

CBSE Class 10

English

Previous Year Question Paper 2022 - Term 1

Set No. 2

Sub. Code: 101

ENGLISH COMMUNICATIVE

Time allotted: 3 Hrs

Maximum Marks: 80

General Instructions:

- 1. This paper consists of three sections: A, B, and C. All the sections are compulsory.*
- 2. Separate instructions are given with each section and question, wherever necessary. Read these instructions carefully and follow them faithfully.*
- 3. Do not exceed the prescribed word limit while answering the questions. Marks will be deducted if this limit is crossed.*
- 4. Attempt all questions of a section without mixing them with another section.*

SECTION A – READING

(20 marks)

1. Read the following passage carefully.

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- 1. Blending freestyle dancing with a workout routine is now becoming a popular form of exercise. There are also a variety of dance forms that have been used as workouts in the past. The most popular forms have been Zumba, Belly Dancing, and Salsa but the latest variety to have caught the headlines is Bokwa dancing. It is touted as a major global fitness trend this year.**
- 2. Unlike other forms of dancing used by fitness enthusiasts, Bokwa dancing enjoys the privilege of being devised by a fitness expert and not a dance enthusiast. Paul Mavi, the fitness personality from South Africa, who created this aerobic activity, derives the name from 'Bo' meaning boxing, and 'kwaito' an African word for a style of South African music and dance.**
- 3. The workout is quite easy, even though the name may be hard to pronounce. Not to be confused with the other African favorite the Zumba, Bokwa does not follow any choreography. The Zumba on the other hand is created around a traditional 8-beat count and is slower in tempo. In fact, the Bokwa is often touted as an alternative to Zumba.**
- 4. While dancing the Bokwa, all one must keep in mind is to draw the English Language letters and numbers with one's feet, along with performing an energizing cardio workout routine. Interestingly,**

this dance routine can be followed by people of all ages. For a fast workout, one can go all out and jazz it up with extra shimmies, hip bumps, or other freestyle moves.

- 5. The lean and mean dance routine is a great cardio workout as it combines cardio conditioning, strength training, coordination, and flexibility. One Bokwa exercise session can help one burn around 1000 calories. Moreover, it is said to be the only fitness program that uses hand signs. According to its founder Mavi, the use of sign language makes it simple for people to follow the routines.**

1. Answer the following questions on the basis of your reading of the passage.

(1 x 8 = 8)

a. What are the dance routines used as fitness models?

Ans: Zumba, belly dancing, and salsa are the dance routines used as fitness models.

b. What is unique about Bokwa dancing as a fitness module?

Ans: Unlike other types of dancing popular among fitness enthusiasts, Bokwa dancing was created by a fitness professional rather than a dance enthusiast.

c. What is the origin of the term 'Bokwa'?

Ans: The term 'Bokwa' derives the name from 'Bo' meaning boxing, and 'kwaito' an African word for a style of South African music and dance.

d. What is known about the inventor of this dance form?

Ans: The inventor of this dance form is Paul Mavi who is a fitness personality from South Africa.

e. Mention two differences between Bokwa and Zumba dancing.

Ans: Two differences between Bokwa and Zumba dancing are:

Bokwa	Zumba
1. Bokwa does not follow any choreography.	1. Zumba follows a choreography.
2. Bokwa incorporates an energizing cardio workout routine.	2. Zumba is based on a classic 8-beat count and has a slower speed.

f. How is Bokwa dancing performed?

Ans: In Bokwa, all one must keep in mind is to draw the English Language letters and numbers with one's feet, along with performing an energizing cardio workout routine.

g. What measures can be taken for a fast workout?

Ans: For a fast workout, go all out and add extra shimmies, hip bumps, or other freestyle actions.

h. What added advantage does Bokwa dancing have over all other forms?

Ans: A single Bokwa exercise session can help you burn up to 1000 calories.

