

Sample Paper – 2008

Class – X

Subject - English

English COMMUNICATIVE CLASS-X

INSTRUCTIONS:

1. Attempt all questions.
2. Do not write anything in the question paper.
3. All the answers must be correctly numbered as in the question paper and written in the answer sheet provided to you.
4. Ensure that questions for each Section are answered together.
5. Read each question carefully and follow the instructions.
6. Strictly adhere to the word limit given with each question. Marks will be deducted for exceeding the word limit.

SECTION A – READING

1 Read the following passage carefully and answer the questions that follow: (10 marks)

FACING OLD AGE WITH ZEST

1. The phenomenon of ageing has been with us. Anything that is born must disappear. We cannot avoid old age, but how to face it and add zest to life in the remaining years of our living on this earth?
2. Ageing should bring control over three human passions- lust, anger and greed. Controlling these forces changes the mode of our living and our thinking.
3. There are two factors which are responsible for our well being. First, keeping ourselves fully occupied both mentally and physically, with something we like. The second is directing ourselves towards spirituality. Spiritual learning makes us calmer and gives inner peace.
4. Meditation, reading books and keeping company with spiritually-enlightened people keep us mentally occupied and bring tranquility. A life full of contentment at this stage particularly would make the remaining years of our life happier.
5. We understood the meaning of renunciation, wrongly perhaps. Running away from the world and its material attractions is not the path being professed. The stage of life that we are at, is one in which we must not ignore the spark that guides us to the correct path. We are not the external body alone, but the soul within also. According to our scriptures, God resides in every soul.
6. There are three weapons, which God has given us for our happiness – awareness, wisdom and goodness.
Awareness refers to knowing one's real self. It means to be aware of our real personality. Wisdom is our second weapon. Most of us lead this life without being aware of our aim,

goal and priorities and each one's inherent capacities. A person of wisdom will succeed by disciplining his life, fixing the priorities and reorganizing his reactions, emotions and thoughts. Wisdom lies in knowing our goal in life. Goodness is in fact the core of all philosophies. It is the sheet anchor of the teaching of various religions. What are the Ten Commandments? What is compassion taught by Buddha? What is Ahimsa taught by Saint Mahavir? The Gita repeats, again and again, that unless we enhance our content of nobility and purity, the goal of self realisation will remain beyond reach.

7. Goodness and humility go hand-in-hand and complement each other. One has to replace selfishness with selflessness and bring one's ego under control

8. To practice compassion you have to have all the qualities of goodness – truth, love, purity and humility.

9. The Dalai Lama has repeatedly brought out in his discourses that love and anger cannot be generated exactly at the same time in the same person. Once you become accustomed to one class of attitudes, the other side automatically will diminish.

10. He said: "Ignorance, anger, attachment and pride are your ultimate enemies. They are not outside but within you and must be fought with the weapons of wisdom and concentration. Have a good heart, a good mind and warm feelings?" This will lead us to live a beautiful life.

1.1 On the basis of your reading the passage complete the notes. Write your answers in your answer sheet against the correct blank number.

(4marks)

a) To add zest to old age one should control three human passions:

i) _____ ii) _____ and lust.

b) One should keep oneself occupied i) _____ and mentally.

c) One should be spiritually inclined through i) _____ ii) _____ and reading books.

d) Three weapons God has given us for happiness are

i) _____ ii) _____ and awareness.

e) One should follow: i) _____

1.2 On the basis of your reading, complete the following sentences briefly. Write your answers in your answer sheet against the correct blank number.

(4x1/2 = 2marks)

a) Wisdom lies in _____

b) We cannot achieve self-realisation unless _____

c) Truth, love, purity and humility are essential to practise _____

According

d) to Dalai Lama our four ultimate enemies are _____

1.3 Find words/phrases in the passage that have the same meaning as the following. Write your answers in your answer sheets against the correct blank number.

(4marks)

- a) enjoyment (para 1)
- b) giving up (para 5)
- c) asserted; stated (para5)
- d) precedence (para 7)

A2. Read the following passage carefully. (12 marks)

1. The newspapers have taken the place of the *Gita*, the *Bible* and the Quran with the people. For them, the printed sheet is gospel truth. The fact throws a great responsibility on the editors and newswriters.
2. Newspapers are a powerful influence. It is the duty of the editors to see that no false report or report likely to excite the public is published in their newspapers. The editors and their assistants have to be extra careful about the news they give and the manner in which they dress it. In a state of independence, it is practically impossible for Governments to control the Press. It is the duty of the public to keep a strict watch on the newspapers and keep them on the right path. An enlightened public would refuse to patronize inflammatory or indecent newspapers.
3. Newspapers which indulge in untruth or exaggeration harm the cause they profess to espouse. I admit that there is enough untruth in enough newspapers to warrant action. But my experience is that no amount of public criticism will affect the policy of newspapers which make their livelihood by such policy But I write this in no way to condone untruths in newspapers. I am quite clear that if newspapers weighed every word that is printed therein, we should have a speedier removal of abuses whether in the States or elsewhere.
4. The superficiality, the one-sidedness, the inaccuracy and often even dishonesty that have crept into modern journalism, continuously mislead honest men who want to see nothing but justice done.
5. The sole aim of journalism should be service. The newspaper press is a great power, but just as an unchained torrent of water submerges whole countrysides and devastates crops, even so an uncontrolled pen serves but to destroy. If the control is from without, it proves more poisonous than want of control. It can be profitable only when exercised from within. If this line of reasoning is correct, how many of the journals in the world would stand the test? But who would stop those that are useless? And who should be the judge? The useful and the useless must, like good and evil, go on together, and man must make his choice.

A2.1 On the basis of your reading of the passage complete the following sentences. Write the answers in your answer sheet against the correct blank numbers. (1 x 6 = 6 marks)

- (a) It is the duty of the editor to see that
- (b) As it is practically impossible for the Governments to control the press,
- (c) Newspapers which indulge in untruth or exaggeration need to be rejected by the people because

- (d) The modern journalism suffers from which mislead honest men.
(e) The sole aim of journalism should be because it
(f) As the useful and the useless must, like good and evil go on together, man

A2.2 On the basis of your reading of the passage answer the questions given below in one or two lines only. (1½x2=3 marks)

- (a) What is the duty of the enlightened public with respect to the newspapers?
(b) If newspapers weighed every word that is printed therein, we should have a speedier removal of abuses whether in the States or elsewhere. Why?

A2.3 Find words / phrases from the passage which mean the same as the following from the paragraphs indicated. (1 x 3 = 3 marks)

- (a) intending to cause very strong feeling (para 2)
(b) not studying or looking at something thoroughly (para 4)
(c) to go under the surface of water (para 5)

SECTION B (WRITING)

B1. Anupam Singh is on his way to Hisar to join his university after the summer vacation. At Rohtak, just before he is to catch another bus, he remembers that he has forgotten his notes and newly bought watch, both placed in his almirah. He decides to write a post card at home to give his notes and watch to Anil, his junior, who is to come to Hisar the next day. Write the postcard to his mother, in not more than 50 words.

(5 marks)

B2. Read the following telephone conversation which took place between Kamal and Sumit. Sumit's father is not at home and he is to hurry to school. Sumit, therefore, leaves a message for his father. Write the message in not more than 50 words.

(5 marks)

Kamal: Hello Sumit. Is uncle at home?

Sumit: I'm sorry, he's out at the moment. What can I do for you?

Kamal: Well, my daddy was to come to see uncle today at home at 6pm.

But guests are due and

he won't be able to do so

Sumit: Yes.....

Kamal: He will come to see uncle day after tomorrow at about 6:30 pm.

Kindly tell uncle about it

Sumit: Don't worry. I am in a bit of hurry. I will leave a message for papa.

Bye

Kamal: Bye.

B3. You happened to overhear the following dialogue:

Sumesh : School is so boring now-a-days.
 Ramesh : We are treated as machines and fed on mere facts.
 Sumesh : I hope the classes were more interesting.

