101/X/SA2/03/C1

Class - X

ENGLISH (Communicative)

Time: 3 Hours Maximum Marks: 80

Total No. of Pages: 10

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.

1. Read the given poem carefully: The Vampire Jack Prelutsky

The night is still and sombre, and in the murky gloom arisen from his slumber, the vampire leaves his tomb.

His eyes are pools of fire, his skin is icy white, and blood his own desire this woe begotten night.

Then through the silent city, he makes his silent way, prepared to take no pity upon his hapless prey.

An open window beckons, he grins a hungry grin, and pausing not one second he swiftly climbs within.

And there, beneath her covers, his victim lies in sleep, with fangs agleam, he hovers and with those fangs, bites deep

The vampire drinks till sated, he fills his every pore, and then, his thirst abated, licks clean the dripping gore,

With powers now replenished, his thirst no longer burns. His thirst this night is finished, so to his tomb he turns,

and there awhile in silence he'll rest beneath the mud until, with thoughts of violence, he wakes and utters.....blood! choosing the correct options from those given below: The poem is set _ at night (a) (b) at noon (c) at early dawn (d) in the evening The vampire is not human because _ it has icy cold skin and red eyes its skin is cold and its eyes are red hot (b) it lives in a tomb and its eyes are red (c) it lives in a tomb, has icy skin and red eyes (d) He grins when he sees an open window because ___ there are people who are awake (a) (b) he can see people sleeping in the room it is easy for him to get in (c) (d) he loves airy spaces The word in the poem which means `nourished' is _____ abated, (a) (b) gore (c) agleam replenished (d) The mood created by the imagery in this poem is that of (c) disgust dreaminess (b) terror (a) (d) amusement

On the basis of your reading of the above poem, complete the following statements by

2. Read the given passage carefully:

Easter Island

Easter Island, also called Rapa Nui, is an isolated speck of lands in the vast Pacific Ocean. It is over 1000 miles away from its closest island neighbours! The island got its western name because it was spotted by a Dutch explorer Jacob Roggeveen, on Easter Sunday, April 5, 1722. The climate is mild and its volcanic origins make for very fertile soil. The surrounding sea also teems with life. A combination of all these blessings make Easter Island a miniature paradise.

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The island is famous for its numerous prehistoric stone statues. These ancient, gigantic statues, about 900 of them, are made of volcanic rock. They are called "moai' and date from between AD 1400 and AD 1600. The biggest moai is an enormous 72-foot-long moai called "El Gigante". The moai are located single or in groups on sacred mounds or stone bases, called "ahu," circling Easter Island. No one knows exactly how or why the monumental statues were made, or what they represent.

The most common theory is that the statues were carved by the Polynesian inhabitants. They are thought to have been representations of deceased ancestors or perhaps important living personages.

Modern Easter Island has no trees. The island once possessed a forest of palm trees, but it is thought that the native Easter Islanders completely deforested the island in the process of constructing their statues. (225 words)

On the basis of your reading of the above passage, complete the following statements choosing the correct options from those given below.

- (1) Rapa Nui is called an `isolated speck' because
 - (a) it is located in the Pacific Ocean which has no other islands
 - (b) it is one of the many islands that lie in a cluster
 - (c) it is a dusty island surrounded by forested islands
 - (d) it is a tiny island and cut off from the mainland
- (2) The Easter Island is best known for
 - (a) its mild climate
 - (b) its fertile soil
 - (c) its ancient statues
 - (d) all of these
- (3) The statues remain a mystery because
 - (a) they represent important people
 - (b) they represent the ancestors of the inhabitants
 - (c) they represent their deities
 - (d) no one knows what they represent
- (4) Because of the construction of these statues the island.....
 - (a) has become a tourist spot
 - (b) has become fertile
 - (c) has lost its trees
 - (d) is called a mini paradise
- (5) The word in the passage that means `inhabitant' is
 - (a) native
 - (b) numerous
 - (c) enormous
 - (d) personages

3. Read the passage given below carefully. Caring for a Pet Snake

Snakes are beautiful animals, and nothing compares to their graceful, lithe movements or the feel of their smooth, dry scales. Snakes have a number of advantages over mainstream pets. Without fur, they're great for animal enthusiasts who are allergic to animal fur of more conventional pets. Many snakes only need to be fed once or twice a month, making them an ultra low maintenance pet. They are quiet and thus a real advantage for anyone living in an apartment. Also, they don't require outdoor excursions. Contrary to conventional thinking, snakes can be socialized. They may even show subtle signs of affection.

