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CBSE - X

QUEST - I (Semi Prelim I)
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Set - A

Portion - Fiction : 1,2,3, Poetry : 1,2,3 Drama : 1

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- This paper consists of three sections :
- Section A - Reading (20 marks)
- Section B - Writing and Grammar (30 marks)
- Section C - Literature (30 marks)

ENGLISH

Time allowed : 3hours

Maximum Marks : 80

General Instructions :

- i) Attempt all questions.
- ii) Do not write anything on the question paper.
- iii) Answer the questions in each section before going on to the next section.
- iv) All the answers must be correctly numbered as given in the question paper and written in the answer sheet provided to you.
- v) Read each question carefully and follow the instructions.

SECTION - A (Reading)
(20 Marks)

Q.1. Read the following passage carefully and answer the questions given below it : **[8]**

Back in 1956, a company was born in Ludhiana, and little did the nation know then that it was the beginning of a golden era, a revolution that would bring to the fore India's most economic mode of transportation. From a small company which started with manufacturing 25 cycles a day, today it produces 16500 cycles a day, making it the world's largest producer of bicycles.

There are many reasons that have contributed to this spectacular growth. But the one that runs at the top is the will and determination of its founders-the Gunjan Brothers. The remarkable tenacity and hard work shown by the founders translated into sizeable achievements as they built a versatile team of highly skilled engineers, technocrats, administrators and entrepreneurs.

Although different from each other, together the Gunjan Brothers changed the contour of their arena altered the way the nation looks at biking. Says OP Gunjan, "Success depends on the ability to do better than good enough. One ought to shed the fear of the unknown and have the confidence to take risks, to experiment to think and act differently and believe in oneself. "

At a time when cycles meant black cycles only, Rodeo foresaw that varied tastes from across the society meant varied needs. Subsequently, the company introduced new models including 'Ranger', India's first all-terrain-bike, followed by Razorback, Street Racer, Cyclone and high-end models like Octane NV and Octane DTB I and 2 and many more.

Product innovation however, is not the only trait that has kept Rodeo leaps and bounds ahead of the rest, but also its zero-defect approach.

Another remarkable thing in this eventful journey of the Gunjan Brothers is the strong bond of trust that has been there since the inception of the company. " Behind the success of Rodeo group is the saga of teamwork. It is this teamwork that gives the courage to counter any problem and make the impossible, possible," asserts Mohanlal Gunjan.

1.1 Attempt any EIGHT of the following questions on the basis of the passage you have read : **[1 × 8 = 8]**

- i. The Rodeo group was started byin the year **[1]**
- ii. Name some bicycle models introduced by Rodeo. **[1]**
- iii. The company was started in which city? **[1]**
- iv. Initially, how many bicycles did the company produce everyday and how many does it produce daily now? **[1]**
- v. OP Gunjan defines success by saying, **[1]**
- vi. The reason behind Rodeo's success, according to Mohanlal Gunjan is **[1]**

- vii. The word in the second paragraph which is a synonym of 'perseverance' is [1]
- viii. The word in the last paragraph which is a synonym of 'busy' is [1]
- ix. India's first all-terrain - bike is

Q.2. Read the passage given below and answer the questions that follow : [12]

So often these days we hear and speak of the conquest of nature, 'the taming of a river', 'the war against insects' and so on. These phrases are often used without consciously attaching any value to them, but they have an underlying attitude of hostility towards nature and nature's creatures, a viewpoint which seems to assume nature as an enemy that needs to be vanquished. Alternatively, nature is seen merely as a 'resource' to be 'exploited' - take the maximum out of it, regardless of what this does to the natural processes and to other creatures which depend on these processes. It is this attitude which views fellow human beings as a resource to be exploited or other human communities as enemies to be conquered.

There is a growing lack of sensitivity and respect for our fellow creatures. This attitude is being drilled into a child by social forces, which can only be countered by environmental education. Yet, sadly, in most cases this is not done. What is done is to talk about the foodweb and the energy cycles and ecological balance, and how removal of any element disrupts the whole system and how this can affect human beings too.

