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CLASS- X

ENGLISH COMMUNICATIVE

FM- 80

Time : 3 hrs

Max. Marks : 80

GENERAL INSTRUCTIONS

1. This question paper is divided into three sections

- Section A : Reading
- Section B : Writing Skill and Grammar
- Section C : Literature : Textbooks and Long Reading Text (Novel)

20 Marks

30 Marks

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2. All the questions are compulsory.

3. All the questions of a particular section must be attempted in the correct order.

Section {A} Reading

[20 Marks]

1. Read the passage given below and answer the questions that follow. (8)

Being born in a poor family often cuts into a child's chances of a bright future, but not for the group of children who have not only managed to beat their misfortune, but have also turned into inspiring role models for others in their communities.

Nanda Munda, a 13 year old tribal boy from a remote village of Odisha's Nayagarh district, was forced to work at a roadside eatery to help his family meet their daily needs. But his strong desire to study not only just helped him fulfil his dreams, but also made him a 'change maker' in his community who now inspires others to continue to go to school. Similarly, Nazeema Khatoon (14 years), who hails from a small village in Jamtara district of Jharkhand, always believed that children should enjoy their childhood and not be sent to work. This belief, which she held despite all the difficulties of living in acute poverty, helped her turn into an activist who is now a known figure in her locality.

The story of Sukra Majhi is nothing different, as the 16 year old from a remote Odisha village proved that poverty and disability could not stop one from dreaming to become a member of the Indian cricket team and even making that dream happen. Majhi, blind in one eye, who was forced to quit school a few years ago, is now a player with India's blind cricket team. He has recently represented the country in a tournament against Pakistan.

What is common among these children is that they all have got the much-needed assistance and motivation that helped them dream for a better and a meaningful future. Dola Mohapatra, national director of Child Fund India, an international NGO which has been working for such children for the past 60 years in India, says, "Every child has some potential but circumstances prevent them from realising that potential. All they need is a small push; if we can provide them that, they can also shine like other privileged children."

- (i) It is assumed that a child's future is not bright when (1)
- (ii) The children mentioned in the passage have managed and also become (1)
- (iii) Nazeema Khatoon has become an (1)
- (iv) What dream of Sukra Majhi came true? (1)
- (v) What is Nanda Munda famous for in his community? (1)
- (vi) What is common among these children? (1)
- (vii) What is needed for children to realise their potential, according to Dola Mohapatra? (1)
- (viii) Where does Nazeema Khatoon hail? (1)

2. Read the passage given below and answer the questions that follow. (12)

The notion of a common global language, of course, raises the question of which language we would use. Most experts agree that the answer depends largely on practical factors that could shift with changes in political and economic power over time. That's because language acquisition is almost always driven by necessity - there simply has to be a good reason for people to bother to learn a new one.

Some might say that we already have a world language: English. English is spoken in more than 100 countries, making it by far the most global language on Earth. There are certainly other languages that are spoken by more of the world's people, such as Mandarin Chinese and Hindi. However, Mandarin Chinese and Hindi are spoken in only 16 and 17 countries, respectively.

English may well be the language of global communication at the moment, but it can certainly be displaced at any time due to shifting global demographics and priorities. However, one thing is unlikely to change: people will always cling to their native language, whether or not it confers some competitive advantage. That's because language is more than just a method of communication. It's a link to our personal identity, and that's much too important to lose.

However, if we all spoke one language, it would be much easier to communicate and also bring together the great minds of our society to discuss all sorts of technology and put it together. That way our technological progress would be much faster and we could solve all of our modern day problems. Imagine a world where people would speak the same language, but still have their native language as a primary form of communication. Being able to communicate with people from all over the world would open up huge opportunities for work, study and relationships that would otherwise be extremely difficult.

- (i) Which language is considered to be the most global language on Earth and why? Will it remain so? (2)
- (ii) What other languages are spoken by many people? (2)
- (iii) According to the author, why will people always cling to their native language? (2)
- (iv) What benefits will we derive by speaking one language? (2)
- (v) Which word in paragraph 3 means "statistical data relating to the population"? (1)

- (vi) Which word in paragraph 2 is antonym of 'local'? (1)
- (vii) Language acquisition depends on which factor? (1)
- (viii) Which are the other languages than English spoken by most of the people? (1)

Section {B} Writing Skill and Grammar [30 Marks]

3. 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 suggesting ways to strengthen ecotourism in our country. You may take help from MCB unit 'Travel and Tourism'. You are Vikram Singh Rathore. (8)

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| • Keep environment clean | • Observe sanctity of holy places |
| • Reduce pollution | • Protect wildlife |

or

Write a letter to M/s RK Publication, Daryaganj, Delhi, ordering a few titles of National Integration books for your school library. You are Parween / Safina, Librarian of Happy School, Daryaganj, Delhi. (8)

