

# CLASS X SAMPLE PAPER ENGLISH(Communicative)

*Time allowed: 3 Hours*

*Maximum Marks: 100*

**General instructions:**

- (i) *This paper consists of four sections-*  
**Section A- Reading**      20 marks  
**Section B- Writing**      30 marks  
**Section C- Grammar**      20 marks  
**Section D- Literature**      30 marks
- (ii) *Attempt **all** questions.*
- (iii) *Do **not** write anything in the question paper.*
- (iv) *All the answers must be correctly numbered as in the question paper and written in the answer sheet provided to you.*
- (v) *Attempt all questions in each section before going on to the next section.*
- (vi) *Read each question carefully and follow the instructions.*
- (vii) *Strictly adhere to the word limit given with each question. Marks will be deducted for exceeding the word limit.*

## **SECTION A- (Reading)**

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1. Read the following poem carefully and answer the questions that follow:

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Shall I compare thee to a summer's day?  
 Thou art lovelier and more temperate  
 Rough winds do shake the darling buds of May,  
 And summers lease hath all too short a date  
 Sometimes too hot the eye of heaven shines  
 And often is his gold complexion dimmed:  
 And every fair from fair declines.  
 By chance or nature's changing course untrimm'd,  
 By thy eternal summer shall not fade  
 Nor loose possession of that fair thou ow'st  
 Nor shall death brag thou wander'st in his shade  
 When in eternal lines to time thou grow'st.  
 So long as men can breathe, or eyes can see  
 So long lives this, and this gives life to thee.

1.1. Complete the following sentences based on the poem:

- (a) The poet compares his friend to a \_\_\_\_\_ 1
- (b) The darling buds of spring shake because \_\_\_\_\_ 1
- (c) The beauty of every beautiful object decreases because of chance and \_\_\_\_\_. 1
- (d) 'This' in the last line stands for \_\_\_\_\_. 1

1.2. The poet uses certain expressions in the poem to suggest something. Choose one suggestion that fits the best for each of the expression: 3

<i>Expression from the poem</i>	<i>To suggest that</i>
The eye of heaven	The sun
The eternal summer	(a)
Too short a date	(b)
Wander'st in his shade	(c)

Brief existence

A captive of death

The sun

Your everlasting youth

1.3. Explain the following expressions: 1

- (a) 'every fair from fair declines'
- (b) 'in his shade'

2. Read the passage given below and answer the questions that follow: 12

**NEEM: BETTER MOSQUITO REPELLENT**

1. With arrival of winter the mosquitoes go in hiding but they still remain a menace that is tolerated by all and sundry, whether rich or poor throughout the year.
2. Using repellents made by various companies foreign or Indian that are flooding the market in different brands and types assures all a safer sleep, protected from the mosquitoes' bite.
3. But, in studies that have been carried out by experts, neem oil would be a better mosquito repellent when compared to the market' s repellents in terms of cost and impact on human health.
4. The studies have revealed that domestic neem tree, of a botanical name of *Azadirachta indica*, has amazing repellent property against mosquitoes' movements.
5. The neem oil, what is produced from the fruits of neem tree, can provide a more than ninety percent protection from the mosquitoes responsible for malaria, and, is effective on dreadful dengue carrier parasites too.
6. The most attractive feature of neem oil is that it is cheaper.
7. The study emphasized instruction of the people especially of rural areas to use it for their personal protection.
8. Market based repellents like coils and mats contain usually parathion or allethrin as main compound with insecticidal properties.
9. But, the repellents of these synthetic chemicals are not proven as non- hazardous product due to toxins.
10. The study of industrial toxicological research institute, Lucknow, has revealed that some serious health consequences have been reported after the use of synthetic repellents.
11. Abnormal facial sensations, sneezing, sniffing, dizziness, fatigue, skin reaction etc were the complaints that were recorded.
12. The Malaria Research Centre, the pioneer body of the Government of India, says that worst affect of there repellents is seen in case of children.
13. Neem oil, therefore, has been found to be the best solution to the mosquito nuisance and promising a phytochemical in malarial control.
14. According to the study, carried out by Dr V K Dua and others, application of coconut oil, with a mixing of just 2 % neem oil in it, on the exposed body of human like face, hands and legs makes for safety from the mosquitoes bite.
15. Dr Dua is a scientist in the field station of Malaria Research Centre at Haridwar and data were taken in the study of Haridwar district.

- 2.1. Complete the following statements as briefly as possible: 6  
 (a) People use mosquito repellent to \_\_\_\_\_.

