

**SAMPLE QUESTION PAPER**  
**CLASS X**  
**SUMMATIVE ASSESSMENT II**  
**ENGLISH**  
**CODE NO. 101**  
**(COMMUNICATIVE)**

**Max. Mark: 80**

**TIME: 3 Hrs**

The question paper is divided into four sections.

**Section A: Reading 20 Marks**

**Section B: Writing 20 Marks**

**Section C: Grammar 20 Marks**

**Section D: Literature 20 Marks**

**General Instructions**

1. All questions are compulsory
2. You may attempt any section at a time
3. All questions of that particular section must be attempted in the correct order

**Section A**  
**Reading – 20 Marks**

Read the passage carefully

In Europe winter brings with it extreme cold, and food is in short supply. Since most animals can't live in such conditions, they either, sleep through winter or migrate.

Of the various migratory creatures the urge to migrate is very strong in certain birds. For example, the tern can reproduce only during a two-month period. During those two months the tern lives in the areas near the North Pole. In the ten months between this time and the next, it flies all the way from the North Pole to the South Pole, and then back north again. That is a distance of about 22,000 miles. To do this, the tern must fly about 75 miles every day for ten months.

What is it like to be a tern? Imagine yourself in the Arctic Ocean covered with silver-white, gray and black feathers; with straight pink beak and small pink feet; handsome, well-fed, and perfectly satisfied with the cold of the short North Pole summer. The block of ice you are resting on bobs slowly on the waves of the Arctic Ocean.

- 1) Based on your understanding of the passage, complete the following sentences(5 Marks)
  - a) Birds migrate, in winter because of (i) ..... (ii) .....(2 M)
  - b) To cover 22,000 miles the tern must fly (iii) .....(1 M)
  - c) Write any two physical features of tern (iv) ..... (v) .....(2 M)

2) It was a typical Saturday in the Andrews' home; perhaps it may sound like a day in your home, too. Pam Andrews' mother came into the living room with her hands pressed against her ears. "Please turn down that stereo," Mrs Andrews begged. "It's driving me mad!" Then her father joined in. "That's not music," he said, "it's just unpleasant noise." Pam protested. "But I'm playing my new record. I have to turn it high to hear all the sounds. It's no good if I don't," she explained. Her parents shook their heads and left the room.

Pam's mother went into the kitchen. There she turned on the electric blender and the washing machine. Pam's father turned on his electric saw which noisily cut through a slab of wood, and later a vacuum cleaner to take up the sawdust. Outside, her brother started his motorbike, and trucks clanged past, and a jet roared overhead. "Huh!" grumbled Pam as she turned the volume of her stereo even higher. "And they say I make a lot of noise!"

What Pam and her family were experiencing are the ordinary everyday noises that make many homes all over the world rather noisy places. Indoors or out, today most of us find it impossible to escape the noises of cars, radios and hundreds of other noisemakers. Even places we expect to be quiet, such as libraries, parks and country roads, are not free from the noises caused by planes, traffic, construction work and people.

If it is continued sooner or later we will not be disturbed by any noise at all.

- a) Write any two everyday noises of a home
  - i) .....(1 M)
  - ii) .....(1 M)
- b) What is the 'unpleasant noise' mentioned in paragraph one? (iii) .....(1 M)
- c) Pick out the phrase that shows Pam's parent's disapproval and hopelessness (iv) .....(1M)
- d) What is the implied meaning of the last line? (If it is continued ..... any noise at all) (1M)- (5 Marks)

3)

### **'Is My Team Ploughing?'**

'Is my team ploughing  
That I was used to drive  
And hear the harness jingle  
When I was man alive?'

Ay, the horses trample,  
The harness jingles now;  
No change though you lie under  
The land you used to plough.

'Is football playing  
Along the river shore,  
With lads to chase the leather,

Now I stand up no more?’

Ay, the ball is flying,  
The lads play heart and soul;  
The goal stands up, the keeper  
Stands up to keep the goal

On the basis of your reading of the poem, answer the questions that follow by choosing the correct option.

