

# SAMPLE PAPER

## ENGLISH COMMUNICATIVE

### CLASS - IX

Instructions :

The question paper is divided into four sections.

<b>Section A</b>	:	<b>Reading</b>	<b>20 marks</b>
<b>Section B</b>	:	<b>Writing and Grammar</b>	<b>25 marks</b>
<b>Section C</b>	:	<b>Literature</b>	<b>25 marks</b>
<b>Section D</b>	:	<b>Open Text</b>	<b>10 marks</b>

#### SECTION A (READING: 20 Marks)

1	<p><b>Read the following passage and answer the questions that follow :</b></p> <p><b>CLIMATE CHANGE AND DEVELOPMENT</b></p> <p>Since its inception the earth's climate has been changing as a result of natural forces. But in recent decades, there have been growing concerns about the impact of climate change that has been caused by mankind's activities during the process of industrialization and economic development. A particular concern has emerged around global warming due to the emission of green house gases, and attempts are being made both at national and international levels to reduce the level of emissions. However, carbon-reduction measures can be controversial, because of concerns that they result in adopting practices that are less amenable to economic development. For India, a country threatened by climate change but struggling to pull hundreds of millions out of poverty, what is the best way forward ? Environmental campaigners argue that India's large and growing population and the extent, to which its economy is closely tied to its natural resource base, make the country 'considerable vulnerable' to the impacts of climate change. The world Health Organization has pointed to the adverse effects of climate change upon human health, and suggested that reducing greenhouse gas emissions can be beneficial for health. It is argued that it is in India's direct interest to deal with climate change now the problem is not something that only future generation will experience. Experts have warned the dangers of decision making based on hypothetical worst-case scenarios.</p> <p><b>Source : Topic Guide (Debating Matters of India)</b></p> <p><b>On the basis of your reading of the above passage, answer the following questions :</b></p>	5
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**Q. 1. Which of the following is not true for the above passage ?**

- a) Climate change is an outcome of natural forces
- b) Mankind is responsible for it.
- c) WHO has mentioned the effects of climate change on animals.
- d) Future generation will have to face its effects.

**Q. 2. Which country is threatened by climate change ?**

- a) Indonesia
- b) Italy
- c) India
- d) Iran

**Q. 3. Environmental Campaigners work \_\_\_\_\_**

- a) against the environment
- b) in favor of the environment
- c) for health benefits
- d) for mankind

**Q. 4. The reduced use of \_\_\_\_\_ gas will help in benefitting health.**

- a) LPG
- b) CNG
- c) hydrogen
- d) green house

**Q. 5. Antonym for the word 'inception' is \_\_\_\_\_**

- a) beginning
- b) end
- c) establishment
- d) destruction

2 **Read the following passage carefully :**

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Fear at the time of going for an interview is quite natural, so this is acceptable. However, what is not acceptable is fear morphing into panic, which can diminish a performance in many ways. It is perfectly natural to be a bit nervous before an interview, but there is an element of energy present even in this nervousness and if properly harnessed, this energy can help you to present yourself with agility, passion and conviction. But in order to do so you need to control your nerves in a positive way. Before the interview, you should try to visualize an enthusiastic interviewer, who is reacting positively to your responses. Picture yourself delivering a clear and interesting presentation, admit to yourself that you may be nervous, but you are going to convert your nervousness into positive energy.

We all love to talk about ourselves and are never tired of telling others how we feel, what we think, why we acted the way we did and when we felt stumped or clueless. We are usually full of ourselves, if not obsessed. Remember that interviewers are not your adversaries and they are not attending the interview in order to pull you apart. Their interest lies in what you have to say and show them about yourself.

**Choose the most appropriate answer from the alternatives given :**

- (a) What can help a candidate to face the interview board confidently ?
- (i) Elements of energy diminishing
  - (ii) Properly harnessed elements of energy
  - (iii) Elements of agility
- (b) Before the interview one should \_\_\_\_\_.
- (i) control the senses
  - (ii) imagine enthusiastic interviewer
  - (iii) freak out
  - (iv) be cool and composed
- (c) A normal human likes to \_\_\_\_\_.
- (i) talk about social politics
  - (ii) discuss about social issues
  - (iii) talk about ourselves
  - (iv) self obsessed
- (d) Interviewer's interest lies in \_\_\_\_\_.
- (i) our qualifications
  - (ii) our experience
  - (iii) what we have to say
  - (iv) how we face the interview
- (e) Find the correct synonym for the word 'stumped' from the given options.
- (i) perplexed
  - (ii) enlightened
  - (iii) categorical
  - (iv) tangible

