

# MT EDUCARE LTD.

QUEST - II (Semi Prelim II)  
(2018-19)

Portion - Fiction : 4, 5 Poetry : 4, 5, 6, 7 Drama : 2,  
Grammar, Novels - Full

CBSE - X

Set - B

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Series **RLH**

- 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 :** 3 hours

**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 by .....in 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]**

**The Triangle of Love**

Love is quite like a triangle. It has three sides - compassion, care and sacrifice. The sum total of these sides constitute what is called 'true love. Purity is the perpendicular of this triangle. Love with purity is a hymn. Without it, it is an abuse - a cesspool of lust.

Compassion is the longest arm of the triangle of love. It springs from the core of the heart. It is the elixir of life and makes life musical. Without compassion, love can never be love. Nor can it be meaningful. Mother Teresa showed compassion towards the poor and the underprivileged. She served the marginalised and lepers. This, according to her, is the greatest service to the Almighty Father. A selfless service to the needy is what makes you compassionate. A compassionate heart always stays young and pure. The second important arm of love is care. This arm is an extension of the arm of compassion. Care for both living and non-living beings is what love stands for. Care is the fulcrum of love. Without the pious element of care, love ceases to be love. Bhagat Puran Singh who pioneered 'pingalwara' (a house for disabled) at the holy city of Amritsar was a true epitome of care. His selfless service and extraordinary care of the disabled gave them a new lease of life.

Sacrifice is third side of the triangle of love. Love demands sacrifice and sacrifice sustains love. Just as gold gets extraordinary sheen after it goes through fire, similarly, love gets special meaning when it goes through the ordeal of sacrifice. A mother sacrifices everything for her kids. It makes her love inexplicable and incomparable. Lord Rama's sacrifice for his father not only strengthened the filial bond but gave a new meaning to love. It triggered a chain reaction. It inspired Lord Rama's wife Sita and his brother Lakshmana to emulate Lord Rama.

"Love thy neighbour", says the Bible. Love makes both the mind and soul pure. It is the elixir of life. Let us drink it and make others taste it too.

**2.1 Answer the following questions. Attempt any FOUR : [2 × 4 = 8]**

- (i) What does the passage talk about?
- (ii) How does the writer describe compassion?
- (iii) How is care described in the passage?
- (iv) How is sacrifice described in the passage?
- (v) What is the greatest service to the Almighty Father ?

**2.2 Fill in any TWO of the following blanks with appropriate words / phrases from the passage.** [1 × 2 = 2]

- (i) Love gets special when it goes through \_\_\_\_\_  
 (ii) You become compassionate when you give \_\_\_\_\_  
 (iii) \_\_\_\_\_ served the marginalised and the lepers

**2.3 Complete any TWO of the following by choosing the correct option:**

[1 × 2 = 2]

- (i) The word in para 2 which means the same as '**most important part**' is \_\_\_\_\_  
 (a) pious (b) arm (c) fulcrum (d) selfless  
 (ii) The synonym of '**gave rise to**' in para 3 is \_\_\_\_\_  
 (a) incomparable (b) emulate (c) arbitrary (d) triggered  
 (iii) The synonym of '**song**' in para 1 is \_\_\_\_\_  
 (a) compassion (b) hymn (c) cesspool (d) lust

**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. Using the beginning given below develop a story in 200-250 words with a suitable title. Attempt any ONE:**

**[10]**

- (a) Normally senior students are not allowed on the balcony towards the Pre-Primary wing. I had to stay back on that afternoon and heard someone shouting. As I approached the balcony .....

**OR**

- (b) As I saw the train approaching, I could also see a young high school boy in uniform, move towards the tracks. Sensing what might happen next, I ran and .....

**Q.5. Fill any EIGHT of the blanks using the correct form of the verbs given in brackets.** [½ × 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. The following passage has not been edited. There is an error in each of the lines. Write the incorrect word and the correction as given in the example against the correct blank number. Attempt any EIGHT:** [½ × 8 = 4]

	<i>Incorrect</i>	<i>Correct</i>
A three year old girl has rescued by the	<u>has</u>	<u>was</u>
(i) police last Tuesday. She was kidnap by a	.....	.....
(ii) neighbour due to ransom. The mother	.....	.....
(iii) inform the police about the missing girl.	.....	.....
(iv) A probe had supervised by the DSP himself.	.....	.....
(v) Greater than fifty residents were questioned.	.....	.....
(vi) Ultimately, Rohit, one of the resident of the	.....	.....
(vii) colony admit the crime and disclosed	.....	.....
(viii) where the girl was keeping. This terrible	.....	.....
(ix) news was spread panic in the neighbourhood.	.....	.....

**Q.7. Read the following conversation and complete the following passage on the basis of the conversation. Attempt any EIGHT blanks.** [½ × 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]**

'That was my idea' said Sebastian excitedly. 'If only it would go a bit faster.'

**Questions**

- (a) Where was Sebastian when he spoke these words?
- (b) What was his idea, and what was he referring to ?
- (c) Was the idea a good one, and did it eventually succeed? How?
- (d) Who is with Sebastian ? Why is he with him ?

**OR**

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

"Ah! Well a day! What evil looks  
Had I from old and young!  
Instead of the cross, the Albatross  
About my neck was hung"

**Questions**

- (a) Who were the 'old and young' here?
- (b) Why did the people cast evil looks?
- (c) Why was the Albatross hung around the Mariner's neck?
- (d) Who is speaking the above words ? To Whom ?

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

- (i) Why couldn't John give his whole time to writing?
- (ii) Why did Mr. Mullick turn down Patol Babu's request for a rehearsal?
- (iii) Bring out the irony in the poem, - 'Ozymandias'.
- (iv) What did Calpurnia dream about Caesar? How does Decius Brutus interpret the dream ?
- (v) What sufferings do the shipmates undergo in the silent sea?

**Q.10. Answer the following in 100 - 120 words :** **[8]**

- (a) We can safely say that Mark Antony is a better orator than Brutus. What makes him superior in this ability? Their respective speeches also act like a mirror to their innate natures. Would you agree?

**OR**

- (b) Why does the poet experience feelings of self-derision, guilt and regret after throwing a log at the snake?

**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 verbal fight between Anne and Dr. Dussel over the use of the room table.

**OR**

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

- (i) 'Helen was upset with the doll that her aunt gifted her'. Discuss the statement in your words.

**OR**

- (ii) How did Helen learn about 'love'?