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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.

SECTION - A

(Reading - 20 Marks)

1. **Read the passage given below and complete the sentences that follow :** **1x5=5**

Rising prices are causing a great concern to the Indian economists at the present moment. It is true that prices can never remain stationary. A certain amount of fluctuation is normal in the very nature of prices. In a developing economy they usually display an upward trend. But if prices keep on rising persistently, they cause great hardship to the people. They spare neither the rich nor the poor, neither the producer nor the consumer. They make economic activities uncertain and unstable, causing great unrest in the minds of the people,

Inflation is a self-accelerating process. It is a phenomenon that feeds on it self and starts a very vicious cycle. Rising prices drive people to demand increased wages and salaries. Since such demands are resisted in the beginning , they resort to pressure tactics like strikes and demonstrations. But such tactics only decrease production and aggravate the situation. And if the demands are met, there is a fresh spurt in prices. All benefits coming from additional income are neutralised. Then fresh demands are raised and this cycle goes on.

The fixed-income groups like salaried people, wage-earners and pensioners are the most helpless victims of inflation. As prices rise, their real income gets reduced. The additional dearness allowance which the government sanctions from time to time proves of no use to them, because their purchasing power actually goes down. Inflation makes businessmen to invest their money in non-productive assets like gold and land whose real worth is not affected by rising prices. High prices also adversely affect the exports of the country and disturb the balance of foreign trade.

- (a) The consequences of the price rise are _____ .
- (b) The pressure tactics used to demand increased wages and salaries are _____ .
- (c) The most helpless victims of inflation are _____ because _____ .
- (d) The additional dearness allowance proves of no use because _____ .
- (e) Pick out one word from the passage which means 'rise and fall'.

2. **Read the poem.** **½x10=5**

The Flower That Smiles Today.

- P.B. Shelley

The flower that smiles today

Tomorrow dies :

All that we wish to stay

Tempt and then flies :

What is this world's delight ?

Lightning, that mocks the night ,

Brief even as bright.

Virtue, how frail it is !-
 Friendship, how rare !-
 Love, how it sells poor bliss
 For proud despair !
 But these, though soon they fall,
 Survive their joy, and all
 Which ours we call.-
 Whilst skies are blue and bright,
 Whilst flowers are gay,
 Whilst eyes that change ere night
 Make glad the day ;
 Whilst yet the calm hours creep,
 Dream thou-and from thy sleep
 Then wake to weep.

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.

All things in this world are (a) _____ and have a fleeting nature. The flower that (b) _____ today dies tomorrow. The things that we wish to stay forever, stay for a while and (c) _____ away. Hence the delights of this world are transitory. Even the (d) _____ is as brief as its brightness. (e) _____ is frail, love is nothing but exchange of happiness which results in (f) _____. Though these things are transitory, yet they survive their (g) _____. In the final stanza the poet advises us how to enjoy life. The ultimate end of life is to suffer and (h) _____. Hence as long as joy and beauty exist, we should enjoy it. Happiness is like a (i) _____ which vanishes when one wakes up. Instead of (j) _____ over lost happiness, it is better to enjoy it while it survives.

3. Read the passage given below and answer the questions that follow by choosing the answer from the given options :

A gentleman once advertised for a boy to assist him in his office, and nearly fifty applied for the place. After a short time he chose one out of the whole number, and sent all the rest away. " I should like to know," said a friend, " on what ground you chose that boy. He had not a single recommendation with him." " You are mistaken," answered the gentleman, "he had a great many. He wiped his feet when he came in, and closed the door after him, showing that he was orderly and tidy. He gave up his seat instantly to that lame old man, showing that he was courteous. He lifted up the book which I had purposely laid on the floor, and placed it on the table ; while all the rest stopped over it or shoved it aside. When I talked with him I noticed that his clothes were carefully brushed, his hair in nice order, and his teeth as white as milk. When he wrote his name I observed that his finger - nails were clean. And he waited quietly for his turn, instead of pushing the others aside. Don't you call these letters of recommendation ? I do.

