

**DELHI PUBLIC SCHOOL, BHILAI**  
**SAMPLE PAPER**  
**SUBJECT : ENGLISH COMMUNICATIVE**

Time : 3 hrs

Class-X

M.M. : 80

**General Instructions**

1. 15 minutes prior reading time allotted for question paper reading.
2. The question paper contains 4 sections -  
READING SKILLS, WRITING SKILLS, GRAMMAR and LITERATUR TEXTBOOK.
3. Attempt questions based on specific instructions for each part.

**SECTION A : READING SKILLS (22 marks)**

**1) Read the following passage carefully :**

1. With energy consumption being the buzzword in developing economies around the world, fears of an energy crisis looming ahead are not totally unfounded. The non-renewable nature of fossil fuels makes complete dependence on these for future energy needs, a very dicey affair. Renewable energy sources are the best bet in the scenario. And what can be a better renewable energy resource than the Sun?
2. In a country like India, if the abundant amount of sunlight available is harnessed properly it could mean an end to the energy crisis. It is the most abundant source of energy. The average global solar radiation is around 5 Kilowatt Hours (KWH) per square meter, per day with the sunshine hours ranging between 2300-4300 per year. The country receives solar energy equivalent to more than 5000 trillion KWH per year, which is far more than its total annual energy consumption.
3. Besides, it is a renewable and clean energy source. Taking both environmental and economic cost, solar energy works cheaper than fossil fuel resources. Once we master techniques to harness solar energy, it can be a vital source of power on all planets.
4. Imagining a future where clean air is no longer a dream and our cities are not smog filled concrete jungles ,this could well become a reality in the coming years if the world begins to increasingly adopt the use of cleaner options like alternate-fuel vehicles.
5. The rise in economic activity and the burgeoning population have led to a tremendous demand in the transport sector, especially in urban India. With India's ever growing population, pollution is also increasing manifold. Thus, a very critical issue of keeping air and noise pollution in urban areas under control has emerged.

6. The need to reduce air pollution along with the availability of new advanced batteries have allowed EVs to reappear as a clean alternative to internal combustion vehicles. Electric drive systems are virtually non-polluting and extremely energy efficient. While internal combustion vehicles can convert about 20% of the chemical energy in gasoline into useful work, 75% or more of the energy from a battery has productive power in an electric vehicle.
7. Apart from being environment and user-friendly, there are several other reasons for alternative fuel cars to flourish in India. Firstly, electricity for EVs can be produced from various sources for which India has natural resources and does not need to depend on the import of oil. Although EVs will not replace LPG, CNG or petrol and diesel for intercity use, the infrastructure required for EVs in the form of electricity distribution infrastructure, is already available in all the major cities and minimum costs are required to install additional capacity.
8. In order to do that, a holistic approach involving the government, public and auto majors is needed to promote EVs in India. Appropriate government policies and adequate support from business houses and institutions, for instance, purchasing a fixed percentage of vehicles for their fleets and offering subsidies and tax exemptions, will go a long way in promoting the industry in India.
9. Finally, people have to become more informed about these technologies. The media must play its role in educating the public about alternative fuel vehicles and their advantages.

Answer the following questions based on the passage given above.

1. What can bring about a change in the energy crisis in India? (1)
  - (a) Solar energy
  - (b) Technological development
  - (c) Wind energy
  - (d) Renewable energy
2. Why is dependence on non-renewable sources of energy said to be a very dicey affair? (2)
3. India receives 5000 trillion KWH/year which means (1)
  - (a) India needs to develop the technology to utilise it
  - (b) India has an abundance of solar energy
  - (c) India is a powerhouse of renewable sources of energy
  - (d) India can change the face of energy crisis

4. What has led to a tremendous increase in the transport sector in India? (2)

5. How does an electric vehicle work? (1)

6. Substitute the underlined word in the sentence with the word from the passage which means the same. The modified version of this car will be available next month. (1)

7. The productive power of an electric vehicle is..... more than other vehicles. (1)

(b) 75%

(c) 80%

(a) 35%

(d) 85%

8. Complete the sentence appropriately. (1)

Tax exemptions and subsidies are required to.....

9. Complete the sentence appropriately (1)

The media can help by.....

10. State whether the given assertion is True or False. (1)

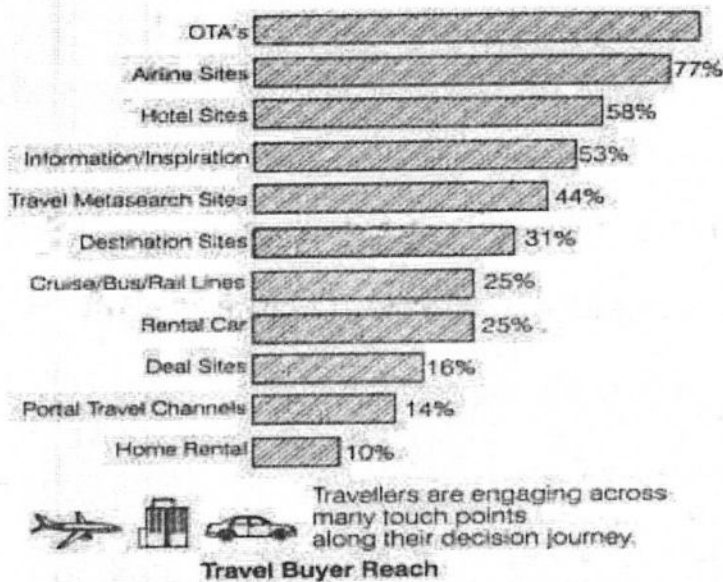
Establishing Solar Power generating units is too expensive

## 2. Read the following passage carefully :

1. With the enormous amount of information potentially available to travellers, the Internet constitutes an important platform for information exchange between the consumer and industry suppliers (e.g. hotels, transportation sectors, attractions), intermediaries (e.g. travel agents), controllers (e.g. governments and administrative bodies), as well as many non-profit organisations such as destination marketing organisations.
2. Different technological interfaces, such as search engines, online travel booking sites and websites of destination marketing organisations facilitate the information exchange between online travellers and the so-called 'online tourism domain'. Particularly, it has been argued that understanding the

nature of the online tourism domain, i.e. the composition of online tourism related information potentially available to travellers, provides an important stepping-stone for the development of successful marketing programmes and better information systems in tourism.

- The importance of social media is identified by Xiang and Gretzel (2010). Their analysis showed that social media constitutes a substantial part of the search results. Indicating that search engines linked the travellers directly to social media sites. Since more and more travellers seem to tap into this 'collective intelligence' available on the Web, this will challenge the established marketing practices of many tourism businesses and destinations. One of the popular travel social media site Expedia Media Solutions partnered with ComScore, shed some insightful details of how travellers consume and share content prior to, during and after a trip.



4. It is no wonder that destinations, airlines, hotels and most travel marketers are embracing social networks such as Pinterest, photo/video applications such as Instagram and Vine, as part of their storytelling toolkit, reaching out to growing crowds of travellers.

Answer the following questions based on the passage given above.

- Who are the controllers in the field of tourism?

(1)

2. What does the given passage focus on? (1)  
(a) The increasing role of social media in tourism  
(b) The increasing demand of tourism.  
(c) The need to boost tourism in India.  
(d) The Indian Tourism marketing needs.

3. What facilitates the exchange of information between online travellers and online tourism domain? (1)

4. Complete the given sentence by selecting the most appropriate option.  
According to the passage, the internet (2)

- (a) has no role to play in the field of tourism
- (b) is an important platform for information exchange
- (c) is a good medium of marketing production
- (d) influences consumer choice regarding the tourist destination

5. What is called the collective intelligence? (2)

6. Complete the sentence appropriately (1)  
Online tourism domain can be understood as.....

7. According to the given data graph, which marketing field shows the greatest influence of tourists? (1)

8. Based on the given graphical representation of data in the passage, choose the option that lists the statements that are True with respect to the usage of social media networks. (1)

- 1. Online travel agencies are an important source across all platforms and throughout all stages of the booking p
- 2. Through media visibility, companies are able to complicate their market sta
- 3. Different technological interfaces facilitate the information exchange between online travel
- 4. Travellers seem to move away from the 'collective intelligence' available on the Web.

- (a) 1 and 3
- (c) 1 and 4

- (b) 2 and 4
- (d) 2 and 3

## SECTION B : WRITING SKILLS ( 22 marks)

3. Write an e-mail to the Principal of your school requesting him/her to allow a team of three members to participate in the Quiz Competition held by STAR. (50 words) (3)

You may copy the given template to write your email.

<b>Form:</b>	
<b>To:</b>	
<b>Cc:</b>	
<b>Date:</b>	
<b>Subject:</b>	

4. Write a descriptive paragraph about your favourite cartoon character based on the hints given below. (100 words) (4)

name of the character—description--- qualities---what you like most about it

- 5.(a) You had recently visited the Gujarat Solar Park at Charanka in district Patan. You realised the importance of solar energy as a permanent source of energy in the future. Write a letter to the Editor of a national daily newspaper highlighting the importance of solar energy. Use ideas from the MCB unit on 'Science' and your own ideas. You are Lalit/ Lalita of 243/2, Charkha Road, Vadodara. (120 words) (7)

OR

(b). Ecotourism means responsible travel to natural areas conserving the environment. Imagine yourself as a member of the Ecotourism Society of India. Taking ideas from the units 'Environment' and 'Travel and Tourism', write a letter to the Ministry of Tourism, mentioning the ways to propagate Ecotourism by sensitising people.

- 6.(a) Write an article on the topic- 'Inclusive Education is not an Alternative but an Inevitability', for publication in your school magazine. You may keep the following factors affecting Inclusive Education in mind. (8)

- attitude of parents, teachers, classmates and the society
- physical support
- teacher support
- Infrastructure
- curriculum support
- policy support

**OR**

(b) Choice of course after clearing senior school Examination produces a great deal of stress on the mind of our students. Counselling can be of great help to them . Write an article on the topic, 'role of Counselling Choice of Course' . Use the following clues.

- . Deciding a career goal is important
- . discover the potential and interests, strengths and weaknesses
- . decide your career based on your aptitude, skills interests, performance and personality
- . identifies that unique quality and guides informed choice

### SECTION C : GRAMMAR (10 marks)

#### 7. Complete the tasks A to C , as directed.

**A.** Fill in the blanks (i) -(iii) with appropriate options from those given in brackets. (3)

The mere mention of the Nobel Prize (i)..... (creates/create/created) visions (ii) .....for/of/from) world famous scientists and economists. It is (iii) ..... (a/an/the) most coveted individual award in the world.

**B.** The following passage has not been edited. There is an error in each line. Write the incorrect word and the correction against the correct blank number. The first one has been done as an example. (4)

	Incorrect	Correct
The passengers were waited at the station when	e.g. waited	waiting
five policemen rushing into the	(a) .....	.....
compartment of a train. Before sometime, one of	(b) .....	.....
them comes out with two young men and soon	(c) .....	.....
other police officers joined them.	(d) .....	.....

#### **C. Do as directed.**

(i) Rearrange the jumbled words/phrases in the given information to create a meaningful sentence. (3)

healthcare/experience/villagers/many difficulties/services/accessing/in Healthcare is a big challenge in rural India .Mortality rate in rural India is very high ,This is mainly due to inadequate healthcare facilities.

(ii), Report the dialogues to complete the paragraph that follows.

Mother: Rita, finish your food.

Rita : I don't want to have this food. You never give me a pizza or burger.

Mother told Rita (a)..... Rita replied that (b)..... and told her mother that she never gives her a pizza and burger.

### SECTION D : LITERATURE TEXT BOOK (26 marks)

8. Read the given excerpts and answer the questions briefly, for **ANY TWO** excerpts of the three given. **(4+4=8)**

(A) If you have tears, prepare to shed them now.

