

Std: X

Date: 16/01/18

Subject: English Language

Marks: 80

Dur. : 2 Hrs

Answers to this Paper must be written on the paper provided separately.

You will not be allowed to write during the first 15 minutes.

This time is to be spent in reading the question paper.

The time given at the head of this Paper is the time allowed for writing the answers.

Attempt all four questions.

The intended marks for questions or parts of questions are given in brackets [ ].

You are advised to spend not more than 35 minutes in answering Question 1 and 20 minutes in answering Question 2.

**Question 1**

(20)

(Do not spend more than 35 minutes on this question.)

- Write an original story in which a photographer, a suitcase and a soldier play an important role.
- 'Man himself is an Endangered Species'. Express your views either for or against this statement.
- You are a regular traveller in your school bus. Describe what you see on your way home from school each afternoon. Give details of the familiar sights and sounds you experience each day.
- Imagine that you have changed your school recently. Narrate your experiences on your first day in the new school. How did you feel at the end of the day?
- Study the picture given below. Write a story or a description or an account of what it suggests to you. Your composition may be about the subject of the picture or you may take suggestions from it; however, there must be a clear connection between the picture and your composition.

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"It was your medications side effects that caused those special effects."

## Question 2

( Do not spend more than 20 minutes on this question.)

Select one of the following:

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- (a) Your brother/sister is studying in Agra living with your uncle. His/her annual examination is upcoming in the next month. He is not taking this exam seriously. So write a letter to your younger brother/sister advising him/her to prepare forthcoming exam seriously.
- (b) You have just been admitted to a new school. Write a letter to the Principal complaining about excessive ragging being done by the senior students and requesting him to look into the matter.

## Question 3

- (a) Your school is conducting an Inter-class Talent Search. You are the Cultural Head of School Council, write a notice to be put up on your school Notice Board informing students of Classes 9 and 10 about the event and inviting them to participate.
- (b) Write an e-mail to the Principal of a neighbouring school requesting him / her to send a team of teachers to judge the event.

## Question 4

Read the following passage carefully and answer the questions that follow:(20)

Crewman Fredrick Persson was on deck, helping, to bring the Swedish cargo ship 'Carman' into Bristol docks, when a rope coiled round his right hand suddenly jerked tight, all but severing his four fingers.

He was rushed to the special reconstructive-surgery unit at a local hospital] where doctors decided two of his fingers were too badly *mangled* to be saved. [In a delicate eight-hour operation using the most sophisticated microsurgery techniques, plastic surgeon Donal Sar...mut succeeded in re-attaching the others] "I am happy to have even two fingers left." the young Swede said gratefully as he came out of the surgery.

His relief was short-lived. Within 48 hours the fingers started to go black. "A blockage of blood was building up," explain Sammut.

Modern surgery could do no more, so Sammut resorted to one of the medicine's oldest aids: the leech. Over the next two days, he fastened a *succession* of the black slippery creatures to Persson's fingers. They sucked out surplus blood, freezing veins to reconnect naturally so that circulation was restored.] A fortnight later, in November 1993, Persson flew home.

Leeches come in around 650 species, from 1.5 centimetre long slivers to specimens that reach a jumbo 45 centimetres when fully extended, and are found in many parts of the world. These annelids — not all bloodsucking-breathe through the skin, have two hearts and go for months between meals. Some have suckers at each end of the body. They are making an astonishing comeback in medicine. In recent years *Hirudo medicinalis*, the leech used for medical purposes, has performed its quiet miracles for thousands of surgical patients and accident victims around the world.

As the leech bites into the flesh with its 300 sharp teeth, leaving an inverted Y-shaped mark, it injects a powerful anesthetic; the patient feels no pain. As it starts sucking, the leech secretes a cocktail of substances that act as an anti-coagulant, to ensure the blood's purity and keeps it flowing. Even though the leech may suck for only 30 minutes, "bleeding" may continue for several hours or so, clearing the most challenging blockage.

Ear reconnections are notoriously difficult because the ear's blood vessels are so small, measuring not more than half a millimetre in diameter. When five year old Guy Condelli had his right ear bitten off by a dog, surgeons re-attached it in a 12 hour operation. But three days later it turned blue, then purple.

The surgeon leading the medical team, Joseph Upton, who had used leeches to help heal wounds of war victims in Vietnam, decided to try them in Guy's case. Over six days, 12 were attached to Guy's ear one by one until they dropped off, swollen and sated. By the last day of his treatment blood was circulating throughout his ear, and the following day its colour was back to normal.

