



**DELHI PUBLIC SCHOOL SURAT: ENGLISH
SAMPLE QUESTION PAPER
CLASS X
SUMMATIVE ASSESSMENT II
ENGLISH: Code No. 101
(COMMUNICATIVE)**

Maximum Marks: 80

Time: 3 hrs.

SECTION-A(Reading - 20 Marks)

Q-1 Read the poem given below and answer the questions.

[5 Marks]

WIND

Wind, come softly.
Don't break the shutters of the windows.
Don't scatter the papers.
Don't throw down the books on the shelf.
There, look what you did - you threw them all down. You tore the pages of the books.
You brought rain again.
You're very clever at poking fun at weaklings.
Frail crumbling houses, crumbling doors, crumbling rafters, crumbling wood,
crumbling bodies, crumbling lives,
crumbling hearts -
the wind god winnows and crushes them all.
He won't do what you tell him.
So, come, let's build strong homes,
Let's join the doors *firmly*.
Practise to firm the body. Make
the heart steadfast.
Do this, and the wind will be friends with us.
The wind blows out weak fires.
He makes strong fires roar and flourish.
His friendship is good. We
praise him every day. Wind,
come softly.

—Subramania Bharali

Given below is the summary of the poem. Fill in the blanks with suitable words to complete the summary. Use only one word for each blank.

The poet begins by a) _____ to the wind to blow softly and not cause havoc by breaking window shutters, scattering paper or throwing books on the shelf. The poet b) _____ against the wind since it has torn the pages of the books and has brought rain again. The poet feels that the wind is extremely clever as it c) _____ fun of those who are weak. It does not like anything weak. Everything

that d) _____ easily be it houses, doors, wood or rafters, is e) _____
mercilessly by wind. Besides, it also crushes weak bodies, lives and hearts. The poet
f) _____ wind to a God who doesn't do what people tell him to. The poet offers a
g) _____ to help humanity. He appeals to people to be firm, positive and strong
both physically as well as mentally. They must have a h) _____ heart if they want
to be friends with wind. If we are strong then wind will not only i) _____ us but
also aids us in achieving success and in flourishing. It is j) _____ to be friends
with wind.

Q-2 Read the passage given below and answer the questions that follow by choosing the answers from the given options. [5 Marks]

TRAVELLING THE INDIAN WAY

Over the years, the Pope has been driven around in quite a few different vehicles, which most people refer to as the 'Popemobile'. The last time the Pope visited the United States, for instance, his ride was a modified Mercedes-Benz M Class SUV which had been specially modified to accommodate his needs. In fact, Mercedes-Benz has a long history of creating vehicles specially for the Pope, and now Piaggio has joined in as well. Piaggio's contribution, though, features just three wheels and is made from the rickshaw platform which is popular in India, where the vehicle was created.

The autorickshaw is now all set for a papal touch. Two made-in-Maharashtra three-wheelers desi versions of the Popemobile', the specially-designed automobile used by the Pope at public appearances, is to whirr across the Vatican. The three-wheelers have been presented to the Pope by Italian automaker Piaggio which manufactures them at its Baramati plant. The Piaggio Ape Calessino vehicles, that carry special insignia of the Vatican city and are white in colour in line with papal requirements, were presented to Pope Benedict XVI at the Vatican last week, marking one of the most visible Indian connections to the spiritual leader.

These vehicles were given a complete look and feel of a Popemobile by putting a white coloured hood, white tyres, seat upholstery, and white body paint. The insignia on the doors is specially handcrafted. The entire vehicle was given a complete unique decor to suit the aura of His Holiness,' Ravi Chopra, CMD of Piaggio's Indian subsidiary, told TOI.

Chopra said the Pope gave the delegation an audience where they apprised him of the vehicles and where they were manufactured. 'He enquired about India and expressed a desire to visit the country,' Chopra said. But would the Holy father actually get to use the vehicles and why would he prefer a three-wheeler over his fleet of cars?

Chopra is confident he will. 'Just as a golf cart, they can be used by the Pope, may be for moving in the garden or some other purpose,' he said.

—Pankaj Dvovall TNN

Based on your reading of the news clipping above complete the following statements.