- 1) ‘When I was man alive’ means:
  - a) When I was a young man
  - b) When I was very lively and healthy
  - c) When I was alive on the earth (1 M)
- 2) ‘Though you lie under’ implies that .....
  - a) The speaker(poet) lies and takes rest
  - b) The speaker sleeps
  - c) The speaker is dead and buried (1 M)
- 3) ‘Chase the leather’ is .....
  - a) Chasing the ball
  - b) Running with leather shoe
  - c) None of these
- 4) ‘Play heart and soul’. It means .....
  - a) Playing with no interest
  - b) Playing with less interest
  - c) Playing with all interest and involvement (1 M)
- 5) With the absence of a man .....
  - a) The world comes to a halt
  - b) The world rushes on
  - c) Life and activities of the world go on (1 M)

4) Read the following passage carefully

### **STAGING A COMEBACK**

#### **(Factual : Report)**

1. If you look around, you will find that our dependence on IT has increased manifold in the last few years. Internet-enabled computers in homes, mobile phones are just a few facets of how IT use has grown over the years.

2. It is becoming difficult to think of life without IT. Today, this sector touches almost all the key sectors of economy—agriculture to manufacturing, banking to media, medicine to defence and private sector to government. The use of Electronic Voting Machines in the recent Lok Sabha polls is an example of the increasing use of IT in governance, i.e., e-Governance.

3. The Indian IT industry has -grown manifold in the first' few years of this new millennium. Personal computers have doubled to over 10 million in just three years. Internet users have

grown threefold to over 20 million. Software exports have doubled to 60,000 crore. All these point to the IT industry being rated as the fastest growing industry over the years.

4. Indian software professionals have built strong brand equity for themselves worldwide. India has emerged as the destination of choice for software services and outsourcing.

**Answer the following questions by choosing an appropriate option from those given below:**

1. In the last few years dependence on IT has ..... (1 M)  
(a) hardly increased (b) grown considerably  
(c) made little difference (d) not increased
2. The use of Electronic Voting Machines in the recent Lok Sabha polls is an example of ..... (1 M)  
(a) IT Governance (b) Elected Governance  
(c) software governance (d) e-Governance
3. The industry which has recorded the fastest growth rate is the ..... (1 M)  
(a) software industry (b) personal computer industry  
(c) IT industry (d) electronic industry
4. Today, India is recognised for ..... (1 M)  
(a) IT industry (b) software services and computers  
(c) skilled professionals and outsourcing (d) software services and outsourcing
5. The word from the passage which means the same as 'of many different types' is ..... (1 M)  
(a) threefold (b) millennium (c) million (d) manifold

## SECTION B

### WRITING – 20 MARKS

- 5) Your school observed National Education Day on Nov. 11<sup>th</sup> with various programmes highlighting the relevance of education for all. It also emphasized on RTE and NLM. Write a brief description about it in 80 words. (4 M)
- 6) You are Sharat/ Sharon. The recent Uttarakhand tragedy is another example for Nature's Fury over man's greed and continuous exploitation of the natural resources. Write a letter to the Editor of a National Daily, expressing your concern over it and the urgency to create a mass awareness about this and also to take strict measures to stop damaging our environment. Study the picture and write the letter (8 M)



- 7) Each Kendriya Vidyalaya is a mini India. KVS in its Golden Jubilee Year stands with its head high in promoting National Integration by providing opportunities to students and staff to come together, study, grow and respect diversity. Write an article in about 150 words on the topic. "The role of KVS in promoting National Integration" by using your own ideas and ideas from the Unit National Integration from Main Course Book. (8 Marks)

**SECTION C**  
**GRAMMAR**

- 8) Complete the following passage by choosing the correct option from the ones given below (1/2 X 8 = 4 M)

The proposed take over of the Cochin Medical College (a) ..... now awaiting a decision (b) ..... the Finance Ministry. More than six months after the Chief Minister's promise (c) ..... the issue, the move has net made (d) ..... progress, indicating a lack of political will rather (e) ..... bureaucratic red tape. Highly placed sources (f) ..... the college's administration told The Hindu that it may (g) ..... another two months (h) ..... the govt to take a final decision.

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| a) (i) is        | (ii) was        | (iii) had been | (iv) has been         |
| b) (i) from      | (ii) to         | (iii) by       | (iv) towards          |
| c) (i) about     | (ii) for        | (iii) on       | (iv) in               |
| d) (i) any       | (ii) some       | (iii) no       | (iv) less             |
| e) (i) in        | (ii) about      | (iii) than     | (iv) or               |
| f) (i) from      | (ii) by         | (iii) in       | (iv) on               |
| g) (i) be taking | (ii) have taken | (iii) take     | (iv) have been taking |
| h) (i) for       | (ii) by         | (iii) in       | (iv) from             |

- 9) Choose the most appropriate options to complete the conversation given below.

