

SAMPLE QUESTION PAPER - 1
SUBJECT- English Communicative (101)
CLASS IX (2023-24)

Time Allowed: 3 hours

Maximum Marks: 80

General Instructions:

1. 15-minute prior reading time allotted for Q-paper reading.
2. The Question Paper contains FOUR sections-READING SKILLS, WRITING SKILLS, GRAMMAR and LITERATURE TEXTBOOK.
3. Attempt questions based on specific instructions for each part.

SECTION A : READING SKILLS (20 marks)

1. Read the text carefully and answer the questions: [10]

1. As the Farm grew, it was found necessary to make some provision for the education of its boys and girls. There were, among these, Hindu, Muslim, Parsi and Christian boys and some Hindu girls. It was not possible, and I did not think it necessary to engage special teachers for them. It was not possible, for qualified Indian teachers were scarce, and even when available, none would be ready to go to a place 21 miles distant from Johannesburg on a small salary. Also we were certainly not over-flowing with money. And I did not think it necessary to import teachers from outside the Farm. I did not believe in the existing system of education, and I had a mind to find out by experience and experiment the true system.
2. Only this much I knew - that, under ideal conditions, true education could be imparted only by the parents, and that then there should be the minimum of outside help, that Tolstoy Farm was a family, in which I occupied the place of the father, and that I should so far as possible shoulder the responsibility for the training of the young.
3. The conception no doubt was not without its flaws. All the young people had not been with me since their childhood, they had been brought up in different conditions and environments, and they did not belong to the same religion. How could I do full justice to the young people, thus circumstanced, even if I assumed the place of pater-families?
4. But I had always given the first place to the culture of the heart or the building of character, and as I felt confident the moral training could be given to all alike, no matter how different their ages and their upbringing, I decided to live amongst them all twenty-four hours of the day as their father. I regarded character building as the proper foundation for their education and, if the foundation was firmly laid, I was sure that the children could learn all the other things themselves or with the assistance of friends.

- (i) What did Gandhiji find necessary as the Farm grew?
- (ii) Why was it not possible to engage special teachers for boys and girls at the Farm?
- (iii) What position did Gandhiji enjoy at Tolstoy Farm and how?
- (iv) What did Gandhiji consider as the proper foundation for the education of children and why did he think so?
- (v) Find a word from the passage which has the same meaning as **employ**.
- (vi) Write the verb form of **education**.
- (vii) Find a word from the passage opposite in meaning to **different**.
- (viii) Write the adverb form of **confident**.
- (ix) The narrator did not believe in the existing system of _____.
 - a) hiring teachers
 - b) education
 - c) law and order
 - d) public welfare
- (x) The narrator had always given the first place to the:
 - a) foundation for their education
 - b) building of character
 - c) culture of the heart
 - d) Both culture of the heart and building of character

2. **Read the text carefully and answer the questions:**

[10]

1. In a historic moment for India, Mariyappan Thangavelu won a gold medal while compatriot Varun Singh Bhati clinched a bronze in the men's high jump T-42 event at the Rio Paralympics 2016. The 20-year-old Thangavelu made a leap of 1.89 m, while Bhati jumped his personal best of 1.86 m to finish third. USA's Sam Grewe bagged the silver medal. India's other medal prospect Sharad Kumar finished at number six. T-42 is a disability classification in the sport for differently-abled track-and-field athletes with single 'above the knee' amputation or a comparable disability.
2. The event witnessed a fierce contest with six of the 12 athletes clearing the 1.74 m mark in their first eight attempts. But Thangavelu became a part of the leading group after his 10th attempt when he cleared the 1.77 m mark along with Lukasz Mamczarz of Poland, China's Zhiqiang Zhing and Kumar. He then went into the lead along with Bhati as both managed to clear the 1.83 m mark. Kumar, however, could not improve his performance and eventually crashed out of medal contention. Grewe pushed Thangavelu and Bhati to the joint second position by clearing 1.86 m to grab the top spot. But both Indians made a strong comeback by equalling the height to share the pole position. Thangavelu

eventually made sure of the gold with an effort of 1.89 m in his final attempt while Grewe and Bhati finished with best efforts of 1.86 m.