You all do know this mantle: I remember  
The first time ever Caesar put it on;  
'Twas on a summer's evening, in his tent,  
That day he overcame the Nervii:  
Look, in this place ran Cassius' dagger through:  
See what a rent the envious Casca made:  
Through this the well-beloved Brutus stabb'd;  
And as he pluck'd his cursed steel away.

(i) How does Antony use visual imagery to make his point about the assassination of Caesar?

(ii) What is the significance of the mantle that Antony refers to in his speech?

(iii) Select the line that evokes the sense of grief and loss.

(iv) What does Antony's reference to the Nervii suggest about Caesar's military prowess?

(B) "And I had done a hellish thing,  
And it would work' em woe.  
For all averred, I had killed the bird  
That made the breeze to blow."

(i) What is the meaning of the word 'hellish'?

(ii) What was the hellish thing?

(iii) Which literary device is used in the last line?

(iv) What would bring woe to everyone ?



**(C)** But must I confess how I liked him.

How glad I was he had come like a guest in quiet, to drink  
at my water-trough

And depart peaceful, pacified, and thankless,  
Into the burning bowels of this earth.

(i) What is the Speaker's attitude towards the snake?

(ii) What does the phrase "burning bowels of this earth" mean ?

(iii) How is the snake's arrival and departure symbolic?

(iv) The speaker compares the snake to the guest. Which word in the extract displays the Snake's non-guest like behaviour?

**9.** Answer **ANY FIVE** of the following six questions in about 30 to 40 words each.

**(5x2=10)**

(i) Why did the news of 'miracle recovery' shock Michael?

(ii) Why didn't John stop Lavinia from leaving him?

(iii) Why did the villagers and Miss Mebbin hide the fact that Mrs. Packletide had not killed the tiger ?

(iv) What made the postmaster understand Ali's pain later on in the story?

(v) What qualities of Nicola and Jacopo made the narrator call them 'Gentlemen of Verona'?

(vi) In the poem, 'Ozymandias', how was the sculptor a 'master artist'?

**10.** Answer **ANY ONE** of the following two questions in about 150 words. **(8)**

**(A)** "Trembling, terrified to fail,/ blind with tears, the nightingale/ heard him out in silence, tried,/ puffed up, burst a vein and died." Keeping the poem in view, write an article in about 150 words considering how selfish people try to exploit the innocent and what we must do to avoid being exploited like the nightingale.

**OR**

**(B)** Do you agree with the statement that Patol Babu is a practical man who comes to terms with whatever life has to offer? Give reasons for your answer.

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**SAMPLE QUESTION PAPER**

**ENGLISH COMMUNICATIVE (Code No. 101)**

**CLASS-X-(2024-25)**

**TIME- 3 Hrs. Max. Marks-80**

General Instructions:

Read the following instructions very carefully and strictly follow them:

- I. This question paper has 12 questions. All questions are compulsory.
- II. This question paper contains three sections:  
Section A: Reading Skills,  
Section B: Writing Skills  
Section C: Grammar  
Section D: Literature Textbook
- III. Attempt all questions based on specific instructions for each part. Write the correct question number and part thereof in your answer sheet.
- IV. Separate instructions are given with each question/part, wherever necessary.
- V. Adhere to the prescribed word limit while answering the questions.

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**SECTION A: READING (22 marks)**

1. Read the passage given below and answer the questions that follow: (12 Marks)

Environmental pollution refers to the introduction of harmful pollutants into the environment. The major types of environmental pollution are air pollution, water pollution, noise pollution, thermal pollution, soil pollution and light pollution. Deforestation and hazardous gaseous emissions also lead to environmental pollution. We all live on planet Earth, which is the only planet known to have an environment, where air and water are two basic things that sustain life.

Without air and water the Earth would be like the other planets. The biosphere in which living beings have their sustenance has oxygen, nitrogen, carbon dioxide, argon and water vapour. All these are well balanced to ensure and help a healthy growth of life in the animal world.

The sources and causes of environmental pollution include the following.

**Industrial Activities :**

The industries, that brought prosperity, made inroads in the biosphere and disturbed the ecological balance. The pall of smoke, the swirling gases, industrial effluents and the fall-out of scientific experiments became constant health hazards, polluting and contaminating both air and water. The improper disposals of industrial wastes are the sources of soil and water pollution. Buy bestselling books online

**Pollution by Vehicles :**

The smoke emitted by vehicles using petrol and diesel and the cooking coal also pollutes the environment. The harmful smoke of these vehicles causes air pollution. Further, the sounds produced by these vehicles cause noise pollution.

**Rapid Urbanisation and Industrialisation :**

The urbanisation and the rapid growth of industrialization are causing, through environmental pollution, the greatest harm to the plant life, which in turn harms the animal kingdom and human lives.

**Population Overgrowth :**

Due to the increase in population, there has been a surge in demand for basic food, occupation and shelter. The world has witnessed massive deforestation to expand and absorb the growing population and their demands. There surely cannot be any radical solution, for the existing factories cannot be bodily lifted to a place far from the populated zone. However, many attempts have been made to solve the problem of environmental pollution. The government can at least see that future factories are set up at a distant place, an industrial complex far away

from the township. Deforestation should be stopped and forestry should be devolved. Discharge of factory wastes in rivers should be banned so as to make the river-water free from pollution.

Answer the following questions, based on the passage above.

(i) Select the way in which deforestation can be controlled (1)

- (a) By launching new industries
- (b) By cutting more and more trees
- (c) By purchasing new vehicles
- (d) By planting new plants and not cutting trees

(ii) How is Earth different from any other planet in our solar system? (2)

(iii) How have the industries have become successful? (1)

- (a) Poor ecological balance
- (b) Encroaching the environment
- (c) Disposing wastes carelessly
- (d) Doing scientific experiments

(iv) What is causing the greatest harm to the plant life? (1)

(v) Why is there no radical solution to the problem of pollution (2)

(vi) Substitute the underlined word in the given sentence from the given word from the passage which means the same. (1)

The constant cutting of trees had damaged the ecological balance.

(vii) Select the tone of the author in the passage. (1)

- (a) Objective
- (b) Dejected
- (c) Didactic
- (d) Philosophical

(viii) Complete the sentence appropriately. (1)

Deforestation leads to .....

(ix) Complete the sentence appropriately. (1)

The population overgrowth results an increase in .....

(x) State whether the given assertion is True or False. (1)

Improper disposal of industrial wastes is the source of soil and water pollution.

2. Read the passage given below and answer the questions that follow: (10 marks)

Here is the revised table of the top 5 electronic companies, their motto, market capitalization, and net worth, without any hyperlinks or citations:

Company	Motto	Market Capitalization (USD billions)	Net Worth (USD billions)
Apple Inc.	"Think Different"	2,792	274.515
Microsoft Corp.	"Empower every person and every organisation on the planet to achieve more"	2,399	143.015
Alphabet Inc. (Google)	"Do the right thing"	1,642	182.527
Amazon.com Inc.	"Work hard. Have fun. Make history."	1,374	386.064
Meta Platforms Inc. (Facebook)	"Move fast and break things"	734.6	85.965

Answer the questions based on the table above.

(i) Describe the market capitalisation and net worth of Apple Inc. and Microsoft Corp. according to the table. [2]

(ii) Which company has the motto "Do the right thing"? [1]

(A) Apple Inc.

(B) Microsoft Corp.

(C) Alphabet Inc. (Google)

(D) Amazon.com Inc.

(iii) Compare the market capitalization of Alphabet Inc. (Google) and Amazon.com Inc. according to the table. [2]

(iv) Apple Inc. : "Think Different": Amazon.com Inc.: ..... [1]

(v) Which company has the highest net worth according to the table? [1]

(vi) According to the table, the motto of Meta Platforms Inc. (Facebook) is ..... [1]

(vii) Explain how the market capitalisation, net worth, and motto of Microsoft Corp. are represented in the table. [1]

(A) Microsoft Corp.'s market capitalisation is 2,399 USD billions, its net worth is 143.015 USD billions, and its motto is "Empower every person and every organisation on the planet to achieve more."

(B) Microsoft Corp.'s market capitalisation is 1,642 USD billions, its net worth is 182.527 USD billions, and its motto is "Do the right thing."

(C) Microsoft Corp.'s market capitalisation is 1,374 USD billions, its net worth is 386.064 USD billions, and its motto is "Work hard. Have fun. Make history."

viii) Match the following companies with their mottos [1]

- |                     |   |   |
|---------------------|---|---|
| (A) Apple Inc.      | – | 1."Move fast and break things"  |
| (B) Microsoft Corp. | – | 2."Think Different"   |
| (C) Alphabet Inc.   | – | 3."Work hard. Have fun. Make history."  |
| (D) Amazon.com Inc. | – | 4."Empower every person and every organization on the planet to achieve more" |

#### SECTION B: WRITING SKILLS (22 marks)

3. You are Vignesh from Lovedale School, Ooty. Write an e mail, in about 50 words, to your principal, requesting him to permit you to go home before the commencement of winter holidays . Include a valid reason.

You may copy the given template to write your email.

from:	
to:	
Cc:	principal.ldschoo@gmail.com
date:	November 20, 2024, 05:10 PM
subject:	

4. Write a factual description, in not more than 100 words, of a laptop that you purchased for yourself recently. 4

5 A Write a letter to the Minister of Education of your state , addressing the issue of carelessness shown by some people regarding the education for girls. Deliberate the causes of poor interest in their education, and social benefits of educating a girl child. Also, emphasise the importance of community engagement and collaboration in achieving female literacy for the development of our nation.

Use ideas from Unit 2: Education, along with your own to write this letter in not more than 120 words. 7

Or

You are Mahesh Kumar/Rajshree a customer of Jio Fiber Broadband. Write a letter to the Customer Care Department, Amazon India, regarding the damage of the delivered items. You are a resident of A-30, NSPCL Colony ,Raipur.

6. 8

Inspite of knowing the importance of trees, they are being cut ruthlessly by man. As Hema of class 9, write an article for your school magazine, in about 150 words, discussing the impact of cutting trees on environment and other related problems. Using the given cues, along with your own ideas and those you may have gathered from MCB Unit 4, ENVIRONMENT.

Trees are lungs of our planet.  
 Deforestation will choke the planet.  
 If logging continues ,life on this planet will be adversely affected.  
 Bio-diversity will be affected.  
 Eco-system will be affected.  
 Deforestation leads to pollution.  
 Increase in greenhouse gases  
 Extinction of many plant species  
 We must stop cutting of trees and find alternatesto use in the buildings of various constructions.

Or

“In a landmark judgement on April 12, 2012, the Supreme Court upheld the constitutional validity of the provision in the Right to Education Act, 2009 that makes it mandatory for all schools (government and private) except private, unaided minority schools to reserve 25% of their seats for children belonging to “weaker section and disadvantaged group”.

There was a news item in the Times of India related to RTE where the Supreme Court directed every school, including the private ones to immediately give free education to students of socially and economically backward classes. This Act has no doubt heralded a new era in the country’s formal education. Still, you feel, it’s a big challenge for the nation. Based on the input and your ideas gathered from ‘Unit 2-Education’, write an article on ‘New Hope with the Right to Education in about 150 words.

SECTION C: GRAMMAR (10 marks)

7.A Complete the tasks (A) to (C), as directed. 3x1=3

Fill the blanks (I) -(III) with the appropriate option from those in the brackets.

Communication (a)..... become very effective (b)..... instant due to smart phones. People are able (c)..... convey their message all around the globe to their loved ones .

(a) (i) is (ii) has (iii) have (iv) had

(b) (i) but (ii) as (iii) or (iv) and

(c) (i) for (ii) in (iii) to (iv) of

B) In the following paragraph, one word has been omitted in each line. In your answer sheets, remember to write the missing word along with the word that comes before and after it, as shown below. The first one has been done as an example.

