

**101/X/SA2/01/B1**

**Class - X**

**ENGLISH  
(Communicative)**

Time : 3 Hours

Maximum Marks : 80

Total No. of Pages : 9

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)**

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**1. Read the given passage carefully :**

Spiders are not insects as many people believe. They belong to a class of animals called arachnids. Spiders have eight eyes, four pairs of segmented legs, and can grow a new leg if they lose one. They do not have antenna or wings. A spider's body can be divided into two sections. The sections are the abdomen and the legs, eyes, and mouthparts section. Most spiders have poison glands and fangs in their jaws, which they use to inject poison into insects. This venom can paralyze an insect allowing the spider to eat the insect as food.

Spiders can live almost anywhere in the world. Some like very humid or hot temperatures and some like places that are very dry. Some spiders prefer to live under ground and others live in trees. We have all seen spiders that prefer to live in our houses.

These amazing animals usually have six fingerlike silk glands located beneath their abdomen. The silk comes from inside the spider's body as a liquid that is thicker than water. A spider uses this silk to make a web by squeezing the silk out of two small holes at the back of its body. At the time the silk hits the air, the silk dries into a line that looks like a long string of hair. Spiders use this silk as draglines to hang onto as the wind blows it through the air. The spider can crawl up or down on this dragline if the wind takes it somewhere it doesn't want to be. Young spiders and adult male spiders like ballooning and can release long silken threads that float or ride in the wind to new areas.

There are about 30,000 different types of spiders known to scientists. Most of them are very tiny animals that help us by eating insects. The next time you are out in the yard and see a spider, take a few minutes to watch this most interesting animal.

**Answer the following questions about the passage by ticking the correct options :**

- (a) The true statement is \_\_\_\_\_.
- (i) Glands are used by the spider to see things.
  - (ii) Spiders belong to a class of animals called arachnids.
  - (iii) The silk spiders make is thinner than water
  - (iv) Spiders have antenna and wings.
- (b) Venom is used by the spider \_\_\_\_\_.
- (i) to paralyze insects
  - (ii) for ballooning
  - (iii) as a dragline
  - (iv) to digest its food
- (c) The statement which is false is \_\_\_\_\_.
- (i) The legs, eyes, and mouthparts of the spider are located in the abdomen section.
  - (ii) Spiders have eight eyes and four pairs of segmented legs.
  - (iii) Spiders can live almost anywhere in the world.
  - (iv) Most spiders have fangs and poison glands located in their jaws.

- (d) The spiders help us by \_\_\_\_\_.
- (i) by making webs and draglines
  - (ii) by growing new legs
  - (iii) by eating insects
  - (iv) by giving us silk
- (e) The word used in the passage that means divided into separate portions is \_\_\_\_\_.
- (i) arachnids
  - (ii) beneath
  - (iii) segmented
  - (iv) venom

**2. Read the given passage carefully :**

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Although a majority of households include a pet, it is only recently that we have begun to explore the relationship between people and their pets and the possible physical and emotional benefits of that relationship. Studies have revealed that most pet owners view their pets as both raising the quality of family life by minimizing tension between family members and increasing their owner's love for living things.

With proofs of the strong human-companion animal bond came studies of how pet ownership may affect physical and mental health. In 1980 one of the first such studies, found that both male and female pet owners had significantly lower blood pressure, and cholesterol levels than those who did not own pets. It was also revealed that females had lowered stress levels when their dogs were present compared with the presence of a human best friend.

Pets may contribute to the development of a child's basic sense of trust through the pet's, security, love and affection. They inculcate a sense of independence and initiative through the pet's serving as an active playmate and promoting exploration of the environment, and encouraging patience and self-control. Children with pets are seen to develop a sense of industry through the pet's response to the child basic commands and a sense of identity through the pet's serving as a companion, and providing social and emotional support. Some researchers have found that children with pets score higher on measures of fellow feeling and self respect than those who do not (286)

**Based on your reading of the above, passage complete the following statements with the help of given options.**

- (a) Keeping a pet benefits the owner emotionally as pets \_\_\_\_\_.
- (i) help reduce tension between family members
  - (ii) divert their owner's attention towards themselves
  - (iii) increase physical workload of the owner
  - (iv) reduce sympathy for all living beings
- (b) The statement that pets \_\_\_\_\_ is true.
- (i) increase stress among male pet owners
  - (ii) increase systolic blood pressure and cholesterol levels
  - (iii) lower systolic blood pressure and cholesterol levels
  - (iv) reduce stress among both male and female pet owners

