

101/X/SA2/03/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 given poem carefully :

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Crow

Shadow on the shiny snow.

Feathers sleek,

Darting eye searching.

Call echoing across

5 Desolate corn fields.

A ghost figure

In leafless trees,

He shifts his head,

Deciphering the breeze.

10 He shifts his eyes

To look my way.

I sympathize.

He flies away.

On the basis of your reading of the above poem, answer the following questions by choosing the correct options from those given below :

- (1) The '*Shadow on the shiny snow*' Here the shadow is that of the
 - (a) the crow
 - (b) the corn plants
 - (c) the poet
 - (d) the tree
- (2) The '*figure*' in line 6 refers to
 - (a) the crow
 - (b) the corn plants
 - (c) the poet
 - (d) the tree
- (3) The attitude of the poet towards the crow is that of
 - (a) dislike
 - (b) callousness
 - (c) understanding
 - (d) love
- (4) The word '*deciphering*' means
 - (a) enjoying
 - (b) hating
 - (c) interpreting
 - (d) waiting
- (5) The imagery in this poem creates a mood of
 - (a) playfulness
 - (b) loneliness
 - (c) danger
 - (d) dreaminess

Dogon

The Dogon are a cliff-dwelling people who live in Southeastern Mali and Burkina Faso. They are unique in that they have kept and continued to develop their own culture even in the midst of invasions which have conquered many of the current people groups. Until the 1930's the Dogon were very insulated from the outside world and resisted any foreign influence. Through oral tradition it is said that they originated from the west bank of the Niger River, around 1490 A.D. Fleeing from the Mossi people they entered the Bandiagara cliffs region, where they have lived ever since. Because of their refuge in the cliffs they were able to resist all invaders who have attempted to conquer them.

The Dogon are divided into family groups which are responsible for different spheres of Dogon life. The Awa society is responsible for much of the spiritual functions of Dogon culture concerning death and mourning periods. They are said to be able to communicate with the spirits of their ancestors.

In their artwork they are well-known for their masks which are used in various ceremonies and rituals. The masks are known as "inima," they are thought to contain the life force which is known as "nyama." There are over 65 different kinds of masks used for ceremonies. Their woodwork is amazing and is known for the different, "primitive" look, which surrounds the country. Dogon artwork is all intricately hand carved and much of it has much cultural significance. **(250 words)**

On the basis of your reading of the above passage, answer the following questions by choosing the correct options from those given below :

- (1) The fact that makes Dogons unique is that
 - (a) they live in cliffs
 - (b) their history is ancient
 - (c) they have retained their identity
 - (d) they are very adaptable
- (2) Settling in the Bandiagara cliffs proved to be a blessing because
 - (a) the weather was better suited to their needs
 - (b) they could do their jobs better
 - (c) it was easier to rear animals there
 - (d) cliffs were a defence against all attackers
- (3) The division of Dogon into family groups is on the basis of the
 - (a) religion they follow
 - (b) functions they perform
 - (c) history of their origin
 - (d) invaders they resisted
- (4) The Dogon masks underline their
 - (a) ability to work hard
 - (b) creativity
 - (c) devotion to God
 - (d) ability to be happy
- (5) The word '*insulated*' means
 - (a) exposed
 - (b) unexposed
 - (c) afraid
 - (d) influenced

3. Read the passage given below carefully

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Hussain Sagar Lake

Hussain Sagar in Hyderabad is a lake famous for the thousands of migratory birds it attracts from other parts of India and abroad, in the winter months. But the seagulls, ducks and other migratory birds no longer find it hospitable. They only use it as a stopover and prefer to fly away elsewhere.

The lake has seen more clay idols of deities such as Ganesh and Durga being immersed in its waters than any other lake in the vicinity. The chemicals used to paint the idols are highly toxic. They contaminate the waters, the algae and the water plants in it. These, in turn, affect the insects and birds that feed off the lake.

A study of the affected birds by the Bird Watcher's Society of India has revealed that the toxins were absorbed in the tissues of the birds. This caused the birds to lay weak-shelled eggs. When they tried to incubate the eggs, the shells broke. The eggs would not hatch as a result. A recent Government of India report on the health of the environment feels that the rest of India seems to be heading for the same fate as Hussain Sagar. (194 words)

On the basis of your reading of the above passage, complete the following statements :

- (1) The Hussain Sagar lake got its fame because
- (2) The chief concern related to Hussain Sagar lake is
- (3) The chief pollutant of the lake is
- (4) The water pollution adversely affects the birds causing
- (5) The antonym of 'contaminate' is

4. Read the passage given below carefully.

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Euthanasia is deliberately bringing about a gentle and easy death making the last days of the patient as comfortable as possible. This is to ensure a calm and peaceful death, to relieve incurable suffering in terminal illness or disability. Euthanasia is voluntary, when requested by the sufferer. Here death is hastened by deliberate withdrawal of effective therapy or nourishment.

