

CBSE Class 10 English
Communicative Sample Paper - 01

TIME – 3 HOURS M.M- 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.
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SECTION A READING

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

1. Vegetarianism promotes a natural way of life. But despite its implicit message of universal love and non-violence it has not spread, as it should have. This may be because it usually is an inward- looking habit and is best cultivated in the mind.
2. Leading a vegetarian way of life helps the animal kingdom to coexist with man. The animals supply milk, manure and energy. This has been central to the Indian culture for thousands of years. A vegetarian lifestyle is natural, multifaceted and helps self-preservation in a healthy way. Food and health are closely related.
3. In India a vegetarian is usually a lacto-vegetarian. In the Western world, vegetarians are subdivided as “vegans” (pure vegetarians who do not take any food coming from animal kingdom), lacto-vegetarians, who use dairy products of the vegetable kingdom and Lacto-ova-vegetarians. The Last category includes eggs, in addition to dairy products.
4. The Western science of food considers food as something to sustain only the human body, whereas the Indian science considers food as something which sustains not only the body, but also maintains the purity of heart, mind and the soul. Thus an item of food which is injurious to the mind is not considered to be fit for consumption, even if it is otherwise beneficial to the body or satisfies the taste. Indian food science does not give so

much importance to protein or even to the balanced diet but it gives importance to food that increases the strength of the body and its virility.

5. Extensive studies by group of Bombay doctors have confirmed that vegetarianism offers protection from coronary diseases. It prevents and helps management of most of the gastro-intestinal diseases and is suitable for all non-insulin dependent and insulin dependent diabetics.

-The Hindustan Times.

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

- i. What are the views of Western Science and Indian Science on Food?
- ii. Give benefits of Vegetarianism?
- iii. What kind of vegetarian is found usually in India?
- iv. Why vegetarianism has not spread as desired?
- v. Who are lacto- vegetarians?
- vi. Vegetarianism is a habit which is in mind only. This means
- vii. To what does Indian food science gives importance to?
- viii. What kind of lifestyle do vegetarian have?
- ix. What is the passage about?
 - a. Reject non-vegetarianism,
 - b. Adopt vegetarianism,
 - c. Health benefits of vegetarianism
 - d. All of these

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

Social Media

1. You must have heard of Facebook and Twitter. In fact, there is a good chance that you use them. You might also have heard of Instagram .All these websites are the most popular social media websites. But what exactly is “social media”?
2. Social media can be defined as web-based and mobile media that are used for people to interact, connect and communicate with each other. These types of media often involve the creation and sharing of content (writing, pictures, and video) that people make themselves, mostly through the Internet.
3. In general, there are six different types of social media. The first type involves people

getting together to work on a project. Wikipedia is an example of this type of social media. Blogs and micro-blogs (such as Twitter) are another type of social media. There are other websites that allow people to share content such as pictures, articles or videos. YouTube is the most well-known website of this type. Another type of social media are social networking sites. These sites allow people to stay in touch with friends, make new ones and join communities. Facebook is an example of this type of social media site. Many people like to play games on the Internet and, yes, there are social media games as well. These games allow gamers to interact with each other and play with or against other gamers. World of Warcraft is a good example.

4. Social media are different from traditional media. In the past, media was created from one place, normally a company. Then the company would send out the media to consumers. Magazines, books and movies are all examples of this. But with social media, many individual people in different locations create content. Another difference is that people who produce content in social media don't need very special skills. On the other hand, in traditional media, people need special skills to produce something. Another difference is that social media can be produced much faster. It takes only a few minutes to write a twitter post, for example. But it can take many months to put together a magazine, or years to make a movie i.e it takes long time to produce content for social media

a. On the basis of your reading of the passage, answer the following: (Any 4) (2M x 4 = 8M)

- i. What is the text about?
- ii. What do you understand by Social Media?
- iii. Name different types of social media.
- iv. How is social media different from traditional media?
- v. What can be done through Facebook and You tube?