4x1=4

No.	Text	Word before	Omission	Word after
	e.g. Mahatma Gandhi considered one	Gandhi	<u>was</u>	considered
i.	of most influential men to ever walk			
ii.	on Earth. Through principles of			
iii.	Non-violence non-cooperation,			
iv.	he won hearts not only India but also in South Africa.			

(C) Do as directed.

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i. Rearrange the following jumbled words/phrases in the given dialogue to create a meaningful sentence.

Tom: Say, Jim, I'll fetch the water if you'll whitewash some.

Jim: Ma'am said I don't have permission to do it.

Tom: worry/about/she/what/said/to/don't you

ii. Report the dialogues to complete the paragraph that follows:

Biology Teacher: I instructed you to draw the diagram of bacteria. Why did you submit a blank sheet?

Sameer: Sir, I had drawn the diagram of bacteria, but you can't see it because it is not visible to the naked eye

The biology teacher had instructed Sameer to draw the diagram of a bacterial cell and asked him (a) ..... a blank sheet. Sameer respectfully answered that he had drawn the diagram but (b) ..... to the naked eye.

#### SECTION D : LITERATURE TEXTBOOK (26 marks)

8 Read the given excerpts and answer the questions briefly, for ANY TWO excerpts, of the three, given.

4+4=8

Look on my Works, ye Mighty, and despair!

Nothing beside remains. Round the decay

Of that colossal Wreck, boundless and bare

The lone and level sands stretch far away."

- Name the speaker of these lines.
- What is the irony present in the given lines?
- Which word in these lines means 'extremely large'?
- What is said to be "colossal wreck"?

B. 'But here's a parchment with the seal of Caesar;

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

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'

- i. Who speaks these words? Where is the speaker at this moment?
- ii. What are the contents of Caesar's will that he is referring to?
- iii. Why does the speaker read Caesar's will to the citizens?
- iv. What is the reaction of the listeners to the reading of the will?

C. 'Oh yes, sorry. The part is that of a --- a pedestrian. An absent -minded, short-tempered pedestrian. By the way, do you have a jacket which buttons up to the neck?'

'I think I do. You mean the old-fashioned kind?'

'Yes. That's what you'll wear. What colour is it?'

'Sort of nut-brown. But woollen.'

'That's okay. The story is supposed to take place in winter, so that would be just right.

Tomorrow at eight-thirty sharp. Faraday House.'

- i. Between whom does the conversation take place?
- ii. Why does the speaker ask the listener to go to faraday House?
- iii. What do you mean by 'pedestrian'?
- iv. What was the reaction of the listener to the offer made by the listener?

9. Answer any five of the following six questions in about 40 words each. 5x2=10

- I. What qualities do you admire in the brothers in 'Two Gentlemen of Verona?'
- II. Give two examples of imagery and personification in 'The Rime of the Ancient Mariner'.
- III. What is D.H. Lawrence's view about education as suggested in the poem 'Snake'?
- IV. How does Antony prove that Julius Caesar was generous, by all means?
- V. Discuss how Shakespeare's sonnet 'Not Marble, nor the Gilded Monuments' conveys the theme of immortality through poetry.
- VI. What do you know about the past life of Coachman Ali?

10. Answer any one of the following two questions in about 150 words. 1x8=8

Which character in 'The Frog and the Nightingale' do you appreciate? Why?

OR

Mrs. Packletide's desire became a constant trouble for her. Explain.

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**General Instructions:**

- The question paper contains 4 sections: Section A: Reading (22marks), Section B: Writing Skills (22 marks) and Section C: Grammar (10 marks) Section-D: Literature Textbook (26 marks)
- All questions are compulsory.
- Any section can be attempted at a time.
- All the questions of that particular section must be attempted in the correct order.
- Adhere to the prescribed word limit while answering the questions.

**SECTION-A: READING SKILLS (22 Marks)**

1. Read the passage given below carefully: (12 Marks)

1. Click!" That's the sound of safety. That's the sound of survival. That's the sound of a seat belt locking in place. Seat belts save lives, and that's a fact. That's why I don't drive anywhere until mine is on tight. Choosing to wear your seat belt is as simple as choosing between life and death. Which one do you choose?

2. Think about it. When you're driving in a car, you may be traveling at 60 MPH or faster. Your car is zipping down the road. Then, suddenly, someone ahead of you slams on their brakes. Your driver doesn't have time to stop. The car you are in crashes. It was going 60 miles per hour, and now it has suddenly stopped. Your body, however, is still moving at 60 MPH. What's going to stop your body? Will it be the windshield or your seat belt? Every time you get into a car, you make that choice. I choose the seat belt.

3. Some people think that seat belts are uncool. They believe seat belts cramp their style or find them uncomfortable. To them, I ask: what's more uncomfortable? Wearing a seat belt or flying through a car windshield? What's more uncool? Being safely secured in a car, or skidding across the road in your jeans? Wearing a seat belt is both cooler and more comfortable than the alternatives.

4. Let's take a closer look at your choices. If you are not wearing a seat belt, you can move freely around the car and slide in and out of your seat easily. That might sound like fun, but you are also more likely to die or suffer serious injuries in an accident. If you are wearing a seat belt, you have to stay in your seat. It may not seem fun, but you are much more likely to walk away unharmed from a car accident. A small inconvenience for significant safety. That's a choice worth considering. I prefer to avoid the serious pain.

5. How about giving money away? Do you like to do that? Probably not. But when you don't wear your seat belt, you are effectively choosing to give your money away. That's because children are required to wear seat belts in every state in several countries. If you're riding in a car without a seat belt, the police can issue a chalan ticket to you or your driver. Then you'll have to pay a fine for the offense.

6. Wearing a seat belt does not make you invincible. You can still get hurt or killed while wearing your seat belt. However, wearing them has proven to be safer than not wearing them. You are much less likely to be killed or seriously injured in a car crash if you are wearing a seat belt. So why not choose the safer option? Why not go the way that has been proven to result in fewer deaths and injuries? After all, you do want to live, don't you?

i) What assumption can be made about the author's attitude towards seat belt usage?

- A) They believe it's a personal choice with no real consequences.
- B) They are indifferent to the use of seat belts.
- C) They view wearing seat belts as an essential safety measure.
- D) They think seat belts are unnecessary in modern cars.

ii) The passage includes some words that have similar meanings. From the sets (a)-(d) below, identify the set that contains synonyms:

- 1. Unharmed and Safe
- 2. Choice and Option



3. Probably and invincible  
 (a) Option 1 and 2  
 (c) Option 2 and 3
4. Uncool and effective  
 (b) Option 3 and 4  
 (d) Option 1 and 4

iii) Which of the following titles would be the most appropriate for the passage? 1

- A) The Unseen Dangers of Driving  
 B) The Importance of Wearing Seat Belts  
 C) Road Safety and Legal Implications  
 D) The Evolution of Car Safety Features

iv) State the given statement True or False: 1

The passage suggests that wearing a seat belt can completely eliminate the risk of injury or death in car accidents.

v) The passage implies that the decision to wear a seat belt can also affect..... 1

vi) Complete the sentence: According to the passage, choosing not to wear a seat belt while driving can lead to \_\_\_\_\_. 1

vii) What does the passage suggest about the perception of seat belts among some people? 2

viii) According to the passage, what is a consequence of not wearing a seat belt? 2

ix) Based on the passage, why do you think wearing a seat belt is important despite some people considering it uncool or uncomfortable? 2

**2. Read the following passage carefully:**

1. In an era dominated by screens and constant connectivity, a counter-movement is gaining momentum: the digital detox. This movement encourages individuals to take intentional breaks from their digital devices, aiming to reduce stress, improve mental well-being, and foster real-world connections.
2. The primary drive behind the digital detox movement is the growing realization of the adverse effects of excessive screen time. Studies have shown that prolonged exposure to screens can disrupt sleep patterns, reduce attention spans, and even contribute to feelings of loneliness and depression. By consciously unplugging, individuals can recalibrate their relationship with technology and rediscover the joys of face-to-face interactions.
3. However, embracing a digital detox is not without its challenges. In a world where work, social interactions, and even leisure often revolve around digital platforms, disconnecting can feel daunting. There's also the fear of missing out (FOMO) on important updates or news. Yet, with structured breaks and setting clear boundaries, many find the transition to be rejuvenating.
4. Beyond individual benefits, the digital detox movement has broader societal implications. Schools are introducing tech-free days, companies are promoting device-free meetings, and retreats are offering unplugged experiences. These initiatives aim to create a balanced digital ecosystem, where technology enhances rather than dominates our lives.



**SECTION-B: WRITING****(22 marks)**

3. Write an email to the Principal of your school requesting him to arrange some more furniture for your classroom. (3)

You may copy the given template to write your email.

From :	
To :	
Cc :	
Date:	
Subject:	

4. It is your father/mother's birthday. Write a factual description of a gift you gave them and with what, why, and how of your choice. Describe the gift and the happiness you and your father/mother felt. The description must not cross the 100-word limit. [4]

5. You are Ram/Rajani, a resident of Nagpur. You feel students should use the Internet mostly for gaining knowledge rather than wasting away time merely on entertainment. Write a letter to the Editor, 'The Harbinger', 9, Bund Marg, Hyderabad, in about 120 words, pointing out how parents can control students' net surfing and enable them to use internet fruitfully. Use idea from MCB unit 2 : Education, along with your own. (7)

OR

The Union Minister has flagged off a fleet of electric vehicles, an eco-friendly mode of – public transport. Taking tips from the Unit 'Science' in the MCB write a letter to the Editor in about 120 words of a national newspaper on this issue to highlight the point that Electric Vehicles (EVs) are energy efficient and environment friendly. You are Vineet/Vineeta.

6. 'Books give you knowledge, travelling — experience.' As Aakash of class X-D, write an article in not more than 150 words for your school magazine emphasising the importance of travelling. You can use your own experience as traveller to provide examples to your statement and also use ideas from MCB- Unit 5 -Travel and Tourism. [8]

- **Hints:** Timeless Truth
- Windows to knowledge
- Travelling nurtures adaptability, empathy

OR

On the occasion of World Health Day, write an article in about 150 words for the school news-letter on the topic, 'Importance of Physical Health in Our Lives', using the clues given below and also use ideas from MCB Unit-1 Health and Medicine.

(8 marks)

- **Hints:** Healthy mind lives in a healthy body.
- Lack of time for physical activity because of the demands of modern lives.
- Ignoring the health increases the risk of many diseases.
- Discipline is the key to resolving these concerns.

**SECTIONC: GRAMMAR (10 marks)**

7. Complete the tasks A – C, as directed.

A. Fill the blanks (i)-(iii) with the appropriate option from those given brackets. (3)

Overeating is one of the most wonderful practices among those who think that

(i) ..... (their/them/they) can afford it. Authorities say (ii) ..... (this/that/it) nearly all, who can get as much (iii) ..... (as/is/was) they desire, overeat to their disadvantage.

**B. Choose the right/most appropriate word from the options given below and complete the following passage.**

(4)

The students (i) \_\_\_\_\_ talking as Miss Sarkar (ii) \_\_\_\_\_ the classroom. Then in a loud voice (iii) \_\_\_\_\_ said 'Good Morning' and (iv) \_\_\_\_\_ quickly around the room.

i) (a) are (b) was (c) were (d) is been

(ii) (a) enters (b) entered (c) entering (d) entours

(iii) (a) she (b) they (c) he (d) them

(iv) (a) glance (b) glancing (c) glanced (d) glancy

**C. Do as directed.**

(3)

(i) Rearrange the following word clusters in the given information to make meaningful sentences. (1)

The earthworm is the worm we know best. An earthworm wriggles like most worms do.