Surgeon Peter Mahaffey helped pioneer the modern use of leeches in Britain-against opposition from colleagues reluctant to take a 'backward' step when stitching back a finger in 1979. Now he always keeps a jar of them in his plastic surgery unit.

Mahaffey's leeches along with those used for Fredrick Persson's fingers and Guy Condelli's ear, come from Britain's only leech breeding farm founded and run by Dr. Roy Sawyer in South Wales.

Sawyer first encountered leeches as a boy in the Swamplands of South Carolina, USA. "Often when swimming, I'd find leeches on me, I considered them as natural, if unwelcome as mosquitoes."

At school, he became fascinated by the leech's role in medicine. "Historically, leeches were employed as a mild form of blood-letting for the early stage of inflammatory diseases," he says. For centuries bleeding was almost the only surgical treatment, apart from amputations.

a. Give the meanings of each of the following words as used in the passage. One word answers or short phrases will be accepted.

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1. mangled
2. succession
3. secretes

b. Answer the following:

1. How did Fredrick Persson lose his fingers? 2
2. How was Fredrick Persson cured when his fingers turned black? 2
3. State why, after a leech-bite, bleeding continues for several hours? 2
4. How were the leeches used for Guy Condelli's ear? 2
5. Quote the sentence which shows that leeches were used for by medical experts. 1

c. In not more than 50 words of your own state Sawyer's connection with leeches. 8

Question 5

(a) In the following passage, fill in each of the numbered blanks with the correct form of the word given in brackets. Do not copy the passage, but write in correct serial order the word or phrase appropriate to the blank space. The first one has been done for you.

Example: has called off

The Ola and Uber drivers' union \_\_\_\_\_0\_\_\_\_\_ (call off) their ongoing strike in Mumbai, \_\_\_\_\_1\_\_\_\_\_ (bring) relief to score of commuters, specially office goers and fliers at both the airports.

A delegation \_\_\_\_\_2\_\_\_\_\_ (lead) by union leader Sachin Ahir met state chief minister Devendra Fadnavis at Vidhan Bhavan with list of demands by driver partners. Sources in union \_\_\_\_\_3\_\_\_\_\_ (say) that the meeting was positive and Fadnavis \_\_\_\_\_4\_\_\_\_\_ (assure) that he \_\_\_\_\_5\_\_\_\_\_ (convene) meeting with the driver partners and union leaders post winter session.

Meanwhile a report on the woes of the drivers and ways to address them \_\_\_\_\_6\_\_\_\_\_ (prepare) by the transport secretary and \_\_\_\_\_7\_\_\_\_\_ (tabled) before the meeting is organized with CM.

Earlier in the day, the union \_\_\_\_\_8\_\_\_\_\_ (plan) to take a morcha from Bharat Mata to Azad Maidan, but was stopped by city police. The union activists subsequently participated in a rally at Azad Maidan from where a delegation went to Vidhan Bhavan to meet the CM.

(b) Fill in the blanks with appropriate words:

1. Karan never leaves \_\_\_\_\_ his phone.
2. Make sure to vacuum \_\_\_\_\_ the table.
3. I attended a quick meeting \_\_\_\_\_ leaving for the day.
4. The child star grew up \_\_\_\_\_ famous people.
5. We drove \_\_\_\_\_ the construction site.
6. The restaurant is \_\_\_\_\_ new management.
7. He spread \_\_\_\_\_ a picnic blanket under the oak tree.
8. We discovered that the machine was on the \_\_\_\_\_ position.

(4)

(c) Join the following sentences to make one complete sentence without using and, but or so.

(4)

1. Rains have been plentiful this year. The crop of apple has been rich.
2. She has much time. She can enjoy this big mall.
3. He returned to England. He started a business.
4. Milton was the Homer of England. He wrote Paradise Lost.

(d) Re-write the following sentences according to the instructions given after each. Make other changes that may be necessary, but do not change the meaning of each sentence. (8)

1. All the students in our class were promoted. (Use: detained)
2. I'm afraid I spoke to you rather rudely yesterday. (Begin: I must apologise....)
3. Crossing the road at a busy junction is dangerous. (Begin: It..)
4. Bella is not the tallest girl in the class. (Begin: Bella....)
5. We admire the brave. (End: ... admired.)
6. Only they can do the work. (Begin: None...)
7. Steven Spielberg directed Jurassic Park. (Begin: Jurassic..)
8. Mary will only come to the party if Peter is invited. (Begin : Unless...)