

101/X/SA2/02/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)

1. **Read the poem given below :**

1x5=5

On Killing a Tree

(By Gieve Patel)

It takes much time to kill a tree,
Not a simple jab of the knife
Will do it. It has grown
Slowly consuming the earth,
Rising out of it, feeding
Upon its crust, absorbing
Years of sunlight, air, water,
And out of its leprous hide
Sprouting leaves.

So hack and chop
But this alone wont do it.
Not so much pain will do it.
The bleeding bark will heal
And from close to the ground
Will rise curled green twigs,
Miniature boughs
Which if unchecked will expand again
To former size.

No,
The root is to be pulled out-
Out of the anchoring earth;
It is to be roped, tied,
And pulled out-snapped out
Or pulled out entirely,
Out from the earth-cave,
And the strength of the tree exposed
The source, white and wet,
The most sensitive, hidden
For years inside the earth.

Then the matter
Of scorching and choking
In sun and air,
Browning, hardening,
Twisting, withering,
And then it is done.

Based on your understanding of the poem, complete the following statements :

- (a) The poet says that the tree cannot be killed by just one stroke of the knife as it has _____ and _____.
- (b) One has to make a consistent effort to destroy the tree as it can _____.
- (c) The tree can be damaged only if _____.
- (d) Find the expression in the poem which means “discoloured bark” _____.
- (e) Find the word in the poem which means ‘smaller than normal’ _____.

2. Read the passage given below.

1x5=5

Heart Surgeon Admits Huge Mistake!

By Dr. Dwight Lundell MD

We physicians with all our training, knowledge and authority often acquire a rather large ego that tends to make it difficult to admit we are wrong. So, here it is. I freely admit to being wrong. As a heart surgeon with 25 years experience, having performed over 5,000 open-heart surgeries, today is my day to right the wrong with medical and scientific fact.

I trained for many years with other prominent physicians labeled “opinion makers.” Bombarded with scientific literature, continually attending education seminars, we opinion makers insisted that heart disease resulted from the simple fact of elevated blood cholesterol. The only accepted therapy was prescribing medications to lower cholesterol and a diet that severely restricted fat intake. The latter of course we insisted would lower cholesterol and prevent heart disease. Deviations from these recommendations were considered heresy and could quite possibly result in malpractices.

It Is Not Working ! These recommendations are no longer scientifically or morally defensible. The discovery, a few years ago, that inflammation in the artery wall is the real cause of heart disease is slowly leading to a complete shift in how heart disease and other chronic ailments will be treated. Simply stated, without inflammation being present in the body, there is no way that cholesterol would accumulate in the wall of the blood vessel and cause heart disease and strokes. Without inflammation, cholesterol would move freely throughout the body as nature intended. It is inflammation that causes cholesterol to become trapped.

Based on your reading, complete the following statements with the most appropriate options.

- (a) Traditionally heart doctors believed that heart diseases were due to
 - (i) obesity and overeating
 - (ii) high level of cholesterol
 - (iii) sedentary lifestyle
 - (iv) consuming fats
- (b) The expression, ‘These recommendations are no longer scientifically or morally defensible’ means they are no longer _____.
 - (i) fashionable
 - (ii) profitable
 - (iii) applicable
 - (iv) relevant

- (c) As per the new scientific findings the real cause of heart disease is _____.
- (i) swelling of the arteries
 - (ii) collapsing of the arteries
 - (iii) reducing of the arteries
 - (iv) burning of the arteries
- (d) The term, 'opinion maker' means one who _____.
- (i) gives the opinion about anything
 - (ii) changes existing opinion
 - (iii) brings forth new thought
 - (iv) informs about new discoveries
- (e) The word, 'heresy' means _____.
- (i) dissenting belief
 - (ii) harassment
 - (iii) diplomatic
 - (iv) hearsay

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

It is all clear now

It all started at the beginning of fifth grade. At first, Neha wasn't really sure what was happening. In class, she had to squint to see the blackboard clearly. She had to do the same thing when she read street signs, or when she watched a movie. As the fuzziness got worse, she became more and more worried. It was important for her to see the notes and homework assignments the teacher put on the board. It wasn't long before Neha found herself squinting all the time, but she didn't want anyone to know that she was having a problem seeing. In class, she asked for a desk that was closer to the blackboard. One day, her teacher said, "Neha, are you all right? I've noticed you squinting a lot. Are you having trouble seeing the board?" Neha shook her head. "I'm fine, Ma'am," she said, but she knew she couldn't pretend much longer. At home, she had to sit closer and closer to the television in order to see the picture. Her mother noticed her squinting as she watched her favourite shows, and she began to get suspicious. "Tomorrow I'm calling the eye doctor to set up an appointment for you," she said firmly. Neha protested, but her mother's mind was made up. Three days later, Neha had new glasses and instructions from her doctor to wear them all the time. She frowned in the car the whole way home.

- (a) Neha realised she had a problem with her eyes when she had to _____.
- (b) She became worried because she had to _____.
- (c) Very soon she realised that _____ the time.
- (d) Her mother also realised that Neha had a problem when Neha _____.
- (e) The eye doctor decided that Neha _____.

