

CCE SAMPLE QUESTION PAPER

SECOND TERM (SA-II)

ENGLISH

(Communicative)

(With Answers)

CLASS X

Time Allowed : 3 Hours]

[Maximum marks : 80

General Instructions :

This question paper consists of four sections :

Section A	—	Reading	(15 marks)
Section B	—	Writing	(20 marks)
Section C	—	Grammar	(15 marks)
Section D	—	Literature	(30 marks)
		[Textbooks	(20 marks)]
		Novel (Long Reading Text)	(10 marks)]

1. Attempt all questions.
2. Do not write anything in the question paper.
3. All the answers must be correctly numbered as in the question paper and written in the answersheet provided to you.
4. Attempt all questions in each section before going on to the next section.
5. Read each question carefully and follow the instructions.

SECTION A — READING

(15 Marks)

1. Read the passage given below and answer the questions : (8 marks)

1. The old lady was glad to be back at the block of flats where she lived. Her shopping had tired her and her basket had grown heavier with every step back home. In the lift her thoughts were on lunch and a good rest; but when she got out at her own floor, both were forgotten in her sudden discovery that her front door was open. A perturbed state of mind led her to trace the chronological events before stepping out to shop. She was thinking that she must reprimand the maid the next morning for such a monstrous piece of negligence, when she remembered that she had gone shopping after her maid had left and she had turned both the keys in their locks. She walked slowly into the hall and at once noticed that all the room doors were open, yet following her regular practice, she had shut them before going out. Looking into the drawing room, she saw a scene of confusion on her writing desk.

2. It was as clear as daylight, burglars had forced an entry in her absence. Her first impulse was to go round all the rooms looking for the thieves, but then she decided that at her age it might be more prudent to have someone with her. So she went to fetch the porter from the basement. By this time, her legs were beginning to tremble, so she sat down and accepted a

cup of very strong tea from the porter while he telephoned the police. As soon as her composure was regained she was ready to set off with the porter's assistance, to search for any intruder who might be still lurking in her flat.

3. The old lady felt marginally relieved with the physical assistance of the porter in managing to investigate the burglar's attempt to plunder with noticeable facts. Though uncertain, with an apprehensive alarm of a burglar's existence in the premises, she kept her courage and will-power intact.

4. They went through the rooms being careful to touch nothing as they did not want to hinder the police in their search for finger prints. The chaos was inconceivable. She had lived in the flat for thirty years and was a veritable magpie at hoarding and it seemed as though everything, she possessed had been tossed out and turned out over and over. At least sorting out the things, she should have discarded years ago was now being made easier for her. Soon the police inspector arrived with a constable and she told them of her discovery of the ransacked flat. It took negligible time for the investigation agency to step into the crime sight with vigilant eyes. The inspector began to look for finger prints while the constable checked that the front door locks had not been forced thereby proving that the burglars had either used skeleton keys or entered through the balcony.

5. There was no trace of finger prints, but the inspector found a dirty red bundle that contained jewellery which the old lady said was not hers. So their entry into this flat was apparently not the burglars first job that day and they must have looted somewhere else too. The inspector then asked the lady to try and check what was missing from her flat and advised her not to stay alone in the flat for a few nights. The old lady was reluctant in approaching someone to stay with her for a couple of nights. She thought that he was a fussy creature, but since the porter agreed with him, she rang up her daughter and asked for her help in what she described as a little spot of bother.

1. On the basis of your reading of the above passage complete the following statements briefly : (1 × 4 = 4 marks)

- While in the lift the old lady thought of _____.
- As soon as she saw the front door open she thought _____.
- She went to fetch the porter from the basement because _____.
- She didn't touch anything because _____.

2. Answer the following questions briefly : (1 × 2 = 2 marks)

- Give an example from the second paragraph which tells that the lady shows great presence of mind at the time of an emergency ?
- What instructions did the inspector give before leaving the house ?

3 Find out words from the passage which mean the same as the words given below : (1 × 2 = 2 marks)

- troubled (para 1)
- hanging about (para 2)

2. Read the passage given below and answer the questions that follow by choosing the answers from the given options. (7 marks)

Chocolate played a special role in both Maya and Aztec royal and religious events. Priests presented cacao seeds as offerings to the gods and served chocolate drinks during sacred

ceremonies. All of the areas that were conquered by the Aztecs that grew cacao beans were ordered to pay them as a tax in the form of cacao beans, or as the Aztecs called it, a "tribute".

