

**101/X/SA2/29/B1**

**Class - X**

**ENGLISH**  
**(Communicative)**

Time : 3 Hours

Maximum Marks : 80

Total No. of Pages : 9

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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Dear one, this creation is a celebration of your presence.

I see you in the leaves, in the petals, in the stems  
and in the thorn, in the unseen root.

It's all you and you and you nothing but you.

In the bark or the thorn or the roots or the mud,

Your face is reflected, smiling and dancing and  
laughing and singing.

It's all you. It's all you. It's all you.

In tears of joy, in tears of sorrow alike you play, you  
dance, you sing or you celebrate.

It's all you. It's all you. It's all you. For each glorifies the other

Everything in this creation glorifies everything else.

Clapping your own hands together, you rejoice in  
my presence

It's all you. It's all you. It's all you.

On the basis of your reading of the above poem complete the following sentences. Use  
one word in each blank.

The poet finds God in all His (a) \_\_\_\_\_ a like. He is present in (b) \_\_\_\_\_ , in  
(c) \_\_\_\_\_ in (d) \_\_\_\_\_ and (e) \_\_\_\_\_. His face is (f) \_\_\_\_\_ in  
different (g) \_\_\_\_\_. Each one is (h) \_\_\_\_\_ the other. Clapping his own  
hands he (i) \_\_\_\_\_ in his presence, because it's all (j) \_\_\_\_\_ .

**2. Read the following passage carefully and complete the statements that follow :**

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Experts agree that the new Indian woman is displaying a very new attitude. But  
she is not alone in this.

According to clinical psychologist Monica Kumar, society on the whole is getting  
impatient and angry. "Women tend to get singled out for an aggressive attitude simply  
because they are in a minority", she explains." It's also a settling down phase for the  
new society. We've always been a patriarchal society. But now that women are getting  
into powerful positions on all fronts, they are trying to make their presence felt. For a  
section that has been dominated for centuries, it's not going to be easy to make their  
point, so they make it loud and clear."

Clinical psychologist, Dr. S K Sharma of Ethos Clinic agrees that women today  
are getting more aggressive and in his words, rightly so. "This is an evolution, a healthy  
one, leading to a balance of power in society", he says . Since women today are fighting  
for a better life, they have to become aggressive. This is nature's law of survival."

But while the experts don't seem to feel that assertive women are a problem ,  
women who stand up and make themselves heard do confront quite a few problems.

Delhiite Arundhati Seigell, who works with a leading corporate house , says she  
has noticed how society reacts to the woman who wants to make a point. "People  
want women to be responsive, enthusiastic and spirited, but get cynical when she tries  
to take an independent stance," she says. We like to say we are a liberal society, but  
urban India still expects women not to be as assertive or aggressive as men.

Complete the statements given below and write the options you consider the most appropriate in your answer sheet.

- (1) The new Indian women are displaying \_\_\_\_\_
  - (a) a very unique habit
  - (b) a different nature
  - (c) new attitude
  - (d) ignorant attitude
- (2) Society is getting \_\_\_\_\_
  - (a) friendly and helpful
  - (b) impatient and angry
  - (c) patient and cool
  - (d) dry and selfish
- (3) Women tend to get singled out for an aggressive attitude because \_\_\_\_\_
  - (a) they are in a majority
  - (b) they are in a minority
  - (c) they are uneducated.
  - (d) the male feel women are the weaker sex.
- (4) Patriarchal society in the para means \_\_\_\_\_
  - (a) having females fewer than males
  - (b) male dominated society
  - (c) dominated by parents
  - (d) having more say of the female
- (5) Urban India still expects women not to be \_\_\_\_\_
  - (a) shy and soft-spoken
  - (b) responsive and enthusiastic
  - (c) active and spirited
  - (d) assertive and aggressive

**3. Read the following passage carefully and complete the sentences that follow :**

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**EAT LIGHT AND RIGHT**

Big meals can make you sleepy. What is the reason ? Depending on your diet, 50% to 80% of the energy produced by digested food is consumed by the act of digestion itself. The more energy that the digestion takes , the less energy the food provides to the rest of your body. Having less energy in the body makes the body sleepy. It takes more energy to digest cooked and processed food and much less to digest fruits, vegetables, grains and nuts. Try to eat more of the latter. They are easier on your digestive system and you gain more energy from them. The World Health Organization recommends a daily intake of at least 500 grams of fresh fruit and 500 grams of raw vegetables.

If you know your diet isn't giving you the nutrients you need to stay sharp, talk to your doctor about taking vitamins and mineral supplements. These can help to fill in the gaps and keep you going.

