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SET-B

Class: X

M.Marks:80

Date:

Time: 3hrs

The question paper is divided into three sections:

Section A – Reading	20marks
Section B – Writing and Grammar	30marks
Section C – Literature	30marks

General Instructions:

- 1. All questions are compulsory.*
- 2. You may attempt any section at a time.*
- 3. All the questions of that particular section must be attempted in the correct order.*

SECTION - A - READING

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

1) A noble purpose gives meaning to one's own life and is of benefit to others. I realized this when researching on and writing about the life of Jamsetji Tata. What gave one man living in a colonized country the vision to advance it in the community of nations? He not only gave India the power of steel and hydroelectric energy, but also an institution of research.

2) He sent an educationist to Europe and the United States to report on what should be the best model for India. The John Hopkins University in Baltimore was recommended as the model. But Jamsetji made it a point to see that his name was not associated with the university. After his death, his dream came true with the establishment of the Indian Institute of Science in Bengaluru. It was to be the fountainhead of science in the decades to come.

3) There are others too whose purpose in life has made a difference to society. Mother Teresa had a comfortable life at Loretto Convent, Kolkata. On a train journey to Darjeeling, she felt her 'calling' and wanted to give up her comfortable life in the convent and serve the poor and the needy.

4) After that, she took a three-month course in nursing and returned to Kolkata. She devoted her time to the sick and the homeless. Touched by her sacrifice, some of her students joined her and work began. Not everyone has such a strong calling. When I asked her how one could be sure of one's calling, she replied, "Deep down in our hearts we know exactly what our calling is, if we are sincere."

5) One's purpose is shaped over a period of time, but every noble person is based on a feeling for the suffering of others and a desire for alleviating that condition. Some years ago, in Kerala, a young man saw his father join Gandhiji and fight for opening temples to the Harijans. When he grew up the boy decided to take up agricultural studies, because he had seen the havoc caused by the Bengal famine. He went to Europe and studied agriculture. On his return to India, he spearheaded the Green Revolution. Dr. M.S Swaminathan demonstrates how purpose intensifies with time.

1.1 Attempt any eight of the following questions on the basis of the passage you have read: (1x8=8)

- i. Bring out the unique character traits of Jamsetji Tata.
- ii. Why did he send an educationalist to Europe and USA?
- iii. Mention any two things about Indian Institute of Science.
- iv. How did Mother Teresa start working for the poverty-stricken people?
- v. What was the first step that Mother Teresa took?
- vi. How can we find our calling?
- vii. Is it possible to find one's calling within a short period? Why/why not?
- viii. What do we learn from the life of people like M.S Swaminathan?
- ix. Which word in paragraph 5 means the same as widespread destruction?

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

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- 1) In 1924, two brothers inherited their father's craft and opened Dassler Brothers' Shoes Factory in the town. Very soon, by virtue of learning from their father's outstanding shoe making craft over years, a different style sole was invented by them. They nailed some pegs into soles so as to keep from slip. Despite being odd, they did more than most when people wore slippery shoes. With this kind of shoes being popular in town, some of the residents from surrounding towns began to come to order these shoes.
- 2) For the bigger market, the little brother Adolf came up with a marketing idea that let customers try for free. This kind of commercial sales had never been heard at that moment. After a month, with the experience of trying, the customers all flooded into the factory. Some of them bought the shoes at once and some continued to order. Since that, Dassler Brothers' Shoes Factory won the big market.

- 3) At that time, the German people were very fond of soccer, even though sports were not popular at all. Their mania to soccer was matchless in the world or even could be described as demoniac. Dassler brothers had keen business even when they were only children, and they began to study again in the factory and design football shoes at once. The very simple design may seem outdated today, but at that time they were new and advanced design.
- 4) Several years later, the brothers built a bigger shoes factory and began to sell to the whole Germany. The new factory was named Adidas Factory which was the predecessor of today's famous Adidas. In the third and fourth decade of the 20th century, the brothers' shoes became well known in larger areas and they kept enlarging their business. Especially, the track and field star Jesse Owens wore the spiked shoes made by the Dassler brothers and got four championships in the Berlin Olympics Games. This set the whole sporting world on fire and Dassler brothers' name was known by more and more people.

2.1. On the basis of your reading of the passage, answer any four of the following questions in about 30-40 words each: (2x4=8)

- i. How did the brothers improve upon their father's design?
- ii. Adolf came up with an innovative idea. What was it?
- iii. How were the brothers different from other businessmen?
- iv. How did the Adidas factory come into existence?
- v. Who set the whole sporting world on fire? How?

2.2 On the basis of your reading of the passage, fill in any two of the following blanks with appropriate words/phrases. (1x2=2)

- i. Two brothers inherited _____.
- ii. The brothers' shoes became famous in _____ century.
- iii. German people's love for soccer was _____.

