

101/X/SA2/43/A1

Class - X

ENGLISH
(Communicative)

Time : 3 Hours

Maximum Marks : 80

Total No. of Pages : 10

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)

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1. Read the poem given below.

*"When storm-clouds rumble in the sky and
June showers come down,
The moist east wind comes marching over the heath
to blow its bagpipes amongst the bamboos.
The crowds of flowers come out of a sudden,
from nobody knows where,
and dance upon the grass in wild glee.*

*Mother, I really think the flowers go to school underground.
They do their lessons with doors shut,
and if they want to come out to play before it is time,
their master makes them stand in a corner.
When the rains come they have their holidays.*

*Branches clash together in the forest,
and the leaves rustle in the wild wind,
the thunder-clouds clap their giant hands and
the flower children rush out in dresses of
pink, yellow and white.*

*Do you know, mother, their home is in the sky,
where the stars are.
Haven't you seen how eager they are to get there ?
Don't you know why they are in such a hurry ?
Of course, I can guess to whom they raise their arms,
they have their mother as I have my own".*

Rabindranath Tagore

Given below is the summary of the poem. Fill in the blanks with one suitable word to complete the summary.

After the first shower of June, when the (a) _____ wind approaches blowing its (b) _____ to herald the advance of (c) _____ season, the (d) _____ bloom and (e) _____ upon the grass in (f) _____ happiness. The poet thinks that before the arrival of spring, the flowers go to an (g) _____ school and learn their lesson. They have their holidays only when it rains and they come out rushing in colourful dresses. The sky is their home towards which they raise their (h) _____ because their (i) _____ lives there and they are always in a (j) _____ to go home.

2. Read the passage given below and answer the questions that follow by choosing the answers from the given options. 5

It is a matter of common knowledge that in underdeveloped countries like India with a growing population, there is an unusual pressure on land cultivation. Here, more people are engaged in agriculture partly or wholly than are necessary.

What is the result ? When more people are engaged in agriculture than are really needed for the purpose, they are really surplus. If they are withdrawn from the rural areas and put in other occupations and professions it will not mean any decrease in agricultural output. On the other hand, it might increase, as it is said, "Too many cooks spoil the broth". In absolute terms the total volume of rural unemployment is much larger than that of any other country. No wonder, it poses the most challenging problem for the planners to tackle.

- (1) The main reason for unusual pressure on land in underdeveloped countries is _____.
 - (a) very low population
 - (b) very high population
 - (c) not very low population
 - (d) not very high population
- (2) In India many more people are engaged in agriculture than is _____.
 - (a) demanded
 - (b) needed
 - (c) expected
 - (d) challenged
- (3) "They are really surplus" means _____.
 - (a) there are too many of them
 - (b) they are really useless
 - (c) they are really needed
 - (d) they are a waste of time
- (4) India has the largest number of _____.
 - (a) unemployed persons in the urban areas
 - (b) unemployed persons in the rural areas
 - (c) unemployed persons in the semi urban areas
 - (d) unemployed persons in the planning department
- (5) The most challenging problem for the planners to tackle is _____.
 - (a) to provide employment to the rural population
 - (b) to provide employment to the rural population
 - (c) to increase rural population
 - (d) to build dams in rural areas

3. Read the following passage and complete the statements that follow. 5

Kanai liked to think that he had the true expert's ability to both praise and judge women, and he was intrigued by the way she held herself, in an unusual way. It occurred to him suddenly that perhaps, despite her silver ear stud and the tint of her skin, she was not Indian, except by descent. And the moment the thought occurred to him, he was convinced of it : she was a foreigner ; it was stamped in her posture, in the way she stood, balancing on her heels like a flyweight boxer, with her feet planted apart. Among a crowd of college girls on Kolkata's Park Street she might not have looked entirely out of place, but here, against the sooty backdrop of the commuter station at Dhakuria, her neatly composed appearance seemed out of place, almost exotic.

Why would a foreigner, a young woman, be standing in a south Kolkata commuter station, waiting for the train to Canning ? It was true, of course, that this line was the only rail connection to the Sundarbans. But so far as he knew it was never used by tourists – the few who travelled in that direction usually went by boat, hiring steamers or launches on Kolkata’s riverfront. The train was mainly used by people who did *daily-passengeri*, coming in from outlying villages to work in the city.

