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**SUBJECT: ENGLISH**  
**SAMPLE PAPER**  
**CLASS: X**

**Time: 3 Hours**

**M.M: 80**

**General Instructions:**

- 1. The Question Paper contains THREE sections-READING, GRAMMAR & WRITING and LITERATURE.**
- 2. Attempt questions based on specific instructions for each part.**

**SECTION A**  
**READING SKILLS (20 Marks)**

**Q1. Read the given extract and answer the questions that follow. (10)**

**Read the following passage carefully.**

(1) Peer pressure is a phenomenon wherein we tend to get influenced by the lifestyle and the ways of thinking of our peers. Peer pressure can prove beneficial, but it is most often observed to have negative effects.

(2) The thought, behaviour, and taste in fashion, music, television shows, and other walks of life of the masses are often seen to have a deep impact on society. The changing ways of life of our peers often force us to change our ways of looking at life and leading it. It's a human tendency to do what the crowd does. Few have the courage to resist peer pressure and be their own selves rather than being one among the lot. Peer pressure is bound to affect most of us both positively and negatively. The distinction between positive and negative peer pressure lies in a thoughtful analysis of the views of the masses. Following the peers blindly leaves a negative impact on life while an analytical approach to looking at peer behaviour can help a person act positively. Peer pressure is not always bad. It can help you analyse yourself and contemplate on your ways of life. Some of the practices that the masses follow may actually teach you the way of living. You may be able to change yourself for the better. Looking at what others do can help you bring about a positive change in your way of thinking. If you can pick selectively, peer pressure can actually result in a positive change in your way of life.

(3) Teenage is that phase of life when you are exposed to the world outside. These are the years when you spend most of your time with your friends. Teenage is the phase of beginning to become independent in life; the years of forming your ideals and principles, the years that shape your personality and the years that introduce you to your own self. Parents and teachers need to be careful while dealing with the teenagers as they are most susceptible to succumb to peer pressure during these years of their life.

(4) Strong support from the family, the ability to differentiate between the positive and the negative, and the skill to choose friends from among the peers will definitely help keep away from negative peer pressure.

**Based on your understanding of the passage, answer the questions given below.**

(a) Which of the following have a deep impact on society? **1**

A. Peer pressure B. Taste in fashion C. Human tendency D. Thought and behaviour  
E. Television shows

(1) A and B (ii) C and D (iii) A, C and D (iv) B, D and E

(b) Study the following statements. **1**

A. Teenagers are most susceptible to succumb to peer pressure.

B. Parents and teachers need to be careful while dealing with teenagers.

(i) A is an assertion and B is the reason

(ii) B is an assertion and A is the reason

(iii) Both A and B are assertions

(iv) Both A and B are reasons

(c) In which phase of life are we exposed to the world outside? **2**

(d) How can analysing peer behaviour help a person? **1**

(e) Can peer pressure actually bring about positive changes in our lifestyle? How? **1**

(f) Study the following statements. Which of these agrees with the author's ideas? **1**

A. Looking at what others do can help you bring about a positive change in your way of thinking.

B. Teenage is the phase of beginning to become independent in life.

C. It's human tendency to get influenced by the lifestyle of peers.

D. Peer pressure is bound to affect us superficially.

(1) A and B (ii) B and C (iii) C and D (iv) A and D

(g) According to the author, what can help us keep away from negative peer pressure? **2**

(h) Choose the option that correctly states the meaning of 'contemplate' as used in the passage. **1**

(i) To work out carefully and minutely (ii) To think deeply or carefully about something

(iii) To examine methodically and in detail

(iv) To test the knowledge or proficiency of someone.

**Q2. Read the following passage carefully. (10)**

(1) Festivals are synonymous with celebration, ceremony and joy. However, festivals bring to the fore the flip side of celebrations - pollution - air, water, soil and noise. This led to the need of assessing the awareness level among people about ecological pollution during festivals. So, a

study was conducted by scholars from an esteemed university in India. This study was titled, 'Awareness Towards Impact of Festivals on Ecology'.