Some worms have no legs but they can swim. Earthworms live in the ground.

rainy/season/come/during/in/large/numbers/they/out

(ii) Report the dialogues to complete the paragraphs given below. (1 + 1)

Yashvi: How did you spend your holidays?

Saksham : I went for cricket coaching. What did you do?

Yashvi: I went for the NTSC coaching classes.

Yashvi asked Saksham (a) ..... his holidays. Saksham said that (b) ..... for Cricket coaching and wanted to know she had enjoyed going for during holidays. Yashvi told him that she has gone for the NTSC coaching classes.

#### **SECTION-D : LITERATURE TEXTBOOK (26 Marks)**

**8. Read the following extracts and the answer the questions briefly.(4+4=8)**

**A.** Answering a reporter's question as to what the family was going to do next, Mr. Shultz said that they were off to stock up on some games. "It was while we were in the hospital, someone stole the lot. I don't know what happened to them."

- i) Why was Shultz in the hospital ?
- ii) What happened to the games after they were stolen ?
- iii) What does the phrase, 'stock up' mean ?
- iv) Whom is Mr. Shultz taking to?

**B.** "We do many things, sir," Nicola answered seriously. He glanced at us hopefully. "Often we show visitors through the town ... to Juliet's tomb ... and other places of interest." (Page 4)

- (i) Who are 'We' mentioned in the first line?
- (ii) Why did Nicola glance at them hopefully?
- (iii) What is the synonym of 'looked quickly' in the passage?
- (iv) Name the author of this lesson ?

C. Change of air will do you good. I'll join you presently!" If only she would go till Helen could depart! I'd have the devil of a time explaining afterwards, of course, but anything would be better than to have Lavinia see a ghost. Why, that sensitive little woman couldn't bear to have a mouse say boo at her—and what would she say to a ghost in her own living-room?  
Lavinia cast a cold eye upon me. "You are acting very queerly," she sniffed. "You are concealing something from me."

- i) Why was John trying to deceive the speaker?
- ii) Whom was John trying to conceal?
- iii) What was John afraid of?
- iv) Find a word from the given extract which means the same as 'in a strange or perplexing way'

**9. Answer any 5 of the following 6 questions in about 30-40 words each. (5x2=10)**

- i) Who does the 'shattered visage' in the poem, 'Ozymandias', belong to and why is it 'half sunk'?
- (ii) Was Julius Caesar proud and overconfident? Justify (Julius Caesar)
- (iii) In 'Virtually True', when did the first video game come to an end?
- (iv) How did Patol Babu react on receiving his dialogue? (Patol Babu, A Film Star)
- (v) Why does the speaker consider his intention of killing the snake as 'a paltry vulgar and mean act'? (Snake)
- vi) How does Mrs. Slater plan to outshine the Jordans? What does it reveal about her character?

**10. Answer any 1 of the following 2 questions in about 150 words. (8)**

After reading Julius Caesar, you feel inspired by the friendship between Mark Antony and Caesar and decide to guide the evil frog from the story 'The Frog and the Nightingale' teaching him the values of loyalty and friendship. As Jatin/Jenna write a letter in not more than 150 words to address the frog.

**OR**

'None are so empty as those who are full of themselves.' Compare and contrast the characters of Mrs. Packletide and Ozymandias in light of this statement.

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**DELHI PUBLIC SCHOOL, BHILAI**

**DATE :** **SAMPLE PAPER 2024-'25** **Time : 3Hrs.**  
**CLASS : X** **SUBJECT- ENGLISH COMMUNICATIVE** **Max. Marks : 80**

**General Instructions:**

1.This paper contains FOUR sections- READING SKILLS, WRITING SKILLS, GRAMMAR, LITERATURE TEXTBOOK

2. Attempt questions based on specific instructions for each part.

**SECTION-A READING SKILLS (22 MARKS)**

1. Read the following passage and answer the questions that follow: **(12 Marks)**

**Self-management – never ending pursuit based**

1. Recently, Roger Federer, one of the greatest tennis players, delivered a commencement speech to the graduating class at Dartmouth College in the US. With about 25 years of experience as a pro athlete, Federer shared some profound insights. One notable point he made was that "Effortlessness is a Myth". Often described as effortless, talented, and gifted, Federer revealed that being perfect is impossible. His success came from grit and resilience during practice and throughout his life. The notion of being perfect all the time and avoiding failure can create unnecessary pressure, leading to burnout and stress, with severe consequences, if accumulated. Federer emphasised that the best in the world are not best because they win every point but because they know they will lose again and again and have learned how to deal with it.

2. Another inspiring player is Novak Djokovic. Some of his practices and routine show us that having physical ability on the court is not all that is needed. Djokovic emphasises about the importance of mental strength and the ability to introspect ourselves. We often look for solutions around us and find reasons or blame external factors for why things go wrong. A key shift needed here is that it is important to look within ourselves as almost all solutions can be found through inner reflections. Accepting that things may not always go our way and quickly resetting our

mindset is important. Delaying this process and lingering in negative emotions wastes time and can become a habit, hindering us from reaching our potential.

3. Much of the above is about self-management and how one can learn through their experiences to become a better individual. India, with its rich history, has produced brilliant thinkers who have shared valuable learnings from their times. We also have Vedic literature, such as the Bhagavad Gita, which provides a solid base for navigating our paths. Reading these texts with an open mind and a desire to understand can reveal profound insights.

4. One of the most beautiful aspects of these texts is their scope for interpretation. There are no rigid rules about their meaning. Everyone, on their level of evolution in thinking, can interpret them in their own way, using them to improve themselves. The interpretation of the same text by the same person can change over time, reflecting personal growth and evolving understanding. This shows that as we learn and evolve, our comprehension of existence deepens. It's astonishing that people many hundreds of years ago could create such practical, open texts that anyone from any part of the world can use to navigate life.

5. Great athletes excel in self-management. Having a guide and mentor is important for sharing learnings and providing guidance. As Indians, we are fortunate to have a rich body of literature that we can access even without a personal mentor. This literature can help us manage ourselves in a more mindful, alert, and proactive manner. -Mudit Pant

Read the passage and answer the questions that follow:

- i. What does Roger Federer suggest is a common misconception about his success? 1
  - a) That it came from superior coaching
  - b) That it was achieved with minimal effort
  - c) That it was due to early specialisation in tennis from 1980
  - d) That it was the result of advanced technology
- ii. What quality does Novak Djokovic emphasize as crucial, besides physical ability

- on the court? 1
- iii. What can create unnecessary pressure, according to Federer, and lead to burnout and stress? 1
- iv. What key shift does Novak Djokovic suggest is necessary to address problems effectively? 1
- A. Focusing on external factors
- B. Looking within oneself through inner reflection
- C. Ignoring the problems and moving on
- D. Relying on physical training alone
- v. How does the interpretation of Vedic texts, like the Bhagavad Gita, change over time for an individual? 1
- vi. State whether the given assertion is TRUE or FALSE: 1
- Novak Djokovic believes that solutions to problems cannot be found within oneself.
- vii. According to the passage, what are the potential consequences of striving for perfection and avoiding failure? Discuss both immediate and long-term impacts.
- viii. Discuss the dual role of mental strength and introspection in Novak Djokovic's approach to dealing with setbacks. How does this differ from focusing solely on physical ability? 2
- ix. Substitute the underlined word in the following sentence with a word/ phrase from paragraph 1 that means the same. 1
- Over the years, he had collected numerous awards for his contributions to science.
- x. Complete the sentence appropriately: 1
- Successful athletes like Federer and Djokovic demonstrate that achieving excellence in sports and beyond, demands \_\_\_\_\_.



2. Read the following passage and answer the questions that follow:

(10 Marks)

### WHY ONE MUST READ

(1) *'Books are the quietest and most constant of friends; they are the most accessible and wisest Of counsellors, and the most patient of teachers'.* -Charles W. Elio

It's very often that one hears the clichéd expression, 'Reading is important and beneficial'

Ever wondered why? Let's review some points.

Reading skills are important to children's success in school, as it allows them to improve their Communication and language skills and at the same time enable them to access the breadth and depth of the curriculum. In addition, reading can be a fun and imaginative time for children, which opens doors to all kinds of new worlds for them. Between the pages of a book, they are transported to another world and become immersed in the lives of fictional characters.

(2) Research shows that reading for pleasure makes a big difference to children's educational Performance. Studies suggest that children who read for enjoyment every day not only perform Better in reading tests than those who do not, but also develop a broader vocabulary, experience A range of emotions, and acquire skills and knowledge while developing a better understanding of other cultures, entirely different from their own. This acquired background knowledge is Then used to make sense of what they see, hear, and read which aids their cognitive

development.

*“...Stories, told and read, are the fuel that propels young minds and bodies into action,*

*Enriching the material children use as they develop their thinking and their language – speech, reading and writing.”* [Dr Carole Bloch, director of the Project for the Study of Alternative Education in South Africa]

(3) When children read books they are involved with the characters in the story. This enables them, to recognise the feelings of the characters, as they experience the lives that they lead in the story. They can then use their understanding to empathise with the people they meet in day-to-day life, and at the same time get to understand their own emotions as well. This paves way for better social development and stronger interpersonal skills.

(4) Books are the best way to travel the world and experience things differently. Children read About people, places, and events. This gives them a deeper understanding of the world around i Them and cultures that are different from their own

(5) Reading regularly and consistently helps to improve children’s concentration. Moreover it is highly beneficial since it helps children develop the habit of sitting still and engaging in Reading activity. This will go a long way in their performance at school.

(6) Reading helps children to use their imagination for picturing characters, visualising the settings and anticipating the development of the story. This eventually helps them develop their imagination which leads to greater creativity and more innovative ideas.

(7) To sum up, the more children read the more impactful it will be to help to accelerate their creative and critical thinking skills and evolve into better and more informed individuals.

1. i. Charles W. Elio described books as? (1)
- Loyal and devoted mentors
  - Serious and regular friends
  - Calm and steady companions
  - Persistent and distracting teachers
- ii. Research suggests that children who read for pleasure on a daily basis:- (1)
- Perform average in reading tests
  - Ac Decrease quire limited vocabulary
  - lack emotional intelligence
  - Develop better cognitive skills
- iii. According to Dr. Carole Bloch, what role do stories play in children's development? (2)
- iv. How does reading help children empathize with others? (2)
- v. What are the benefits of reading regularly as mentioned in the passage? (1)
- concentration
  - Limits creativity
  - Improve concentration
  - Increase impulsiveness
  - Improve academically
- A) a & e B) c & d C) d & e D) c & e
- vi. "... Stories, told and read, are the fuel that propels young minds and bodies into action.....
- Out of the sentences given below, which does not convey the meaning similar to the sentence given above (1)
- The chef used spices to fuel the flavour of the dish.
  - His ambition to succeed served as fuel for his determination.
  - It is essential to fuel up in order to reach our destination.

d. The company's success was fuelled by innovative marketing strategies.

vii.State whether the given assertion is TRUE or FALSE. (1)

The passage suggests that children can broaden their understanding of the world by learning about diverse cultures, people and places, only through travel.

viii.Substitute the underlined phrase in the following sentence with a word/ phrase from paragraphs 3 – 5, that means the same. (1)

In times of crisis, communities often come together to support one another and **foster a strong sense of togetherness among** its members.

### SECTION B : WRITING SKILLS (22 Marks)

3. Write a formal e-mail in about 50 words t4o your Principal requesting leave for three days because you are suffering from a severe fever and your doctor has advised you for a bed rest for three days. Include the dates and provide any necessary supporting documents. You are Lakshit /Lakshita of Sapphire Public School, Gurugram.

