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Sample Questions
English (Communicative)
Class – X

SECTION A:

Q1. Read the passage given below carefully.

(10 marks)

“DAIJA”

It was Monday morning when the phone rang. It was my mother. After talking for a minute, she said “I am giving the phone to someone. Talk to her.”

"Hello," came a familiar voice and I immediately knew who was at the other end. I was very happy to

hear that voice. It had been too long.

"Daija! How are you? When did you come there?"

"Just yesterday. I am fine. How are you?" said Daija

Daija was my grandparents' helping hand for many years. She came to work for them almost 51 years ago. My mother was just seven years old then. Daija came unannounced. She had heard that my grandparents were looking for a maid and she travelled for two days to apply for the job. She was around 20 years old then.

Daija was puny. She frequently laughed out loud. Her husband had left her for another woman but this had not embittered her about life. Slowly, she became part of the family. Her real name was Kamlaben but my mother would call her “Daija” affectionately and it stuck to her for the rest of her life. Her personality was such that she became the life of every festival and get-together. She was a good dancer and though she did not have a good voice she enjoyed singing too.

When my mother was married and moved to another town, Daija cried more than my grandmother. When my mother was pregnant she came to live with her. Every winter, we used to go to our grandparents' place for holidays and she became our playmate. She would hide some special food from my grandmother to give us later.

My grandmother could not do without her. When my grandfather died 10 years ago, she became my grandmother's sole companion. They had disagreements but that didn't bother either of them.

But once grandfather was gone, Daija started feeling insecure. My grandmother, who was six years older than Daija, was also not keeping well. Daija would take care of her but who would take care of Daija? She was already 72. One day, she came to my mother and took out about Rs. 6,000, which she had saved. She said "Kamala, please secure a place for me in an old age home. I may not be staying here for a long time." My mother dismissed her but that act remained in her mind. Sometimes, she would discuss Daija's future with my father.

Daija, too old by now to do everything herself, had other maids helping her. She was now the task manager. At times, we could not differentiate her from our grandmother. She was as influential.

Then, one day after 45 years, without warning, her husband came to visit her. She had no feelings. She had not seen him for all these years. The other woman had passed away leaving her grown-up son, who was earning decent lives for themselves. The husband himself had made a name in palmistry. Now he was expecting her to come back. She was not sure. He left without an answer. It took her a long time to decide. She finally decided to go. The day she left, a vacuum was created in our lives. There was no one to take her place. Today, we miss her laughs, her unconditional love and her spontaneity. She still visits my grandmother on every festival. These days, Daija has been travelling around with her husband, and his son takes care of her. Some people like Daija leave a void in lives, and are always remembered.

Q1.1 On the basis of your reading of the above passage, complete the following statement briefly.

1 x 6 = 6 marks

1. Daija came to their house _____.
2. Daija's personality was _____.
3. Her husband had _____.
4. The narrator could not differentiate between Daija and her grandmother because _____.
5. Daija wanted to go to an old age home because _____.
6. She eventually decided to _____.

Q1.2 Answer the following questions briefly.

1 x 2 = 2 marks

- a) What was Daija's husband doing?
- b) For how long did Daija serve the family of the writer?

Q1.3 Find words from the passage which mean the same as the words given below:

1 x 2 = 2 marks

- a) space
- b) avoided

Q 2 Read the following passage carefully:

5 marks

Have you heard people saying that the 'rupiah makes the world go round? Do you know the story of the rupee?

The word rupee comes from the Sanskrit term 'Rupya' or 'Rupa' which means silver. The very early coins before the second century BC, were all made of silver but the coins were neither of any standard weight nor had any face or value printed on them. It was Sher Shah Suri who first gave the name "rupia" to the silver coins. The last silver coins were minted in 1940 with the face of King George VI on them. In 1942 the silver coin was replaced by a cupro-nickel coin for the first time.

Money was invented by man to get power but now money has become more powerful than man. All over the world, money and power go together. The more money a person has, the more successful he is judged to be. A rich man is accepted by society even if he is corrupt or evil.