b. On the basis of your reading of the passage, fill in the following blanks with appropriate words/phrases. (1M x 2 = 2M)

- i. Warcraft is an example _____ type of social media.
- ii. It normally takes a long time to _____.
- iii. For project work people use _____.

c. Attempt any two of the following find out the word which means the same as under. (1M x 2=2M)

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- i. Groups of people. (Para 3)
 - ii. To join two or more things together. (Para1)
 - iii. Conventional (Para 4)
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SECTION B WRITING ANG GRAMMAR

- 3.
- a. You are Mehul/ Meena Mehta from 12-16, Commercial House, Sola Road, Ahmedabad – 380060. Write a letter to the Branch Manager, Vijay Sales asking him the quotation for few mobile phones, tablets and laptops you wish to purchase for your company. (8M)

OR

- b. You were a part of audience in a debate held in your school on ‘Technology, Its effects on modern life’. This set you thinking how the youth of today misuses technology .Write a letter to the Editor of a newspaper on the dangers of such misuse and how it can be controlled.
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.(10M)**

When Amit woke up in the morning and looked at his face in the mirror, he did not recognise the face looking back at him. ‘This is not me he cried aloud ...

OR

Vikrant, an adorable curly-haired boy, was a happy-go-lucky child just two years ago. He had a mother who adored him, a father who gave him the warmest hugs and a sister who played with him and kept his company. His happiness, however, was short-lived. The happy times are now sad, painful memories. Write a story about a boy how he becomes now orphan.

5. **Fill in any 4 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. (4M)

- A. The constitution of India came (a)..... force on January 26th, 1950.
 - B. (b) that time it did not contain any specific provision dealing directly with the environment related issues, legislations and provisions in India.
 - C. In 1976, (C) the leadership of Prime Minister Mrs Indira Gandhi, the very first provision was incorporated.
 - D. The provision d)..... related to the protection of environment.
 - E. The provision was incorporated e) 42nd amendment.
- (a) (i) with (ii) from (iii) to (iv) into
 (b) (i) at (ii) in (iii) into (iv) on
 (c) (i) along (ii) on (iii) under (iv) at
 (d) (i) were (ii) was (iii) of (iv) at
 (e) (i) along (ii) with (iii) by (iv) through

6. **In the following passage one word has been omitted in each line .Write the missing word, in any four sentences of the given paragraph, along with the word that comes before and the word that comes after it in the space provided. (4M)**

	Before	Missing word	After
It was at 8.46 a.m., 26th January, 2001, when people were	Eg. am	on	26th
celebrating Republic Day, a major earthquake of a	A.....	.....	.....
magnitude 6.9 on Richter scale, shook a vast area of	B.....	.....	.....
Gujarat violently.The town Bhuj faced the worst.	C.....	.....	.....
In the town of Anjar, 300 school children along their teachers died	D.....	.....	.....
while marching in procession through the narrow streets	E.....	.....	.....

7. **Rearrange any four of the following word clusters to make meaningful sentence. (4M)**

- a. his/ every man/ likes/ own/ has/ dislikes/ and
- b. the/ is expected/ to boost/ GST regime/ and exports/ manufacturing activities.
- c. reflect/ likes/ temperament/ and dislikes/ own/ our

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- d. are those/ great and/ or everything/ accept/ virtuous/ anything/ who
 - e. Wheel is/ man's/ the/ invention/ greatest/ perhaps
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SECTION C LITERATURE

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. (4M)**

- a. 'When the resistance movement began secretly to form they were among the first to join. When the war was over and we had peace at last, they came back to their beloved sister.' (1M x 4)
 - i. Who are the 'boys'?
 - ii. Why did the boys grow to hate the Germans?
 - iii. What did they do to get rid of the Germans?
 - iv. Who is the beloved sister?

OR

- b. Nor heaven nor earth have been at peace tonight:
Thrice hath Calpurnia in her sleep cried out,
Help, ho! they murder Caesar!" Who' within?
 - i. Who is Calpurnia?
 - ii. What does the disturbance in the sky indicate?
 - iii. Does Calpurnia's dream come true?
 - iv. Find out the word which mean the same as Paradise.