Before chocolate became an elixir fit only for the kings, Mayans drank a cold, frothy mix made from kakawa beans harvested from the Mexican rainforests. Found in rows inside football-size fruit filled with white pulp, the beans need two weeks for fermenting, drying and roasting. Then Mayans began bartering beans with the Aztecs. The Spanish court kept the source of the beans secret for nearly 100 years. Inevitably, word spread and chocolate travelled swiftly throughout Europe. The first chocolate shop in London opened in 1657, serving the drink in gold and silver cups.

Still, the brew tasted rather fatty due to the cocoa butter and gritty from imperfect crushing of the seeds. A Dutch inventor separated the cocoa butter in the early 1800s, and before the century was out, a conching machine smoothed the chocolate. A Swiss chocolatier added evaporated milk to create the first chocolate bar. Soldiers who ate the bars for energy during World War I brought their taste home, creating a huge market for chocolate bars and snacks invented in the early 1900s.

1. 'Bartering' means _____.

- (a) selling (b) buying
(c) exchanging (d) changing

2. _____ kept the source of the chocolate beans a secret for nearly 100 years.

- (a) Mayans (b) The Spanish
(c) The soldiers (d) Mexico

3. The first _____ was made by a Swiss chocolatier.

- (a) cocoa seed (b) cocoa butter
(c) evaporated milk (d) chocolate bar

4. Mayans got kakawa seeds from _____.

- (a) the kings (b) the Aztecs
(c) Mexican rainforests (d) London

5. Cocoa brew tasted fatty because of _____.

- (a) bad crushing of the seeds (b) cocoa butter
(c) imperfect crushing of the seeds (d) vanilla flavor

6. Priests presented _____ as offerings to gods.

- (a) cacao seeds (b) potatoes
(c) flowers (d) books

7. Cocoa butter was separated in _____.

- (a) 1900 (b) 1950
(c) 1800 (d) 1657

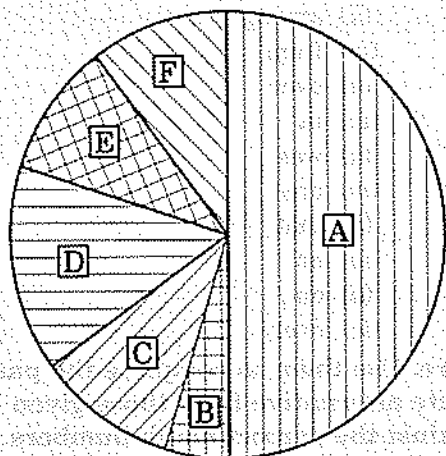
SECTION B — WRITING

(20 Marks)

3. Due to heavy rains, there has been a severe flood in your area. Many people have lost their houses and are now living in a refugee camp. Life is very difficult here. You and your family members too are living in one of these makeshift camps. One day before going to bed, you decide to write a few lines expressing your feelings about the situation. Write your diary entry in about 50 words.

(3 marks)

4. The pie chart given below shows the results of the health check up in a school in Delhi. On the basis of the chart and the inputs given below, write a short write up in about 100 words about the general health tendency of the children today. Suggest the solutions also. (5 marks)



- Normal
- Underweight
- Skin problem
- Dental problem
- Eye problem
- Obese

Suggestions :

- Daily bath with good soap
- Intake of balanced diet with fruits, vegetables and milk
- Studying in proper light and posture
- Less TV viewing
- Daily vigorous exercise in fresh air for at least one hour

5. You are Rishi/Roopa, the head of the N.S.S. branch of your school. Write a letter to the Principal of your school urging him/her to arrange for a bicycle stand within the school premises. Your letter should not exceed 120 words. You can use the following hints in your letter. (6 marks)

Hints : Proper parking required – students – parked at a place – no one cares – cycles lifted – inside the school line – ready to pay the charges – cause of tension.

6. Write a paragraph using the notes of a journalist on the issue of extinction of species. (6 marks)

ON THE VERGE OF EXTINCTION

- Project – launched – Natural History Museum, London
- Protection of vast species
- Mass wipe out in decades
- Consequence of human action – wars, taking away too much from nature, hunting, loss of habitats

SECTION C – GRAMMAR

(15 Marks)

7. Complete the following news items by choosing the most appropriate option.

($\frac{1}{2} \times 6 = 3$ marks)

Puppetry now a dying art form, (a) _____ found acceptance (b) _____ the youth (c) _____ the Heritage Festival held at Amritsar.

