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PRE-BOARD EXAMINATION-2 (2017-18)
SUBJECT : ENGLISH COMMUNICATIVE

CLASS : X

M.M: 80

General Instructions :

- (i) The Question Paper is divided into three sections:
Section A – Reading 20 marks
Section B – Writing and Grammar 30 marks
Section C – Literature 30 marks
- (ii) All questions are compulsory.
- (iii) You may attempt any section at a time.
- (iv) All questions of that particular section must be attempted in the correct order.

SECTION A – (READING)

(20 marks)

Q.1 Read the following passage carefully :

(8)

1. People are seldom aware that their comfortable living depends upon the work of several thousands of persons. The first thing, for instance, almost everyone looks forward to in the morning is a hot cup of tea. This cup of tea embodies the work of thousands of people. This can be easily shown. Consider the number of things we require to prepare a cup of tea, such as clean drinking water, tea, sugar, milk, gas, burner, pot, crockery, strainer, spoon and so on.
2. Consider first the supply of clean drinking water. In large cities this is possible because of the construction of huge reservoirs at great cost and the regular maintenance of the water supply system by hundreds of workers.
3. Tea is grown in distant plantations and made available to the consumers through a vast network employing hundreds of workers. Consider further the machinery required for sugar mills. The production of this machinery involves a long chain of processes and operations. Mining of coal and iron ore, manufacture of steel and machine tools, in which thousands of workers are employed. The same argument holds good with regard to the supply of milk. The production of other items such as gas, burner, crockery, spoons, etc, requires the service of hundreds of workers. And recall how agitated we are if the milk van is late in the morning – may be because its tyre has burst on the way. This may be due to its poor maintenance or bad conditions of the roads. A good cup of tea indeed thus represents the work of several thousands of persons.

1.1 On the basis of your reading of the passage, answer any eight of the following questions : (1 × 8 = 8)

- a) How do people begin their day?
- b) What does a good cup of tea represent?
- c) What is the purpose behind construction of huge reservoirs in cities?
- d) When do we feel agitated?
- e) A good cup of tea requires the service of _____.

- f) What is the cause of the delay of the milk van?
- g) How does a cup of tea embody the work of thousands of people?
- h) Which word in **Para no. 3** means the same as 'disagreement'?
- i) Write the noun form of 'available'.

Q.2 Read the following passage carefully :

(12)

1. It is rare to find someone with good technical and communication skills. You can get far ahead of your colleagues if you combine these two, early in your career. People will judge, evaluate, promote or block you based on your communication skills. Since habits form by repeating both good and bad forms of communication, learn to observe great communicators and adopt their styles and traits – in written and verbal forms. The art of listening and learning from each and every interaction, is another secret recipe. Develop the subconscious habit of listening to yourself as you speak and know when to pause.
2. Learning what not to say is probably more important than learning what to say. As your career develops, you will realize that the wise speak less. Speak when you have value to add, else refrain. Poorly constructed emails with grammatical errors are acceptable between friends, but they should be seriously avoided while communicating formally with your seniors. Avoid any communication in an emotional state when you might say things you will regret later. One unnecessary word uttered at the wrong time or place can ruin a relationship, career or even your life. Such is the power of words. If such a thing happens, you should immediately apologise, else it may haunt you for life.
3. Another problem to overcome is speaking too fast. Since our minds are working faster than our speech, we are inclined to speak fast. This does not necessarily mean that the person hearing it will get it any faster. On the contrary, it is always the reverse. So slow down, and think before you speak. "When I get ready to speak to people," Abraham Lincoln said, "I spend two-thirds of the time thinking what they want to hear and one-third thinking what I want to say." Adding humour and wit is also essential. But realize that not all jokes are funny and observe certain boundaries. Never say anything that could offend. Remember you are not a comedian who must offend as many people as you can to be witty.

2.1 On the basis of your reading of the passage, answer any four of the following questions in about 30-40 words each : (2 × 4 = 8)

- a) Why is it necessary to have good communication skills?
- b) How can communication skills be developed?
- c) What according to the writer, should be avoided while communicating?
- d) Why should you be careful when you tend to be humorous?
- e) According to the passage, a good communicator should avoid speaking fast. Justify.

2.2 On the basis of your reading of the passage, complete any two of the following sentences : (1 × 2 = 2)

- a) The secret recipe of good communication skills is _____.
- b) Our relationship can be ruined by _____.
- c) We are inclined to speak fast because _____.

