#### **SAMPLE QUESTION PAPER ENGLISH COMMUNICATIVE 2018**

CLASS-X

SET 2

Time :3hours Maximum Marks : 80

The Question Paper is divided into three Sections :

Section A : Reading Skills

Section B : Writing Skills and Grammar

30 Marks

Section C : Literature Textbook and Extended Reading Text

30 Marks

#### **General Instructions:**

- 1. All questions are compulsory.
- 2. Marks are indicated against each question.
- 3. An additional 15 minutes time has been allotted to read this question paper only.

### SECTION A-READING

#### (20 MARKS)

- 1. Read the passage given below and answer the questions that follow: (8 Marks)
- (1) Mother Teresa was born in 1910 in a city which is now called Skopje and is the capital of the Republic of Macedonia. Her birth name was Agnes Gonxha Bojaxhiu. Her father died when she was eight and she was raised by her mother. She was raised as a Roman Catholic and decided to devote her life to God at a young age. She joined the Sisters of Loreto at the age of 18 to become a missionary to India. She first had to learn English. So she went to Ireland to learn English at the Loreto Abby.
- (2) A year later she started her missionary work in Darjeeling, India, She learned the local language, Bengali, and taught at local school. She soon took her first vows as a nun and took the name Teresa. She taught for many years in India becoming the headmistress at a school in eastern Calcutta.
- (3) When she was 36 years old she felt the call from God to help the poor of India. She received some basic medical training and then set out to help the sick and needy. This wasn't an easy task in 1948 India. She had very little support and, while trying to feed and help the poorest of the poor, herself was constantly hungry and even had to beg for food.
- (4) Soon other women joined her and she formed the Missionaries of Charity. Mother Teresa described the purpose of the Missionaries of Charity as in organization to take care of "the hungry, the naked, the homeless, the crippled, the blind, the lepers, all those people who feel unwanted, unloved, uncared for in society."
- (5) It wasn't an easy task to build such an organization and to keep the focus on the poorest people. In 1979, Mother Teresa was awarded the Nobel Peace Prize for work undertaken in the struggle to overcome poverty and distress, which also constitutes a threat to peace. She

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was beatified in 2003, the first step on the path to sainthood, with in Catholic Church. She worked almost up until her death on September 5, 1997.

Answer the questions briefly.

- (a) Where was Mother Teresa born?
- (b) Why was she raised by her mother?
- (c) Why did she join the Sisters of Loreto?
- (d) When did she change her name to Teresa?
- (e) At the age of 36, what did she do to help the poor in India?
- (f) What hardships did she face while helping the poor?
- (g) What the Missionaries of Charity do?
- (h) What is being beatified?

#### 2. Read the Passage given below:

(12 Marks)

#### The Perfect Dog

- 1. In the summer of 1967, when I was 10 years old, my father caved into my persistent pleas and took me to get my own dog. Together we drove in the family station wagon far into the Michigan countryside to a farm run by rough-hewn woman and her ancient mother. The farm produced just one commodity-dogs. Fogs of every imaginable size and shape and age and temperament. They had only two things in common: each was a mongrel of unknown and distinct ancestry and each was free to good home.
- 2. I quickly decided the older dogs are somebody else's charity case. I immediately raced to the puppy cage. "You want to pick one that's not timid" my father coached "Try rattling the cage and see which ones aren't afraid."
- 3. I grabbed the chain-link gate and yanked on it with a loud clang. The dozen or so puppies reeled backward, collapsing on top of one another in a squiggling heap of fur. Just one remained. He was gold with a white blaze on his chest, and he charged at the gate, yapping fearlessly. He jumped up and excitedly licked my fingers through the fencing. It was love at first sight.
- 4. I brought him home in a cardboard box and named him Shaun. He was one of those dogs that gives dogs a good name. He effortlessly mastered every command I taught him and was naturally well behaved. I could drop a crust on the floor and he would not touch it until I gave the okay.
- 5. Relatives would visit for the weekend and returned home determined to buy a dog of their own, so impressed were they with Shaun-or "Saint Shaun," as I came to call him. Born with the curse of an uncertain lineage, he was one of the tens of thousands of unwanted dogs in

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America. Yet by some stroke of almost providential good fortune, he became wanted. He came

into my life and I into his-and in the process, he gave me the childhood every kid deserves.