Shri Rakesh Kumar, a patwari (d) _____ arrested by a team of (e) _____
Vigilance Bureau as he was taking a bribe (f) _____ ₹ 500/- from a villager.

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| (a) (i) is | (ii) has |
| (iii) was | (iv) have |
| (b) (i) between | (ii) among |
| (iii) with | (iv) from |
| (c) (i) on | (ii) over |
| (iii) at | (iv) in |
| (d) (i) has | (ii) was |
| (iii) were | (iv) are |
| (e) (i) a | (ii) that |
| (iii) the | (iv) an |
| (f) (i) for | (ii) on |
| (iii) of | (iv) over |

8. A set of instructions is given here. Use them to complete the paragraph that follows by choosing the most appropriate alternative from those given below. Write your answers in your answersheets against the correct blank numbers. Do not copy the whole para. (1 × 3 = 3 marks)

To make toasts in an electric toaster

- Switch on the toaster.
- Place two pieces of bread into the toaster.
- After two minutes, switch it off and take the bread pieces out.

At first the electric toaster (a) _____. Thereafter two pieces of bread (b) _____ into the toaster. Then the bread pieces are left to heat there for two minutes. After that, it is switched off and (c) _____.

- (a) (i) switch on
(ii) was switched on
(iii) is switched on
(iv) has switched on

- (b) (i) is placed
(ii) are placed
(iii) are being placed
(iv) have been placed

- (c) (i) take the bread pieces out
(ii) the bread pieces have taken out
(iii) the bread pieces have been taken out
(iv) the bread pieces are taken out

9. Rearrange the following jumbled words to make meaningful sentences. The first one has been done as an example. (1 × 3 = 3 marks)

were created/a thousand years ago/in/the sea/the foundations for/a whole city
e.g., *A thousand years ago, the foundations for a whole city in the sea were created.*

- (a) oil/was found/in the 1960s/North Sea/the/under
(b) designed/as a result/very differently/new rigs/were
(c) hundreds of new rigs/1967 and 1985/between/were built

10. The following passage has not been edited. There is one error in each line. Identify the error and write incorrect word and the correction in your answer sheet. The first one has been done as an example. (½ × 6 = 3 marks)

	Error	Correction
There is more than 6,000 million people	e.g., is	are
live on our planet Earth. The	(a) _____	_____
Earth provide us with the air to	(b) _____	_____
breath, food to eat and water to	(c) _____	_____
drink. It give us materials to	(d) _____	_____
build homes or shelter as well as clothes.	(e) _____	_____
We should try to conserved the natural resources.	(f) _____	_____

11. Read the dialogue given below and fill in the blanks in the passage by choosing the most appropriate alternative from those given below. Write your answers in your answersheets against the correct blank numbers. Do not copy the whole passage. (3 marks)

Sonu : Where are you going ?

Monu : I am going to the market. Do you want anything from the market ?

Sonu : Yes, could you please bring my uniform from the tailor ?

Monu : Ok, I will.

Sonu asked Monu (a) _____. Monu told him that he was going to the market. He asked Sonu (b) _____. To this Sonu requested him (c) _____. Monu agreed readily to this.

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| (a) (i) where he is going | (ii) where he was going |
| (iii) if where he was going | (iv) where was he going |
- (b) (i) if he wanted anything from the market
 (ii) that he wanted anything from the market
 (iii) if he wants anything from the market
 (iv) that he wants anything from the market
- (c) (i) if he could brought his uniform from the tailor
 (ii) that he could bring his uniform from the tailor
 (iii) to bring my uniform from tailor
 (iv) to bring his uniform from the tailor

SECTION D — LITERATURE

(30 Marks)

TEXTBOOKS

(20 Marks)

12. A. Read the following extract and answer the questions given below :

(3 marks)

Someone was before me at my water-trough,

And I, like a second comer, waiting.

Questions :

- (a) Who was standing before the poet at the water-trough ?
 (b) What did the poet do ?
 (c) Who does the 'second comer' refer to in these lines ?

