

ENGLISH COMMUNICATIVE

Class - X

Maximum Marks : 80

Time : 3 hours

**Instructions :**

**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**

**Section A : Reading 20 marks**

**Read the poem given below and answer the questions that follow.**

**5**

**Image**

On the door step of the temple  
Under the hot sun  
I see her everyday.  
Her hands and feet are  
Withered like limbs of a dead tree.

Her eyes tired of searching  
For rays of hope  
Are sunk deep like caves  
In a rock.  
Neither they receive light  
Nor give it.

Her three yard saree  
Has torn in thirty places  
Her body has absorbed.  
Sixty years of dirt.

Her knotty matted hair  
Is the abode of worm and lice  
Here and there some black teeth,  
Stand as guards in her open mouth.  
The lines on her face.  
Have spread far and deep.  
Like the crow's feet.

Raising her shaking hands  
With hope in her eyes  
She looks at me

And an electric current  
joins together our two hearts  
Time goes back fifteen years.  
Her face changes, her eyes twinkle  
When she smiles her teeth dazzle  
In that one magic moment, I  
I see the image of my dead mother

- (a) Where does the poet see her ?
- (b) What has happened to her hands and feet ?
- (c) What do her eyes search for ?
- (d) The word 'abode' means
- (e) She looks at the poet with

**Read the following passage carefully :-**

**5**

Our opportunities are great but let me warn you that when power outstrips ability, we will fall on evil days. We should develop competence and ability which would help us utilise the opportunities which are now open to us. From tomorrow morning from midnight today-we cannot throw the blame on the Britishers. We have to assume the responsibility ourselves for what we do. A free India will be judged by the way in which it will serve the interests of the common man in the matter of food, clothing, shelters and social activities. Unless we destroy corruption in high places and root out every trace of nepotism, love of power , profiteering and black marketing which have spoiled the good name of this country in recent times, we will not be able to raise the standards of efficiency in administration as in well as the production and distribution of the necessary goods of life.

**Complete the following statements by choosing the most appropriate options from those given below.**

- (a) We fall on evil days when power becomes more important than :
  - (i) wisdom    (ii) wealth    (iii) fame    (iv) ability
- (b) The two things that help us to utilise the opportunities are our :
  - (i) competence and power                      (ii) power and ability
  - (iii) competence and ability                      (iv) power and wealth
- (c) The common man should be provided with :
  - (i) food    (ii) clothing    (iii) shelter                      (iv) food clothing shelter and social activities
- (d) The good name of our country has been spoiled because of :
  - (i) corruption    (ii) nepotism
  - (iii) love of power, profiteering and black marketing                      (iv) all of the above.
- (e) The word 'assume' means:
  - (i) think    (ii) guess    (iii) take on    (iv) understand

**3. Read the passage given below and complete the statements that follow : 5**

Vegetable oil has been known since antiquity. No household can get on without it, for it is used in cooking. Perfumes may be made from the oils of certain flowers. Soaps are made from vegetables and animal oils.

To the ordinary men, one kind of oil may be as important as another. But when the politician or the engineer refers to oil he almost always means mineral oil, the oil that drives tanks, aeroplanes and warships, motor cars and diesel locomotives, the oil that is used to lubricate all kinds of machinery. When it is refined into petrol it is used to drive the internal combustion engine. To it we owe the existence of the motor car, which has replaced the private carriage drawn by the horse. To it we owe the possibility of flying. It has changed the method of warfare on land and at sea. This kind of oil comes out of the earth. Because it burns well, it is used as a fuel and in some ways it is superior to coal in this respect. Because it burns brightly it is used for illumination. Because it is very slippery, it is used for lubrication. Two metal surfaces rubbing together cause friction and heat. But if they are separated by a thin film of oil the friction and heat are reduced.

No machine would work for long if it were not properly lubricated.

(a) The most important use of vegetable oil is its . (b) Mineral oil is different from vegetable oil as it .

(c) Mineral oil has changed everything. The most important change is that it drives .

(d) reduces the frictions and heat in machines etc. (e) The 'word' illumination means .

**4. Read the passage given below and complete the sentences that follow by choosing the appropriate answers from the given options. 1x5=5**

As the tortoise tucks its feet and head inside the shell and will not come out even though you may break the shell into pieces, even so the character of the man who has controls over his motives and organs, is unchangeably established. He controls his own inner forces, and nothing can draw them out against his will. By this continuous force of good thoughts and good impressions moving over the surface of the mind, the tendency to do good, becomes strong, and in consequence we are able to control the 'Indriyas' (sense-organs, the nerve centers). In this way alone is character formed, and only a man of character can get at the truth. Such a man is safe for ever; he cannot do any evil. You may place him in any company, but there will be no danger for him. There is a still higher state than having this good tendency, and that is the desire for liberation. Liberation means full freedom-freedom from the bondage of evil. A golden chain is as much a chain as an iron one. There is a thorn in my finger, and I use another to take the first one out; and when I have taken it out, I throw both of them aside. I have no necessity for keeping the second thorn, because it is a thorn after all. So bad tendencies are to be counteracted by good ones, and bad impressions on the mind should be removed by the fresh waves of good ones, until all that is evil almost disappears, or is subdued and held in control in a corner of the mind; but after that the good tendencies also have to be removed. Thus the attached becomes, unattached.

