

SAMPLE QUESTION PAPER - 3
SUBJECT- English Communicative (101)
CLASS IX (2023-24)

Time Allowed: 3 hours

Maximum Marks: 80

General Instructions:

1. 15-minute prior reading time allotted for Q-paper reading.
2. The Question Paper contains FOUR sections-READING SKILLS, WRITING SKILLS, GRAMMAR and LITERATURE TEXTBOOK.
3. Attempt questions based on specific instructions for each part.

SECTION A : READING SKILLS (20 marks)

1. Read the text carefully and answer the questions:

[10]

Since its formation over 4.5 billion years ago, the Earth has been hit many times by asteroids and comets whose orbits bring them into the inner solar system. These objects, collectively known as 'Near Earth Objects' or NEOs, still pose a danger to the Earth today. Near-Earth Objects (NEOs) are comets and asteroids that have been nudged by the gravitational attraction of nearby planets into orbits that allow them to enter the Earth's neighbourhood. Composed mostly of water or ice with embedded dust particles, comets originally formed in the cold outer planetary system while most of the rocky asteroids formed in the warmer inner solar system between the orbits of Mars and Jupiter. The scientific interest in comets and asteroids is due largely to their status as the relatively unchanged remnant debris from the solar system formation process some 4.6 billion years ago. The giant outer planets (Jupiter, Saturn, Uranus, and Neptune) formed from an agglomeration of billions of comets and the leftover bits and pieces from this formation process are the comets we see today. Likewise, today's asteroids are the bits and pieces left over from the initial agglomeration of the inner planets that include Mercury, Venus, Earth, and Mars.

As the primitive, leftover building blocks of the solar system formation process, comets and asteroids offer clues to the chemical mixture from which the planets formed some 4.6 billion years ago. If we wish to know the composition of the primordial mixture from which the planets formed, then we must determine the chemical constituents of the leftover debris from this formation process - the comets and asteroids. Depending on the size of the impacting object, such a collision can cause massive damage on local to global scales. It is an astronomical certainty that sometime in the future Earth will undergo another cosmic impact. There is strong scientific evidence that cosmic collisions have played a major role in the mass extinctions documented in Earth's fossil record. That such cosmic collisions can still occur today was demonstrated graphically in 1994 when Comet Shoemaker-Levy 9 broke apart and 21 fragments, some as large as 2 km in diameter, crashed into the atmosphere of Jupiter. If these fragments had impacted

c) Guseppe Piazzai

d) David Morrison

- (vi) Why NEOs are considered a threat?
- (vii) What impact would the explosion of an asteroid have on Earth?
- (viii) Find the synonyms for:
 - i. coarse features
 - ii. small remaining portion
- (ix) The earth is occasionally hit by craggy remnants of creation known to cross the Earth's path. These lie in a loose belt between _____ like so much rubble left over from creation.
- (x) What is meant by **craggy**?

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

[10]

1. Maharana Pratap ruled over Mewar only for 25 years. However, he accomplished so much grandeur during his reign that his glory surpassed the boundaries of countries and time turning him into an immortal personality. He along with his kingdom became a synonym for valour, sacrifice and patriotism. Mewar had been a leading Rajput kingdom even before Maharana Pratap occupied the throne. Kings of Mewar, with the cooperation of their nobles and subjects, had established such traditions in the kingdom, as augmented their magnificence despite the hurdles of having a smaller area under their command and less population. There did come a few thorny occasions when the flag of the kingdom seemed sliding down. Their flag once again heaved high in the sky thanks to the gallantry and brilliance of the people of Mewar.
2. The destiny of Mewar was good in the sense that barring a few kings, most of the rulers were competent and patriotic. This glorious tradition of the kingdom almost continued for 1500 years since its establishment, right from the reign of Bappa Rawal. In fact only 60 years before Maharana Pratap, Rana Sanga drove the kingdom to the pinnacle of fame. His reputation went beyond Rajasthan and reached Delhi. Two generations before him, Rana Kumbha had given a new stature to the kingdom through victories and developmental work. During his reign, literature and art also progressed extraordinarily. Rana himself was inclined towards writing and his works are read with reverence even today. The ambience of his kingdom was conducive to the creation of high quality work of art and literature. These accomplishments were the outcome of a longstanding tradition sustained by several generations. The life of the people of Mewar must have been peaceful and prosperous during the long span of time; otherwise such extraordinary accomplishment in these fields would not have been possible. This is reflected in their art and literature as well as their loving nature. They compensate for lack of admirable physique by their firm but pleasant nature.



