

CBSE Board
Class X English Communicative
Sample Paper – 2

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. Read the following passage carefully:

Tourism formed an important part of the Kashmiri economy before revolt intensified in 1989. Kashmir has been under the wrath of extremists since the Partition in 1947. Since then, many people have died, fled, or become militants to survive the rebellion.

Recently, since 2009, tourism has seen a surge in Jammu and Kashmir. Kashmir, Srinagar, Shalimar Gardens, Gulmarg, Pahalgam, Jammu and Ladakh are the major tourist regions in Jammu and Kashmir. Despite militancy in the region, millions of people visit the holy shrines of Jammu and the Buddhist monasteries of Ladakh every year. Thousands of Hindu pilgrims visit the holy shrines of Vaishno Devi and Amarnath.

In the recent years, Kashmir has become one of the top tourist destinations of India. Gulmarg is one of the most popular ski resort destinations in India and also home to the world's highest green golf course. It is surrounded by dense forest, and hence, the natural beauty accompanied with clean fresh air and a beautiful environment makes Gulmarg as a major tourist destination. The town of Katra is the home to the scared cave shrine of the mother goddess Vaishno Devi. The cave is 30 metres long and just 1.5 metres high. At the end of the cave are shrines dedicated to the three forms of the mother goddess — Mahakali, Mahalakshmi and Mahasarasvati, which is manifested as Vaishno Devi.

Shalimar Bagh is a Mughal garden located near Srinagar. The garden was built by Emperor Jehangir for his wife Nur Jahan in 1619 and is now a public park. The hill station of Pahalgam is located at an altitude of 7200 ft. from the sea level. This place is a health resort and is associated with the annual Amarnath Yatra. Amarnath is a cave shrine located at an altitude of 3,888m and is considered as one of the holiest shrines in Hinduism. The cave

itself is covered in snow for most part of the year except for a short period of time in summer. It is during this time that thousands of devotees make an annual pilgrimage to the Amarnath cave on challenging mountainous terrain to see an ice stalagmite formed inside the cave. The stalagmite is considered to be Shiva Linga by Hindus. According to a Hindu legend, this is the cave where Shiva explained the secret of life and eternity to Parvati. Two other ice formations represent Parvati and Shiva's son, Ganesha.

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

1. _____ makes Gulmarg as a major tourist destination.
2. The Vaishno Devi cave is in _____ and is just _____.
3. Emperor Jehangir build the Shalimar Gardens _____.
4. _____ is considered to be Shiva Linga by Hindus.

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

Although militancy and rebellion have tried their best (a) _____ ruin the paradise called Jammu and Kashmir, tourism has seen some hope (b) _____ 2009. Of the many places worth seeing in the valley, Gulmarg is a world famous skiing destination. It is surrounded (c) _____ dense forest and its clean air attracts many people every year. The valley is home to two sacred Hindu cave shrines of Vaishno Devi and Amarnath, (d) _____ abodes of goddess Vaishno Devi and Lord Shiva respectively. Thousands of pilgrims walk up to the Amarnath cave on challenging mountainous terrain to see an ice stalagmite formed inside the cave.

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

1. elevation: _____
2. fury: _____

Q2. Read the following passage carefully: [5]

Many animals are able to communicate with each other very well but none of them can talk like humans. Animals do not have a well-defined speech like humans and therefore, they cannot use words. Birds cry out and make sounds that other birds understand. Smells, movements, and sounds are used for communication by animals such as lions, tigers, cats, dogs, etc. They express joy or anger or fear through these sounds of varying pitches.

Human speech is a very complicated process, which no animal can follow. One reason is that in a very special way we use a whole series of organs to produce the sounds we want to make when we utter words. The way our vocal cords are made to vibrate, the way the throat, mouth and nasal cavities are adjusted, the way the lips, teeth, lower jaw, tongue, and palate are moved - just to make vowel and consonant sounds, is something animals can't do. They cannot produce a whole series of words to make a sentence. And there is another, perhaps more important reason why animals can't talk. Words are only labels for objects, actions, feelings expressions and ideas. For example, the word 'bird' is a label for a living, flying object. Other words describe its colour, shape, flying and singing. Still other words would be used to tell what the speaker thinks or feels about the bird or its actions.