3. Thangavelu was injured at the age of five, when a bus accident left him with a permanent disability while bronze medal winner Bhati was diagnosed with polio which led to a deformity in his legs.
- (i) What is the winning of gold and bronze medals by Mariyappan Thangavelu and Varun Singh Bhati respectively is called by the author?
 - (ii) What is the term **T-42** used for in the sports at Rio Olympics?
 - (iii) Why is the T-42 event regarded as a fierce contest?
 - (iv) How did the both athletes make a strong comeback at the Rio Olympics 2016?
 - (v) What led to a deformity in Bhati's legs?
 - (vi) Sam Grewe belongs to:
 - a) China
 - b) England
 - c) USA
 - d) Australia
 - (vii) In his final attempt Thangavelu made sure of the:
 - a) all of these
 - b) bronze medal
 - c) gold medal
 - d) silver medal
 - (viii) Thangavelu met with a bus accident at the age of five which left him with _____.
 - (ix) Sharad Kumar's performance in Rio Olympics was not good.
 - a) True
 - b) False
 - (x) Which word in para 2 is the same in meaning to **finally**?
 - a) cleared
 - b) eventually
 - c) equally
 - d) witnessed

SECTION B : WRITING SKILLS (24 marks)

3. You are the secretary of Janata Group Housing Society, Palam Vihar, Kurnool. Draft a brief notice advising the residents of the society to store water for a day due to suspended water supply for cleaning of the water tank. [4]
4. Complete the dialogue given below. Write your answers against the correct blank numbers. [5]

Rajnish: I want to go to Gurgaon. Would you tell me (a) _____?

Govind: You should go by Metro (b) _____.

Rajnish: I do not know (c) _____.

Govind: Take a (d) _____.

Rajnish: I am so (e) _____.

5. You are Poonam living in Chennai. You have just completed your ninth grade under the revamped system of CBSE. Write a letter in about 150-200 words to your friend living in Kolkata telling her about your experience. You may take clues from the notes below: [7]

- Initially doubtful.
- Less stress and tension but need to study regularly, participation in variety of activities gives confidence.
- Attendance has improved, classes have become more interactive, fun-filled and enjoyable—
- No need to burn the midnight oil during exam days—no one-time-paper-pen exam to decide our fate—assessment in wide parameters—gives scope to build up on one's strengths.
- Grades have cut down narrow competition.

OR

The increasing use of TV viewing, video games, mobile phone games, is a source of distraction. Children prefer these over reading novels or story books which offer a world of beauty and imagination. Write a letter in about 150-200 words to your younger brother/sister telling him/her about the necessity of reading books rather than viewing TV/games, as you have re-discovered this in your hostel. You are Aman/Anita, staying at Room No. 115, Gyan Hostel, Indore.

6. You have been served with the following notes on **Kashmir**. Develop a paragraph on **Kashmir, The Paradise of India** using all these notes. [8]

Kashmir

- Surrounded by mountains, snow covered peaks, beautiful lakes and gardens,
- Kesar (saffron) grown on hilly terrain.
- Visited by tourists throughout the year.
- Wicker work, Kashmiri embroidery, walnut work.
- the chief handicrafts of Kashmiri people.
- Dal lake- the famous one - House boats.
Kashmir - heaven created by god on earth.
People-helpful-enjoy delicious food.

OR

Use the following notes to write a descriptive paragraph:

A fire - burning huts - people ran out - a child trapped inside - you/your friends - deeply moved - risky but decided to save - succeeded - bravery award.

