

SAMPLE PAPER 2009-10
CLASS IX
ENGLISH COMMUNICATIVE
II TERM (OCT – MAR)
SUMMATIVE TEST
M.M. : 80 Time 3 Hours.

This Question paper will be of 80 marks. There will be four sections.

Section A: Reading Comprehension 20 marks

Section B: Writing 20 marks

Section C: Grammar 20 marks

Section D: Literature 20 marks

General instructions:

- 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-20 marks

Q1. Read the given passage carefully (5 marks)

1. At Hardwar, the first thing that hits the eye, is the presence of the Ganga. It certainly appears to be a big river. But look around and away from the water and the second thing that will strike the eye, is the amount of constructions on the riverside and the ghats. There are bridges, pillars, staircases that seem to lead to nowhere in particular and some of them even seem to stick out of the river water for no discernible reason! The third thing is the ads for vests and briefs. It seems almost mandatory, like a dip in the river.

2. To take a dip in the river hang on to the chains that have been fixed to the stairs, duck and pray that the slush beneath your feet does not make you lose your balance. That is the holy dip taken by 98% of visitors, in a nutshell.

3. But I am one of the two percent who travel further upriver and camp on white beaches. I go to sleep in a tent listening to the tinkle of the river. Next morning, along with a few other campers, we prepare to hand over our lives to rubber dinghies, paddle muscles and river guides, in a bid to enjoy the white water rafting sport on the Ganga. White water rafting one of the most religious and extreme sports around, specially when you encounter one of the rapids on the course. Then it seems the river wants to convey a message. She does not respect you too much and seems to tell you that she has complete power over you.

Read the questions given below and tick the option you consider the most appropriate:-

(a) At Hardwar which of the following is not visible?

- i) The presence of Ganga.
- ii) The constructions on the riverside and the ghats.
- iii) The advertisements of luxury hotels.
- iv) Ghats and bridges.

(b) These are chains fixed to the stairs.

- (i) To protect the visitors from losing their balance while taking a holy dip.
- (ii) They liberate the visitors from their sins.
- (iii) They keep the river clean.
- (iv) To ease the dip.

(c) Ninety eight percent visitors

- i) take holy dip hanging on the chains.
- ii) go further upriver and camp on white beaches.
- iii) do not take a holy dip.
- iv) feel afraid.

(d) “Seems to tell you that she has complete power over you” – Explain –

- i) She (Ganga) is dangerous.
- ii) She can swallow you anytime.
- iii) One should be careful of the strong water currents of the Ganga.
- iv) She can take your life.

(e) Which word in passage means „visible or noticeable“ –

- i) Discernible
- ii) appears
- iii) mandatory
- iv) slush

Q. (2) Read the passage carefully [5 marks]

Nobody knows why we sleep, but we all need to. There are no rules about how much sleep is necessary but the average adult sleeps for 7 hours. About 8% of adults are happy with 5 hours or less and 4% want 10 hours or more. Babies need between 14 to 18 hours whereas the elderly need less than they did when young but often take a nap during the day.

If you miss a couple of hours of sleep, no harm is done. You may feel tired and irritable the next day but the body soon makes up for the loss. If you try to stay awake night after night however, you soon begin to behave strangely. You lose the ability to concentrate and your judgment is impaired. You begin to imagine strange things and your behavior becomes deranged.

There are a number of causes for sleeplessness - worry, depression, illness & pain, noise and light room temperature etc.

Read the questions given below and write the option you consider the most appropriate in your answer sheet:

(a) Mark as True or False :-

- i) An average adult sleeps for 7 hours
- ii) 8% of adults are happy with 3 hours of sleep.
- iii) 10% of the adults want 10 hours or more.
- iv) Worry and depression can cause sleeplessness.

