

**101/X/SA2/38/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 a particular section must be attempted in the correct order.

## SECTION - A

(Reading - 20 Marks )

1. Read the passage given below and complete the statements that follow by choosing the most appropriate options : 1x5=5

Acid rain is any form of precipitation - rain, snow, sleet , fog - which contains high levels of acid. Precisely, it is precipitation with dilute solutions of two strong acids - sulphuric and nitric. Of these acids, 70 per cent are derived from sulphur dioxide and hydrogen sulphide, 30 per cent from various nitric oxides and other compounds. Both sulphur and nitrogen are formed by burning of fuels particularly coal and oil. In acid rain, which contains sulphuric acid, the first ingredient is the sulphur dioxide gas emitted by power stations cars and lorries.

Sulphur trioxide combines with rain water to form sulphuric acid. When two water molecules and the single molecule of sulphur trioxide combine a short lived ring compound is formed. This reaction is faster in a large droplet of rain water which results in the formation of acid rain. If the rain is very pure its pH should be 7, but theoretically it is slightly lower than 7 i.e., it is mildly acidic.

The most acidic rainfall recorded in the U.S. to date is 1.4 in West Virginia which is not much above the acidity of battery which has a pH of 1. In our country the lowest natural rain pH of 3.5 was recorded in Chembur in Mumbai and Indraprasth in Delhi. Acid rain will cause direct damage to architectural structures by corroding famous monuments. Most fish species die when the pH is less than 5. The aerosol of acid rain can cause respiratory disorders in man.

Read the questions given below and write the options you consider the most appropriate in your answer sheet.

- (i) The acid rain contains \_\_\_\_\_.
  - (a) sulphuric acid.
  - (b) sulphuric acid and other acids.
  - (c) sulphuric acid and nitric acids.
  - (d) sulphuric acid and sulphur di oxide only.
- (ii) The ideal pH value of pure rain is \_\_\_\_\_.
  - (a) less than 7.
  - (b) 7.
  - (c) 3.4 to 4
  - (d) more than 7.
- (iii) In India lowest rain pH was recorded in \_\_\_\_\_.
  - (a) Kanpur
  - (b) Mumbai
  - (c) Delhi
  - (d) both (b) and (c)
- (iv) The word 'corroding' in the above context means \_\_\_\_\_.
  - (a) rotting
  - (b) contaminating
  - (c) crumbling
  - (d) destroying

- (v) The aerosols of acid rain can cause
- (a) lung infections
  - (b) kidney failure
  - (c) heart attack
  - (d) loss of vision

**2. Read the passage :**

**1x5=5**

**Tom Sawyer Eludes Tom Sawyer**

“Tom!”

No answer.

“Tom!”

No. answer.

‘What’s gone with that boy, I wonder ? You, Tom!’

The old lady pulled her spectacles down and looked over them, about the room; then she put them up and looked out under them. She seldom or never looked through them for so small a thing as a boy; they were her sate pair, the pride of her heart, and were built for ‘style,’ not service - she could have seen through a pair of stove lids just as well, She looked perplexed for a moment, and then said, not fiercely, but still loud enough for the furniture to hear:

“Well, I lay if I get hold of you, I’ll \_\_\_\_”

She did not finish, for by this time she was bending down and punching under the bed with the broom, and so she needed breath to punctuate the punches with. She resurrected nothing but the cat.

“I never did see the beat of that boy!”

She went to the open door and stood in it, and looked out among the tomato vines and “jimpson” weeds that constituted the garden. No Tom. So she lifted up her voice at an angle calculated for distance, and shouted:

“You-u-u, Tom!”

There was a slight noise behind her, and she turned just in time to seize a small boy by the slack of his round-about and arrest his flight.

“There! I might ‘a thought of that closet. What have you been doing in there ?”

“Nothing.”

“Nothing! look at your hands, and look at your mouth. What is that truck?”

“I don’t know, Aunt.”

“Well, I know. It’s jam, that’s that it is . Forty times I’ ve said if you didn’t let that jam alone I’d skin you. Hand me that switch.”

The switch hovered in the air - the peril was desperate

“My! Look behind you, Aunt!”

The old lady whirled round, and snatched her skirts out of danger. The lad fled, on the instant, scrambled up the high board fence, and disappeared over it. His Aunt Polly stood surprised a moment, and then broke into a gentle laugh.