- 6. The love affair lasted fourteen years and by the time he died I was no longer the little boy who had brought him along on that summer day. I was man, out of college and working across the state in my first real job. Sain Shaun had stayed behind when I moved on. It was where he belonged. My parents, by then retired, called to break the news to me. My mother would later tell me, "fifty years of marriage, I've only seen your father cry twice. The first time was when we lost Mary Ann"- my sister, who was stillborn. "The second time was the day Shaun died."
- 7. Saint Shaun of my childhood. He was a perfect dog. At least that's how I will always remember him. It was Shaun who set the standard by which I judge all other dogs to come.
- 2.1 On the basis of your reading of the passage, answer the following question briefly:

(2×4=8 Marks)

- (a) What commodity did the farm produce? Which two things were common in each of these commodities?
- (b) How did the author decide which puppy he wanted to take home from the dog farm?
- (c) Why was Shaun one of those dogs that give dogs a good name?
- (d) On what two instances did the author's father cry?
- 2.2 Answer the following very short answer questions:

(1×2=2 Marks)

- (a) When did the narrator get his own dog?
- (b) For how many years did the relationship between the narrator and the dog last?
- 2.3 Choose the most appropriate meaning of the given word from the options provided:

(1×2=2 Marks)

(a)	The word	'pleas'	means	
/:\	to place			/::\ <sub>**</sub>

(i) to please someone

(ii) noticeable

(iii) urgent request

(iv) a command

(b) The word 'retired' means .

(i) to get tired

(ii) withdraw from one's work

(iii) go get hurt

(iv) join work

### SECTION-B WRITING AND GRAMMAR (30 MARKS)

- A clear sky exists only in an artist's canvas if he happens to envisage one in his painting or in a person's mind eye! Write a letter to the editor of a national daily on the high level of air pollution in the atmosphere, using your own ideas and those given in the unit 'Environment' in about 100-120 words. (8 Marks)
- 4. Complete the following story in 200-250 words:

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Seema was getting late for work. She grabbed her bag from the chair and rushed towered the

	door when								
5.	Fill the paragraph given	pelow by choosing	ng the most appropriate of	options from the ones that					
	follow. Write the answers in the answer sheet against the correct blank numbers.								
	Marita read the newspaper sitting (a)the library. She read about a woman (b)								
	had climbed Mt. Ex	verest. Marita sa	id, "May be, one day I (c)	climb it too," This					
	shows (d)determ	shows (d)determination and readiness.							
	(a) (i) the (ii) in	(iii) During	(iv) on						
	(b) (i) which (ii) whose	(iii) who	(iv) she						
	(c) (i) is (ii)was	(iii) are	(iv) shall						
	(d) (i) his (ii) him	(iii) her	(iv) their						
6.	The following paragraph	has not been ed	ted. There is one error in	each line. Write the error					
	and the correction in the	and the correction in the answer sheet against the correct blank number. The first one has							
	been done as an example	9.		(4 Marks)					
			Error	Correction					
	Finally, one day, Sunita r	an out in patienc	e. e.g.in	of					
	Enough was enough. She	e decide to confr	ont (a)						
	Suruchi. She asked her v	hy she was bee	n nasty (b)						
	to her, She had done not	hing to offend yo	u. She (c)						
	knew the confrontation w	knew the confrontation will mean the end of their (d)							
	relationship.	,							
7.	Look at the words and phrases below. Rearrange them to form meaningful sentences to make								
	a complete paragraph. T	a complete paragraph. The first one has been done for you. Write the corrected sentence in							
	your answer sheet agains	st the correct bla	nk number.						
				(4					
	Marks)								
	Example: is one/summer visitors/the/of the/swallow/best known								
	The swallow is one of the best known summer visitors.								
	(a) a sheen/and wings/forked tail/on/it has/the back/a long								
	(b) beneath it/at/with/dark red/its throat/a/it has/blue band								
	(c) often/open space/swallows/over/seen skimming/a pond/or/are/an								
	(d) sometimes/a busy/they may/down/be found/city street/hunting insects								
SECTION-C LITERATURE AND EXTENDED READING TEXT (30 MARKS)									
8	. Read the following extract	t and answer the	questions that follow:	(1×4=4 Marks)					
	This was the most unkinde	st cut of all;							
	For when the noble Caesar	caw him etah							

Ingratitude, more strong than traitors' arms,

Quite vanquish'd him: then burst his mighty heart;

#### **Questions**

- (a) Who speaks these words?
- (b) Whose ingratitude was he referring to?
- (c) Why did it break Caesar's heart?
- (d) Give the meaning of 'ingratitude".

or

The old man, shivering at times but fixed of purpose, plodded on till he came out of the town gate to a straight road. Along this he now went at a somewhat slower pace, supporting himself on his old staff.

#### Questions

- (a) Who was the old man and why was he shivering?
- (b) Where was he going so early?
- (c) What does the phrase, 'plodded on' mean?
- (d) What for was he going and how?
- 9. Answer the following questions in about 30-40 words.

 $(2\times4=8 \text{ Marks})$ 

- (a) Why does the narrator hesitate to be a partner to Laura Hinkle during the Ouija Board Party?
- (b) Shakespeare in the poem 'Not Marble nor the Gilded Monuments' talks about two destructive forces. What are they and how does he manage to immortalize the memory of his friend from their clutches?
- (c) Having a weakness for publicity sometimes leads to serious consequences. Give two instances with reference to Mrs. Packletide?
- (d) Why did Patol Babu leave without taking money?
- 10. 'Snake' comes to an end with the narrators's saying "And I have something to expiate; A pettiness." Which values do these lines reveal and how? Write your answer in about 100-120 words.
  (8 Marks)

Or

How does "Mrs. Packletide's Tiger" describe the jealous nature of Mrs. Packletide? You may also feel jealous of someone who gets more marks than you in the class. How do you deal with the situation?

