

CBSE Class 10 English
Communicative Sample Paper - 09
CODE: 101

TIME - 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

1. Read the following passage carefully and answer the questions that follow.(8 marks)

Pleasure and pain are two inseparable facets of human existence. While the experience of our well-being is rather vague and intangible, experience of pain is real, and affects our body, mind and spirit, altering our lives in more ways than one. Pain is an unpleasant sensory and emotional experience caused by tissue damage that results from physical trauma, burns, illness, injury or surgery. Despite the agony caused by pain, it is essential for our survival. If you don't feel pain, you could cause great harm to your body by inadvertently touching a hot iron or jamming your finger in the drawer and not even know it. Or you could rupture the appendix and be unaware of what was going on inside your body. Pain rings an alarm bell, alerting you to pay immediate attention and take quick action.

Have you ever wondered why a severely wounded soldier continues to battle on so defiantly or an athlete injured during a race goes on to win it? It happens so because the brain does not react immediately to the pain signals, the sufferer just ignores them because there are

more important tasks to attend. The pain registers only after the task or event is over. The perception of pain has been studied extensively by psychologists who suggest that there is a gating system in the central nervous system that opens and closes to let pain pass through the brain or block it. Psychological factors such as attention to pain, emotional state of a person, anticipation of pain and the way that a person interprets a situation can both open and close the gates. This is why when you are depressed or anxious your pain seems more worse and intolerable because your feelings can open the pain gate. On the other hand, when your attention is diverted or focused on pleasant tasks, your pain is almost imperceptible. Thus the physical cause of the pain may be the same, the pain circuits identical, yet the perception of pain is dramatically different.

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

- i. What does "Pain rings an alarm bell" means?
- ii. What is Gating system?
- iii. How unhappiness or worry affects our system?
- iv. What is the central theme of the passage?
- v. What happens when the attention of an individual is diverted?
- vi. Why does a wounded soldier still continue to fight defiantly?
- vii. What may happen if we don't feel the pain?
- viii. Which are two inseparable facets of human existence?
- ix. Which word in para 2 means the same as "slight, gradual or unnoticeable"?

2. Read the passage carefully and answer the questions that follow: (12 marks)

There is much concern among doctors about patients who are overweight. Many of us taking hardly any exercise and we are consuming far too many calories for our sedentary way of life.

On the other hand doctors are also worried at the increase in the number of people who are, suffering from anorexia. This is an eating disorder in which people think that they are disgustingly overweight when, in fact, they are far too thin. Often they pretend to eat at meal times, disposing off it later. The disease is sometimes known as the slimmer's disease, but it is far more serious than such a name implies.

Anorexia can result in malnutrition and later the complete collapse of the body, eventually

leading to death. Excessively thin or skinny fashion models and other celebrities are often blamed for the spread of this disorder since the young and impressionable regard them as role models and try to copy them. Some experts claim that anorexia is an emotional disorder. Men are acknowledged sufferers of this disorder too.

At the same time, a growing number of people are suffering from bulimia. In the course of this disorder, the sufferers often have time when they overindulge and binge on various foods and then vomit to get rid of it. It is alright to go on diet for a short time if you want to lose weight, but you should avoid crash diets. It is far better to eat a balanced diet all the time and take some exercise.

2.1 On the basis of your reading of the passage, fill in any four of the following in 30-40 words each. (2x4)

- i. What is the biggest concern of the doctor?
- ii. Who are blamed for the spread of Anorexia.
- iii. What is bulimia?.
- iv. What does anorexia means?
- v. What is the better way to lose weight?

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

- i. The word in the passage that means more sitting and little physical exercise is _____.
- ii. Anorexia can result in malnutrition and later cause _____.
- iii. Some experts say that anorexia is_____.

2.3 Attempt any two of the following find out the word which mean the same as under. (1x2)

- i. Antonym of 'criticized' is_____
- ii. Pick out the word from the passage that means the same as 'gorge
- iii. Pick out the word from the passage that means the same as 'persuadable'.

