

**CBSE Board**  
**Class X English Communicative**  
**Sample Paper – 2 Solution**

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**Maximum Marks: 80**

**Time – 3 hours**

**The question paper is divided into the following sections.**

<b>Section A:</b>	<b>Reading</b>	<b>20 marks</b>
<b>Section B:</b>	<b>Writing &amp; Grammar</b>	<b>30 marks</b>
<b>Section C:</b>	<b>Literature</b>	<b>30 marks</b>

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**SECTION A**  
**(READING-20 MARKS)**

**Q1.**

**I.**

1. Dense forest, the natural beauty accompanied with clean fresh air and a beautiful environment makes Gulmarg as a major tourist destination.
2. The Vaishno Devi cave is in the town of Katra and is just 1.5 metres high.
3. Emperor Jehangir build the Shalimar Gardens for his wife Nur Jahan in 1619.
4. The stalagmite

**II.**

- a) to
- b) since
- c) by
- d) the

**III.**

1. elevation: altitude
2. fury: wrath

**Q2.**

1. Birds and animals use smells, movements and sounds as opposed to a well-defined speech for communication.

2. Birds and animals cannot use words they are capable of expressing joy or anger or fear through these sounds of varying pitches.
3. Producing speech is a complicated process as it involves using a whole series of organs to produce the sounds we want to make when we utter words.
4. Using words for communication involves a degree of intelligence and logical thinking.
5. A word from the passage which means 'aptitude' is intelligence.

**SECTION B**  
**(WRITING & GRAMMAR– 30 MARKS)**

Q3.

Senders Address

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Date: \_\_\_\_\_

Dear Vineet,

Thank you for tagging me on your Facebook posts about interesting facts. Although I went through the links last week itself, I couldn't comment because I was busy with my weekly routine.

I noticed that you updated your status around 1 am last Thursday. You have to wake up early for school, don't you? How do you manage to wake up at 6 am after sleeping so late? I hope you are not depriving yourself of adequate sleep as this will affect your health gravely. Vineet, last week when I spoke to mother she was worried about your academic performance and told me that you scored less in this exam as compared to the last semester. She feels you are spending too much time online and are not able to concentrate on studies. I told her that though the Internet is very addictive you often like sharing informative articles and news items with others. However, it would be nice if you could limit the number hours that you want to spend on activities other than studying. For example, I spend a great deal of time on social networking sites and meeting my friends during weekends, since I am busy with assignments and class work on weekdays. Moreover, when I check Facebook or meet my friends once a week, there is a lot more to share and listen to.

I am sure you understand how important discipline and time management is during our life as students. In fact, daddy could achieve so much in his life only because he follows his routine strictly. Do you remember we used to tell him that one day we want to become like him? Then I am sure you will start managing your time better and not let your studies get affected by anything.

Lastly, please continue to share interesting facts with me over Facebook, but don't let social networking affect your school or studies.

Do call me up this weekend. Take care of yourself!

Yours affectionately,

XYZ

**Q4.**

Suraj was walking home from his fields one evening when he found a huge stone blocking the road, inconveniencing motorists. He went closer to the spit and realized that the stone was actually covering a ditch right in the middle of the road. He knelt down and started removing the stone to help the vehicles pass by smoothly. As he removed the stone, he found a purse inside the ditch. He took it out and went to the side of the road to open the purse. When he opened it, he was surprised to find a lot of money inside. As he was thinking what to do with the purse, some people from the neighbouring farm, who had been watching him remove the stone, started running towards him with sticks in their hands. "Thief! Thief!" they cried as Suraj started running to save his life, he ran with all his might for quite some time until he came to his village. He rushed to the nearest police station and handed over the purse to the inspector. The people who were running after him stopped and were stunned at his gesture. Suraj was felicitated by the police department and cheered by his friends for showing honesty despite being a poor farmer burdened with debt.

**Q5.**

- a) out
- b) had
- c) before
- d) one
- e) that
- f) in
- g) then
- h) decide

Q6.

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

Q7.

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

**SECTION D**  
**(LITERATURE – 30 MARKS)**

**Q8.**

1. 'It' in the above stanza refers to **the albatross.**
2. Vespers nine refers to **a fixed time every day.**
3. It was a boon for the sailors because **sailors could move out of the mist and snow.**
4. gleam, shine, glint, flicker, shimmer, glisten, glow, twinkle, sparkle, glitter, catch the light, blink, wink, flash;

**Q9.**

1. Sebastian was in the game 'jail break' and had just broken out of the cell with the help of Michael. He was on the roof top.
2. Nishikanto Ghosh told Patol Babu that his youngest brother-in-law worked in the production department of the film industry. He was looking for an actor for a scene in a film and Patol Babu fit his requirements. Nishikanto Ghosh had therefore given him his address so he could get in touch with him.
3. Patol Babu was about to walk away when he remembered the advice given to him by Mr. Pakrashi, his mentor, telling him that no matter how small a part you have been offered, never consider it beneath your dignity to accept it. As an artist, your aim should be to make the most of your opportunity and squeeze the last drop of meaning out of your lines. He also said that each word in a play was like a fruit on a tree and only the actor knew how to pluck it, get its essence and serve it to the audience. These words helped him reconcile to the dialogue given to him and allowed him to perform his part with conviction.
4. When John hears his wife's voice at the door, he waves his arms in fear asking Helen to disappear because he is afraid that his wife might misunderstand him. Lavinia is a very sensitive woman who is prone to hysterics. Had Lavinia seen him talking to a ghost, she would think he is insane. His wife is also a jealous woman, who would have not approved of Helen leaning on her husband's shoulder. She is a materialistic person who loves shopping. Her husband's job as a writer is not very lucrative, yet that doesn't stop her from being a spend thrift. She is not very open to suggestion as is evident from her refusal to do away with the Ouija board despite her husband's request. She is also very social in nature and loves to throw parties.

**Q10.**

Mark 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 delivers an emotional speech after Brutus' speech at Caesar's funeral and tells the mob that Caesar was not ambitious at all. Mark Antony aroused the feelings of sympathy and compassion in the Romans for their ruler Caesar. 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.**

The crucial years of Anne's life were marked by many problems, the biggest being anti-Semitic conditions that existed during Anne's times. The Nazis had invaded her hometown, and Jewish people were arrested and sent to extermination camps by Hitler's army. The Franks also had to go into hiding and they found an annex in Otto Frank's office premises.

Anne faced problems of isolation and loneliness in hiding. She coped with it by maintaining a diary and writing down the accounts of her daily life. She considered her diary her best friend and even gave it a name, Kitty. During the most important years of her life, she was locked away in a hideout. Anne's constant questioning of herself led to her evolution as a person. At the end of the diary, she came to terms with who she had become.

Anne's admiration for her father instilled a great sense of security in her as she trusted everything he did. Though she felt a sense of disconnect with her mother, she valued her family over everything else.

Anne faced conflicts with Mrs. Van Daan who criticised her over her ways and for her relationship with her son. However, Anne learnt to be mature with her finding her more approachable than her own mother.

The fear of being caught loomed over the lives of the people in the annex. Anne also questioned it many times and felt guilty about their compatriots who had died. Since she was optimistic, she tried to be cheerful despite impending doom.

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