Man works hard to earn more and more money and saves a lot of it. He thinks that money will give him more freedom to enjoy himself and to have lots of fun. He thinks he will not be anyone's slave but be his own master. But soon he becomes the slave of money. The more he has, the more he wants. He is never satisfied with what he has got but always wants something more even though he knows that in the end, he cannot carry anything with him. Money can buy everything but it cannot buy peace or happiness or a ticket to heaven.

Read the following questions and write the option you consider the most appropriate in your answer sheet:

(a) The early coins were made of.....

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| (i) copper | (ii) gold |
| (iii) silver | (iv) lead |

(b) The cupro-nickel coins came into existence in the year.....

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| (i) 1924 | (ii) 1942 |
| (iii) 1429 | (iv) 1294 |

(c) Today money is.....

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| (i) less powerful than man | (ii) equal to man |
| (iii) more powerful than man | (iv) none of the above |

(d) Society willingly accepts..... from a rich man.

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| (i) honesty | (ii) corruption |
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(iii) bribery

(iv) none of the above

(e) The word satisfied can be replaced by.....

(i) contended

(ii) happy

(iii) fulfilled

(iv) overjoyed

SECTION B

Q.4 Notice: Your school has planned an inter class debate competition. Write a notice for the school notice-board informing students of the completion giving details like date, time venue, contact person etc in 50-60 words. **3 marks**

Q.5 You have to rush for your tuition class, and nobody is at home. Leave a message for your mother informing her about the same. **3 marks**

Q.5 Your mother promised you to buy a new I-Pad or any gadget, on achieving a good result. You are awaiting the good result, as well as the I-Pad. Explain your anticipation in a diary – entry. **3 marks**

Q.6 Recently your colony has witnessed and suffered acute water shortage. As the Secretary of your RWA, write a letter to the Chairman DJB highlighting the problem and suggesting ways to solve the issue.

Or

Write a letter to your younger brother, who has got admission in a hostel, emphasizing the importance of a good breakfast. **5 marks**

- HINTS :energy in the morning to perform
- Important meal
- nutrition and healthy
- Never skip

- Will lead to fatigue

Q.7 It was a dark night. There was no one at home suddenly it started raining. I could hear the distant howling of the wild cats and suddenly 5 mark

Q8. The students of today are becoming 'Couch Potatoes' due to their excess T.V. viewing habit. This has a negative effect not only on their health, but overall personality. Write an article, expressing your views on the same.

5 marks

Q9. Write a speech, to be given in the morning assembly, talking about the importance of education in one's life. 5 marks

HINTS: education helps in making one.....

*independent

*confident

*aware

*access to information

*wise

*lead a better quality of life

Section - C: Grammar

Q.10 Read the paragraph given below and fill in the blanks with the help of options that follow. (4 marks)

Humans have always thought of the moon as living. In earlier times, it was seen that it had always been changing. Since it was the brightest star in the dark sky, humans watched and wondered why it (i) Humans (ii) always afraid of the dark, so the bright light (iii) both welcome and mysterious. Today, we still feel fear or mystery when we (iv) at the moon. It is these feelings which keep the old superstitions about the moon alive.

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| (i) | (a) change | (b) is changing | (c) changed | (d) was changing |
| (ii) | (a) had | (b) have been | (c) were | (d) got |
| (iii) | (a) were | (b) was | (c) had | (d) has |
| (iv) | (a) looks | (b) looking | (c) look | (d) looked |

Q11. Complete the following passage by filling up the blanks. Write the correction in your answer sheet.

(4 marks)

Pollution (a)..... the destroying of environment. It (b)..... to the degeneration of soil, air water. Soil, air and water (c).....been degraded by waste, smoke and chemicals. In metro cities problem (d).....become very serious. Smoke from chimneys and automobiles (e)..... polluting the air. The acid rain (f)..... to degeneration of buildings. Government should take strict measures if it (g)..... to protect the earth. Man's greed and selfishness (h).....the major causes of pollution.