The ambience of Mewar remains lovely thanks to the cheerful and liberal character of its people.

3. One may observe astonishing pieces of workmanship not only in the forts and palaces of Mewar but also in public utility buildings. Ruins of many structures which are still standing tall in their grandeur are testimony to the fact that Mewar was not only the land of the brave but also a seat of art and culture. Amidst aggression and bloodshed, literature and art flourished and creative pursuits of literature and artists did not suffer. Imagine, how glorious the period must have been when the Vijaya Stambha which is the sample of our great ancient architecture even today, was constructed. In the same fort, Kirti Stambha is standing high, reflecting how liberal the then administration was which allowed people from other communities and kingdoms to come and carry out construction work. It is useless to indulge in the debate whether the Vijaya Stambha was constructed first or the Kirti Stambha. The fact is that both the capitals are standing side by side and reveal the proximity between the king and the subjects of Mewar.
4. The cycle of time does not remain the same. Whereas the reign of Rana Sanga was crucial in raising the kingdom to the acme of glory, it also proved to be his nemesis. History took a turn. The fortune of Mewar-the land of the brave, started waning. Rana tried to save the day with his acumen which was running against the stream and the glorious traditions for sometime.

- (i) Who is the earliest king of Mewar mentioned in the passage?
- (ii) What was Rana Kumbha's contribution to the glory of Mewar?
- (iii) How could art and literature flourish in Mewar?
- (iv) How did the rulers show that they cared for their subjects?
- (v) What does the erection of Vijaya Stambha and Kirti Stambha in the same fort signify?
- (vi) Maharana Pratap became immortal because _____.
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| a) he added a lot of grandeur to Mewar | b) he ruled Mewar for 25 years |
| c) of his valour, sacrifice and patriotism | d) both he added a lot of grandeur to Mewar and of his valour, sacrifice and patriotism |
- (vii) Difficulties in the way of Mewar were _____.
- | | |
|--------------------------------|--------------------------------------|
| a) the poverty of the subjects | b) ancient traditions of the kingdom |
|--------------------------------|--------------------------------------|



- c) lack of cooperation of the nobility d) its small area and small population
- (viii) During thorny occasions _____.
- a) most of the rulers heaved a sigh of relief b) the flag of Mewar seemed to be lowered
- c) the people of Mewar showed gallantry d) the flag of Mewar was hoisted high
- (ix) Mewar was lucky because _____.
- a) only a few of its people were incompetent b) most of its people were competent
- c) all of its rulers were competent d) most of its rulers were competent
- (x) The prosperous life of the people of Mewar is expressed through _____.
- a) their admirable physique b) their art and literature
- c) their loving nature d) both their loving nature and their art and literature

SECTION B : WRITING SKILLS (24 marks)

3. M/s Manoj Associates Noida have terminated the services of their employee, Mohanlal who used to get orders and advances from their customers. Write a public notice for a daily newspaper informing the public that the company will not be responsible for any dealings done by Sh. Mohanlal on their behalf. [4]
4. Write a dialogue between a customer and a shopkeeper of shoes. Opening lines have been given for your help. [5]
Shopkeeper : Hello! What can I do for you?
Customer : Hello! I need a fine pair of shoes.
5. Write a letter to your friend telling him/her about your favorite game. Say why you like it and why you think your friend should play it too. [7]

OR

Your friend has been sick and has been unable to attend school for two weeks. An Inter-school drama competition took place during this period. Write a letter to your friend telling him/her about the event and your role in it.

6. Write a descriptive paragraph on 'The Happiest Day of My Life' based on the following cues: [8]
 Input: Day/date - lost' vision in an accident - how you felt - operation by eye-



specialist - prayers of relatives and friends - doctor removed bandages - vision restored - reaction of family - your feelings.

OR

You are Priyanka. You visited **The Green Gardens Resort** during the holidays. Write a paragraph for your school magazine about why the place attracted you.

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]

(a) _____ (Why/What/While) peeling the sweet lime and oranges, (b) _____ (is/be/will) careful that the segments are not mashed. The lettuce leaves are (c) _____ (broken/break/breaks) into pieces.

