

**Sample Question Paper**  
**English**  
**Class –X**

**Time : 3 Hours**

**Full Marks : 80**

**Section A (Reading)**

**(20 marks)**

**Read the passage given below and answer the questions that follow:**

Mind management is a way to control one's mind. To do this, we need to be cautious about our thinking process and also need a high level of understanding and meditation as well. Understanding is wisdom – 80% of people are knowledgeable, while 20% are wise. Knowledgeable men take sides without reason. They feel sad seeing deprived people but jealous when they see happy people. They work in the guidance of others' inspiration and take unnecessary responsibility to keep themselves disturbed.

A wise person does not stand for or against any idea without concrete reason. He works according to the situation and capacity. He looks at everything intellectually. To him failure is a stepping stone for future success. So depression and conflict are not seen.

Unless we control or manage our mind, it is difficult to achieve success and peace. Psychologists say that every interest is first born in the mind as a seed. Then it continues to grow. Later it takes its real form which everybody can see. It is only after taking control over the mind that we can control passion, interest and unrest. So, mind management is essential for a peaceful, successful and healthy life.

**Complete the following statements by choosing the best of the given choices:**

**1X5**

1. We need a high level of understanding to manage our ---  
(i) minds            (ii) studies            (iii) wealth            (iv) health
2. Knowledgeable men take sides ---  
(i) with reason    (ii) without reason    (iii) reasonably    (iv) rationally
3. Knowledgeable men take unnecessary responsibility to keep themselves ---  
(i) happy            (ii) active            (iii) busy            (iv) disturbed
4. Failure is a stepping stone for future success to a ---  
(i) knowledgeable man    (ii) wise man            (iii) foolish man            (iv) psychologist
5. We can control passion, interest and unrest only after taking control over the ---  
(i) health            (ii) body            (iii) action            (iv) mind

**Fill in the blanks with information from the passage given above:**

**1X2**

6. Knowledgeable men work in the guidance of .....
7. A wise man works according to the .....

**Answer the following questions within 10 words each:**

**1X2**

8. What is mind management?
9. What do the psychologists say?

**10. Choose the word which is closest in meaning to the word 'depression' from the word/words given below:** **1X1**

- (i) low spirits      (ii) high spirits      (iii) happy      (iv) anger

**Read the passage given below and answer the questions that follow:**

Do you remember the last time you laughed out loud? For most of us laughing out loud is an uphill task. More often than not people think that they have no time to laugh. There are more important things to do. But if you ask Jean Leggett, the Canadian founder of Boot camp, she'll say that you do not have anything more important to do than just laugh.

The cynic in us may think it is an exaggeration, but the fact is that we can be taught to laugh more. Even in small doses, laughter improves the quality of life. You can condition people to feel more positive, as laughter opens up the mind and frees the creative juices. It makes us more receptive to new ideas.

According to the greatest laughter therapists, laughter is a cathartic process which helps to rebalance the chemistry of emotions and which can be a keynote for healing. Several laughter therapists in Japan have shown that laughter therapy is an efficient, low-cost medical treatment that cuts health costs. According to their findings, laughter is a stimulant that triggers energy inside a person's DNA, potentially helping to cure disease.

**Answer the following questions within 30 – 40 words each:** **2X4**

11. Why do people hesitate to laugh out loud?
12. Who is Jean Leggett and what is her opinion of laughter?
13. Why should people laugh out loud?
14. How does laughter help healing?

**Choose the words which are closest in meaning to the words given below:** **1X2**

15. *cynic* –

- (i) a person who doubts human sincerity
- (ii) a person who believes in human sincerity
- (iii) an unhappy person
- (iv) a happy person

16. *stimulant* –

- (i) producing decrease of activity in the body
- (ii) producing increase of activity in the body
- (iii) an exercise
- (iv) an object

**Section B (Writing) (10 marks)**

17. Write an article within 80 words, stressing on the importance of reading newspaper for students (You are Virat/Sania).

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Write a classified newspaper advertisement within 80 words to sell a fully furnished flat.

18. Write a letter to the Editor of an English newspaper, expressing your concern over the increasing anti-social activities in your locality within 80 words ( You are Ravi/Rani of ABC Colony. 5

**Section C (Grammar) (20 marks)**

**Fill in the blanks by choosing the best of the choices given alongside: 1X4**

- 19. The shot wounded ..... elephant (a/an/the).
- 20. It rushed back ..... the forest (on/into/at).
- 21. I ..... but could not catch it (running/run/ran).
- 22. I ..... it in the dark (lose/lost/losing).

**The following passage has not been edited. There is an error in each of the numbered lines. Write both the incorrect and correct words against each of the numbered lines.**

**The first one(\*) has been done as an *example*: 1X4**

	Incorrect	Correct
<b>*Over eating was one of the most wonderful</b>	<b>.....was.....</b>	<b>.....is.....</b>
23. practices between those who think they	.....	.....
24. can afford it. In fact, authorities says that	.....	.....
25. nearly all who can got as much as they	.....	.....
26. desire, over eat on their disadvantage.	.....	.....

**Re-arrange the following into meaningful sentences: 1X4**

- 27. this / is / bright / generation / one / a / young
- 28. the / are / a / students / lot / motivated
- 29. they / high / desires / have / aspirations / and
- 30. they / achieve / willing / are / tirelessly / to / their / goals / to work

**Read the conversation given below and complete the report that follows. Write your answers against the correct blank numbers: 1X4**

Policeman: Why have you parked your car here?  
 Lady: I'll buy some articles from this shop.  
 Policeman: Don't you know that this is a no parking zone?  
 Lady: I'm sorry. I didn't see the signboard.

- 31. The policeman asked the lady .....
- 32. The lady replied .....
- 33. The policeman again asked .....
- 34. The lady replied .....

**Re-write the following sentences as per the instructions given against each: 1X4**

- 35. What a start they gave! (Turn into assertive sentence)
- 36. I wish I had a friend here. (Turn into exclamatory sentence)
- 37. Man is mortal. (Turn into negative sentence)
- 38. There is nothing else to say. (Turn into interrogative sentence)

**Section D (Literature)**

**(30 marks)**

**Read the extracts given below and answer the questions that follow within 10 words each:**

*"I am important to her. She comes and goes.  
Each morning it is her face that replaces the darkness."*

39. What is important and to whom? 1  
40. Where does she go every morning? 1  
41. "I" here is – 1  
(i) a girl (ii) a woman (iii) a maid (iv) a lake

*"My credit now stands on such slippery ground,  
That one of two bad ways you must conceit me,  
Either a coward or a flatterer."*

42. Who said this and to whom? 1  
43. When was this said? 1  
44. The word "credit" here means – 1  
(i) reputation (ii) disrepute (iii) loan (iv) identity

**Answer the following questions briefly within 30-40 words each: 2X5**

45. Where did Wordsworth hear "a thousand blended notes"?  
46. Who stood in the light of the "magical wood" and with whom?  
47. Why did the old man come out of his house in a cold winter dawn?  
48. Why did Stephen Leacock come to the photographer?  
49. Why did Matilda allow herself to marry a petty clerk?

**Answer the following questions within 60-80 words each: 4X2**

50. Narrate in your own words the scene of the fearful battle between the dacoits and the fearless boy.  
51. What impression do you form of the postmaster after reading the story "The Letter"?

**52. Answer the following question within 100-120 words: 6X1**

How did nature come to the rescue of the narrator in the story, "The Engine Trouble"?

**Or,**

Draw a character sketch of the astrologer, as you find him in the story, "An Astrologer's Day".

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