

Stage I

SAMPLE

# Question Paper

Fully Solved (Question-Answer)

## ENGLISH COMMUNICATIVE

A Highly Simulated Practice Question Paper  
for CBSE Class X Term II Examination (SA II)

Time : 3 hrs

Max. Marks : 90

### General Instructions

This question paper is divided into four sections.

Section A : Reading	20 Marks
Section B : Writing	25 Marks
Section C : Grammar	20 Marks
Section D : Literature	25 Marks

## Section A : Reading

[20 Marks]

**Que 1.** Read the passage given below carefully and answer the question that follow.

1. In spite of all the honours that we heaped upon Pasteur, he remained a simple man at heart. Perhaps the imagery of his boyhood days, when he drew the familiar scenes of his birthplace and the longing to be a great artist, never wholly left him. In truth, he did become a great artist, though after his sixteenth year, he abandoned the brush forever. Like every artist of worth, he put his whole soul and energy into his work and it was this very energy that in the end, wore him out. For him, each sufferer was something more than just a case that was to be cured. He looked upon the fight against hydrophobia as a battle and he was absorbed in his determination to win. The sight of injured children, particularly, moved him to an indescribable extent. He suffered with his patients and yet he would not deny himself a share in that suffering. His greatest grief was when sheer physical exhaustion made him give up his active work. He retired to the estate at Villeneuve Etang, where he had his kennels for the study of rabies and there he passed his last summer, as his great biographer, Vallery Radot has said, "practicing the Gospel virtues."
2. "He revered the faith of his fathers," says the same writer, "and wished without ostentation or mystery to receive its aid during his last period."
3. The attitude of this man to the science he had done so much to perfect can be best summed up in a sentence that he is reputed once to have uttered, concerning the materialism of many of his contemporaries in similar branches of learning to his own, "the more I contemplate the mysteries of nature, the more my faith becomes like that of a peasant."

4. But even then in retirement he loved to see his former pupils, and it was then he would reiterate his life principles: "Work", he would say, "never cease to work." So, well had he kept this precept that he began rapidly to sink from exhaustion.
5. Finally, on 27th September, 1895, when someone leant over his bed to offer him a cup of milk, he said sadly, "I cannot", and with a look of perfect resignation and peace seemed to fall asleep. He never again opened his eyes to the cares and sufferings of a world, which he had done so much to relieve and to conquer. He was within three months of his seventy-third birthday.

**A. Complete the following sentences on the basis of your study.**

**(1 × 5 = 5)**

- (i) Pasteur was as simple as a \_\_\_\_\_.
- (ii) The chief cause of Pasteur's ill health was \_\_\_\_\_.
- (iii) Pasteur always instructed his pupils to \_\_\_\_\_.
- (iv) Pasteur died \_\_\_\_\_.
- (v) He never \_\_\_\_\_ his eyes.

**B. List two distinct qualities of Pasteur's nature.**

**(1)**

**C. Was Pasteur spiritual? How can you say that?**

**(1)**

**D. From the passage, find the phrase/word that convey the same meaning as**

**(1 × 3 = 3)**

- (i) to get help (para 2/3)
- (ii) to say again (para 4)
- (iii) to lose life quickly (para 4)

**Ans. A.** (i) peasant      (ii) physical exhaustion      (iii) work      (iv) peacefully      (v) opened

B. hardwork and compassion

C. Yes, he was spiritual. He said that his faith was like that of a peasant (peasants are spiritual). Also it was said about him, "he revered the faith of his fathers", which implies that he was spiritual.

D. (i) to receive its aid      (ii) reiterate      (iii) began rapidly to sink

**Que 2. Read the poem given below carefully and answer the questions that follow by selecting the most appropriate option.**

### **The Fallen Leaves**

Why should I be the first to fall  
of all the leaves on this old tree?  
Though sadly soon I know that all  
will lose their hold and follow me.  
While my birth-brothers bravely blow,  
Why should I be first to go?  
Why should I be the last to cling  
of all the leaves on this bleak bough?  
I've fluttered since the fire of spring.  
And I am worn and withered now.  
I would escape the winter gale  
And sleep soft-silvered by a snail  
when swoop the legions of the snow.  
To pitch their tents in roaring weather  
we fallen leaves will lie below  
and rot rejoicingly together.  
And from our rich and dark decay  
will laugh at our brothers of the May.