(ii) In the following passage, one word has been omitted in each line. Write the missing word along with the words before and after against the correct blank number: [4]

		Word Before	Missing Word	Word After
Soon after Gandhiji's return South Africa,	(a)	_____	_____	_____
a meeting of the Congress held in Bombay.	(b)	_____	_____	_____
Kaka Saheb Kalelkar went there help Gandhiji.	(c)	_____	_____	_____
One day Kaka Saheb found Gandhiji searching something on his desk.	(d)	_____	_____	_____

(iii) **Do as directed.**

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

There is lack of employment opportunities in rural areas. So, people come to cities in search of work. They live in appalling conditions in cities.

other amenities/they/running water/and/sanitation/proper/lack

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

Patient: Doctor, I have a terrible toothache.

Doctor: Well, sit down. I need to examine your teeth. Please open your mouth wide.

Patient: Is there any serious problem, doctor?

The patient told the doctor (a) _____. The doctor told him to sit down

as (b) _____. He also requested the patient to open his mouth wide.
The patient then enquired if there was any serious problem.

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 that follow: [4]
Two roads diverged in a yellow wood,
And sorry I could not travel both
And be one traveller, long I stood
And looked down one as far as I could
To where it bent in the undergrowth;
a. Why does the poet feel **sorry**?
b. Where do the two roads diverge in?
c. What is the mood of the poet in these lines?
d. Name the poem and the poet who penned down these lines.
- (ii) Read the extract given below and answer the questions that follow: [4]
Yes, or meat off the floor, I suppose. Oh, it's coming to that. And as for that old
wretch, Mere Gringoire, I wonder she had the audacity to send here again. The
last time I saw her I gave her such a talking to that it ought to have had some
effect.
a. Explain: **Oh, it's coming to that.**
b. What wrong did the **old wretch** Mere Gringoire do according to Persome?
c. What did Persome do when she met Mere Gringoire last time?
d. Why is Persome so much angry with his brother **now**?
- (iii) Read the extract given below and answer the questions/complete the sentences [4]
that follow:
"It is the story of an old lady and her ardent desire to go to Kashi or Varanasi."
a. Whom does **it** refer to?
b. Describe the character of the old lady on the basis of above mentioned lines
c. Why did the old lady desire to visit Kashi?
9. **Answer ANY SIX of the following seven questions in about 30- 40 words each** [12]
- (i) How does the poem, **The Solitary Reaper**, reflect Wordsworth's views on [2]
nature and man?
- (ii) Describe the first stage of life. Answer to the context of the poem **The Seven** [2]
Ages.
- (iii) How is the falling of rain like a **welcome song**? [2]

- (iv) An overprotective and possessive mother in Mrs. Bramble never lets her understand either Bill or Harold. Draw a character sketch of Mrs. Bramble highlighting all the important traits of her personality. [2]
- (v) How do characters in a **Best Seller** differ from people in real life? [2]
- (vi) What did the **Professor** mean by **intelligent reading**? Answer to the context of the chapter **The Man Who Knew Too Much**. [2]
- (vii) Why was Mrs. Al Smith not interested in going over the house? [2]
10. **Answer ANY ONE of the following two questions in about 120 words** [6]
- (i) You are Jeanne. After coming home, you realize that the villa was not actually bought and your husband has fooled both you and the landlady of the villa. You are filled with rage, disgust, and helplessness because of your husband's betrayal. Write your feelings in the form of a diary entry. (**Villa for Sale**) [6]
- (ii) As Chuck, write a letter to your friend in about 120 words sharing your experiences after your accident and Duke's efforts to get you back on your road to success. [6]



Answers

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Slamming into the Earth at roughly 26 km a second, a large asteroid could explode with the force of a million hydrogen bombs, lifting enough rock and dust to block most sunlight. Cold and darkness could last for months, destroying agriculture, leading to the death of a billion or more people from starvation.

The dangers posed by these intruders in the inner solar system are not the subject of

serious scientific investigation.

"The risk is real," said Dr. David Morrison, Chairman of the study undertaken by nearly 100 scientists, of NASA. Dr. Morrison further says that the asteroid threat has dawned on scientists only slowly as it is hard for the layman to comprehend. But the fact, he said, is that mankind lives in a kind of cosmic shooting gallery.

