

KENDRIYA VIDYALAYA SANGATHAN, RAIPUR REGION
SESSION ENDING EXAM (2024-25)
SUBJECT: ENGLISH COMMUNICATIVE (Code No.101)

CLASS- IX

Maximum Marks: 80

TIME: 3 Hrs.

General Instructions:

1. *This question paper has 12 questions. All questions are compulsory.*
2. *This question paper contains three sections:*
 - Section A: Reading Skills -20 Marks*
 - Section B: Writing Skills -24 Marks*
 - Section C: Grammar -10 Marks*
 - Section D: Literature Textbook -26 Marks*
3. *Attempt all questions based on specific instructions for each part. Write the correct question number and part thereof in your answer sheet.*

Section - A : Reading (20 marks)

Q1. Read the following text carefully:

(10 marks)

The first written public examination were introduced over 1400 years ago with the establishment of the imperial examination system in 606 AD in China. By the middle of the 19th century, competitive examinations had been introduced in Britain and India to select government officials. Public examination in schools have a shorter but still considerable history.

At present, the examination systems in India are characterised by heterogeneity. They differ in their vintage organisational design, financial stability, autonomy, organisational culture and credibility. For instance, the National Institute of Open Schooling (NIOS) is unique in conducting exams through the distance mode; the Indian School Certificate Examination confines itself only to private schools; and the West Bengal Board of Madrasa Education is for Islamic educational institutions only. The Amrik Singh Report (1997) on reorganising boards wondered, 'Can there also be a system whereby it becomes possible to grade and categorise the boards in respect of how efficiently and honestly examinations are organised?'

To do so, a set of parameters was chosen to measure effectiveness, transparency and economic efficiency of the functioning of these organisations. These parameters include indicators like cost incurred per student, fees charged per student, number of examinees per employee and number of affiliated schools per employee. The functioning of a total of 20 boards was analysed in terms of 18 performance indicators in 2005.

The data collected from the states shows that most boards have an operating surplus. The CBSE, along with the Maharashtra board, seem to fare the best.

Another important measure of effectiveness of the functioning of the boards is the time taken for declaration of examination results. It was found that this ranged from a mere 26 days in the case of Karnataka Secondary Education Examination Board in 2005 to 48 days for class X in neighbouring Maharashtra. The Supreme Court has recently issued directions that results should be declared within 45 days from the end of examinations. In 2005, 10 of the 20 boards which provided this information could not declare results within 45 days.

Answer the following questions on the basis of the passage you have read.

(i) When were the first written public examinations introduced?

(2M)

(ii) The feature(s) of the examination system in our country are: (1M)

(a) Organisational design (b) Dependency (c) Autonomy (d) Both (a) and (c).

(iii) Which boards seem to fare the best in terms of operating surplus? (2M)

(iv) Substitute the underlined word/phase in the following sentence with a word/phrase from the last paragraph that means the same. (1M)

The tennis star is in an upbeat mood as he won the Australian open a short while ago.

(v) Give one feature of National Institute of Open Schooling (NIOS). (1M)

(vi) The examination systems in India are characterised by: (1M)

(vii). State whether the following statement is **True or False**. (1M)

The time taken for the declaration of results is not an important feature of the functioning of the boards.

(viii) Which one of the following correctly lists the direction issued by the Supreme Court? (1M)

- (a) Results should be declared within 30 days from the start of the examination.
- (b) Results should be declared within 45 days from the end of the examination.
- (c) Results should be declared within 45 days from the start of the examination.
- (d) Results should be declared within 60 days from the end of the examination.

Q2) Read the passage carefully and answer the questions that follow: [10 Marks]

When Brains Do More, Who Owns Us?

Elon Musk's company Neuralink has put its first wireless device in a human brain. This technological advancement can be pivotal in brain-computer interface tech.

What exactly is new?

Like all scientific advancements, this one is very much built on its predecessors. Neuralink's first human trial is preceded by the 2021 case of the Australian ALS patient Philip O'Keefe who used a neural interface to put out a social media update: "hello, world! Short tweet. Monumental progress." In comparison, Neuralink doesn't use heavy equipment.

Who benefits today?

According to Musk, the initial users will be those who have lost the use of their limbs. For this category of patients, taking control of their phone or computer, and thereby almost any device, just by thinking, would be transformative.

Who could benefit tomorrow?