**A. In the first stanza, the poet's mood is that of**

**(1 × 5 = 5)**

- (i) lament
- (ii) bewilderment
- (iii) Surrender
- (iv) aggression

**B. My birth-brothers bravely blow' Here the poetic device used is**

- (i) simile
- (ii) repetition
- (iii) alliteration
- (iv) transferred epithet

**C. The leaf in the second stanza wishes to**

- (i) live endlessly
- (ii) fall
- (iii) make the breeze blow
- (iv) see other leaves fall

**D. Who are the 'brothers of the May' in the last line?**

- (i) New leaves
- (ii) Old leaves
- (iii) The sons of May
- (iii) None of these

**E. Here 'bleak' (stanza II, 2nd line) means**

- (i) strong
- (ii) weak
- (iii) devoid of any leaves
- (iv) full of leaves

**Ans. A. (i) lament**

**B. (iii) alliteration**

**C. (ii) fall**

**D. (i) New leaves**

**E. (iii) devoid of any leaves**

**Que 3. Read the given passage carefully and answer the questions that follow by selecting the most appropriate options.**

1. Small improvements can lead to big changes. A few flowers can change the look of a room. The efficiency of a factory for instance, depends upon an infinite number of operations performed properly from day-to-day.
2. Abraham Maslow, a well-known psychologist, mentioned with admiration the case of a young man, who spent several years in Mexico, digging deep wells to provide clean drinking water to the villagers. He managed to dig only three wells and had to spend an enormous amount of time teaching the villagers to use pure water in place of contaminated water. There might have been only three wells, but they gave the engineer a great feeling of achievement.
3. Charles Darwin has shown that given enough time, small and gradual causes can produce large and radical changes. His last book was in fact on earthworms. He was preoccupied with the theme for forty years. He had shown that on every acre of the chalk hills near Down (UK), worms brought up eighteen tonnes of Earth annually. What a stupendous achievement for the small and insignificant earthworm!
4. Even the dullest of men is a million times more creative and productive than the earthworm. If men were to work in unison like the earthworms, there would be a paradise on Earth in the not too distant future.

**A. The writer's main idea in the passage is**

**(1 × 5 = 5)**

- (i) importance of achievements
- (ii) value of effort-small or big
- (iii) love for success
- (iv) All of these

**B. The example of earthworms proves that**

- (i) small people cannot achieve much
- (ii) even small things can achieve much
- (iii) life is all about work
- (iv) None of these

**C. Men can improve life on Earth through**

- (i) efforts
- (ii) unity
- (iii) strength
- (iv) None of these

D. Mainly, the engineer in Mexico derived \_\_\_\_\_ out of his long work.

- (i) success (ii) fame  
(iii) satisfaction (iv) All of these

E. From the passage, find the synonym of 'remarkable'.

- (i) admiration (ii) preoccupied  
(iii) stupendous (iv) distant

**Ans.** A. (ii) value of effort-small or big  
C. (ii) unity


B. (ii) even small things can achieve much  
D. (iii) satisfaction E. (iii) stupendous

## Section B : Writing Skills

[25 Marks]

**Que. 4** As the Secretary, Literary Club, XYZ school, with a notice to declare the results of Inter House Poetry Recitation Competition. (50-60 words) (3)

**Ans.**

 <b>XYZ School</b> <b><u>NOTICE</u></b>  13th November, 2012  <b>Inter House Poetry Recitation Competition Results</b>  This is to inform all the students and participants that the result of the Inter House Poetry Competition is as follows :  1st-Rachit Sharma, Class X, Lotus House 2nd-Mansi Khera Class XI, Orchid House  <i>Congratulations!</i> These winners shall recite the same poems on the 'Christmas Day Celebration'. The certificates will be awarded by our esteemed Principal Sir in the Monday assembly.  Secretary <i>Literary Club</i>
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**Que 5.** Today, you were deeply impressed by the act of bravery of a young man, who resisted the attack of two robbers on an old man and saved him. Write a diary entry expressing your feelings. (50-60 words) (3)

**Ans.**

23rd November, 2012

8:30 pm

Today, I witnessed a heroic act. I was in the market. I saw two young men holding a knife to an old couple. Apparently, the robbers wanted cash. Suddenly, a young man stepped forward and hit the one with the knife. He tried to overpower them by himself, but they escaped, leaving the bystanders shocked.