Options:

- (i) (i), (ii) are True (iii) & (iv) are False
- (ii) (ii), (iii) and (iv) are True, (i) is False
- (iii) (i) and (iv) are True, (ii) & (iii) are False
- (iv) (iii) and (iv) are True, (i), (ii) are False

b) The result of keeping awake night after night is

- i) Strange behavior
- ii) Loss of concentration
- iii) Impaired judgment
- iv) Loss of vision

Options:

- (i) I, ii, iii
- (ii) i & ii
- (iii) iii & i
- (iv) ii, iii & iv

c) Which word means „short sleep“:

- i) deranged
- ii) impaired
- iii) nap
- iv) sleeplessness

d) The major causes of sleeplessness are :

- i) worry and depression
- ii) noise and light , room temperature
- iii) physical illness and pain
- iv) food

Options:

- (i) I, ii, iii
- (ii) ii & iii
- (iii) i , ii, iii & iv
- (iv) only i & ii

e) If some days“ or hours“ sleep is missed no harm is done. Which harm is being talked about? i)

- physical
- ii) mental
- iii) Psychological

iv) All – (i), (ii) & (iii)

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Q. 3 Read the poem given below:-

Weavers, weaving at break of day why do you weave garment so gay?

Blue as the wing of halcyon wild

we weave the robes of a new born child.

Weavers weaving at fall of night

Why do you weave a garment so bright

Like the plumes of a peacock, purple and green

We weave the marriage veils of a Queen.

Weavers weaving solemn and still

What do you weave in the moonlight chill?

White as a feather and white as a cloud,

We weave a dead man's funeral shroud.

By- Sarojini Naidu

Read the questions below and write the option you consider the most appropriate in your answer sheet.

a) In the morning, the weavers weave the

- i) gay robes of the new born child
- ii) dreams of a princess.
- iii) weave nothing
- iv) robes of the kids.

b) In the evening they weave the

- i) the bright marriage veils of a queen.
- ii) robes of a new born child
- iii) shrouds,
- iv) colour full evening gown.

c) The weavers prepare for _____ at the night when the moon is shining. i) funeral shroud

- ii) dinner
- iii) another dress
- iv) sleep

d) In the poem „morning“ and „night“ represent

- i) childhood and old age / death.
- ii) entrance and exit
- iii) beginning and end.
- iv) birth and childhood

e) The robes of the newborn child are as blue as –

- i) purple and green

- ii) a feather
- iii) very bright
- iv) the wings of a wild halcyon.

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Q. (4) Read the passage given below very carefully:-

Students in a CBSE school are stress free now. Besides altering several evaluation methods, the CBSE Board will now allow students who do not clear classes IX and X, three more attempts to make the grade before the next academic year begins. If they still fail, the Board could take into account performance in extracurricular activities and sports.

Assessment, too, will be revamped. A child who fares poorly in written exams can be tested orally or via projects, to see if he has understood the concepts. Moreover, the CBSE, which is in the process of making Board exams optional and replacing them with a system of continuous and comprehensive evaluation in class IX and X, now wants schools to show students their answer sheets over the two years and take into account students' feedback before the final grade is given.

Read the questions below and write the option you consider the most appropriate:-

a) The new evaluation system of the CBSE

- i) Gives no importance to co-curricular activities
- ii) Has changed the evaluation methods
- iii) Has caused anxiety among students
- iv) Gives all importance to co-curricular activities only.

b) In the new evaluation system, there is –

- i) No scope for individual talents and everyone has to move
- ii) a lot of scope for gifted children.
- iii) No place for students who excel in games but fail in academics.
- iv) A lot of scope for every individual.

c) The evaluation system will be more transparent as –

- i) There will be oral testing, too.
- ii) Students will be shown their answer sheets.
- iii) The Board will display marks online.
- iv) There will be no oral testing.

d) Mark the statements as True() or False (X)

- i) The co-curricular activities are also important.
- ii) Concept learning is better than rote learning.
- iii) All schools will follow the same standard of evaluation.
- iv) The students will take interest in CCA and Games.