Write a letter to the District Education Officer suggesting how the educational curriculum could be made more flexible and relevant to the changing economy and environment. Use ideas from the unit on 'Education' along with your ideas. Your answer should be in about 150 words . **(10 marks)**

B4. Nitin of 8, Napier Town, Jabalpur is not happy with the sanitary conditions of his locality. He decides to write a letter to the Local Sanitary Inspector of the town to look into the sorry state of affairs.. **(10 Marks)**

SECTION C GRAMMAR

C1. Look at the words and phrases below. Rearrange them to form meaningful sentences. **(8 marks)**

- a) hardly / koalas are / ever drink / animals that / water /
- b) water supply / they get / they eat / from / all their / the leaves /
- c) inhabited / tree leaves / so, / by koalas / in areas / of / is high / demand /
- d) one group / it takes / to support / several acres / of koalas / of trees /
- e) can eat / everyday / each / one and a half kilograms / adult koala / up to / of leaves
- f) the doctor / to go to / I had
- g) by stepping / I slipped / to the bus-stop / on a banana peel / the house / coming from / while
- h) On the knee / by the doctor / a / which I have /

C2. In the paragraph given below, one word has been omitted in each line. Write the missing word along with the word that comes before and the word that comes after it in your answer sheet against the correct blank number. Make sure that the word that forms your answer is underlined. **(4marks)**

The television has always very controversial.
 While the positive aspects the electronic
 media innumerable, their negative

e.g. always been very

a) _____

b) _____

impact children cannot be denied.
 For new piece of information that
 a child learns the Discovery or National
 Geographic channel, are also

c) _____

d) _____

e) _____

f) _____

unrealistic stunt shows parents dislike.
Computers and TV have students to lose interest
in studies

g) _____
h) _____

C3. Complete the following paragraph by filling in the blanks with one suitable word
(4 marks)

Perhaps the most important aspect of a villager's education is (a)
knowledge of (b) to handle and understand money. The villager, (c) we
have seen is accustomed to exchange of goods and services rather (d) to selling
and buying. He is used (e) acquiring and spending cash once a year, he spends
large amounts at weddings, religious rites, ceremonies. This kind of spending (f)
does not give him (g) long-term benefits is considered mandatory, and he (h)
..... unthinkably get into debt on such occasions.

C4.. Complete the following newspaper items:
(1 x 4 =4 marks)

a) OLD COINS FOUND According to Archeological Survey of India, some (a)
.....
while digging an ancient mound near Mungeh.

b) SPECIAL TASK FORCE TO BEGIN PROBE KIDNAP
Special Task Force sleuths arrived here today where (b)
..... of the son of a former Union Minister.

c) IDOLS IMM ERSED IN RIVER
The ten day Dusserrah festival comes to an end today with----- in
the Ganga.

d) MAID WINS MARUTI AS PRIZE
The fortune of a house maid today changed when----- in the local
mela raffle

SECTION D LITERATURE

D-1. Read the extract and answer the questions given below: (7 marks)

May the sins of your previous birth

Be burned away tonight, they said

May your suffering decrease

The misfortunes of your next birth, they said

May the sum of evil

Balanced in this unreal world
Against the sum of good

- (a) What do the peasants pray?
- (b) How do they comfort the mother?
- (c) Name the poem and the poet?

D2. Give a brief character sketch of the ancient mariner? (5 Marks)

D3. Read the extracts given below and answer the questions that follow (5 marks)

When beggars die, there are no comets seen;
The heavens themselves blaze forth the death of prince

- a) Who speaks these lines and to whom?
- b) What is the occasion?
- c) What is the speaker's fear?
- d) How does the speaker differentiate between the death of a prince and that of a beggar?

D4. Who were the scientist jailors? What harm or good did they do to cutie pie? How can you say that? (5 marks)

D5. As he waits endlessly for news of his daughter and knows that his end is approaching near, Ali reflects on his journey of life and his apprehensions. Describe Ali's feelings in about 150 words. (8 marks)

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Class – X
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SECTION - A (READING)

A1. Read the following passage carefully. (12 marks)

If we would see our dream of **Panchayat Raj**, i.e., true democracy realized, we would regard the humblest and lowest Indian as being the ruler of India with the tallest in the land. This presupposes that all are pure, or will become pure if they are not. And purity must go hand-in-hand with wisdom. No one would then harbour any distinction between community and community, caste and out-caste. Everybody would regard all as equal with oneself and hold them together in the silken net of love. No one would regard another as untouchable. We would hold as equal the toiling labourer and the rich capitalist. Everybody would know how to earn an honest living by the sweat of one's brow, and make no distinction between intellectual and physical labour. To hasten this consummation, we would voluntarily turn ourselves into scavengers. No one who has wisdom will ever touch opium, liquor or any intoxicants. Everybody would observe **Swadeshi** as the rule of life and regard every woman, not being his wife, as his mother, sister or daughter according to her age, never lust after her in his heart. He would be ready to lay down his life when occasion demands it, never want to take another's life. If he is a Sikh in terms of the commandment of the Gurus, he would have the heroic courage to stand single-handed and alone-without yielding an inch of ground-against the "one lakh and a quarter" enjoined by them. Needless to say, such a son of India will not want to be told what his duty in the present hour is.

A1.1 On the basis of your reading of the above passage, complete the following sentences. Write the answers in your answer sheet against the correct blank numbers. (1 x 3 = 3 marks)

- (a) **Panchayat Raj** is true democracy because
(b) When purity goes hand-in-hand with wisdom there will not be any
(c) A man of wisdom will never usein democracy.

A1.2 On the basis of your reading of the passage write two advantages of true democracy. (1 x 2= 2 marks)

A1.3 On the basis of your reading of the passage answer the following questions: (2 x 2½ = 5 marks)

- (a) The **Panchayat Raj** will eradicate untouchability. How?
(b) How will **Swadeshi** promote patriotism and a sense of national pride?

A1.4 Find words / phrases from the passage which mean the same as the following from the paragraphs indicated. (1 X 2 = 2 marks)

- (a) The act of making something complete or perfect.
(b) Without being forced.

A2. Read the following poem carefully. (8 marks)

ODE ON SOLITUDE

Happy the man, whose wish and care
A few paternal acres bound,

Content to breathe his native air,
In his own ground.

Whose herds with milk, whose fields with bread,
Whose flocks supply him with attire,
Whose trees in summer yield him shade,
In winter fire.

Blest, who can unconcern'dly find
Hours, days, and years slide soft away,
In health of body, peace of mind,
Quiet by day.

Sound sleep by night; study and ease;
Together mixt ; sweet recreation:
And innocence, which most does please
With meditation.

Thus let me live, unseen, unknown,
Thus unlamented let me die,
Steal from the world, and not a stone
Tell where I lie.

A2.1 Below is the summary of the poem. Complete it by writing the missing word I phrase against the correct blank number in your answer sheet. ($\frac{1}{2} \times 10 = 5$ marks)

The poet's (a)is to live in his (b) place cultivating his (c)and tending his (d) He hopes to spend his days (e)and quietly mixing (f)with relaxation. After death he doesn't want to be (g)He hopes to leave the (h) ...stealthily with not even a (i) marking the place of his (j)

A2.2 The poet uses certain expressions in the poem to suggest something to the reader. There are some suggestions given below. Choose one suggestion that best fits each of the expressions in the table, and write the answer against the correct blank number in your answer sheet . ($\frac{1}{2} \times 6 = 3$ marks)

Expressions form teh poem	What they mean
1. Wish and care	(a)
2. Paternal acres	(b)
3. Slide soft away	(c)
4. Steal from the world	(d)
5. Not a stone	(e)
6. Unlamented	(f)

die

memorial

land inherited

pass by

hope

without being mourned

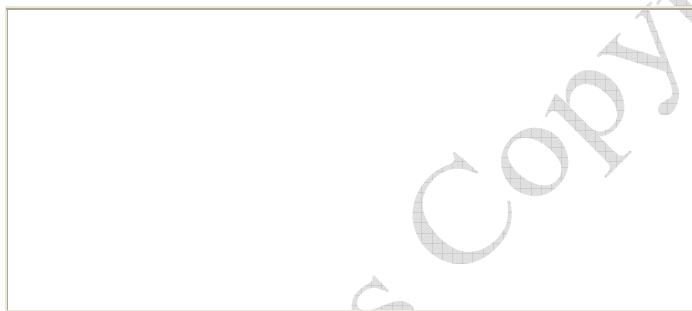
steal from someone

carry a stone

not mourned over death

SECTION B (WRITING)

B1. You are Akash. During your holidays you went to Lucknow to visit your cousin. You took part in a hiking expedition, to Nainital, with your cousin and his friends. Write a post-card to your friend Gaurav, B-21, Pandav Nagar, Delhi, about your expedition, in not more than 50 words. Copy the format of the post-card from the question paper in your answer sheet. **(5 marks)**



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B2. Read the information on communal weavers and complete the paragraph below. Write the answers in your answer sheet against the correct blank numbers. (1 x 5 = 5 marks)

communal weavers - build large nests - like a city apartment block - each apartment - upto 100 nest holes - rainy season - nests wet and soggy - collapse under weight.

The largest nests built by birds are those (a)Unlike, most other birds, they (b)Each block may (c)In the rainy season (d)and they are in danger (e)

B3. Philip is a class X student. He happened to read the following newspaper article. He decided to write a letter to the editor of 'The Indian Times' giving his strong views on the health hazards caused by pesticides. Using ideas from the unit on 'Health and Hygiene', together with your own ideas, write the letter in not more than 150 words. **(10 marks)**

THERE IS POISON IN YOU

It's there in your water, milk, fruits, vegetables, eggs, meat, flour and now soft drinks. For sometime now evidence about the harmful effect of pesticides has been mounting. From brainless babies in one part of the country and cancer cases in the other part, it's been an unending saga of death and misery.

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B4. Sheshadri is a boy who has survived more than 25 major accidents; it makes you wonder about the cause of accidents in the Indian cities. You decide to write an article for the school magazine titled 'Driving India Crazy'. Taking ideas from the data below and your own ideas write the article in about 150-200 words. **(10 marks)**

Number of persons killed in cities.

