

Question Paper 2010 Delhi set 1
CBSE Class 10 ENGLISH (Communicative)

Time allowed: 3 hours

Maximum marks: 100

GENERAL INSTRUCTIONS:

(i) This paper consists of four sections.

Section A - Reading 20 marks

Section B - Writing 30 marks

Section C - Grammar 20 marks

Section D - Literature 30 marks

(ii) Attempt all questions.

(iii) Do not write anything in the question paper.

(iv) All the answers must be correctly numbered as in the question paper and written in the answer sheet provided to you.

(v) Attempt all questions in each section before going on to the next section.

(vi) Read each question carefully and follow the instructions.

(vii) Strictly adhere to the word limit given with each question.

SECTION A (Reading) 20 Marks

1. Read the passage given below and answer the questions that follow. 12 marks

1. I felt stupid, being made to stand on the desk while the other kids were bent over their notebooks. I couldn't understand my new school or my new classmates, or their alien language – English – and the fact that they could do sums in their head, while I struggled with a paper and pencil. For me, at age six, the good times had ended. Life seemed a far cry from those days in Nellore, Andhra Pradesh, all thanks to my grandfather's reflected glory. He was

a military doctor, a great man, and I lived with him. And so even policemen gave me affectionate salaams, which I learned to acknowledge with a nod. I'd simply lay my head down on the desk and sleep in class, if bored. I was a pampered little prince.

2. In early 1971, my parents decided it was time I moved to Bombay where father worked. My first few days were a disaster. No one spoke Tamil or Telugu, the only languages I knew. I couldn't keep pace with their writing or reading. Then one day, a slight plump lady with large spectacles, wearing trousers walked into the classroom. "Hello," she said, "My name is Miss Jean. I am your new class teacher." She'd done her homework. Spotting me in a back corner, she beckoned me to the front. My almost empty notebooks must have given Miss Jean a clue that I needed the extra attention. If the class had to write a page, I'd be made to write two. Even during PT, I had to stay back and write. When I was caught sneaking to the window to watch the others playing, Miss Jean put me in the middle row, far from the window.

3. I made some progress and Miss Jean made it a point to praise every little achievement. If I did my work wrong, she'd call me to her desk, hug me and show me how to correct my errors. Mistakes were only human in her eyes, but neglecting home work was a crime – there'd be a terse comment in my diary for mother to see. And I'd be grounded that evening. Meanwhile I was getting possessive and minded if another child got more hugs. By Christmas, I stood fifth in class. "I am very proud of Srikant," she told the class after reading out the marks. I related that moment to mother again and again. When I returned after summer vacations, I heard that Miss Jean had got married and was going to Australia.

4. Many years went by. I graduated in engineering, then in management, got a job, married and had kids. One day I found myself thinking of Miss Jean. Soon afterwards I found myself in Sydney, Australia, on an official trip. I tried looking up my teacher in the phone book. But it was of no help as I did not know even her surname. Thank you, Miss Jean, wherever you are for the tact and patience with which you taught me.

1.1 Complete the following sentences. 1x 8=8

(a) When the author got bored in his class while he studied in Nellore, he ____.

(b) He was given a preferential treatment when he was a child because ____.

- (c) The author felt very bad and could not mix with his new classmates because ____.
- (d) When Miss Jean discovered that the author needed her extra attention she assigned him ____.
- (e) Miss Jean put the author in the middle row far from the window when she found ____.
- (f) When the author committed mistakes, Miss Jean made it a point to ____.
- (g) The author became so possessive of Miss Jean that ____.
- (h) Although the author's efforts failed to trace her later in Australia, he thanked her in his heart because ____.

Ans. a) lay his head down on the desk and slept in the class / slept in the class / lay his head on the desk / put his head on the desk (any one)

b) His grandfather was a military doctor/of his grandfather's achievements /of his grandfather's fame/of his grandfather's (reflected) glory / his grandfather was a great man (any one)

c) knew only Tamil and Telugu / did not understand the language they spoke / did not know English of his language problem / could not keep pace with their reading and writing (any one)

d) a front seat / extra writing work / work in PT period (any one)

e) him sneaking to the window/ him looking out of the windows him watching others playing / him(to be) distracted (any one)

f) call him to her desk/ hug him / show him how to correct his mistakes (any one)

g) felt bad if any other child got more hugs / minded if any other child got more hugs / did not like if any other child got more hugs. (any one)

h) of her tact and patience / of her tact / of her patience (any one)

