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Class X

MM: 80

TIMING:3HOURS

General Instructions ;

Read the following instructions carefully and follow them:

- 1)All questions are compulsory.
- 2)This question paper contains three sections:-
 - Section A: Reading
 - Section B&C: Writing&Grammar
 - Section D: Literature.

SECTION A: READING (22 marks)

Q 1. Read the following passage carefully.(12m)

- (1) There were two fateful state interventions for the Indian circus industry. The ban on some wild animals the Centre initiated in 1991 was the first one. The legal battle lasted for nearly a decade and then hundreds of animals were seized from circuses and their trainers lost livelihoods overnight. The poor animals caught up in the hollow human discourses of kindness and compassion 'rehabilitated' in cramped zoos soon perished. Since elephants were traditionally part of the exhibition and performance in temples and religious festivals, the pachyderm did not make it into the initial ban lists in India.
- (2) Next on the benevolence chart were young humans. In 2011, Supreme Court banned the training and performance of children below 18 years, directing government to conduct simultaneous raids in all circus companies to liberate' the children. Children have figured prominently in the history of physical training in the circus: they exclusively performed items like high wire, boneless, seesaw acrobat, China plate.
- (3) Social circus and contemporary circus have gained popularity as a 'new' form of circus in Australia and Europe from 1960s. Unlike traditional tented circuses, they perform in public parks and street corners. They seldom use animals and often mix digital technology with poetry and theatre.
- (4) Unfortunately, Indian circus remains 'traditional' in both content and form resulting in its impending demise. Refashioning with contemporary ideas can attract old and new spectators alike. When the global contemporary circus, Cirque du Soleil came to Delhi and Mumbai, almost all their shows were houseful.
- (5) In many cities, circus tents stand banished to the outskirts. For instance, until the 1990s circuses used to tent in the Red Fort ground in Delhi but were gradually moved to faraway Shalimar Bagh. Any fairground should be visible in order to draw spectators.

Based on your understanding of the passage, answer the questions given below:-

- (i) Why were the trainers working in the Indian circus industry rendered unemployed ?

(1)

- (a) Better trainers were hired by the circus industry.
- (b) The animals they used to train, perished.
- (c) They did not know how to train elephants.
- (d) A ban was put on some wild animals in the circus industry.

(ii) What were the two state interventions the writer is talking about ?(2)

(iii) Complete the following sentence appropriately (1)

The interventions by the government were called fateful because-----.

(iv) What was the main reason for the downfall of the Indian circus industry? (1)

- (a) It incurred heavy expenditure on the legal battle fought with the Centre.
- (b) The staff and trainers were incompetent and unprofessional there.
- (c) There was no refashioning with contemporary ideas and forms.
- (d) It introduced digital technology in shows.

(v) After which paragraph of the text, would the following sentence most likely be placed ?
(1)

"Social circus is being chosen by numerous youngsters in Latin America and Africa as a professional option to work in international companies in Europe and North America."

(vi) Contemporary circus has become popular in Europe and Australia from the 1960s. List any two reasons that led to its popularity. (2)

(vii) Complete the following sentence appropriately (1)

Elephants were excluded from the initial ban list as-----.

(viii) Moving of circus shows from the Red Fort ground in Delhi to Shalimar Bagh:
(1)

- (a) was helpful to draw a large number of spectators.
- (b) failed to attract a large number of spectators.
- (c) helped the circus to adopt contemporary ideas.
- (d) resulted in housefull shows of the circus.

(ix) Substitute the underlined word in the following sentence with a word/phrase from paragraph 1, that means the same. (1)

Five hundred people died in the earthquake.

(x) State whether the following assertion is TRUE or FALSE (1)

The rehabilitated animals did not have a happy ending.