The debate on Euthanasia has again become a live issue in India as the Supreme Court of India in 1994 passed a verdict that attempted suicide is not a crime. With the recent medical knowledge, the judges in their verdict were sympathetic to those who attempted suicide. They gave the verdict that attempting suicide is a mental derangement and hence not to be considered as a crime. This signifies social approval of suicide and euthanasia which is assisted suicide.

This is often our dilemma. Should one prolong the act of dying in a case of inevitable death or when a life is effectively over? One of the achievements of modern medical technology is the use of artificial life support systems like artificial feeding, dialysis, controlled respiration, pump circulation etc. In some cases it can be so dehumanising, painful, hazardous or costly that other considerations outweigh the aim to conserve life.

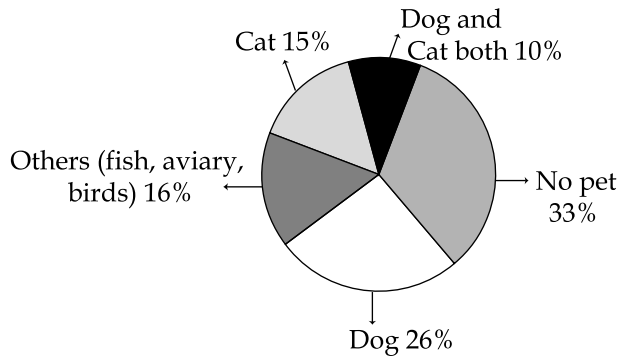
On the basis of your reading of the above passage, complete the following statements:

- (1) Doctors administer euthanasia by _____
- (2) The debate on euthanasia has restarted as _____
- (3) One can say that euthanasia has gained social approval as _____
- (4) Two reasons that support the cause of euthanasia are _____
- (5) The word in Paragraph III that means "involving risk or danger" is _____

SECTION - B

(Writing - 20 Marks)

5. Various factors influence the choice of an animal to share your home with, including how much time, money and space is available for the animal. This pie chart shows the preferences of people for pets. In about 80 words interpret the data about the choice of pets. 4



6. Eco-tourism is environmentally responsible travel to enjoy nature and cultural experiences. Your friend is going on one such tour. She is seeking your advice. Write a letter to her in about 120 words with the help of verbal clues given below. You are Nikita/Nakul. 8

Do's

- Carry back all non-degradable litter to be disposed in municipal dustbins.
- Observe the sanctity of holy sites, and local cultures
- cut noise pollution

7. On the occasion of Gandhi Jayanti you are required to give a speech on National Integration in the school assembly. Using ideas given below and your own ideas write this speech in about 150 words. You are Rahul/Rumi. 8

passing through a period of transformation-- things happen which are not always to our liking.

- proud privilege to live in harmony
- must guard against disruptive tendencies
- need not merely the political unity but emotional unity
- fight communalism, provincialism, separatism and casteism.
- We need to be mighty in thought, in action, in culture and be peaceful

SECTION - C
(Grammar - 20 Marks)

8. In the passage given below, some words are missing. Choose the correct word from the given options to complete the passage meaningfully. $\frac{1}{2} \times 8 = 4$

I (a) _____ my father tremendously as I thought he (b) _____ the embodiment of courage and strength. I treasured (c) _____ hope that I (d) _____ be like him when I grew up. As he grew older his sense (e) _____ humour grew and also grew his control (f) _____ his temper. He loved the family and never (g) _____ anything that would not benefit us. Under his care I (h) _____ to be a good human being.

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|-----|-------------------|------------------|-----------------|------------|
| (a) | (i) admired | (ii) had admired | | |
| | (iii) has admired | (iv) have admire | | |
| (b) | (i) were | (ii) was | (iii) is | (iv) are |
| (c) | (i) a | (ii) an | (iii) are | (iv) the |
| (d) | (i) might | (ii) could | (iii) will | (iv) would |
| (e) | (i) to | (ii) at | (iii) in | (iv) of |
| (f) | (i) over | (ii) across | (iii) away | (iv) into |
| (g) | (i) have done | (ii) do | (iii) did | (iv) done |
| (h) | (i) have grown | (ii) is grown | (iii) has grown | (iv) grew |

9. The following passage has not been edited. There is one error in each of the lines. Write the incorrect word and the correction in your answer sheet against the correct blank number. Remember to underline the word that you have supplied. $\frac{1}{2} \times 8 = 4$

Books are a men's best friend. You	(a)
can reach out at them whenever you	(b)
want and shuts them and store them	(c)
whenever you liked. They never criticize	(d)
you or disagree at you. On the contrary	(e)
they takes you to unknown lands with	(f)
them and trying to amuse you. They	(g)
always gives you company	(h)

10. Look at the words and phrases given below. Rearrange them to form meaningful sentences. $1 \times 4 = 4$

- (a) decided/Delhi/fly-overs/it/a number of / has been/to build/in.
(b) hundreds of/cutting down/trees/that/mean/would.
(c) it/ecological imbalance/create/certainly/an/would.
(d) to plant/several organisations/have/forward/new/trees/come

11. Read the conversation given below and complete the passage that follows : 1x4=4

Wife : Our servant has run away.