- a) (i) means (ii) meaning (iii) meant (iv) has meant
- b) (i) is leading (ii) leads (iii) had led (iv) has lead
- c) (i) have (ii)has (iii) are (iv) was
- d) (i) was (ii) had (iii) has (iv) had been
- e) (i) was (ii) had (iii) has (iv) had been
- f) (i) leads(ii) lead (iii) has (iv) had been
- g) (i) wants (ii) wishes (iii) has (iv) had been
- h) ((i) was (ii) had (iii) is (iv) had been

Q12. Rearrange the following jumbled words to make meaningful sentences and write the same in the answer sheet.

(1 x 4 = 4 marks)

- (a) in/other animals/elephant/an/excels/ intelligence
- (b) displays/ he/ his intelligence/little actions/in his
- (c) with a difficulty/a way out/whenever/with/his intelligence/faced/he finds
- (d)one/the/of/loved/most/animals/world/in/the

Q13. 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)

Example: On reaching his room he entire broke he entirely broke
down, and became a prey for the most i. _____
violent agitation. The vulgarity of those twins, and ii. _____
the gross materialism of Mrs. Otis, was naturally iii. _____
extremely annoying, but what really distress him iv. _____
most was that he had been unable to wear the suit of mail.

Q14. Read the following conversation between two friends, Ginnie and Dimpi and complete the paragraph that follows. (4 marks)

Ginnie: Why have you not brought my dress ?

Dimpi: I haven't brought it because I had gone to my cousin's house with my mother, so I forgot to keep it.

Ginnie: Don't give me lame excuses. I want to know the truth.

Dimpi: I am sorry Ginnie. I was playing with my friends till late. I forgot that you needed it today.

Ginnie asked Dimpi (a)Dimpi said that she (b)Ginnie (c) and further added that (d)..... Dimpi said that he was sorry and further added that she was playing with her friends and she had forgotten that she needed it that day.

SECTION – D: LITERATURE

SAMPLE FOR Q 13

Q15. (a) Read the extract given below and answer the questions that follow by writing the correct option in the answer sheet. (1 x 3 = 3 marks)

Gainst death and all oblivious enmity

shall you pace forth, your paradise shall still find room.

Even in the eyes of all posterity,

That wear this world out to the ending doom.

a) Why would the young man be remembered by the future generations?

- i) Because he is very brave
- ii) Because he is very philanthropic
- iii) Because he has written immortal verses
- iv) Because he is very religions

- b) What does the poet mean by ending doom?
- i) The day when war would come to an end.
 - ii) The day when the whole mankind will die
 - iii) The day when the whole earth will be destroyed
 - iv) The day on which God will decide the fate of all mortal beings.
- c) What is the tone of these lines?
- i) Pessimistic
 - ii) Sad
 - iii) Confident
 - iv) optimistic

Q15 (b) Read the following extract carefully and answers the questions that follow by choosing the most appropriate alternative from those given below:

“I’ve seen a weekend cottage near Darking that I should rather like to buy,” said Miss Mebbin with seeming irrelevance. “Six hundred and eighty, freehold. Quite a bargain, only I don’t happen to have the money.” (1 x 3 = 3 marks)

- a) Who is Miss Mebbin talkin to?
- b) Why is Miss Mebbin talking about the cottage when she can’t afford to buy it?
- c) What does the phrase ‘seeming irrelevance’ here means?

Q15 (c) Read the extract given below and answer the questions that follow by writing the correct option in the answer sheet. (1 x 3 = 3 marks)

“What are they coming for? They haven’t been here for ages.”

- (a) Who is coming?
- (b) Why are they coming?
- (c) Why haven’t they been here for ages?

Q16. Answer any three of the following in about 50-60 words each. (2 x 4 = 8 marks)

- a.) “We do many things, sir’. Explain this statement with reference to the context.
- b.) Why had the tiger turned to eating of small animals?
- c.) Why did the postmaster call Ali a pest?

Q17. Answer any one of the following in about 125 words.

(8 marks)

‘Tough day’s never last but tough people do’. Explain this statement with reference to the two boys.

OR

Do you admire the frog for his intelligence or criticize him for his cruelty? Explain, with suitable examples.

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