

101/X/SA2/32/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 a particular section must be attempted in the correct order.

Section - A
(Reading - 20 Marks)

1. Read the following passage carefully :

1x5=5

An escalating epidemic of overweight and obesity is affecting many countries in the world; more than 300 million people are overweight or obese. Obesity could be reason specific. In India, the Marwaris tend to be overweight because of their high calorie diet and lack of physical activities. In the United States, obesity is more prevalent in lower economic groups.

Obesity is now well recognized as a disease in its own right. Though obesity commonly means very overweight, it is defined as an excess amount of body weight that includes muscle, bone, fat and water. "Obesity" specifically refers to an excess amount of body fat. Some people, such as body builders or other athletes with a lot of muscle, can be overweight without being obese.

A certain amount of body fat is needed for stored energy, heat insulation, shock absorption and other functions. Generally, women have more body fat than men. Usually men with more than 25% body fat and women with more than 30% body fat are regarded as obese.

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

- (i) All over the world more than ---- people are obese
 - (a) 3 million
 - (b) 30 million
 - (c) 300 million
 - (d) 3.5 million
- (ii) The Marwari community in India is overweight because _____
 - (a) of its ancestors
 - (b) doesn't do any exercise
 - (c) of its genetic make up
 - (d) of its high calorie diet and lack of exercise
- (iii) Obesity specifically means _____
 - (a) a lot of water in the body
 - (b) excess muscle
 - (c) excess proteins
 - (d) excess fat in the body
- (iv) Body builders are overweight because _____
 - (a) they have excess muscle
 - (b) they have excess bone weight
 - (c) they have excess fat
 - (d) they have excess body mass
- (v) Stored energy means the energy stored in _____
 - (a) the house
 - (b) the body
 - (c) the body which is used for doing work
 - (d) machines

2. Read the following passage carefully :

1x5=5

Nelson Mandela is one of the freedom fighters of the last two decades who at heart is just like all of us an ordinary person. Yet, he used his experiences, his sensitivity to fight for all that he believed in. Mandela was the foster son of a Tembu African chief and he grew up in a two culture world - that of his traditional African family and the culture of the white man who was ruling his country.

He was trained to be a lawyer and could have lived a comfortable life. But he saw his people around him suffering. The poor who already lived in miserable circumstances were also constantly harassed. There was no dignity in being a black man, there was always some kind of injustice. Although, he lived a comfortable life, Mandela could not close his eyes to the suffering and injustice around him. He felt everything, an act of injustice or violence was meted out to someone which caused him pain, it was done to him too. An incident that took place with his friend Paul, who took a stand in front of a white magistrate made Mandela take a decision and that was to fight for freedom and dignity which was the right of every human being.

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

- (i) Nelson Mandela used his experience and his _____ to fight for all what he believed in.
 (a) culture (b) sensitivity (c) knowledge (d) tradition
- (ii) Mandela was the product of two cultures namely _____.
 (a) Tribal and civilized (b) African and Asian
 (c) White and African (d) American and Asian
- (iii) He had his education in _____.
 (a) Medicine (b) Law (c) Engineering (d) Literature
- (iv) He decided to take up the cause of freedom because _____.
 (a) he was appalled by the condition of the common man
 (b) he was a lawyer by profession
 (c) he wanted to be a politician
 (d) his father was a freedom fighter
- (v) The meaning of the phrase 'meted out' is _____.
 (a) dispensed or allotted justice
 (b) to be treated in a certain way
 (c) to be beaten
 (d) to be imprisoned

3. Read the following poem carefully.

1x5=5

THE FALLEN LEAVES

Why should I be the first to fall
 Of all the leaves on this old tree ?
 Though sadly soon I know that all
 Will lose their hold and follow me.
 While my birth-brothers bravely blow,
 Why should I be first to go ?

Why should I be the last to cling
 Of all the leaves on this bleak bough ?
 I've fluttered since the fire of Spring
 And I am worn and withered now.
 I would escape the Winter gale
 And sleep soft-silvered by a snail.

When swoop the legions of the snow
 To pitch their tents in roaring weather
 We fallen leaves will lie below
 And rot rejoicingly together;
 And from our rich and dark decay
 Will laugh our brothers of the May.

Robert Service.

Below is the summary of the poem . Complete it by writing the missing word/ phrase against the correct blank number in your answer sheet.

