

101/X/SA2/36/B1

Class - X

ENGLISH
(Communicative)

Time : 3 Hours

Maximum Marks : 80

Total No. of Pages : 8

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 following passage, complete the statements by choosing the correct option. 5

The fire which broke out in a Colaba guest house recently shows that elementary precautions against fire hazards are not being taken in the city. Rooms are built on mezzanine floors without providing either windows or ventilations. Often, there is no separate exit in these structures which are added on to buildings situated in narrow lanes in highly congested areas. Fortunately, the fire at Colaba broke out in the afternoon when most of the guests were out. Otherwise, the poisonous fumes from the synthetic material within would have suffocated and killed scores of people. The fire could have spread to the entire building which is full of wooden beams and stair cases. Such scandalous fire traps invariably endanger the lives of the fire-fighting staff as well. What is worse, even newly constructed buildings in Mumbai ignore fire-safety norms. Clearly, the municipal staff is not doing its duty. Ironically, the building which caught fire in Colaba, houses an architect's office. Had it gone up in flames, the tragedy would have been doubly compounded because society looks up to these professionals for guidance and norms. Unfortunately, with the Municipal Corporation also proving increasingly incapable of protecting citizen's interests, it is now upto the people to come together and oppose illegal constructions in their areas.

- (1) The recent fire in a Colaba Guest house highlights the fact that
- (a) elementary measures against fire hazards are being taken
 - (b) elementary protection against fire hazards are being ignored
 - (c) elementary measures against fire hazards are not being taken
 - (d) elementary precautions against fire hazards are being taken in the city
- (2) The fire could not prove as destructive as it could have been because _____
- (a) the fire broke out in the afternoon and most of the guests were out
 - (b) the fire did not spread to the entire building and staircases
 - (c) the fire broke out in the afternoon and the wooden beams and staircase did not catch fire
 - (d) the fire broke out in the afternoon, but did not reach the architect's office.
- (3) The author says, clearly, the municipal staff is not doing its duty because _____
- (a) they are constantly on leave
 - (b) the staff is negligent and not particular about safety measures
 - (c) they do not have enough fire fighters
 - (d) they are endangering the lives of the fire-fighters
- (4) Society looks upto these professionals for guidance and norms. The word, 'these' refers to the _____
- (a) fire fighters
 - (b) municipal corporation
 - (c) residents
 - (d) architects
- (5) The word closest to the meaning of 'scandalous' is _____
- (a) embarrassment
 - (b) unashamed
 - (c) making scandals
 - (d) disgraceful

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

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Heredity is very strange .
It's quite a peculiar creature
Attaching itself to you
Determining the look of every feature,
The colour of your eyes,
How long you'll keep your hair
Or if you must reach for your glasses
Which never seem to be there
Will your body be built like a champion
Or will you suffer from defeat
It decides everything about you
From your head down to your feet .
I'm sure someone has said
You look just like your father
And five minutes later
You look just like your mother.
Maybe you've even been told
You look like neither one .
You see, it all depends
Which side of the family they are from .
But ask me and I will say
I'm just like good ole dad.
I seem to have inherited all
The good things and the bad.

Below is a summary of the poem. Fill in each blank space with a single word or a phrase.

Heredity is a very strange thing. (a) _____ attaches itself to you and decides on all your (b) _____. The poet in a lighter _____ (c) makes fun of the people, who believe in heredity. He is quite (d) _____ that he has inherited all (e) _____ characteristics of his parents.

3. **Read the following passage and complete the statements that follow.**

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It happens to us all, however hard we may try to delay the process. We grow old. Cosmetic surgery may remove the wrinkles; skin which has sagged may be tightened by means of a facelift and hair dressers may dye grey hair a more youthful colour, but we cannot remain young forever.

However, what is important is the quality of life. Some people are lucky to be taken care of at home whereas others may have to move to residential homes. The worst part of ageing is that often the mind becomes less alert. As people grow older they experience short term memory. Later some may suffer from dementia, often in the form of Alzheimer's disease.

All people are by no means in this category. Many senior citizens are in possession of all their faculties and see retirement as a time of freedom. Not only that if they have a generous retirement pension they are likely to be quite well off with money to be spent on holidays and other luxuries. Because of this both business and government have a new respect for what is known as grey power. It is unfortunate that many people regard old people as weaklings who have one foot in the grave. Someone should remind them that they too would be old one day.

