

**Question Paper 2011 Outside Delhi set 1**  
**CBSE Class 10 ENGLISH (Communicative)**

**Time allowed: 3 hours**

**Maximum marks: 100**

**GENERAL INSTRUCTIONS:**

(i) The Question paper is divided into four sections:

Section A - Reading Comprehension 20 marks

Section B - Writing 30 marks

Section C - Grammar 20 marks

Section D - Literature 30 marks

(ii) All questions are compulsory.

(iii) You may attempt any section at a time.

(iv) All questions of that particular section must be attempted in the correct order.

**SECTION A (Reading) 20**

**1. Read the passage given below and answer the questions that follow by choosing the correct options. (1x5=5)**

School used to be all about writing, whether it was the exercise books we wrote or the notes we passed round, or the lines we stayed in to do. But not any more. Now it's all about typing. My six year old daughter is part of the first generation that is truly computer literate and I really didn't want her learning copperplate writing. I could see that spelling, grammar, syntax and punctuation were important, but handwriting? By the time she's in university, handwriting may not be as relevant as needlepoint. So when my daughter came home last year with cursive handwriting homework, I was nonplussed. Cursive was originally developed to make it easier for children to write with a quill. By joining up the letters, they kept the quill on the parchment and minimized ink blots. But my daughter writes with a laptop. I explained as much to her

teacher at the next parents' day. But her teacher explained something to me. Research suggests that the process of writing information down on paper, by hand, has a more direct effect on the formation of memories in the learning process than typing. Taking notes in class is still the most effective way to learn. It's a better way to store the skills for written language in a child's brain than pressing keys. There's nothing old-fashioned about handwriting. Handwriting is where it's at.

(a) According to the narrator his daughter is .....

- (i) computer literate
- (ii) illiterate
- (iii) copperplate writer
- (iv) handwriting expert

(b) ..... was developed to make writing with a quill easier.

- (i) Typing
- (ii) Grammar
- (ii) Cursive writing
- (ii) Note making

(c) 'Nonplussed' means .....

- (i) sad
- (ii) puzzled
- (iii) crying
- (iv) see

(d) Writing information down on paper is ..... typing in the learning process.

**(i) inferior to**

**(ii) same as**

**(iii) superior to**

**(iv) not as effective as**

**(e) Writing by hand is ..... .**

**(i) old-fashioned**

**(ii) not old-fashioned**

**(iii) of the future**

**(iv) not used today**

**Ans. a) i) computer literate**

**b) iii) Cursive writing**

**c) ii) puzzled**

**d) iii) superior to**

**e) ii) not old fashioned**

**2. Read the passage given below and answer the questions that follow by choosing the correct options. (1x5=5)**

Before chocolate became an elixir fit only for the kings, Mayans drank a cold, frothy mix made from kakawa beans harvested from the Mexican rainforests. Found in rows inside football-size fruit filled with white pulp, the beans need two weeks for fermenting, drying and roasting. Then Mayans began bartering beans with the Aztecs. The Spanish court kept the source of the beans secret for nearly 100 years. Inevitably, word spread and chocolate travelled swiftly throughout Europe. The first chocolate shop in London opened in 1657, serving the drink in gold and silver cups. Still, the brew tasted rather fatty due to the cocoa butter and gritty from imperfect crushing of the seeds. A Dutch inventor separated the cocoa butter in the early 1800s, and before the century was out, a conching machine smoothed the

chocolate. A Swiss chocolatier added evaporated milk to create the first chocolate bar. .  
Soldiers who ate the bars for energy during World War I brought their taste home, creating a huge market for chocolate bars and snacks invented in the early 1900s.

(a) 'Bartering' means ..... .

- (i) selling
- (ii) buying
- (iii) exchanging
- (iv) changing

(b) ..... kept the source of the chocolate beans a secret for  
nearly 100 years.

- (i) Mayans
- (ii) The Spanish
- (iii) The soldiers
- (iv) Mexico

(c) The first ..... was made by a Swiss chocolatier.

- (i) cocoa seed
- (ii) cocoa butter
- (iii) evaporated milk
- (iv) chocolate bar

(d) Mayans got kakawa seeds from ..... .

