

CBSE Board
Class X Summative Assessment - II
English (Communicative)
Board Question Paper 2012 - Set 1

Time: 3 hrs

Max. Marks: 80

Note:

- Please check that this question paper contains **15** printed pages.
 - Code number given on the right-hand side of the question paper should be written on the title page of the answer-book by the candidate.
 - Please check that this question paper contains **15** questions.
 - **Please write the Serial Number of the question before attempting it.**
 - 15 minutes time has been allotted to read this question paper. The question paper will be distributed at 10.15 a.m. From 10.15 a.m. to 10.30 a.m., the students will read the question paper only and will not write any answer on the answer-book during this period.
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General Instructions:

The question paper is divided into four sections:

Section A – Reading	(20 Marks)
Section B – Writing	(20 Marks)
Section C – Grammar	(20 Marks)
Section D – Literature	(20 Marks)

1. *All questions are compulsory.*
2. *You may attempt any section at a time.*
3. *All questions of that particular section must be attempted in the correct order.*

SECTION A – (Reading)

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1. Read the passage given below and complete the statements that follow by choosing the most appropriate options from those given. $1 \times 5 = 5$

Jailbirds sing they say. And Subhadra Khosla, the youngest freedom fighter to be imprisoned at 13, was no exception. The only difference was that singing taught her the power of non-violence. Now, 80, Khosla recounted her days in jail. She was locked in jail with her mother for over a year. "One day, we decided to put one chair on top of another till we managed to take off the Union Jack and unfurl the national flag." The inmates of the jail found themselves facing a firing squad. "There were orders to shoot us. We didn't know what else to do. So, we started singing," said Khosla. Their voice had its impact.

"The guards were Indians too. They started crying and said they couldn't fire at us. That was our first win," a thrilled Khosla recalled. Khosla's father was a doctor and her brother, Krishna Kant later on became India's Vice-President. Khosla was picketing at Anarkali Bazar in Lahore in 1942 when she and her siblings were arrested. "It was unfair. We were all children after all. But the British wanted to destroy families like ours. We fought for this freedom. But we still have to go beyond."

- (a) The inmates of the jail had to face the firing squad because Khosla and her mother

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- i. unfurled the national flag
- ii. burned the Union Jack
- iii. unfurled the Union Jack
- iv. put one chair over a table

- (b) The Khoslas expressed their protest by

- i. crying
- ii. singing
- iii. shouting
- iv. running away

- (c) The British arrested the children to

- i. teach them a lesson
- ii. listen to the songs
- iii. destroy their families
- iv. take them to Britain

(d) The Khoslas showed the British the power of

- i. singing
- ii. money
- iii. violence
- iv. non-violence

(e) The word 'impact' means

- i. disgust
- ii. effect
- iii. gain
- iv. affect

2. Read the passage given below and complete the statements that follow by choosing the most appropriate options from those given. $1 \times 5 = 5$

Some reptiles are expert mimics, but they do it for a serious reason – to save their lives. The harmless milk snake has the banded appearance of the poisonous coral snake. In areas where they live together, this mimicry happens. The non-poisonous Mexican kingsnake looks like the coral snake when young. A harmless snake may look like a poisonous snake. This is Batesian mimicry. So, enemies mistake the harmless reptile for the poisonous one, and leave it alone. Blind legless lizards that live under the ground trick the enemies by displaying their tail. The underside of their tails is usually red or yellow in colour and looks like an open mouth. The enemy attacks the tail, mistaking it for the head. The tail can withstand injury better than the head, and the life of the lizard is saved. When the enemy attacks lizards, they break off their tail. The tail jumps about on the ground, confusing the enemy, and helps the lizard to make good its escape.

(a) The milk snake and coral snake resemble in their

- i. drinking of milk
- ii. banded appearance
- iii. poison fangs
- iv. outlook

(b) 'Batesian mimicry' helps the

- i. reptiles to do mimicry
- ii. harmless reptiles to escape
- iii. poisonous reptiles to escape
- iv. reptiles to sleep

(c) The enemy of the blind legless lizards attacks its mistaking it for

- i. tail, head
- ii. head, tail
- iii. tail, mouth
- iv. mouth, red

(d) When the tail of a lizard breaks off, it

- i. saves its head from being cut
- ii. excites the lizard
- iii. makes the enemy happy
- iv. confuses its enemy