“Hang the boy, can’t I never learn anything? Ain’t he played me tricks enough like that for me to be looking out for him by this time? But my goodness, he never plays them alike two days, and how is a body to know what’s coming? I’ll just be obliged to make him work tomorrow to punish him. It’s mighty hard to make him work Saturdays, when all the boys is having a holiday, but he hates work more than he hates anything else, and I’ve got to do some of my duty by him.”

Complete the statement given below with the help of options you consider most appropriate in your answer sheet.

- (i) Aunt Polly was breathless because \_\_\_\_\_.
  - (a) she was searching for Tom.
  - (b) she was bending down and punching the bed.
  - (c) she was looking up and down through her glasses.
  - (d) she saw a cat.
- (ii) Tom asked Aunt Polly to turn around because \_\_\_\_\_.
  - (a) there was somebody behind her.
  - (b) he wanted to frighten her.
  - (c) he wanted to run away.
  - (d) there was an insect behind her.
- (iii) It was difficult to predict Tom \_\_\_\_\_.
  - (a) because he never repeated his tricks.
  - (b) because he was generally very quiet.
  - (c) because Aunt Polly disliked him.
  - (d) because he loved to play.
- (iv) It was difficult to get Tom to work on a Saturday because \_\_\_\_\_.
  - (a) he did not like to study
  - (b) his friends would be enjoying a holiday.
  - (c) he did not go to school.
  - (d) Aunt Polly punished him on all Saturdays.
- (v) Aunt Polly wore her spectacles \_\_\_\_\_.
  - (a) to look through them.
  - (b) because they were her pride and were stylish.
  - (c) because she had to search for Tom
  - (d) because she was long sighted.

3. Read the poem carefully and complete the summary that follows :

$\frac{1}{2} \times 10 = 5$

**At The Traffic Lights**

By Indra Hathiramani

In the long crocodile of restless cars  
Waiting for the haughty signal to change,  
Busy with my winding train of thoughts,  
I am jolted by banging on my window pane

I see a grubby nose pressed on my gleaming glass  
A crooked, cheeky grin and merry eyes,  
Pleading with grimy paw outstretched,  
For some pennies to buy some rice.

My thoughts interrupted, my window pane soiled,  
By this brat from some filthy slum!  
I lock my conscience indoors and snarl,  
“Why don’t you work, you little scum?”

Some days later at the same traffic lights,  
Waiting again for Her Highness to change,  
Busy again with my medley of thoughts,  
I am jolted by banging on my window pane.

The same grubby nose, the same crooked grin.  
The same merry eyes and grimy fist.  
Holding a newspaper triumphantly aloft;  
I must be sadist - I cannot resist.....

I bark, don’t bother me, you pest!  
But, M’am ..... you said .... to work....  
Shame floods my being, conscience bursts outdoors!  
Too late, lights change, the drivers to berserk!

Amidst impatient honking, I have to move!  
In my rearview mirror I shamefacedly see  
My grubby little friend, newspapers limply clutched  
Gazing sadly and forlornly after me.....

The poet is in her car, waiting for the 1 to change, 2 in her thoughts. She was jolted from her thoughts by a loud banging at the car window. She saw a small boy 3 for money. The poet grew angry at the small boy 4 her thoughts and dirtying her car. Without a thought about the small boy's feelings and locking her 5 inside she snarled at the boy and asked him why he did not want to work. A few days later she was once again 6 from her thoughts while waiting at the same traffic light. To her amazement, the same boy appeared at the window holding a newspaper with 7. The poet sounding like a sadist barked at the boy and called him a 8 for disturbing her. Very 9 the boy replied that he was only following her advice. The poet, now ashamed of herself unlocked her conscience and realised her 10. By then the lights changed and she had to move amidst traffic. Through the rearview mirror she watched the small boy holding on to the newspaper looking sad and forlorn.

4. **Read the passage given below and complete the statements that follow :** 1x5=5

People in every society, at every time in history, have been concerned with "making a good impression." The French men and women of Louis XIV 's days were no exception. The numerous books of etiquette published during Louis' reign testify to the interest many French people took in acquiring the right social manner. Here are just a few of the "do' s" and "don'ts" an upwardly mobile French man or woman was advised to observe in "polite society".

