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ENGLISH (Communicative)

CLASS X
Time-3 hours

Maximum Marks: 80

General Instructions:

I The question paper is divided into three sections.

Section A : Reading

20 Marks

Section B : Writing and Grammar

30 Marks

Section C : Literature and Long Reading text

30 Marks

II All questions are compulsory.

III You may attempt any section at a time

IV All questions of that particular section must be attempted in the correct order.

SECTION A : (READING) (20Marks)

Q.1 Read the passage given below and answer the questions that follow:

8 Marks

1. French photographer Nicholas Chorier is not a usual photographer. He is a kite aerial photographer. He uses a kite to hoist his camera into the skies and clicks photographs while the camera dangles precariously mid-air. As a teenager, Nicholas had two passions photography and kite flying. (Kite photography is unique, eco-friendly and gives a perspective that is not possible through other aerial means.)
2. During a trip to India to make a photo report on kite making, he learnt about this unique style of photography. Fascinated, he literally tied his two hobbies together for a living. Nicholas learnt to make strong kites modelled on the Japanese kites, Rokkaku that could endure harsh winds. A novice in his chosen field, he then set out to train himself. Today he is one of the most well-known kite aerial photographers in the world. The technique is to tie a cradle containing the photography equipment to the string of the kite and then fly it, thus launching the camera into air. From the ground, Nicholas manipulates the angles of the camera with a remote. An air-to-ground video link enables him to see the view from the kite's vantage point.
3. Preferring to call himself a "craftsman" rather than an "artist", Chorier builds the kites himself. His largest kite measures around 40 square feet. He flies his single-line kite to a

height of 30 to 40 metres, till it catches the wind. However, the job does have its pitfalls too.

- Once, his kite disappeared in the Yamuna river, with his expensive camera in tow.
4. His large canvases make familiar scenes poetic. Shot from above, the Lotus Temple, Delhi, becomes a nonagon bud with unfurling petals. The camel fair of Pushkar comes alive with diminished camels and enlarged shadows. Though he says, "I love every place I have shot in," he reveals that shooting in Varanasi was tremendously exciting. Two hundred of his best photographs have been compiled into "Kite Eye- View India between Earth and Sky"

(336 Words)

1.1 Attempt **any eight** of the following questions on the basis of the passage you have read.

(1X8=8Marks)

- i) What were Nicholas' two passions as a teenager?
- ii) Why is kite flying unique?
- iii) What is Rokkaku?
- iv) How does Nicholas manipulate the angle of his camera?
- v) What is the length of his largest kite?
- vi) How high does he fly his single -line kite?
- vii) Shot from above how does the Lotus temple look like?
- viii) Where did he enjoy his tremendously exciting shooting?
- ix) - Which word in paragraph no.2 means the same as 'to send something out'?

Q.2. Read the passage given below and answer the questions that follow:

12 Marks

1. One day a professor entered the classroom and asked his students to prepare for a surprise test. They waited anxiously at their desks for the test to begin. The professor handed out the question paper, with the text facing down as usual. Once he handed them all out, he asked his students to turn the page and begin. To everyone's surprise, there were no questions. Just a black dot in the centre of the page. The professor seeing the expression on everyone's face told them "I want you to write what you see there."
2. The students confused, got started on the inexplicable task. At the end of the class, the professor took all the answer papers and started reading each one of them aloud in front of

all the students. All of them with no exceptions described the black dot, trying to explain its position in the middle of the sheet. Their total focus was on the position of the black dot.

3. After all had been read, the classroom silent, the professor began to explain. "I am not going to grade you on this; I just wanted to give you something to think about. No one wrote about the white part of the paper. Everyone focused on the black dot – and the same happens in our lives. We have a white paper to observe and enjoy, but we always focus on the dark spots. Our life is a gift given to us by God, with love and care, and we always have reasons to celebrate nature renewing itself every day, our friends around us, the job that provides our livelihood, the miracles we see every day. Think about every good thing in your life right."
4. The dark spots are very small compared to everything we have in our lives, but they are the ones that pollute our minds. We always insist on focusing only on the dark spots, the health issues that bother us, the lack of money, the complicated relationship with a family member, the disappointment with a friend etc. Take your eyes away from the black spots in your life. Enjoy each one of your blessings, each moment that life gives you. "Life is not just about the good things or not just about the bad things. It is both. If you're looking for the bad things in life, then you will find it. If you search for the good things then it is what you find."

(413 Words)

2.1 On the basis of your reading of the passage answer **any four** of the following questions in about 30-40 words each: (2x4=8 Marks)

- i) Describe the surprise test given by the professor?
- ii) What did he observe when he started reading the answer papers?
- iii) What did he mean by saying "We have a white paper to observe and enjoy"?
- iv) What does he convey about the dark spots in life?
- v) How can we forget the dark spots in life?

2.2 On the basis of your reading of the passage, fill in **any two** of the following blanks with appropriate words/phrases. (1x2=2 Marks)

- i) The students waited anxiously to _____
- ii) The professor wanted them to give something to _____
- iii) The dark spots pollute _____.