- (b) In some respects, the neem oil is a better repellent than others. These are \_\_\_\_\_.
- (c) The market-based repellents are considered unsafe as \_\_\_\_\_.
- (d) Neem oil which is \_\_\_\_\_ has amazing repellent property against mosquitoes' movements.
- (e) The most attractive feature of neem oil is \_\_\_\_\_.
- (f) Applications of coconut oil with 2% neem oil can \_\_\_\_\_.

2.2. Complete the following on the basis of serious health consequences after the use of synthetic repellents: 2

Sneezing

- (a) \_\_\_\_\_
- (b) \_\_\_\_\_
- (c) \_\_\_\_\_
- (d) \_\_\_\_\_

Sniffing

2.3. Find words from the passage which mean the same as the following from the paragraphs indicated: 4

- (a) nuisance/ troublesome( para 1)
- (b) showed/ made known ( para 4)
- (c) very surprising ( para 4)
- (d) results ( para 10)

### SECTION B- (Writing)

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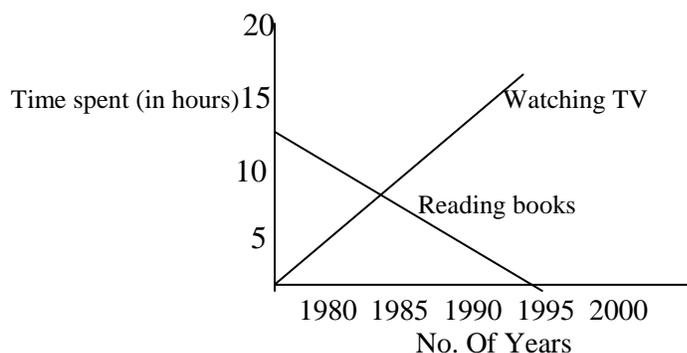
3. You are Mahendra Kumar, the secretary of the Science club of your school. Write a notice for the School Notice- board, informing the students about the Science exhibition to be held and requesting them to participate in it whole- heartedly. Also inform them that outsiders are also welcome to this exhibition. Write out the notice in not more than 50 words excluding the heading. Put the notice in a box. 5
4. Shruti wrote the following letter to her mother. But later on she decided to send a telegram instead of sending the letter. Write this telegram on the answer sheet in not more than 25 words. 5

36, Durga's Girls Hostel  
Indore  
3 march 200X  
Dear mom

I had a comfortable journey but on arrival I found that I had forgotten my syllabus on chemistry along with the textbook. I think they were lying on the top of the bookshelf in my room. I need these urgently for my exams. Please do send the notes through courier mail. I also need Rs. 500 to pay the fee for my coaching classes in Maths.  
Regards and love  
Shruti

5. Varsha witnessed an accident near the school gate where a child was hit by a bus and was hurt quite badly. Many people were standing around, but did not know what to do. Ultimately, a young lady who had a car quickly took him to the hospital. However, Varsha felt that at least some of the students or teachers should have been able to render first aid. She decided to write a letter to the editor about the importance of knowing first aid. Using your own ideas and the ideas from the unit 'Health and Medicine' of your MCB, write out Varsha's letter in about 150 words. 10
6. Given below is a graph. Prepare an article for the school magazine interpreting the data giving your reactions for the benefit of the students. Emphasize the need to promote reading, suggesting suitable measures. (Word limit: 200 words) 10

**Graph showing time spent on watching TV and on reading, in an Indian family**



**SECTION –C (Grammar)**

**20**

7. In the passage given below, one word has been omitted in each line. Write the missing word along with the word that comes before and after in it in your answer sheet against the correct blank number. 4

The room was the ground floor and in front of the cottage. (a) \_\_\_\_\_

As I came up through the wilderness had once been a garden (b) \_\_\_\_\_

I could see the dogs watching me the old lady's bed. (c) \_\_\_\_\_

And when I knocked the door the place almost erupted with their barking. It was always like I had been visiting regularly for over an year and the pattern never changed; the furious barking, then Mrs Broadwith looked after Miss Stubbs would push all the animals my patient into the back Kitchen and open the door and I go in and see Miss Stubbs.