1.2 Find words from the passage that mean the same as $1 \times 4 = 4$

(a) spoiled with too much attention (para 1)

(b) called / signalled (para 2)

(c) having excessive desire to own (para 3)

(d) fail to do something (para 3)

Ans. a) pampered

b) beckoned

c) possessive

d) neglecting

2. Read the passage given below and answer the questions that follow. 8 marks

1. Ilkal, a small-town famous for its ethnic saris is in the northern district of Bijapur in Karnataka. But soon the sound of the loom may belong to the past as more and more weavers leave this art to join more profitable occupations. These saris are unique for their four to six inch broad reddish maroon borders with traditional, distinct designs. It is the families of dyers and weavers who together produce the Ilkal sari - a deep blue-black indigo body with red borders. It is woven in cotton or silk or a combination of both. The cotton before the advent of chemical colours, was indigo dyed, and the red border dyed with colours derived from flowers.

2. A weaver's living room includes a handloom pit, where the weaver works on the loom at the same time entertaining guests and customers. The bedroom is the store room for yarn and also doubles as the domain of womenfolk of the house. It takes around a week to complete a sari. It is tiresome work. "The wholesaler gives us the required raw materials, mainly yarn, and we weave the sari on a piecemeal basis" he elaborates. "We are then sure the sari is sold and we are not stuck with dead stock. This is how the system mostly works now."

3. Traditionally, Ilkal saris were made using natural indigo dyes. Then, in the 1970s, the synthetic German indigo replaced this vat dying process. Today, this has given way to naphtha based dyes. The famed and centuries old indigo dying is now on the verge of

extinction. As the new generation steps into more profitable avenues the skyline of Ilkal is fast changing too. “The most profitable business in the area now is granite,” states a weaver. With this stone being available in plenty here, a number of granite selling agencies and chimneys of granite processing units are proliferating all over. As more and more of town’s younger citizens step into newer ventures like that of selling stones, the loom may become a mere memory.

2.1 Complete the paragraph using one word only in each blank. 1x3=3

Ilkal, once a small town (a) _____ for its saris is fast changing into one known for granites. (b) _____ a sari takes almost a week and is tiresome work. The younger generation (c) _____ granite business to sari weaving.

Ans. a) known / famous / popular

b) weaving / completing / making

c) prefers

2.2 Complete the sentences given below: 1x5=5

(a) A weaver’s bedroom functions as _____.

(b) German Indigo has replaced _____.

(c) Weaving saris on a piecemeal basis ensures that _____.

(d) Availability of granite stone in plenty in the area has led to

(i) _____

(ii) _____

Ans. a) a store room for yarn / a domain of women folk (anyone)

b) natural indigo dyes / vat dying process (anyone)

c) The sari is sold / the weavers are not left with dead stock (anyone)

d) i & ii

- increase in the number of granite agencies /
- increase in the number of processing units/
- younger citizens joining the business

SECTION B (Writing) (30 Marks)

3. You are Rahul, Secretary of the Arts Club, Navodaya School, Nagpur. An interschool cultural competition is being conducted in your school on the 25th of November. Put up a notice informing House Captains and Badge Holders about a meeting to discuss the arrangements for the programme. Write the notice in not more than 50 words. 5 marks

Ans. Format:

- date of issue
- heading
- signatory
- designation

Content:

- cultural competition on 25th November
- meeting of house captains and badge holders
- date of meeting
- time of meeting
- venue of meeting
- discussion on arrangements for the programme

4. Your school has introduced Yoga classes recently. Write a postcard in not more than 50 words to your friend Kamal/Kamala, B-1 0, Shaheed Bhagat Singh Road, Patiala, informing him/her about how they have benefited you. You are Sumit / Suman. Copy the format of the postcard from the question paper. 5 marks



Ans. Format:

- date
- sender's place
- salutation & signatory
- name and address of the addressee

Content:

Suggested Value Points

- joined yoga classes $\frac{1}{2}$ mark
- benefits of yoga $2\frac{1}{2}$ mark
 - mental and physical health
 - improvement in concentration
 - discipline

(any other relevant point can be accepted)

