

101/X/SA2/02/C1

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 Marls)

1. Read the passage given below.

1x5=5

The Importance of Sports

Sports are an important part of just about every society, every country, and every part of our planet. In one way or the other, everyone is involved in sports, whether they're playing or watching or just know someone who does. There are many types of sports. Golf is an individual sport. Even though golfers play on the same course, they are really competing against one another only with their scores. Unlike tennis, in which one player must beat the other to finish a match, golf features each player against every other player, with the one who takes the fewest strokes to sink the ball into 18 holes is declared the winner. Baseball, basketball, and soccer are team sports where teams of five, seven, nine or eleven play against each other, with team members helping each other to win as a team. Sports are played for fun or for money or sometimes both. Just about every sport has both professionals (those who compete for money) and amateurs (those who do not compete for money). Many amateurs who are really good at their sport become professionals. Sports bring people together and also set people apart. A team, whether professional or college or amateur, can inspire many fans to cheer for that team. Each team has its own fans. So, when two teams or two individual athletes compete against each other, the fan base is divided in two. Such classic rivalries as Yankees-Red Sox in baseball and Liverpool v Everton in football can last for years and years, with fan traditions being passed on from father to son.

Based on your understanding of the passage choose the most appropriate options to complete the following statements.

- (a) Sports are enjoyed by people who _____
- (i) do not get a chance to see it
 - (ii) participate in it
 - (iii) don't appreciate cultural activities
 - (iv) let others enjoy it
- (b) Sports as an activity cannot be played with _____
- (i) two people
 - (ii) a team
 - (iii) competitors
 - (iv) oneself
- (c) Sports are played for _____
- (i) competing with others
 - (ii) enjoyment
 - (iii) money
 - (iv) All of the above
- (d) Yankee-Red Sox is an example of _____
- (i) team work
 - (ii) fans' loyalty
 - (iii) a rough game
 - (iv) sports uniform
- (e) The word, 'rivalry' means _____
- (i) opposition
 - (ii) oppression
 - (iii) obsession
 - (iv) attraction

2. Read the poem given below :

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ARCHIMEDES' PRINCIPLE

Students of physics are frequently told
Of experiments performed by great physicists of old
Like Boyles and Charles -- but greatest of these
Was the Principle discovered by Archimedes.

The Sicilian King, Archimedes was told,
Ordered a crown from a large lump of gold,
And though the weight of the gold was completely correct,
The goldsmith's eye made the King suspect
That he'd made up the weight with some cheaper metal
And stolen some gold, that his debts he might settle.
His problem was then of outstanding immensity
As he had no idea, whatsoever, of density

Climbing into a bath he received a surprise
When he noticed the water beginning to rise.
He suddenly snapped, and let out a scream,
As he realised, with joy, his long-wished-for-dream

He found the upthrust, produced on a body's base,
To be equal in weight to the water displaced,
And soon volumes and weights would make it quite plain
What various metals the crown could contain,
And so he could easily show to his Royalty
The absolute proof of the goldsmith's disloyalty.

Leaping out of the bath at remarkable rate,
He made for the palace by doorway and gate--
But the men in the street were completely confounded
To see a naked man shout "Eureka! I've found it!"

Given below is the summary of the poem. Fill in the blanks with suitable words to complete the summary. Use only one word for each blank.

The poem is about a famous scientist, Archimedes who lived in (a)_____. The king of the country summoned Archimedes when he became (b)_____ about the honesty of the goldsmith who was given the (c)_____ of making a crown for him. The king thought that the goldsmith had (d) _____ some cheaper metal for gold. Archimedes could not find a solution to the problem so he started (e)_____over the problem in the bath. He by chance (f)_____ that water in the bathtub rose when he sat in it. All of a (g) _____ he hit upon the idea that this (h) _____ could be used to find the (i) _____ quantity of gold used by the goldsmith. He was so (j)_____ by this discovery that he jumped out of the bath and shouting 'Eureka' ran naked towards the palace

3. Read the passage given below :

1x5=5

The Mayan Indians lived in Mexico for thousands of years before the Spanish arrived in the 1500s. The Mayan were intelligent, culturally rich people whose achievements were many. They had farms, beautiful palaces, and cities with many buildings. The Mayan people knew a lot about nature and the world around them. This knowledge helped them to live a better life than most people of that time, because they could use it to make their lives more comfortable and rewarding. Knowledge about tools and farming, for instance, made their work easier and more productive. In ancient Mexico there were many small clearings in the forest. In each clearing was a village with fields of corn, beans, and other crops around it. To clear the land for farms, the Mayan cut down trees with stone axes. They planted seeds by digging holes in the ground with pointed sticks. A farmer was able to grow crops that produced food for several people. But not every Mayan had to be a farmer. Some were cloth makers, builders, or priests. The Mayan believed in many gods, including rain gods, sun gods, and corn gods.

On the basis of your understanding of the passage complete the following sentences.

- (a) The Mayan's culture is reflected in _____.
- (b) With the help of their knowledge of nature they made their lives _____.
- (c) They developed land for their villages by _____.
- (d) They used sticks to _____.
- (e) The Mayans followed different professions like _____.