Ahmedabad	223
Bangalore	659
Chennai	692
Delhi	1,989
Kochi	148
Mumbai	449

"Admittedly, there is not a bone in his body that was not broken at some point or the other". This report on Sheshadri, who has survived more than 25 major accidents makes you wonder about the cause of accidents in the Indian cities.

Write an article titled 'Driving India Crazy' for the school magazine

For Blind Candidates Only

"All work and no play makes Jack a dull boy." Write a speech on the relevance of this saying in the present day educational system in not more than 200 words. (10 marks)

SECTION C (GRAMMAR)

C1 Look at the notes below. Then use the information to complete the paragraph by writing a suitable word or phrase in each space. Do not add any new information. The first one has been done for you as an example. Write your answers in your answer sheet against the correct blank number. (1x5 =5 marks)

Galapagos Island

Visitors to these pacific Island --- leave unstamped ---- main them ---- return home --- picture post ---show up ----since 1960s --- tradition persisted ---post office --- establish ---1950s ---barrel ----replaced ----many --- weather worn ---- plaques remain.

Tradition has it that visitors to these Pacific Islands leave unstamped addressed post-cards and letters in a barrel at Post Office Bay, to await pick up by other tourists who affix postage and (a) when they return home. Picture post cards (b) in the barrel since the late 1960s, when tourists began visiting the Galapagos Islands. The self-perpetuating post office (c)..... by whalers in the late 1790s as a way to get news to and from friends and family. The tradition persisted even after a post office (d) on the island of Floreana in the 1950s. The barrel (e) many times, but weather worn plaques, where sailors long ago and from far away carved their names, remain.

C2. Read the following passage and fill in the blanks with one word only. Write the answers in your answer sheet against the correct blank numbers. (½ x 8=4 marks)

If the modern man wants tips (a)good child care, he could (b)at a couple of frogs in Papua New Guinea . (c)remarkable behaviour of two species, (d)which males (e) ...only bear sole responsibility for looking (f)their offspring but (g)take the entire family for piggy-back rides (h)the forest, came to light recently.

C3. Look at the words and phrases below. Rearrange them to form meaningful sentences. The first one has been done as an example.

Write the correct sentences in your answer sheet against the correct blank numbers. (½ x 6 =3 marks)

depicted / architecture of / has been / the veena / about 500 A.D. / in temple *The veena has been depicted in temple architecture of about 500 A.D.*

(a) no takers / sadly / instruments / but / of all / this mother / has / Today

(b) to whom / there are / student / turn to / few / can / exponents / the rare

(c) subject in / it is / a subsidiary / not even / university curricula

(d) it is / so! the instrument / we have / even before / buried / born

(e) hill-station! / / with / to the beautiful / am going / my parents / of Manali.

(f) aren't you / you disheartened / going anywhere / are / why /

C4. Look at the newspaper items below. Then use the information in the headlines to complete the paragraphs. Write the answers in your answer sheet against the correct blank numbers. Do not copy the whole sentence. ($\frac{1}{2} \times 6 = 3$ marks)

1. RAIN DISEASES KILL OVER TWO DOZEN

Kathmandu : About (a) in the remote villages of north-western Kalikot district (b)

2. LARGEST DISCOVERY OF DINOSAUR EGGS

Lerida : More than 100 eggs (c)in north-eastern Spain , reportedly the (d) in Europe .

3. RELIGIOUS SCHOOL REFORMS SEEN DOOMED

Islamabad : A half-hearted attempt by Pakistan 's military ruler to (e), despite warnings that they are breeding grounds for Islamic militancy, (f)

C5. Read the following conversation and complete the paragraph by writing suitable words and phrases in each space. Write the answers in your answer sheet against the correct blank numbers (5 marks)

Captain : Do you know how to play cricket?

Nitesh : Never had a chance to learn it.

Captain : In this school every student has to learn it.

Nitesh : Give me a chance and I shall learn it.

Captain : I am sure you will, Nitesh

The captain asked Nitesh (a)Nitesh replied (b)The captain then told Nitesh (c) Nitesh requested the captain (d)The captain said (e)

SECTION D (LITERATURE)

D1. Read the extract given below and answer the following questions. Write the answers in your answer sheet in *one or two lines* only. Remember to number the answers correctly. (4 marks)

'Nor dim nor red, like God's own head,
The glorious sun uprist;
Then all averred, I had killed the bird
That brought the fog and mist.
'Twas right, said they, such birds to slay,
That bring the fog and mist.'

(a) Why is the sun described as glorious?

(b) How do the sailors contradict themselves?

(c) Which is the bird referred to here?

D2. Read the extract given below and answer the following questions. Write the answers in your answer sheet in *one or two lines* only. Remember to number the answers correctly. (4 marks)

"Without proper training such as I

- And few others - can supply,

You'll remain a mere beginner

But with me you'll be a winner."

(a) Who is the speaker? What trait of the speaker is brought about in these lines? (2)

(b) What was the reaction of the listener? How did it affect her fate? (2)

D3. What impression do you form of the poet's father from the poem 'Night of the Scorpion'. Your answer should not exceed 100 words. (5 marks)

D4. Read the extract given below and answer the following questions. Write the answers in your answer sheet. Remember to number the answers correctly. (5 marks)

"Let me see some tenderness connected with death."

(a) Who is the speaker? Why did he make this comment? (1)

(b) How did the ghost oblige him? (2)

(c) What realization dawned on 'him' after the visit of the third ghost? (2)

D5. Give two incidents from the lesson 'The Cutie Pie' to show that he always logs for his mother. Your answer should not exceed 75 words. (4 marks)

D6. You are one of the refugees who crossed the Kruger Park . You appreciate the efforts taken by the grandmother to take care of her family. Write a letter to your friend describing the traits of the grandmother in about 150-175 words. (8 marks)



Guess Paper – 2008
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Time: 3 hrs
100

Max. Marks:

General Instructions:

- a. This paper consists of four sections:

Section A	Reading	20
Section B	Writing	30
Section C	Grammar	20
Section D	Text Books	30
- b. All questions are compulsory.
- c. Marks are indicated against each question.

SECTION A- READING
20 MARKS

Read the passage given below and answer the questions that follow

(8) **A2.** Read the following passage carefully. **(12 marks)**

1. Summer vacation offers families dilemmas and opportunities. For too many kids it becomes a period of intellectual passivity and stalled personal growth. For others—and their parents—it's a time of overload and frantic scheduling.
2. "Summer is a great time for parents to build relationship with their children," says a renowned child psychologist. And it's an opportunity both for the kids to learn and for the family to grow together. To make this a reality, educators and psychologists point to several simple strategies that parents can start planning before summer gets under way.
3. "Summer's a perfect time for kids to take skills they've learnt in a class-room and use them in new ways," notes a well known educator. Comparing prices in a grocery shop can sharpen children's mental maths skills. Taking measurements to build a new tree house or design a simple plaything teaches geometry. Car trips provide opportunities to study maps and learn geography. Some libraries offer free summer reading programmes for children.
4. Sometimes kids will need a small push in the right direction. Victoria encouraged her seven- year-old son, Philip, to take part in their local library's summer reading club. For every book report a child wrote, he received a raffle ticket. At the end of the summer, sports prizes were raffled off. Philip, who'd painstakingly produced seven book reports, won an autographed picture of a hockey star and had his name and one of his reports

printed in the local newspaper. (If that's not possible, encourage children to write letters to editors on current affairs, or about school-related issues.) "Philip moaned and groaned about writing the reports, but in the end, he was happy he put the effort in," notes his mother. "And his ability to express himself really improved."

5. It's the daily doses of stimulation—intellectual, creative, esteem-building—that parents can give their children that have the greatest impact," says an eminent researcher. In an informal study conducted in 1998 other researches surveyed successful college students about how they spent their free time from ages five to 12, then compared their activities with those of troubled youngsters. They found that the successful ones were more likely to play spontaneous games, more involved in household chores and more likely to engage in playful activities with their parents. Troubled youngsters spent far less time on chores or family games and more time on their own, planted in front of the TV or a video game.

6. Often, when parents are drawing up their summer plans, their focus is on entertaining and enriching their children. But experts agree that a summer built completely around a child's self-fulfilment won't help a youngster mature into a high thinking, caring member of his family or community. Truly successful kids, say educators, are those who've learnt to budget time to help others—whether it's helping an invalid neighbour or preparing their own family's meals a couple of nights a week. Where parents fail, say experts, is in the way such responsibilities are presented. Too often, they're trotted out as punishments instead of challenges. To make matters worse, parents often nag the child about the task, rather than simply setting a completion deadline and allowing the youngster to decide when and how he will meet it.

7. For most parents of school-age kids, the largest block of time they'll have with their children is in the summer. With a little advance preparation, parents can use the summer to help develop their youngsters into smarter, more creative, more caring human beings.

