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Time : 3 Hrs.

Max. Marks: 80

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The Question Paper is divided into **three Sections**:

Section –A	<b>Reading Skills</b>	<b>20 Marks</b>
Section –B	<b>Writing Skills and Grammar</b>	<b>30 Marks</b>
Section –C	<b>Literature Textbook and Extended Reading Text</b>	<b>30 Marks</b>

**General Instructions:**

1. All questions are compulsory
2. Marks are indicated against each question.
3. An additional 15 minutes time has been allotted to read this question paper only.

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**SECTION A – READING (20 MARKS)**

1. **Read the passage given below and complete the sentences that follow : (8 Marks)**

A sparrow is a small bird which is found throughout the world. There are many different species of sparrows. Sparrows are only about four to six inches in length. Many people appreciate their beautiful song. Sparrows prefer to build their nests in low places-usually on the ground, clumps of grass, low trees and low bushes. In cities they build their nests in building nooks or holes. They rarely build their nests in high places. They build their nests out of twigs, grasses and plant fibres. Their nests are usually small and well-built structures. Female sparrows lay four to six eggs at a time. The eggs are white with reddish brown spots. They hatch within eleven to fourteen days Both the male and female parents care for the young. Insects are fed to the young after hatching. The large feet of the sparrows are used for scratching seeds. Adult sparrows mainly eat seeds. Sparrows can be found almost everywhere, where there are humans. Many people throughout the world enjoy these delightful birds.

The sparrows are some of the few birds that engage in dust bathing. Sparrows will first scratch a hole in the ground with their feet, then lie in it and fling air or sand over their bodies with flicks of their wings. They will also bathe in water, or in dry or melting snow. Water bathing is similar

to dust bathing, with the sparrow- standing in shallow water & flicking water over its back with its wings, also ducking its head under the water, Both activities are social, with up to a hundred birds participating at once, and is followed by preening and sometimes group singing.

**Answer the questions briefly.**

(1 x 8 = 8 Marks)

- (a) The chief food for the adult sparrow is .....
- (b) Sparrows live wherever .....
- (c) The word, 'species' means .....
- (d) Sparrows .....in high places.
- (e) .....take care of the young sparrows.
- (f) Sparrows take bath in .....
- (g) Bathing for the sparrows is a.....
- (h) Bathing is followed by ..... and.....

2. **Read the following passage carefully.**

(12 Marks)

"Mum!" I shouted. "Are you okay?" I saw her little tent shuddering in the gale and listened closely for her response. Her voice was almost casual: "Oh, yes, I'm fine." That's my mother. It was the first night of our cycling trip through the interior of Iceland—a region so remote and inhospitable that for centuries, according to legend, it was abandoned. The weather was decidedly hurricane-like, but Mum wasn't concerned. Months ago, I told her about my plan to pedal across Iceland. "It will be really difficult," I said. "The roads are unpaved and often washed out, and the wind is blowing constantly — sometimes so hard that it pushes you off the road." There was silence for a moment. Then she asked, "Can I come ?" "Sure," I replied. "But like the rest of us, you have to train to do two 160 kilometres a day back-to-back," "Wow," she said, "I could never do that." I had more faith in my mother's physical abilities than she did. I'd seen her raise six children and put in long hours doing physical labour on our small farm. "Sure you can," I told her, "Start tomorrow." What really concerned me was what I perceived to be her frustrating humility: I thought her too self-depreciating about her intellect just because she had not completed college. I - felt she underestimated her attractiveness just because she was not the type to wear makeup or fancy clothes. As I had grown into adulthood, the life I'd chosen seemed light-years away from Mum's quiet existence, still caring for her children - and her children's children. Sometimes, on a visit home, I'd describe some recent

trip I'd taken, and her blue eyes would shine with interest. So I couldn't help - thinking this trek might revitalize Mum, who had started to slow down in her - 50s. It might spice up what I saw as her humdrum life. And it might be a boost to her tentative and retiring persona. Mum trained furiously, months in advance. As the trip roster was pared down to Mum, my good friend Allen and me, she stood as the most dedicated. Soon she was riding 80-100 kilometres per day, and was as strong a rider as Allen or I.

2.1 **On the basis of your reading of the passage, answer the following questions briefly :**

(2x4=8 Marks)

- (a) How does the narrator describe the weather and road conditions in Iceland ?
- (b) What training did the adventure cycling trip require? Why did the narrator have faith in his mother's physical ability to undertake the trip ?
- (c) In what way did the narrator think the trip would help his mother ?
- (d) When were the narrator and his friend sure about his mum's preparation ?

2.2 **Answer the following very short answer questions :** (1X2=2 Marks)

- (a) What did the narrator do after calling his mum ?
- (b) Where were they cycling ?

