

CBSE TEST PAPER-05
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. Next morning, coming out of our hotel, we saw our friends bent over shoe shine boxes besides the fountain in the public square, doing a brisk business
 - a. Whom does 'we' stand for?
 - b. What were the boys doing?
 - c. What does the word 'brisk' mean?
 - d. Who is the speaker of these lines?
2. “Why are you so late, Nicola?”
“Waiting for the last bus from Padua”
 - a. The word in the extract is an antonym of leaving
 - b. At which place were the boys waiting for the last bus?
 - c. Why were the two boys waiting for the last bus?
3. “They were childish enough and in many ways quite artless”, who said these words and why?
4. “We do many things sir,” Nicola answered. Describe the difficult jobs undertaken by the boys for their livelihood.
5. Why did Nicola and Jacopo go to Poleta every Sunday?
6. How did Nicola and Jacopo face the hardships of their life?
7. Why did Luigi, the driver cautioned the narrator not to buy the fruits from the children?
What would you suggest here?

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[Answers]

1.
 - a. 'We' stands for narrator and his companion
 - b. The two boys Nicola and Jacopo were shining people's shoes.
 - c. The word 'brisk' here means lively.
 - d. Narrator is the speaker of these lines.
2.
 - a. Waiting
 - b. The two boys waited in the deserted square at night.
 - c. They were waiting to sell all the remaining newspapers to passengers of the last bus.
3. The narrator said these words to the two young brothers. The narrator finds the behaviour and attitude of the boys quite interesting. They are wise but innocent.
4. The two boys did many jobs. They sold wild strawberries in the outskirts of Verona. They polished shoes. They hawked newspapers and even acted as tourist guides. They also arranged opera tickets and American cigarettes for the narrator.
5. The sister of the two boys was suffering from tuberculosis of the spine and was admitted in the hospital in Poleta. They went to Poleta to meet their sister and to pay the treatment charges at the hospital.
6. Nicola and Jacopo faced the hardships of life in their stride. They put all their resourcefulness and energy to face all the challenges that came their way. They neither indulged in any self-pity nor trade to arouse others sympathy to get favours from them.
7. Luigi, the driver cautioned the narrator not to buy strawberries from the two boys because they were not good looking and a bit shabby with worn out clothes. Moreover, the driver advised him that better strawberries will be available in the town. Your suggestion as a guide to the narrator can be either supporting the driver or opposing the driver's caution. Supporting the Driver: The driver did the right thing and even I would have given the same suggestion to the narrator as there are better strawberries available in the town. Opposing the Driver: I would have suggested the narrator to buy strawberries from the boys not for consumption but to build confidence in those boys for trying to be independent.