A2.1 On the basis of your reading of the passage above complete the following sentences. Write the answers in your answer sheet against the correct blank numbers.

(6 marks)

(a) Parents can give the kids a special summer vacation by (1)

(i)..... (ii)

(b) Mention the new ways in which children can use the skills learnt in class (1)

(i) (ii)

(c) The advantages Philip had on writing the book reports were (1)

(i) (ii)

(d) Truly successful kids are those who (1)

(e) Why should a summer vacation not be built completely around a child's fulfilment? (1)

(f) Parents who prepare for the summer vacation in advance can ensure that their children

A2.2 Find words / phrases from the passage which mean the same as the following from the paragraphs indicated. **(2 marks)**

- (a) done quickly, not organized (para 1)
- (b) plans (para 2)

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

The first important traveller to India was a Greek named Megasthenes. He lived here for a number of years and wrote about our country and people in his book Indika. This is not available now, but some little pieces are still there. With their help, it is possible to make a picture of India as it was at that time.

About 2400 years ago, Seleukos, a general of Alexander the great tried to recapture the territories, once held by his master but afterwards conquered by Chandragupta Maurya. Chandragupta defeated him in 305 B.C. The defeated seleukos sent Megasthenes as his ambassador to the court of Chandragupta.

Megasthenes observed our two largest rivers, the Ganges and the Sindhu. These rivers were used for journeys, only during the rainy season they could not be used because they were flooded. Roads were also used and the best known road ran from the northwest to Patliputra. It had shady trees, signposts, rest houses and wells along it and may be called fore runner of the present Grand Trunk road.

The numerous trees that grew in India also attracted his attention. The banyan tree, whose branches grew downwards and took root, particularly charmed him.

About the people of India Megasthenes says that Indians were generally tall and slim. Most people wore a white cotton dress, which contrasted with their dark complexion. The rich however wore gaily coloured linen clothes. They wore ivory ear-rings and gold ornaments.

Megasthenes undoubtedly admired the Indian character. He says that the Indians behaved in an orderly manner. They just followed their customs and traditions. They did not care for written contracts. In business deals they took a man at his word.

- a. How do we know Megasthenes' views on India when his book is lost?
(1)
- b. Why could the Ganges and the Sindhu not be used?
(1)
- c. How did the Indians decorate themselves in Megasthenes' time? (1)
- d. What were the conditions which brought Megasthenes to India? (2)

- e. How does Megasthenes support the fact that the Indians were disciplined and honest? (1)
- f. Which of the following options is correct? (1)
- A. According to the author the Ganges and the Sindhu could not be used in the rainy season because:
- i. They were flooded
 - ii. They were full of crocodiles
 - iii. There were roads to be used
 - iv. There were no boats.
- B. Many people wore a cotton dress because:
- (1)
- i. They were poor
 - ii. It covered their head
 - iii. It contrasted with their complexion
 - iv. The passage does not tell us.
- g. Frame two questions on the basis of the underlined part of the passage. (2)
- h. Find out the words from the passage which mean the same as the following:
- | | |
|-----------|--------|
| Many | para 4 |
| Certainly | para 6 |
- (2)

SECTION B- WRITING

30 MARKS

B 1 Your friend has asked for your advice for buying a birthday present. Write a POST CARD to him/her suggesting which points he/she one should keep in mind like interest, age, need etc. while buying a birthday present. You are Shanty /Shanta of 1048 D, Gulabi Bagh, Delhi. 5 MARKS

	Pin _____

Or

B3. You have noticed that inspite of the strict vigilance people try to deface the metro trains and stations. Write a letter to the Chairman, DMRC Delhi requesting him to start some awareness programmes at the school level in coordination with the Directorate of Education explaining how such programmes may help in bringing a positive change in their attitude. You are Kapil/Kapila of 28 D, DDA Flats, Paschim Vihar, and Delhi.
10 MARKS

B4. You are Akansha. You visited “The Green Gardens Resort” during the holidays. Write an article in not more than 200 words for your school magazine about why the place attracted you. Include the following:
(10 marks)



- Accessibility
- ReasonableCharges
- HygienicSurroundings
- Scenicbeauty
- Facilities available

For
Or

Blind

Candidates

Only

Children like to spend their pocket money on their favourite food items like chips, kurkures, hot dog, pizza and cold drinks. But they don't know that these things cause harm to their health. Write a paragraph describing the harmful effects of fast and junk food. Mention the health and other related problems caused by it in about 150 words. (10)

SECTION C- GRAMMAR

20 Marks

C 1. The following passage has not been edited. There is one error in each of the lines against which a blank is given. Write the incorrect word and the correction in your answer sheet as given below against the correct blank number. Remember to underline the word that you have supplied. (1/2 x8=4)

Once an poor woman, who had e.g. an – a
lost his only son, came to Budha and (a)
prayed to him to bringing her (b)
dead son back in life. Budha (c)
said that there is only one medicine (d)
that can given back her son's life. (e)
She asked him who it was. Budha (f)
told her that she will bring (g)
a handful off mustard seeds from a (h)
house where death had not taken place.
The woman then understood the message given by Budha.

C 2.. In the passage given below, one word has been omitted in each line. Write the missing word along with the word that comes before and the word that comes after it in your answer sheet against the correct blank number. Ensure that the word that forms your answer is underlined. (1/2X8= 4 marks)

The television has always very controversial. e.g. always been very
While the positive aspects the electronic (a)
media innumerable, their negative (b)
impact children cannot be denied. (c)
For new piece of information that (d)
a child learns the Discovery or National (e)
Geographic channel, are also (f)
unrealistic stunt shows parents dislike. (g)
Computers and TV have students to lose (h)
interest in studies.

C 3. Read the dialogue and complete the passage given below. Write the correct answer in your answer-sheet against the correct blank number. Do not copy the whole sentence (4)

Deepti: Why do you look so sad?
Rohit: I have lost my wrist watch.
Deepti: Where did you lose it?
Rohit: Somewhere in the school playground.

Deepti asked Rohit (a)_____. Rohit told her
(b)_____. Deepti wanted to know
(c)_____. Rohit said that he (d)_____ somewhere in the school playground.

C 4. Look at the words and phrases given below. Rearrange them to form meaningful sentences. The first one has been done as an example. Write the correct sentences in your answer sheet. Remember to number the answers correctly. (3x1=3)

Example:

a/virtue/is/god-gifted/selflessness

Selflessness is a god-gifted virtue.

(a) puts/man/his/a/aside/selfless/self

(b) thinks/others/for/he/others/and/for/works

(c) seeks/he/his/of others/happiness/in the happiness

C5. Use the information in the headlines to complete the news items given below. Write the answers in your answer sheet against the correct blank number. Do not copy the whole sentence. 4 MARKS

(a) HEAVY RAINS LASH CHENNAI

The heavy rain which (a) threw normal life out of gear.

(b) M.B.A. CLASSES TO BEGIN ON SEPT. 20TH

The center coordinator informed (b) Sept. 20th.

(c) THEATRE ACTIVIST BAGS TITLE

The 'kalabushan' title (c) and scholar Utpal Singh.

(d) 12 INJURED AS BUSES COLLIDE

About (d) at the K.N.P. junction here today.

SECTION D (LITERATURE)

D1. Read the extract given below and answer the questions that follow. Write each answer in your answer sheet in one or two lines only.

'I watched the flame feeding on my mother.

I watched the holy man perform his rites

to tame the poison with an incantation.

After 24 hours

it lost its sting.

(a) Why was the flame feeding on the mother?

(b) Explain 'incantation'.

(c) What do these lines tell us about the attitude of the peasants?

D2. Read the extract given below and answer the questions that follow. Write each answer in your answer sheet in one or two lines only. Remember to number the answers correctly. (4 marks)

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) Name the poem and the poet. (1)
- (b) How was the mirror important for the woman? (1)
- (c) Explain: 'has drowned a young girl, and an old woman....' (2)

D3. How does the poem, 'Ode to the West Wind' reflect the poet's love for liberty? Your answer should not exceed 100 words. 5 marks

D4. Read the extract given below and answer the following questions. Write the answers in your answer sheet. Remember to number the answers correctly. **(5 marks)**

"I've come to bring you home, dear brother. Father's not mean any more and he says you're never coming back here, and from now on we'll always be together.