4. Read the passage given below : 1x5=5

I was born in Jerusalem in 1939 to a poor family that shared a rented four room apartment with two additional families and their children. My memories from my childhood are centered on my father's medical condition alongside my constant desire to understand the principles of the nature around me. The hard conditions didn't dampen my enormous curiosity. Already at five, I was actively investigating the world.

In one of my experiments I tried to measure the height of our tiny balcony using the furniture from inside the apartment. I put a table on another table, and then a chair and a stool on top, but did not reach the ceiling. Hence, I climbed up on my construct, fell down to the back yard on the ground floor and broke my arm.... Incidentally the results of this experiment are still unknown, since the current tenants in the apartment have remodeled the ceiling.

My parents were raised in religious families, being educated mainly in Judaism (my father) and women household skills (my mother). All of the schools in my immediate neighborhood were based on the same principles as those of my parents. However, despite the poverty of my parents and the lack of formal education, they went out of their way so that I could obtain a proper education in a very prestigious secular grammar school, called "Beit Hakerem".

My father was frequently hospitalized and operated on, and when I was 11 years old he died. My mother barely coped, and I started to help her at that age. I had all types of jobs, cleaning, babysitting and providing private tuition to younger children. But both of us could not earn enough to support our little family, and consequently a year later my mother decided to move to another city, Tel Aviv, in order to be closer to her sisters. There I completed my high school education, and my mother, despite her tough life, supported my desire to keep on learning.

(Ada Yonath)

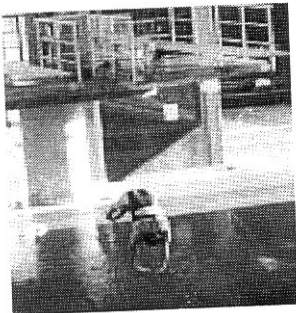
Based on your reading of the above passage, complete the following statements with the most appropriate options.

- (a) Ada Yonath's memories of her early life revolve around her _____.
- (i) sick father and their poverty
 - (ii) father's illness and her interest in nature
 - (iii) family and her education
 - (iv) mother and the house she lived in
- (b) Her scientific temperament was apparent in her childhood also as she _____.
- (i) was naturally curious
 - (ii) tried to find remedy for her father's illness
 - (iii) experimented to find a solution
 - (iv) had a lab at home
- (c) Ada's parents were a great influence on her life as they sent her to a secular school in spite of being _____.
- (i) uneducated
 - (ii) religious
 - (iii) backward
 - (iv) a girl
- (d) The word '**dampen**' in the passage means _____.
- (i) describe
 - (ii) doubt
 - (iii) degrade
 - (iv) diminish

- (e) We went to Tel Aviv _____.
- (i) so that we could enjoy life.
 - (ii) as my aunts were there.
 - (iii) so that I could study.
 - (iv) as we could earn more money there.

SECTION - B
(Writing - 20 Marks)

5. You are Rohan/Rajni. Recently you participated in a swimming competition organized by your state. You won one silver and two bronze medals in the 200 m. breast stroke, 200 m butterfly and 400 m. relay respectively. Your team was adjudged second in the state. Describe your experience about this 4-day event in about 80 words. 4



6. You are Arti/Anay. You attended a health fair in which you heard a speech on “We have become slaves of our own inventions”. You decide to write a letter to the editor of a popular newspaper highlighting how excessive use of gadgets is harmful for our health. Taking ideas from the MCB unit, “Science” together with your own ideas, write this letter in about 120 words. 8
7. India is a rich storehouse of treasures of exceptional value of which 23 have been included on the World Heritage List of UNESCO. The heritage of a nation belongs to all and it is the responsibility of each and every person to preserve and protect this heritage for posterity. Taking ideas from MCB unit, “Travel and Tourism” together with your own ideas, write a speech in about 150 words on the topic, “Protection and Preservation of our rich Heritage” to be given in the morning assembly. 8

SECTION - C
(Grammar - 20 Marks)

8. Complete the following passage choosing the correct options : $\frac{1}{2} \times 8 = 4$

One day a man planted a rose and watered it (a) _____. Before it blossomed, he (b) _____ examined it. He observed the bud that would soon blossom and (c) _____ thorns upon the stem. He thought, “How can any beautiful flower come from a plant that is burdened (d) _____ so many sharp thorns? Saddened (e) _____ this thought, he (f) _____ not to water the rose. Just (g) _____ it was ready to bloom..... it died. So is it with many people (h) _____ every soul there is a rose. The God-like qualities planted in us at birth, grow amidst the thorns of our faults. Many of us look at ourselves and see only the thorns.

