

ENGLISH
CLASS X

Time: 3Hrs

Marks: 100

This paper consists of four sections.

Section A – Reading	20 marks
Section B – Writing	30 marks
Section C – Grammar	20 marks
Section D – Literature	30 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 poem and answer the questions that follow: (8marks)

MIDDLE AGE

Middle age is when your children are
No longer
Friends but critics, stern of face and severe with
Their tongue.
It's the time when like puppies they burn their
Cocoons and
Emerge in harsh adult glory,
And they no longer
Need you except for serving tea and for
Pressing
Clothes, but you need them all the same,
And badly too, so
That when left alone, you touch their
Books and things, and
Weep a little secretly.

A.1.1 Below is given a passage which summarizes the poem 'Middle Age'. Fill in each blank with one word only. Write your answers in your answer sheet against the correct blank number. (3 marks)

A mother should think herself a) _____ aged when her children become b) _____. At the same time when children treat their mother c) _____, need no more her love, but her services like serving their breakfast or d) _____ their clothes, she is middle aged then. But the mother still needs their love and affection. In their absence she e) _____ their things and weeps in f) _____.

A.1.2 The poet uses certain expressions in the poem to suggest something to the reader. Choose one suggestion from those given in the bubbles which best fits each of the expression in the table and write the answer in your answer sheet against the correct blank number. (3 marks)

EXPRESSIONS FROM POEM	SUGGEST WHAT
Emerge in harsh adult glory	a)
Serving tea and pressing	Children's only need for their mother
Touch books and things	b)
Weep a little secretly	c)

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Cleaning of books
and things

Children revel in or
rejoice in their adulthood

Affectionate parent's
touch in absence of
children

Services of
mother

Still in need of their
children

Children's only
need for their
mother

Helplessness of
mother

Weep at ingratitude of
children

A.1.3 Pick out the simile from the poem. (1 mark)

A.1.4 The word in the poem which means 'come out' is _____ (1 mark)

A.2 Read the following passage carefully and answer the questions that follow: (12 marks)

MENTALLY ILL, NEED LOVE

Often, India tends to be medieval in attitude. Clothed in the trappings of the 21st century, this nation can easily be accused of sporting a mind that goes back by a few hundred years.

Mental health is an area of such a disturbing clash. Barring some hundreds of thousands, the 100 million or so of the mentally ill are treated worse than criminals, confined to hospitals, sometimes chained to their beds and usually forgotten even by their close relatives. The sick get little care or comfort in the 40-odd Government asylums. Most patients never seem to leave the hospitals, because their families refuse to take them back. Forgotten and forlorn, the ailing men and women place an enormous burden on the abysmally small number of doctors and nurses. There are just 4000 clinical psychologists

in India, 3500 psychiatrists, 900 psychiatric nurses and 1000 psychiatric social workers. The problem is far too complex to be tackled by funds alone. The human brain is still the least understood part of the body. With a medical fraternity still trying to comprehend the mind better, the primeval fear of the unknown extends beyond the hospital wards to the streets, where the tendency is to run away from the mad men and women or worse still throw a few stones at them, much like the way those with leprosy were treated in the Middle Ages or the Victims of AIDS till the other day.

The sad fact is that most of us do not even know the first symptoms of it, which can be as innocuous as lethargy, insomnia, lack of appetite, lack of clarity of thought and just plain unhappiness. The solution clearly lies in education. Teachers can spread valuable knowledge among the young. Obviously, there is pressing need for this kind of service: otherwise, why would hundreds of mentally ill languish in virtual “prisons” or be placed at the mercy of “magicians” and “soothsayers” who literally torture the sick? (Ritual beatings are part of the “treatment”)

With India facing some of the dark maladies of the present times – economic recession, job insecurity, intense competition, shrinking familial support and a largely unfeeling community “going mad” is no longer a possibility, but a probability. Experts aver that the group most vulnerable to this bane is the 18-30 year olds, the most productive among all. Also, there is an urgent need to extend psychiatric care to villages and towns. Those who are sick in their minds and require a lot of love whose curative properties are phenomenal. A last word, show compassion to those who may be silently crying for it.