12. B. Read the following extract and answer the questions given below :

(3 marks)

'Don't go out!' the second sheriff shouted.

'And who are you?' I asked.

Questions :

- From where did the second sheriff appear?
- What does Michael realize at this point?
- Where was Michael?

12. C. Read the following extract and answer the questions given below :

(3 marks)

This was the 'most unkindest' cut of all

For when the noble Caesar saw him stab,

Ingratitude, more strong than traitors' arms

Quite vanquish'd him.

Questions :

- Which was the most unkindest cut of all? Why?
- How did Caesar react to this cut?
- Who speaks these lines? And to whom?

13. Answer any two of the following questions in 30-40 words each.

(2 × 3 = 6 marks)

(a) Why did Gladolia decide to leave the house? What did Lavinia tell her to do?

(b) What were the two things that happened after the albatross appeared over the ship?

(c) In the poem "Snake" when and why was the poet filled with horror and protest?

Explain the irony in the poet's action.

VALUE BASED QUESTION

14. Answer the following question in about 120-150 words.

(5 marks)

While reading the story 'Patol Babu, Film Star' you were really inspired by the line :

"What were twenty rupees when measured against the intense satisfaction of a small job done with perfection and dedication?"

Using the moral value implied in these words write an e-mail to your younger sister who stays in a school hostel and was recently disappointed with the fact that she was not selected to do the lead role in the Inter-House Play Competition organised by her school. She has just been given the role of a housemaid. She is in two minds — to accept the offer or wait for a better role next time.

Or

Your friend Nikhil is afraid of many things. He is scared of examinations and often falls ill during the school exams. He is afraid of strangers and always avoids speaking to unknown people. He is afraid of darkness and crawls under the bed as soon as the light is switched off at night.

Taking ideas from Julius Caesar's statement "Cowards die many times before their deaths; the valiant never taste of death but once", write a letter to him advising him to be bold and courageous in life. Write your answer in about 120 to 150 words.

Attempt any one Novel

NOVEL — LONG READING TEXT

(10 Marks)

DIARY OF A YOUNG GIRL

15. Why is Anne Frank's Diary criticized? How did it get published? (5 marks)
16. Analyse the personality traits of Anne and Peter with reference to their friendship. (5 marks)

THE STORY OF MY LIFE

15. Entering Radcliffe College was Helen's dream. Analyse Helen's remark, 'One goes to college to learn, it seems not to think'. (5 marks)
16. What were the reactions of Mr Anagnos to 'The Frost King' story? (5 marks)

NOVEL — A SHORTER

CCE SAMPLE QUESTION PAPER 7
SECTION A — READING

1. 1. (a) having a good lunch and rest
- (b) the maid must have left it open
- (c) she needed some help
- (d) she didn't want to hinder the police in their search for finger prints
2. (a) The lady shows great presence of mind in taking precautions before she entered the flat. She goes to the basement to get the porter because she wanted to have someone with her. She suspected that the burglars were still hiding in the flat.
- (b) The inspector asked her to make a list of things she had lost from the flat and advised her not to stay alone in the flat for a few nights.
3. (a) perturbed
- (b) lurking
2. 1. (c) exchanging
2. (b) The Spanish
3. (d) chocolate bar
4. (c) Mexican rainforests
5. (b) cocoa butter
6. (a) cacao seeds
7. (c) 1800

SECTION B — WRITING

3.

2 August 20.....

10 pm :

The rains have not abated. It was raining the whole day today. All four of us – my father, mother, sister and me now live in a camp. How crowded a place it is ! There are so many people living together. There is hardly any place to move around. The food stock is running out. I do not know for how many days it will last. When will the rains stop ? God, please help us !

4.

Children today and their Health

It is a matter of grave concern that the children today aren't fit at all. Most of them suffer from one disease or the other. The data given here clearly show that about 50% children suffer from health problems like obesity, eye, teeth or skin problems or are underweight. The normal children show greater interest in studies and other co-curricular activities while the children suffering from health problems are usually lazy and laid back. It affects their studies and growth and development. It is all because of the modern life style. Children love to binge on fast foods and they do not get proper nourishment. To avoid major health problems, children should take bath with a good soap daily. They should take balanced diet. They should study in proper light and posture They should not watch T.V. for long hours and should take exercise daily in the fresh air.

5.

August 10, 20.....