- 1. The Pope is _____.**
a) a man who loves cars b) a spiritual leader
c) the King of Vatican d) an environmentalist
- 2. Piaggio, is _____ company.**
a) an Indian b) a Vatican
c) an American d) an Italian

3. **To meet papal requirements, the manufacturer _____.**
- presented the three-wheelers at the Vatican
 - modified the vehicles to accommodate the needs of the Pope
 - designed the vehicles specially for the Pope's public appearances
 - gave the vehicle a complete white look and the insignia of the Vatican City
4. **The management of Piaggio is confident that the Pope will prefer a three-wheeler over his fleet of cars because _____.**
- he needs it to play golf
 - he cannot use the other vehicles in the garden
 - it is more fuel-efficient
 - it is less polluting
5. **Pick out from the passage a word that means 'a particular quality that seems to surround a person'.**
- aura
 - insignia
 - papal
 - touch

Q-3 Read the passage given below and complete the sentences that follow. [5 Marks]

Many animals are able to communicate with each other very well, but none of them can talk as we do. That is, no animals use words.

Birds cry out and make sounds that other birds understand. Smells, movements, and sounds are used for communication by animals, through which they express joy or anger or fear.

Human speech is a very complicated process, which no animal can perform. One reason is that in a very special way we use a whole series of organs to produce the sounds we want to make when we utter words. The way our vocal cords are made to vibrate, the way the throat, mouth and nasal cavities are adjusted, the way the lips, teeth, lower jaw, tongue, and palate are moved - just to make vowel and consonant sounds, is something animals can't do. They cannot produce a whole series of words to make a sentence. And there is another, perhaps more important reason why animals can't talk. Words are only labels for objects, actions, feelings, expressions and ideas. For example, the word 'bird' is a label for a living, flying object. Other words describe its colour, shape, flying and singing. Still other words would be used to tell what the speaker thinks or feels about the bird or its actions.

For human beings, therefore, the use of words means the use of labels or symbols, and then organizing them in a certain way to communicate something. This requires a degree of intelligence and logical thinking that no animals have. So, they can't talk the way people do.

- While human beings use words to communicate, birds and animals are different since they use for communication_____.
- Though birds and animals cannot communicate like human beings, they are capable of _____.
- The complicated process of human speech requires a very special way of using _____.
- Using words for communication requires intelligence and_____.
- Pick out a word from the third paragraph that means 'to move from side to side very quickly and with small movements'.

Q-4 Read the passage given below and answer the questions that follow by choosing the answers from given options. [5 Marks]

The death of Dr Christiaan Barnard, the famous transplant surgeon, has occurred at a time when many of his modern counterparts are facing difficulties. Many of the early problems, such as tissue rejection, have, to a great extent, now been solved, thanks to the introduction of new drugs. However, there remains a major problem. The people in need of transplant surgery far outnumber the available organs.

The shortage of organ donors has caused several doctors to call for urgent improvements to be made to the system by which organs are donated. Many countries, such as Britain, have huge waiting lists of people whose lives could be saved by being given a kidney, lung, heart, or liver transplant. Sadly, many of them die before they reach the top of those lists.

Under the present British scheme, people are asked to carry donor cards, and/or put their names on the national donor register. Thus, if they lose their lives suddenly, for example, in a traffic accident, they have given permission in advance of their deaths for their organs to be used. If they have not done so, surgeons are faced with the task of asking the distraught next-of-kin for permission to use the organs of the deceased. Of course, often the relatives are too upset even to think of such a thing until it is too late. Organ transplants have to take place quite soon after the death of the donor.

Dying and donating organs is not something most of us like to think about, and only about 14% of people have registered. Now, it has been suggested that, instead of the present register, there should be a register of people who wish to opt out of having their organs removed for transplant surgery.

Increasing the number of donors is made more difficult because it is such an emotive issue. Just recently, an article in the Journal of the American Medical Association showed that half of the families in the United States refused, when asked for permission to use the organs of their loved ones.

1. Contemporary doctors face difficulties in transplant surgery because _____.

- a) tissue rejection has not been solved
- b) expert doctors like Christian Barnard are not at hand to give advice
- c) people needing transplant outnumber donors
- d) introduction of new drugs has led to harmful side effects.

