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**SAMPLE QUESTION PAPER
SUBJECT:ENGLISH COMMUNICATIVE**

MAX.MARKS : 90

CLASS : X

TIME : 3 Hrs.

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SECTION A READING 20 MARKS

Q. 1 Read the passage given below and answer the questions that follow : (10 marks)

- (1) I was shopping in my home town, when I heard a young voice boom from across the aisle, "Mum, come here, there's a lady my size." The mortified mother rushed to the boy who looked about seven; then she turned to me to apologize. I smiled and told her, "It's okay." Then I looked at her wide-eyed son. He studied me from head to toe and asked, 'why are you so little?' "It's the way God made me. Some people are little. . Some are tall. I'm just not going to grow any bigger." After about five minutes of questioning he returned to his mother.
- (2) My life as a little person is filled with stories like that. I enjoy talking to children and explaining why I look different from their parents. It has taken many years of developing my confidence to be able to do that. It takes only one glance to see my uniqueness. I stand three feet nine inches tall. I am an achondroplasia dwarf, which is a person having very short limbs. When I was born, my mother was told I was a dwarf. Not knowing a lot about dwarfism my mum's main concern was my health. Our family doctor put her mind at ease when he told her that I would not have any major medical concerns. He was right.
- (3) When I was growing up, my parents encouraged me to do all the things the kids around me did. So when my neighbours got two-wheel bicycles, I got a two-wheel bicycle. When they roller-skated, I roller-skated. Our neighbours treated me as a normal person. I didn't realize how short I was until I started school. There a few kids picked on me calling names. After that I began to hate the first day of school each year. I didn't know who was new and would stare as I struggled to climb up the school bus stairs. Some of the kids would point out and say, "Look at that kid. Look at her." Boys could be especially mean.
- (4) As time went on I tried to smile and accept the fact that I was going to be noticed all my life. I was determined to make my uniqueness an advantage rather than a disadvantage. My friends became increasingly protective. What I lacked in height I made up for in personality. I had the ability to laugh, even at myself. I am 47 now, and stares have not diminished, as I've grown older. People ask my friends if I live in a dollhouse. They look in disbelief when they see me get out of my car on the driver's side. During those times I try to keep a good attitude. When people are rude I remind myself, "Look what else I have – a great family, nice friends." Children's questions make my life special. "Why are you so short? How old are you? Are you a mummy?" When I talk to children they leave content that their questions have been answered. My hope is that in taking time with them I will encourage them to accept their peers, whatever size and shape they come in, and treat them with respect.

- (i) **Fill in the following summary with one word in each blank:** ($\frac{1}{2} \times 6 = 3$)

The author was a (a)_____ and wherever she went, people (b)_____ at her. While (c)_____ up, she did all the things normal kids do. But at school (d)_____ kids called her names. She (e)_____ the first day of school each year. So she (f)_____ that she would be noticed all her life.

- (ii) **Complete the following statements.** ($1 \times 4 = 4$)

- (a) The authors parents encouraged her to _____
 (b) The difficulties the author had to face due to her size are _____
 (c) Her strengths that compensated for her size are _____
 (d) By answering the questions asked by the children, she had enabled them to _____

- (iii) **Find words from the passage which mean the same as** ($1 \times 3 = 3$)

- (a) Hurt, humiliated (Para 1)
 (b) The quality of being only one of a particular kind (**Para 2**)
 (c) Persons of same age (Para 4)

- Q.2. Read the passage given below and complete the statements that follow by choosing the answers from the given options** ($1 \times 5 = 5$ marks)

