

English Communicative

Time: 3 Hours

Max. Marks: 80

S. No.	Typology	(VSAQ) 1 mark	(SAQ) 30-40 words 2 marks	(LAQ - II) 100-120 words 8 marks	(VLAQ) 200-250 words (HOTS) 10 marks	Total Marks
1.	Reading Skills	12	04	-	-	20
2.	Creative Writing Skills and Grammar	12	-	01	01	30
3.	Literature Textbook and Extended Reading Texts	04	04	01	01	30
Total		28 × 01 = 28 marks	08 × 02 = 16 marks	02 × 08 = 16 marks	02 × 10 = 20 marks	80 marks

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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 following passage carefully and answer the questions that follow

1. Bubble wrap is a flexible transparent plastic material used for packing fragile items. It was invented by two engineers in Hawthorne, N.J. in 1957. However both of them were not trying to make a product to be used as packaging material. In fact they were trying to create textured wallpaper. They started out by sealing two shower curtains together in such a way that it would capture air bubbles which would make the textured appearance for their wallpaper. But this wallpaper idea didn't sell too well.

2. Not to be deterred, they then set about finding another use for their product. The alternate use they came up with was to use it as greenhouse insulation. While bubble wrap by itself does create somewhat of an insulating effect, this idea didn't become popular either.

3. It was three years after the initial creation of Bubble Wrap that Frederick which makes Bubble Wrap, finally came up with the perfect use for their product. On October the 5, 1959 IBM announced their new 1401 variable word length computer. Bowers got the idea that Bubble Wrap could be used as a good packaging material to protect the computer while it was being shipped. He then pitched the idea to I IBM began purchasing Bubble Wrap to protect their 1401 and other fragile products they sold and shipped.

4. One of the downsides to Bubble Warp has always been the space it takes up during shipping and storage, for customers who are just buying the Bubble Wrap. In order to get around this problem, one of the dream of the original inventors was that they'd someday be able to create a Bubble Wrap that customers could self inflate W. Bowers, a marketer at Sealed Air BM and demonstrated Bubble Wrap's protective abilities. His demonstration went over well and as needed.

5. While originally being used primarily for packaging for electronic equipments, today the vast majority of Bubble Wrap made is used for food packaging. Because bubble wrap makes a satisfying popping sound when compressed and ruptured, it is often used as a source of amusement.

1.1 Attempt **any eight** of he following questions on the basis of the passage you have read.

(i) Bubble warp was, at first, thought by the two engineers to be useful to _____.

(ii) The engineers were trying to create textured wallpaper by _____.

(iii) The alternate use of their product was _____.

(iv) IBM announced their new 1401 variable word length computer on _____.

(v) IBM purchased Bubble Warp to _____.

(vi) The original use of Bubble Wrap _____.

(vii) The word which means the same as 'exhibition' is _____. (Para 3)

(viii) The word which means the same as 'cracking' is _____. (Para 5)

(xi) Bubble wrap is also a source of amusement because _____.

Q2. Read the following passage carefully and answer the questions that follow:

1. Listening is the ability to accurately receive and interpret messages in the communication process. One of greatest gifts any of us can ever receive is the gift of listening. It is also one of the greatest gifts we can ever give. Unfortunately, it appears to be a lost art. We live in a world where everyone is talking but few are the listening. What often passes for listening is simply one person pausing to collect their thoughts for their next soliloquy.

2. Hearing refers to the sounds that you hear, whereas listening requires more than that: it requires focus Listening means paying attention not only to the story, but how it is told, the use

of language and voice, and how the other person uses his or her body. In other words, it means being aware of both verbal and non-verbal messages. Your ability to listen effectively depends on the degree to which you perceive and understand these messages.

3. Listening is a difficult task. Like every skill, the more you do it, the better you get. Listening can be developed through practice, or lost if not used regularly. Good listeners focus on what they are hearing. They pause to think about what they've heard before responding. They ask questions because they want to know the answers, not just to keep the conversation going.

4. So often, we are distracted with other things. We try to listen while continuing to work on the computer or watch television. To be fully present means we eliminate these distractions and focus exclusively on the other person. It takes great effort to be fully in the moment, leaning forward, with your ears and heart open. Words are only part of the communication. Sometimes we need to experience the other person's feelings to really understand. We need to listen without heart as well as our mind. We must repeat back what the other person has said. When we do this - and do it accurately - we communicate what we understand. It also gives us an opportunity to re-calibrate our understanding if we have misunderstood something. Plenty of people are good talkers. Few are good listeners. If you develop the latter skill, you will find yourself invited into amazing conversations that wouldn't otherwise happen.

2.1 Answer the following questions briefly:

(i) What is listening? Why does it appear to be a lost art?

(ii) What is the difference between hearing and listening?

(iii) State any two qualities of a good listener.