Q 2. Read the following table carefully. (10 m)

Name	Mathematics	Science	English	Overall average	Interest in co curriculum activities	Performance in the inter school competition
Ravi	75	80	70	75	Sports(Cricket, football)	Won first place in

						inter school football tournament
Mohit	95	90	85	90	Debate ,Quiz, Elocution	Awarded best speaker in interschool Debate competition
Raghav	55	60	50	55	Painting, Drama. Photograph	Displayed art work in inter school art competition
Lata	100	98	95	97	Robotics , coding, Chess	Secured 2 nd place in inter school Robotics challenge

Answer the following questions, based on the above table:

(i) Identify the student from the above table who has artistic ideas. (1)

(ii) Lata has interest in Robotics and Coding. Choose the best career option for her from the given options (1)

- (a) Event Organiser
- (b) App Developer
- (c) Choreographer

(iii) Which interests of Raghu can help him to relax whenever he is stressed? (1)

(iv) Give one justification each to prove that: (2)

(A) Lata's actions are based on accurate calculations, and

(B) Lata is capable of cracking any competitive examination.

(v) Fill in the blank and complete the analogy: (1)

guitar: music : :----- photograph

(vi) Complete the given sentence with the appropriate reason, with reference to the information in the given table. (1)

From the table given above, we can infer that even though Raghu is an average student yet he is-----than Lata.

(vii) Explain why situation (c) showcases the sportsmanship quality of Ravi: (2)

- (a) In an inter-school cricket tournament, Ravi played well and helped the team to win the match.
- (b) In an inter-school cricket match, it was Ravi who cheered his team as a captain and took important decisions to win the match.
- (c) After an inter-school cricket match, Ravi congratulated the opposite team for winning the match.

- (viii) Choose the correct option which proves that Mohit is a good Debater(1)
- (a) Mohit shouts at the beginning of any discussion and does not let others speak.
 - (b) Mohit argues without any facts while presenting his ideas.
 - (c) Mohit can convince others with valid points and facts.

SECTION B: WRITING (22 marks)

Q.3. You are Manish of class XA. Write an application to your principal to arrange extra classes for mathematics during assembly time since your class was not able to cop up with the topics. Request him/her on behalf of the whole class in max 50 words. (3m)

Q.4. Write a factual description on our beloved Prime minister, in about 100 words (4m)

Q.5. A) Tourism being one of the biggest and fastest growing industries globally, affects the economic, socio-cultural, environmental and educational resources of nations.

Improving tourism industry in India would thus lead to national development in many spheres. As Ankit/Ankita, write a letter to the Editor of The Times of India, expressing your views on the same. You may take ideas from the MCB unit "Travel and Tourism".

(7 marks)

OR

B) Our metropolitan cities witness a large number of accidents every day, What do you think is the reason? What can be done to bring down the rate of accidents Write a letter, in about 100-120 words, to the editor of a National Daily expressing your concerns and offering solutions to this problem, You are Arun/Aruna, 112, Model Town, Delhi,

(7 marks)

Q.6. A) With the growing dependeny on technology and change in lifestyle, children are less active as compared to the earlier generation. In many ways, this poses risks to their health that may or may not be immediately visible. Write an article on the topic : ' Sedentary Lifestyle and an Unhealthy Generation', in about 150 words You can take hints from the MCB unit 'Health and Medicine' and cues given below- (8 m)

- No Physical activity or exercise
- No socialising, busy invideo games and mobile
- Dangers and health issues
- Obesity,Type-2 Diabetes
- Cardiovascular disease

OR

6 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.

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

SECTION C: GRAMMAR (10 marks)

Q.7. Do as directed,

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

Time travel (i)------(ought to/ should/could) become a reality in the near Future (ii)------(allows/allowed/allowing) human being to experience the thrill of travelling back or forward in time, However, (iii)------(most/many/much) challenges must be overcome, such as ensuring safety and affordability for all potential time travellers.

