

CBSE TEST PAPER-03
Class - 10 English Communicative
(Two Gentlemen of Verona)

General Instruction: -

- Question No. 1 to 6 carry four marks.
 - Question No. 7 carry eight marks.
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1. Yet their devotion had touched me deeply. War had not broken their spirit. Their selfless action brought a new mobility to human life, gave promise of a greater hope for human society.
 - a. What does the author mean by their devotion?
 - b. What was their selfless action?
 - c. How did the boys prove to be the real gentlemen?
 - d. Can you find a word similar to “expedite” from the above lines.
2. Next morning, coming out of our hotel, we saw our friends bent over shoeshine boxes beside the fountain in the public square, doing a brisk business.
 - a. Who came out of the hotel the next morning?
 - b. What happens to the statement if the word ‘beside’ is changed to ‘besides’?
 - c. What is meant by public square?
 - d. What brisk business were they doing?
3. Why did the two boys survive only on black breads and figs, despite making a decent earning?
4. They were among the first to join the resistance movement. Throw some light on the above statement.
5. Explain the significance of the term ‘Juliet’s Tomb’ as per the ‘Two Gentlemen of Verona’?
6. “You must be saving up to emigrate to America,” I suggested. Why people craved to go to America?”
7. “Where there is a will, there is a way”. Give anecdotes from the life the two boys to prove the above statement.

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[Answers]

1.
 - a. The author meant their hard work and care by the word “Devotion”.
 - b. Their Selfless work was to earn money with the single aim of finding a cure for their sister.
 - c. Despite the odds, the two boys stood above a earning their life which made them the real gentlemen.
 - d. Expedite – Mobility
2.
 - a. The narrator and his friend came out of the hotel.
 - b. Beside – By the side of (gives meaning to the sentence)
 - c. Besides – In Addition to (does not suit the context)
 - d. A junction point connecting at least two to four roads. Example – Times Square (New York)
 - e. They were doing the brisk business of shining the shoes.
3. The boys did not wish to spend the money on them and for their wants. They just ate far the minimum required for survival and tried only to satisfy their basic needs. Their sister Lucia’s treatment was quite expensive and the boys are now responsible and accountable for saving such a huge amount. So, they willingly gave away all the money they earned for her recuperation.
4. They did not wish to let go the opportunity to get even with the Germans and throw them out of their country. Also, it reflects their hatred for the Germans for having brought the curse and problems upon them. They considered the Germans as their personal enemy for having shattered their lives.
5. The two boys work as tourist guide and help the tourists to visit the famous tourist spots in Verona. One among those tourist spots is “Juliet Tomb” which is a symbolic benchmark of the famous romantic play called Romeo and Juliet written by the great 16th century legend of the English language, William Shakespeare.

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6. People on those days craved to go to the United States of America is mainly due to the availability of jobs, good settlement of life, high earning potential and safety of their family. The author mistook that the boys were also working hard and earning money to go to America which was later discovered as wrong idea by the narrator.
7. Niclola and Jacopo faced a lot of hardship at a very young age. Their childhood was marred by war, poverty, disease and ill-fortune. Yet they toiled and suffered for a better future.

Their house was shattered by the bombing in the war and they also lost their father in the war. The odds were against them but they never gave up on life. They were exposed to harsh weather and starvation. They had always known to a comfortable, cultured and peaceful life but now they are out on the streets with stray dogs.

They built a shelter for themselves with the available rubble and managed to survive there. After the got over, they discovered that their sister was affected by Tuberculosis in the spine. To cure Tuberculosis, the two boys worked hard with will power and thus they stood by the proverb.