

SAMPLE QUESTION PAPER - 3
Communicative English (101)
Class IX (2024-25)

Time Allowed: 3 hours

Maximum Marks: 80

General Instructions:

Read the following instructions very carefully and strictly follow them:

1. This question paper has 10 questions. All questions are compulsory.
2. This question paper contains three sections: Section A: Reading Skills, Section B: Writing Skills Section C: Grammar Section D: Literature Textbook
3. Attempt all questions based on specific instructions for each part. Write the correct question number and part thereof in your answer sheet.
4. Separate instructions are given with each question/part, wherever necessary.
5. Adhere to the prescribed word limit while answering the questions

SECTION A : READING SKILLS (20 marks)

1. Read the text carefully and answer the questions:

[10]

At Burdwan, we were told, "Third-class tickets are not booked so early." I went to the station master. He also made the same reply. As soon as he booking window opened, might was right and passengers, who were forward and indifferent to thers, coming one after another continued to push me out. I was, therefore, about the last of the first crowd to get a ticket.

The train arrived and getting into it was another trial. I went to the guard. He said, "You must try to get in where you can, or take the next train." Much against my mind, I got into an inter class compartment with my wife. The guard saw us getting in. At Asansol Station he came to charge excess fares. I said to him, "It was your duty to find us room. We could not get any, and so are sitting here." "You may not argue with me", said the guard, I cannot accommodate you. You must pay the excess fare or get out." I wanted to reach Pune somehow, so I paid the excess fare demanded, but I resented the injustice.

The woes of third-class passengers are undoubtedly due to the high-handedness of railway authorities. But the rudeness, dirty habits, selfishness and ignorance of the passengers themselves are no less to blame. The pity is that they often do not realize that they are behaving ill, dirtily or selfishly. They believe that everything they do is in the natural way. All this may be traced to the indifference towards them of us educated people'.

- (i) The author travelled by inter-class because _____.
- (ii) The author had to pay excess fare because _____.
- a) he intended to travel up to Pune. b) he was travelling in a class higher than the one he was entitled to.
- c) the guard had seen him entering the inter class compartment. d) he had purchased tickets up to Asansol.
- (iii) According to the author, the hardships of third-class passengers will be minimized if _____.
- a) there was provision of more third-class compartments. b) passengers were allowed to travel inter class in case third class compartments were overcrowded.
- c) railway authorities show genuine concern for the passengers. d) railway authorities maintain cleanliness in the trains.
- (iv) According to the passage, the author could have easily purchased tickets if _____.
- a) there were fewer passengers. b) there were two booking windows.
- c) he had decided to travel by inter class. d) there was a proper queue system at the booking window.
- (v) In which compartment did the author board with his wife?
- a) Second compartment b) Third class compartment
- c) First class compartment d) Inter class compartment
- (vi) Another word for impolite is:
- a) ignorant b) selfish

c) dirty

d) rude

(vii) At which station did the guard ask for excess fare:

(viii) Where were the author and his wife travelling to?

(ix) According to the passage, the most pitiable thing about third class passengers is _____.

a) lack of awareness of their ill-behaviour

b) rudeness to their co-travellers

c) indiscipline behaviour during the journey

d) poverty and depression

(x) From which station did the author boarded the train?

a) Pune

b) Kolkata

c) Asansol

d) Burdwan

2. **Read the text carefully and answer the questions:**

[10]

1. An air-conditioned office seems an unlikely place for a work related injury. Yet, more and more white collar workers in high-tech offices are complaining of disorders involving hands, wrists, arms, shoulders, neck and back. The common factor in most cases is swelling and growing pain at one of these sites. The many variations of this problem are now covered by a common name - Repetitive Stress Injury (RSI), also commonly known as Cumulative Trauma Disorder. No statistics are available for India, but the US Bureau of Labour Statistics recently reported that in their heavily mechanized work environment, 48 per cent of all occupational injuries were RSI.

