

CBSE Class 10 English Communicative

Sample Paper - 04

CODE: 101

TIME - 3 HOURS MAXIMUM MARKS- 80

GENERAL INSTRUCTIONS

1. 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
 2. All questions are compulsory.
 3. You may attempt any section at a time.
 4. 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:**

SO YOU WANT TO BE A CARTOONIST?

1. What writers struggle to express through numerous newspaper columns, the cartoon manages in a single attempt. Simple though it may seem, making a cartoon is an art that requires a combination of hard work, training and a good sense of humour.
2. Celebrated cartoonists like R.K.Laxman admit that making a cartoon is not a piece of cake. Laxman says he has to wait for over six hours, which includes spending a lot of time scanning newspapers and television channels before any idea strikes him.
3. So how does one become a cartoonist? Which of us has the talent to make it? How can we master the strokes and the witty one-liners? How can we make people smile or laugh? There are few colleges or schools for cartoonist. Most cartoonist come from are college, while some learn the craft on their own. Most established cartoonist are of the view that no institution can teach you to make a cartoon.
4. “You can pick up the craft, you may learn to sketch and draw in institutes, but no one can teach anyone how to make a good cartoon,” says Mr. Shanker, a cartoonist with

Navbharat Times. While basic skills, like drawing and sketching can be learnt in an art college, these alone, do not make a good cartoonist. Because it's a question of one's creativity and sense of humour; two qualities one simply may not have. The advice established cartoonists give is that just because you sketch, don't take it for granted that you will become a cartoonist.

1. Attempt any eight of the following questions on the basis of the passage you have read. (1MX8=8M)

- i. Which of these words BEST describes this passage?
 - a. informative
 - b. entertaining
 - c. technical
 - d. humorous
- ii. According to the passage, which group of people is of the opinion that one cannot learn to make a cartoon in institutions?
- iii. Of the many qualities that cartoonists have, what other qualities cartoonist have?
- iv. don't take it for granted that you will become a cartoonist.' What does it imply?
- v. The phrase 'a piece of cake' means :
 - a. an impossible task
 - b. a difficult task
 - c. an easy task
 - d. a delicious piece of cake
- vi. Before any idea strikes in what R.K Laxman has to do?
- vii. Uday Shankar is ____
- viii. Find the word from the passage which is exactly same as : "make an effort Or to try (Para 1)
- ix. What advise does established cartoonists give?

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

NEW YEAR RESOLUTIONS

1. The New year is the time for resolution. Mentally, at least most of us could compile formidable lists of 'do's and 'don'ts'. The same old favourites recur year in and year out with the children, do a thousand and one job about the house, be nice to people we don't like, drive carefully, and take the dog for a walk every day. Past experience has taught us

that certain accomplishments are beyond attainment. If we remain deep rooted liars, it is only because we have so often experienced the frustration that results from failure.

2. Most of us fail in our efforts at self improvement because our schemes are too ambitious and we never have time to carry them out. We also make the fundamental error of announcing our resolution to everybody so that we look even more foolish when we slip back into our bad old ways. Aware of these pitfalls, this year I attempted to keep my resolution to myself. I limited myself to two modest ambitions, to do physical exercise every morning and to read more in the evening. An overnight party on New year's eve provided me with a good excuse for not carrying out either of these new resolutions on the first day of the year, but on the second, I applied myself assiduously to the task.
3. The daily exercise lasted only eleven minutes and I proposed to do them early in the morning before anyone had got up. The self discipline required to drag myself out of bed eleven minutes earlier than usual was considerable. Nevertheless, I managed to creep down into the living room for two days before anyone found me out. After jumping about in the carpet and twisted the human frame into uncomfortable positions. I sat down at the breakfast table in an exhausted condition. It was this that betrayed me. The next morning the whole family trooped into watch the performance. That was really unsettling but I fended off the taunts and jibes of the family good humouredly and soon everybody got used to the idea. However, my enthusiasm waned, the time I spent at exercises gradually diminished. Little by little the eleven minutes fell to zero. By January 10th I was back to where I had started from. I argued that if I spent less time exhausting myself at exercises in the morning.
4. I would keep my mind fresh for reading when I got home from work. Resisting the hypnotizing effect of television, I sat in my room for a few evenings with my eyes glued to a book. One night, however, feeling cold and lonely, I went downstairs and sat in front of the television pretending to read. That proved to be my undoing, for I soon got back to the old bad habit of dozing off in front of the screen. I still haven't given up my resolution to do more reading. In fact, I have just bought a book entitled 'How to Read a Thousand Words a Minute'. Perhaps it will solve my problem, but I just have not had time to read it.
 - a. **Attempt any five of the following questions on the basis of the passage you have read. (2MX4=8M)**
 - i. Why most of us fail in our efforts for self-improvement?
 - ii. Why is it a basic mistake to announce our resolution to everybody?