9. **Answer any four of the following Questions in 30- 40 words each. (2 x 4=8)**

- i. Why has the mirror been called the "The eye of a little God"?
- ii. Why does Mr Abel Merry weather decide to make another will? What is the reaction of the others?
- iii. Bring out the irony in the frog's statement-'Your song must be your own'. Advice which seems highly ironical in this context.
- iv. How does Patol Babu overcome his negative feelings about his role?
- v. How did the villagers help Mrs. Packletide with the hunt?

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

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- a. The Author, Dhumketu carefully builds up an atmosphere of loneliness and grief in the story “The letter” . Bring out this element with instances from the text.

OR

- b. ‘Willpower and determination bring success against all odds’. Comment with reference to ‘Virtually True’.

The Diary of a Young Girl

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

- a. Anne considered her family lucky or unfortunate to be living in the Annexe. Comment.

OR

- b. Describe the character of Miep Gies.

OR

The Story of My Life

11. **(B) Answer the following question based on prescribed novel text for extended reading in about 200-250 words. (10M)**

- a. Describe Helen Keller’s visit to Niagara in 1893 and her visit to the World’s Fair with Dr. Alexander Graham Bell.

OR

- b. Give a character sketch of Helen Keller as it emerges out of her autobiography, ‘The Story of My Life’.
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 - v. Lacto-vegetarians are those who use dairy products of the vegetable kingdom.
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 - vii. Indian food science gives importance to food that increases the strength of the body and its virility.
 - viii. A vegetarian lifestyle is natural, multifaceted and helps self-preservation in a healthy way.
 - ix. The passage is about (C) Health benefits of vegetarianism.
2.
 - a.
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 - b. Types of social media.
 - c. How it is different from traditional media.
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v.

- a. Facebook : These sites allow people to stay in touch with friends, make new ones and join communities.
- b. Youtube: People can share content such as pictures, articles or videos.

b.

- i. Gaming
- ii. to produce content for social media.
- iii. Wikipedia

c.

- i. Communities.
- ii. Connect.
- iii. Traditional.

3.

- a. Mehul/ Meena Mehta
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Sola Road,
Ahmedabad - 380060
February 20, 2017.

To,
The Branch Manager,
Vijay Sales,
S.G. Highway,
Ahmedabad - 380054.

Sub. : Quotation of mobile phones, tablets and laptops

Dear Sir,

We, AIM Global Services, are a growing Business Process Outsourcing unit in Ahmedabad. With reference to your advertisement in the local newspaper on February 19, we would like to have quotation of few mobile phones, tablets and laptops. We wish to purchase for our company top officials.

We need quotation of good brands of the above gadgets with latest configurations and features. We have heard a lot about your good sales and after sales service. We request you to kindly quote for the above products along with your best prices after considering the maximum concession that you could offer us, keeping in mind a long term business with us.

We await your reply per return,

Thanking you,

Mehul/ Meena Mehta
Purchase Officer

OR

- b. Name xxx
Address xxx
City, State, Zip Code

Date : DD/MMYY

The Editor,
The Times of India,
Address : _____

Subject: Concern about the misuse of technology by the youth

Dear Sir,

This letter is neither the usual complaint nor complimentary kind that your office is flooded with. This is a letter from a school student who has been deeply influenced by the debate on the misuse of technology held in his school and is deeply concerned about the way technology is penetrating our lives and silently eating into our system. I would like you to publish my letter in the 'Letters to the Editor' section with the simple intention that I would like more and more people to come forward and express their opinion on this serious but often ignored problem.

The debate organised in my school by the Science Group, 'Technology: Its effect on Modern Life' was a grand success. The content of the debate was absolutely shocking. Technology drives the world today through computers and mobiles.

