
CBSE Sample Paper-04
SUMMATIVE ASSESSMENT –I
English Communicative
Class – X

Time allowed: 3 hours

Maximum Marks: 70

General Instructions:

(i) The Question paper is divided into three sections:

Section A - Reading **20 marks**

Section B - Writing and Grammar **25 marks**

Section C - Literature **25 marks**

(ii) All questions are compulsory.

(iii) You may attempt any section at a time.

(iv) All questions of that particular section must be attempted in the correct order.

Section A
Reading (20 marks)

1. Read the passage carefully. **(8)**

How can you best improve your English depends on where you live, and particularly on, whether or not you live in an English speaking community. If you hear English spoken everyday and mix freely with English speaking people, that is, on the whole an advantage. On the other hand, it is often confusing to have the whole language poured over you at once. Ideally, a step-by-step course should accompany or lead up to this experience. It will also help a great deal if you can easily get the sort of English books in which you are interested.

To read a lot is essential. It is stupid not to venture outside the examination 'set books' or the text books you have chosen for intensive study. Read as many books in English as you can, not as study but for pleasure. Do not choose the most difficult books you find with the idea of listing and learning as many new words as possible. Choose what is likely to interest you and be sure in advance that it is not too hard. You should not have to be constantly looking up new words in the dictionary, for that deadens interest and checks real learning. Look up a word here and there but as a general policy try to push ahead, guessing what words mean from the context. It is extensive and not intensive reading that normally helps you to get interested in extra reading and thereby improve your English. You should enjoy the feeling which extensive reading gives of having some command of the language. As you read, you will become more and more familiar with words and sentence patterns you already know; understanding them better and better as you meet them in more and more contexts, some of which may differ only slightly from others.

A. Answer the following questions briefly:

(i) When can you learn English faster?

(ii) What does the author recommend in learning English?

(iii) What does the author recommend for improving English?

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- (iv) How can reading help us to learn English?
 - (v) Learning and improving English depend on which factors?
 - (vi) What is essential to learn English?
 - (vii) What precaution should you take while choosing a book to read?
 - (viii) Which type of reading can help you?

2. Read the passage carefully.

(12)

Discipline for democracy, development and decency in public life needs no reiteration nor does it require any expert to espouse its cause for personal pose and social solidarity. Discipline should be the order in public life is the crying need of the hour more than even before. Discipline stands for training, especially of the mind and character, aimed at producing self-control, obedience in the face of temptation or provocation.

Discipline in public life ensures peace and harmony, which in turn offer impetus to the forces of progress and prosperity. No country, big or small, can afford to play duck and drakes with the deity called discipline. All talk of equity or social justices becomes a cry in the wilderness or a pompous promise if the 'powers that be' fail to comprehend and carry out the dictates of discipline at all costs and in all situations. With discipline as way of life, all plans, policies and programs are bound to bear fruit. Whenever people in public life or in private enterprise dilute the demands of discipline, most aspirations and achievements go astray, leading to failure and frustration at various levels. Discipline for countries like India which are standing at the threshold of economic breakthrough and a stupendous store of opportunities, it's the most immediate and urgent pre-requisite. Discipline for the rulers and the ruled, is an essential ingredient if we mean business in fields and factories.

The recent outbreak of 'plague' and the wrong signals that this 'limited epidemic sent across the world, was not an act of God as some would like us to believe but the regretful result of unpardonable negligence on the part of civic authorities. The woeful way the routine calls of duty and discipline by paid public servants were given a go-bye, is a matter of crying shame for one and all. The heaps of garbage in towns, cities and metros were allowed to rot and their removal left to rag-pickers speak volumes of the callous attitude towards disciplined and devotion to duty. It is high time that we sit up and do serious heart-searching.

The ease with which state opposition sponsored 'Bandhs' are organised in our country is another area of concern. With discipline in public life under a cloud, the entire socio-economic momentum is brought to a grinding halt. When such is the sadistic approach towards discipline, there is nothing that can come to our rescue if some bigger calamity overtakes us in future. The remedy of so many ills that afflict us today lies not in tall talk but in the restoration of discipline in public life. Discipline is the only route that can take us to our rightful place among the comity of nations.

A. Answer the following questions briefly:

(2×4)

- (i) What is the advantage of discipline in public life?
- (ii) What happens when discipline is diluted on public or private life?
- (iii) Why is discipline important for India?
- (iv) Why is the entire socio-economic momentum brought to a grinding halt?