5. You are Swathi, living at 10, Nana Saheb Road, Kanpur. You happened to see your neighbour's ten-year-old housemaid being ill-treated by the house owner. Write a letter to the editor of a national daily in about 150-175 words about prevalence of child labour in spite of the strict rules laid down by the government. Take ideas from the hints given below:

- Made to work for long hours

- **Ill-treated, paid very little.**
- **Law breakers to be punished 10 marks**

Ans. (Layout includes: sender's address, date, editor's address, subject, salutation, complimentary close and sender's name)

Note: Refer to the writing assessment scale

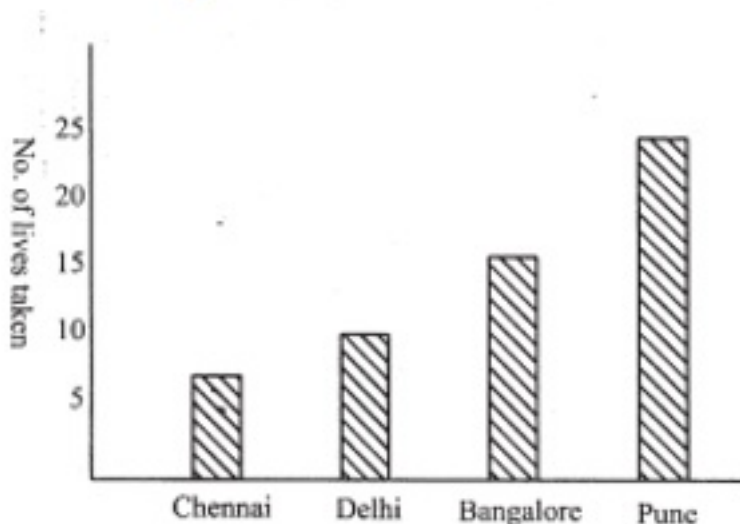
Suggested Value Points:

- account of what she has seen
- long hours of work
- ill treatment of children working as maids/ servants
- meagre salary
- stringent laws needed and to be implemented

(any other relevant point can be accepted)

6. You are Dr. Nishant / Nisha. You came across the following information about the outbreak of Swine flu and the number of lives taken by it. You decided to write an article for a leading daily about the precautions to be taken to prevent it from spreading. Write the article in 150-175 words using ideas from the unit on 'Health and Hygiene,' your own ideas, and the bar-graph given below. 10 marks

Spread of Swine flu in India



For the Blind

You are Dr. Nishant / Nisha. You came to know about the outbreak of Swine flu and the number of lives taken by it. You decided to write an article for a leading daily about the

precautions to be taken to prevent it from spreading. Write the article in 150-175 words taking ideas from the unit on ‘Health and Hygiene’ along with your own ideas. Some hints are given below:

- **Consult a doctor**
- **Wear masks**
- **Avoid going to a crowded place**
- **Take medicines and rest as advised**
- **Avoid contact with those who are infected**

Ans. Note: Refer to the writing assessment scale.

Suggested Value Points:

- analysis of the graph
- consulting the doctor
- preventive measures
 - wearing masks
 - avoiding crowded places
 - taking medicines
 - avoiding contact with the infected

(any other relevant point can be accepted)

FOR BLIND CANDIDATES:

Suggested Value Points:

- consulting the doctor
- preventive measures
 - wearing masks
 - avoiding crowded places
 - taking medicines
 - avoiding contact with the infected

(any other relevant point can be accepted)

SECTION C (Grammar) (20 Marks)

7. Look at the notes given below and complete the paragraph that follows. Do not add any new information. Write the answers in your answer sheet against the correct blank numbers. 1x4=4 marks

Cheetah - man's companion - surprising speed - effort - overheat - system - growl when angry - timid nature - Egyptian Pharaohs - worship as gods

Cheetahs are man's oldest companions. Their speed (a) _____. Their system gets (b) _____ with the effort and they need a long rest afterwards. Though they growl when angry (c) _____. They were (d) _____ Egyptian Pharaohs.