2.3. Attempt any two of the following. Find out the words that mean the same as under.

(1x2=2 Marks)

- i) puzzled (para 2)
- ii) pay particular attention to (para3)
- iii) corrupt (para4)

SECTION – B (WRITING AND GRAMMAR) -30 MARKS

Q 3(a) You are Deepa/ D epak of 8 Salt Lake, Kolkata. Write a letter to the Editor of The Statesman, Kolkata about the bad quality and inadequate supply of water in your locality. (100-120 Words) (8Marks)

OR

Q 3 (b) You are Rupa/Rupesh, living at 1, Kasturba Road, Krishna Nagar, Jabalpur. Though your locality is a decade old, proper sewage connection has not been provided in your locality as yet. Write a letter to the Executive Engineer, Madhya Pradesh Drainage Board, Division V, Jabalpur, about the problems faced by residents, seeking immediate action. (100-120 Words)

(8Marks)

Q4. Write a short story in about 200-250 words with any one set of the cues given in the boxes below. Give a suitable title to the story. (10 Marks)

Gaurav, Sohan and two other friends went for trekking .At night they could hear some footsteps. They came out and followed the footprints. They were shocked.....

OR

Sandeep, Sahil and their friends went for a picnic .Sandeep walked fast. He then realized that he had lost his way.....

Q5. Fill in **any four** of the following blanks choosing the most appropriate option from the ones given below. Write the answers in your answer sheet against the correct blank numbers.

(4x1=4 Marks)

- A) Be more conscious (a) _____ your day-to-day decisions.
- B) This will lead you (b) _____ take the appropriate actions to reach your goals.
- C) Have a purpose (c) _____ life.
- D) Act according (d) _____ your values.
- E) Don't let people tell you what to do or how things (e) _____ be.
- a) i) in ii) at iii) on iv) for
- b) i) for ii) to iii) with iv) as
- c) i) in ii) into iii) at iv) to
- d) i) to ii) with iii) in iv) as
- e) i) should ii) would iii) may iv) might

Q6. In the following passage one word has been omitted in each line. Write the missing word, in **any four** sentences of the given paragraph, along with the word that comes before and the word that comes after it.

(4x1=4 Marks)

	Before	Missing Word	After
Water testing has become important area	become	an	important
because of disposal of industrial effluents	a) _____	_____	_____
into water bodies and rise concerns about water	b) _____	_____	_____
degradation, prompting government regulations	c) _____	_____	_____
to tackle issue. Also, water contamination	d) <u>tackle</u>	<u>is</u>	<u>issue</u>
is linked to the spread various diseases.	e) <u>spread</u>	<u>of</u>	<u>various</u>
Significant emphasis is being laid on water testing.			

Q7. Rearrange any four of the following word clusters to make meaningful sentences

(1x4=4 Marks)

- Bengaluru / the / of / Karnataka/is /capital/
- city / known / the "Garden City of India" /the/was/as
- Lal Bag / a /garden/ commissioned/ by/ Hyder Ali /is/botanical/in 1760
- Cubbon park/ created / by Major General Richard Sankey/was/1884/in
- over/ Jayprakash Narayan Biodiversity Park / 250/ varieties of/ trees and shrubs/has/

SECTION C (LITERATURE) (30 Marks)

Q8. Read the extract given below and answer the questions that follow. Write the answers in your answer sheet in one or two lines only. (1x4=4 Marks)

- a) Nor Mars his sword nor war's quick fire shall burn

The living record of your memory.

'Gainst death and all oblivious enmity

Shall you pace forth;

- Which poem are these lines taken from?
- Who is Mars?
- Explain "The living record of your memory".
- Write the meaning of the phrase 'oblivious enmity'

OR

- b) Calpurnia: Do not go forth today: call it my fear

That keeps you in the house, and not your own.

Let me, upon my knee, prevail in this.

- What is Calpurnia's fear?
- What is the cause of her fear?
- What does she mean by saying 'Let me, upon my knee prevail'?
- What does the phrase 'go forth' mean?

Q9. Answer any four of the following questions in 30-40 words each.
(Marks)

(2x4 = 8)

- i. Why didn't Luigi, the driver, approve of the two boys?
- ii. What made Mrs. Packletide decide to give a party in Loona Bimberton's honour? What did she intend to give Loona on her birthday?
- iii. "Ali displays qualities of love and patience". Give evidence from the story to support the statement.
- iv. What message is conveyed through the poem "Ozymandias"?
- v. Justify the title of the play "The Dear Departed".

Q10. Attempt any one out of the two following long answer type questions in 100-120 words.

(8Marks)

- a) Why did Patol Babu disappear before collecting his payment? What is the value we learn from Patol Babu?

OR

- b) In today's society, people take advantage of the ignorance and innocence of others. Describe this with reference to the poem "The Frog and the Nightingale".

Q11. Answer the following question based on prescribed novel text for extended reading in about 200-250 words.

(10Marks)

- a) Miss Anne Mansfield Sullivan had the greatest influence on the life, character and the achievements of Helen Keller. Write a character sketch of Miss Sullivan.

OR

- b) What was the incident of the Frost King? How did it affect Helen?