(2) There were two main objectives of the study. The first one was to assess the awareness level among people about ecological protection during festivities. Exploring solutions to bring awareness about celebrating festivals without harming ecology was the second objective. The method used to collect data was a simple questionnaire containing 6 questions, shared with 50 respondents across four selected districts of a state in the southern region of India.

3) The research began by understanding the socio-economic conditions of the respondents before sharing the questionnaire. Once the responses were received, the data collected were tabulated (Table 1), for analysis

Table 1: Awareness level among respondents

QUESTIONS	YES %	NO %	CAN'T SAY %
1. Do you feel that bursting crackers is a must during festivities?	46	54	0
2. Do you think most people abuse environmental resources during the celebration of festivals?	72	28	0
3. Do you think that celebrations & festivities result in uniting people?	64	32	4
4. Do you enjoy bursting crackers for amusement?	68	32	0
5. Do you feel pressured to burst crackers during festivals as an expectation of your social status?	82	12	6
6. Are you aware of waste segregation & disposal guidelines for better ecology?	56	40	4

(4) The study recommended the imposition of strict rules and regulations as opposed to a total ban on all festive activities which have a drastic impact on our environment. The researchers believed that such measures would help in harnessing some ill-effects that add to the growing pollution and suggested further studies be taken up across the country to assess awareness about ecological degradation.

(5) The observations made in the study pointed to the environmental groups and eco- clubs fighting a losing battle due to city traffic issues, disposal of plastics, garbage dumping and all sorts of ecological degradation. The researchers stressed that the need of the hour is increasing awareness among people to reduce environmental pollution which can be facilitated by celebrating all festivals in an eco-friendly manner.

**Based on your understanding of the passage, answer the questions given below.**

(a) \_\_\_\_\_ does not create awareness among people to save the environment. Many who needed treatment for diseases like cancer, heart ailments and diabetes were not getting the required attention. **1**

- (1) Traffic issues    (ii) Growing pollution    (iii) Total banning    (iv) All of these

(b) We unintentionally pollute our ecology. This statement means that we do so by: **1**

1. playing loud music                      2. understanding the socio-economic conditions  
3. bursting crackers in the air    4. throwing leftovers in the water  
(1) 2 and 4      (ii) 2 and 3      (iii) 1 & 4      (iv) All, except 2

(c) Complete the following with a reason from paragraph 5, **1**

Action desired	Reason
To educate people	_____

(d) Even though a larger number of people say no' to bursting crackers than those who say 'yes', festival pollution persists. How does the evidence from table 1 support this statement?

**2**

(e) What purpose does the Can't Say' column serve in the questionnaire (table 1)? **1**

(f) What do you infer from celebrating all festivals in an eco-friendly manner? (1) **1**

- (1) To use fresh flower                      (ii) To use hand-made clothes  
(iii) To advocate ecological degradation      (iv) Both (i) and (ii)

(g) Justify the researchers' recommendation for limiting the drastic impact of festival pollution on the environment. **2**

(h) Select the option that displays the recommendation of the study, according to para 4. **1**

- (i) To pressurise the offenders who burst crackers during the festivals  
(ii) To sensitise ecological protection  
(iii) To impose strict rules and regulations against the violation  
(iv) To analyse the impact of pollution

## SECTION B

### GRAMMAR AND CREATIVE WRITING SKILLS (20 Marks)

**III. Attempt ANY TEN of the following questions. (10X1=10)**

(i) Fill in the blank by choosing the correct option to complete an online update.

The climate control comment by an activist \_\_\_\_\_ on social media yesterday.

- (a) blow up      (b) blew up      (c) is blown      (d) will be blown

(ii) Read the conversation between a doctor and his patient. Complete the sentence by reporting the patient's reply correctly.

