

**Class X  
(CBSE 2019)  
English (Communicative)  
Abroad (Set-2)**

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**Question 1**

**Read the passage given below and answer the questions that follow:**

1. Traditionally a communication device, the mobile phone in the modern world has come a long way. In today's world, one just cannot think of life without a mobile phone. Mobile phones and mobile applications are part of life now. From the alarm that rings in the morning to connecting with friends through Facebook or Twitter, we have imbibed mobile phones in every sphere of our life.
2. There are people who are satisfied with just using the mobile prayer application on their phone, while there are others whose life revolves around their mobile, from checking emails to getting reports, to forwarding presentations and even making presentation through wireless devices.
3. Can a device like a mobile phone, help you in keeping yourself fit? The new generation mobile phone is much more than just a calling, texting or emailing device. They have given a new dimension to what traditionally used to be just a communication device.
4. The new age applications touch every sphere of our life, from social networking to office management, from gaming to mobile entertainment, from reference studies to navigation aids, and lastly to keep you fit. Mobile phone has artificial intelligence to understand what you do.
5. Smart phones have cardio trainers. After workout routine has been selected, the application can track your exercises. It can also play music while you are exercising. The power of smart phone can only be understood once it has been used. Today these applications can change the way a phone behaves. It is not just a cosmetic change but rather a drastic change in the functionality of the device from being one to 'be in touch' to a device that enables us, empowers us.
6. These smart phones are very much affordable. Although the mobile phone companies offer high-end phones that come with a variety of slick features and which you can further improve upon by downloading applications, they also offer Phones that offer a fairly good range of features at competitive prices.

**1.1** On the basis of your understanding of the above passage, answer any eight of the following questions:

- (a) What is the first use of mobile phone in the morning?
- (b) How does a mobile phone connect us with our friends?
- (c) What were the traditional uses of a mobile phone?
- (d) What has the new generation done to mobile phones?
- (e) What are the new age applications available on a mobile phone?
- (f) How can a mobile phone be used for fitness?
- (g) How are companies improving their high-end phones?
- (h) What drastic change has taken place in the use of smart phones?
- (i) Which word in para 6 means 'reasonably priced'?

### **Solution**

- (a) The first use of the mobile phone in the morning is the ringing of the alarm.
- (b) Mobile connects us with our friends through applications such as Facebook, Twitter, etc.
- (c) The traditional use of the mobile phone was as a communication device only.
- (d) The new generation mobile phone is much more than just calling, texting or emailing. They have given a new dimension to what traditionally used to be just a communication device.
- (e) The new age applications that are available on mobile phone touch every sphere of life from social networking to office management, from gaming to mobile entertainment, from reference studies to navigation aids, and lastly to keep you fit.
- (f) Smartphones have cardio trainers. After workout routine has been selected, the application can track your exercises. It can also play music while you exercise.
- (g) Companies are improving their high-end phones by downloading applications, they also offer phones that offer a fairly good range of features at competitive prices.
- (h) From being a device used to 'be in touch', it has become a device that enables us, empowers us.
- (i) 'fairly good-range' means reasonably priced.

### **Question 2**

**Read the passage given below and answer the questions that follow:**

1. We need to eat healthy in order to stay healthy. Let's start by walking to the nearest grocery or vegetable market for shopping in the old way, rather than stepping out of the

house and getting into the car. Grocery shopping will be an easier experience and you will bring home healthier foods if you start with a healthy grocery shopping list. With a grocery list in-hand, you won't wonder what to buy!

**2.** Fresh vegetables and fruits should make up the largest part of your healthy shopping. Vegetables and fruits have vitamins, minerals, anti-oxidants, and they are usually low in calories. Choose a variety of fruits and vegetables that everyone in your family will enjoy. Among fresh vegetables, go for lettuce, cucumbers, carrots, tomatoes, onions, peas, potatoes, and cauliflower, to name a few. Include fruits like bananas, apples, oranges, pomegranates, pears, etc.