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- iii. Why did the writer not carry out his resolution on New Year's Day?
 - iv. What betrayed the writer?
 - v. What are the two modest ambition of the writer?
 - b. **On the basis of your reading of the passage, fill in any two of the following blanks with appropriate words/phrases. (1M x 2= 2M)**
 - i. The outcome of Failure is _____.
 - ii. By announcing our new year resolutions, we make_____.
 - iii. Writer bought a book named _____.
 - c. **Attempt any two of the following find out the word which mean the same as under. (1M x 2=2M)**
 - i. Overwhelming (Para 1)
 - ii. Drawbacks (Para 2)
 - iii. Decrease (Para 3)
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SECTION B: WRITING ANG GRAMMAR

- 3.
- a. Write a letter to the Senior Police Inspector of your area complaining about the nuisance of loudspeakers in the 10 day long festival disturbing you during your exams. (8M)
- OR**
- b. Write a letter to a watch dealer complaining that the watch lately brought by you does not keep correct time.
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)**

I was often a person that never had bad dreams but now and then I do.This dream I had 2 years ago is something that struck me so hard, I still remember the details.It starts out with me working.....

OR

I visit a nearby old-age home once in a month to spend time with the senior citizens whose either families have abandoned them or they have no families. I carry some

traditional snacks and sweets which they relish on. On one such occasion, I had been to the old-age home, where I was a spectator to a surprise birthday party. It was the birthday of a 75 year old gentleman.....

5. **Fill in 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. The following is the paragraph on “Chameleon”. (4M)**

- A. The chameleon is a relative ___1___ the lizard. It is a reptile.
 B. It can be found ___2___ Africa and Madagascar. You can also find it in some parts of Asia and southern Europe.
 C. Some varieties of chameleons can grow ___3___ a length of 60 centimeters. However, the most common variety does not grow more than 30 centimeters long.
 D. The most interesting thing ___4___ the chameleon is that it is able to change color.
 E. It is able to change quickly ___5___ white to yellow, black, green or brown. It is able to do this because of the differences in light and temperature of its surroundings.
- (a) (i) of (ii) for (iii) with (iv) in
 (b) (i) on (ii) in (iii) at (iv) into
 (c) (i) along (ii) at (iii) to (iv) by
 (d) (i) about (ii) of (iii) with (iv) for
 (e) (i) with (ii) like (iii) as (iv) from

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
A. Once a time India was a dream country to dwell in.	A. ___	___	___
B. People from other countries wanted to have glimpse ‘Golden bir	B. ___	___	___
C. Now people consider India a polluted and unclean country.	C. ___	___	___
D. One of the major reasons could lack of ownership, which cropped up during the British rule in India.	D. ___	___	___
E. People thought the availability and use of resources terms of	E. ___	___	___

" theirs" v/s 'ours'.			
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7. **Rearrange any four of the following word clusters to make meaningful sentence.**

(4M)

- After 1960 / Indian cities / expanded / all / have.
- live in / spaces / Indians / the most / crowded
- slums / at least / 35% of / lives in / urban India
- free of / city is / dangers of / no Indian / pollution / the growing
- at night / the stars / in the sky / difficult /to see / it is

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)**

- “I am going back to my grandmother. My lawyer will communicate with you later ?”
 - Who speaks the above lines ?
 - Why is she going back to her grandmother ?
 - What effect does the above extract have on the listener?
 - Find the word in the passage which is same as “share or exchange information”

OR

b. The ice was here, the ice was there,

The ice was all around:

It cracked and growled, and roared and howled,

Like noises in a swound!

- Where was the Mariners' ship stuck?
- What figure of speech has been used in the first two lines? What effect does it create?
- What sort of a noise did the ice make? What figure of speech is used here?
- What do you mean by `swound'?