2. With computer keyboards becoming almost standard equipment, Repetitive Stress Injury crop up most frequently in modern offices. But anyone who spends long hours in repetitive motion every day is at the risk of injuring the muscles and joints involved. This includes post office staff involved in nonstop sorting and stamping, assembly line workers and packers. Swollen finger joints are common complaint of children who earn their living by rolling thousands of bidis a day. Musicians and athletes in heavy practice can also be struck by RSI. The condition could begin with the occasional ache or numbness, later leading to a permanently painful condition. Why are Repetitive Stress Injuries in the limelight now, although people have been working at repetitive stress jobs since

time immemorial? Why didn't the typists who slaved over stiff typewriter's complain of RSI, while modern operators working on "soft-touch" keyboards need treatment for swollen wrists? To some extent, such injuries probably went unreported. (What was earlier known as a tennis elbow or housemaid's knee would now be called a Repetitive Stress Injury!)

3. But there are also other reasons, say RSI specialists. Jobs are becoming more specialized. A few decades ago, the office clerk got relief from the key-board when he got up to file, attended the phone or walked to other departments. Now that everything from record-search to faxing, proof reading to filing is done on the computer, the office worker is pounding the keyboard almost non-stop all day. There's less old fashioned paper insertion or carriage-throwing and that adds to the speed and productivity. Less office space means tight seating, with limited leg room and no place to stretch.
4. RSI experts also blame the pressure of modern day working life. The need to appear "on top of the work", performance anxiety and the fear of being laid off all make the average office worker a bundle of stress that affects muscle tension. Individual habits also increase the risk of RSI. Working on the key-board while cradling a receiver between neck and shoulder, stretching the neck to read the screen or hitting the keys with excess force are some traits which put extra strain on hand and neck joints. The risk of RSI goes up significantly when your workstation makes you operate in an unnatural posture: a monitor that makes you look upwards all the time, a keyboard that bends your wrists awkwardly, a chair that gives no back support or a writing surface that is too high. "The human body can take heavy duty but it protests with misuse," says one orthopaedic specialist.

- (i) What are the complaints by victims of RSI?
- (ii) What is the main cause of RSI?
- (iii) Who are the people most vulnerable to RSI?
- (iv) What are the symptoms of RSI?
- (v) What is the opinion of orthopaedic doctors about human body?
- (vi) The most unlikely place for a work related injury is _____.

a) playground

b) library

c) garden

d) air-conditioned office

(vii) The painful condition of RSI can be reached _____.

a) all of these

b) rolling bidis

c) heavy practice by athletes

d) stamping post

(viii) Risk of RSI goes up due to _____.

a) a keyboard that bends your wrists awkwardly

b) unnatural posture

c) a chair that gives no back support

d) all of these

(ix) RSI was earlier known as _____.

a) tennis elbow

b) housemaid's knee

c) golfer's elbow

d) both tennis elbow and housemaid's knee

(x) People are familiar with repetitive stress injuries for the last few decades.

a) True

b) False

SECTION B : WRITING SKILLS (24 marks)

3. You are Secretary of Health club of your school. You find that after the lunch break school playground and veranda are littered with wrappers, paper/polythene bags, etc. Write a notice in about 50 words advising students to refrain from doing so. [4]
4. Imagine you have been suffering from stomach ache for the last four days. So you have consulted a doctor for its treatment. Write a dialogue between you and a doctor. You are Govind. The opening lines have been given for your help. [5]
Govind : Good morning! I've been suffering from stomach ache for the last four days.
Doctor : Morning! Well, stomach ache for four days? How old are you?
5. Your uncle has offered to get you a pet for your birthday. Write a letter to him telling him what you would like, give reasons for your choice and tell him how you would take care of your pet. [7]

OR

You are Deepak/Anika living at 65/M, Fort Road, Cochin. Write a letter to your friend inviting him to spend the vacation with you in Kerala.

6. Use the notes in the following box to write a paragraph. [8]

Trip Chhattisgarh:

Important features: 45% of its area forests. One of the richest biodiversity areas in the country.

Landscape: Beauty of ancient monument, waterfalls, caves.

Festivals: The Hareli Festival (harvest festival) Baster Dussehra.

Tourist Top: By air-to Raipur
By rail-Mumbai-Nagpur-Kolkata rail route.
By road - NH 6 passes through.