**3.** Most of your grain and cereal products should be made from whole grains and not from refined flours. This part of your list includes whole grain breads, pastas, and breakfast cereals. Whole grains are important for vitamins, minerals, and fibre, which is often lacking in modern diets.

**4.** Protein and meat choices should consist mostly of fish, poultry and lean meats. Eggs, nuts, seeds and legumes are also good protein choices. Choose fresh food over frozen food. Beverages should be kept simple. Water, low fat milk, juices, and herbal teas are all good choices. If you opt for soft drinks, choose diet sodas and diet soft drinks to avoid extra sugar. Dairy products should include yogurt, cheese, and low-fat milk. Probiotic curd and yogurt are a great new option for a healthy meal.

**5.** Olive oil is a natural juice that preserves the taste, aroma, vitamins, and properties of the olive fruit. Olive oil is the only vegetable oil that can be consumed as it is – with salad and as a dip with breads. The healthy benefits of using olive oil are due to its high content of mono-unsaturated fatty acids and its high content of anti-oxidants. Studies have shown that olive oil offers protection against heart problems by keeping cholesterol levels low. Olive oil is very well tolerated by the stomach, and it also fights against cancer.

**6.** Frozen foods are a convenient way to keep vegetables on hand but as a rule we should try to avoid all processed food and focus only on fresh produce. Foods in cans and jars are also very convenient. Look for low sodium, low fat, and low calorie, if it is necessary for you to buy them.

**2.1 On the basis of your understanding of the above passage, answer any four of the following questions in 30 – 40 words each:**

- (a)** Why should we include fresh fruits and vegetables in our shopping list?
- (b)** What are the different fruits and vegetables we should include in our list?
- (c)** Why should we include whole grains in our diet?
- (d)** What are the health benefits of using olive oil?
- (e)** What are good protein choices?

**2.2 On the basis of your understanding of the above passage, fill in any two of the following blanks with appropriate words/phrases:**

- (a) \_\_\_\_\_ should be kept simple.
- (b) Diet soft drinks are low in \_\_\_\_\_.
- (c) \_\_\_\_\_ and yogurt are a great new option for a healthy diet.

**2.3 Find out words/phrases from the passage that mean the same as the following. Attempt any two.**

- (a) drinks (para 4)
- (b) milk products (para 4)
- (c) easy (para 6)

### **Solution**

#### **2.1**

- (a) Vegetables and fruits have vitamins, minerals, anti-oxidants, and they are usually low in calories.
- (b) Among fresh vegetables, go for lettuce, cucumbers, carrots, tomatoes, onions, peas, potatoes and cauliflower, to name a few. Include fruits like bananas, apples, oranges, pomegranates, pears, etc.
- (c) Whole grains are important for vitamins, minerals, and fiber which is often lacking in modern diets.
- (d) Olive oil is a natural juice that preserves the taste, aroma, vitamins, and properties of the olive fruit. Olive oil is the only vegetable oil that can be consumed as it is – with salad and as a dip with bread. The healthy benefits of using olive oil are due to its high content of mono-unsaturated fatty acids and its high content of anti-oxidants. Studies have shown that olive oil offers protection against problems by keeping cholesterol levels low. Olive oil is very well tolerated by the stomach, and it also fights against cancer.
- (e) Protein and meat choices should contain most of the fish, poultry and lean meats. Eggs, nuts, seeds, and legumes are also good protein choices.

#### **2.2**

- (a) beverages
- (b) sugar
- (c) probiotic curd

#### **2.3**

- (a) beverages
- (b) dairy products
- (c) convenient

### Question 3

You are Samaira / Sanjay. Write an article in 100 – 120 words on the topic, 'Evils of Child Labour'.

