

CBSE Board
Class X English Communicative

Maximum Marks: 80

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Section C:	Literature	30 marks

SECTION A
(READING-20 MARKS)

Q1. Read the following passage carefully:

Tourism formed an important part of the Kashmiri economy before revolt intensified in 1989. Kashmir has been under the wrath of extremists since the Partition in 1947. Since then, many people have died, fled, or become militants to survive the rebellion.

Recently, since 2009, tourism has seen a surge in Jammu and Kashmir. Kashmir, Srinagar, Shalimar Gardens, Gulmarg, Pahalgam, Jammu and Ladakh are the major tourist regions in Jammu and Kashmir. Despite militancy in the region, millions of people visit the holy shrines of Jammu and the Buddhist monasteries of Ladakh every year. Thousands of Hindu pilgrims visit the holy shrines of Vaishno Devi and Amarnath.

In the recent years, Kashmir has become one of the top tourist destinations of India. Gulmarg is one of the most popular ski resort destinations in India and also home to the world's highest green golf course. It is surrounded by dense forest, and hence, the natural beauty accompanied with clean fresh air and a beautiful environment makes Gulmarg as a major tourist destination. The town of Katra is the home to the scared cave shrine of the mother goddess Vaishno Devi. The cave is 30 metres long and just 1.5 metres high. At the end of the cave are shrines dedicated to the three forms of the mother goddess — Mahakali, Mahalakshmi and Mahasarasvati, which is manifested as Vaishno Devi.

Shalimar Bagh is a Mughal garden located near Srinagar. The garden was built by Emperor Jehangir for his wife Nur Jahan in 1619 and is now a public park. The hill station of Pahalgam is located at an altitude of 7200 ft. from the sea level. This place is a health resort and is associated with the annual Amarnath Yatra. Amarnath is a cave shrine located at an altitude of 3,888m and is considered as one of the holiest shrines in Hinduism. The cave

itself is covered in snow for most part of the year except for a short period of time in summer. It is during this time that thousands of devotees make an annual pilgrimage to the Amarnath cave on challenging mountainous terrain to see an ice stalagmite formed inside the cave. The stalagmite is considered to be Shiva Linga by Hindus. According to a Hindu legend, this is the cave where Shiva explained the secret of life and eternity to Parvati. Two other ice formations represent Parvati and Shiva's son, Ganesha.

I. Complete the following sentences based on your reading of the text: [4]

1. _____ makes Gulmarg as a major tourist destination.
2. The Vaishno Devi cave is in _____ and is just _____.
3. Emperor Jehangir build the Shalimar Gardens _____.
4. _____ is considered to be Shiva Linga by Hindus.

II. Fill in the blanks with ONE word only: [4]

Although militancy and rebellion have tried their best (a) _____ ruin the paradise called Jammu and Kashmir, tourism has seen some hope (b) _____ 2009. Of the many places worth seeing in the valley, Gulmarg is a world famous skiing destination. It is surrounded (c) _____ dense forest and its clean air attracts many people every year. The valley is home to two sacred Hindu cave shrines of Vaishno Devi and Amarnath, (d) _____ abodes of goddess Vaishno Devi and Lord Shiva respectively. Thousands of pilgrims walk up to the Amarnath cave on challenging mountainous terrain to see an ice stalagmite formed inside the cave.

III. Find a word in the passage that means the following: [2]

1. elevation: _____
2. fury: _____

Q2. Read the following passage carefully: [5]

Many animals are able to communicate with each other very well but none of them can talk like humans. Animals do not have a well-defined speech like humans and therefore, they cannot use words. Birds cry out and make sounds that other birds understand. Smells, movements, and sounds are used for communication by animals such as lions, tigers, cats, dogs, etc. They express joy or anger or fear through these sounds of varying pitches.