- (i) the kings.
- (ii) the Aztecs

(iii) Mexican rainforests

(iv) London

(e) Cocoa brew tasted fatty because of .....

(i) bad crushing of the seeds

(ii) cocoa butter

(iii) imperfect crushing of the seeds

(iv) vanilla flavor

Ans. a) iii) exchanging

b) ii) The Spanish

c) iv) Chocolate bar

d) iii) Mexican rain forest

e) ii) cocoa butter

**3. Read the poem given below: ( $\frac{1}{2} \times 10 = 5$ )**

**To a Fish**

**You strange, astonished-looking, angle-faced,**

**Dreary-mouthed, gaping wretches of the sea,**

**Gulping salt-water everlastingly.**

**Cold-blooded, though with red your blood be graced,**

**And mute, though dwellers in the roaring waste;**

**And you, all shapes beside, that fishy be –**

**Some round, some flat, some long, all devilry,**

**Legless, unloving, infamously chaste –**

**O scaly, slippery, wet, swift, staring wights,**

**What is't ye do ? What life lead? eh, dull goggles?**

**How do ye vary your vile days and nights?**

**How pass your Sundays? Are ye still but joggles**

**In ceaseless wash? Still naught but gapes and bites,**

**And drinks and stares, diversified with boggles?**

**Given below is the summary of the poem. Fill in the blanks with suitable words to complete the summary. Use only one word for each blank.**

**To a man a fish is a strange creature. Its (a) ..... face has always a look of (b) ..... on it. Its mouth is mostly open and keeps on (c) ..... salt-water. It is called cold-blooded even if red blood runs (d) ..... its body. It lives among (e) ..... waters but is mute itself. The fish may have many (f) ..... but it has no shapely legs. It is loveless and chaste. The fish are swift and slippery and all the time (g) ..... at others. Man wonders at the (h) ..... they lead. Are their days (i) ..... from their nights? And what do they do on Sundays? Do they ever stop or keep on gaping, biting, drinking and (j) ....., punctuated by sudden movements?**

**Ans. a) angular/ angled / angle**

**b) astonishment / surprise**

**c) gulping / swallowing / drinking / having**

**d) through / throughout / in**

**e) roaring / noisy / salty**

**f) shapes**

g) gape / stare / look / looking / gaping / staring

h) life

i) varied / varying / different

j) staring / boggling / joggling / goggling

**4. Read the passage given below and complete the sentences that follow: [1x5 = 5]**

Ganesh Chaturthi is celebrated around India but most grandly in Maharashtra. But the ten-day extravaganza the festival has become is a relatively recent creation. In Pen, in Maharashtra, there are nearly 250 families which work on Ganapathi statues for a living. Both clay and Plaster of Paris are used for the making of the murtis. Clay is more difficult than POP to work with and there are few expert clay sculptors left. Many devout customers insist on clay murtis, for after they are immersed in water, clay dissolves readily while POP can take months with fragments floating to the shore days after the immersion, upsetting both devotees and environmentalists. Once a murti is made, it is ready for decoration. It is first buffed with a soft cloth. Then a small red tilak is placed reverently on its forehead. Next it is sprayed with clay resin primer. After it dries, it is again buffed with 'jheel', a subtle sheen that highlights skin tones. Finally, the most important finishing touch, 'aakhni', the painting of the eyes, is done. It is when the eyes are painted on that an idol comes alive.

(a) Ganesh Chaturthi has recently become .....

(b) The material used for the making of murtis is .....

(c) Fewer clay murtis are made these days because .....

(d) The devout customers, however, demand clay murtis because .....

(e) The word in the passage which means the same as 'respectfully' is .....