2. Read the following passage carefully. 12

- 1. While it is a well-known fact that yoga, certain kinds of music, and some calming foods, are known to relieve stress, the latest trend is the search for certain scents with calming properties that can help a person to unwind and soothe the nerves.**
- 2. One such scent that is now being touted as having calming properties is lavender. It has long been a popular ingredient used in most spas as the scent is believed to help one sleep better. To test its properties one can opt for a lotion with lavender as its ingredient. An even better option is to spray the scent on the pillow for a sound sleep.**
- 3. Everyone has heard of mint chutney that is served with samosas and pakoras, but few would think of applying a mint-based paste on one's body. Yet this is just what is recommended for those who would like a smooth and purifying effect on the mind, brought about by this application.**
- 4. Citrus fruits are not only good for health but also serve as good mood lifters. Sniffing lemon zest is believed to soothe stress and the smell of grapefruit is known to curb depression. Other advantages include memory enhancement from smelling oranges. Even the zest of orange can make one feel energetic. Therapists also recommend that one can light an orange-scented candle by one's side, in the bath, and imbibe the same benefits.**
- 5. For that nagging headache that comes on whenever you step out into the scorching sun, there is yet a cure available from the array of calming scents. According to some researchers sniffing at a green apple can not only cure a headache but help alleviate it altogether.**

6. The latest finding about the calming properties of scents, has entered the realm of roses. Since time immemorial the flower has been associated with happiness, love, and joy. With this new finding, it will now embody an additional quality – that of relieving stress. The ideal way to prove it would be to use a rose-scented soap or massage with rose-scented body oil before going under the shower.

1. On the basis of your reading of the passage, answer the following questions in 30-40 words each. (2x4=8)

1. What does the latest research into scents reveal?

Ans: The latest research into scents reveal that there are certain scents with calming properties that can help a person to unwind and soothe the nerves.

b. What are the latest findings about the properties of lavender?

Ans: The latest findings about the properties of lavender are that it has long been a popular ingredient used in most spas as the scent is believed to help one sleep better.

c. How do citrus fruits help in calming the body?

Ans: Citrus fruits are not only wonderful for your health, but they also improve your mood. Sniffing lemon zest is believed to soothe stress and the smell of grapefruit is known to curb depression.

d. What are the properties of green apples?

Ans: Green apple can prove to be a successful treatment for that nagging headache that occurs every time you venture out into the hot sun. According to some researchers sniffing at a green apple can not only cure a headache but help alleviate it altogether.

2. On the basis of your reading of the passage, fill in the following blanks with appropriate phrases. 2

1. The word 'calming' used in the passage denotes.....

- i. composing oneself ii. decomposing oneself
iii. making oneself sleepy iv. adding colour to one's life

Ans: (i) composing oneself

b. When 'something is recommended' it is.....

i. widely criticized

ii. re-used a second time

iii. widely approved

iv. started again

Ans: (iii) widely approved

3. Find out the words from the passage that mean the same as under: 2
a. suggested (para 3)

Ans: Recommended

b. improvement (para 4)

Ans: Enhancement

SECTION B – WRITING AND GRAMMAR

(30 marks)

3. The most unfortunate fact of modern times is that games and sports are dwindling from our life. This invaluable place has been usurped by the digital, virtual world. Write a letter in 100-120 words, to the Editor, of the Hindustan Times, highlighting the importance of sports and games and on the need to create awareness about it. 8

Ans:

34, Park Avenue
Mumbai 400023

2nd October 2022
The Editor
Hindustan Times
Mumbai 400023

Subject - Creating awareness about the importance of sports and games

Dear Sir/Ma'am,

Please allow me to raise the attention of parents and pupils to the value of sports and activities at a young age. Students nowadays are glued to playing online games on their smartphones.

Sports and gaming unquestionably play a significant role in our lives. They are responsible for instilling in us specific qualities like honesty, responsibility, and discipline, as well as confidence, courage, alertness, and adaptability to any situation. However, the importance of a playground is rapidly dwindling

due to a lack of awareness in today's fast-paced world; so, it must be built. Both students and parents must realize the importance of sports and activities in overall development.

I would be glad if you could please print this topic in your renowned daily and pique the attention of parents in sports and games. I hope that in the future, sports and games will be accorded the same weight as academics.

Thank you

Yours sincerely

Rishabh Banerjee

4. Write a short story, in about 200-250 words, starting with the lines provided below. Give a suitable title to the story. 10

I hate surprises. No, I really do hate surprises. The last time someone surprised me I nearly.....

