

INTERNATIONAL INDIAN SCHOOL, DAMMAM

TERM II EXAMINATION (2017-18)

CLASS – X

ENGLISH COMMUNICATIVE (101)

MAX MARKS – 80

SET - A

TIME – 3 HOURS



The question paper is divided into three sections.

SECTION A – Reading	20 marks
SECTION B – Writing and Grammar	30 marks
SECTION C – Literature & Long Reading Text	30 marks

You may attempt any section at a time.

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

SECTION – A
READING (20 Marks)

Q1. Read the following passage carefully. (12 marks)

1. The small but brightly painted temple at Sorikampatti village, about 30 kms from Madurai, remains closed for most of the year. But as the harvest season sets in, villagers start trickling in to seek the blessings of the deity before the daily Jallikattu training session begins. Inside the sanctum sanctorum is the stone idol of a majestic Kangayem bull and a legendary bull trainer.
2. The tradition of Jallikattu goes back to a legend surrounding the majestic Kangayem bull, a premium local breed, and Alagu Servai, a legendary bull tamer who lived in the village two centuries ago. A few bull owners conspired to kill Servai as he never failed at the game. He was poisoned to death and his story is now a part of the folklore of the region. Jallikattu derived its name from "salli", meaning coins, tied to the raging bull's horns that tamers could pocket if they dared.
3. In recent years, several cruel malpractices crept into Jallikattu, the bull baiting sport held during harvest festivities in mid-January. Bull owners took to feeding the bulls arrack and rubbing chilly on their bodies to make them more aggressive and the game more exciting, drawing the ire of animal rights bodies who demanded an end to this cruel sport.
4. The tussle came to an end this year with the Supreme Court imposing a ban on Jallikattu. Earlier in 2006, the Madras High Court bench had imposed a ban on the event citing cruelty to animals. The Tamil Nadu Jallikattu Regulation Act 2009 was passed by state government, making it compulsory that the event is held under the supervision of district collector, superintendent of police and Animal Welfare Board of India representatives.
5. While Jallikattu organizers are willing to abide by the rules for holding the sport, animal rights activists disagree. "Irrespective of rules and regulations, Jallikattu cannot be conducted without perpetrating cruelty to bulls. Cruelty is inherent in Jallikattu," says Manilal Valliyate of Animal Welfare Board of India.

6. According to organizers, about 50,000-75,000 bulls belonging to native breeds like Kangayam and Pulikulam are reared exclusively for Jallikattu. "Tractors have replaced bulls in fields and if there is no reason to rear these animals they may soon become extinct," The organisers have decided to appeal against the verdict in the Supreme Court as the ban on Jallikattu, India's version of the famous Spanish bull-running festival, won't just end an old tradition, it may mean the extinction of several native breeds of bulls, reared only for the sport.

1.1. Answer any four the following questions briefly :- (2 x 4 = 8)

- (a) What is unique about Sorikampatti?
- (b) What is the legend surrounding the sport of Jallikattu?
- (c) How are the bulls made more aggressive?
- (d) What measures have been taken to ban the sport?
- (e) What is the plea taken by Jallikattu enthusiasts as regards the continuation of the sport ?

1.2. Attempt any two of the following. Find out the words that mean the same as under :-

(1 x 2 = 2)

- (a) Likely to attack (para 3)
- (b) Anger (para 3)
- (c) Lost forever (para 6)

1.3. On the basis of your reading of the passage, fill in any two of the following blanks with appropriate words/phrases :-

(1 x 2 = 2)

- (a) The Kangayem bull is a _____
- (b) Jallikattu derived its name from _____
- (c) Cruelty is _____

Q2. Read the following passage carefully. (8 marks)

Power Foods

1. When Rajat, a student studying for the Class X board examination who had put on six kilograms, during preparation leave, approached Dr. Anoop Mishra of the Fortis Hospital for advice he was told that the lack of physical activity was the primary cause of weight gain. He further advised him to follow a few significant tips.

2. As Rajat's appetite had gone up and he had begun to snack frequently Dr. Mishra asked him to give up the habit and have small meals at frequent intervals. He was also told not to skip a meal. In case, he still felt the urge to snack, he was advised to have sprouts and salads in lieu of snacks loaded with fat and eat fruit in place of snacks with refined sugars. To avoid the temptation of munching on biscuits, chips and namkeens, he was advised to munch carrots, cucumber and fruits.

3. To keep up his metabolism and be able to concentrate for longer hours on his books he was advised to avoid heavy meals, especially late at night. He needs to expose his body to sunlight for at least fifteen minutes a day to imbibe Vitamin D, a good vitamin for regulation of weight and also for the brain.

4. When it came to cold drinks, Rajat was advised to drink toned milk and lime water to help him get rid of untimely hunger pangs. Also green tea he was told was a metabolic booster and could be tried out.

5. As far as his study routine was concerned, Dr. Mishra advised him to take breaks frequently instead of sitting for long hours at a stretch as that could cause headaches. In case he did get a headache it was necessary to learn what had triggered it and then try and avoid those things. The lighting of the room and placement of the chair was also important. Above all Rajat was advised to take regular exercise as all work and no play makes Jack a dull boy.

2.1. Answer **any eight** of the following questions briefly :- (1 x 8 = 8)

- a) Why did Rajat approach Dr. Mishra?
- b) What was Rajat advised to do instead of snacking?
- c) What substitutes were advised to Rajat in place of snacks?
- d) How was he to overcome the temptation of eating biscuits and namkeens?
- e) Why was Rajat advised to stay away from heavy meals late at night?
- f) What kinds of cold drinks was Rajat permitted to have?
- g) What was the cause of headache according to Dr Mishra?
- h) Why should we expose ourselves to sunlight for fifteen minutes every day?
- i) Which word in para 5 means 'to set off' ?