9. **Answer any four of the following Questions in 30- 40 words each. (2x4=8M)**

- In the drama “Dear Departed”, grandfather plans to do something next Monday. What are the three things that grandfather plans to do on Monday next?
- How does the narrator convey the fact that the woman looking at her reflection in the

lake is deeply distressed?

- c. According to the newspaper, what had happened to Sebastian Shultz?
- d. Why does Brutus kill Caesar?
- e. What did Ali do in his youth? What made him leave his old ways?

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

- a. Shakespeare said “Time and war are the two destructive forces”, in the poem “Not Marble, nor the Gilded Monuments”. What are those and how does he manage to save his love from their clutches?

OR

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

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. The diary fulfilled a deeply-felt need to write in Anne. Discuss.

OR

- b. Draw a pen portrait of Alfred Dussel.

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. What makes Helen jealous of the newly born baby? Explain her reaction to see the newly born baby in her house.

OR

- b. Draw a character sketch of “Martha Washington”.

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Answer

1.
 - i. Informative
 - ii. Most established cartoonist
 - iii. Creativity and Sense of Humour (Para 4)
 - iv. It is difficult to be a cartoonist
 - v. (c) an easy task
 - vi. R.K Laxman has to wait for over six hours, which includes spending a lot of time scanning newspapers and television channels before any idea strikes him.
 - vii. A cartoonist with Navbharat Times
 - viii. Attempt
 - ix. The advice established cartoonists give is that just because you sketch, don't take it for granted that you will become a cartoonist.
2.
 - a.
 - i. Most of us fail in our efforts at self improvement because our schemes are too ambitious and we never have time to carry them out. We also make the fundamental error of announcing our resolution to everybody so that we look even more foolish when we slip back into our bad old ways.
 - ii. We also make the fundamental error of announcing our resolution to everybody so that we look even more foolish when we slip back into our bad old ways.
 - iii. An overnight party on New Year's Eve provided the writer with a good excuse for not carrying out either of these new resolutions on the first day of the year.
 - iv. The self discipline required to drag writer out of bed eleven minutes earlier than usual was considerable. Nevertheless, the writer managed to creep down into the living room for two days before. After jumping about in the carpet and twisted the human frame into uncomfortable positions the writer sat down at the breakfast table in an exhausted condition. It was this that betrayed writer.
 - v.
 - A. To do physical exercise every morning.
 - B. To read more in the evening
 - b.
 - i. Frustration.
 - ii. Fundamental error.

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- iii. 'How to Read a Thousand Words a Minute'
 - c.
 - i. Formidable
 - ii. Pitfalls
 - iii. Wane
 - 3. a. 0-13.

LIC Colony, Nr. Vastrapur Lake.

Vastrapur, Ahmedabad 380015.

February 20, 2017.

To,

The Senior Police Inspector,

Vastrapur Police Station,

Vastrapur, Ahmedabad 380015.

Subject : Nuisance of loudspeakers especially during exam time

Dear Sir/Madam,

I would like to draw your kind attention to the nuisance of loudspeakers on the street where the today long festival takes place in the pavilion. The loudspeaker starts with the morning prayers and goes on till 12 noon. The residents get a break from music till 2 pm. Then once again, the music begins with Bollywood songs which last till late night, except for evening prayers. We, students are the worst sufferers.

It becomes difficult to concentrate on studies, with exams approaching near. I request you to kindly intervene in this matter. I request you to allow the organizers to play only the prayer songs of half an hour each in the morning as well as evening, so that the sentiments of the devotees are not hurt.

Thanking you,

Yours faithfully,

ABC

OR

- b. 55, Meghdhanush,

Tarwadi,

Rander Road,

Surat-423102

14th Feb, 20xx

To,
The Golden Time Watch Co.,
Athwa Lanes,
Surat .

Subject : Complaining about a watch that does not Work properly

Dear Sir,

I am ABC and I bought a 'Fastrack' watch from your showroom on 15th October, 20XX, the cash memo of which has been attached herewith. The cash memo clearly states a guarantee of one year on the watch. I regret to say that for about three weeks, my watch has not been keeping up with the time. It gets slow by about seven minutes in every 24 hours. Its automatic winding system, too, seems to have developed some defect. I am herewith, sending you the watch. You can either replace it or get it I repaired, whatever suits you according to your company policy. It has not been tampered with by anyone I shall be highly obliged if you please return the watch at the earliest after necessary amendments. Sorry for the inconvenience caused.