SECTION C : GRAMMAR (10 marks)

7. Complete the tasks, as directed. [10]

- (i) Fill in the blanks (a)-(c) with the appropriate option from those in the brackets. [3]

My deadline for the day's incredible, awe inspiring column (a) _____ (on/in/for) the Tribune was three hours away, and I was in a jam. I (b) _____ (had/have/will have) already tossed three ideas into the recycle bin and was staring at a blank screen again. The really tricky thing about (c) _____ (creating/making/writing) a 'witty' column is that between Mark Twain, Oscar Wilde and Dorothy Parker, everything worth saying has already been said.

- (ii) In the following passage, one word has been omitted in each line. Write the missing word along with the words before and after against the correct blank number: [4]

		Word Before	Missing Word	Word After
One thing we all must do to cooperate	(a)	_____	_____	_____
with police and pay heed to their advice.	(b)	_____	_____	_____
They warn us not touch unidentified and	(c)	_____	_____	_____
unclaimed suspicious objects transistors, brief cases, etc.	(d)	_____	_____	_____

- (iii) Do as directed.

- i. Rearrange the following jumbled words/phrases in the given dialogue to create a meaningful sentence. [1]

The Siberians are quick on their feet. They walk with a smooth gait. They hurry only when they are hunting.

also/active/are/and/playful/Siberians

- ii. Given below is a set of instructions to make thandai. On the basis of the instructions, complete the following blanks in the paragraph: [2]

- Boil the milk and set aside to cool.
- Soak the almonds and other ingredients except saffron in half cup water for 20 min.

- Grind them in a blender. Pour the mixture in milk; add sugar and stir it well.
- Refrigerate for two hours.
- Garnish the drink with saffron strands and almond flakes and serve.
- You could add a few ice cubes to the thandai while serving.

The milk is boiled and set aside to cool. Almonds and other ingredients except saffron are soaked in half a cup of water for 20 min. The ingredients (a) _____ and the mixture is poured into the milk, in which sugar is added and stirred well. Then it (b) _____.

SECTION D : LITERATURE TEXTBOOK (26 marks)

8. Read the given excerpts and answer the questions briefly, for ANY TWO excerpts, of the three, given. [8]

- (i) Read the extract given below and answer the questions/complete the sentences that follow: [4]

"And both that morning equally lay,
In leaves no step had trodden black,
Oh, I kept the first for another day!
Yet knowing how way leads on to way
I doubted if I should ever come back"

- a. Who does **both** refer to?
- b. Why does the poet doubt his coming back?
- c. Why would the poet like to come back?

- (ii) Read the extract given below and answer the questions that follow: [4]

Suffer? (puzzled) suffered? My God, yes. (Drinks) But that's a long time ago. Ha! ha! That was when I was a man. Now I'm not a man; now I'm a number; number 15729, and I've lived in Hell for ten years.

- a. When was the Convict **a man**?
- b. Why was he reduced to a number?
- c. Where did he live in for ten years?
- d. What kind of prison-life did the convict suffer in the prison?

- (iii) Read the given extract and answer the questions that follow: [4]

Childishly, I made fun of the old lady. But she just smiled.

- a. Who made fun of the old lady?
- b. The old lady was ridiculed and laughed at. Why?
- c. Why did the old lady smile?
- d. What does **the old lady** refer to here?

9. Answer ANY SIX of the following seven questions in about 30- 40 words each [12]

- (i) Why do you think Wordsworth has chosen the song of the Nightingale and the Cuckoo for comparison with the Solitary Reaper's song? [2]
 - (ii) Why does Shakespeare compare men and women to players on a stage in the poem, **The Seven Ages**? [2]
 - (iii) **I am like earthly life.....** why does the poet call the rain as earthly life? Answer to the context of the poem **The Song of the Rain**. [2]
 - (iv) Why did Bramble sacrifice the truth for Harold? [2]
 - (v) What was John Pescud's opinion about business? [2]
 - (vi) [2]
How did Corporal Turnbull snub the Professor?
Answer to the context of the chapter **The Man Who Knew Too Much**.
 - (vii) On the principle of people who like children and haven't any can always go and live near a school. Explain this comment contextually. Answer to the context of the chapter **Villa for Sale**. [2]
10. **Answer ANY ONE of the following two questions in about 120 words** [6]
- (i) Gaston has proved his cunningness in business matters, but as far as moral ethics are concerned, there is a definite lack of them in him. Describe the values he should have possessed, with reference to **Villa for Sale**. [6]
 - (ii) Chuck Hooper is asked to deliver a speech, after his complete recovery. Write the speech in about 120 words for him emphasising the traits of his character which helped him to cope with the crisis that came in his life. [6]

