

**Time Allowed : 3 Hours****Class-X****Maximum Marks : 90****Section-A (Reading Skills)****1. Attempt the following :****(10 marks)****(a) Answer the following questions :****3**

- (i) What was the sacrifice of Saint Dadhichi?
- (ii) Who wrote the poem 'A Ballad of Sir Pertab Singh'?
- (iii) Where did Sausage reach while swimming?

**(b) Write True or False :****2**

- (i) Mick worked for Mr. Garrod.
- (ii) The solar system means the family of the sun.

**(c) Choose the correct option:****2**

- (i) Man's physical needs on the earth are not .....
1. any            2. all  
3. every            4. many

**(d) Fill in the blanks :****3**

- (i) We ..... To help the poor.
- (ii) ..... I was young, I used to travel a lot.
- (iii) He is ..... A letter.

**2. Read the passage given below and answer the questions that follow :        (10 marks)**

Ashoka, the most trusted son of Bindusara and the grandson of Chandargupta Maurya, was a brave soldier. He was the most famous of the Mauryan kings and was one of the greatest rulers of India. Ashoka extended the Mauryan Empire to the whole of India, reaching out even into Central Asia. Ashoka succeeded in conquering Kalinga after a bloody war in which 100,000 men were killed, 1,50,000 injured and thousands were captured and retained as slaves. The sight of the slaughter involved in this conquest deeply affected his mind. This was a turning point in his life. He renounced war and sought peace in Buddha's preachings of love and non-violence. So he gave up hunting and became a strict vegetarian.

- (a) What was the name of Ashoka's grandfather?
- (b) Write the changes in Ashoka's life after the war.
- (c) Complete the following sentences :

(i) Ashoka was one of the.....

(ii) For Ashoka, the war of Kalingawas a.....

(iii) The extent of Ashoka's empire was spread over to.....

(d) Match the words in column A with their synonyms in column B

A	B
Famous	give up
Involved	well-known
Conquest	take over
renounce	drawn in

**Read the poem given below and answer the following :**

**The Noble Nature :**

It is not growing like a tree

In bulk, doth make an oak, three hundred year,

To fall a log at last, dry, bald and sere.

5 A lily of a day

Is fairer far in May,

Although it fall and die that night

It was the plant and flower of light.

In small prepositions we just beauties see

10 An in short measures life may perfect be.

(a) What does not make man a better thing?

(b) Which thing in nature can live up to three hundred years?

(c) How long does a lilly live?

(d) Match the words in column A with their synonyms in column B :

A	B
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Bulk	faultless
Bald	largeness
Preposition	hairless
Perfect	amount

**Section-B (Textbooks)****Main coursebook (Prose)**

**3. (a) Answer any three of the following questions in 15-20 words each:**

**(3\*3=9 marks)**

(i) What did Phatik ask followers to do? What was the result?

(The Home-Coming)

(ii) How can you distinguish planets and stars? (The Making of the Earth)

(iii) 'We should be a judicious mixture of both.' What does the writer mean by this statement?

(The Rule of the Road)

(iv) What does Bassanio offer the jew?

(The Merchant of Venice)

(v) Why did Potapov look like a phantom?

(The Grief)

**(b) Answer the following question in 30-50 words:**

**(3\*4=12 marks)**

(a) Why was the Prince called the Happy Prince (The Happy Prince)

Or

(b) Why was Della pleased with her selection of the present for Jim?

(A Gift for Christmas)

**Supplementary Reader**

**4. Answer any four of the following :**

**(3\*4=12 marks)**

(a) ) Why did the boys take Terry to the planation? (Terry's Tree)

(b) Why did Mrs. Parker want Alec and Tom to leave her house?

(The Unexpected)

(c) Did Mrs. Harding actually visit her relatives? How do you know?

(A vine on a House)

(d) Why could Naeem not get his own treatment done?

(Bed Number-29)

(e) How did Subbiah die?

(Half a Rupee Worth)

(f) Why did Robert Gillian go to the lawyers again? (One Thousand Dollars)

### Main coursebook (Poetry)

5. (a) Read the passage given below and answer any two of the questions:

(2\*3=6 marks)

The garlands wither on your brow;

Then boast no more your mighty deeds !

Upon Death's purple alter now

See Where the Victor-Victim bleeds.

Your heads must come

To the cold tomb:

Only the actions of the just

Smell sweet and blossoms in the dust?

(i) Why should one not boast of one's mighty deeds?

(ii) Who bleeds upon Death's purple alter?

(iii) What smells sweet and blossoms in the dust?

(b) Answer the following in 30-50 words :

(3 marks)

Why are books a 'dull and endless strife'?

(The Table Turned)

Or

Who was Sir Pertab Singh?

(A Ballad of Sir Pertab Singh)

### Section-C (Vocabulary & Grammar)

**6. Attempt the following : (4 marks)****(a) Give one word for the following**

Something that can be heard.

**(b) Correct the following sentences :**

Bible is holy book.

**(c) Write the meaning of the following proverb :**

Let sleeping dogs lie.

**(d) Use the following idioms in a sentences of your own :**

To throw out of gear

**7. Do as directed : (12 marks)**

1. Life in Chandigarh is very busy and people do not have ..... time to spare.

(Supply suitable Determiner)

2. I can assure you, you ..... (shall / will) get the reward

(Choose the correct Modal)

3. She wants something that she can drink. (Replace the relative clause)

4. I was shocked when I heard of the terrible accident.

(Rewrite using an Infinitive)

5. I heard the bang . I sprang up from my bed. (Rewrite using an Infinitive)

6. I want to confirm if he has a hand in it (Pick out the Subordinate clause)

7. She was dismissed from service. (Change the Voice)

8. The Chief Election Commissioner said, "All elections will have been over by the middle of January."

9. Krishna said, "Lets do our duty and not run after the reward."

(Change the Narration)

10. We play cricket. (Change into Future Continuous)

11. He had been collecting stamps. (Change into Future Continuous)

12. on tuesday the prime minister of Afghanistan reached india

(Punctuate)

**Section-D (Composition)**

- 8. (a)** You are Tanbir, living at G-312, Adarsh Colony, Moga. Write a letter of condolence to your friend on the death of his mother. **(8 marks)**

Or

You are Raghu, staying at 12, Balmik Colony, Gurdaspur. Write a letter to the editor of a newspaper to create awareness among the masses about pollution hazards.

- (b)** Develop a paragraph on 'The Value of Games' in about 100 words on the basis of given outline.

Necessary part of life..... keep healthy..... Refresh weary minds..... Give us wisdom and courage..... make us bold and confident.....develope spirit of co-operation..... teach to fight in healthy spirit ..... education incomplete without them.

Or

Develop a paragraph on 'Life in a Big City' in about 100 words on the basis of given outline.

Big city..... fast, busy, devoid of peace..... Crowded and unsafe..... Smoke..... factory-chimneys..... Breathe fresh and pure air ..... food adulterated..... costly..... rents hgh..... No fellow-feeling..... Peace of mind..... Lead contened life..... nothing..... endless race.

- (c)** Advertise the product, 'Rose Touch Skin Cream'. **(5 marks)**