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WEEKLY TEST-3
CLASS –X

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M.M: 20

Time: 1 hr.

SECTION A (Reading)

1. Read the passage given below.

Tarantula is a large, fierce hairy spider. In the Middle Ages, it was believed that people bitten by tarantula became ill. The patients fell into a dull, unhappy state. The only way to stir people out of this state was with music and they were supposed to dance until they were completely worn out. After that they would become well.

From this belief a dance called the 'tarantella' was developed. It is a very lively Italian dance that gets faster and faster until the end. While the bite of tarantula is fatal to insects, there is no evidence that it is so to humans as well. But still, the fear of tarantula bite persists.

Tarantulas are found only in Southern Europe and are named after the city of Taranto in Italy. Like some other spiders, they don't spin webs. Instead, they dig deep burrows which they line with silk. They hibernate during winter.

Tarantulas wait for their prey somewhat like tigers. They lie hidden within their burrows. As soon as their prey comes along, they rush out, bite it and then drag it into their burrows. The bite either kills the insect or paralyses it so that it becomes helpless. They suck out the blood and body juices.

When it comes to their own young ones, tarantulas are very kind. They keep their cocoons in their houses, and carry them when they go out.

- A. Based on your reading of the passage above, complete the following statements by choosing the most appropriate option. 5
- (i) A person bitten by tarantula
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| a. dies | b. becomes mad |
| c. becomes dull and unhappy | d. becomes abnormal |
- (ii) Tarantulas are named after the city of
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| a. Tomato | b. Taranto |
| c. Turin | d. Treviso |
- (iii) If an insect is bitten by a tarantula,
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| a. it dies | b. it becomes unconscious |
| c. it becomes restless | d. it becomes poisonous |
- (iv) The only way to stir people out of this dull and unhappy state is
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| a. with music and dance | b. by chanting mantras |
| c. by killing the tarantula | d. by using herbal medications |
- (v) Choose a suitable word/expression from the following that means similar to 'spending winters in a state like deep sleep'.
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| a. evidence | b. fatal |
| c. hibernate | d. paralyse |

SECTION B (Writing & Grammar)

2. A large number of students are compelled to take up Science and enter higher education to pursue an engineering or medical degree. You have seen several pupils who are adept at opening, examining and even repairing Televisions, fridges, cell phones, computers and so on. These pupils may not have much aptitude for a degree. They should therefore be encouraged to pursue a Diploma through vocational-based courses. 6

Write a letter to the Editor of a local daily in 120-150 words, expressing your opinion regarding such pupils and how successful and less frustrating it may be if they were to tackle such courses.

3. The following passage has not been edited. There is one error in each line. Cross (X) against the line indicates **no error**. Underline the error and write the incorrect word and the correction. 3

	Incorrect word	Correction
A man sat on the tree	(i)
and was chopping the branch	X	
on which he was sit. A passerby	(ii)
told him so, but he did not listen.	X	
A little later both a branch and he	(iii)
came tumbling down the tree.	X	

SECTION C (Literature)

4. Read the extract given below and answer the questions that follow. 3

‘.....whose frown,
And wrinkled lip, and sneer of cold command,
Tell that its sculptor well those passions read
Which yet survive.....’

- (i) What impression do you gather of the owner who is described as bearing these characteristics?
(ii) The sculptor was a skilled craftsman. Justify.
(iii) Mention the figure of speech in the expression ‘which yet survive’?

5. Answer the following question in 30 – 40 words.
Describe how Helen’s ghost appeared before John Hallock in sections. What was her complaint to him? 3