We know what the murky world of violence can do to a child's sensitive mind. If we have computer games where killing and abuses are glorified and our children have free access to the same. The addiction to mobiles, and the SMS language destroying the traditional and formal dignity of the English language is another matter of serious concern. School students indulging in the wrong kind of conversation with the wrong kind of people is yet another matter of worry. It is indeed a nightmare for parents when they find their wards involved in the murky world of cyber crime. Parents have to monitor their kids' access to technology. Society needs to come ahead with the right ideas and spread awareness among the youth to ensure that they do not end up experiencing the dark side of modern science.

I hope your prestigious magazine shall go ahead and highlight this issue independently.

Thanking you in anticipation.

Yours sincerely,

ABC

4.

A Lost identity!

When Amit woke up in the morning and looked at his face in the mirror, he did not recognise the face looking back at him. ‘This is not me.....’ he cried aloud. The face staring at him was calm and cool. Amit moved his fingers on the surface of the mirror. It felt different. He touched his face. It appeared strange and was like touching someone else’s face. He felt scared and anxious. Where was his face? What had happened? He tried to recall the last evening’s events and could hardly remember anything. He opened the door of his room where another shock awaited him. He noticed some people in his house who seemed to be like his parents, grandparents and sister but everybody had the same face, the face he now shared with them.

He tried hard to remember what he had been doing the previous night. Yes, he remembered he had been reading a book ‘The Alien visits Home’. It was an old book that was kept in the attic. There were some magical words in the book which he had chanted loudly. He quickly looked for the book, opened it and tried hard to find those magical words. He also found the words which undid the effect of the words he had spoken the previous night. He muttered the words and with a loud whoosh sound he was shaken up and fell unconscious on the floor. When he opened his eyes he was lying on his bed. He quickly got up and ran towards the mirror. It was his original face, his own.

OR

Give Me My Family

One cold and rainy December night, Vikrant and his family were driving up to Connaught Place to visit his grandmother. It was his grandmother’s sixty-third birthday and the family wanted to celebrate it with a simple dinner. Large drops of water covered the windscreen of the car. The cars on the road looked a blur. Because it was pouring so heavily, Vikrant’s father had a tough time looking out for traffic. When the car in front of him braked unexpectedly he was unable to brake his car in time. Their car collided into

the blue car in front of them. The whole family was seriously hurt in the accident. Vikrant was saved only because he was small and he was thrown against the back of the driver's seat which cushioned his fall. The ambulance came too late. They managed only to bring him alive to the hospital. Now, Vikrant lives with his grandmother. Whenever he runs and plays in school, he looks just like any other happy child. The sad lines on his loveable face only appears when he is alone.

5.

- A. (iv) into
- B. (i) at
- C. (iii) under
- D. (ii) was
- E. (iv) through

6.

Before	Missing Word	After
A.celebrating	the	Republic
B. magnitude	of	6.9
C. town	Of	Bhuj
D. along	with	their
E.in	a	procession

7.

- i. Every man has his own likes and dislikes.
- ii. The GST regime is expected to boost manufacturing activities and exports.
- iii. Our likes and dislikes reflect our temperament.
- iv. Great and virtuous are those who accept anything or everything.

The wheel is perhaps man's greatest invention.

8.

a.

- i. The 'boys' are Nicola and Jacopo.
- ii. The boys hated the Germans as not only they had lost their father early in the war but a German bomb had destroyed their beautiful home.
- iii. The boys joined the resistance movement to fight the Germans.

iv. Lucia is the boys' sister who is suffering from tuberculosis of the spine

OR

b.

i. She is Caesar's wife.

ii. It indicates that something bad is going to happen.

iii. Yes, it comes true. Her husband, Caesar, gets murdered.

iv. Heaven

9.

i. The mirror sees everything from all the four directions. The mirror has an all around perception. The mirror is unbiased and fair like God. The mirror gives its judgment in the form of images very truthfully. The God also is omnipresent and impartial to everyone.

ii. Abel notices how his things are pinched away and his daughters are wearing mourning dresses, without even going and looking him up. Mrs Slater is shocked and even after keeping father for three years, Abel has decided to gift his money to the daughter, who will be with him at the time of his death. Both the daughters fight with each other to keep him.

