

**CBSE Board**  
**Class X Summative Assessment – II**  
**English (Communicative)**  
**Board Question Paper 2012 – Set 1 Solution**

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**SECTION A – (Reading)**

1. (a) – i  
(b) – ii  
(c) – iii  
(d) – iv  
(e) – ii
2. (a) – ii  
(b) – ii  
(c) – i  
(d) – iv  
(e) – i
3. (a) The first eight lines of the poem describe the ‘cargo of children’ enjoying themselves and crowning the elephant with may. Therefore, it means that the children are riding the elephant.  
(b) The elephant can tease its keeper by twirling him over the trees.  
(c) The elephant has learned to be kind over the years, and this kindness enables him to be with the children.  
(d) The poet praises the strengths of the elephant. He lists various things that the elephant can do such as pulling out an oak tree just by sweeping its nose, destroying a house or even picking up a pin.  
(e) The poet says that the elephant’s legs are leathery and his toes are padded.
4. (a) The bark and leaves of the neem tree can be used in controlling infections, sterilising or deworming and in disinfecting and healing wounds. Extracts from the neem tree can also be used to eliminate itchy allergic rashes.  
(b) The paste of neem seeds is useful in removing dandruff boils and in the prevention of hair loss.  
(c) Neem leaves are great preservatives. They can be used to preserve grains and pulses.  
(d) The neem is given special importance on New Year's Day and regarded as a symbol of good health and longevity.  
(e) The word 'tolerable' used in the passage is the adjectival form of 'tolerate.'

## **SECTION B – (Writing)**

### **5. Teacher's Day Celebration**

The Teacher's Day programme of this year was different and special at the same time. In addition to the songs and dances performed by students, there were skits based on the lives of many famous people such as Dr Radhakrishnan, Rabindranath Tagore and Savitribai Phule. As an initiative, the students of the school with the help of their parents collected money which will be used for the benefit of old teachers of the school. There were also games and activities organised for the teachers. The programme ended with lunch for the faculty.

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To  
The Editor  
The Times of India  
Times House  
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Subject: The season of potholes

Dear Sir,

The pathetic condition of the roads has worsened with the onset of monsoons this year. The common man's struggle with these roads has become a regular affair every monsoon. Despite repeated requests and complaints to the concerned authorities, repair work has never been taken seriously. The potholes often cause traffic jams and accidents. This is very stressful and life threatening.

I strongly recommend that the municipal authorities start repair work immediately. In fact, an annual pre-monsoon check and repair will help a great deal. It is disappointing that the funds allocated for infrastructure development are not appropriately used. Building expressways is of course important. However, it is also essential to undertake regular maintenance work of the existing roadways so that citizens are not inconvenienced.

Thanking you,

Yours truly,  
Ram/Raman

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### Global Warming - A Concern for All

A recent visit to the Arctic region brought me face to face with the problem of global warming. It made me realise how massive the change is and how grave its consequences will be for all.

The ice caps at the Polar Regions are melting rapidly due to deforestation and the increasing levels of carbon dioxide in the atmosphere. If steps are not taken to address the issue, the water levels would soon rise submerging all the land masses. The ozone hole is another worrisome consequence of Global Warming. These holes are simply breaches in the protective cover of our planet. These holes let the harmful UV rays reach us unfiltered. The rays in turn cause health hazards which are very difficult to treat.

Therefore, we need to be aware of the effect our actions can have on our environment and on our health. Let us pledge to take steps to prevent any further damage to our planet.

### SECTION C – (Grammar)

8. (a) – iv

(b) – iii

(c) – iv

(d) – i

(e) – iv

(f) – i

(g) – ii

(h) – iii

9. (a) – i

(b) – ii

(c) – i

(d) – iv

10.(a) An orator can perform great miracles.

(b) It is a powerful weapon in the hands of politicians.

(c) An orator can persuade large gatherings to his way of thinking.