- (a) The friend objected to the choice of the gentleman because _____ .
- (1) the boy did not greet him
 - (2) the boy did not have any recommendation with him
 - (3) the boy did not know anything
 - (4) the boy outwitted them
- (b) The gentleman came to know that the boy was courteous as _____
- (1) he placed the book on the table
 - (2) he waited for his turn quietly
 - (3) he gave his seat to the lame old man
 - (4) his clothes were neat and tidy
- (c) What did the other candidates do with the book ?
- (1) they placed it on the table
 - (2) they started reading the book
 - (3) they gave the book to the gentleman
 - (4) they stepped over the book
- (d) The word for 'a statement that somebody should be appointed for a particular job' is _____
- (1) advertise
 - (2) recommendation
 - (3) courteous
 - (4) instantly
- (e) The qualities the gentleman considered to be more valuable are to be :
- (1) letters of recommendation
 - (2) impatient and untidy
 - (3) neat, courteous and patient
 - (4) irritated and agitated

4. Read the passage and answer the following questions by choosing the answers from the given options. 1x5=5

How often one hears children wishing they were grown up, and old people wishing they were young again. Each age has its pleasures and its pains and the happiest person is the one who enjoys what each age gives him without wasting his time in useless regrets.

Childhood is a time when there are few responsibilities to make life difficult. If a child has good parents, he is fed, looked after and loved, whatever he may do. It is improbable that he will ever again in his life be given so much without having to do anything in return. In addition, life is always presenting new things to the child-things that have lost their interest for older people because they are too well known. A child finds pleasure in playing in the rain, or in the snow. His first visit to the seaside is a marvellous adventure. But a child has his pains ; he is not so free to do as he wishes as he thinks older people are; he is continually being told not to do things or being punished for what he has done wrong. His life is therefore not perfectly happy.

When the young man starts to earn his own living, he becomes free from the discipline of school and parents ; but at the same time he is forced to accept responsibilities. He can no longer expect others to pay for his food, his clothes, and his room, but has to work if wants to live comfortably. If he spends most of his time playing about in the way that he used to as a child, he will go hungry. And if he breaks the laws of society as he used to break the laws of his parents he may go to prison. If, however, he works hard, keeps out of trouble and has good health, he can have the great happiness of seeing himself make steady progress in his job and of building up for himself his own position in society.

Old age has been thought of as the worst age to be, but it is not necessary for the old to be unhappy. With old age should come wisdom and the ability to help others with advice wisely. The old can have the joy of seeing their children making progress in life, they can watch their grand children growing up around them; and perhaps best of all, they can, if their life has been a useful one feel the happiness of having come through the battle of life safely and of having reached a time when they can lie back and rest, leaving others to continue the fight.

- (a) According to the author the happiest person in this world is _____
- (1) a child who wishes to be grown up
 - (2) a man who starts earning his living
 - (3) a person who enjoys what each age gives him without wasting time in useless regrets
 - (4) a person who has a lot of money to spend
- (b) A child is unhappy because _____ .
- (1) he finds pleasure in playing in the rain and snow
 - (2) life is always presenting new things to him
 - (3) he is continually told not to do things and sometimes punished too.
 - (4) a lot of adventures are there in his life
- (c) A young man enjoys happiness because _____ .
- (1) he is free from the discipline of school and parents
 - (2) he is forced to accept responsibilities
 - (3) he has to work if he wants to live comfortably
 - (4) he makes steady progress in job and builds up his own position in society
- (d) The advantages of being old are that _____.
- (1) they become wise and are able to advise
 - (2) they have satisfaction to come through the battles of life
 - (3) they can lie back and rest
 - (4) all of the above
- (e) The thing which an adult can do but a child cannot is _____ .
- (1) to earn his livelihood
 - (2) to play in rain or snow
 - (3) to be fed and looked after
 - (4) to visit a seaside and enjoy the marvellous adventure.