B. Find words in the passage which convey similar meaning of the following words by choosing the correct option: (1×4)

(i) forward motion _____.

- (a) impetus
- (b) threshold
- (c) reiteration
- (d) espouse

(ii) essential component

- (a) drake
- (b) ingredient
- (c) pre-requisite
- (d) callous

(iii) desire to achieve things _____.

- (a) stupendous
- (b) go-bye
- (c) callous
- (d) aspiration

(iv) surprisingly impressive or large _____.

- (a) comprehend
- (b) provocation
- (c) reiteration
- (d) stupendous

Section B

Writing (25 marks)

3. Write an e-mail to your younger brother, who has got admission in a hostel, emphasising the importance of a good breakfast in about 120-150 words. (5)

- Energy in the morning to perform
- Important meal
- Nutrition and health
- Never skip
- Will lead to fatigue

4. Write a story on the given outline. (10)

A gold plate fell from Heaven - into the court of a temple of Beneras - words inscribed on the plate: "A gift from Heaven to him who lives best - Priests proclamation to assemble to have their kind deed judged - all kinds of men came to claim - they decided that the one

who seemed to be the greatest lover of mankind was or rich man who had that very year given all his wealth to the poor – the gold plate turned to worthless in his hand – a large number of beggars came no pilgrim showed sympathy – a simple peasant wept for them and took a poor blind man's hands in his hands – a priest beckoned the peasant – knowing nothing he took the gold plate – it shone out with three times its former splendour – priest said! "Son, the gift is yours for you love best."

5. Choose the best word from the options given below and complete the following passage. **(3)**

On 10th November 1910, Leo Tolstoy suddenly decided to renounce (i) _____ home. He was accompanied (ii) _____ his daughter (iii) _____ his doctor. He left his house (iv) _____ the middle of the night. He reached next day (v) _____ the monastery of Uptina and spent the night there writing an article. On 12th, he reached the Convent where his sister, Marie had been staying as a nun. He (vi) _____ his sister that he would like to live in the convent if no pressure was used.

- (i) (a) his (b) her (c) its (d) out
 (ii) (a) of (b) from (c) with (d) by
 (iii) (a) of (b) through (c) and (d) through
 (iv) (a) at (b) on (d) from (d) to
 (v) (a) of (b) to (c) by (d) into
 (vi) (a) scolded (b) replied (c) referred (d) told

6. There is one word missing from each line. Mark the place with '/' sign and write the correct word as given in the example. **(4)**

	Before	Answer	After
The king pretended to/a thief and he knew	e.g. to	be	a
where the keys the treasury were kept. While the	(a) _____	_____	_____
diamonds shared, the honest thief felt pity	(b) _____	_____	_____
for the king was losing his entire stock.	(c) _____	_____	_____
He asked his companion to leave diamond	(d) _____	_____	_____
behind in the safe, it was done. The next morning	(e) _____	_____	_____
when was discovered that the treasury was	(f) _____	_____	_____
looted, minister was sent by the king to access	(g) _____	_____	_____
the loss. Minister found a diamond that had	(h) _____	_____	_____
missed the eyes of the thieves.			

7. Rearrange the following words and phrases to form meaningful sentences. **(3)**

- (a) shapes / different / a / wristwatch / is / easily / sizes / and / available / in
 (b) like / round / some / while / prefer / wristwatches / flat / others.
 (c) ensures / life / it / longer / and / healthy

Section C

Literature and Long Reading Text (25 marks)

8. Read the extracts and answer the questions that follow: **(3)**

"I don't know what they do, I do not ask. Work is scarce in Verona. But whatever it is, I know they do it well."

(i) Who is the speaker and who is he/she speaking to?

(ii) What work was done by the boys to pay for their sister's treatment?

(iii) What do you mean by the word 'scarce'?

9. Answer the following questions in about 30-40 words each. **(8)**

(i) The narrator preferred to keep the secret which the boys did not want to reveal. What was the secret and why did the boys want to keep it?

(ii) How did the frog convince the nightingale that she needed a trainer?

(iii) Where does the poet tell his friend to stay until the judgment day and why?

(iv) Who was Loona Bimberton? What daring feat had she achieved that led to Mrs. Packletide disliking her?

