

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 following passage carefully :

(8 marks)

Like millions of other teenagers my 14 years old daughter Kitty is often to be found on sofa, lap-top on her knees, checking facts for the essay she's writing. The TV is on and occasionally she scrolls through facebook. She sends SMSs, makes calls on her mobile and takes her i-pod headset on and off.

To me and to most of other parents this seems an impossible way to work. How can you think with all noise ? We yell. Homework used to be something to be done in silence with all the distractions firmly removed. Yet for Kitty and her peers this is normal. The question a lot of experts are now asking is — how is this way of working affecting their brains ?

Kitty and her friends aren't the only ones exposed daily to terabytes of information. Research shows that office workers are interrupted every three minutes by their phones, computers or colleagues. Self-styled road warriors are permanently reachable through their mobiles while they simultaneously (and illegally) drive, talk and listen to the radio. Some feel silence and undivided attention have become the most precious commodities in the world.

Mnemonic devices are tricks people use to help themselves remember information. Using visual images are common, such as picturing a flower to remember the name Lily. You may find

a chunking technique useful, particularly when trying to remember numbers. For example, it is easier to remember a phone number with hyphens rather than trying to remember all of the digits together. Rhymes, alliteration and acronyms are other mnemonic devices that are useful in remembering information.

Adequate sleep also improve your ability to remember. You might think taking a nap may make you groggy, and so opt for a cup of coffee instead. However, sleep is essential for memory consolidation. A 2008 study by Sara Mednick and colleagues at the University of California – San Diego showed people who had a short nap had better memory than those who took caffeine and stayed awake.

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

- (a) Teenagers of modern times don't have the habit of working in _____.
- (b) Kitty and her friends have enormous brain power to _____ together.
- (c) In the modern world it is difficult to find _____.
- (d) Sleep is essential for _____ consolidation.

2. Find a word in the passage that means the following : (1 × 2 = 2 marks)

- (a) prized (para 3)
- (b) sleepy (para 5)

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

- (a) Which are the mnemonic devices used to remember information ?
- (b) What is essential for memory consolidation.

2. Read the following passage carefully. (7 marks)

Justin was always prepared. His motto was "Never throw anything out; you never know when it might come in handy." His bedroom was full of flat bicycle tires, bent tennis rackets, deflated basketballs, and games with missing pieces. His parents pleaded with him to clean out his room. When Justin was away from home, he always carried his blue backpack. It was full of the kind of things that seemed unimportant, but when used with a little imagination, might come in handy.

Justin had earned a reputation for figuring things out and getting people out of otherwise hopeless situations. Many of his classmates and neighbours sought him out when they needed help with a problem. After school, Justin rode the bus to a music store. The owner, Gail, was taking inventory of all of the CDs and tapes in the classical music section and realized that she had forgotten her glasses. There was no way she could read the list without them.

"I think I can help you out", Justin said, unzipping his backpack. He pulled out a jar of petroleum jelly, a washer, a glass slide, and a small bottle of water. He put the jelly on the bottom of the washer, placed it securely, jelly-side down, on the glass slid, and then put a drop of water in the centre of the washer.

He put the contraption on top of the inventory list and said to his boss, "See what happens when you look through the water droplet."

"Wow!" She cried. "It enlarges the print that I'm looking at, just like a magnifying glass!" She patted Justin on the back. "I'm all set now", she said. "Thanks".

Fill in the blanks by selecting the most appropriate options from the ones given below :

1. Justin's room is such a mess as _____

- (a) he always forgets to clean
- (b) he never throws anything away
- (c) he has no time to clean
- (d) he shares the room with his brother

2. His parents _____ him to clean his room.

- (a) ignored (b) asked
(c) pushed (d) begged

3. Justin helped his friends and neighbours by _____

- (a) offering them advice (b) loaning money
(c) listening to their problems (d) using things in his bag

4. The incident in the music store reflects Justin's _____

- (a) diligence (b) innovative mind
(c) determination (d) helpful nature

5. Justin had earned 'a reputation' for figuring things out for _____

- (a) an award (b) the support of others
(c) a personality (d) a name

6. After school, Justin rode the bus to a _____

- (a) music store (b) bedroom
(c) school canteen (d) classmates

7. He put the contraption on the top of _____

- (a) classroom (b) school canteen
(c) music store (d) the inventory list

SECTION B — WRITING

(20 Marks)

3. Read the following telephone conversation and write a message for Danny in about 50 words.

(3 marks)

Ravi : Hello, can I speak to Danny ?

