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Class – X  
ENGLISH COMMUNICATIVE

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**The Question paper is divided into three sections:**

Section A:	Reading	20 Marks
Section B:	Writing & Grammar	25 Marks
Section C:	Literature and Long Reading Text	25 Marks

**General Instructions**

1. All questions are compulsory.
2. Write your answers in the answer scripts provided to you.
3. You may attempt any section at a time.
4. All questions of that particular section must be attempted in the correct order.

**SECTION A: READING**

**Q.1. Read the passage given below carefully:**

**(8 Marks)**

**TOMORROW'S CITIZENS**

India is poised in the mission of transforming itself into a developed nation by the year 2020. The prime resource through which this transformation is possible is the 540 million youth who are below the age of twenty five years.

Children and youth are the picture of a nation's future. They are our hope for tomorrow. The youth in India constitutes a sizeable, vibrant and resourceful segment of our society which has a burning desire to scale greater heights. If their energies are properly channelled, they will unleash a momentum that would propel the nation on the fast track to development. We need to carefully nurture this vast and precious human capital by making it a focal point of our planning and development process. Encompassing the needs, rights and expectations of youth to the centre stage of development should be our priority.

Children are our greatest wealth. Every child born in the nation should be allowed to blossom. It is particularly important to provide extra care and facilities to the children including those who are not fortunate to have their families to look after them. This noble service should be promoted by all individuals and government organisations, leading to the development of enlightened citizens who will become an asset for national development.

My interaction with the children in India and in other nations reveal that aspirations of the young are the same, that is, to live in a peaceful, prosperous and secure nation. All of them are looking for challenging missions, good role models and leaders who can be their guiding spirit. A combination of knowledge, enthusiasm and hard work of the youth is a great dynamic fire for transforming the nation.

The challenge in the mission of Developed India calls for an important, cohesive and focussed efforts of the youth. A nation is great because of the way its people think. Particularly the young population of India must have a big aim; small aim is a crime.

**(Source: Indomitable Spirit- Dr A P J Abdul Kalam)**

On the basis of your reading of the passage given above, answer the following questions briefly: (1x8=8)

- a) Who is the biggest transforming resource of India?
- b) How can we push the nation on the path of development?
- c) How can a nation take care of its youth?
- d) What are the common aspirations of the youths of all the nations?

- e) How can a nation help its every child in proper blossoming?
- f) What is the greatest challenge in mission of developed India?
- g) In what way does the thinking of any country's citizens help it?
- h) Find the word from the **2<sup>nd</sup> Paragraph** which means- '**to release**'.

**Q. 2. Read the following passage carefully:**

**(12 Marks)**

**ABIDING VALUES: MOTHER GIVES THE PRINCIPLE OF TRUTH**

Sheikh Abdul Qadir was a great saint who lived in Afghanistan about one thousand years ago. One day, young Abdul Qadir went to his mother and asked her permission to make a journey to Bagdad to pursue knowledge. His mother heard the divine call and promptly gave permission to him to go. She gave him forty gold coins, which was share of inheritance from his father, and stitched them inside the lining of his coat. When she stepped out of the door to bid him farewell, she said, "Oh, my son! You are going! I have detached myself from you and I may not see your face again but take one advice from your mother: Always feel the truth, speak the truth and propagate the truth even when your life is at stake. Abdul set out with a small caravan heading for Bagdad.

While passing through the rough terrain a group of robbers on horses suddenly attacked the caravan and started looting. None of them however took the slightest notice of young Abdul Qadir until one of the looters turned to him and said, "You here! Poor beggar! Do you have anything with you?" Abdul Qadir replied, "I have got forty dinars which are stitched by my mother in the lining of my coat underneath my armpit." The looter smiled and thought that he was just joking and left him alone and moved elsewhere. A second looter came and asked the same thing. Abdul repeated his answer. This looter also didn't believe him and left him.

When their leader came they took him to their leader and told him the truth. The leader put the same question to Abdul who gave the same reply. The leader ripped open his coat and discovered that indeed he had forty gold coins inside the lining of his coat. The astonished leader asked him what prompted him to make this confession. He replied, "My mother made me promise always to be truthful even at the cost of my life. Here, it is a matter of only forty dinars. I promised her and shall never betray her trust, so I told the truth." The leader started weeping and said, "You have adhered to the advice of your great mother but we have been betraying the trust of our parents and our Creator for many years. From now onwards, you shall become our leader in our repentance." And they all decided to give up robbing and become righteous persons. This is how the world saw the birth of a great saint, Sheikh Abdul Qadir, starting from a truth a mother gave to her child.