What this approach lacks is the essential interaction with nature and with other human beings. Indeed, in many environmental activities the opposite takes place. A classic example of this is the making of a herbarium or even worse, an insect collection, as common in both formal and non-formal education in India. A child is often encouraged to pluck leaves and flowers and run after butterflies with a net and is part of a large group of children similarly marauding a patch of nature.

It is even worse when the activity is also competitive, that is, who collects the maximum. A lot of knowledge may be gained, but this knowledge emphasises exploitation and conquest, not sensitivity and respect. Learning under a tree, rather than in a classroom, is far more effective and long lasting. The alternative is to take up activities where ecological balance, ecological diversity, animal behaviour, human plurality and other such concepts and systems are introduced with the stress on their intrinsic worth. Materials, processes and living beings do not exist only for human use- they are worthwhile in themselves.

2.1 On the basis of your reading of the passage, answer any FOUR of the following questions in about 30-40 words each. [2 × 4 = 8]

- i. What message is conveyed through the passage? [2]
- ii. How is nature viewed by human beings? [2]
- iii. How is there a lack of interaction with nature? Give an example. [2]

- iv. What is the solution to this problem? [2]
- v. How far is a competitive activity like collecting leaves, flowers and insects harmful to nature as well as those children who collect it ? [2]

2.2 Choose the correct option from those given below. Attempt any FOUR :

- i. The word from Para 1 which means '**conquered**' is [1]
(a) vanquished (b) exploited (c) conquest (d) taming
- ii. A word from Para 2 which means '**equilibrium**' is [1]
(a) steadiness (b) sensitivity (c) balance (d) element
- iii. The synonym of '**herbarium**' in para 3 is [1]
(a) herbal food (b) vegetables
(c) a painting of vegetables (d) a collection of dried plant specimen
- iv. The synonym of '**intrinsic**' in para 4 is [1]
(a) important (b) inherent
(c) balance (d) alternative
- v. The word in para 3 which means '**roam about and raid in search of plunder**'. [1]
(a) interaction (b) marauding
(c) classic (d) pluck

SECTION - B (Writing Skills and Grammar)

(30 Marks)

Q.3. Attempt any ONE of the following : [8]

- (a) The tourism industry can bring valuable income to the country. Using your ideas along with ideas from the MCB unit, 'Travel and Tourism', write a letter to the Editor of a popular daily on how the government and the public can boost the development of this industry. Write the letter in 100-120 words. You are Himesh / Hemani, 4 Rani Road, Ranchi.

OR

- (b) You bought a Samsung Refrigerator from 'Runwal Traders', Gandhi Nagar, New Delhi. Hardly within 15 days you realised that the piece you got is defective and no cooling takes place. Write a letter to the 'Manager' of the shop complaining about what is wrong with your purchase and to give you a suitable replacement. 100 - 120 words (Add other necessary details)

Q.4. Write a short story in about 200-250 words with any ONE of the plots given in the boxes below : [10]

(a) Shekhar, being the chief of the notorious gang of the class, never wished to miss the opportunity to tease me and other weaklings. We, the feeble group, had accepted his sovereignty. One day during the recess period...

OR

(b) You and some of your family members decided to go for a beach picnic. As you reached the picnic spot, you could hear the helpless screams and cries of another family on the beach. Write an interesting story based on this.

Q.5. Fill any EIGHT of the blanks using the correct form of the verbs given in brackets. [$\frac{1}{2} \times 8 = 4$]

Yesterday, Savita (i) (come) to my house to give me the happy news of her standing first in the Board Examination. I (ii) (be) overjoyed to know this. We (iii) (share) our views regarding the latest trend in paper setting. She also (iv) (tell) me that she (v) (attend) all the classes regularly. She had never (vi) (miss) any class. This habit (vii) (help) her a lot. Now she (viii) (decide) to go to UK for further studies. She (ix) (get) a scholarship for excellence. Besides, her father will be financing her boarding and other expenses there.

