

**SAMPLE PAPER - 2008**  
**Class - X**  
**SUBJECT - ENGLISH**

*Time allowed: 3 hours*  
*General Instructions :*

*Maximum Marks: 100*

- (i) *This paper consists of four sections —*
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| <i>Section A — Reading</i>    | <i>20 marks</i> |
| <i>Section B — Writing</i>    | <i>30 marks</i> |
| <i>Section C — Grammar</i>    | <i>20 marks</i> |
| <i>Section D — Literature</i> | <i>30 marks</i> |
- (ii) *Attempt all questions.*  
(iii) *Do not write anything in the question paper.*  
(iv) *All the answers must be correctly numbered as in the question paper and written in the answer sheet provided to you.*  
(v) *Attempt all questions in each section before going on to the next section.*  
(vi) *Read each question carefully and follow the instructions.*  
(vii) *Strictly adhere to the word limit given with each question. Marks will be deducted for exceeding the word limit.*

**SECTION A ( READING )**

Read the following passage and answer the questions that follow (12 marks)

CREDIT CARDS

- 1) Ask people whether credit cards are a necessity or a luxury and most would probably turn them a necessity these days. Credit cards are considered a boon for the ready convenience they confer on the user—you don't have to worry about carrying enough cash when you go shopping or to a restaurant. Just flash your card, sign and walk out.
- 2) But there are many who criticize credit cards for the 'easy money' syndrome they generate. It is true that many people fall into a debt trap—thanks to the extensive use of their credit cards. But if you are careful with your expenses, they can be a handy thing to have around. Hence, you need to consider the term 'responsible usage' and understand the actual significance of living on credit.
- 3) Remember that using a credit card does not mean 'free' credit. In effect, what you are doing is merely postponing the payment. While it looks real good to have to pay only one or two thousand a month on your card, remember that you're paying interest on the amount that you 'revolve' from one billing cycle to the next.
- 4) But there's one precaution we should add. Always settle a credit card bill in full for two good reasons. First and foremost, if you're not able to pay up now, you should not

- have spent it in the first place. Second, the credit charges tends to be extremely high, ranging from two percent to three percent per month.
- 5) There is no shortage of cards on offer. Almost every bank has launched a card; so the biggest hurdle you face is in trying to choose from amongst them.
  - 6) So, how does one choose among the various cards on offer? "The factors for choosing a card revolve around certain differentiating features that one card may offer and the others don't, like acceptability, eligibility, fees, other charges, credit period, cash advance, etc."
  - 7) The cards which carry the Master or Visa affiliation are more widely accepted across the country compared to Diners and American Express cards. Similarly global credit cards are valid even outside India. If you travel regularly within or outside India, these cards would probably suit you the best, due to their acceptability across various outlets.
  - 8) If your credit card is more of a functional accessory while you shop or entertain in your home town, you will want a higher credit limit. Here, foreign and private banks will give you a higher limit. But if you are a value-for-money person who likes the convenience offered by a card, but will alternate between paying by cash and card you could consider credit cards offered by the public sector banks. Their entry fees are typically lower. Moreover, if you need them, you get longer credit periods and lower credit charges. But you may not get a very high credit limit.
  - 9) Many offers now a days carry more than one card, and another circumstances, you could use them to segregate your expenses. For example, if your employer reimburses you for certain travel and entertainment expenses, it would be a good idea to charge all official expenses to one card and all personal expenses to the other card. This will help your card for your official expenses easily.
  - 10) It's all very well to be a member of the plastic age. Like all good things in life, a credit privilege has to be enjoyed.

A2.1 On the basis of the reading of the passage, complete the following summary by filling in the suitable words or phrases in the blanks. (4 marks)

To use a credit card all you need to do is, show it and (a) ..... They can be used at a shop or a restaurant. People using credit cards often fall into debts because of (b)..... To use a credit card responsibly, it is important to understand the fact that a credit card only (c)..... It can be difficult to decide which credit card one wants because (d).....

A2.2 Taking information from the passage, write down one advantage and one disadvantage of credit cards. (2 marks)

A2.3 The table below summarizes the types of credit cards available and the types of people they suit best. Complete the table by choosing appropriate phrases from the passage.  
(2 marks)

Types of Credit Cards	Suit people who	Reason for choice
1. Global credit cards	(a).....	Accepted across various outlets.
2. Credit cards offered by foreign and private banks.	(b).....	Provide a higher credit limit.
3. Credit cards offered by public sector banks.	(c).....	(d).....

A2.4 Find words/phrases from the passage which mean the same as the following from the paragraphs indicated.  
(4 marks)

- (a) attitudes / social problem (Para 2)
- (b) problem or difficulty (Para 5)
- (c) separate or set apart from the rest (Para 9)
- (d) repay or refund (Para 9)

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 the 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 ) 30 MARKS**

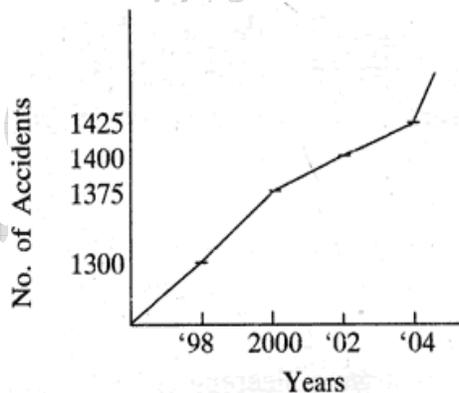
B.1. You are working for an advertising agency. Draft A NOTICE for the company, which is launching a new toothpaste to all its member giving their views how to launch this product in a sensational way (Word limit -50 words) 5

- B2 Suppose you are Anurag Verma. You come across an advertisement about a guided/package tour to Uttaranchal. Write a postcard in not more than 50 words to Blue Hill Adventure Tours and Travels Pvt. Ltd. to enquire about the package tour for your family of four.(5 marks)
- B3. Read the following extract:-

New Delhi: Health Minister A. Ramadoss has said that all villages affected by chikungunya fever would get Rs.10,000 to prevent mosquito breeding and to spread awareness among people even as 17,000 suspected cases of the viral disease have been reported so far this year.

The heavy rains in the country have aggravated the spread of chikungunya fever. Write an article for the local newspaper, highlighting the importance of personal as well as community hygiene in order to prevent the breeding of mosquitoes, in about 150 words. 10 marks

- B4. As a citizen who is aware of happenings in your 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)

C1. 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 as given below against the correct blank number. Remember to underline the word that you have supplied (1/2 x 8 =4 marks)

After our stay in Russia , I return with e.g. return .. returned e.g. return .. returned  
my son to visit my family for India. (a)  
We flew by the magnificent expanse of (b)  
the Himalayas in New Delhi . The plane (c)  
arrives after dark and by the time (d)  
we reach my uncle's house it was (e)  
were very tiring to do much talking (g)  
or to pay much attend to our surroundings. (h)

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. (3 marks)

place to place / because I / I travel / move from / like to  
*I travel because I like to move from place to place.*

(a) me / the sense / it gives / of freedom / enjoy / 1

(b) and / it pleases / of responsibilities / me / be / to / duties / rid /

(c) odd people / I / moment / who / amuse me / meet / for a /

C.3 Given below is a conversation. Complete the dialogue in any suitable way. (4 marks)

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Yash : I was playing with my friends .

Teacher : (b).....my permission/ if you had ,I would have gladly given it to you

Yash: 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 ?

Yash : Yes sir I am sorry. It (e).....future again.

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. (4 MARKS)

(a) GOLD HITS 18 YEAR HIGH

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**C.5. Look at the notes given below. Then use the information to complete the paragraph by writing suitable words or phrases in each blank. Do not add any new information. Write only the correct answers against the correct blank number in your answer sheet. (5 marks)**

Solar family expands-Planetoid Sedna spotted-most distant object orbiting the sun-discovered by Spitzer's piercing infrared rays-till now shrouded in mystery. Pluto - not as big as Sedna.

#### New Member in the Solar Family

Our solar family (a)..... . Seventy-four years after Pluto was discovered, scientists

b)..... a planetoid, , Sedna

which is the most distant object ever detected orbiting the sun.. Space telescope

Spitzer's piercing infrared rays (c)..... possible. Otherwise,

Sedna (d) ..... shrouded in the mysterious vastness of space. Moreover , Sedna

(e)..... than Pluto

## SECTION D LITERATURE (30 MARKS)

D.1. Read the extract given below and answer the questions that follow. Write the answers in your answer sheets in one or two sentences only. Remember to number the answers correctly. (4 marks)

For all aaverred, I averred, I had killed the bird  
That made the breeze to blow.

- a) Which bird is being referred to? How was it killed? (1 mark)  
b) Why did the other people believe the bird made the breeze blow? (2 marks)  
c) What does the bird symbolize? (1 mark)

D.2. Read the extract given below and answer the questions that follow. Write each answer in your answer sheet in one or two lines only. (5 marks)

'O judgment! thou art fled to brutish beasts,  
And men have lost their reason. Bear with me;  
My heart is in the coffin there with Caesar,  
And I must pause till it come back to me.'

- a) Who is the speaker? Who is he speaking to? (1 mark)  
b) Explain 'brutish beasts'. (2 marks)  
c) What is the speaker trying to do? Is he successful in his attempt? (2 marks)

D3. 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)

D4. 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)

**D.5.** Give the central idea of the poem '*Ode to the West Wind*'. (5 marks)

D6. As he waits endlessly for news of his daughter and knows that he has committed a sin by abusing Ali, Postmaster reflects on his journey of life and his apprehensions. Describe his feelings in about 150 words. (8 marks)

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**Subject – English**

SECTION A : READING      20 Marks

**A 1. Read the following poem carefully**

**8 marks**

**IF**

**By Rudyard Kipling**

If you can keep your head when all about you  
Are losing theirs and blaming it on you;  
If you can trust yourself when all men doubt you,  
But make allowance for their doubting too:  
If you can wait and not be tired by waiting,  
Or, being lied about, don't deal in lies,  
Or being hated don't give way to hating,  
And yet don't look too good, nor talk too wise;

If you can dream---and not make dreams your master;  
If you can think---and not make thoughts your aim,  
If you can meet with Triumph and Disaster  
And treat those two impostors just the same:.  
If you can bear to hear the truth you've spoken  
Twisted by knaves to make a trap for fools,  
Or watch the things you gave your life to, broken,  
And stoop and build'em up with worn-out tools;

If you can make one heap of all your winnings  
And risk it on one turn of pitch-and-toss,  
And lose, and start again at your beginnings,  
And never breathe a word about your loss:  
If you can force your heart and nerve and sinew  
To serve your turn long after they are gone,  
And so hold on when there is nothing in you  
Except the Will which says to them: "Hold on!"