**Ans.** a) a ten day extravaganza /an extravaganza / a lavish festival

b) clay / plaster of paris /clay and plaster of paris/ clay or plaster of paris (any one to be accepted)

- c) it is more difficult to handle / only a few expert clay sculptors are left (any one)
- d) they readily dissolve in water
- e) reverently

### SECTION B - (Writing) 20

**5. Your friend, Sachin is going to Delhi for an interview. Your uncle, Mr. Ramalingam is meeting him at the station. Describe your uncle to him in about 80 words so that he can be easily recognised at the station. [4]**

- **appearance: height, complexion, other features**
- **language/languages spoken by him**
- **clothes that he usually wears/the specific dress he would be wearing that day**
- **any other unique feature of his personality**

**Ans. Objective:** To use the given verbal output in a short sustained piece of writing.

**Marking :** Content : 2 marks ñ(the given information to be included)

**Expression :** 2 marks ( fluency and accuracy to be taken into account)

**VALUE POINTS:**

- description of the person's physical features like build , complexion , hair and colour of eyes
- languages spoken
- clothes worn
- any other unique feature

**6. The following newspaper clipping sets you thinking on the unpredictable weather patterns:**

**New Delhi:** The situation in Leh has worsened. The unexpected floods have wiped off an entire village. According to the Meteorological Department, such heavy rain at this time of the year is unheard of. Global warming is said to be one of the reasons for this phenomenon. Write a letter in about 120 words to the editor of a national daily



**bringing into light the uncertainty of the changing environment due to which the people of Leh had to suffer a great loss of life and property. Also urge him to appeal to the people to render help whole-heartedly to the sufferers at Leh. You may use your own ideas and the ideas from the unit, 'Environment' . You are Ramesh/Rama, 25 Vasundhara Colony, Chandigarh.**

**Ans.** Objectives: To use an appropriate style and format to write a formal letter.

To plan, organize and present ideas coherently.

Marking: Marking should be in accordance with the writing assessment scale.

(Content ñ 4 Fluency ñ 2 Accuracy ñ 2)

Maximum of one mark is to be deducted from the total for improper layout.

(Layout includes: Sender's address , date, Editor's address , subject , salutation, complimentary close and sender's name) Under content , credit should be given for the candidate's creativity. However some of the following points may be included. Any other relevant point can be accepted.

Suggested Value Points:

- Unpredictable climatic changes
- Scientists blame- global warming
- re-use, re-cycle
- Create awareness among the public
- Appeal for contribution in cash and kind.

**7. Reality shows have taken over our lives in a big way. People are of different opinions on the impact of such shows. As a participant in an upcoming debate on 'Reality shows, a boon', write a speech for the debate, for or against the topic in about 150 words. (8)**

**Ans.** Objectives : To plan, organize and present ideas coherently. To write in a style appropriate for communicative purposes.

Marking : Marking should be in accordance with the writing assessment scale.

(Content-4 Fluency-2 Accuracy - 2)

Under content, credit should be given for the candidate's creativity in presenting his/her own ideas. However, some of the following points may be included. Any other relevant point can be accepted.

Suggested Value Points

For:

- Brings out talent
- Increases level of confidence
- Becomes a celebrity and gets more opportunities
- Exposure to outside world

OR

Against

- A lot of time and money spent
- Makes the participants stressed
- Becomes obsessed and loses track of other priorities
- Negative impact on young mind

(any other relevant point)

### SECTION C - (Grammar) 20

**8. Complete the passage given below choosing the correct alternatives. ( $\frac{1}{2} \times 8 = 4$ )**

I heard the noise first, the sound (a). ..... screeching tyres. A car, obviously, out of control was rushing straight (b) ..... me and my four year old son as we stood on the footpath (c) ..... to cross the street. There was no time to do (d) ..... ; it happened in a millisecond. The vision of that big car (e) ..... the footpath a metre or (f) ..... from us will never be erased (g) ..... my memory. I don't know how close the car came to us, because I turned (h) ..... at the last moment.