For human beings, therefore, the use of words means the use of labels or symbols, and then organizing them in a certain way to communicate something. This requires a degree of intelligence and logical thinking that no animals have. So, they can't talk the way people do.

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

1. Birds and animals use _____ as opposed to a well-defined speech for communication.
2. Birds and animals cannot use words they are capable of expressing _____.
3. Producing speech is a complicated process as it involves using _____.
4. Using words for communication involves a degree of _____.
5. Pick out a word from the passage which means 'aptitude'.

SECTION B
(WRITING & GRAMMAR– 30 MARKS)

Q3. Your younger brother/sister wastes lot of time and neglects her studies. Write a letter to him/her advising her to manage her time well. [8]

Q4. Write a short story with the help of outline below. [10]

Man - finds a purse in a ditch - covered with stone- moves the stone to allow a car to pass by - sees the purse - takes it out- opens it - finds money - people gather-think he is a thief - start beating him - Man runs to save himself - finds a police station- hands over the purse- is appreciated by the police

Q5. Complete the passage by choosing the correct option from those given in brackets: [4]

Three years ago, fresh (a) _____ of school, I (b) _____ the intimidating task of choosing a career (c) _____ college started. My uncle, (d) _____ of the elders of the family, suggested (e) _____ I do a summer job (f) _____ a multinational company followed by a month of social service with an NGO. He said that (g) _____ I could (h) _____ which career to choose.

Q6. 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. [4]

- a) England has been long famous for her dramatist,
- b) the greatest of who was William Shakespeare.
- c) It is hard to find the educated man in
- d) the English speaking world whom had not heard
- e) for his name. The actor and playwright
- f) born more than 400 years ago had
- g) become not only for the Englishman but for
- h) the whole world chief symbol for British culture,

Correction

Q7. Rearrange the following words and phrases to make meaningful sentences. [4]

1. is familiar \ properties \ most \ the neem \ medicinal \ to \ people \ for its
2. \ it is \ distinctive curled \ star-shaped \ recognized \ leaves \ by its \ flowers \ and
3. are pale \ tinge of rust \ the young \ and green \ with a \ leaves
4. enters / millions tons / the/ every year / of / ocean /plastic

SECTION C (LITERATURE – 30 MARKS)

Q8. Read the given extract and answer the following questions by choosing the most appropriate option. [4]

In mist or cloud, on mast or shroud,
It perched for vespers nine;
Whiles all the night, through fog-smoke white,
Glimmered the white Moon-shine.

1. 'it' in the above stanza refers to

- i. the ship
- ii. the albatross
- iii. the cloud
- iv. the mist

2. Vespers nine refers to

- i. a fixed time everyday
- ii. nine hours of the day
- iii. nine days
- iv. nine weeks

3. It was a boon for the sailors because

- i. it had brought them a lot of money
- ii. it had helped the sailors to reach the shore
- iii. sailors could move out of the mist and snow
- iv. none of the above

4. Write the synonym for 'glimmered'.

Q9. Answer the following questions in about 30 – 40 words each. [8]

- 1. 'That was my idea' said Sebastian excitedly.' If only it would go a big faster.
Where was Sebastian when he spoke these words?
- 2. What was the news that Nishikanto Ghosh gave Patol Babu?

3. How does Patol Babu reconcile to the dialogue given to him?
4. Why does John want the ghost to disappear before his wife appears on the scene?
What impression of his wife's character do you form from his words?

Q10. How did Mark Antony outperform a great orator like Brutus and turn the Roman mob against him? [8]

Q11. Anne's diary was not simply a record of everyday events. It has several themes. Select at least four and using them to write an article on Anne Frank, highlighting the values that helped her overcome her problems. [10]