If you can talk with crowds and keep your virtue,  
Or walk with Kings---nor lose the common touch,  
If neither foes nor loving friends can hurt you,  
If all men count with you, but none too much:

If you can fill the unforgiving minute  
With sixty seconds' worth of distance run,  
Yours is the Earth and everything that's in it,  
And---which is more---you'll be a Man, my son!

**1.1 The summary of the poem is given below. Complete it by writing the missing word/phrase (1/2 X 6=3 marks)**

The poem 'If' is inspirational, motivational, and a set of rules for 'grown-up' living. Kipling's 'If' contains mottos and maxims for life, and is also a blueprint for (a).....integrity, behaviour and self-development. 'If' is perhaps even more relevant today than when Kipling wrote it, as an ethos and a personal philosophy. It gives us a (b)..... to choose between two opposites as one leads us to a (c)..... and successful path and another makes us weak and hopeless. Rudyard has beautifully expressed how to live a fulfilling and fruitful life in a very (d)..... manner. As he says in the opening of poem that no matter if everyone is doubting us, we must remain calm and try to calm others logically and not by (e)..... our temper and giving them way to doubt us. It requires a great deal of patience but eventually it will make others (f)..... how strong we are and they would definitely be ashamed of their behaviour.

**1.2 Explain the following expressions (3 marks)**

- (a) fill the unforgiving minute
- (b) nor lose the common touch
- (c) yours is the earth

**1.3 Pick out (2 marks)**

- Pairs of rhyming words
  - (a)
  - (b)
- Synonyms from lines indicated (lines 11-16)
  - (a) hypocrite
  - (b) dishonest

**A.2 Read the following passage carefully and answer the questions that follow: (12 marks)**

**EV – AN ELECTRIFYING THOUGHT**

- (1) According to a study by the Tata Energy Research Institute (TERI), pollution in India could arise to alarming levels by the middle of the century unless urgent action is taken. The group estimates that under current conditions, the suspended particulate matter load in the air would rise to 52 million tons by 2047, up from 17 million in 1997. Methane realized from landfills would increase from 7 million to 39 million tons during the same period. The study cites industrial production, motor vehicles and

fossil fuels as the biggest potential contributors. All this would contribute to global warming and acute respiratory problems. One solution to the problem is the increased use of EVs, short for electrically powered vehicles. An EV is an environment friendly vehicle which runs on an electric motor powered by a rechargeable battery. It is nearly noiseless and emits no harmful exhaust.

- (2) An average car in India emits 4 g/km of CO and 2 g/km of Nitrogen Oxides and Hydrocarbons. If there were even 40,000 electric vehicles on the road with an annual driving distance of 12,000 km/vehicles, we would reduce 3,000 tons of pollutants.
- (3) In effect Electrical Vehicles (EVs) could serve as a stimulant in bringing down pollution. EVs would also help free the Indian government of some of its debts and deficits. 50 per cent of all our oil requirement for transportation is imported, which in numbers accounts for a whopping savings in the foreign exchange of over \$24 million on petrol alone. The Petroleum Ministry has estimated that every one-dollar increase in international oil prices translates into a Rs.3, 000 crore (Rs. 30 billion) increase in our oil import bill annually.
- (4) EV's would have an effect on the following: Air and Noise pollution; infrastructure availability; safety; vehicle up gradation; economic resource sustainability. EV's are easier to service and maintain, and are ideal for "stop-start" city driving conditions. The absence of gears and clutch make them extremely reliable and easy to drive and manoeuvre on congested roads. Research has revealed that regular commuters don't travel distances more than 30-40 kms a day. With heavy traffic congestion and narrow roads, the average speeds maintained in the city is below 40 km/h. Hence Ev's with a top speed of 50-75 km/h and a range of 70-100 km meet over 90 per cent of city mobility requirements.
- (5) The government needs to push EV sales by providing separate meters for charging EVs and by implementing concessional rates of 50 % tariff for night charging. Reserved and free parking areas for EVs with charging facility and making charging points for EVs mandatory in parking lots of all multi-storey buildings, commercial complexes is a must. Some state governments have been proactively pushing the cause by exempting EVs from road and sales taxes. In addition, the Central government is providing a subsidy of Rs. 75,000 on EVs purchased by its organizations.

**2.1 On the basis of your of the above passage, complete the following statements.  
(8 marks)**

(a) According to TERI studies pollution in India could arise alarmingly because of four factors

(1/2 \* 4 = 2 marks)

- 1) \_\_\_\_\_
- 2) \_\_\_\_\_
- 3) \_\_\_\_\_

4) \_\_\_\_\_

(b) Two definite advantages an EV has for India over a conventional car are:

(1+1=2 marks)

1) \_\_\_\_\_

2) \_\_\_\_\_

(c) List four other advantages of EV that make them ideal for city driving conditions:

(1/2 \* 4 = 2

marks)

1) \_\_\_\_\_

2) \_\_\_\_\_

3) \_\_\_\_\_

4) \_\_\_\_\_

(d) Four steps the government can take to increase the sales of EVs are :

( 1/2 \*

4 = 2 marks)

1) \_\_\_\_\_

2) \_\_\_\_\_

3) \_\_\_\_\_

4) \_\_\_\_\_

**2.2 Find words from the passage which mean the same as the following from the paragraph indicated.**

**(4 marks)**

- extremely big (Para 3)
- regular travellers between home and work (Para 4)
- to move into desired position (Para 4)
- tending to take initiative (Para 5)

SECTION B : WRITING	30 Marks
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B.1 The Counselling Cell of your school is organizing an orientation programme (Stream Options)

for the parents of Class XI in the school auditorium. Construct a notice giving information about the same to the parents. (word limit 50 words)

You are Ashwin/Asha, Manager Human Potential Department

(5 marks)

B.2 You are Shiv, son of Shri Shyam Sunder, are in Delhi to receive the Bravery Award for the year 2008. The rehearsal for the function that is to take place on the 21 January is over. Write a postcard to your parents who are living in Shimla telling them about the rehearsal in not more than 50 words. (5 marks)

B.3 Students frequently encounter Exam Bonanza. Most of the schools conduct endless tests, revision test, retests and preboard examinations for classes X and XII. This is clearly against the CBSE guidelines because such examinations add to the students' stress and burden and leave no time for self-study and preparation for the board examination. Write a letter to the chairman of C.B.S.E, Preet Vihar, Vikas Marg, New Delhi, highlighting the menace and suggesting ways to combat it (10 marks)

B.4 "Instant food, sedentary life, pressure-cooker like work environment, turbulent traffic, cut throat competition, sadistic attitude and materialism....." is the order of the day. Taking ideas from the **Unit-Health**; Comment on "Modern lifestyle make us disease prone". (10 marks)

SECTION C : GRAMMAR 20 Marks

C.1 The following passage has not been edited. There is an error in each line. Write the incorrect word and the correction (4 marks)

Moon's quarter in Aquarius

Work and pleasure can be both equally a).....  
.....  
intense now. You strives for greater accord b).....  
.....  
in your relationships and made clever adjustments c).....  
.....  
financially. Once again there was anxiety regarding d).....  
.....  
older relatives, but you handles it well e).....  
.....  
patiently and tenderly. The job scene registered f).....  
.....  
sharp progress and create avenues without more g).....  
.....  
responsibilities. Ganesha understand this. h).....  
.....

**C.2 Rearrange the following words and phrases to form meaningful sentences:**

**(3 marks)**

relieves and amuses / soul / laughter / the depressed  
Laughter relieves and amuses the depressed soul

1. it is / to stress/ and pain / an antidote
2. for toning / a good exercise/ up / it is / facial muscles
3. and stabilised / is improved / body functions/ and blood circulation
4. makes one / of friends / feel good / in making / a lot / laughter / and helps
5. increases / it / longevity
6. negative laughter / at others /the only / is laughing

**C.3 Given below is a conversation. Complete the dialogue in any suitable way.  
(4 marks)**

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**C.4 The following instructions about Shoe-Polishing will help chase the blues away. Describe the process**

**(5 marks)**

- Spread an old newspaper on the floor.
- Remove the dirt from the shoes using a cloth.
- Apply shoe polish evenly with a shoe brush. Let the shoes remain in the sun for a while.
- Work up the shine by brushing vigorously.
- Finally ,close the polish container and place it in the rack.

Polish shoes can be fun. It can make one quite methodical and disciplined in life. Here is a simple process for a shiny pair of leather shoes. First of all an old newspaper is

*spread* on the floor to prevent it from being spoiled with dirt and polish spills. Next, a cotton cloth(a).....the dirt from the shoes. Then (b)..... with a shoe brush and the pair(cf)..... in the sun for a while. A vigorous brushing(d).....to work up the shine. You have a sparkling pair of shoes. Once the process is over, the polish container(e).....in the rack.

**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 sheet against the correct blank number. Do not copy the whole sentence.**

**(4 marks)**

(a) GOLD HITS 18 YEAR HIGH

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SECTION D : LITERATURE 30 Marks

**D1 Read the extract and answer the questions given below:**

**(4 marks)**

"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 hour  
It lost its sting.

Questions:

(a) Why was the flame feeding on the mother? (2)

- (b) Explain 'the incantation'.(1)  
(c) What do these lines tell us about the attitude of the peasants? (1)

**D2 Read the extract and answer the questions given below: (4 marks)**

About, about in reel and rout  
And death fires danced at night,  
The water, like witch's oil,  
Burnt green and blue and white.

Questions:

- (a). What were the death fires in the above stanza? (2)  
(b) That water in the ocean had three colours why? How does this colours scheme affect the poem? (2)

**D3** How has the West Wind been described by the poet. Write about some poetic devices used in the poem 'An Ode to the West Wind'. (75-100 words)

OR

Mention the shadows shown by the first ghost in the play, 'The Christmas Carol' Write the answer in 75-100 words. (5 marks)

**D4** In the play 'Julius Caesar', Calpurnia says: "When beggars die, there are no comets seen; The heaven themselves blaze forth the death of princes." How do heavens predict the death of Caesar that night before assassination? (100 words) (5 marks)

**D5** Briefly describe the partition scene in the lesson 'The Tribute' (50-75 words) (4 marks)

**D6** Suppose you are Ch-tsal's mother. Your son who has gone on a voyage to the planet Quta-pi has not returned. You are worried. All efforts to communicate with your son has failed. Quiet frustrated and grieved you pour feelings in your diary. Write the diary entry expressing your fears, despair and hope that he will return.

