

# 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 and answer the questions that follow.

- Do Due Diligence** While companies usually do background checks and due diligence on employees, it is not a prerogative of companies alone. Employees should also do some research on the reporting hierarchy of the company and their immediate bosses before joining a firm. A professional should try to assess the effectiveness of the company and their future boss before joining a firm. They should never join a company without meeting the person they will immediately report to.
- Identify the Cause** There are reasons why organisations appoint certain people to positions of authority and it is because these professionals possess certain traits that help the company. While professionals should be mindful of these, they should identify the reason for their boss's ineffectiveness before escalating matters further. Professionals should not go by assumptions. They should assess the nature of inefficiency-whether it is behavioural or technical.
- Take the Lead** Professionals can turn around the situation by initiating tasks and assuming ownership. They should shift their focus from personal inefficiencies to business sense. Once they start talking business and demonstrate abilities that can turn around a company, others are bound to notice them.
- Keep Learning** Your boss's ineffectiveness or lack of encouragement should not rob you of your personal growth. Most companies have cross functional programmes and workshops and professionals should look for horizontal growth options by participation in these programmes that will help them gain recognition across the board.
- Use Covert Means** As conveying your displeasure directly to the boss can be disastrous, Dhruv Desai, senior VP, HR and leadership academy at Angel Broking feels managers can use covert means and other

indirect cues to convey the message. Managers can describe their views as new and efficient ways of doing things to gain the trust of their bosses without sounding superior. They can use the 360 degree feedback systems of the company.

**A. On the basis of your reading of the passage, fill in the blanks using suitable word/words. (1 × 5 = 5)**

The check backs should be from the side of the (i) as well as the (ii).  
An employee must meet his (iii) before he joins a company. In order to succeed, professionals must focus on business sense and not (iv). The writer advocates (v) as a better way of voicing your displeasure, as direct show of displeasure to your boss can turn disastrous.

**B. Suggest two ways how employees can gain recognition across the board in a company. (2)**

**C. From the passage, find a word/phrase conveying the same meaning as given below. (1 × 3 = 3)**

- (i) power (para 2) (ii) beginning (para 3)  
(iii) acknowledgement (para 4)

- Ans.** A. (i) employers (ii) employees (iii) immediate boss  
(iv) personal inefficiencies (v) suggesting changes  
B. Two ways to gain recognition are  
(a) Participation in cross functional programmes and workshops  
(b) Focus on horizontal growth  
C. (i) Authority (ii) Initiating  
(iii) Recognition

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

Where were you and where was I  
When for help young children cried?  
Where were you and where was I  
When they set this world alight?  
How could we not realise?  
There must be a reason why, wise men say,  
Evil wins when good men walk away.  
Don't you talk of history,

What was then will never be,  
Time has moved on, life has changed,  
Now we just won't let this be,  
Every wrong now we will right  
Won't forget the reason why,  
Wise men say,  
Evil wins when good men walk away.

**(1 × 5 = 5)**

**A. Identify the dominant note in stanza 1.**

- (i) Regret (ii) Sorrow  
(iii) Contempt (iv) Anger

**B. What is the poet's mood by the end of the poem?**

- (i) Pessimistic (ii) Defeated  
(iii) Optimistic (iv) Indifferent

**C. Explain 'when good men walk away.'**

- (i) Good men are not active (ii) Good men are not actually good  
(iii) Good men stop resisting the evil (iv) None of these

**D. Identify the poetic device in line 1 of the poem.**

- (i) Metaphor (ii) Simile  
(iii) Pun (iv) Alliteration

**E. Find word/words from the poem that convey 'surrender'.**

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| (i) Alight           | (ii) Realise   |
| (iii) Children cried | (iv) Walk away |

- Ans.** A. (i) regret  
B. (iii) optimistic  
C. (iii) good men stop resisting the evil  
D. (iv) alliteration  
E. (iv) walk away