3	<p><b>Read the following passage and answer the questions that follow:</b></p> <p>The celebrated inventor Thomas Edison is well known for his statement : “Genius is one percent inspiration and ninety nine percent perspiration.” Hard work is essential to a life of real success and fulfillment, being filled with a deep sense of inspiration and commitment, to making a difference in the world, is an even more important attribute.</p> <p>All of the great geniuses of the world were inspired and driven by their desire to enrich the lives of others. When you study their lives, you will discover that this desire became almost an obsession for most of them. Edison was inspired to manifest the visions he saw on the picture screen of his imagination into reality. Jonas Salk, who discovered the polio vaccine, was inspired to help others from suffering from this dreaded affliction.</p> <p>How inspired are you in your own life ? Do you jump out of bed on Monday mornings or do you simply lie there with a sense of emptiness flooding through your body ? If your level of inspiration is lower than you know it should be, read a good self-help book or listen to a motivating audio programme. Start spending time with people who are passionate about what they are doing in their lives and dedicated to making their best out of life. With a healthy dose of inspiration, you will quickly raise your life to a whole new plane of living.</p> <p>Answer the following questions in brief :</p> <p>(a) What is essential for real success in life ?</p> <p>(b) Which desire became almost an obsession for many great men of the world ?</p> <p>(c) What inspired Jonas Salk to discover the polio vaccine ?</p> <p>(d) Mention two things that can be done to increase our level of inspiration.</p> <p>(e) Which word from the passage means the same as ‘encouragement’ ?</p>	5
4	<p><b>Read the given poem carefully.</b></p> <p style="text-align: center;"><b>LEARN TO LIKE</b></p> <p>School yourself to savour most  Joys that have but little cost  Prove the best of life is free  Sun and stars and sky and sea;</p>	5

Eager in your eyes to please  
Proffer meadows, brooks and trees;  
Nature strives for your content  
Never charging you a cent.

Learn to love a garden gay  
Flowers and fruit in rich array  
Care for dogs and singing birds  
Have for children cheery words.  
Find plain food and comfort are  
More than luxury by far.  
Music, books and honest friends  
Outweigh golden dividends.

Love your work and do it well  
Scorning not a leisure spell.  
Hold the truest form of wealth  
Body fit and ruddy health.  
Let your smile of happiness  
Rustic peace serenely stress :  
Home to love and heart to pray-  
Thank your God for everyday.

**On the basis of your reading of the poem, complete the following sentences:**

- (i) (a) The best things of life and joys of nature are \_\_\_\_\_.
- (b) Two things we must love are \_\_\_\_\_.
- (c) The truest form of wealth is \_\_\_\_\_.

	(d) We must thank God for _____.	
	(ii) The word in the passage which means 'to enjoy' is _____.	
	<b>SECTION B</b> <b>(WRITING &amp; GRAMMAR: 25 Marks)</b>	
5	You have recently been to Jaisalmer, Rajasthan to stay with a friend at his place during your vacations. Write a letter to your friend Riya/ Ashutosh thanking her/him and her/his family for their wonderful hospitality and unforgettable experience of understanding their lifestyle and culture. You are Puneet from Bangalore. (Word limit 120-150 words)	6
6	It is sad that many lives are lost every year in rail accidents that can be easily prevented. Taking the ideas from the verbal inputs, prepare a speech expressing your concern at the loss of property and precious lives in rail accidents and how it can be prevented, in about 120 words. Hints : <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Look before you cross</li> <li>• Follow rules for your own safety</li> <li>• Listen carefully for the sound of any approaching train.</li> </ul>	5
7	You are Samir/Simran. You have lost you Parker pen in the playground of your school. Draft a notice for the school notice board giving details in about 80-100 words. Put the notice in a box.	4
8	<b>Choose the most appropriate option from the ones given below to complete the following passage.</b> Lighting on the road is essential if one is to walk (a) _____ night. The absence of lights often (b) _____ anti-social elements. Women (c) _____ scanned of walking on the road in the dark.  a)        (i) on                (ii) by                (iii) at                (iv) in b)        (i) attract            (ii) pull              (iii) call              (iv) called c)        (i) is                    (ii) are                (iii) our                (iv) feels	3