Human speech is a very complicated process, which no animal can follow. One reason is that in a very special way we use a whole series of organs to produce the sounds we want to make when we utter words. The way our vocal cords are made to vibrate, the way the throat, mouth and nasal cavities are adjusted, the way the lips, teeth, lower jaw, tongue, and palate are moved - just to make vowel and consonant sounds, is something animals can't do. They cannot produce a whole series of words to make a sentence. And there is another, perhaps more important reason why animals can't talk. Words are only labels for objects, actions, feelings expressions and ideas. For example, the word 'bird' is a label for a living, flying object. Other words describe its colour, shape, flying and singing. Still other words would be used to tell what the speaker thinks or feels about the bird or its actions.

For human beings, therefore, the use of words means the use of labels or symbols, and then organizing them in a certain way to communicate something. This requires a degree of intelligence and logical thinking that no animals have. So, they can't talk the way people do.

Answer the following questions by choosing the appropriate option from those given below: **[5]**

1. Birds and animals use _____ as opposed to a well-defined speech for communication.
2. Birds and animals cannot use words they are capable of expressing _____.
3. Producing speech is a complicated process as it involves using _____.
4. Using words for communication involves a degree of _____.
5. Pick out a word from the passage which means 'aptitude'.

SECTION B
(WRITING & GRAMMAR- 30 MARKS)

Q3. Your younger brother/sister wastes lot of time and neglects her studies. Write a letter to him/her advising her to manage her time well. [8]

Q4. Write a short story with the help of outline below. [10]

Man - finds a purse in a ditch - covered with stone- moves the stone to allow a car to pass by - sees the purse - takes it out- opens it - finds money - people gather-think he is a thief - start beating him - Man runs to save himself - finds a police station- hands over the purse- is appreciated by the police

Q5. Complete the passage by choosing the correct option from those given in brackets: [4]

Three years ago, fresh (a) _____ of school, I (b) _____ the intimidating task of choosing a career (c) _____ college started. My uncle, (d) _____ of the elders of the family, suggested (e) _____ I do a summer job (f) _____ a multinational company followed by a month of social service with an NGO. He said that (g) _____ I could (h) _____ which career to choose.

Q6. The following passage has not been edited. There is ONE error in each of the lines. Write the missing word against the correct blank number in your answer sheets. [4]

- | | Correction |
|--|-------------------|
| a) England has been long famous for her dramatist, | _____ |
| b) the greatest of who was William Shakespeare. | _____ |
| c) It is hard to find the educated man in | _____ |
| d) the English speaking world whom had not heard | _____ |
| e) for his name. The actor and playwright | _____ |
| f) born more than 400 years ago had | _____ |
| g) become not only for the Englishman but for | _____ |
| h) the whole world chief symbol for British culture, | _____ |

Q7. Rearrange the following words and phrases to make meaningful sentences. [4]

1. is familiar \ properties \ most \ the neem \ medicinal \ to \ people \ for its
2. \ it is \ distinctive curled \ star-shaped \ recognized \ leaves \ by its \ flowers \ and
3. are pale \ tinge of rust \ the young \ and green \ with a \ leaves
4. enters / millions tons / the/ every year / of / ocean /plastic

SECTION C (LITERATURE – 30 MARKS)

Q8. Read the given extract and answer the following questions by choosing the most appropriate option. [4]

In mist or cloud, on mast or shroud,
It perched for vespers nine;
Whiles all the night, through fog-smoke white,
Glimmered the white Moon-shine.

1. 'it' in the above stanza refers to

- i. the ship
- ii. the albatross
- iii. the cloud
- iv. the mist

2. Vespers nine refers to

- i. a fixed time everyday
- ii. nine hours of the day
- iii. nine days
- iv. nine weeks

3. It was a boon for the sailors because

- i. it had brought them a lot of money
- ii. it had helped the sailors to reach the shore
- iii. sailors could move out of the mist and snow
- iv. none of the above

4. Write the synonym for 'glimmered'.

Q9. Answer the following questions in about 30 – 40 words each. [8]

- 1. 'That was my idea' said Sebastian excitedly.' If only it would go a big faster.
Where was Sebastian when he spoke these words?
- 2. What was the news that Nishikanto Ghosh gave Patol Babu?

3. How does Patol Babu reconcile to the dialogue given to him?
4. Why does John want the ghost to disappear before his wife appears on the scene?
What impression of his wife's character do you form from his words?