**OR**

You intend to visit Rajasthan. Write a letter of inquiry in 100 – 120 words addressed to the Manager, 'Travel Unlimited', seeking information about the duration, boarding, lodging, transport, sight-seeing, expenditure and other necessary details for the trip. You are Rahul / Rita of 240, Rajiv Chowk, New Delhi.

### Solution

#### **Evils of Child Labour**

Child labour is a business term which means to employ children at work below the age that has been demarcated by the government. "The child is the father of man. " This famous line quoted by William Wordsworth refers to the importance of the child for the development of society as well as for the all-round development of the human race. We should never ignore the fact that the child is the purest form of God. His innocence brings us closer to the almighty. Child labourers are exploited, exposed to hazardous work conditions and paid a pittance for their long hours of work. They belong to the unorganized labour force.

Our government has laid down various guidelines to eradicate and finish the custom of child labour from the grass root level.

- a.** No child below the age of 14 years shall be employed to work in any hazardous employment
- b.** Childhood and youth are to be protected against exploitation and against moral and material abandonment.
- c.** The State shall endeavour to provide within a period of 10 years from the commencement of the Constitution free and compulsory education for all children until they have completed the age of 14 years.

Due to poverty, poor parents put their children to work in order to supplement the family's economic status. This compulsion forces the parents to forget that every child has his right to enjoy his childhood. There are more than 250million child labourers in our country.

**OR**

240, Rajiv Chowk

New Delhi

27th March 2019

The Manager  
Travel Unlimited  
New Delhi

Dear Sir/ Madam

**Subject:** Inquiry about Rajasthan tour package

I am planning a tour to Rajasthan and so I would like to enquire about the package your company has on offer.

Kindly share details of the duration, charges for accommodation and transport, flight as well as train tickets, other places to visit, and expenditure.

Please share any other relevant information pertaining to this visit.

Thanking you in anticipation!

**Your truly**

Rahul

### Question 4

Write a short story in 200 – 250 words based on the input given below. Also give it a suitable title.

Once a lion, the king of the forest, posed a great threat to all other animals in the jungle. He killed many animals whenever he was hungry. All the animals decided ... ..

**OR**

Dark cold night – fog – suddenly car stopped – abandoned house – a lady with a dog – helped push the car – car started – lady disappeared – unbelievable and frightening.

### Solution

#### **Saviours of the Jungle**

Once a lion, the king of the forest, posed a great threat to all other animals in the jungle. He killed many animals whenever he was hungry. All the animals decided to do something about the problem. All of them crossed the lake and went to the other side of the jungle where the Elephants lived. The animals requested to meet the head of the elephant herd and tell their problem.

The head of the herd heard their problem and assured them that he would protect them. All the animals went back and waited for the lion to attack them. The elephant herd was

also ready to attack him and keep their promise. The tiger came out of his den after four days to hunt for food. He spotted the rabbit and began running after it but the rabbit was quick to act and took the lion near the lake, where the elephant herd was waiting for the lion. As soon as they reached the lake, all the elephants gathered around the lion and pushed it into the lake. The lion tried to escape but the head of the herd crushed it under his foot and the lion died. All the animals started dancing with joy and thanked their saviours.

**OR**

### **Mystery Woman**

It was a dark cold night, there was dense fog everywhere. We were on our way to the Dwarka temple. Suddenly our car stopped and there was nothing to be seen around. We had no hope of receiving help but we took a chance and went a little ahead to look for a mechanic or a place to rest. We came across an abandoned house amidst the dense fog near the jungle. We knocked at the door, a lady with a dog came out of the house and greeted us with a smile. She was not a pleasant looking woman and wore weird clothes but since there was no one else around, we asked her if she could arrange for some help. She accompanied us to the car and helped push the car. The car started and we were relieved. As soon as we turned around to thank her, we were surprised to see that the lady had disappeared. It was unbelievable and frightening to meet such a mysterious woman.

