

**ENGLISH
CLASS X**

**Time: 3 Hrs.
Marks: 80**

This paper consists of four sections.

Section A – Reading	20 marks
Section B – Writing	20 marks
Section C – Grammar	20 marks
Section D – Literature	20 marks

Instructions:

1. *Attempt all questions.*
2. *Do **not** write anything in the question paper.*
3. *All the answers must be correctly numbered as in the question paper and written in the answer sheet provided to you.*
4. *Attempt all questions in each section before going on to the next section.*
5. *Read each question carefully and follow the instructions.*
6. *Strictly adhere to the word limit given with each question. Marks will be deducted for exceeding the word limit.*

SECTION A - READING

A.1 Read the following passage carefully and answer the questions that follow:

FACING OLD AGE WITH ZEST

The phenomenon of ageing has been with us. Anything that is born must disappear. We cannot avoid old age, but how to face it and add zest to life in the remaining years of our living on this earth?

Ageing should bring control over three human passions- lust, anger and greed. Controlling these forces changes the mode of our living and our thinking.

There are two factors which are responsible for our well being. First, keeping ourselves fully occupied both mentally and physically, with something we like. The second is directing ourselves towards spirituality. Spiritual learning makes us calmer and gives inner peace.

Meditation, reading books and keeping company with spiritually-enlightened people keep us mentally occupied and bring tranquility. A life full of contentment at this stage particularly would make the remaining years of our life happier.

We understood the meaning of renunciation, wrongly perhaps. Running away from the world and its material attractions is not the path being professed. The stage of life that we are at, is one in which we must not ignore the spark that guides us to the correct path. We are not the external body alone, but the soul within also. According to our scriptures, God resides in every soul.

There are three weapons, which God has given us for our happiness – awareness, wisdom and goodness.

Awareness refers to knowing one's real self. It means to be aware of our real personality. Wisdom is our second weapon. Most of us lead this life without being aware of our aim, goal and priorities and each one's inherent capacities. A person of wisdom will succeed

by disciplining his life, fixing the priorities and reorganizing his reactions, emotions and thoughts. Wisdom lies in knowing our goal in life. Goodness is in fact the core of all philosophies. It is the sheet anchor of the teaching of various religions. What are the Ten Commandments? What is compassion taught by Buddha? What is Ahimsa taught by Saint Mahavir? The Gita repeats, again and again, that unless we enhance our content of nobility and purity, the goal of self realisation will remain beyond reach.

Goodness and humility go hand-in-hand and complement each other. One has to replace selfishness with selflessness and bring one's ego under control

To practice compassion you have to have all the qualities of goodness – truth, love, purity and humility.

The Dalai Lama has repeatedly brought out in his discourses that love and anger cannot be generated exactly at the same time in the same person. Once you become accustomed to one class of attitudes, the other side automatically will diminish.

He said: "Ignorance, anger, attachment and pride are your ultimate enemies. They are not outside but within you and must be fought with the weapons of wisdom and concentration. Have a good heart, a good mind and warm feelings?" This will lead us to live a beautiful life.

Source: The Tribune

A1.1 On the basis of your reading the passage complete the notes. Write your answers in your answer sheet against the correct blank number. (4marks)

a) To add zest to old age one should control three human passions:

i) _____

ii) _____

and lust.

b) One should keep oneself occupied:

i) _____ and mentally.

c) One should be spiritually inclined through

i) _____

ii) _____

and reading books.

d) Three weapons God has given us for happiness are

i) _____

ii) _____

and awareness.

e) One should follow:

i) _____

A1.2 On the basis of your reading paras 7-11, complete the following sentences briefly. Write your answers in your answer sheet against the correct blank number. (4marks)

a) Wisdom lies in _____

b) We cannot achieve self-realisation unless _____

c) Truth, love, purity and humility are essential to practise _____

d) According to Dalai Lama our four ultimate enemies are _____

A1.3 Find words/phrases in the passage that have the same meaning as the following. Write your answers in your answer sheets against the correct blank number. (4marks)

- a) enjoyment (para 1)
- b) giving up (para 5)
- c) asserted; stated (para5)
- d) precedence (para 7)

A.2 Read the following poem and answer the questions that follow: (8marks)

AT THE THEATRE

(To the lady behind me)