OR

"All working class people, says Dhumaketu, have the habit of taking periodic rests by engaging in discussion for a few minutes. The post office employees in the story were no exception". How did post office employee make the best of such periodic rests? (150 words) (8 marks)

**Sample Paper – 2008**  
**Class - X**  
**Subject - English**

**A1.** Read the following passage carefully and answer the questions that following:

1. When television became widespread after World War II, some people thought that television will replace reading. They believed that only a few people might still have any reason to read and that television would become the number one educational tool.
2. We know now that this prediction was incorrect. There has been no decline in most people's need to read. In fact, surveys show that more books than ever are being sold and the amount of time that students spend reading is greater than in the days before television. Unfortunately, however, many students are doing little or no voluntary reading. Most of the reading that they do is assigned by their teachers.
3. Just think about how much you read every day in order to complete your school work. How often can you finish an assignment or your home-work without doing any reading? Is there any class in your school that does not require you to do some reading? You have to read home-economics -directions and recipes, if nothing else- in shop and auto mechanic classes, in the Science lab and certainly in such courses as Social Studies and English. There is no denying the fact that most academic and vocational courses rely heavily on text books.
4. Not too long ago, a group of teachers made a study of the students and learning problems. A curious fact came out of this study. The teachers discovered that the students who did poorly in subjects such as Maths or Art could still do very well in other subjects. But the students who did poorly in reading, almost always did poorly in all their other courses.
5. For a while the teachers who made the study were puzzled by this, but they soon had an answer to this puzzle. The teachers looked at the subjects that the students were failing in and discovered that even subjects like Maths and Science were based on reading.
6. Of course there were also other skills involved such as learning to add and subtract in Maths class. Most of the explanation of how to do things had to be read by the students. Much of the home-work assignments required students to read long sets of directions and tests and, problems in class often involved story problems, problems that were explained in words and had to be read and understood before they could be solved. Your success or failure in these classes will depend on your ability to read the required material. Finally, if you go to college, almost all your study time will be spent reading. You need more and more information and most of this information comes from the printed material you have to read. Even if you could get tapes or movies containing all the information, you need to know that they would not be of much help until and unless you know how to read.

7. Magazines and books may all be on microfilm in the next few years, but they will still have to be read. The same is true of most of what you have to learn in school. Your school is probably not going to throw all printed material out of the window very soon.
8. Success in school courses still depends on an ability to read and those students, who cannot read or at least read well enough to master material, are in trouble.
9. You are moving into a world where every day more and more technical reading is required. Instructions for using applications are becoming more complex. There are written instructions to follow, -for food preparations, traffic signs, travel directions and safety information, all requiring the ability to read. People in modern society read hundreds and even thousands of words every day.
10. Also your ability to get and keep a job is directly related to your ability to read. Even the simplest jobs require some reading ability, and many people advance to more important and better paying jobs by getting additional knowledge and skills through reading. The more specialised the job, the need to read confidently, quickly and efficiently. Doctors read professional journals so that they can use the latest medical knowledge in treating patients while pharmacists have to read the prescriptions the doctors write. Lawyers spend their days reading briefs. The number of semi-skilled and professional occupations that require high reading ability is increasing rapidly. Today a person who cannot read is almost unemployable. (About 750 words)

**(a)** Based on your understanding of the above passage answer the following questions:

- (i) What prediction concerning television is referred to by the author and why does he say that it is incorrect? 1+3
- (ii) What were the findings of the teachers regarding the poor performance of the students? 2
- (iii) What do you understand from the term 'technical reading'? 2
- (iv) Do you think audio-visuales and microfilms can replace reading in modern? Why? Why not? 4

**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	without being mourned
memorial	steal from someone
land inherited	carry a stone
pass by	not mourned over death
hope	

### WRITING SKILLS

3. You are working for an advertising agency. Draft A NOTICE for the company, which is **launching a new toothpaste to all its member giving their views how to launch this product in a sensational way** (Word limit -50 words) **5**

4. You are Mohan/Molly. You have been invited by the Lions Club to act as one of the judges for a fancy dress competition for children. Write a post card to your friend sharing the pleasure of the (Word input -50 words) **5 Marks**

5. Your school has celebrated the World Environment Day on 5th June Write a speech in 125 words to be delivered in the assembly. You are Laxmi / Laxman of X class. **10**

**Or**

Your school has arranged a programme on Life Skills for Classes X and XII. Experts invited on the occasion delivered speeches on motivation, stress management, goal-setting and Inter-personal relationships, which were of immense help to the students in acquiring leadership qualities. Write a report in 125 words. Sign as Kumar/Pallavi, National Public School, Hyderabad.

6. You are Rajan/Rani. Incidents of crime against women, especially in bit cities are increasing. Write an article on this to be published in a newspaper to sensitize the police and the public on this matter. (Word limit: 200 words) **10 Marks**

**SECTION C (GRAMMAR)**

**(20 Marks)**

**C1. The following passage has not been edited. There is one error in each of the lines. 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. ( $\frac{1}{2} \times 8=4$  marks)**

The pump, one of the most new e.g. most  
....many pain management techniques now  
available, implies pain-killing drugs  
in the body. Studied but practised as  
a superspecialised branch in medicine  
pain management offers relief for  
patients assailed in severe pain.  
The perception of pain different from  
person to person. Keep in mind the  
differences, pain clinics use detail

e.g. most ....many

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

**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. ( $\frac{1}{2} \times 8=4$  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. ( $\frac{1}{2} \times 4 = 8$  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 /

(g) Directoral Meetings / has / Som / at the office / important.

(h) autumn break / promised to / my father / out of station / during the / take us / has.

**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)**

**30 Marks**

**D 1.** 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)**

In me she has drowned a young girl, and in me an old woman  
Rises toward her day after day like a terrible fish.

- (a) Why has the young girl 'drowned'? (1)
- (b) What does the phrase 'day after day' signify? (1)
- (c) Why is the woman referred to as a 'terrible fish'? (2)

**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.** 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** How Julius Caesar was murdered? Explain with the reference to the incidents happens before and after the incident. **5 Marks**

**D5** Cutie—Pie was extremely attached to his mother. Give incidents from the lesson to prove this statement. Your answer should be in about 80-100-words.

**(4 marks)**

**D6.** As he waits endlessly for news of his daughter and knows that he has committed a sin by abusing Ali, Postmaster reflects on his journey of life and his apprehensions. Describe his feelings in about *150 words* . **(8 marks)**



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**Sample Paper – 2008**  
**Class – X**  
**Subject – English**

(Communicative)

Time allowed: 3 hours

Maximum Marks: 100

Subject Code: 101

General Instructions :

- (i) This paper consists of four sections —

Section A — Reading	20 marks
Section B — Writing	30 marks
Section C — Grammar	20 marks
Section D — Literature	30 marks
- (ii) Attempt all questions.
- (iii) Do not write anything in the question paper.
- (iv) All the answers must be correctly numbered as in the question paper and written in the answer sheet provided to you.
- (v) Attempt all questions in each section before going on to the next section.
- (vi) Read each question carefully and follow the instructions.
- (vii) Strictly adhere to the word limit given with each question. Marks will be deducted for exceeding the word limit.

**SECTION A – (Reading)**

**1 Read the following poem carefully and answer the questions that**

**follow:**

**Letter from a Parent**

(8 Marks)

Dear Sir,  
I feel I ought to write  
About Tom's essay-work last night  
Of all the subjects you have set  
This seemed the most unwise yet.  
"Describe your family"...Tom wrote it,  
So well, I just had to stop it  
Being handed in;-So did my wife.  
The details of our family life  
Are not such a kind, alas,  
That I should want them read in class:  
We did not wish the High School staff

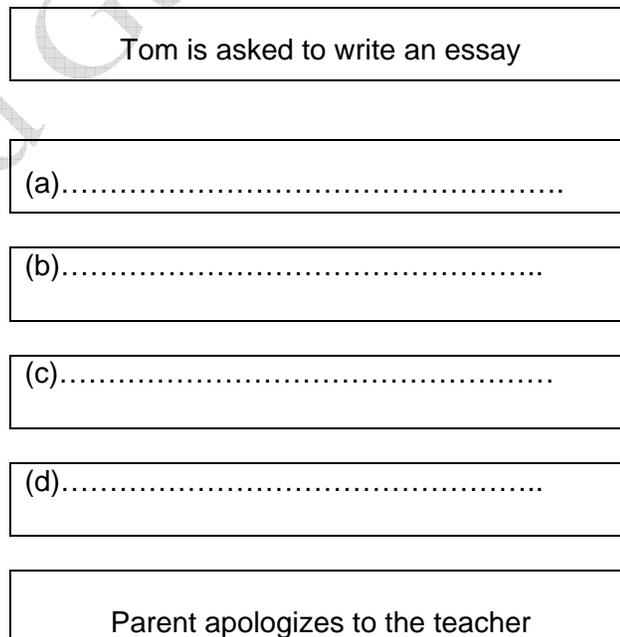
To read them for a-lunch-hour-laugh.  
We tore it out. I realize  
You may think what we did unwise-  
But give it your consideration  
And please accept my explanation.  
I trust you will not blame my son,  
For, after all, the work was done

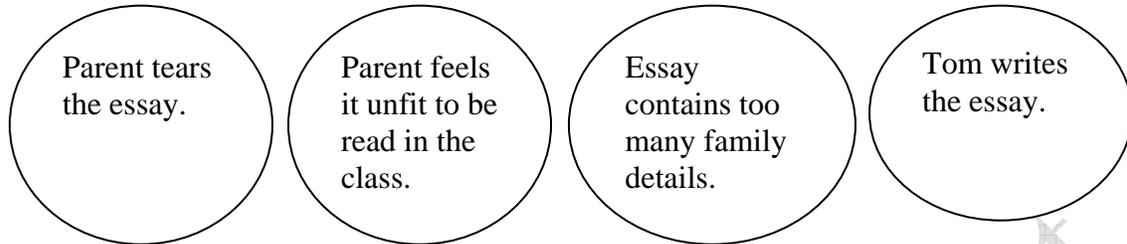
Yours truly  
Harold Honeybun

**A1.1 On the basis of your reading of the above poem, complete the following statements as briefly as possible: (6 marks)**

- a) The father forbids his son to submit the essay to his teacher because.....
- b) Submitting the essay to the teacher would cause the staff of the school to.....
- c) According to the poet the persons to be blamed for Tom not submitting his essay are.....
- d) Tom, according to his father should be pardoned because.....
- e) The letter is written to the.....
- f) A phrase from the poem that tells us that the parent pleads with the teacher to excuse his son is.....

