

CBSE
Class IX English Communicative
Sample Paper – 1 Solution
SA I

SECTION A
READING

Q1. Read the following passage carefully:

I.

1. make it easier for children to write with a quill.
2. on the formation of memories in the learning process than typing.
3. as the written workload starts to increase.
4. learning to type.
5. that it was unnecessary as she used a laptop more than writing.
6. students used to write both in their exercise books and while taking down notes.

II. Fill in the blanks with ONE word only:

According to the author, the importance of the computer cannot be (a) ignored, but handwriting is (b) equally important as not only does it (c) enhance learning it also displays (d) class.

III. Find a word in the passage that means the following:

1. confused: nonplussed
2. motivation: stimulation

Q2. Read the following poem carefully:

1. The speaker's daughter is never alone because she always has a phone with her which keeps beeping, vibrating and emitting light all the time.
2. The speaker is the mother of the 'teenybopper' and uses the cell phone to her advantage. Whenever her daughter's school work is pending, the speaker doesn't hesitate to call her even if they are in the same house and ask her to complete the tasks.

3. The mother smartly texts the daughter about the help needed on her cell phone. In this way, the daughter cannot make an excuse that she didn't hear her mother because everything is clearly written in the message.
4. Cell phones are no doubt convenient and easy but they do not show you the actual feelings of a person who is talking or texting. Thus, when we use cell phones to communicate, we might not be aware of the person's actual state of mind, which might make the communication ineffective.
5. Hyperbole

Q3. Read the following passage carefully:**Q1.**

- i. The roads in Iceland were unpaved and washed out according to the author.
- ii. The narrator had seen her bring up six children and carry out physical labour in the farm he grew up in.
- iii. The training included back-to-back cycling for 160 kilometres every day.
- iv. The narrator's life was different from his mother's quiet existence.

Q2.

- i. Perceived
- ii. Revitalise
- iii. humdrum

SECTION B
WRITING & GRAMMAR

Q3. You spent a day at an orphanage as part of your school project. You met children from all age groups and learnt about their life in that institution. Write a diary entry in about 100 words about your visit.

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Dear Diary,

Today was one of the best and worst days of my life. We went to Prem Daan, an orphanage near our school, as part of a school project. When the social worker took us through the whole place, I saw children from all age groups looking longingly at me and the other students. Some toddlers clung on to our teachers as they appeared to be parental figures. Some older children agreed to talk to us and told us about their orphan life. Most of the older children had become used to living without parents, but some still expressed a desire to have their own family.

Thank you, Almighty, for giving me a wonderful family and a secure home to live. I now know the value of my parents and siblings.

Q4. Write a short story in about 150–200 words with the help of outline below.

Once there lived a master and his slave. The master sent his slave to the market to buy provisions. He returned frightened for he had seen a woman in the market. She was Death herself and she had made a threatening gesture at him. The slave feared for his life and asked the master to lend him his horse since he wanted to escape death. The master obliged and let the slave go. The slave rode the horse all the way to Bagdad. The master then went to the market to investigate. He found death there standing in the market. He approached her and asked her why she threatened his slave. Death calmly replied that she didn't threaten him. In fact, she was surprised to see him there since she had an appointment with him in Samarra later in the evening.

Q5. Complete the passage by choosing the correct option from those given in brackets.

- a) are
- b) affect
- c) impact
- d) create
- e) suffering
- f) some

Q6. The following passage has not been edited. There is ONE error in each of the first nine lines. Write the incorrect word and the correction as given in the example against the correct blank number in your answer sheets. Also underline the correct word you have supplied.

	Incorrect	Correct
The NGOs for the city have decided to	a. for	in
organising a one-day free camp	b. organising	organise
to creates awareness among people	c. creates	create
regarding climate change but	d. but	and
it long-term effect on the lives of all.	e. it	its
This event is scheduled to be held with	f. with	on
the occasion of a 63 rd Republic Day	g. a	the
of the nation. The NGOs shall	h. shall	will
organise road plays all in the city		

Q7. Rearrange the following words and phrases to make meaningful sentences. The first one has been done as an example.

- a) The fast-food joint came under fire for serving a stale burger with an iron nail sticking out of the bun.
- b) The party leader made a fool of himself by making incinerating statements.
- c) If my answers frighten you, you should cease asking scary questions.

OR

You should cease asking scary questions if my answers frighten you.

SECTION D

LITERATURE

Q8. Read the given extract and answer the following questions by choosing the most appropriate option.

1. the path he chose has made all the difference
2. satisfaction
3. difficulties in life

Q9. Answer any FOUR of the following questions in about 30–40 words each.

- i. The author's grandmother was dependant on the author who would read out the weekly magazine *Karmaveera* to her.
- ii. The poet's lament in the poem *The Solitary Reaper* is that he cannot understand the song.
- iii. John A. Pescud disapproved of bestsellers and he felt all of them were alike. The novels appeared unrealistic to him as he thought reality was far from what happened in the books.
- iv. Rain is the result of God's grace and divinity. It freshens and revitalises the vegetation. In addition, rain has healing powers just like God. Therefore, it is appropriate to call the rain 'divine'.
- v. The poet should have eaten less of candies and sweets. This would have kept her teeth in good shape and she wouldn't have to visit the dentist.

Q10.

After the near fatal accident, Charles Hooper was paralysed and showed little enthusiasm to get better. It was Duke who showed exceptional feelings and put in efforts to make his master walk again. Duke persuaded Charles to take little steps, one at a time, and walk him. They started from their home and one day reached the porch of the house. Slowly and steadily, Charles resumed work again and got promoted to Assistant Sales Manager. Unfortunately, Duke succumbed to his injuries after a fatal accident. Indeed Charles Hooper's appointment was a tribute to his dog named Duke.

Q11.

Robert Frost uses nature and imagery in the poem *The Road Not Taken* to describe life. In the poem, the road symbolises the opportunities we get in our lives. However, it is up to us to make the best of what is given to us. Undoubtedly, it is very difficult to make decisions in life, especially when all the given options are either good or uncertain. We do choose one

option over the other, but always feel the regret of not having chosen the other option. The poet explains this very dilemma through his poem. No matter which way you choose, you will always wonder what would have happened if you had chosen the other path. In life too, there are parallel roads where we must pass through one path despite knowing that we can never return and take the second path.