9	<p><b>The following passage has not been edited. There is one error in each line. Write the incorrect word and the correction in the space provided against the correct blank number.</b></p> <table border="0" style="width: 100%;"> <tr> <td style="width: 60%;"></td> <td style="text-align: center;"><b>Error</b></td> <td style="text-align: center;"><b>Correction</b></td> </tr> <tr> <td>During the water cycle all of the water in</td> <td style="text-align: center;">(a) _____</td> <td style="text-align: center;">_____</td> </tr> <tr> <td>the oceans in freshwater bodies is warmed</td> <td style="text-align: center;">(b) _____</td> <td style="text-align: center;">_____</td> </tr> <tr> <td>on the sun and it evaporates. During the process</td> <td style="text-align: center;">(c) _____</td> <td style="text-align: center;">_____</td> </tr> <tr> <td>of evaporation, impurities in the water is left behind.</td> <td style="text-align: center;">(d) _____</td> <td style="text-align: center;">_____</td> </tr> </table>		<b>Error</b>	<b>Correction</b>	During the water cycle all of the water in	(a) _____	_____	the oceans in freshwater bodies is warmed	(b) _____	_____	on the sun and it evaporates. During the process	(c) _____	_____	of evaporation, impurities in the water is left behind.	(d) _____	_____	4
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10	<p><b>Look at the words/phrases given below and rearrange these words to form meaningful sentences.</b></p> <p><b>Example: ground/that/Brahmi/herb/a/on/spreads/is</b>  <b>Brahmi is a herb that spreads on ground</b></p> <p>a. around/it is/ 96 countries/cultivated in/ the world.  b. in Africa/about 5000 years/grown/ago/it was/ first  c. say that / at the / it was grown/ some researchers/same time/ in India.</p>	3															
<p><b>SECTION C</b>  <b>(LITERATURE: 25 Marks)</b></p>																	
11	<p><b>Read the passage given below carefully and answer the questions that follow:</b></p> <p>The voice of thunder declares my arrival;  The rainbow announces my departure.  I am like earthly life, which begins at  The feet of the mad elements and ends  Under the upraised wings of death.</p> <p>(a) How are the arrival and departure of rain announced?  (b) How is rain like 'earthly life'?  (c) What are the 'mad elements'?</p>	3															
<p><b>Answer the questions in about 30 to 40 words each:</b></p>																	
12 (A)	There was a change in the attitude of the other Privates towards the Professor. Elaborate.	2															
12 (B)	Who was 'Young Porky' ? Why was he popular ?	2															

12 (C)	How do you think the song of the rain is the song of the soul.		2
12 (D)	Describe the second stage of life as elaborated by Shakespeare in the poem, 'The Seven Ages'?		2
13	Why does the convict seek the Bishop's blessings ? What instigated this change ?		4
	<b>OR</b>		
	Bill Bramble left no stone unturned to secure his son's future. Justify with reference to the lesson 'Keeping it from Harold'.		4
	<b>Attempt either Part A or Part B</b> <b>Part A</b>		
14 (A)	Gulliver's encounter with the spirits of great persons from Ancient and Modern History bring out shocking facts of history having been misinterpreted. Clarify and substantiate this statement with examples from the novel.		5
15 (A)	Give an account of the King of Luggnagg.		5
	<b>Part B</b>		



14 (B)	'Harris proposed that we should have scrambled eggs for breakfast.' Did Harris' attempt to make scrambled eggs turn out to be a success ? Explain.	5
15 (B)	What does the incident of finding a hotel at Datchet tell us about Jerome ?	5
<b>Section-D</b> <b>(Open Text -10 Marks)</b> <b>(* Please ensure that the open text of the given theme is supplied with this question paper)</b>		
16	<b>Theme-II (The future is Now: A Zest for Living)(5+5)</b> (a) Happiness is an inside thing. It is a person's perspective about the situation that makes a person happy or sad. Elaborate with the help of the text. (b) We feel that physically-challenged persons remain engulfed with permanent darkness and they are never happy with their lives. Seeing them our heart gets filled with pity and think that physically and mentally challenged people are doomed forever. We pity them but this is not a right attitude. Explain.	10
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