### **Question 5**

Fill in the blanks in the paragraph given below by choosing the most appropriate options from the ones that follow. Attempt any four. Write the answers in your answer sheet against the correct blank numbers.

Chocolates (a) lift up your mood easily. When you eat (b) chocolate, a chemical called serotonin is (c) in the brain (d) makes you feel good. According (e) a research, chocolates can also relieve persistent cough.

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|-----|-------------|----------------|----------------|---------------|
| (a) | (i) can     | (ii) could     | (iii) is       | (iv) was      |
| (b) | (i) some    | (ii) the       | (iii) an       | (iv) a        |
| (c) | (i) release | (ii) releasing | (iii) released | (iv) releases |
| (d) | (i) it      | (ii) which     | (iii) they     | (iv) those    |
| (e) | (i) to      | (ii) by        | (iii) for      | (iv) of       |

### **Solution**

**(a)** (i) can

**(b)** (iv) a

(c) (iii) released

(d) (ii) which

(e) (i) to

### Question 6

The following paragraph has not been edited. There is one error in each line. Identify the error and write down its correction against the correct blank number. The first one has been done for you. Attempt any four.

	e.g.	<i>Error</i> than	<i>Correction</i> then
Having finished college and than			
a shorthand course, I was hiring as	(a)	_____	_____
secretary on the editor of a	(b)	_____	_____
magazine. Now I had an job and	(c)	_____	_____
an apartment in Delhi. It has a	(d)	_____	_____
heaven			
for a woman by a small town.	(e)	_____	_____

### Solution

Error	Correction
hiring	hired
on	to
an	a
has	is
by	from

### Question 7

**Rearrange any four of the following groups of words/phrases to make meaningful sentences:**

(a) relieves / soul / laughter / and amuses / a depressed

(b) an antidote / it / and / is / to stress / pain

(c) for toning up / a good / facial muscles / it / exercise / is



- (d) body functions / it / and / stabilises / blood circulation / improves
- (e) laughing / at others / however / be / should / avoided

### Solution

- (a) Laughter relieves a depressed soul and amuses.
- (b) It is an antidote to stress and pain.
- (c) It is a good exercise for toning up facial muscles.
- (d) It stabilises body functions and improves blood circulation.
- (e) However, laughing at others should be avoided.

### Question 8

Read the extract given below and answer the questions that follow:

"My name is Ozymandias, king of kings:  
Look upon my works, ye Mighty and despair !"

- (a) Name the poet.
- (b) Where were these words written?
- (c) Why did Ozymandias call himself the king of kings?
- (d) Who was Ozymandias referring to when he spoke of "ye Mighty"?

**OR**

"He holds him with his skinny hand,  
"There was a ship ", quoth he.

- (a) who is 'he' referred to in the above extract?
- (b) Why was his hand skinny?
- (c) Whom did he hold?
- (d) Name the poem.

### Solution

- (a) The poet is Percy Bysshe Shelley.
- (b) The words were written on the pedestal.
- (c) In order to emphasise on him to be the most powerful of all kings, king Ozymandias calls himself 'King of Kings'. The king supposedly was very powerful, aggressive, arrogant and boastful.

(d) The king Ozymandias is referring to the people who pass by near his statue.

**OR**

(a) 'He' refers to the ancient mariner.

(b) His hand is skinny because ancient mariner is an old man.

(c) He held the wedding guest.

(d) The name of the poem is 'Rime of the Ancient Mariner'.

### **Question 9**

**Answer any four of the following questions in 30 – 40 words each:**

(a) Why did Ali go to the post office daily? How did the postmen treat him?

(b) How was the frog's joy, both sweet and bitter in the poem, 'The Frog and the Nightingale'?

(c) How was Sebastian Shultz finally rescued by Micheal?

(d) Who was Abel Merryweather? What did he decide to do with his will?

(e) Why does Shakespeare refer to 'Time' as being sluttish?

