

COMMON PRE-BOARD EXAMINATION 2017-2018

**ENGLISH COMMUNICATIVE
ANSWER KEY
CLASS X**

SECTION A READING

1.1

1x8= 8 marks

- (a) Sprouts are useful because they contain largest amount of nutrients, produce a fountain of power for chemical changes, produce enzymes, convert starch into glucose.
- (b) The vitamin C value of wheat increases 600 percent in the early sprouting process.
- (c) Doctor C.R Shaw of the University of Texas Cancer Center found that cancer was inhibited up to 90% when healthy bacteria was exposed to a cancer-causing substance in the presence of a juice made from wheat sprouts.
- (d) Enzymes which initiate and control almost every chemical reaction in our body are greatly activated in the sprouting process and spark the entire digestive system to synthesize the nutrients in our food into blood.
- (e) Our body becomes active and agile by having fresh sprouts which gives life blood to all our cells.
- (f) Alfalfa and moong bean sprouts are excellent soft food.
- (g) By making sprouts a part of our diet all the cells of our body become active and agile.
- (h) Sprouted potato or tomato seeds are poisonous.

- (i) They are almost predigested and can be easily assimilated. They contain every non-vitamin in perfect balance, necessary for the human body.

2.1

2X4=8 marks

- a) A 'to-do-list' is useful only when the person using it understands the key aspects of it and works on it further.
- b) 'To-do-list' doesn't clearly mention when the work will be accomplished. It contains the task only and not the details about them. So it has been described as a raw collection.
- (c) Prioritizing is ranking the tasks on the 'to-do-list' in order of their importance.
- (d) By prioritizing our tasks we can make the best use of time and thus become realistic about our goals.
- (e) The reasons are wasting of time and making mistakes in assessing the exact time

2.2 to perform a task. 1X2=2

- (a) You have to learn to concentrate more on your work.
- (b) helps you to stay productive even during cheerless parts of the day.
- (c) Instead of feeling helpless and frustrated about failing.

2.3 1X2=2

- (a) Schedule (b) Urgent (c) frustrated

SECTION B: WRITING AND GRAMMAR

3.a&b Letter Writing 8 MARKS

[Note: - No marks are to be awarded if only the format is given; should be given for the candidate's creativity in presentation of ideas.]

FORMAT 1 Mark

1. sender's address, 2. date, 3. receiver's address, 4. subject / heading, 5. salutation, 6. complimentary close

CONTENT 4 Marks, ACCURACY 1.5 Marks, FLUENCY 1.5 Marks

4. STORY WRITING 10 MARKS

TITLE 1 Mark, CONTENT 4 Marks, ACCURACY 2.5 Marks, FLUENCY 2.5 Marks

5. Gap Filling 1x4 = 4 MARKS

(a) be (b) had (c) in (d) after/within (e) are

6. Editing 1x4 = 4 MARKS

	Incorrect	Correct
(a)	Section	sections
(b)	with	in
(c)	Constitute	Constitutes
(d)	a	the
(e)	for	of

7. Sentence reordering 1x4 = 4 MARKS

- (a) Observatories are special places where astronomers study, space.
- (b) Most observatories are built on mountain tops far from city lights.
- (c) They are built at high altitudes so that smoke, light and pollution may not interfere with the view.
- (d) Telescopes are placed in a dome-shaped roof of the observatory.
- (e) The entire upper portion of the dome can be rotated.

SECTION C LITERATURE

1x4 marks

- 8.(a) (a) The act of throwing a log of wood at the snake.
- (b) He despised himself for throwing the log at the snake.
- (c) The poet is regretting at his fault of throwing a log of wood at the snake.

(d)Because it says that one should kill a golden snake whenever it is seen.

Or

- 8.(b) (a)The feast of the God Lupercus who was the god of fertility.
(b)To Julius Caesar
(c)This is because, he was not greedy or ambitious to accept the kingly crown.
(d)That Caesar is not ambitious.

9. (1 mark for content + 1 mark for grammatical accuracy) 2x4 marks

(a)Mrs. Slater decides to shift the bureau before Elezabeth's arrival because she knows that her sister would be hard to grab the best always. Also, by shifting the bureau she could convince Elezabeth that it was not their father's bureau, but their own. However, Henry feels it is not right to bring down the bureau as it is somewhat a delicate thing to take away a person's thing immediately after his death.

(b)The ship was stuck in cold weather and surrounded by icebergs but when the albatross came to the ship, the weather changed favourably. South wind started blowing and the fog and mist cleared. Since, the albatross appeared as a symbol of good luck, the mariners considered it as a Christian soul.

(c)Mrs. Packletide wanted to hunt a tiger but could not hunt it as her rifle hit the wrong animal, while the beast of prey had succumbed to her failure caused by the sound of the shot. Secondly, Louisa blackmailed her and compelled to pay for her weekend cottage.

(d)Ali had been visiting the Post Office for nearly five years after his daughter got married and left him. He had been called mad and treated badly by the staff of the post office but he never gave up hope and faith of receiving his daughter's letter. He gave five gold coins to Lakshmi Das to keep Miriam's letter on his grave, whenever it came.