He saw her turning to ask something of a bystander and was seized by an urge to listen in. Language was both his livelihood and his addiction, and he was often preyed upon by a near-irresistible compulsion to eavesdrop on conversations in public places. Pushing his way through the crowd, he arrived within earshot just in time to hear her finish a sentence that ended with the words “train to Canning” ? One of the onlookers began to explain, gesticulating with an upraised arm. But the explanation was in Bengali and it was lost on her. She stopped the man with a raised hand and said, in apology, that she knew no Bengali : “*Ami Bangla jani na*”. He could tell from the awkwardness of her pronunciation that this was literally true : like strangers everywhere, she had learned just enough of the language to be able to provide due warning of her incomprehension.

(An extract from *The Hungry Tide*)

- (a) Kanai was intrigued by the way ‘she’ held herself because _____
- (b) Her posture convinced Kanai that she _____
- (c) She was travelling from Kolkata to _____
- (d) That the girl was not a tourist was apparent from the fact that _____
- (e) Kanai was seized with the urge to listen to what the girl was talking about because _____.

4. **Read the passage given below.**

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Ganges River dolphins occur in the Ganges-Brahmaputra river system primarily in India and Bangladesh. They are listed as endangered by the IUCN due to a probable population decline of at least 50% over the last 50 years and projected future population declines. Dolphins have been destroyed in the upper reaches of many rivers, the population has been fragmented by irrigation barrages and dry season habitat is further reduced by diversion of water. In comparison to the Ganges, the Brahmaputra River is less degraded and is therefore of great importance for persistence of the subspecies. For this reason, a recent proposal by Oil India Ltd. to initiate seismic exploration using explosives and airguns along the bed of the Brahmaputra River to prospect for oil has potentially disastrous Implications for Ganges River dolphins.

Behavioural studies on dive time and surfacing interval and acoustic investigations were also carried out in two dolphin hotspots. Dolphins spent an average 107.3 seconds under water and 1.26 seconds above water. Mortality through fisheries by-catch was identified as one of the major threats to Ganges dolphins in the Brahmaputra. Based on high abundance, potential for protection and possibilities for dolphin eco-tourism, eight river sections were identified as potential protected areas and community-based conservation areas.

(Adapted from an IUCN Report)

Based on the reading of the above passage complete the following by choosing the most suitable options.

- (1) Ganges River Dolphins are listed as endangered because _____.
 - (a) they are dying in huge number
 - (b) their population has dwindled by fifty percent in the last fifty years
 - (c) the rivers are dammed
 - (d) the rivers are fast flowing

- (2) Dolphin populations have been completely wiped out from _____.
 (a) the lakes situated in the higher regions
 (b) from the forests
 (c) from the upper reaches of many rivers
 (d) from high rivers
- (3) The Brahmaputra is highly suitable for dolphin conservation because _____.
 (a) it is a big river
 (b) it is less polluted
 (c) it is perennial
 (d) it is situated in Northeast India
- (4) Behavioural studies on dive time and surfacing interval shows that a dolphin normally spends _____.
 (a) 107.3 seconds under waters
 (b) 107.3 seconds above water
 (c) 107.3 seconds in air
 (d) 107.3 seconds on water
- (5) The most imposing threat to Ganges dolphins in the Brahmaputra is mortality through _____.
 (a) diseases
 (b) drying up of rivers
 (c) fisheries by-catch
 (d) industrial activities

SECTION - B

(Writing - 20 Marks)

5. On the occasion of World Day for the Prevention of Child Abuse, your school has invited Zamiel Shrirao, the Regional Head of an NGO named World Vision to deliver a lecture and sensitize the students about child abuse. Using the information given below, prepare a bio-sketch of the person in around 80 words. 4
- Name - Zamiel Shrirao
 - Age - 54 years
 - Qualifications - Masters in Social Work from Delhi University
 - Work experience - Presently working with World Vision.
 - Is associated with a number of NGOs as a consultant on related issues like child labour, physical abuse of children, child trafficking, education of under privileged children.
 - Awards and accolades - Conferred the 'Axom Ratna Award' for dedicated work towards children, 2004
 - The Unicef Award for the best social worker, 2006
 - Magsaysay Award for dedicated service to mankind, 2009

6. You are disturbed by reading the following newspaper report which highlights the plight of our traditional artisans. With the information from the report and using your own ideas write a letter in about 120 words to the editor of a national daily expressing your views on the plight of these artisans and suggesting some measures that can be taken to improve the condition of these craftsmen.