A woman in mixed company should not pull her skirts up to her knees to warm her legs at the fire, and a man should not be seen in public with any part of his clothing unbuttoned that the tailor meant to be buttoned.

A man should not fidget with his hat, gloves, or stick. He must not yawn, spit, take snuff, or offer his hostess the loan of his handkerchief. In telling your host a story, don't underline your point by hitting him in the stomach.

Never sit down to a meal with your hat on. Furthermore, at dinner you should never wear your sword and your cloak.

Don't tear your meat with your hands like a peasant. Cut it with your knife. Don't eat so much so fast that get yourself the hiccups.

Don't make noise while you are eating. And remember that to lick your fingers is the height of impoliteness.

During dinner, you should never tell your fellow guests how much you dislike such-and-such a dish. And, finally, at the end of dinner, remember never to stuff your pockets with sweets, fruits, and other leftovers to take home with you.

- (i) The books of etiquette contain \_\_\_\_\_.
- (ii) These books were published during \_\_\_\_\_.
- (iii) It is necessary to follow etiquette because \_\_\_\_\_.
- (iv) A women was not expected to \_\_\_\_\_ in mixed company.
- (v) Two rules of etiquette that one needs to follow at the dinner table are  
(a) \_\_\_\_\_ (b) \_\_\_\_\_.

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

5. Develop a biographical sketch in about 80 words of the person mentioned below. You may use the inputs given. 4
- Name : Indira Gandhi, daughter of Pandit Jawaharlal Nehru, married Feroze Gandhi 1942
- Country : India
- Birth : Allahabad 19<sup>th</sup> Nov 1917
- Education : At Oxford
- Profession : Politics
- Achievements : Minister of Information & Broadcasting 1964 Prime Minister of India 1966 Re-elected in 1972
- Special qualities : Born leader. Governed India for around 15 years. Became Prime Minister at a critical juncture. Competent, patriot, sincere hardworking. Participated in the freedom struggle. Killed by her own bodyguards.
6. Send an e-mail in about 120 words to your friend describing how Indians celebrate Deepavali. Your friend who is an American living in the USA is very interested in the Indian Culture. 8
7. Rapid growth of technology has resulted in the widespread use of computers. They have successfully replaced man power. In the newly dawned computer era, 'Should Teachers be Replaced by Computers' is the burning issue. Prepare a debate against the motion in about 150 words. 8

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

8. Complete the passage given below choosing the correct alternatives : 1/2x8=4
- One rainy day I watched a neighbour (i) to push her toddler in a pram with one hand and control her Doberman with the other. The dog didn't want to get its feet wet and was refusing to walk. I was about to put on my jacket and offer (ii) help when the trio disappeared (iii) some hedges. When they (iv) , she (v) to have (vi) out her problem. The toddler, attached to the dog's leash, was (vii) running (viii) mud puddles, and dog was in the pram.
- (i) (a) struggling  
(b) to struggle  
(c) being struggle  
(d) was struggling
- (ii) (a) lot  
(b) the  
(c) some  
(d) few

- (iii) (a) on  
(b) above  
(c) to  
(d) behind
- (iv) (a) appeared  
(b) came  
(c) reappeared  
(d) entered
- (v) (a) was  
(b) seemed  
(c) looked  
(d) seem
- (vi) (a) sorted  
(b) decided  
(c) solved  
(d) resolved
- (vii) (a) generally  
(b) hardly  
(c) fiercely  
(d) joyously
- (viii) (a) into  
(b) through  
(c) at  
(d) away

**9. Complete the following statements by choosing the most appropriate options. 1x4=4**

- (i) Two renovated premises of State Bank of India \_\_\_\_\_ recently.  
(a) have been opened  
(b) opened  
(c) was opened  
(d) opening
- (ii) Power supply \_\_\_\_\_ from 10 a.m. to 1.00 p.m. on Saturday next for maintenance work.  
(a) will be shut down  
(b) has been shut down  
(c) will shut down  
(d) was shut
- (iii) The Central Crime Branch of the city police on Thursday \_\_\_\_\_ on the charge of cheating a telecom firm of Rs. 2.5 lakhs.  
(a) has arrested a woman  
(b) arrested a woman  
(c) have arrested a woman  
(d) will arrest
- (iv) A total of 102 persons \_\_\_\_\_ at a free eye camp organized by Hindu Mission Hospital on 15<sup>th</sup> August.  
(a) was screened  
(b) have been screened  
(c) were screened  
(d) screened



