

**SAMPLE PAPER -- 2007**  
**Class - X - Subject :- ENGLISH ( Communicative)**  
**CODE : 101**

**SECTION A ( Reading)**

**(20 Marks)**

A.1 :- Read the poem carefully and answer the questions that follow :- (8 marks)

**SYMPATHY**

I lay in sorrow, deep distressed:  
My grief a proud man head;  
His looks were cold, he gave me gold  
But not a kindly word.  
My sorrow passed - I paid him back  
The gold he gave to me;  
Then stood erect and spoke my thanks  
And blessed his charity.  
I lay in want, in grief and pain:  
A poor man passed my way;  
He bound my head, he gave me bread  
He watched me night and day  
How shall I pay him back again,  
For all he did to me ?  
Oh, gold is great, but greater far  
Is heavenly Sympathy !

A.1.1:- Complete the following paragraph on the basis of your reading of the poem by writing the missing word/phrase against the correct blank number in your answer sheet:- ( 6 marks)

The poet lay (a).....when a (b)....helped him by giving him (c).....He did not speak any (d)...words.The poet's (e)....passed and he returned the money he had been lent. Another time when he was in pain, a poor man (f)....him by giving him sympathy.

A.1.2 :- State any two ways by which the poor man expressed his sympathy:- ( 2 marks )

(a)..... ( b).....

**PASSAGE II**

A.2.1:- Read the passage given below and answer the questions that follow :- (12 Marks)

1. One of the world's great educators, who looked up to a child as an individual and a very special human being, was Maria Montessori. She gave the very young children the stimulating kindergarten, where children grew in an atmosphere of freedom and confidence.
2. Maria Montessori was born in Chiaravalle near Ancona, Italy, in 1870. As a little girl, she was a dull student, unable to grasp and retain what her teacher taught her. At the age of 10, she suddenly changed. Besides her heightened interest in religion, she felt she had a long way to go.

3. Maria began topping her class, and her parents felt that she should become a teacher. But she was determined to become an engineer. At the age of 14; she attended a technical school for boys. After a year she took up biology and decided to study medicine. In spite of a strong opposition from her father, she went ahead with medicine.

Maria became the first Italian woman to receive a medical degree after she graduated from the University of Rome in 1896. After getting her degree, she joined the university's psychiatric clinic. As a part of her duty, she had to visit the city's mental asylum, where disabled children were housed with the insane. She watched the children shriek, stretching their hands out, with an urge to reach out or to touch something. Maria felt they needed a normal and friendlier environment and a contact with the world. She worked out ways by which she could help the disabled children. Dr. Bacelli opened an experimental state school for disabled children with Dr. Maria Montessori as its head. Maria spent long hours, almost 12 hours of the day with children, observing them and finding out what could really help them. After 2 years of hard work, her students took the normal state school examination. Her children proved that they were not hopeless cases. In fact, many did almost as well as other. Later, Maria was appointed professor of anthropology at the university. After 7 years, she took up another important mission of her life. She started a kindergarten for the poor, normal children. She first taught them to become tidy, learn self-discipline and then taught them to read & write. In her colourful, stimulating kindergarten, she provided them with innovative learning objects, like cut out letters of sandpaper etc. Many more such innovations made her system of education stimulating and even inspired the educationists.

4. A.2.1:- On the basis of your reading of the passage, complete the following sentences. Write the answers in your answer sheet against the correct blank number :- (4 marks)
- a) As a child Maria was..... student.
  - b) The disabled children were housed in.....
  - c) The children needed..... environment.
  - d) The disabled children's success in..... proved that they were as capable as the normal children.

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A.2.2:- State 2 things that Maria's innovating Kindergarten provided the children with :- (2 marks)

a)..... b).....

A.2.3:- Maria's 2 main areas of interest were :

a)..... b).....

(2 marks)

A.2.4 :- Find a word in the passage, which means the same as the following words/phrases. Write the answers in the answer sheet against the correct blank number :-

(4 marks)

- a) that makes somebody more alert and active (Para 1)
- b) comprehend/understand fully. (Para 2)

- c) desire (Para 3)  
d) a strongly felt aim ( Para 4)

**SECTION - B (Writing)**

( 30 marks )

B.1:- You want to start a 'Reader's Club' in your colony to encourage shared reading in view of the rising prices of magazines and the general decline in reading habit. Write a notice to be put on the notice board of the RWA( Residents' Welfare Association) in about 50 words. (5 marks)

- Mention - Objectives of the club.
  - Working hours for the club.
  - Venue.
  - Types of magazines made available for reading.
  - Membership free, other amenities for the old and the children.

B.2:- You are Vikram / Vasantha of class XII studying in Sun Residential School, Chennai staying in the school hostel. You are participating on an Inter-School Drama Competition .You require money urgently for getting the necessary costume stitched and for paying the entrance fee. Draft a telegram in not more than 25 words to be sent to your parents in Trivandrum. (5 marks)

B.3 You are Irina Mathews, President of 'Girls Association of India'. Using the fact sheet below, write an article in 150-175 words , promoting the cause of girl child and discouraging it's killing. (10 marks)

Sania Mirza 2003  
Tennis Sensation

Joshna Chinappa  
Junior Squash Champion

**We are proud of our  
GOOD WILL AMBASSADORS  
FOR  
Save the Girl Child Campaign**

Aruna Kesavan  
2004

Our young Girl Achievers have contributed significantly in spreading awareness about the value of Girl Child in every Indian Family .  
Remember, we can correct the gender imbalance by caring for our daughters as a much as we do for our sons.

B.4.

**India's Nuclear Option Open**

The Prime Minister said that India Would like to retain the option of making a nuclear bomb as there was no international agreement binding on all members of the Nuclear club.