2.3 Attempt any two of the following. Find out the words that mean the opposite of the words given below: (1x2=2)

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| i. firm | (paragraph 1) |
| ii. disappeared | (paragraph 2) |
| iii. reducing | (paragraph 4) |

SECTION B – WRITING AND GRAMMAR

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3. You are Apoorva/Anil, Hostel Warden, Wisdom Public School, New Delhi. Write a letter to the Sales Manager of Bharath Electronics and Domestic Appliances Private Limited, New Delhi placing an order for a few fans, microwave ovens and geysers that you wish to purchase for the hostel specifying the details. Also ask for the discount permissible on the purchase. **8**

OR

You are Sanyuktha/Randhir of Green Acres, Kochi, Ernakulam. Write a letter to the Police Commissioner, Ernakulam, complaining to him about the illegal constructions of some new shops and encroachments of the green-belt area left for an 'Entertainment Zone' and a park. Request him to take immediate steps to get the area vacated by the greedy encroachers.

4. Write a short story, in about 200-250 words, with **any one set of the cues** given in the boxes below. Give a suitable title to the story. **10**

It was a rainy day. Outside the house it was pitch dark.....

OR

Massive earthquake...master painter stayed back to complete masterpiece...died in studio but had completed artwork...buried under rubble...six months later...discovered...work auctioned...sold for crores...family donates sum for rehabilitation of quake victims...Indian Museum buys it.

5. Fill in **any four** of the following blanks choosing the most appropriate option from the ones given below. Write the answers in your answer-sheet against the correct blank numbers. **4**

Remember (a)_____ day is a new chance (b)_____ get everything right. There is something (c)_____ flexible people. They are relatively easy to please, fun to talk to and (d)_____ great co-workers and friends. They are (e)_____ home almost anywhere and more importantly make you feel the same.

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| (a) | (i)one | (ii)every | (iii)all | (iv)some |
| (b) | (i)be | (ii)to | (iii) for | (iv) do |
| (c) | (i)about | (ii)for | (iii)from | (iv)of |
| (d) | (i)makes | (ii)making | (iii)make | (iv)to make |
| (e) | (i)in | (ii)on | (iii)by | (iv)at |

6. Read and complete any four lines of the passage that follows in Passive voice. 4

- a) Take a cup of water and boil it.
- b) Once the water boils, add Maggi noodles and tastemaker.
- c) Stir it for three minutes and serve it hot with butter.

A cup of water a) _____ and b) _____. To the boiling water, Maggi and tastemaker c) _____. It d) _____ minutes and e) _____ hot with butter.

7. The following passage has not been edited. There is one error in each line. Write the incorrect word and correction against any four lines. 4

	Incorrect	Correct
Since I has nothing else to do, hence	has	have
I am a ragpicker scrounging in	(a) _____	_____
bins and heaps. I know if this is	(b) _____	_____
the only means for survival for me. I hail	(c) _____	_____
from the streets of Dhaka. We lived under	(d) _____	_____
the leaking roofs. Garbage have different	(e) _____	_____
meaning to us, I find sometimes a rupee in it.		

SECTION C – LITERATURE

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8. Read the extract given below and answer the questions that follow. Write the answer in your answer sheet in one or two lines only. (1x4=4)

That a critic of such note
Had discussed her art and throat,
“I don’t think the song’s divine,
But-oh, well-at least it’s mine.”

- a) Who is the ‘critic’ and why was he called a great critic?
- b) Why is the Nightingale not so happy about the song?
- c) What does nightingale’s statement ‘at least it’s mine’ imply?

d) Name the poem and the poet?

OR

“And now the Storm-Blast came, and he
Was tyrannous and strong:
He struck with his o’ertaking wings,
And chased us south along.”

- a) Which figure of speech is used in line 1?
- b) What happened to the mariner’s ship?
- c) What does the word ‘tyrannous’ mean?
- d) Name the poem and the poet?

9. Answer **any four** out of the following questions in 30-40 words each: (2x4=8)

- a) What does the partially destroyed statue symbolize?
- b) Who blackmailed Mrs. Packletide and why?
- c) Why was the postmaster bewildered when Lakshmi Das told him that Ali had died three months before?
- d) Why had Nishikanto Babu come to Patol Babu’s house so early in the morning? Why was Patol Babu so happy after listening to what Nishikanto Babu had said?
- e) What impression do you form about Victoria after reading the drama- ‘The Dear Departed’?

10. Attempt **any one** out of the two long answer type questions in 100-120 words. 8

“I had chased inspiration in vain for months. The writer was looking for inspiration. The ghosts organized ‘The writer’s Inspiration Bureau’ to inspire the writers.” Everyone needs inspiration to achieve something in life. Where do you derive inspiration from? Justify quoting your source of inspiration.

OR

‘Antony was a true friend of Caesar.’ True friends are a blessing. Write a short paragraph on the topic.

11. Answer the following question based on the prescribed novel text for extended reading in about 200-250 words. 10

What kind of a child and student was Helen Keller?

OR

Draw a character sketch of Anne Sullivan.