2. Patients often meet an unfortunate end because of _____.

- a) shortage of donors
- b) tissue mis-match
- c) lack of good doctors
- d) lack of funds

3. Carrying donor cards is helpful in _____.

- a) asking people to donate organs
- b) preventing accidental deaths
- c) locating relatives of donors
- d) locating donors quickly after death

4. Many do not want to donate organs because _____.

- a) they are selfish
- b) they cannot reach the hospital in time
- c) they are ignorant
- d) of emotional reasons

5. The word 'distraught' in the third paragraph means _____.

- a) upset
- b) angry
- c) selfish
- d) happy

SECTION-B
(WRITING -20 MARKS)

- Q-5** Recently you celebrated your birthday in a grand manner. Many of your friends attended the party. Write a brief description of the birthday party giving all the relevant details in about 80 words. [4 Marks]

Birthday Party

Value points:

- ❖ Venue, Time, Date
 - ❖ People who attended the party
 - ❖ Celebration details (cake, candles, music, games, etc.)
 - ❖ Gifts received
 - ❖ Food/dinner
 - ❖ Personal reaction
 - ❖
- Q-6** You have noticed many stray animals on the road during the busy hours of the day. Write letter to the editor of a leading newspaper about the nuisance created by the stray animals Sign your name as Kriti/Krishnan. (120 words) [8 Marks]



Value points:

- Nuisance created by stray animals:
- ❖ A regular feature on many roads
 - ❖ Cause
 - traffic jam
 - accidents
 - unhygienic conditions
 - ❖ Solution
 - strict action against owners
 - building of animal shelters
 - creating public awareness
- Q-7** While reading the newspaper, you came across the following news item. [8 Marks]

Two Dutch women attacked, robbed in New Delhi

New Delhi: Two Dutch women on a world tour were brutally attacked and robbed of their money and passports by two men posing as tourist guides, police said.

Such incidents deter tourists from visiting the country. Based on the information given above, and using the ideas from the Unit 'Travel and Tourism' and your own, write an article for a national newspaper in about 150 words on the subject offering suggestions for improving tourist facilities. Also give a suitable title.

Value points:

- ❖ Appropriate title
- ❖ Unsafe conditions for tourists
 - increasing attacks on foreign tourists
 - overcharging, cheating and begging
 - littering, dirtying tourist spots
- ❖ Impact on tourists
 - will reduce visitors to the country
 - will discourage domestic tourism
 - will project a bad image of the country
 - will lead to decrease in income
- ❖ Suggestions
 - create awareness
 - strict monitoring and policing for safety
 - stringent punishment
 - better publicity
 - improved facilities like hotels, guides, etc.

SECTION-C

(Grammar - 20 Marks)

Q-8 Complete the passage given below choosing the correct alternatives.

[$\frac{1}{2} \times 8 = 4$ Marks]

Many people a) _____ have grown up in multi-child families b) _____ that a single child family is a very fortunate one. They mention such benefits c) _____ lack of competition d) _____ parental love in such families. According to them e) _____ of such children possesses a large wardrobe f) _____ clothes. But the picture is not g) _____ rosy. In spite of getting everything h) _____ children are very lonely and long for company.

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| a) | i) that | ii) which | iii) who | iv) when |
| b) | i) are thinking | ii) thinks | iii) have thought | iv) think |
| c) | i) like | ii) such | iii) instance | iv) example |
| d) | i) in | ii) of | iii) for | iv) about |
| e) | i) all | ii) each | iii) some | iv) one |
| f) | i) for | ii) of | iii) in | iv) on |
| g) | i) all | ii) so | iii) as | iv) such |
| h) | i) that | ii) those | iii) this | iv) these |

- Q-9** Here are some notes about the annual function of Golden Jubilee School and College in the diary of the Cultural Secretary of the college. Study the 'given notes and complete the paragraph that follows by filling up the blanks with the most appropriate option from those given. [4 Marks]

Notes in the diary

- ❖ Celebration of annual function in institute
- ❖ The Mayor of the city as Chief Guest
- ❖ Principal and the staff welcomed him
- ❖ The Mayor's wife gave away prizes
- ❖ The Principal hosted dinner

The annual function of the Golden Jubilee School and College a) _____ with great pomp and show. The Mayor of the city, b) _____ on the occasion, c) _____ by the Principal and the staff. d) _____ the wife of the Chief Guest. A dinner was hosted by the Principal of the Golden Jubilee School and College.

- a) i) was celebrated ii) is being celebrated
iii) has been celebrated iv) had been celebrated
- b) i) that was the Chief Guest ii) being the Chief Guest
iii) who was the Chief Guest iv) who was a Chief Guest
- c) i) was accorded a warm welcome on his arrival
ii) has been accorded a warm welcome on his arrival
iii) will be accorded warm welcome on his arrival
iv) has been accorded a warm welcome on their arrival
- d) i) Prize were given to students ii) Prize will be given away by
iii) Prize had been given by iv) Prizes were given away by

- Q-10** Rearrange the following to form meaningful sentences. The first one has been done as an example for you. [4 Marks]

world/ languages/ there were/dialects/some 300 different/in the/and
There were some 300 different languages and dialects in the world.