What can be done if one of these surveys finds an asteroid on a collision course with the Earth? Scientists and engineers are looking at ways of using a spacecraft to gently change the orbit of an asteroid.

(i) **(d)** all of these

Explanation: 'Remnants' means the remaining part of something which can be a scraping or a residue. It may also be in bits and pieces.

(ii) **(d)** occasionally

Explanation: 'Frequently' means to happen often. 'Occasionally' means to happen sometimes.

(iii) **(a)** gently

Explanation: 'Harshly' means roughly.

(iv) **(b)** Near Earth Objects

Explanation: 'NEO' means 'Near Earth Objects'.

(v) **(b)** Giuseppe Piazzi

Explanation: Giuseppe Piazzi discovered the first asteroid.

(vi) NEOs are considered a threat because such a collision can cause massive damage on local to global scales.

(vii) The explosion of an asteroid on Earth would result in massive damage to all kinds of lives on Earth, on a global scale.

(viii) **(a)** craggy

ii. remnant

'Craggy' means something that is uneven or rough. 'Remnant' means residue.

(ix) I. Mars and Jupiter.

(x) rough/rocky

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 - (i) Bappa Rawal is the earliest king of Mewar mentioned in the passage. His reign started around 1500 years ago.
 - (ii) Rana Kumbha gave a new stature to the kingdom of Mewar. Literature and art flourished during his reign. He himself had penchant for writing. His works are read with reverence even today.
 - (iii) The environment of Mewar was conducive to the creation of high quality work of art and literature. They flourished amidst aggression and bloodshed.
 - (iv) Besides the forts and palaces of Mewar, the surprising pieces of architecture are seen in the public utility buildings also. These structures are testimony to the fact that the rulers had care for their subjects.



(v) The erection of Vijaya Stambha and Kirti Stambha in the same fort signifies the proximity/ close relationship between the king and the subjects of Mewar.

(vi)(d) both he added a lot of grandeur to Mewar and of his valour, sacrifice and patriotism

Explanation: both he added a lot of grandeur to Mewar and of his valour, sacrifice and patriotism

(vii)(d) its small area and small population

Explanation: its small area and small population

(vii)(c) the people of Mewar showed gallantry

Explanation: the people of Mewar showed gallantry

(ix)(d) most of its rulers were competent

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(x) (d) both their loving nature and their art and literature

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SECTION B : WRITING SKILLS (24 marks)

PUBLIC NOTICE

M/s Manoj Associates, Noida hereby declare that the services of their employee, Sh. Mohanlal has been terminated. The customers are informed not to give him any orders/advance payments on our behalf. The company will not be responsible for the dealings made by him.

Karan Mehra

For M/s Manoj Associates

1 June 20xx

3. 4. **Shopkeeper :** No problem. What kind of shoes do you want?

Customer : Pure leather shoes.

Shopkeeper : With or without laces?

Customer : With laces. Show me a pair of white leather shoes.

Shopkeeper : White leather shoes? Sorry, we have either black or brown.

Customer : OK. Then show me the black ones.

Shopkeeper : Would you like to have the pointed toes?

Customer : No, I don't like the pointed toes. Give me with the flat toes.

Shopkeeper : Here they are. Six thousand and forty.

Customer : Any discount?

Shopkeeper : The price is with 60% discount.

Customer : Thanks. Bye.

Shopkeeper : Welcome. Bye.

5. 5, Govind Apartments

Govindpuri

Delhi

2nd July 20XX

Dear Rajnish,

I have been longing to write to you, but I have been busy with the cricket coaching camp and, hence, the delay. Please do forgive me.

My favourite game is cricket. I really like this game a lot because through it one learns to cooperate with other team members and play for the whole team. It also builds physical stamina and improves one's concentration.

You are a good runner and have a lot of energy and hence you will do well in cricket. Please do consider joining in for a game soon. I look forward to meet you soon on the cricket pitch.

Yours lovingly

Govind

OR

75, Govind Apartments

Govindpuri

Delhi-110019

7th July 20XX

Dear Sonu,

Hope you are feeling better now. It's nearly ten days you haven't been to school. During these days, you missed a chance of inter-school drama competition, which took place in our school auditorium on 6th July. Nearly six top schools of Delhi took part in it. Hindi film actor Mr. Paresh Rawal was the chief guest from Mumbai. Three Dramas in English and Three Dramas in Hindi were played altogether. Each school was given one drama to play.