Dear Madam, you have seen this play:
I never saw it till today.
You know the details of the plot
But, let me tell you, I do not.
The author seeks to keep from me
The murderer's identity,
And you are not a friend of his
If you keep shouting who it is.
The actors in their funny way.
Have several funny things to say,
But they do not amuse me more
If you have said them just before.
The merit of the drama lies
I understand, in some surprise;
But the surprise now must be small
Since you have just foretold all.
The lady you have brought with you
Is, I infer, a half-wit, too.
But I can understand the piece
Without assistance from your niece.
In short, foul woman, it would suit
Me just as well if you were mute;
In fact, to make my meaning plain,
I trust you will not speak again.
And – may I add one human touch?
Don't breathe upon my neck so much.

A.2.1 Below you can see a page from the poet's diary which summarises the incident related in the poem. Fill in the blanks with ONE word only. Write the answers in your answer sheets against the correct blank number. (4marks)

Last evening I went to the theatre to see a a) _____ . A woman and here b) _____ were sitting in the row at my back. The woman went on c) _____ all the time while watching the play. It was clear from her talk that she had d) _____ the play earlier also and knew all the e) _____ of the story. She kept telling her niece what was going to f) _____ next and thus spoiled for me all the

charm of the play. When I could bear it no longer I asked her bluntly to keep g)_____ and also not to breathe upon my h)_____.

A2.2 Find words in the poem that have the same meaning as the following. Write your answers in your answer sheet against the correct blank number. (4marks)

- a) story
- b) conclude
- c) foolish
- d) silent

SECTION B – WRITING

B.1. You are Radhika/ Rajesh of National Public School, Bilaspur. Being incharge of the cultural committee of your school, you are given a letter by your Principal about an Inter school Cultural Fiesta your school has to take part in. Write a notice, in **not more than 50 words**, including relevant details from the letter, asking students to appear for selection. Do not give extra information. Put the notice in a box. **(4 marks)**

Hill Mount School, Bilaspur.

30 October, 2005

The Principal,
National Public School,
Bilaspur.

Madam,

Our school is conducting a cultural fiesta on the 26th of this month. The events for competition include music, dance and skit. We would appreciate if the students of your prestigious institution participate and make our show a grand success. Attractive prizes will be awarded to the Winners.

Thank you very much,

Yours faithfully,

Padmini Sundaram

Principal

B.2. Niveditha has been asked to prepare an advertisement for a new rice cooker to be launched. She takes down the following points. Using her points complete the product's description to be advertised. Do not add any new information. Write your answers in your answer sheets against the correct blank number. **(5 marks)**

NOTES

- Japanese company to launch LPG rice-cooker
 - Commercial use by hotels and restaurants
 - Costs Rs. 13,000/- capacity 2.8 kgs. Rice
 - Other brands- domestic purpose-electricity
 - LPG rice cooker available only in Kerala and Chennai
 - Pulao, Biryani and Fried rice can be cooked.
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Japan based manufacturer of home appliances, Rinnani Corporation along with an Indian company a) _____ for commercial use in India. This cooker b) _____ hotels and restaurants. It c) _____ cities of Kerala and Chennai. It costs Rs.13, 000 and can d) _____ just 20 minutes. Other rice cookers in India such as National, Nippo etc e) _____.

The new cooker can be used to make dishes like pulao, biryani and fried rice.

B.3. You are Mr. Rajeev Reddy, owner of a diary farm at Kumarapalayam. Recently one of your cows died because of eating a polythene bag which got stuck in its food pipe. Write a letter to the editor regarding the nuisance caused by polythene bags and requesting the authorities to ban the use of polythene bags in not more than 150 words. **(5 marks)**

B.4. You are Raksha. You were told to write an article in the school magazine on the importance of hygiene among school children. After consulting books from the library, you note down the following points. Making use of them and those from the unit on 'Health and Hygiene', write an article in not more than 200 words. **(6 marks)**

Daily bath – cutting nails – wear clean clothes – wash hands – before having food – keep toilets clean after use – avoid fast food, food kept uncovered o from vendors

SECTION C – GRAMMAR

C.1 A scientist made the following observation. Use the information to complete the paragraph by writing suitable words or phrases in each space. Do not add any new information. Write your answer in the answer sheet against the blank number. **(5 marks)**

Cetus – a constellation – south of Aries – not very bright – has a few bright stars – visible to naked eye – many invisible to modern viewers – due to pollution and bright light.

