

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 moongbean 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 (1x8=8)

have read.

- a) Why are sprouts useful?
- b) What happens in 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. Our opportunities are great but let me warn you that when power outstrips ability, we will fall on evil days. We should develop competence and ability which would help us to utilize the opportunities which are now open to us. From tomorrow morning...from midnight today we cannot throw the blame on the Britisher. We have to assume the responsibility ourselves for what we do. A free India will be judged by the way in which it will serve the interests of the common man in the matter of food, clothing, shelter and the social services. Unless we destroy corruption in high places, root out every trace of nepotism, love of power, profiteering and black-marketing which have spoiled the good name of this great country in recent times, we will not be able to raise the standards of efficiency in administration as well as in the production and distribution of the necessary goods of life.

2. Pandit Jawaharlal Nehru referred to the great contribution which this country will make to the promotion of world peace and the welfare of the mankind. The Chakra, the Ashoka wheel, which is there in the flag embodies for us a great idea, Ashoka, the greatest of our emperors. Look at the words of H G Wells about him 'Highnesses, Magnificences, Excellences, Serenities, Majesties. Among them all, he shines alone a star, Ashoka the greatest of all monarchs.' He cut in to rock his message for the healing of discords. If there are differences, the way in which you can solve them is by promoting concord. Concord is the only way by which we can get rid of differences. There is no other method which is open to us.

3. We are lucky in having for our leader, one who is a world citizen, who is essentially a humanist, who possesses a buoyant optimism and robust good sense in spite of the perversity of things and the hostility of human affairs. We see the way in which his Department interfered actively and in a timely manner in the Indonesian dispute. It shows that if India gains freedom, that freedom will be used not merely for the well-being of India but for Vishva Kalyana, world peace, the welfare of mankind.

(Extract from a speech by Dr. Radhakrishnan)

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 has Dr. Radhakrishnan warned us against?
- b) How will a free India be judged?

- c) What did Pandit Nehru visualise about India?
 d) How can we raise the standards of efficiency at various levels?
 e) What according to Dr. Radhakrishnan are the qualities 'our leader' possessed?
- 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) The chakra in the flag embodies
- b) We can get rid of our differences by.....
- c) If India gains freedom, it will be used for the well being of India and
- 2.3. Find a word in the passage which conveys similar meaning as the following: (1x2=2)**
Attempt any two of the following.
- a) 'Favourism' shown on the basis of family relationship (para 1)
 b) The state of being unfriendly (para 2)
 c) The tendency to expect the best (para 3)

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 are Arun/ Aruna. You are interested in taking The British Council library membership in Delhi. Write a letter to The Head Librarian asking for the details and the required procedure.
- 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.

Going for long walks has always been a passion with me. As usual I was walking amongst the thick green forest till I heard that voice.....

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 television or video game....too late to play in the park.....neighbours come out.....locality plunged in darkness....begin conversation....elders begin relating 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** 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
- The term 'happy' (a) a variety of meanings. It stands (b)..... the lucky, fortunate, content, glad or apt. Happiness (c) within the mind of the individual. No amount of external wealth may be helpful in (d)..... him happy. Today, we (e) happy only if we attain our coveted material.
- (a) (i) is (ii) has (iii) are (iv) have
 (b) (i) with (ii) for (iii) to (iv) in
 (c) (i) lie (ii) Will lie (iii) lies (iv) lied
 (d) (i) makes (ii) made (iii) make (iv) making

(e) (i) is (ii) are (iii) will (iv) were

6. The following passage has not been edited. There is one error in each line. Write the incorrect word for **any four** blanks and the correction in your answer-sheet. 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 the tree.	(c)
It is, therefore, a most important	(d)
part for a bonsai.	(e)

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

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

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) *Day by day the nightingale
 Grew more sorrowful and pale.
 Night on night her tired song
 Zipped and thrilled and bounced along,
 Till the birds and beasts grew tired
 At a voice so uninspired.*

- (a) Why did the nightingale grow sorrowful and pale?
 (b) What made her audience get tired of her song?
 (c) What did she perform night on night?
 (d) What is the poetic device used in the phrase, 'tired song'?

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)

9.(a)

What were the blessings which the mariners experienced when the albatross arrived on the ship?

9.(b)

How does the writer create humour in the story, 'Mrs. Packletide's Tiger'? Give any two examples.

9.(c)

Why did the dialogue given to him disappoint Patol babu?

9.(d)

What moral is Shelley teaching through 'Ozymandias'?

9.(e) 'Ali is a true example of love, faith and sacrifice'. Elaborate.

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

8 Marks

10.1 Compare and contrast Henry's character with that of his wife. Support your answer with evidence from the play

Or

10.2 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: (10 Marks)

The Diary of a Young Girl

11.A) i) The horror of the war is one of the major themes of 'Diary of a Young Girl'. Comment.

11.A) ii) Or

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: (10 Marks)

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) How did Helen learn that nature is not always kind? Give your views. Explain in your own words.