

**101/X/SA2/33/B1**

**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 poem carefully :

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Dream Pedlary

If there were dreams to sell,  
what would you buy ?  
Some cost a passing bell.  
Some a light sigh.  
That shakes from Life's fresh crown  
Only a rose- leaf down

If there were dreams to sell,  
Merry and sad to tell,  
And the crier rang the bell,  
What would you buy?  
A cottage lone and still  
With bowers high,  
Shadowy my woes to still,  
Until I die.

Such pearl from Life's fresh crown  
Fain would I shake me down  
were dreams to have at will,  
This would best heal my ill,  
This would I buy.

**On the basis of your understanding of the poem complete the statements given below :**

- (a) The two types of dreams the pedlar wants to sell are \_\_\_\_\_.
- (b) The poet's dream is \_\_\_\_\_.
- (c) He would like to live in the cottage for \_\_\_\_\_.
- (d) The price the poet wants to pay for his cherished dream is \_\_\_\_\_.
- (e) The phrase 'my woes to still' means \_\_\_\_\_.

2. Read the passage given below and complete the statements that follow by choosing the correct options : 5

In 1920, after some thirty-nine years of problems with disuse, high costs and politics, the Panama Canal was officially opened, finally linking the Atlantic and the Pacific Oceans by allowing ships to pass through the fifty mile canal zone instead of travelling some seven thousand miles around Cape Horn. It takes a ship approximately eight hours to complete the trip through the canal and costs an average of fifteen thousand dollars, one tenth of what it would cost an average ship to go round the Horn. More than fifteen thousand ships pass through its locks each year.

The French initiated the project but sold their rights to the United States. The Latter will control it until the end of the twentieth century when Panama takes over its duties

- (a) The length of the Panama Canal is \_\_\_\_\_
  - (i) 39 miles
  - (ii) 50 miles
  - (iii) 8 miles
  - (iv) 7000 miles
- (b) The oceans joined by the Panama Canal are \_\_\_\_\_
  - (i) The Indian and the Atlantic
  - (ii) The Indian and the Pacific
  - (iii) The Pacific and the Atlantic
  - (iv) None of the above
- (c) The year the authorities began the construction of the Panama Canal was \_\_\_\_\_
  - (i) 1959
  - (ii) 1920
  - (iii) 1881
  - (iv) 1939
- (d) It take \_\_\_\_\_ to complete the trip through the canal
  - (i) 10 hours
  - (ii) 8 hours
  - (ii) 5 hours
  - (iv) 6 hours
- (e) controls the Panama Canal at present
  - (i) France
  - (ii) The U.S.A
  - (iii) Panama
  - (iv) Italy

3. Read the following passage carefully. 5

When we read the life-stories of great men and women, we wonder at what they did for mankind. They did not get up one fine morning and found themselves famous. Life to them meant a hard struggle. They had some noble mission before them. Finding pain and ignorance around them, they devoted their lives to removing these ills of mankind. They did not care for personal comfort and prosperity. In fact, they faced dangers and hardships in search of new ideas and new lands. That is why they are remembered as the benefactors of mankind. But for them, we should not have marched on the road to progress and perfection.

**Complete the following statements .**

- (a) Great men and women found themselves famous after \_\_\_\_\_.
- (b) Life to great men and women meant \_\_\_\_\_.
- (c) For humanity the great persons \_\_\_\_\_.
- (d) The great persons face dangers and hardships \_\_\_\_\_.
- (e) The benefactors of humanity are \_\_\_\_\_.

4. Read the given passage carefully.

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Eating with knife and Fork.

Knife and fork are the essential cutlery items on a dining table these days. Have you ever thought over the question : When did people start eating with a knife and a fork?

Well into the 17th century, knives and spoons were the only utensils most diners in Europe ever used - and ever needed - as food was either dry or soupy, so could be cut and eaten. Large two - pronged forks were used in the kitchen for preparation purposes only, though refined diners in Greece and Italy had for some time used a smaller version at the table.

The modern curved, four pronged fork was invented in Germany in the 18th century. Around this time, the dinner knife evolved a rounded end\_\_ its spearing function then obsolete. It was only in the 19th century that forks became prevalent in the United States, where they were often called "split spoons". The late adoption of the fork goes some way to explaining our modern habit of cutting food, then transferring the fork to the other hand and using it as a spoon - like scoop.