10. Rearrange the following to form meaningful sentences. The first one has been done as an example for you. 1x4=4
- drink?/ or/ what do seals/ marine mammals/ any other  
 What do seals or any other marine mammals drink ?
- (i) not actually drink/ do/ marine mammals/ water  
 (ii) their water/ that they eat/ they/ from the fish/ get all  
 (iii) they/ very/ dehydrated/ become/ quickly  
 (iv) bottle/ they/ must be fed/ when in captivity/ from a
11. Complete the following dialogue between Nandini and Niharika. 1x4=4
- Nandini : Hello Niharika.  
 Niharika : What a pleasant surprise!  
 Nandini : It's been a long time since we met. Where (a) \_\_\_\_\_ all these years.  
 Niharika : In Delhi. What (b) \_\_\_\_\_ nowadays ?  
 Nandini : I am a fashion designer looking for a job. How about you ? Have (c) \_\_\_\_\_ Business Management ?  
 Niharika : Yes, I completed it in 2008. I am here (d) \_\_\_\_\_ interview.  
 Nandini : That is wonderful. All the best.  
 Niharika : Thank you.
12. Read the conversation and complete the passage : 1x4=4
- I asked Amit, 'I'm very discouraged. I don't think I'll ever speak English well.' Amit said, "Your English is getting better every day. In another year, you'll be speaking English with the greatest of ease."
- I complained that I (a) \_\_\_\_\_ very discouraged. I said that I did not think that I (b) \_\_\_\_\_ English well. Amit told me that my English (c) \_\_\_\_\_ better every day. He assured me that in another year, I (d) \_\_\_\_\_ English with the greatest of ease.

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

13. (A) Read the extract given below and complete the statements that follow : 1x3=3
- God save thee, ancient Mariner !  
 From the fiends, that plague thee thus!  
 Why look'st thou so?' - With my cross-bow  
 I shot the ALBATROSS.
- (i) The two speakers are \_\_\_\_\_.  
 (a) the wedding guest and his friend.  
 (b) the ancient mariner and another sailor  
 (c) the wedding guest and the ancient mariner.  
 (d) two friends
- (ii) The word 'plague' in the above context would mean \_\_\_\_\_.  
 (a) disease  
 (b) troubled  
 (c) joy  
 (d) surprised

- (iii) The mariner killed the albatross with \_\_\_\_\_
- a bow and arrow
  - with a pistol
  - with a gun
  - with a spear

**OR**

Though subdued and sleep-deprived  
In the night her throat revived,  
And the sumac tree was  
Bowed with a breathless titled crowd.

- The nightingale was deprived of sleep because \_\_\_\_\_.  
  - she was unwell.
  - she had rigorous practice the previous night.
  - she was with her friends the previous night.
  - it was raining.
- The sumac tree was bowed because \_\_\_\_\_.  
  - of heavy wind.
  - nightingale was perched on the branch.
  - the tree was old.
  - many creatures were perched on the branches.
- The 'titled crowd' means \_\_\_\_\_.  
  - important people
  - animal audience
  - important creatures of the bog
  - the frog and the nightingale

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

**1x3=3**

Now I am a lake. A woman bends over me,  
Searching my reaches for what she really is.  
Then she turns to those liars, the candles or the moon.

- Why does the mirror compare itself to a lake ?
- What does the woman search for in the depth of the pool ?
- What is the literary device used in the first line ?

14. Answer **any four** of the following in about **30 - 40** words each:

**2x4=8**

- Why didn't Ali enjoy hunting anymore ?
- Why is the old woman compared to a terrible fish in the poem, 'Mirror' ?
- What did the 'watch' report to Calpurnia ?
- Why did the grandmother decide to continue with her journey without the grandfather ?
- Why does the mariner refer to the albatross as the 'Christian Soul' ?

15. Answer the following in, **100 - 125** words.

What role does the mob play in the play, 'Julius Caesar' ? And, how does it affect the future course of events ?

**6**

**OR**

The narrator (after she grows up) does not think on the same lines as her grandmother. Comment.

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