(e) The red or yellow structure which looks like an open mouth is the

- i. tail
- ii. limb
- iii. scales
- iv. head

3. Read the poem given below and answer the questions that follow.

$1 \times 5 = 5$

Here comes the elephant
Swaying along
With his cargo of children
All singing a song:
To the tinkle of laughter
He goes on his way,
And his cargo of children
Have crowned him with may.
His legs are in leather
And padded his toes:
He can root up an oak
With a whisk of his nose:
With a wave of his trunk
And a turn of his chin
He can pull down a house,
Or pick up a pin.
Beneath his grey forehead
A little eye peers:
Of what is he thinking

Between those wide ears?
What does he feel?
If he wished to tease,
He could twirl his keeper
Over the trees:
If he were not kind,
He could play cup and ball
With Robert and Helen
And Uncle Paul:
But that grey forehead,
Those crinkled ears
Have learned to be kind
In a hundred years:
And so with the children
He goes on his way
To the tinkle of laughter
and crowded with may.

- (a) Where are the children?
- (b) How can the elephant tease its keeper?
- (c) Which characteristic trait of the elephant enables him to be with the children?
- (d) What does the poet say about the elephant's strength?
- (e) How does the poet describe the elephant's legs?

4. Read the passage given below and answer the questions that follow.

$$1 \times 5 = 5$$

Neem is very commonly seen in India. The entire tree, i.e. the bark, leaves and flowers, have a lot of medicinal value as it helps in curing various diseases. The leaves and the bark of this tree are very effective in controlling infections, deworming and in disinfecting and healing wounds. The fresh leaves can be used by extracting the juice or a paste of the leaves can be taken along with a small piece of jaggery. In case of wounds, a few leaves can be boiled in water and then this water, when at tolerable temperature, can be used to wash the wounds. Two drops of neem oil can be used for applying on the wound. Neem also helps in relieving itch in case of allergic rashes. Neem water can be used in case of allergic reactions. The paste of neem seeds can be applied on the scalp and washed off after 10 minutes of application. It also helps in eliminating dandruff, boils on the scalp and also prevents hair fall. Neem is very useful in jaundice. The juice can be given along with honey. Neem is very useful in case of fever. Fresh leaves can be taken with tulsi leaves or with honey. Neem water can be used to soak the feet in case of cracks on dry feet. Neem leaf powder is used for preserving grains and pulses. Neem is of special importance on New Year's Day as a symbol of good health and longevity.

- (a) What is the medicinal value of neem?
- (b) What is the paste of neem seeds used for?
- (c) How does neem help grains and pulses?
- (d) What is neem a symbol of?
- (e) Which word in the passage is the adjectival form of 'tolerate'?

SECTION B – (Writing)

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- 5. Your school celebrated 'Teacher's Day' on September 5th. Write a short paragraph describing how you celebrated it giving all the relevant details in 80 words. **4**

- 6. With the onset of the rainy season, the condition of the road has become miserable. Write a letter to the editor of the newspaper in about 120 words on why this is becoming a yearly affair. Give suggestions on what can be done about this. You are Ram/Rama, 12 Pant Nagar, Agra. **8**

- 7. You are Ankit/Ankita. You visited the arctic region as a part of an expedition. The melting of ice-caps and the rising water level alarmed you and made you realise the intensity of global warming. On your return, you decided to write an article for a youth magazine on your concerns regarding the effect of global warming. Write the article in about 150 words. **8**

SECTION C - (Grammar)

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8. Choose the appropriate options from the ones given below to complete the following passage. Write the answers in your answer sheet against the correct blank numbers.

$$\frac{1}{2} \times 8 = 4$$

The tiny hand of my son, held tightly (a) mine a minute ago was now clenched tight. I looked down (b) the curly head of the sturdy boy aged three. He stood (c) me, seriously watching the antics (d) the green parrot as (e) jumped (f) the perch to the floor of the cage and climbed up (g) the roof. The parrots (h) wicked black eyes and tiny tongues that fascinated us.

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|-----|-----------|-------------|--------------|--------------|
| (a) | (i) on | (ii) within | (iii) over | (iv) around |
| (b) | (i) from | (ii) under | (iii) at | (iv) for |
| (c) | (i) away | (ii) side | (iii) nearer | (iv) beside |
| (d) | (i) of | (ii) in | (iii) off | (iv) to |
| (e) | (i) it | (ii) we | (iii) those | (iv) they |
| (f) | (i) from | (ii) around | (iii) to | (iv) at |
| (g) | (i) again | (ii) to | (iii) from | (iv) through |
| (h) | (i) have | (ii) are | (iii) had | (iv) some |

9. Read the newspaper headline and complete the news item from the given options.

$$1 \times 4 = 4$$

(a) Quake Jolts Delhi

An earthquake Delhi and its satellite towns late on Wednesday night.