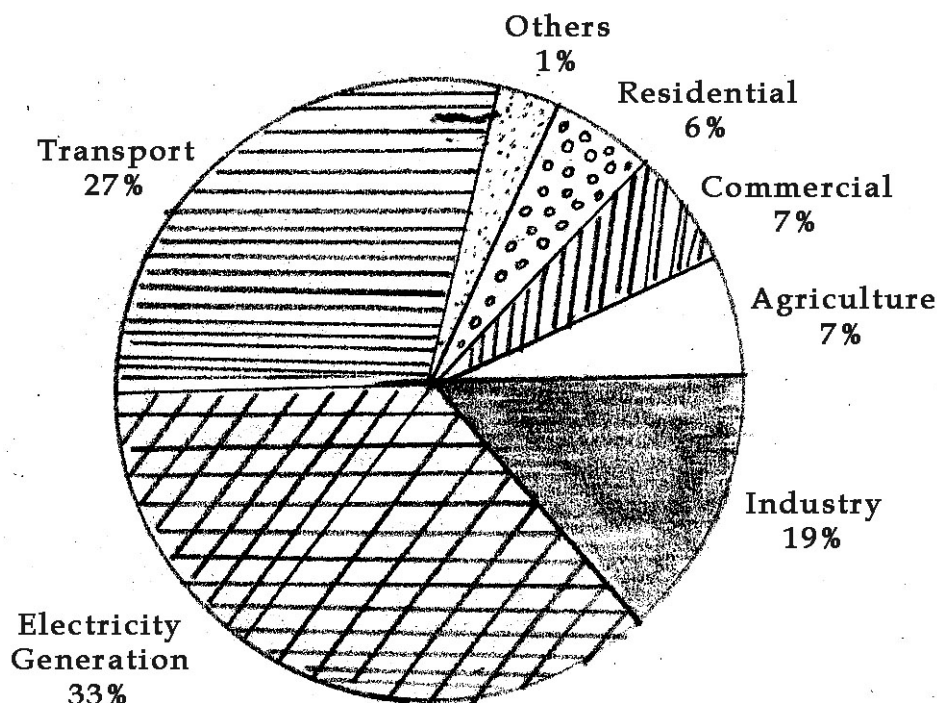
(An excerpt from 'How it All started'.)

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

- (a) Until the 17th century, spoon was commonly used \_\_\_\_\_.  
(i) to cut dry food  
(ii) to split food  
(iii) to eat soupy food  
(iv) to transfer food
- (b) The modern curved, four-pronged fork was invented when \_\_\_\_\_.  
(i) the dinner knife evolved a rounded end  
(ii) the two-pronged forks proved unsuitable  
(iii) the spoon could not help in spearing  
(iv) the spoon became obsolete
- (c) Large two-pronged forks were confined to the kitchen because \_\_\_\_\_.  
(i) these looked ugly on the dining table  
(ii) these helped in preparation of dishes  
(iii) these were quite unwieldly  
(iv) these were quite disproportionate
- (d) The fork is nowadays used for \_\_\_\_\_.  
(i) holding and cutting food  
(ii) spearing and cutting food  
(iii) spearing and scooping food  
(iv) cutting and scooping food
- (e) The word 'obsolete' means \_\_\_\_\_.  
(i) out of order  
(ii) out of date  
(iii) out of gear  
(iv) out of focus

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

5. Study the following pie-chart carefully which lists the various sectors responsible for gas emissions and their share in creating global warming. Using this information write a passage in about 80 words on 'Global Warming'. 4



6. Write a letter in about 120 words to the Manager of Mawana Sugar Mill seeking permission to visit the Mill. Give the number of students and the date on which you propose to visit. Sign yourself as Amit/Amrita. General Secretary. St. Mary Convent, Hyderabad. 8
7. You have been awarded a prize for doing social service under 'Each One, Teach One' project. You are participating in a debate on the topic, 'The Role of Students in Removing Illiteracy is very important'. Draft your speech in favour of the motion in about 150 words. 8

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

8. Choose the best word from the options given below to complete the following passage.  $\frac{1}{2} \times 8 = 4$
- London : The death of a three-year-old girl (a) \_\_\_\_\_ (with, for from, by) heart failure brought on by (b) \_\_\_\_\_ (the, her, his, their) excessive weight was (c) \_\_\_\_\_ (highlight, highlighting, highlighter, highlighted) in a damning report (d) \_\_\_\_\_ (in, on, at, for) Thursday by a British Parliamentary Committee (e) \_\_\_\_\_ (examine, examiner, examining, examined) a feared obesity epidemic. One expert quoted (f) \_\_\_\_\_ (in, by, at, on) the report by the House of Commons Health Committee (g) \_\_\_\_\_ (tell, tells, telling, told) of four children who required ventilatory assistance at home (h) \_\_\_\_\_ (by, with, for, from) a respiratory condition because of their obesity.

9. Complete the dialogue given below by choosing the correct options from those that follow :

1x4=4

Old man : Doctor, I can't sit straight  
Doctor : Let me see. (a) \_\_\_\_\_  
Old man : O yes, I had a fine sleep last night. But I am feeling weak in the joints.  
Doctor : (b) \_\_\_\_\_  
Old man : No, but I feel, dizzy while sitting up or reclining on pillow again.  
Doctor : Let me see. Will you (c) \_\_\_\_\_  
Old man : Doctor, please don't give me injection so early in the morning  
Doctor : Rest assured. I am not going to do so. I'll (d) \_\_\_\_\_

- (a) (i) you sleep well last night  
(ii) Did you sleep well last night ?  
(iii) How well you sleep last night ?  
(iv) You well sleep last night.  
(b) (i) aching as well are the joints  
(ii) as well are the joints aching  
(iii) the joints are aching as well  
(iv) Are the joints aching as well ?  
(c) (i) please up roll sleeve your shirt  
(ii) please your shirt sleeve roll up  
(iii) roll up your shirt sleeve, please ?  
(iv) up roll please your shirt sleeve  
(d) (i) your only measure blood pressure  
(ii) only measure your blood pressure  
(iii) measure only blood your pressure  
(iv) measure only blood pressure your

10. In the following passage, one word has been omitted in each line. Write the missing word along with the words that come before and after in your answer sheet against the correct blank number. The first one has been done as an example.