Cetus is a) _____. It is not very bright but does b) _____. They can be c) _____. But because of d) _____ most of them e) _____.

C.2 The following passage has not been edited. There is one error in each line. Write the incorrect word and the correction in your answer sheet against the correct blank number. The first one has been done for you. **(4 marks)**

<p>"I will not been presumptuous enough to saying that my life can be role model with anybody; and some poor child living in a obscure place in an underprivileged</p>	<p>e.g. been..... be a) _____ b) _____ c) _____ d) _____</p>
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social setting shall find a little solace in the way destiny have been shaped. It could help such a children liberate themselves from its illusory bondage of backwardness.

- e) _____
- f) _____
- g) _____
- h) _____

C.3. Using the information in the headlines fill in the blanks below. Write the answer in your answer sheet against the correct blank number. Do not copy the whole sentence.

(4 marks)

a) SUSPECT ARRESTED

Shahpur police report that a _____ in the Nasir Khan murder case.

b) INDIAN WINS TOP CHESS PRIZE

An Indian school boy from Mirzabad _____ at the International Youth Chess Tournament in Rome, beating over 50 other contestants.

c) SCIENTIST SUSPENDED FOR SELLING SECRETS

An I.S.R.Q. scientist _____ to the enemy.

d) TOURISTS ATTACKED BY SHARK

Last Monday several Australian tourists _____ while surfing off Pasiraman beach.

C.4. Given below is a set of instructions to be followed by a person suffering from influenza. Complete the paragraph that follows. Write the answer in your answer sheet against the correct blank number. **(4 marks)**

- a) Avoid milk and milk products.
- b) Make a decoction of about ten mint leaves in a cup of water.
- c) Add a teaspoon of honey before drinking it at bedtime.
- d) Keep a cut onion by the side of the bed to inhale.
- e) Eat the salad prepared from radish twice a day.

Milk and milk products are to be avoided. A decoction of about a) _____ in a cup of water. A teaspoon of b) _____ before it is consumed at bedtime. A cut onion c) _____ so that it can be inhaled. The salad prepared d) _____ twice a day.

C.5. Rearrange the following to form meaningful sentences. Write each sentence in your answer sheet against the correct number. The first one has been done for you. **(3 marks)**

E.g. Survivors / are / superb / emus

Emus are superb survivors.

- a) almost anything / can / young crops / eat / they / they are / though / partial to
- b) Olympic sprinter's / their / as / as / thighs / powerful / are / an / and / heavily muscled.
- c) Their / their / they / weapon / as / use / thighs / fighting.

SECTION D - LITERATURE

D.1 Read the extract given below and answer the questions that follow. Write each answer in your answer sheet in one or two lines only. **(3 marks)**

Neither stones nor prayers nor sticks
Insults or complaints or bricks
Stilled the frog's determination
To display his heart's elation.

- a) Why was the frog elated?
- b) How did the others react? Why?
- c) How was it later 'stilled temporarily'?

D.2 Read the lines given below and answer the questions that follow. Write each answer in your answer sheet in one or two lines only. **(3 marks)**

Oh, lift me as a wave, a leaf, a cloud!
I fall upon the thorns of life! I bleed!
A heavy weight of hours has chain'd and bow'd
One too like thee – tameless, and swift and proud.

- a) Why is the poet dejected and sad in these lines?
- b) What request does he make to the West Wind?
- c) 'One too like thee'. Who is referred to here?

D.3. Read the extract from 'A Christmas Carol' and answer the questions that follow. Write the answer in your answer sheet against the correct number. **(4 marks)**

Scrooge: Let me see some tenderness
connected with a death. If I
don't, that lonely body in this
dark room will ever haunt me.

- a) Why will 'that lonely body' haunt Scrooge?
- b) How is he able to see the tenderness connected with a death?
- c) Why are the two deaths so different?

D.4. Briefly describe how the post office became a place of pilgrimage for Ali. Also describe the attitude of the others towards him. Write your answer in 50 – 75 words.

(4marks)

D.5. Imagine that you are the young girl narrating the story of 'The Ultimate Safari'. Write a letter to your friend describing your grandmother's role in bringing you up and your appreciation of her. Your answer should be in 150-175 words. **(6marks)**

THE END CROWNS THE WORK