- (a) Who is the speaker of these lines? (1)
- (b) What light do these words throw into Scrooge's past? (2)
- (c) Why did Scrooge feel guilty while watching this scene? (2)

D5. Why did Au give up hunting and he was now a completely changed person. What changes were there in his life and how they had an impact on Ali? Your answer should not exceed 75 words. **(4 marks)**

D 6. THE WHITE WOMAN has seen the naked truth of civil war after visiting the refugee camp. She decided to make a diary entry recollecting the experiences of the camp with the reference to the old grand mother. Make a diary entry in about 125 words
8 marks

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SECTION - A (READING)

A1. Read the following passage carefully. (8 marks)

1. India was once considered the land of knowledge and enlightenment. In ancient times scholars from all over Asia and Europe used to flock to Taxila, Nalanda and other Indian centres of learning. Apart from the arts, culture, philosophy and religion, these scholars came to study medicine, law and martial sciences. But despite having a vastly expanded university system and historical advantages, modern India has yet to provide international or even regional leadership in higher education. From the surrounding countries of Asia and Africa only a few students come to India for higher education.
2. The United States is by far the most successful country in attracting foreign students. But other countries such as Australia, Canada and Britain also aggressively market their universities abroad through their education counselling services and recruitment fairs with the active cooperation of their diplomatic missions abroad.
3. Likewise, India should also capitalise on the advantages offered by its higher education institutions, market Indian universities abroad and facilitate the entry of foreign students into them.
4. The revenue from foreign students can be used to ease the financial crunch faced by Indian universities, improve academic facilities and subsidise the cost of educating Indian students.
5. But apart from economic advantages many other benefits would accrue to the nation. India would gain global and regional influence, goodwill and become a major provider of higher education. Many Asian and African countries, especially the smaller ones have poorly developed university systems and would look to Indian universities for the higher education of their youth. At the same time Indian students will not be deprived if 10 per cent supernumerary seats for foreign students are created in universities and professional colleges.
6. Already, professional education in India has proved accessible and affordable for foreign students, especially from Malaysia, the Middle East and South Africa. In these countries higher education training facilities are limited. Many NRI (non-resident Indian) families

abroad, especially those from English-speaking industrialised countries are also keen to send their children to study in their motherland and hopefully to become attuned to their Indian roots in the process.

A1.1 On the basis of your reading of the passage complete the sentences given below. Write the answers in your answer sheet against the correct blank numbers. Do not copy the whole sentence. (1 X 3 = 3 marks)

- (a) In spite of India having a historical advantage and a vastly expanded university system it
- (b) Many parents send their children to India hoping that
- (c) Academic facilities in India can be improved with

A1.2 On the basis of your reading of the passage complete the following paragraph using one word only in each blank. Write the answers in your answer sheet against the correct blank numbers. (½x6=3 marks)

The income from foreign students would not only (a) in educating Indian students but also in (b) global and regional influence and thus (c) to higher education (d) The (e) of countries with poorly developed education systems usually (f) on Indian Universities for their higher education.

A1.3 Find words / phrases from the passage which mean the same as the following from the paragraphs indicated. (1 X 2 = 2 marks)

- (a) forceful (para 2)
- (b) easy to approach/to enter (para 5)

A2. Read the following passage carefully. **(12 marks)**

1. The newspapers have taken the place of the Gita, the Bible and the Quran with the people. For them, the printed sheet is gospel truth. The fact throws a great responsibility on the editors and newswriters.

2. Newspapers are a powerful influence. It is the duty of the editors to see that no false report or report likely to excite the public is published in their newspapers. The editors and their assistants have to be extra careful about the news they give and the manner in which they dress it. In a state of independence, it is practically impossible for Governments to control the Press. It is the duty of the public to keep a strict watch on the newspapers and

keep them on the right path. An enlightened public would refuse to patronize inflammatory or indecent newspapers.

3. Newspapers which indulge in untruth or exaggeration harm the cause they profess to espouse. I admit that there is enough untruth in enough newspapers to warrant action. But my experience is that no amount of public criticism will affect the policy of newspapers which make their livelihood by such policy. But I write this in no way to condone untruths in newspapers. I am quite clear that if newspapers weighed every word that is printed therein, we should have a speedier removal of abuses whether in the States or elsewhere.

4. The superficiality, the one-sidedness, the inaccuracy and often even dishonesty that have crept into modern journalism, continuously mislead honest men who want to see nothing but justice done.

5. The sole aim of journalism should be service. The newspaper press is a great power, but just as an unchained torrent of water submerges whole country sides and devastates crops, even so an uncontrolled pen serves but to destroy. If the control is from without, it proves more poisonous than want of control. It can be profitable only when exercised from within. If this line of reasoning is correct, how many of the journals in the world would stand the test? But who would stop those that are useless? And who should be the judge? The useful and the useless must, like good and evil, go on together, and man must make his choice.

A2.1 On the basis of your reading of the passage complete the following sentences. Write the answers in your answer sheet against the correct blank numbers. **(1 x 6 = 6 marks)**

- (a) It is the duty of the editor to see that
- (b) As it is practically impossible for the Governments to control the press,
- (c) Newspapers which indulge in untruth or exaggeration need to be rejected by the people because
- (d) The modern journalism suffers from which mislead honest men.
- (e) The sole aim of journalism should be because it
- (f) As the useful and the useless must, like good and evil go on together, man

A2.2 On the basis of your reading of the passage answer the questions given below in one or two lines only. **(1½x2=3 marks)**

- (a) What is the duty of the enlightened public with respect to the newspapers?
- (b) If newspapers weighed every word that is printed therein, we should have a speedier removal of abuses whether in the States or elsewhere. Why?

A2.3 Find words / phrases from the passage which mean the same as the following from the paragraphs indicated. **(1 x 3 = 3 marks)**

- (a) intending to cause very strong feelings of anger (para 2)

- (b) not studying or looking at something thoroughly (para 4)
(c) to go under the surface of water (para 5)

SECTION B (WRITING)

B1. Mohak is on a holiday in Goa. After visiting some places, he made some notes in his diary. Use the information in these notes to complete the post-card which he sent to his friend. Do not add any new information. Write the answers in your answer sheet against the correct blank numbers. (5 marks)
NOTES

GOA
arrival 27 Jan.
wonderful place — no crime
people friendly, happy-go-lucky
landscapes : picturesque; beaches :
beautiful
good restaurants : sea food (mostly)
hotel : on beach
tours : bus, ferry
Carnival festival colour, fun and frolic.

Panaji
3 March, 20xx
Dear Vikram

I'm having a nice time here in Goa. I reached this beautiful place on 27 Jan. Can you believe, this place is totally free (a) ? What makes this place so wonderful is not only the beautiful beaches and picturesque landscape but also its people (b) happy-go-lucky. The restaurants here are (c) mostly sea food. The hotel we are staying in is situated on a beach so we (d) The carnival festival is the best thing about Goa. It (e) and frolic. There are still many places for me to see. I'll show you the photos when I meet you.

With love

Yours affectionately
Mohak

B2. Read the following telephonic conversation which took place between Sheela and Reghu. As Reghu's sister Rani is not at home and he himself has to go out of his house

immediately, he writes a message for his sister.

Write the message from Reghu to his sister Rani in not more than 50 words. Put the message in a box. 5 marks)

Sheela : Hello ! Could I speak to Rani.

Reghu : May I know who is speaking. Rani has gone out. This is her brother,
Reghu speaking.

Sheela : I am her friend, Sheela. Could you tell her that one of our friends,
Tina has met with an accident and is admitted in St. Mary's hospital.

Reghu : Oh, how unfortunate.

Sheela : Tell her that I am leaving for the hospital as the visiting hours are between 4 pm and 6 pm.

Reghu : I'll definitely convey the news.

Sheela : Also tell her to inform Balu whose telephone number I am not sure of.

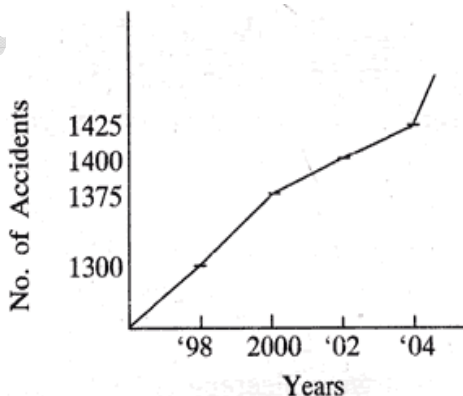
Reghu : I'll do that.

Sheela: Thank you.

B3. Rekha read the following news report about the tendency in children to stay away from any sort of physical activity. She decided to make use of the information to write an article for her school magazine. Write the article for her in about 150-200 words using ideas from the unit on 'Health and Medicine' and your own ideas. (10 marks)

The teachers and parents have expressed their disappointment about the children of today being nothing but couch potatoes. Very seldom do you find children outside their houses, playing their one time favourite outdoor games like Hide and Seek, Cricket etc.

B4. As an aware citizen of the country, you are concerned about the increase in road accidents in the metropolitan cities of India. Interpret the data given below and using your own ideas, write a letter in about 150 words to the newspaper 'The Chronicle'. You are Arun / Anita. (10 marks)



SECTION - C (Grammar) 20 marks

C.1 Raghu is the reporter of 'The Herald'. He was sent to write a report on a bomb blast in a shopping complex. Using the information from his note-pad complete the paragraph by writing suitable words or phrases in each space. Do not add any new information. Write only the correct answer against the correct blank number in your answer sheet. (5 marks)

Shopping complex - destroyed - bomb - 7 o'clock - 80 people burnt alive -
two young men - seen speeding off- police assured immediate arrest of culprits.