**Que 6.** On the basis of the given information, describe Mr S Kathuria, your school Principal. You can add information on your own. (80-100 words) (4)

Mr S Kathuria, Principal of XYZ School  
MA (Ed.), MA (Public Administration), has written books on education.  
Humble, compassionate, helpful  
Eager for educational reforms

**Ans.** We are really fortunate to have Mr S Kathuria as our Principal. He is a highly educated and learned man with Masters degrees in education and Public Administration. Despite his high qualifications, he is really polite, humble and down to Earth. He treats students, teachers and parents with respect. He is the author of many books on education too. He encourages teachers and students with his motivating words and thoughtful creative actions. He is very compassionate and organises different social welfare programmes for orphans and illiterates. We are proud to have him as our Principal.

**Que 7.** In your locality, there is a park in front of your house that is the common venue for family programmes, functions and political gatherings. The programmes go on till late in the night with the use of loudspeakers. The park is left dirty and uncleaned after the function. The park was supposed to be the play area for kids and a green shelter for adults, but it has been reduced to a hall for ceremonies. Write a letter to the Commissioner, Municipal Corporation complaining about this sorry state of affairs. You are Nihal Kant, Secretary, Residents Welfare Association, Sec 21C Chandigarh. (120-150 words) (5)

**Ans.**

Residents Welfare Association  
Sec 21C, Chandigarh,  
28th November, 2012

The Commissioner  
Municipal Corporation  
Chandigarh

Sub Misuse of public park creating nuisance for residents

Sir,

Through this letter, I wish to draw your attention towards the above mentioned subject. In pocket A of Sec 21C, there is a park with swings and lush trees. The park was meant to be used as a park for the residents only. Instead, there are regular. However, there are regular functions in the park with blaring loudspeakers. This is a disturbance to the residents. Parking of our vehicles becomes difficult due to vehicles of the invitees to the functions. After the functions get over, there is no one to clear up the park. Thus, it becomes a mess with stray dogs jumping in for the leftover food.

So, I request you on behalf of all the residents to stop giving permission for the use of this park for private functions.

Yours truly  
Nihal Kant  
Secretary  
Residents Welfare Association  
Sec 21C, Chandigarh



**Que 8.** Concerned with the environmental degradation, your Principal has asked you to prepare a report on the changes in your school neighbourhood leading to environmental degradation. Write the report and also suggest some practical, feasible solutions. You are Jatin Gaur, Incharge, Eco Club of the school. (120-150 words) (5)

**Ans.**

### Environment Degradation

Jatin Gaur  
Incharge, Eco Club

Our neighbourhood is contributing immensely in environmental degradation. According to a detailed survey conducted by members of the Eco club, the number of trees in the area has reduced from 150 to 80. In two parks, community halls have been constructed, depleting the greenery. The ground water level has gone down due to overuse and reduced replenishment. The pollution level has increased in the air. Many of the houses have neither any green belt nor water harvesting units as directed by the government.

Approximately 500 saplings can be planted along the roads, in the parks and around public buildings. The residents can be counselled to check their vehicles for pollution and to shift to using CNG as fuel. Rainwater harvesting units can be installed at 12 different points.

**Que 9.**

### Red Cross Society, Chandigarh

Cordially invites you  
to  
participate in

### HEALTH MELA

on  
Saturday, the 20th December, 20XX  
at

**GOVERNMENT COLLEGE GROUND (Sector 14)**

### *Special Attractions*

- Yoga
- Live demonstrations
- Discourses
- Panel discussions
- Doctors' suggestions
- Experts' opinions

Get

**10 Special Prizes**

for writing articles on

**Sound Health & Physical Fitness**

Contact : Sports Secretary  
GCC

Courtesy : Fast Foods (India)

Nikita, a student of class X, reads the above poster and decides to write an article on the 'importance of good health' and practical ways of maintaining good health. You may add your ideas to the given tips. (120 – 150 words) (5)

health	–	the prerequisite for a good life
importance of diet	–	simple, easily digestible, natural products
exercise	–	essential for good health of organs
positive thinking	–	boosts immunity system
de-stressing, relaxation, meditation		
faith in goodness		

Ans.

