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Class X

Max. Marks : 80

English (Language and Literature) (CBSE Board 2020)

GENERAL INSTRUCTIONS :

Read the following instructions very carefully and strictly follow them.

- (i) Question paper comprises three sections - A, B and C.
- (ii) **Section A - Reading** : **20 marks**
Section B - Writing & Grammar : **30 marks**
Section C - Literature : **30 marks**
- (iii) There are 11 questions in the question paper. All questions are compulsory.
- (iv) Answer should be brief and to the point.
- (v) There is no overall choice in the question paper. However, an internal choice has been provided in Section B and Section C. Make your choices correctly.
- (vi) In addition to this, separate instructions are given with each section and question, wherever necessary.
- (vii) Do not exceed the prescribed word limit while answering the questions.

Section-A : Reading (20 marks)

1. Read the following passage carefully. [8]
1. Caged behind thick glass, the most famous dancer in the world can easily be missed in the National Museum, Delhi. The Dancing Girl of Mohenjo-daro is that rare artefact that even school children are familiar with. Our school textbooks also communicate the wealth of our 5000 year heritage of art. You have to be alert to her existence there, amid terracotta animals to rediscover this bronze image.
 2. Most of us have seen her only in photographs or sketches, therefore the impact of actually holding her is magnified a million times over. One discovers that the dancing girl has no feet. She is small, a little over 10 cm tall-the length of a human palm-but she surprises us with the power of great art-the ability to communicate across centuries.

3. A series of bangles-of shell or ivory or thin metal-clothe her left upper arm all the way down to her fingers. A necklace with three pendants bunched together and a few bangles above the elbow and wrist on the right hand display an almost modern art.
4. She speaks of the undaunted, ever hopeful human spirit. She reminds us that it is important to visit museums in our country to experience the impact that a work of art leaves on our senses, to find among all the riches one particular vision of beauty that speaks to us alone.

1.1 On the basis of your reading of the above passage answer the following questions. [1×8=8]

(a) The Dancing Girl belongs to:

- (i) Mohenjo-daro
- (ii) Greek culture
- (iii) Homo sapiens
- (iv) Tibet

(b) In the museum she's kept among:

- (i) dancing figures
- (ii) bronze statues
- (iii) terracotta animals
- (iv) books

(c) Which information is not given in the passage?

- (i) The girl is caged behind glass.
- (ii) She is a rare artefact.
- (iii) School books communicate the wealth of our heritage.
- (iv) She cannot be rediscovered as she's bronze.

(d) 'Great Art' has power because:

- (i) it appeals to us despite a passage of time.
- (ii) it is small and can be understood.
- (iii) it's seen in pictures and sketches.
- (iv) it's magnified a million times.

(e) The jewellery she wears:

- (i) consists of only bangles of shell or ivory or thin metal.
- (ii) is a necklace with two pendants.
- (iii) both (i) and (ii) are correct.
- (iv) neither (i) nor (ii) is correct.

(f) She reminds us:

- (i) of the never-say-die attitude of humans.
- (ii) why museums in our country are exciting.
- (iii) why she will make us come into money.
- (iv) of dancing figures.

(g) The synonym of the word "among" in para 1 is _____

(h) The size of the dancing girl is equal to the length of human palm. (True/False)

- Sol.** (a) (i) Mohenjo-daro
 (b) (iii) terracotta animals
 (c) (iv) She cannot be rediscovered as she's bronze
 (d) (i) it appeals to us despite a passage of time
 (e) (iv) neither (i) nor (ii) is correct
 (f) (ii) why museums in our country are exciting
 (g) amid
 (h) True

2. Read the following passage carefully.

[12]

- As the family finally sets off from home after many arguments there is a moment of lull as the car takes off. "Alright, so where are we going for dinner now?" asks the one at the driving wheel. What follows is a chaos as multiple voices make as many suggestions?
- By the time order is restored and a decision is arrived at, tempers have risen, feelings injured and there is at least one person grumbling.
- Twenty years ago, you would step out of home, decision of meal and venue already made with no arguments or opposition and everybody looked forward to the meal with equal enthusiasm. The decision was made by the head of the family and the others fell in line. Today every member of the family has a say in every decision which also promotes a sense of togetherness and bonding.
- We empower our kids to take their own decisions from a very early age. We ask them the cuisine they prefer, the movie they want to see, the holiday they wish to go on and the subjects they wish to study.
- It's a closely connected world out there where children consult and guide each other. A parent's well-meaning advice can sound like nothing more than unnecessary preaching. How then do we reach our children through all the conflicting views and make the voice of reason be heard? Children today question choices and prefer to go with the flow.
- What then is the best path to take? I would say the most important thing one can do is to listen. Listen to your children and their silences. Ensure that you keep some time aside for them, insist that they share their stories with you. Step into their world. It is not as complicated as it sounds; just a daily half an hour of the 'quality time' would do the trick.