Ans. a) is surprising

b) overheated

c) they are timid by nature / they have a timid nature / they are timid

d) worshipped as gods by/ worshipped by

8. The following passage has not been edited. There is one error in each line. Write the incorrect word and the correction in your answer sheet against the correct blank number. The first one is done as an example. $\frac{1}{2} \times 8 = 4$ marks

Trying to achieving your goals without an	eg achieving achieve
action plan is like trying for drive-across	(a)
the country within a map. The wasted	(b)
time, energy or money will probably	(c)
make you give in travelling before you	(d)
go very far. Such goals is not goals at all.	(e)
They are merely fantasies. Success people	(f)
find out what it costs to make his dream	(g)
come true. They don't complain when the effort made.	(h)

Ans. (a) for - (a) to

(b) within - (b) without

(c) or - (c) and

(d) in - (d) up

(e) is - (e) are

(f) Success - (f) Successful

(g) his - (g) their

(h) when/made - (h) about / fails

9. Rearrange the following words and phrases to form meaningful sentences. The first one has been done as an example. Write the answers against the correct blank numbers in your answer sheet. 1x4=4 marks

Tend to / worry about / most of us / we take / the risks / in life

Most of us tend to worry about the risks we take in life.

(a) changes / the world / are / technological / sweeping /

(b) everyday living / timely / secure and / measures / happy / can make /

(c) occur / factors / misfortunes / due to / may / various /

(d) can minimize / risk management / the impact of / uncertain events / through / you

Ans. (a) Technological changes are sweeping the world

(b) Timely measures can make everyday living secure and happy.

(c) Misfortunes may occur due to various factors. Due to various factors misfortunes may occur.

(d) You can minimize the impact of uncertain events through risk management. / Through risk management you can minimize the impact of uncertain events.

10. Fill in each blank in the following passage with one word only. Write the correct

word in your answer sheet against the correct blank number. Do not copy the whole sentence. $\frac{1}{2} \times 8 = 4$ marks

The notion (a) _____ religious faith can prompt physical well-being is not new. Most of us have heard of cases (b) _____ which someone, seemingly by sheer faith and will, (c) _____ miraculously recovered (d) _____ a terminal illness or survived far longer (e) _____ doctors thought possible. What is new is that such rewards of religion (f) _____ becoming the stuff of science. One of the (g) _____ extensive reviews demonstrates that the connections between religion (h) _____ science can cut across cultural and geographical boundaries.

Ans. (a) that

(b) in

(c) has/had

(d) from

(e) than

(f) are

(g) most

(h) and

11. Read the conversation given below and complete the passage that follows. Write the answers against the correct blank numbers. Do not copy the whole sentences. $1 \times 4 = 4$ marks

Rejula: M'am, may I borrow a dictionary? I forgot to bring mine.

Teacher: How can you be forgetful? Didn't I remind you yesterday?

Rejula: Yes m'am, I am sorry, I will not repeat the mistake.

Teacher: Borrow it for today.

Rejula: Thank you, m'am.

Rejula requested the teacher (a) _____ since she (b) _____.

The teacher chided her for being forgetful and asked her (c) _____. When

Rejula promised not to repeat the mistake the teacher permitted her (d) _____.

Rejula was relieved and thanked the teacher.

Ans. (a) if/whether she could borrow a dictionary.

(b) had forgotten to bring hers.

(c) if/whether she had not reminded her the previous day/ the day before.

(d) to borrow it for that day

Section D (Literature) (30 Marks)

12. Read the extract given below and answer the questions that follow. Write the answers in your answer sheet in one or two lines only. Number the answers correctly. 3 marks

Now the nightingale, inspired,

Flushed with confidence, and fired

With both art and adoration,

Sang – and was a huge sensation.

(a) Name the poem and the poet. [1]

(b) Why did the nightingale flush with 'confidence'? [1]

(c) How did she become a sensation? [1]

Ans. (a) The Frog and the Nightingale

Vikram Seth

(b)

- gets flattered by the fact that a critic of such repute had commented on her performance
- the frog agreed to train her
- appreciation she received (anyone)

(c) animals from far and wide came to hear her song and appreciated her/ her song was in contrast to the crass cacophony of the frog (anyone)

13. Read the extract given below and answer the questions that follow. Write the answers in your answer sheet in one or two lines only. Number the answers correctly. 3 marks

But no sweet bird did follow,

Nor any day for food or play

Came to the mariners' hello!

And I had done a hellish thing,

And it would work' em woe:

(a) Who is the speaker? [1]

(b) What is the 'hellish thing' done? [1]

(c) Explain; "work' em woe."