### Health-the Elixir of a Perfect Life

Although there is a famous saying, "if health is lost, something is lost", actually everything is lost because good health is necessary to enjoy a good life. We should start the day with exercise, as it is essential for the good health of our organs. Our diet should consist more of natural products which are simply made and easy to digest. These should include green vegetables, fresh fruits and whole cereals.

Physical health goes hand in hand with mental and emotional well being. For this, we should spend time in meditating and periodic relaxation, to de-stress our mind and body. Last, but not the least, we must have faith in the goodness of people to lead a happy life.

By Nikita  
Class X

## Section C : Grammar

[20 Marks]

**Que. 10.** Fill in the blanks choosing the best option.

Yesterday, I met Mr Sisodia (a) \_\_\_\_\_ son has been selected (b) \_\_\_\_\_ an IAS officer. The family (c) \_\_\_\_\_ very happy. They (d) \_\_\_\_\_ this happiness. Mr Sisodia (e) \_\_\_\_\_ his job ten years back and since (f) \_\_\_\_\_ the family was under financial pressure. (g) \_\_\_\_\_ his son never lost focus. (h) \_\_\_\_\_ hurdles, he has materialised his aim. (1/2 × 8 = 4)

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|-----|--------------------|--------------------|
| (a) | (i) which          | (ii) whose         |
|     | (iii) of which     | (iv) whom          |
| (b) | (i) for            | (ii) as            |
|     | (iii) by           | (iv) from          |
| (c) | (i) has lost       | (ii) is            |
|     | (iii) was          | (iv) is being      |
| (d) | (i) have deserved  | (ii) deserve       |
|     | (iii) had deserved | (iv) are deserving |
| (e) | (i) had lost       | (ii) has lost      |
|     | (iii) was losing   | (iv) was lost      |
| (f) | (i) than           | (ii) then          |
|     | (iii) when         | (iv) till          |
| (g) | (i) Though         | (ii) Although      |
|     | (iii) But          | (iv) Since         |

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|-----|---------------|-----------|
| (h) | (i) For       | (ii) With |
|     | (iii) Despite | (iv) By   |

- Ans.** (a) (ii) whose (b) (ii) as (c) (ii) is  
(d) (ii) deserve (e) (i) had lost  
(f) (ii) then (g) (iii) But (h) Despite

**Que 11.** Complete the dialogue given below in a suitable way. (1 × 4 = 4)

**Rohit :** Are you free tonight?

**Karan :** (a) \_\_\_\_\_.

**Rohit :** You are never free for me.

**Karan :** Don't complain like a baby;

(b) \_\_\_\_\_ Saturday?

**Rohit :** On Saturday, a movie is impossible. Suggest something else.

**Karan :** (c) \_\_\_\_\_?

It has been a long time since we met him.

**Rohit :** That's great! We can call some other friends also at his place if he agrees.

(d) \_\_\_\_\_?

**Karan :** No problem. We can have a get together at my place also.



- Ans.** (a) No, I am sorry I shall be busy  
 (b) how about going for a movie on  
 (c) Would you like to meet Chetan  
 (d) Can we call them at your place

**Que 12.** Supply suitable headlines. (4)

(a) \_\_\_\_\_

A decline in sparrow population has been caused by modern architecture which leaves no room for them to roost or breed.

(b) \_\_\_\_\_

The trination one-day cricket final will be between India and Australia, the next Friday.

(c) \_\_\_\_\_

Lok Sabha was dissolved last week and general elections will be held now.

(d) \_\_\_\_\_

The immersion of Goddess Durga marked the conclusion of the Durga Pooja festival.

- Ans.** (a) Modern Architecture Causing Sparrow Extinction  
 (b) India Australia to Play Final on Friday  
 (c) Lok Sabha Dissolved-General Elections Declared  
 (d) Idols Immersed : Pooja Concludes

**Que 13.** In the following notice, there is an error in each line. Underline the error and write the correct word in the given space. (4)

**Notice**

This is to informed all the students that (a) \_\_\_\_\_  
 the school have organised a 'Social (b) \_\_\_\_\_  
 Welfare Week, between 22nd to 29th  
 November, 2012 (c) \_\_\_\_\_  
 in the school premises. The school invite (d) \_\_\_\_\_  
 active participating of students to collect (e) \_\_\_\_\_

funds and donations for orphans. Spreading (f) \_\_\_\_\_  
 information over this programme in (g) \_\_\_\_\_  
 a neighbourhood. Kindly co-operate and (h) \_\_\_\_\_  
 put in your best efforts.