- (1) Cosmetic surgery cannot stop the process.....
- (2) The word, 'faculties' refers to
- (3) People generally consider retired life as a time of freedom because
- (4) The worst part of ageing is that one's
- (5) Government and business people respect old people because

4. Read the following passage and answer the questions by choosing the correct options. 5

Buddhists have survived in India only as a comparatively small sect, but Buddhism in the east today has over one hundred and fifty million adherents. It is the chief religion of Sri Lanka, Myanmar and Malasia and counts for many devotees in China and Japan. Asoka made this possible. Previously Gautama's teachings had not spread beyond the Indian peninsula, or indeed far beyond the valley of the Ganges. Henceforth though Buddhism was to wane in the land of its birth, its message was to spread throughout the eastern world by missionaries who would tell not only of its spiritual value, but of the success which had attended Asoka's application of it to practical, everyday affairs and the ruling of an empire. The precepts and commands that Asoka had prescribed on rocks and edicts were vital to establishing Buddhism as one of the world's chief faiths.

- (1) Asoka is responsible for _____.
 - (a) the wane of Buddhism in India
 - (b) establishing Buddhism as a world religion
 - (c) large scale conversation to Buddhism
 - (d) imposing Buddhism on his people by force
- (2) Asoka's reign was marked by _____.
 - (a) violence
 - (b) autocratic force
 - (c) chaotic uncertainty
 - (d) an adherence to Buddhist beliefs
- (3) The word, 'wane' here means _____.
 - (a) decline
 - (b) wax
 - (c) spread
 - (d) destroy
- (4) Buddhism became world's chief faith through Asoka's _____.
 - (a) conquests of the world
 - (b) travels through the world.
 - (c) books and art
 - (d) edicts and precepts on rocks
- (5) The synonym for the word, 'vital' is :
 - (a) supportive
 - (b) essential
 - (c) insignificant
 - (d) additional.

SECTION - B
(Writing - 20 Marks)

5. On the basis of the information given below. Write a short bio sketch of Mahatma Gandhi in about 80 words. 4

Birth : 2-10-1869
 Residence : Rajkot - Gujarat
 Father : Mohandas
 Mother : Putlibai
 Education : India and England
 introduced civil disobedience movement
 got India freedom
 assassinated : 30-1-1948

6. The following is a newspaper report. With the information from the report and your own ideas write a letter in about 120 words to the editor of a national daily expressing your views on the issue of mindless violence spreading in the society today. 8

“20 people - including 6 security personnel and 7 guerrillas were killed and 18 injured in Naxalite and Militant violence in various parts of the country.”

7. You are to speak on “Environmental Pollution” in the school assembly. Write your speech in about 150- words, using your own ideas together with the ideas from the unit ‘Environment’. 8

SECTION - C
(Grammar - 20 Marks)

8. Complete the passage given below by choosing the most appropriate words from the options that follow : ½x8=4

Puja’s apricot tree (a) _____ gave them (b) _____ basketful of fruit (c) _____ year. This summer, however, it (d) _____ barely a handful (e) _____ apricots, lacking juice (f) _____ flavour. (g) _____ tree looked ready (h) _____ die, its leaves dried up in despair.

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|-----|-------------|---------------|---------------|------------|
| (a) | (i) usual | (ii) usually | (iii) also | (iv) too |
| (b) | (i) a | (ii) the | (iii) an | (iv) some |
| (c) | (i) all | (ii) one | (iii) the | (iv) every |
| (d) | (i) produce | (ii) produced | (iii) grow | (iv) grown |
| (e) | (i) with | (ii) of | (iii) on | (iv) in |
| (f) | (i) and | (ii) or | (iii) without | (iv) with |
| (g) | (i) The | (ii) A | (iii) My | (iv) Our |
| (h) | (i) for | (ii) to | (iii) on | (iv) of |

9. Complete the following paragraph by choosing the correct options : 1x4=4

If you want to raise a puppy do some research before (a) _____. Talk to people (b)_____ and to a vet. (c)_____ can be a wonderful experience, but (d) _____ a lot of effort.