The citizens of Kantipur were shocked when one of its (a) by a (b) The place was crowded and about (c) Witnesses say that (d) on a two wheeler soon after the blast. The police commissioner assured the people that (e)

C.2 Given below is a conversation between Jacob and Paul. Complete the dialogue below in a suitable way. Write the answer against the correct blank number. Do not copy the whole sentence. (1×4=4 marks)

Jacob : Why didn't you reach on time for your music practice ?

Paul : I (a)

Jacob : The instructor is furious. He (b)

Paul : I will (c) Jacob : You better do it. We don't

(d) The programme is on the 20th of this month.

C.3 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 has been done for you. (1/2×8=4 marks)

Incorrect Correct

Dance is an art form is e.g. is as
well known, for dance as a (a)
therapy is not known in many. (b)
Dance therapy involves a synthesis (c)
of the grace and vigour on Indian (d)
classical and folk dance
movements into a innovative (e)
holistic therapy. It brings over the (f)
inner feelings for the participants (g)
and can help them with develop a (h)
healthy personality.

C.4 Rearrange the following to form meaningful sentences. The first one has been done as an example. Write the answers against the correct numbers. (1/2×6=3 marks)

put into / as the / at low / baby can / he is / as soon / water / toddle / tide /

As soon as the baby can toddle he is put into water at low tide.

(a) water / the baby / in the / here / plays / sits and /

(b) long enough / the mother / him / does not / to weary / there / leave him /

(c) older / at low tide / as / wade about / allowed to / he is / he grows /

(d) look out / water / keep a / into deep / sharp / does not stray / so that he /
his elders/

(e) permitted to / from which / judgment / he may / make small mistakes /

he is / learn to make better /

(f) are given / to swim / small canoes / the children / they / own / are able /
of their / when /

C.5 Use the information in the headlines to complete the news items given below. Write the answers in your answer sheet against the correct blank number. Do not copy the whole sentence. (1×4=4 marks)

(a) HEAVY RAINS LASH CHENNAI

The heavy rain which (a) threw normal life out of gear.

(b) M.B.A. CLASSES TO BEGIN ON SEPT. 20th

The center coordinator informed (b) Sept. 20th

(c) THEATRE ACTIVIST BAGS TITLE

The 'kalabushan' title (c) and scholar Utpal Singh.

(d) 12 INJURED AS BUSES COLLIDE

About (d) at the K.N.P. junction here today

SECTION D (LITERATURE)

D1. Read the extract given below and answer the following questions. Write the answers in your answer sheet in one or two- lines only. Remember to number the answers correctly. (4 marks)

I remember the night my mother
was stung by a scorpion. Ten hours
of steady rain had driven him
to crawl beneath a sack of rice.

(a) Who does 'him' refer to? (1)

(b) Why did it come in the house? (1)

(c) Why does the poet remember that night? (2)

D3. The poet reiterates the 'might' of the West Wind in the poem. Give two examples from the poem that show its 'power' and 'might'. Your answer should not exceed 100 words. (5 marks)

D4. Read the extract given below and answer the following questions. Write the answers in your answer sheet in one or two lines only. Remember to number the answers correctly. (5 marks)

"It matters very little to you. Another idol has displaced me, a golden one."

(a) Who said this to Scrooge and why? (2)

(b) Who showed this image? (1)

(c) Where did the Third Ghost take Scrooge and why? (2)

D5. Though Cutie-Pie escaped from prison, he was unable to go to his planet immediately. Why? Your answer should not exceed 75 words. (4 marks)



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D6. Ali displays remarkable qualities of love and patience. Do you agree? Give evidence from the story in support of your answer. Your answer should be in about 150-175 words. (8 marks)

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English
SAMPLE PAPER
2008

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

INSTRUCTIONS:

1. Attempt all questions.
2. Do not write anything in the question paper.
3. All the answers must be correctly numbered as in the question paper and written in the answer sheet provided to you.
4. Ensure that questions for each Section are answered together.
5. Read each question carefully and follow the instructions.
6. Strictly adhere to the word limit given with each question. Marks will be deducted for exceeding the word limit.

A1. Read the following passage carefully. (12 marks)

If we would see our dream of *Panchayat Raj*, i.e., true democracy realized, we would regard the humblest and lowest Indian as being the ruler of India with the tallest in the land. This presupposes that all are pure, or will become pure if they are not. And purity must go hand-in-hand with wisdom. No one would then harbour any distinction between community and community, caste and out-caste. Everybody would regard all as equal with oneself and hold them together in the silken net of love. No one would regard another as untouchable. We would hold as equal the toiling labourer and the rich capitalist. Everybody would know how to earn an honest living by the sweat of one's brow, and make no distinction between intellectual and physical labour. To hasten this consummation, we would voluntarily turn ourselves into scavengers. No one who has wisdom will ever touch opium, liquor or any intoxicants. Everybody would observe *Swadeshi* as the rule of life and regard every woman, not being his wife, as his mother, sister or daughter according to her age, never lust after her in his heart. He would be ready to lay down his life when occasion demands it, never want to take another's life. If he is a Sikh in terms of the commandment of the Gurus, he would have the heroic courage to stand single-handed and alone-without yielding an inch of ground-against the "one lakh and a quarter" enjoined by them. Needless to say, such a son of India will not want to be told what his duty in the present hour is.

A1.1 On the basis of your reading of the above passage, complete the following sentences. Write the answers in your answer sheet against the correct blank numbers. (1 x 3 = 3 marks)

- (a) *Panchayat Raj* is true democracy because
(b) When purity goes hand-in-hand with wisdom there will not be any
(c) A man of wisdom will never usein democracy.

A1.2 On the basis of your reading of the passage write *two* advantages of true democracy. (1 x 2 = 2 marks)

A1.3 On the basis of your reading of the passage answer the following questions: (2 x 2½ = 5 marks)

- (a) The *Panchayat Raj* will eradicate untouchability. How?
(b) How will *Swadeshi* promote patriotism and a sense of national pride?

A1.4 Find words / phrases from the passage which mean the same as the following from the paragraphs indicated. (1 X 2 = 2 marks)

- a). The act of making something complete or perfect.
(b) Without being forced.

A2 Read the following passage carefully. (8 marks)

1. An overseas poll conducted by the BBC has concluded that Sir Isaac Newton was the “Greatest Briton” of all time, followed by Churchill and Princess Diana.
2. Newton’s enormous scientific achievements seem to have influenced the outcome; while in the case of Churchill, it was his leadership qualities during World War II.
3. Ranking Diana third has destroyed the credibility of the whole exercise. Her charm, kindness and involvement in charitable causes contributed greatly to make her an icon all over the world. But that is where the admiration for her has to stop.
4. However, I was shocked to find Shakespeare, the greatest genius of all time, had been relegated to the status of a ‘runner-up’. There is also no justification to deny Darwin his rightful place, in as much as his contribution to biology is as significant as Newton’s is to physics. For all these reasons, opinion polls of this kind are unreliable, misleading and invite ridicule.
5. Take a look at Shakespeare’s enormous vocabulary. He employed 9,36,433 words in his writings, out of which 27,780 are different words. The average person uses less than 1,000 words in writing, a little more than that in speech and has a recognition vocabulary of about 5,000 words. Some of the greatest writers may have twice this capability.
6. Today, English has a total vocabulary of two million words followed by German as a pathetic second with 1,86,000 words, Russian with 1,36,000 words, and French with 1,26,000 words. Thus Shakespeare in the 16th Century used five times the number of words in modern German!
7. Shakespeare is the most quoted writer in history. His plays have been translated into 50 languages. In the Oxford Dictionary of Quotations containing about 20,000 quotations, Shakespeare alone monopolises a staggering 60 pages (10 percent). He coined 1700 new words. Many of the phrases and terms created by him are in daily use. Some of them have been used as titles for books and movies.
8. The vastness of vocabulary and the ability to see the relationship between words is one of the major factors in measuring genius. Shakespeare excelled any other human being in this aspect. His encyclopaedic knowledge of science, history, mathematics, classical literature, sociology, psychology, law, Latin, French politics, music and art acquired by studying books relating to almost every mental discipline and observing the habits and style of life of various sections of

people all around him enabled him to draw ideas generously from all those sources for being used in his plays.

9. The lyrical grandeur of his language covers every known figure of speech from metaphor to simile, hyperbole to hendiadys. The alchemic process in the crucible of Shakespeare's brain transmuted emotions, like ambition, frustration, jealousy, greed, romantic love, joy, and sorrow he found all around him in people into the rich gold of his ever-lasting plays. Hence there is no emotion or activity or situation in the human condition that is not found in his plays.

10. Then what justification is there for any voter, whatever his profession, to place this extraordinary man who is "In judgement a Nestor / In genius a Socrates! In art a Virgil" in the position of a runner-up in a ranking of the greatest Briton ever.

11. Is it not ironical that a great poet like Coleridge had once equated Shakespeare to 500 Newtons but the voters who took part in the BBC poll have placed him far below Newton?