Accommodation: Star hotels, Government Guest Houses, Hotels.

OR

Write a descriptive paragraph on how I Spent My Last Sunday or A Visit to a Zoo in the following inputs:

Input: name - location - time - water-birds - monkeys and apes in cages - ferocious animals in enclosures - other animals and birds, snakes and reptiles in glass enclosure - elephant-ride - tired returned - how you liked the zoo etc.

SECTION C : GRAMMAR (10 marks)

7. Complete the tasks, as directed. [10]

- (i) Fill in the blanks (a)-(c) with the appropriate option from those in the brackets. [3]
 Reading is one of the best hobbies (a) _____ (this/that/who) you can adopt.
 (b) _____ (It/They/Them) not only helps you to pass your leisure time usefully (c) _____ (and/so/but) also keeps you well informed. Besides that, it builds your vocabulary and helps to improve your expression.

- (ii) The following passage has not been edited. There is one error in each line. [4]
 Write the incorrect word and the correction in the space provided against the correct blank number:

		Error	Correction
Inactivity is the greater cause of overweight these days.	(a)	_____	_____
People physical activity	(b)	_____	_____

had decreased these days. The main	(c)	_____	_____
reason is there are many labour saving devices.	(d)	_____	_____

(iii) **Do as directed.**

- i. Rearrange the following jumbled words/phrases in the given dialogue to create a meaningful sentence. [1]

Religion teaches us to be honest in our dealings. An honest man is respected and admired everywhere.

leads/he/a/and/happy/prospers/life

- ii. Read the conversation given below. Based on your reading, fill in the blanks appropriately. [2]

Mr. Yadav: Have you booked the rooms in the Hotel for our holiday?

Mrs. Yadav: Yes I have. I have asked them to book a double room on the tenth floor.

Mr. Yadav: Why did you ask for a room on the tenth floor?

Mrs. Yadav: The view from there is really great.

Mr. Yadav: Have you forgotten I am afraid of lifts?

Mr. Yadav inquired from his wife (a) _____. She replied that she had and added that she had asked them to book a double room on the tenth floor. Mr. Yadav then wanted to know (b) _____ to which Mrs Yadav replied. that the view from there was really great.

SECTION D : LITERATURE TEXTBOOK (26 marks)

8. **Read the given excerpts and answer the questions briefly, for ANY TWO excerpts, of the three, given.** [8]

- (i) Read the extract given below and answer the questions/complete the sentences that follow: [4]

"Perhaps the plaintive numbers flow.

For old, unhappy, far-off things."

- What do the given lines suggest?
- Why does the poet use the word **perhaps** here?
- Pick out a word similar in meaning to **to move continuously**.

- (ii) Read the extract given below and answer the questions/complete the sentences that follow: [4]

"You folk are queer. You think about the past all time. We always think about the future."

- a. Who are **you** and **we** here?
- b. Who speaks these lines? Why does the speaker call **you** queer?
- c. What is the difference between **you** and **we**?

(iii) Read the following extract and answer the questions briefly: [4]

Those who saw it said the dog knew instantly. He never jumped on Chuck again. From that moment, he took up a post beside his master's bed around the clock. But even Duke's presence didn't reach Chuck. The once-iron muscles slacked on the rangy frame.

- a. What does **rangy** frame mean here?
- b. Why did Duke never jump on Chuck again?
- c. Why even Duke's presence didn't reach Chuck?

9. Answer ANY SIX of the following seven questions in about 30- 40 words each [12]

- (i) What does the narrator wish about her teeth? Answer to the context of the poem **Oh I Wish Id Looked After Me Teeth.** [2]
- (ii) How has the poet given speed and rhythm to his poem **The Brook**? [2]
- (iii) The field and the cloud are lovers. How does the rain act as a messenger of mercy for them? Answer to the context of the poem **The Song of the Rain.** [2]
- (iv) What kind of a school was it that Harold attended? [2]
- (v) Describe one of the best-sellers of present time **The Rose Lady and Trevelyan** in your own words. Why doesn't John A. Pescud show much appreciation for it? [2]
- (vi) Bring out the meaning from the statement **A little knowledge is a dangerous thing** with regard to Private Quelch's career. [2]
- (vii) Why does Persome say that the Bishop is the dupe of every idle scamp or lying old woman in the parish? [2]

10. Answer ANY ONE of the following two questions in about 120 words [6]

- (i) **Charity begins at home.** What do you understand from the given line as said by Persome? Do you think she was right in saying this? Discuss the values that

we learn from this statement, with respect to the play **The Bishop's Candlesticks**.