You may copy the given template to write your email. (3)

from :	
to :	
Cc :	
date :	
subject	

4. Write a factual description in about 100 words about a smart watch that you purchased recently. (4)

5. (A)Vineet/Vani of , 165, Ramakrishna Road, Kolkata is concerned about the need of water as a basic amenity and decides to write a letter in not more than 120 words to the Editor of a daily newspaper in Kolkata, highlighting the need to save water and raise the water table. Taking ideas from MCB Unit 4 'Environment , along with your own ideas, write the letter. (7)

OR

(B) You are Satish/Sonali, the Literary Captain in charge of the school library. You have been asked to place an order for Children's story books. Write a letter in not more than 120 words to MS Book Depot, Ram Nagar, Bikaner placing an order for the books. Invent the necessary details.

6. (A) Write an article about the role of technology in transforming modern classrooms. Focus on elements such as digital tools, online learning platforms, the impact on student engagement, and challenges educators face integrating technology. You may take ideas from **MCB Unit-3: 'Science'** and use the following cues: (8)

- Technology has revolutionized teaching with interactive tools like whiteboards and educational apps.
- Online platforms offer accessible education and global collaboration opportunities.
- Students benefit from engaging content, instant feedback, and personalized learning paths.
- Educators face challenges integrating technology, including disparities in access and privacy concerns.
- Overall, technology empowers educators to create dynamic learning environments for a tech-savvy generation.

OR

(B) Write an article to explore the consequences of plastic pollution in the world's oceans. Include topics on the sources of oceanic plastic waste, effects on marine life, initiatives for cleaning up the oceans, and ways individuals can reduce their plastic usage. You may take ideas from **MCB Unit-4: 'Environment'** and use the following cues:

- Single-use plastics and microplastics contribute to ocean pollution.

- Entanglement and ingestion harm marine animals.
- Beach cleanups and innovative technologies combat plastic pollution.
- Reduce single-use plastics and minimize microplastic sources.
- Take steps to preserve marine ecosystems for future generations.

### SECTION C : GRAMMAR (10 Marks)

7. Complete the tasks A to C as directed.

(A) Fill in the blanks with the appropriate option from those in the brackets. (3)

Milkha Singh, also known as The Flying Sikh, was an Indian track and field sprinter (i) ..... (which/ who/ that) was introduced to the sport while serving in the Indian Army. He (ii) ..... (represents/ is representing/ represented) India in the Olympics. On being asked how he pushed himself through the tough days of vigorous training, he said that (iii) ..... (his/my/it) only focus was to become the best athlete in the world.

(B) In the passage given below, one word has been omitted in each line. Write the missing word along with the word that comes before and the word that comes after. The first one has been done for you. (4)

**Word before    Omission    Word after**

I been reading a book for an hour when I                    .....I.....                    ...had....                    ...been....

Remembered that I forgotten to call                    (a) .....

my friend.

We be attending college from next session (b).....

together. I looking forward to it. (c) .....

I hope it be as exciting as I have imagined. (d).....

**(C) (i)** Rearrange the following jumbled words/phrases in the given dialogue to create a meaningful sentence. **(1)**

Amit: Do you think physical education is given much importance these days in our campuses?

Anuj: Yes, I do.

games and physical activities/ a student /method/goes through/it is/ by which/ now/a.

**(ii)** Report the dialogues to complete the paragraph that follows. **(1+1)**

Interviewer: So, why do you want to be a computer analyst?

Aditya: Well, I have always been interested in computers.

The interviewer asked Aditya why (a)\_\_\_\_\_ to which Aditya replied that

(b)\_\_\_\_\_.

#### **SECTION D : LITERATURE TEXTBOOK (26 marks)**

**8.** Read the given excerpts and answer the following questions briefly, for **ANY TWO** excerpts of the three given. **(4+4=8)**

**(A)** 'As we made the rounds, my interest was again provoked by their remarkable demeanour. They were childish enough, and in many ways quite artless. Jacopo was as lively as a squirrel.

Nicola's smile was steady and engaging. Yet in both their boyish faces there was a seriousness which was far beyond their Years. In the week which followed we saw them frequently, for they proved extremely useful to us.'

- (i) Why does the author say that the demeanour of the two boys was remarkable?
- (ii) What does the writer wish to imply through the comparison of Jacopo to a squirrel?
- (iii) How did the boys prove useful for the narrator and his companion?
- (iv) Select the suitable word from the extract, to complete the following.

Happy: sad: pacify: \_\_\_\_\_

- A. Provoke
- B. Remarkable
- C. Steady
- D. Engage

(B) 'But when the evening of his life was drawing in, he left his old ways and his life suddenly took a new turn. His only child, Miriam married and left him. She went off with a soldier into his regiment in the Punjab and for the last five years he had no news of his daughter for whose sake alone he dragged long a cheerless existence. Now he understood the meaning of love and separation. He could no longer enjoy the sportsman's pleasure and laughter at the bewildered terror of the young partridges bereft of their parents'.

- (i) What were the thoughts that troubled Ali in his old age?
  - (ii) Why did Ali give up hunting?
  - (iii) 'Now he knew the meaning of love and separation'. Analyse the feelings of Ali at this juncture of his life?
  - (iv) How did Ali's life become a 'cheerless' one?
- (C) Day after day, day after day,



We stuck, nor breath nor motion;

As idle as a painted ship

Upon a painted ocean.

(i) Which part of the ocean is mentioned in the lines?

(ii) Identify the figure of speech used in the third line.

iii) Why is the ship compared to a painting?

iv) How did the ship get stuck?

9. Answer **ANY FIVE** of the following six questions in about 30 to 40 words each. (5×2=10)

(i) According to Antony, which was “the unkindest cut of all”? Why was it called so?

(ii) Who was Miss Mebbin? Was she really devoted to Mrs. Packletide? How did she behave during the tiger shooting? (Mrs. Packletide’s Tiger) .

(iii) Why was the grandfather so keen on changing his will? (The Dear Departed)

(iv) What is the theme of the poem 'Not Marble nor the Gilded Monuments' by William Shakespeare?

(v) Why did the news of the ‘miracle recovery’ shock Michael? (Virtually True)

(vi) Comment on Elsie Brown’s writing style in the story, ‘The Shady Plot’.

10. Answer **ANY ONE** of the following two questions in about 150 words. (8)

(A) Even though both, the frog from Vikram Seth’s poem, ‘The Frog and the Nightingale’ and Abel’s children from the play, ‘The Dear Departed’, display greed, there are differences. Elaborate, how the greed of the frog and that of Abel’s children differ in motivation, actions, relationship, and consequences.

**OR**

(B) “It is not the magnitude of the work but the way it is performed that makes it significant or insignificant”. Discuss in the light of the story ‘Patol Babu, Film Star’.

**General Instructions**

1. This question paper has 12 questions. All questions are compulsory.
2. This question paper contains four sections  
 Section A : Reading Skills  
 Section B : Writing Skills  
 Section C : Grammar  
 Section D : Literature Textbook
3. Attempt all questions based on specific instructions for each part. Write the correct question number and part thereof in your answer sheet.
4. Separate instructions are given with each question/part, wherever necessary.
5. Adhere to the prescribed word limit while answering the questions.

Time : 3 Hrs.  
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Max. Marks : 80

**Section A Reading Skills**

[22 Marks]

1. Read the following passage carefully. (12)

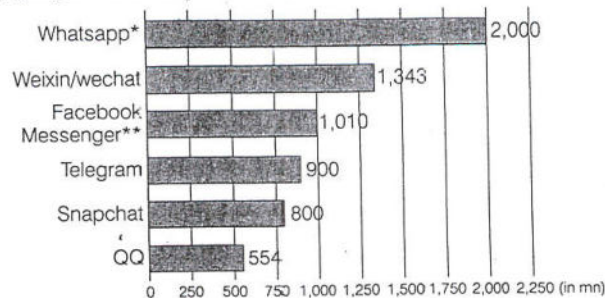
1. It was the city's first indoor play park of its kind. Like a good mother, I was sceptical of virtually every aspect of it. How could it succeed? Why should it succeed? How would a set of contraptions in a room hold the attention of today's children? Don't call me paranoid: I stood with dozens of mothers in similar states of quandary, while the cheerful staff whisked away the curious kids for an hour. "I thought she blew the whistle after 15 minutes," huffed the pre-teen when she returned.
2. The manager came up to me. "I told you, the child would have a blast," she laughed. And explained, "There are hardly any parks in our cities." She meant, hardly anywhere children can be themselves and like a Maria in 'The Sound of Music', where they could climb a tree, scrap their knees and tear their dresses. Most of the recreation now is limited to electronic activity and given half a chance, children would jump for something more physically explorative. Even if it is simple stuff like climbing, whizzing down and jumping on a trampoline.
3. Latest research shows that computer games slow down brain development. The 'in' thing till yesterday, they are 'out' today. Says Nandita Sharma, parent of a well-adjusted teenager, "Any mother can tell that standing at a console juggling a joy-stick isn't conducive to physical relaxation. I rationed Karan's hours at the video games and made sure he spent evenings with his friends in the little space outside the house." Nandita was also afraid that the bright lights of computer games could hurt young eyes. Nor did she like the topic most of the games are based on. "There's just too much violence and fast activity. I know my kid can't lag behind in today's world and computer games certainly sharpen reflexes, but I wish the games would be more interactive and socially inclusive."
4. Indeed, apart from making a zombie out of the child, research indicates that computer games only stimulate activity in the parts of the brain associated with vision and movement. It can also lead the child to be more violent. The lack of mental calisthenics curbs their agility in controlling their response to an unsavoury situation.
5. Moreover, most electronic games isolate the child from the group fun of playing outdoors. Playing with peers and taking a toss or two appreciably strengthens the child's tolerance of others. This behaviour is governed by the frontal lobe, which continues to develop in humans till about 20 years. The more this lobe is exercised during moments of restraint, the more the fibres connecting the neurons in this part of the brain thicken, improving the individual's control of reactions. Playing electronic games, research shows does not encourage the development of this lobe.
6. So now parents know what to do-put away the placebos. After school and home assignment hours, the best thing they could do for their kid is invite his friends home and roll the carpet away!

Answer the following questions based on the passage.

- (i) Pick out the option that correctly lists the author's opinion towards gaming. (1)  
 (a) Supportive (b) Disapproving  
 (c) Satisfying (d) Illogical
- (ii) Select the most suitable title for the above passage. (1)  
 (a) The Indoor Park  
 (b) The Side Effects of Computer Games  
 (c) Say No to Overindulgence in Gadgets  
 (d) The Play Park
- (iii) Complete the following sentence appropriately. (1)  
 The author was paranoid about the indoor play park because .....

- (iv) State whether the given assertion is True or False. (1)  
The frontal lobe helps in decreasing a child's tolerance power and helps in controlling his/her reactions.
- (v) The given passage posits that the indoor play park was a hit. Based on your understanding, list the reasons of this success. (1)
- (vi) Substitute the underlined word in the given sentence with a word from the passage which means the same. (1) **S**  
The evidence provided by Jaya made me doubtful of the new employee.
- (vii) Comment on the writer's reference to computer games in paragraph 3, as a health problem for children. Answer in 30-40 words. (2)
- (viii) List two reasons (in 30-40 words) why parents prefer outdoor physical activity for their children in comparison to video games. (2)
- (ix) What happens to the child as a result of the isolation from outdoor games? (2)

2. Study the following graph carefully. (10)



Most popular global mobile messenger apps as of April 2024, based on number of monthly active users (in millions)

Answer the following questions based on the table above.