### **Solution**

**(a)** He would regularly visit the Post Office in the hope of receiving a letter from his daughter Miriam. He would sit on a bench daily and observe the people working. He used to eagerly wait for his name to be called out and receive a letter from his daughter. The postmen treated Ali rudely, they rebuked him and made fun of him.

**(b)** The frog's joy was sweet because he got to earn a lot of money through the nightingale's singing. Secondly, he was also happy that he succeeded in torturing the bird and pushing her towards death. His joy was bitter because, with the passage of time, the nightingale's voice had deteriorated and thus, was bringing lesser money day-by-day. Also, he was jealous of her and so his joy was bitter.

**(c)** It was in the virtual reality that Sebastian was saved by Michael in the game of Warzone. The narrator and Sebastian fled in a jeep to get to the helicopter. Suddenly Sebastian hit the brake and the narrator jumped into the helicopter. But Sebastian couldn't get into it. A tank crashed into the jeep and Sebastian was thrown into the air. He fell below the helicopter and was pulled up by the narrator. The helicopter flew up in the sky and Sebastian was saved. Once released from this virtual framework, he regained consciousness in reality and thus was saved from the state of coma.

**(d)** He was an old widower. Since the death of his wife, he had been living with his daughters in turn. He was a fun loving and jovial person who liked going to pubs to grab drinks. He was quick-witted and very intelligent to see through the crooked plans of his

evil and greedy daughters. He knew them too well. He could not be fooled by any show of affection by his daughters. Yet, he had decided to leave something for them in his will. But, after they turned out to be really wicked, he decided to marry a widow and pass on his property to her.

(e) Sluttish is usually used for people of loose character and unfaithful to others. Time is called sluttish because time waits for no one and is never faithful. It always moves on to the great people and leaves behind those who have fallen from their position.

### Question 10

**Answer the following question in 100 – 120 words:**

Patol Babu is an amateur actor for whom a walk-on part in a movie turns into an ultimate challenge. Elaborate.

**OR**

What ghastly act did the Ancient Mariner commit? How did he and the other mariners suffer because of this act?

### Solution

Patol Babu is initially very disappointed because of the small role he had been given. Then he is reminded of his mentor's words that "however small a part, never consider it beneath your dignity to accept it". Motivated by these words, Patol Babu decides to rehearse his part before the final shoot. He chooses a reclusive spot to practice. As he practices, he realises that a monosyllabic exclamation could be said in different ways and carried different meanings. He also rehearsed how he would react physically when the collision took place - he would twist his face in pain, fling his arms, and crouch to show pain and surprise. He really worked hard at his part and performed it to perfection.

**OR**

In 'The Rime of Ancient Mariner', we see that the crime which the mariner committed was that he killed the albatross which had brought in good weather and led the ice to split, making way for the ship to set sail. The albatross was hailed in God's name and thus, it was considered to be a bad omen to have killed the albatross who brought the good south wind. As far as punishment was concerned, the people on board the ship experienced extreme weather conditions which ruined their journey further. The mariner admits having committed a "hellish" thing. He was accused to have slew the bird which made the breeze to blow. Thus, he was punished by his co-mariners to hang an albatross around his neck. Thus, bearing this guilt in mind, he stops every stranger he meets to narrate his story.

### Question 11

**Answer the following question in 200 – 250 words:**

Bring out the importance of the diary in Anne's life

**OR**

Write a character sketch of Mr. Dussel.

**OR**

What was the incident of the Frost King? How did it affect Helen?

**OR**

Helen was inquisitive child. How can we say so? Explain.

