

**SAMPLE QUESTION PAPER ENGLISH COMMUNICATIVE 2018**

**CLASS – X**

**SET5**

*Time : 3 hours*

*Maximum Marks : 80*

The Question Paper is divided into three Sections:

<b>Section A : Reading Skills</b>	<b>20 Marks</b>
<b>Section B : Writing Skills and Grammar</b>	<b>30 Marks</b>
<b>Section C : 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.

**SECTION A- READING**

**(20 MARKS)**

1. **Read the passage given below and answer the questions that follow:** (1x8=8 Marks)

- (1) Tiger is typically sighted as the most fearsome predator which is admired for its flexible muscles, courage and beauty. The tiger's body serves as a hundred of different uses such as the fat is believed to be the tonic of rheumatism and the flesh offers a considerable strength to those who eat.
- (2) Tigers have forelimbs and broad shoulders with the help of which tigers grapple with their prey while holding onto it with the long claws of the broad forepaws. The colour of the coat varies, depending entirely on their habitat. These big cats also display prominent black stripes that run across their bodies. No tiger has stripes that resemble its other counterparts i.e., each one has its own unique stripes. The black stripes of tigers serve as a natural camouflage by hiding them amongst the shadows and the long grasses of their surroundings.
- (3) There was a time when tigers could be found all along Asia ranging from eastern Turkey, Caspian Sea, including south of the Tibetan plateau and the Sea of Okhotsk. Sadly speaking, the tiger's range has been limited to a few major habitats. Currently, tigers have become extinct in Iran, Afghanistan, Turkey and the Indus Valley of Pakistan. They were once widespread throughout India including the foothills of the Himalayas, through Bhutan, Nepal, Sikkim, Myanmar, and Assam, and the population has dramatically reduced in the Indian subcontinent. Unfortunately, the extreme hunting together with poaching has made tigers an endangered species.

- (4) It is sad to think of the extinction of an animal species due to the unstoppable forces of nature. But, it is infinitely more depressing when the extinction is caused by supposedly responsible human beings.

Answer the questions briefly. (1x8=8 Marks)

- (a) What is the typical view of the people about the tiger?  
(b) What do the people appreciate the tiger for?  
(c) What use are various parts of the tigers body?  
(d) How do the tigers grapple with their prey?  
(e) How do the tigers use their stripes?  
(f) Where were the tigers found in earlier times?  
(g) Which are the countries where tigers have become extinct?  
(h) Who is more responsible for making the tigers an endangered species?

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

(12 Marks)

Tommy found a real book. It was a very old book. The pages were yellow and crinkly. It was awfully funny to read the words. They stood still, instead of moving on a screen.

Margie said, "What's it about ?"

"School"

Margie made a face, "School ? What's there to write about school ? I hate school."

Tommy looked at her with superior eyes. "Because it's not our kind of school. This is the kind of school that they had hundreds of years ago. Centuries ago."

"Did they have a teacher?"

"Sure they had a teacher, but it wasn't a regular teacher. It was a man." "A man?"

I wouldn't want a strange man in my house." said Margie.

Tommy screamed with laughter. "The teacher didn't live in the house. They had a special building, and all the kids went there."

"And all the kids learned the same thing?"

"Sure, if they were the same age."

"But my mother says a teacher has to be adjusted to fit the mind of each boy and girl it teaches. Each kid has to be taught differently."

"Just the same, they didn't do it that way then."

Margie went into the school room with a sigh. She was thinking about the old - schools they had when her grandfather's grandfather was a boy. All the kids from the neighbourhood came. They laughed and shouted in the school room, and went home together at the end of the day. They learned the same things, so they could help one another with the home work.

And they could talk about it. Their teachers were humans like she herself was. Unlike today's teachers they were not available in the mall, nor could they be purchased online. Actually, our parents had no role in their 'purchase'. They laughed with you, even scolded you when you did not understand them. You could not programme them though you could make individual regrets for a particular topic to be discussed again.

There was more of variety in life, more of sharing, and much more of social interaction. Margie wished she had been born a few hundred years ago. She would have lived a less neat, less tidy, less organized but much more enjoyable life.

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

(2x4=8 Marks)

- (a) What according to Margie's mother were the characteristics of a good teacher?
- (b) Why did Tommy laugh at Margie's remark about 'man' as a teacher?
- (c) What did kids do at school in olden days?
- (d) What kind of life did Margie wish to lead?

2.2 Answer the following very short answer questions : (1x2=2 Marks)

- (a) Why did Margie go to school with a sigh?
- (b) Explain : 'There was more of variety in life'.