The Principal
S.B.V., C Block
Dilshad Garden
Delhi - 95
Dear Sir/Madam

Subject : Request for a bicycle parking in the school

I wish to draw your kind attention towards the problem of lack of a proper bicycle stand in the school. You must be aware that many students come to school on bicycles. These cycles are expensive. We have to park these cycles in or out of the school at our own risk. Many of us have lost our bicycles in the last month itself. Even the bicycles parked within the school are not safe. Perhaps, some students are involved in all this. We have to even pay fine for bringing our bicycles inside the school premises. We suffer anxiety and tension all the time. Hence, we can not concentrate on our studies.

Therefore, you are requested to arrange a proper parking space for bicycles within the school. The students are ready to pay the charges for the maintenance of the same.

Thanking you
Yours faithfully
Rishi/Roopa
(Head)
(N.S.S. Branch)

6.

On the Verge of Extinction

The nature is losing its diversity gradually due to the imbalance caused by the irresponsible activities of the man. It has wiped out many species in the past few decades. Many rare species are on the verge of extinction. These species lived in the dense forests for hundreds of years.

Man's taking too much away from the nature, deforestation, wars and hunting have made the species lose their habitats. The man has failed to protect the wealth of the wild species. As a consequence, the species are on the verge of extinction. Time is not very far when there won't be any white tigers or elephants or rhinos.

As an attempt to conserve the endangered species, the Natural History Museum, London has launched a project to protect and help the rare species by providing them their natural habitat. It aims to protect a large number of species. While the project is still in its initial stage, the regular and increasing interference of man with nature has endangered many other species. The need is to check man's interference with the nature.

SECTION C — GRAMMAR

7. (a) has (b) from
(c) at (d) was
(e) the (f) of
8. (a) (iii) is switched on
(b) (ii) are placed
(c) (iv) the bread pieces are taken out
9. (a) Oil was found in the 1960s under the North Sea.
(b) As a result, new rigs were designed very differently.
(c) Hundreds of new rigs were built between 1967 and 1985.
10. *Error* *Correction*
(a) live living
(b) provide provides
(c) breath breathe
(d) give gives
(e) as well as and
(f) conserved conserve
11. (a) (ii) where he was going
(b) (i) if he wanted anything from the market
(c) (iv) to bring his uniform from the tailor

SECTION D — LITERATURE

TEXTBOOKS

12. A. (a) A snake.
(b) He waited for his turn.
(c) The poet.
12. B. (a) He came through the back door.
(b) He realized the game had become more complicated.
(c) He was at the bar of the saloon.

12. C. (a) The cut inflicted by Brutus was the most unkind. He was Caesar's most faithful friend and yet he too joined the conspirators to assassinate him. He was the last one to stab Caesar.

(b) Caesar was heart-broken when he saw Brutus too among the murderers. He could never expect this from Brutus. He didn't rather die of the injury, but from a broken heart.

(c) Antony speaks these lines to the mob that had gathered to listen to him after Caesar was assassinated.

13. (a) Gladolia was the servant of the house. She decided to leave the house because she was afraid of Ouija Board contraptions. She was even afraid of hoodoos. She no longer wanted to stay in that house. Lavinia asked her to go back to the kitchen and burn the Ouija Board for kindling wood.

(b) The ship was stuck in the icebergs before albatross appeared. But after the appearance of the seabird the ice began to break giving way to the ship to move ahead and a good south-wind began to blow taking the ship to the north.

(c) The poet was filled with horror when he saw the snake climbing on his wall face. He was afraid it was going there deliberately and it would come out at night and attack him. The irony in his action is that he has been praising the beauty of the snake until now, though his voice of education warned him against doing so.

14. Dear Malavika,

Mom told me about your recent disappointment. I'm sorry! but take it in the true sportsman spirit. You are only a budding star. Even if you failed to make it to the lead role this time, you will definitely get one in future. What you need to do is to accept the offer of playing the role of a housemaid and put in your best. What is important is how well you can perform it and get a great applause from the audience. You must cultivate a passion for acting even by doing minor roles. Remember, the greatest reward for an artist is the personal satisfaction he/she gets from the work. Therefore, keep on sharpening your acting skills by making use of all opportunities. All the great actors followed the same mantra in their lives too. Many of them began their career doing minor roles. Once they proved their mettle in those roles they performed, they began getting better ones. So I wish you all the best for the competition.