ON SPROUTS

- (1) Sprouts relatively contain the largest amount of nutrients per unit of any food known to man. Sprouts produce a fountain of power for chemical changes. Enzymes are produced, starch get converted into glucose. Protein is transformed into amino acids and vitamin value increases. In fact a new explosion of life force takes place. According to doctor Bailey of the University of Minnesota, U.S.A. the vitamin C value of wheat increases 600 percent in the early sprouting period. Doctor C.R Shaw of the University of Texas Cancer Center found that cancer was inhibited upto 90% when healthy bacteria was exposed to a cancer causing substance in the presence of a juice made from wheat sprouts.
- (2) Enzymes which initiate and control almost every chemical reaction in our body are greatly activated in the sprouting process. Enzymes spark the entire digestive system to synthesize the nutrients in our food into blood. They are the key to longevity.
- (3) Sprouts are enjoyed more when they are fresh. Mix sprouts with other food and dressings, according to your taste and enjoy eating them. But eat them you must, everyday! You will soon realize that making sprouts a part of your diet has a dramatic effect on your health. With this life food, all the cells of your body become active and agile.
- (4) The nourishment which develops as the sprouts grow is very stable and can be frozen or dried for future. Sprouted potato or tomato seeds are likely to be poisonous. Alfalfa and moongbean sprouts are excellent soft food. They are almost predigested and can be easily assimilated even by the children and the elderly. They contain every non vitamin in perfect balance, necessary for the human body.

- (a) Sprouts are useful because they
- Contain largest amount of nutrients
 - Produce a fountain of power for chemical changes
 - Produce enzymes, convert starch into glucose
 - All of the above
- (b) The vitamin C value of increases 600 percent in the early sprouting process.
- Nutrients
 - wheat
 - Glucose
 - Enzymes
- (c) Seeds are likely to be poisonous when sprouted.
- Alfalfa
 - Moongbean
 - Potato and tomato
 - None of the above
- (d) 'They' are the key to longevity. Here 'they' refers to.....
- Nutrients
 - Vitamins
 - Sprouts
 - Enzymes
- (e) A word from the passage which means, to combine a large range of something is
- Contain
 - Inhibited
 - Synthesize
 - Assimilate

Q.3. Read the poem given below and answer the questions that follow by choosing the answers from the given options **(1 × 5 = 5)**

I say
Open our hearts
Like a new flower

Let the hatred in us
Flow away like a stream
Let justice be set in our hearts
Like a stone standing
Straight and firm

I have a dream that one day
People all around the world
Shall eat from the plate of peace
And say together
'We shall stay so always.'

One day
A tree will grow high and strong
In the garden of justice
And live forever.

- (i) The poet wants the readers' hearts to be..... for the easy flow of hatred from them
- (a) Closed
 - (b) Opened and closed
 - (c) Opened
 - (d) Knocked
- (ii) According to the poet, a just person is as solid as a.....
- (a) Wall
 - (b) Pillar
 - (c) Stone
 - (d) Flower
- (iii) The poet's ardent desire for all the people is to remain.....
- (a) Contented and united
 - (b) Far away and united
 - (c) Peaceful and united
 - (d) Indifferent and united
- (iv) The poetic device used in second stanza is.....
- (a) Simile
 - (b) Metaphor
 - (c) Alliteration
 - (d) All the above
- (v) The synonym of 'intense dislike' is.....
- (a) Justice
 - (b) Hatred
 - (c) Firm
 - (d) Love

SECTION B WRITING

25 MARKS

Q. 4. ABC Public School has been invited to present a program on POGO Channel in the popular program 'Buds and Blossoms'. Ravi, the secretary is asked to write the notice in 50- 60 words for the school notice board inviting talented students to appear for selection for the different programs. Write the notice as Ravi, the secretary of the Cultural Activities Club.

(3 marks)

Q. 5 You are alone at home when your neighbour Mrs. Nair comes and requests you to accompany her to a nearby hospital. Her mother- in- law has fallen in the bathroom and fractured her arm. Your parents will reach home in your absence. So you have left the keys of the house in your friend's house. Leave a message for your parents, informing them about the emergency. Write the message in 50-60 words.

(3 marks)

OR

You recently participated in 'KBC program' on Star Plus. You won Rs 50 lakhs as prize money. Describe your feelings through a diary entry in 50- 60 words.

Q.6 On the occasion of World Day for the Prevention of Child Abuse, your school invited ZamielShrirao, the Regional Head of an NGO named World Vision to deliver a lecture and sensitize the students about child abuse. Using the information given below, prepare a bio-sketch of the person in 80-100 words.

(4 marks)

1. Name - Zamiel Shirao
 2. Age - 54 years
 3. Qualifications - Masters in social work from Delhi University
 4. Work experience - Presently working with world vision
 - Is associated with a no of NGOs, as a consultant, deals with related issues like child labour, physical abuse of children, child trafficking, education of under privileged children.
- Awards and accolades
 - Conferred the 'AxomRatna Award' for dedicated work towards Children 2004
 - The UNICEF Award for the best social worker, 2006.
 - Magsaysay Award for dedicated service to mankind, 2009.

