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ENGLISH COMMUNICATIVE
CLASS - X

Time allowed : 3 hours

Maximum Marks: 80

General Instructions :

(i) The question paper is divided into four sections.

Section A	:	Reading	15 marks
Section B	:	Writing	20 marks
Section C	:	Grammar	15 marks
Section D	:	Literature	30 marks

(ii) All questions are compulsory.

(iii) You may attempt any section at a time.

(iv) All questions of that particular section must be attempted in the correct order.

SECTION - A
(Reading)

1 Read the following passage and answer the questions given below -

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Unnoticed by most Delhiites, the city's flower markets have been uprooted from their traditional spots and trans-planted to Ghazipur on its eastern border, where sellers are operating under tarpaulin sheets from a parking area meant for the vegetable mandi.

In late September, just before the Navratra, the flower markets of Mehrauli, Fatehpuri and Hanuman Mandir (Baba Kharak Singh Marg) - regarded by many as part of the city's heritage - were denotified in favour of a single market. The old markets were shut down before any of the promised facilities of a "modern flower market" were even remotely operational at Ghazipur. The flower *mandi* currently has the abattoir and stinking mounds of refuse, with scavengers swirling over-head, for company.

The shift has hardly made news despite the upheaval among traders, probably because the old markets used to pack up before most of the city finished their morning cuppa. The Fatehpuri and Hanuman Mandir markets maintained brutal schedules. At Fatehpuri, trading started at 2am and lasted eight hours; the CP market was even more fleeting, starting at five and over by nine. Mehrauli functioned through the day though a distinct lull fell on operations after 10am.

The Ghazipur *mandi* stays open 24 hours and mornings are busy. Yet, say some flower-sellers, business has suffered. "*Phool shauk ki cheez hai, zaruri nahin. Yahan tak kaun ayega*

lene?(Flowers are things of interest, not essentials. Who's going to come this far to buy?," asks Kavita, who ran a stall at Baba Kharak Singh Marg. She claims to have incurred heavy losses - over Rs 4 lakh - since the shift.

The old markets were recognized in 1997, when the whole of NCT was declared a "market area" for agricultural produce. The Delhi Agricultural Marketing Board, however, wanted to regularize flower trade further and bring all markets together. Plots in Okhla-Srinivaspuri were considered and rejected for being too small before it settled on Ghazipur.

Among the traders, there are several factions - those with licence who support the move, those who don't and the unlicensed majority. And between them is a flurry of petitions and counter-petitions in the high court. The legal wrangle is not over but the Agriculture Produce Marketing Committee (APMC) served the markets notices in June 2011; the Ghazipur *mandi* was notified on February 28, 2011.

The shift has been opposed by at least one civil society group. Led by arts curator Himanshu Verma, the group, consisting mainly of artists and architects, has been trying to prevent the move from mid-2010. "They're part of our heritage, like the book market in Daryaganj. There was a proposal to remove that too and people protested. The same model could've been used here instead of shifting the lot," says architect Swati Janu.

The group attempted to take a photo-census with the help of volunteers and get merchants to fill forms. They didn't get far. "We also offered to file a petition on their behalf. In most cases, traders were afraid to say anything against the main guy in the market," says Verma.

1. The city's flower Market has been shifted to _____.
2. Last September, the flower Markets were denotified as _____.
3. The flower Mandi also has _____.
4. Unlike the other flower markets, Ghazipur Mandi remains _____.
5. The traders were not happy with the shift as _____.
6. The shift to Ghazipur Mandi went unnoticed because _____.
7. One word in the passage that means 'an animal, a bird or a person that searches through waste for things that can be used or eaten'. is _____.
8. Give a synonym for the word slaughter house is _____.

- 2 Read the poem given below and complete the statements that follow by choosing the 7 correct options.

IN LONDON TOWN

It was a bird of paradise,
Over the roofs he flew.
All the children in a trice
Clapped their hands and cried,
"How nice!
Look-his wings are blue!"
His body was of ruby red,
His eyes were burning gold,
All the grown-up people said,
"What a pity the creature is not dead,
For then it could be sold!"

One was braver than the rest,
He took a loaded gun;
Aiming at the emerald chest,
He shot the creature through the breast,
Down it fell in the sun.

It was not heavy, it was not fat,
And folk began to stare,
"We cannot eat it, that is flat!
And such outlandish feathers as that
Why, who could ever wear?"

They flung it into the river brown.
"A pity the creature died!"
With a smile and with a frown,
Thus they did in London town;
But all the children cried.

- (a) The bird was flying over/in the
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| (i) buildings | (ii) sky |
| (iii) mountain | (iv) sea |
- (b) The grown-ups were interested in
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| (i) killing the bird |
| (ii) selling the bird |
| (iii) eating the bird |
| (iv) having the skin and feathers of the bird |
- (c) The person shot the bird through the
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| (i) breast | (ii) head |
| (iii) feathers | (iv) green chest |
- (d) The people did not like the feathers because they were
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| (i) of no use |
| (ii) too big |
| (iii) strange and not very pleasant |
| (iv) pleasant |
- (e) 'outlandish' in the above context means
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| (i) uncanny | (ii) familiar |
| (iii) strange | (iv) beautiful |
- (f) The children cried because the bird was :
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| (i) beautiful | (ii) shot dead |
| (iii) ugly | (iv) flying |
- (g) "One was braver than the rest", here 'braver refers to a person who...
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| (i) was present there |
| (ii) had shot dead the bird |
| (iii) was braver than others |
| (iv) had the gem |

