



**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)

1. Read the given passage carefully and write the correct option in the questions {5} given below.

Sun and Veggies for a Happy Mind

The fact that memory-enhancing pills don't work is so well-established that even companies which sell them have stopped advertising them to students desperate enough to try anything board examinations.

I recommend a daily dose of sunshine, along with a diet that comprises oily fish:mackerel, sardines, trout, of omega three fatty acids, which boost brain power. Vegetarians can have their pick of a fistful of seeds such as sesame, sunflower, pumpkin, a small bowl of wheat germ or eight to ten walnuts.

Fish boost gray matter, so does a healthy dose of sunshine. Higher levels of vitamin D improves attention and the speed of processing information, report European scientists in the *Journal of Neurology, Neurosurgery and Psychiatry*.

As haemoglobin in the blood helps carry oxygen to cells, including those in the brain, mild iron deficiency, caused by low haemoglobin, too slow thinking and remembering processes. Iron supplements of a little as 60 mg a day can improve attention, stamina and short-term as well as long-term memory.

Anaemia or low haemoglobin is three times more common in vegetarians than meat-eaters. Vegetarians must ensure their meals include some amount of almonds, dried apricots, broccoli (raw, one stalk), dates, kidney beans, peas or spinach. Chicken breast contains 0.7 mg of iron, but it is more easily absorbed than iron from plants sources. Taking vitamin B12 and folic acid supplements can help increase iron absorption.

Iron pills, however, should not be treated like memory enhancers because they work only for people with iron deficiency.

Other dietary dos and don't include: avoid fried and processed foods that are high in calories but low in nutrients. Instead, go for home-cooked meals with more emphasis on milk, yogurt, green leafy vegetables and fresh fruits. It's also vital to keep the heart pumping hard as about 20 per cent of the blood from the heart goes to the brain. Anything that impedes blood flow can effect clear thinking and cause forgetfulness.

Some from of brisk physical activity for 30 minutes, at least three to five times a week, is also a must. Yoga and breathing exercises won't be enough. While they do help you relax, they don't pump up oxygen levels in the blood the way cardiovascular exercises do.

A. Sunshine boosts the brain cells and so does

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| i) green vegetables | <input type="checkbox"/> | ii) fish | <input type="checkbox"/> |
| iii) oil | <input type="checkbox"/> | iv) medicine | <input type="checkbox"/> |

B. Slow thinking may be caused by

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| i) calcium deficiency | <input type="checkbox"/> | ii) vitamin deficiency | <input type="checkbox"/> |
| iii) lack of exercise | <input type="checkbox"/> | iv) iron deficiency | <input type="checkbox"/> |

C. Fried and processed foods are

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|-----------------------|--------------------------|-----------------------|--------------------------|
| i) high in nutrients | <input type="checkbox"/> | ii) low in folic acid | <input type="checkbox"/> |
| iii) high in calories | <input type="checkbox"/> | iv) low in calories | <input type="checkbox"/> |

D. To ensure sufficient blood supply to the brain, we must

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| i) practice yoga and meditation daily. | <input type="checkbox"/> |
| ii) do mild exercise daily. | <input type="checkbox"/> |
| iii) do vigorous exercise daily | <input type="checkbox"/> |
| iv) do cardiovascular exercise three to four times a week | <input type="checkbox"/> |

E. 'Impedes' means

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| i) slow down | <input type="checkbox"/> | ii) delays or stops | <input type="checkbox"/> |
| iii) continues without break | <input type="checkbox"/> | iv) increases | <input type="checkbox"/> |

2. Read the given poem carefully and write the correct option in the question given below. (5)

December, 1919

Last night I heard your voice, mother,
The words you sang to me
What I, a little barefoot boy,
Knelt down against your knee.

And tears gushed from my heart, mother,
And passed beyond its wall,
But though the fountain reached my throat
The drops refused to fall.

Tis ten years since you died, mother,
 Just ten dark years of pain,
 And oh, I only wish that I
 Could weep just once again.