Doctor: Do you feel down from time-to-time Mr Captain?

Patient: Yes, I do not stay in a good mood.

The doctor, while trying to figure out his patient's ailment, asked about his well-being, to which, the patient affirmed \_\_\_\_\_ .

(iii) Select the correct option to fill in the blanks for the given line, from a health magazine.

The advertisement read, "If you smoke, statistically your story \_\_\_\_\_ end 15% before it should."

(a) must                      (b) should                      (c) will                      (d) ought to

(iv) Select the option that identifies the error and supplies the corrections for the following line, from a news report:

Last week, a child was not allowed to board the plane at Ranchi airport.

Option No.	Error	Correction
A.	Child	Children
B.	Last	Previous
C.	the	A
D.	At	In

(v) Complete the given narrative, by filling in the blank with the correct option:

As I was standing on the dock, looking out at the lake for the last time, a feeling of emptiness \_\_\_\_\_ over me like darkness.

(a) will wash      (b) had washed      (c) will have washed      (d) washed

(vi) Fill in the blank by using the correct form of the word in the bracket, for the given portion of a letter:

Subject: Request for Approval

Dear Sir

This is to respectfully submit that I \_\_\_\_\_ (seek) approval for organising a tree plantation drive to be undertaken by the club.

(vii) Report the dialogue between a grandson and his grandfather, by completing the sentence.

Grandson: Grandpa, who are your superheroes?

Grandpa: Anyone who shows kindness and compassion to others.

In response to the question about his superheroes, grandfather says that

\_\_\_\_\_ .

(viii) Identify the error in the given sentence, from a school magazine report and supply the correction.

In order to balancing the sentiments of the Eagles and the Hawks, the Student Council suggested a rematch between the teams. Use the given format for your response.

Error	Correction

(ix) Fill in the blank with the correct option to complete the sentence below.

You must have got good news. I could \_\_\_\_\_ you celebrating!

- (a) hear      (b) hears      (c ) heard      (d) hearing

(x) Fill in the blank by choosing the correct option, to complete the slogan by the Ministry for Child Welfare.

\_\_\_\_\_ WE AFFORD TO NEGLECT CHILDREN? THINK TWICE!!

- (a) WILL      (b) MAY   (c) NEED   (d) CAN

(xi) Select the correct option to complete the narration of the dialogue between

Latha and her father.

Father: Why ask so many questions, Latha?

Latha: I believe that if you don't know the answer, keep asking till you do!

Father asked Latha the reason for the many questions she was asking. Latha exclaimed good-humouredly that in event of not knowing the answer one should

- (a) keep asking till one does      (b) kept asking till one does  
(c) keep asking till one do      (d) kept on to ask till one do

(xii) Identify the error on a shop's hoarding and supply the correction, for the

following sales offer:

GUMNAAM & DAUGHTERS PVT. LTD.
Bindapur Jharkhand
Massive discount for all senior citizen vaccinated with the precautionary dose.

Use the given format for your response.

Error	Correction

**IV.** You are Sahil/Sonali, a student prefect in charge of the school library. You have been asked by your Principal to write a letter to place an order for certain children's storybooks (10-13 years). Write a letter to M.S. Book Depot, 82 Ramnagar, Delhi, placing an order for the books. Invent all the necessary details. (100-120 words)

**OR**

**5 Marks**

You are Rita /Rahul, you purchased a T.V set from Capital Electronics, Preet Vihar, Delhi. However after a month the T.V set stopped working properly. The volume could not be adjusted and the screen kept going blank. Write a letter of complaint to the Manager of the store asking them to send a technician and if required replace the T.V. set since it was within warranty period.

**V.** You are Swati/Soham living at 14, DLF, Phase III, Gurugram Your streets and roads get waterlogged during the monsoon season every year. Cars stall, drains overflow and traffic comes to a standstill. It is difficult to lead a normal life and this adds to your woes. Write a letter in 100-120 words to the editor, 'The Times of India', highlighting the problems and suggesting measures to control the problem.