OR

Describe a microwave oven in 80 - 100 words.

Product: Microwave oven

Brand : LG

Details : -rectangular box with glass window door.

On a panel next to the door are controls for setting the time and heat level.

-Inside metal chamber with glass turn table top, rotates when oven is switched on.

-Cooking chamber- mesh covered holes to permit air to enter or exit.

Operation: uses electromagnetic energy to heat food/special containers to keep food in the microwave.

Use : cooking amazingly simple and fast/more healthy/less electricity consumption.

Q.7. You are Megha / Mohan studying in Bhavan's Vidya Mandir Kozhikode. The road leading to your school is very congested and full of potholes. The students and parents are caught in traffic jams during the peak hours. In spite of several representations the city corporation has not done anything to improve the condition of the road. Write a letter in about 150 words to the editor of 'The Hindu' drawing the attention of the authorities concerned to solve this problem.

(5 marks)

OR

Aiswarya is a student of ABC school, Trivandrum. She has just returned to school from a sightseeing expedition to Nathu La Pass- the roof of Sikkim, organised by her school. She wants to share her experiences about her exciting trip with her cousin Sheena. Write the letter from Aiswarya to her cousin in about 150 words.

- Q.8.** Your house is spacious and beautiful. But the colony lacks cleanliness and hygiene. As secretary of the Resident's association, prepare a report on the poor sanitary conditions in the locality, with suggestions for improvement. Write the report in not more than 150 words. **(5 marks)**

HINTS:

The present situation

- *Dustbins not emptied every day.
- *Streets not swept.
- *Wrappers, empty cans, poly- bags littered.

Suggestions

- *More waste bins.
- *Fine for not keeping the surroundings clean.
- *Create awareness, celebrate 'cleanliness week'.

OR

It was a dark night. I was reading a book. When I looked up I saw.....
Write a story in about 150 words about what happened then

- Q.9.** Considering the acute shortage of water in some parts of your city, your school has decided to launch a rain water harvesting program in the school. As the President of the Environment Club of your school, write an article for your vidyalaya magazine, in not more than 150 words, informing the students about the program, its benefits, the simple techniques that can be used to store rain water and utilize it for various purposes. Refer to the poster shown below and the Unit 'Environment' in MCB.

(5 marks)

OR

A travel agency has arranged an informal dinner party for a select group of potential customers. Most of them are people who have availed of the services of the agency on at least one occasion. The purpose of the evening is to promote new schemes that the agency has brought out for holiday makers. Before dinner is served, the manager of the travel company gives a talk about these schemes. Write out the speech he gives in about 150 words .

- *thanks for choosing the agency
- * new destinations
- *affordable packages
- *concessions on offer
- *bonus points
- *tie-ups with exclusive resorts/hotels/airlines

SECTION-C (Grammar) (20 marks)

Q.10. Complete the following passage by choosing the most appropriate option from the one's given. (4 marks)

Sometimes the weathermen fail (a)..... (for, in, at, to) make accurate predictions. People crack jokes at them, (b)..... (yet, but, as, despite) the meteorologists (c)..... (were, are, was, is) also humans. They are helpless. There is nothing (d)..... (more, much , as, so) unpredictable as the weather.

Q.11. Harish, a witness to a robbery is being interviewed by a reporter. Complete the dialogue by choosing the most appropriate option. (4 marks)

Reporter: So, Harish, you saw the robber snatch the bag from the old lady (a).....?

Harish : He ran towards the railway line. I saw him jumping into the carriage.

Reporter: (a).....?

Harish : No, it was not moving. I also jumped into it.

Reporter: (c).....?

Harish : No, I was not afraid. I have seen it happening in films many times.

Reporter: (d).....? He could have hurt you.

- (a) 1. What was the robber gone?
2. Which way did the robber go?
3. Which way the robber went?
4. Where had the robber run?
- (b) 1. Was the carriage moving?
2. Did the carriage move?
3. Was the carriage not moving?
4. Was the carriage move?