- (i) Complete the sentence appropriately.  
With 900 million monthly active users, ..... ranks fourth among the listed messaging apps. (1)
- (ii) Fill in the blank to complete the following analogy appropriately. (1)  
Fruit : Mango :: Messenger : .....
- (iii) What is the most popular social media app? (1)  
(a) WeChat (c) Telegram (b) Snapchat (d) Whatsapp
- (iv) Which of the following messaging apps has fewer than 1 billion monthly active users? (1)  
1. WhatsApp 2. Facebook Messenger 3. Telegram 4. All of these  
Select the correct option  
(a) Only 3 (b) Only 1 (c) Only 2 (d) 2 and 1
- (v) How has acquisition by Facebook helped Whatsapp in terms of global reach? (1)
- (vi) How many monthly active users does QQ have? (1)
- (vii) Discuss the significance of WhatsApp having the highest number of monthly active users compared to other messaging apps. (2)
- (viii) Analyse the reasons behind the lower user base of QQ compared to other messaging apps listed. (2)

## Section B Writing Skills

[22 Marks]

3. Write an e-mail in about 50 words to the librarian of your college informing him that you have lost the book issued to you last week. (3)

You may copy the given template to write your e-mail.

From :	
To :	
Cc :	abc@gmail.com
Date :	12th December, 20XX
Subject :	

4. Write a description of the most interesting person you have ever met in not more than 100 words. (4)

5. A. Ecotourism means responsible travel to natural areas conserving the environment and improving the well-being of local people. The Ecotourism society of India works towards making India a preferred ecotourism destination. Write a letter to the Editor, in not more than 120 words, suggesting ways to strengthen ecotourism in our country. You may take help from MCB Unit : 'Travel and Tourism'. You are Vikram Singh Rathore. (7)

Or

- B. You are Sujoy/Sujata of Nehru Colony, Indore. You recently visited Shimla with your family. You were perturbed to see the tourist throwing empty bottles and cans all over the place. Write a letter to the Editor of a National newspaper in about 120 words expressing your concern and offering suggestions to improve the situation. Use the given clues with your own ideas to compose the letter. (7)

**Eco Friendly Travel**

- Create less waste
- Dispose garbage properly
- 40% pollution increase during the tourist season
- Do sustainable travel
- Waste and pollution have far-reaching impacts on wildlife, the environment, visit on and communities, create - a clean and healthy vacation destination
- Ecological conservation - need of the hour

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6. A. You are Swati/Sandeep, a member of the Environmental Club of your school. After visiting many places in and around the city you noticed activities being carried out that harm the environment. Post this visit, you have realised that it is the need of the hour to protect the environment. (8)

As a columnist for your school magazine, write an article, in about 150 words, using the following clues. You may also use the idea you have gathered from MCB Unit 4 : Environment.

**Clues**

- Maintain ecological balance
- Plant trees
- Reduce pollution
- Reduce deforestation
- Stop dumping industrial waste in rivers

Or -

- B. You read an article on 'Children and Smartphones' in a reputed magazine. Now, write an article for your school magazine expressing your views about the same in about 150 words. You are Ajeet/Akshara, a student of Class X-A. You can use the following clues along with ideas you may have gathered from MCB Unit 3 : Science. (8)

**Clues**

- Smartphones in vogue and ubiquitous
- Become a necessity
- Maturity and understanding
- Personal data and life on public display
- Need for parental supervision
- Knowledge of advantages as well as misuse

**Section C Grammar**

[10 Marks]

7. Complete the tasks A-C, as described.

- A. Fill the blank (i)-(iii) with the appropriate option from those given in brackets. (3)

(i) ..... (Anyone/Everyone/No one) can touch the pitch without being defiled.

Can any man, by just thinking about it, add a cubit (ii) ..... (to/of/in) his stature?

Is that the way a gentleman (iii) ..... (would/should/could) behave?

- B. The following passage has not been edited. There is an error in each line. Write the incorrect word and the correction against the correct blank number. The first one has been done as an example. (4)

The passengers were waited at the station when five policemen rushing into difference compartments of a train. Before sometime, one of them comes out with two young men and soon other police officers joined them.

	Incorrect	Correct
	e.g. waited	waiting
(a) .....	.....	.....
(b) .....	.....	.....
(c) .....	.....	.....
(d) .....	.....	.....

C. Do as directed.

- (i) Rearrange the following word cluster to make meaningful sentence. (1)  
installation/please consider my/of a new/application for/computer system  
I am a resident of Trilok Apartments at Gandhi Nagar, New Delhi. I would be extremely grateful if you could kindly help me.
- (ii) Report the dialogues to complete the paragraph that follows. (1+1)  
*Charlie* : Dear Santa, here is a list of what I want.  
*Patty* : How do you suppose Santa Claus can afford to give away all those toys?  
*Charlie* : Promotion! Don't kid yourself ..... Everything these days is promotion! I will bet if the truth were brought about, you will find that he's being financed by some big Eastern chain!  
While making the list of what Charlie wanted from Santa Claus, Patty asked him how .....(a)..... all those toys. She said that .....(b)..... and that it was possible as Santa was being financed by some big Eastern chain.

### Section D Literature Textbook

[26 Marks]

8. Read the extracts given below and answer the questions briefly, for ANY TWO extracts, of three given. (4+4=8)
- A. The luncheon party she declined. There are limits beyond which repressed emotions become dangerous.  
"How amused every one would be if they knew what really happened," said Louisa Mebbin a few days after the ball.  
"What do you mean?" asked Mrs. Packletide quickly. (Mrs. Packletide's Tiger)
- (i) Who declined the luncheon party? (1)  
(ii) Why did she decline the invitation? (1)  
(iii) Which word in the extract means 'not accepted'? (1)  
(iv) Who has arranged the lunch party and why? (1)
- B. And flickered his two forked tongue  
from his lips and mused a moment,  
And stooped and drank a little more, (Snake)
- (i) Whose lips and tongue are being referred to here? (1)  
(ii) What was he doing? (1)  
(iii) Where was the poet at that time? (1)  
(iv) What does the word 'mused' mean here? (1)
- C. Alas, my lord, Your wisdom is consumed in self confidence  
Do not go forth today: call it my fear  
That keeps you in the house, not your own.  
We'll send Mark Antony to the senate-house;  
And he shall say you are not well today :  
Let me, upon my knee, prevail in this. (Julius Caesar)
- (i) Who is speaking to whom? (1)  
(ii) What is the speaker's fear? (1)  
(iii) Select the line that states speakers' comment on Caesar's attitude. (1)  
(iv) Why does Calpurnia feel the Caesar's wisdom is consumed in confidence? (1)
9. Answer ANY FIVE of the following six questions in about 30-40 words each. (5×2=10)
- (i) John did not stop Lavinia from leaving him. Why? (*A Shady Plot*) (2)  
(ii) What made the author call the boys? (*Two Gentlemen of Verona*)? (2)  
(iii) What light does the bureau shifting episode reflect on Amelia Slater? (*The Dear Departed*) (2)  
(iv) Why did Patol Babu abandon his factory job in Kanchrapara and settle down in Kolkata? (*Patol Babu : Film Star*) (2)  
(v) How long does the poet glorify the power of poetry? (*Not Marble, Nor Gilded Monuments*) (2)  
(vi) 'A real message from the real Sebastian Shultz', says Michael. What does he mean by this? (*Virtually True*) (2)

10. Answer ANY ONE of the following questions in about 150 words.

A. 'I shook my head. A real message from the real Sebastian Shultz. We both knew that by reliving the accident, something wonderful had happened. But then again, now that there are two advanced intelligences on earth, who can say what is and what isn't possible. What I know is this. Everything that I've described is true - virtually!' (8)

You feel that the youth of the country is an asset and should not waste too much time enjoying the virtual world. They should be ambitious, industrious and must try to face the challenges of the real world. Write an article highlighting the strengths of the youths and how they can be supporters to be able to use their potential to the maximum.

Or

B. "Trembling, terrified to fail,/ Blind with tears, the nightingale/ Heard him out in silence, tried,/ puffed up, burst a vein and died." Keeping the poem in view, write an article in about 150 words considering how selfish people try to exploit the innocent and what we must do to avoid being exploited like the nightingale. (8)

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*General Instructions:*

- (i) This question paper has 10 questions. All questions are compulsory.
  - (ii) This question paper contains four sections:  
Section A: Reading Skills  
Section B: Writing Skills  
Section C: Grammar  
Section D: Literature Textbook
  - (iii) Attempt all questions based on specific instructions for each part. Write the correct question number and part thereof in your answer sheet.
  - (iv) Separate instructions are given with each question/part, wherever necessary.
  - (v) Adhere to the prescribed word limit while answering the questions.
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**SECTION A : READING SKILLS****(22 Marks)****1. Read the following passage.****(12)**

1. In a world dominated by digital technology, the way we capture, store, and share memories has evolved significantly. Traditional photo albums and digital photo galleries are two primary methods for preserving personal and family memories, each with its own unique characteristics. Though both share the common goal of keeping memories alive, they offer different experiences, advantages, and disadvantages.
2. Photo albums represent a tangible and tactile way to capture memories. A physical album filled with printed photographs provides a sense of reminiscence and can be passed down through generations, becoming a family heirloom. The process of selecting photos, printing them, and placing them in an album can be a personal and intimate experience, allowing one to reflect on the moments captured.
3. One of the primary advantages of photo albums is their permanence. Unlike digital files, which can be lost or corrupted, physical photographs in a well-maintained album can last for decades, if not centuries. Albums also provide a sensory experience; flipping through the pages, feeling the texture of the paper, and smelling the aging prints can evoke strong emotional responses.
4. Additionally, photo albums require little to no technology to enjoy. This makes them accessible to a wider range of people, including those who may not be tech-savvy. Albums can be taken to family gatherings or passed around during holidays, creating a shared experience among family and friends.
5. However, photo albums come with certain disadvantages. They take up physical space and are vulnerable to damage from environmental factors like water, fire, or sunlight. Albums are also limited in capacity; once they are filled, creating additional albums can become cumbersome. Furthermore, the process of creating a photo album can be time-consuming and costly. Printing photographs, purchasing albums, and maintaining them can add up. Digital photo galleries have transformed the way we capture and share memories. With the rise of smartphones and digital cameras, taking and storing photos has become more convenient than ever.
6. The main advantage of digital photo galleries is their convenience and capacity. With a single device, you can store thousands of photos and access them from anywhere. Digital galleries also offer powerful organization tools, allowing users to sort and categorise their photos with metadata, tags, and dates. Sharing digital photos is effortless; you can send them via email, social media, or cloud-based platforms, enabling friends and family to enjoy memories instantly. Digital galleries also allow for easy editing and enhancement of photos, helping to correct imperfections and improve quality.

7. Despite their convenience, digital photo galleries have their drawbacks. The reliance on technology means that photos can be lost due to hardware failure, software corruption, or accidental deletion. Additionally, the ephemeral nature of digital files makes them less tangible and more prone to being overlooked or forgotten among the vast array of digital content. Security and privacy are also concerns with digital galleries. Sharing photos online opens up the risk of unauthorized access or data breaches, leading to potential misuse of personal images.
8. Ultimately, the choice between traditional photo albums and digital photo galleries depends on personal preferences and priorities. Photo albums offer a tactile, enduring connection to memories, while digital galleries provide convenience, flexibility, and ease of sharing. A combination of both methods can offer the best of both worlds, ensuring that cherished memories are preserved and enjoyed for years to come.