Section B

Writing Skills with Grammar (30 marks)

Q 3: Write a letter to the General Manager, Transport Authority, complaining about rude and irresponsible behavior of drivers and conductors. (100-120 words, 8 Marks)

OR

Write a letter to the editor of The Hindustan Times drawing attention of the government officials to the problem of unavailability of a bus stop near your colony. (100-120 words, 8 M)

Q4: Using the hints given below develop a story. (10 marks)

You are Arif/Amla. You have to write a short in about 200-250 words for your school magazine. Using the information given in the input and inventing your own details, write that story and title in 'Real Education'.

Arab Sheik became old-wanted to declare his successor- three sons - loved them equally - decided that the one who would come back with most useful learning be his successor - sons received education - came back - first perfected a magic glass - second a magic carpet - third the magic medicine - works of all important to save his life - all three got real education - story of Christian education - three places of education - home, church and classroom.

OR

Bhima started writing a story but couldn't write beyond a line or two. Taking help from the given input on basing your story on the basis of the beginning develop the story in about 200-250 words.

The boat capsized but I managed to survive. I walked on and on....

Searched for men or houses - completely exhausted - collapsed - I woke up - arms and legs found tied down - thousands of strings - heard noises around - forty tiny men - climbed on me - each 3 inches tall - didn't understand what they wanted - felt thousands needles pricking my hand - shooting arrow - protected eyes - soon the ladder came - sent hundreds of men up to my face - I got milk and food - my first day among the Lilliputians.

5. Complete the following paragraph by filling in the blanks with the help of given options. Do any four. (4 marks)

My cat Tugger (i) _____ the toughest animal I know. He has survived (ii) _____ close calls. Three years ago , he (iii) _____ caught inside a car’s engine. His right ear was torn off (iv) _____ he lost sight in one eye. We were surprised that he (v) _____ from the accident.

(i) a. is b. was c. being d. none of these

(ii) a. some b. any c. many d. several

(iii) a. will be b. may be c. is d. was

(iv) a. where b. and c. so d. none of these

(v) a. avoided b. escaped c. survived d. missed

Q6: Insert ‘/’ where you think a word has been omitted in the paragraph. Then write the omitted word in the spaces provided. The first correction has been done for you. (4 marks)

It was September, and the rains were nearly over. Maria was admiring garden .

	before	word	after
The african marigold blooming. She hoped			
the coming winter wouldn't too severe			
because she found increasingly difficult			
to bear the cold. She was looking the			
flowers very fondly when best friend Miss Dorling entered the garden.			

Q7: Rearrange the following jumbled words to form meaningful sentences.(4 marks)

- i. punctuality/a necessary/habit/is/all civilized societies/in
- ii. needs to /this/dangerous trend/immediately/be stopped
- iii. teachers do /many times/about it/not get/to know
- iv. Rita/ beautiful/the children/made/cards/for/some of
- v. masterpiece/artist/painstakingly/the /his/worked/at

Section C :
Literature Textbook and Extended Reading Text (30 marks)

Q 8: Read the extract given below and answer the questions that follow:(4 marks)

“Not marble, nor the gilded monuments
Of princes, shall outlive this powerful rhyme;
But you shall shine more bright in these contents
Than upswept stone, bemear’d with sluttish time.”

- a) Why do you think the rich and powerful people get monuments and statues erected in their memory?
- b) Why does the poet refer to Time as being sluttish?
- c) What comparison does Shakespeare draw between poetry and monuments?
- d) What are ravages?

OR

And must wait, must stand and wait, for there he was at the trough before me.
He reached down from the fissure in the earth-wall in the gloom.
And trailed his yellow-brown slackness soft-bellied down, over the edge of the stone trough.

- a) Why was the narrator forced to wait?
- b) Where was the snake drinking water from?
- c) What does ‘slackness’ mean?
- d) What are the conflicting emotions that the poet feels on seeing the snake?

Q 9. Answer the following questions in 30-40 words. (4x2)

- a) What does the shifting of the bureau tell us about the character of Mrs.Slater?

b) Why was the author and his friend strangely attracted towards the two boys?

c) How was the nightingale used by the frog to earn money?

d) What was the motive behind Mrs. Packletide's decision to shoot a tiger?