Thanking you

Yours truly,

ABC

Encl: Cash memo no. 1210 and the watch.

4.

Nightmare

I was often a person that never had bad dreams but now and then I do. This dream I had 2 years ago is something that struck me so hard, I still remember the details.

It starts out with me working in some mobile laboratory unit. I'm just moving around science equipment such as beakers and test tubes. Then there's a 9 year old boy, standing outside of the door crying and screaming to be let in. This other guy who I was next to, one of those people in your dreams that don't look like anyone you know suggested ,he should let the boy in.

He did, and the boy was in some furious rage. He acted like one of those crazy people in those epidemic films. When he started attacking the man, I ran out of the opposite door and suddenly I am in the lobby of a hotel. There's people running around everywhere. A fire emits for unknown reason. Dreams do that, then I am at the staircase of a hotel floor

with a women and two men. This part I vaguely remembered but something caused the man to shoot himself in the head after killing the women.

That was the end of the dream. I had no idea what that was supposed to meant but I never seen so many people with negative emotions in a dream like that before. Most of my dreams were often happy and adventurous.

OR

Exceptional Surprise Birthday party

I visit a nearby old-age home once in a month to spend time with the senior citizens whose either families have abandoned them or they have no families. I carry some traditional snacks and sweets which they relish on. On one such occasion, I had been to the old-age home, where I was a spectator to a surprise birthday party. It was the birthday of a 75 year old gentleman, who was living in the old age-home for 15 years by then. It was a second home to him. All the members of the old-age home had surprised him that day by calling his family members to celebrate his birthday. When all of them gathered to cut the cake, one of the member walked in with his family. I saw the gentleman break down into tears, which were unstoppable. The fact was that his family had visited him for the first time in these fifteen years. He managed to control his emotions and hugged the family. I saw a sparkle in the eyes of the gentleman when he cut the cake along with his granddaughter. There was a sudden change of emotions, expressions and body language of the gentleman. I had never seen him happier before. He thanked all the friends and other members of the old-age home for going that extra mile to reach out and convince his family to be present on his special day. I realized the importance of family and friends on this day. A small kind gesture by friends made someone's birthday very special. It changed my whole perspective of looking at life I think it was indeed an exceptional surprise birthday party I ever attended.

5. 1
 1. i. of
 2. ii. in
 3. iii. to
 4. i. about
 5. iv. from
- 6.

Before	Missing Word	After
A.Once	upon	a
B.glimpse	of	'Golden bird-Indian"'. a
C. India	as	a
D.could	be	lack
E. resources	in	terms

7.

- i. All Indian cities have expanded after 1960.
- ii. Indians live in the most crowded spaces.
- iii. At least 35% of urban India lives in slums.
- iv. No Indian city is free of the growing dangers of pollution.
- v. It is difficult to see the stars in the sky at night.

8.

- a.
 - i. Lavinia.
 - ii. She has learnt that her husband is carrying on a clandestine love affair.
 - iii. He is devastated; his marriage is on the rocks.
 - iv. Communicate

OR

- b.
 - i. The mariner's was stuck in the ice in the polar region.
 - ii. Repetition is being used in the first two lines. It emphasises the fact that huge icebergs surrounded the ship and kept it from moving.
 - iii. The ice made noises as if a person was having a fainting fit. The figures of s used here are onomatopoeia and personification.
 - iv. `Swound' means fainting fit.
9. a. The three things that grandfather planned to do on Monday next was first to go to a lawyer and change his will, then pay his insurance premium and finally go to St. Phillip's church and get married.
- b. The poet conveys the fact that women is deeply distressed because when she sees herself ageing in the mirror, she turns away to find her answers in the candles and moon. She has tears in her eyes and her agitated hands express her distress.