**Que 3. Read the given passage and answer the questions that follow by choosing the most appropriate option.**

- London :** Scientists claim that a hair lotion that cures baldness by stopping the effects of a single guilty enzyme could hit the market within two years.
- They found that a single enzyme has a major role to play in male-pattern baldness, as experienced by Prince William.
- The researchers are already in talks with pharmaceutical firms about making the product, which would work by stopping the effects of a single guilty enzyme.
- The US-based dermatologists announced earlier this year that they had found that an enzyme, called prostaglandin D<sub>2</sub> (PGD<sub>2</sub>), that instructed follicles to stop producing hair. Scientists identified it by screening 250 genes implicated in hair loss, the Telegraph reported. George Cotsarelis, head of Dermatology at Pennsylvania University, said that the one responsible for levels of PGD<sub>2</sub> played "the major role."
- He said he was now in talks with several drug firms about creating the anti-baldness product. Drugs are already available in the market that reduce PGD<sub>2</sub> levels, as it has been implicated in asthma, holding out the hope that developing a related product for baldness could be speedy. (1 × 5 = 5)

**A. A dermatologist deals with**

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| (i) skin problems        | (ii) joint problems |
| (iii) breathing problems | (iv) None of these  |

**B. Prince William's name has been quoted to show**

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| (i) general baldness    | (ii) young age baldness |
| (iii) baldness in males | (iv) None of these      |

**C. According to the scientists, the functions of PGD<sub>2</sub> is**

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| (i) enhancing hair growth | (ii) causing hair loss |
| (iii) boosting immunity   | (iv) All of these      |

**D. The writer is hopeful of early provision of the antibaldness drug.**

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| (i) Yes           | (ii) No              |
| (iii) Is not sure | (iv) Doesn't clarify |

**E. From para 4, find the word conveying the sense 'cause'.**

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| (i) Instructed    | (ii) Follicles     |
| (iii) Responsible | (iv) None of these |

- Ans.** A. (i) Skin problems    B. (iii) Baldness in males    C. (ii) Causing hair loss  
D. (i) Yes    E. (iii) Responsible

## Section B : Writing Skills

[25 Marks]

**Que 4.** As Manik Sachdeva, class XII, Head, Social Welfare Club, write a notice to call a meeting of house captains to discuss the planning for organising social welfare week in the school. Your school is Maharana Pratap Senior Secondary School. (50-60 words) (3)

**Ans.**

<p><b>Maharana Pratap Senior Secondary School</b></p> <p><b><u>NOTICE</u></b></p> <p>24th October, 2012</p> <p style="text-align: center;"><b>Meeting for 'Social Welfare Week.'</b></p> <p>This is to inform all the house captains that they have to attend a meeting on 26th October, 2012 in the conference hall during the zero period to discuss, the organisation of social welfare week in the school. Kindly bring some innovative suggestions. Activities outside the school, visits to different place may also be considered.</p> <p>Manik Sachdeva Class XII Head, Social Welfare Club</p>
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**Que 5.** On the basis of the information given below in the form of a telephonic conversation, write a message. (50-60 words) (3)

<b>Mudit</b>	Hello ! Who is on the line?
<b>Clare</b>	Its me Clare, Sanjana's friend, Is she home? I need to speak to her.
<b>Mudit</b>	Sorry, she is away from home; may I help you?
<b>Clare</b>	That puts me in a crisis. She has got my air ticket for tomorrow's journey. She is not picking up her mobile phone.
<b>Mudit</b>	That is because she left the cellphone here by mistake. But I will inform her. I know where the tickets are, so I am coming to your home right now to give you the tickets.
<b>Clare</b>	That will be very kind of you; don't forget to inform Sanjana that I am getting the tickets or she will be worried.
<b>Mudit</b>	Don't worry, I will take care of that.