- (a) (i) from (ii) into (iii) for (iv) of
- (b) (i) to (ii) towards (iii) against (iv) forward
- (c) (i) wait (ii) waited (iii) waiting (iv) waits
- (d) (i) nothing (ii) anything (iii) none (iv) something
- (e) (i) is hitting (ii) hit (iii) hitting (iv) was hit
- (f) (i) so (ii) to (iii) away (iv) for
- (g) (i) In (ii) from (iii) towards (iv) within
- (h) (i) inside (ii) out (iii) under (iv) away

**Ans.** a) (iv) of

b) ii) towards

c) iii) waiting

d) ii) anything

e) iii) hitting

f) i) so

g) ii) from

h) iv) away

**9. Complete the following news reports by choosing the correct options: (1x4 = 4)**

**(a) England beat Pakistan by 5 wickets**

**Pakistan's last match in their tour of Britain ..... in a 5 wicket defeat.**

**(i) will end**

**(ii) ended**

**(iii) was ended**

**(iv) has been ended**

**(b) Hotel collapses - people evacuated**

**People had a narrow escape on Sunday as a six-storeyed hotel in a busy market area in Ajmer ..... within seconds of being evacuated.**

**(i) was collapsing**

**(ii) have collapsed**

**(iii) collapsed**

**(iv) will have collapsed**

**(c) Gogoi resumes duty after surgery**

**Assam Chief Minister, Tarun Gogoi ..... duty on Monday after a gap of over one and a half months when he was away from the state for his heart surgery.**

**(i) will have joined**

**(ii) has resumed**

**(iii) has been joining**

**(iv) has resuming**

**(d) One killed in police firing in Hisar**

**One person ..... and several others were injured as the police opened fire on protesters.**

**(i) were killed**

**(ii) had killed**

**(iii) was killed**

**(iv) was killing**

**Ans.** Objective: To use grammatical items correctly.

Marking : mark for each correct answer

Answers:

a) ii) ended

b) iii) collapsed

c) ii) has resumed

d) iii) was killed

**10. Rearrange the following to form meaningful sentences. The first one has been done for you. (1x4 = 4)**

**the body / neglected / the teeth / one of / are / the most / parts of /**

**The teeth are one of the most neglected parts of the body.**

**(a) the pain / we go / only when / to the / unbearable / dentist / becomes /**

**(b) dental hygiene / in kids / be inculcated / should /**

**(c) solve / dental/brushing / can / the teeth / woes / most /**

**(d) are due / most / dental/to sheer neglect / diseases /**

**Ans.** a) We go to the dentist only when the pain becomes unbearable / only when the pain becomes unbearable we go to the dentist

b) Dental hygiene should be inculcated in kids

c) Brushing the teeth can solve most dental woes

d) Most dental diseases are due to sheer neglect

**11. Read the conversation given below and complete the passage that follows. (1x4 = 4)**

**Patient :** For the last one week I have been suffering from a terrible headache.

**Doctor :** Did you try any medicines?

**Patient :** I took a few pain killers but it was in vain.

**Doctor :** The main cause for the present day headaches is the increasing stress and strain.

A patient came to the doctor complaining that' for the last one week (a) ..... from a terrible headache. The doctor (b) ..... any medicines. The patient replied that (c) ..... a few pain killers but it had been in vain. The doctor explained that the main cause for the present day headaches (d) ..... stress and strain.

**Ans.** a) he / she had been suffering

b) asked if /whether he / she had tried any medicines

c) he/she had taken

d) was the increasing

**12. You can see below a set of instructions for washing clothes. Complete the paragraph that follows. (1x4 = 4)**

**Soak soiled clothes in water.**

**Add detergent and stir well.**

**Remove dirt using a brush.**

**Rinse till clean and wring them.**

**Spread them on the clothes line to dry.**

The soiled clothes are first soaked in water. Then the (a) ..... and stirred well. The dirt (b) ..... using a brush. After washing, the clothes are rinsed till clean and then they (c) ..... . Finally they (d) ..... to dry.

**Ans.** a) detergent is added

b) is removed

c) are wrung

d) are spread (on the clothesline)