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| (a) | (i) unnecessarily | (ii) regularly |
| | (iii) completely | (iv) excessively |
| (b) | (i) carefully | (ii) completely |
| | (iii) carelessly | (iv) simply |
| (c) | (i) see | (ii) put |
| | (iii) noticed | (iv) drew |
| (d) | (i) on | (ii) in |
| | (iii) from | (iv) with |
| (e) | (i) by | (ii) from |
| | (iii) since | (iv) upon |
| (f) | (i) do | (ii) forgot |
| | (iii) decided | (iv) plan |
| (g) | (i) which | (ii) when |
| | (iii) while | (iv) from |
| (h) | (i) on | (ii) from |
| | (iii) upon | (iv) in |

9. Read the conversation given below between two friends. On the basis of your reading, complete the passage that follows. 1x4=4

Smita : I want to tell you something about my holiday in Malaysia.

Preeti : When did you go ?

Smita : I went there in July.

Preeti : For how many weeks did you stay there?

Smita : We spent just one week there.

Smita told her friend Preeti that (a) _____. Preeti asked her when she had gone.

Smita replied that (b) _____. Preeti further enquired that (c)_____

Smita answered that (d)_____.

10. Rearrange the following to form meaningful sentences. The first one has been done for you. 1x4=4

in the/any free/world/hardly/There are/left/creatures

There are hardly any free creatures left in the world.

- (a) the last/on earth/the birds are/free creatures
 (b) and lions/tigers/the/tamed/safari parks/put/have been/in/and
 (c) live in/like match boxes/men and women/houses that are
 (d) can fly/they like/only the birds/away/whenever

11. The following passage has not been edited. There is an error in each line. Write the incorrect word and the correction in your answer sheet against the correct blank number. Underline the corrected word. 1/2x8=4

India is very fortunate that it have many	(a)	have	<u>has</u>
rivers. Their famous rivers are Sutlej,	(b)	-----	-----
Ganga, Yamuna and Narmada. Few of	(c)	-----	-----

- the rivers like Ganga, who (d) -----
 originated from the Himalayas, flow (e) -----
 throughout the year. They provides water (f) -----
 to both drinking and irrigational purposes. (g) -----
 Some river in India are considered sacred (h) -----
 and were worshipped by people. (i) -----

12. Complete the following news reports with the given headlines. 1x4=4

- (a) **Traffic Jams in city**
 Commuters in some parts _____ due to the ongoing repair work on the NH8.
- (b) **Dead fish flood Beas Canal in Punjab.**
 Beas canal in Punjab _____ dead fish.
- (c) **Delhi rushes to CNG Outlets as IOC Union calls for strike on Friday**
 Delhi people _____ as the IOC union called for a strike on Friday causing traffic jams on all the busy roads.
- (d) **India's tallest chocolate pyramid created**
 Contestants of a TV Show _____ at a Mall in the capital

SECTION - D
(Literature - 20 Marks)

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

"By your pardon ;
 I will myself into the pulpit first,
 And show the reason of our Caesar's death :
 What Antony shall speak, I will protest
 He speaks by leave and by permission."

- (a) _____ is saying these lines to _____.
- (i) Cassius, Antony.
 (ii) Brutus, Antony
 (iii) Antony, himself
 (iv) Brutus, Cassius
- (b) The speaker wants to speak first because he _____.
- (i) wants to be taken seriously
 (ii) wants to justify Caesar's death
 (iii) wants to take the blame on himself
 (iv) wants to distract Antony
- (c) The speaker is not successful in his attempt because _____.
- (i) he is not respected by the people
 (ii) Antony's speech moves the people
 (iii) he makes the people angry
 (iv) people think he is an honourable man

OR

“We were waiting for her that night. She never came back,”

- (a) ‘We’ and ‘her’ in these lines are _____.
- (i) villagers and the grand mother
 - (ii) bandits and the narrator
 - (iii) children and their mother
 - (iv) refugees and the Doctor
- (b) She never came back because she _____.
- (i) had planned to go to Kruger Park
 - (ii) may have not got the oil to cook food
 - (iii) might have gone to her parents
 - (iv) could have been killed by the bandits
- (c) They waited for her _____.
- (i) in the forest reserve
 - (ii) in their burnt out house
 - (iii) at their grandparents’ place
 - (iv) at the refugee camp

13. Read the lines given below and complete the statements that follow : 1x3=3

- (B) But when the evening of his life was drawing in, he left his old ways and suddenly took a new turn.
- (a) _____ is described here and the meaning of the term ‘Evening of life’ is _____.
- (b) The ‘old ways’ that he had left were _____.
- (c) After leaving the old ways he _____.

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

- (a) What did the grandmother do when her daughter did not come back ?
- (b) Why did the postmaster want to deliver the letter personally to Ali ?
- (c) What is the meaning of ‘she has drowned a young girl’ ?
- (d) Why did Caesar say, ‘Et tu Brute’, when Brutus stabbed him ?
- (e) In spite of the frog’s singing the whole night, why did the creatures in the Bingle Bog hate him ?

15. The poem, ‘Mirror’ shows the problems of an ageing woman. Elaborate in 100 - 125 words. 6

OR

The postmaster feels guilty when he finds that Ali is no longer alive. He writes a letter to Miriam explaining to her about Ali’s wait for her letter and his death. Write the letter in 100-125 words.

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