

**SET-II**

**English**

**(Class Xth**

Time : 3 Hours

Full Marks 80

**General Instructions :**

1. This Question paper is divided into three sections.  
Section A - Reading : 20 Marks  
Section B - Writing and Grammar : 30 Marks  
Section C - Literature Text Book : 30 Marks
2. All questions are compulsory.
3. Figures in the margin indicate full marks.
4. Candidates are required to give their answers in their own words as far as practicable.

**Section – A**

**(Reading) Marks : 20**

1) **Read the carefully and answer the questions that follow :**

Success in life depends largely on good health. Keep your body fit and strong by being clean, inhaling fresh air and following regular habits and suitable entertainment. Avoid anything that will weaken your strength. Smoking harms the body and clouds the brain. Beware of drink. It is the deadly enemy of health and efficiency. Above all remember that your character is a precious possession. Be truthful in all things, considerate to everybody, fair to your opponents, kind and helpful to all who are weak and suffering and do not be afraid to have the courage to stand up for what is good, pure and noble.

**Questions :**

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|---|---|
| a) What does success depend on?             | 2 |
| b) How can we keep good health?             | 2 |
| c) What are the things we should avoid?     | 2 |
| d) Complete the following :                 | 2 |
| i) Smoking harms the body and .....         |   |
| ii) Remember that your character is a ..... |   |

2) **Read the following passage carefully and answer the questions that follow :**

The water of the river Yamuna in Delhi has become useless. The water of this river is polluted and has received E grade in terms of quality. This is the lowest grade which indicates the severity of pollution in the water. Some fifty years ago the water of Yamuna was clear and clean. Many water plants such as weeds, algae and shrubs grew in water or along the banks of the river. These plants were the main source of food for aquatic creatures. A number of water birds could be seen along the river. With the onset of winter thousands of Migratory birds would come here to feed in the Yamuna water. Sadly these water species and birds have vanished or died. What one finds now are red worms, called chironomids which live in the most unhygienic and polluted water.

**Questions :**

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|--|---|
| a) Which grade has the water of Yamuna received in terms of quality? | 2 |
| b) How was the water of Yamuna some fifty years ago?                 | 2 |
| c) Name some water plants which grew in its water?                   | 2 |
| d) What do you mean by chironomids?                                  | 2 |
| e) Complete the following :  | 2 |
| i) These plants were the main source of .....                        |   |
| ii) These water species and birds. ....                              |   |

f) Make meaningful sentences of the following words:

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- i) Useless (ii) Vanished

**Section – B**

(Writing and Grammar)

(Marks : 30)

- 3) Write an application to your Principal for providing computer learning facility.

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OR

Write a letter to your younger brother about a picnic you enjoyed. (about 100 words)

- 4) Write a paragraph on any one of the following topics in about 100-150 words.

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- a) My hobby  
b) Scene at a Railway Station.  
c) Student life.

- 5) Fill in the blanks with the correct options given below :

1×6

(as, lost, how, bought, why, may)

=6

- a) She found her ..... Purse.  
b) Plants breath ..... animals do.  
c) My father ..... a new house.  
d) I know ..... to cook food.  
e) I know the reason ..... you failed.  
f) Labour hard so that you ..... Pass.

- 6) Transform the following sentences as directed in the brackets.

1×4

- a) The birds are too small to fly. (Remove too)  
b) Who is not afraid of death? (Into Assertive)  
c) He said to me, "Please open the door." (Into indirect Speech)  
d) Children like sweets. (into Passive voice)

=4

- 7) Fill in the blanks with suitable modals given below.

1×4

(could, can, may, must)

=4

- a) ..... you write a letter?  
b) Parents ..... look after their children.  
c) ..... I help you?  
d) I asked him if I ..... see him.

**Section – C**

(Literature Text Book) Marks : 30

(a) Prose - Marks : 10

- 8) A Read the following passage and answer the questions that follow :

The minute they entered the classroom, they stopped short and gasped. There were drawings all over the room, on every ledge and window sill, dazzling colours and brilliant, lavish designs, all drawn on great sheets of wrapping papers. There must have been a hundred of them. All lined up. These must be the drawings for the contest. They were! Everybody stopped and whistled or murmured admiringly.

As soon as the class had assembled, Miss Mason announced the winners. Jack Beggles had won for the boys, she said, and his design for an outboard motor was on exhibition in Room Twelve, along with the sketches by all the other boys.

**Questions :**

- a) Why did they stop short and gasp? 1
- b) Who won the contest meant for boys? 1
- c) Who announced the winners of the contest? 1
- d) Find the word from the passage which means 'very grand.' 1

B Answer the following question : 6  
 When and why do Peggy and Maddie notice Wanda's absence?

**OR**

What was Valli's favourite pastime ?

**(b) Poetry - Marks : 10**

9) Answer the following questions from the given extract :

"Belinda lived in a little white house,  
 With a little black kitten and a little grey mouse,  
 And a little yellow dog and a little red Wagon,  
 And a realio, trulio, little pet dragon."

**Questions :**

- a) Name the poem from where this extract has been taken. 1
- b) Name the poet of this poem. 1
- c) Where did Belinda live? 1
- d) Why did custard cry for a nice safe cage? 1

10) Answer any two of the following questions : 3+3  
 (a) Where has the boy lost his ball? What is the effect of the loss on his mind? =6  
 (b) What does the Poet compare the branches of the trees to?  
 (c) How did the dust of snow change the Poet's mood?

**(C) Supplementary Reader  
 Marks : 10**

11) (A) Give a character sketch of Horace Danby. 8  
**OR**

What was the cause of Matilda's ruin?

(B) Why is Bholi's father worried about her? 2  
**OR**

How did they replace the necklace?