-Claude Mckay

- A. The poet recalls his**
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| i) childhood days with his mother | <input type="checkbox"/> | ii) his mother | <input type="checkbox"/> |
| iii) his childhood | <input type="checkbox"/> | iv) his mother's singing | <input type="checkbox"/> |
- B. 'a little Barefoot boy' suggests**
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| i) they were poor | <input type="checkbox"/> | ii) he was very young | <input type="checkbox"/> |
| iii) they lived in a hot country | <input type="checkbox"/> | iv) he could not wear shoes | <input type="checkbox"/> |
- C. 'The fountain' refers to**
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| i) his overflowing emotions | <input type="checkbox"/> | ii) water | <input type="checkbox"/> |
| iii) garden fountain | <input type="checkbox"/> | iv) tears | <input type="checkbox"/> |
- D. He must now be a**
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| i) young man | <input type="checkbox"/> | ii) teenager | <input type="checkbox"/> |
| iii) middle-aged man | <input type="checkbox"/> | iv) small boy | <input type="checkbox"/> |
- F. The poem speaks of**
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| i) the sorrow of losing one's mother | <input type="checkbox"/> |
| ii) the pain of growing up without a mother | <input type="checkbox"/> |
| iii) the sorrow of living alone | <input type="checkbox"/> |
| iv) the pain and sorrow of a single child. | <input type="checkbox"/> |

3. Read the passage given below carefully and complete the sentence that follow. (5)

Life's Lessons

Azim Premji, chairman of Wipro Corporation, a pioneer of the Indian infotech industry, is one of the most distinguished leaders of corporate India. He shared his values and beliefs with aspiring young managers at the 'Shaping Young Minds Programme', organized by the All India Management Association and the Bombay Management Association on February 9, 2004 in Mumbai.

It is always wonderful to be with young people. The funny thing about life is that you realize the value of something only when it begins to leave you. As my hair turned from black to salt and pepper, and finally salt without the pepper, I began to realize the importance of youth. At the same time I have begun to

appreciate truly some of the lessons I learned along the way. I hope you will find them useful when you plan your own career and life.

The first thing I learned is that we must always begin with our strengths. From the earliest years of our schooling, everyone focuses on what is wrong with us. There is an imaginary story of a rabbit. The rabbit was enrolled in a rabbit school. Like all rabbits, it could hop very well, but could not swim. At the end of the year, the rabbit got high marks in hopping, but failed in swimming. The parents were concerned. They said, "Forget about hopping. You are anyway good at it. Concentrate on swimming." They sent the rabbit for training in swimming. And guess what happened? The rabbit forgot how to hop! As for swimming, have you ever seen a rabbit swim? While it is important for us to know what we are not good at, we must also cherish what is good in us. That is because it is only our strengths that can give us the energy to correct our weaknesses.

The second lesson I have learned is that a rupee earned is of far more value than five found. My friend was once sharing with me the story of his eight-year-old niece. She would always complain about the breakfast. The cook tried everything possible, but the child remained unhappy. Finally, my friend took the child to a supermarket and bought one of those ready-to-cook packets. The child had to cut the packet and pour water in the dish. After that, it took two minutes in the microwave oven to be ready. The child found the food absolutely delicious! The difference was that she had cooked it herself!

-Azim Premji

- A. One realizes the value of youth when _____
 - B. Salt and pepper hair stands for _____
 - C. In this extract the writer, Azim Premji, talks about _____ that he has learnt.
 - D. According to the writer a rupee that is earned _____
 - E. According to the writer it is most important to know _____
4. Read the passage given below carefully and complete the sentences that follow. (5)

Nature-ly Friendly

Being eco-friendly is in vogue. Whether on the ramp or at home, a large number of people are emphasizing the use of eco-friendly products, thereby doing their bit to protect the environment. "Eco-friendly products are those products that inflict minimal or no harm to the environment. Made of natural elements, these products are not only safe but also add an artistic dimension to one's home," explains C. K. Nair of Home Stop.

Beneath the look

The products are made of environment-sensitive material such as recycled wood, dead wood, recycled paper, bamboo, jute, natural fiber and natural or organic cotton. “Grasses like sabai grass and vetiver can be woven to make mats, screens, bags and baskets. Old textiles can be used to make recycled paper, which can be used for packaging, lampshades, notebooks and other stationery. Recycled plastic can be used for containers and furniture,” says Minhazz Majumdar of The Bamboo Store.

“Items like choppers, trivets, cutlery holder, spice box set, dry flower arrangements, rattan sea grass, water hyacinth baskets, cotton, linen, etc., can be made from recycled material,” say Nair.