Husband : Is anything missing ?

Wife : Yes, my gold watch.

Husband : Where did you keep it?

The wife told her husband that (a) _____. The husband asked the wife (b) _____. The wife told him that (c) _____. The husband then asked her (d) _____.

12. With the help of the given points complete the short report on Zeeland that follows by choosing the correct options from those given. Write your answers in the answer sheet against the correct blank numbers. 4

ZEELAND ----- Province of the Netherlands

Features ----- mostly below sea-level; protected by dykes

History ----- 1323 became a part of Holland

Area ----- 1,790 sq.kms

Capital ----- Middelburg

Population ----- (1988) 356,000

Products ----- cereals, potatoes

ZEELAND

Zeeland is a province of the Netherlands. (a) _____ 1,790 sq. kms. The capital of Zeeland is Middleburg and (b) _____ 3,56,000 people. The people here are mostly farmers (c) _____. In spite of (d) _____ by a system of dykes. Infact, it became a part of Holland in 1323.

- (a) (i) having an area of (ii) has an area of
(iii) have an area of (iv) had an area of
- (b) (i) having population (ii) the population is
(iii) its population is of (iv) whose population is
- (c) (i) who grow cereals and potatoes (ii) that grow cereals and potatoes
(iii) whom grow cereals and potatoes (iv) which grow cereals and potatoes
- (d) (i) being mostly below sea-level, has been protected
(ii) it is mostly below sea-level, it is protected
(iii) it be mostly below sea-level, it is protected
(iv) it being mostly below sea-level, it is protected

SECTION - D
(Literature - 20 Marks)

13. (A) Read the extract given below and complete the statements that follow by choosing the most appropriate options. 3

Higher and higher every day,
Till over the mast at noon--
The Wedding-Guest here beat his breast,
For he heard the loud bassoon.

- (a) They were in/at _____ when the sun was over the mast at noon.
- (i) the Arctic region
 - (ii) the south pole
 - (iii) the south
 - (iv) the equator
- (b) The wedding guest 'beat his breast' because _____
- (i) he was angry with the mariner
 - (ii) he was sad for the mariner
 - (iii) the wedding ceremony had begun
 - (iv) he was scared of the supernatural
- (c) A bassoon is _____.
- (i) a musical instrument
 - (ii) an alarm at the wedding
 - (iii) the cry of the people
 - (iv) the voice of the people

OR

ANTONY : Let but the commons hear this testament
Which, pardon me, I do not mean to read--
And they would go and kiss dead Caesar's wounds
And dip their napkins in his sacred blood,
Yea, beg a hair of him for memory,
And, dying, mention it within their wills,
Bequeathing it as a rich legacy
Unto their issue.

- (a) The testament is _____.
- (i) Antony's plan
 - (ii) Caesar's will
 - (iii) a document about Rome
 - (iv) Antony's speech
- (b) If common people hear the will they will _____.
- (i) name Antony as Caesar's successor
 - (ii) kill Caesar's conspirators.
 - (iii) kiss dead Caesar's wounds
 - (iv) forgive Brutus

- (c) In his will Caesar _____.
- (i) had left money and personal holdings to the Romans
 - (ii) had shown that the conspirators had a plan
 - (iii) had named Antony as his successor
 - (iv) wanted the conspirators to be exposed

13. (B) Read the extract given below and answer the questions that follow : 3

The old man got up, raised his eyes to heaven in gratitude and stepping forward put his hands to the door.

- (a) The old man is _____
- (b) He raised his eyes to heaven in gratitude because.
- (c) The clerk called out his name as _____.

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

- (a) Why did the ancient Mariner shoot the albatross ?
- (b) Why has the mirror been described as being 'unmistaken'? What image is it trying to convey about the nature of the mirror ?
- (c) In *The Ultimate Safari* the narrator says, "We were in the war too". How were the children in the war ?
- (d) In the poem, *The Frog And The Nightingale* who was the solitary loon ? How was his behaviour different from that of others ?
- (e) What error of judgement does Brutus make while delivering the speech?

15. Answer any one of the following in 100-125 words. 6

Imagine you are the postmaster and have received a letter from Miriam. You have laid it on Ali's grave as he desired. But you are filled with remorse because you can now empathise with him. Your heart is reproaching you for being unkind. As the postmaster write a page in your diary.

OR

It was not only the doing of the frog. The nightingale, too, to some extent was herself responsible for her downfall and death. Justify.

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