

Class - X
Subject – Communicative English

Time : 3 hours

Max.marks:100

This paper consists of four sections :

- Section – A Reading (20 marks)
- Section – B Writing (30 marks)
- Section – C Grammar (20 marks)
- Section – D Literature (30 marks)

Instructions:

1. Attempt all questions
2. Do not write anything in the question paper.
3. All answers must be numbered correctly as in the question paper and written in the answer sheet provided to you.
4. Attempt all questions in each section before going to the next section.
5. Read each question carefully and follow the instructions.
6. Strictly adhere to the word limit given with each question.
Marks will be deducted for exceeding the word limit.

SECTION – A (Comprehension)
(20 marks)

A.1.Read the poem carefully:

The Champion

The road was hilly, the wind was strong,
The laddie gallantly struggled along,
With never a glance at the downward way
Where his comrades shouted and laughed in play.
Though he longed to be there and join the sport,
In his brave little heart he crushed the thought.
'If I went,' he said, 'I should certainly rue it,
When you've promised a thing, you're bound to do it.'

The pitch was slippy, the bowling hard.
A weary batsman stood on guard,
He'd come to the field with an aching head.
But the game depended on him, they said.
The sun burned hot on his tired back,

And just for a moment he'd thought he'd slack,
He was sorely tempted to lose a wicket:
'T would be easy,' he thought, but it wouldn't be cricket!

In life sometimes things won't go well,
And 'Duty's' a difficult word to spell,
But the fellow who sets before his eyes
A high ideal as the worthiest prize
Will shun the evil and follow the good,
And say to himself, as a brave lad should,
'It only needs grit, and I must not lack it;
The world's hard nut, but I mean to crack it!'

A1.1. Below is the summary of the poem. Complete it by writing the missing word/phrase against the correct blank number in your answer sheets (1/2 x 8 = 4 marks)

The poet was playing while his friends were enjoying themselves at some other sport. He wished to be with his fiends, but since he his team mates that he would play well, he continued. A tired batsman came to the and was feeling so that he wanted to throw his and go rest. But on second thoughts he felt that that would be spoiling the of the game.
The lesson the poet wants us to learn is that we can all trials in life if we have the to complete the task given.

A1.2The poet uses certain expressions from the poem to suggest something to the reader. There are some suggestions given below in boxes. Choose one suggestion that best fits each of the expressions in the table and write the answer against the correct blank number in your answer sheets. (4 marks)

Expression from the poem -----	to suggest that -----
1.at the downward way	1. below the hill
2.certainly rue it	2.
3.it wouldn't be cricket	3.
4. a difficult word to spell	4.
5. I must not lack it	5.

be happy about it

hard to complete something sincerely

not sporting

To fall short of something

spelling the word is difficult

Cricket is liked by all

regret something

A2.Read the passage given below:

Excuse me,what was that you whistled?

Visitors to the Canary Islands usually go to Tenerife or Gran Canaria. Very few of them go to the island of Gomera, but Gomera is an island with a surprise, because the people there have two languages: Spanish and whistle-language.

It was a great day in Gomera when Colombus arrived with his ships before his first crossing of the Atlantic. Colombus stayed on the island while he bought fruit and cattle and other animals for the voyage. But Gomera has not shared in many of the events of history. It is not easy to land there from the sea, and aeroplanes cannot land at all. Small boats are used to trade with the other islands.

Gomera is the only place in the world which has whistle language. How did it begin? Why did it begin? We cannot answer

These questions because we do not know the complete history of the island. We do know that the Spaniards were the first people to whistle there. Norman seamen had visited the island in 1402. They found tall people with fair hair and blue eyes who called themselves Guanches. They kept cattle for living. They believed that a great king had once become very angry with the Guanches and had cut out the tongues of every man, woman and child. They had to speak without tongues and the whistle language was the result.

We can certainly imagine other reasons for the beginning of the whistle language. Very deep valleys break up the surface of the island. A person on one side of the valley cannot easily shout at a person on the other side. But he can whistle and can be heard from four miles away, and men say that the record is seven miles. The people who live on the island usually have good teeth and this helps them to whistle well. They must also have good ears so that they can hear other whistlers.

We can understand why the Spaniards took the whistle-language from the Guanches. It is very useful on the island, and the Spaniards found that it was very easy to learn. When somebody is hurt or ill, the whistle-language takes the place of the telephone. If the sick person is a long way from town, San Sebastian, boys and men pass the news from one to another. A boy guarding cattle on a hillside whistles to a man fishing from his boat. The last one is able to describe the trouble fully and exactly to the doctor in San Sebastian. People help each other in the same way when a car breaks down or a cattle is lost.