10. "Before targeting anyone, one must not forget that even a biter can be bitter." Explain with the reference to the story Mrs. Packletide's Tiger. **(4)**

Or

"A mirror is very important to women." How is it important to them and what values do you learn from a mirror?

11. **A.** Who was Otto Frank? How did he help Anne? **(10)**

Or

Where was the secret annex? Why did Anne and the family go there?

Or

11. **B.** How did Helen respond to the entire controversy? What did it help her realise? Do you think she was guilty of plagiarism as charged? **(10)**

Or

Write a brief character sketch of Anne Sullivan.

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Section A
Reading (20 marks)

- Ans1:** (i) If we live in an English speaking community.
(ii) Step-by-step method.
(iii) Extensive reading and not intensive reading.
(iv) Guessed from the context.
(v) English speaking environment or community.
(vi) To read a lot of book.
(vii) We should choose a book of our interest, we should read outside the examination set books and shouldn't choose most difficult books.
(viii) Extensive reading can help us.

Ans2:

- (A)** (i) Discipline in public life ensures peace and harmony, which in turn offer impetus to the forces of progress and prosperity.
(ii) When discipline is diluted in public or private life, most aspirations and achievements go astray, leading to failure and frustration at various levels.
(iii) We stand at the threshold of economic breakthrough and a stupendous store of opportunities.
(iv) Lack of discipline in public life.
- (B)** (i) impetus
(ii) ingredient
(iii) aspiration
(iv) stupendous

Section B
Writing (25 marks)

Ans3: From: abc@gmail.com

To: xyz@yahoo.com

Date: 2nd Feb, 20XX

Subject: Greetings.

Dear, Harish

Your friend Ganesh wrote to me saying that very often you skip your breakfast saying you don't feel hungry. But I would like to inform you that this is not a good habit. Breakfast is an important meal. You need a lot of energy in the morning to perform various tasks. Without breakfast you won't be able to perform all these. Your growing body and developing brain rely heavily on the regular intake of food. Therefore, a nutritious and healthy breakfast is necessary for you. Never skip your breakfast because skipping breakfast can create a lot of physical, intellectual, and behavioural problems for you. I was told that you skip breakfast because you want to control your weight. But I tell you skipping breakfast can actually make weight-control more difficult. Breakfast skippers tend to eat more food than usual at the next meal or nibble on high calorie snacks to stave off hunger. This will lead to obesity.

Eat good breakfast and stay healthy. Don't forget the popular saying that health is wealth. A healthy mind resides in a healthy body.

Hemant

Ans4:

Golden Plate

One day a wonderful plate made of gold fell from Heaven into the court of a temple of Banaras; and on the plate these words were inscribed: "A gift from Heaven to him who loves best." The priests at once made a proclamation that every day at twelve o'clock, all who would like to claim the plate should assemble at the temple, to have their kind deeds judged.

Every day for a whole year all kinds of holy men, hermits, scholars and nobles came, and related to the priests their deeds of charity, and the priests in solemn council heard their claims.

At last they decided that the one who seemed to be the greatest lover of mankind was a rich man who had that very year given all his wealth to the poor. So they gave him the plate of gold, but when he took it in his hand, it turned to worthless, lead; though, when he dropped it in his amazement on to the floor, it became gold again.

For another year claimants came; and the priests awarded the prize three times. But the same thing happened, showing that Heaven did not consider these men worthy of the gift.

Meanwhile a large number of beggars came and lay about the temple gate, hoping that the claimants who came would give them alms to prove they were worthy of the golden plate. It was a good time for the beggars, because the pilgrims gave them plenty of money; but they gave them no sympathy, nor even a look of pity.

At last a simple peasant, who had heard nothing about the plate of gold, came; and he was so touched by the sight of the miserable beggars, that he wept; and when, he saw a poor blind and maimed wretch at the temple gate, he knelt at his side and took his maimed hands in his

- Ans5:** (i) his
(ii) by
(iii) and
(iv) at
(v) to
(vi) told

Ans6:	Before	Answer	After
(a)	keys	<u>of</u>	the
(b)	diamonds	<u>were</u>	shared
(c)	king	<u>who</u>	was
(d)	leave	<u>one</u>	diamond
(e)	safe	<u>and</u>	it
(f)	when	<u>it</u>	was
(g)	looted	<u>the</u>	minister
(h)	loss.	<u>The</u>	minister

- Ans7:** (i) Wristwatch is easily available in different shapes and sizes.
(ii) Some like round while others prefer flat wristwatches.
(iii) It ensures healthy and longer life.