(d) \_\_\_\_\_  
 (e) \_\_\_\_\_  
 (f) \_\_\_\_\_  
 (g) \_\_\_\_\_  
 (h) \_\_\_\_\_

8. Read the dialogue given below. Complete the following reporting their conversation. Write the correct answer against the correct blank number in your answer sheet: 4
- Customer: Waiter, there are flies in my soup!  
 Waiter: But sir, they are fresh flies.  
 Customer: What do you mean?  
 Waiter: They only arrived this morning sir.  
 Customer: Oh! Flies in soup! How disgusting!  
 Waiter: sorry sir I'll change it. But I can't put an elephant in a soup bowl.  
 An irritated customer called the waiter impatiently and complained that (a) \_\_\_\_\_.  
 The waiter respectfully replied (b) \_\_\_\_\_. The customer asked (c) \_\_\_\_\_.  
 The waiter politely remarked that (d) \_\_\_\_\_. The customer exclaimed his (e) \_\_\_\_\_ and further exclaimed (f) \_\_\_\_\_. The waiter politely offered (g) \_\_\_\_\_ but remarked wittily that (h) \_\_\_\_\_ in a soup bowl.
9. Look at the words and phrases given below. Rearrange them to form meaningful sentences: 4
- (a) Itself/ enemies/ the/ many/ has/ crocodile/ mortal.  
 (b) Sixty/ lays/ seventy/ female/ or/ crocodile/ eggs/ the.  
 (c) Destined/ not/ them/ but/ survive/ of/ are/ to/ many.  
 (d) Eggs/ a/ the/ in/ sand bank/ in/ lays/ a mother/ the/ hole.
10. Look at the newspaper items below. Then use the information in the headlines to complete the paragraph: 4
- (a) IDOLS IMMersed IN RIVER  
 The ten- day Durga Puja festival comes to an end today with \_\_\_\_\_ in the Ganga.
- (b) TALKS RESUME: PEACE RESTORED  
 The \_\_\_\_\_ of the talks between India and Pakistan has led to \_\_\_\_\_ of peace in the valley.
- (c) MINISTER RESIGNS: PARTY CONFUSED  
 The sudden \_\_\_\_\_ of a senior cabinet minister caused \_\_\_\_\_ among the party leaders.
- (d) 'DEAD' BABY FOUND ALIVE: HOSPITAL ATTACKED

A government hospital in Orissa \_\_\_\_\_ by a mob after an infant declared dead by a doctor \_\_\_\_\_ alive at the burial ground.

11. Complete the passage below by writing one suitable word in each space: 4
- Birds and animals live in the lap of nature and can predict the likely changes accurately. Swallows usually fly high (a) \_\_\_\_\_ the sky. But (b) \_\_\_\_\_ a storm, they come down and fly close (c) \_\_\_\_\_ the ground. Watch the swallows carefully. If they fly low, you (d) \_\_\_\_\_ be sure of strong winds. Even a toad is (e) \_\_\_\_\_ reliable weatherman. Normally it is silent but (f) \_\_\_\_\_ the rains come, it croaks happily. Listen to a toad and by (g) \_\_\_\_\_ the modulations of its voice you (h) \_\_\_\_\_ be forewarned about the arrival of rains.

**SECTION- D (Literature)**

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12. Read the extract given below and answer the following questions in your answer sheet: 4

My father, sceptic , rationalist,  
Trying every curse and blessing,  
Powder, mixture, herb and hybrid.  
He even poured a little paraffin  
Upon the bitten toe and put a match to it.

- (a) What kind of person was the father?  
(b) Do you think his efforts brought any relief to the lady? Give reason.  
(c) Explain the meaning of 'hybrid'.  
(d) Name the poem and the poet.

13. Read the extract given below and answer the following questions in your answer sheet: 4

And now came both mist and snow,  
And it grew wondrous cold;  
And ice, mast- high, came floating by,  
As green as emerald.

- (a) The sailors felt 'wondrous cold' because \_\_\_\_\_.  
(b) What does 'mast- high' refer to?  
(c) Where do you think had the mariner's ship reached then?  
(d) How has the poet described the polar region?

14. Why, do you think, does Shelley trace the movement of the West Wind on the earth, in the sky and across the ocean? Write your answer in about 100 words. 5
15. Read the extract from ‘A Christmas Carol’ and answer the questions that follow: 5  
MARLEY: I wear the chain I forged in life. I made link by link, and yard by yard. I wore it of my own free will.
- (a) Which chain is Marley talking about?  
(b) How did Marley make it ‘link by link, and yard by yard’?  
(c) Why did Marley wear the chain of his own free will?
16. In ‘The Ultimate Safari’, the grandmother is shown to care a lot for her grand children. Give two instances from the story, which show this quality of hers. Your answer should not exceed 75 words. 4
17. Imagine you are one of the rescuers of Cutie Pie who helped him reach his own planet. Cutie Pie has related his sufferings and how he survived the ordeal. Write a page of your diary entry in 150 –175 words recording your feelings and reactions to his valiant efforts. 8