**(source: Indomitable Spirit- Dr A P J Abdul Kalam)**

On the basis of your reading of the above passage, answer the following questions in short:

**(2x4=8)**

- a) What advice did Abdul Qadir's mother give when he started his journey for Bagdad?
- b) Why didn't the two looters believe of what Abdul Qadir told them?
- c) How did Abdul keep the words of his mother?
- d) How did the Leader and the other looters decide to repent?

**Choose the correct word from the options given below:**

**(1x4= 4)**

e) Find out the word from the **1<sup>st</sup> Paragraph** which means – **to spread or publicise:**

- (i) pursue                      (ii) divine                      (iii) inheritance                      (iv) propagate

f) The correct meaning of the phrase- '**set out**' used in the **1<sup>st</sup> Paragraph** is:

- (i) to establish   (ii) to run away                      (iii) to start a journey                      (iv) to overlook

g) Find out the word from the **3<sup>rd</sup> Paragraph** which means- **to deceive:**

- (i) prompted   (ii) betray                      (iii) adhered                      (iv) repentance

**h)** Find the word from the 3<sup>rd</sup> Paragraph which is the opposite of- **dishonest**:

(i) righteous (ii) astonished (iii) confession (iv) betray

**SECTION B: WRITING AND GRAMMAR**

**Q.3.** You are Vandita/Vinit, a resident of 22, MG Road, Gurugram. Recently you came across a newspaper report (given below), which reflected upon the wastage of food in general and more so during mass gathering like – parties, marriage ceremonies, birthday celebrations. You felt very strong about this and decided to **write an article for a magazine** called **My World, My Concern** to express your views about different aspects- specially some specific suggestions for solution of the problem, related to the issue of **food wastage**. Using your own ideas and the information given below write the article in **100 to 120 words**. **(5 marks)**

**Love Food, Hate Waste: Britain throws away £10bn of food everyday**

Global food shortage, soaring prices and alarm over the environment, but every day, according to a government backed report, Britain throws away 220000 loaves of bread, 1.6m bananas, 5500 chickens, 5.1m potatoes, 660000 eggs, 1.2m sausages and 1.3m yoghurts. The roll call of daily waste costs an average home more than £420 a year but for a family with children the annual cost rises to £610.

**OR**

You are **Ankush/Monami**, a resident of **Siliguri, West Bengal**. Recently, you visited Delhi, Agra and Ajmer along with your relatives and friends. The entire visit was an unforgettable experience for you but you found shortcomings of different nature at these tourist places which could well have been sorted out by governments at different levels to make the visit more tourist friendly. As an aware citizen of the country, you decide to express your views and concerns by writing a **letter to the Editor** of a national daily about lack of certain facilities at various tourist places along with your valuable, practical suggestions to make tourism a more joyful experience. Using your creativity and the inputs given below **write the letter** in **100 to 120 words**.

- Proper hygiene, sanitation and cleanliness facilities
- Proper information centres
- Proper safety and security arrangements
- Proper conduct and behaviour of government staff
- Proper local connectivity and pocket friendly travel charges
- Arrangement of government transport system
- Proper lodging and food facilities

**Q.4.** The lines given below are related to the beginning of a story. Use your creativity and imagination in giving suitable title and completing the story. Your story must end at a positive note. Write the story in **150 to 200 words**. **(10 marks)**

Sunny always wants to serve his country but how? He believes that the best way to serve his motherland is by joining the Defence Services but he is too young to join the army. One winter evening while he is returning from his evening run, he overhears 4-5 persons planning to rob a bank. What should he do? Then he.....