**A1.2 Given below is a flow chart that describes the series of events as they occur in the poem. Taking help from the bubbles given below, complete the flow chart. Write the answer only with the correct no. (2 marks)**





**A2 Read the following passage and answer the questions that follow (12 marks)**

**CREDIT CARDS**

- 1) Ask people whether credit cards are a necessity or a luxury and most would probably turn them a necessity these days. Credit cards are considered a boon for the ready convenience they confer on the user-you don't have to worry about carrying enough cash when you go shopping or to a restaurant. Just flash your card, sign and walk out.
- 2) But there are many who criticize credit cards for the 'easy money' syndrome they generate. It is true that many people fall into a debt trap-thanks to the extensive use of their credit cards. But if you are careful with your expenses, they can be a handy thing to have around. Hence, you need to consider the term 'responsible usage' and understand the actual significance of living on credit.
- 3) Remember that using a credit card does not mean 'free' credit. In effect, what you are doing is merely postponing the payment. While it looks real good to have to pay only one or two thousand a month on your card, remember that you're paying interest on the amount that you 'revolve' from one billing cycle to the next.
- 4) But there's one precaution we should add. Always settle a credit card bill in full for two good reasons. First and foremost, if you're not able to pay up now, you should not have spent it in the first place. Second, the credit charges tends to be extremely high, ranging from two percent to three percent per month.
- 5) There is no shortage of cards on offer. Almost every bank has launched a card; so the biggest hurdle you face is in trying to choose from amongst them.
- 6) So, how does one choose among the various cards on offer? "The factors for choosing a card revolve around certain differentiating features that one card may offer and the others don't, like acceptability, eligibility, fees, other charges, credit period, cash advance, etc."
- 7) The cards which carry the Master or Visa affiliation are more widely accepted across the country compared to Diners and American Express cards. Similarly global credit cards are valid even outside India. If you travel

- regularly within or outside India, these cards would probably suit you the best, due to their acceptability across various outlets.
- 8) If your credit card is more of a functional accessory while you shop or entertain in your home town, you will want a higher credit limit. Here, foreign and private banks will give you a higher limit. But if you are a value-for-money person who likes the convenience offered by a card, but will alternate between paying by cash and card you could consider credit cards offered by the public sector banks. Their entry fees are typically lower. Moreover, if you need them, you get longer credit periods and lower credit charges. But you may not get a very high credit limit.
  - 9) Many offers now a days carry more than one card, and another circumstances, you could use them to segregate your expenses. For example, if your employer reimburses you for certain travel and entertainment expenses, it would be a good idea to charge all official expenses to one card and all personal expenses to the other card. This will help your card for your official expenses easily.
  - 10) It's all very well to be a member of the plastic age. Like all good things in life, a credit privilege has to be enjoyed.

A2.1 On the basis of the reading of the passage, complete the following summary by filling in the suitable words or phrases in the blanks. **(4 marks)**

To use a credit card all you need to do is, show it and (a) ..... They can be used at a shop or a restaurant. People using credit cards often fall into debts because of (b)..... To use a credit card responsibly, it is important to understand the fact that a credit card only (c)..... It can be difficult to decide which credit card one wants because (d).....

A2.2 Taking information from the passage, write down one advantage and one disadvantage of credit cards. **(2 marks)**

A2.3 The table below summarizes the types of credit cards available and the types of people they suit best. Complete the table by choosing appropriate phrases from the passage. **(2 marks)**

Types of Credit Cards	Suit people who	Reason for choice
1. Global credit cards	(a).....	Accepted across various outlets.
2. Credit cards offered by foreign and private banks.	(b).....	Provide a higher credit limit.
3. Credit cards offered by public sector banks.	(c).....	(d).....

A2.4 Find words/phrases from the passage which mean the same as the following from the paragraphs indicated. **(4 marks)**

- (a) attitudes / social problem (Para 2)
- (b) problem or difficulty (Para 5)
- (c) separate or set apart from the rest (Para 9)
- (d) repay or refund (Para 9)

### SECTION B – (Writing)

- B1 Suppose you are Miss Pushpa Natrajan, the Secretary to the Principal of Angels Public School, Chinglepet. Read the following notes about a meeting the Principal has called. Using the notes write a message on behalf of the principal for Master Pankaj Mahajan, the Head boy of the school informing him about the meeting and asking to ensure attendance of all the members of the house council. The message should not exceed 50 words. Put the message in the box. **(5 marks)**

#### MESSAGE FOR THE HEAD BOY

- Urgent meeting of House council
- Agenda: falling standard of discipline
- Today during recess in the Principal's office
- Attendance must for all members
- Head boy to inform other members

- B2 Suppose you are Anurag Verma. You come across an advertisement about a guided/package tour to Uttaranchal. Write a postcard in not more than 50 words to Blue Hill Adventure Tours and Travels Pvt. Ltd. to enquire about the package tour for your family of four. **(5 marks)**
- B3 You come across the following advertisement in a newspaper and feel that you should place an article for the school magazine and try to encourage the students of the school to read more books and develop a sense of responsibility amongst all to give a helping hand to stop the extinction of the reading habit **(10 marks)**

You are cordially invited to  
INTERNATIONAL BOOK FAIR  
From 14<sup>th</sup> November to 30<sup>th</sup> November  
At Pragati Maidan, New Delhi  
14 Pavilions of over 500 National and International Publishers  
are participating in the fair

ENTRY FREE

Timings: 10.00 a.m. to 8.00 p.m.

- B4 You are Karan and you have just read an article in the newspaper titled "The Hottest Summer Ever Recorded". Write a letter to the editor of an English newspaper giving your opinions on the reasons why temperatures are rising and suggesting preventive measures. Use ideas from the input given as well as from the Unit on 'Environment' (10 marks)

#### SECTION C (Grammar)

C1: In the given passage, 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. Underline the word that forms a part of your answer. (4 marks)

Diabetics tightly control their blood sugar levels cut their risk heart attacks and strokes in half, long-awaited federally funded study shows. The findings, nearly 1,400 diabetics who have followed for more than a decade, provide first direct evidence that the risk the most serious complication of the disease, affects millions of Americans, can be minimized

e.g., Diabetics who  
(a)  
(b) (c)  
(d)  
(e)  
(f)  
(g) (h)

- C2 Mahesh was a witness to a robbery in his locality. He is being interviewed by Ramesh, a reporter from the crime page. Complete the dialogue given below in a suitable way. Write the answers in the answer sheet with the correct blank numbers. (4 marks)

- Ramesh : So Mahesh, You saw the robber snatch the bag from the old lady which  
(a).....?
- Mahesh : He ran towards the railway line. I saw him jumping into a carriage.
- Ramesh : Was (b).....?
- Mahesh : No, it was not moving. I also jumped into it.
- Ramesh : Were (c).....?
- Mahesh : No I was not afraid. I have seen it happening in films many times
- Ramesh : Why (d).....?, he could have hurt you.

C3 Look at the newspaper items below. Then use the information and complete the following. (4 marks)

- a) -----  
Three bombs blasted outside the Athens Police station on Wednesday in a series of time blasts, causing serious damage and rattling security forces just 100 days before the Olympic Games.
- b) SECURITY SYSTEM AT SHANTINIKETAN TO BE 'REDESIGNED'  
The Vishwa-Bharti University authorities .....at Shantiniketan in the wake of last week's theft at Tagore's Memorial museum
- c) -----  
A racket in printing and selling of fake documents was busted by the Police. One person has been arrested in this connection.
- d) "5 LAKH JOBS TO BE CLEARED BY 2010"—PLANNING COMMISSION  
Mr Naresh Mathur, member of the planning commission said yesterday that ..... by the year 2010.

C4) Look at the words and phrases below. Rearrange them to form meaningful sentences. The first one is done for you as an example. (4 marks)

and a very / the king / named Acanthus / talented sculptor / Pygmalion was / of Cyprus / of a village

Pygmalion was the king of Cyprus and a very talented sculptor of a village named Acanthus

- a) had finished / he smiled / when he/ the ivory statue / of a beautiful woman / one day
- b) smile / at having food / it was the innocent new and technique / of a child / something.

- c) By the beauty / that / to worship it / he was / falling down / he felt like / so impressed / on his knees / of the statue.
- d) That he / a masterpiece / and called / he realized / this beauty, / had created / Galatea.

C5) The following passage has not been edited. There is one error in each of the lines. Write the incorrect word and the correction in your answer sheet against the correct blank number. Remember to underline that you have supplied

(4 marks)

Children love picnics and outings of their parents e.g. of ..... with  
though they are equally happier doing things with (a)  
them around the house. A parent may make (b)  
his child feels special by following some simple (c)  
rituals. Bedtime stories, the game of cards or (d)  
simply talking or laughing together before going to (e)  
bed some give children a wonderful sense (f)  
of well-being. They hardly ever forgot these moments, (g)  
and cherish them throughout these lives (h)

#### SECTION D (Literature)

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

She rewards me with tears and agitation of hands.  
I am important to her. She comes and goes.  
Each morning it is her face that replaces the darkness.

- (a) Who is the speaker and who is 'she'? (1  
mark )
- (b) Why does she come there often? (1 mark )
- (c) What is her reaction on seeing her image? (2 marks)

D2. Read the extract given below and answer the questions that follow. Write each answer in one or two lines only.

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 are 'us' referred to here? (1 mark)
- (b) Which was the spirit that plagued them? (1 mark)
- (c) Why was it plaguing them? (2 marks)

D3. Read the extract given below and answer the questions that follow. Write each answer in one or two lines only.

DECIUS BRUTUS: This dream is all amiss interpreted;  
It was a vision fair and fortunate:

- (a) Which 'vision' is referred to here? (2 marks)
- (b) What is Brutus' interpretation of the vision? (2 marks)
- (c) Why did he interpret it such a way (1 mark)

D4. Read the extract given below and answer the questions that follow. Write each answer in one or two lines only.