(iv) How can we ensure good listening?

2.2 Do as Directed:

(a) The antonym of 'interpret' is:

(i) Refer

(ii) Defer

(iii) Prefer

(iv) Infer

(b) The word 'soliloquy' means:

(i) Monologue

(ii) Satisfaction

(iii) Dialogue

(iv) Dissatisfaction

(c) The word 'eliminate' means:

(i) Dedicate

(ii) Predicate

(iii) Eradicate

(iv) Terminate

(d) The word 'Calibrate' means:

- (i) Pretend
- (ii) Amend
- (iii) Suspend
- (iv) Lend

SECTION – B (WRITING AND GRAMMAR)

(30 MARKS)

Q.3 (a) Nowhere in the world is found such a beauty, different and diversified climate, flora, fauna, religions languages, dialects, dressing patterns, life style and rituals, like India. The Indian tourism and hospitality industry has emerged as one of the key drivers of growth among the services sector in India. Using the ideas from the unit 'Travel and Tourism' and your own ideas, write an article in about 100-120 words for your school magazine offering suggestions for promoting tourist industry. Give a suitable title.

OR

(b) There is a flood of advertisements on television channels these days. Useless commodities and even superstitious beliefs are promoted through glamorous and exaggerated presentations. Write a letter to the Editor, 'New Indian Express' about the negative influence such advertisements have on the minds of the people. You are Madhu/Mahesh of Kamal Vihar, Delhi. (100 - 120 words,

Q.4 Write a short story in about 200-250 words, with **any one set of the clues** given in the boxes below. Give suitable title to the story.

Today is a very important day for you. You have a very important exam today. But just exam centre you notice...

OR

That day Grandfather came home with a baby monkey. He bought...

Q.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.

Thinking negatively will get negative results **(a)** your thoughts create a negative atmosphere which is hospitable **(b)** negative results. On the contrary, **(c)** thinking positively you can create a positive atmosphere which makes positive results a certainty. To cultivate positive thinking, you **(d)** speak hopefully **(e)** everything.

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| (a) (i) because | (ii) but | (iii) and | (iv) too |
| (b) (i) of | (ii) on | (iii) to | (iv) in |
| (c) (i) at | (ii) by | (iii) on | (iv) of |
| (d) (i) should | (ii) will | (iii) have | (iv) are |
| (e) (i) among | (ii) over | (iii) across | (iv) about |

Q.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 provide.

	Before	Missing Word	After
Patriotism is noble virtue.	E.g. is	a	noble
Patriotism means love one's country.	(a)	_____	_____
A person loves his/ her country more than anything else called a patriot.	(b)	_____	_____
Patriotism inspires a man do everything just and fair for the well being betterment of the country.	(c)	_____	_____
	(d)	_____	_____
	(e)	_____	_____

Q.7 Rearrange **any four** of the following word cluster to make meaningful sentences.

- (a) wishes/ individual / lead /respectable/ every to / a/ life
- (b) missed/this / train// the / narrowly/late/ got/ I/ as/ up
- (c) advance/must /tickets /buy/we / movie/the/in/for/the
- (d) because/ under /he /his/ he/debt /sold/a lot of/ property /was
- (e) faded/ of /has /bright/ his /the/ colour/away/shirt

SECTION – C (LITERATURE)

(30 MARKS)

Q.8 Read the extract and answer the following questions briefly:

And I had done a hellish thing.
And it would work' em woe;
For all averred, I had killed the bird
That made the breeze to blow.

- (a) Who is I in the above lines?
- (b) What 'hellish thing' had T done?
- (c) What made the other mariners contradict themselves?
- (d) Explain the meaning of averred?

OR

How foolish do your fear seem now,
Calpurnia! I am ashamed I did yield to them
Give me my robe, for I will go

- (a) Where did Caesar decide to go?
- (b) Who are 'them' in the above lines?

(c) Why was Calpurnia afraid?

(d) What prompted Caesar to go?

Q.9 Answer **any four** of the following questions in 30-40 words each:

(a) How can you say that Michael and his father had a passion for computer games?

(b) Why had Lavinia brought the Ouija Board for John?

(c) What did the sculptor want to portray through the statue of Ozymandias?

(d) How did the poet feel after throwing a log at the snake?

(e) What did Patol Babu remember when he got the proposal to act in film?

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

As an artist, one's endeavour should be to make the 'most of one's opportunity, and squeeze the last drop meaning out of one's lines. A play is the combined effort of many that makes it successful. Keeping in the mind the advice given to Patol Babu by his mentor, Gonan Prakshi, express your views on the 'Significance of labour'.

OR

Read the following extract:

"CALPURNIA : Caesar, I never stood on ceremonies, Yet now they fright me. There is one within. Besides the things that we have heard and seen, Recounts most horrid sights seen by the watch. A lioness hath whelped in the streets: And graves have yawnd'd and their dead;"

After reading Calpurnia's speech, you realise that many superstitions are groundless. Write an article on the topic 'Superstitions and blind beliefs'.

