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Class - X

**ENGLISH
(Language and Literature)**

Maximum Marks : 80

Time : 3 hours

Total No. of Pages : 14

Note: The Question Paper is divided into **four** Sections :

Section A :	Reading Comprehension	15 Marks
Section B :	Writing	15 Marks
Section C :	Grammar	15 Marks
Section D :	Text Books	35 Marks

General Instruction :

1. All questions are **compulsory**.
2. Marks are indicated against each question.
3. An additional 15 minutes time has been allotted to read this question paper only.

SECTION - A
(Reading - 15 Marks)

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1. **Read the following passage and answer the questions by writing the option that you consider the most appropriate in your answer sheet**

Trees support man's life by supplying the atmosphere with oxygen, which is essential to life. The oxygen in the air is constantly being used up and turned into carbon dioxide when animals breathe and things burn. Carbon dioxide is the food that plants consume. The green leaves of trees and plants absorb this carbon dioxide and with the help of sunlight break it down into carbon and oxygen. The carbon is used to make starch, and the oxygen is released into the air, so replacing the oxygen used up by animals. But for this, animals would soon die for lack of oxygen.

Starch and other carbon compounds made in green leaves of trees and plants serve as food for animals. The tiny green cells of plants are wonderful laboratories, which produce all the starch in the world. But for this service done by plants, all animals would sooner or later die for lack of food; they must get all their food either directly from plants or indirectly by eating animals that have fed on plants. You must have noticed how on a hot day it is often cooler under a tree than inside a building. This is because the leaves of trees breathe out a lot of water vapour and this helps to cool the air, more or less as a mud pot cools the water in it. In this way forests help to cool the atmosphere and the rain clouds passing through it, so causing rain where new forests have been planted, rainfall is known to have increased.

(A) Trees support man's life by supplying the atmosphere with :

- (a) food
- (b) fodder
- (c) rains
- (d) oxygen

(B) It is cooler under a tree than inside a building because :

- (a) We have less air inside a building
- (b) Houses are made up of bricks
- (c) leaves cool the air by breathing out water vapour
- (d) we breathe out carbon dioxide

(C) Trees prevent :

- (a) rains
- (b) breeze
- (c) water
- (d) floods

(D) Where new forests are planted :

- (a) more people reside there
- (b) more animals are found there
- (c) rainfall is known to have increased
- (d) no flood is reported

(E) Pick out the word which has meaning "small" :

- (a) less
- (b) huge
- (c) brief
- (d) tiny

2. Read the following passage and answer the questions by writing the option that you consider the most appropriate in your answer sheet : 5

I woke up one morning and I was 17
I knew the day had come
The day I proved to everyone how cool I was
The day I accepted death as my destiny.
Little did I know I would regret that day
And my family who kept me alive for 17 years
Would be cursed by me with years of never ending pain.
Without thinking I lit the cigarette
I knew it had to be done before the day was over
I coughed a little but I was fine.
Now as I lay in bed coughing and choking
My family is beside me
My parents and my sister
I whisper in my sister's ear
"Please don't do what I did"
She just nods her head in silence
Now as my angel holds me in his arms
I know it's time for me to go
I close my eyes and kiss them one last time
It's funny how we resent those who try to help us when we're alive
And how we beg them to save us when we're about to die.
All this because of one silly cigarette
All this because someone was dumb enough to say that
Smoking is cool.

- (A) The poem is about :
- (a) a 17 year old boy
 - (b) a boy who has been smoking for 17 years
 - (c) a boy who is on his death bed
 - (d) a boy who thinks smoking is cool
- (B) When the speaker started smoking :
- (a) he didn't know its harmful effects
 - (b) he knew its harmful effects
 - (c) he knew his family would regret
 - (d) he knew he would repent for it one day

- (C) The speaker started smoking because :
- (a) he wanted to enjoy smoking
 - (b) he wanted to show he was bold
 - (c) he was asked by his friends to smoke
 - (d) wanted to prove that he was cool.
- (D) The speaker is not with his _____ now.
- (a) family members
 - (b) friends
 - (c) relatives
 - (d) wife
- (E) Pick the word which has the meaning "repent" :
- (a) regret
 - (b) cursed
 - (c) resent
 - (d) choking

3. Read the following passage and write the answers of the questions by choosing the most appropriate option in your answer sheet : 5

Do you know that there are at least 14 million blind people in the world ? Of all the blind people, only a small percentage were born blind. Blindness at birth is called congenital blindness. What causes congenital blindness has not yet been ascertained ?

