

SAMPLE QUESTION PAPER - 2

Communicative English (101)

Class IX (2024-25)

Time Allowed: 3 hours

Maximum Marks: 80

General Instructions:

Read the following instructions very carefully and strictly follow them:

1. This question paper has 10 questions. All questions are compulsory.
2. This question paper contains three sections: Section A: Reading Skills, Section B: Writing Skills Section C: Grammar Section D: Literature Textbook
3. Attempt all questions based on specific instructions for each part. Write the correct question number and part thereof in your answer sheet.
4. Separate instructions are given with each question/part, wherever necessary.
5. Adhere to the prescribed word limit while answering the questions

SECTION A : READING SKILLS (20 marks)

1. Read the text carefully and answer the questions:

[10]

1. My last suggestion to you is to believe in yourself. You are here at this conference to get help and reassurance from various experts. I am sure they have much to offer and I hope you will learn from them. Never forget that in one way you are more expert than any teacher, counsellor or psychiatrist you will ever meet. You are expert in knowing how it feels to have your life and your life blood wrapped up in a handicapped child, and to live with that investment twenty-four hours a day, every day of the year. That is very different from being a professional helper who deals with the problem for an hour a week, or an hour a day, or even six hours a day. We need professionals who can be detached and objective and sometimes we, as parents, need to learn some of that detachment of perspective. If ever the professional helpers get so detached that they forget the depth of our feelings, please feel free to remind them that you, too, have some expertise. Some years ago, I came across a book by a French psychoanalyst, Alfred Adler. In the first chapter of his book he wrote, "When parents come to me with a problem about their child and they tell me what they have been doing, my first response is to say, 'I think you're on the right track', because parents carry a heavy burden and they need all the support they can get." I wish I could meet that psychoanalyst and hug him and say, "Thank you for understanding."

2. I want you to learn all you can from the professionals here or wherever you are. I might even agree with them that you need to change your behaviour in some ways. I do not want you to feel that you are stupid and worthless and that you are not doing anything right. If you do that, you won't be a good role model for your child. I want your child to be happy, but part of that will come about if your child sees you as parents who find life enjoyable and challenging. So - listen to the experts, but also trust yourself.

- (i) What is the narrator's suggestion to the parents?
- (ii) What kind of professionals do we need?
- (iii) Explain: **listen to the experts, but also trust yourself.**
- (iv) What is Alfred Adler's response when parents come to him with a problem?
- (v) Find a word from the passage which has the same meaning as **skilful**.
- (vi) Write the verb form of **suggestion**.
- (vii) Find a word from the passage opposite in meaning to **incompetent**.
- (viii) Write the noun form of **remind**.
- (ix) **I think you're on the right track.** Who is the listener here?
 - a) The narrator
 - b) The readers
 - c) The students
 - d) The parents
- (x) Who is considered as more expert than any teacher, counsellor or psychiatrist?
 - a) The parents
 - b) The analysts
 - c) The doctors
 - d) The narrator

2. **Read the text carefully and answer the questions:**

[10]

- 1. I must confess that I am overwhelmed by the trust my people have placed in me by electing me to the highest office in the land...
- 2. Dr. Radhakrishnan brought to the Presidency a mental equipment, a degree of erudition and wealth of experience rarely to be found anywhere. During a lifetime devoted to the pursuit of knowledge and truth, he has done more than probably any other man to bring out and explain Indian philosophical thought and the oneness of all true spiritual values. He has never lost his faith in the

essential humanity of man and he himself has never ceased to champion the right of all men to live in dignity and with justice.

3. I can only assure you that I enter this office in a spirit of prayerful humility and total dedication. I have just taken the oath of loyalty to the Constitution of India. It is the Constitution of a comparatively new State which its free citizens have, for the first time in history, given to themselves. It is the young State of an ancient people who, through the long millennia and through cooperation of diverse ethnic elements, have striven to realise timeless, absolute values in their own peculiar way. I pledge myself to the service of those values. For, though some concrete realisation of a value may become inadequate with the change of circumstance, the value remains eternally valid and presses for newer and fresher realisation. The past is not dead and static, it is alive and dynamic and is involved in determining the quality of our present and the prospects of our future.