Q 10. Answer the following in about 100 – 120 words. (8 marks)

In what way did the villagers help Mrs. Packletide shoot the tiger? What arrangements did they make for her?

OR

Antony proved that he was a true friend in the end. Such friendships are rare. Describe how he proved to be true friend of Caesar.

Q 11: Answer the following in about 200-250 words. (10 marks)

The Diary of a Young Girl

How much of politics do the inmates discuss during their life in hiding? What are Anne's views on politics?

OR

Assess 'The Diary of a Young Girl' as an autobiography'. Do you agree to the statement that 'The Diary of a Young Girl' is more than an autobiography? Give a reasoned answer.

The Story of My Life

Describe the 'slow and often painful process' through which the deaf and blind child Helen Keller acquired the 'key to all language'? How did she learn to spell and read words?

OR

How did Helen write a little story called 'The Frost King' and how was it received by Mr. Anagnos of the Perkins Institute for the Blind? Why did Helen call the incident a dark 'cloud' in her childhood's bright sky? Was Helen guilty of plagiarism?

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Answer

Section A :

1.

- i. alerts you immediately to pay attention and take quick action.
- ii. opens and closes to let pain pass through to the brain or block it.
- iii. damaging our tissues.
- iv. The central theme of the passage is to create awareness that pain and pleasure are two inseparable facets of human existence.
- v. When the attention of a person is diverted ,pain becomes almost imperceptible.
- vi. A wounded soldier continues to fight defiantly because the brain does not react immediately to the pain signals .
- vii. If we don't feel the pain at all, it may harm cause great harm to our body and not even knowing it ,we might get hurt badly.
- viii. pleasure and pain.
- ix. imperceptible.

2.1

- i. that people are getting overweight.
- ii. Excessively thin or skinny fashion models and celebrities
- iii. when the sufferer often overindulge and binge on various foods and then vomit to get rid of it.
- iv. an eating disorder in which people think they are disgustingly overweight but the fact is that they are too thin.
- v. For losing weight, one can diet for a short time but he or she should avoid crash diets. It is far better to eat a balanced diet and take regular exercise.

2.2

- i. sedentary
- ii. the complete collapse of the body.

iii. an emotional disorder.

2.3

- i. Acknowledged.
- ii. overindulge.
- iii. impressionable

Section B

3.

110 Raja Park
Jaipur

21 Oct, 2017

The General Manager,
Transport Authority
Jaipur

Sir,

I want to draw your kind attention towards the rude and irresponsible behaviour of both drivers and bus conductors with the commuters. They look towards the passengers with indifference and behave with them in a very strange and absurd way. They lack etiquette and use filthy language.

Generally, the bus drivers do not stop the bus at the fixed stops. They seem to disdain the passengers have to run after the stop and the passengers have to run after the bus. The passengers hardly get into the bus, when it starts. In this way many commuters fall, and feel a lot of irritation and insult.

No less irresponsible is the behavior of conductors. They never bother to see whether the passengers have got into the bus or not, and they blow the whistle. The bus moves while passengers have only one foot on the footboard.

They forget the elementary duties of good conductors and behave indecently. They show no

courtesy and sympathy for the senior citizens and the ladies.

It is my humble suggestion that before their retirement, they must be taught how to deal with the passengers. Presently they must be instructed and advised suitably to mend their way and surprise check in this respect can improve the things a lot.

Yours faithfully

Naveen Sharma

OR

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Ashok Vihar, New Delhi

30 Oct, 2017

The Editor

The Hindustan Times

New Delhi

Sir,

Through the esteemed columns of your prestigious newspapers, I would like to draw the attention of the Government towards the problem of the lack of a bus stop in the area near Mayur Vihar Aparna Apartments.

These apartments are spread up to a radius of at least 4 km, and are situated on the main road of Mayur Vihar. One can notice that buses running on the main road for all places in Delhi/New Delhi at every five minutes.

