

CBSE Board
Class X English Communicative
Sample Paper – 1

Maximum Marks: 80

Time – 3 hours

The question paper is divided into the following sections.

Section A:	Reading	20 marks
Section B:	Writing & Grammar	30 marks
Section C:	Literature	30 marks

SECTION A
(READING - 20 MARKS)

Q1.

I. Complete the following sentences based on your reading of the text: [4]

1. There are many types of yoga from the peaceful hatha to the high-intensity power yoga.
2. A good yoga instructor can show you how to do the postures.
3. Arthritis patients can benefit from yoga as the postures help in staying flexible and strong without putting added stress on the joints.
4. Yoga is just as good as aerobic exercise for improving health.

II. Fill in the blanks with ONE word only: [4]

- (a) of
- (b) with
- (c) while
- (d) is

III. Find a word in the passage that means the following: [2]

1. fortify: strengthen
2. tools: equipment

Q2. Read the following poem carefully:

Answer the following questions by choosing the appropriate option from those given below: [5]

1. This poem is about **things that give eternal joy.**
2. The things of beauty mentioned in the poem are the sun, the moon, trees, daffodils, clear rills and musk roses that bloom among the thick forest ferns.
3. The mighty dead people have left a legacy behind by their brave acts. Their selfless service and mighty deeds for their nation add grandeur to their actions.
4. The earth pours numerous beautiful things on the earth such as the sun, moon, flowers, rivers, and greenery. The earth is like an endless fountain of immortal drink that adorns us with beautiful bounty.
5. When we encounter a beautiful thing even for a brief period, it pleases our senses and creates a lasting impression on our minds.

Q3. [5]

1. Native to southwest India, turmeric is used to boost one's immunity.
2. Turmeric helps fight degenerative processes in the brain by boosting brain growth hormone.
3. Turmeric is used in Indian curries as it is rich in dietary fiber.
4. The antioxidant properties of turmeric helps the body fight foreign invaders.
5.
 - a. characteristic: property
 - b. sickness: disease

**SECTION B
(WRITING & GRAMMAR– 30 MARKS)****Q3.****[8]****The Two Sides of Technology by Susan Joseph**

Technology has penetrated deep into our everyday lives. We start the day by checking our messages on our phones and by updating our social media profiles with our latest details. We rely on a wide array of electronic items in our everyday lives. The electronic revolution has made our lives easier. Today, it is difficult to imagine stepping out without a smartphone in the pocket. Communication has been enhanced thanks to e-mails and cellular technology. Household appliances like the vacuum cleaner, the microwave ovens and the washing machine have made chores easier. They are time-saving and more efficient than manual labour.

However, there are many disadvantages to the same. Automation removes the need for human intervention. A lot of jobs are thus lost to robots. A machine may be accurate, but it can never replace the ingenuity of the human mind. Technology has made slaves out of us since we are too dependent on it. It leads to the stagnancy of our intellectual capabilities making drones out of us. Pollution is also on the rise and the fears of a nuclear holocaust are always lurking in our minds.

We become too slothful when we rely on technology. If we do not wean ourselves off electronics, our natural faculties may cease to work. For example, depending too much on the calculator will cause our mathematical skills to stagnate and eventually not work. For its every merit, there is an equally appalling demerit. One should strike a fine balance by exploiting the benefits of technology without becoming dependent on it.

Q4.**[10]****Death at Bagdad**

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.

[4]

Chinese martial arts, also known as kung fu, **(a) are** a number of fighting styles that have developed **(b) over** the centuries in China. The origin of Chinese martial arts has been associated **(c) with** the need for self-defense, hunting techniques and military training in ancient China. Legend says that Chinese martial arts originated **(d) more** than four thousand years ago **(e) during** the semi-mythical Xia Dynasty. The earliest references to Chinese martial arts date back to 5th century BCE. The Shaolin style of kung fu is regarded as **(f) one** of the first institutionalized Chinese martial arts.

Q6.

[4]

Correction

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| a) Usain Bolt is known as fastest man | <u>the</u> |
| b) in the world ever recorded. the age | <u>by</u> |
| c) of 12, Bolt become the school's | <u>had</u> |
| d) fastest runner the 100 metres | <u>over</u> |
| e) distance. He is known to extremely | <u>be</u> |
| f) powerful and quick the field. He completed | <u>on</u> |
| g) 100m 9.58s winning gold medal | <u>in</u> |
| h) World Championship in 2009, Berlin. | <u>at</u> |

Q7.

[4]

- John Dalton's atomic theory forms the basis of chemistry.
- His research into colour blindness is also referred to as Daltonism.
- Since both he and his brother were colour blind, he recognized that this condition must be hereditary.
- Millions tons of plastic enters the ocean every year.

SECTION C (LITERATURE – 30 MARKS)**Q8.****[4]**

1. Ink and Blink are the kitten and the mouse.
2. because he was a coward.
3. The rhyme scheme of the poem is aabb.
4. afraid, shy, gusty,

Q9.**[8]**

1. Jenkins wants the narrator to write supernatural stories because he believes that is what the public want to read.
2. Patol Babu was a meticulous man. Even before he knew what his dialogue was, he asked his wife to remind him to take some ginger juice to clear his throat. He rehearsed different inflections even for the small role that he had got. He also worked on his body language while enunciating the syllable. He finally delivered his line with perfection and dedication.
3. The hand refers to the sculptors hand and the heart refers to the ruler, Ozymandias' heart.
4. As the poet goes down to his water trough, he unexpectedly encounters a snake that had come to quench its thirst. He is so fascinated by the snake that he treats it like a guest and decides not to disturb it. He waits for his turn instead of disturbing the snake.

Q10.**[8]**

Antony was Caesar's close friend who didn't agree with Brutus when the latter said that Caesar was an ambitious person who wanted to rule over Rome. Antony delivered an emotional speech after Brutus' speech at Caesar's funeral and told the mob that Caesar was not ambitious at all. He told the mob that Caesar refused the crown thrice and said that he had kept 75 drachmas for every Roman. Antony appealed to the sentiments of the mob by point out at the wounded corpse of Caesar. He succeeded in influencing the mob in his favour and avenging Caesar's death.

Q11.**[10]**

When Anne is presented with the diary by her father on her 13th birthday, the Franks are still living a civilised life. At that time, she feels that her family as well as her friends misunderstand her. Thus, she turns to her dairy and makes it her new friend and confidante. She also gives the diary a name and calls it Kitty. The diary becomes her sympathetic and non-judgemental ear.

When they move to the annex after the Nazi invasion, the diary becomes Anne's inseparable companion. She feels that her mother has become cold and insensitive in the annex. She also feels that the people of the annex find her annoying. She turns to her diary to express her emotions regarding all these things. In fact, one can say that the diary comes to her rescue by allowing her to vent her anger through her words rather than expressing it outright in front of the people in the annex.

Anne occasionally even writes to Kitty as if simply asking her questions. When the atmosphere is tense and situations worsen in the annex during the war, Anne turns to her diary instead of losing her cool. She chooses to seek her dairy for comfort rather than worrying the already worried adults in the annex. This is an indication that Anne becomes independent at a young age.

Anne's regular dairy writing allows her to discover her true self. The dairy gives her a private place to explore her sexuality and develop her increasingly profound thoughts and ideas. Anne is able to look back at the accounts in her diary and evaluate life accordingly. Life is miserable in the annex and each day takes the people of the annex close to the Holocaust. However, Anne is seen calm and composed till her last entry in Kitty just before they are captured and taken to the concentration camps.