2.1 On the basis of your reading of the above passage, answer the following questions in 30-40 words each. [2×4=8]

- Write one advantage and one disadvantage of allowing every family member to be part of the decision making process.
- In today's world, what are parents asking their kids?
- Which two pieces of advice does the writer give to the parents?
- The passage supports the parents. How far do you agree with the author's views? Support your view with a reason.

Sol. (a) Advantage – Everybody participates in the decision making process promoting a sense of togetherness and bonding.

Disadvantage – Multiple suggestions lead to chaos and delay in decision making.

- (b) To empower their kids in today's world, parents ask them to make their own decisions about their choice of food, movie, the holiday destination they want to go to and the subjects they want to study.

- (c) Listening to their children is the first advice given by the writer to the parents. He adds that parents should listen to their children's stories as well as silences. He also advises them to spend 'quality time' with their children.
- (d) I completely agree with the author's views given in the passage because he suggests modern parents to follow the process of democratic upbringing with their children by allowing them to participate in decision making process which will make them independent.

2.2 On the basis of your reading of the above passage, answer the following: [1×4=4]

- (a) The synonym of 'hurt' as given in paragraph 2 is _____
- (b) The word which means the same as 'a style or method of cooking' in paragraph 4 is :
- cuisine
 - gourmet
 - gastric
 - science
- (c) The antonym of 'agreeable' as given in paragraph 5 is _____
- (d) The antonym of 'simple' as given in paragraph 6 is:
- difficult
 - complicated
 - easy
 - tricky

- Sol.(a) injured
- (b) cuisine
- (c) conflicting
- (d) complicated

Section-B : Writing & Grammar (30 marks)

3. You are Kapil/Komal, living at C-424, Sector-18, Green Park, New Delhi. You bought a washing machine from Balaji Electricals Private Limited, Lajpat Nagar, New Delhi. It started giving trouble within a few days. Write a complaint letter (100-150 words) to the Sales Manager seeking immediate repair or replacement. Invent the details of defects. [8]

OR

Yoga is most important in everyone's life as it helps in balancing the relationship between body and mind. Write an article in 100-150 words on the topic "Importance of Yoga in our life". You are Ram/Rama. [8]

Sol. LETTER OF COMPLAINT

(Distribution of Marks)

Format – 1 mark (Sender's address, 2. Date, 3. Receiver's address, 4. Subject Heading, 5. Salutation, 6. Complimentary Close)

Content – 4 marks

Expression – 3 marks (grammatical accuracy, appropriate words, spellings, coherence & relevance of ideas and style)

Suggested value Points:

- Introduce with date of purchase, product name and bill details
- Describe your problem and the outcome you want

- Include key details, such as when you purchased the goods or services and when the problem occurred
- Identify what action you've already taken to fix the problem and what you will do if you and the seller cannot resolve the problem
- Ask for a response within a reasonable time
- Attach a copy of any supporting relevant documentation such as a receipt or invoice

(Sample Letter)

C-424, Sector-18, Green Park
New Delhi

26th February 2020

The Sales Manager
Balaji Electricals Private Limited
Lajpat Nagar
New Delhi

Subject: Complaint regarding Defective Washing Machine

Sir/Madam

On February 5, 2020 I had bought an LG A4520 washing machine from your showroom vide bill number AEDC-21510. After its successful installation, it worked fine for a week but soon started giving trouble. It seems that it is defective. Please find below the list of issues:

1. The tub won't drain despite repeated settings.
2. The front door panel seems to be jammed.
3. The washing machine doesn't spin as per the timer settings.
4. The machine is quite noisy as well.
5. It is life threatening as gives electric shocks.

To resolve the problem, I would appreciate if your company would send in their executives to pick up the machine, and arrange for its replacement as per the terms of purchase. Enclosed herewith are the details of my cash memo, item code and warranty details.

It's highly regrettable that a reputed chain of stores, such as yours, is also not able to provide appropriate service. Looking forward to an early redressal, I shall wait till two weeks before seeking help from a consumer protection agency.

In case of any further query/information, please contact me at 9123456780, or at the above address.