### **Solution**

Anne had wanted to keep a diary because she wanted to confide everything in it as she had never been able to confide in anyone. She hoped that the diary, which she named Kitty, would be a great source of comfort to her and the diary did turn out to be a great source of comfort to Anne. She wrote regularly in it, she loved writing in the diary and it provided a sense of comfort to her when she put down her thoughts, experiences, and feelings. Anne had kept the diary from June 12, 1942 to August 1, 1944, initially she used to write for herself. Anne's overpowering loneliness makes her realize that one could be lonely even when surrounded by the people they loved. She felt distanced from the rest of her family and unable to communicate even though they were supportive and caring. She developed an intense and compelling need for solitary existence which stemmed from the fact that being in company brought on paradoxical loneliness. This sense of alienation manifested itself because people were too caught up in their own troubles to be responsive towards others. Peter was a departure from that acute loneliness she suffered, his company was conducive to her temperament and they both ended up confiding in each other. Her diary, Kitty, was like a friend to her, one to whom she could unburden the most intimate thoughts of her heart without being censured. The writings are in the mode of frank and intimate conversations with a dear friend. The diary was like Anne's secret confidante with whom she not only shared the daily occurrences of her life but also her innermost thoughts and feelings.

**OR**

Alfred Dussel was chosen from a circle of acquaintances as a single person who could blend in well with the extended family in hiding. He was a dentist who lived with a Christian lady quite a bit younger than he was but they were probably not married. He was known to be quiet, refined and seemed from their acquaintance to be nice. He was assigned to share Anne's room. Dussel was inquisitive by nature, asking all sorts of questions upon his arrival because he had been astonished by the ingenuity of their plan of going into hiding in plain view at the office. He was slow to catch on, asking everything twice and not remembering what had been told before. But very soon he revealed his true nature, he was a petty man who was a tattletale, always complaining of something, found Anne irksome, he would hoard food and be generally selfish and

sullen. In order to kill the long hours of confinement, Dussel opened his dental practice in the annex, treating Mrs. Van Daan with a nonchalance required of his profession. He was quite lax with observing the rules of the house, he was a man used to set down rules in his own house and he missed his partner Charlotte all the time.

### OR

Helen had written a little story called 'The Frost King' which she had sent to Mr. Anagnos of the Perkins Institution for the Blind. The latter was delighted with it and published the story in one of the institutional reports. However, it was discovered that a story similar to her 'The Frost King' called 'The Frost Fairies' by Miss. Margaret T. Canby had appeared before Helen was born in a book called 'Birdie and His Friends.' The two stories were so much alike in thought and language that it was evident Miss Canby's story had been read to Helen and that her story was a case of plagiarism. A court of the investigation was constituted which consisted of eight people, four blind, four people with vision and votes were cast to arrive at a decision. Mr. Anagnos who had supported Helen initially changed tack and cast his vote against her. The incident scarred Helen in such a way that for a very long time she could not produce any creative work after this episode. She became excessively scrupulous about everything she wrote and the thought tormented her that what she wrote was not her original work. Miss Sullivan had to console her and allay her fears to in every which way possible in order to restore the confidence that Helen had lost. Eventually, Helen resumed her writing, urged on by her teacher.

### OR

Helen was an ambitious woman. Helen was restless and too full of energy rather than motivated. People were attracted towards Helen by her eager, self-asserting disposition as a child before the illness struck. She was a sprightly and precocious child before the illness struck her. Helen was a person who engaged in tireless activity, she was never still for a moment and that was quite an impressive feat. She was here, there and everywhere. Her hands were in everything but nothing could hold her attention for too long as is evident from her varied interests ranging from reading to chess to sailing. Her restless spirit could not be satiated and it incessantly thirsted for things to do. Helen used to play pranks on everyone and seemed to be hungry for attention. She achieved everything with sheer diligence and she yearns to learn more. As a child she was ever inquisitive, the lessons never tired her and she was always open to learning. When Ms. Sullivan expressed her affection for her, she asked the meaning of love. Her curiosity did not die and after long she understood the meaning of love when she felt it. Similarly, the readers see her curiosity in her wish to touch the diamond cutting machines at the Cape of Good Hope, and she wishes to feel the strokes of the paintbrush on her fingertips at the museum.