4. Read the passage given below :

1x5=5

A young man was getting ready to graduate from college. For many months he had admired a beautiful sports car in a dealer's showroom, and knowing his father could well afford it, he told him that was all he wanted. As the Graduation Day approached, the young man awaited signs that his father had purchased the car. Finally, on the morning of his graduation, his father called him into his private study. His father told him how proud he was to have such a fine son, and told him how much he loved him. He handed his son a beautifully wrapped gift box. Curious, but somewhat disappointed, the young man opened the box and found a lovely, leather-bound Bible, with the young man's name embossed in gold. Angry, he raised his voice to his father and said "With all your money, you give me a Bible?" and stormed out of the house, leaving the Bible.

Many years passed and the young man was very successful in business. He had a beautiful home and a wonderful family. Though he was still angry with his father he realized that his father was very old, and thought perhaps he should go to meet him. He had not seen him since that graduation day. Before he could make arrangements, he received a telegram telling him his father had passed away, and had willed all his possessions to his son. He needed to come home immediately and take care of things. When he arrived at his father's house, sudden sadness and regret filled his heart. He began to search through his father's important papers and saw the still new Bible, just as he had left it years ago. With tears, he opened the Bible and began to turn the pages. And as he did, a car key dropped from the back of the Bible. It had a tag with the dealer's name, the same dealer who had the sports car he had desired. On the tag was the date of his graduation, and the words PAID IN FULL. He then realized his mistake but it was too late.

Answer the following questions by selecting the most appropriate options from the ones given below :

- (a) The secret desire of the young man was to _____.
- (i) be able to study well
 - (ii) be able to possess a bike
 - (iii) possess a sports car
 - (iv) be a rich man
- (b) The word “embossed” means _____.
- (i) embroidered
 - (ii) raised design
 - (iii) covered
 - (iv) painted
- (c) He left his house in anger as he _____.
- (i) wanted some other book
 - (ii) wanted the money
 - (iii) wanted a leather bound Bible
 - (iv) expected the sports car
- (d) After having settled in life one day _____.
- (i) he decided to go to his college
 - (ii) he thought of visiting his father
 - (iii) he wanted to distribute gifts
 - (iv) he wanted to buy a car
- (e) He opened the Bible with tears as _____.
- (i) he found the car keys in it
 - (ii) it was the Bible he had left long back
 - (iii) his father was angry with him
 - (iv) it was too late

SECTION - B

(Writing - 20 Marks)

5. Given below are some details of the life and career of actor, Naseeruddin Shah. Based on the information given below write a bio sketch of Naseeruddin Shah in about 80 words 4
- (Born in Barabanki, Uttar Pradesh, India July 20, 1950, educated at Aligarh Muslim University and National School of drama. Wife actor Ratna Pathak Shah and three children. Acted in art movies such as Nishant, Aakrosh, Mirch Masala, as well as mainstream cinema as Karma, A Wednesday, Iqbal and Hollywood films like The League of extraordinary Gentlemen. A versatile actor, has won 20 awards, including 5 national awards for best actor. Has also directed a few movies.)*
6. Your friend Ivan in Moscow is coming to India for a student exchange programme. He has heard stories about Indian magicians and snake charmers. Write an email to him telling him how India has progressed and is now one of the advanced countries of the world. Write the email in about 120 words . You are Amit/Amita. 8

7. You have recently come across a report that professional thieves recruit children to beg as they get more money. You realize that it is not only creating a law and order problem but also spoiling innocent lives. Write an article for the local newspaper suggesting ways to stop this criminal activity. You are Ishan/Ishita. Write the article in about 150 words.

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SECTION - C
(Grammar - 20 Marks)

8. Complete the following passage choosing the correct options.

$\frac{1}{2} \times 8 = 4$

The morning of June 27th was clear and sunny, with (a) _____ fresh warmth of a full-summer day. The flowers (b) _____ blossoming profusely and the grass was richly green. The people of the village began to gather in the square (c) _____ the post office and the bank at (d) _____ ten o'clock. In some towns there were so (e) _____ people that the lottery took two days and had (f) _____ started on June 25th. But in this village, where there were only about three hundred people, the whole lottery took less than two hours, so it could (g) _____ at ten o'clock in the morning and still was over in time to allow the villagers to get home (h) _____ lunch.

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| (a) | (i) a | (ii) the | (iii) an | (iv) some |
| (b) | (i) are | (ii) was | (iii) have | (iv) were |
| (c) | (i) between | (ii) near | (iii) on | (iv) about |
| (d) | (i) about | (ii) near | (iii) on | (iv) this |
| (e) | (i) much | (ii) less | (iii) few | (iv) many |
| (f) | (i) to be | (ii) to have | (iii) to do | (iv) been |
| (g) | (i) stand | (ii) begin | (iii) have | (iv) be |
| (h) | (i) to | (ii) for | (iii) of | (iv) in |

9. In the following passage one word is missing in each line. Write the omitted word along with the preceding and succeeding word in your answer sheets. The first one has been solved as an example.