(a) The comparison between the tortoise and the man reveals that :

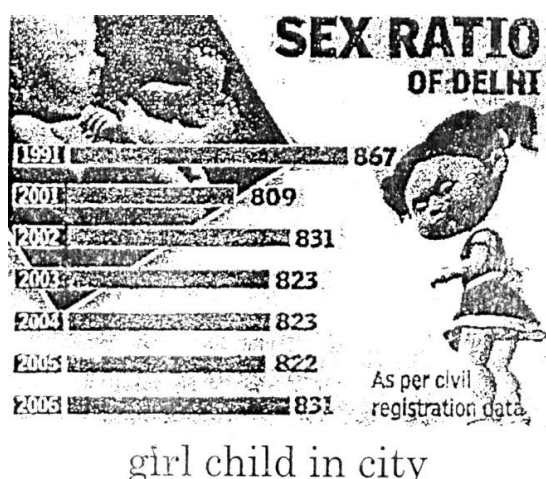
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- (i) Man is superior to tortoise.                      (ii) Tortoise is on a par with man.
- (iii) Man who has control over his motives and organs is weak.
- (iv) Man who has control over his motives and organs is firm.

- (b) The control of 'Indriyas' leads to : 1  
 (i) meditation ii) strength iii) character formation (iv) renunciation of the world
- (c) Liberation is : 1  
 (i) freedom of the body (ii) freedom from bondage of passions  
 (iii) freedom from bondage of worldly things (iv) freedom from bondage of evil
- (d) Attached becomes unattached when : 1  
 (i) evil is removed (ii) worldly desires are fulfilled  
 (iii) even good tendencies disappear (iv) God blesses
- (e) The word 'subdued' means : 1  
 (i) passive (ii) inactive (iii) suppressed (iv) inactivated

### SECTION - B (Writing - 20Marks)

**5. The visual given below highlights that the number of female children is getting abysmally low in various states of India, including the capital of the country. Write the interpretation of the data in the visual in about 80 words. 4**

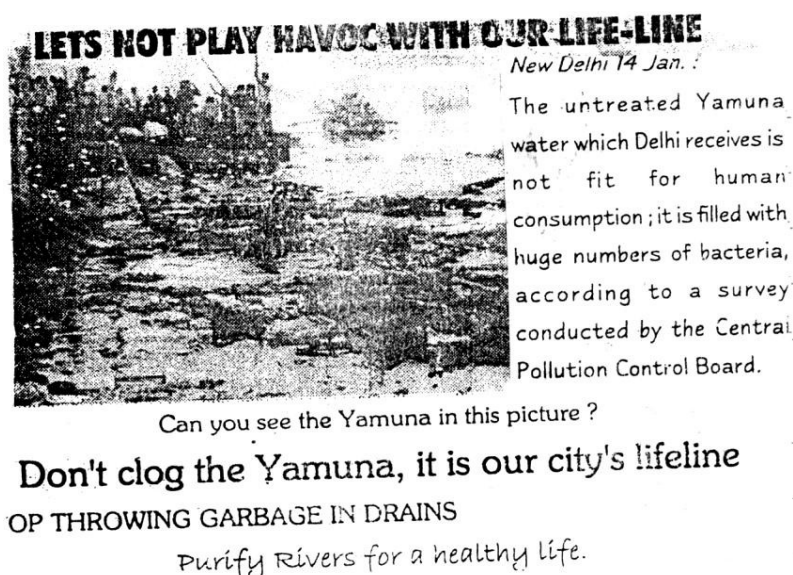


**6. You visited Shimla recently. Write an E-mail to your cousin about this visit in about 120 words using the following hints : 8**

Reached Shimla in Kalka-shimla train-train travelled through tunnels, valleys, over high bridges-romantic and exciting-scenery around Shimla breathtaking- walking on the mall-visited Jakhu temple, Fagu, Kufri-narkanda hills-covered with snow-visited Nalderhra golf course, Advanced Studies Institute.

**7. Susheel thinks of writing an article to express his concern for the river pollution that is taking place near your city.**

With reference to news item together with your own ideas write the article for Susheel in about **150** words. 8



**SECTION - C**  
**(Grammar – 20 Marks)**

**8. Fill in the gaps in the news items.**

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- (a) Two fishermen in the Indian ocean when their boat overturned.  
(b) Intruders broke into the Philip museum a renowned painting by Picasso.  
(c) The school children organised a  
(d) Rescue operations by heavy rain.