**OR**

**On the basis of the given outline of a story complete the story in 150 to 200 words. Also give a suitable title to the story.**

A jackal wants crabs on the other side of a river—doesn't know how to get across—tells camel about sugarcane on the other side—camel agrees—they cross together—jackal finishes meal—plays trick on camel—runs round the sugarcane field howling—villagers rush out—see camel in the field—beat him bitterly—camel runs to river—jackal jumps on his back—camel asks why he did so—jackal says he always howls after good meal—camel replies he takes a bath after good meal—takes dip in the river—jackal drowns

**Q. 5. Read the following passage and choose correct word from the options given below for the blanks given: (1x3= 3 marks)**

The 'Incredible India' Campaign has been launched to create awareness about the **(a)** \_\_\_\_ of tourism and sensitizing people about **(b)** \_\_\_\_\_ of our rich heritage and culture, cleanliness and hospitality. It also re-instills a sense of responsibility towards tourists and **(c)** \_\_\_\_\_ the confidence of foreign tourists towards India as a preferred holiday destination.

- [a]** (i) affect                      (ii) affection                      (iii) effected                      (iv) effects  
**[b]** (i) protect                      (ii) preservation                      (iii) preserved                      (iv) preservative  
**[c]** (i) reinforce                      (ii) reinforces                      (iii) reinforced (iv) reinforcing

**Q.6. Read the following passage there is one error in each line. Write the incorrect word(s) and the correct word(s) against the correct blank number in your own answer sheet. The first one has been done for example. Kindly don't copy the passage in your answer sheet. (1 x4=4 marks)**

	<b>Incorrect Word</b>	<b>Correct Word</b>
As the population of India comprise many difference races, religions, cultures and language groups, the important of national integration come to the forefront. It should aim at reduce economic inequalities and strengthening unity and solidarity.	<b>e.g.</b> comprise	comprises
	<b>(a)</b> _____	_____
	<b>(b)</b> _____	_____
	<b>(c)</b> _____	_____
	<b>(d)</b> _____	_____

**Q.7. Re-arrange the following words/phrases to form meaningful sentences. The first one has been done as an example for you. (1x3= 3 marks)**

**Example: is/the/mother/teacher/of/first/a child**  
**Sentence: Mother is the first teacher of a child.**

- (a)** moulds/the/ she/life/her/child/of  
**(b)** model/she/of/first/is /the/her/child/role  
**(c)** of/is/she/selfless/sacrifice/an/example/and/service

### SECTION C: LITERATURE AND LONG READING TEXT

**Q.8. Read the extract given below and answer the questions that follow. (1x3=3 marks)**

"So I went home and sat down before my desk and sucked at the end of my pencil and waited, but nothing happened. Pretty soon my mind began to wander off on other things."

- (a)** What did the author wait for?  
**(b)** Where did the author's mind begin to wander?  
**(c)** What is the meaning of the phrase- '**wander off**'?

**OR**

"O, pardon me, thou bleeding piece of earth,  
That I am meek and gentle with these butchers!"

- (a)** Why does Antony request for pardon from Caesar's dead body?  
**(b)** Why does he term the conspirators as 'butchers'?  
**(c)** What is the meaning of the word- meek, in the given context?

**Q.9.** Answer **ANY FOUR** of the following questions in about 30-40 words each.

**(2x4=8 marks)**

- a) How does Patol Babu convince himself for the role?
- b) How does Decius Brutus convince Caesar to go to the Senate house?
- c) Which quality/skill of the sculptor has been appreciated in the poem 'Ozymandias'?
- d) Why were the sailors happy to see the albatross?
- e) Why does the poet experience two contrasting emotions on seeing the snake?

**Q.10.** 'In the modern materialistic world where everyone seems to be running after money, characters like Patol Babu reflect the true meaning and virtue of human life.'

On the basis of your understanding of the story- '**Patol Babu, Film Star**', write a letter to your friend emphasising upon the importance of developing true human virtues like- dedication and self- satisfaction. (word limit- 80 to 100 words)

**(4 marks)**

**OR**

'Perseverance and determination bring success against all odds.' On the basis of your understanding of the story-'Virtually True', write an article on the importance of perseverance and determination to be the key and defining human values for success in any field of life. (word limit- 80 to 100 words)

**Q.11.** What difficulties did Helen face when she took her final examinations for Radcliffe College? Complete the answer in **150 to 200 words**.

**(10 marks)**

**OR**

Why is Hellen Keller considered as a role model and an inspiring personality for coming generations? Complete your answer in **150 to 200 words**.