11. There were many reasons for Helen Keller's embittered childhood. What were they and how were they overcome? (Word limit: 200-250 words) (10 Marks)

Or

Write about Miss Anne Sullivan's qualities as an ideal teacher (200-250 words)

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### Marking Scheme SAMPLE QUESTION PAPER ENGLISH COMMUNICATIVE 2018 Set – 2 Section-A Reading (20 Marks)

Q.1 (1x8=8)

#### Answers

- )a) Mother Teresa was born in city Skopje, now the Republic of Macedonia.
- (b) She was raised by her mother after her father died.
- (c) She joined the Sisters of Loreto at 18 to become a missionary to India.
- (d) She changed her name to Teresa when she became a nun.
- (e) At the age of 36 she felt the call from God to help the poor in India.
- (f) She didn't get enough support. She also remained hungry and had to beg for food.
- (g) Missionaries of Charity take care of the hungry, the naked, the homeless, the blind, the crippled, the lepers etc.
- (h) The first step on the path to sainthood within the Catholic Church is beatified.

Q.2 (2x4=8)

2.1

#### Answers

- 2.1(a) The farm produced just one commodity. It was of dogs of every size,age and temperament. All these dogs had two things in common. Each dog was a mongrel of unknown and distinct ancestry. Each was free to a good home.
  - (b) The author took the chain-linked puppy cage and spoke at it loudly. This action scared all the puppies. However, one puppy yapped fearlessly. He was a gold one with a white blaze on his chest. The author fell in love with him as he licked his fingers.
  - (c) Shaun was anextremely obedient dog. He mastered every command taught to him. Also he was well behaved and obedient.
  - (d) The author's father cried when they lost Mary Ann. The second instance was when Shaun died.
- 2. 2 )a) When he was 10 years old.

(1x2=2)

- (b) It lasted fourteen years.
- 2. 3 (1x2=2)
  - )a) (iii) urgent request.

(b) (ii) withdraw from one' work.

### **Section-B Writing and Grammar (30 Marks)**

Q.3	Content	(6)								
	Fluency	(1)								
	Accuracy	(1)								
Q.4	Content	(6)								
	Fluency	(2)				0		,		
	Accuracy	(2)			^(					
Q.5								(1x4:	=4)	
Answ										
	(a) (ii) in	(b) (iii) wh	0	(c) (i	v) shall	(	d) (iii) he	<del>)</del> r		
Q.6	Answers								(1x4	=4)
	Error			Corr	ection					
	(a) decide	•		decid	ded					
	(b) been		,	being	g					
	(c) you		he	r						
	(d) will		wo	ould						
Q.7								(1x4:	=4)	
Answ	ers									
	(a) It has a lo	ng forked tail o	n the ba	ack, a she	en and w	rings.				
	(b) It has a bl	ue band with da	ark red	beneath i	t at its thr	oat.				
	(c) Often swa	illows are seen	skimmi	ng over a	pond or	an open s	space.			
	(d) Sometime street.	es they may	/ be	found	hunting	insects	down	а	busy	city
		Section -	C Lit	erature a	nd Exter	nded				
		Re	ading <sup>-</sup>	Text (30 l	Marks)					
Q.8								(1x4:	=4)	

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Antony speaks these words to the Roman people.

Answers

(a)

- He was referring to the ingratitude of Brutus. Brutus too being his
- (c) It broke Caesar's heart because Caesar never expected that Brutus too would stab him. Brutus was closest to him.
- (d) It means 'thanklessness'.

closest friend stabbed Caesar.

Or

- (a) The old man was Ali. He was shivering because it was extensive cold and the early morning hours.
- (b) He was going so early to the post-office as going there had become his habit.
- (c) It means 'walking with tired feet'.
- (d) He was going to the post-office for his letter. He was going on foot.

Q.9 (2x4=8)

#### Answers

(b)

- (a) The narrator hesitates to be a partner to Laura Hinkle because he doesn't want to use Ouija Board. Secondly, he doesn't like Laura Hinkle as she is like a flirtatious crocodile and is a cheat.
- (b) These forces are, one, forces of nature, second, war. These destroy everything that comes their way. But these have no effect on the things that have been put to art. Art never dies nor anything can destroy it.
- (c) Mrs. Packletide suffers greatly due to this weakness. She has to spend money in organizing the tiger hunt. Then she has to spend money to Louisa Mebbin to keep her mouth shut.
- (d) PatolBabu left the shooting place without taking money in anger. He was a great artist and thought the treatment below his dignity. What he needed was the appreciation for his shoot from the film people. But no one appreciated his role. So being a great artist he felt insulted and returned so.
- Q.10 All relevant answers (8)
- Q.11 Relevant answers according to the text. (10)