

**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) Dr. Radhakrishnan has warned that though our opportunities are great, when power outstrips ability, we will fall on evil days.
- (b) A free India will be judged by the way in which it will serve the interests of the common man in the matters of food, clothing shelter and social activities.
- (c) Pandit Jawaharlal Nehru had visualized that this country will make great contribution in promoting world peace and the welfare of mankind.
- (d) Unless we root out corruption in high places and traces of nepotism, love of power, profiteering and black marketing we will not be able to raise the standards of

efficiency at various levels.

(e) According to DrRadhakrishnan , 'our leader' who is a humanist possessed optimism and robust good sense despite the perversity of things and the hostility of human affairs.

2.2 1X2=2

- (a) The chakra in the flag embodies great ideas.
- (b) We can get rid of our differences by promoting concord.
- (c )VishvaKalyana, world peace, the welfare of mankind

2.3 1X2=2

- (a) Nepotism (b) Hostility (c )optimism

**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 Filling1x4 = 4 MARKS

(a)has (b) for (c) lies (d) making(e )are

6. Editing1x4 = 4 MARKS

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

7. Sentence Reordering 1x4 = 4 MARKS

- (a)Metro rail is undoubtedly a blessing for Delhiites.
- (b)It has given them freedom from many discomforts of travelling on the road.
- (c) It has offered a clean and comfortable alternative at affordable prices.
- (d) Metro is a giant step in giving Delhi the look of a modern city.
- (e )Delhi Metro is the second oldest metro in India after Kolkata metro

**SECTION C LITERATURE**

8.(a) 1x4 marks

- (a)The nightingale grew more sorrowful and pale because the frog was not satisfied with her performance and made open her throat more and more.
- (b) Her audience got tired of her song because her voice became hoarse the more she sang.

- (c) She sang 'night on night' sharp, short and quick songs with a tired voice.  
(d) Transferred Epithet.

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)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.  
(b)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.  
(c) Sosanko gave him the lines as directed by Naresh Dutt, but when PatolBabu saw his dialogues, he was shocked. It was only one word stating 'oh!' He felt cheated and betrayed and thought he had wasted his time. All his glory, hope and excitement vanished.  
(d) Shelley meant to comment upon the temporal nature of man, that is moral in quality. The moral of the poem is that nothing is stable in this world. Everything is subject to change and decay. The might and majesty of a king do not last, only great art endures.  
(e) 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.
10. (4 for content + 2 for fluency + 2 grammatical accuracy) 8 marks  
10.1 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.

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. 10 marks

A).i. ( 5content+2.5fluency+2.5grammatical accuracy)

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.A. Lies was one of the best friends of Anne. She was attached to a new girlfriend. 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.

- 11.B. ii. 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 odor 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".