2.3 **Choose the most appropriate meaning of the given word from the options provided : -**

(1x2=2 Marks)

- (a) The word "perceived" means .....
  - (i) associate
  - (ii) acknowledge
  - (iii) pressurize
  - (iv) notice/become aware of
- (b) The word 'revitalize' means .....
  - (i) to pause
  - (ii) to enjoy
  - (iii) to give new life
  - (iv) to end something

## SECTION B – WRITING AND GRAMMAR (30 MARKS)

3. You are Anand / Anandita. You have read the recommendations of the Ramphal Committee. You decide to write a letter to the editor of a national daily in favour of the

recommendations. Read the recommendations and along with your own ideas and those given in the unit 'Education', write the article in about 100-120 words. (8 Marks)

- The Ramphal Committee regrets the early age at which schooling starts and the load a child is supposed to carry to school. The committee recommends:
- age of admission to preschool to be increased from 3 to 4 years preschools not to teach academic subjects
- children must not carry a heavy load on their backs
- no homework to be given in pre-primary and primary classes.

4. Construct an interesting story by using the idea given below imaginatively in about 200-250 words.

*Going to the forest was not my idea. It was my brother's idea.....* (10 Marks)

5. Read the paragraph given below. Fill in the blanks by choosing the most appropriate words / phrases from the given options. (4 Marks)

There are several things we (a) .....do to solve the problem of global warming. One solution is to stop producing CO<sub>2</sub>. Another solution (b) ..... to plant more trees. A third solution (c) ..... to use less energy and (d) ..... more products.

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|-----|----------------|---------------|-----------------|--------------|
| (a) | (i) will       | (ii) can      | (iii) shall     | (iv) must    |
| (b) | (i) remains    | (ii) our      | (iii) is        | (iv) are     |
| (c) | (i) is         | (ii) are      | (iii) was       | (iv) were    |
| (d) | (i) recyclable | (ii) recycled | (iii) recycling | (iv) recycle |

6. The following passage has not been edited. There is one error in each line against which a blank has been given. Write the incorrect word and the correction in your answer sheet against the correct blank number as given in the example. Remember to underline the word that you have supplied. (1/2 x 8 = 4 Marks)

	Error	Correction
If there is a perfect mountain valley of the world,	e.g. of	in
it is certainly the magnificence valley of Kashmir.	a) .....	.....
It is surrounded by a snow-capped, lofty	b) .....	.....
mountains which make it a land for springs	c) .....	.....
and beautiful lakes. For the past hundred	d) .....	.....

of years the beauty of Kashmir have held the visitors spellbound. Srinagar, the chief cities of the valley or the summer capital of Jammu and Kashmir lying on the banks of the river Jhelum

e) .....  
f) .....  
g) .....  
h) .....

**7. Read the conversation given below and complete the paragraph that follows:(4 Marks)**

**Ginnie:** Why have you not brought my dress?

**Dimpi:** I haven't brought it because I had gone to my cousin's house.

**Ginnie:** Don't give me lame excuses. I want to know the truth.

Ginnie asked Dimpi (a) .....Dimpi replied that she (b) ..... because she had gone to her cousin's house. Ginnie angrily told her (c) ..... and that (d) .....

**SECTION C - LITERATURE AND EXTENDED READING TEXT (30 MARKS)**

**8. Read the following extract and answer the questions that follow : (4 Marks)**

Well, he must have gone round to the 'Ring-O-Bell's afterwards, for he came in 'as merry as a sandboy'.

**Questions**

- (a) What is 'Ring – O -Bells'?
- (b) Why did the old man come in as merry as a sandboy after going round to the 'Ring – O – Bells'?
- (c) What for did 'he' go to 'Ring-O-Bells'?
- (d) What does the phrase, 'as merry as a sandboy means'?

**Or**

The ice was here, the ice was there,

The ice was all around :

It cracked and growled, and roared and howled,

Like noises in a sound !

**Questions**

- (a) Name the speaker. What did he repent over?
- (b) What did the speaker look like?
- (c) Name and explain the figure of speech used in the above lines.
- (d) What kind of a scene was it in such a situation?

**9. Answer the following questions in 30-40 words each: (2 x 4 = 8 Marks)**

- (a) What is the poet's dual attitude towards the snake?
- (b) The two boys from Verona do not disclose their problems to the narrator. What light does it throw on their character?
- (c) How was Shultz finally rescued by Michael?
- (d) How can you say that Ali was an embodiment of love and patience?