But, it is rather strange to note that the Government has not provided enough bus stops to cover all the apartments and colonies, on the road. The residents have to walk more than 2 km to catch a local bus. Hiring of a rickshaw of a three wheeler is very costly for a common man. The chilly or the hot rough weather other puts the passengers in a great problem. This also wastes time, energy and stamina of the residents.

For lady passengers it is not advisable to walk long distances from the safety point of view. No financial burden will be passed on to the government by making more bus stops keeping

in view the necessity and the convenience of the residents. Being a fully residential area, it is necessary to provide bus stops at all the stops at all the appropriate points in this area.

I hope the authorities would definitely consider our difficulty and provide enough bus stops for the convenience of the passengers. It will provide relief to all of us as moving long distances of about 2 km in winter and hot sun is very troublesome and tiresome.

Yours truly

Naveen Sharma

Q 4: Story-writing

Real Education

An Arab Sheik became old. He felt that he should declare one of his sons his successor. He had three sons, who were triplets. He loved them from the bottom of his heart and could not decide who should be declared his successor. So he asked them to go to a distant land and promised that the one who would come back with the most useful learning would be his successor. The three went off to distant lands; attended universities and visited exotic places. The first brother. Invented magic glasses. He could see any place he wished to see on this planet. The second perfected a magic carpet on which he sat and zoomed to any part of the earth in five minutes. The third son invented a medicine that could cure any sickness.

After some years the three came together for a birthday party and explained what they had found. The first son looked through his magic glasses and saw his father dying. The second invited the other two to onto his magic carpet and within five minutes they were at their father's side. There the third son took out his magic medicine and cured his father at once. Now the Sheik got perplexed, since it took the work of all three of them to save of life. That is the story of Christian education. It needs three places of schooling: the home, the church and the classroom. If one of them is lacking the other two won't work.

OR

My First Day in the Land of Lilliputians

The boat capsized but I managed to survive. I walked on and on till I could walk on more. I was completely exhausted. I collapsed on the short, soft grass and fell into a deep sleep. It

was daylight now. I woke up. I tried to get up but couldn't stand. I found my arms and legs tied down to the ground with strings. I found myself in a hopeless and helpless situation.

I could hear noises around me. They were faint human voices. Then I felt something moving on my body. It came near my face. He was a tiny little man of 3 inches. He was dressed like a soldier. Forty more followed him. I was amazed to see such tiny men. I couldn't understand what they wanted to do with me. Then I felt as if a thousand needles were pricking my body. The little men were shooting arrows at me. Then I lay still without moving. One of the olders, perhaps their leader, stood on a raised platform near me. I indicated for food and water. He seemed to understand me. He sent hundreds of men up to my face. I had my dinner. After the generous dinner, I went to sleep again. This was my first day among Lilliputians.

Q 5: i) is

ii) many

iii) was

iv) and

v) survived

Q 6:

	before	word	after
The african marigold blooming. She hoped	marigold	was	blooming
the coming winter wouldn't too severe	wouldn't	be	too
because she found increasingly difficult	found	it	increasingly
to bear the cold. She was looking the	looking	at	the
flowers very fondly when best friend Miss Dorling entered the garden.	when	her	best

Q 7: i) Punctuality is a necessary habit in all civilized societies.

ii) This dangerous trend needs to be stopped immediately.

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- iii) Many times teachers do not get to know about it.
 - iv) Rita made beautiful cards for some of the children.
 - iv) Some of the children made beautiful cards for Rita.
 - (v) The artist painstakingly worked at his masterpiece.

Section C :

Q 8: i) The rich and powerful people want to be remembered till posterity so they erect monuments and statues in their memory.

ii) The poet refers to Time as being sluttish as it changes suddenly and unexpectedly. Nobody can understand its changing moods .Time can even turn favorite time into adverse situation.

iii) According to Shakespeare, poetry is immortal whereas monuments wither away with the passage of time.

iv) According to the poet, ravages are ruins of palaces, broken monuments and huge statues shattered on the sand.