*(Created for academic usage/560 words)*

**Answer the following questions, based on the passage above.**

- |   |   |
|---|---|
| (i) What do traditional photo albums and digital photo galleries share in common?   | 1 |
| <ol style="list-style-type: none"> <li>(a) Both use digital technology to store photos.</li> <li>(b) Both are methods of preserving personal and family memories.</li> <li>(c) Both are tangible and can be passed down through generations.</li> <li>(d) Both rely on external power sources to function.</li> </ol> |   |
| (ii) What aspect of traditional photo albums makes them a cherished item for families?  | 1 |
| <ol style="list-style-type: none"> <li>(a) The convenience of digital technology.</li> <li>(b) The ability to store thousands of photos.</li> <li>(c) The sense of nostalgia they provide.</li> <li>(d) The option to access them from anywhere.</li> </ol>   |   |
| (iii) Complete the following suitably.  | 1 |
| The personal experience associated with photo albums is important because .....   |   |
| (iv) Rectify the given false statement.   | 1 |
| The main benefit that photo albums have over digital files is the sensory experience.   |   |
| (v) List any ONE way the photo albums can contribute to an enjoyable family time.   | 1 |
| (vi) Why has it become cumbersome to create additional photo albums, according to paragraph 5?  | 1 |
| (vii) Why does the writer say that digital cameras, have made taking and storing photos 'more convenient than ever'?  | 2 |
| (viii) How can we say that digital photographs may not always represent reality?  | 2 |
| (ix) Explain why we can say that the writer did not choose sides?   | 2 |

**2. Read the following report.**

**(10)**

**Student Council Unveils School's First Student-Made Drone Programme**

-by Tanveer Siddiqui, Secretary, Student Council

Bengaluru, Nov. 10 – The Student Council at ABC School has initiated a ground-breaking project involving the construction and operation of drones made by students. The programme was introduced at the school's monthly public presentation on November 7, attracting significant interest from students, faculty, and parents alike.

Mr. J. Rao, the school's vice-principal, and the head of the Student Council, Priya Desai, kicked off the event by explaining the motivation behind the project. They noted that the programme aims to provide students with hands-on experience in technology and engineering while promoting teamwork and creativity. The Student Council collaborated with local engineers and technology experts to ensure safety and compliance with regulations.

During the event, the council members demonstrated a live drone flight, showcasing the capabilities of the drones built by the students. They performed a variety of manoeuvres, including aerial photography and obstacle course navigation.

The Student Council has planned several future activities to keep the momentum going. These include a drone-building workshop, a photography contest using the drones, and an inter-school drone race in the spring. The programme is designed to engage students in innovative ways and foster a deeper interest in technology and engineering. *(Created for academic usage/195 words)*

**Answer the following questions, based on the report above.**

- |   |   |
|---|---|
| (i) Complete with a suitable reason.  | 1 |
| The most likely reason why the student council secretary was chosen to draft the report was because ..... |   |



- (ii) Fill in the blank with an appropriate word/phrase. 1  
The term 'ground-breaking' project suggests that the project is ..... and reflects a level of creativity.
- (iii) What was the primary goal of the Student Council's drone programme at National Public School? 1  
(a) To encourage teamwork and creativity among students  
(b) To demonstrate the latest drone technology to the public  
(c) To generate interest in aerial photography  
(d) To promote engineering skills and provide hands-on experience
- (iv) Who did the Student Council turn to, to ensure safety and regulatory compliance? 1  
1. Faculty and parents  
2. Vice-Principal  
3. Local Engineers  
4. Head of Student Council  
5. Technology experts  
Select the correct option.  
(a) Only 1 (b) Only 5 (c) 2 and 4 (d) 3 and 5
- (v) What was the most likely purpose of showcasing the capabilities of the drones during the event? 1
- (vi) What in the passage suggests that the live drone demonstration aimed to engage and excite the audience? 1
- (vii) What skills are the students expected to develop through the photography contest using drones? 2
- (viii) Explain how the Student Council's drone programme at National Public School align with the school's goals of promoting holistic education. 2

### SECTION B : WRITING SKILLS

(22 Marks)

3. You are Preeti Saraswat from Uttarakhand. Write an email, in about 50 words, to your principal, requesting early commencement of winter uniform usage for all. Include a valid reason. 3  
You may copy the given template to write your email.

From:	
To:	
Cc:	principal.vjschool@gmail.com
Date:	February 20, 2024, 05:10 PM
Subject:	

4. Write a factual description, in not more than 100 words, of a puzzle that you purchased for yourself recently. 4
5. (A) Write a letter to the Mayor of your city, addressing the issue of carelessness in transportation habits and advocating for initiatives to promote car-lessness in the community. Deliberate on the environmental, health, and social benefits of reducing reliance on cars and propose specific measures to encourage alternative modes of transportation. Also, emphasise the importance of community engagement and collaboration in achieving a more sustainable and liveable city. 7  
Use ideas from Unit 3: *Science*, along with your own to write this letter in not more than 120 words.

Or

- (B) Write a letter to the Director of the Geological Survey advocating for concerted efforts to preserve and protect geological heritage sites. Discuss the importance of these sites and highlight the threats they face. Propose specific measures to conserve these valuable natural assets and request her for proactive action to safeguard them for future generations. Use ideas from Unit 4: *Environment*, along with your own to write this letter in not more than 120 words.
6. (A) Tourism in India has been on the rise. Write an article in about 150 words, as Gaurav Taneja, X-B, discussing the surge in tourism in India since 2021, highlighting the key factors contributing to its growth. Propose additional recommendations to further boost tourism and predict the trajectory of the industry for the upcoming decade. 8  
Use the given cues, along with your own ideas and those you may have gathered from Unit 5: *Travel and Tourism*, to create this article.

- Factors contributing to the tourism boom.
- Additional recommendations to sustain and enhance tourism.
- Prediction for the future of Indian tourism: Plus and Minus.

Or

- (B) Write an article, in about 150 words, as Gaurav Taneja, X-B, advocating for the implementation of inclusive education practices in schools, focusing on the benefits for students with diverse learning needs. Share advantages and discuss the importance of fostering an inclusive school environment. Additionally, propose any one recommendation for policymakers and educators to promote inclusivity in the education system. Use the given cues, along with your own ideas and those you may have gathered from Unit 2: *Education*, to create this article.

- Benefits of inclusive education for students with diverse learning needs.
- Importance of fostering an inclusive school environment.

### SECTION C : GRAMMAR

(10 Marks)

7. Complete the tasks (A) to (C), as directed.

- (A) Fill in the blanks (i)-(iii) with the appropriate option from those in the brackets.  $3 \times 1 = 3$   
In order to maintain a balanced lifestyle, we (i) ..... (*can/should/must*) prioritise self-care practices, such as regular exercise and healthy eating habits, to promote overall well-being. Individuals should also (ii) ..... (*have engaged/engage/being engaged*) in mindfulness activities, such as meditation or yoga, to improve mental health. Additionally, seeking support from friends, family, or mental health professionals (iii) ..... (*every/some/any*) time one feels overwhelmed can contribute to a balanced and fulfilling lifestyle.

- (B) In the following paragraph, one word has been omitted in each line. In your answer sheets, remember to write the missing word along with the word that comes before and after it, as shown below. The first one has been done as an example.  $4 \times 1 = 4$

No.	Text	Word before	Omission	Word after
e.g.	The science is clear: to avoid worst	avoid	the	worst
(i)	impacts of climate change, emissions to be			
(ii)	reduced by almost half by 2030 and net-zero			
(iii)	by 2050. Achieve this, we need to end our reliance on fossil fuels and invest in alternative sources of energy			
(iv)	that clean, accessible, affordable, sustainable, and reliable.			

- (C) Do as directed. 3
- (a) Rearrange the following jumbled words/phrases in the given dialogue to create a meaningful sentence. 1
- Person X: We, as a nation are integrated into one unit. You know this, right?
- Person Y: Er... I do but I'd appreciate knowing a little more please.
- Person X: (i) A NATION INTO/NATIONAL INTEGRATION,/UNIFYING DIVERSE COMMUNITIES/A COHESIVE WHOLE,/REFERS TO/IS ESSENTIAL FOR/WITHIN/FOSTERING SOCIAL HARMONY/THE PROCESS OF/ AND STABILITY/WHICH/
- (b) Report the dialogues to complete the paragraph that follows. 2
- Student 1: I've decided to become a mathematician.
- Student 2: Really? Why?
- Student 1: Because I already excel at dividing my attention between homework and video games!
- Student 1 told student 2 that they wanted to become a mathematician. Student 2 was taken by surprise and (i) ..... Student 1 exclaimed (ii) ..... their attention between homework and video games.

**SECTION D : LITERATURE TEXTBOOK**

(26 Marks)

8. Read the given excerpts and answer the questions briefly, for ANY TWO excerpts, of the three, given. 2×4=8

(A) "How amused everyone would be if they knew what really happened," said Louisa Mebbin a few days after the ball.

"What do you mean?" asked Mrs. Packletide quickly.

"How you shot the goat and frightened the tiger to death," said Miss Mebbin, with her disagreeably pleasant laugh. (Mrs. Packletide's Tiger)

- (i) What impact did Louisa Mebbin wish to create on Mrs. Packletide, with her statement, "How amused everyone would be if they knew what really happened"? 1
- (ii) Why did Mrs. Packletide ask Louisa Mebbin what she meant by her comment? 1
- (iii) What feelings did the speed of Mrs. Packletide's response reflect? (any two) 1
- (iv) What does the writer mean by 'disagreeably pleasant laugh'? 1

(B) *O judgment! thou art fled to brutish beasts,  
And men have lost their reason. Bear with me;  
My heart is in the coffin there with Caesar,*

*And I must pause till it come back to me.*

*First Citizen: Methinks there is much reason in his sayings.*

*Second Citizen: If thou consider rightly of the matter,*

*Caesar has had great wrong.*

(Julius Caesar)

- (i) What does the phrase 'O judgment! thou art fled to brutish beasts' tell us about the speaker's thoughts? 1
- (ii) Select the line that indicates the speaker's deep grief and emotional connection with Caesar. 1
- (iii) What do the responses of the First and Second Citizens reflect about the impact of the speaker's words? 1
- (iv) What about the extract signifies shifting sentiments among the citizens? 1

(C) Patol Babu suddenly thought of a crucial question.

'I hope the part calls for some dialogue?'

'Certainly. It's a speaking part. You have acted before, haven't you?'

'Well, as a matter of fact, yes.'

'Fine. I wouldn't have come to you for just a walk-on part. For that we pick people from the street.

Of course there's dialogue and you'll be given your lines as soon as you show up tomorrow.'

(Patol Babu)

- (i) Why was the question about dialogue "crucial" for Patol Babu? 1
- (ii) How does Patol Babu's previous acting experience play a role in the casting decision? 1
- (iii) What does the casting director's statement, 'I wouldn't have come to you for just a walk-on part,' reveal about his opinion of Patol Babu's acting skills? 1
- (iv) What type of conversation do Patol Babu and the casting director have? 1

9. Answer ANY FIVE of the following six questions in about 40 words each. 5×2=10

- (i) How do Jacopo and Nicola show their dedication and love for their family member in *Two Gentlemen of Verona*? 2
- (ii) Interpret imagery and symbolism in *The Rime of the Ancient Mariner*, as elements that contribute to the poem's overarching themes of retribution and redemption. 2
- (iii) How does Lawrence explore the internal conflict in *Snake*? 2
- (iv) Analyse Brutus's reasoning for joining the conspiracy against Julius Caesar in the excerpt of Shakespeare's play *Julius Caesar*. 2
- (v) Discuss how Shakespeare's sonnet *Not Marble, nor the Gilded Monuments* conveys the theme of immortality through poetry. 2
- (vi) Evaluate how *The Letter* by Dhumaketu portrays the impact of separation on human emotions. 2

10. Answer ANY ONE of the following two questions in about 150 words. 1×8=8

- (i) In the poems *The Frog and the Nightingale* and *Ozymandias*, discuss how the characters' attitudes towards power and influence contribute to their respective outcomes.

Or

- (ii) The story *Virtually True* has elements of virtual reality and advanced technology that contrast with the traditional ghostly occurrences in *Shady Plot*. How do these contrasting themes and narrative styles contribute to the overall tone and meaning of each story?

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**SAMPLE QUESTION PAPER-2024-25**

**ENGLISH COMMUNICATIVE- CLASS-X**

Time: 3Hrs.