**5 Marks**

**OR**

You are Tanvi/Shirish of Safdarjung Development Area, New Delhi. You are extremely disturbed about the attacks on old people living alone. Write a letter in 100-120 words to the Editor, 'The New Indian News' making people sensitive to the problem. Make suggestion to the people living alone and the authorities to ensure that such attacks do not take place.

**SECTION : C**

**LITERATURE**

**VI. Reference To The Context.**

**1. Attempt Any One of two given extracts.**

**5 MARKS**

(A) "Hey, a tea garden!" Rajvir cried excitedly  
Pranjol, who had been born and brought up on a plantation, didn't share Rajvir's excitement.

"Oh, this is tea country now," he said, "Assam has the largest concentration plantations in the world. You will see enough gardens to last you a lifetime!"  
I have been reading as much as I could about tea," Rajvir said. "No one really knows who discovered tea but there are many legends."

(i) Why was Pranjol not as excited as Rajvir about the tea gardens?

(a) He disliked looking at tea gardens. (b) He had worked in tea gardens himself.

(c) He had grown up in and around tea gardens. (d) He was bored with tea gardens.

(ii) What does Pranjol mean by saying that Assam has the largest concentration of plantations in the world?

(iii) Fill in the blank with ONE WORD only.

Pranjol's \_\_\_\_\_ comes through clearly when he exclaims, "You will see enough gardens to last you a lifetime!"

(iv) How, according to Rajvir, does the world know about the discovery of tea?

- (a) Historical places (b) Traditional tales (c) Authentic anecdotes  
(d) Popular publications

(v) Select the option that correctly captures the application of the word 'cried' as used in line 1 of the extract.

- (a) Jaspreet cried a lot in spite of winning second place in a competition.  
(b) Jaspreet cried out loud when he saw a white tiger in the sanctuary.  
(c) Jaspreet cried for hours when the police were unable to find her lost pet.  
(d) Jaspreet has barely cried since she was three years of age.

**OR**

Inside the clouds, everything was suddenly black. It was impossible to see anything outside the aeroplane. The old aeroplane jumped and twisted in the air. I looked at the compass. I couldn't believe my eyes: the compass was turning round and round and round. It was dead. It would not work. The other instruments were suddenly dead, 100. I tried the radio. "Paris Control? Paris Control? Can you hear me?" There was no answer. The radio was dead too. I had no radio, no compass, and I could not see where I was. I was lost in the storm.

(a) What happened as soon as the pilot was inside the cloud? **2**

(b) The devices in the aeroplane were: **1**  
(i) malfunctioning (ii) broken completely (iii) giving wrong readings (iv) stopped responding completely

(c) Select the option that correctly captures the application of the word "twisted" used in the extract. **1**

- (1) Ragini 'twisted' Raghav's wrist.  
(ii) Ragini 'twisted' the story to suit the occasion.  
(iii) Ragini did not appreciate Raghav's 'twisted' bent of mind.  
(iv) Ragini matched the swimmer as he 'twisted' twice in the air before diving into the water.

(d) Fill in the blank with ONE WORD only: **1**  
The narrator's \_\_\_\_\_ comes through clearly when he sees the compass turning round and round.

**2. Attempt Any ONE of two extracts given. 5 Marks**

He hears the last voice at night,  
The patrolling cars,



And stares with his brilliant eyes  
At the brilliant stars.  
He stalks in his vivid stripes  
A few steps of his cage

(a) According to the poet, why is the tiger staring at the stars in the night? Complete the sentence appropriately. **2**

(b) It is clear that 'repetition' is the poetic device used for his brilliant eyes at the brilliant stars' because \_\_\_\_\_ . **1**

(Clue: explain how repetition applies here)