XYZ

Head Boy

- Ans.** (a) informed → inform  
 (b) have → has  
 (c) between → from  
 (d) invite → invites  
 (e) participating → participation  
 (f) spreading → spread  
 (g) over → about  
 (h) a → the

**Que 14.** Read the given recipe below and complete the following paragraph. (1 × 4 = 4)

1. Boil raw mangoes and peel them.
2. Take out the pulp and mash it.
3. Add black salt, roasted cumin seeds powder and black pepper to the mashed pulp.
4. Blend this mixture in the electronic blender with a little water and sugar powder.
5. Your 'Mango Panna' concentrate is ready.

To make Mango Panna raw mangoes are boiled and (a) \_\_\_\_\_. The pulp (b) \_\_\_\_\_. Black salt (c) \_\_\_\_\_ to the mashed pulp. This mixture (d) \_\_\_\_\_ sugar powder. 'Mango Panna' concentrate is ready.

- Ans.** (a) peeled  
 (b) is taken out and mashed  
 (c) roasted cumin seeds powder and black pepper are added  
 (d) is blended in the electronic blender with a little water and



## Section D : Literature

[25 Marks]

**Que 15.** Read the given extracts and answer the following questions.

(1 × 3 = 3)

**A.** "And I had done a hellish thing,  
And it would work' em woe.  
For all averred, I had killed the bird  
That made the breeze to blow".

(a) 'I' is

(i) mariner

(ii) wedding guest

(iii) a young sailor

(iv) albatross

(b) What was the hellish thing?

(i) Water getting dried up

(ii) Splitting of ice

(iii) Killing of Albatross

(iv) Quarrel with other sailors

(c) The literary device in the last line is

(i) metaphor

(ii) alliteration

(iii) repetition

(iv) transferred epithet

**Ans.** (a) (i) mariner

(b) (iii) Killing of Albatross

(c) (ii) Alliteration

**B.** "It couldn't be the Sebastian Shultz I'd met. I leant forward to read the rest of the article".

(1 × 3 = 3)

(a) Who is the speaker here?

(b) Who is Sebastian Shultz? Where did he meet the speaker?

(c) Which 'article' is being referred to here?

**Ans.** (a) Speaker is Michael Dawson, narrator of the story.

(b) Sebastian Shultz was a fourteen years old boy from South London. The narrator had met him in his psycho-drive games, initially.

(c) The 'article' refers to the newspaper report about the recovery of the actual Sebastian Shultz from coma.

**C.** "Most high most mighty, and most puissant Caesar,

Metellus Cimber throws before thy seat

An humble heart, kneeling."

(1 × 3 = 3)

(a) Identity the speaker.

(b) Why is the speaker kneeling before Caesar?

(c) Did Caesar grant his wish?

**Ans.** (a) Speaker is Metellus Cimber.

(b) Cimber is requesting Caesar to withdraw the banishment of Publius Cimber, his brother.

(c) No, his wish wasn't granted and Caesar paid the price of refusal with his life.

**Que. 16** Answer the following questions in 50-60 words. (Any three)

(2 × 3 = 6)

(a) Why was Lavinia upset with John? What had she decided to do?

(b) Why had Patol Babu lost his first job in Calcutta?

- (c) What do the words on the pedestal "My name is Ozymandias, King of kings" convey about Ozymandias?  
 (d) What does DH Lawrence mean when he says about the snake "I missed my chance with one of the lords of life"?