Yours sincerely,
Kapil/Komal

Enclosure: Cash Memo, Warranty Card

OR

ARTICLE

(Distribution of marks)

Format – 1 mark (Heading & Writer's Name)

Content – 4 marks

Expression – 3 marks (grammatical accuracy, appropriate words, spellings, coherence & relevance of ideas and style)

Suggested value Points:

Introduction

- Yoga means 'Union'.
- Yoga as an immensely rich and highly complex spiritual tradition.
- The basic aim and function of yoga is to develop physical and mental strength, resistance to disease and a strong mind.
- Yoga has become more popular nowadays because people are realizing its importance and the key to the cure of modern-day stress lies in yoga.
- Yoga is inexpensive, free-handed form of exercise with a combination of breathing exercises and poses. Yoga is systematic, scientific and results can be obtained by improvement of both physical and mental health.

Main Body

Yoga and Modernisation

- Modern life is resulting us to take up a hectic and unsystematic lifestyle.
- This combined with all the erratic food habits, lack or improper sleep, long working hours, etc. surely pushes the new generation kids or adults to lose health, vitality, flexibility, energy and overall resistance to diseases.
- Yoga gives is a hope to find a way of curing all these.
- A balanced life can be obtained by practicing yoga and harmonizing body and soul with various 'asanas', pranayama and meditation.

Importance of Yoga for Healthy Life

- A healthy body is essential to enjoy life and regular practice of yoga can provide a great deal of health.
- Yoga is not different forms of vigorous exercises. Rather, it is a form of systematic and rhythmic movements that have to be done one after another.
- Breathing patterns is important in the 'asanas'. A proper yoga follower must follow a set of routines for exercise, rest and diet for maximum results.
- Yoga is done to obtain peace and it is done peacefully. Yoga can be performed by people of all ages and even sick people.
- A holistic approach to exercise and combination of mantras and meditations during yoga produces many changes in our thoughts and mindset.
- It makes us free from addiction, enhances our memory power, keeps our mind cool and overall makes us more energetic, effective and even builds self-control.

Conclusion

Yoga has been very much accepted in the west also and through Baba Ramdev it has slowly become quite popular. Thus, we can say that yoga is the key to unlock the divine in man. The temple of Body can be worshipped through yoga itself.

4. Write a story in 150-200 words with the help of the following outline. Give it a suitable title also.

a cricket match _____ boys playing in the street _____ Ram hit the ball _____ a second floor window pane broken _____ [10]

OR

Ahmad went to watch Diwali Mela with his parents. He wanted to enjoy a ride in the merry-go-round. His father _____ [10]

Sol. STORY

(Distribution of marks)

Format – 1 mark (Title)

Content – 4 marks (The story must start with the cue given in the question. There must be clarity of plot, logical sequence of events, well defined characters and an apt conclusion)

Expression – 5 marks (creativity, grammatical accuracy, appropriate words, spellings, coherence & relevance, originality of ideas and style)

The elements of story writing:

- **Theme:** Something important that the story tries to tell
 - **Plot:** The systematic arrangements of events; the journey of character
 - **Structure:** A good story needs a good structure. You can choose to write either in "first person" or in "third person". It should be consistent in Tense usage - either in Present Tense or in Past Tense.
 - **Characters:** Know your characters well; main character should be someone whom readers can feel something in common with.
 - **Setting / Style and Tone:** Use language that is right for your story. Use action and speech to let the readers know what's happening. Use simple words and sentences with idioms to enhance expression.
 - **Climax:** The twist in the tale that keeps the reader engaged.
 - **Conclusion:** The end of the story must be definite.
5. Fill in any four of the following blanks given below choosing the most appropriate options from the ones that follow. Write the answers in your answer sheet against the correct blank numbers. [1×4=4]

Communication (a) become very effective (b) instant due to smart phones. People are able (c) convey their messages all around the globe to (d) loved ones (e) spending hefty sums of money.

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|--------------|--------------|-------------|-----------|
| (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 |
| (d) (i) his | (ii) her | (iii) their | (iv) your |
| (e) (i) with | (ii) without | (iii) and | (iv) to |

Sol.(a) (ii) has

(b) (iv) and

(c) (iii) to

(d) (iii) their

(e) (ii) without

6. The following paragraph has not been edited. There is an error in each line. Write the error along with its correction in the space provided. [1×4=4]

	Error	Correction
Tallam is situated in an	(a) _____	_____
altitude of about 550 feet on a southern	(b) _____	_____
arm of a deep bay of the Western Ghats.	(c) _____	_____
Tallam boasts of delight forest scenery.	(d) _____	_____

Sol.	Error	Correction
(a)	in	at
(b)	a	the
(c)	of	in
(d)	delight	delightful

7. Look at the words and phrases given below. [1×4=4]

Rearrange them to form meaningful sentences.