Ans:

SURPRISES ARE NOT ALWAYS GREAT

I hate surprises. No, I really do hate surprises. The last time someone surprised me I nearly fainted. Yes, there are "nice surprises," such as discovering my children cleaned their rooms without being informed (that WOULD be a surprise!). But, in general, I despise surprises. And I don't just mean the sort that jumps out of a box and startles you out of the skin (though those may be really hilarious, especially when it happens to someone else), but I feel worried whenever I don't know what to anticipate or when plans change at the last minute.

In real life, we are constantly surprised: You receive an unexpected question to which you have no satisfactory answer. Someone makes an insensitive comment that you are unsure how to address. Upper management throws out your carefully constructed plan at the last minute. You stain your shirt with coffee. You're let down by technology. You misplace your presenting notes.

That happened to me around the age of 18. I attended a church summer camp. "Speech Class" was one of the activities. The staff chose me to give a farewell speech after the expensive dinner on the last night of the two-week camp. I took my notes, but I misplaced them on the way and couldn't find them. I had no other choice but to improvise it! Terrifying!

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. 4

We (a) ----- Australia last summer. It was a very memorable experience. One day we (b) ----- hiking with

some local boys. Hiking through the scrub, we (c) ----- lucky to see the Kangaroo. It (d) ----- quietly with only its ears moving. While he focused his camera my brother motioned me to keep still. Suddenly the animal sprang away.

a. (i) visited (ii) had visited (iii) were visiting (iv) visit

Ans: (i) visited

b. (i) go (ii) went (iii) were going (iv) had gone

Ans: (ii) went

c. (i) are (ii) have (iii) were (iv) had

Ans: (iii) were

d. (i) sat (ii) is sitting (iii) was sitting (iv) had sat

Ans: (iii) was sitting

6. The following passage has not been edited. There is one error in each of the lines. Write the incorrect word and the correction, in your answer sheet, as shown in the example. 4

Error Correction

Vitamin tablets has been around forever, but antioxidants are eg.has have

The last miracle cure. Do they really work?(a) If the hype is true, then what the antioxidants does is, (b) work for neutralize the free radicals in our bodies (c) and latter excrete them. (d)

Ans:

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|-------------------------|--------------------------|
| • (a) Error: cure | Correction: cures |
| • (b) Error: does | Correction: do |
| • (c) Error: neutralize | Correction: neutralizing |
| • (d) Error: latter | Correction: later |

7. Rearrange the following words/phrases to form meaningful sentences. 4

Example: nectar/bees/miles/many/in search of/fly

Bees fly many miles in search of nectar.

a. human travelers/ animals/ unlike/ maps/ have/ do not

Ans: Unlike human travelers, animals do not have maps.

b. navigate/ different clues/ they/ instead/ by using

Ans: They instead navigate by using many different clues.

c. use/ mountains/ birds/ rivers/ and/ the

Ans: Birds use the rivers and mountains.

d. the sun/ also use/ they/ as/ and stars/ a compass

Ans: They also use the sun and stars as a compass

SECTION C – LITERATURE (30 marks)

8. Read the extracts given below and answer the questions that follow. 4

a. **‘But you shall shine more bright in these contents**

Than unswept stone besmear’d with sluttish time.’

Who is being referred to in the first line?

Ans: In the first line the poet is referring to someone he loves.

b. **What does the term ‘besmear’d’ mean?**

Ans: ‘Besmear’d’ means to smear over or to sully.

c. **Why is time called sluttish?**

Ans: Time is called sluttish here because it is portrayed predominantly as a negative force connected with death and decay.

d. **Name the poet.**

Ans: William Shakespeare.

OR

b. **“The compelling motive for her sudden deviation towards the footsteps of Nimrod was the fact that Loona Bimberton had recently been carried eleven miles in an aeroplane.”**

a. **For whom is the pronoun 'her' used in this context?**

Ans: The pronoun ‘her’ is used for Mrs. Packletide in this context.

b. **What do you mean by 'sudden deviation'?**

Ans: Sudden deviation means to suddenly change the direction.

c. **Who is Nimrod and why is his reference made here?**

Ans: Nimrod was a hunter recognized for his unique style of hunting. His reference was made here because Mrs. Packletide was impressed by his hunting techniques.

d. **What is the tone of the writer in these lines?**

Ans: the tone of the writer is humorous in these lines.