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

The Story of My Life

Q.11 (A) (i) How did Helen pass her time when she was not reading?

OR

Q.11 (A) (ii) Give a brief character sketch of Helen's father.

OR

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

The Diary of a Young Girl

Q.11 (B) (i) How was the diary helpful to Anne?

OR

Q.11 (B) (ii) Discuss briefly the character sketch of Peter Van Daan.

SOLUTION

SECTION - A (READING)

1.1 (i) be a textured wall paper

(ii) sealing two shower curtains

(iii) to use it as greenhouse insulation

(iv) October 5, 1959

(v) protect their 1401 and other fragile products they Sold and Shipped

(vi) was of packaging electronic equipments

(vii) Demonstration

(viii) Popping

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(ii) Hearing refers to the sounds that you hear whereas listening requires more focus than that. Listening means paying attention to not only the story but how it is told, the use of language and voice as well.

(iii) 1. Good listeners focus on what they are hearing.

2. They ask questions because they want to know the answers, not just to keep the conversation going.

(iv) We must repeat back what the other person has said. When we do this-and do it accurately- we communicate what we understand. It also gives us an opportunity to re-calibrate our understanding if we have misunderstood something.

2.2 (a) (i) Refer

(b) (i) Monologue

(c) (iii) Eradicate

(d) (ii) Amend

SECTION – B (WRITING AND GRAMMAR)

Ans. 3 Kamal Vihar

Delhi – 6

15 – March

The Editor

New Indian Express

XYZ Road

Delhi – 6

Subject: Negative Influence of Advertisements

Sir,

Through the columns of your esteemed newspaper, I wish to draw the attention of the general Public towards the negative influence of advertisements on the mind of people. The general public is very well aware of the flood of advertisements on television channels, selling wrong ideas and superstitious beliefs along with useless commodities, which may or may not be completely effective. Advertisements promote ideas, such as fair skin is beautiful, aging is bad, etc. That's not all. Most advertisements objectify women, which do not send a right message to the children. Advertisements, which show celebrities doing dangerous stunts by themselves, influence kids and youngsters to quite an extent. Although such an ad comes with a warning that the stunts should not be tried at home. However, it is so small that it easily goes unnoticed.

It is through you newspaper that, I wish to appeal to the general public not to believe everything that is shown to them in television ads and make their buying decisions wisely.

Thank you

Your sincerely

Mahesh

Ans 4. Title: Chotu and I

That day Grandfather came home with a baby monkey. He bought Chotu the monkey from a street entertainer. He had a weakness for keeping unusual pets. Grandmother at first objected to having a monkey in the house. But on knowing that Chotu was a female monkey she allowed. She believed girls were less troublesome than boys. Chotu was a pretty little monkey. Her bright eyes sparkled with mischief. And her teeth, which were pearly white, were often revealed in a grin that frightened the wits out of Aunt Heena. One day Aunt Heena took us all by surprise. She announced that she had become engaged to Mayur Shah. Mayur was a tall, good natured man, who visited the house quite often and brought me sweets and cashew nuts. I approved of Mayur and Aunt Heena won my admiration for having made such a wise choice. One day they went to the bazaar to try an engagement ring. While the jeweller and Aunt Heena were sifting through the diamond rings. Chotu had slipped into the shop without being noticed by anyone. A little squeal of delight was the first sign. Chotu dodged around Mayur, slipped between my legs and made for the crowded road. I ran after her, shouting to her to, stop, but she wasn't listening. The jeweller left his shop and ran after us. So did Mayur and several bystanders. Chotu finally left the bazaar and took a road leading in the direction of our house. But knowing that she would get caught and locked up once she got home, she decided to end the chase by riding herself of the necklace. The jeweller with a cry of anguish plunged into the canal, so did Mayur. Mayur found it ! Covered in mud, water-lilies, ferns and tadpoles, we emerged from the canal and presented the necklace to the relieved shopkeeper. Finally the ring was bought, the engagement was announced and a date was set for the wedding.

Ans 5. (a) (i) because

- (b) (ii) to
- (c) (ii) by
- (e) (iv) about

Ans 6.

Before	Missing word	After
(a) love	for	one's
(b) person	who	loves
(c) else	is	called
(d) man	to	do
(e) being	and	betterment

- Ans 7. (a)** Every individual wishes to lead a respectable life.
- (b)** I narrowly missed this train as I got up late.
- (c)** We must buy the tickets for the movie in advance.
- (d)** He sold a lot of his property because he was under debt.
- (e)** The colour of his bright shirt has faded away.