Raman read the above newspaper clipping and felt upset. Being a champion of peace he wants to save mankind from the threat of a nuclear war. So he decides to write a letter about it to the Editor ; 'Bombay Times'. Write a letter in not more than 150 words. ( 10 marks)

Section C (Grammar)--- (Marks: 20)

**C.1. Look at the notes given below. Then use the information to complete the paragraph by writing suitable words or phrases in each blank. Do not add any new information. Write only the correct answers against the correct blank number in your answer sheet.** (5 marks)

Solar family expands-Planetoid Sedna spotted-most distant object orbiting the sun- discovered by Spitzer's piercing infrared rays-till now shrouded in mystery. Pluto - not as big as Sedna.

New Member in the Solar Family

Our solar family (a)..... . Seventy-four years after Pluto was discovered, scientists b)..... a planetoid, , Sedna

which is the most distant object ever detected orbiting the sun.. Space telescope Spitzer's piercing infrared rays (c)..... possible. Otherwise, Sedna (d) ..... shrouded in the mysterious vastness of space. Moreover , Sedna (e)..... than Pluto

**C.2 In the passage given below, one word has been omitted in each line. Write the missing word along with the word that comes before and the word that comes after it, in your answer sheet against the correct serial number. Ensure that the word that forms your answer is underlined.** (1/2 x 6=3)

Twenty years ago, kids in school never even never heard the internet. The internet is a vast resource for types of information. It is like a giant bulletin board that the whole world uses! But anyone can put anything the internet , you have to be careful .You must use your best judgement browsing it. And you

can't rely on what strangers you 'meet' the internet tell you either. f)

**C.3 Look at the words and phrases below. Rearrange them to form meaningful sentences. The first one has been done as an example. Write the correct sentences in your answer sheet**

**against the correct serial number.**

(1 /2 x 6 = 3)

Eg.:- are/Indian temples/a storehouse/Indian art/of.

**Indian temples** are **a** storehouse of **Indian art**

- (a) the temple architecture/form an/the sculptures and paintings/of/essential part.
- (b) the architecture/engineering marvel/is both/an artistic masterpiece/and an/in some temples.
- (c) is/situated in/the Konark temple,/ dedicated to/ the north-eastern corner of Puri, / the Sun God.
- (d) of a chariot/with the/the temple/as the/ **Sun** God/ is in the form/charioteer.
- (e) is famous for/its sculptures/representing the/ the temple/of warriors, animals and lovers/ daily life.
- (f) in bygone eras/stand testimony/many Indian temples/that existed/high level of art/to the.

**C.4 Look at the newspaper items below. Then use the information in the headlines to complete the paragraphs. Write the answers in your answer sheet against the correct blank number in your answer sheet. Do not copy the whole sentence. (4 marks)**

**POLICE RECOVER ILLICIT LIQUOR**

Delhi police report that 15 crates of (a)----- by them from 3 persons at Timarpur in North Delhi today.

**JASPAL RANA WINS CENTRE-FIRE GOLD**

India's medal tally went up when ace shooter(b) .....in the centre -fire pistol .

**DIRECTOR INAUGURATES BANK EXTENSION COUNTER**

The Managing Director of the Syndicate bank (c )..... at the 'Heart and Lung Institute' in Chandigarh yesterday .

**QUESTION PAPERS LEAK: DELYII EXAMS POSTPONED**

Delhi Exams for classes VI to IX and XI ( d )..... following .....of the English and Sanskrit papers.

**C.5 Read the comic strip and complete the passage given below. Write the correct answers in your answer sheet against the correct blank number. Do not copy the whole sentence. ( 5 marks )**

Moose :- Molly, I'm going to fly out to Arizona to visit my sister Martha and her Husband Harry.

Molly:- Harry is very cranky! He'll be finding a lot of fault with you.

Molly replied:- Just buy a one-way ticket !Harry will be glad to pay your way back.

Moose informed his wife Molly (a).....Molly replied (b)..... She added (c )..... She advised Moose ( d).....as Harry ( e).....

**SECTION D -LITERATURE**

**(Marks: 30)**

**D.1 Read the extract given below and answer the following questions. Write the answers in your answer sheet in one or two lines only. Remember to number the answers correctly. (4 marks)**

"Yes," the frog replied. "You see I'm the frog that owns this tree. In this bog I've long been known For my splendid baritone."

- What had the listener asked the frog ?  
( 1 mark )
- What tree is 'this tree' ?  
( 1 mark )
- What are the two things that the frog claims he is known for in the bog ?

( 2 marks)

**D2. Read the extract given below and answer the questions that follow :- (4 marks )**

With candles and with lanterns  
throwing giant scorpion shadows

on the sun-baked walls  
they searched for him ; he was not found.

- (a) What did the peasants have with them when they came ?
- (b) What did the giant shadows on the sun-baked walls look like ?
- (c) What did the peasants search for when they came ?
- (d) Were they able to find it ?

**D3.** Give the central idea of the poem '*Ode to the West Wind*'.  
(4marks)

**D.4. Read the extract given below and answer the questions that follow :  
(5marks)**

Besides the things that we have heard and seen,  
Recounts most horrid sights seen by the watch.  
A **lioness** hath whelped in the streets;  
And graves have yawn'd, and yielded up their dead.

- (a) Who speaks these lines and to whom ?
- (b) By whom have the horrid sights been seen ?
- (c) Where was the lioness seen ? What was she doing ?
- (d) What happened at the graves ?

**D.5.** Describe in **brief** Cutie Pie's days in the glass prison ?

(4 marks)

D.6. In the lesson 'The Tribute' Babuli writes a letter to his friend upon returning to his town after the partition , explaining the difficult situation he was in and the decision he took regarding his share of the property. Write the letter in the answer sheet provided in not more than 150 –175 words.  
( 8 marks )