Mrs. CRATCHIT (bristling): Mr. Scrooge indeed. I wish I had him here: I'd give him a piece of my mind to feast the poem, and I hope he'd have a good appetite for it.

- (a) What is Mrs. Cratchit's opinion of Mr. Scrooge? (1 mark)
- (b) How does Cratchit react to it? (2 marks)
- (c) What lesson did Scrooge learn from this sight? (2 marks)

D5. in the lesson 'The Tribute' Babuli says, "My home—my village—they used to pull me away from the moribund of the city life." (Answer should not exceed 75 words)

- a) Why does Babuli refer to city as 'moribund'? (2 marks)
- b) How did it draw him away from his home and his village later? (2 marks)

D6. Imagine you are the postmaster and have just gone and laid Miriam's letter on Ali's grave. You come back home and reflect on whatever's happened. The newly awakened father's heart in you is reproaching you for have failed to understand Ali's anxiety. As the postmaster write a diary entry in about 150-175 words outlining your feeling.

(8 marks)



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**Sample Paper – 2008**

**Class – X**

**Subject - English**

**ENGLISH  
(Communicative)**

*Time allowed : 3 hours*

*Maximum Marks : 100*

**General Instructions :**

- (i) *This paper consists of four sections —*
  - Section A** — Reading 20 marks
  - Section B** — Writing 30 marks
  - Section C** — Grammar 20 marks
  - Section D** — Literature 30 marks
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**SECTION A – (Reading)**

1 Read the following passage carefully and answer the questions that follow

Crocodiles will never openly attack, and they will not even defend their own eggs; directly you attempt to land into the water they go. It is unwise, however, to stand too close to the riverbank, especially at dusk. The crocodile does not lunge out at you with its jaws; instead, having observed you carefully from midstream, he will swim submerged into the shallow, and with scythe like movement of his tail he sweeps into the water. One of the African boys in the park had been taken like this a few days before we arrived, and it was no rare thing, we were told, for the baby elephants to meet their end in just this way when they come down the river to drink. Then the mother elephant goes raging along the bank quite powerless to retaliate.

The crocodile itself has mortal enemies, and not many of the sixty or seventy eggs, which the female lays like a turtle, in the hole in the sand banks are destined to survive. Having laid her eggs the mother covers up the hole and then sometimes departs. This is the moment for the monitor lizard to creep out of the undergrowth, to scrape the sand away and then to gorge on these eggs. Even if the nest remains undiscovered the young crocodiles which hatch out of these eggs need a good deal of luck to survive. They come struggling to the surface of the sand, little ten inch long rubbery things and make directly for the water hissing and snapping as they run.

**1.1 Complete the given summary of the passage using one word only. (4)**

It is not (i) \_\_\_\_\_ to stand too close to the riverbank. There may be a crocodile (ii) \_\_\_\_\_ you. Crocodiles (iii) \_\_\_\_\_ their victims (iv) \_\_\_\_\_. They lie (v) \_\_\_\_\_ in the shallow and (vi) \_\_\_\_\_ with a (vii) \_\_\_\_\_ movement of the tail (viii) \_\_\_\_\_ their prey into the water.

**1.2 Complete the following sentences as briefly as possible**

- a) The phrase "mortal enemy" means \_\_\_\_\_. (1)
- b) A female crocodile lays its \_\_\_\_\_ eggs. (1)
- c) The young crocodiles are \_\_\_\_\_ in size. (1)
- d) A monitor lizard feeds on \_\_\_\_\_. (1)

**2. Read the passage carefully and answer the questions that follow :**

- 1 A forgotten hilly district in northern Orissa, known more for its rough roads and grinding poverty, has produced at least 22 world-class hockey players for India and dozens who play at the national level. On the Athens Olympic team were three men from Sundergarh — Captain Dilip Tirkey, fellow defender William Xalco and midfielder Ignace Tirkey. Ignace's younger brother plays in the national junior team.

- 2 The hockey hour is upon the villagers and a local tournament is about to begin. The prize is a fattened goat — or khasi — after which the tournament is named and it is through hundreds of events like this that Sundergarh’s most unusual heritage stays alive. An hour before the match, the field is overrun by dozens of little boys — all wannabe Dilips between five and eight years, their faces shining and their sweaty little bodies a blur as they run barefoot on the rocky ground. Some have barely entered the village school but they know their hockey. In this tribal belt a child’s first toy is a hockey stick. Not just the number of bullocks he owns judges an eligible groom, but also by the goals he scores. Weddings are solemnized with an over field face-off between families.
- 3 In 2003, the 1500 tribal villages of Sundergarh hosted over 200 hockey tournaments. “We play hockey at the drop of a hat,” laughs former Olympian, Michael Kindo. “And sometimes, even when the hat doesn’t drop.” Nobody can pinpoint exactly when and how hockey came to Sundergarh. But scholars believe that it was the Christian missionaries who introduced it as they swarmed into the tribal region in the 1860s. Whenever schools were set up, they included hockey as an extra-curricular activity. This sport was introduced, as everything required for the sport was available in the forests. Even today, youngsters in the interiors of the district make their own hockey sticks by bending a bamboo shoot, binding one end to create a curve and slow heating it over fire. Youngsters in Lulkidihi village, which has produced the largest number of stars, make a ball by wrapping cloth around a wood apple.
- 4 Kindo believes there is a very good reason Sundergarh has taken to the sport — because members of the 36 tribes that make up the district have the build, temperament and even, he says, the DNA. These descendants of ancient hunter-gatherers are said to have immense stamina, keen eyesight and patience. “We

tribals are short, but we have strong legs and can stay bent over a stick for hours,” says Kindo. In a sport that focuses on a small, fast-moving ball, the sharper the eyesight the better.

- 5 However, only about 5 percent of the state’s budget is set apart for sports. Facilities at the government run Panposh Academy are dismal. Kindo hopes to have more stadia, local and civic tournaments. Hockey is to Sundergarh what cricket is to rest of India — a passion, an aspirational sport that helps the tribals get jobs and earn a living.

**2.1 Fill in the summary using a word for each blank: (½×6=3)**

Hockey (a) \_\_\_\_\_ in the hearts of the people of the village so much so that a game of hockey is played at the drop of a hat. A hockey stick very often (b) \_\_\_\_\_ a child’s first toy. It is also (c) \_\_\_\_\_ to note that hockey plays an important role even in (d) \_\_\_\_\_ an eligible groom. The tribals who constitute Sundergarh owe it to the missionaries who (e) \_\_\_\_\_ the game there. (f) \_\_\_\_\_ there are a number of international and national players, very little money is being set apart for hockey in the sports budget.

**2.2 Complete the following sentences: (1×2=2)**

- (a) Hockey caught on more than other sports as \_\_\_\_\_  
(b) Sundergarh is known more for its \_\_\_\_\_ than hockey.

**2.3 Answer the following questions : (2×2=4)**

- (a) How do the youngsters make hockey sticks and balls?  
(b) What are the qualities that the tribals have that contribute to being good at hockey?

**2.4 Find words from the passage which mean the same as the following:**

**(1×3=3)**

- (a) came in large numbers (para 3)  
(b) a person's nature and character (para 4)  
(c) sad/depressing (para 5)

**SECTION B – (Writing)**

3. You are Kartik Basu, head boy of your school. A group of your school students are involved in a literacy project. As your school is offering a scholarship for the economically deprived children, you are required to put up a notice on the school notice board informing other students to bring their learners for a basic qualifying test to be held on 12 February. Write the notice in **50** words. **(5)**

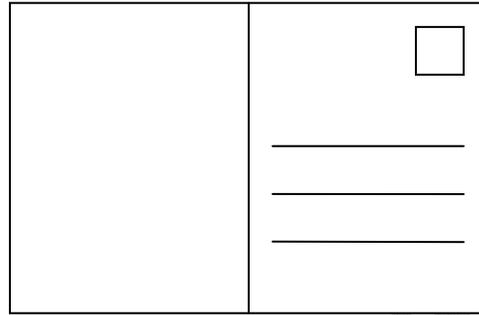
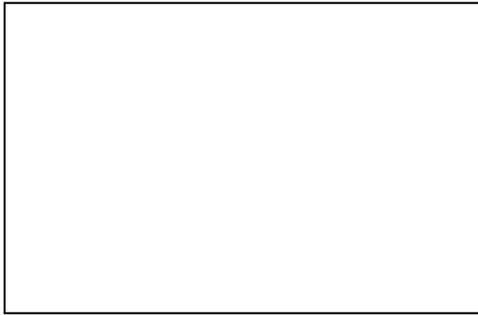
4. Ramganesha has invented a new software for learning languages. You can see his notes below.

**NOTES**

*Cirrus Electronic Systems – provide – multi-lingual software solution – launched – “India Speaks” – Helps to learn any Indian language from another language – learn 15 languages from 210 combinations – possess 4 parts – 150 terms – day to day needs – 400 sentences covered – helps get around everywhere*

He writes a postcard to his friend Ravi about it. Use the information to write the postcard. Do not exceed 50 words. Copy the format of postcard given below in your answer sheet

**(5)**

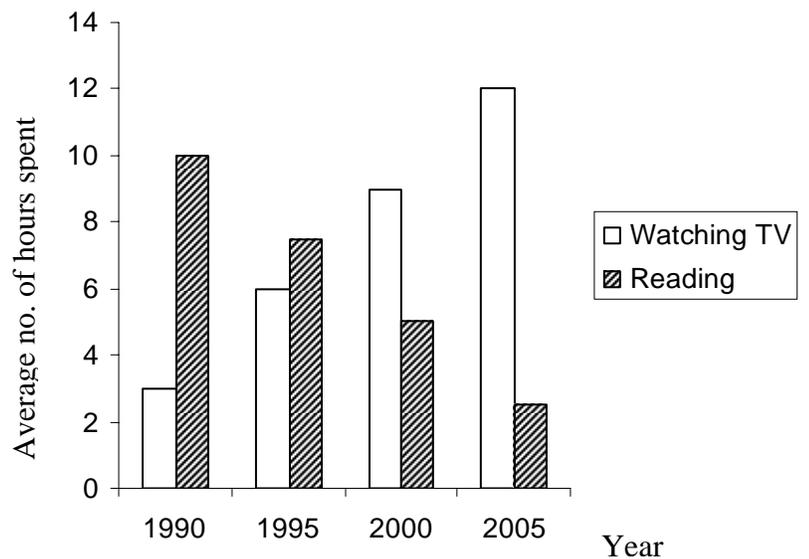


5. You are the youth secretary of your school. You have to mobilize some students for a social service campaign against illiteracy in a colony your school has adopted. Write a speech to be given in the assembly, mentioning the facts pertaining to illiteracy in India and also extolling virtues of literacy. Your aim is to invite the students to join in large numbers for this campaign.