Mrs A : Danny has gone out. I'm his mother speaking.

Ravi : This is Ravi, his friend.

Mrs A : Can I take a message ?

Ravi : Yes. He wanted a book from me. As I am going for a movie, he should collect it from my sister.

Mrs A : O.K. I will give him your message.

4. Recently, you visited a shopping mall. You were impressed by the quality and varieties of the things available there but found the prices very high. Write, in about 100 words, your experiences of your visit to a shopping mall.

(5 marks)



5. Write a letter to the Editor 'The Hindu' telling him about Joys and Importance of Reading. (6 marks)

6. As compared to the older generation, the youth of today are greatly inclined to pursue adventurous activities either for money or for fun. There is a latest craze for joining reality shows, rafting, rock climbing, mountaineering etc. Write an article in about 150 words on these new trends. (6 marks)

SECTION C — GRAMMAR (15 Marks)

7. Complete the following passage. Fill in the blanks by choosing the most appropriate alternative from those given below. Write your answers in your answer-sheets against the correct blank numbers. Do not copy the whole passage.

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

Always (a) _____ to answer the questions briefly. Do not write (b) _____ understanding what you (c) _____. Examiners (d) _____ give you a mark if they do not follow what you (e) _____ to say. You (f) _____ penalised for the mistakes provided you show a good understanding of the unseen passage.

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| (a) (i) trying | (ii) tried |
| (iii) try | (iv) have tried |
| (b) (i) by | (ii) on |
| (iii) with | (iv) without |
| (c) (i) are writing | (ii) wrote |
| (iii) were writing | (iv) have been writing |
| (d) (i) will | (ii) may not |
| (iii) can not | (iv) would |
| (e) (i) try | (ii) is trying |
| (iii) have not tried | (iv) are trying |
| (f) (i) can be | (ii) will not be |
| (iii) will be | (iv) would not |

8. Complete the following dialogue by choosing the most appropriate alternative from those given below. Write the answers in your answersheets against the correct blank numbers. (1 × 3 = 3 marks)

Sonia : What are your reading ?

Rosy : This is the book (a) _____

Sonia : Who has written it ?

Rosy : It was written by Dan Brown (b) _____

Sonia : What is it all about ?

Rosy : It is about a secret code (c) _____

- (a) (i) that is the best seller this week
(ii) it is the best seller this week
(iii) and is the best seller this week
(iv) which is the best seller this week
- (b) (i) that is a world famous writer
(ii) which has been a world famous writer
(iii) he is a world famous writer
(iv) who is a world famous writer

- (c) (i) it could save or destroy the whole Christianity
- (ii) that could save or destroy the whole Christianity
- (iii) which can save or destroy the whole Christianity
- (iv) that can save or destroy the whole Christianity

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

is/it/that/attracts/so many/to it ?/about prayers/people/what

What is it about prayers that attracts so many people to it ?

- (a) offer/peace/of hope/and/of mind/a lot/prayers
- (b) anything/the faith/they give/to believe/can/that/happen/you
- (c) an/ought/with/honest/heart/offered/prayers/to be

10. In the passage below, one word has been omitted in each line. Complete the passage by choosing the most appropriate alternative from those given below. Write your answer against the correct blank numbers in your answersheets. Do not copy the whole passage. (½ × 6 = 3 marks)

Cartoonists say that the cartoons make us laugh the most are fact the cartoons that are hardest make. Even celebrated cartoonists R.K. Laxman admit that a cartoon is not a piece of cake. Laxman says he has wait for over six hours which includes spending lot of time scanning newspapers and television channels before any idea strikes him.	e.g., cartoons <u>that</u> make
	(a) _____
	(b) _____
	(c) _____
	(d) _____
	(e) _____
	(f) _____

11. Read the conversation between two friends and complete the sentences given below. (1 × 3 = 3 marks)

Rahul : Do you know that David was hit by a two-wheeler yesterday ?

Varun : Oh no! When did it happen ?

Rahul : He was hit by a scooter on his way back from school.

Varun : Is he badly injured ?

Rahul : He is not seriously hurt. But it is doubtful whether he will be able to participate in the inter-school competition next week.