Options :-

- i) All are True ii) ii & iv are True (iii) ii and iv are True (iv) i, ii and iii are True

e) Find from the passage the word which means – revise /renovate

- i) evaluation
 - ii) revamped
 - iii) Assessment
 - iv) optional
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SECTION B

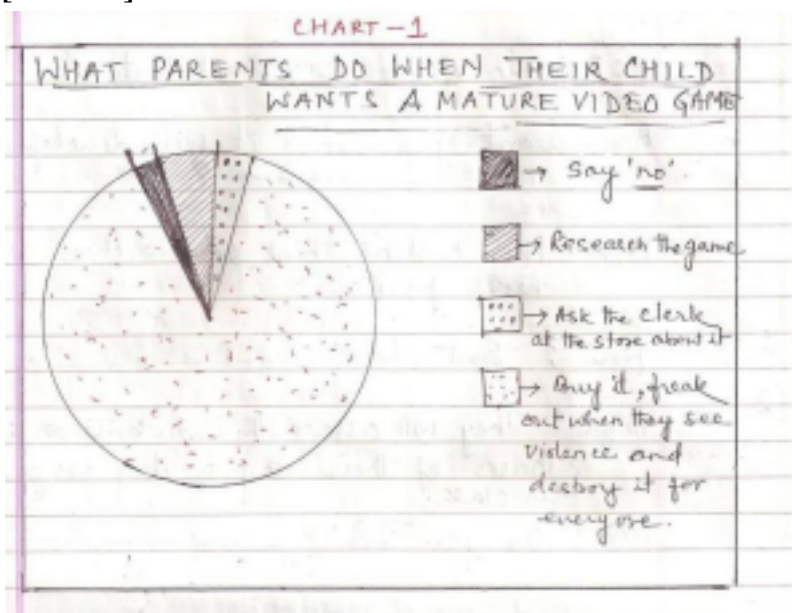
WRITING - 20 Marks

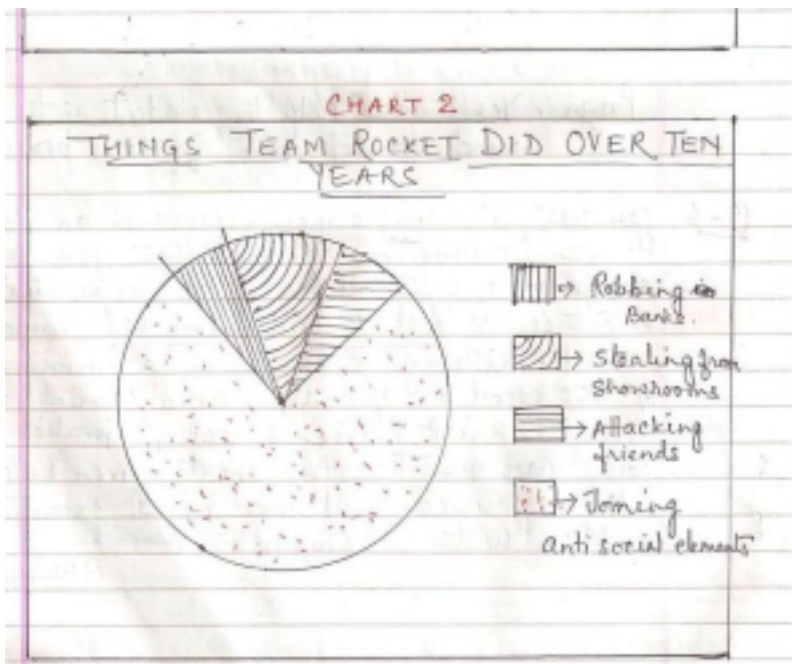
Question No. (5) –Complete the following conversation is not more than 80 words

- Anu : You are really lucky that you won't have to appear in Board Examination next year. Priya : Oh yes. But _____
- Swati : Yes, you are right. Now everyday will be an examination day. But CCE is in favour of the students.
- Anu: Don't you think it will develop _____?
- Priya : No, I don't think so. Teachers are never partial.
- Anu : But how _____?
- Priya : They will assess the students on the basis of their day to day performance in class.
- Anu : Do you think _____?
- Priya : Yes it will help the students in the all round development of their personality.

Q.6 You wish to express your views in an Inter House Declamation Contest that you are to take part in. The topic of the Declamation Contest is „**Violent Video Games should be banned**“. Write your views in a minimum of 150 words. You are Arun / Aruna of Holy Christ Public School, Gwalior. You may use the two charts given below for reference and take ideas from the MCB Unit on „**Children**“.