- i. jolted
- ii. have jolted
- iii. are jolting
- iv. jolts

(b) Canara Bank Revises Deposit Rates

Canara Bank interest rates on its domestic term deposit.

- i. revise
- ii. has revised
- iii. will be revised
- iv. has been revised

(c) **Sub-Junior Judo**

Haryana and Manipur the boys and girls titles, respectively, in the National Sub-Junior Championship.

- i. have won
- ii. has won
- iii. are winning
- iv. will win

(d) **24 Die in Pak Bomb Blast**

Taliban suicide bomber hit the house of a military commander 24 people, most of them soldiers.

- i. dying
- ii. killed
- iii. have killed
- iv. killing

10. Rearrange the following words and phrases to form meaningful sentences. The first one has been done for you. 1x4=4

tongue / great / the gift / is a / of the / thing

The gift of the tongue is a great thing.

- (a) miracles / great / can perform / orator / an
- (b) hands of / weapon / is / in the / it / a powerful / politicians
- (c) gathering to / can persuade / of thinking / an orator / large / his way
- (d) forcefully / has the / speaker / and convincingly / ability to / a good / speak

11. The following passage has not been edited. There is one error in each line. Write the incorrect word and the correction in your answer sheet against the correct blank number. Underline the correct word supplied by you. The first one has been done for you as an example. $\frac{1}{2} \times 8 = 4$

	Incorrect	Correct
One day as the girl was played in the courtyard,	played	<u>playing</u>
the ball bounced very high that it flew through the	(a)
neighbour's window. Unfortunately, a ball	(b)
fell on a crystal vase right over the window sill	(c)
and shattered it from pieces. An old lady stormed	(d)
out and complaining so long and loud that the	(e)
other neighbours began to come from of their houses	(f)
and the little girl was so frightened that she hidden in	(g)
a nearby shed. Only then the old man come out did the	(h)
the lady shut up.		

12. Read the conversation given below and complete the passage that follows.

$1 \times 4 = 4$

Interviewer: What are your qualifications?

Candidate: I have done Hotel Management from the National Institute of Hotel Management.

Interviewer: Do you have any work experience?

Candidate: I have worked in a hotel reception for a year.

Interviewer: Can you speak any foreign language?

Candidate: I can speak English fluently. I also know French and German.

The interviewer asked the candidate (a) _____. The candidate replied that (b) _____ the National Institute of Hotel Management. To the interviewer's enquiry as to whether he had any experience, the candidate said that (c) _____ in a hotel reception for a year. The interviewer then wanted to know whether he could speak any foreign language and the candidate informed him that (d) _____ French and German.

SECTION D – (Literature)

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- 13 (A)** Read the extract given below and answer the questions by choosing from the alternatives given below. $1 \times 3 = 3$

‘Come in, come in, sir !’ Patol Babu dragged the young man in and pushed the broken-armed chair towards him.

- (a) Patol Babu was a
- i. a well-known film star
 - ii. a rich businessman who run a variety store
 - iii. a successful stage actor
 - iv. None of the above
- (b) Who was the young man invited by Patol Babu?
- i. Nishikanto Babu
 - ii. Naresh Dutt
 - iii. Mr Pakrashi
 - iv. Baren Mullick
- (c) Why was Patol Babu excited on seeing the visitor?
- i. Nishikanto Babu
 - ii. Naresh Dutt
 - iii. Mr Pakrashi
 - iv. Baren Mullick

OR

The fair breeze blew, the white foam flew,
The furrow followed free;
We were the first that ever burst
Into that silent sea.

- (a) How did the mariners enter the silent sea?
- i. A storm drove them there.
 - ii. The breeze stopped blowing and the sails dropped.
 - iii. The Albatross took them there.
 - iv. The Helmsman steered the ship.

(b) Name the poem and the poet.

- i. The Rime of the Ancient Mariner by P. B. Shelley
- ii. The Ancient Mariner by S. T. Coleridge
- iii. The Mariner and the Albatross by D. H. Lawrence
- iv. The Rime of the Ancient Mariner by S. T. Coleridge

(c) Which poetic device is used in the above lines?