Rahul asked Varun if he knew that David had been hit by a two-wheeler the previous day. Varun was shocked and wanted to know (a) _____. Rahul replied that he had been hit by a scooter on his way back from school. Varun enquired (b) _____. Rahul replied that though he was not seriously hurt (c) _____ to participate in the inter-school competition next week.

SECTION D — LITERATURE

(30 Marks)

TEXTBOOKS

(20 Marks)

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

(3 marks)

At length did cross an Albatross,
Through the fog it came;

As it had been a Christian soul,
We hailed it in God's name.

Questions :

- Who is an albatross ?
- What had happened to the sailors before the arrival of the albatross ?
- Why is it compared to a Christian soul ?

12. B. Read the extract given below and answer the questions that follow. Write each answer in your answersheet in one or two sentences only. (3 marks)

Well, at least he had gathered some useful information. It wouldn't have done for him to say he didn't know if his wife had asked in whose film he had acted and with which actor.

Questions :

- Where is Patol Babu now ? What is he doing there ?
- What useful information did he gather ?
- For whom did he gather this information ?

12. C. Read the extract given below and answer the questions that follow. Write each answer in your answersheet in one or two sentences only. (3 marks)

Cowards die many times before their deaths;
The valiant never taste of death but once.

Questions :

- Who speaks these lines to whom ?
- In what context does the speaker speak these words ?
- 'Cowards die many times before their deaths' means _____.

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

(2 × 3 = 6 marks)

- Why did the wedding guest begin to beat his breast ?
- What is the petition put before Caesar by the conspirators ? How did Caesar respond to it ?
- How did the ghost help Hallock in the past ? What is the ghost worried about now ?

VALUE BASED QUESTION

14. "Et tu, Brute! Then fall, Caesar".

These were the last words uttered by Julius Caesar. He died of a broken heart when he saw his intimate friend Brutus among the conspirators and was the last among them to stab him.

Taking ideas from this scene write a paragraph on the topic : 'A friend in need is a friend indeed' in about 150 words. **(5 marks)**

Or

Then my Lavinia turned waspishly to me again, "John, there's not a bit of use trying to deceive me. What is it you are trying to conceal from me ?"

Taking ideas from the story "Shady Plot" write a letter as John to one of his friends highlighting, "Mutual trust is key to a happy married life".

Attempt any one Novel

NOVEL — LONG READING TEXT

(10 Marks)

DIARY OF A YOUNG GIRL

15. What do you know about Westerbork ? When was it liberated ? **(5 marks)**

16. Describe the sibling 'rivalry and affection' with reference to the Frank sisters. **(5 marks)**

THE STORY OF MY LIFE

15. Why did Helen undertake 'Reading' as her favourite subject ? **(5 marks)**

16. How did Mr Keith contribute to the intellectual enrichment of Helen ? **(5 marks)**

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SECTION A — READING

1. 1. (a) silence
(b) remember
(c) peace
(d) memory
2. (a) precious
(b) groggy
3. (a) Rhymes, alliteration and acronyms are the mnemonic devices used to remember information.
(b) Sleep is essential for memory consolidation.
2. 1. (b) he never throws anything away
2. (d) begged
3. (d) using things in his bag
4. (b) innovative mind
5. (b) the support of others
6. (a) music store
7. (d) the inventory list

SECTION B — WRITING

3.

Danny

3.15. p.m.

Ravi called up. Since you were away, he had left a message for you. You wanted a book from him. He was going out for a movie. You should collect it from his sister.

Bye

Mother

4.

Visit to a Shopping Mall

I recently visited the Great India Palace in Noida. It is a huge shopping mall. There are many floors in it with many movie theatres like FUN CINEMAS, ADLABS, etc. There is a gaming zone for children also. There are show rooms of almost all the major brands — national and international. It has many restaurants which serve different varieties of Continental, Chinese and Italian foods. I visited the clothes section which has the showrooms of Diwan Saheb, Raymond, etc. The showroom dazzled with the decorative lights and the glamour. I tried to find something suitable for myself but was shocked to see the price tags, I found the mall more expensive than I ever thought of. I simply enjoyed window shopping. I had my lunch in a restaurant. Then I simply came out empty handed. I will never forget this visit to the shopping mall.

5.

ABC Colony
CR Park Delhi
April 19, 20.....

The Editor
The Hindu
Delhi

Subject : Joys and Importance of Reading

Sir

Through the columns of your esteemed newspaper I would like to highlight the 'Joys and importance of reading' in one's life.