[8 marks]





Q. 7 You have recently attended a Crafts Mela in Pragati Maidan, New Delhi. There were stalls selling crafts from all over India. There were food stalls, too, selling food from different states. Write a letter in about 120 words to your friend describing the Mela and your experience. Tell her why such Fairs and Events are useful. You are Sudha / Sudhanshu of 25, Chittaranjan Park, New Delhi.

[8 marks]

You may include:-

- How many stalls you visited.
- Type of handicrafts they were selling.
- Various food stalls and what you ate / liked/ disliked.
- Crowd.

[Picture of Handicrafts can be downloaded]

SECTION – C

GRAMMAR

20Marks

Question – 8

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 numbers. **[8X1/2=4 marks]**

Incorrect Word correction

Example – A trader asked a sailor, was did
“Where was your father die?”

- a) "My father's ship was catching in a a) _____
 b) storm and he drowned at the sea". "where again asked.
 did his grandfathers die?", The sailor was b) _____
- c) "His ship were trapped in a storm, c) _____ d) too and he also
 perished in sea." d) _____ e) "Aren't he afraid of the sea?" e)

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- f) The sailor retorted, "where was f) _____
 g) "Where did your grandfather grandfather died?"
 dead?" He also died in bed". g) _____
 "Aren't
 h) you afraid to going to bed every h) _____
 night where yours father and

Symphony Public School organized (a) _____ (a, an, the , same)
 workshop (b) _____ (on, with, by, in) drawing painting recently.
 Representatives (c) _____ (from, with, by, in) the institute (d)
 _____ (gave, give, has given, had given) presentations (e)
 _____ (in, on with, by) various courses offered and tips for better painting.
 (f) _____ (many, more, some, all) students from neighbouring schools attended (g)
 _____ (the, a, an, that) workshop and (h) _____ (learnt, has
 learnt, had learnt, learn) useful tips.

[8X1/2=4 Marks]

Options :-

- a) (i) Catching - Caught ii) Catching – being caught iii) catching, to be caught b)
 (i) his – your ii) his- sailor's iii) his – the
 c) (i) were –was ii) was- had iii) were – have
 d) (i) in- at ii) in – into iii) in – on
 e) (i) he they ii) he – you iii) of – in
 f) (i) was –did ii) was – had iii) was – has
 g) (i) dead – die ii) dead – died iii) did – had
 h) Going – go ii) going – went iii) going – have gone

Q.9 In the following paragraph one word has been omitted in each line. Write the missing word along with the words coming before and after that word. The first one has been done for you.

They reached the dam / nine . a) dam at nine

In the morning stopped in the b)

Garden near dam and left c)

Their food in rest room d)
In the garden there several e)
beehives. The boys girls had f)
their tea and went to the dam. They the sight. g)
Suddenly there lightning and it began rain heavily h)

[8X1/2=4 Marks]

Question – 10

Complete the following paragraph by filling in each blank with an appropriate word so as to make it completely meaningful. Write the answer in your answer books against the correct blank numbers:-

On 10th November, 1910 Leo Tolstoy suddenly decided to renounce (a)
_____ (his, the, a) home. He was accompanied (b) _____ (by, with, to) his

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daughter (c) _____ (or, and, by) his doctor. He left his house(d) _____ (at, in, on) the middle of the night. He reached next day (e) _____ (the, a, to) monastery of Uptina and spent the night there writing (f) _____ (a, an, the) article. On 12th Nov he reached the convent where his sister Marie had been staying as a Nun. He (g) _____ (told, asked, met) his sister that he (h) _____ (will, would, may) like to live in the convent if no pressure was used.

[8X1/2=4 Marks]

Q. 11. Read the following instructions and complete the paragraph with the correct options.--- · Don't leave valuables inside your vehicles.

- Don't display large sums of cash in public
- Don't touch any unidentified object.
- Don't get distracted by unknown people.
- Don't take unnecessary help from unknown people.