- (c) 1. Was you afraid to jump into the carriage?
 2. Were you afraid to jump into the carriage?
 3. Did you afraid to jump into the carriage?
 4. You should be afraid to jump into the carriage?
- (d) 1. Why you taken such a risk?
 2. Why you take such a risk?
 3. Why you taking such a risk?
 4. Why did you take such a risk?

Q.12. The following paragraph has not been edited. There is one error in each line. Identify the error in each line, and write it along with the word that comes before and the word that comes after in your answer sheet. The first one has been done as an example. (4 marks)

The idiot box is increasing pushing the bookshelf out of the homes even in regions where have a high literacy rate and a long tradition on libraries. According to the findings of a sample survey a average Keralite now spent 90 minutes on cable television and 60 minutes on reading books.

e.g. is increasingly pushing
 (a) _____
 (b) _____
 (c) _____
 (d) _____

Q.13. Rearrange the following words and phrases to form meaningful sentences. Write each sentence in your answer sheet against the correct number. The first one has been done for you as an example. (4 marks)

e.g. : relieves and amuses/ the soul/ laughter/ the depressed
 Ans : Laughter relieves and amuses the depressed soul.

- (a) an antidote/ and pain/ it is/ to stress
 (b) for toning/ a good exercise/ up/ it is/ facial muscles
 (c) makes one/ of friends/ feel good/ in making/ a lot/ laughter/ and helps/
 (d) negative laughter/ at others/ the only/ is laughing/

Q.14. Read the following conversation between two friends, Raj and Sujay and complete the paragraph that follows. (4 marks)

Raj : Our school is celebrating its annual day tomorrow.
Sujay : Who is your Chief Guest?
Raj : Our Chief Guest is the honourable President himself.
Sujay : That is quite incredible.

Raj told Sujay (a)_____. Sujay wanted to (b)_____ Raj replied, that (c)_____.

Sujay was surprised and commented that (d)_____.

SECTION-D LITERATURE (20 MARKS)

Q.15(A).Read the extract given below and answer the questions that follow by writing the correct option in the answer sheet. (1x3=3 marks)

And immediately I regretted it.
I thought how paltry, how vulgar, what a mean act!
I despised myself and the voices of my accursed human education.

- (a) The poet regretted.....
- (i) the absence of the snake
 - (ii) his act of throwing a log at the snake.
 - (iii) because he had killed the snake
 - (iv) for there was no water in his pitcher.
- (b) The last line shows that the poet is
- (i) sad
 - (ii) happy
 - (iii) remorseful
 - (iv) upset
- (c) What does the word 'paltry' mean in the above lines?
- (i) inconsequential
 - (ii) worthless
 - (iii) worthy
 - (iv) small

Q.15(B).Read the extract given below and answer the questions that follow (1x3=3 marks)

"You're to exert your influence then we'll start helping you to write."

- (a) Who said these words and to whom?
- (b) What did the speaker want the listener to do?
- (c) Where were these words spoken?

Q.15(c) Read the extract given below and answer the questions that follow (1x3=3 marks)

"Cowards die many times before their deaths,
The valiant never taste of death but once".

- (a) Who spoke these words in the given extract ?
- (b) What fears had the listener expressed?
- (c) What was the basis of the fears expressed?

Q.16. Answer any three in about 50-60 words (3x2=6 marks)

- (a) What was Michael's theory about how Sebastian had entered the games?
- (b) Why does the narrator hesitate to be a partner of Laura Hinkle during the Ouija board party?
- (c) Who said, 'Et tu Brute'? When were these words spoken? Why?
- (d) 'One question please'? What was the question?

Q.17. How did Patol Babu convince himself to do the role that had just one word “oh!”, for him to say? If you were in his place, how would you react? (120 to 150 words) **(5 marks)**

Q.18. Answer any one of the following in about 125 words **(5 marks)**

Imagine yourself to be the ancient mariner. Write a diary entry describing the sufferings you underwent in the ‘silent-sea’.

OR

Mark Antony manages to turn the tide in favour of the dead Caesar, without offending the sentiments of the conspirators. As Mark Antony, write a letter to your friend describing your feelings on the killing of Caesar and how you convinced Romans to rise up and revolt.

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