- a) communications/not matter/were slow/it did/between different/when the/parts of the world
- b) for a/people/feel/our/times/the need/but/in/common language
- c) unconnected with/creation of/the first solution/an/artificial language/was the / any / existing language
- d) invention/of a/natural/based/on/the/second solution/a synthetic language/language/was the

- Q-11** Read the following conversation between a mother and daughter while watching a cricket match. Complete the passage given below. [1 x 4 = 4 Marks]

Mother: Who do you think will win the match?
Daughter: Who is wearing blue?
Mother: India
Daughter: Who are the men in yellow?
Mother: They are the Australians
Daughter: They will surely win the match.
Mother: Oh! Why do you feel so?
Daughter: There are 11 of them against just two Indians.

The mother asked her daughter who a)_____. The daughter enquired who the ones in blue were. The mother replied that they were Indians. The girl then wanted b)_____. When the mother said that they were Australians, the daughter emphatically c)_____. The mother d)_____. The daughter replied that there were 11 of them against just two Indians.

Q-12 Complete the following news reports accompanying the following headlines by filling in the blanks. [1 x 4 = 4 Marks]

- a) Drinking and Driving Banned
Drinking and driving_____.
- b) Two Killed in Accident
Two _____ between a car and a truck due to the fog on the roads
- c) Drive against Illegal Constructions Launched
The police _____ illegally constructed houses in Mumbai.
- d) Cold Wave Claims 125 Lives in Country
The cold wave in North India _____ 125 people

SECTION D
(LITERATURE -20 MARKS)

Q-13A Read the passages given below and answers the questions that follow by choosing the correct options. [3 Marks]

(A) *All in a hot and copper sky,
The bloody Sun, at noon,
Right up above the mast did stand,
No bigger than the Moon.*

a) How is the Sun different now from the Sun earlier?

- i) The Sun is hot now but earlier the Sun was glorious.
- ii) The Sun is glorious and red now but earlier the Sun was hot.
- iii) There is no Sun now only fog and mist.
- iv) The Sun was large earlier but now it is small.

b) Why are the sailors unable to move at this moment?

- i) They are stuck in the land of ice and snow.
- ii) They are unable to move because they were surrounded by icebergs.
- iii) There is no breeze to help them sail.
- iv) The rotting vegetation does not allow them to sail.

c) Name a poetic device used in the above lines.

- i) Repetition ii) Imagery iii) Simile iv) Metaphor

OR

(B) *CAESAR: And you are come in very happy time,
To bear my greeting to the senators
And tell them that I will not come to-day:*
CALPURNIA: Say he is sick.

- a) **Whom does Caesar greet in the first line?**
 i) Antony ii) Decius Brutus
 iii) Brutus iv) Calpurnia
- b) **What message does Caesar want to send to the senators?**
 i) He will not come to the Senate. ii) He wants to greet the senators.
 iii) He is afraid to move out of the house. iv) He is sick.
- c) **What makes Caesar change his mind?**
 i) He is feeling better.
 ii) He wants to rejuvenate Rome and give it new blood.
 iii) He is afraid of what the Senators will think of him.
 iv) The information that the Senators plan to give him a crown that day.

Q-13B *We watched the other people getting up to leave. I didn't believe the grass would be empty all around us ... that we would be alone in this place.* [3 Marks]

- a) Where was the speaker of these lines?
 b) Who were the others? Why were they leaving?
 c) What decision did Grandmother take? What does this tell you about her?

Q-14 **Answer any four of the following questions.** [2 x 4 = 8 Marks]

- a) **Why did Ali not come to the Post Office for several days? Why was he impatient when he finally returned to the Post Office?**
- b) **Why did the frog observe the animals who came to hear the nightingale with joy, which was both sweet and bitter?**
- c) **Why does the woman turn away from the lake in agitation?**
- d) **The crowd in 'Julius Caesar' does not understand the speech of Brutus. Comment.**
- e) **Why does the Ancient Mariner stop and tell his tale to the Wedding Guest?**

Q-15 **Bring out the use of the supernatural in 'The Rime of the Ancient Mariner'.**

[6 Marks]

OR

**Mark Antony in 'Julius Caesar' says,
 'Now let it work. Mischief thou art afoot,
 Take thou what course thou wilt!'**

How was Antony successful in instigating the people of Rome against the conspirators? Write your answer in about 150 words.