- (a) easy/very/it/to open/it/was
- (b) to sleep/night/decided/every/they/a hotel/in
- (c) quickly/very/the clothes/they/and food/packed
- (d) the/problems/bags/heavy/in carrying/had/they

- Sol. (a) It was very easy to open it.
 (b) They decided to sleep in a hotel every night.
 (c) They packed the clothes and food very quickly.
 (d) They had problems in carrying the heavy bags.

Section-C : Literature Text Books (30 Marks)

8. Read the extract given below and answer the questions that follow: [1×4=4]

I stand and look at them long and long.
 They do not sweat and whine about their condition.

- (a) The poet who has written these lines is
 - (i) Robert Frost
 - (ii) Carolyn Wells
 - (iii) Walt Whitman
 - (iv) Ogden Nash
- (b) Who are 'they' referred to here?
 - (i) Animals
 - (ii) Tigers
 - (iii) Ananda's friends
 - (iv) Wanda's dresses
- (c) The Poet looks at them long and long because he
- (d) Which word in the extract means 'complain'?

OR

And as the light came on, Fowler had his first authentic thrill of the day. For halfway across the room, a small automatic pistol in his hand, stood a man. [1×4=4]

Ausable blinked a few times.

- (a) Who was standing in the room with a pistol in his hand?
- Ausable
 - Fowler
 - Max
 - A waiter
- (b) Ausable blinked because he:
- was getting adjusted to the light.
 - got afraid of the man with a pistol.
 - was thrilled to have reached his room.
 - started thinking of how to get rid of the man.
- (c) Fowler was thrilled because what he saw looked like a
- (d) Which word in the extract means the same as 'genuine/real'?

- Sol.** (a) (iii) Walt Whitman
- Animals
 - Because he is enamoured by them and wants to live with them.
 - Whine

OR

- (iii) Max
- (ii) got afraid of the man with a pistol
- as he saw a small automatic pistol in the hand of Max.
- Authentic

9. Answer any five of the following questions in 30-40 words each.

[2×5=10]

- "The sight of the food maddened him." What does this suggest? (His First Flight)
- Why does the poet not offer the boy money to buy another ball?
- Why is Coorg called the land of rolling hills?
- What made Hari Singh come back to Anil?
- Why was Matilda unhappy in her early married life?
- Why is Mrs. Pumphrey responsible for Tricki's condition?

Sol. (Distribution of marks)

Content – 1 mark

Expression – 1 mark

(a) **Suggested Value Points:**

- That the young seagull is starving.
- He wants to eat the fish his mother is tearing at.
- Infact he pleads her to bring him some food.

(b) Suggested Value Points:

- He wants him to be responsible.
- To understand that losing things is a part of life.
- To value money.
- To let go of things and move on in life.

(c) Suggested Value Points:

- Because it is situated on the gentle sloping hills.
- The entire area is covered with these hills.

(d) Suggested Value Points:

- Hari Singh came back to Anil after robbing him.
- He always wanted to rob Anil. He had been living with Anil for a month.
- So a bond of trust had been developed.
- Hari Singh didn't want to make Anil sad.
- He didn't want to break the trust.

(e) Suggested Value Points:

- She was born into a family of clerks.
- She wanted to live a lavish life.
- But got married to a petty clerk
- Living a non-lavish life made her unhappy

(f) Suggested Value Points:

- Over caring of Mrs. Pumphrey made Tricki ill
- She kept giving Tricki food, without exercise
- Kept feeding more food even after it became dull

10. Attempt the following question in 100-150 words. [8]

Why was Nelson Mandela overwhelmed with a sense of history?

How did he succeed in ending the apartheid regime in South Africa?

OR

Describe the journey of Siddhartha Gautama becoming the Buddha. [8]

Sol. (Distribution of marks)

Content – 4 marks

Expression – 4 marks

Suggested Value Points:

- Nelson Mandela was overwhelmed seeing the blacks and the whites in jubilation after they had won.
- He was happy that they were treated as equals among dignitaries in the same soil they had been treated as outlaws.
- In the first decade of the twentieth century and before his own birth, the white skinned people of South Africa patched up their differences and erected a system of racial domination against the dark-skinned people of their own land.