SECTION – C (LITERATURE)

- Ans 8. (a)** 'I' in the above lines is the ancient Mariner.
- (b)** He had killed the Albatross which had proved to be lucky for them.
- (c)** Earlier the sailors had criticised the mariner's action of killing a helpful bird. Now they appreciated his action as they thought that the bird had brought fog and mist.
- (d)** Averred means declared.

Ans. 9 (a) Michael, just like his father, loves gadgets and gizmos. He is a determined young boy and has a sense of responsibility. He agrees to rescue Sebastian without asking questions or second guessing. This gives the impression that Michael is helpful by nature. At the Computer Fair, Michael and his father bought a virtual reality visor, gloves and some latest interactive psycho-drive games.

(b) Lavinia felt that the Ouija board would help her husband because this way he would have a variety of ideas directly from the ghosts without having to tire himself by reading old, dusty books at the Public Library. For instance, if John had to write any historical then he did not have to look over dusty old books I the Public Library; he could communicate directly with Napoleon or Helen of Troy.

(c) The poet felt guilty after throwing a log at the snake. He considered his action mean and hoped the the snake would come back as a guest again. The port feels that assaulting the snake, he lost the opportunity to know and understand one of the lords of life.

(e) When he got the proposal to act in film, Patol Babu remembered the good old days when he used to be a Jatras, amateur theatricals, neighbourhood plays, etc. Patol Babu happily reminisced how much in demand he was at earlier; his name had appeared on handbills on countless occasions.

Ans 10. Patol Babu used to be a famous theatre artist of the yester-years. He was fifty two years old.

However, he was still extremely passionate about acting. So, when a role in a movie was offered to him, he was thrilled. He reached the movie set, well prepared. Filled with anticipation, Patol Babu hoped that he would get to play a significant role with a meaningful dialogue in the movie. However, he soon learns that his role was nothing like what he had expected, it was trivial and there were hardly any dialogue.

Initially, he was upset about his not so-impactful role in the movie. However, he remembered what his acting mentor had told him, "However small a part you're offered, never consider it beneath your dignity to accept it. As an artist your aim should be to make the most of your opportunity, and squeeze the last drop of meaning out of your lines".

Filled with new found inspiration and enthusiasm. Patol Babu rehearsed the scene numerous times and in different ways to say his monosyllabic dialogue. When it was time for his shot, he did an excellent job, that too in one take.

Although Patol Babu desperately needed the money. he walked away without taking his payment because it seemed a lot less valuable in comparison to the immense satisfaction he got from doing his job perfectly. Such a behaviour proves that, and many may find it strange trait, Patol Babu was a true and dedicated actor, who did not seek anyone's appreciation nor money. He was not one of those people who were made to do things were paid for it and then every one forgot about it.

Ans 11. (A) (i) Helen was an adventurous and fun loving girl. She did not let her disability stand in the way of enjoyment. She was fond of water sports, such as swimming, rowing, sailing and canoeing. Helen learned to swim and row at an early age. Her love for and water sports is evident from her detailed accounts when she went to Wrentham and Nova Scotia. There she talks passionately about her rowing, sailing experiences. Although she would not guide the boat well, but whole rowing, it was fun for to steer the boat by the scent of water grasses and lilies, and of bushes that grow on the shore." Feeling the wind on her face, the way the waves hit the boat when she went sailing, the pleasure of hearing friends around while rowing, filled Helen with exhilaration. Outdoors, Helen also enjoyed canoeing, especially during moon lit nights, tandem cycling and long walks with her dogs, indoors, she spent time knitting, doing crochet work, playing checkers and chess. Helen loved visiting the museums and art stores as they were "genuine source of pleasure". She liked touching great works of art and feel the emotions depicted in the lines and curves of those art works.

Another outdoors activity she greatly enjoyed was the theatre. She liked having the play described to her while it was being enacted.

OR

11. (A) (ii) Peter is the son of Mrs. and Mr. Van Daan. He was almost sixteen when he arrived in

the Annex with his parents. Anne's initial opinion about Peter was that he is shy and awkward. He liked to keep to himself Anne felt that Peter's company would not amount to much. Peter himself confided into Anne, "I don't usually talk much, since I know before hand I'll be tongue tied. I start stuttering and blushing and I twist my words around so much I finally have to stop because I can't find the right words".

Peter is lazy and weak, he gets convinced by others easily. Whenever somebody shakes him, Peter shuts himself behind the doors of his room. He doesn't even feel sorry for his actions when he is at fault. Peter is simple minded; he confesses that in the past whenever he was mad at someone, he would beat them up instead talking it out. However, it was Anne whom he felt comfortable talking to. Anne feels he is desperately in need of affection. Peter does not receive any of it from his parents especially his mother. He is suffering from inferiority complex. He does not develop much mentally in the two years he spent in Annex. He does not show any signs of possessing a strong belief, which made Anne, who was full of conviction, to change her opinion about Peter in the later days.