From ‘The Hindu’

A.2.1 On the basis of your reading of the passage complete the following. Write your answers in your answer sheet against the correct question number. (7 marks)

- a) The mentally ill are not accepted by their families and so _____
- b) Some of the professionals involved in the treatment of the mentally ill are
- i) _____
- ii) _____
- c) When people see the mentally ill on the streets they react by
- i) _____
- ii) _____
- d) According to the writer, two other diseases that have been stigmatized are
- i) _____
- ii) _____
- e) Teachers can dispel some of the wrong notions about mental illness by _____
- f) Some of the initial indications of mental illness are
- i) _____
- ii) _____
- g) The group that gets most affected by madness is _____

A.2.2 Find words from the passage which mean the same as the explanations given below. Write your answers in your answer sheet against the correct question number. (5 marks)

- a) extremely bad (Para 2)
- b) sickly (Para 2)
- c) In depressing or painful condition (Para 3)
- d) related to parents and children (Para 4)
- e) extraordinary, unusual (Para 4)

SECTION B – WRITING

B.1. Your School has decided to choreograph a dance drama for the School Annual Day. You are the Cultural Secretary of the School. Write a notice in not more than 50 words for your school Notice Board inviting talented students to assemble on 15th Jan'06 in the auditorium. They will be He selected by the famous danseuse Padma Subramaniam. (5 marks)

B.2. You are Karan Thapa. You are planning to visit Shillong along with 2 friends during the summer holidays. Send a telegram to your cousin, Nilesh Thapa staying at 25, Hill View Road, Shillong, asking him to make arrangements for reasonably priced accommodation in a centrally located hotel. You plan to spend a week from 15 July. Write the telegram using not more than 25 words inclusive of the receiver's address. Copy the format of the telegram from the question paper in your answer sheet. (5 marks)

Receiver's name: Receiver's address:	
Sender's name:	
(Not to be telegraphed) Sender's address:	

B.3 A number of Indian and foreign tourists visit your city which has certain well known historical monuments, a lake and a city forest. However, there aren't many good

hotels/motels affecting the Tourism in the state. Write a letter to the Director, Tourism Department, Uttaranchal suggesting how the Tourism Department of the state could develop your city into a beautiful tourist attraction. You may refer to the unit on “Travel and Tourism” of your MCB. The body of the letter should not exceed 150 words.

(10 marks)

B.4. “I am hiding because I don’t want to go to work today. But they will come and drag me. Look, here they come!” This is 9 year old Pyaari, a child labourer who wants to play, not work. This documentary film titled “Childhood Now” touched you. Write an article for a magazine, ‘India Today’ on how children are forced to work under inhuman conditions. Suggest some methods to eradicate this social evil. Do not exceed 200 words.

(10 marks)

SECTION C – GRAMMAR

C.1. Below you see a set of instructions for using a thermometer to measure the body temperature. Imagine that you have just taken your younger brother’s temperature. Complete the following paragraph reporting what you did. Write your answers in your answer sheet against the correct blank number.

(3 marks)

1. Remove the thermometer from its tube.
2. Look at the column of mercury to make sure it stands a few degrees below normal; shake down the column of mercury.
3. Place the bulb of the thermometer inside the patient’s mouth, below the tongue for about 3 minutes.
4. Ask the patient to keep his mouth closed when the thermometer is in his mouth.
5. Remove the thermometer from his mouth and read the temperature.
6. Put the thermometer back in its tube.

After a) _____ its tube, I looked at the column of mercury. I found that it stood a little above normal, so it b) _____. Then the bulb c) _____ for about 3 minutes. He was asked d) _____ for about 3 minutes. Then the thermometer e) _____ was read. And after that the thermometer f) _____.

C.2. Read the conversation given below and complete the report. Do not add any new information. Write your answer in your answer sheet against the correct blank number.

(5 marks)

Patient : Can I have an appointment with the doctor this evening?
Receptionist : I am sorry. I can't fit you in for at least two weeks.
Patient : But I could be dead by then!
Receptionist : No problem. If your wife informs me I can cancel the appointment.