- 2.3 Find out words that mean the same as the words / phrases given below. Attempt any two of the following : (1 × 2 = 2)
- quality (Paragraph 1)
 - repent (Paragraph 2)
 - necessary (Paragraph 3)

SECTION B : WRITING & GRAMMAR

(30 marks)

- Q.3 You are Jacob of 101, Park Road, Hyderabad. You recently stayed in a hotel in Mumbai and found that the room that you checked-in was not upto your expectation. Even the services provided were sub-standard. Write a letter of complaint to the Manager of the hotel, citing reasons for your complaint in 100-120 words. (8)

OR

Ms. M. Sofat, the Physics department head, Cambridge School wants to place an order for some lab equipments like lenses, prisms, galvanometers, glass, cubes, etc. Write this letter in 100-120 words, placing the order with M/s NuAire Laboratory Equipment, Nai Sarak, Delhi. (8)

- Q.4 Write a story, in about 200-250 words, with any one set of the clues given below. Give a suitable title to the story. (10)

The doorbell rang. Rakesh opened the door. At first he could not recognise the tall and well-dressed man who stood before him. Then the man spoke and all of a sudden

OR

Travelling in metro ----- tunnel ----- lights went out ----- general panic ----- pushing and shoving ----- screams ----- phone flashlights switched on ----- an old man

- Q5. In the following paragraph, one word has been omitted in each line. Write down the missing word in any four sentences of the given paragraph, along with the word that comes before and after : (1 × 4 = 4)

	Before	Missing	After
You will always find that a person with very learning	a ) .....	.....	.....
loves to jabber all the while, laugh, joke make a lot	b) .....	.....	.....
of unnecessary noise. This is because person doesn't	c) .....	.....	.....
really have any substantial matter in the head and so	d) .....	.....	.....
hides this fact with a lot meaningless chatter. But the	e) .....	.....	.....
person of real substance looks around, observes and			
when he she speaks, it is to say something really			
meaningful.			

Q6. Rearrange any four of the following word clusters to make meaningful sentences :
(1 × 4 = 4)

- lung cancer / comprising of / cancers / terminology / several / is a broad / types of
- develops / abnormal / lung cancer / and destroy / around it / because / healthy tissue / cells grow
- type of / may be / lung cancer / every patient's / different
- appropriate / knowing / type of cancer / deciding / treatment / the exact / helps in
- is confirmed / type of / by / biopsy / lung cancer / performing / cytology studies / and

Q7. The following passage has not been edited. Correct the error and write down the correct answer in the space provided. Answer any four.
(1 × 4 = 4)

	Error	Correction
The large-tailed nightjar is a bird found most in the lowland,	a) .....	.....
mangrove or mountainous forests in the moist tropically and	b) .....	.....
subtropical regions. It is large and brightly shade. It has a	c) .....	.....
long and very broad tail, and its bill is very small.	d) .....	.....
Its wings is also long. It sports a moustache and a patch	e) .....	.....
on the breast and both are whitish in colour.		

SECTION C : LITERATURE – (TEXTBOOK AND LONG READING TEXT)

(30 marks)

Q8. Read the following extract carefully and answer the questions that follow. Write the answers in your answer sheet in one or two lines only :
(1 × 4 = 4)

“Over thy wounds now do I prophesy
Which, like dumb mouths, do ope their ruby lips,
To beg the voice and utterance of my tongue.”

- Who spoke the above words?
- Whose ‘wounds’ is the speaker referring to in the above lines?
- Why are they referred to as ‘dumb mouths’?
- Identify the figure of speech used in the second line of the above extract.

OR

“Nothing beside remains. Round the decay
Of that colossal wreck, boundless and bare
The lone and level sands stretch far away.”

- Name the poem from which these lines are taken.
- What does the expression ‘that colossal wreck’ mean?
- Identify the poetic device used in the last line of this extract.
- What is the rhyme scheme used in these lines?

Q9. Answer any four of the following questions in 30-40 words each : (2 × 4 = 8)

- Why was the narrator and his friend impressed by Nicola and Jacopo?
- Describe how the monuments and statues brave the ravages of time.
- Why do you think John avoided to tell the reality of Helen to Lavinia?
- How did Sebastian Shultz get trapped in the video games?
- Why was the Albatross considered as a 'Christian Soul'?

Q10. Attempt any one out of the two following long answer type questions in 100-120 words : (8 × 1 = 8)

One feels other's pain only when one goes through it himself / herself. Explain the postmaster's change of heart in the story, 'The Letter' and why it took place.

OR

Bring out the irony in the title of the play, 'The Dear Departed'.

Q11. Answer any one of the following questions based on prescribed novel text for extended reading in about 200-250 words : (10 × 1 = 10)

Write a character sketch of Mrs. Van Daan.

OR

The Annex was almost a prison for Anne. How did it limit her life?