Mother : How was your exam?  
 Daughter: .....(I) and I am happy about it.  
 Mother : When do you come for semester break?  
 Daughter: In the month of December.  
 Mother : .....(II)?  
 Daughter: Yes, it will be almost by the end of the month.  
 Mother : How many days will you have holidays?  
 Daughter: .....(III)  
 Mother : So, will you have to return on Jan 5<sup>th</sup>?  
 Daughter: Yes, Ma, .....(IV)  
 Mother : OK, I will reserve the ticket, well in advance.

- (I) (i) it was fine (ii) it will be fine (iii) it shall be fine (iv) it wasn't fine  
 (II) (i) will it be at the end of the month?  
 (ii) It will be at the end of the month!  
 (iii) When will it start?  
 (iv) By the end of the month?

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| (III)(i) one week till Jan 4 <sup>th</sup> | (ii) one week from Jan 5 <sup>th</sup> |
| (iii) One week till January                | (iv) One week from January             |
| (IV)(i) But please reserve the ticket      | (ii) Ticket will be reserved           |
| (iii) Ticket may be reserved               | (iv) Ticket should be reserved         |

- 10) Rearrange the jumbled words and form meaningful sentences (4 M)
- Is/ the/ self help/ best help
  - One/ world/ one's/ can/ mind/ who/ control/ can/ control the.
  - It is/ change/ easy to/ than/ one self/ world/ change the.
  - Is better/ prevention/ than cure
- 11) In the passage given below one word has been omitted. Write the correct word in the appropriate place. (½ X 8 =4 M)

Food keeps alive	(a) us
But when we overeat,	(b) _____
fall sick. Food, exercise	(c) _____
recreation should go hand	(d) _____
hand. But now a days	(e) _____
we so busy that we	(f) _____
not find time for	(g) _____
anything. No time	(h) _____
spend one's family.	(i) _____
This is one of reasons	
for lack of understanding between family members	

- 12) Suresh: Can I go for shopping now?  
 Shyam: No, you can't.  
 Suresh: Why do you stop me?  
 Shyam: Because you have not completed your home work.  
 Suresh: Oh! Completing the HW will take another 4 hrs.

Complete the following based on the conversation given above. (4 M)

Suresh asked whether (1) \_\_\_\_\_

Shyam said (2) \_\_\_\_\_

Then Suresh wanted to know (3) \_\_\_\_\_

Shyam replied that he (4) \_\_\_\_\_

**SECTION D**  
**LITERATURE**

- 13) A. Read the extracts and answer the following questions by choosing the most appropriate option.
- He holds him with his glittering eye  
 The wedding guest stood still  
 And listens like a three year's old

The Mariner hath his will

- i) Why did the wedding guest stand still?
  - i. He could not move
  - ii. He did not want to go
  - iii. He wanted to listen to the Mariner
  - iv. Mariner's powerful eye stopped him
- ii) What is the poetic device used in line 3?
  - i. Simile
  - ii. Metaphor
  - iii. Personification
  - iv. Alliteration
- iii) What was the Mariner's will?
  - i. Mariner wanted somebody to listen to his story
  - ii. He too wanted to attend the wedding
  - iii. The mariner wanted to take the guest home

**OR**

Well, I was in no position to contradict Jenkins, for as yet, his magazine had been the only one to print my stuff. So I had said "Precisely", in the deepest voice I was capable of, and had gone out.

- i) What kind of stuff did the author used to write
    - i. Spiritual stories
    - ii. Romantic stories
    - iii. Super natural
  - ii) What according to Jenkins does the public want
    - i. Ghostly theme
    - ii. Nature description
    - iii. Science fiction
  - iii) Why did Jenkins want only the author to write for him?
    - i. They were already friends
    - ii. Jenkins had faith in the author's stories
    - iii. Jenkins did not need to pay him
- 13) B. But here's a parchment with the seal of Caesar;  
I found it in his closet, 'tis his will:  
Let but the commons hear this testament...  
Which, pardon me, I do not mean to read...  
And they would go and kiss dead Caesar's wounds
- a) What is written in Caesar's will?
  - b) Why did Antony disclose Caesar's will to the citizens?
  - c) What do the citizens do after listening to the will?

(3 M)

14) Answer any 4 out of 5

(4 X 2 = 8 M)

- 1) How did Patol Babu earn his living all through these years?
- 2) What were the poet's feelings after he had hit the snake?
- 3) How did Decius Brutus conclude Calpurnia's dream?

- 4) What is the irony in the poem "Ozymandias"?
- 5) Why did the news of the "miracle recovery" shock Michael?
- 15) What opinion does Helen have about books?
- 16) Draw a character sketch of Kate Keller

(3 M)

**OR**

Draw a character sketch of Bishop Brooks

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