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Ray of uplift hope fades for terracotta artisans

Dhubri, Nov. 30 : Terracotta artisans had seen a ray of hope for their economic uplift four years ago with the start of the rural tourism project at Asharikandi in Dhubri district. The project, a joint venture of the Centre and the United Nations Development Programme, however, did not deliver what it had promised. Because of non-sanctioning of funds as well as indifferent attitude of the district administration in executing the various other development projects for promotion of terracotta products and rural tourism, it is gradually dying even before the project is completed, alleged North East Craft And Rural Development Organisation, an NGO working for its development. The NGO has been making tireless efforts and working for the preservation and promotion of endangered crafts, especially Asharikandi style of terracotta and welfare of the artisans.

7. You are Amrit/Amrita, a member of the Nature Club of your school. You come across the following newspaper clippings and are quite disturbed by what you read. So you decide to deliver a talk in the school assembly on global warming, its consequences and how you as a student could help in reducing its effects. Using ideas from the above and your own, write the speech in about 150 words.

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SECTION - C

(Grammar - 20 Marks)

8. Complete the passage given below choosing the correct alternatives. 1/2x8=4

Twenty years (a) _____ a long time and definitely calls for a big splash. That's what happened (b) _____ a recently held function. The final round (c) _____ The Hindu Young World quiz set the tone. Later in the evening (d) _____ was the release of Forever Young, (e) _____ book that has captured the essence of Young World (f) _____ the years. The Postal Department too joined (g) _____ with the issue of a Special Cover on the occasion. Two decades (h) _____ swung by and a generation has grown up reading this paper.

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| (a) (i) are | (ii) is | (iii) when | (iv) around |
| (b) (i) at | (ii) in | (iii) on | (iv) into |
| (c) (i) of | (ii) at | (iii) in | (iv) on |
| (d) (i) it | (ii) during | (iii) there | (iv) in |
| (e) (i) an | (ii) the | (iii) few | (iv) a |
| (f) (i) for | (ii) over | (iii) in | (iv) by |
| (g) (i) us | (ii) by | (iii) in | (iv) on |
| (h) (i) have | (ii) has | (iii) had | (iv) are |

9. Here are some notes about the celebration of the World Wetlands Day in the diary of the Secretary of the Nature club of your school. Using the information given in the box complete the paragraph, choosing the correct options from those given below. 4

World Wetlands Day - 2nd February - create public awareness - primary habitat - recharge ground water - are giant sponge - rally around the city - memorandum to Chief Minister - visit breeding ground of Greater Adjutant Storks.

World Wetlands Day (a) _____ in the school on 2nd February in a big way. The main aim of the celebration (b) _____ public awareness of wetland values and benefits. Wetlands not only serve as primary habitat for hundreds of species but they also naturally filter and recharge groundwater. They (c) _____, slowing the flow of surface water and reducing the impact of flooding. Wetlands also prevent soil erosion. The school celebration (d) _____ around the city and the submission of a memorandum to the Chief Minister of the state to take steps to conserve wetlands. Later during the day the students visited a breeding site of the highly endangered Greater Adjutant Storks.

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| (a) (i) has been celebrated | (ii) was celebrated |
| (iii) had been celebrated | (iv) is being celebrated |
| (b) (i) was to raise | (ii) was in raising |
| (iii) is to raise | (iv) is in raising |
| (c) (i) acted like giant sponges | (ii) act like giant sponges |
| (iii) have acted like giant sponges | (iv) has acted like giant sponges |
| (d) (i) had began with a rally | (ii) had begun with a rally |
| (iii) began with a rally | (iv) begun with a rally |

10. Rearrange the following to form meaningful sentences. The first one has been done for you as an example. 4

foraging societies/Peruvian/8,000 years ago/chewing coca leaves/were already.
Peruvian foraging societies were already chewing coca leaves 8,000 years ago.