- (ii) What made the grandmother so much interested in the serial of Kashi Yatre that appeared in the weekly Karmaveera? What happened when the narrator went to attend a wedding in the neighbouring village? [6]

Solution
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(i) 1. he could not get into a third-class compartment. Third-class compartments were too crowded to get in.

(ii) (b) he was travelling in a class higher than the one he was entitled to.

Explanation:

The author was travelling in interclass whereas he possessed a third class ticket.

(iii)(c) railway authorities show genuine concern for the passengers.

Explanation:

Railway authorities are hardly bothered about third class compartments in train. If they start caring, their problems will be solved.

(iv)(d) there was a proper queue system at the booking window.

Explanation:

There was no proper queue system at the booking window and the author had been repeatedly sent away despite trying to book tickets.

(v) (d) Inter class compartment

Explanation:

The author boarded the interclass compartment instead of the third-class compartment.

(vi)(d) rude

Explanation:

'Impolite' means rude or not polite.

(vii)Asansol.

When the train halted at Asansol, the author was booked by the TC.

(viii)Pune.

(ix)(a) lack of awareness of their ill-behaviour

Explanation:

The third-class passengers are often ill-behaved. However, they hardly realise this.

(x) (d) Burdwan

Explanation:

The author started his journey from Burdwan.

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- (i) They complain about disorders involving hands, wrists, arms, shoulder, neck and back or injury to the muscles and joints.
- (ii) This is an outcome of the long hours spent in repetitive motion.
- (iii) People, prone to these injuries, are post office workers constantly sorting and stamping, assembly line workers, children rolling bidis, musicians and athletes.
- (iv) The symptoms of RSI are swelling and growing pain in hands, wrists neck etc. More often occasional ache or numbness lead to a permanent painful condition.
- (v) The human body can take heavy duty but it protests with misuse.
- (vi) **(d)** air-conditioned office
Explanation:
 air-conditioned office
- (vii) **(a)** all of these
Explanation:
 all of these
- (viii) **(d)** all of these
Explanation:
 all of these
- (ix) **(d)** both tennis elbow and housemaid's knee
Explanation:

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(x) (b) False

Explanation:

False

SECTION B : WRITING SKILLS (24 marks)

National Public School, Ramnagar

NOTICE

24th July 20XX

Keep the School Premises Clean!

It has been noticed that during the break, students litter verandas and playgrounds with wrappers, paper/poly bags, etc. Please ensure that the waste is disposed in the dust bins only. Disciplinary action will be taken against those who are found littering the premises. Please cooperate in keeping the surroundings dean and hygienic.

Ranu Mandal

(Secretary, Social Activities Club)

3. **Govind** : Yes. I'm twenty-three.

Doctor : What did you have at the dinner?

Govind : Butter chicken in the dinner.

Doctor : Please lie down. I'll examine you. Do you feel pain here?

Govind : Not here but just below it.

Doctor : Take it easy. Take these tablets with water for fourdays.

Govind : For fourdays? How should I take them?

Doctor : One in the morning and another just before going to bed.

Govind : Thank you. Goodbye.

Doctor : Goodbye.

5. 75, Govind Kunj

Govind Road

New Delhi, Delhi

8th July 20XX

Dear Uncle

Thank you for your letter. I was glad to read that you have offered to get me a pet for my birthday. Uncle, thank-you very much for your loving concern. Uncle before you buy any pet for me, can I please recommend you a pet of my choice?