- (c) The children with pets are more stable emotionally than those who do not have a pet as \_\_\_\_\_.
  - (i) pets trust the owner
  - (ii) pets provide company and good environment
  - (iii) pets lead to increased dependence and provide initiative
  - (iv) pets encourage patience and self-control
- (d) The children with pets have a better sense of identity as \_\_\_\_\_.
  - (i) pets serve as companions and confidants
  - (ii) pets need social and emotional support
  - (iii) pets explore the environment
  - (iv) pets are dependant and need companionship
- (e) The word in the passage that means `reducing' is \_\_\_\_\_.
  - (i) promoting
  - (ii) providing
  - (iii) minimizing
  - (iv) confidant

**3. Read the passage given below carefully.**

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Modern life is full of time pressure and frustration. Racing against deadlines, sitting in traffic, arguing- all these make your body react as if you were facing a physical threat. When you feel threatened, your pituitary gland releases more of a particular hormone, which signals other glands to produce additional hormones. These are like an alarm system that makes your adrenal glands, situated atop your kidneys, to release a flood of stress hormones into your bloodstream. These hormones focus your concentration, speed your reaction time, and increase your strength and agility.

After you've escaped your stressful situation, the levels of these hormones in your bloodstream decline. As a result, your heart rate and blood pressure return to normal and your digestion resume a regular pace. But if stressful situations pile up one after another, your body has no chance to recover. This long-term activation of the stress-response system can disrupt almost all your body's processes, increasing your risk of obesity, insomnia, digestive complaints, heart disease and depression. Stress worsens many skin conditions and can be a starter for asthma attacks.

Your reaction to a specific stress is different from anyone else's. Some people are naturally care free about almost everything, while others react strongly at the slightest hint of stress- and most fall somewhere between those extremes. Life experiences may increase your sensitivity to stress as well. Strong stress reactions sometimes can be traced to childhood factors. People who were exposed to extreme stress as children tend to be particularly weak against stress as adults.

**Complete the following statements based on your reading of the above passage :**

- (a) • Modern life is stressful as a result of .....
- (b) • Alarm system of stress harmones affects the body by ..... your blood stream.
- (c) • Long term stress response results in ..... and leads to depression.
- (d) • The two factors that make some people more susceptible to stess are .....
- (e) • The word in the passage that means disappointment is .....

4. Read the given poem carefully :

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**BEFORE AN EXAMINATION**

The little letters dance across the page,  
Flaunt and retire, and trick the tired eyes ;  
Sick of the strain, the glaring light, I rise  
Yawning and stretching, full of empty rage  
At the dull meanderings of a long dead sage,  
Fling up the windows, fling aside his lies ;  
Choosing to breathe, not stifle and be wise,  
And let the air pour in upon my cage.  
The breeze blows cool and there are stars and stars  
Beyond the dark, soft masses of the elms  
That whisper things in windy tones and light.  
They seem to wheel for dim, celestial wars ;  
And I-I hear the clash of silver helms  
Ring icy-clear from the far deeps of night.

Stephen Vincent Bennet

Complete the following sentences with information from the above poem.

**Write the answers in the answer sheet against the correct blank number :**

- The poet felt that the words on the page of his book were \_\_\_\_\_.
- He rose from his chair because he was \_\_\_\_\_.
- The poet opens the windows to \_\_\_\_\_.
- Outside the windows there are \_\_\_\_\_.
- The word in the poem which means 'display' is \_\_\_\_\_.

**SECTION - B**

**(Writing - 20 Marks)**

5. Given below is a brief profile of Mangte Chungneijang Merykom (aka Mary Kom or MC Merykom), the World Boxing Champion in Women's Boxing. Read the information given and write a brief paragraph (in about 80 words) about Mary Kom for the school magazine. 4

Name-- Mangte Chungneijang Mary Kom (M.C. Mary Kom)

Birth -- March 1, 1983; Manipur

Family status : Parents - farm workers; poor; suffered hardship and inconveniences

School -- Studied till class VI in Loktak Christian Mission School, Moirang and class VII-VIII in St. Xavier School, Moirang; Came to Imphal.

