

Sample Paper – 2008
Class – X
Subject - English

ENGLISH
(Communicative)

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Maximum Marks : 100

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- 2 The hockey hour is upon the villagers and a local tournament is about to begin. The prize is a fattened goat — or khasi — after which the tournament is named and it is through hundreds of events like this that Sundergarh's most unusual heritage stays alive. An hour before the match, the field is overrun by dozens of little boys — all wannabe Dilips between five and eight years, their faces shining and their sweaty little bodies a blur as they run barefoot on the rocky ground. Some have barely entered the village school but they know their hockey. In this tribal belt a child's first toy is a hockey stick. Not just the number of bullocks he owns judges an eligible groom, but also by the goals he scores. Weddings are solemnized with an over field face-off between families.

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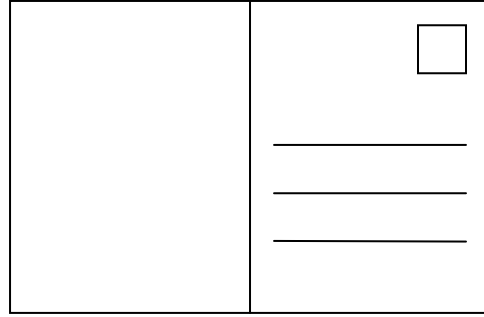
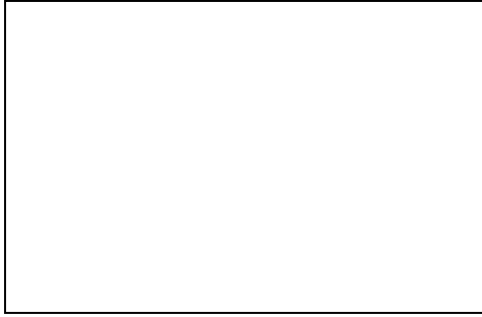
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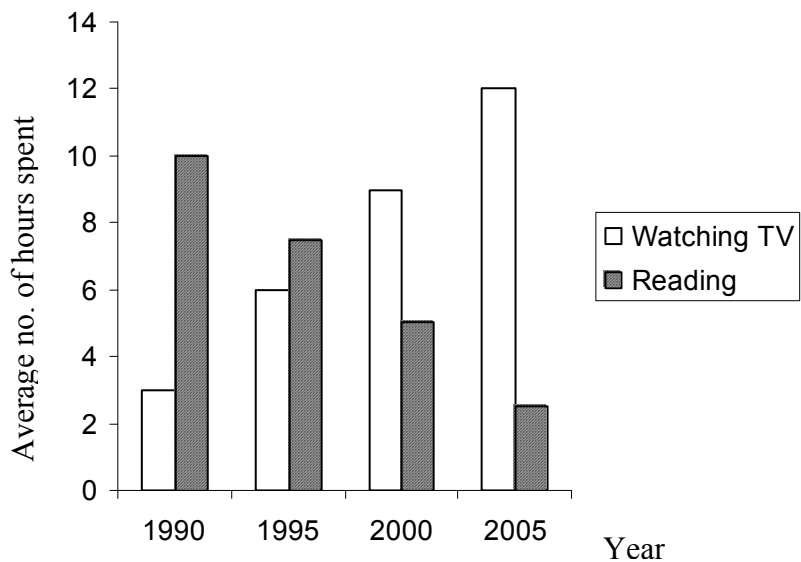


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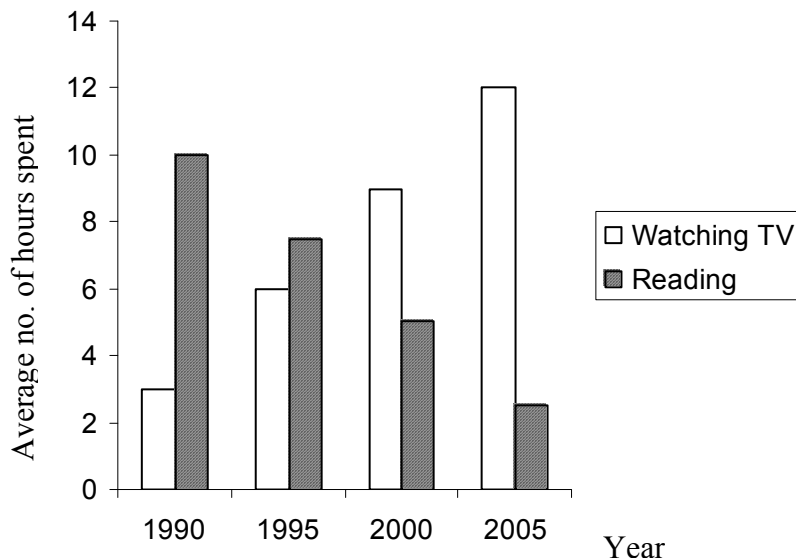
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9. Look at the newspaper items below. Then use the information in the headlines to complete the paragraphs.