OR

i) The narrator was forced to wait because there was a big snake drinking water at the trough outside his house.

ii) The snake was drinking water from a water-trough outside the narrator's house.

iii) " Slackness" here means the soft relaxed belly of snake that rested on the edge of the stone trough.

iv) The poet feels scared of the snake and at the same time feels an admiration towards it.

Q 9: a) The shifting of bureau tell us about character of Mrs. Slater that she is mere selfish. Even at the time of grandfather's death she is thinking about that bureau. She wants to outshine her sister's family in looks at the mourning rather than feeling sad about the death in the family.

b) The narrator and his companion were surprised that the boys were doing so many things at such a young age. Under the hot sun they sold fruits, newspapers, ran errands and were tourist guides as well. They did any odd job that they were asked to do. Their willingness to do any kind of work impressed and strangely attracted the narrator and his companion.

c) The frog used to dominate the nightingale and made her sing the song. All the animals in the bingle bog came to listen the melodious song of nightingale and he used to take the entry fees from all the animals. He used to teach how to sing to nightingale and said that he will take the fees for this and he used to collect money from the audience.

d) Mrs Packletide wanted to shoot the tiger because she wanted to outcome Loona Bimberton as she had traveled 11 miles in an airplane to do so and killing a tiger is the only way to gain publicity over Loona Bimberton.

Q 10: The villagers made many arrangements for the hunting game. Children were posted night and day on the outskirts so that the tiger would not leave his domain. Goats were left in the forest in order to satisfy the animal. Women took care not to make noise while passing by, so that the tiger would not be disturbed. Last but not the least, the villagers offered support and assistance at night of hunt. A platform had been constructed on a comfortable and convenient place on a tree for Mrs. Packletide and her paid companion. They remained there throughout the night.

OR

Mark Antony was a true, loyal friend of Caesar. He grieved his death because of his brutal assassination. When he found Brutus as one of the killers of Caesar, he promised his corpse that he would avenge his death. He predicted that there would be bloodshed and Caesar's spirit would vindicate him as his wounds would speak on his behalf. He planned his course of action and called his conspirators as friends and promised Brutus that he would not say a word against any of them. Antony, then, through his oratorical skills, manipulated the mob in Caesar's favour. He sarcastically pointed out Brutus as an honorable man. His efforts changed the people's attitude. Thus, Antony proved that he was a true friend.

Q 11:

The Diary of a Young Girl

Anne does not mention anything about politics anywhere in the diary except for a long entry sometime in March 1944. It is quite evident that Anne is not particularly fond of the topic. In times of war, politics is discussed a lot and not surprisingly, the small group of people in hiding spend a lot of time discussing, arguing politics and keenly following political developments in news on the radio. Anne however feels that arguing so much about politics is just being stupid.

Visitors from outside bring a lot news that later proves to be untrue; however, the radio is always correct. Each one has his or her opinion, likes and dislikes on this particular issue.

It irritates Anne that everybody spends so much time listening to the news. She derisively comments that "British Air Force is operating round the clock. Not unlike the German propaganda machine, which is cranking out lies twenty-four hours a day! So the radio is switched on every morning at eight, if not earlier, and is listened to every hour until late night. This is the best evidence yet that the adults have infinite patience, but also that their brains have turned to mush."

In spite of her strong views against politics, however, Anne gives a vivid description of all the inmates sitting together in rapt attention to listen to a memorable speech by Winston Churchill.

OR

No doubt, in 'The Diary of a Young Girl' Anne Frank describes her childhood friends, her school, family, the Van Daans and many more things. However, the diary is more than an autobiography. Her diary is not confined to herself and her family. Anne gives a striking description of the political, social and cultural climate of Germany, Holland and other parts of Europe. She was an eye for details and vivid descriptions. The Holocaust and the persecution of the Jews has been systematically described. When Anne Frank sat down to write her diary, she could have never imagined the impact her words would have on generation of readers. On July 15, 1944, Anne writes: "I feel the suffering of millions". Little did she know at that time that 'The Diary of a Young Girl' would become the testament of those millions who suffered, persecuted, tortured and killed by the Nazis and their Gestapo. 'The Diary of a Young Girl' can be called an autobiography in the sense that it described the innermost feelings and sentiments of the young girl Anne. A self-describes clown, Anne has

none with whom she could be completely open. Her mother Edith Frank was insensitive, critical, conservative and unresponsive. Margot too didn't share her feelings and provided no moral support to her younger sister. No doubt, her father Otto Frank was a role model for Anne and she adored him. But the age difference prevented her to discuss sex and sexuality and other delicate are addressed to 'Kitty'.