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| (a) | (i) you adopt one | (ii) you adopted one |
| | (iii) you might adopt one | (iv) you will adopt one |
| (b) | (i) who would own | (ii) who could own |
| | (iii) who like to own | (iv) who own dogs |
| (c) | (i) Owning a dog | (ii) Owned a dog |
| | (iii) Own a dog | (iv) May own a dog |
| (d) | (i) it never took | (ii) it also is taking |
| | (iii) it also takes | (iv) it can take |

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 blank number. The first one has been done as an example. ½x8=4

One day in the cinema hall Bisnu see	<u>see</u>	<u>saw</u>
the older man who had been	(a) _____	_____
with him upon the bus. He greeted	(b) _____	_____
her like a long lost friend.	(c) _____	_____
At firstly the old man did not	(d) _____	_____
recognize a boy, but when	(e) _____	_____
Bisnu, asked him if he have	(f) _____	_____
recovered of his illness the old	(g) _____	_____
man remembered and says "So	(h) _____	_____
you are still in Mussourie".		

11. Use the information in the headlines to complete the news items given below. Write your answers in your answer sheet against the correct blank numbers. Do not copy the whole sentences. 1x4=4

(a) **SAINA NEHWAL CLOSE TO NO 1**

_____ the Malaysian open Saina Nehwal will soon be number one woman badminton player in the world.

(b) **MCD DEMOLISHES ILLEGAL CONSTRUCTION**

A four storey building built without a sanctioned plan _____ MCD authorities.

(c) **COLD WAVE KILLS ONE IN NOIDA**

One old woman _____ in NOIDA on Sunday night.

(d) **S.A. WIN THE FIRST TEST**

The first test match held at Durban _____ by the South African cricket team.

12. Rearrange the following words and phrases into meaningful sentences. The first one has been done as an example. 1x4=4

for/caused/accidents/by craze/are/motor/for speed

Motor accidents are caused by craze for speed

- (a) they are/of rich/mostly/the children/ parents/caused by
 (b) safe/rich parents/with/their future/is/their
 (c) only/for them/in life/speed/thrill/is the
 (d) pavements /kills/their/on the/people/speed

SECTION - D

(Literature - 20 Marks)

13. (A) Read the extract given below and complete the statements with the options that follow: 1x3=3

“Dearest frog” - the nightingale

Breathed: “this is a fairy tale-

And you’re Mozart in disguise

Come to earth before my eyes

- (1) The nightingale is impressed with the frog because _____
- (i) he gives a reasoned criticism of her song
 - (ii) he calls her music excellent
 - (iii) he listens to her music with concentration
 - (iv) he has a taste for music
- (2) The nightingale compares the frog to _____
- (i) a great musician
 - (ii) the great musician Mozart
 - (iii) a composer
 - (iv) a great singer
- (3) The nightingale calls as a fairy tale
- (i) her being able to sing
 - (ii) the jungle and its animals
 - (iii) the praising of her music by the frog
 - (iv) the beauty of the jungle

OR

For all averred, I had killed the bird

That made the breeze to blow.

- (1) The speaker of the above lines is _____
- (i) the ancient Mariner
 - (ii) the wedding guest
 - (iii) the other sailor
 - (iv) the poet
- (2) The act that the speaker had committed was that _____
- (i) he had beaten the kin
 - (ii) he had killed the albatross
 - (iii) he had accused the sailors
 - (iv) none of the above
- (3) The bird had been responsible for _____
- (i) bad weather
 - (ii) good weather
 - (iii) the storm
 - (iv) none of the above

(B) Read the extract given below and complete the statements that follow : 1x3=3

Come to the common pulpits, and cry out

Liberty, freedom and enfranchisement !

(a) (i)_____ is the speaker and he is speaking to

(ii)_____.

(b) These words were spoken when _____.

(c) The people of Rome had got their freedom from _____.

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

(1) Draw a comparison between Ali and the postmaster as fathers.

(2) Why does the mirror call the woman a "terrible fish"?

(3) How did the frog cash on the talent of the nightingale ?

(4) What situation did the mariners face in the land of snow and ice?

(5) How did Decius persuade Caesar to come to the senate?

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

In the story, 'The Ultimate Safari' what do you think may have happened to the children if their grandmother was not with them.

OR

Caesar had done a lot of good things for the people of Rome. Yet he got nothing but death. Do you think his end was justified ? Explain.

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