4. Write a short story on the title 'A Wise King' in about 200-250 words. (10)

Kingdom changing king every year – afterwards exiled to remote island – people leave current king – find young man to rule – he agrees to condition – asks to show island – thick jungle – orders jungle clearing – builds palace there – year end – happily goes to island

or

Write a short story based on the beginning given below in about 200-250 words. (10)

"Sonali was returning home after her tuition class. It was late and her friend, Aruna, who usually walked home with her, had left early. As she walked along the road, Sonali saw"

5. Fill in the blanks with the words that you consider to be the most appropriate. (1 × 4 = 4)
- I (a) to pump up my deflated spirits with a trip to the local market. I (b) everything (c) for the local 'Ramlila', after which I (d) (realise) the truth behind the saying, "there's no satisfaction like a bagful of shopping."
6. The following passage has not been edited. There is one error in each line. Identify the wrong word and write it along with correction in your answer sheet against the correct blank number. The first one has been done for you as an example. (1 × 4 = 4)

	Incorrect	Correct
One morning I finished one business at the bank	one	some
and was returning in pick up my motorbike which I had left (a)
in the parking lot outside. Suddenly he realised that I had (b)
lost the bike key. Upset, I searched about it in the bank. A bank (c)
employee tried to help me find it and in vain. (d)

7. Read the following conversation and complete the passage that follows. (1 × 4 = 4)

Rahul Do you know that Ranjit met with an accident and is in hospital?

Sukrit No, I didn't. Is he badly hurt? Which hospital is he in?

Rahul The doctors say that there is nothing to worry. He is admitted in Beach Hospital.

Rahul asked Sukrit (a) with an accident and was hospitalised. Sukrit expressed his ignorance and enquired (b) He also asked (c) Rahul told him that according to the doctors (d) and said that he was admitted in Beach Hospital.

Section {C} Literature (Textbooks)

[30 Marks]

8. Read the extract given below and answer the questions that follow. (1 × 4 = 4)

"And looked around like a God, unseeing, into the air,
And slowly turned his head,
And slowly, very slowly, as if thrice a dream,
Proceeded to draw his slow length curving around.

- Explain the meaning of the expression 'unseeing, into the air'.
- Where does 'he' move to?
- Which literary device is used in line 1?
- Who is 'he' mentioned in these lines?

or

"I believe it's ill", said Louisa Mebbin, loudly in Hindustani, for the benefit of the village headman, who was in ambush in a neighbouring tree.

- Which word/phrase in the extract means the same as "waiting to attack by surprise"?
- Why did Louisa talk loudly in Hindustani?
- Why was the village headman lying in ambush?
- Where was Louisa Mebbin at this time?

9. Answer any four questions in about 30-40 words each. (2 × 4 = 8)

- Why did Lavinia buy an Ouija Board?
- Why was the Albatross called a Christian Soul?
- What are the three things that grandfather plans to do on next Monday?
- What is the woman searching for in the depths of the lake?
- "Give me my robe, for I will go." Bring out the irony of Caesar's decision in the light of what happens at the capitol immediately after he reaches there?

10. Answer any one of the following questions in about 100-120 words. (8)
- How does the poet describe his beloved in the poem 'Not Marble, Nor the Gilded Monuments'? Discuss how the values in the poem have been brought out.

or

What do you learn about the family of Nicola, Jacopo and their sister Lucia? What did Nicola and Jacopo do to maintain the family values?

Long Reading Text (Novel)

11. Answer any one of the following questions in about 200-250 words from the novel of your choice. (10)

The Diary of a Young Girl

What all does Anne plan to accomplish after the war? What does it tell us about her nature?

or

Mr Dussel is one of a kind. He does not miss a single opportunity to tell the girls that they are brought up all wrong. Assess his character based on Anne's diary.

The Story of My Life

Helen's pleasures and amusements are many and varied. Comment.

or

What impression do you form of Helen from her story?

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Section - A (Reading)

1. Read the passage given below.

(10 marks)

After 'Digital India' and 'Make in India' the NaMo (Narendra modi) government launched yet another programme. This new programme, called 'Skill India', is supposed to be a multi-skill programme.

The main goal of the programme is to create opportunities, space and scope for the development of the talents of the Indian youth and to develop more of those sectors which have already been put under skill development for the last so many years and also to identify new sectors for skill development. The new programme aims at providing training and skill development to 500 million youth of our country by 2020, covering each and every village. Various schemes are also proposed to achieve this objective.