(d) A good speaker has the ability to speak forcefully and convincingly.

11.

One day as the girl was played in the courtyard, the ball bounced very high that it flew through the neighbour's window. Unfortunately, a ball fell on a crystal vase right over the window sill and shattered it from pieces. An old lady stormed out and complaining so long and loud that the other neighbours began to come from of their houses and the little girl was so frightened that she hidden in a nearby shed. Only then the old man came out did the lady shut up.

***Incorrect***

***Correct***

played

playing

(a) very

so

(b) a

the

(c) over

below

(d) from

to

(e) complaining

complained

(f) from

out

(g) hidden

hid

(h) then

when

12. The interviewer asked the candidate (a) what his qualifications were. The candidate replied that (b) he has done hotel management from the National Institute of Hotel Management. To the interviewer's enquiry as to whether he had any experience the candidate said that (c) he has worked in a hotel reception for a year. The interviewer then wanted to know whether he could speak any foreign language, and the candidate informed him that (d) he could speak English fluently apart from knowing French and German.

### SECTION D - (Literature)

13. (A)

(a) - iii

(b) - ii

(c) - ii

OR

(a) - i

(b) - iv

(c) - ii

13. (B)

(a) The ghost Helen is the speaker and she addresses John Hallock, the author of the story.

(b) The speaker's complaint is that there are countless people calling them to ask questions by using the Ouija board.

(c) An Ouija board is a board with numbers and letters written on it and it is used to invoke ghosts and to communicate with them.

14. (a) The first game played by Michael was Wildwest. While playing the game, he suddenly realised that he had become a character in the game. He was a sheriff with a badge. He also fought the Black Eyed Jed with the help of a second sheriff.
- (b) The statue of Ozymandias was vast but ruined over time. Only its giant legs stood upright. They were in the middle of a barren desert. The face of Ozymandias was lying at the side, half sunk in sand. It had a frowning and sneering expression. On the pedestal below the statue were the words 'Ozymandias, King of Kings'.
- (c) Anthony, though devastated by Caesar's death, made a plea to the conspirators to spare his own life. In return, he vowed his allegiance to them. Moved by the bloodied corpse of Caesar, Anthony urged the conspirators to strike him down as he stood next to Caesar's body. There was no greater glory for Anthony than to die next to him. Brutus replied by saying that the conspirators wished him no harm and that they wished to offer him their rapport.
- (d) The mariners or sailors were initially angry at the mariner when he shot the albatross for it had made the breeze blow. When sunlight appeared, they concurred that the mariner was right in shooting the bird since it brought the mist with it. Their ordeal started later as they lay stranded in the big ocean with no water to drink. They realised that the mariner's action had infuriated an oceanic spirit. As a reminder of his deed, the sailors made the mariner wear the corpse of the bird around his neck.
- (e) The sentence "We're going on strike!" was said by Helen's ghost to John Hallock. She told him that all the ghosts were going on strike because they were constantly troubled by people who called them using the Ouija boards.
15. Mark Anthony began his speech by calling Brutus an honourable man. He did this because he knew that the people were swooned by Brutus' words and would not believe anyone who spoke against him. Gradually through his speech, he changed the minds of the crowd. He showed them Caesar's will and explained it to the crowd. In this way, he was able to set afoot the mischief planned by the conspirators. Through his efforts, the crowd realised their mistakes and burned down the houses of the conspirators and also killed some of them.

**OR**

Patol Babu had worked very hard for the small role he was given in a Barren Mullick film. Patol Babu articulated the monosyllabic "Oh!" in his own way by giving it shades of emotion. He was praised by all for his superb performance. Having got what he longed for, Patol Babu left without collecting his payment. Initially, he had accepted the role because he was hard pressed for money, but he seemed to have forgotten his original intent. It was odd that someone who had worked so diligently to leave without accepting the fruits of his hard work. This made Patol Babu 'a strange fellow' according to the others.