SECTION - B
(Writing - 20 Marks)

5. You along with your brother go to the post office to buy some envelopes. He asks you to go in and buy while he waits outside. As you put your hand in your pocket to take out money for the envelopes, you realize that your purse is missing and when you come out you don't find your brother waiting for you. Describe your experience in about 80 words. 4

6. Imagine you are Aniket. You are an avid reader and you have a good collection of old, valuable books. Your father has been transferred to Mumbai and its not possible for you to carry all your books. 8

Write an e-mail to the manager of Avid Readers' Book shop, enquiring if he is interested in buying the books. Copy the format in your answer sheet. (120 words)

Date :
To :
From :
Subject :
Yours (Name)

7. While reading the newspaper you came across the following news items : 8

Millitants kill 10 in_____

About half a dozen gun wielding militants attacked at three places in district killing 10 people including 6 members of a family.

Three millitants shot a constable dead in _____ and lost their lives in the encounter.

you are touched as the newspaper is full of such news items everyday. You want people to understand the importance of non-violence. Prepare a speech in about **150** words for the morning assembly on. 'Non Violence - a way to world peace' telling the importance of peace and the ways to achieve it.

SECTION - C

(Grammar - 20 Marks)

8. Complete the statements by choosing the correct options given below : 1x4=4
- (a) Tim Berners - Lee, credited with creating the web, _____ that social networking sites like Facebook are a threat to the future of internet.
(a) has warned (b) had warned
(c) have warned (d) warned
- (b) Tarundeep Rai _____ history after he became the first Indian archer to win a silver in the men's individual archery event on Wednesday.
(a) creates (b) created
(c) has created (d) has been created
- (c) New Delhi: From Jan. 2011 all telemarketers' mobile numbers _____ with the same three digits 700.
(a) starts (b) will start
(c) will be starting (d) shall start
- (d) Team India _____ New Zealand by 40 runs in the first ODI at Guwahati
(a) defeats (b) had defeated
(c) defeated (d) has defeated

9. Choose the most appropriate option from the ones given below to complete the following passage. Write the answers in your answer sheet against the correct blank numbers. Do not copy the whole passage. ½x8=4

' Wuthering Heights' is the only novel (a) _____ Emily Bronte, one of the famous Bronte sisters - the (b) _____ two being Charlotte and Anne. Though Emily (c) _____ a poet as well, she is (d) _____ only as a novelist. Wuthering Heights first appeared in 1847 (e) _____ at once attracted the notice of (f) _____ discerning reader. Its passion and imaginative force have made (g) _____ the recipient of much (h) _____ praise.

- (a) (i) for (ii) of
(iii) by (iv) to
- (b) (i) rest (ii) another
(iii) other (iv) among
- (c) (i) is (ii) had been
(iii) has been (iv) was
- (d) (i) called (ii) remembered
(iii) taken (iv) considered
- (e) (i) or (ii) but
(iii) and (iv) while
- (f) (i) all (ii) every
(iii) other (iv) some
- (g) (i) her (ii) him
(iii) this (iv) it
- (h) (i) enthusiasm (ii) enthusiastic
(iii) enthusiast (iv) enthusiastically

10. The following passage has not been edited. There is one error in each line. Write the incorrect word and the correction in your answer sheet against the correct question number. Remember to underline the word you have supplied. ½x8=4

It is common, though misplace, belief (a) _____
 that science was responsible for the (b) _____
 frequent, highly destruction twentieth (c) _____
 century wars. This century has witness (d) _____
 two extremely disastrous global wars.
 Even the debris of the Foremost World War had (e) _____
 not been cleared when the Second break (f) _____
 out. And this war proved most devastating (g) _____
 than the first. It was to the end of this (h) _____
 war that America dropped atom bombs
 over Hiroshima and Nagasaki.

11. Look at the words and phrases given below. Rearrange them to form meaningful sentences. Write the correct sentences in your answer sheet. 1x4=4

eg. the best / nature/ mirror/ perfect discipline/ is/ to all/ of/ of us
 Nature is the best mirror of perfect discipline to all of us.