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- c. According to the newspaper, Sebastian Shultz was badly injured in a car accident. His condition was described by doctors as critical but stable. In spite of doctors' efforts Sebastian could not regain consciousness and went into coma.
- d. Brutus is Caesar's friend. He has great Republican zeal, noble idealism and he is a great moralist. He is a champion of public liberty and freedom. But he is not a good judge of psychology. He gets misled by the conniving nature of the conspirators and joins them to kill Caesar because of his love for the liberty and bright future of Rome.
- e. In his youth, Ali was a very skilled Shikari. He could trace and obtain the earth-brown partridge from a bush, even when the dogs had failed to detect it. Ali was also a very skilled points man. Besides being a shikari, he would often go out fishing with his friends. He left his old ways because he had now grown old and there was no one to bring his rewards to. He also realized how much pains the animal or bird was going through, being parted from its loved ones so reflecting on all this, he gave up hunting.
10. a. Time and war are the two destructive forces that the poet talks about in this poem. The very first quatrain of his sonnet revolves around the theme of the ravages made by the passage of time. The poet says that the once acclaimed and well-known durable marbled and gilded monuments of princes too have been tarnished and left uncared by the 'sluttish time'. In the second quatrain, he goes on to talk about yet another destroyer called war. These wars, over the ages have overturned great statues and rooted out great 'works of masonry'.
However, the poet is comfortable when he ensures that his verse as well his beloved friend have no threat from either skittish time or from the sword of Mars. His poet shall outlive all the ravages of time and his friend shall shine brighter than the gilded monuments of the princes. Even the Mars or his 'quick fire' shall not be able to burn the living record (the poem) in which the poet has immortalized his friend.

OR

- b.
- Patol Babu was initially very disappointed because of the small role he had been given.
 - Then, he recalled the words of his mentor's that "however small a part, never consider it beneath your dignity to accept it".
 - Motivated by these words, Patol Babu decided to rehearse his part before the final shoot. He chooses a reclusive spot to practice.

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- 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 will take 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.

11. (A)

a. Anne's diary presents a remarkable account of the last two years in the life of a thirteen year old girl. This diary was a birthday present and she considered it the best present which she had ever received. She was a shy, introvert type of girl who never expressed herself freely and made the diary her medium of expression. She mentioned her loneliness in the diary. In a way, she expressed her heart and revealed her inner self through Kitty, her diary. The diary contains her innermost feelings, beliefs, moods and observation on people who lived around. Her diary depicts her as a keen observer and a girl who had a flair to write with depth and feeling. Anne poured her heart out in the diary and found comfort and solace with it in the saddest moments. Thus we can say that her diary fulfilled her need to write

OR

b. Alfred Dussel was a dentist and an acquaintance of the Franks who hid with them in the annexe. He shared a room with Anne, who suffered the brunt of his odd personal hygiene habits, pedantic lectures, and controlling tendencies. Mr. Dussel's wife was a Christian, so she did not go into hiding, and he was separated from her. He never cared for the feelings of others and turned out to be an irresponsible person. He was the eighth entrant of the house. The other residents of the annexe found him to be a selfish man who never bothered about others. None of them ever found him to be helpful in any matter. The people of the annexe did not like him. On many occasions, he committed a mistake, later apologised for it but only to repeat it again. He was an ungrateful personality who showed an irresponsible behaviour throughout his stay at the annexe.

OR

11. (B)

a. Like any other child, Helen was possessive and moody. The advent of Helen's younger sister Mildred divided the attention of her mother. She could not tolerate her mother's indulgence towards her little sister. Her little sister sat in her mother's lap constantly, where Helen used to sit. Her raw and innocent heart of Helen could not tolerate it. She held Mildred responsible for this division of love, care and attention. This made her agitated and angry. Helen used to put her doll, Nancy in a cradle to sleep. Once she found Mildred sleeping in the cradle of her doll, this made her furious. Out of anger and pent up emotions, she overturned the cradle. Mildred was about to fall down on the floor when her mother caught her and saved her from being seriously injured. The reaction on the part of Helen is natural. Later on, she realised her mistake and with the passage of time she became friendly with her sister.

OR

- b.
- Martha Washington was daughter of the cook of Keller's family.
 - She was a coloured who became Helen's companion in her early days.
 - She understood Helen's signs.
 - She was a mischievous girl. Helen always dominated her and made her do what she wanted to do.
 - She submitted her to Helen because she didn't want to fight with Helen.
 - She used to spend a lot of time in the kitchen with Helen kneading dough balls, making ice-cream, grinding coffee, quarrelling over the cake bowl and feeding hens and turkeys.
 - She also used to go to egg-hunting in the long grass with Helen.