

COMMON PRE-BOARD EXAMINATION 2017-2018

**ENGLISH COMMUNICATIVE
ANSWER KEY
CLASS X**

SECTION A READING

1x8= 8 marks

- 1.1 (a) A healthy body and healthy mind are the prerequisites for high efficiency and good quality work.
(b) Japanese companies give a lot of importance to the health fitness of their employees to ensure their employees to ensure their loyalty and motivation.
(c) Spending a lot of money on an idea that turns out to be very successful.
(d) Companies have health clubs to take care of the physical health of the employees.
(e) It means that the idea of having health clubs in companies is not very popular in India.
(f) These companies start off the day with a body bending and stretching session and even singing the company song designed for this purpose.
(g) It has resulted in achieving better efficiency and higher productivity.
(h) They have teamed up with employers as they understand that a better health contributes to a longer life and hence more premium.
(i) The employers willing to spend money towards the fitness of their employees to get good quality work from the employees.

2X4=8 marks

- 2.1 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 the 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 to perform a task

2.2

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 1Mark, 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

	<i>Before</i>	<i>Missing</i>	<i>After</i>
(a)	is	an	extremely
(b)	ship	to	steer
(c)	because	the	Earth
(d)	surrounded	by	a
(e)	magnet	of	the

7. Completing the paragraph 1x4 = 4 MARKS

Aditi greeted Rita and asked her (a) *when she had come from the U.S.* Rita replied (b) *that she had come back the previous week.* Aditi then asked her (c) *how her trip had been.* Rita said (d) *it had been marvelous and thrilling.* (e) *if it had been cold out there.*

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 on 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) Sebastian's mother
- (b) 'Our' means the parents and well-wishers of Sebastian.
- (c) Sebastian was in coma and a 'miracle' was needed to come out of it.
- (d) The speaker here refers to be needed divine blessings to save Sebastian.

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

(a)Calpurnia stopped Caesar from attending the Senate for the day as she had a bad

dream wherein she found Caesar's statue spouting blood. But Brutus reinterpreted it and said that the blood flowing out means the Romans bathe in Caesar's spirit. Also, his information regarding an offer of crown to Caesar by the Senate that day prevailed upon Calpurnia's efforts to stop him.

(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) 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

(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 narrator was very desperate for inspiration to write down a ghost story. Helen found his mind quite impressionable and helped him. But, she wanted the narrator to exert his influence and get all his acquaintances to stop using the Ouija boards, only then she would help him to write.

10. (4 for content + 2 for fluency + 2 grammatical accuracy) 8 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 Mrs. Amelia Slater is one of the daughters of Abel, the old man. She is a mean woman who even exhibits her crookedness throughout the play. Her father is supposed to have been dead at her house and, so she calls for her sister. But taking that as an advantage, she starts grabbing things of her father, like his clock, bureau and slippers before her sister arrives. She had been looking after Abel for the past three years and so she feels she can rightly claim his possessions. She never even tries to confirm if Abel is really dead and so goes on to wear the mourning dress, sends word for her sister, prepares obituary column for newspaper, shifts all Abel's possessions to her room and finally lists down his things she could divide with her sister. Compared to her Henry is less crooked but henpecked. Though he cannot agree to many of Amelia's proposals like shifting Abel's bureau and wearing his slippers, he approves of everything only to please her. He even suggests to her to legally divide things between her and her sister. He also points out once that greediness is found in the

whole family, when Amelia remarks about her sister's greediness.

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. ii. The horror of the war is one of the major themes in Anne's diary. War was a period that tested human endurance beyond measure and brought forth unforetold suffering. Anne considered her family to be fortunate in living in the Annex and luckier than millions of people because it was a warm and safe heaven. The war brought its share of anxiety, misery and brutality. In the annex, they could atleast talk about a post war period from the comfort of their hiding place and look forward to new shoes and clothes. But the children in the neighbourhood roamed around in thin shirts and wooden shoes with no coats, caps or anyone to help them. They would be plagued with gnawing hunger and live in cold homes, passing on to colder streets and even colder classrooms. People were always under compulsion to do something during a war.

OR

- 11.B.i (5content+2.5fluency+2.5grammatical accuracy) 10 marks

Once Miss Sullivan and Helen were returning from a long walk. It was a fine morning but grew warm and sultry when they were coming back to home. They took shelter under trees at regular intervals. The shade was grateful, and the author climbed the tree and scrambled to a seat in the branches. Miss Sullivan went to the house to fetch the luncheon, as the author desired to stay seated in the tree till she returned. Suddenly the sky was clouded, and light had died out. The author felt a strange odour that always preceded a thunder storm. A nameless fear clutched author's heart. She felt absolutely alone, and a chilling terror crept over her. She longed for her teacher's return and to get down from that tree.

Suddenly, the leaves were vigorously stirred, and a shiver ran through the tree. The tree swayed and strained. The branches lashed about her. It was, for her suspense up to the highest point. When she thought that the tree and she should fall together, her teacher seized her hand and helped her down. Helen had learnt a new lesson that- "Nature wages open war against her children and under softest touch hides

treacherous claws”. This was also the experience that taught her that “nature is not always kind”.

OR

- 11.B. 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’.