iii. The nightingale had no confidence on her own. She had a very melodious voice but she was befooled by the frog, who was very jealous of her. He pretended to train her and made her practice for long hours, even in the rain. As a result, her voice lost the charm and one day she was told by the frog to sing more loudly. As she blindly trusted him, she sang with so much force that she died. The frog had planned all this deliberately. When she died, he passed this comment that everyone should follow one's own

iv. Patol Babu was reminded of the advice given to him by his mentor Gogon Pakrashi who had told him never to consider any role below his dignity and to give it his best, whatever the length of his role might be. He had also said that each word spoken in a play was like a fruit in a tree. Not everyone in the audience could access it but it is up to the actor to know how to deliver the essence of those lines to his audience.

v. First of all the villagers left their pet animals around so that the tiger did not stray from the village in search of food. Secondly, they took care not to disturb the tiger when it was resting. Thirdly, they helped set up a hunting platform for Mrs.

Packetide. Finally, they tied up a goat with a loud bleat to attract the tiger.

10.

- a. A. The atmosphere of loneliness is built around the person – coachman Ali. Like him, the streets he walks through are also lonely. It is “the grey sky of early dawn” when this old man in tattered clothes walks through the silent streets every morning at 5 am. The sounds which come from some houses “help him along his lonely way”. Even the post office, which is his destination, is quiet and forlorn. The grief is also brought to the front when the author narrates how some clerks at the post office play a practical joke on the poor man by calling out his name as if there is a letter for him when in reality there isn't any. Also “although the hunter's instinct was in his very blood and bones” he gave up hunting thinking about “the bewildered terror of the young partridges bereft of their parents”. His only daughter, who has been married and who lives with her soldier husband in the Punjab regiment has not written to him for the past five years. He realizes that the whole universe is based on love and thief of separation is inevitable. He was indeed a very lonely man.

OR

- b. The story ‘Virtually True’ teaches us the lesson of perseverance. It shows us how will power and determination helps an individual achieve what he strives for. Sebastian Shultz, who is very fond of virtual games, meets with an accident while playing one of his games. His head bangs against his seat and he loses consciousness but his memory gets automatically saved in the game drive. Doctors inform his father that Sebastian has gone into coma. Michael, buys Sebastian's games from the computer fair. When Michael starts the game on his computer Sebastian's memory starts to work and he asks Michael to help him retrieve his memory. Michael tries to help him in the games —Wild-West Guns, Dragonquest and jailbreak but he fails. But at last, in the game Warzone he gets success, and rescues Sebastian Shultz. Thus, his perseverance helps him succeed in his endeavour.

11. (A)

- a. Anne's feelings about the annexe constantly kept on changing. Most of the time, Anne felt that she and her family were fortunate to have the annexe as a place to hide. She valued the kindness and generosity of her father's non- Jewish colleagues who risked their lives to provide them with food and supplies. However, Anne often felt bad

about the miserable physical and emotional conditions of the annexe, and the confinement bothered her. She missed being able to see nature and the sky, Anne had to live with eight people under severe conditions. She had no privacy, dealt with clashing personalities, and lived in the fear of being discovered. Most of all, she felt lonely since she had no companions besides Peter in the annexe in whom she could confide.

However, when Anne compared her deprived freedom with her Jewish friends and family members who had probably been arrested and sent to concentration camps, such as her friend Hanneli, she was extremely thankful to be still alive.

OR

b.

- Miep Gies was a close friend of Franks, as she worked in Otto Frank's company.
- Her husband Jan and she , both helped the Franks a lot when they were preparing to shift to the secret annexe. They used to stuff their belongings in bags and pockets and took them to their hiding place.
- Most of the times she used to smuggle food for them in the annexe. She even baked cakes for them on special occasions. In other words she turned out to be a good friend of the Franks who helped them in their hour of need.
- Miep often visited the secret annexe and brought them the news from the outside and of course a breath of fresh air too whenever she came. Since Anne didn't have any friend, she sometimes found a good friend in Miep.
- Miep always tried her best to make the situation of the persons hiding in the annexe a little more comfortable.