Uncle, I would love to have a dog as my pet, as most of my friends have them. Secondly, uncle as you know my father is always on a touring job, so only we two kids and mom are left all alone at home, which is quite risky. And, moreover our house remains almost

vacant when Papa goes on tour, Mamma to her teaching job and Kajal and I go to school. Nowadays, in our locality lot of burglaries are taking place during the daytime. In that case, if we have a dog or a small puppy, it will guard our house in our absence. And uncle, don't worry, I will personally take care of it properly. I will feed it, bathe it, and take it out for walks in the evenings. We will treat it as a family member.

Moreover, before receiving your letter, we were insisting mom that we should buy a dog. Please, all of you join me on my birthday on coming Sunday. We all want to spend time with you all.

Regards to you and Aunty and love to Rajni and Rajnish.

Yours lovingly

Govind

OR

65 M, Fort Road

Cochin

Kerala

25th March 20XX

Dear Anik

Hope to find you and your friends in best of health and spirits. How are you spending your holidays? I hope you must be feeling quite relaxed after the tiring examinations. I am missing you badly and hope to share some relaxed moments with you in the lush greens of Kerala. I won't mind if you visit us with a friend or two of yours. We have a big house with six comfortable bedrooms. So, accommodation won't be a problem at all. And you know that my mother and elder sister are good cooks. You can enjoy some of the most delicious South Indian dishes. Don't worry. They are equally good at North Indian delicacies.

Ernakulam and Cochin, the twin cities have lots of historical and natural attractions. The Fort Cochin is a living symbol of the colonial past starting with the Dutch and ending with the British. You will have a pleasant surprise when you visit the only Jew-settlement left in India. Cochin is famous for its churches. St. Francis Church is the oldest and most historical one. Cochin provides a composite culture with a sizable population of Christians, Muslims and Hindus. The most beautiful part of your stay will be a ferry ride to some of the nearby islands. We can enjoy the fascinating Kerala's countryside for a few days with coconuts, canals, lakes dominating the landscape. My uncle is a big landlord and we can visit our village which is quite near the sea. I have already started making preparations for you. I am glad that your parents have given you their permission to visit us. Hope you will plan a visit at the earliest. I am impatient and excited to welcome you.

Yours sincerely

Deepak/Anika

6. Trip to Chhattisgarh

Chhattisgarh is one of the richest biodiversity areas in the country. 45% of its area is covered by forests. The beautiful landscape of Chhattisgarh comprises of the ancient monuments, waterfalls and caves. Its important festivals are the Hareli Festival and Baster Dussehra. The Hareli festival is the harvest festival and is celebrated in a joyous mood by everyone. The Baster Dussehra is a 75 days long event celebrated in honour of the ancient goddess of arms. It is well connected to Raipur by air and to Mumbai, Nagpur and Kolkata by rail route. The National Highway 6 (NH6) passes through this magnificent place. There are many government Guest Houses, Hotels and Star Hotels here which makes it easier for tourist to accommodate themselves.

OR

Zoo is a place where animals and birds are kept in cages or enclosures in their natural surroundings. Last Sunday, I had a chance to visit The Delhi Zoo. After buying the tickets, we entered the zoo. The water-birds, ducks, cranes, storks, kingfisher, etc. swimming in the water canal welcomed us. Some of them were perching on a tree. We moved on to the cages of monkeys and apes. They made faces at us. Then we came to the enclosure of the ferocious animals like tigers, lions and leopards. The lion was sleeping under a tree in its enclosure. The tigress was playing with her cubs. The dancing peacock looked beautiful. The area of the zoo is quite vast. By 5 p.m. we were tired and hungry. We had some snacks and tea in the canteen and returned back home. Watching live animals and birds was a great fun.

SECTION C : GRAMMAR (10 marks)

7. Complete the tasks, as directed.

(i) (a) that, (b) It, (c) but

(ii)	Error	Correction
(a)	greater	greatest
(b)	People	People's
(c)	had	have
(d)	is	being

(iii) Do as directed.

i. He prospers and leads a happy life.

ii. a. if she had booked the rooms in the Hotel for their holiday,

b. why she had asked for a room on the tenth floor.