1 On the basis of your understanding of the passage above complete the following sentences. Write the answers in your answer sheet against the correct blank numbers. **(8 marks)**

According to the BBC overseas poll (a), (b)and Princess Diana are ranked as first, second and third respectively in the list of ten greatest Britishers (2)

The author says the opinion poll lacks credibility because (c) (1)

According to the poll conditions, Shakespeare (d), which is unjust. (1)

(e) Four instances quoted by the author in support of Shakespeare's genius are: (4)

- i.
- ii.
- iii.
- iv.

SECTION B

B1. Given below is a portion of the diary entry of an astronaut. Complete the paragraph given below using the words and phrases. Write the answers in your answer sheet against the correct blank numbers. (1 x 5=5)

24th Nov.

**moon - weightless - cannot be precise - on how body behaves astronauts
adapt - balance sensors - confuse them - soon body balances - move no
gravity - on return - time to reorient**

The (a)in moon is totally new and unimaginable. One cannot say with any degree of (b) Gradually, the astronauts are guided by the balance sensors. But many a time, (c).....The body in a short period learns to balance itself and (d)This can be a problem and so one may need (e) on returning to earth

B2. Given below is an extract from an article in 'Newsweek':

'For years, I ate fast food because it was efficient and cheap. I had no idea I could be damaging my health' says Cesar Barbar, 56 ' maintenance worker with heart disease.

Write a letter to the editor of the newspaper on the health hazards caused by junk food using your own ideas and ideas from the unit on 'Health and Medicine.' Your answer should be in about 150 words. **(10 marks)**

Write down the message in not more than 50 words. **(5 marks)**

5. You are Rekha/Rohit. You have seen the following news item in the newspaper

Video Games, Internet, cell phones and other high-tech gear are just part of growing up in a digital world. But parents are concerned about the amount of time their children spend with these and worry that it might be distracting and cramping academic and social development.

Using your own ideas and those taken from the unit 'Science', write an article in about 200 words describing both the benefits and drawbacks of using these high-tech devices. **(10 marks)**

SECTION C (GRAMMAR)

C1. In the passage given below, one word has been omitted in each line. Write the missing word along with the word that comes before and the word that comes after it in your answer sheet against the correct blank number. Ensure that the word that forms your answer is underlined. ($\frac{1}{2} \times 10 = 5$ marks)

Laughter begins in the lungs diaphragm, setting the liver, stomach and internal organs into quick, jellylike vibration, which gives a pleasant sensation and exercise, equal to that riding on a horse. During digestion, movements of the stomach are similar churning. Every time you take a full breath, when you cachinnate well, the diaphragm descends gives the stomach an extra squeeze and shakes. Frequent laughing sets the stomach to dancing, hurrying the digestive process. The heart faster, and sends the blood bounding through the body.

e.g. lungs and diaphragm

- (a)
- (b)
- (c)
- (d)
- (e)
- (f)
- (g)
- (h)
- (i)
- (j)

C2. Look at the words and phrases below. Rearrange them to form meaningful sentences. The first one has been done as an example.

Write the correct sentences in your answer sheet against the correct blank numbers. ("2 x 6 = 3 marks)

Relieves and amuses/ the soul /laughter /the depressed (laughter relieves and amuses the depressed soul)

- a) place to place / because I / I travel / move from / like to
- (b) me / the sense / it gives / of freedom / enjoy / I
- (c) and / it pleases / of responsibilities / me / be / to / duties / rid /

- (d) odd people / I / moment / who / amuse me / meet / for a /
 (e) add / often tired / feel / travel / I am / to my / I can / personality / of myself / and / that by /
 (f) day / the / happy / wish / you / returns / many / of / the / event / take / of / please

C3. Use the information in the headlines to complete the news items given below. Write the answers in your answer sheet against the- correct blank numbers. Do not copy the whole sentence. **(1 x 4 = 4 marks)**

- SANIA MIRZA UP BY TWO PLACES
Sania Mirza won her match and so
- LIFE STANDS STILL DUE TO AVALANCHE
All movement due to the avalanche
- FAILURE OF MONSOON CAUSES DROUGHT
Many areas have been declared as
- ONE MORE GIRL DEAD
Another lion

C4. Certain tips are given below on how to plan an advertisement in a newspaper. Use the information to complete the instructions Gaur gave his students. Write the answers in your answer sheet against the correct blank numbers. (5 marks)

Advertisement

Informative - holds readers' attention; highlights main selling points

Repetitive - many readers can see it

Layout - very important - use of logo or
 -illustration- attracts readers' attention

An advertisement should give enough information (a)the readers' attention and (b) points. The advertisement (c)several times, so that it (d)attention of many people.

The layout of the advertisement and use of logo or small illustrations (e)the readers.

C5 Complete the passage with appropriate words.(1/2 * 6 = 3)

The boy (a)----- I had lent my book has sold it to a hawker(b) -----sells icecream outside our school. I was shocked when I heard this. The book (c) -----my father had gifted me on my birthday was very expensive. It was one book (d) ----- I prized so much. Why did I give it to him? How could I be so foolish.? I must enquire from the icecream vendor (e)----- house is in the next block,if he still has the book with him. If he has I will pay him (f)----- he paid to the boy and get back the book.

SECTION D (LITERATURE)

D1. Read the extract given below and answer the following questions. Write the answers in your answer sheet in one or two lines only. Remember to number the answers correctly. **(3 marks)**

‘And some in dreams assured were
 Of the Spirit that plagued us so;
 Nine fathom deep he had followed us
 From the land of mist and snow.’

- (a) Who does the 'us' refer to? (1)
- (b) What state of mind were they in? (1)
- (c) Which 'spirit' followed them? (1)

D2. Read the extract given below and answer the following questions. Write the answers in your answer sheet in one or two lines only. Remember to number the answers correctly. **(4 marks)**

'Blind with tears, the nightingale
Heard him out in silence, tried,
Puffed up, burst a vein, and died.'

- (a) Who does the 'him' refer to? (1)
- (b) Why was the nightingale blind with tears? (1)
- (c) Who, according to you, was responsible for the death of the nightingale? Why? (2)

D3. Read the extract given below and answer the following questions. Write the answers in your answer sheet. Remember to number the answers correctly. **(5 marks)**

She dreamt to-night she saw my statue,
Which, like a fountain with an hundred spouts,
Did run pure blood: and many lusty Romans
Came smiling, and did bathe their hands in it
And these does she apply for warnings, and portents,
And evils imminent; and on her knee
Hath begg'd that I will stay at home to-day.

- (a) Who is speaking these lines and to whom? (2)
- (b) Which dream is referred to here? (1)
- (c) Where was she not letting the speaker go? (2)

D.4. Where did the second ghost take Scrooge? How did he succeed in making him realize his mistakes? (About 75 words)
(4 marks)

D.5. Mention any two instances from the story 'The Tribute' which show that Babuli was ashamed of not visiting his people in the village. (About 75 words)
(4 marks)

D6. The young girl in 'The Ultimate Safari' writes a letter to her friend on her grandmother's care to bring her up and how life at the refugee camp is. Write the letter in about 150-175 words giving atleast two instances of grandmother's care and atleast four details of life at the refugee camp (10 marks)

Sample Paper –I (2007 -08)

Class - X

Subject: English Communicative (code :-101)

(M.M :- 100)

SECTION A

(Reading) (20 Marks)

A.1:-Passage I

(12 Marks)

Get Physical while gaming

1. If playing video games makes kids less active & contributes obesity, why not create more video games that require activity? This question prompted Mayo Clinic researchers to scientifically measure the energy spent playing video games & examine options to make children hooked to electronic screens more active.
2. “ We know if children play video games that require movement, they burn more energy than they would while sitting & playing traditional screen games,” writes Loraine Lanningham-Foster, Mayo obesity researcher and study leader of U.S. “ The point is that children- very focused on screen games- can be made healthier if activity is a required part of the game.”
3. The results showed that sitting while watching television and playing traditional video games expended the same amount of energy. When participants played with the first activity – oriented video game, one that uses a camera to virtually “ place” them in the game where they catch balls and other objects, their energy expenditure tripled. The result was the same for the lean and mildly obese children.
4. While there is no published data for India, clinicians say an average school-age child in urban India spends over 4 hrs. a day-28 hrs. a week – in front of a screen and it’s impact is showing in the rising rates of obesity in urban children.
5. What can make a difference is keeping track of what children do .A study reported in the ‘Journal of Adolescence’ last year said that children whose parents limit the amount of time they could play.” It is for doctors and parents to advise children on choosing healthy habits such as limiting screen time, becoming more active & eating the right kind of food,” says nutritionist Ishi Khosla.
6. “Computers and games are great tools for education, but it is for parents to ensure that the tool does become more important than the subject being taught.” adds Nagpal.

A.1.1 On the basis of your reading of the above passage, complete the following incomplete statements:- (8m)

1. Playing video games has made children a)
2. Video games that require movement burn b).....

3. If activity is made a part of the game children can be c).....
4. Clinicians say an average school age child in urban India d)....
5. Computers and games are great tools e)..... but Nagpal added that parents have to ensure f).....
6. Parents needs to advise children g).....
7. According to Mayo researchers, while focusing on screen games, children can be made healthier h)....