Answers

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- (i) As the Farm grew, Gandhiji found it necessary to make some arrangement for the education of its boys and girls. Boys and girls of all religions lived there.
 - (ii) It was not possible and not even necessary to engage special teachers for boys and girls at the Farm. Qualified Indian teachers were scarce and the Farm lacked sufficient funds to pay them.
 - (iii) Tolstoy Farm was just like a family. Gandhiji occupied the place of the father. It was his responsibility to make provision for the proper education of the boys and girls.
 - (iv) Gandhiji regarded character building as the proper foundation for the education of children. If the foundation was firmly laid, they could learn all other things gradually.
 - (v) engage
 - (vi) educate

(viii) same

(viii) confidently

(ix) (b) education

Explanation: education

(x) (d) Both culture of the heart and building of character

Explanation: Both culture of the heart and building of character

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3. Thangavelu was injured at the age of five, when a bus accident left him with a permanent disability while bronze medal winner Bhati was diagnosed with polio which led to a deformity in his legs.

(i) It is called a 'historic moment for India'.

(ii) The term 'T-42' is used for differently abled track and field athletes with single above the knee amputation in the Rio Olympics.

(iii) The T-42 event is regarded as the fierce contest because six of the 12 athletes cleared the 1.74 m mark in their first eight attempts.

(iv) The both athletes made a strong comeback by equalling the height to share the pole position.

(v) Bhati was diagnosed with polio which led to a deformity in his legs.

(vi) (c) USA

Explanation: USA

(vii) (c) gold medal

Explanation: gold medal

(viii). a permanent disability

(ix) (b) False

Explanation: False

(x) (b) eventually

Explanation: eventually

SECTION B : WRITING SKILLS (24 marks)

**Janata Group Housing Society, Kurnool
NOTICE**

5th July 20XX

Suspended Water Supply

This is to inform the residents of Janata Group Housing Society, Palam Vihar, Kurnool, that water supply will be suspended for eight hours (10 a.m. to 6 p.m.) on 6th of March 20XX, for the cleaning of the water tank. The residents are advised to make prior arrangements for the same.

For further enquiries, please contact the undersigned.

Preeti Dabral
(99887766XX)
(Secretary)

- 3.
4. a. how I can go there
b. which starts horn Mehrauli
c. how to reach Mehrauli
d. bus which will drop you at Mehrauli
e. thankful to you

5. 198, Mansarovar Road

Indore

March 6, 2023

My dear Mansi

I hope everything is fine at your end. I am very glad to write this letter about the new system of CBSE in class IX. We all have a good experience with this system. The only regret is that we didn't have it earlier. I am sharing my experiences in this letter.

Initially, we were very doubtful and afraid about the CBSE syllabus. In fact, we were terrified. But as we started going ahead with it we found it really interesting and tension-free. It needs only to study regularly and with full participation in class-level activities. What a nice thing to enact different characters of the Fiction! I enjoyed acting as Private Quelch in the class. Due to the interest-creating aspects of this system, class attendance improved. Classes became more fun-filled and enjoyable.

We no longer have to study till the wee hours of the morning before exams. No stress, no nights of insomnia. Exams using paper and pencil no longer determine our fate.

Throughout the year, our participation, focus, and involvement in numerous events are evaluated. Our latent skills can be expressed and displayed thanks to this technology.