SECTION D : LITERATURE TEXTBOOK (26 marks)

8. Read the given excerpts and answer the questions briefly, for ANY TWO excerpts, of the three, given.
- (i) a. The lines suggest that the young woman's singing may be expressing a sense of sadness or sorrow for things that have happened in the past and are far away. The word "plaintive" means expressing sorrow or melancholy, and the speaker suggests that her singing may be conveying these emotions. The use of this language adds to the overall theme of nature's ability to evoke powerful emotions and memories in us.
b. The poet uses the word 'perhaps' here because he does not know her language.
c. Flow
- (ii) a. 'You' are the Frenchmen while 'we' are the Americans.
b. Madam Al Smith speak these lines. She calls the Frenchmen queer because they think about the past.
c. Difference between the Frenchmen and the Americans is in the thinking about past and future respectively.
- (iii) a. It is stout and strong.
b. Duke never jumped on Chuck again as he was a dog but was like a human being. He understood everything.
c. Even Duke's presence didn't reach Chuck because he was under a great depression.
9. Answer ANY SIX of the following seven questions in about 30- 40 words each
- (i) The narrator wishes that she had avoided sweets and sweet sticky food. She should have paid more attention to her teeth.
- (ii) The poet has given speed and rhythm to the poem 'The Brook' through the ample use of rhyming words and onomatopoeic words.
- (iii) The rain acts as a messenger of mercy because it gives 'life', that is 'mercy', to the growing things on the earth. These things start growing due to it and there is life in them. The fields and the clouds are like the lovers who give life to their offsprings.
- (iv) Harold attended an expensive school which was known for its quality education.
- (v) "The Rose Lady and Trevelyan" was one of the best-selling novels of its times. Here, the hero Trevelyan falls in love with a royal princess from Europe who is travelling under an alias. The hero follows the princess to her father's kingdom or principality. Trevelyan calls Princess Alwyna, "dearest and sweetest of earth's fairest flowers." He calls himself an "uncrowned sovereign". The very idea of a Chicago man picking up a sword is ridiculous. The novel presents a highly exaggerated, unreal, idealistic and romantic version of life. Hence, he doesn't show much appreciation for the novel.

- (vi) Private Quelch was always boasting to the others and showing off his knowledge, saying that it all was a matter of intelligent reading. But what did this bragging lead to? He was assigned cookhouse duties. All this in opposition to what he had always desired and worked for, a stripe. He did not have the knowledge that he should show respect to his seniors. At times too much knowledge is also dangerous.
- (vii) Persome has lost patience with her brother. He remains out in the cold without supper to help either Marie's sick mother or Mere Gringoire. He has sold his property, his furniture and spent all his savings to help the needy in the parish. Now he has sold his silver salt cellars to help Mere Gringoire to pay her rent. Persome feels that people are misusing her brother's generosity. He has become the dupe of every idle vagabond or lying old woman in the parish.

10. Answer ANY ONE of the following two questions in about 120 words

- (i) Persome firmly believed in the adage that charity should start within one's own household. Her disappointment stemmed from discovering that her brother, the Bishop, had sold their salt cellars to aid Mere-Gringoire, which deeply hurt her. Persome found fault with her brother's helpful nature, as she feared they would eventually be left with nothing. Selling their household items without consulting her only added to her concerns. Persome wished for the Bishop to assist others, but not at the expense of their own livelihood. She believed he ought to find alternative ways to help people that wouldn't negatively impact their lives.
- (ii) The story of Triveni's novel *Kashi Yatre* dealt with a religious theme relating to an old lady. She wanted to visit Kashi or Varanasi and worship Lord Vishweshwara there. It, for Hindus, was the ultimate *punya*. But she couldn't go there. Instead, she gave all her savings to an orphan girl who couldn't marry her heart-throb due to poverty. The grandmother identified herself with the old lady of the novel as both had a similar outlook and similar sentiments. Then their psychologies and social levels were almost the same. The grandmother's character totally synced in with the novel's character which interested her even more.

When the narrator went to a neighbouring village to attend a wedding she remained there for a week. In her absence, weekly *Karmaveera* arrived and the grandmother wanted to know the story of the serial. But she couldn't read as she was illiterate. This made her feel the worth and value of being literate. When the narrator came she wept before her and urged her (the narrator) to teach her the Kannada alphabet.