Snakes do not need much room. Any simple wooden box with a sliding glass front and a dozen small ventilation holes around the sides would do. It should be big enough for him to slither around in. A heavy glass dish two or three inches deep, half filled with water, does for drinking and bathing. A rock or branch to crawl over and a sprinkling of sand on the floor are all the furnishings you need.

Feeding a pet snake is a problem. Earthworms are good food for some small snakes, frogs for some medium-sized kinds. King snakes often eat mice. Snakes shed their skin approximately every three months; during this time, yours may need extra water to soak in.

Well-fed snakes in dry cages are likely to stay healthy. Some may develop skin infection if the floor of the cage is wet. When a snake gets ill, it's usually best to turn it loose. (250 words)

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On the basis of your reading of the above passage, complete the following statements :					
(1)	People find snakes good looking because of their and				
(2) Two advantages of keeping snakes as pets are					
	(a)				
	(b)				
(3)	It is convenient to keep a snake in an apartment because				
(4)	Snakes need extra water when				
Read	the passage given below carefully -				
	FULANI Fulani people of West Africa are primarily herders and traders. Through their adic lifestyle, they established numerous trade routes in West Africa.				
The most important object in Fulani society is cattle, and there are many names, traditions, and taboos concerning cattle. The number of cows a person owns is a sign of his wealth. This has caused significant conflict in recent months between the Fulani and other ethnic groups. The reason for this is that the cows many times go into the fields and eat the grain of local farmers. With increasing number of other means of transportation being used the Fulani are at the risk of losing their identity as nomads and are being forced to settle in farms and villages. This sometimes creates other problems, because the Fulani are very proud of their unique culture and used to ruling over other people.					
The main difference between the Fulani and other African people is that the Fulani have a huge respect for beauty. Beauty is considered very important and one of the ways this is shown is through tattoos. A distinguishing feature of a Fulani can be their lips, which are many times a blackish color from the use of Henna or tattooing done on the mouth. Being brave and fearless is very important for the Fulani. One tradition is that when two boys reach coming of age the two hit each other with their staffs not showing any pain but instead laugh. Many have died in these ceremonies. (250 words)					
On the basis of your reading of the above passage, complete the following statements :					
(a)	Nomadic existence has helped the Fulani people by				
(b)	The importance of cattle in their community is shown by their				
(c)	Cattle are also the main reason for clashes in the community as				

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(d)

(e)

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The Fulani people show their fascination with appearances by

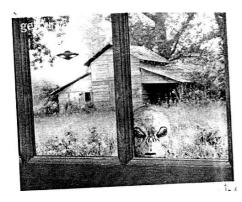
The word `unique' in the passage means

SECTION - B

(Writing - 20 Marks)

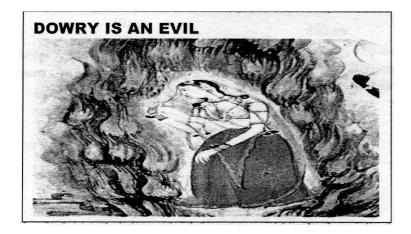
5. Write the story based on the visual clue in about 80 words. Begin: I was reading a book when I looked up. There in the window I saw.....





6. Look at the following poster denouncing dowry. Based on the picutre and using your own ideas write a letter, in about 120 words, to the editor of a national daily expressing your views on the evils of dowry and how this problem needs to be tackled

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7. Sunbeam School, Varanasi is observing **Awareness Week** and you decide to speak on **Road Rage In India**. Based on the verbal input given below, and your own ideas write the speech on the need for the people to control their anger and inculcate the habit of disciplined driving. Write it in about 150 words.