<sup>1</sup>/<sub>2</sub>x8=4

Science making rapid strides these days e.g. Science is making  
Hundreds of new products appearing in the (a) \_\_\_\_\_  
market daily. These products made man's life (b) \_\_\_\_\_  
quite comfortable. Polythene is such product (c) \_\_\_\_\_  
which found a wide application in modern use (d) \_\_\_\_\_  
with the average family using three polythene bags day. (e) \_\_\_\_\_  
Polythene bags are largely being used packing and storing (f) \_\_\_\_\_  
and are being most widely used carry bags. (g) \_\_\_\_\_  
Environmentalists have pointed the health hazards (h) \_\_\_\_\_  
of indiscriminate use of polythene bags.

11. The following passage is intended for a tourist brochure, but it has not been edited. There is one error in each line. Write the incorrect and the correct word in your answer sheet as given below against the correct blank number.  $\frac{1}{2} \times 8 = 4$

**Vatican City**

The world's small independent country e.g. small .. smallest  
is also a palace or a city. It is the Vatican, (a) \_\_\_\_\_  
which occupy 44 hectares in the Italian capital of (b) \_\_\_\_\_  
Rome. It is the headquarters of a Roman Catholic (c) \_\_\_\_\_  
Church and the home of the Pope. At it heart is (d) \_\_\_\_\_  
the St. Peter's Basilica, the world's larger Christian (e) \_\_\_\_\_  
Church. Inside the Vatican palace is the living (f) \_\_\_\_\_  
quarters for the Pope, the offices, a library, museums (g) \_\_\_\_\_  
and chapels. It has been an independent country from (h) \_\_\_\_\_  
1929. About one thousand people live in the Vatican City.

12. Look at the words and phrases given below. Rearrange them to form meaningful sentences. The first one has been done as an example. Write the correct sentences in your answer sheet against the correct numbers. 4

eg. are harmless/to people/most bats

Most bats are harmless to people.

- (a) bats/ one of/ misunderstood creatures/the world's most /are /  
(b) about/are/in the world/1000 kinds/ there/ of bats  
(c) every country/ they/ almost/in/are found  
(d) that can fly/they are/the only mammals

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

13. (A) Read the following extract carefully and complete the statements that follow by choosing the most appropriate options from those given below: 3

"Then please note it down, brother. It will be useful if a letter should come when I am not here". For how should the villager who had spent three quarters of his life hunting know that Miriam's name was not worth a pice to anyone but her father?

- (a) Ali is calling \_\_\_\_\_ as a brother  
(i) the clerk  
(ii) the postman  
(iii) the postmaster  
(iv) the superintendent  
(b) He is asking 'brother' to note down \_\_\_\_\_  
(i) his address  
(ii) his name  
(iii) Miriam's address  
(iv) Miriam's name

- (c) The reaction of 'brother' when Ali says the above said words is that \_\_\_\_\_.  
 (i) he lost his temper and told Ali to get away from there  
 (ii) he smiled at Ali and told him to wait  
 (iii) he noted down the name gladly  
 (iv) he was very glad to hear that

**OR**

Faces and darkness separate us over and over.

Now I am a lake. A woman bends over me,

Searching my reaches for what she really is.

- (a) 'Us' in the second line refers to the mirror and  
 (i) the poet  
 (ii) God  
 (iii) the wall  
 (iv) the woman  
 (b) Which poetic device is used in line 2 ?  
 (i) metaphor  
 (ii) alliteration  
 (iii) paradox  
 (iv) irony  
 (c) In the depths of the pool the woman is searching for \_\_\_\_\_.  
 (i) her lost ring  
 (ii) a terrible fish  
 (iii) her lost beauty and youth  
 (iv) some pearls

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

But here's a parchment with the seal of Caesar;

I found it in his closet, it's his will;

Let but the commons hear this testament.

- (a) Who speaks these words, and with whose permission ?  
 (b) Why does the speaker read out Caesar's will ?  
 (c) What is the reaction of the listeners ?

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

- (a) Why did the grandmother decide to leave the village ?  
 (b) Why did the frog feel a joy both sweet and bitter ?  
 (c) What was the sailors' attitude towards the killing of the albatross ?  
 (d) How do the heavens predict the death of Caesar the night before his assassination ?  
 (e) How did Ali react to his name being called?

**15. Imagine that the mother arrives at the camp. She narrates her sad and heart rending experiences during her absence and how she has reached there. Invent these experiences and write them down as the mother would narrate them. (100-125 words) 6**

**OR**

Comment in **100-125** words on the first five stanzas of the poem, 'The Rime of the Ancient Mariner.'

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