- i. Metaphor
- ii. Alliteration
- iii. Simile
- iv. Personification

(B) Read the following extract and answer the questions that follow.

1x3=3

It's those Ouija board fanatics. There was a time when he had nothing much to occupy us and used to haunt a little on side, purely for amusement, but not any more.

- (a) Who is the speaker? Who is being addressed?
- (b) What is the speaker's complaint?
- (c) What is a Ouija board?

14. Answer any **four** of the following questions in 30–40 words each.

2x4=8

- (a) Which was the first computer game played by Michael? What strange thing happened as he was playing it?
- (b) Describe the statue of Ozymandias in the desert.
- (c) What offer did the conspirator make to Antony after Caesar's assassination?
- (d) How did the mariners react after the death of albatross?
- (e) We are going on strike! Explain the context.

15. Answer the following in about 120 words.

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How was Mark Antony successful in setting mischief foot?

OR

“That's odd – The man hadn't been paid yet. What a strange fellow.” What traits of Patol Babu make him a strange fellow?

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SECTION A - (Reading)

1. (a) - i
(b) - ii
(c) - iii
(d) - iv
(e) - ii

2. (a) - ii
(b) - ii
(c) - i
(d) - iv
(e) - i

3. (a) The first eight lines of the poem describe the 'cargo of children' enjoying themselves and crowning the elephant with may. Therefore, it means that the children are riding the elephant.
(b) The elephant can tease its keeper by twirling him over the trees.
(c) The elephant has learned to be kind over the years, and this kindness enables him to be with the children.
(d) The poet praises the strengths of the elephant. He lists various things that the elephant can do such as pulling out an oak tree just by sweeping its nose, destroying a house or even picking up a pin.
(e) The poet says that the elephant's legs are leathery and his toes are padded.

4. (a) The bark and leaves of the neem tree can be used in controlling infections, sterilising or deworming and in disinfecting and healing wounds. Extracts from the neem tree can also be used to eliminate itchy allergic rashes.
(b) The paste of neem seeds is useful in removing dandruff boils and in the prevention of hair loss.
(c) Neem leaves are great preservatives. They can be used to preserve grains and pulses.
(d) The neem is given special importance on New Year's Day and regarded as a symbol of good health and longevity.
(e) The word 'tolerable' used in the passage is the adjectival form of 'tolerate.'

SECTION B - (Writing)

5. Teacher's Day Celebration

The Teacher's Day programme of this year was different and special at the same time. In addition to the songs and dances performed by students, there were skits based on the lives of many famous people such as Dr Radhakrishnan, Rabindranath Tagore and Savitribai Phule. As an initiative, the students of the school with the help of their parents collected money which will be used for the benefit of old teachers of the school. There were also games and activities organised for the teachers. The programme ended with lunch for the faculty.

6.

Ram/Raman
12 Pant Nagar
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22nd March 2012

To
The Editor
The Times of India
Times House
7, B. Z. Marg
New Delhi-02

Subject: The season of potholes

Dear Sir,

The pathetic condition of the roads has worsened with the onset of monsoons this year. The common man's struggle with these roads has become a regular affair every monsoon. Despite repeated requests and complaints to the concerned authorities, repair work has never been taken seriously. The potholes often cause traffic jams and accidents. This is very stressful and life threatening.

I strongly recommend that the municipal authorities start repair work immediately. In fact, an annual pre-monsoon check and repair will help a great deal. It is disappointing that the funds allocated for infrastructure development are not appropriately used. Building expressways is of course important. However, it is also essential to undertake regular maintenance work of the existing roadways so that citizens are not inconvenienced.

Thanking you,

Yours truly,
Ram/Raman

7.

Global Warming - A Concern for All

A recent visit to the Arctic region brought me face to face with the problem of global warming. It made me realise how massive the change is and how grave its consequences will be for all.

The ice caps at the Polar Regions are melting rapidly due to deforestation and the increasing levels of carbon dioxide in the atmosphere. If steps are not taken to address the issue, the water levels would soon rise submerging all the land masses. The ozone hole is another worrisome consequence of Global Warming. These holes are simply breaches in the protective cover of our planet. These holes let the harmful UV rays reach us unfiltered. The rays in turn cause health hazards which are very difficult to treat.

Therefore, we need to be aware of the effect our actions can have on our environment and on our health. Let us pledge to take steps to prevent any further damage to our planet.