(10)

6. Given below is a graph. Prepare an article for the school magazine interpreting the data and giving your reactions for the benefit of the students. Emphasize the need to promote reading, suggesting suitable measures.

(10)



**SECTION C (Grammar)**

**7. 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**

**(5)**

Natural asphalt lakes are found in many part  
of the world, one of a largest sites  
is on the island of Trinidad which more  
than 100 million tons have been mining  
Asphalt starts out deepest in the ground  
by crude oil. Heat, pressure and oxygen  
drives by the volatile constituents of the  
oil and transform it into asphalt. Then if  
fissures existed in overlying rock, the asphalt  
escapes to the surface. Because the tropical sun  
the asphalt forms a hard crust, who is  
cut into blocks and exported.

eg. part – parts

(a) \_\_\_\_\_

(b) \_\_\_\_\_

(c) \_\_\_\_\_

(d) \_\_\_\_\_

(e) \_\_\_\_\_

(f) \_\_\_\_\_

(g) \_\_\_\_\_

(h) \_\_\_\_\_

(i) \_\_\_\_\_

(j) \_\_\_\_\_

**8. In the following passage, one word has been omitted in each line. Write the missing word along with the word that comes before and that which comes after it in your answer sheet:** **(3)**

A man / to school  
to his son admitted there.

eg: man went to

(a) \_\_\_\_\_

The Principal asked the boy he had  
learned something already. Before boy

(b) \_\_\_\_\_

(c) \_\_\_\_\_

- could answer, father quickly (d) \_\_\_\_\_
- replied that his son learnt (e) \_\_\_\_\_
- how walk and talk. (f) \_\_\_\_\_

**9. Look at the newspaper items below. Then use the information in the headlines to complete the paragraphs. (4)**

- (i) UK EMBASSY IN IRAN CLOSES AFTER ATTACK  
London: Britain temporarily \_\_\_\_\_ in Tehran on  
Wednesday after shots were fired at it from the street.
- (ii) NEPALESE WORLD MISS UNIVERSE  
Kathmandu: A Nepalese, class 12 student, Ayusha Shresta 17,  
\_\_\_\_\_ 2002 pageant held in Seol, South Korea
- (iii) IRAQI COP KILLED, 20 INJURED  
Baghdad: A car bomb exploded today at a police station in Baghdad's main  
police compound in Rasafa district \_\_\_\_\_, a US Military spokesman  
said.
- (iv) REWARDS FOR THAKUR  
Ace striker of the world cup winning Indian Junior Hockey team, Deepak Thakur  
\_\_\_\_\_ by his home state, Himachal Pradesh

**10. Look at the words and phrases below. Rearrange them to form meaningful sentences. The first one is done for you as an example. (4)**

Eg: a long/ India has/ conservation of / history of / forests  
India has a long history of conservation of forests.

- (i) closed seasons/ many communities/ follow traditional practices / of forest dwellers / of maintaining / and fisherpeople
- (ii) as no hunting/ the wildlife population / its numbers/ or fishing/ during this time/ can recoup/ is allowed
- (iii) have been / and social customs / because of / many species/ centuries/ conserved / such religious / through the
- (iv) of living beings / conservation of/ large mammals/ to maintain/ will help / the entire web

11. Read the following advertisement and use the information to complete the paragraph by writing suitable words / phrases in each blank. Do not add any new information.

(4)

**NO.1 MEDICAL/IIT ENTRANCE CRASH COURSES  
EXCELLENT EDUCATION, MUMBAI**

We leave no stone unturned in conquering TOP RANKS particularly in the most prestigious Medical/ Engineering Institute.

**Reserve your seat immediately.**

**Course starting from 1<sup>st</sup> April 2008**

Excellent Education  
New Delhi 32 c/o KLA  
Tel: 9785456229

Hostel facilities  
separate for Boys  
and Girls

Total seats 500 ONLY at South Mumbai Centre, Hurry!!!!

There are crash courses for (a) \_\_\_\_\_ at Excellent Education. On joining this course you can hope to (b) \_\_\_\_\_. Classes (c) \_\_\_\_\_.

There are (d) \_\_\_\_\_ South Mumbai Centre. Separate  
(e) \_\_\_\_\_ are also available.

### SECTION D (Literature)

**12. Read the following extract and answer the questions that follow:**

“The technique was fine, of course  
But it lacked a certain force”  
“Oh!” the nightingale confessed  
Greatly flattered and impressed

- (i) Who speaks the first two lines? (1)  
(ii) Which ‘technique’ is referred to here? (1)  
(iii) How did the listener react to these words? (2)

**13. Read the following extract and answer the questions that follow:**

Angels of rain and lightning; they are spread  
On the blue surface of thine airy surge  
Like the bright hair uplifted from the head  
Of some fierce Maenad, even from the dim verge

- (i) What are described as ‘angels of rain and lightning’? (1)  
(ii) Explain the poetic device used in the above lines. (2)  
(iii) In what way does the West Wind act in this closing night? (1)

**14. Describe the effect that the West Wind has on land, sky and ocean in the poem  
‘Ode to West Wind’. Your answer should not exceed 100 words. (5)**

15. "I shivered with the cold, and my own ingratitude". When did Babuli feel so?

What was the reason? Your answer should not exceed 75 words. (2)

16. How did Ch-tsal's whiskers and feathers grow again? (2)

17. What had Ali been in his youth? Why did he leave his old ways?

(3)

18. Suppose you are the narrator in the story 'The Ultimate Safari'. You are overwhelmed with the sacrifice which your grandmother made for you. Write a Diary Entry, expressing your gratitude and the affection for her. Write the answer in about 150 words. (6)

19. *The eye of a little god, four-cornered.*

*Most of the time I meditate on the opposite wall.*

*It is pink, with speckles. I have looked at it so long*

*I think it is a part of my heart.*

a. what does the phrase 'pink speckles' refer to? (2)

b. How is meditation interrupted? (2)

**Sample Paper – 2008**  
**Class - X**  
**Subject – Communicative English**

Time : 3 hours

Max.marks:100

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 answers must be numbered correctly as in the question paper and written in the answer sheet provided to you.
4. Attempt all questions in each section before going to the next section.
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 (Comprehension)**  
**(20 marks)**

**A.1.Read the poem carefully:**

The Champion

The road was hilly, the wind was strong,  
The laddie gallantly struggled along,  
With never a glance at the downward way  
Where his comrades shouted and laughed in play.  
Though he longed to be there and join the sport,  
In his brave little heart he crushed the thought.  
'If I went,' he said, 'I should certainly rue it,  
When you've promised a thing, you're bound to do it.'

The pitch was slippy, the bowling hard.  
A weary batsman stood on guard,  
He'd come to the field with an aching head.  
But the game depended on him, they said.  
The sun burned hot on his tired back,  
And just for a moment he'd thought he'd slack,  
He was sorely tempted to lose a wicket:  
'T would be easy,' he thought, but it wouldn't be cricket!

In life sometimes things won't go well,  
 And 'Duty's' a difficult word to spell,  
 But the fellow who sets before his eyes  
 A high ideal as the worthiest prize  
 Will shun the evil and follow the good,  
 And say to himself, as a brave lad should,  
 'It only needs grit, and I must not lack it;  
 The world's hard nut, but I mean to crack it!'

**A1.1. Below is the summary of the poem. Complete it by writing the missing word/phrase against the correct blank number in your answer sheets (1/2 x 8 = 4 marks)**

The poet was playing ..... while his friends were enjoying themselves at some other sport. He wished to be with his friends, but since he ..... his team mates that he would play well, he continued. A tired batsman came to the ..... and was feeling so ..... that he wanted to throw his ..... and go rest. But on second thoughts he felt that that would be spoiling the ..... of the game.  
 The lesson the poet wants us to learn is that we can ..... all trials in life if we have the ..... to complete the task given.

**A1.2 The poet uses certain expressions from the poem to suggest something to the reader. There are some suggestions given below in boxes. 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 sheets. (4 marks)**

Expression from the poem	to suggest that
1. at the downward way	1. below the hill
2. certainly rue it	2.
3. it wouldn't be cricket	3.
4. a difficult word to spell	4.
5. I must not lack it	5.

be happy about it

hard to complete something sincerely

To fall short of something

not sporting

spelling the word is difficult

Cricket is liked by all

regret something

**A2. Read the passage given below:**

**Excuse me, what was that you whistled?**

Visitors to the Canary Islands usually go to Tenerife or Gran Canaria. Very few of them go to the island of Gomera, but Gomera is an island with a surprise, because the people there have two languages: Spanish and whistle-language.

It was a great day in Gomera when Columbus arrived with his ships before his first crossing of the Atlantic. Columbus stayed on the island while he bought fruit and cattle and other animals for the voyage. But Gomera has not shared in many of the events of history. It is not easy to land there from the sea, and aeroplanes cannot land at all. Small boats are used to trade with the other islands.

Gomera is the only place in the world which has whistle language. How did it begin? Why did it begin? We cannot answer

These questions because we do not know the complete history of the island. We do know that the Spaniards were the first people to whistle there. Norman seamen had visited the island in 1402. They found tall people with fair hair and blue eyes who called themselves Guanches. They kept cattle for living. They believed that a great king had once become very angry with the Guanches and had cut out the tongues of every man, woman and child. They had to speak without tongues and the whistle language was the result.

We can certainly imagine other reasons for the beginning of the whistle language. Very deep valleys break up the surface of the island. A person on one side of the valley cannot easily shout at a person on the other side. But he can whistle and can be heard from four miles away, and men say that the record is seven miles. The people who live on the island usually have good teeth and this helps them to whistle well. They must also have good ears so that they can hear other whistlers.

We can understand why the Spaniards took the whistle-language from the Guanches. It is very useful on the island, and the Spaniards found that it was very easy to learn. When somebody is hurt or ill, the whistle-language takes the place of the telephone. If the sick person is a long way from town, San Sebastian, boys and men pass the news from one to another. A boy guarding cattle on a hillside whistles to a man fishing from his boat. The last one is able to describe the

trouble fully and exactly to the doctor in San Sebastian. People help each other in the same way when a car breaks down or a cattle is lost.