We certainly have quite intimate autobiographical descriptions regarding her age, puberty, periods and her growing desire to have a relationship with a young boy-friend. She partly finds in Peter a boy-friend who can share her ideas and can talk about sex and sexuality. Anne Frank's diary contains nothing of her experience at Bergen-Belsen, the concentration camp where she and her sister died. The diary does provide 'an altogether human portrait of the Jewish suffering during the Holocaust.

The Story of My Life

It was really 'a slow and often painful process' through which the deaf blind child Helen Keller acquired the key to 'all language'. Children who can hear can acquire language without any special effort. The first word that her teacher, Miss Sullivan spelled into her hand was "d-o-l-l". In the days that followed she learned to spell many words like "pin", "hat", "cup" and a few verbs like "sit", "stand" and "walk". At that time she even didn't know that everything has a name. Then she realized that a wordless sensation was called a 'thought'. She understood that everything had a name and each name gave birth to a new thought. Miss Sullivan had taught her to find beauty in the fragrant woods and in every blade of grass. She linked Helen's earliest thought with nature. She made her feel that 'birds and flowers' and she herself were 'happy peers'.

Helen Keller's ideas were vague and her vocabulary was inadequate. But as she learned more and more words her field of inquiry broadened. One morning she asked Miss Sullivan the meaning of the word "love". Miss Sullivan put her arm gently round her and spelled into her hand, "I love Helen". "What is love?" she asked. Miss Sullivan drew her closer and pointing to her heart said, "It is here". Once Helen was finding difficulty in stringing beads of different sizes. She was puzzled. Miss Sullivan touched her forehead and spelled the word with decided emphasis, "Think". In a flash Helen knew that the word was the name of the process that was going in her head. Miss Sullivan had a wonderful faculty for description. Helen was not interested in the science of numbers. But Helen learnt from life itself. When Miss Sullivan came, everything about her breathed of love and joy and full of meaning.

OR

A little story, 'The Frost King' which Helen Keller wrote and sent to Mr. Anagnos, created a lot of trouble for her. It was like a dark cloud in her childhood's bright sky'. For a long time she lived in anxiety, doubt, fear and shame. She was accused of plagiarism.

Helen Keller wrote the story when she was at home. Miss Sullivan described to her the beauties of the late foliage. Her descriptions revived the memory of a story which must have been read to her. Helen must have retained that story unconsciously. When the story was finished, she read it to her teacher. At dinner the story was read to the assembled family. They were surprised that Helen could write so well. It was read to the assembled family. They were surprised that Helen could write so well. It was her story and she had written it for Mr. Anagnos. She sent it to him on his birthday. Mr. Anagnos was delighted with "The Frost King" and published it in one of the Perkins Institute reports. It was discovered that a story similar to "The Frost King" called 'The Frost Fairies' by Miss Margaret T. Canby had already appeared. Actually it was published in a book called "Birdie and His Friends' even before Helen was born. The two stories were very much alike in thought and language. It was evident that Miss Canby's story had been read to Helen. Helen's story. 'The Frost King' was a plagiarism.

Mr. Anagnos thought that he had been deceived. Helen tried to explain her position. But he turned a deaf ear to the pleadings of love and innocence. He suspected that Helen Keller and Miss Sullivan had deliberately stolen the bright story of Miss Canby. Helen was brought before a court of investigation. She was questioned and cross-questioned. As she lay in her bed that night, she wept and her spirit was broken. In her trouble she received many messages of love and sympathy. Miss Canby herself wrote kindly. "Someday you will write a great story out of your own head,.....?"