**Ans.**

<p><b>Message</b></p> <p>29th October, 2012 3:30 pm Sanjana</p> <p>Your friend Clare called. She couldn't contact you as you had left the phone here at home. She needs her air tickets for tomorrow's journey. I am going to her home to deliver the tickets to her. You need not go to her place in the evening.</p> <p><i>Mudit</i></p>
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**Que 6.** Your school Jhansi Girl's High School organised the annual day function on 13th September, 2012. Describe the event using the following information. (80-100 words) (5)

<p>Day of celebration — Chief guest and other dignitaries, Cultural Programme — Prize Distribution — Words of chief guest</p>
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**Ans.**

### Annual Day Celebration

Jhansi Girl's High School celebrated its annual day on 13th September, 2012 in the school premises. The Chief guest was honourable Chief Minister of Delhi, Mrs Sheila Dixit. Other dignitaries who graced the occasion were Mr Vineet Joshi, chairman CBSE and Mr Anil Kumar, DSP, Jhansi. The Chief guest lighted the lamp and inaugurated the programme at 6 : 30 pm. The cultural programme highlighted by the skit 'Kargil Martyrs' enthralled the audience. Mrs Sheila Dixit awarded prizes to the meritorious scholars of the last session and praised the efforts of the students and teachers. It was a grand success.

By XYZ

**Que 7.** You saw the following poster encouraging human, loving treatment towards animals. Inspired by the poster, write a letter to the Editor, the Tribune, New Delhi voicing your views on importance of pets and how they should be treated. You are Gunjan Srivastava, a resident of HN 21, Sec-49, Noida. (125-150 words) (4)

#### **Animals—Bundles of love**

- Be kind
- Be gentle
- Show concern to animals

#### ***Pets give us***

- Company
- Emotional security
- Warmth
- Love, affection

*Adopt a Pet. Give a Home to  
An Animal and have  
A valuable member  
Added to Your Family*

*Issued by: Ministry of Environment and Forests*

**Ans.**

HN 21

Sec 49

Noida

28th November, 2012

The Editor, The Tribune, New Delhi

Sub *Animals — worthy of our love, not neglect*

Sir

Through the columns of your esteemed newspaper I wish to remind fellow citizens that we have a lovely species on Earth that has been our direct or indirect support for ages - animals. From agriculture to carrying loads, to security - animals have been our partners in many tasks. Unfortunately, some of us are unkind and cruel towards them. We must be kind, gentle and full of concern in our treatment of animals.

Pets at our homes give us companionship. Their love, affection and friendly attitude distresses and rejuvenates us. Dogs are the best pets. These wonderful creatures demand only a little care and love to make any sacrifice for us.

In India there are uncountable homeless animals. We must adopt a pet. The wonders we shall experience will be too many to count. I urge all families to adopt a pet and lead a stress free, secure life.

Yours

*Gunjan Srivastava*

**Que 8.** *On the basis of the given hints, develop a story. (120-150 words)*

(5)

A peaceful village - hardworking, simple, honest people - some tourists - plan to befool villagers - give hopes of employment - collect money - escape - village youth unite - search - culprits found - punished.

**Ans.**

#### **Treachery Punished**

In the foothills of the Himalayas in Nepal is a beautiful village with the bounty of nature in the form of trees, flora, fauna and beautiful streams. The village people are very simple with minimum needs and requirements and work hard for their daily bread. Once a group of tourists from Mumbai visited this village. Seeing the simplicity of the villagers they conjured up an evil plan.

They promised the village youth employment in cities and demanded money from such families for this. The innocent villagers handed over the money in the hope of employment. The tourists left with the collected money, leaving false addresses behind. When months passed with no news of the tourists, some of the young men of the village reached Mumbai. With the help of the Mumbai Police the culprits were arrested. Thus, justice prevailed over crime.

**Que 9.** *As a teenager, Amit often wonders about the contradictions he faces. His parents treat him sometimes as a kid and as a grown up man sometimes. Confused by social demands, peer pressure, expectations of parents and teachers and the stress of physical and emotional changes, he wishes to write an article for the school magazine. Write the article on his behalf. (120-150 words)*

(5)

**Ans.**

#### **Problems Faced by Teenagers**

In a man's life, childhood is perhaps the golden period. It is a time sans worries, sans burden. Life seems to be a long fairy tale. At the threshold of teenage, one feels a curious joy and excitement of entering a new world of growth, change and experiences. The physical growth and changes are at times embarrassing.

At times, he is supposed not to interfere in family matters as he is young. While at times he is expected to act in a very mature way. What does everyone expect?