Q.6. In the passage given below, one word has been omitted in each line. Write the missing word along with the word that comes before and the word that comes after it. Underline the word which you have supplied. [$\frac{1}{2} \times 8 = 4$]
Attempt any EIGHT

	Before	Missing	After
i) One thing we all must do to cooperate	(a) .....	.....	.....
ii) with police and pay heed to their advice,	(b) .....	.....	.....
iii) They warn us not touch unidentified,	(c) .....	.....	.....
iv) unclaimed suspicious objects like transistors,	(d) .....	.....	.....
v) briefcase etc. We need watch out for	(e) .....	.....	.....
vi) abandoned cars or scooters report the	(f) .....	.....	.....
vii) details of objects to the police. We all	(g) .....	.....	.....
viii) should always keep eyes open. Our	(f) .....	.....	.....
ix) awareness may prevent major tragedy.	(g) .....	.....	.....

Q.7. Read the following conversation and complete the following passage on the basis of the conversation. Attempt any EIGHT blanks. [$\frac{1}{2} \times 8 = 4$]

Patient : Doctor, I think, I'm going mad.
 Doctor : Why do you think so?

- Patient : I have started writing to myself.
 Doctor : When did you write the last letter?
 Patient : Yesterday, doctor.
 Doctor : What have you written in it?
 Patient : Don't know. I haven't received it yet!
 Doctor : I have never heard such a strange reply.

The patient told the doctor (i) The doctor asked him (ii) The patient replied (iii) The doctor wanted to know (iv) The patient said that he had written it (v) The doctor enquired (vi) in the letter. The patient answered (vii) because (viii) so far. The doctor said that (ix) such a strange reply.

SECTION - C (Literature and Long Reading Text)
(30 Marks)

Q.8. (a) Read the following extract carefully and answer the questions that follow: **[4 × 1 = 4]**

The one great anxiety was lest he should die of old age before the date appointed for the memsahib's shoot. Mothers carrying their babies home through the jungle after the day's work in the fields hushed their singing lest they might curtail the restful sleep of the venerable herd-robber.

Questions

- (a) What was the greatest anxiety?
- (b) Why did the mothers carrying their babies home through the field hush their singing?
- (c) Pick out a word from the extract that describes the tiger.
- (d) Name the Memsahib and her assistant.

OR

Q.8. (b) Read the following extract carefully and answer the questions that follow : **[4 × 1 = 4]**

But with me you'll be a winner".
 "Dearest frog", the nightingale
 Breathed: "This is a fairy tale -
 And you're Mozart in disguise
 Come to earth before my eyes".

Questions

- (a) What does the frog advise the nightingale ?
- (b) Why did the nightingale call the frog 'Mozart'? Did she say it to make fun of him?

- (c) Pick a word from the extract that means "to change usual appearance so that people will not recognise?"
- (d) Why does the Nightingale use the words - 'a fairy tale' ?

Q.9. Attempt any FOUR of the following in about 30 to 40 words each : [4 × 2 = 8]

- (i) Why does Mrs. Slater decide to shift the bureau from grandfather's room before the arrival of the Jordans? How does Henry react to the suggestion?
- (ii) Do you think the boys looked after Lucia willingly? Give reasons for your answer.
- (iii) What are the changes that take place in Ali after Miriam's marriage ?
- (iv) Describe how the monuments and statues brave the ravages of time.
- (v) How did the villagers react to the tiger's death ?

Q.10. Answer the following in 100 - 120 words :

[8]

- (a) In spite of having a melodious voice and being a crowd-puller, the nightingale turns out to be a loser and dies. How far is she responsible for her own downfall?

OR

- (b) Victoria Slater is truly attached to her Grandpa. As she sees the elders in her family quarrel over the inheritance, she is bewildered and upset by their attitude.
As Victoria write a diary entry outlining the incident and your feelings.
(150 words)

Q.11. ATTEMPT ANY ONE QUESTION from Q.11(A) or Q.11 (B) in about 200 - 250 words.

[10]

Q.11. (A) The Diary of a Young Girl : Anne Frank

- (i) Mention the restrictions imposed on the Jews by the Germans.

OR

- (ii) Describe the circumstances that made Anne Frank write her diary.

OR

Q.11. (B) The Story of My Life : Helen Keller

- (i) Helen was a naughty child. Elaborate the statement.

OR

- (ii) How did Helen realize that everything has a name?

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