This is the era of gadgets. The younger generation hardly gets enough time to spend without the use of such gadgets. Even paper books have been replaced by e-books. The present day generation has not been encouraged to cultivate the habit of reading, when it serves so many purposes. It keeps oneself usefully busy.

It sharpens one's intellect. It improves one's attention span too. But the increasing trend of modernization has overcasted all these benefits of book-reading. Youngsters can watch a movie based on some book but they can not go through that book personally.

It is a matter of grave concern. It must be controlled now. The habit of reading should be cultivated right from the beginning. It should be given as an interesting pastime to children. They should know that reading books gives a lot of knowledge. The early efforts will show later impact.

With regards

Yours truly

Ananya

6.

**Changing values in you
ration
by ABC**

Life in the big city is fast paced. The influence of modernization and western culture is reflected easily in the attitudes of people, especially the younger generation. The luxurious life has changed the philosophy of life for the youngsters. They are indifferent towards the experiences of the older generation. Money, fame, glamour attract them. They have become greatly inclined to pursue adventurous activities either for money or for fun. They have craze for joining reality shows, rafting, rock climbing, mountaineering etc. rather than enjoying reading books, seeing epics etc. The younger generation is all decked up with these new friends.

The maxims like simple living and high thinking' seem old fashioned and outdated to them. With scant regard for the wisdom and experience of the older generation, the youngsters are becoming more demanding. Many a time they are seen going far beyond their means to fulfil their temptations for fancy things. So, the call of the time is to ensure that the energies of the young must be employed in constructive ways. They must feel proud of being what they really are.

SECTION C — GRAMMAR

7. (a) (iii) try

(c) (i) are writing

(b) (iv) without

(d) (iii) can not

- (e) (iv) are trying (f) (ii) will not be
8. (a) (i) that is the best seller this week
(b) (iv) who is a world famous writer
(c) (ii) that could save or destroy the whole Christianity
9. (a) Prayers offer a lot of hope and peace of mind.
(b) They give you the faith to believe that anything can happen.
(c) Prayers ought to be offered with an honest heart.
10. (a) (i) are in fact
(b) (ii) hardest to make
(c) (iii) cartoonists like R.K. Laxman
(d) (iv) that making a
(e) (iii) has to wait
(f) (i) spending a lot
11. (a) when it had happened
(b) if he was badly injured
(c) it was doubtful whether he would be able

SECTION D — LITERATURE

TEXTBOOKS

12. A. (a) Albatross is a large seabird.
(b) They were lost in the polar region.
(c) Because it came like a messenger from God to show them the way when they were lost in the polar region.
12. B. (a) Patol Babu is at Faraday House. He is watching the shooting of a film. He has been offered a role in the film.
(b) He gathered some useful information regarding the film. Chanchal Kumar was the lead actor and the film was directed by Baren Mullick.
(c) He gathered this information from his wife.
12. C. (a) Caesar speaks these lines to his wife Calpurnia.
(b) These words are spoken in the context of Calpurnia's fears about Caesar's life.
(c) Cowards are afraid of dangers, while the brave people like him are courageous to face them. They never hide in their houses.
13. (a) The wedding guest began to beat his breast because he became desperate when the mariner held him under his control. He wanted to attend the marriage and was already getting late to reach the marriage hall. He heard the sound of the bassoon which announced the arrival of the bride into the hall and he knew that the function would begin soon.
(b) The conspirators petitioned Caesar to recall Publius Cimber who was banished from the country by a judicial order. Caesar was surprised to see even Brutus and Cassius making the same request. But Caesar replied that he would not reverse his order without a proper cause. He was not moved by their flattery. He even scolds Metellus Cimber for behaving like a slave.
(c) The ghost helped Hallock in the past by leaning over his shoulder when he thought he was thinking hard. She inspired him with new plots to write stories. She is worried about the fact that the ghosts are being called out of their beds too often and now with Ouija fanatics using Ouija board bothered her.

14.

'A friend in need is a friend indeed'

A genuine friend is someone on whom you can rely upon when you are in great need of support in your life. He/she never abandons and runs away when the fun stops or when you are found in trouble. A true friend stays with you in thick and thin of your life. True friendship is perhaps the only relation that survives the trials and troubles of time and remains unconditional. He/she never betrays you or stabs you from behind. He/she will always protect you when you are in danger and even will lay down his/her life to save your life. A true friend is a priceless treasure in our life. Similar interests, mutual respect and strong attachment with each other are what friends share between each other. These are just the general traits of a friendship. To experience what friendship is, one must have true friends, who are indeed a rare treasure.