A patient went to his doctor's clinic and asked the receptionist a) _____
The receptionist expressed her regret saying that b) _____
for at least two weeks. The disappointed patient c) _____
by then. The receptionist calmly replied that d) _____ and
reassured him that e) _____
cancel the appointment.

C.3. The following paragraph 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)**

The ancient Greeks revered honey so much as
that much playwrights conveyed the
luxurious lifestyle with the Athenians
with its description of cheese cake
eaten with honey. Honey be known not
only for its sweet, and also for
its soothing qualities. Unless sugar
became commonplace in a late 18th
century, honey is also used in traditional remedies.

e.g. as.....so
a) _____
b) _____
c) _____
d) _____
e) _____
f) _____
g) _____
h) _____

C.4. Use the information in the headlines to complete the news items given below. Write the answers in your answer sheet against the correct blank number. Do not copy the whole sentence. **(4 marks)**

a) HEAVY RAINS LASH CHENNAI

The heavy rain which a) _____ threw normal life out of gear.

b) M.B.A. CLASSES TO BEGIN ON APRIL 12th

The center coordinator informed b) _____
April 12th.

c) THEATRE ACTIVIST BAGS TITLE

The 'kalabushan' title c) _____ and scholar Utpal Singh.

d) 12 INJURED AS BUSES COLLIDE

About d) _____ at the K.N.P. junction here today.

C.5. Look at the words and phrases below. Rearrange them to form meaningful sentences and write it down in your answer sheet against the correct question number. Do not copy the jumbled sentences. The first one has been done as an example.

(4 marks)

out of work / were / if advertisements / dentists / to be / believed / for toothpaste / will soon be

If advertisements for toothpaste were to be believed dentists will soon be out of work.

- a) Heart's / and you can / to your / just use / content / this brand / sweets / gorge on
- b) It guards you / no harm / ring / with it's / will be done / as / protective
- c) Unique / another / advertisement / that it's / whiten / can / teeth / claims / action
- d) May / specialists / actually / warn / that / be / harmful / the whitener

SECTION D – LITERATURE

D.1. Read the extract given below and answer the questions that follow. Write the answers in your answer sheets in one or two sentences only. Remember to number the answers correctly. **(4 marks)**

*The eye of a little god, four-cornered.
Most of the time I meditate on the opposite wall.
It is pink, with speckles. I have looked at it so long
I think it is a part of my heart.*

- a) How is 'I' not cruel? **(1 mark)**
- b) In what sense is "I" like the eye of a little god? **(2 marks)**
- c) Explain 'it is a part of my heart'. **(1 mark)**

D.2. Read the extract given below and answer the questions that follow. Write the answers in your answer sheets in one or two sentences only. Remember to number the answers correctly. **(4 marks)**

*For all averred, I had killed the bird
That made the breeze to blow.*

- a) Which bird is being referred to? How was it killed? **(1 mark)**
- b) Why did the other people believe the bird made the breeze blow? **(2 marks)**
- c) What does the bird symbolize? **(1 mark)**

D.3 Describe the effect that the West Wind has on land, sky and ocean in the poem 'Ode to West Wind'. Your answer should not exceed 100 words. **(5 marks)**

D.4. Read the extract given below and answer the questions that follow. Write each answer in your answer sheet in one or two lines only. **(5 marks)**

*'O judgment! thou art fled to brutish beasts,
And men have lost their reason. Bear with me;
My heart is in the coffin there with Caesar,
And I must pause till it come back to me.'*

- a) Who is the speaker? Who is he speaking to? **(1 mark)**
- b) Explain 'brutish beasts'. **(2 marks)**
- c) What is the speaker trying to do? Is he successful in his attempt? **(2 marks)**

D.5. "It rained; and Ch-tsal knew ecstasy". How did the rain bring relief and new life to Ch-tsal? Your answer should not exceed 75 words. **(4 marks)**

D.6. In the "Tribute" after writing a note to his brother, Babuli decides to write a letter to his wife to tell her about his decision and the reasons for it. Write the letter in about 150-175 words. **(8 marks)**

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