Our school had to act on Shakespeare's play, "The Merchant of Venice". I was lucky enough I got the role of Portia the main character. Suresh acted as Antonio, Rahul acted as Bassanio and the top negative character of Shylock was acted by Jeetu. Only the court scene was acted. Our English teacher, Mr. Ramnath Prabhakar, deserves all the credit for the success of the play. He worked nearly 6-8 hours every day to practice the scene along with dialogues with each one of us. We also went to sir's house to practice in the evenings. My role of Portia was highly appreciated specially the dialogues on, "Mercy". People applauded a lot.

But the great news is that our school won the competition. I got the award for the best actress from Mr. Paresh Rawal, a trophy and a certificate, which I will show you once you are back to school. I wish you were there on that very moment. Give my regards to Uncle and Aunt and love to Ananya waiting to see you in the school soon.

Yours lovingly

Neha

6. The Happiest Day of My Life: It was the 5th of August, the day when the result of my eye-operation was to be known. In fact, I had lost my vision in an accident. I had become handicapped and completely dependent. I used to remain very sad and depressed. Life seemed to me a 'Hell'. Dr. Gupta, a very good, foreign-returned eye-specialist gave us some hope. He operated upon my eyes on 28th July. There was 50 percent chances of the success of the operation. All my relatives and friends were praying for me. My family and friends had come and waited anxiously outside my room.



At 10 a.m., Dr. Gupta came.

My heart was beating so loud that I could hear it. I prayed to God to have mercy on me. The doctor removed the bandages and asked me to open the eyes very slowly. My mother was standing in front of me with tears in her eyes and prayer on her lips. I opened my eyes slowly, very slowly. At first, everything looked hazy and faint. Then the image of my mother became sharp. I cried aloud, "Mummy, is that you?" She could only nod, thanked God and hugged me affectionately. My father and sister also hugged me with tears of joy in their eyes. I have been restored by the greatest blessing of God - the vision. I could see the world again. Yes, it was the happiest day of my life.

OR

The Green Gardens Resort

During the autumn vacation, I visited the Green Gardens Resort near Ooty. Situated in the Nilgiri hills, it is really a wonderful resort. It is about ten kilometres from Ooty on the Wellington road. The Green Gardens Resort is spread out in approximately ten acres. It is a luxury resort that caters to the middle and upper-middle class tourists. It offers boarding and lodging with all modern amenities and comforts. The place is surrounded by terraced tea-gardens. Wherever eyes go, one can see only green tea plantations and hills. In the middle of the resort, the main source of attraction is the swimming pool. It has two tennis courts, a one-foot ball court, a card room and a couple of billiard tables. The environment is divine and the ambience is excellent. It offers a peaceful environment.

SECTION C : GRAMMAR (10 marks)

7. Complete the tasks, as directed.

(i) (a) While, (b) be, (c) broken

(ii)

	Word Before	Missing Word	Word After
(a)	return	from	South Africa
(b)	Congress	was	held
(c)	there	to	help
(d)	searching	for	something

(iii) Do as directed.

i. They lack proper sanitation, running water and other amenities.

ii. a. that he had a terrible toothache

b. he needed to examine his teeth

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 poet feels sorry that he can't travel on both the roads diverging in the forest before him.

b. The two roads diverge in the wood where the leaves have turned yellow in the autumn.



- c. The mood of the poet appears to be serious and pensive.
- d. The poem is 'The Road Not Taken' and it is written by Robert Frost.
- (ii) a. The Bishop had sold the beautiful silver salt cellars and now suggests eating salt out of China. Persome gets angry and taunts him that they can eat meat off the floor. Things have come to such a hopeless situation.
- b. The 'old wretch', Mere Gringoire had the audacity to send a message to the Bishop for helping her with money.
- c. The last time when Persome met Mere Gringoire, she gave a piece of her mind to her. She asked her to mind her own business and not to harass the Bishop for nothing.
- d. Persome is angry with her brother as he has just sold his silver salt cellars to help Mere Gringoire to pay her rents.
- (iii) a. Novel, 'Kashi Yatre'.
- b. kind and helpful.
- c. The old lady desired to visit Kashi to worship Lord Vishweshwara and attain ultimate punya.

