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CLASS - X
SUBJECT - ENGLISH COMMUNICATIVE (SET-1) CODE-101

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TIME- 1 HOUR

This question paper consists of 4 sections.

Section A-Reading 8 marks

Section B- Writing 7 marks

Section C- Grammar 5 marks

Section D-Literature 10 marks

SECTION A – Reading

(8 marks)

Q. 1 Read the following passage carefully.

Sports play an essential role in the overall development of students. While academic learning builds knowledge and intellectual skills, sports help in physical fitness, teamwork, discipline, and emotional balance. Participating in sports encourages students to develop qualities like leadership, cooperation, and perseverance. Whether it is cricket, football, athletics, or indoor games like chess and table tennis, each sport teaches important life lessons. For instance, team sports help students understand the value of working together to achieve a common goal, while individual sports develop self-reliance and focus.

One of the greatest benefits of sports is physical health. Regular exercise strengthens muscles, improves stamina, and boosts the immune system. In an age when students spend a lot of time on screens, sports provide an active lifestyle that reduces the risk of obesity and related health problems. Moreover, sports have a positive impact on mental health. They reduce stress, improve mood, and build resilience. After a session of physical activity, students often feel refreshed and more motivated to study.

Sports also instil discipline. Training regularly, following rules, and respecting opponents are habits that shape good character. They also teach time management, as students learn to balance practice sessions with academic responsibilities. In addition, sports can open doors to career opportunities—not only as professional athletes but also in fields like sports management, coaching, physiotherapy, and journalism.

However, focusing only on sports without paying attention to studies can lead to academic difficulties. Injuries, if not treated properly, can also affect a student's physical well-being. In some cases, the competitive pressure of sports can cause stress or unhealthy rivalries. That is why balance is important. Parents and teachers should encourage students to participate in sports without neglecting their academic and personal growth.

In conclusion, sports are not just games; they are a foundation for a healthy and disciplined life. They prepare students to face challenges with determination and help them grow into well-rounded individuals. When combined with good academic habits, sports can lead to a balanced, successful, and fulfilling life.

On the basis of your understanding of the passage, answer the following questions:

- i How do sports contribute to physical health? 1 mark
- ii Name two possible career opportunities related to sports mentioned in the passage. 1 mark
- iii Why is the balance between sports and academics important? (Answer in 30-40 words) 2 marks
- iv Which of the following is **not** mentioned as a benefit of sports? 1 mark
 - a) Improved stamina
 - b) Boosted immune system
 - c) Increased screen time
 - d) Reduced stress
- v The author's opinion about sports is that they are: 1 mark
 - a) More important than studies
 - b) Harmful for students
 - c) A vital part of overall development
 - d) Only for professional athletes
- vi Sports can sometimes cause injuries that affect students' well-being. **(True/False)** 1 mark
- vii **Complete the sentence** (1mark)
Sports prepare students to face challenges with _____.

SECTION B- WRITING

(7 marks)

- Q. 2 Vocational Education prepares learners for jobs that are based on manual or practical activities. Taking ideas from the unit 'Education', along with your own ideas, write a letter to the editor of a newspaper in about 120 words, providing information to the students about the growing need of Vocational Education in the present-day world. You are Suraj /Supriya, 12/K, MG Road, Chennai.

Or

Write a letter to the editor of a national daily, expressing your appreciation towards government initiatives and provisions made for girl child education and the importance of the same. You are Gautam/ Anuradha, C-101, Karol Bagh , New Delhi.

SECTION C- GRAMMAR

(5 marks)

- Q. 3 Fill in the blanks with the appropriate option from those given in the brackets. (2 marks)
- Last night, I (i)..... (read/was reading/reads) a novel when the lights suddenly (ii)(go/went/going) out. I (iii).....(light/lit/lighting) a candle and continued reading until I (iv).....(feel/felt/feels) sleepy.

- Q. 4 The following lines have not been edited. There is an error in each line. Find the error and write the correction for each. (3 marks)

	Error	corrections
Tests and examination are not confined to	e.g., examination	examinations
Schools alone. They are widely use at various	(a)	
Government and non-government level.	(b)	
Business and industry, too, is using test.	(c)	

SECTION D – LITERATURE

(10 marks)

- Q. 5 Read the extract and answer the questions briefly. Attempt any ONE. (4 marks)

- a. At last he came again, but it was a struggle for him to breathe, and on his face were clear signs of approaching end.
 - ii Who is 'he' here?
 - iii Why does 'he' breathe with difficulty?
 - iv What were the signs on his face?
 - v Give the noun form of clear.
- b. Not marble, nor the gilded monuments
Of princes, shall outlive this powerful rhyme;
But you shall shine more bright in these contents
Than unswept stone, besmeared with sluttish time.
 - i What does 'marble' in these lines mean?
 - ii What does powerful 'rhyme' in line 2 refer to?
 - iii Why do the rich and powerful get ornate monuments made?
 - iv What are the things that time can destroy?

- Q. 6 Answer any three questions briefly. (3x2 =6 marks)

- i What made Mrs Packletide decide to give a party in Loona Bimberton's honour?
- ii Why did Ali give up hunting?
- iii 'Nothing beside remains' What does the poet mean when he says these words?
- iv Who was shifting the 'bureau' of the grandfather and why?