$\frac{1}{2} \times 8 = 4$

Bees are flying insects related to	insects	(a) <u>closely</u> related
wasps and ants, and known for their role		(a) _____
in pollination for producing honey and beeswax		(b) _____
There are nearly 20,000 known species bees.		(c) _____
They are found every planet/continent		(d) _____
which insect-pollinated flowering plants.		(e) _____
Bees adapted for feeding on nectar and pollen,		(f) _____
the former primarily as energy source		(g) _____
and the latter primarily protein and other nutrients.		(h) _____

10. Read the following conversation. On the basis of your reading, complete the passage given below. 1x4=4

Raghav : Mama I got full marks in my essay.

Mama : That's nice. What was the topic of the essay?

Raghav : The topic of the essay was `My Father`

Mama : But I thought you had prepared some other topics

Raghav : Yes, I had learnt the topic, `The Washer Man`.

Mama : Then how did you get such good marks ?

Raghav : Well I did not know the spelling of `archaeologist` so I wrote that my father was a washer man.

Raghav told his mother that (a) _____. His mother asked him (b)_____. Raghav replied that it was an essay on `My father`. His mother (c)_____. Raghav said that he had learnt the topic `The Washer Man`. His mother (d) _____. Raghav said that as he did not know the spelling of Archaeologist so he wrote that his father was a washerman.

11. Rearrange the following words and phrases to form meaningful sentences. The first one has been done as an example 4

at Chandigarh / Creation of /Garden is / love for /labour of / Nekchand/the Rock
Creation of the Rock Garden at Chandigarh is labour of love for Nekchand.

- (a) or fame/thing/art/was the last/on his mind
(b) transport stones/the nearby hills/he would/from/on his bicycle
(c) created the/out of/ Nek Chand/world famous Rock Garden/urban waste
(d) a long list/the wonderful/fantasy figures/of international awards/brought him

12. Complete the following news reports with the given headlines by filling in the blanks. 1x4=4

(a) **25 Monkeys Perish in heat in Ambala**

More than 25 monkeys_____ the summer heat.

(b) **Nationwide Bandh, Chemists down Shutters**

Several medical shops in the city _____ nationwide Bandh.

(c) **Terrorists Damage Tourist Spot in Kashmir**

A popular tourist spot _____ in the Kashmir Valley.

(d) **Indian physicist Awarded by MIT**

An Indian born research scientist _____ for his outstanding contribution in Physics.

SECTION - D
(Literature - 20 Marks)

13. (A) Read the lines given below and answer the questions that follow by choosing the correct options. 1x3=3

“Tortured by doubt and remorse, he sat down in the glow of the charcoal sigri to wait.”

- (a) The man who sat by the charcoal sigri was _____
- (i) the postmaster
 - (ii) Lakshmi Das
 - (iii) Ali
 - (iv) the Postman
- (b) He felt tortured because _____
- (i) he had been polite to Ali
 - (ii) he had been unkind to the visitors
 - (iii) he had been cruel and sensitive to Ali
 - (iv) he had been insensitive and cruel to Ali
- (c) He was waiting for _____.
- (i) Miriam’s letter
 - (ii) news of Ali
 - (iii) his daughter’s news
 - (iv) the postmaster

OR

Cowards die many times before their deaths;
The valiant never taste of death but once.
Of all the wonders that I yet have heard,
It seems to me most strange that men should fear;
Seeing that death, a necessary end,
Will come when it will come.

- (a) Caesar speaks these lines when _____
- (i) he goes to the Senate
 - (ii) he is stopped by Calpurnia
 - (iii) Cimber pleads to Caesar
 - (iv) the conspirators stab him
- (b) Cowards die many times before their deaths because _____.
- (i) they are bold
 - (ii) they are ready for anything
 - (iii) they constantly fear death
 - (iv) they are great warriors
- (c) It is most strange for Caesar _____.
- (i) that people are brave
 - (ii) that people are afraid of death
 - (iii) that people are afraid of him
 - (iv) that people face death just once

13. (B) Read the lines given below and complete the statements that follow : 1x3=3
"And the ticket office gross crashed,
and she grew more morose".
(a) The ticket office gross crashed because _____.
(b) The bird grew morose because _____.
(c) This crash affected the frog because _____.

14. Answer any four questions out of the following in 30 - 40 words each : 2x4=8
(a) Why does the narrator in the story, 'The Ultimate Safari' want to go back to Mozambique ?
(b) How did the nightingale in the poem, "The Frog in the Nightingale" meet her end?
(c) How did the ancient Mariner manage to hold back the wedding guest ?
(d) What is the role of the mob in the play, "Julius Caesar" ?
(e) What do you think the woman in the poem, "Mirror" is trying to search for in the depths of the water ?

15. Answer the following in 100 - 125 words : 6
Children are the future of the family and need to be protected and nurtured. The grand mother in the story, "The Ultimate Safari" believed in this and took all possible care of her grandchildren. Justify.

OR

"He dropped it as though it had given him an electric shock". Why did the postmaster react in this way ?

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