A.1.2 Pick out the words which mean the same as :- (4m)

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|-------------------------------|--------|
| (a) Possibility | Para 1 |
| (b) Very fat | Para 3 |
| (c) Customary | Para 2 |
| (d) Marked effect / influence | Para 4 |

A.2:-PASSAGE II

(8M)

- (1) She may not have followed in the footsteps of Kalpana Chawla or Sunita Williams. But she has made a splash in the Indian Diaspora by her own feat. Neha Hotchandani, the first Indian woman to join Uncle Sam's Army and to think that she is only 20 !
- (2.) But then, Neha's life has been different from that of most Gujarati girls . Her mother Renu says,"She has been adventurous since childhood & has always loved challenges- an attitude that has stood her in good stead. We want her to go out and conquer the world, regardless of risks associated with her job." Renu herself is a fitness expert who runs aerobic dance and yoga classes in Gandhidham in addition to looking after the administration at her husband's hospital.
- (3.)Neha born in Ahmedabad on April 10, 1986, grew up in Adipur and Gandhidham. An alumna of the Mount Carmel High School of Gandhidham, she graduated from HL Commerce College in Ahmedabad.
- (4) " She may have been a student of commerce and finance, but she is a lover of the arts" says mother Renu. " She writes poetry, is an accomplished western dancer, and crazy about jazz," gushes father Dr. Hiralal Hotchandani, an orthopaedic surgeon.
- (5) " There is so much peer pressure in Gandhidham that I was fed up. Though the situation was quite different in my family, I noticed that other youngsters of my age didn't have the freedom to pursue what they wanted to do. Feeling uncomfortable in such an environment, I decided to set off for the US for higher studies," says Neha.
- (6) But she had " never dreamt" to be in the armed forces. It was "sheer chance". Neha, however, does not harbour a high opinion of the Indian Army. "I'm not at all impressed by the Indian Army, to say the least. Even if I get an opportunity, I don't think I'll ever join it", she remarks matter -of factly.
- (7)) " I must, however, say that Army training should be compulsory for every Indian. It helps you become a better citizen", says the ebullient girl.

A2.1:- On the basis of your reading of the above passage complete the following statements:- (4m)

1. Two characteristics of Neha's childhood behaviour
2. Occupation of Neha's - Mother ---- Father.
3. Besides a student of commerce she also have interest in
4. According to Neha, why should Army training be made compulsory ?

A2.2:- Complete the following table :- (2m)

<u>FACTS</u>	<u>DETAILS</u>
Renu Hotchandani expert	an fitness
a).....	
Neha's birth-date&place Ahmedabad.. c)..... Commerce College, Ahmedabad . Higher Studies e) an..... Hotchandani.	b) April 10, d)..... 5. Dr. Hiralal

A2.3:- Give a suitable title from the hints given below:- (2m)

- a) Para 1.....
- b) Para 3.....

- Hints :---
 - Neha's birthdate& place
- First Indian woman Neha's childhood days Dreams of an Indian officer.

SECTION B

(Writing) (30 marks)

B.1 You are Saurabh / Surabhi. Your school has planned to organize summer camp in your school for the session 2008. Draft a Notice, to inform all the students about the various curricular activities which are going to take place during this camp. Also mention that , one student can participate in not more than 2 activities. (50 words) (5 M)

B.2: You are Shashank / Shashi. Your sister's marriage has been settled. Write a telegram to your elder brother who is staying in a hostel, Shimla, informing him about the news. Also ask him his holiday schedule so that the date may be fixed accordingly. (25 words) (5 M)

B.3 Nowadays every third day, we come to know either through news channel / newspaper about some terrorist threat or bomb explosion in the markets, at the railway stations, historical / religious places etc.

There is a threat /fear or feeling of insecurity among the common people. You are Sakshit / Sakshi, residing at 34, Cantt road, Agra. Write a letter to the editor of 'The Indian Express' Delhi, highlighting the problem & requesting the higher authorities to take immediate step towards the problem. Also suggest some measures how common people can help to solve the problem. 150 words (10 m)

B.4 Although Veerappan is dead, the threat to wild life continues to loom large thanks to scores of lesser Veerappans i.e. poachers & smugglers of rare animal skins, claws, bones, precious herbs & wood.

Write an article for the magazine, in not more than 150 – 200 words, highlighting the problem in the magazine, expressing your concern at the threat to India's wildlife and suggesting how children can help conservationists and the government in checking it. You are Ankit / Ankita living at 67, Abou Lane, Pune. (10 m)

SECTION C

(Grammar) (20 Marks)

C.1 In the passage given below, there is one error in each line. Write the incorrect word along with the correct word in your answer sheet against the correct blank number. Ensure that incorrect word is underlined. The first one has been done for you as an example. (½ x 8=4)

<p>India's success <u>on</u> getting China</p> <p><u>on</u> in</p> <p>to commit on banning tigers</p> <p>being bred in captivity for trade</p> <p>in body parts addressed key</p> <p>conservation concerns. At the</p> <p>Hague conference of parties to a</p> <p>Convention in International trade</p> <p>in endanger Species, China had</p> <p>attempt to keep the ban restricted</p> <p>to international trade on parts</p> <p>and derivatives of such tigers.</p>	<p>e.g</p> <p>a)</p> <p>b)</p> <p>c)</p> <p>d)</p> <p>e)</p> <p>f)</p> <p>g)</p> <p>h)</p>
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C.2 Rearrange the following words and phrase to form meaningful sentences. The first one has been done for you as an example. Write the answers against the correct blank numbers in your answer sheet. (1x4=4M)

Eg. Youngsters / get / to see / you.

You get to see youngsters.

- (a) just out / searching / school , / desperately / for / right / of / the / college.
- (b) There is / the / then / problem of / the / choosing / best / of / combination / courses.
- (c) dilemma / are / a / in / students.

(d) whether / for / to go / traditional / or / courses / opt / more / recently / for / options / developed.

C.3 Complete the following paragraph by filling it with only One word :-
(1/2x8=4M)

I remember a)..... own days in college. I (b) ... from one of the country's elitist institutions c).... Learning while a d).... Of my classmates came e).... provincial backgrounds.

Throughout college f).... maintained a low profile g).... gave a h)..... inkling of their true potential.

C.5 Look at the newspaper items given below. Then use the information in the headlines to complete the paragraphs. Write the answers in your answer sheets against the correct blank number:- (3m)

(a) CBSE CLASS XII AND X EXAMS FINALISED IN MARCH

The Central Board of Secondary Education....., beginning from March 7.

(b) REDUCE TAX ON INSULIN.

The Diabetic Research Centre, Delhi, today

(c) DRIVE AGAINST LIQUOR MAFIA LAUNCHED

The Police engaged in smuggling of liquor to the state.

C.6 Given below are some conversation. Complete the dialogues by filling in the gaps in any suitable way. Write the correct answers in your answer sheet against the correct blank number.

(5 m)

Teacher :- Where (a)..... the recess ?

Gibbs :- I was playing with my friends.

Teacher :- (b)..... my permission ? If you had, I would have gladly given it to you.

Gibbs :- Do (c)..... even during recess ?

Teacher :- Yes, you have to. See, if you want to stay here, you (d)..... rules of school. Do you understand.

Gibbs :- Yes, Sir. I am sorry. It (e)..... future again.

SECTION D

(Literature) (30 Marks)

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

D.1 They clicked their tongues With every movement that the scorpion made His poison moved in mother's blood, they said.

- a) Name the poem & the poet.
1M
- b) Who are 'they' ?
1 M
- c) Why do they hope that the scorpion should sit still ?
1 M
- d) What do these words tell us about 'them' ?
1 M

D.2 O thou,
Who chariotest to their dark wintry bed.
The winged seeds, where they lie cold and low,
Each like a corpse within its grave, until
Thine azure sister of the spring shall blow.

- a) Who has been addressed in the above lines ? 1 M
- b) Name the poetic devices used in the above lines. 1 M
- c) What does the poet mean by 'azure sister' ? 2 M

D.3 Read the extract given below and answer the questions that follow in one or two lines :-

‘ Let me see some tenderness connected with death ‘

- a) Who is the speaker ? Why did he make this comment ? 1 M
- b) How did the ghost oblige him ? 1 M
- c) What realization dawned on 'him' after the visit of the third ghost ? 2 M

D.4 “ He knew he had to hide & how to hide”. Why & how Ch-stal hide ? Write your answer in about 50-75 words. 4 M

D.5 After reading Julius Caesar, What conclusions do you draw about the Roman mob of the day ? Answer in about 75 words. 5 M

D.6 You are Babuli's elder brother. You have just received the note left by Babuli for you, giving his share of property to you. Make a diary entry of the events & your feelings from the time when the decision to divide the property was taken, till the time Babuli left . Write the diary entry on behalf of elder brother in about 150-175 words .

8 M