The idea is to raise confidence, improve productivity and give direction through proper skill development. Skill development will enable the youths to get blue collar jobs. Development of skills, at a young age, right at the school level, is very essential to channelize them for proper job opportunities. There should be a balanced growth in all the sectors and all jobs should be given equal importance. Every job aspirant would be given training in soft skills to lead a proper and decent life. Skill development would reach the rural and remote areas also. Corporate educational institutions, non government organization, Government, academic institutions, and society would help in development of skills of the youths so that better results are achieved in the shortest time possible.

What shape 'Skill India' will take and what it will do only time can tell. But no doubt it seems to be a good initiative- providing skills to people, especially because India is one of the few countries all across the world whose working age population will be very high, few years down the line, going by its ever-increasing growth of population, as per world Bank.

It is also high time now measures are taken to improve the physical and mental development of the youths of the country so that none of them remains unemployed and the country's unemployment problem also gets reduced. It is time to open up avenues by which the youth accepts responsibility and no one remains idle because an idle youth is a burden to the economy.

The economy should concentrate on job creation and social security schemes. With this new approach towards skill development, India can definitely move forwards its targeted results.

Answer the following questions briefly (Any eight)

- (i) What is the main objective of Skill India Programme?
- (ii) What does the programme aim at?
- (iii) The idea behind the programme is
- (iv) How will the programme help the youth?
- (v) How will the participation of corporate educational institutions, non- government organizations etc help the youth?
- (vi) What is going to happen in a few years down the line?
- (vii) Measures need to be taken
- (viii) Find the word in the passage which means the same as 'manual labour'
- (ix) What is the another programme launched by Narendra Modi?

2. Read the passage given below:-

Occasional self medication has always been part of normal living. The making and selling of drugs has a long history and is closely linked, like medical practice itself, with belief in magic. Only during the last hundred years or so has the development of scientific techniques made the diagnosis possible. The doctor is now able to follow up the correct diagnosis of many illness- with specific treatment of their causes,. In many other illness of which the causes remain unknown, he is still limited, like the unqualified prescribe to the treatment of symptoms. The doctor is trained to decide when to treat symptoms only and when to attack the cause. This is the essential difference between medical prescribing and self- medication.

The advantage of technology has brought about much progress in some field of medicine, including the development of scientific drug therapy. In many countries public health organization is improving and people's nutritional standards have risen. Parallel with such beneficial trends are two which have an adverse effect. One is the use of high pressure advertising by the pharmaceutical industry which has tended to influence both patients and doctors and has led to the overuse of drugs generally.

The other is the emergence of the sedentary society with its faulty ways of life: lack of exercise, over-eating, unsuitable eating, insufficient sleep, excessive smoking and drinking. People with disorders arising from faulty habits such as these, as well as from unhappy lives, often resort to self-medication and so add the taking of pharmaceuticals to the list.

Advertisers go to great lengths to catch this market. Cleaver advertising, aimed at chronic sufferers who will try anything because doctors have not been able to cure them, can induce such faith in a preparation, particularly if steeply priced, a very real effect in some people. Advertisements are also aimed at people suffering from mild complaints such as simple colds and coughs which clear up by themselves within a short time. These are the main reasons, why laxatives, indigestion-remedies, painkillers, cough mixtures, tonics, vitamin and iron tablets, nose drops, ointments and many other preparations are found in quantity in many households. It is doubtful whether taking these things ever improves a person's health, it may even make it worse, Self -diagnosis is a greater danger than self-medication.

A. Answer the following questions. (any four)

(4 × 2 = 8)

- (i) What message is the passage trying to convey?
- (ii) Why is self-diagnosis more dangerous than self medication?
- (iii) Describe the adverse effects on health that technology has brought about.
- (iv) Write down the role of advertisements.
- (v) What has been the part of normal living?

B. Choose the most appropriate option. (any four)

(4 × 1 = 4)

- (i) A word meaning 'advancement' in Para 1 is
 - (a) Practice
 - (b) technique
 - (c) treatment
 - (d) development
- (ii) A synonym for the word 'favorable' in Para 2 is
 - (a) adverse
 - (b) beneficial
 - (c) progress
 - (d) overuse
- (iii) A word meaning 'negative' in para 2 is
 - (a) Adverse
 - (b) influence
 - (c) beneficial
 - (d) overuse
- (iv) An antonym of 'serious' in Para 4 is
 - (a) simple
 - (b) mild
 - (c) real
 - (d) induce
- (v) An antonym for the word 'breadth' in para 4 is
 - (a) length
 - (b) height
 - (c) up
 - (d) down

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Writing and Grammar

are Avantika

- Growth in the number of hospitals
 - International standards observed
 - Traditional medical concepts available
- * well-qualified doctors
* cost-effective

Or

Or

With the help of the clues given below and your own ideas, write a letter to the Editor of 'The Hindustan Times' New Delhi about the insanitary state of the area you live in. You are Vansh Rajput. (100 – 200 words)

- Unhealthy and unhygienic condition
- Over flowing of drains
- Garbage all over
- Stagnant water
- Diseases such as dengue and malaria

4. Rishabh decided to write a story, but after sometime, he couldn't complete the story as he lost interest in it. Complete the story in minimum 150 – 200 words on the basis of the beginning given below.