Interest in Boxing - good in sports; wanted to become an athlete; inspired by Dingko Singh and the women boxers at the 5<sup>th</sup> National Games (Manipur) inspired her; joined Sports Authority of India, Khuman Lampak and underwent an intensive training from coach and mentor, Shri. Ibomcha Singh.

Championships: National Boxing Champion since 2001

five times World Boxing Champion, successively since - 2001 Awards

- Arjuna Award (Boxing) 2004
- Padma Shree (Sports) 2006
- Rajiv Gandhi Khel Ratna 29.8.2009, New Delhi (27.7.2009)

Qualities -- determination and strong will

6. No other country has so much to offer to a tourist than India. Yet, more tourists go each year to small city-states and commercial centres like Hong-Kong and Singapore than to India. Petty crime, like picking pockets, bag snatching etc are widespread in India. Look at the visual below to see the two sides of tourism. Based on the information in the Unit, " Travel and Tourism" and your own ideas. Write a letter in about 120 words to the editor of a national daily giving your suggestions for developing Indian tourism. 8



7. Last night you heard a noise in your room. You opened your eyes and this is what you saw in your room. Write a story in about 150 words about what happened then. 8



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

8. In the passage given below, some words are missing. Choose the correct words from the given options to complete the passage meaningfully. 1/2x8=4

Perspiration is one of the ways (a)\_\_\_\_\_ keeping our body 'furnace' (b)\_\_\_\_\_ a nice normal temperature. Actually, (c)\_\_\_\_\_ body temperature is controlled by a centre in the brain (d) ..... as the thermostat. It (e)\_\_\_\_\_ of three parts: a control centre, a heating centre, and a cooling centre. Suppose (f)\_\_\_\_\_ temperature of the blood drops for (g)\_\_\_\_\_ reason, the heating centre goes to work and certain things (h)\_\_\_\_\_ to happen.

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|-----|-----|---------|------|-----------|-------|---------------|------|-----------|
| (a) | (i) | to      | (ii) | with      | (iii) | of            | (iv) | for       |
| (b) | (i) | at      | (ii) | in        | (iii) | on            | (iv) | with      |
| (c) | (i) | a       | (ii) | an        | (iii) | the           | (iv) | our       |
| (d) | (i) | known   | (ii) | knew      | (iii) | knowing       | (iv) | is known  |
| (e) | (i) | consist | (ii) | consists  | (iii) | is consisting | (iv) | consisted |
| (f) | (i) | the     | (ii) | an        | (iii) | a             | (iv) | any       |
| (g) | (i) | some    | (ii) | no        | (iii) | a             | (iv) | what      |
| (h) | (i) | began   | (ii) | beginning | (iii) | is beginning  | (iv) | begin     |

9. Read the notes given below to complete the accompanying bio-sketch of R.K. Narayan by filling in the gaps by choosing the correct options. 1x4=4

**R.K Nararyan**

- Birth : October 10, 1906, Chennai
- Occupation : novelist, short-story writer
- Father : Headmaster
- Brother : famous cartoonist, R.K Laxman
- Married : Rajam in 1939
- Notable work(s) : Swami and Friends
- Died : May 13, 2001 (aged 94)

The famous novelist and short-story writer, R.K Narayan (a)\_\_\_\_\_ His father (b)\_\_\_\_\_ and brother (c)\_\_\_\_\_, R.K Laxman. In 1939 he married Rajam. One of (d)\_\_\_\_\_ *Swami and Friends*. He died on May 13, 2001 at the ripe old age of ninety-four.

- (a) (i) was born in Chennai on October 10, 1906  
(ii) born at Chennai on October 10, 1906  
(iii) were born in Chennai on October 10, 1906  
(iv) was born at Chennai in October 10, 1906
- (b) (i) was a Headmaster  
(ii) was Headmaster  
(iii) was the Headmaster  
(iv) is a Headmaster
- (c) (i) is a famous cartoonist  
(ii) is the famous cartoonist  
(iii) was the famous cartoonist  
(iv) was famous cartoonist
- (d) (i) his notable work is  
(ii) his notable works are  
(iii) his notable works is  
(iv) his notable work is

10. The following passage has not been edited. There is one error in each of the lines. Write the incorrect word and the correction as given below. 8x½=4