The desire to outshine the friends in different ways also causes a lot of stress. There are temptations of pleasures of making fast money and numerous other offers.

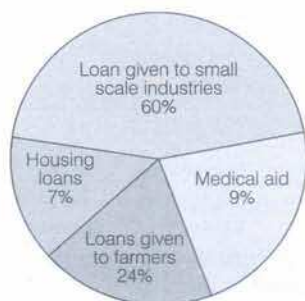
Parents, teachers, relatives must understand the stress a teenager goes through and offer firm yet gentle guidance.

By Amit

## Section C : Grammar

[20 Marks]

**Que 10.** Read the given information carefully and answer the following questions choosing the best option. (4)



According to a survey (a) \_\_\_\_\_ recently, there is (b) \_\_\_\_\_ difference in the grant of loans (c) \_\_\_\_\_ different sectors. (d) \_\_\_\_\_ loan is not given to medical aid. It is (e) \_\_\_\_\_ to small scale industries. Farmer's access to loan is (f) \_\_\_\_\_ than that to housing societies. Housing sector receives the (g) \_\_\_\_\_ amount of loan. As per this survey, the small scale industries (h) \_\_\_\_\_ flourish.

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| (a) (i) conducted  | (ii) was conducted |
| (iii) conducting   | (iv) conducts      |
| (b) (i) hugely     | (ii) huge          |
| (iii) wide         | (iv) widely        |
| (c) (i) by         | (ii) in            |
| (iii) to           | (iv) all           |
| (d) (i) minimum    | (ii) maximum       |
| (iii) huge         | (iv) proper        |
| (e) (i) affordable | (ii) provisioned   |
| (iii) provided     | (iv) supplied      |
| (f) (i) better     | (ii) most          |
| (iii) much         | (iv) best          |
| (g) (i) very less  | (ii) more          |
| (iii) little       | (iv) least         |
| (h) (i) must       | (ii) will          |
| (iii) may          | (iv) need          |

**Ans.** (a) (i) conducted (b) (iii) wide  
(c) (iii) to (d) (ii) maximum

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| (e) (iii) provided | (f) (i) better |
| (g) (iv) least     | (h) (i) must   |

**Que 11.** Arrange the following jumbled words to make meaningful sentences. (1 × 4 = 4)

- dependent/not/single/any /happiness /is /on/factor
- prerequisite/life/of/you/around/its/what /happening/acceptance/is/the/of happiness/in
- duties /go /rights/ attain /happiness/and hand in hand/to
- forgiveness / essential / forgetfulness / equally / are /and /for / happiness / true.

**Ans.** (a) Happiness is not dependent on any single factor.  
(b) Acceptance of what is happening around you in life is the prerequisite of happiness.  
(c) Rights and duties go hand in hand to attain happiness.  
(d) Forgiveness and forgetfulness are equally essential for true happiness.

**Que 12.** In the following paragraph, there is a missing word in each line. Put a slash where the word is missing and supply the answer in the given space.

(1/2 × 8 = 4)

Pollution is one the most serious problems \_\_\_\_\_ of \_\_\_\_\_ facing humanity today. This problem fairly (a) \_\_\_\_\_ complicated for much of the pollution is by (b) \_\_\_\_\_ objects and activities benefit mankind. Two (c) \_\_\_\_\_ thirds of Delhi's appalling pollution is vehicles. (d) \_\_\_\_\_ To an end to the pollution, we (e) \_\_\_\_\_ need address the problem minutely. (f) \_\_\_\_\_ Far sightedness is essential this purpose (g) \_\_\_\_\_ as we need think about the future. (h) \_\_\_\_\_

**Ans.** (a) problem/fairly → is  
(b) is/by → caused  
(c) activities/benefit → that  
(d) is/vehicles → through  
(e) to/an → put  
(f) need/address → to  
(g) essential/this → for  
(h) need/think → to

**Que 13.**

**Patient :** I need to see the doctor immediately.

(1 × 4 = 4)