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

No.	Text	Word before	Omission	Word after
E.g.	I ten minute late	I	was	late
(i)	For work morning.The exhaust pipe	----- -	----- -	-----
(ii)	Fell the bus. Mr. Brown was entirely	----- --	----- --	-----
(iii)	Unsympathetic. He said , "You get	-----	-----	-----
(iv)	Yourself bicycle, Rohan.'	----- --	----- -	-----

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

Did you know that the lack of hydrological resources affects more than 40% of the world population?
No, I didn't. What are hydrological resources?

WATER RESOURCES, / SURVIVAL / AND PLANT / TO HUMAN, / ANIMAL, / REFER TO / WHICH / ARE VITAL / HYDROLOGICAL RESOURCES

(D) Report the dialogues to complete the paragraph that follows. (2m)

Photographer: I want to use a drone for photographing your event.
Customer: Really! Do you usually offer this advice?

Photographer: No. I don't. Your event is in an open and picturesque area and I want to capture the complete scene.

The photographer told the customer that she wanted to use a drone for photographing his event. The customer exclaimed in surprise and asked

(i)-----.

The photographer replied in the negative and shared

that (ii)-----as his event was in an open and picturesque

SECTION D: LITERATURE (26 marks)

Q.(8) Read the given excerpts and answer the questions briefly for ANY TWO excerpts of the given three (4*2=8)

(A) Mrs. Jordan: No, that'll never do. We want a verse that says how much we loved him and refers to all his good qualities and says what a heavy loss we've had.

Mrs. Slater: You want a whole poem. That'll cost a good lot.

Mrs. Jordan: Well, we'll think about it after tea, and then we'll look through his bits of things and make a list of them.

There's all the furniture in his room. (The Dear Departed)

(i) What does Mrs. Jordan want ?

(ii) Mrs. Slater does not want a whole poem to be published. Why?

(iii) "You want a whole poem. That'll cost a good lot." Mention one characteristic trait of Mrs. Slater through this line.

(iv) Which is more important for these speakers - mourning on their father's death or distributing his property between them?

(B) 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?

(The Snake)

(i) What can be inferred about the speaker's attitude towards nature based on the excerpt?

(ii) List the meaning of the phrase "burning bowels of this earth".

(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?

(C) "Well," I said, "we're leaving on Monday. Is there anything I can do for you before we go?" Nicola shook his head, but suddenly Jacopo said,

"Sir," he burst out, "every Sunday we

make a visit to the country, to Poleta, 30 kilometres from here. Usually we hire bicycles.

But tomorrow, since you are so kind, you might send us in your car." I had already told Luigi he might have the Sunday off. However, I answered, "I'll drive you out myself."

There was a pause. Nicola was glaring at his young brother in vexation. "We could not think of troubling you, sir."

"It won't be any trouble."

(Two Gentlemen of Verona)

(i) Identify the phrase that indicates that the visit to Poleta on Sundays is significant as a routine or tradition.

(ii) What does the narrator's offer to drive the brothers to Poleta reveal about his character?

(iii) Why was there a pause after the narrator's offer?

(iv) State one reason why Jacopo might have wanted a car ride despite the choice of hired bicycles?

Q.9) Answer ANY FIVE of the following six questions in about 30-40 words. (5*2=10m)

(i) Why does Calpurnia say Caesar's 'wisdom is consumed in confidence'?

(ii) What is the lesson 'The Dear Departed' about?

(iii) Why did the mariners hang the dead albatross around the Ancient Mariner's neck?

(iv) What is the main conflict faced by John Hallock in "A Shady Plot"?

(v) What is the primary theme of "The Letter"?

(vi) How does the writer of the story expose human greed and vanity in the story 'Mrs Packletide's Tiger'?

Q.(10) Do ANY ONE OUT OF TWO (8m)

A). Bring out the irony in the words, "My name is Ozymandias, King of kings, look on my works, ye mighty, and despair!" as inscribed on the pedestal of the statue.

OR

QB. What message do you think the author is trying to convey through Patol Babu's story? How does the chapter highlight the importance of following one's passion and appreciating small opportunities in life?