

CBSE Board
Class X Summative Assessment – II
English (Communicative)
Board Question Paper 2013 – Set 1 solution

SECTION A

Reading

1.1

- (a) The roads in Iceland were unpaved and washed out according to the author.
- (b) The narrator had seen her bring up six children and carry out physical labour in the farm he grew up in.
- (c) The training included back-to-back cycling for 160 kilometres every day.
- (d) The narrator's life was different from his mother's quiet existence.
- (e) Around the interest of the narrator's mother.
- (f) Revitalise the narrator's mother's life which according him was quiet and different from his. It would spice up her life and deliver her from her humdrum existence.
- (g) When she started riding 80–100 kilometres a day and proved to be as good as the narrator and his friend.

1.2

- (a) – Perceived
- (b) – Revitalise
- (c) – Retiring

2.

- (a) – iv
- (b) – i
- (c) – iii
- (d) – ii

3.

- (a) – iv
- (b) – ii
- (c) – iv
- (d) – ii
- (e) – i

Section B
Writing

4.

ABC senior secondary school

Notice

Grandparent's Day

4th September 2013

This is to bring to your notice that ABC Senior Secondary School will be celebrating 'Grandparents Day' next week on the 8th of September 2013. The school has decided to hold a small function in which students and their grandparents can participate. Students are expected to be present with their grandparents for the function.

Time: 4 pm

Venue: ABC Hall

Chief Guest: Dr Rege

For further information, please contact me on the following number.

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Samir

Headboy

5.

4th September 2013

Dear Mom,

I have received an urgent call from the passport office. The officer needs a few details from me for my passport renewal. I have an appointment with him at 6 and the meeting may go on for another hour. Don't worry if I come home late.

Mahesh

6. Biographical Sketch of Aruna Saxena

Aruna Saxena, the eminent environmentalist, was born in 1978. She pursued her masters in Environmental Science and was actively involved in the Green Revolution Movement. This gave her worldwide recognition and respect. She was bestowed the National Award for her efforts at creating environmental awareness. She published an anthology of her poems 'Singing Birds' which was well received by the readers. She also expresses herself through her paintings. In 2007, she was elected as the President of the Rotary Club in Marwar. Apart from this, she also held the post of the President of the Poetry club in 2009.

7.

Sanchita
Mall Road
Delhi
Dear Ankit,

I write this letter to fill you in about something exciting which has happened in my life. I was felicitated in my school for topping in three subjects: English, History and Mathematics.

The felicitation ceremony was held on the 1st of September and students from all grades attended it. The students were felicitated for excellence not only in academics but also in extracurricular activities. I felt a rush of excitement as my name was called by the principal, and I wished you were there to applaud for me as I collected my medals. The memory of the function is still etched deep in my mind. Your presence would have made it more special as you have always motivated me to work hard in these subjects.

Hope that you write to me soon. I really miss reading your well written letters.

Yours truly,
Sanchita

8. Tony and I stepped outside dragging our heavy luggage. Gopi had described the place as welcoming and bright, but this place was eerie looking. Out of the darkness appeared an old man with a leathery skin. He said, "I can help you with your luggage; you can pay me as much as you please." We allowed the man to haul our luggage outside the station. With careful steps, we kept following his tracks. The hooting of the owl made us stop in our tracks. Suddenly, the man vanished into thin air. We looked in all directions and then a low voice whispered in my ears "Turn around." When I did, I felt a pair of big hands strangling me. I yelled in fear and I suddenly woke up in a car. Gopi who was astonished said, "You look as if you saw a ghost!"

9. When I was a child, I remember being happy with a few TV shows and enough pocket money to buy a few chocolates a week. But these days, peer pressure and the need to keep up with the changing trends have caused the expenses of an average teenager to increase. We know we spend a lot of money in malls and at video game parlours. But there are no real returns to these pursuits; they in fact cost us our time and money. We should spend the money our parents give us wisely by either saving it for future use or investing in something that will prove to be beneficial in the long run. In fact, this will help us to be penny wise and to deal with our finances in a better manner one day when we start working.

Section C
Grammar

10.