This way we can build our own careers. Through this system, the grades given to us do not build narrow competition. I am sure you'll also enjoy this CBSE revamped syllabus fully.

Yours sincerely
Poonam

OR

Room No. 115
Gyan Hostel
Indore
28th July, 2023

Dear Ravi/Reema

I hope everything is fine at your end. In this letter, I'm going to tell you about a brand-new discovery I made while staying at a hostel. It is true that reading books is much more important than watching TV or playing video games. I previously discovered that TV, video games, and mobile phone games gave us a lot of amusement. But as I become older, I realise that they only offer momentary entertainment. We believe that reading quality literature is more essential than pursuing higher education. Books are a priceless source of education, enduring enjoyment, and sweet solace because they help us imagine and create beautiful and wonderful worlds.

We don't necessarily become philosophers, but we do learn things by reading books. It is crucial for leading a fulfilling life. The value of life that may be found by reading excellent books makes TV, video games, and mobile phone games seem inconsequential. So books make excellent instructors. With time, the view they provide gets richer and richer. Books cannot pretend to be false. They are one's closest pals and are consistently modern and daring. Strong men have traditionally been avid readers.

So I suggest you limit your time spent watching TV and playing video games. Read good literature instead and savour the worlds they create. I'm hoping they'll bring you a lot of joy.

With best wishes
Yours affectionately
Aman/Anita

6. Kashmir.

Kashmir is better known as heaven created by God on earth. It is surrounded by mountains, snow-covered peaks, beautiful lakes and gardens. Its famous Dal lake is well known for the Houseboats. Many tourists visit Kashmir throughout the year. The people of Kashmir are very helpful. They prepare and enjoy delicious food. They keep kangri to warm themselves. Wicker work, Kashmir embroidery, walnut work etc., are the chief handicrafts of Kashmir people. People grow kesar (Saffron) on hilly terrain. It is well said about Kashmir that it is the Paradise of India.

OR

Fire in the Slum: 14th Sep. 202X was the day I cannot forget throughout my life. My friends and I were coming from M2k, Saket after watching an evening show. We were passing by the slum of Saket when we witnessed fire in the slum. All the huts were burning, people were running out here and there to save their lives. There was chaos and panic everywhere. People were shouting for help. Some were crying over the loss of

their family and belongings. Suddenly, I saw a small child crying for help as he was trapped inside a burning hut.

There was fire around him and he was unable to come out from it. We were deeply moved on his helplessness. Although, it was risky to move in but we decided to save his life. My friends started throwing water on the hut while I got a blanket and jumped in. I covered the child with the blanket and came out. I got some burns but the child was saved. Everyone praised our bravery and later the Chief Minister, awarded us with a bravery award. It was a moment of pride and honour for all of us.

SECTION C : GRAMMAR (10 marks)

7. Complete the tasks, as directed.

(i) (a) for, (b) had, (c) writing

(ii)	Word Before	Missing Word	Word After
(a)	do	<u>is</u>	to
(b)	with	<u>the</u>	police
(c)	not	<u>to</u>	touch
(d)	objects	<u>like</u>	transistors

(iii) Do as directed.

i. Siberians are also active and playful.

ii. (a) are ground, (b) is refrigerated for two hours

SECTION D : LITERATURE TEXTBOOK (26 marks)

8. Read the given excerpts and answer the questions briefly, for ANY TWO excerpts, of the three, given.

(i) a. 'Both' refers to the two roads.

b. The poet is aware that their choice will have consequences and may lead them down a path from. Therefore he is uncertain about what lies ahead and whether they will be able to retrace their steps and return to this point in the future. These lines highlight the theme of decision-making and the idea that choices have consequences, as well as the uncertainty and doubt that can accompany making a choice.

c. The poet would like to come back to travel on the road not taken.

(ii) a. Before he was arrested and sent to jail, the Convict was a man with all human qualities.

b. The hard life of the prison, the cruelties and tortures of the police took away all human qualities from him. He was reduced to a number and they never called him by his name.

c. The Convict led most hellish life in prison for ten long years.

d. He suffered inhuman tortures during his prison life and it took away all his human qualities.