- (a) (i) were drowned                      (ii) had been drowned  
      (iii) have been drowned            (iv) got drowned  
(b) (i) and damaging                    (ii) and damaged  
      (iii) have damaged                iv) for damaging  
(c) (i) students' polio camp with successfully  
      (ii) students' polio camp successfully  
      (iii) students' polio camp for success  
      (iv) students' polio camp success  
(d) (i) will be delayed            (ii) had to be delayed  
      (iii) were delayed            (iv) got delayed

**9. Complete the dialogue given below choosing the correct options.**

**4**

Rohini : Suman, can (a) notes on History ?

Suman : Yes, but (b) them? Rohini : I (c) as early as possible

Suman : Fine, (d) them from my house.

- (a) (i) you get us your                      (ii) you please agree to give  
      (iii) you be giving me your        (iv) you give me your  
(b) (i) when will you return (ii) when can you return  
      (iii) when may you return (iv) when do you return  
(c) (i) shall return them (ii) should return them  
      (iii) can return them (iv) will be returning them  
(d) (i) come with me to take (ii) come with me to getting  
      (iii) come to me to take (iv) come for me to take.

**10. Rearrange the following words / phrases into meaningful sentences. The first one has been done as an example for you.**

**4**

Example : to need / to stay alive / don't seem / much food / scorpions

Scorpions don't seem to need much food to stay alive.

- (a) days / they / for / can / underwater / survive /  
(b) breathe / much / they / need / air / to / don't  
(c) with / energy / they / going / a little / keep / can  
(d) in a short time / large / food / can eat / they / amounts of

**11. The following passage has not been edited. There is an error in each of the lines. Write the incorrect word and the correction in your answer sheet against the correct blank number. Underline the word that you have supplied.** **4**

Tests and examination is not confined	(a) _____	_____
to school alone. They are widely use in various	(b) _____	_____
government or non-government offices.	(c) _____	_____
Business and Industry two are using tests.	(d) _____	_____
Tests are used for a selection of	(e) _____	_____
candidates and at some cases they are	(f) _____	_____
one of the criteria of selection.	(g) _____	_____
The success of a doctor are tested by his skill	(h) _____	_____
in diagnosis and cure.		

**12. Read the following conversation and complete the passage that follows. 4**



Rohit enquired of his plump colleague Simon (a)\_\_\_\_\_. Simon replied (b)\_\_\_\_\_ in order to stay fit. Realizing that Simon had not understood what he was asking, Rohit again asked the former if (c)\_\_\_\_\_ or did any exercise of that type. With a tongue in his cheek, Simon replied that (d)\_\_\_\_\_.

**SECTION - D (Literature - 20 Marks)**

**13. (a) Read the extract given below and complete the statements that follow by choosing the most appropriate options :** **3**

- (1)

The ice was here, the ice was there

The ice was all around :

It cracked and growled and roared and howled.

Like noises in a swound.
- (a) The speaker of the above lines is :

(i) the wedding guest

(ii) the ancient mariner

(iii) the narrator

(iv) None of the above.
- (b) The ship was stuck :

(i) in deep waters

(ii) in frozen waters

(iii) in shallow waters

(iv) none of the above.
- (c) Identify the figure of speech used in lines 3 and 4

(i) simile

(ii) onomatopoeia

(iii) metaphor

(iv) both (i) and (ii)

**OR**

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You know not what you do. Do not Consent that Antony speak in his funeral.

(a) funeral is being talked about.

(i) Cassius's (ii) Caesar's (iii) Brutus's (iv) none of the above

(b) This person had been .

(i) killed in the war

(ii) poisoned

(iii) killed by his own friends

(iv) killed by a wild animal

(c) The speaker did not want Antony to speak because :

(i) he was not a good speaker.

(ii) he might instigate the public.

(iii) he will not let anyone else speak.

(iv) none of the above.

**13.B Well, I was not in a position to contradict Jenkins.**

**1x3=3**

(a) Why was the narrator not in a position to contradict Jenkins ?

(b) Who was Jenkins ?

(c) What had Jenkins asked the narrator to do ?

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

(a) What was the advice of Patol Babu's Mentor and Guru Pakrashi.

(b) Why does Brutus kill Caesar ?

(c) Why does the narrator hesitate to be a partner to Laura Hinkle during the Ouija Board Party

(d) I have something to expiate. Explain.

(e) Why did the ancient mariner not let the guest go and attend the wedding?

**15. Answer the following question in about 120 words : 6**

(a) Describe the hardships that the sailors had to undergo when the ship was struck in the silent sea.

(b) Caesar's end was tragic. He did a lot for the people of Rome but still he was murdered by his friends. How did they justify his murder ?