Q10. How did Mark Antony outperform a great orator like Brutus and turn the Roman mob against him? [8]

Q11. Anne's diary was not simply a record of everyday events. It has several themes. Select at least four and using them to write an article on Anne Frank, highlighting the values that helped her overcome her problems. [10]

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SECTION A
(READING-20 MARKS)

Q1.

I.

1. Dense forest, the natural beauty accompanied with clean fresh air and a beautiful environment makes Gulmarg as a major tourist destination.
2. The Vaishno Devi cave is in the town of Katra and is just 1.5 metres high.
3. Emperor Jehangir build the Shalimar Gardens for his wife Nur Jahan in 1619.
4. The stalagmite

II.

- a) to
- b) since
- c) by
- d) the

III.

1. elevation: altitude
2. fury: wrath

Q2.

1. Birds and animals use smells, movements and sounds as opposed to a well-defined speech for communication.

2. Birds and animals cannot use words they are capable of expressing joy or anger or fear through these sounds of varying pitches.
3. Producing speech is a complicated process as it involves using a whole series of organs to produce the sounds we want to make when we utter words.
4. Using words for communication involves a degree of intelligence and logical thinking.
5. A word from the passage which means 'aptitude' is intelligence.

SECTION B
(WRITING & GRAMMAR- 30 MARKS)

Q3.

Senders Address

Date: _____

Dear Vineet,

Thank you for tagging me on your Facebook posts about interesting facts. Although I went through the links last week itself, I couldn't comment because I was busy with my weekly routine.

I noticed that you updated your status around 1 am last Thursday. You have to wake up early for school, don't you? How do you manage to wake up at 6 am after sleeping so late? I hope you are not depriving yourself of adequate sleep as this will affect your health gravely. Vineet, last week when I spoke to mother she was worried about your academic performance and told me that you scored less in this exam as compared to the last semester. She feels you are spending too much time online and are not able to concentrate on studies. I told her that though the Internet is very addictive you often like sharing informative articles and news items with others. However, it would be nice if you could limit the number hours that you want to spend on activities other than studying. For example, I spend a great deal of time on social networking sites and meeting my friends during weekends, since I am busy with assignments and class work on weekdays. Moreover, when I check Facebook or meet my friends once a week, there is a lot more to share and listen to.

I am sure you understand how important discipline and time management is during our life as students. In fact, daddy could achieve so much in his life only because he follows his routine strictly. Do you remember we used to tell him that one day we want to become like him? Then I am sure you will start managing your time better and not let your studies get affected by anything.

Lastly, please continue to share interesting facts with me over Facebook, but don't let social networking affect your school or studies.

Do call me up this weekend. Take care of yourself!

Yours affectionately,

XYZ

Q4.

Suraj was walking home from his fields one evening when he found a huge stone blocking the road, inconveniencing motorists. He went closer to the spot and realized that the stone was actually covering a ditch right in the middle of the road. He knelt down and started removing the stone to help the vehicles pass by smoothly. As he removed the stone, he found a purse inside the ditch. He took it out and went to the side of the road to open the purse. When he opened it, he was surprised to find a lot of money inside. As he was thinking what to do with the purse, some people from the neighbouring farm, who had been watching him remove the stone, started running towards him with sticks in their hands. "Thief! Thief!" they cried as Suraj started running to save his life, he ran with all his might for quite some time until he came to his village. He rushed to the nearest police station and handed over the purse to the inspector. The people who were running after him stopped and were stunned at his gesture. Suraj was felicitated by the police department and cheered by his friends for showing honesty despite being a poor farmer burdened with debt.

Q5.

- a) out
- b) had
- c) before
- d) one
- e) that
- f) in
- g) then
- h) decide

Q6.

	Correction
a) England has been long famous for her <u>dramatist</u> ,	<u>dramatists</u>
b) the greatest of <u>who</u> was William Shakespeare.	<u>whom</u>
c) It is hard to find <u>the</u> educated man in	<u>an</u>
d) the English speaking world <u>whom</u> had not heard	<u>who</u>
e) <u>for</u> his name. The actor and playwright	<u>of</u>
f) born more than 400 years ago <u>had</u>	<u>has</u>
g) become not only for the <u>Englishman</u> but for	<u>Englishmen</u>
h) the whole world chief symbol <u>for</u> British culture,	<u>of</u>

Q7.