SECTION - B

(Writing)

- 3 You are Avinash. Your best friend's birthday is on 3rd May. As you will be out of station on that day for some urgent work (specify it), you went to his house to give him his birthday gift. But you found that he was not at home. You left a message and the gift on his table. Draft the message in not more than 50 words. Put the message in a box. 3
- 4 You are Ravi/Raveena. As the president of voluntary organisation you have visited a slum area in your city destroyed in a massive fire. Write a report on the tragic situation of these homeless people to be published in a magazine. 3
- 5 Given below is a profile of Ram Shekhar, a peon of your school. Write a short bio sketch of his in about 80- 100 words. Use the hints given below 4
- Age - 20 years
Height/weight - 170 cm, thin
Qualification - passed class X
Dreams - to be educated, preparing for class XII through Open School.
Attends
Family - 2 sisters and mother, father passed away when he was 10yrs old
Qualities - hardworking, sincere, committed to work
- 6 Write an e-mail to your friend telling him / her about a yoga camp that you attended. (120 - 150 words) 5
- one month camp
 - two hours daily
 - refines mental capacity
 - helps reduce stress
 - promotes well being
- 7 You are Anand / Anandita, Headboy/ girl of your school. You wish to propose the idea of celebrating Children's Day differently by donating old clothes, books & toys to an orphanage. You decide to deliver a speech in the school morning assembly calling upon students to realize the plight of orphans & to donate generously. Write the speech in about 120 words : 5

SECTION - C
(Grammar)

- 8 Albert Einstein was born in the nineteenth century (a) _____ poor parents. He started out with _____ 3

(b) _____ means whatsoever, living in destitution and misery. But, from the very outset, he was an ambitious person (c) _____ was blessed with a very special sagacity - the determination to pursue his goal to the very end.

	(i)	(ii)	(iii)	(iv)
(a)	of	to	for	as
(b)	no	some	any	all
(c)	but	that	and	which

9 Complete the dialogues given below with the help of options that follow. 3

Raj : (a) _____ think about 'Reality Shows'?
 Ram : They have nothing to do with reality. They only hoodwink the audience
 Raj : What do you think (b) _____ in these shows?
 Ram : They exploit the children participating. It is inhuman (c) _____ children for your selfish motives.

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| (a) | (i) How do you | (ii) What do you |
| | (iii) What you | (iv) How you |
| (b) | (i) about children | (ii) in children |
| | (iii) on children | (iv) of children |
| (c) | (i) to exploit | (ii) exploit |
| | (iii) exploiting | (iv) exploited |

10 Rearrange the following to form meaningful sentences. The first one has been done as an example for your. 3

(a) tourist/the Colosseum/in Rome/attraction/is the/and/most popular/ highly visited

The Colosseum is the most popular and highly visited tourist attraction in Rome

(b) battles/used for/such as/between gladiators/and executions/it was/Roman entertainment/the

(c) euro coin/the image/Italy's five-cent/can/in/the Colosseum/of/be seen

(d) symbol/the Colosseum/Roman pride/is a/of/and engineering/in architecture

11 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 question number. The first one has been done as example. 3

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and used by millions of people every day. It is a	(a. _____
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American multinational corporation	(b. _____
headquarter)
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in California, USA. The company was founded	(c. _____
with Larry Page and Sergey Brin when they)
were PhD students at Stanford University.	.

12 Read the following conversation between two friends and complete the passage given below: 3

Frank : Hello! Is that Rahul ?

Rahul : Speaking

Frank : Its Frank here. You know there is a good movie 'Iron Man-3' playing at Inox. How about seeing it today in the evening ?

Rahul : Yes, not a bad idea. Let's go for the movie. Where should we meet ?

Frank : Let's meet at Goodies Corner, at 6:30.

Frank called up Rahul to tell him that (a) _____. He wanted to go for the evening show. Rahul agreed and said that it was a good idea and wanted to know (b) _____. Frank informed that (c) _____ at 6 : 30.

SECTION - D (Literature)

13(A) The prospect of earning the thousand rupees had stimulated the sporting and commercial instinct of the villagers. 3

(a) What had stimulated the sporting and commercial instincts of the villagers?

(b) What were the two fears that the villagers had regarding the hunt?

(c) Who was providing them with the thousand rupees?

13(B) 'Ducks had swum and herons waded

To her as she serenaded

And a solitary loon

3

Wept, beneath the summer moon'.

- (a) Who is 'she' in these lines ?
- (b) Why did the ducks and herons go to her ?
- (c) Give the meaning of the word 'serenaded' ?

13(C) Read the extract given below and answer briefly the questions that follow. 3

Aye, you both say that because of what I've told about leaving my money. Well, since, you don't want me I'll go to someone that does.

- (a) Identify the speaker
- (b) Why is the speaker insisting on going somewhere?
- (c) What does the decision of the speaker say about him?

Answer any two of the following questions in 30-40 words each.

14(A) Why did Amelia scold her daughter ? 3

14(B) Who was Nimrod ? Why is he mentioned in the story ? 3

14(C) How does mirror spend its time ? 3

15 One feels other's pain only when one goes through it himself/herself. Explain the postmaster's change of heart in the chapter 'The Letter' and why it took place. (120-150 words) 5

Attempt either part (a) or part(b)

Part (a)

16(A) Give an account of some of the problems faced by the persons in the secret annex ? 5

17(A) Who was Hanneli ? 5

Part (b)

16(B) How did Helen learn that nature is not always kind? 5

17(B) Give a character sketch of Helen as a nature lover. 5