- (a) Big meals make us sleepy because \_\_\_\_\_
- (b) The more energy is required to digest food the less \_\_\_\_\_
- (c) Much less energy required to digest \_\_\_\_\_
- (d) Every day we should eat \_\_\_\_\_
- (e) Talk to your doctor about \_\_\_\_\_

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

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When you do not treat yourself the way you want others to treat you, you can never change the way things are. Your actions are your powerful thoughts, so if you do not treat yourself with love and respect, you are emitting a signal that is saying you are not important enough. That signal would continue to be broadcast and you will experience more people not treating you well. The people are just the effect. Your thoughts are the cause. You must begin to treat yourself with love and respect, and emit that signal. Then the law of action would move that entire Universe and your life will be full of people who love and respect you.

Many people make sacrifices so that they may be called good people. They deny themselves so many things just because there are not enough of those things for everybody. It only establishes the fact that there is a lack of things. It does not lead to feelings of happiness and contentment. It actually leads to resentment. There is enough for everybody and it is one's own responsibility to summon one's own desire.

- (1) Things never change for you when \_\_\_\_\_.
  - (a) you do not treat yourself with love and affection
  - (b) you do not treat yourself the way you want others to treat you
  - (c) do not make you feel important
  - (d) all of the above options
- (2) The signal ( word used first time in the paragraph) will continue to be broadcast and \_\_\_\_\_.
  - (a) you will be very happy.
  - (b) people will treat you well.
  - (c) you will feel important.
  - (d) you will find people not treating you well.
- (3) The line in the passage, "Your thoughts are the cause " means \_\_\_\_\_.
  - (a) your thoughts have brought those things to you.
  - (b) your thoughts are not responsible your condition.
  - (c) to some extent you are responsible for your condition.
  - (d) irrespective of your thoughts everything happens.
- (4) Treat yourself with love and respect ; then \_\_\_\_\_.
  - (a) you will forget the whole word.
  - (b) people will love and respect you.
  - (c) people will start hating you.
  - (d) your life will become slow.
- (5) When a person sacrifices himself he thinks that \_\_\_\_\_.
  - (a) people will like him
  - (b) he has complete freedom
  - (c) he is a very sacrificing person
  - (d) he is a very generous one

## SECTION - B

### (Writing - 20 Marks)

5. You have recently visited a hill station along with your friends. Write a brief description of your visit to that hill-station in about 80 words. 4
6. Everyday we come across many cases of reckless driving. Over speeding has taken many lives. Write a letter to the Editor of The Times of India, Mumbai on the topic, "Only safety saves" (word limit -120) 8
7. Your batch was the first to appear in the new examination system (CCE) for classes IX and X. Taking help from the points given below write an article expressing your opinion and experience in about 150 words. 8
- Grades eliminate competition.
  - Board exams are history
  - CCE has made learning very interesting .
  - No board exam, no stress.
  - Exams are essential to review learning and progress.
  - Boards are essential to review learning and progress.

## SECTION - C

### (Grammar - 20 Marks)

8. Complete the passage given below choosing the correct alternatives :  $\frac{1}{2} \times 8 = 4$

Can you literally increase your energy (a) \_\_\_\_\_ rearranging the furniture (b) \_\_\_\_\_ your office ? Believe it (c) \_\_\_\_\_ not, practitioners (d) \_\_\_\_\_ feng shui think so. Feng shui, a 3,000-year old, Chinese discipline (e) \_\_\_\_\_ harmonious interior design, has had a statewide revival (f) \_\_\_\_\_ recent years and is transforming (g) \_\_\_\_\_ surroundings of business executives (h) \_\_\_\_\_ the country.

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|-----|-----|------|------|--------|-------|-------|------|-----|
| (a) | (i) | in   | (ii) | by     | (iii) | from  | (iv) | or  |
| (b) | (i) | for  | (ii) | of     | (iii) | in    | (iv) | on  |
| (c) | (i) | as   | (ii) | or     | (iii) | in    | (iv) | so  |
| (d) | (i) | of   | (ii) | such   | (iii) | such  | (iv) | the |
| (e) | (i) | on   | (ii) | for    | (iii) | about | (iv) | all |
| (f) | (i) | in   | (ii) | on     | (iii) | for   | (iv) | at  |
| (g) | (i) | this | (ii) | the    | (iii) | such  | (iv) | one |
| (h) | (i) | from | (ii) | across | (iii) | as    | (iv) | for |

**9. Complete the dialogue by choosing the correct options.**

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Meera - When did you come to this place ?