Max.Marks:80

**General Instructions:**

1. This question paper has 12 questions. All questions are compulsory.
2. This question paper contains four sections. Section A: Reading Skills, Section B: Writing Skills, Section C: Grammar, Section D: Literature Textbook.
3. Separate instructions are given with each question/ part, wherever necessary.

**SECTION A: READING (22 marks)**

1. **Read the following passage.** (12)

1. The role friends play in our lives has become significantly greater than at any other time in our history. Today many of us live and work great distances from where we were born or grew up and are separated from our original families. The pain we feel when we are away from our families can be significant.
2. The happiness of the individual relies on friendships which come from a necessary human connection. It is perfectly normal to need and want friends; and depression is more prevalent among those who lack friends. They lack the intimacy and richness friends can bring to our lives. Frequently friends reflect similar values to us. Yet these values are often different from the ones we grew up with; they are the values we created for ourselves in our adult lives.
3. Communication skills are fundamental in all friendships. The more friends and acquaintances one has, the greater are one's communication skills. Some call these, people skills.
4. Like watering a plant, we grow our friendships (and all our relationships) by nurturing them. Friendships need the same attention as other

relationships if they are to continue. These relationships can be delightfully non-judgmental, supportive, understanding and fun.

5. Sometimes a friendship can bring out the positive side that you never show in any other relationship. This may be because the pressure of playing a 'role' ( daughter, partner or child ) is removed. With a friend you are to be yourself and free to change. Of course you are free to do this in all other relationships as well but in friendship you get to have a lot of rehearsals and discussion about changes as you experience them. It is an unconditional experience where you receive as much as you give.
6. You can explain yourself to a friend openly without the fear of hurting a family member. How do friendships grow? The answer is simple. By revealing yourself: being attentive; remembering what is most important to your friend and asking them about it; putting yourself in their position; showing empathy; seeing the world through the eyes of your friend, you will understand the value of friendship. All this means learning to accept a person from a completely different family to your own or perhaps someone from a completely different cultural background. This is the way we learn tolerance. In turn we gain tolerance and acceptance for our own differences.

**Answer the following questions, based on the passage above.**

I. Original families refer to – (1)

- A. our friends and relatives
- B. our parents, siblings and grandparents
- C. our workplace of colleagues
- D. our colleagues and neighbours

II. Why is friendship considered an essential human need? (1)

- A. Friends bring in the intimacy and richness of values in life.
- B. The happiness of the individuals rely on their friendships.
- C. Depression is more prevalent among people with fewer friends.
- D. All of these.

III. Complete the sentence appropriately. (1)

Based on the passage we can say that Friends is not an apt title for the passage because \_\_\_\_\_.

IV. Say whether the statement is TRUE or FALSE. (1)

Communication skills are fundamental in all friendships.

V. What is the main idea conveyed by Paragraph 3? (1)

VI. What kind of pain is the writer talking about in the first paragraph?  
(1)

VII. Identify two reasons for the need to have friends in today's time. (2)

VIII. Explain in about 30-40 words how our values are different from those of our friends? (2)

IX. Based on the passage we can say that ' Friends' is not an apt title for the passage. Why? (2)

**2. Read the passage given below: (10)**

What All Swimming Can Do For You?

Learning to swim can open a world of opportunity for you. The lessons learned during swimming can benefit you your entire life. Swimming is a fun and social activity that all kids enjoy, and it's also one of the healthiest physical activities a child can engage in. It is never too late to learn! Here are some reasons you should:

Enhances Lung capacity

One of the primary things swimmers are being taught from the start is how to control their breath, which on the other hand, helps enhance their lung capacity. However, this allows oxygen to pump through the body and provide energy more effectively.

Improves Concentration

Swimming takes quite a lot of coordination , both physically and mentally. There is focus on arm pulls, leg kicks and breath control – which does not leave much margin to focus on anythingelse. For this reason, kids become focused on enhancing their swimming skills and start seeing exceptional results- finding out that concentrating indeed does have an impact on their ability to succeed!

Great For Your Mental Health

Swimming benefits for mental health in children are many. Swimming helps to boost endorphins and other mood- enhancing brain chemicals. This leads to increased feelings of happiness and other feel good emotions. One of the often overlooked benefits of swimming for a kid's brain development has to do with sleep. Sleep is critical in in brain structure development as well as learning, memory and emotional regulation. Swimming improves sleep through its relaxing qualities and because physical exertion promotes healthy sleeping habits.

#### Builds Muscle

Swimming requires whole- body strength. It helps kids safely develop muscle. Swimming is a low – impact sport, which means kids have a much lower chance of injuring joints or bones than when playing other sports. Additionally, people can exercise longer in the water than on land without muscle or joint pain.

#### Better cognitive function

You might not enroll your little ones in swimming lessons to impact their academics, but this can be a natural side effect. Kids who learn to swim early in life tend to have visual motor skills. Studies also show young swimmers are upto 20 months ahead of non- swimming peers in the skills of, following instructions and problem- solving.

#### Improves social intelligence

You might be taking one-on –one lessons or swimming down that lane yourself, but swimming is a social, community- minded sport. Participating in swimming can help young children feel part of a young- minded group.

1. State whether the following statement is TRUE OR FALSE : (1)  
Swimmers are primarily taught breath control to increase their lung capacity, which has no impact on oxygen circulation and energy levels in the body.
2. How does learning to control your breath during swimming contribute to enhanced lung capacity? (1)



3. One benefit of swimming for a child's brain development is improved sleep, which is critical for brain structure development as well as \_\_\_\_\_. (1)
4. Which among the following is a mental health benefit associated with swimming? (1)
- Decreased endorphin levels
  - Boost in mood- enhancing brain chemicals
  - Increased feelings of sadness
  - Higher stress levels
5. In what ways does swimming require coordination, and how does this improve concentration? (2)
6. Why is swimming considered a low- impact sport? (1)
- It requires minimal physical strength
  - It has a high risk of joint injuries
  - It allows for longer exercise without pain
  - It only uses upper body muscles.
7. What cognitive benefits do children who swim early in life exhibit? (1)
- Lower visual- motor skills
  - Delayed problem- solving abilities
  - Decreased academic performance
  - Superior following instruction skills
8. Explain how swimming can be a social activity and its impact on a child's sense of community. (2)

**SECTION B: WRITING SKILLS (22 marks)**

3. You are Satwik/Shraddha of Zenith Public School, Varanasi and you want a five day leave from school as you want to attend your sister's wedding. Write an email to the Principal of your school requesting him to grant leave. (3)

From:

To:

Cc:

Bcc:

Subject:

4. Write a factual description of your best friend on the clues given below in not more than 100 words. (4)

Name of the friend- why do you admire him/ her- his/ her qualities you admire the most- his/her traits, achievements.

5A. Write a letter to the Tour Manager, Lavender Tours and Travels, Bangalore in not more than 120 words, seeking information regarding the tour packages offered by the company. You are Vineet/ Vineeta of Sarojini Nagar, New Delhi, planning to visit all the holy places of South India with your aged mother and father for a month's time in this December. You may use ideas from Unit-5. : Travel and Tourism. (7)

OR

5 B. You are Neena/ Sumit, a student of Class X, Blooms Public School, Dwarka, Delhi. The road leading to your school has become notorious for fast running vehicles. Students coming to the school in the morning, and leaving in the afternoon are put to a great difficulty. School buses and parents who come to leave and take their children from school are put to inconvenience. Write a letter to the Deputy Commissioner, Delhi Police to post traffic constables on duty in front of the school in the morning as well as in the afternoon. (7)

6A. Compulsory value- based education is the only remedy for inculcating values among the future citizens of the country. This will also help in the prevention of crime in the country. Write an article on the need of compulsory value based education in about 150 words. Use the ideas that you may have gathered from MCB Unit 6: 'National Integration'. (8)

OR

6B. You are Rekha/Rohit. You have seen the following news item in a newspaper. Video games, internet, cell phones and other high- tech gears are just part of growing up in the digital world. But parents are concerned about the amount of time their children spend with these and worry that it might be distracting to them and cramping their academic and social development. Using your own ideas and those taken from the Unit 'Science', write an article in about 150 words describing both the benefits and drawbacks of using these high- tech devices. (8)

**SECTION- C: GRAMMAR ( 10 MARKS)**

Q7. Complete the tasks (A) TO (C), as directed.

A Fill in the blanks (I)- (III) with the appropriate option from those in the brackets. (3x1=3)

Sleep is important (a)\_\_\_\_\_ (about, to, for) good health. Studies show that not getting enough sleep (b)\_\_\_\_\_ ( and, or, but) getting poor quality sleep on a regular basis increases the risk (c)\_\_\_\_\_ ( about, of, from) having high blood pressure, heart diseases along with other medical conditions.

B. In the following paragraph, one word has been omitted in each line. In your answer sheets, remember to write the missing word along with the word that comes before and after it, as shown below. The first one has been done as an example. (4x1=4)

No.	Text	Word before	Omission	Word after
e.g.	Tests and examination not confined to school alone.	examination	are	not
a.	They are widely used government and non- government levels.	_____	_____	_____
b.	Business and industry, too using tests.	_____	_____	_____
c.	Tests are used for the selection candidates	_____	_____	_____
d.	and some cases they are one of the criteria of selection.	_____	_____	_____

C. Do as directed. (3)

a) Rearrange the following jumbled words/ phrases to create a meaningful sentence. (1)

Moths are insects like butterflies. They also go through metamorphosis and are nocturnal.

lay/ which/ turn/ they/ into /eggs/ caterpillars

b) Report the dialogues to complete the paragraph given below: (2)

Ravi: Where were you yesterday evening?

Vinay: There is an exhibition of rare paintings at the Art Gallery. I had gone there.

Ravi asked Vinay where he a) \_\_\_\_\_ in the evening. Vinay replied that b) \_\_\_\_\_ and he had gone there.

#### SECTION D: LITERATURE ( 26 Marks)

8. Read the given excerpts and answer the questions briefly, for any two excerpts of the three, given. (2x4=8)

A. Aye, I'm right enough for a bit of a headache. I won't mind betting that I'm not the first in the house to be carried to the cemetery. I always think Henry there looks none too healthy.

- Who speaks these lines and to whom?
- What did everyone think, had happened to the speaker?
- What had actually happened?
- What does the phrase ' Henry there looks none too healthy' mean?

B. Ten minutes or so later Naresh Dutt went looking for Patol Babu near the paan shop and found that he was not there. "That's odd- the man hadn't been paid yet. What a strange fellow!"

- Why was Naresh Dutt looking for Patol Babu?
- Where had Patol Babu gone?
- Why didn't Patol Babu stay there?

d) Name the author.

C. "And so, I missed my chance with one of the lords of life. And I have something to expiate."

a) Identify 'lords' in the given lines.

b) What chance has the speaker missed?

c) What are the feelings of the speaker in the above lines?

d) What is the meaning of the word 'expiate'?

**9. Answer any five of the following six questions in about 40 words each.**

(5x2=10)

a) What does the condition of the statue convey to the readers? (Ozymandias)

b) What was Michael's theory about how Sebastian had entered the games?

c) What kind of a woman is Lavinia? (A Shady Plot)

d) How does Decius Brutus interpret Calpurnia's dream?

e) Saki has created humour in the story 'Mrs Packletide Tiger' at various places. Give any two examples to support this statement.

f) How does the postmaster's attitude towards Ali change?

**10. Answer any one of the following two questions in about 150 words. (8)**

I. Friendship versus Deception is an important theme of Julius Caesar. Comment.

OR

II. The deeds that we do are the seeds that we sow. It may grow into a big tree and give shelter or grow into creepers and twist us to bind in tight and make us suffer in strain. How does this thought apply in Coachman Ali's and the Ancient Mariner's life?