OR

11. (B)

- a. Helen Keller was born on a plantation in Tuscumbia, Alabama on June 27, 1880 to Captain Arthur Keller. Her father was a former officer of the Confederate Army. Helen was the first baby in the family. The happy days didn't last long. In the month of February came the illness that closed her eyes and ears. Except for some fleeting memories, all seemed like a nightmare. But during the first nineteen months of her

life she had caught faint glimpses of green fields, sky, trees and flowers. The darkness that followed could not wholly blot them out. Her hands started feeling every object and observed every motion. She started making crude signs to communicate with others. A shake of head meant “No” and a nod, meant “Yes”. A push meant “Go” and a pull meant “Come”. At five, she learned and understood a good deal of what was going on about her. She could fold her clothes and wear them. She began to realise that she was different from other people. Her mother and friends didn’t use signs as she did but talked with their mouths. In those days, a little coloured girl, Martha, the daughter of her cook understood her signs. They spent a great deal of time kneading dough balls and feeding the hens and turkeys. Belle, her dog was her other companion. The family consisted of her father and mother, two older half-brothers, and afterwards, a little sister, Mildred. For a long time she regarded her sister an intruder as she had ceased to be her mother’s only darling.

Helen’s desire to express herself grew. Her failures to make herself understood was followed by outbursts of passion. Her mother’s only ray of hope came from Dickens’s “American Notes”. She had read an account of Laura Bridgman who had been educated instead of being deaf and blind. At the age of six, Dr. Alexander Graham Bell advised her father to contact Mr. Anagnos, the director of the Perkins Institute for the Blind in Boston. Within a few weeks Mr. Anagnos gave a comforting assurance that a teacher, Miss Sullivan had been found to teach Helen. Naturally, the most important day in all her life was the one on which her teacher, Anne Mansfield Sullivan came. It was the third of March, 1887. And ‘the light of love shone’ on her in that very hour.

OR

- b. Helen Adams Keller was an American author, political activist and lecturer. She was the first deaf-blind person to earn a Bachelor of Arts degree from Harvard. She set an example for thousands of deaf and blind persons to conquer their handicaps and attain miraculous achievements.

Helen Keller was born on June 27, 1880 at a plantation called Ivy Green in Tuscumbia. It was in Alabama state of the United States of America. Her father Captain Arthur H. Keller was a former officer of the Confederate Army. Her mother, Kate Adams Keller, was a cousin of Robert E. Lee. The Keller family originated from Switzerland. Helen Keller was not born blind and deaf. A mysterious disease left her deaf and blind.

The advent of Anne Sullivan was the greatest moment in the life of Helen Keller. The desire to express herself grew in her. Before the arrival of Miss Sullivan she used to communicate through few signs. Helen was a great fighter. She started learning to spell simple words like “d-o-l-l”, “pin”, “hat” and few verbs like “sit”, “stand” and “walk”. She was thrilled when the mystery of language was revealed to her. She realised that everything had a name and each name gave birth to a thought. Through a slow and often painful process she progressed from learning to read to acquiring the skill of speaking. It was Miss Sullivan’s genius and Helen’s untiring devotion and patience that brought miraculous results.

Nothing could stop the deaf and blind girl from earning a bachelor degree from Harvard. But she had to wage a long struggle to get admission in Radcliffe College. She surprised the world when she became the first blind and deaf person to earn a bachelor degree. Helen Keller had a passion for reading. She loved ancient Greeks, Homer, Virgil, Shakespeare, Dickens. She was equally comfortable in French and German literature. Her pleasures and amusements were many and varied. She loved swimming, rowing, sailing and walking leisurely in the countryside. She loved visiting places. Her visits to Washington, Niagara and the World’s Fair broadened her knowledge and vision. Helen was fortunate to have the company of many great persons like Alexander Graham Bell, Mark Twain, Father Brooks and many others who shaped and made the story of her life.