

COMMON PRE-BOARD EXAMINATION 2017-2018
ENGLISH COMMUNICATIVE

CLASS X

Time Allowed: 3 hours

Maximum Marks: 80

General Instructions:

I. The question paper is divided into three sections:

SECTION A: Reading 20 MARKS

SECTION B: Writing and Grammar 30 MARKS

SECTION C: Literature 30 MARKS

II. All questions are compulsory.

III. You may attempt any section at a time.

IV. All questions of that particular section must be attempted in the correct order.

SECTION –A: READING (20 Marks)

Q1. Read the passage given below and answer the questions that follow:

1. Sprouts relatively contain the largest amount of nutrients per unit of any food known to man. Sprouts produce a fountain of power for chemical changes. Enzymes are produced, starch get converted into glucose. Protein is transformed into amino acids and vitamin value increases. In fact, a new explosion of life force takes place. According to doctor Bailey of the University of Minnesota, U.S.A., the vitamin C value of wheat increases 600 percent in the early sprouting period. 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.

(2) Enzymes which initiate and control almost every chemical reaction in our body are greatly activated in the sprouting process. Enzymes spark the entire digestive system to synthesize the nutrients in our food into blood. They are the key to longevity.

(3) Sprouts are enjoyed more when they are fresh. Mix sprouts with other food and dressings, according to your taste and enjoy eating them. But eat them you must, everyday! You will soon realize that making sprouts a part of your diet has a dramatic effect on your health. With this life food, all the cells of your body become active and agile.

(4) The nourishment which develops as the sprouts grow is very stable and can be frozen or dried for future. Sprouted potato or tomato seeds are likely to be poisonous. Alfalfa and moong bean sprouts are excellent soft food. They are almost predigested and can be easily assimilated even by the children and the elderly. They contain every non-vitamin in perfect balance, necessary for the human body.

1.1 Attempt any eight of the following questions on the basis of the passage you have read. (1x8=8)

a) Why are sprouts useful?

- b) What happens in the early sprouting process?
- c) What was the finding of Dr. C R Shaw?
- d) What happens to the enzymes in the sprouting process?
- e) How does your body become active and agile?
- f) Which are excellent soft food?
- g) What is the benefit of making sprouts a part of your diet?
- h) Which sprouted seeds are poisonous?
- i) Mention the importance of Alfalfa and moong bean sprouts.

Q2. Read the passage given below and answer the questions that follow:

1. You hope to do several things every day. At the end of each day, most of them are not done. You may be using a 'to-do-list' but discover in a short while that it is not helping you much. Tasks keep adding to it. In a few weeks, it starts looking like a list of things you will never do, and you feel stressed about it.
2. Making a to-do-list is not enough. It is useful only when you understand the key aspects of it and work on it further.
3. To begin with, recognize that a to-do-list is only a pool of tasks. It is just a raw collection that gives you no idea of how you will get to it. To make it useful you have to define the 'when'. Entering details about when you will do the different tasks, gives the to-do-list a meaning. When you begin creating a schedule, your focus shifts to how long you have to work on each task to complete it. This way you are forced to be realistic about your goals.
4. You cannot do all the tasks on the list on the same day. So, you should learn to prioritise. Rank the tasks using numbers or group them using letters of the alphabet, according to the order of importance. Now start working according to the schedule, find out where your schedule went wrong, by paying close attention to how you are spending the day.
5. Some of the possible reasons are: you waste time, made mistake in assessing how much time a task would take or deal with 'urgent' tasks frequently. If the reason is wasting time, learn to concentrate on your work. If you made a mistake in time assessment, prepare a more realistic schedule.
6. Another way to prioritise tasks is based on the creative energy they require. Separate the tasks into creative and boring ones. This approach helps you to stay productive even during cheerless parts of the day.
7. Making schedule for items in your to-do-list does not promise that all of them are accomplished. But you can at least be strategic about what is left behind and feel happy that you achieved what you accommodated in the finite space. This way you can begin the next day on a confident note rather than feeling helpless and frustrated about failing.

2.1 On the basis of your reading of the passage, answer any four of the following questions in about 30-40 words each: (2x4=8)

- a) What makes a 'to-do-list' useful?
- b) Why is the 'to-do-list' described as a raw collection?
- c) What is 'prioritising'?

- d) How do you become realistic about your goals?
 e) What are the reasons for a wrong schedule?

2.2 On the basis of your reading of the passage, fill in any two of the following blanks with appropriate words/phrases: (1x2=2)

- a) If your schedule goes wrong and the reason is wasting time, you have to
- b) Separating the tasks help you to stay.....
- c) You can begin the next day on a confident note instead of feeling

2.3. Find a word in the passage which conveys similar meaning as the following. Attempt any two of the following. (1x2=2)

- a) a plan of procedure
- b) requiring immediate action
- c) dissatisfaction due to the unfulfillment of one's desire

SECTION B: WRITING AND GRAMMAR (30 Marks)

3.a) You are Sahin/Sahna of Annanagar. Write a letter to the Editor of a newspaper complaining about the acute water shortage in your area and suggesting ways like rainwater harvesting to conserve water in 100-120 words. (8)

Or

3.b) You bought a colour television from Sharda Enterprises, Shikanagar, Andrapra-desh. The product had one-year guarantee, but the television is not working properly after one month. Write a letter to the Sales Manager, Sharda Enterprises asking for a replacement.