Whistle-language is very useful in work down at the water-front. It is often used to talk to anybody who is more than thirty metres away. People of all ages can whistle. Country people use the language more than people who live in the town. In fact, town people sometimes 'make mistakes' and give the hearer the wrong idea. Children learn the whistle language as fast as they learn Spanish. Even the birds on the trees have learnt it. On Gomera, people do not copy the birds: the birds copy people.

Radio and T.V often kill the special ways of speaking in different parts of a country. But on Gomera you are nobody if you cannot whistle. When the Spaniards arrived the Guanches died out, but they passed on the whistle-language to new comers. Perhaps soon after television arrives on the island, people in the picture will be whistling the news and other facts and opinions.

On the basis of your reading of the passage above answer the following questions briefly: (9 marks)

- 1.The 'legend' about the Guanches was (2 marks)
- 2.Gomera does not find a place in the history books because.... (2 marks)
- 3.The 'scientific' reasoning for the origin of the whistle-language is (1 mark)
- 4.To communicate well in whistle –language,people must have.... (1 mark)
- 5.The whistle-language was used as an effective means of communication (2 marks)
- 6.At work the clarity of the language is best heard when..... (1 mark)

Find words in the passage which mean: (3 marks)

1. to give to others what you have.
 2. happenings.
 - 3.views
 - 4.destroy
 - 5.imitate
 - 6.end product
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SECTION B (Writing)
(30 marks)

B.1. The Philately Club of your school is organizing an exhibition "Make a mark with your stamps' on 8th June .The winners of the 1st,2nd and 3rd prizes will receive cash awards of Rs 40000,30000 and 25000 respectively. The postmaster of your area Mr. Philip Prabakar, has consented to be the Chief Guest. As Secretary of the Club ,draft a notice in about 50 words inviting members of the Club giving details of the inauguration, the exhibits and about the activities arranged for the occasion. Sign yourself as MNO.(5 marks)

B.2. You are Althea, the daughter of Dr. Joseph. a resident of Coimbatore. Carl a salesman of M/s "Chennai Hospital Suppliers" has come from Chennai to Coimbatore on a business trip and would like to have an appointment with your Dad this evening at 6 p.m. to discuss the latest equipment that his company has procured. Since your Dad will not be at home till 4 p. m and you also will be leaving home shortly. Write a message for your Dad in not more than 50 words.(5 marks).

B.3.You have seen the following 'hand-out' and you are quite pleased to be a part of this event. Write a letter (in 200 words) to your friend encouraging him to take part in the event ,highlighting the excitement and values that one can learn from this experience. (10 marks)

WALK FOR CHARITY

Dear Friend,

Please join us for our Annual 'Walk for Charity' starting at Marina Beach. You and your friends can choose a delightful 10,20 or 30 kilometer route.

The money raised will provide support to help people in the slums .Start collecting your sponsors now and simply come along on the day. Please read the instructions below carefully.

All participants must be sponsored.

All participants must carry with them the tag and badge on the T-shirt provided by the organizers.

There is no limit to the number of participants .

People of all age groups can take part.

Participants must report at 7.30 to the respective age group volunteers.

See you on Sunday at the Marina at 8 a.m.

Harry Miller

Walk Co-ordinator

P.S: Well done last year's walkers for helping to raise a grand total of Rs.1,50000/- The money has been used to build proper shelters for the slum-dwellers in North Chennai.

B.4.Monica has been asked to deliver a speech on ' The curative power of music for young minds'. She prepares the following notes .Using these notes and your own ideas from the Unit 'Education", write Monica's speech in not more than 150 -200 words.(10 marks)

overburdened students – abundant homework – tension – less recreation – music relaxes the mind – a stimulant - parents must understand – therapeutic value – increases absorption of concepts - education - now edutainment – removes physical and mental fatigue.

Remember Nursery rhymes and poems are sung. A film gets to the box –office if the songs are good. (20 marks)

C.1. The following passage has not been edited. There is one error in each line. Write the incorrect word and the correction as given in the example against the correct blank number in your answer sheets. Also write the correct word in your answer sheets as shown. Remember to underline the word that you have corrected. (1/2 X 8) = 4 marks)

Light is important to organisms in two different e.g in for reasons. Firstly it is use as a cue for the timing of a..... daily and seasonal rythms in both plants and animals, and secondly it is used to assisting growth b..... in plants. Breeding in most organisms occur during c..... a part of the year only, and so the reliable cue is needed d..... .. to trigger breed behavior. Day length is an excellent e..... cue, because it provides a perfectly predicting pattern f..... of change within a year. The seasons impact of day g..... length on physiological responding is called h..... 'photoperiodism'.