(iii) a. The narrator made fun of the old lady.

b. She was ridiculed as she decided to learn Kannada alphabet at the age of 62.

- c. The old lady smiled because she was confident of herself.
- d. Here 'the old lady' refers to the narrator's grandmother?

9. Answer ANY SIX of the following seven questions in about 30- 40 words each

- (i) Wordsworth has compared her song with the songs of the Cuckoo and the Nightingale because both are very melodious and have a very sweet voice. Their songs always have a thrilling effect. They are liked by many poets and travellers. The poet himself is spellbound as the Solitary Reaper's song resounds in his ears long afterwards.
- (ii) Shakespeare compares men and women to players on a stage in the poem 'The Seven Ages' because the comparison is very apt and suits the analogy. Actually, life is a drama. Births and deaths of the humans are like the entries and exits of a play being staged.
- (iii) The rain and earthly life are inseparable. Like the earthly life rain also has its birth and death. The voice of thunder announces its arrival and the rainbow announces its departure. Its earthly life begins at the feet of the 'mad elements' and ends under the upward-moving wings of death.
- (iv) Harold's very perfection made the Brambles resort to deliberate evasions and falsehood. They were lovers of truth but had to sacrifice the truth for their child. They thought that Harold would die of dishonour if he came to know that Bill was a 'man of wrath' and a professional boxer known as 'Young Porky!'. Harold was made to believe that his father was a commercial traveller.
- (v) John Pescud was complacent about his job. He worked as a travelling salesman for a plate-glass company. He was of the view when a man is in his town and off-trade, he must be courteous and faithful to law. He must abide by the laws.
- (vi) One afternoon, Corporal Turnbull was taking a lesson on the hand grenade. He was telling that the outside of a grenade was divided up into a large number of fragments. The Professor quipped, "Forty-four segments". Corporal Turnbull was not a man to be trifled with. He threw the grenade to the Professor and asked him to give that lecture. Unashamed, Quelch gave them a wonderful lecture. But Turnbull snubbed him. He was nominated for permanent cookhouse duties. It was a turning-point in the Professor's life and he became a stock of laughter for all.
- (vii) Gaston made this comment in response to Juliette's observation that even though the garden of the villa was very small, yet it made no difference as it was surrounded by other gardens. In harmony with this line of thought, people who don't have children of their own but like children, can go and live near a school.

10. Answer ANY ONE of the following two questions in about 120 words

- (i) Gaston was a shrewd, calculating, business-minded opportunist who with his presence of mind outwits a woman in the plot. He provided a supreme example of being a perfect opportunist who had no scruples in calling someone's property as his own, and making handsome profit of a hundred thousand francs from a property even

before becoming its owner. Earning money is not inherently harmful; rather, it is a necessity. However, it is crucial to acquire wealth without resorting to deceit or cheating others out of their rightful possessions. Honesty and sincerity hold great importance as human virtues, and it is essential to uphold them in business transactions, as business itself adheres to ethical and moral principles. Regrettably, Gaston disregarded these values entirely and solely focused on his self-interest. He cheated on Juliette, Jeanne and Mrs. Al Smith all in one go.

(ii) Good morning dear friends,

Facing life's challenges requires strength, and while Duke deserves credit for my recovery, my unwavering determination and willpower played a significant role. I had absolute faith in both myself and my loyal companion, Duke. His constant presence, like a reassuring shadow, bolstered my confidence to step out onto the uncertain path ahead. Courage and perseverance are vital to gaining control over one's life. These traits enabled me to return to work, despite the odds. Maintaining a positive attitude, practicing patience, and holding onto faith allowed me to triumph over adverse circumstances. My tenacity became a driving force that propelled me forward, reminding me that resilience and a steadfast mindset are essential for conquering life's obstacles.