Light on the pocket

Though there’s been a lot of awareness about using eco-friendly products, it’s still not the first thing that people look for when buying things for their homes. But eco-friendly products not only stand out in their looks, their durability is also high. “The life cycle of these products can be up to 50 years,” says Majumdar.

“With people becoming conscious about the environment, eco-friendly products will soon be considered an important aspect (in home décor),” says Angeline Loiseau of Zolijns Designs. “And what’s more, their prices may start from as low as Rs. 150,” says Nair.

---Chetna Joshi Bambruo

- A. Eco-friendly products are not only environment friendly but also_____
- B. The eco-friendly products are made mainly from _____
- C. According to the passage, students can contribute to protecting the environment by _____.
- D. C. K. Nair, Minhazz Majumdar and Angeline Loiseau are_____
- E. “Being eco-friendly is in vogue.”The word ‘vogue’ suggests it is _____

SECTION B: WRITING (20 Marks)

- 5. The Accounts Manager of your firm will be going to Gwalior on a business trip. She will be staying at the Usha Kiran Palace. Send an email to the hotel, making reservations. Give all relevant details: name, date, duration of stay, mode of payment and any other information that you may consider necessary. (4)
- 6. You have travelled a lot since childhood, but one particular place has remained etched in your memory. Describe that place, saying why it has left a permanent imprint on your mind. (8)

7. India is rich in its tourism value. But the craze for foreign travel makes the domestic tourist overlook this potential. Write a letter to the editor of a travel magazine, identifying some exclusive locales that they could highlight at the start of the tourist season. You may take ideas from the unit "Travel and Tourism" in your Main Course Book. (8)

SECTION C: GRAMMAR (20 Marks)

8. Complete the following dialogue between Nitin and his teacher by choosing (4) the correct options from the given choices.

Nitin You know, Sir, we (A) _____ school uniforms.

Teacher: Why is that?

Nitin: It is so boring (B) _____ everyday.

Teacher: It (C) _____ your mind.

Nitin: (D) _____ ?

- (A) should not have; should not be having; will have; must have.
(B) to have the same clothes; to wear the same clothes; to have worn the same Clothes; to be worn the same clothes
(C) was to discipline; has to discipline; have to discipline; is to discipline
(D) Which is discipline Sir; Where is discipline Sir ; What was discipline Sir; What is discipline Sir

9. Given below is an extract from an interview of the famous actress Mrinalini. On the basis of the interview, complete the news report give below. (4)

Reporter: What prompted you to take up acting as a career?

Mrinalini: Both my parents were actors, so I developed a love for acting at a very young age.

Reporter: Did you find it difficult to attend school and maintain your schedules as well?

Mrinalini: No, I did not. My parents supported me in every way possible. Moreover, my principal and teachers supported me and gave me a lot of special time to cope up with my work. I am grateful to them for this.

Reporter: Would you like to give a message to child actors of today?

Mrinalini: Yes. I would like them to follow their dreams, no matter how Difficult it may seem.

At an exclusive interview with Headlines, Ms Mrinalini talked about her early years. When asked about (a) _____ as a career, she said that since both (b) _____ she (c) _____ a love for acting at a very young age. To the question whether she (d) _____ to attend school and maintain her schedules as well, she (e) _____ that (f) _____ (g) _____ parents had supported

(h)_____. She(i)_____ added that (j)_____ and (k)_____. She was grateful to them for that. Finally, in reply to whether she (l)_____ like to give a message to child actors of today, she (m)_____

10. Complete the following paragraph by filling in the missing words, chosen from the options provided. (4)

Good morning, everyone. I had a interesting time at the Chefs' Show at Maurya Sheraton last evening. There were lots of interesting recipes. The live demonstrations added to the appeal. I shall now tell you how the Green Apple Salad was made. I do not remember the chef's name, but I do remember the recipe.