2.3 Choose the appropriate words to be the answers to these words:

(1x2=2 Marks)

- (a) What is meant by the word, 'awfully'? (para 1)
  - (i) very strangely
  - (ii) happily
  - (iii) awesome
  - (iv) sadly
- (b) Find the word opposite in meaning to 'sold'. (para 10)
  - (i) purchased
  - (ii) particular
  - (iii) scolded
  - (iv) available

## SECTION B-WRITING AND GRAMMAR

(30 MARKS)

- 3. Write a letter to the editor of a national daily, expressing your opinion and views on the increased human dependence on technology. Right from a small child to an adult, or an even old man, everyone wants gadgets only-cell phone, I-pod, laptop etc. This also has a negative effect on social relationships. Write the letter in 100-120 words, using your own ideas and those given in the unit 'science'. (8 Marks)
- 4. Complete the story in about 200-250 words. (10 Marks)

It was dark midnight. I was studying for my mid-term examination. All my family members were fast asleep. I alone was awake. All of a sudden, I heard —some strange voices behind the window. My blood ran dry\_\_\_\_\_.

5. Complete the following passage by filling one or two words in each blank.

(1/2x8=4 Marks)

Morning walk is (a)\_\_\_\_\_ great blessing. It has its own values. It is a tonic (b) \_\_\_\_\_ the body and mind. The morning is (c) \_\_\_\_\_ fresh. One breathes pure oxygen in one's lungs. They become strong. He (d) \_\_\_\_\_ a lot of energy for the day's work. There is peace (e) \_\_\_\_\_ freshness all around. There is always beauty. The birds chirp in the trees. There is greenery all around. It (f) \_\_\_\_\_ the walkers. They feel fresh (g) \_\_\_\_\_ full of energy. All these (h) \_\_\_\_\_ the pleasures of morning walk.

6. There is one error in each line. Write the incorrect word and the correction in your answer sheet. (4x1=4 Marks)

	<b>Incorrect</b>	<b>Correct</b>
Virginia Wolf was a English writer and	(a)_____	_____
most of the foremost modernists of the 20 <sup>th</sup>	(b)_____	_____
century. In May 14, 1925, she released	(c)_____	_____
its most famous work, 'Mrs. Dalloway'	(d)_____	_____

7. Read the conversation given below between Mr. Nair and Mr. Koshal. Then complete the blanks given in the reported speech.

(4 Marks)

Mr. Nair : Hello. Is this 5721625 ?

Mr. Koshal : Yes please, whom do you want to talk to ?

Mr. Nair : Could I talk to Mr. Mahajan ?

Mr. Koshal : I'm afraid Daddy's not at home. Do you have any message for him ?

Mr. Nair : Please tell him that the meeting fixed for tomorrow has been cancelled.

Mr. Koshal : All right.

- (a) Mr. Nair said hello and asked if that was 5721625. Hearing this Mr. Koshal replied in the positive and asked \_\_\_\_\_
- (b) Mr. Nair asked him \_\_\_\_\_ Mr. Mahajan.
- (c) Mr. Koshal told him that he was afraid Daddy was not at home and asked him \_\_\_\_\_ for him.
- (d) Mr. Nair told him that the meeting \_\_\_\_\_ cancelled.

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

8. Read the extract given below and answer the questions that follow:

(1x4=4 Marks)

'And every tongue, through utter drought  
Was withered at the root;  
We could not speak, no more than if  
We had been choked with soot.'

**Questions**

- (a) Whose tongues were parched?
- (b) Why was there 'utter drought'?
- (c) Explain the literary device used in the extract.
- (d) Why did they feel so ?

Or

"I have come to tell you that I am leaving." She staccatoed.

"Oh, yes, yes !" I agreed, flapping my arms about to attract attention from the corner.

**Questions**

- (a) Who is. 'she' referred to here ?
- (b) Why had she decided to leave ?
- (c) Why did her husband behave in a strange manner ?
- (d) What does 'I' do later ?

9. Answer the following questions in 30-40 words each:

(2x4=8 Marks)

- (a) Why did the mariners blame the ancient mariner for their plight ?
- (b) What help did Sebastian Shultz ask Michael for ? How did he convey this message ?
- (c) Why did Mrs. Packletide want to kill a tiger ? How does she realise her ambition ?

(d) How did All reflect on life ?

10. 'Snake' by D.H. Lawrence celebrates a beautiful value of hospitality in the narrator's mind.

Describe in about 100-120 words how the poet brings it about and what he says about it. (8

Marks)

Or

'No one can gauge the depth of human emotion till one identifies oneself with one's fellow beings'.

The postmaster realises the pain of Ali when his own daughter was sick. He was full of remorse, guilt and repentance.

What values do you learn from the condition of the post master?

Answer in about 100-120 words.

11. What difficulties did Helen face when she took her final examinations for Radcliffe College?

Write your answer in about 200-250 words.