- (a) – ii (used)
- (b) – i (far)
- (c) – ii (carrying)
- (d) – i (for)

11.

- (a) Get up from the couch to change the channel instead of using the remote
- (b) Walk up and down the stairs or around the room during commercial breaks
- (c) You can use a treadmill while you watch TV
- (d) Use a resistance band while watching television

12.

- (a) In – to
- (b) He – I
- (c) About – for
- (d) And – but

13.

- (a) is an underwater
- (b) Was created by
- (c) aimed at
- (d) To battle for

14.

- (a) she called her yesterday
- (b) she went to visit
- (c) wanted to tell her that the results were out
- (d) that she saw the news in the newspaper

Section D
Literature

15.

(A)

- (a) – ii
- (b) – ii
- (c) – iv

(B)

- (a) Michael thought the boy Sebastian Shultz was a part of the game.
- (b) Sebastian Shultz is called the boy of the game because that is where Michael met him.
- (c) Michael had seen an article titled 'Miracle Recovery' which spoke about Sebastian Shultz's recovery from coma.

(C)

- (a) Decius went to Caesar's palace in order to take him to the senate-house.
- (b) Caesar told Decius to inform the members that he would not be attending the senate that day.
- (c) 'Graybeards' refer to the senior most members of the senate.

16.

- (a) Michael's father was a computer enthusiast. He would buy the latest gadgets to be up to date with the latest technology. His father had recently bought a new computer with advanced features. Michael also shared this fascination for games and gizmos with his father. Being such enthusiasts, they visited the computer fair.
- (b) Lavinia feels that the Ouija board would help her husband write historical books without the hassle of going through thick history books for reference. He could simply summon the spirits of Helen of Troy, Napoleon or William the Conqueror and extract information from them.
- (c) The calm sea turned 'tyrannous' and 'wild' after a storm. The stormy winds pushed the ship southwards leading them to the land of ice and snow.
- (d) Brutus states that Caesar's slaying was done keeping the interests of the subjects in mind. He asserts that his love for Rome was far greater than his love for Caesar. He would rather see his countrymen free than see Caesar alive. According to Brutus, Caesar was blinded by his ambition and this put Rome in harm's way. Therefore, he had to be stopped at any cost.

17.

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Dear Sujata,

It's been ages since I've heard from you. Yesterday, while reading a story written by Satyajit Ray titled 'Patol Babu, Film Star', I thought of you and how much you and I would have enjoyed discussing it. That prompted me to write this letter to you.

In the story, the titular character is a minor actor and his mentor offers him a valuable piece of advice: There is no humiliation in playing a minor role. It struck a chord in my heart; it meant that no opportunity is worth turning away from no matter how insignificant it may seem. I have always advised you about the same virtue. Remember how I reprimanded you about turning down the seat at VJTI? I hope that you learnt something significant through that episode. Remember, opportunities don't always come knocking on our doors. Be sure to make the most of your life. What are your thoughts? Do write to me.

Yours truly,
Akshaya

18.

Dear Diary,

Today, I had an unusual experience. While my two friends and I were on our way to attend my cousin's wedding reception, a rather strange looking man intercepted us. Despite our protests, he insisted on narrating to us his tale of resentment. He looked unnaturally old with skinny tanned limbs and glittering eyes and the tale he narrated to us seemed too surreal to be true. He said he used to be a mariner who shot an innocent albatross who was guiding their ship out of the perilous ice. This ungrateful act enraged a powerful spirit who used to love the albatross. His actions resulted in the death of his crewmates. He feels a great deal of agony which is relieved only when he narrates the tale to somebody. After my encounter with him, I have learnt a valuable lesson: Never hurt the hand which helps you.

OR

Lavinia got a Ouija board for her husband thinking her husband John Hallock's interactions with ghosts will actually help him get creative ideas for his stories. The ghosts he thus summoned provided him with creative inputs for his story but they also wrecked his marital life. He is beleaguered by the ghost of Helen who kept asking him to quit using the Ouija board. His wife over hears him talking to the ghost of Helen one day. Mistaking her for another lady, Lavinia believed that her husband was unfaithful to her.