Two green apples and one raw mango (a)_____. Then they (b)_____ in a salad bowl. Some salt and pepper (c) _____ on the mixture. To this mixture finely chopped coriander leaves (d)_____. Finally, a dash of lemon juice (e)_____ to give that special tangy taste. The mixture (f)_____ then refrigerated. I must conclude by adding that a more delicious and healthy salad than this cannot be (g)

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| a) i) are grated | ii) were grated | iii) are to be grated | iv) grate |
| b) i) were mixed | ii) was mixed | iii) are mixed | iv) will be mixed |
| c) i) sprinkled | ii) sprinkling | iii) was sprinkled | iv) are sprinkled |
| d) i) had been added | ii) were added | iii) was added | iv) could be added |
| e) i)was added | ii) were put | iii) is put | iv) sprinkled |
| f) i) is | ii) was | iii) had been | iv) is to be |
| g) i) find | ii) founded | iii) fond | iv) found |

11. In each of the following passages a few words have been omitted. Write the correct word in the given blanks. (4)

Decision making is very important our future depends the decisions we take today. (A)_____ Therefore it necessary that we take correct decisions. (B)_____ No decision should be taken without looking. (C)_____ the issue from all angles. Objectivity allows us to view matters impartially without prejudice. (D)_____ Delaying important decisions be the worst thing we can do, (E)_____ Remember, procrastination is the curse the human race. (F)_____

12. Edit the following conversation by finding errors and write the correct words in the given blanks: (4)

“This is a strange note,” said Mr. Utterson; and then sharply (A)_____ “How do you came to have it open?”
 “The man at Maw’s was very angry, sir, and he threw it

Back with me like a piece of dirt," answered Poole. (B) _____
 "This is unquestioned the doctor's hand, © _____
 do you know?" asked the lawyer.
 "I will think it looked like it," said the servant rather reluctantly, (D) _____
 I've has seen him!" (E) _____

SECTION D: LITERATURE (20 Marks)

13. Read the following extract and answer the questions that follow choosing (3) the most appropriate option ;

And through the drifts the snowy clifts
 Did send a dismal sheen:
 Nor shapes of men nor beasts we ken-
 The ice was all between.

A) 'drifts here means:

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| i) wanders aimlessly | <input type="checkbox"/> | ii) directionless | <input type="checkbox"/> |
| iii) icebergs | <input type="checkbox"/> | iv) snow | <input type="checkbox"/> |

B) The ice is described as having a dismal sheen because

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| i) it had blocked all routes of escape for the sailors | <input type="checkbox"/> |
| ii) it had been in the water for a long time and was stale | <input type="checkbox"/> |
| iii) the light was dim | <input type="checkbox"/> |
| iv) it was covered with a layer of dirt | <input type="checkbox"/> |

C) The feeling that the description evokes is one of

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| i) utter helplessness and desperation | <input type="checkbox"/> |
| ii) joy and happiness | <input type="checkbox"/> |
| iii) sorrow and sadness | <input type="checkbox"/> |
| iv) longing and nostalgia. | <input type="checkbox"/> |

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His eyes were filled with tears of helplessness, for his patience was exhausted, even though he still had faith.

A) His eyes filled with tears of helplessness because

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| i) he could do nothing to take the letter from the postman. | |
| ii) he could not endure the suffering any more | <input type="checkbox"/> |
| iii) he could not bear the insults of the postmaster | <input type="checkbox"/> |
| iv) he was feeling very ill. | <input type="checkbox"/> |

B) He still had faith in

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| i) himself | <input type="checkbox"/> | ii) his over for his daughter | <input type="checkbox"/> |
| iii) the postmaster | <input type="checkbox"/> | iv) humanity | <input type="checkbox"/> |

C) The word "helplessness" is a noun. The adjective of the word is

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| i) help | <input type="checkbox"/> | ii) helping | <input type="checkbox"/> |
| iii) helpless | <input type="checkbox"/> | iv) helped | <input type="checkbox"/> |

14. Answer any four of the following five questions in 30-40 words each: **(2x4=8)**

- a) The ship was surrounded by water, yet the sailors did not have a drop to drink. Explain.
- b) How did the senators justify the assassination of Caesar?
- c) Was the Nightingale gullible. Justify with examples.
- d) The post office became Ali's place of pilgrimage. Why?
- e) Describe the character of grandmother by supporting with relevant extracts from the story.

15. Answer any one of the following: **(6)**

Both Cassius and Brutus assassinated Caesar. But their motives were different of the two, whom would you consider a better man.

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The postmaster is filled with remorse at his treatment of Ali when his own daughter falls ill and he has no news of her role whole night. Write out the diary entry he made that night.