Blindness that occurs after birth is caused mainly by diseases of the eyes. A general disease of the body, such as diabetes or meningitis, rather than a disease of the eye itself, may also cause blindness. Accidents and explosions are two other causes of blindness.

In countries where people live longer because of good medical care and a high standard of living, old age often brings on certain eye conditions. Two of these eye conditions are cataract and glaucoma. Cataract is one of the leading causes of blindness.

A cataract is a clouding of the lens of the eye. The lens, the transparent part of the eye through which the light rays pass, becomes cloudy and only strong light rays can pass through it. There is consequently a loss of vision. Cataracts can be removed by surgery.

With glaucoma, there is a hardening of the eyeball and great pressure inside the eye. Today there are medicines to control glaucoma if it is detected timely.

- (A) Blindness at birth is called :
- (a) congenital blindness
 - (b) accidental blindness
 - (c) explosive blindness
 - (d) cataract

- (B) Clouding of eyes' lens occurs in the case of :
- (a) Congenital blindness
 - (b) Cataract
 - (c) Glaucoma
 - (d) Trachoma
- (C) The transparent part of the eye is :
- (a) eyelid
 - (b) eyeball
 - (c) lens
 - (d) none of these
- (D) Hardening of eyeball is in the case of :
- (a) Accidental blindness
 - (b) Congenital blindness
 - (c) Glaucoma
 - (d) None of these
- (E) Pick the word which has the meaning "resulting" :
- (a) ascertained
 - (b) consequently
 - (c) meningitis
 - (d) hardening

Section-B
(Writing - 15 Marks)

4. You are Gaurav/Gauri of Janata Nagar, Ahmedabad. Write a letter to the Editor of the Times of India complaining about the noise pollution in your locality. 6

OR

You are Prateek/Prakarti living at 15, Vibhuti Enclave, Delhi-92. Your grandmother has sent you a beautiful birthday gift. Write a letter thanking her for the same and pointing out the usefulness of the gift for you .

5. You are Naveen/Namita you have to deliver a speech highlighting man's cruelty to animals. Write a speech on the given topic. 6

OR

A number of festivals are celebrated in different parts of India in a variety of ways. Write an article on 'India, a country of Festivals'. You are Shikhar/Shiksha.

6. Akshay decided to write a story to be published in a magazine for children but due to high fever, he could not complete his story. Complete his story so that it could be given for publishing. A day of great excitement for Malti because of the arrival of Abhik. He announced something. Her heart skipped a beat

OR

You are Manish/Manisha, studying in Anupam Sr. Sec. School, Baroda. You were one of the participants who gave farewell. To the outgoing students of class XII. Mentioning the details, write a report for your school magazine **(80 words)**

SECTION-C

(Grammar - 15 Marks)

7. Fill in the blanks by choosing the correct preposition from the ones given below the passage. Do not copy the whole passage : 1/2x6=3

My grandmother gets up early ___(a)___ the morning. She goes ___(b)___ temple every morning. Sometimes, she takes me ___(c)___ her. I enjoy visiting the temple. She worships there ___(d)___ an hour. She returns home ___(e)___ 8 am. Then she prepares breakfast. She does so ___(f)___ twenty minutes only.

- (A) (i) in
(ii) to
(iii) with
(iv) on
- (B) (i) with
(ii) to
(iii) in
(iv) on
- (C) (i) to
(ii) for
(iii) with
(iv) in
- (D) (i) for
(ii) to
(iii) with
(iv) in
- (E) (i) on
(ii) at
(iii) over
(iv) in
- (F) (i) in
(ii) at
(iii) for
(iv) with

8. Choose the most appropriate option from the ones given below the passage. Write your answers in your answer sheet with the correct numbers. Do not copy the whole passage. 1/2x6=3

Even as a boy Thomas Edison worked hard ___(a)___ (earn) enough money ___(b)___ (buy) the things he needed for ___(c)___ (do) his experiments. Later he learnt telegraphy and started ___(d)___ (work) as a telegraphist. He spent a lot of time ___(e)___ (experiment) in order to find out new things. His employers started ___(f)___ (feel) that he was wasting his time.