(4)

(i) UK EMBASSY IN IRAN CLOSES AFTER ATTACK

London: Britain temporarily _____ in Tehran on Wednesday after shots were fired at it from the street.

(ii) NEPALESE WORLD MISS UNIVERSE

Kathmandu: A Nepalese, class 12 student, Ayusha Shrestha 17, _____ 2002 pageant held in Seol, South Korea

(iii) IRAQI COP KILLED, 20 INJURED

Baghdad: A car bomb exploded today at a police station in Baghdad's main police compound in Rasafa district _____, a US Military spokesman said.

(iv) REWARDS FOR THAKUR

Ace striker of the world cup winning Indian Junior Hockey team, Deepak Thakur _____ by his home state, Himachal Pradesh

10. Look at the words and phrases below. Rearrange them to form meaningful sentences. The first one is done for you as an example.

(4)

Eg: a long/ India has/ conservation of / history of / forests

India has a long history of conservation of forests.

- (i) closed seasons/ many communities/ follow traditional practices / of forest dwellers / of maintaining / and fisherpeople
- (ii) as no hunting/ the wildlife population / its numbers/ or fishing/ during this time/ can recoup/ is allowed
- (iii) have been / and social customs / because of / many species/ centuries/ conserved / such religious / through the

- (iv) of living beings / conservation of/ large mammals/ to maintain/ will help / the entire web

11. Read the following advertisement and use the information to complete the paragraph by writing suitable words / phrases in each blank. Do not add any new information.

(4)

NO.1 MEDICAL/IIT ENTRANCE CRASH COURSES EXCELLENT EDUCATION, MUMBAI	
We leave no stone unturned in conquering TOP RANKS particularly in the most prestigious Medical/ Engineering Institute. Reserve your seat immediately. Course starting from 1st April 2008	
Excellent Education New Delhi 32 c/o KLA Tel: 9785456229	Hostel facilities separate for Boys and Girls
Total seats 500 ONLY at South Mumbai Centre, Hurry!!!!	

There are crash courses for (a) _____ at Excellent Education.
On joining this course you can hope to (b) _____. Classes
(c) _____.
There are (d) _____ South Mumbai Centre.
Separate (e) _____ are also available.

SECTION D (Literature)

12. Read the following extract and answer the questions that follow:

“The technique was fine, of course
But it lacked a certain force”

“Oh!” the nightingale confessed
Greatly flattered and impressed

- (i) Who speaks the first two lines? (1)
- (ii) Which ‘technique’ is referred to here? (1)
- (iii) How did the listener react to these words? (2)

13. Read the following extract and answer the questions that follow:

Angels of rain and lightning; they are spread
On the blue surface of thine airy surge
Like the bright hair uplifted from the head
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- (i) What are described as ‘angels of rain and lightning’? (1)
- (ii) Explain the poetic device used in the above lines. (2)
- (iii) In what way does the West Wind act in this closing night? (1)

14. Describe the effect that the West Wind has on land, sky and ocean in the poem

‘Ode to West Wind’. Your answer should not exceed 100 words.

(5)

15. “I shivered with the cold, and my own ingratitude”. When did Babuli feel so? What was the reason? Your answer should not exceed 75 words.

(2)

16. How did Ch-tsal’s whiskers and feathers grow again?

(2)

17. What had Ali been in his youth? Why did he leave his old ways?

(3)

18. Suppose you are the narrator in the story ‘The Ultimate Safari’. You are overwhelmed with the sacrifice which your grandmother made for you. Write a

Diary Entry, expressing your gratitude and the affection for her. Write the answer in about 150 words.

(6)

19. *The eye of a little god, four-cornered.*

Most of the time I meditate on the opposite wall.

It is pink, with speckles. I have looked at it so long

I think it is a part of my heart.

a. what does the phrase 'pink speckles' refer to?

(2)

b. How is meditation interrupted?

(2)