Whistle-language is very useful in work down at the water-front. It is often used to talk to anybody who is more than thirty metres away. People of all ages can whistle. Country people use the language more than people who live in the town. In fact, town people sometimes 'make mistakes' and give the hearer the wrong idea. Children learn the whistle language as fast as they learn Spanish. Even the birds on the trees have learnt it. On Gomera, people do not copy the birds: the birds copy people.

Radio and T.V often kill the special ways of speaking in different parts of a country. But on Gomera you are nobody if you cannot whistle. When the Spaniards arrived the Guanches died out, but they passed on the whistle-language to new comers. Perhaps soon after television arrives on the island, people in the picture will be whistling the news and other facts and opinions.

**On the basis of your reading of the passage above answer the following questions briefly: (9 marks)**

- 1.The 'legend' about the Guanches was ..... (2 marks)
- 2.Gomera does not find a place in the history books because.... (2 marks)
- 3.The 'scientific' reasoning for the origin of the whistle-language is ..... (1 mark)
- 4.To communicate well in whistle –language,people must have.... (1 mark)
- 5.The whistle-language was used as an effective means of communication ..... (2 marks)
- 6.At work the clarity of the language is best heard when..... (1 mark)

**Find words in the passage which mean: (3 marks)**

1. to give to others what you have.
2. happenings.
- 3.views
- 4.destroy
- 5.imitate
- 6.end product

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**SECTION B (Writing)**  
**(30 marks)**

B.1. The Philately Club of your school is organizing an exhibition "Make a mark with your stamps' on 8<sup>th</sup> June .The winners of the 1<sup>st</sup>,2<sup>nd</sup> and 3<sup>rd</sup> prizes will receive cash awards of Rs 40000,30000 and 25000 respectively. The postmaster of your area Mr. Philip Prabakar, has consented to be the Chief Guest. As Secretary of the Club ,draft a notice in about 50 words inviting members of the Club giving details of the inauguration, the exhibits and about the activities arranged for the occasion. Sign yourself as MNO. **(5 marks)**

B.2. You are Althea, the daughter of Dr. Joseph. a resident of Coimbatore. Carl a salesman of M/s "Chennai Hospital Suppliers" has come from Chennai to Coimbatore on a business trip and would like to have an appointment with your Dad this evening at 6 p.m. to discuss the latest equipment that his company has procured. Since your Dad will not be at home till 4 p. m and you also will be leaving home shortly. Write a message for your Dad in not more than 50 words.**(5 marks).**

B.3. You have seen the following 'hand-out' and you are quite pleased to be a part of this event. Write a letter (in 200 words) to your friend encouraging him to take part in the event, highlighting the excitement and values that one can learn from this experience. **(10 marks)**

**WALK FOR CHARITY**

Dear Friend,

Please join us for our Annual 'Walk for Charity' starting at Marina Beach. You and your friends can choose a delightful 10, 20 or 30 kilometer route.

The money raised will provide support to help people in the slums. Start collecting your sponsors now and simply come along on the day. Please read the instructions below carefully.

All participants must be sponsored.

All participants must carry with them the tag and badge on the T-shirt provided by the organizers.

There is no limit to the number of participants.

People of all age groups can take part.

Participants must report at 7.30 to the respective age group volunteers.

See you on Sunday at the Marina at 8 a.m.

Harry Miller  
Walk Co-ordinator

P.S: Well done last year's walkers for helping to raise a grand total of Rs.1,50,000/- The money has been used to build proper shelters for the slum-dwellers in North Chennai.

B.4. Monica has been asked to deliver a speech on 'The curative power of music for young minds'. She prepares the following notes. Using these notes and your own ideas from the Unit 'Education', write Monica's speech in not more than 150 -200 words. (10 marks)

overburdened students – abundant homework – tension – less recreation – music relaxes the mind – a stimulant - parents must understand – therapeutic value – increases absorption of concepts - education - now edutainment – removes physical and mental fatigue.

Remember Nursery rhymes and poems are sung. A film gets to the box –office if the songs are good.

**SECTION – C (Grammar)**  
**(20 marks)**

**C.1. The following passage has not been edited. There is one error in each line. Write the incorrect word and the correction as given in the example against the correct blank number in your answer sheets. Also write the correct word in your answer sheets as shown. Remember to underline the word that you have corrected. (1/2 X 8) = 4 marks )**

Light is important to organisms in two different e.g in for reasons. Firstly it is use as a cue for the timing of a..... daily and seasonal rythms in both plants and animals, and secondly it is used to assisting growth b..... in plants. Breeding in most organisms occur during c..... a part of the year only, and so the reliable cue is needed d..... to trigger breed behavior. Day length is an excellent e..... cue, because it provides a perfectly predicting pattern f..... of change within a year. The seasons impact of day g..... length on physiological responding is called h..... 'photoperiodism'.

**C.2. In the following paragraph one word has been omitted from 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. Underline your answer. (1/2 X 8 = 4 marks)**

Antartica is remarkable continent--remote, e.g is a remarkable hostile and at present uninhabited on permanent a..... basis. early explorers, it was the ultimate b..... survival contest: for researchers, it remains a c..... of great intellectual challenge: while the modern d..... tourists, it's simply wilderness of great beauty. e..... Antartica is a place extremes: the highest, coldest f..... and windiest continent. The ice-cap 70% of g..... the world's fresh and 90% of its ice. h.....

**C.3. Look at the words and phrases below. Rearrange them to form meaningful sentences. Write the correct sentences in your answer sheets against the correct blank number. The first sentence has been done for you as an example. (1/2 X 8 = 4 marks)**

Made/term/intelligence/has/the/artificial/comeback/a  
The term 'artificial intelligence' has made a comeback

Consciousness/about/the /it/with/robot/public/re-entered/movie/boy  
Ignited/this/public/about/AI/has/debate  
Computer/term/is/but/being/industry/the /used/the/within

Mimic/goal/machines/the/abilities/was/to/human/using  
Thinking/failed/computers/robots/materialize/household/and/to  
Will/the/near/prospects/in/the/boosted/be/future/  
Artificial/emerge/companies/more/intelligence/will/to/start  
Theory/machine/but/remains/intelligence/the/of/elusive.

**C.4. Read the conversation below and complete the paragraph. Write the correct answer in your answer sheets against the correct blank number. Do not copy the whole sentence.**

**(4 marks)**

Teacher: Have you completed your assignment?

Student: Yes, Miss. But I forgot to bring it to day.

Teacher: Does that mean the you did not complete it?

Student: No, Miss ,Not at all.

Teacher: Tell me what was the assignment given?

Student : It was on Algebra.

Teacher: Now I know that you haven't done your assignment. The assignment was in Geometry.

The teacher asked the student (a) .....the student

(b).....

But(c).....The teacher

(d).....then the student said that he completed the assignment. The

teacher (e).....

The student replies (f).....Then the teacher said

(g).....

because (h).....

**C5. Read the newspaper headlines and complete the paragraphs. Write your answers in your answer sheets against the correct blank number. Do not copy the whole sentence.**

**(4 marks)**

**MAN WINS RECORD AMOUNT IN LOTTERY**

Walter Jones ,a farmer working in Ohio.....

.....

He won U.S \$ 1000000 in what people say is the world's biggest lottery.

**OLDEST MAN IN THE WORLD CELEBRATES BIRTHDAY.**

Ku Sin Ming a Japenese.....

His 121<sup>st</sup> birthday yesterday with great fanfare in the presence of his children, grand children and great grand children.

**BLUELINE BUS RUNS AMOK.**

Yet another Blue line bus crushed 12 people to death.....

when..... in India's capital city Delhi this morning.

"CROCODILE HUNTER'S" DEATH SHOCKS NATION

The sudden death of Steve Irwin better known as.....  
..... the whole of Australia.

**SECTION – D (Literature)**  
**(30 words)**

**D1. Read the extracts given below and answer the following questions. Write the answers in your answer sheets in or two lines only. (2x4= 8 marks)**

Thou dirge  
Of the dying year, to which this closing night  
Will be the dome of a vast sepulcher  
Vaulted with all thy congregated might  
Of vapors, from whose solid atmosphere  
Black rain, and fire, and hail will burst; oh, hear!

1. What is a 'dirge'? What effect does it have in these lines? **(1 mark)**
2. What does the 'vast sepulcher' contain? **(1 mark)**
3. Explain the last two lines. **(2 marks)**

D2. "Well, I charge a modest fee."  
"Oh!" "But it won't hurt, you'll see."

1. Who charges a fee and from whom? (1 mark)
2. For what is the fee being taken? (1 mark)
3. Considering what happens later in the poem, what is the irony in the passage? **(2 marks)**

D3. In "Julius Caesar", Mark Antony says :

"Now let it work. Mischief, Take thou what course thou wilt!"

What strategy did Antony apply to turn the Roman public against the conspirators? Answer in 100 words. **(5 marks)**

D4. In the poem "Night of the Scorpion" how does the poet bring out the themes of 'scepticism' and 'rationalism'? Write your answer in 100 words **(5 marks)**

D5. In "The Ultimate Safari", the narrator plays the part of a 'mother'. How does she do this? Write your answer in 75 words. **(4 marks)**

D6. What are the circumstances that led to Babuli giving his inherited land to his brother? What values did he cherish – give a few instances from the lesson 'The Tribute'. Write your answer in about 150 – 175 words. **(8 marks)**

**Sample Paper - 2008**  
**Class - X**  
**Subject: English Communicative (code :-101)**

**SECTION A- (Reading) (20 Marks)**

**A1.** In the history of mankind, dance as an artistic form of expression is extremely old. Evidence of dance as a creative form is available in ancient literary texts, painting and sculpture from pre historic times to the medieval period.

There are now seven major classical dance styles-Bharatnatyam originated from Tamil Nadu, Kathkali from Kerala, Kuchipudi from Andhra Pradesh, Odissi from Orissa, Manipuri from Manipur, Kathak from Northern Region and Satriya from Assam.

Most of these classical dances trace their roots to the grammar and techniques of movement codified in the Natya Shastra compiled by Bharat muni, some times between 2nd century BC and 2nd century AD.

Dance according to Bharat is classified into two main aspects: Nritta and Nritya. Nritta in the broadest sense is “pure abstract dance” which basically does not interpret or communicate a specific theme. It is the movement of limbs and body to the accompaniment of percussion instruments playing a specific rhythmic cycle or tala.

Nritya is the aspect of dance which is expressive and which communicates the meaning or theme of a song through gestures of the hands (hastas) facial expression and body movements.