(c) The main contrasting ideas in this extract are: **1**  
(1) tiger and deer      (ii) cruelty and sympathy      (iii) confinement and freedom  
(iv) master and slave

(d) The use of the word stalks creates an image of: **1**  
(i) cowardice      (ii) frustration      (iii) lethargy      (iv) purposefulness

**OR**

Or if some time when roaming round,  
A noble wild beast greets you,  
With black stripes on a yellow ground,  
Just notice if he eats you.  
This simple rule may help you learn The Bengal Tiger to discern.  
If strolling forth, a beast you view,  
Whose hide with spots is peppered,  
As soon as he has leapt on you,  
You'll know it is the Leopard.  
"Twill do no good to roar with pain,  
He'll only leop and leop again.

(How to Tell Wild Animals)

(i) Complete the sentence appropriately.  
The word 'discern' in line 6 of the extract means the same as \_\_\_\_\_. (Clue: explain contextual meaning)

(ii) Identify the option that explains the poetic device used.  
With black stripes on a yellow ground...  
...Whose hide with spots is peppered  
(a) A word formed from a sound (b) A word or phrase repeated at intervals  
(c) A word or expression used in place of an unpleasant one  
(d) A word or phrase that creates a mental image through vivid description

(iii) State whether the following statement is TRUE or FALSE.  
The extract tells us the similarities between tigers and leopards.

(iv) Select the appropriate option to complete the sentence. The tone of the poet when telling how to identify a wild animal is both scary and \_\_\_\_\_.  
(a) funny      (b) exciting      (c) shocking      (d) sorrowful

(v) Identify the option that has the same rhyme scheme as these 4 lines.  
 Or if some time when roaming round,  
 A noble wild beast greets you,  
 With black stripes on a yellow ground,  
 Just notice if he eats you.

(a) The sky is very sunny. The children are funny. Under the tree we sit, But just for a bit.	(b) I lost two cities, lovely ones. And, vaster some realms I owned, two rivers, a continent. I miss them, but it wasn't a disaster. - Even losing you (the joking voice, a gesture
(c) The people along the sand All turn and look one way. They turn their back on the land. They look at the sea all day.	(d) Others abide our question. Thou art free. We ask and ask - Thou smilest and art still, Out-topping knowledge. For the loftiest hill, Who to the stars uncrowns his majesty,

**VII. Answer ANY FOUR of the following in about 40-50 words each. (4X3=12)**

- (i) Explain the given statement with reference to Nelson Mandela's dreams. "A winner is a dreamer who never gives up."
- (ii) How do we know that bakers were an integral part of Goan society?
- (iii) Explain why the author describes Coorg as a piece of heaven that must have drifted from the kingdom of God?
- (iv) Why did the night turn sorrowful for Lencho after the rains?
- (v) The sight of the food maddened him. What does this suggest?

**VIII. Answer ANY TWO of the following in about 40-50 words each. (2X3=6)**

- (i) Hari Singh didn't confess that he robbed Anil. Did he lack the courage to do so or he really wanted to maintain his relationship with Anil at any cost?
- (ii) What kind of a person do you think the narrator, a veterinary surgeon, is? Would you say he is tactful as well as full of common sense?
- (iii) The various elements of Robert Arthur's writing style work together to create a sense of tension, uncertainty, and suspense, well-suited to the mystery and suspense genre of the story, *The Midnight Visitor*. Comment, with reference to any one element.

**IX. Answer ANY ONE of the following in about 100-120 words each. (1X6=6)**

- (i) The tiger in the poem is feeling miserable in a concrete cell. Does it not amount to cruelty?
- (ii) Describe the flight of the Dakota aeroplane until it landed safely at the airport

**X. Answer ANY ONE of the following in about 100-120 words each. (1X6=6)**

- (i) Based on 'A Triumph of Surgery', state how Mrs Pumphrey did more harm than good to Tricki.
- (ii) Describe Horace Danby's encounter with the young lady.