- (a) nature/ according to/ every object/ a / in/ plan/ moves
 (b) can notice/ the movement of the Sun/ one/ the moon/ and/ an order/ the / in
 (c) according/ a/ plan/ seasons/ certain/ change/ to
 (d) do not/ does/ precede/ precede/ summer/ winter/ Rains/ nor/ spring

12. Read the following conversation and complete the passage given below. 1x4=4

“Why should I be merciful ?” said the Jew, “ I do not love Antonio.”

“Do all men want to kill the things they hate ?” asked Bassanio angrily.

“I will give you twice as much as Antonio owes you, if you will let him go free.” Bassanio said.

“If you offered me six thousand times more than the amount he owes me, I should still ask for my pound of flesh,” the Jew replied.

The Jew wanted to know (a) _____ and that he did not love Antonio. Bassanio angrily asked him (b) _____. Bassanio offered him (c) _____ if he would let him go free. But the Jew firmly replied (d) _____ he should still ask for his pound of flesh.

SECTION - D
(Literature - 20 Marks)

13. Read the passage given below and complete the statements that follow by choosing the correct options. 1x3=3

(A) Nor dim nor red, like God's own head,

The glorious Sun uprist :

Then all averred, I had killed the bird

That brought the fog and mist.

'T was right, said they, such birds to slay,

That bring the fog and mist.

- (a) The above stanza shows that the sailors are _____
- (i) superstitious and selfish
 - (ii) honest but selfish
 - (iii) appreciative and enthusiastic
 - (iv) large hearted but superstitious people
- (b) The criteria of the judgment of sailors is
- (i) their belief in God
 - (ii) the rising of the sun in the sky
 - (iii) their own utility and selfishness
 - (iv) the remorse shown by the ancient mariner
- (c) The poetic device used in the above lines is
- (i) personification
 - (ii) transferred epithet
 - (iii) alliteration
 - (iv) simile

OR

Other creatures loathed his voice,

But, alas, they had no choice

And the crass cacophony

Blared out from the sumac tree

At whose foot the frog each night

Minstrelled on till morning light.

- (a) The poetic device used in this stanza is
- (i) simile
 - (ii) metaphor
 - (iii) alliteration
 - (iv) personification
- (b) The reaction of other animals towards the frog's singing is that _____.
- (i) they all appreciated him and wanted him to sing till morning light
 - (ii) they took many measures to make him stop singing
 - (iii) they organised concerts for him
 - (iv) they requested nightingale to come to the forest as a rival singer
- (c) The meaning of 'cacophony' here is _____ .
- (i) a very loud and unpleasant noise
 - (ii) a male singing voice, fairly deep
 - (iii) beautiful voice full of joy and pride
 - (iv) a very confident and melodious voice

- (B) **Read the extract given below and answer the questions that follow.** **1x3=3**

_____ ; I rather choose

To wrong the dead, to wrong myself and you,

Than I will wrong such honourable men.

But here's a parchment with the seal of Caesar

I found it in his closet, 'tis his will' :

- (a) Who is the speaker ?
- (b) When is he making this speech ?
- (c) Which quality of the speaker is revealed here ?

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

- (a) " _____ and he dropped it as though it had given him an electric shock." What had given an electric shock to the postmaster and why ?
- (b) Why is the mirror important to the woman ?
- (c) What do you understand about mob psychology as shown in the play, 'Julius Caesar' ?
- (d) " There is nothing. No home ." Why does the grandmother not want to go back home ?
- (e) The frog in the poem , ' The frog and the Nightingale' is boastful, domineering and territorial. Comment.

- 15. Answer the following question in 100 - 125 words :** **6**

" And I had done a hellish thing

And it would work ' em woe."

What is the hellish thing mentioned here ? What were the consequences of this hellish thing ?

OR

"When the sun was going down, our grandmother and grandfather came."

Why did the narrator say grandmother before grandfather ? Explain with examples throwing the light on the role played by the grandmother in the story, 'The Ultimate Safari.'

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