- (i) Who is the narrator of this passage?
- (ii) How did the people of India place trust in Dr. Radhakrishnan?
- (iii) What qualities of Dr. Radhakrishnan made him to be an efficient and very talented President of India?
- (iv) How did Dr. Radhakrishnan uphold humanity?
- (v) What does the phrase **diverse ethnic elements** in para 3 refer to?
- (vi) According to the narrator, the past is:
 - a) inactive
 - b) dead
 - c) all of these
 - d) full of life and dynamism
- (vii) The narrator felt overwhelmed because the people of India:
 - a) maintained peace during his regime
 - b) elected him as the President of India
 - c) trusted him
 - d) elected him as the Prime minister of India
- (viii) The narrator fought for the right of the people of India, so that they might live:

a) both in dignity and with justice

b) neither in dignity nor with justice

c) with justice

d) in dignity

(ix) The narrator look the _____ to the constitution of India.

(x) The past is involved in determining the quality of our past and the prospects of our present.

a) True

b) False

SECTION B : WRITING SKILLS (24 marks)

3. You are the Secretary of Music Club of your school. Your Club is going to organize an interclass singing competition. Write a notice inviting names of the students who want to participate in it. [4]

4. Complete the dialogue given below. Write your answers against the correct blank numbers. [5]

Rajnish: You have purchased a new car. It looks wonderful. Please tell me (a) _____?

Pummy: (b) _____ from Jaswant Motors.

Rajnish: (c) _____ located?

Pummy: It is in Jhilmil Colony.

Rajnish: (d) _____ Yamuna Sports Complex?

Pummy: Yes, (e) _____.

5. You are Shyamani/Seetakanta living at G-20, Marine Road, Puri. Write a letter to your cousin living in a village inviting him to join a beach party near your house next Sunday. [7]

OR

Your uncle has promised to give you a gift of ₹ 1,000/-. Write a letter thanking him for the offer, tell him how you plan to spend the money and why you wish to spend it in this way.

6. Joint Family or Nuclear Family there is no guarantee of a happy family. Write a paragraph exploring the idea of a nuclear family and if it should be the ideal choice. You could think about what alternative explanation might weaken or strengthen the given statement. Include rationale and evidences. [8]

OR

You have recently moved to a new neighbourhood in your city. Describe the new neighbourhood comparing it to the one you have just left.

SECTION C : GRAMMAR (10 marks)

7. Complete the tasks, as directed. [10]

(i) Fill in the blanks (a)-(c) with the appropriate option from those in the brackets. [3]

Akbar (a) _____ (was/went/is) waiting for Birbal's answer. Birbal said "Your majesty! The thoughts in the mind (b) _____ (were/are/is) the fastest to travel. In a moment you are in this court and your next thought can be (c) _____ (nowhere/anywhere/out) else in this world. So, thoughts are the fastest thing in the world."

(ii) In the following passage, one word has been omitted in each line. Write the missing word along with the words before and after against the correct blank number: [4]

When thinking of the first ever iPod		Word Before	Missing Word	Word After
more a decade ago, Jobs realised that	(a)	_____	_____	_____
what would increase the attraction such a device to	(b)	_____	_____	_____
the consumers was a way for to buy	(c)	_____	_____	_____
music in seamless way.	(d)	_____	_____	_____

(iii) Do as directed.

i. Rearrange the following jumbled words/phrases in the given dialogue to create a meaningful sentence. [1]

Its outer hard shell is enclosed in a fibrous covering. The water in the tender coconut is highly nutritious. It helps to keep down the heat of the body.

tropical regions/coconut water/to patients/is offered/in many/with diarrhoea

- ii. Given below is a set of instructions to make thandai. On the basis of the instructions, complete the following blanks in the paragraph: [2]

- Boil the milk and set aside to cool.
- Soak the almonds and other ingredients except saffron in half cup water for 20 min.
- Grind them in a blender. Pour the mixture in milk; add sugar and stir it well.
- Refrigerate for two hours.
- Garnish the drink with saffron strands and almond flakes and serve.
- You could add a few ice cubes to the thandai while serving.

The milk is boiled and set aside to cool. Almonds and other ingredients except saffron are soaked in half a cup of water for 20 min. The ingredients (a) _____ and the mixture is poured into the milk, in which sugar is added and stirred well. Then it (b) _____.

SECTION D : LITERATURE TEXTBOOK (26 marks)

8. Read the given excerpts and answer the questions briefly, for ANY TWO excerpts, of the three, given. [8]

- (i) Read the extract given below and answer the questions/complete the sentences that follow: [4]

"Two roads diverged in a yellow wood,
And sorry I could not travel both
And be one traveller, long I stood
And looked down one as far as I could"

- a. Name the poem and the poet of above extract.
- b. What does the poet mean by **yellow wood**?
- c. What does the line **And sorry I could not travel both**, describe?