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

a. When one of the boys said, 'We are not complaining, sir,' to the author, what do you learn of their character?

Ans: The boys were intensely engaged and dedicated. Their sole motivation was to pay for their sister's medical treatment. They were unconcerned about their comfort and worked relentlessly to obtain money.

b. What was Loona Bimberton's reaction at Mrs. Packletide's instant fame?

Ans: Loona Bimberton grew very jealous after witnessing Mrs. Packletide's quick success and desired a weak point to outshine her again, but while being her rival, she wrote a letter of thanks while hiding her feelings for receiving a gift of a tiger claw brooch.

c. In what way is the poet stronger than powerful rulers?

Ans: Time destroys the creations of mighty rulers, such as statues and monuments, but the poet is more powerful than these kings since time cannot destroy his invention, his poetry.

d. In what way did the villagers connive with Mrs. Packletide in shooting the tiger?

Ans: The villagers were overjoyed. Children were stationed on the outskirts of the bush to keep an eye on the tiger in case he wandered off to other hunting areas. Goats were scattered to keep him occupied and to keep him from wandering. The people were solely concerned about the tiger, which should not die of old age before the shoot date.

e. How does the spat between his daughters lead to grandfather discovering the truth?

Ans: The spat escalated into a full-fledged verbal brawl between the two sisters. Mrs. Jordan informed the grandfather that Mr. and Mrs. Slater moved the bureau and the clock from his room to the sitting room because they assumed he was dead and were moving things out of his room so she wouldn't be able to claim them. In this way, grandfather discovered the truth.

10. Answer ONE of the following questions in about 120 – 150 words. 8

Victoria is the only one who loves her grandfather. She is also a witness to the manipulations and the mercenary behaviour of her parents and her

aunt and uncle. She writes a diary expressing shock at their attitude and the emotional loss she would undergo after her grandfather's departure.

Ans: Saturday, October 21, 1999

Time: 9.30 p.m.

Dear Diary,

It was such a rollercoaster of a day today. My grandfather died today. When I got to know about his death, I was shocked and scared and was feeling desolate. I love my grandfather very much and I could not bear to see him dead. When my mother checked up on him and thought that he had died, she had to inform my aunt and uncle. But I was thoroughly disgusted with the behaviour that my parents and my aunt and uncle showed. They were being manipulative and were only concerned about dividing grandfather's things. I was so sad to see my relatives exhibit this kind of mercenary and greedy behaviour. Later we all came to know that grandfather was actually alive and was in a deep slumber. The grandfather was hurt to see all of them behave like this and was appalled by the greed of his children. He also changed his will later on but I was very happy to see that he was alive. It was an eventful day at the very least.

Goodnight.

Victoria

OR

“The nobility of life lies in doing selfless deeds.” In the light of this remark show how the brothers Nicola and Jacopo lived up to this ideal.

Ans: Jacopo's older brother Nicola was 13 years old. Both siblings were exceedingly truthful and selfless. They worked valiantly to aid Lucia's recovery from tuberculosis. They had a tough upbringing. They performed a variety of strange tasks. They cleaned shoes, sold fruit, distributed newspapers, chauffeured tourists throughout town, and conducted errands for pay. They didn't spend a lot of money on clothes or meals. because they had saved money for their sister's treatment. They preserved their dignity, however. They didn't want to talk about their family situation and preferred to keep it private. The guys didn't tell the narrator about their dilemma since they didn't want compassion or charity. They accepted their life's obligations. They were determined to work hard in order to earn a living and pay for their sister's care. The war had taken its toll on them, but it had not crushed their spirit. As a result of their selflessness, human life gains a new nobility. It offers greater hope for human society.

11. Answer ONE of the following questions based on the prescribed novel in about 200- 250 words. 10

The Story of My Life

a. Why did Helen's family decide to travel to Baltimore? How did she enjoy the train journey to Baltimore?