In the first stanza a fallen leaf laments its fate because it is the first to fall while all its (i) _____. In the second stanza another leaf still (ii) _____ of the same tree expresses its grief because it has still not fallen down. It has been fluttering since spring and feels quite (iii) _____ now. It is dying to fall off so that it can go to sleep. It is looking forward to the approaching winter which will cover both (iv) _____. Then all the fallen leaves will rejoice together as they rot. Finally from this soil will arise (v) _____

1x5=5

4. Read the following passage carefully.

The practice of acupuncture is based on the understanding that a vital energy flows along channels or meridians throughout our bodies. When this energy becomes blocked or does not flow freely, it causes disharmony or disease. In order to correct this disharmony, the vital force must be stimulated so that it moves freely again. A set of very fine needles is used to stimulate peculiar points located on the body, in order to influence the energy areas of the body. The acupuncturist uses an understanding of the flow of energy and the actions of the various acupuncture points to treat diseases and disharmonies in the body. Quite significantly, acupuncture is not usually painful.

Acupuncture needles are tiny and are quickly inserted through the skin, where the nerves that transmit pain are located. The sensation of the insertion is like a

“quick pinch”.

Acupuncture has been the issue of active scientific research only since the beginning of late 20th century and so its application remains disputed among Western medical researchers. Many organisations, for example, the World Health Organisation (WHO), the National Institute of Health (NIH), etc. have coordinated studies on the efficacy of acupuncture. In general, there is an agreement that acupuncture is safe when administered by well-trained practitioners using sterile needles and that further research is appropriate.

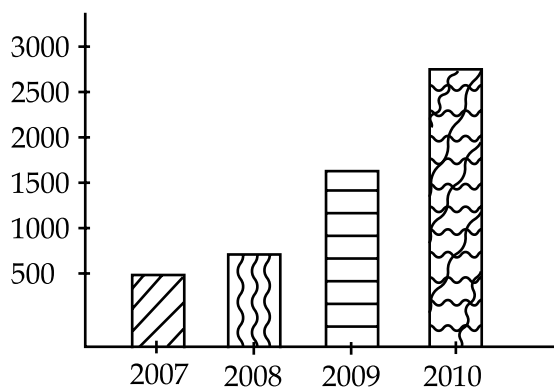
On the basis of your reading of the above passage complete the following sentences:

- (i) Acupuncture is based on the concept that _____
- (ii) Blocking of energy leads to _____
- (iii) The needles used for acupuncture are _____
- (iv) Research in the field of acupuncture has started only in _____
- (v) The word, ‘efficacy’ means _____

SECTION - B

(Writing - 20 Marks)

5. Given below are figures which show the increasing crime rate especially in metropolitan cities. Using this information and your own ideas, give an interpretation of the data analysing the reasons for this rise and the steps to be taken to curb this menace. (word limit - 100 words) 4



6. You are Rahul/Roneeta. You happened to see the following news item in newspaper about the popularity of Indian handicrafts abroad. But you are unhappy about the lack of recognition given to the artisans by the government. Write a letter to the editor of a newspaper about the difficulties they face and the steps to be taken to solve their problems. Using the information given below and your own ideas, write the letter in about 120 words. 8

INDIAN HANDICRAFTS SOUGHT AFTER

New Delhi : Indian Handicrafts are in great demand in the U S, Europe and the Gulf countries. The artisans feel that their products are not given the required publicity. Further the products are bought from them at very low prices by the middlemen and sold later at high prices abroad. They hope that the government agencies would do something in this regard.

7. You are Rahul/Roneeta. You happened to see the following lines in a newspaper. You decide to write an article titled, "Save the Planet Earth" for the school magazine. Using ideas from the unit on "Environment" and your own ideas, write the article in about 150 words. 8

" We all mourn and groan about the loss of the quality of life through the destruction of our ecology, and yet each one of us, in our comfortable way, contributes to that destruction. It is time now to awaken in each one the respect and attention our beloved mother deserves," says Ed Asner an environmental supporter.

SECTION - C
(Grammar - 20 Marks)

8. Fill in the blanks by choosing the correct options from those given below : 1x4=4

All of us have some aim in our life. A life without aim is like a ship without a rudder. Such a man cannot use his energies in the right (i) _____. He leads a (ii) _____ life. One wants to be a doctor, the other an (iii) _____. I want to join the medical profession to serve (iv) _____

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|-------|-----------------------|-------------------|
| (i) | (a) direct | (b) direction |
| | (c) directed | (d) directs |
| (ii) | (a) purpose | (b) proposal |
| | (c) purposeful | (d) purposeless |
| (iii) | (a) Industry | (b) industrialise |
| | (c) industrialisation | (d) industrialist |
| (iv) | (a) human | (b) humanity |
| | (c) humanitarian | (d) humans |

9. Choose the most appropriate option to complete the dialogue given below. 1x4=4

Namita: Hello Sweety !

Sweety: Hi, what a pleasant surprise !