**10. The mirror says; "I am important to her". This line shows the dependency of the woman on the mirror. Keeping in mind the above thought, write an article in - 100-120 words on 'Gender Equality' for a magazine. (8 Marks)**

Or

**PatolBabu, Film Star' teaches a moral value of what it means to be a true artist and how the artist suffers when the art he professes is not appreciated. But he doesn't compromise with the downfall in art appreciation. Write a paragraph on 'Art, Artist and Truths of Life', in about 100-120 words.**

**11. Helen's struggle has become a source of inspiration for all less fortunate. Comment in about 200-250 words. (10 Marks)**

Or

**What was the incident of 'The frost King'? How did it affect Helen? Answer in about 200-250 words.**

## MARKING SCHEME SAMPLE QUESTION PAPER ENGLISH COMMUNICATIVE 2018 – SET 3

### SECTION A – READING (20 MARKS)

1. Answers (1x8 = 8 Marks)

- (a) seeds .....
- (b) there are low places, low trees and bushes .....
- (c) race .....
- (d) build their nests .....
- (e) Both male and female parents .....
- (f) dust, water .....
- (g) playful activity .....
- (h) preening and sometimes group singing .....

#### Answers

- 2.1 (a) The narrator describes the weather and road conditions as bad. The weather is hurricane-like and roads unpaved and washed out. The wind blows all the times pushing one off the road. (2 Marks)
- (b) The training included doing two 160 kilometres a day back-to-back. The narrator had faith in his mother's physical abilities as she had raised six -children. He had also seen her doing physical work on their smallform. (2 Marks)
- (c) He thought that the cycling trip would revitalize his mum. She had started to slow down in her 50s. It would boost her stamina and endurance. (2 Marks)
- (d) Thenarrator's mother trained greatly for the cycling trip months in advance. She stood up as the most dedicated when the trip roster was pared down to him, his friend Allen and her. This assured them about mother's preparedness. (2 Marks)
- 2.2 (a) He listened closely for her response. (1)
- (b) They were cycling through the interior of Iceland. (1)
- 2.3 (a) (iv) notice/become aware of (1) (b) (iii) to give new life. (1)

## SECTION B – WRITING AND GRAMMAR (30 MARKS)

Q.3 Content : 6 marks

Fluency : 1 marks

Accuracy : 1 marks

Q.4 Content : 6 marks

Fluency : 2 marks

Accuracy : 2 marks

Q.5 (a) (ii) can (b) (iii) is (c) (i) is (d) (iv) recycle  
(1 x 4 = 4 Marks)

Q.6 Answers (1/2 x 8 = 4 Marks)

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a) Magnificence	magnificent
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b) a	the
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c) for	of
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d) hundred	hundreds
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e) have	has
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f) cities	city
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g) or	and
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h) lying	lie
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Q.7 Answers (1 x 4 = 4 Marks)

a) why she had not brought her dress b) hadn't brought that

c) not to give her lame excuses d) she wanted to know the truth

## SECTION C – LITERATURE AND EXTENDED READING TEXT (30 MARKS)

Q.8 Answers (1 x 4 = 4 Marks)



- (a) 'Ring-O-Bells' is a pub maintained and owned by Mrs. John Shorrocks.
- (b) The old man came in as merry as a sandboy because he had visited 'Ring-O- Bells' where he spent some ideal time with Mrs. John Shorrocks.
- (c) It means 'extremely happy or carefree'.
- (d) 'He', that is, Abel Merryweather, went to 'Ring-O-Bells' to spend quality time with Mrs. Shorrocks.

Or

- (a) The speaker is the Mariner. He repented over the killing of the Albatross even when there was no provocation from it.
- (b) The speaker looked like an old man with a long grey beard and flashing bright eyes.
- (c) The figure of speech used here is 'simile'. The resounding sounds made by the cracking of ice are being compared to an animal's growling, roaring or howling.
- (d) It was a terrific and fearsome scene with ice cracking and giving out horrible sounds.

**Q.9 Answers**

**(2 x 4 = 8 Marks)**

- (a) The dual attitude of the poet towards the snake is to kill or not to kill it. His instinctual attitude made him to throw a log at it to kill it. But the voice of education told him not to kill it as it was a honoured guest. (2 marks)
- (b) It throws light on their character as being self-respecting and confident. Actually they don't want to make their privacy public. In that they are self-content even though they have to work hard: (2 marks)
- (c) The narrator and Shultz ran amid the fire and gunshots. They jumped in a jeep followed by a tank. When Shultz braked suddenly, he was thrown into a spin. He landed with a thud near the hatch but the narrator pulled him instantly in a helicopter. Thus he was saved when the helicopter soared into the sky safely. (2 marks)
- (d) Ali was an embodiment of love and patience. His great love for his daughter made him come to the Post Office without fail. He waited for his letter from her. He was full of great patience because he never grew impatient or angry when the Post Office officials insulted him and made fun of him. (2 marks)

**Q.10 All relevant answers**

**(8Marks)**

**Q.11 Relevant answers according to the text**

**(10 Marks)**