- (ii) Read the extract given below and answer the questions follow: [4]

Convict : Sit down!!! (The **Bishop** sits smiling.) None of that, my friend! I'm too old a bird to be caught with chaff.

- a. Why does the convict enter the Bishop's house?
- b. How does the convict **introduce** himself to the Bishop?
- c. What crime had the convict done which was behind his being imprisoned?

- (iii) Read the extract given below and answer the questions/complete the sentences that follow: [4]

"At times, I used to regret not going to school, so I made sure that my children and grandchildren studied well".

- a. Who is the speaker of these lines? To whom is she speaking?
- b. What did the speaker regret? What did the speaker decide to do?
- c. Write the synonym of **regret**.

9. Answer ANY SIX of the following seven questions in about 30- 40 words each [12]

- (i) How has the poet made use of the comparisons in **The Solitary Reaper**? [2]
- (ii) Why does Shakespeare compare the world to a stage? [2]
- (iii) Why has the poet called the rain **messenger of mercy**? [2]
- (iv) An overprotective and possessive mother in Mrs. Bramble never lets her understand either Bill or Harold. Draw a character sketch of Mrs. Bramble highlighting all the important traits of her personality. [2]
- (v) How did Pescud succeed in extracting information about Jessie? [2]
- (vi) What kind of training did the privates receive? Answer to the context of the chapter **The Man Who Knew Too Much**. [2]
- (vii) Why did Gaston quote three hundred thousand francs for the villa? [2]

10. Answer ANY ONE of the following two questions in about 120 words [6]

- (i) Gaston lacked honesty and fairness in his deal. Do you agree? What values are reflected from his character? As a businessman, what would be your priority profit or honesty? [6]
- (ii) Imagine you are Chuck and you are upset over Duke's death. You wish to give a tribute to Duke. [6]

Write an article titled 'Duke - My Saviour' in about 120 words.

Solution
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- (i) The narrator suggests that parents should believe in themselves. They may learn from experts but they are the best counsellors for their disabled children.
 - (ii) We need professionals who must be detached and objective. But if they become so detached that they fail to think of the depth of our feeling, then we should remind them that we (parents) too have some expertise.
 - (iii) The narrator advises the parents of the handicapped children to listen to the experts and professionals carefully and follow them sincerely. However, they must have faith in themselves and think that they are better than all such professionals in dealing with their children.

(iv) Alfred Adler tells the parents of the handicapped child that whatever they are doing for their children is absolutely right. He tells them so because parents carry a heavy burden and they need all the support they can get.

(v) professional

(vi) suggest

(vii) expert

(viii) reminder

(ix) (d) The parents

Explanation:

The parents

(x) (a) The parents

Explanation:

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- (i) Dr. Radhakrishnan is the narrator of this passage.
- (ii) The people of India placed trust in Dr. Radhakrishnan by positioning him on the highest post of India.

- (iii) His intelligent mind, extraordinary knowledge and time-tested experience made him an efficient President of India.
- (iv) Dr. Radhakrishnan always gave much importance to the right of all men to live in dignity and with justice.
- (v) The phrase 'diverse ethnic elements' in para 3 refers to different all kinds of people of India.

(vi) (d) full of life and dynamism

Explanation:

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(vii) (b) elected him as the President of India

Explanation:

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(viii) (a) both in dignity and with justice

Explanation:

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(ix) 1. oath of loyalty

(x) (b) False

Explanation:

False

SECTION B : WRITING SKILLS (24 marks)

Akash Public School, Agra

NOTICE

12th July 20XX

Singing Competition

This is to inform all the students that the Music Club of the School is going to organize an interclass singing competition on 15th May, 20XX. The competition will be organized in two categories 'Indian' and 'Western'. Those who wish to participate in the competition can give their names to their respective class teachers by 14th July, 20XX. Kindly ensure that you specify the category you want to participate in. For further query, kindly contact the undersigned.