Another category of potential candidates is patients suffering from brain diseases. Theoretically, processes like deep-brain stimulation could help fight Alzheimer's and Parkinson's, even depression and addiction. Another potential benefit could be the usage of neural interfaces for memory and concentration enhancement.

Ethical concerns

This unprecedented access to the human mind raises the major concern for privacy. Will Neuralink enable authorities to monitor every detail of human lives? In such a scenario, who will own the data collected by such invasion of privacy? The access to this technology could also become a privilege and thus worsen the existing social inequalities.

Conclusion

Although Neuralink is nowhere near becoming accessible like cardiac pacemakers, it is very possible that the project will get plenty of funds to continue the research. But the Innovation is surrounded by ethical questions such as privacy and social inequalities.

Answer the following questions on the basis of the passage you have read.

(i) What was the message posted by the Australian ALS patient Philip O'Keefe using the neural interface in 2021? **(1M)**

(ii) Who is the owner of the company "Neuralink"? **(1M)**

(a) Jeff Bezos (b) Elon Musk (c) Bill Gates (d) Mark Zuckerberg.

(iii) How could Neuralink help patients suffering from brain diseases? **(2M)**

(iv) Which of the following are planned to be the initial users of the Neuralink? **(1M)**

(a) People with brain ailments (b) People with addiction
(c) People with memory issues (d) People who have lost their limbs.

(v) How will the neuralink help patients who have lost their limbs? **(1M)**

(vi) Complete the following sentence with a word from the passage which means 'something that has never happened before'. **(1M)**

The way that snow fell on the national capital was entirely

(vii) What are the ethical concerns connected to Neuralink? **(2M)**

(viii) Which of the following is not counted in the list of potential candidates? **(1M)**

(a) People with brain ailments (b) People with stuttering issues
(c) People with memory issues (d) People who have lost their limbs.

Section -B : Writing Skills (24 marks)

Q3) There has been an increase in the number of Cyber Bullying cases. This has led to parents and students getting very anxious. As the School Counsellor, you are organising a talk during the morning assembly by Mr. Vivek Solanki, Director, Cybercrime Department inviting both students and parents. Draft a notice in about 50 words informing students of the same mentioning day, date, time and venue. **(4 Marks)**

Q4) Two friends, Anita and Saba are trying to plan a birthday surprise for their mutual friend Nupur. Construct a dialogue in about 100 words between them. **(5 Marks)**

Q5) You were a part of an organising committee for an Inter-school event which was very successful. You and the other committee members were congratulated and praised at the school assembly by the Principal. Write a letter to your grandmother telling her about the event and your feelings at being recognised and praised in front of the school. You are Naveen / Nishita residing at D- 10, Mayuram Villa, Raipur. Take the help from the ideas given below. (Word limit: 120 words)

[**Hints** : part of the organising committee for an Inter-school event – Responsible for managing the hospitality for the guest schools – the event was successfully organised – got appreciation – I was overwhelmed – it all became possible because you taught me so much.] **(7 Marks)**

Q6. A) Write a descriptive paragraph on Global Warming by using the given clues along with your own ideas and those that you have gathered from ‘ MCB Unit 3 : ENVIRONMENT. (Word limit: 150 words)

[Clues : Definition of global warming - causes of global warming - impact of global warming - 1.15 degree- Celsius rise in past decade - can damage ecosystems - result in the disruption of the environment - taking steps to restore vegetations - using clean energy sources.] **(8 Marks)**

OR

B) Write a descriptive paragraph in 150 words. Use the given cues along with your own ideas and those that you have gathered from ‘MCB Unit 1: PEOPLE ‘



[Cues: a female astronaut - veteran of two long-duration space flights - spent a total of three hundred and twenty two days in space. - She holds a record - covers fifty hours and forty minutes- selected by NASA - US Navy Captain received her commission in the Navy in May 1987- became a helicopter pilot - logging more than 3000 flight hours - ranks sixth on the all-time US endurance list and second all-time for a female astronaut- inspired by Kalpana Chawla]

Section - C : Grammar (10 marks)

Q7. Fill in the blanks with the most grammatically appropriate words given below:

(1 X 3 = 3Marks)

William Shakespeare (a)..... considered to be an unparalleled literary genius of the Elizabethan age. He wrote for (b)..... contemporary Elizabethan stage in simple lyrical language which the court and public (c) enjoy.