C.2. In the following paragraph one word has been omitted from 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 blank number. Underline your answer. (1/2 X 8 = 4 marks)

Antartica is remarkable continent--remote, e.g is a remarkable hostile and at present uninhabited on permanent a..... basis. early explorers, it was the ultimate b..... survival contest: for researchers, it remains a c..... of great intellectual challenge: while the modern d..... tourists, it's simply wilderness of great beauty. e..... Antartica is a place extremes: the highest, coldest f..... and windiest continent. The ice-cap 70% of g..... the world's fresh and 90% of its ice. h.....

C.3. Look at the words and phrases below. Rearrange them to form meaningful sentences. Write the correct sentences in your answer sheets against the correct blank number. The first sentence has been done for you as an example. (1/2 X 8 = 4 marks)

Made/term/intelligence/has/the/artificial/comeback/a
The term 'artificial intelligence' has made a comeback

Consciousness/about/the /it/with/robot/public/re-entered/movie/boy
Ignited/this/public/about/AI/has/debate
Computer/term/is/but/being/industry/the /used/the/within
Mimic/goal/machines/the/abilities/was/to/human/using
Thinking/failed/computers/robots/materialize/household/and/to
Will/the/near/prospects/in/the/boosted/be/future/
Artificial/merge/companies/more/intelligence/will/to/start
Theory/machine/but/remains/intelligence/the/of/elusive.

C.4. Read the conversation below and complete the paragraph. Write the correct answer in your answer sheets against the correct blank number. Do not copy the whole sentence. (4 marks)

Teacher: Have you completed your assignment?

Student: Yes, Miss. But I forgot to bring it to day.

Teacher: Does that mean the you did not complete it?

Student: No, Miss ,Not at all.

Teacher: Tell me what was the assignment given?

Student : It was on Algebra.

Teacher: Now I know that you haven't done your assignment. The assignment was in Geometry.

The teacher asked the student (a)the student

(b).....

But(c).....The teacher

(d).....then the student said that he completed the assignment. The teacher (e).....

The student replies (f).....Then the teacher said

(g).....

because (h).....

C5. Read the newspaper headlines and complete the paragraphs. Write your answers in your answer sheets against the correct blank number. Do not copy the whole sentence. (4 marks)

MAN WINS RECORD AMOUNT IN LOTTERY

Walter Jones ,a farmer working in Ohio.....

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He won U.S \$ 1000000 in what people say is the world's biggest lottery.

OLDEST MAN IN THE WORLD CELEBRATES BIRTHDAY.

Ku Sin Ming a Japanese.....

His 121st birthday yesterday with great fanfare in the presence of his children, grand children and great grand children.

BLUELINE BUS RUNS AMOK.

Yet another Blue line bus crushed 12 people to death.....

when..... in India's capital city Delhi this morning.

"CROCODILE HUNTER'S" DEATH SHOCKS NATION
The sudden death of Steve Irwin better known as.....
..... the whole of Australia.

SECTION – D (Literature)
(30 words)

D1. Read the extracts given below and answer the following questions. Write the answers in your answer sheets in or two lines only. (2x4= 8 marks)

Thou dirge
Of the dying year, to which this closing night
Will be the dome of a vast sepulcher
Vaulted with all thy congregated might
Of vapors, from whose solid atmosphere
Black rain, and fire, and hail will burst; oh. hear!

1. What is a 'dirge'? What effect does it have in these lines?(1 mark)
2. What does the 'vast sepulcher' contain? (1 mark)
3. Explain the last two lines. (2 marks)

D2. "Well, I charge a modest fee."
"Oh!" "But it won't hurt, you'll see."

1. Who charges a fee and from whom?(1 mark)
2. For what is the fee being taken?(1 mark)
3. Considering what happens later in the poem, what is the irony in the passage?(2 marks)

D3. In "Julius Caesar", Mark Antony says :
"Now let it work. Mischief, Take thou what course thou wilt!"
What strategy did Antony apply to turn the roman public against the conspirators? Answer in 100 words. (5 marks)

D.4. In the poem " Night of the Scorpion" how does the poet bring out the themes of 'scepticism' and 'rationalism'? Write your answer in 100 words (5 marks)

D5. In "The Ultimate Safari", the narrator plays the part of a 'mother'. How does she do this? Write your answer in 75 words. (4 marks)

D6. What are the circumstances that led to Babuli giving his inherited land to his brother? What values did he cherish – give a few instances from the lesson 'The Tribute'. Write your answer in about 150 – 175 words. (8 marks)