Arun

Or

12, Mall Road
Delhi-9

1 March, 20.....

Dear Nikhil

I came to know from your mother that you have fallen ill again when your final examinations are about to begin. I'm sure your fever doesn't result from any physical problems, but it is the result of your fear of examinations. I don't understand why you need to be afraid of examinations. After all, they are not an end of one's life. It doesn't matter whether you pass or fail. The teachers just want to test how much you know about a certain subject. It is perfectly okay even if you fail. You can try and get a better score next time. In the same way, there is nothing to be afraid of strangers and darkness. They will not cause you any harm, if you are careful. Fear is a great destroyer of your spirit to live. It will destroy your confidence to live and you will never enjoy living your life.

Hence it is okay even if you are slightly ill on the day of examination. Go and face it. It is the only way to get rid of your fear. Today in the evening, go out for a short walk and talk to one or two strangers. You will slowly shed your fear of all these things.

Wishing you good luck!

Yours lovingly

Deepak

DIARY OF A YOUNG GIRL

15. Anne Frank's diary was an unreliable blend of fact and fantasy. It was on June 3, 1945 that Otto Frank arrived in Amsterdam. He went straight to the home of Miep and Jan Gies. Almost two months later Otto received word that both his daughters had died. As it was now certain Anne was dead, Miep got out the diaries and gave them to Otto. Otto started reading them immediately and was moved and astonished. He had never realized that Anne had recorded everything that happened in the Secret Annexe so well and accurately. Otto typed large parts of the diary in German and sent them to his Mother in Switzerland. Later he let other people read parts of the diary. They urged him to look for a publisher, but no one wanted to publish it so soon after the war. Anne Frank's diary was published in an edition of 1,500 copies in the summer of 1947.

16. Anne reveals that she is maturing because of the interest she shows in the opposite sex. She begins to think of an old boyfriend and dream of movie stars. She also develops an interest in Peter van Daan, whom she first considered too quiet, shy, and awkward to be of any interest. She begins to spend all of her time with him, and when her parents object, she boldly stands up to them, refusing to change her ways. By the time the occupants are captured, Anne is truly in love with Peter. She acknowledges her own sexuality and the interest she has in males. She writes, "I'm glad after all that the van Daans have a son and not a daughter; my conquest could never have been so difficult, so beautiful, so good, if I had not happened to hit on someone of the opposite sex." With these thoughts on her mind, Anne seeks out Peter's company, finds herself happy in his presence, and records the details of their encounters. On March 3, she writes that she is "pretty near to being in love with him". As her relationship with Peter intensifies, her relationship with her mother deteriorates. But later, she is disappointed in Peter for saying that it is easier not to change his weak nature. She does not want him to lean on her. She wants him to understand that what is easy can drag him down. She wishes everyone would think about how to improve themselves and found no development in his personality. Their compatibility could not bloom as he was weak-minded and lacked courage.

THE STORY OF MY LIFE

15. Helen's dream of entering Radcliffe College was fulfilled in 1890. She enjoyed her studies at Radcliffe but again the work proved exhausting. She had little time to make friends with the other young women or to join them in some of their more light-hearted games and adventures. Her life was quite tedious as she was involved in reading, memorizing and absorbing a vast amount of literature while studying at Radcliffe College. She felt that college was devoid of all the greatness and wisdom she had once conceived. The information explosion was too taxing bereft of the enjoyment of reading great literary works. But she revelled in the fact that she had learnt many things. Her writing style also developed into a very expressive, direct and immediate style. One of the professors was so impressed that he put her through to the editor of a 'Journal'. She undertook to writing the story of her life which meant the start of Helen's career as a writer.

16. Miss Anne Sullivan encouraged Helen that she should send Mr Anagnos a story called 'The Frost King' which Anne reported was Helen's own work. Anagnos published it in the Perkin's Institute's annual report. But he was horrified to discover that much of the story was from a book by a well-known writer for children literature. It seemed that Helen must have had

the book read to her as a young child and must have memorized the synopsis which she produced in this writing. In later years she must have forgotten from where the original story was. Most people accepted this explanation but Anagnos felt convinced that Anne Sullivan had acted too strongly to support Keller, in order to win praise for her own success along with that of Helen. The relations ultimately got strained between Anne Sullivan and Anagnos.