Make your city safe and secure by following certain instructions. No valuables (a) _____ inside the vehicles. While withdrawing or carrying cash, it b) _____ in public. If we find some unidentified object lying in the market, it (c) _____. In case help is offered to us by unknown people, we (d) _____.

[4X1=4 marks]

Options :-

- a) (i) are left (iii) may be left
(ii) should be left (iv) must be left
- b) (i) should not be displayed (iii) are to be displayed
(ii) are displayed (iv) must be displayed
- c) (i) is not touched (iii) should not be touched
(ii)is not to be touched (iv) must not be touched
- d) (i) should not get distracted (iii) have to be distracted
(ii) are not be distracted (iv) must not get distracted

Q12 Read the following conversation carefully. Complete the report given below with the most appropriate options

Mother -> Dear, have you finished your work?

Daughter-> Yes, Mom.

Mother-> Are you free now?

Daughter -> Yes mom, Do you want me to do sometime?

Mother -> Yes, Can you help me is the Kitchen for something?

Speaking to her daughter affectionately, mother (a) _____ her work. The daughter (b) _____. The mother (c) _____ free then. The

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daughter replied affectionately that she was free and (d) _____ do something. The mother asked her if she could help her in the kitchen for some time.

Options:- [4X1=4 marks] a) (i) told her that she had finished.

(ii) asked that she had finished.

(iii) asked if she had finished.

(iv) told I have finished.

b) (i) said yes mom.

(ii) replied in affirmative.

(iii) told that she had

(iv) told I had finished.

c) (i) asked her if she was

(ii) told that she was

(iii) enquired that she was

(iv) inquired whether she was

d) (i) asked if she wanted her to

(ii) asked that she wanted her to

(iii) told that she wanted her to

(iv) Asked you wanted me to

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SECTION -D

LITRATURE - [20 MARKS]

Q13. Read the following extract carefully and answer the questions that follow by choosing the most appropriate option. [3 marks] “O Chieftain, to the highland bound,

Cries, “Boatman, do not tarry!

And I will give thee a silver pound

To row us over the ferry!”

a) The chieftain in the above passage refers to –

- i) Chief of the Ulva town
- ii) Chief of the Ulva isle
- iii) The Lover of Lord Ullin’s Daughter
- iv) The poet himself

b) He was in a hurry as –

- i) He was late for a meeting.
- ii) his beloved was tired
- iii) The armed men of Lord Ullin were chasing them.

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iii) He had to chase Lord Ullin.

c) The chieftain offers a silver pound to the boatman as a –

- i) reward iii) bribe
- ii) fare iv) Commission

Q14. Read the following extract carefully and answer the questions that follow by choosing the most appropriate option. [3 X1=3 marks] “She had no dowry, no expectations no way of being known, understood loved and wedded by any rich and distinguished man; so she let herself married to a little clerk of the Ministry of Public Instruction”

a) „She“ in the above extract is Mathilde. Her description in the lines shows that she was – i) An ambitious lady with high aspirations.

- ii) a frustrated lady who had no ambitions.
- iii) a practical woman who had compromised with the circumstances.
- iv) A woman who had no wishes in life.

b) She married a clerk because :-

- i) she had no ambitions in her life.
- ii) she was poor and had no options.
- iii) she had no dowry or social status to be wedded to any rich person.
- v) she had no other option.

c) Which word in the passage means „famous“?

- i) distinguished ii) expectations
- iii) being known iv) loved

- Q15. Answer any four of the following questions in 3-4 sentences each – [2X4=8]**
- 1) What do Perkins' tears signify?
 - 2) Why was the Rani angry with Mirabai?
 - 3) Why does Shakespeare say "All the world's a stage and all the men and women merely players" ?
 - 4) What do the two roads signify in the poem....."The Road Not Taken" ?
 - 5) Why does the convict enter into the Bishop's house? How is he treated by the Bishop?

Q16. Answer any one of the following

Mirabai lived in a world of hostility, yet she remained gentle and good humoured, without any evil thoughts. Illustrate this using an example from the play.

Or

In spite of being a great success at the Ball, Mathilde could not enjoy her success for long. Why was it so?
(6 Marks)