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Road Rage - A Reason to Worry

Aggressive driving and road rage is on the rise and is the top concern for many drivers today. It is reported that "at least 1,500 people a year are seriously injured or killed in senseless traffic disputes. With the cities expanding rapidly and the average motorist spending more time on the road than ever before, incidents of road rage are becoming more prevalent. "

SECTION - C

(Grammar - 20 Marks)

8.		-	sage given l options to c				_		the corre	ct word		x8=4
	The communities of ants (a) sometimes very large, numbering even (b) 500 individuals: and it is a lesson (c) us that no one has ever yet seen a quarrel (d) any two ants belonging to the (e) community. On the other hand it must be admitted (f) they are in hostility not only with most other insects including ants of different species, but (g) with those of the same species if belonging to different communities. I have over and over again introduced ants from one nest to (h) of the same species; and they were invariably attacked, seized by a leg or an antenna, and dragged out.											
	(a)	(i)	a	(ii)	an	(iii)	are	(iv)	the			
	(b)	(i)	to	(ii)	upto	(iii)	in	(iv)	into			
	(c)	(i)	towards	(ii)	at	(iii)	for	(iv)	into			
	(d)	(i)	between	(ii)	among	(iii)	in	(iv)	for			
	(e)	(i)	like	(ii)	similar	(iii)	same	(iv)	one			
	(f)	(i)	for	(ii)	that	(iii)	to	(iv)	in			
	(g)	(i)	also	(ii)	too	(iii)	instead	(iv)	and			
	(h)	(i)	another	(ii)	second	(iii)	many	(iv)	other			
9.	Now-a-days Father's Day celebrations held throughout world. But sadly enough, the day (b)											
	has commercialised and children celebrate (c)											
			ring and che					. ,				
	-		him. In Ind		_	-						
								(g)				
be direct influence of liberalisation of the economy and attitude. Moving ahead important but not at the cost of values.												
10.	Look at the words and phrases given below. Rearrange them to form meaningful sentences. 1x4=4 (1) saw/a rabid dog/being bitten/a man/ after/in acute pain/Louis Pasteur/by (2) then/ there/no treatment/was/for/preventing rabies (3) the/red hot iron/burnt/with/ wound/to be/ had (4) this/an alternative solution/ he saw/decided/and/to find/to/it							x4=4				
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11. Rajni went to see some paying guest accommodation. Later she wrote to her mother about it. Read the conversation between Rajni and the landlady and complete Rajni's letter to her mother.

1x4=4

Rajni : Good Morning. I have come to see you about the room you advertised

Landlady: Oh yes,

Rajni : The advertisement said `shared bathroom and kitchen'. How many

people use the bathroom and the kitchen?

Landlady: You will have to share it only one girl, Shiela, And she does not

like cooking. She eats out most of the time.

Rajni : I enjoy cooking. But how do we pay for the gas we use in the kitchen?

Landlady: That's included in the rent.

Rajni : Can I see the room? Does it face the front? Or the back?

Landlacy: It faces the park in the front. It is quite airy?

Rajni : Can I see it?

Landlady: Sure.

Dear Mother,

I went to see a room as paying guest accomodation yesterday. It is a nice airy room and faces a park. The advertisement said that there was a `shared bathroom and a kitchen' but when I asked the landlady about it she assured me (a) ______. The girl with whom I would share the bathroom and kitchen, Shiela, (b) ______ and she ate out most of the time. I informed the landlady that I en joyed cooking. I also asked her (c) ______ she told me that the money for the gas (d) ______. I have paid a month's rent in advance and will shift in next week.

Your loving daughter,

Rajini

12. Given below are some notes about the life and achievements of Dr. B.R Ambedkar, the chief architect of India's Constitution. Write a brief paragraph about Dr. Ambedkar to be read out on the occasion of Ambedkar Jayanti by choosing the correct options from those given below.