Ans: Helen travelled to Baltimore with her parents to meet Dr. Chisholm, who was known to be successful in treating many cases of eye disease, but the trip concluded with the doctor's words of hopelessness. The doctor, however, sent them to Dr. Alexander Graham Bell of Washington. Helen felt at ease in the presence of Graham Bell, and she had no idea that this trip would change her life and pave the route from darkness to light. Helen's father was encouraged by Dr. Bell to write to Mr. Anagnos, who would provide a teacher to assist Helen in her studying. This excursion brought Miss Sullivan into Helen's life, and she guided Helen through the realm of study.

Helen made several friends along the way. One lady brought her a box of shells, which kept her occupied for quite some time. The conductor let her use his punching machine. She entertained herself for hours, by cutting strange small holes in pieces of cardboard Helen's aunt fashioned a large doll out of towels for her. It was a formless doll. The lack of eyes was the most striking to her. Then she discovered her aunt's cape, from which she removed two beads. These beads were stitched onto the doll. Helen was ecstatic. So she didn't throw a temper tantrum the entire trip.

OR

b. Describe Helen's father and the emotional bond she shared with him.

Ans: Arthur H. Keller, Helen's father, was committed to his house and rarely left his family except during hunting season. She remembered his gentle touch as he guided her from tree to tree, vine to vine, and his eagerness to please his daughter. He was a famous storyteller, and after Helen learned to speak, he used to awkwardly spell his cleverest anecdotes into her hand. Nothing made him happier than hearing her say them again at the right time.

Helen was enjoying the summer of 1896 in the North when she learned of her father's death. He'd had a short illness with a brief period of extreme pain before it was all gone. Helen's first significant sadness was his death, her first firsthand experience with death, and the loss of a loved one was intolerable for her.

The Diary of a Young Girl

a. What are Anne's views about the Laws that restrict the Jews' freedom?

Ans: Anne's family lived in constant fear because their relatives in Germany were subjected to Hitler's anti-Jewish laws. Her uncles (mother's brothers) escaped Germany and sought sanctuary in North America in 1938, while their seventy-three year-old grandmother joined them.

Trouble began for Jews after May 1940, when a succession of anti-Jewish regulations limited their freedom. The Germans ordered Jews to wear a yellow star, prohibited them from using streetcars, and prohibited them from owning or riding an automobile. Their shopping hours were set between 3 and 5 p.m. They were only permitted to go to Jewish schools and shops.

These limitations did not sit well with Anne. She considered laws to be unreasonable and unfair. She couldn't comprehend the discrimination. She gradually accepted these limitations as a part of life in Amsterdam. But life isn't always a bed of roses. To make matters worse, they were informed that they will be transferred to detention camps. The living conditions in these camps were deplorable, as people were forced to live in horrific conditions. Otto Frank decided to go into hiding in the secret annexe after talking with some of his pals; Anne was not pleased with the change of events. She was now filled with resentment. She recognized herself as a songbird without wings, a jumble of contrasts.

OR

b. Write the pen portrait of Mr. Van Dann.

Ans: Mr. Van Dann, a business associate of Otto Frank's, was described as "a very bright and well-bred guy, but in time his nervous strength gave out." This is reinforced by Anne's diary entry about him; his wife appears to have been the more controlling of the two, at least while they were in hiding.

Mr. Van Dann formerly worked in the meat, sausage, and spice industries. Mr. Van Dann decided to produce bratwurst and sausages in the secret annexe. The kitchen was in disarray. Mr. Van Dann, dressed in his wife's apron, was slicing the meat. He looked like a true butcher with his bloody hands, scarlet face, and soiled apron.

Mr. Van Dann was still up to date on the political situation in Europe and the war. He, like everyone else, expected the war to finish soon. The end of the war and Hitler's defeat would signal the end of Jewish persecution, torture, and death.

Mr. Van Dann was gassed in Auschwitz, and Mr. Frank saw him marching to the gas chamber with a group of other men. The precise date is unknown. He, too, took the long train ride to Auschwitz, where he was separated from his wife, whom he never saw again.

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