

**CBSE**  
**Class IX English Communicative**  
**Sample Paper – 2**  
**SA I**

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**SECTION A**  
**READING**

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

**I. Complete the following sentences based on your reading of the text:**

1. on a mass scale can help change our planet for the better.
2. Connection between energy usage and climate change.
3. rising sea levels, an increase in drought and severe storms, and massive changes to the environments we all rely on to survive.
4. global warming.
5. show people and companies how easy it is to take action to avoid global warming.
6. they are made of natural products, not petroleum-based materials.

**II. Fill in the blanks with ONE word only:**

- a) objective
- b) connection
- c) dependence
- d) habits

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

1. discharge: emissions
2. movement: campaign

**Q2. Answer the following questions by choosing the appropriate option from those given below:**

1. a. mother
2. d. not to be erased
3. b. by her baby
4. c. crooked

5. a. happy at the effort

**Q3. Answer the following questions by choosing the most appropriate alternative from the ones given.**

1. **b.** to warn the ships of approaching land or rocks
2. **b.** technology was not used
3. **d.** it was built with the marble and stones from the destroyed lighthouse
4. **a.** is located on the island of Pharos in Egypt
5. **d.** landmark

**SECTION B**  
**WRITING & GRAMMAR**

**Q4. Write an article in about 180 words for your school magazine on why it is important to exercise.**

**Health is wealth**

Time and again, it has been proved that physical activity can improve your health and keep illnesses at bay. However, today's generation is the inactive generation, both physically and mentally. Sedentary jobs, over dependence on computers and technology and over-indulgence in virtual games lead to inactivity and health problems. Recent reports suggest that many school children are obese today as a result of frequent trips to fast-food outlets. They prefer playing games on smartphones rather than going out and playing with friends. Exercise doesn't only mean working out in the gym. It means making your body go through rigorous physical activity for it to stay supple and fit. Exercise controls weight. Taking the stairs instead of the lift can help you begin your exercise regime. Exercise prevents high blood pressure and in turn heart disease. Regular exercise boosts your confidence, leaving you happy and relaxed. Finally, regular exercise improves your muscle strength and boosts your immunity.

**Q5. Write a short story in about 150–200 words with the help of the outline below.**

### Unusual Habits

Once upon a time there lived a cunning jackal who had a reputation for exploiting other animals for his own benefit. One day he had a craving for juicy fruits. He wanted to eat the grapes that were grown on the other side of the river. He didn't know how to swim so he decided to seek somebody's help. He asked a good-natured donkey to carry him to the other side. He told him that there were enough grapes for the two of them at the vineyard and they could relish all of it. The donkey was sceptical about the plan as he feared the villagers who maintained the vineyard. After reasoning with him for hours, the jackal managed to convince the reluctant donkey. He sat on the donkey's back and the two crossed the river.

Once they were at the vineyard, the jackal and the donkey feasted on the ripe, succulent grapes. After the jackal had his fill, he decided to have some fun at the donkey's expense. He howled loudly attracting the attention of the villagers and thereafter he hid amid the bushes. The villagers gathered at the vineyard armed with sticks and spotted the unsuspecting donkey eating the grapes. They chased him to the banks of the river and beat him black and blue. In order to save himself, he jumped into the water and started to swim homeward. The jackal who was hiding behind the bushes followed suit and jumped onto the donkey's back in time.

On their way back, the donkey demanded to know why the jackal had to howl. The jackal explained that he always howled after a good meal for it was his way of expressing satisfaction. The donkey didn't buy the jackal's argument. He said that he too had a habit: after a good meal, he always did the backstroke. Before the jackal could react, the donkey turned over facing the sky. The jackal lost his balance and fell into the water. He almost drowned, but he painstakingly swam back to safety. In this way, the donkey succeeded in teaching him a lesson.

**Q6. Complete the passage by choosing the correct option from those given in brackets:**

- a) another
- b) in
- c) the
- d) but
- e) may
- f) be

**Q7. The following passage has not been edited. There is ONE error in each of the lines. Write the missing word against the correct blank number in your answer sheets.**

- a) the
- b) and
- c) a
- d) she
- e) of
- f) with
- g) in
- h) her
- i) a

**Q8. Rearrange the following words and phrases to make meaningful sentences.**

- a) The fast-food joint came under fire for serving a stale burger with an iron nail sticking out of the bun.
- b) The kingpin of the gang, not his henchmen, is said to have personally carried out the crime.
- c) The drought forced families to move further north into the fertile plains to start their lives anew.

**SECTION C**  
**LITERATURE**

**Q9. Read the given extract and answer the following questions by choosing the most appropriate option**

1. **iii.** old age
2. **i.** unconsciousness
3. **ii.** His innocent infancy

**Q10. Answer any FOUR of the following questions in about 30–40 words each.**

1. Lord Uliin's wrath changes to wailing when he reaches the shore because the boat is about to perish because of the fury of the raging storm. One hand of the daughter is stretched out towards him for help and the other hand is around her lover. He then realises that he is about to lose his daughter because of his own anger, and he in his grief begs of her to return.
2. The brook flows down the hills, through the ridges, past the towns, under the bridge and through the Phillip's farm. It is here that the brook finally meets the river.
3. Mr Fischer was already enraged by Bill Bramble's refusal to fight. In a mean-spirited feat of revenge, Fischer told little Harold that his father was not a commercial traveller but a heavyweight boxer. Thus, the long-guarded secret was exposed to Harold.
4. Private Quelch was a lanky, stooping man who frowned through horn-rimmed spectacles and so was nicknamed 'Professor'.
5. The rain calls itself 'dotted silver threads' as the shimmering drops fall one after the other from the skies.

**Q11. Compare and contrast the journey of the brook with the life of man. What do you think the poet has established the two as parallels?**

The poet draws a parallelism between the journey of the brook and human life. When the brook emerges from the mountains, its movement is quick, noisy and energetic. It is in a hurry to join the overflowing river. Man in his youth is very lively, agile, energetic and active. The brook in its early stages is very fast and it overcomes all hurdles in its journey. This is similar to man striving and accepting all the challenges that come in his way in his youth. During their journey, both brook and man take with them whatever they meet. The brook slows down as it reaches the river. However, when man reaches his final stage, unlike the brook, he ceases to exist.

**Q12. How did Juliette react to the delay in the sale of the villa?**

In the beginning, Juliette did not want to sell the villa and she delayed the putting up of the 'For Sale' board as much as she could. For the first week, she was afraid of losing it to someone. When a month passed and the villa couldn't be sold off, she began to get irritated. She said that bad business conditions and hard times were the reasons why people couldn't spare money to buy a villa. Eventually she began to think that it was her fault that she bought the villa in the first place. However, she did demand two hundred thousand francs as a price for the villa, despite it being at a convenient distance from the French Film Centre. Gradually, she was even ready to compromise on the price while selling it. All this shows Juliette to be a simple, easily fooled, impulsive, frustrated and desperate woman. She was independent and handled her money herself and had the power to make decisions. However, she was impatient and a novice in business.

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