4. Write a short story, in about 200-250 words, with **any one set of the cues** given in the boxes below. Give a suitable title to the story. (1x10=10)

Starving boy given a glass of milk instead of just water.....offers to pay wom-an.....replied mother had taught her never to accept anything for a kind act done.... years later boy now a doctor.....finds her a patient whom he treats back to healththen he pays her hospital bill saying: 'paid in full with one glass of milk' the woman recognizes him and thanks him.

Or

It was 5.05 pm. When the storm broke over the city.....immediately left with no power.... rang up electricity office.....telephones jammed....no televi-sion or video game.... too late to play in the park.....neighbours come out.....locality plunged in darkness....begin conversation....elders begin re-lating their childhood escapades.....jokes and laughter...sharing of pot luck....forgot the discomfort of no electricitycots pulled out....unforgettable night under the stars.

5. Fill in **any four** of the following blanks choosing the most appropriate option from the ones given below. Write the answers in your answer –sheet against the correct blank numbers. 1x4=4

A solar-powered plane will(a)..... flown around the world next year. The plane(b)..... its inaugural test from Payem airport (c) Switzerland and returned safely (d)two hours. The plane is a two-seater aircraft (e) of carbon fibre.

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| (a) | (i) | is | (ii) | be | (iii) | am | (iv) | are |
| (b) | (i) | had | (ii) | has | (iii) | have | (iv) | have been |
| (c) | (i) | into | (ii) | at | (iii) | in | (iv) | under |

- (d) (i) in (ii) into (iii) iInside (iv) After
 (e) (i) make (ii) making (iii) made (iv) makes

6. The following passage has not been edited. There is one error in the following lines. Write the incorrect word for **any four** blanks and the correction in your answer- sheet. Attempt any four. 1x4=4

	Incorrect	Correct
There are four important section in a	(a)
bonsai as with all plants. The trunk	(b)
constitute the very basis of a tree.	(c)
It is, therefore, a most important	(d)
part for a bonsai.	(e)

7. Rearrange the following word clusters to make meaningful sentences: Attempt **any four**. 1x4=4

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

SECTION C LITERATURE (30 Marks)

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

- (a) *And immediately I regretted it.* (1x4=4)
I thought how paltry, how vulgar what a mean act!
I despised myself and the voices of my accursed human education.
- (a) What was the mean act?
 - (b) Why did the poet despise himself?
 - (c) What is the poet regretting?
 - (d) Why does he call his education ‘accursed’?

Or

- (b) *You all did see that on the Lupercal*
I thrice presented him a kingly crown,
Which he did thrice refuse.
- (a) What does ‘Lupercal’ mean?
 - (b) To whom did the speaker present the crown?
 - (c) Why did Caesar refuse the crown?
 - (d) What is the speaker trying to prove by saying these lines?

9. Answer **any four of** the following Questions in 30-40 words each: (2x4 = 8)

- (a) Why does Mrs. Slater decide to shift the bureau from grandfather’s room before the arrival of Jordans? How does Henry react to this suggestion?
- (b) What were the blessings which the mariners experienced when the albatross arrived on the ship?
- (c) How does the writer create humour in the story, ‘Mrs. Packletide’s Tiger’? Give any two examples.
- (d) ‘Ali is a true example of love, faith and sacrifice’. Elaborate.
- (e) What does the poet mean by ‘the living record’? How does it survive the ravages of time?

10. Attempt **any one** of the following long answer type questions in 100-120 words. (8 Marks)

10.1 Hardships and difficult situations can break a person's spirit. It is the wise and strong who make it through such times. How do you apply this thought to the boys of Verona?

10.2 Or

The advancement in technology has not made our life easier but more complicated. We should be the master of technology and technology should not master us. Elaborate this statement in 120 words.

11 A) Answer the following question based on prescribed novel text for extended reading in about 200-250 words: (10Marks)

The Diary of a Young Girl

11.A) i) Describe the role of diary in Anne's life?

Or

11.A) ii) Describe the mental anguish of Anne on meeting Lies in the dream in your own words.

Or

11 B) Answer the following question based on prescribed novel text for extended reading in about 200-250 words:

The Story of My Life

11.B) i) After reading the book we realize Helen's teacher Anne Sullivan was indeed a miracle worker in the life of Helen Keller. Comment with examples.

Or

11.B) ii) Helen Keller's name made it to Time's 100 list of The Most Important People of the Century. Discuss.