SECTION C - (Grammar)

8. (a) - iv

(b) - iii

(c) - iv

(d) - i

(e) - iv

(f) - i

(g) - ii

(h) - iii

9. (a) - i

(b) - ii

(c) - i

(d) - iv

10.(a) An orator can perform great miracles.

(b) It is a powerful weapon in the hands of politicians.

(c) An orator can persuade large gatherings to his way of thinking.

(d) A good speaker has the ability to speak forcefully and convincingly.

11.

One day as the girl was played in the courtyard, the ball bounced very high that it flew through the neighbour's window. Unfortunately, a ball fell on a crystal vase right over the window sill and shattered it from pieces. An old lady stormed out and complaining so long and loud that the other neighbours began to come from of their houses and the little girl was so frightened that she hidden in a nearby shed. Only then the old man came out did the lady shut up.

	<i>Incorrect</i>	<i>Correct</i>
	played	<u>playing</u>
(a) very		<u>so</u>
(b) a		<u>the</u>
(c) over		<u>below</u>
(d) from		<u>to</u>
(e) complaining		<u>complained</u>
(f) from		<u>out</u>
(g) hidden		<u>hid</u>
(h) then		<u>when</u>

12. The interviewer asked the candidate (a) what his qualifications were. The candidate replied that (b) he has done hotel management from the National Institute of Hotel Management. To the interviewer's enquiry as to whether he had any experience the candidate said that (c) he has worked in a hotel reception for a year. The interviewer then wanted to know whether he could speak any foreign language, and the candidate informed him that (d) he could speak English fluently apart from knowing French and German.

SECTION D - (Literature)

13. (A)

- (a) - iii
- (b) - ii
- (c) - ii

OR

- (a) - i
- (b) - iv
- (c) - ii

13. (B)

- (a) The ghost Helen is the speaker and she addresses John Hallock, the author of the story.
- (b) The speaker's complaint is that there are countless people calling them to ask questions by using the Ouija board.
- (c) An Ouija board is a board with numbers and letters written on it and it is used to invoke ghosts and to communicate with them.

14. (a) The first game played by Michael was Wildwest. While playing the game, he suddenly realised that he had become a character in the game. He was a sheriff with a badge. He also fought the Black Eyed Jed with the help of a second sheriff.
- (b) The statue of Ozymandias was vast but ruined over time. Only its giant legs stood upright. They were in the middle of a barren desert. The face of Ozymandias was lying at the side, half sunk in sand. It had a frowning and sneering expression. On the pedestal below the statue were the words 'Ozymandias, King of Kings'.
- (c) Anthony, though devastated by Caesar's death, made a plea to the conspirators to spare his own life. In return, he vowed his allegiance to them. Moved by the bloodied corpse of Caesar, Anthony urged the conspirators to strike him down as he stood next to Caesar's body. There was no greater glory for Anthony than to die next to him. Brutus replied by saying that the conspirators wished him no harm and that they wished to offer him their rapport.
- (d) The mariners or sailors were initially angry at the mariner when he shot the albatross for it had made the breeze blow. When sunlight appeared, they concurred that the mariner was right in shooting the bird since it brought the mist with it. Their ordeal started later as they lay stranded in the big ocean with no water to drink. They realised that the mariner's action had infuriated an oceanic spirit. As a reminder of his deed, the sailors made the mariner wear the corpse of the bird around his neck.
- (e) The sentence "We're going on strike!" was said by Helen's ghost to John Hallock. She told him that all the ghosts were going on strike because they were constantly troubled by people who called them using the Ouija boards.
15. Mark Anthony began his speech by calling Brutus an honourable man. He did this because he knew that the people were swooned by Brutus' words and would not believe anyone who spoke against him. Gradually through his speech, he changed the minds of the crowd. He showed them Caesar's will and explained it to the crowd. In this way, he was able to set afoot the mischief planned by the conspirators. Through his efforts, the crowd realised their mistakes and burned down the houses of the conspirators and also killed some of them.

OR

Patol Babu had worked very hard for the small role he was given in a Barren Mullick film. Patol Babu articulated the monosyllabic "Oh!" in his own way by giving it shades of emotion. He was praised by all for his superb performance. Having got what he longed for, Patol Babu left without collecting his payment. Initially, he had accepted the role because he was hard pressed for money, but he seemed to have forgotten his original intent. It was odd that someone who had worked so diligently to leave without accepting the fruits of his hard work. This made Patol Babu 'a strange fellow' according to the others.