- (a) showed evidence/of chewed coca/in the northwestern Peru/and calcium rich rocks/ruins.
- (b) such rocks/to create lime,/would have been burned/chewed with coca.
- (c) contain a range/coca leaves coca leaves/known as alkaloids/of chemical compounds.
- (d) of the Incas/for medicinal purposes/of coca leaves/the chewing/was a pastime.

11. Read the comic strip given below and complete the paragraph. 4



While making the list of what Charlie wanted from Santa Claus, he asked Patty how she thought Santa (a) _____ all those toys. Patty replied that it was possible as everything. (b) _____. She could bet that (c) _____, he would find that Santa (d) _____ big eastern chain.

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

- (a) Wikileaks founder appeal rejected.

Sweden's Supreme Court _____ founder Julian Assange to appeal against a detention order issued over his alleged crimes.

- (b) Sri Lanka war zone turned wildlife sanctuary.

Sri Lanka _____ with Tamil Tiger rebels, into a wildlife sanctuary.

- (c) Lokayukta files FIR against Minister for IT and BT.

In a fresh embarrassment to the government in Karnataka, the corruption watchdog Lokayukta _____, in a multi-crore land scam.

- (d) Theatre activist bags title

The Kalabhusan Award for the year 2010 _____ and scholar, Arjun Singh.

SECTION - D
(Literature - 20 Marks)

13. (A) Read the passage given below and answer the questions that follow by choosing the correct options. 3

*In mist or cloud, on mast or shroud,
It perched for vespers nine ;
Whiles all the night, through fog-smoke white,
Glimmered the white Moon-shine'.*

- (a) 'It' in the above stanza is _____.
(i) the ship
(ii) the albatross
(iii) the cloud
(iv) the mist
- (b) 'Vespers nine' refers to _____.
(i) a fixed time everyday
(ii) nine hours of a day
(iii) nine days
(iv) nine weeks
- (c) 'It' was a boon for the sailors because _____.
(i) It had brought them a lot of money
(ii) It had helped the sailors to reach the shore
(iii) It had brought luck and the sailors could move out of the land of mist and snow
(iv) None of the above

OR

*Well, poor bird – she should have known
That your song must be your own.
That's why I sing with panache :
"Koo-oh-ah! ko-ash! ko-ash!"
And the foghorn of the frog
Blared unrivalled through the bog.*

- (a) The nightingale is referred to as a poor bird because she _____.
(i) couldn't earn much money
(ii) couldn't impress her audience
(iii) died due to humiliation
(iv) was too prone to influence and was foolish
- (b) The nightingale died due to _____.
(i) hunger
(ii) poverty
(iii) bursting of a vein
(iv) a fall

(c) The traits of the frog reflected in the poem are _____.

- (i) simplicity and innocence
- (ii) stupidity and foolishness
- (iii) sympathy and kindness
- (iv) cunningness and cruelty

(B) Read the passage given below and answer the questions that follow : 3

Cowards die many times before their deaths ;

The valiant never taste of death but once

Of all the wonders that I yet have heard.

It seems to me most strange that men should fear,

Seeing that death, a necessary end,

Will come when it will come.

- (a) Who is the speaker of the above lines ?
- (b) What fears has the listener expressed ?
- (c) What is the basis of the fears expressed ?

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

- (a) How was Ali treated by the people at the post office ?
- (b) How was the frog in the poem, 'The Frog and The Nightingale' responsible for the death of the nightingale ?
- (c) What happened when the ship sailed into the silent sea ?
- (d) Why does the woman turn to the moon and the candles ?
- (e) How does Caesar react to Cimber's pleadings to recall his brother from banishment ?

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

- (a) Now let it work. Mischief, thou art afoot,
Take thou what course thou wilt !'
Who says the above lines ? How does he succeed in instigating the people of Rome against the conspirators ?
- (b) 'Grandmother was a woman of strength and substance'. Justify the statement with reference to the lesson, 'The Ultimate Safari'.

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