- Ans.** (a) Lavinia was upset with John as she thought that he was betraying her and seeing another woman, 'Helen'. She correlated her to 'Helen of Troy'. In rage, she decided to go back to her grandparents home and seek divorce from John. She slipped a note under John's door conveying her intentions.  
 (b) Patol Babu lost his first job in Calcutta because there was an economic recession due to World War in 1943, and his company Hudson and Kimberley terminated his nine-year old job.  
 (c) The words convey that Ozymandias was arrogant. He was proud of his achievements. His pride and feeling of superiority and contempt for others is reflected in these words. He considered himself the strongest of all the rulers and wanted others to admit their inferiority to him.  
 (d) The poet regrets his acts of trying to injure the simple, innocent snake trying to satisfy its thirst. He realises that he had missed the chance of serving one of God's creations, who has equal right to live in peace. Here, he is giving due respect to the snake as a unique creation of God.

**Que 17.** In *Julius Caesar*, Antony iterates

"I come to bury Caesar not to praise him,  
 The evil that men do lives after them;  
 The good is oft interred with their bones;  
 So let it be with Caesar".

Antony's comment carries a universal truth, often we remember the evil deeds only of a person after his death. The good deeds are forgotten. Write an e-mail to your friend Pranav, expressing your views on this topic using the given ideas along with your own. (120 - 150 words)

human nature takes good as normal  
 we forget pleasures, blessings, good deeds  
 impressions of suffering stay on forever  
 forgiveness essential  
 selfless, clear hearted analysis essential

(5)

**Ans.**

To : Pranav2111@gmail.com  
 From : arpxy77@g mail.com  
Sub *Let us remember only good deeds!*

Dear Pranav

Hope you are well. How is everything? I recently read somewhere that good deeds of a person are forgotten as soon as one dies, whereas the bad ones are discussed and highlighted. I was, thus forced to ponder upon this facet of life. It is human nature to accept everything good as normal and attach no value to it. We forget happy times, pleasures and good deeds so easily.

But, the hard times torment and haunt us constantly. I believe one has to forgive and forget. Good deeds past should be emphasised to spread positive energy. This requires a selfless heart with clarity. The focus must be on removing the causes of suffering and not the sufferer. What are your views? I would like to know your opinion also. Please send a reply soon.

Your Friend  
 ABC

**Que 18.** As Antony, write a diary entry expressing your feelings after your success in setting into motion revenge for Caesar's foul murder. (5)

OR

As Helen, express your relief at being free from John Hallock's controversy and his wife's throwing away of the Ouija Board. Also reflect upon your life as a ghost. (5)

**Ans.**

20th December, XXXX

9:30 pm

My soul is torn today. My loyal, worthy brother and friend, the son of Rome, the mighty Julius Caesar has been murdered. Rome can never recover from this loss. But my soul feels some contentment too. True it is that I cannot bring my Caesar back to life, but I've taken revenge. The conspirators were arrogant fools to allow me to address the citizens of Rome. Goodness is not foolish. I made the citizens realise that Caesar was not ambitious. He had refused the crown thrice. The conspirators portrayed him as a dictator. I proved to the citizens the sacrifice of Caesar, the honour and the riches he brought to Rome.

I reminded them of Caesar's triumphs and his respect in other nations. I reminded them how he wept for the poor, common man. I questioned them about what stopped them from mourning the death of their hero. Finally, I revealed the contents of Caesar's will to them. I told them that Caesar has left seventy five drachmas for every Roman. He has left his private gardens and orchards for the common man. I put the idea of mutiny in their heads indirectly. I am a satisfied, happy, man that now for I have avenged the death of my most worthy, noble friend Julius Caesar. May his soul rest in peace.

OR

Human beings are a curious race. I am glad to be a ghost now. I feel my life as a ghost is pleasant enough. There are some sources of irritation though. Who invented Ouija Boards? He must be punished. These Ouija Board fanatics summon us at the oddest of hours to ask silly questions. In my life, I was a writer and we ghosts of writers have a special group to help writers.

We often send creative ideas to writers struggling for ideas. Recently, I had an interesting as well as a frustrating experience. John Hallock is a dull writer. I have to help him often with ideas. This time I appeared before him specially to ask him to stop people from using Ouija Boards. He promised to do so. But Lo! His own wife arranged on Ouija Board party and he participated in it.

I, therefore, portrayed the word 'traitor' on the Board. Little did I know that those silly ladies would declare that John was cheating on his wife. Poor man was about to get divorced when his wife, luckily, saw me and talked to me. The confusion was solved. And John's wife burnt her Ouija Board also. At last, peace reigned! That John is now busy in writing a story on this episode! Well, my best wishes are with him.