**Receptionist :** What is the problem?

**Patient :** I have acute stomach ache.

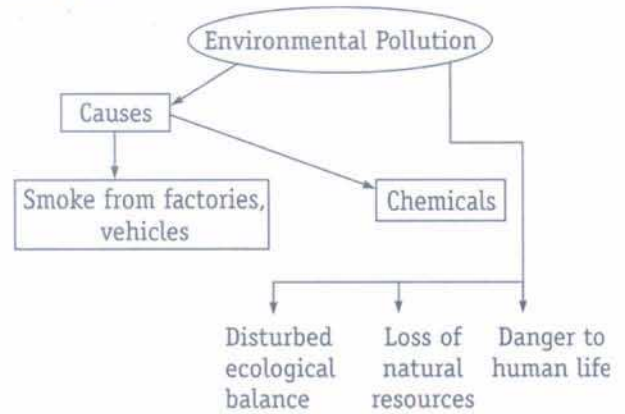
**Receptionist :** I am sending some one to bring you here, please wait for five minutes.

On the basis of the above conversation, complete the given paragraph.

A patient called up Dr. Rajan's receptionist and said that (a) \_\_\_\_\_ immediately. The receptionist enquired (b) \_\_\_\_\_. The patient informed that (c) \_\_\_\_\_. The concerned receptionist said that she was sending someone to bring him there and (d) \_\_\_\_\_.

- Ans.** (a) he needed to see the doctor  
(b) what the problem was  
(c) he had acute stomach ache  
(d) told him to please wait for five minutes

**Que 14.**



On the basis of above information, complete the paragraph given below. (1 × 4 = 4)

Environmental pollution is a major cause of concern in the present society. The (a) \_\_\_\_\_ and (b) \_\_\_\_\_ as well as (c) \_\_\_\_\_ spread pollution. The results are disastrous. There is (d) \_\_\_\_\_ in ecological balance as well as loss of natural resources.

- Ans.** (a) smoke from factories (b) vehicles  
(c) chemicals (d) disturbance

## Section D : Literature

[25 Marks]

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

(1 × 3 = 3)

- A.** He reached down from a fissure in the Earth-wall in the gloom  
And trailed his yellow-brown slackness soft bellied.  
down, over the edge of the stone trough  
Choose the best options to answer the following questions :

(a) The snake has reached

- (i) a hole in the wall (ii) mount Etna  
(iii) water tap (iv) the tree

(b) What is 'yellow-brown slackness'?

- (i) Tongue (ii) Body  
(iii) Head (iv) Tail

(c) The snake's movement is full of

- (i) pain (ii) laziness  
(iii) quickness (iv) fear

- Ans.** (a) (i) A hole in the wall (b) (ii) Body  
(c) (ii) Laziness



**B.** "Patol Babu saw stars before his eyes."

(1 × 3 = 3)

- (a) When did Patol Babu see stars before his eyes?
- (b) Which quality of Patol Babu emerges out of this situation?
- (c) What was the effect on Chanchal Kumar?

**Ans.** (a) In Baren Mullick's movie when Patol Babu and Chanchal Kumar collided for a scene, Patol Babu saw stars.  
(b) Patol Babu performed even this small role to perfection. This brings out his dedication to acting.  
(c) Chanchal Kumar felt the impact of the collision and felt intense pain.

**C.** I have, when you have heard  
what I can say :  
And know it now : the Senate have  
concluded  
To give this day a crown to mighty Caesar.  
If you shall send them word  
you will not come,  
Their minds may change.

- (a) Identify the speaker.
- (b) Who are 'they'? What do they wish to present to Caesar?
- (c) What was the real motive of the speaker behind this argument?

**Ans.** (a) Speaker is Decius Brutus.  
(b) Here, 'they' refers to the Senators.  
They wish to present the crown of King to Caesar.  
(c) The speaker wished to take Caesar to the Senate house to murder him in a conspiracy with other Senators.

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

(2 × 3 = 6)

- (a) What did Ozymandias expect from his future generations? Was his hope fulfilled?
- (b) How did Michael and Shultz fail at Jailbreak?
- (c) "John Hallock was an excellent ghost story writer." Do you agree?
- (d) Why couldn't the wedding guest ignore the ancient mariner despite repeated efforts?