Stylized interpretation when conveyed through body movements and facial and hand gestures is known as Angika Abhinaya, through words, as Vachika Abhinaya and through costumes and make-up as Aharya Abhinaya **(200 words)**

How do we come to know that dance is a creative form of art? (2)

Explain the following terms: (2)

Angika Abhinaya

Aharya Abhinaya

What does Natya Shastra tell us about dance? (1)

What is the difference between Nritta and Nritya? (2)

Find the noun forms of words given below from the passage and write them: (1)

Express

Move

**A2.** Cataract is opacity in the lens of the eye. The normal lens allows light to reach the retina. When it becomes opaque and does not allow light to reach the retina, we are unable to see clearly. Today, modern medical advances have made cataract surgery very successful. New surgical techniques and intraocular lenses can restore excellent vision in 97% of all cases. In the 1960s' Dr. Charles Kelman from the U.S. started a technique called Phacoemulsification in which cataract was removed through minute incision. Then in 1998, Dr. Amar Agarwal started a technique called Phakonit in which cataracts were removed through a 3mm opening. In 2001, a special lens was made which went through a small opening of one to 1.5mm. This was called the Rollable Intraocular Lens.

The causes for cataract formation are not fully known. It is basically an aging phenomenon. Next to old age are other factors like deficiency of food like proteins and vitamins, some toxic drugs, general diseases like diabetes, infections and injuries. To delay the onset of cataract, one should take nourishing diet rich in proteins and vitamins. Food such as liver, eggs, milk products, carrots, cabbages and yeast are good. One must protect eyes from excessive exposure to sunrays, X-rays, and intense heat and injuries. Diseases such as diabetes and syphilis should be treated early and effectively.

There is no medical treatment for cataract. The only treatment is surgery. Once the cataract is removed, the eye is unable to focus, as there is no lens. So, one has to use an artificial lens. This can either be a pair of spectacles, contact lens or an intraocular lens. Spectacles can be used as they are cheap and within the reach of the common man. But these are very heavy and not comfortable. Further, if one removes them the person is blind. Other disadvantages are that everything is magnified and the side view is very poor.

The second alternative is to use contact lens. This is an artificial lens placed on the eye. Unlike spectacles they do not leave any lasting marks nor does the wearer have the stigma of spectacles attached to his personality. Besides, they can be used according to the convenience of the person. The disadvantage, as with spectacles, is that when it is removed the person is blind. Another problem is that they have to be put on in the morning and removed at night, which is difficult for an old person. So, the best method is to give the patient an intraocular lens. This is an artificial lens in the eye during surgery. It will remain in place till the end of life. This lens does not irritate the eye.

Today, cataract surgery is an outpatient procedure. The patient comes in the morning for surgery and after the operation can go home. The surgery is done without any injection, without any pad and without any stitch being placed in the eye. This is called the no injection, no pad, and no stitch cataract surgical technique. The patients are not at all admitted in the hospital and can go back to work the next day. Besides, complications like infection and haemorrhage are very rare. But if the retina or nerve of the eye is damaged, then even after cataract operation the person will not be able to see.

**A.2.1.** The table below contain facts related to the history of cataract surgery and its alternatives. Pick out the relevant words or phrases from the passage above and write only the answers in your answer sheets against the correct blank number. **(8marks)**

S.No.	Year	Technique used	Name of the Doctor	Procedure
1.	1960	Phacoemulsification	Dr. Charles Kelman	a) _____
2.	b) _____	c) _____	d) _____	Cataract removed through three mm opening
3.	2001	e) _____	Dr. Amar Agarwal	f) _____ -

**HISTORY OF CATARACT SURGERY**

**ALTERNATIVES AFTER CATARACT SURGERY**

S.No	Alternatives	Advantages	Disadvantages
1.	Use of spectacles	Cheap – within the reach of common man Handy	_____ _____ Poor side view
2.	c) _____	No lasting marks on the nose _____ _____	Person blind without them _____ _____
3.	Intraocular lens	_____ _____ Complications are rare	_____

**A.2.2** Find words / phrases from the passage which mean the same as the following. Write the answers against the correct blank number in your answer sheets. **(4marks)**

- a) that which does not allow light to pass \_\_\_\_\_
- b) severe \_\_\_\_\_
- c) make something appear large \_\_\_\_\_
- d) modus operandi \_\_\_\_\_

### SECTION B – WRITING

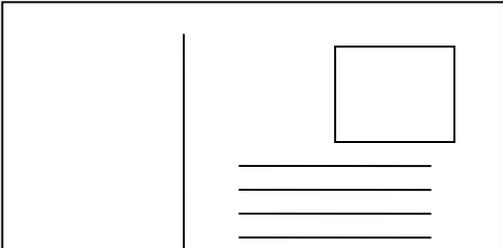
**B.1** . You are Sruthi, cultural secretary of Mother’s School, Calicut. On the occasion of ‘Founder’s Day’ your school is organizing a variety entertainment programme. She puts up a notice on the school notice–board giving all necessary details. Write this notice in not more than 50 words. Place the notice in a box. **5 Marks**

**B.2.** 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 this information to write an article for her school magazine. Write the article in not more than 150 words using ideas from the unit ‘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.

**B.3** Kalyani Menon was on her way to attend the marriage of her friend, Preeti. At Chennai Airport, just before her plane was due to take off, she remembered that she had locked her pet dog in the kennel and left the key on her writing desk. **5Marks**

She decides to write a postcard to her younger brother, Rajath Menon asking him to free the dog. Write the postcard in not more than 50 words. Copy the format given below in your answer sheet.

	 <p>A diagram of a postcard layout. It shows a vertical line on the left side, a square box for a stamp in the top right corner, and three horizontal lines for an address in the bottom right corner.</p>
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B.4 Read the following extract:

New Delhi: Health Minister A. Ramadoss has said that all villages affected by chikungunya fever would get Rs.10,000 to prevent mosquito breeding and to spread awareness among people even as 17,000 suspected cases of the viral disease have been reported so far this year.

The heavy rains in the country have aggravated the spread of chikungunya fever. Write an article for the local newspaper, highlighting the importance of personal as well as community hygiene in order to prevent the breeding of mosquitoes, in about 150 words. 10 marks

### SECTION C: GRAMMAR

C1. Read the information given below and fill in the gaps in the paragraph appropriately. Do not add any extra information. (5)

Man – numerous ways to express feelings – has evolved into an intelligent life form – animals express feelings through facial expressions – focus eyes, ears, nose on the other animal – understanding the mood – they have only limited flexibility.

Man has a (a) \_\_\_\_\_ . This is the result of (b) \_\_\_\_\_ . When animals have to (c) \_\_\_\_\_ . They keep their eyes (d) \_\_\_\_\_ for most animals (e) \_\_\_\_\_ .

C2. Read the dialogue given below. Based on your reading complete the following paragraph suitably. (6 x ½ =3)

*Mrs.Sharma:* My gold chain is missing!! And I can't find our servant!!

*Mr.Sharma:* When did you last see it? Where had you kept it?

*Mrs.Sharma:* Right here. On the table. I saw it yesterday evening. I am sure our servant has taken it and run away.

*Mrs.Sharma* (a) \_\_\_\_\_

\_\_\_\_\_ was missing. Her husband wanted to know (b) \_\_\_\_\_  
\_\_\_\_\_ and (c) \_\_\_\_\_ kept it.  
Mrs Sharma replied that (d) \_\_\_\_\_  
\_\_\_\_\_ and that (e) \_\_\_\_\_  
\_\_\_\_\_ evening. She was sure (f) \_\_\_\_\_  
\_\_\_\_\_.

### SECTION D – LITERATURE

D.1. Read the extract given below and answer the questions that follow. Write the answers in your answer sheets in one or two sentences only. Remember to number the answers correctly. (4 marks)

*The eye of a little god, four-cornered.  
Most of the time I meditate on the opposite wall.  
It is pink, with speckles. I have looked at it so long  
I think it is a part of my heart.*

- a) How is 'I' not cruel? (1 mark)  
b) In what sense is "I" like the eye of a little god? (2 marks)  
c) Explain 'it is a part of my heart'. (1 mark)

D.2. Read the extract given below and answer the questions that follow. Write the answers in your answer sheets in one or two sentences only. Remember to number the answers correctly. (4 marks)

*For all averred, I had killed the bird  
That made the breeze to blow.*

- Which bird is being referred to? How was it killed? (1 mark)  
Why did the other people believe the bird made the breeze blow? (2 marks)  
What does the bird symbolize? (1 mark)

D.3 Describe the effect that the West Wind has on land, sky and ocean in the poem 'Ode to West Wind'. Your answer should not exceed 100 words. (5 marks)

**D.4.** Read the extract given below and answer the questions that follow. Write each answer in your answer sheet in one or two lines only. (5 marks)

*'O judgment! thou art fled to brutish beasts,  
And men have lost their reason. Bear with me;  
My heart is in the coffin there with Caesar,  
And I must pause till it come back to me.'*

Who is the speaker? Who is he speaking to? (1 mark)

Explain 'brutish beasts'. (2 marks)

What is the speaker trying to do? Is he successful in his attempt? (2 marks)

**D.5.** "It rained; and Ch-tsal knew ecstasy". How did the rain bring relief and new life to Ch-tsal? Your answer should not exceed 75 words. (4 marks)

**D.6.** In the "Tribute" after writing a note to his brother, Babuli decides to write a letter to his wife to tell her about his decision and the reasons for it. Write the letter in about 150-175 words. (8 marks)

**C3.** Below you can see a set of instructions for making tea. Based on these instructions complete the passage given. The first one has been done as an example. (6 x ½ = 3)

Take two cups of water and bring it to a boil. Add 1 ½ teaspoons of tea powder. Reduce the flame of the stove and let it simmer for one minute. Then switch the stove off and strain the decoction into a pot. Add half a cup of hot milk and sugar to taste. Pour into cups and serve with biscuits.

Two cups of water *are taken* and (a) \_\_\_\_\_ a boil. When the water is boiling 1-½ teaspoons of (b) \_\_\_\_\_. The flame (c) \_\_\_\_\_ and the mixture is allowed to simmer for one minute. Then the stove (d) \_\_\_\_\_ and the decoction (e) \_\_\_\_\_ a pot. Half a cup of hot milk is then added followed by adding sugar to taste. The tea is ready and (f) \_\_\_\_\_ and served with biscuits.