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

- (i) Wordsworth has been known as the poet of nature. But nature and man are inseparable in his poetry. The poet creates a perfect setting for the song of the solitary reaper. The Highlands of Scotland, the profound valley and the fields, provide a romantic setting. There a mountainous girl works and sings all by herself. Her song is more melodious than the song of the nightingale which sings for the tired travellers in the desert of Arabia. Her voice is more thrilling than the voice of the cuckoo which echoes the farthest Hebrides. Nature, the song and the reaper exist together in harmony and not in any conflict.
- (ii) The first stage of life is that of an infant. The newborn baby is always crying. He goes on vomiting in the arms of the nurse who looks after him. Weeping, crying and puking are the characteristics of the first stage of life.
- (iii) Falling of rain is like a welcome song. It is a blessing for the parched and needy earth. It spreads joy and freshness all around. It beautifies, adorns and rejuvenates fields, trees and flowers, and spreads vitality everywhere. It cements the relationship of love between fields and the clouds. It ties the earth and the heaven in a spiritual bond.
- (iv) Mrs. Bramble is presented as a dominating and decisive personality. She is feared and respected by Mr. Bramble and her brother Major Percy. She takes all the major decisions. Mr. Bramble is made to yield to her in good humour. The very naming of Harold proves that when it comes to decision making, Mrs. Bramble has the final say. The poor husband had to withdraw his suggestion with the utmost good humour. Mrs. Bramble is a possessive and overprotective mother. Harold doesn't like that she should address him as if she is addressing a baby. Mrs. Bramble is highly proud of bringing such a prodigy as Harold into the world. Harold's unique character and his perfection becomes a drawback for her. She persuades her husband that Harold should not be disgraced and embarrassed by knowing Bill's real profession. Here, she



is totally mistaken like Mr. Bramble and Major Percy. She fails to see the other side of Harold's personality. She can't even dream that her spectacled and scholarly son can have such a deep interest in boxing.

Ironically, Mrs. Bramble fails to understand that Bill's true identity could have been a matter of pride and swanking for Harold. But she is more practical than Bill. No doubt, she hates Bill's profession. She realises that Bill's boxing career has earned a lot of money for the family. With that money they could give Harold the best possible education. She is shocked when she comes to know that Bill has withdrawn from the contest against Murphy.

- (v) The characters in a 'best seller' differ from people in real life because they are imaginary and as per the traditions of fiction. Usually, the hero is an American who falls in love with a royal princess from Europe. This is the main storyline and all the characters conform to such practices. They have nothing to do with the people in real life.
- (vi) By 'intelligent reading' the 'professor' meant that apart from the training provided one needed to update one's knowledge with wise reading. Training and personal efforts go hand in hand.
- (vii) Being an American filmmaker, Mrs. Al Smith wanted a place near Paramount where she was going to shoot some films. She wanted to knock the villa down and build a bungalow in its place. So, she wasn't interested in going over the house. Moreover, she trusts and believes others easily. She does not care to examine and analyse others when she presumes that Gaston is the owner of the villa, she asks him the price of the villa and gives him a cheque for the amount and leaves the place in a hurry.

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

- (i) Sunday 20th October, 20XX

Dear Diary,

Today, I am filled with revulsion due to Gaston's betrayal. It saddens me greatly to discover that I have been deceived by him. His claim of purchasing the villa for my parents was incredibly self-centered. Subsequently, I was taken aback upon uncovering the truth. He has cheated both Juliette and myself. Now, I understand why he was in such a hurry to buy the villa. He has demonstrated great practicality and a strong focus on finances. I'm experiencing profound sadness. I have decided I shall not talk to him.

Jeanne

- (ii) Marcy House

23rd September 20XX

Dear Robert,

Hope you are in the best of spirits.

Duke, my playful dog that was initially disliked by Marcy, became a savior when I suffered a subdural hemorrhage, leaving me paralyzed on the left side. I was bedridden, so, Duke was called back from the kennel to keep me company. His unique techniques encouraged me to walk and reignited hope. With daily efforts, I



overcame my handicap, regained my job, and was finally promoted to the post of Assistant National Sales Manager. Sadly, Duke's sudden death shattered our hearts. My life today is a gift from Duke and tears well up when I think of his loss.

With love,
Chuck.