Namita: It's been a long time since we met. Where (i) _____ all these years?

Sweety: In Delhi ! How about you? What (ii) _____ nowadays ?

Namita: I'm a fashion designer looking for a job.

Sweety: (iii) _____ business management?

Namita: In 2009, Actually I'm here for an interview with a multinational.

Sweety: That's a wonderful piece of news! When (iv) _____ ?

Namita: I have to report at 5 pm today. The office is near Shastri Road.
Can you drop me there ?

Sweety: Of course !

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| (i) | (a) had you | (b) were you |
| | (c) are you | (d) have you been |
| (ii) | (a) are you doing | (b) will you be doing |
| | (c) have you be doing | (d) had you been doing |
| (iii) | (a) Are you doing | (b) When did you complete |
| | (c) How did you complete | (d) Have you completed |
| (iv) | (a) did you report | (b) would you come |
| | (c) do you have to report | (d) do you have to come |

10. Rearrange the following words/phrases in meaningful sentences : 1x4=4

- (i) our environment/causing/to/we are/an/irreparable damage
- (ii) our citizens/choking/and/our cities/air pollution/ is
- (iii) entire state/global warming/due to/is/a chilling possibility/ the flooding of
- (iv) are/leaving/we/nothing/next generations/for/the

11. Read the conversation given below between a mother and son and then complete the paragraph that follows : 1x4=4

Mother : You seem so tired. Take some rest.

Rajeev : I can't even think of relaxing. I have lots of homework to do.

Mother : You should not be under so much of stress.

Rajeev : You need not worry about me.

Mother said to Rajeev that (i) _____ and asked him to take some rest.

Rajeev replied that (ii) _____ as he had lots of homework to do.

The mother advised (iii) _____.

Rajeev told his mother (iv) _____.

12. Look at the notes given below which contain information on how to prepare Apple and Grape Punch. Read the information and complete the passage that follows. Do not add any new information. Write the answers against correct blank numbers in your answer sheet. 1x4=4

Mix : 1 litre apple juice
 : 1/2 litre grape juice
 : 2 teaspoons lemon juice

Dice : 1 small pear
 1 medium size apple

Add : Pinch of cinnamon powder, chill and serve

At first the juices of the apple, grapes and lemons (i) _____ together in a punch bowl and refrigerated. Next the fruits (ii) _____ and added to the chilled fruit juice. After that a pinch of cinnamon is (iii) _____ and (iv) _____ tall glasses.

SECTION - D
(Literature - 20 Marks)

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

Though next morning it was raining

He began her vocal training

"But I can't sing in this weather."

"Come, my dear - we'll sing together."

- (i) 'I' in the above lines is _____.
(a) the nightingale (b) the frog
(c) a monkey (d) a squirrel
- (ii) The next morning it was _____.
(a) a pleasant weather (b) very hot
(c) raining (d) very windy
- (iii) The word, 'dear' in the above lines refers to the _____.
(a) frog (b) nightingale
(c) poet (d) animals in the jungle

OR

Thy brother by decree is banished
 If thou dost bend and pray and fawn for him,
 I spurn thee like a cur out of my way.
 Know, Caesar doth not wrong, nor without cause
 Will he be satisfied.

- (i) The above lines have been spoken by _____.
 (a) Antony (b) Brutus
 (c) Caesar (d) Cassius
- (ii) _____ brother had been banished.
 (a) Cassius's (b) Brutus's
 (c) Antony's (d) None of the above
- (iii) The speaker is known for being _____.
 (a) a truthful person (b) an honest person
 (c) a fair person (d) All of the above

(B) Read the extract given below and answer the questions that follow : 1x3=3

Each morning it is her face that replaces the darkness.
 In me she has drowned a young girl, and in me an old woman
 Rises toward her day after day like a terrible fish

- (i) How has the woman changed over the years ?
- (ii) Why does the poet refer to the fish and why is it called 'terrible'?
- (iii) Identify the figure of speech used in the last line.

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

- (a) Justify the title, 'The Ultimate Safari'
- (b) Why does the crew hang the albatross around the Mariner's neck ?
- (c) How does Antony prove to the mob that Caesar was not ambitious ?
- (d) Why were Ali's eyes filled with tears of helplessness ? What had exhausted his patience and not his faith ?
- (e) How was the nightingale a foolish bird ?

15. Answer the following question in 100 - 125 words : 6

- (a) You are a nurse at the refugee camp. You are moved by the pitiable condition of the refugees. Write your feelings in the form of a diary entry.
- (b) Imagine you are Lakshmi Das. Today you met Ali who was feeling very helpless and gave you five golden guineas which was his savings of the whole life. Write diary entry expressing your feelings about the meeting.

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