"Gautam had always been a very thoughtful boy" he was gentle

Or

Write a short story in about 15- 200 words on the outline given below.

(10)

* Three boys were standing outside the principal's office. One of the boys had a black eye and other had a bruise on his cheek. The boys were feeling very nervous because they knew they had broken a rule.....

5. * In the following paragraph, one word has been omitted in each line. Write the missing word along with the word that comes before and word that comes after it. The first one has done for you. (any four) (4 marks)

Before

Missing

After

e.g. the gist the matter was that no one

gist

of

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- (i) was willing take initiative for us but
- (ii) we also determined and firm we
- (iii) did not anyone's help. So we made the
- (iv) plan executed it accordingly, we
- (v) had already informed some of members
- (vi) that we could coming to inspect.
- (vii) material and were also willing
- (viii) to get done as soon as possible.

Cont

6. Rearrange the following words/ phrases to form the meaningful sentences. (any four) (4 marks)
- In Africa/ about 5000 years/grown/ago/it/was/first
 - Hardly/koalas/are/ever/drink/animals/that/water
 - Of its residents/becomes a/ it/reflects/a house/the/personality/home/when
 - Was/ the king/dasharath/Ayodhya/of
 - Want/ a glass/i/ water/of
7. Fill in (any four) the blanks with the most appropriate options given below. (4 marks)
- Sanitation and hygiene are also important (a) the well being of society and biodiversity condition.
 - The Govt. has (b) a programme.
 - It aims to develop (c) River fronts.
 - It will solve the problem of Solution (d) The rivers.
 - The need has been (e) For a long time.

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| (a) | (i) by | (ii) from | (iii) for | (iv) into |
| (b) | (i) initiates | (ii) initiated | (iii) initiate | (iv) initiating |
| (c) | (i) an | (ii) a | (iii) in | (iv) by |
| (d) | (i) in | (ii) on | (iii) onto | (iv) BY |
| (e) | (i) feeling | (ii) feel | (iii) felt | (iv) have felt |

Section -C

Literature

8. Read the extracts given below and answer the questions that follow

(1 x 4 = 4)

I met a traveler from an antique land
Who said: two vast and trunk less legs of stone
Stand in the desert. Near them, on the sand,
Half sunk, a shattered visage lies.

- What had happened to the trunk of the statue?
- How did the human face look?
- Find the word in the extract which means the same as 'face'.
- Who met a traveler?

Or

Read the extracts given below and answer the questions that follow.

(1 x 4 = 4)

He reached down from a fissure in the earth-wall in the gloom
And trailed his yellow-brown slackness soft bellied down, over the edge of the stone trough
And rested his throat upon the stone bottom,

- Find the word in the extract that means 'partial or total darkness'
- What is 'yellow-brown slackness'?
- The snake's movement is full of
- Who is the poet?

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Answer the following questions in about 30-40 words (any four)

(4 x 2 = 8)

- (i) What did Ozymandias expect from his future generations? Was his hope fulfilled?
- (ii) How did Michael and Shultz fail to jail break?
- (iii) "John Hallock was an excellent ghost story writer". Do you agree?
- (iv) Why does the poet compare the snake to drinking cattle?
- (v) Why did John Hallock hesitate to be the partner of Miss Hinkle during ouijaboard party?

10. Answer any one of the following questions in about 80-100 words

(8)

"That's odd, the man hadn't been paid yet, what a strange fellow!"

Naresh Dutt is dumbfounded to find Patol Babu gone without taking his remuneration for the role he played.

You are Sanjeev. On the basis of the above episode, write a letter to your cousin discussing the values of hard work, contentment and a sense of pride for your dedication to a cause or an art from that you have recently read in the story of Patol Babu.

OR

As a reader of the poem 'Ozymandias,' write a letter to your friend expressing your feeling and transformation of your thoughts about ambition, glory and fame. You are Mia.

11. Answer any one of the following questions in about 150-200 words.

The Diary of a Young Girl

What made Anne belittle all the adults?

OR

Draw a character sketch of Mrs Edith Frank.

OR

The Story of My Life

How did Helen take the examination for Radcliffe College?

OR

Draw a pen-portrait of Bishop Brooks.

