tight vigil is being kept at the airport. Tighter security measures are taken. The security agencies are (a) _____ the baggage thoroughly. U.S. bound passengers (b) _____ to report much in advance so that extra checks (c) _____ out. This will (d) _____ the security agencies feel that situation is normal.

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| (a) | (i) being checked | (ii) checking |
| | (iii) will be checking | (iv) were checking |
| (b) | (i) asked | (ii) have been asked |
| | (iii) has been asked | (iv) had been asked |
| (c) | (i) could be carried | (ii) would be carried |
| | (iii) should be carried | (iv) can be carried |
| (d) | (i) ensured | (ii) ensure |
| | (iii) makes ensures | (iv) ensuring |

9. Complete the following statements by choosing the right options from those given below. 1x4=4

- (a) Ludhiana Girl, Raveena Sandhu _____ to be a pilot in Indian Air Force.
- (b) Gurnoor Kaur added another major medal to her kitty as she _____ single sculls event.
- (c) The police _____ 11 Bangladeshi citizens for not possessing legitimate immigration documents.
- (d) At least 24 people _____ on Tuesday when a Russian helicopter leased by UN crashed in Siera Leone .
- (a) (i) is selected (ii) was selected
(iii) had be selected (iv) has been selected
- (b) (i) has won (ii) won
(iii) could win (iv) had won
- (c) (i) held (ii) has held
(iii) had held (iv) were held
- (d) (i) were killed (ii) have been killed
(iii) are killed (iv) had been killed

10. The following passage has not been edited. There is one error in each of the lines. Write the incorrect word and the correction in your answer sheet. 1/2x8=4

It have been ten days since Pakistan President (a) _____
tell the media in Pakistan that he (b) _____
wanting to open up the Line of Control (c) _____
to Kashmiris in either side. The Indian Foreign Office has (d) _____
yet to receive a formal proposal from Pakistan, senior
Government sources have revealing. Yet Pakistan (e) _____
PM says on Thursday that (f) _____
discussions has started on the issue. (g) _____
Pakistan Foreign Minister saying that his country would make (h) _____
the proposal soon.

11. Read a conversation between Reinu and her husband, Somu. And complete the paragraph that follows : 1 x4=4

Reinu: Our servant has a tendency to steal things.

Somu: Is any thing missing ?

Reinu: Yes, he has stolen one of the blankets.

Somu: Which one ?

Reinu: The one we took from Hotel Palm Beach.

Reinu told her husband that (a) _____ a tendency to steal things. Somu asked her (b) _____. She told him that (c) _____. When Somu asked her which one it was, she replied that (d) _____ from Hotel Palm Beach.

12. Rearrange the following words/phrases to form meaningful sentences. The first one has been done as an example for you : 1x4=4

E.g. retailer/Ice -cream/to tell/The Swad/has a story

The Swad ice -cream retailer has a story to tell.

- (a) is a/ice-cream/that/tough business/selling/he feels
- (b) there are/too many/ice creams/of/nowadays/brands
- (c) there were/varieties/just two or three/different/a decade ago/
- (d) some people/a new brand/come back/again and again/for

SECTION - D

(Literature - 20 Marks)

13. (A) Read the passage given below and complete the statements that follow by choosing the correct options. 1x3=3

Dumbstruck sat the gaping frog,

And the admiring bog

Stared 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 dumb struck 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 well
 - (iv) she was really very beautiful and smart

OR

"When beggars die, there are no comets seen,

The heavens themselves blaze forth the death of princes."

- (a) These lines have been written by _____.
 - (i) Charles Dickens
 - (ii) Vikram Seth.
 - (iii) William Shakespeare
 - (iv) Nadine Gordimer
- (b) 'Beggars' here means _____.
 - (i) ordinary people
 - (ii) beggars on the streets.
 - (iii) beggars at the railway station
 - (iv) none of the above
- (c) The death of princes attracts the attention of _____.
 - (i) the palace
 - (ii) ordinary people
 - (iii) the king's subjects
 - (iv) even the gods

- (B) 'Tortured by doubt and remorse, he sat down in the glow of the charcoal sigri to wait.' 1x3=3
- (a) Who is tortured by doubt and remorse ?
- (b) Why is he tortured by doubt and remorse ?
- (c) What is he waiting for ?

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

- (a) Why did the narrator's grandmother decide to leave her village and go to South Africa ?
- (b) What made the postmaster realize the sufferings of Ali ?
- (c) Who calls the mirror cruel and why ?
- (d) Why did the sailors give the ancient Mariner evil looks ?
- (e) How did the frog exploit the nightingale ?

15. Imagine you are the narrator (The Ultimate Safari) and a grown up girl now. When you look back, you realise that your grandmother made a lot of sacrifices for you. Today you have become a successful person. Write a letter to her in 100 - 125 words for her love and support. Also tell her that whatever you are today, it is just because of her. 6

OR

Brutus made a big mistake by allowing Antony to speak at the funeral of Caesar . Explain.

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