- But now in the last decade of the twentieth century, and his own eighth decade as a man, that system had been overturned forever and replaced by one that recognised the rights and freedoms of all people, regardless of the colour of their skin.
- Nelson Mandela had to undergo many hardships and suffering for his countrymen.
- As a patriot, he sacrificed the comfort of his home and loving family.
- He was declared an outlaw for demanding equality for all his fellow black Africans.
- He was punished, isolated and put into jail.
- He and his comrades were oppressed and tortured beyond tolerance. He suffered hunger, oppression and injustice but kept the fire of independence burning in his heart.
- His courage, persistent efforts and sacrifice bore fruit and gave South Africa freedom from apartheid on 10 May 1994.

OR

Suggested Value Points:

- Gautama Buddha was born in 563 B.C. He was born in a royal Hindu family as Siddhartha Gautama.
- At the age of twelve he was sent away for schooling. He studied all the sacred Hindu scriptures.
- At the age of sixteen, he married a princess. They had a son. For ten years, the couple passed a happy life.
- Siddhartha was shielded from all sufferings of the world.
- Once he went out hunting. On the way, he saw a sick man, an old man, a funeral procession and a monk begging for alms. He was overwhelmed with grief.
- He renounced all the worldly pleasures and luxuries offered by royalty, and went out into the world to seek enlightenment concerning the sorrows he witnessed.
- After attaining enlightenment, he gave his first sermon at Benares. It reflects wisdom on 'suffering'.
- Here Buddha tells about the universality of death which is inevitable and can't be escaped.

11. Attempt the following question in 100-150 words. [8]
 How did education change Bholi's personality?

OR

- How did Griffin's invisibility come to his help whenever he found himself in trouble? [8]

Sol. (Distribution of Marks)

Content – 4 marks

Expression – 4 marks

Suggested Value Points:

- Bholi was sent to school because with her ugly face and lack of intelligence, she had little chance of getting a match. "Let the teachers at school worry about her," said her mother.
- Bholi was unwilling to go because she thought that she was being sold and turned out of the house like her cow Lakshmi.
- She was given clean clothes to wear for the first time. Her visit to school proved a turning point in the life of this neglected girl.

- She had all the mobility and maturity and she knew how to deal with a child of special needs like Bholi. When she noticed her, she smiled and asked her name. Bholi stammered: “Bho —Bho — Bho.” The girls laughed but the teacher assured her.
- Her teacher raised her in the hope of a new and respectable life. Education and the teacher’s efforts produced wonderful results.
- The teacher made her a confident, bold and self-respecting person. The teacher realized that the frightened girl only needed some tenderness care and encouragement.
- Her teacher worked on her as an artist. She spoke to her lovingly and sweetly in her soft, soothing voice. She consoled and encouraged her to speak without a stammer.
- With affection and tender love, the teacher dealt with the unfortunate child. She gave her a book of pictures and hoped she would finish it within a month. She assured Bholi that one day she would be more learned than anybody else in the village.
- Education gave her strength, knowledge and understanding. From a fool, she became an enlightened girl.
- Being an obedient child, Bholi didn’t oppose the proposal of an old and lame person. She did so for the honour of the family.
- But when Bishamber insisted on demanding five thousand rupees for marrying a girl with pock-marks, she revolted. She threw the wedding garland into the fire. She refused to marry such a greedy and mean person.
- She also decided to serve her parents in their old age. She declared that she would teach in the same school where she had learnt so much.

OR

Suggested Value Points:

- Invisibility was boon for Griffin in the story.
- Being invisible helped him multiple times in escaping on different occasions in the story as he was not visible to anyone around him and he was able to leave a place without anyone noticing him.
- He utilised his invisibility for his petty interests, as he indulged in petty thefts, burglaries and beatings of the innocent people.
- He made illegal entries in the stores and shops to feed and dress himself without paying anything. All this made him to be an anarchist.
- His invisibility helped him gain access to the London store and even escape the crowd when he was caught stealing.
- He stole money from the Clergyman’s house, set the landlord’s house on fire and easily escaped all crimes with the help of his invisibility.
- During his stay at Iping, he ran short of money. He had to pay the rent to the innkeeper. He entered the Clergyman’s house. He took money from the desk. When he was taking away the money, the Clergyman and his wife heard the sound. They came downstairs to look into the matter. They opened the door and looked into the room. But nobody was there. Griffin came back to his room and paid the dues to the landlady.

- When the neighbours suspected Griffin. Mrs Hall called a policeman. He tried to arrest Griffin. But Griffin made himself invisible and escaped arrest.
- He was turning more and more invisible. In the end, he became totally invisible. The constable tried to fight with him. Some villagers also tried to help the policeman. But they received blows from nowhere. Then Griffin hit the policeman. He fell unconscious. Then Griffin became free and walked out.