Harsh Jalal

Secretary, Music Club

- 3.
4. a. where have you purchased it from
- b. I purchased it
- c. Where is it
- d. Is it near

e. you are right

5. G-20, Marine Road, Puri

15th August, 20XX

Dear Meena

I hope you are in good health and high spirits. You will be glad to know that I am going to arrange a picnic-cum-beach party on the 30th of this month. All of my friends and classmates will be present on the occasion. We have planned a grand event. We have ordered the best restaurant of Puri 'Seaside' to deliver lunch packs. Fruits and nuts will be bought a day before. We will have a 'Kabbadi' match and also an 'Antarakshi' session. As all of us are good swimmers, we will certainly enjoy the surf and the sea. I know your love for swimming. Dear Meena, great fun is waiting for you.

I hope you will not miss this opportunity to have great fun with all of us.

With love

Yours affectionately

Shyamani/Seetakanta

OR

75, Govind Apartment

Govind Puri

Delhi

20th July 20XX

Respected Uncle

I want to thank you for the gift of ₹ 1000/- that you have promised to give me if I score above 90% in my final exams. This offer of yours is motivating me to study very hard and give my hundred percent. My situation is same like the counting of the chicks before they are hatched, as I have already thought about what I am going to do with the money. I will buy two novels by JK Rowling. During vacations, I will read them. With the rest of the money, I will get my printer repaired which is out of order. I need to get it repaired to do the project work for the next class. Thus, I will use the money appropriately.

Please wish me luck and give my regards to Aunty.

Yours affectionately,

Govind

6. The nuclear family or smaller family is usually preferred and recommended in today's modern lifestyle as it gives more freedom, financial stability and independence when compared to the joint family structure.

While less conflict and decreased family stress is an advantage of the nuclear family, it also puts the family at a disadvantage. Conflict is a part of life, and conflict resolution skills are beneficial in school, community and the workplace. Nuclear families can

develop like-minded thinking, leading to fewer arguments within the family unit. While joint family is like a nursery to teach social virtues. It helps to develop social virtues like co-operation, sympathy, sacrifice, affection, spirit of selfless service, obedience and broad-mindedness. Feeling of loneliness is one of important drawbacks in nuclear family. At the time of emergency one can get any help and support from other members. Joint family acts as insurance for the members of the family at the time of crisis. It provides social security to its members especially to the old, the infirm, the unemployed persons, the orphans, the widowed daughters and sisters as well.

The choice to raise a family by the nuclear model does not guarantee success or happiness but can provide a basis for obtaining those ideals. Awareness of the possible advantages and disadvantages allows a big-picture view of this family structure. No family is perfect, but when you work together with family members, you ensure the best possible outcomes for everyone involved.

OR

Living in a good neighborhood enhances the quality of life. Fortunately, I recently moved to a new house in a wonderful locality that far surpasses our previous one. The new area is equipped with various amenities and boasts a pleasant atmosphere. Education and employment levels are high among the residents. The presence of a nearby park and gym adds to the appeal. Essential facilities like banks, grocery stores, eateries, and medical shops are conveniently accessible. Moreover, the transportation system is efficient, with buses connecting different parts of the city and a railway station within walking distance. Our previous neighborhood was less fortunate, plagued by quarrels and mischievous children causing damage to property and gardens. In contrast, the new neighborhood promotes peace and harmony. Residents readily assist each other during emergencies and enjoy spending time together, celebrating festivals and occasions as a united, happy family. Sharing both joys and sorrows has fostered strong bonds among us. In conclusion, living in this calm and joyful neighborhood has been a true delight.

SECTION C : GRAMMAR (10 marks)

7. Complete the tasks, as directed.

(i) (a) was, (b) are, (c) anywhere

(ii)	Word Before	Missing Word	Word After
(a)	more	<u>than</u>	a
(b)	attraction	<u>of</u>	such
(c)	for	<u>them</u>	to
(d)	in	<u>a</u>	seamless

(iii) Do as directed.

- i. Coconut water is offered to patients with diarrhoea in many tropical regions.
- ii. (a) are ground, (b) is refrigerated for two hours

SECTION D : LITERATURE TEXTBOOK (26 marks)

8. Read the given excerpts and answer the questions briefly, for ANY TWO excerpts, of the three, given.

- (i) a. The poem is 'The Road Not Taken', and the poet is Robert Frost.
b. 'Yellow wood' means the decomposing leaves and the autumn season.
c. The line describes the traveler's regret that they cannot take both paths that diverge in a yellow wood. It suggests that the traveller is faced with a decision and must choose between two paths, each with its own unknowns and possibilities. This choice will shape their journey and ultimately their life.
- (ii) a. The convict has escaped from prison and has not eaten anything for three days. He enters the Bishop's house for food and shelter as it is still open in the night.
b. He 'introduces' himself menacingly. He has an open knife in his hand and threatening the Bishop demands food.
c. He had stolen something to buy food for his ailing wife as at that time he had no work and no money.
- (iii) a. Avva, the grandmother is speaking to her granddaughter.
b. The speaker regretted not being educated in her childhood. Avva decided to educate her children and grandchildren well.
c. Synonym of 'regret' is remorse.