Or

12, New Haven

London

11 Jan. 20...

Dear Jack

I write this letter to tell you how the Ouija Board party that we recently organised at my house nearly ruined my marital life.

During the Ouija Board party, I was forced to be a partner to Laura Hinkle. While Laura tried to talk to the Ouija the ghost revealed that someone named Helen was in communion with me. Laura then told my wife Lavinia that someone with the name Helen has been calling me. This made her become suspicious of me as she has no idea who Helen is.

On the following morning, I received a note from my wife saying that she was leaving for her grandmother's house and her lawyer would talk to me. I was really worried. It was at that moment the ghost appeared before me. As I was talking to it, my wife came to the room. I thought the sight of a ghost would make her faint but on the contrary she was very much relieved to see that Helen was none, but a ghost and not another lady in my life.

Oh! How relieved I was! We now live very peacefully. The lesson learnt is that mutual trust is the key to happy married life.

Yours lovingly

John

DIARY OF A YOUNG GIRL

15. Anne and many other Jews were sent to Westerbork. Westerbork was a transit camp located in the northeastern Netherlands through which most of Dutch Jews passed on their way to Nazi extermination camps in Eastern Europe. Westerbork had been established originally in October 1939 by the Dutch government to detain German Jewish Refugees who had entered the Netherlands illegally. Nearly 100,000 Jews were deported from Westerbork to Nazi extermination and concentration camps, including Auschwitz, Sobibor and Bergen-Belsen, and the Theresienstadt Ghetto. Westerbork was liberated by the Allies in mid-April 1945. At that point, 876 prisoners remained in the camp, 569 of whom were Dutch nationals.

16. Anne was somewhat jealous of Margot, her elder sister as she was considered to be more beautiful, talented and intelligent than Anne. Margot often clashed with the personality of her sister who was rather rebellious and garrulous. People held her as a role-model for Anne to emulate. Realising how suddenly life can switch, she tries to patch things up with her sister,

Margot, even though she worries that her sister also clamors for Peter's attention. She also tries to argue less with the other occupants of the Annexe, while still resenting the fact they treat her like such a child. She often wonders, "When shall I find peace and rest within myself again?"

Anne is finally brave enough to talk to Margot about Peter. Her sister reassures her that Peter is not her sweetheart. Anne is happy to learn that Margot is not her rival, and their relationship improves further. Though they were not very close to each other, but sisterly love made them share their concerns through the medium of letters. This helped to clear all the misunderstanding that had emerged between them and further strengthen their love.

THE STORY OF MY LIFE

15. Helen adored reading all genres of books. The life long love of reading made her read poetry, including the Romantic poets, Greek mythology and the Bible as she had a 'pure and a responsive heart'. She felt enamoured by the story of Esther and Ruth from the Bible. The first book of great measure that she read was 'Little Lord Fauntleroy'. The highly commended work of Shakespeare, according to her, was Macbeth and she felt Shakespeare's Lamb's Tales had the power of influencing her thoughts. To know varied cultures of the world, she also loved to study history. She found French and German literature quite enthralling. Books were the major window on the world. She could feel herself a part of the vast world which she could not see or hear and 'Reading' made her free from the bondage of her disabilities.

16. Anne Sullivan insisted that Helen would be ready to enter Radcliffe in two years' time. After a bitter quarrel with Gilman, Anne took Helen away from the Cambridge School for Young Ladies. They went to live with friends at Wrentham, a small village nearby and for the next two years, Helen studied for the final stage of the Radcliffe exams with the help of a private tutor Mr Merton S. Keith who revised the entire curriculum and explained everything elaboratively which Helen failed to understand. He further gave diagnostic tests and resorted to improve the errors. Helen could easily deduce that her studying in a group was difficult whereas individual attention given by Mr Keith made her enjoy learning. Even all the difficult concepts were split and taught in an interesting manner sharpening her logical and analytical faculties. Hellen was all praises for Mr Keith who was indeed a devoted teacher. Helen was tutored for one more year by him and finally she was prepared to take her final examination for Radcliffe College.