SECTION - B

WRITING AND GRAMMAR (30 marks)

Q3 (a) You are Keerti / Kunal . You recently took a holiday to Andamam and Nicobar islands and had booked a holiday package but the standard of the accommodation was poor. The food as well as other services too was substandard. You decide to write a letter complaining to the travel company, '*Dream Destinations*' about the problems you experienced with the facilities provided and asking for compensation for your ruined holiday. (100-120 words, 8 marks)

OR

Q3 (b) You are Raman/ Rishika, Secretary of the Eco Club of Shanti Niketan School, Kolkata. As part the Eco Drive of the club, and to bring the students closer to nature, the school has decided to plant saplings of Ashoka trees around the school boundary wall. Write a letter to '*Green Fingers Nursery*', placing an order for 50 Ashoka tree saplings and also instructing the nursery to supply healthy and bug free saplings.

(100-120 words, 8 marks)

Q4 Write a story, in about 200-250 words, with any one set of the hints given in the boxes below. Give a suitable title to the story. (10 marks)

6 o'clock in the evening ----- a lot of traffic on the road-----Mohit returning home ----- driving his Audi ----- suddenly two teenagers on a bike overtook his car-----

OR

Ronnie was in Goa on a school trip---- all students very excited and happy-----their teacher told everyone to play but remain on the sea-shore -----

Q5. 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. (1 x 4 = 4)

Robotics is a branch (a).....engineering dealing (b)..... the design, construction, operation and application of robots. Robots have (c) for performing dangerous jobs like defusing bombs and exploring shipwrecks. Fully autonomous robots (d)..... a reality only in the second half of the 20th century. Robotics is a fast growing field today and new robots (e)..... created every day.

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| (a) | (i) with | (ii) of | (iii) in | (iv) for |
| (b) | (i) of | (ii) in | (iii) on | (iv) with |
| (c) | (i) using | (ii) used | (iii) been used | (iv) use |
| (d) | (i) becomes | (ii) were becoming | (iii) have become | (iv) became |
| (e) | (i) is being | (ii) are being | (iii) had been | (iv) have been |

Q6. The following passage has not been edited. There is one error in each line. Write the incorrect word and the correction of any four lines of the given paragraph, against the correct blank number in your answer sheet. The first one has been done for you as an example. (1x4= 4 marks)

	Incorrect	Correct
<i>e.g. Have you ever ate a food that might kill you?</i>	<u>ate</u>	<u>eaten</u>
That is what thousands of Koreans did every year	a)
when they sit down in a delicious meal of fugu fish.	b)
In English, fugu is known like puffer fish	c)
They are relative small, and they have spikes	d)
who pop up when they sense danger.	e)

Q7. Read the conversation given below and complete the passage that follows. Write the answers of **any four blanks** against the correct blank numbers. Do not copy the sentences.

(1x4=4 marks)

Susan: I am going to Delhi today.

Sam: When will you come back?

Susan: I will return after my summer vacation.

Sam: Remember that you have to finish your holiday project.

Susan: I will complete it after coming back.

Susan told Sam that (a) _____. Sam asked her (b) _____ come back. Susan replied that (c) _____ summer vacation. Sam then told her (d) _____ finish her holiday project. Susan replied that (e) _____ after coming back.

SECTION – C

LITERATURE AND LONG READING TEXT (Novel) (30 marks)

Q8. Read the extract given below and answer the questions that follow. Write the answer in your answer sheets in one or two lines only.

(1x4 =4 marks)

(a) *“Till the birds and beasts grew tired
At a voice so uninspired
And the ticket office gross
Crashed, and she grew more morose”*

- What caused the ticket office to crash?
- Why had the nightingale’s voice become uninspired?
- What is the rhyme scheme of this stanza?
- What was the frog’s reaction when the ticket office crashed?

OR

b) *“Look on my works, ye mighty, and despair!”
Nothing beside remains. Round the decay
Of that colossal wreck, boundless and bare
The lone and level sands stretch far away.”*

- What does the first line tell you about the speaker?
- Whom is the speaker referring to as ‘mighty’?
- What does ‘colossal wreck’ refer to?
- Name the poetic device used in the fourth line?

Q9. Answer any four of the following questions in about 30-40 words. (2 x 4=8 marks)

- a) What does Helen, the ghost demand from John Hallock and why?
- b) What was Michael's theory about how Sebastian had entered the game?
- c) How and why did Miss Mebbin exploit Mrs Packletide?
- d) 'For now the postmaster understood Ali's heart and his very soul' Explain.
- e) How does Decius Brutus convince Caesar to go to the senate?

Q10. Answer any one of the following questions in 100 – 120 words. (8 Marks)

- a) "Excellence is - doing ordinary things extraordinarily well". How is this dictum proved true in the case of Patol Babu?

OR

- b) How did Mark Antony avenge the assassination of Caesar?

Q11A. Answer the following question based on the prescribed novel, The Story of My Life, in 200 – 250 words. (10 Marks)

- i) What other activities did Helen Keller enjoy besides reading?

OR

- ii) Give an account of the great men who influenced Helen's life, as depicted in the novel, 'The Story of My Life'.

OR

Q11B. Answer the following question based on the prescribed novel, The Diary of a Young Girl, in 200 – 250 words. (10 Marks)

- i) Why does Anne call herself a 'bundle of contradictions'?

OR

- ii) Bring out the importance of the diary in Anne's life.