- (a) (i) earnt
(ii) will earn
(iii) to earn
(iv) earning
- (b) (i) brought
(ii) to buy
(iii) will buy
(iv) buying
- (c) (i) doing
(ii) to do
(iii) done
(iv) will do
- (d) (i) working
(ii) to work
(iii) will work
(iv) worked
- (e) (i) experimenting
(ii) experiment
(iii) to experiment
(iv) experimented
- (f) (i) to feel
(ii) felt
(iii) feeling
(iv) had feeling

9. Correct the following passage by choosing most appropriate option from the ones given below the passage to replace the underlined words. Do not copy whole passage . $\frac{1}{2} \times 6 = 3$

(a) Fortunate Africa is the world's (b) Very poor region and this has (c) a greatest impact on (d) where people of Africa live. Most people live in poor rural areas without roads (e) to connecting the villagers and no electricity or (f) cleaner water.

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| (a) | (i) fortunately | (ii) fortune |
| | (iii) fortune | (iv) unfortunately |
| (b) | (i) poor | (ii) poorer |
| | (iii) poorest | (iv) very poor |
| (c) | (i) a greater | (ii) a great |
| | (iii) the greatest | (iv) more greater |
| (d) | (i) why | (ii) how |
| | (iii) when | (iv) what |
| (e) | (i) to connect | (ii) connected |
| | (iii) connecting | (iv) connect |
| (f) | (i) cleans | (ii) cleaned |
| | (iii) cleaning | (iv) clean |

10. Read the following dialogue and complete the passage given below by choosing the most appropriate option :

$1 \times 3 = 3$

Shopkeeper : What would you like to have, sir ?

Customer : A shirt

Shopkeeper : Which one do you like-silken or synthetic ?

Customer : Neither. Give me a plain cotton one.

The shopkeeper asked the customer (a) like to have. The customer replied that (b) a shirt. The shopkeeper inquired (c) silken Or synthetic. The gentleman told him that he did not like anyone. Then he told the shopkeeper to give him a plain cotton shirt.

- (a) (i) what he would
(ii) that he will
(iii) what he will
(iv) that he would

- (b) (i) he would not like
- (ii) he would like to have
- (iii) he will like
- (iv) he liked
- (c) (i) which one he liked
- (ii) why he liked
- (iii) that one he like
- (iv) that one he liked

11. Complete the following by using correct clauses.

1x3=3

- (a) Hari : You have a wonderful car. Please tell _____
Shyam : It is santro.
- (b) Hari : Please tell me _____
Shyam : From a leading finance company
- (c) Radha : Do you know _____
Seema : There is world famous Taj Mahal
- (a) (i) What make it is
- (ii) What make it were
- (iii) What make it are
- (iv) What make it was
- (b) (i) from where you took the loan
- (ii) from where you have taken the loan
- (iii) from where you will take the loan
- (iv) from where you take loan
- (c) (i) what Agra is famous for
- (ii) what Agra was famous for
- (iii) why Agra is famous for
- (iv) what Agra is famous because

Section-D

(Text Books - 35 Marks)

12. Read the following passages and then answer to the questions by choosing the correct option from the ones given below the passage : 4

(a) Perhaps it requires such depths of oppression to create such heights of character. My country is rich in the minerals and gems that lie beneath its said, but I have always know that its greatest wealth its people, finer and trues than the purest diamonds.