Sonu - (a) \_\_\_\_\_

Meera - Where were you all these days ?

Sonu - (b) \_\_\_\_\_

Meera - (c) \_\_\_\_\_

Sonu - I would stay here for a month or so.

Meera - (d) \_\_\_\_\_

Sonu - I intend to come , but I am too busy right.

- (a) (i) I have come a week ago. (ii) I am come a week ago  
(iii) I would come a week ago. (iv) I came a week ago
- (b) (i) I have been in Singapore (ii) I was in Singapore  
(iii) I had been in Singapore (iv) I would be in Singapore
- (c) (i) For how long have you been staying here ?  
(ii) For how long would you stay here ?  
(iii) For how long were you staying here ?  
(iv) For how long have you stayed here ?
- (d) (i) Are you coming to meet your friends ?  
(ii) Do you come to meet your friends ?  
(iii) When you are coming to meet your friends ?  
(iv) Did you come to meet your friends ?

**10. Rearrange the following to form a meaningful sentences.**

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- (a) very important / facial expressions/to us /are
- (b) someone/easier/can see/you/it is/to understand/
- (c) to tell apart/are easy/happy/and sad faces
- (d) there/we can mould/of other ways/dozens/our faces/are

**11. Read the following conversation and complete the paragraph.**

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Attendant : A person wants to see you sir .

Principal : Did you ask him his name ?

Attendant : Sorry I did not. I shall go and ask him.

The attendant respectfully told the Principal (a) \_\_\_\_\_ The Principal wanted to know (b)\_\_\_\_\_ The attendant (c) \_\_\_\_\_ and (d) \_\_\_\_\_ .

12. Complete the following news reports accompanying the following headlines by filling the blanks. 4

- (a) CONSUME VEGETABLES FROM CABBAGE FAMILY : REDUCE RISK OF LUNG CANCER

If vegetables from the cabbage family like broccoli (i) \_\_\_\_\_ the risk of lung cancer (ii) \_\_\_\_\_ .

- (b) ROOT OUT CORRUPTION IN J&K-PLEDGES THE CHIEF MINISTER

The Chief Minister of Jammu and Kashmir, (i) \_\_\_\_\_ that corruption in the state (ii) \_\_\_\_\_ .

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

13. (A) Read the excerpt given below and complete the statements that follow by choosing the correct options. 3

Neither stones nor prayers nor sticks.

Insults or complaints or bricks

stilled the frogs determination

to display his heart elation.

- (a) To quieten the frog the creatures \_\_\_\_\_

- (i) threw stones at him
- (ii) requested him to stop singing
- (iii) insulted him
- (iv) all of the above

- (b) The frog \_\_\_\_\_

- (i) was thick skinned.
- (ii) was determined for the good of others
- (iii) bothered about his insults too much
- (iv) is not at all stubborn.

- (c) The creatures wanted to quieten the frog because \_\_\_\_\_

- (i) he used to fight with them
- (ii) he would abuse them
- (iii) he used to sing in a very unpleasant voice
- (iv) he would throw stones at them

**OR**

ANTONY: Now let it work. Mischief, though art afoot.

Take thou what course thou wilt !

- (a) Antony speaks these words \_\_\_\_\_

- (i) to Brutus
- (ii) to Cassius
- (iii) to Caesar
- (iv) to himself

- (b) The people have decided \_\_\_\_\_
  - (i) to give crown to Brutus
  - (ii) to honour Antony
  - (iii) to burn the houses of the traitors
  - (iv) to honour the conspirators
- (c) Antony does so because he wants to \_\_\_\_\_
  - (i) avenge the deceitful murder of his friend, Caesar
  - (ii) prove his strength
  - (iii) create disturbance
  - (iv) have just fun.

- (B) The postmaster did not receive his own letter all that day. He was worried all night and getting up at three, went to sit in the office. 3
- (a) Whose letter was the postmaster expecting ?
  - (b) Why did the postmaster go to the post office at three ?
  - (c) What did one night spent in anxiety, teach the postmaster ?

14. Answer **any four** of the following questions in about **30 - 40** words : 2x4=8
- (a) What had Calpurnia seen in her dreams ?
  - (b) What does the line, 'Water, Water everywhere' signify ?
  - (c) Why did the narrator want to go back to her village ?
  - (d) Why does the nightingale call the frog a Mozart ?
  - (e) Why had the post office become a place of pilgrimage for Ali ?

15. The postmaster imagines himself to be Ali and writes a letter to Miriam expressing his happiness on receiving the letter. 6

**OR**

Whose speech do you find more effective, Brutus' or Antony's ? Why ?

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