The El Nino weather effect has had a damaged impact	e.g damaged__damaging
in marine life throughout Asia. In some Asian waters	(a) _____
which have play host to large numbers of sea horses	(b) _____
the fact of "red tides" have killed off huge quantities	(c) _____
of fish and another marine life by depriving them of oxygen	(d) _____
The "red tides" are so called because they are compose of	(e) _____
vast amount of dead algae which float to the surface and	(f) _____
forming a reddish hue. Recent "red tides" off Hong Kong virtually	(g) _____
wiped out the local market of fish on weeks.	(h) _____

11. Look at the words and phrases given below. Rearrange them to form meaningful sentences as shown 4
- e.g streets/during/can see/slogans/elections/supporters/political parties/the/shouting/of/in/we.
- During elections, we can see supporters of political parties shouting slogans in the streets.
- (1) on foot/greeting/the candidates/walk/even/the people.
  - (2) the opportunity/of/shaking hands/ every one / they catch/with
  - (3) their problems/the people/assure/of solving/ their supporters
  - (4) to/vote/they /candidates/urge/them/in favour of their

12. Complete the news stories accompanying the following headlines by filling in the blanks. 1x4=4
- (i) **Govt orders construction halt at Vedanta refinery**  
Vedanta refinery \_\_\_\_\_ to halt its construction of its aluminium refinery in Orissa, as the company had not got the required environmental clearances.
  - (ii) **Dengue Claims Hundreds of Lives**  
600 lives in Delhi alone \_\_\_\_\_ by Dengue.
  - (iii) **4 nabbed for chain snatching**  
Four men who were about to fly to Mumbai \_\_\_\_\_ by the Delhi Police for chain snatching.
  - (iv) **Now, earth-friendly plastic from plants**  
IBM researchers have said that earth friendly plastic from plants \_\_\_\_\_.

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

13. (A) Read the lines given below and answer the questions that follow by choosing the correct options. 3
- With sloping masts and dipping prow,  
As who pursued with yell and blow  
Still treads the shadow of his foe,  
And forward bends his head,  
The ship drove fast, loud roared the blast,  
The southward aye we fled.
- (a) The storm is described as \_\_\_\_\_.
    - (i) a powerful enemy
    - (ii) a large bird
    - (iii) a ship
    - (iv) a weak man
  - (b) The storm pushed them \_\_\_\_\_.
    - (i) towards the North Pole
    - (ii) towards the equator
    - (iii) towards the South pole
    - (iv) towards the slimy sea



- (c) The poetic device used in lines 2 - 4 is \_\_\_\_\_.
- (i) alliteration
  - (ii) personification
  - (iii) metaphor
  - (iv) onomatopoeia

**OR**

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.

- (a) Over the years she \_\_\_\_\_.
- (i) has changed from a young girl to an old woman.
  - (ii) has changed from a woman to a fish
  - (iii) has become more fond of the lake
  - (iv) does not like the mirror
- (b) The fish in the last line symbolise \_\_\_\_\_.
- (i) the anger of the woman
  - (ii) the ageing process
  - (iii) the woman admiring herself in the lake
  - (iv) the liars who lie to the woman
- (c) The poetic device used in the above lines is \_\_\_\_\_.
- (i) metaphor
  - (ii) personification
  - (iii) simile
  - (iv) onomatopoeia

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

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After spending but a single night in suspense, anxiously waiting for news of his daughter, his heart was brimming with sympathy for the poor old man who had spent his nights in the same suspense for the last five years.

- (a) 'his' in the above lines refers to \_\_\_\_\_.
- (b) 'he' is waiting for news of his daughter as \_\_\_\_\_.
- (c) He feels \_\_\_\_\_ regarding the way he has behaved with the old man earlier ?

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

**2x4=8**

- (a) How were the narrator's grandparents in *The Ultimate Safari* entirely different from each other in their character?
- (b) How does the frog show his cunning while dealing with the nightingale ?
- (c) Why does the woman in the poem, *Mirror* look at her reflection with tears ?
- (d) How do Brutus and Cassius respond to Antony's request when he expresses a desire to speak at Caesar's funeral ?
- (e) How did the mariners suffer after the killing of the albatross ?

**15. Bring out the theme of crime and punishment in *The Rime of the Ancient Mariner* ?**

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**OR**

**Compare and contrast the characters of Brutus and Cassius ?**

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