#### **SECTION D - (Literature) 20**

**13. (A) Read the extract given below and answer the questions that follow by choosing the correct options. (1x3=3)**

**'We were in the war, too, but we were children, we were like our grandmother and grandfather, we didn't have guns.'**

**(a) Which war is referred to here?**

**(i) The war in South Africa**

**(ii) The Civil War in Mozambique**

**(iii) The Second World War**

**(iv) The Civil War in South Africa**

**(b) Why did the mother leave the children?**

**(i) To look for father**

**(ii) To fight the bandits**

**(iii) In search of oil**

**(iv) To look for grandfather**

**(c) What was the consequence of the war?**

**(i) They had to leave Mozambique.**

**(ii) They had to leave the refugee camp.**

**(iii) They were imprisoned.**

**(iv) The' grandparents were killed.**

**OR**

**I am important to her. She comes and goes.**

**Each morning it is her face that replaces the darkness.**

**In me she has drowned a young girl, and in me an old woman**

**Rises toward her day after day like a terrible fish.**

**(a) Why is the mirror important to her?**

**(i) She saw a fish in it.**

**(ii) It shows her how young she is.**

**(iii) It tells her how she really looks.**

**(iv) It was like a lake.**

**(b) Why is she agitated on looking into the mirror?**

**(i) The mirror meditates on the opposite wall.**

**(ii) The mirror reflects her image faithfully.**

**(iii) The mirror is part of her heart.**

**(iv) Her face replaces the darkness.**

**(c) Which poetic device is used in these lines?**

**(i) Alliteration**

**(ii) Metaphor**

**(iii) Simile**



**(iv) Personification**

**(B) Read the extract given below and answer the questions that follow: (1x3 = 3)**

**This was the most unkindest cut of all;  
For when the noble Caesar saw him stab,  
Ingratitude, more strong than traitors' arms,  
Quite vanquished him: then burst his mighty heart;**

- (a) Which incident is referred to here?**  
**(b) Why is it called 'the most unkindest cut' ?**  
**(c) Who is the speaker addressing?**

**Ans. A**

- a) ii) The Civil War in Mozambique  
b) iii) In search of oil  
c) i) They had to leave Mozambique

**OR**

**POEM ñ MIRROR**

**Answers:**

- a) iii) It tells her how she really looks  
b) ii) The mirror reflects her image faithfully  
c) iii) Simile ,(iv) personification (any one or both)

**B DRAMA- JULIUS CAESAR TOTAL MARKS**

**Objective: To test local and global understanding of the play**

Marking : 3 marks -1 mark for each correct answer.

Answers :

- a) Caesar's assassination by Brutus / attempt on Caesar's life
- b) Caesar trusted Brutus / Betrayed by the most trusted friend
- c) the Roman mob/ public

**14. Answer any four of the following questions in 30 - 40 words each. (2x4 = 8)**

- (a) How did Mark Antony prove that Caesar was not ambitious?**
- (b) Why is the mirror said to be 'un misted' and 'exact' ?**
- (c) Describe the refugee camp in 'The Ultimate Safari'.**
- (d) What was Ali's request to Lakshmi Das, the clerk?**
- (e) How did the creatures of Bingle Bog react to the nightingale's song?**

**Ans. JULIUS CAESAR**

- a) Seventy-five drachmas for each Roman citizen , all his walks , private arbours and newly planted orchards for their recreation / refused the crown thrice.(any two)

**MIRROR**

- b) no preconceptions / un misted by love or dislike / not cruel, only truthful / reflects faithfully and exactly /precisely(any two)

**THE ULTIMATE SAFARI**

- c) very big tent / provided small space for each family / separated from each other with sacks and card board boxes / no doors or windows / has a high common roof / dark / muddy(any two)

**THE LETTER**

- d) Wanted him to place his daughter's letter on his grave

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e) Earlier appreciated and applauded . Later grew tired and bored

**15. Answer the following question in about 120 words. (6)**

**Imagine that you are the ancient mariner. Make a diary entry on your experiences in the hot and silent sea.**

**OR**

**Calpurnia in 'Julius Caesar' says,**

**'What mean you, Caesar? Think you to walk forth?**

**You shall not stir out of your house to-day.'**

**Bring out the reasons why Calpurnia makes this statement.**

**Ans.** Unexpectedly the mariners entered silent sea – there was no breeze – the sun was too hot – surrounded by salty water – not a drop to drink – saw unnatural sights - other mariners blamed me – hung the albatross around my neck.

(accept any other relevant point)

**OR**

The night had been stormy – horrible sights had been seen by the watchman. Calpurnia feels that those are ill omens for Caesar. She had dreamt about Caesar's statue spouting blood and Romans washing their hands in it. (accept any other relevant point)