9. Answer ANY SIX of the following seven questions in about 30- 40 words each

- (i) 'The Solitary Reaper' is a poem in which beautiful comparisons have been made. The girl is compared to the talented singers of nature like the nightingale and the cuckoo bird. But her song is even more melodious than theirs. The song mesmerises the poet who stands still just to listen to the melodious song of the reaper.
- (ii) Shakespeare compares this world to a stage in a theatre. He compares all men and women to players or actors and actresses of the stage. Like the stage in a theatre, life too has its exits and entrances. Men and women take birth and enter the stage of life. They play their roles and after living through seven stages of life, depart from the world.
- (iii) The rain can be called a messenger of mercy as it brings relief to the parched earth by providing it water and at the same time it cures the ailment of the clouds.
- (iv) Mrs. Bramble is presented as a dominating and decisive personality. She is feared and respected by Mr. Bramble and her brother Major Percy. She takes all the major

decisions. Mr. Bramble is made to yield to her in good humour. The very naming of Harold proves that when it comes to decision making, Mrs. Bramble has the final say. The poor husband had to withdraw his suggestion with the utmost good humour. Mrs. Bramble is a possessive and overprotective mother. Harold doesn't like that she should address him as if she is addressing a baby. Mrs. Bramble is highly proud of bringing such a prodigy as Harold into the world. Harold's unique character and his perfection becomes a drawback for her. She persuades her husband that Harold should not be disgraced and embarrassed by knowing Bill's real profession. Here, she is totally mistaken like Mr. Bramble and Major Percy. She fails to see the other side of Harold's personality. She can't even dream that her spectacled and scholarly son can have such a deep interest in boxing.

Ironically, Mrs. Bramble fails to understand that Bill's true identity could have been a matter of pride and swanking for Harold. But she is more practical than Bill. No doubt, she hates Bill's profession. She realises that Bill's boxing career has earned a lot of money for the family. With that money they could give Harold the best possible education. She is shocked when she comes to know that Bill has withdrawn from the contest against Murphy.

- (v) Pescud checked into a hotel Bay View House posing as a salesman taking orders for plate-glass. Later he brought its landlord around to local gossip and thus got the information.
- (vi) Privates were the soldiers without rank. They received training in musketry, handling hand grenades and other methods of warfare as well as physical training.
- (vii) Gaston did not want to spend money on a villa that would later be utilized more by his wife's parents and her sister's children. He quoted only three thousand francs for the villa with an expectation that the owner would refuse to sell off the villa at such a low price and he then would not be forced by his wife any longer.

10. Answer ANY ONE of the following two questions in about 120 words

- (i) It is true that Gaston is a civilized cheat and opportunist of the first order. I agree with it. Actually, there are many 'values' or traits in his character that can be called anti-human. For instance, he has already spent his wife's dowry. He doesn't care for her, though he must see husband-wife relationship. Then he acts shamefacedly as the owner of the house. How mean of him that he deceives an old lady Mrs. Al Smith who is a simple-hearted and a believing kind of woman? Money is not everything in life. There needs to be some space for virtues like truth, goodness, compassion, sympathy. But Gaston doesn't have any of them.

As a businessman, my priority would be a balance between honesty, fairness and profit.

I would like to earn genuine profit and not that which abuses good human values. But sadly for him, business means making money by hook or crook.

Like any businessman, I would love to make profits but my priority would always be following a path of honesty. I would hate doing what Gaston did.

(ii) Duke - My Saviour

Duke, my Doberman Pinscher, was my saviour and best friend. After a paralyzing accident, I suffered from a subdural hemorrhage, Duke took on the responsibility of helping me regain my mobility. Every day, he would take me for walks, enabling me to move and walk again despite being bedridden. His sincerity, confidence, and dedication brought about a remarkable transformation. Thanks to Duke, not only did I return to work, but I also received a promotion. Unfortunately, I lost him in an accident. I am indebted to him and shall forever be grateful for the immense impact he had on my life. Everything I am today is a result of his existence, and I consider my life to be a precious gift from him.