1. Neem is most familiar to people for its medicinal properties.
2. It is recognized by its distinctive curled flowers and star-shaped leaves.
3. The young leaves are pale and green with a tinge of rust.
4. Millions tons of plastic enters the ocean every year.

SECTION D
(LITERATURE – 30 MARKS)

Q8.

1. 'It' in the above stanza refers to **the albatross.**
2. Vespers nine refers to **a fixed time every day.**
3. It was a boon for the sailors because **sailors could move out of the mist and snow.**
4. gleam, shine, glint, flicker, shimmer, glisten, glow, twinkle, sparkle, glitter, catch the light, blink, wink, flash;

Q9.

1. Sebastian was in the game 'jail break' and had just broken out of the cell with the help of Michael. He was on the roof top.
2. Nishikanto Ghosh told Patol Babu that his youngest brother-in-law worked in the production department of the film industry. He was looking for an actor for a scene in a film and Patol Babu fit his requirements. Nishikanto Ghosh had therefore given him his address so he could get in touch with him.
3. Patol Babu was about to walk away when he remembered the advice given to him by Mr. Pakrashi, his mentor, telling him that no matter how small a part you have been offered, never consider it beneath your dignity to accept it. As an artist, your aim should be to make the most of your opportunity and squeeze the last drop of meaning out of your lines. He also said that each word in a play was like a fruit on a tree and only the actor knew how to pluck it, get its essence and serve it to the audience. These words helped him reconcile to the dialogue given to him and allowed him to perform his part with conviction.
4. When John hears his wife's voice at the door, he waves his arms in fear asking Helen to disappear because he is afraid that his wife might misunderstand him. Lavinia is a very sensitive woman who is prone to hysterics. Had Lavinia seen him talking to a ghost, she would think he is insane. His wife is also a jealous woman, who would have not approved of Helen leaning on her husband's shoulder. She is a materialistic person who loves shopping. Her husband's job as a writer is not very lucrative, yet that doesn't stop her from being a spend thrift. She is not very open to suggestion as is evident from her refusal to do away with the Ouija board despite her husband's request. She is also very social in nature and loves to throw parties.

Q10.

Mark Antony was Caesar's close friend who didn't agree with Brutus when the latter said that Caesar was an ambitious person who wanted to rule over Rome. Antony delivers an emotional speech after Brutus' speech at Caesar's funeral and tells the mob that Caesar was not ambitious at all. Mark Antony aroused the feelings of sympathy and compassion in the Romans for their ruler Caesar. He told the mob that Caesar refused the crown thrice and said that he had kept 75 drachmas for every Roman. Antony appealed to the sentiments of the mob by point out at the wounded corpse of Caesar. He succeeded in influencing the mob in his favour and avenging Caesar's death.

Q11.

The crucial years of Anne's life were marked by many problems, the biggest being anti-Semitic conditions that existed during Anne's times. The Nazis had invaded her hometown, and Jewish people were arrested and sent to extermination camps by Hitler's army. The Franks also had to go into hiding and they found an annex in Otto Frank's office premises.

Anne faced problems of isolation and loneliness in hiding. She coped with it by maintaining a diary and writing down the accounts of her daily life. She considered her diary her best friend and even gave it a name, Kitty. During the most important years of her life, she was locked away in a hideout. Anne's constant questioning of herself led to her evolution as a person. At the end of the diary, she came to terms with who she had become.

Anne's admiration for her father instilled a great sense of security in her as she trusted everything he did. Though she felt a sense of disconnect with her mother, she valued her family over everything else.

Anne faced conflicts with Mrs. Van Daan who criticised her over her ways and for her relationship with her son. However, Anne learnt to be mature with her finding her more approachable than her own mother.

The fear of being caught loomed over the lives of the people in the annex. Anne also questioned it many times and felt guilty about their compatriots who had died. Since she was optimistic, she tried to be cheerful despite impending doom.
