

CBSE TEST PAPER-07
Class - 10 English Communicative
(Two Gentlemen of Verona)

General Instruction: -

- Question No. 1 to 3 carry Eight marks.
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1. Read the extracts given below and answer the questions that follow:

- i. What struck one most was their willingness to work. During these summer days, under the hot sun, they shined shoes, sold fruit, hawked newspapers, conducted tourists round the town, and ran errands.
- (a) What was so characteristic of both Nicola and Jacopo?
(b) What for did both the boys do so many works?
(c) What is the meaning of 'errands'?
(d) What was the season mentioned in the passage?
- ii. I shook my head and turned away. I felt I could not bear to intrude upon this happy family party. But at the foot of these staircase, I drew up and begged her to tell me all she knew about these boys.
- (a) Who is the speaker of these lines here?
(b) Where is the speaker of these lines present?
(c) Whom is the speaker asking to know more about the boys' family?
(d) What is the meaning of 'intrude'?

2. Answer the following questions in 30-40 words each:

- a. Who is Lucia? What is she suffering from?
b. Why were the boys in the deserted square at night? What character traits do they exhibit?
c. He smiled uncomfortably. "Just plans, sir," he answered in a low voice-What are they reluctant to reveal?
d. "We do many things, sir," Nicola answered seriously. He glanced at us hopefully. What do

you understand by this statement?

3. Answer any one of the following questions in 80-100 words:

Imagine you are the narrator in the story “Two Gentlemen of Verona.” Write an article on the value of sacrifice, sincerity and devotion in human relationship that the two boys demonstrated under the heading ‘Human Relationship is Maintained by Sacrifice and Sincerity.’

OR

Appearances are deceptive. Discuss with reference to the two boys.

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(Answers)

1.
 - i.
 - a. It was their willingness to work.
 - b. They did so many works for the payment of bills of their sister's treatment.
 - c. Meaning of 'errands' is a short trip or assignment or task or chore.
 - d. It was Summer.
 - ii.
 - a. The narrator/writer is the speaker of these lines here.
 - b. He is at the hospital.
 - c. Speaker is asking the nurse to know more about the boy's family.
 - d. Meaning of 'intrude' is trespass or encroach.
2. Answer
 - a. Lucia is the elder sister of Nicola and Jacopo. She is suffering from tuberculosis of the spine.
 - b. The brothers showed the author and his companion places of interest in and around the town of Verona. They had all the information on their fingertips. They helped them buy American cigarettes or seats for the opera or the name of a good restaurant. They proved useful to the author and his companion in these ways.
 - c. The narrator asked the boys what plans they had for their future as they were working for long hours. He wanted to know if they were planning to emigrate to America. The boys said that though they would greatly like to do so but they had other plans in Verona.
 - d. Nicola answered seriously that they not only sold strawberries but did anything and everything to earn a living. They were willing to work hard. They looked at the narrator hopefully because they had just told them that they even show visitors through the town. They were hoping that the narrator and his companion would use their services to go around the city.
3. Humanity always survives the wars. A war can cause destruction but it cannot kill our spirits till we have faith in ourselves and in human relationship. My recent encounter with two small orphaned boys, Nicola and Jacopo has made me realize the value of

sincerity, sacrifice and selflessness. War hasn't shattered their spirits. It has infused them with a rebellious spirit. It shows nothing is impossible as love makes everything possible. The destruction caused by the war had not broken their spirit. Rather it filled them with a new energy to build from what was left after the war. I feel in this world where values have eroded, these boys and their work show a great promise. Their selfless action, devotion, hard work without grumbling, keeping alive their spirit despite adverse circumstances etc..., show human relationship is maintained by sacrifice and sincerity. Appearances are deceptive because a person may not be as good as he appears to be. It can happen in reverse too i.e. it does not mean that a person may not be good if he/she does not carry good appearance. Nicola and Jacopo were shabbily dressed boys and their looks had nothing that would attract anybody. But once people knew them, they would understand the person within. In this story, the driver went by their appearance and discouraged the narrator from even buying strawberries from them. But the narrator went ahead and bought them. Next day when he saw them polishing shoes he was taken aback. He bumped into them at various places and they were busy doing some work. Outwardly they looked shabby but were thorough gentlemen. At such a young age, in spite of having lost their father, and with their sister in the hospital, they did not lose hope. We can, therefore, say 'appearances are deceptive'.