(e)The words of this poem written in praise of the poet's friend will survive as a living record. His friend will be remembered by the future generations through the words of this poem. Neither the wasteful wars, nor conflicts or tumults will diminish or dim the shining glory of these words. The words of these sonnet will immortalize the poet's friend.

10. (1 mark for content + 1 mark for grammatical accuracy) 2x4 marks

- 10.1 Nicola and Jacopo , the two 'Gentlemen of Verona' showed great perseverance and dedication in the face of hardships and difficult situations. They showed maturity beyond their years and a strength of character that seems incomparable. Doing odd jobs, the two managed to provide their ill sister with good treatment for her disease. They worked tirelessly in a bid to make money so that they could see their sister walk again. They did not even spend money on clothes, and ate only black bread and figs saving the rest. Also, their self-respect is evident when they hesitate to tell the narrator about themselves and do not ask for money either. Thus, they prove to be true gentlemen.

OR

- 10.2 Technology is advancing everyday and it plays a major role in our daily lives. But it has both positive and negative impacts depending on the way we use it. Technology has enabled us to strengthen relationships by keeping in contact with old friends,

colleagues etc. It has provided opportunities to receive information in all aspects and fields. Gadgets and gizmos are of great use. But the overuse of these technologies is also dangerous. It takes away our interpersonal communication and interaction with people. Being dependent upon technology has conditioned us to become less social. We prefer fiddling or browsing on phone instead of talking to people. We even find excitement in watching videos on You Tube or listening music on phone instead of meeting friends and relatives. Technology not only affected our behavior and relationship but also affected our health and security. Because of prolonged use of these gadgets, we are suffering from obesity and lack of stamina and strength. They are a threat to our security also as we share our personal issues on the social media and make them public which is not right. Therefore. We should master the technology and should not let technology master us.

11. (5content+2.5fluency+2.5grammatical accuracy)

10 Marks

A).i.

The diary played a commendable role in Anne's life. It was a great source of support and strength for her in the secret annexe. When her family was in hiding, writing her diary and making entries of her day-to-day life at the 'Secret Annexe' had taken on an important part for Anne. It is a collection of honest thoughts and expressions of a young girl living under extraordinary conditions. The diary tells us much more about the private side of adolescence and brings us close to Anne's experience in a humourous way.

The diary records the first hand experience of Anne as a victim of the anti-jewish decree of Nazis under the leadership of Hitler. Anne Frank thus, records her hopes, frustrations, misunderstandings, the attitudes of others and feelings of her own as well as of those staying in the Secret Annexe. For Anne, this was just an outlet for her feelings and thoughts, even trivial and mundane aspects of her life.

OR

11.A. Lies was one of the best friends of Anne. She was attached to a new girl friend. Anne wanted to take her away from this relationship. Anne misjudged her. Anne was too young to understand her.

Anne saw Lies in her dream clothed in rags, her face thin and worn. Her eyes were very big and she looked sadly and reproachfully at Anne.

Anne could read in her eyes: "Oh! Anne, why have you deserted me? Help, oh, help me, rescue me from this hell." But Anne could not help her. She could only look on, how others suffer and die, and could only pray to God to send Lies back to her.

Anne felt very sorry for what she had done to Lies. Anne repented saying, if she should have all she could wish for, then why not Lies. She was not more virtuous than Lies. Lies, too, wanted to do what was right. Then she asked the God why should she be chosen to live and Lies probably to die. She prayed God to defend Lies so that at least she was not alone.

OR

11.B.i (5content+2.5fluency+2.5grammatical accuracy)

10 Marks

Of course, Anne Sullivan was an ideal teacher. She brought hope, love, knowledge and vision in Helen's life. She opened a door through which Helen was going to pass from darkness to light. This was Anne Sullivan's genius, her sympathy, her loving tact that made the first year of Helen's education so beautiful.

Miss Sullivan was both a teacher and a friend. Helen believed that her teacher was so near to her that she could not think of herself apart from her. There was not a talent, or an aspiration or joy in her that had not been awakened by her teacher's loving touch. She was an innovative mentor. Although, the author gave considerable time to the improvement of her speech but, it would have not been possible to achieve something in this regard without the enthusiastic support for her teacher, Miss. Sullivan. She showed exemplary patience in her job assisting the author improving her speech.

OR

- 11.B. ii. Helen Keller was a great American author of all time. She was an inspiring and courageous woman who fervently believed that blind people, with just a little help, can lead independent lives and give much more to society than they ever take. The present autobiography 'The Story of My Life' is a masterpiece of this American author. This is regarded as one of the most inspiring, pleasant and didactic books for the children. It is a great source of knowledge, perseverance, fascination and pleasure. Without the ability to see or hear, Keller learned to function and interact within the society in a meaningful way. Her drive to make a place for herself in the world started when she was very young. Her exemplary work 'The Story of My Life' is said to be the most extraordinary autobiography ever written. She was only 22 when it was published in 1903. She became famous for this masterpiece. Winston Churchill called her the greatest woman of his age. In 1999, Helen Keller was listed in Gallup's Most Widely Admired People of the 20th century. Also her name made it to Time's 100 list of 'The Most Important People of the Century'.