Ans. (a) Ancient Mariner / old sailor

(b) killed the albatross / the bird

(c) killing of the albatross(bird) will bring them great unhappiness and sorrow

OR

She rewards me with tears and an agitation of hands.

I am important to her. She comes and goes.

Each morning it is her face that replaces the darkness.

(a) Why is the mirror important to “her”?

(b) Why does ‘she’ cry?

(c) What does “agitation of hands” mean?

Ans. (a) mirror shows reality / she goes to it to see her reflection regularly (anyone)

(b) upset to see her aging face / doesn't't accept reality (any one)

(c) lady upset / distressed / frustrated / unable to accept the harsh reality (any one)

14. Answer the following in 50-75 words. 4 marks

How does the poet employ the poetic device, ‘personification’ effectively in the poem, “Ode to the West Wind”?

OR

How does ‘Night of the Scorpion’ bring out a mother’s love for her children?

Ans. ODE TO THE WEST WIND

Value Points

- personification of West Wind as destroyer and preserver
- impact on land, sky and sea
- poet’s identification with the spirit of the West Wind (any two)

OR

NIGHT OF THE SCORPION

Value points

- stung by a scorpion
- experiences unbearable pain for twenty hours
- on recovery, thanked God scorpion picked on her and spared her children
- mother portrayed as an epitome of love, compassion and selflessness

(any two of the above mentioned value points)

15. Read the extract given below and answer the questions that follow in one or two lines only. 4 marks

“Let me see some tenderness connected with a death.”

(a) Why does the speaker desire to see a sight of tenderness? [2]

(b) How does the ghost fulfill his desire? [2]

Ans. (a)

- seeing his business associates refusing to attend his funeral unless free lunch provided
- disturbed on seeing his dead body lying unclaimed and not mourned
- thought of his unclaimed body will haunt him

(any two) 2 marks

(b)

- takes him to Bob Cratchit's house
- sight of family mourning Tiny Tim's death

16. Answer the following in 50-75 words. 4 marks

How does Brutus convince the Roman mob that he was justified in murdering Caesar?

OR

Compare and contrast the characters of Ebenezer Scrooge and his impoverished clerk, Bob Cratchit in the play, “A Christmas Caro.”

Ans. JULIUS CAESAR

Value Points:

- loved Rome more than Caesar
- stated that Caesar was ambitious

- asked them rhetorical questions (for e.g. Who would like to live as a slave?)
- evoked their pride at being Romans

OR

A CHRISTMAS CAROL

Value Points:

Ebenezer Scrooge

- doesn't believe in the spirit of Christmas
- a stingy miser
- selfish
- lonely
- rude
- no family ties

Bob Cratchit

- family man
- humble
- doesn't bear any ill will against his employer
- happy and content
- loyally
- has the Christmas spirit in his heart

(Any two points from both with examples)

17. Answer the following in 50-75 words. 4 marks

Describe the circumstances under which Ch-tsal was able to escape from earth.

OR

Why does Babuli compare himself to an innocent lamb in the lesson, "The Tribute"?

Ans. CUTIE PIE

Value Points:

- escaped from glass prison
- whiskers grew back due to conducive earth's atmosphere
- established/made contact with mother
- used his beams to neutralize the guns of hunters
- escaped in the spaceship

(Any two points to be elaborated)

OR

THE TRIBUTE

Value Points:

- meek, timid, submissive towards his wife's suggestions
- feels helpless, weak, pathetic
- his wife indifferent to his emotions and feelings
- references to butcher

(Any two points to be elaborated)

18. Answer the following in 150-175 words. 8 marks

You are Ali. Write a letter to your friend on your experiences at the post office where you go daily expecting a letter from your daughter.

OR

You are the grandmother in 'The Ultimate Safari.' Make a diary entry on your fears and anxieties concerning the future of your grandchildren.

Ans. THE LETTER

Suggested Value Points:

Writer- Ali

- no letter from daughter

- visiting post office everyday
- squatted on the verandah
- heard the voices of post office employees
- names called out, routine work
- employees made fun of him
- postmaster called him mad man / pest

OR

THE ULTIMATE SAFARI

Suggested Value Points:

Writer- Grandmother

- grandmother - only one left to look after children
- fears they would become like other children
- fears grandchildren might want to return
- anxious about their safe and secure future

Accept any other relevant value point