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| a. (i) are | (ii) was | (iii) is | (iv) were |
| b. (i) a | (ii) an | (iii) the | (iv) any |
| c. (i) can | (ii) could | (iii) will | (iv) would. |

Q8. The following passage has not been edited. There is an error in each line. Write the incorrect word and the correction in the answer sheet as given below. One has been done as an example. **(1x4 = 4Marks)**

	Error	Correction
A one-eyed man was travelling through a bus	e.g. through	in
(a) one day. He was carrying a huge bag on him		
(b) shoulder. Anyone sitting next to him said,		
(c) "Why didn't you keep your bag under the seat?"		
(d) The men smiled and said, "It is too big."		

Q9. Do as directed:

i) **Rearrange the words / phrases given below to form a meaningful sentence. (1M)**

Amit: Do you think physical education is given much importance these days in our campuses?

Anuj: Yes, I do.

games and physical activities/ a student /method/goes through/it is/ by which/ now/a.

ii) **Report the dialogues to complete the paragraph that follows: (1X2=2M)**

Interviewer: So, why do you want to be a computer analyst?

Aditya: Well, I have always been interested in computers.

The interviewer asked Aditya why (a)_____ to which Aditya replied that (b)_____.

Section – D : Literature Reader (26 marks)

Q10) Answer *any TWO* of the given extracts (A), (B) and (C) . [4M +4M = 8 Marks]

(A) *All the world's a stage
And all the men and women merely players:
They have their exits and their entrances;
And one man in his time plays many parts,
His acts being seven ages.*

(i) **And one man in his time plays many parts.....**

Replace the underlined word with the correct option which has the same meaning as used in the given lines.

A. scenes B. roles C. jobs. D. tasks.

ii). **The word 'merely' reveals that the poet regards/views human life as _____.**

A. impressive B. inconsequential
C. magnificent D. uninspiring

iii) **Pick the option that does not match with the poetic device used in the phrase 'All the world's a stage'.**

A. A thing of beauty is a joy forever.
B. The lightning was fireworks in the sky.
C. Heavy is the heart that wears the crown.
D. The movie was a roller coaster ride of emotions.

iv) **Write down the poetic device used in the given lines.**

(B) *"When people in real life marry, they generally hunt up somebody in their own station. A fellow usually picks out a girl who went to the same high-school and belonged to the same singing society that he did."*

- (a) Who is speaking and to whom?
- (b) Where does the conversation take place?
- (c) What do you understand by 'in their own station'?
- (d) What is the opposite of 'real'?

- (C) “My lawyer is Mr. Who, 5, Rue Cambon. He will get in touch with yours about the rest of the transaction.

Good-bye.”

(a) Who is the speaker of these lines and to whom she is talking to?

(b) Identify ‘yours’:

- (i) Gaston (ii) Mrs. Al Smith (iii) Gaston’s Lawyer (iv) Mrs. Al Smith’s Lawyer.

(c) Which transaction is being discussed here?

(d) Why will Mrs. Al Smith's lawyer get in touch with Mr. Gaston's lawyer?

Q11) Answer any SIX of the following (word limit: 30- 40 words):

[2x 6 =12Marks]

- (i) What special qualities made Duke an extraordinary dog?
- (ii) Why did certain respect towards the Professor gradually changed among his colleagues and what kind of treatment did Private Quelch get?
- (iii) Explain the irony in the story 'Keeping It From Harold'.
- (iv) John is a hypocrite. Do you agree with this statement? Elucidate.
- (v) The poet says, *"I took the one less travelled by, And that has made all the difference."* What is 'the difference' that the poet mentions?
- (vi) *"If you got a tooth, you got a friend"*; what do you understand from the line?
- (vii) “ *When I cry the hills laugh;
Where I humble myself the flowers rejoice;
When I bow, all things are elated.* ”
Cry, humble and bow indicate different intensities with which the rain falls. Explain the three in context.

Q12. Answer any One of the following (word limit: 120 words) :

[6 Marks]

- a. ‘I am independent.’ Based on this statement of the grandmother, write a paragraph on the topic 'Education Can Make One Independent' in about 120 words. Highlight the important values that we learn through education. (With reference to the story “ How I Taught My Grandmother to Read”)

Or

- b. "They have made me what I am, they have made me a thief. God curse them all!" This was the Convict's opinion in the play, 'The Bishop's Candlesticks.' Is the Convict justified? Give reasons.