(A) 'I' in the passage is :

- (a) Robert Frost
- (b) Jawaharlal Nehru
- (c) Nelson Mandela
- (d) Mahatma Gandhi

(B) The speaker is talking about :

- (a) Pakistan
- (b) Australia
- (c) India
- (d) South Africa

(C) According to speaker his country's greatest wealth is :

- (a) its minerals
- (b) its people
- (c) its diamonds
- (d) all of these

(D) Which word means same as 'under' :

- (a) Beneath
- (b) perhaps
- (c) oppression
- (d) finer

(B) Paper has more patience than people'. I thought of this saying on one of those days when I was feeling a little depressed and was sitting at home with my chin in my hands, bored and listless, wondering whether to stay in or go out. I finally stayed where I was, brooding yes paper does have more patience, and since I'm not planning to let anyone else read this stiff-backed notebook grandly referred to as a 'diary' unless. I should ever find a real friend, it probably won't make a bit of difference. 4

(A) 'I' here refers to :

- (a) Wanda
- (b) Anne
- (c) Amanda
- (d) None of these

- (B) She was sad because :
- (a) she was scolded by the parents
 - (b) she failed in the exams
 - (c) she felt lonely and had no intimate friend
 - (d) none of these
- (C) She will find a real friend :
- (a) in her parents
 - (b) in her sister
 - (c) in her diary
 - (d) none of these
- (D) Find the word which mean the same as 'thinking'
- (a) confide
 - (b) brooding
 - (c) depressed
 - (d) annoyed.

13. Read the following lines of poems and answer the question by choosing the most appropriate options from the ones given below the lines. [Any 2 passages] 3x2=6

- (a) Though to distinguish beasts of prey

A novice might nonplus.

The crocodile you always may

Tell from the Hyenas thus :

Hyenas come with merry smiles

But if they weep they're crocodiles.

- (A) Special about crocodile is
- (a) his rough skin
 - (b) his big eyes
 - (c) his scales
 - (d) crocodile tears
- (B) We recognize Hyenas :
- (a) with his appearance
 - (b) with his downward tail
 - (c) with his merry smile
 - (d) by the noise he makes.

- (C) The poet of these lines is :
- (a) Carolyn
 - (b) Robert Frost
 - (c) Shakespeare
 - (d) John Keats
- (b) Some say the world will end in fire
Some say in ice.
From what I've tasted of desire
I hold with those who favour fire.
- (A) The name of the poem is :
- (a) Dust of Snow
 - (b) Fire and Ice
 - (c) A Tiger in the Zoo
 - (d) A Ball poem
- (B) Name the poet of the stanza :
- (a) Robert Frost
 - (b) William Shakespeare
 - (c) Leslie Norris
 - (d) None of these
- (C) The poet favours fire because of the
- (a) possibility of war
 - (b) people's hatred
 - (c) people's anger
 - (d) None of these
- (c) He stalks in his vivid stripes
The few steps of his cage,
On pads of velvet quiet,
In his quiet rage
- (A) He in these lines is :
- (a) author
 - (b) leopard
 - (c) tiger
 - (d) none of these

- (B) He is :
(a) in cage
(b) in home
(c) in forest
(d) all of these
- (C) He is :
(a) angry
(b) helpless
(c) quiet but angry from inside.
(d) all of these

14. Answer any **THREE** of the following questions in 40-50 words each : 2x3=6
(a) What prompted Anne to maintain a diary ?
(b) Why was Mr. Keesing annoyed with anne ?
(c) What were the tow anthems sung on the day of South African independence ?
(d) Why has Wanda's father written a letter to Mrs. Mason ?

15. Answer **ONE** of the following questions in about 80 words : 5
How did Wanda win the hearts of her classmates in the end of the story ?

OR

Recount the experience of the pilot of the Dakota inside. The black clouds. How was he saved by the pilot of Black aeroplane ?

16. Answer **ONE** of the following question in about 80 words : 4
Why did Mrs. Pumphrey say. "This is a Triumph of surgery" ? Did she know what Tricki's ailment was ?

OR

Why did Horace rob every year ? Was he a typical thief ? If so, why ?

17. Answer any **TWO** of the following questions in about 40-50 words each : 3x2=6
(a) Who was Max ? Why was he inside Ausable's room ?
(b) Why did Anil forgive Hari Singh ?
(c) How did Max enter Ausable's room ?

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