**Ans.** (a) Ozymandias expected his future generations to remember him till eternity. He was, in fact, very much confident that the posterity would recall his achievements with awe and admiration. His hopes have not been fulfilled as he has been forgotten and his statue lies broken in sheer neglect.  
(b) Michael and Shultz came out of the prison cell and raced down the corridors, with sirens wailing, and guards chasing them. The two somehow reached the staircase and pounded upwards to the roof where a helicopter was to be ready for them. The helicopter arrived but they were surrounded by twelve guards and dogs. At that moment Shultz slipped and fell on the concrete floor. Thus, their attempt failed.  
(c) No, we don't agree with the statement. Hallock himself admits that he always struggled hard to get ideas for ghost stories, but somehow succeeded. Later, we come to know that Helen had helped him by sending him creative ideas. Ghosts at the 'Writers Inspiration Bureau' helped the human writers frequently.  
(d) The wedding guest was not at all interested in listening to the details given by the ancient mariner. But the mariner's eyes had some special effect that did not allow the guest to move. In fact, the mariner had been given this power when he was cursed, that he could hold anyone with his eyes when he wished to retell the story of his sin.

**Que 17.** *"Cowards die many times before their deaths;  
The valiant never taste of death but once.  
Of all the wonders that I yet have heard.  
It seems to me most strange that men should fear.  
Seeing that death, a necessary end  
Will come when it will come."*

It is true that a coward dies many times as he sacrifices his self, his respect and his wishes many times. But brave people live a life of dignity and die only once. Inspired by this discussion, write a letter to your cousin discussing the value of bravery in life. (120-150 words) (5)

**Ans.**

H No.  
X lane  
Y city  
19th November, 2012  
Dear Cousin  
I hope this letter finds you in the best of health and spirits. I have written today specially to tell about the famous words of Julius Caesar that echo the thoughts of many great thinkers of this world. Cowards die their deaths many times while valiant people die only once. Fear makes us a coward-fear of losing someone, something, fear of pain and suffering make us a coward. But in order to get rid of this fear we lose our respect, our will power, our confidence.  
On the other hand, brave people die only once. They live a life of principles, on their own terms and values. Thus, they explore infinite possibilities of life and die only once, gracefully. Their death does not lower their esteem or the respect by others. What are your views on this issue? Do write to me.  
Your Friend  
ABC

**Que 18.** *As the wedding guest, write and describe your feelings after listening to the ancient mariner's tale of sin and suffering. (120-150 words)* (5)

OR

*As Lavinia, tell your best friend Samantha how a misunderstanding regarding a ghost caused suffering to you as well as to Hallock. (120-150 words)*

**Ans.** Today was a shocking day, indeed. I was to enter the hall for the wedding when an old, bearded man with strange eyes stopped me. He started telling me a story of his journey through the ocean. I wished to leave, but strangely enough, his eyes seemed to have a strange effect and I couldn't leave. He and his sailors had ups and downs in the journey when an Albatross visited them. It came to the ship regularly.

Then fortunate events of wind blowing, and splitting up of the ice happened. Thus everyone considered the Albatross a Christian soul. But, one day, without any reason, the mariner killed the Albatross. Initially, there were no effects but soon the wind stopped blowing, the Sun become too hot, sea creatures turned slimy and there was no water to drink. Finally, the mariners hung the body of the albatross around the mariner's neck. It really was a shocking experience.

OR

Samantha, you don't know how difficult the last few days were for me. We have heard such exciting things about Ouija Boards. I wanted to help John with his ghost stories through it. So I organised an Ouija Board party at my home for my 'Book club' members. John was declared a traitor by the Ouija Board. The name 'Helen' came across too. I was shocked.

The incident made me suspicious. I felt that John was seeing some other woman. I had decided to leave him for good when John informed me that he was not having an affair but he did not want me to see a ghost. Then I saw the ghost Helen. I was glad to find her a simple female ghost.

Thank God! We are happy now.