(10

Marks)

Or

A teacher can play a very significant role in the life of her pupils. Anne Sullivan is an embodiment of a true teacher who strives relentlessly for the empowerment of Helen, her student who is differently abled. Elaborate (Word limit : 200-250 words)

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### MARKING SCHEME SET – 5

#### Section A – Reading (20 Marks)

Q.1

(1x8=8 Marks)

#### Answers

- (a) The typical view of the people about the tiger is that it is sighted as the most fearsome predator.
- (b) The people appreciate the tiger for its flexible muscles, courage and beauty.
- (c) The tiger's body fat is believed to be the tonic for rheumatism. The flesh offers a considerable strength.
- (d) The tigers grapple with their prey with their forelimbs and broad shoulders. They hold on them with their long claws of the broad forepaws.
- (e) They use their stripes as a natural camouflage to hide them among the shadows and the long grasses of the surroundings.
- (f) Tigers were found in earlier times along Asia ranging from eastern Turkey, Caspian Sea, including south of the Tibetan plateau and the Sea of Okhotsk.
- (g) These are Iran, Afghanistan, Turkey and the Indus Valley of Pakistan.
- (h) The extreme hunting together with poaching has made the tigers an - endangered species.

Q.2

(4x2=8 Marks)

#### Answers

- 2.1
- (a) According to Margie's mother the characteristics of a good teacher were to be adjusted to fit the mind of each boy and girl it taught. (2)
  - (b) Tommy laughed at Margie's remark about 'man' as a teacher because Margie said that she wouldn't want a strange man as teacher in her house.
  - (c) They laughed and shouted in the school room. They went home together at the end of the day. They learned the same things and helped one another in their homework. (2)

(d) Margie wished to lead life which was available to her grandfather's grandfather when he went to school in a different manner. (2)

2.2 (a) She went to school with a sigh because she was thinking about the old schools they had when her grandfather's grandfather was a boy (1)

(b) It means life had different facts of joy, happiness etc. (1)

2.3 (a) (i) very strangely (1)

(b) (i) purchased (1)

### Section C – Writing and Grammar (30 Marks)

Q.3 Marking:-

Content:- 6 Marks

Fluency:- 1 Mark

Accuracy:- 1 Mark

Q.4 Marking:-

Content:- 6 Marks

Fluency:- 2 Mark

Accuracy:- 2 Mark

Q.5

(1/2x8=4 Marks)

Answers

(a) a (b) for (c) very (d) gets

(e) and (f) refreshes (g) and (h) are

Q.6

(1x4=4 Marks)

Incorrect

Correct

(a) a

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(b) most

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(c) in

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(d) its

her

Q.7

(1x4=4 Marks)

Answers

(a) whom she wanted to talk to

(b) if he could talk to

(c) if he had any message

(d) fixed for the next day had been



## Section C – Literature and Extended Reading Text (30 Marks)

Q.8 Answers (1x4=4 Marks)

- (a) The parched tongues were of the mariners.
- (b) There was utter drought because of the polar spirit. It was avenging the death of innocent albatross on the mariners.
- (c) The literary device is 'simile' in 'if we had been choked with soot'.
- (d) They felt so because they couldn't drink even a drop of water due to the punishment.

Or

- (a) 'She' referred to here is Lavinia.
- (b) She had decided to leave because she had seen her husband talk to 'another woman' (here Helen). She couldn't tolerate it.
- (c) Her husband behaved in a strange manner because he didn't show signs of sadness at her leaving him. On the other hand, he okayed her leaving him.
- (d) 'I', that is, Lavinia, doesn't go to her mother but stays back and questions Helen.

Q.9 Answers (2x4=8 Marks)

- (a) The mariners blamed the ancient mariner for their plight because he had killed the innocent albatross without any rhyme or reason. They felt that some supernatural agency was 'avenging this death on them'.
- (b) Sebastian Shultz asked Michael to save him. He had a plan that there was to be a helicopter on the roof. They were to fly in it to escape from the dragon. He conveyed this message in an e-mail through the computer.
- (c) Mrs. Packletide wanted to kill a tiger to outwit Loona Bimberton's prestige of having flown in an aeroplane. Being a jealous woman she couldn't tolerate it. So she realised her ambition of hunting a tiger, though through dubious means.
- (d) Ali was left alone in Miriam's going after her marriage. He felt quite lonely and cheerless. One day he was lost in the admiration of the green cornfield. He then reflected deeply about life. He saw that the whole universe is built up through love. Grief of separation is inescapable. He could no longer enjoy sportsman's pleasure and laughter because now he had understood the meaning of life.

Q.10 All relevant answers. (8 Marks)

Q.11 Relevant answers according to the text. (10 Marks)