Dr. B.R A	mbedl	car
1913	:	Awarded a Baroda State Scholarship
1915	:	Passes M.A. Economics - Columbia University, New York - obtains $\operatorname{Ph.D}$
1921 - 23	:	Obtains M.S.c from London School of Economics : obtains D.Sc.
1924	:	Founds Bahishkrit Hitkarini Sabha
1926	:	Nominated as Member of the Bombay Legislative Council
1930 - 32	:	Official nominee to the Three Round Table Conferences
1940 - 42	:	Serves in Governor - General's Executive Council as Labour Member
1948	:	As Chairman of the Constituent Assembly's Drafting Committee and Law Minister in the Nehru Cabinet submits First Draft of Constitution.

brillia	antstı	Ambedkar was born at Mhow in Madhya Pradesh in 1891. Being a udent he was awarded the Baroda State Scholarship and joined Columbia					
		y, New York. After (a)MA Economics he joined the London					
		Economics from where he obtained his D.Sc. Bahishkrit Hitkari Sabha					
. ,		by him in 1924, an association for the moral and material progress of					
		uchables. During this period, he (c) Bombay Legislative and was the official nominee to the Three Round Table Conferences.					
		0-42 he served in Governor-General's Executive Council as Labour Member.					
		arlal Nehur's Cabinet he functioned as Chairman of the Constituent					
-		's Drafting Committee and Law Minister in which capacity he (d)					
of the	e Cor	nstitution in 1948.					
(a)	(i)	passing (ii) having passed his					
	(iii)	passed his (iv) having had passed his					
(b)	(i)	had founded (ii) founded					
	(iii)	was founded (iv) has been founded					
(c)	(i)	had been nominated as member of the					
	(ii)	has been nominated as Member of the					
	(iii)	was nominated as Member of the					
	(iv)	have nominated as Member of the					
(d)	(i)	had submitted the First Draft					
	(ii)	has submitted the First Draft					
	(iii)	have submitted the First Draft					
	(iv)	submitted the First Draft					
		SECTION -D					
		(Literature - 20 Marks)					
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		extract given below and complete the statements that follow by choosing the					
		opriate options:					
(A)	(A) Day by day the nightingale Grew more sorrowful and pale						
		nt on night her tired song					
	_	bed and trilled and bounced along.					
	(a)	The nightingale became sorrowful and pale because					
	(u)	(i) the animals told her she was useless					
		(ii) she stopped earning money					
		(iii) she lost her voice and her audience					
		(iv) the frog scolded her					
	(b)	The result of the frog's training the nightingale was that					
	()	(i) she fell ill					
		(ii) her song lost its melody.					
		(iii) none wanted to hear her					
		(iv) all of these					
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	(c)	The phrase `tired song' means that					
		(i) her song reflected her tiredness (ii) the enimals were tired of her song					
	(ii) the animals were tired of her song						
	(iii) the frog was tired of her song(iv) the animals stopped coming						
	OR						

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		Antony: O, pardon me, thou bleeding piece of earth, That I am meek and gentle with these butchers! Thou art the ruins of the noblest man That ever lived in the tide of times						
		Woe to the hand that shed this costly blood! (a) Antony at this time is (i) with Calpurnia. (ii) with Brutus (iii) alone with Caesar's body (iv) with the conspirators						
		 (b) Antony calls Caesar's body `thou bleeding piece of earth' because (i) the body has descended on earth. (ii) it is soiled with earth on it (iii) the earth is going to bleed (iv) it bore stab wounds which were bleeding. 						
		 (c) Antony had been `meek and gentle with these butchers because he had (i) joined the party of murderers (ii) shaken hands with the conspirators (iii) fear of the conspirators (iv) criticised Caesar 						
	(B)	Now I am a lake. A woman bends over me, Searching my reaches for what she really is Then she turns to those liars, the candles or the moon. I see her back, and reflect it faithfully. She rewards me with tears and an agitation of hands. (a) Above lines are spoken by (b) The speaker refers to the candles and the moon as liars because (c) The last line tells us that the woman is						
14.	Ansv (a) (b) (c) (d) (e)	wer any four of the following questions in 30-40 words each. How did the frog influence the nightingale? How does the mirror spend its time? What enticement does Cassius offer Antony? What did the sailors hang around the ancient Marinars neck and why? In the Ultimate Safari how did the grandmother help the two older children do well at school?						
15.	The The	Answer the following in 100-125 words. The grandmother is the true hero in the story, The Ultimate Safari. Justify OR The Rime of the Ancient Mariner" hung the albatross round the						
		ent Mariner's neck. As the mariner, write a page in your diary describing how it pened. - o 0 o -						