Section C

Literature and Long Reading Text (25 marks)

- Ans8:** (i) The nurse at the hospital where the sister of the two boys is admitted is the speaker of these lines. She is speaking to the narrator.
(ii) The boys did all kinds of little jobs to pay for their sister's treatment. They sold fruits, newspapers, polished shoes and did whatever could suit their age.
(iii) in short supply.
- Ans9:** (i) The secret was that the narrator had come to know all about the boys' life. Through nurse he also came to know that the boys had been saving money to pay for the treatment of their ailing sister. But the boys had not shared this painful tale with the narrator. They did not want to share their sorrow with the narrator because of their pride in themselves. They didn't want anyone's sympathy. Therefore, they wanted to keep their secret to themselves.
(ii) The frog in his introduction told the nightingale that he too was a critic of music and was responsible for all musical performances in the bog. This way he leaves an impression on the nightingale that motivates her to enquire about her song. Like a perfect impartial critic, he comments that the technique was good but it needed a particular force that could only come if she received training from experts like him. And the nightingale left no opportunity to flatter him to be her trainer.
(iii) The poet is very caring about his love for his friend. He tells that his friend shall forever remain in the poem composed by him and will be admired by all the lovers around the world. He shall only rise to heaven when it will be the last day of humanity (day of Last Judgment). Until then he will remain in this poem and remain in the eyes of the lovers who read this.
(iv) Loona Bimberton was Mrs. Packletide's arch rival. She had performed a daring feat by flying eleven metres in an aeroplane by an Algerian elevator. Mrs. Packletide became so jealous of her since then that she started planning to outdo her in one or the other way.
- Ans10:** It is Mrs. Packletide's vanity that had made her enact the tiger hunting drama. Her urge to outshine Loona Bimberton was nothing but an attempt to satisfy this vanity. Her posing for the photographs and throwing on luncheon party with the tiger skin prominently spread in the drawing room reflects this vain lady's efforts to prove her superiority and become a celebrity. Mrs. Packletide targeted Mrs. Loona Bimberton but she herself was targeted by Miss Mebbin. The manipulative Miss Mebbin started blackmailing Mrs. Packletide. To keep her mouth shut and not to reveal that she (Mrs. Packletide) hunted a lamb not a tiger, she had to pay an exorbitant price to Miss Mebbin. Thus, the people who consider themselves smart enough to outshine others often get outsmarted themselves we should try to get name and fame by our good deed not by insulting and having rivalry to others. The manipulative actions can be backfired and recoiled on ourselves.

Or

A woman sees herself in the mirror from her girlhood days to her old age. The mirror has always recorded and reflected all the changes in her. It is her companion and confidant. It shows her true self to her. Thus the mirror is very important to her. Its 'reflection' or view of others is not tinted or misted by emotion of love or hatred, as is the case with human beings. Unmoved by anybody's tears, worries, anxieties and expectations, it reflects exactly what it sees. Like mirror, we should also be truthful, exact, unbiased and unprejudiced. Like its images, we should be realistic and not tainted

by likes and dislikes. Living in the world of illusions, we need to change our attitude and learn to face and accept reality without indulging in self-pity.

Ans11:

A. Otto Frank is the father of Anne and Margot Frank. He comes from a wealthy family and spent most of his life in Germany. When Hitler rose to power in 1933, Mr. Frank reacted by relocating his family to Amsterdam, in the Netherlands. There, he worked in the food products business. When the Nazis invaded the Netherlands, he made arrangements for his family to go into hiding in the building in which he was once employed. Jews were not allowed to work with non-Jewish Dutch after the Nazis took over the Netherlands. He is Anne's favourite relative; she often calls him "Pim" and considers him her saviour and confidant in the annex. He is the sole surviving member of his family after the war. He arranged for the publication of Anne's diary and died in the early 1980s.

Or

Secret annex is a hiding place. It is in Otto Frank's (father of Anne), office building at 263 Prinsengracht. It was hidden upstairs from the office, behind a big gray door.

Anne and her family went there to hide themselves from Germans because Germans had prejudice against Jews. Anne's father explained that they would likely had to go into hiding soon. He told her that they would leave of their own accord instead of waiting for the Germans to take them. Anne was greatly dismayed by her father's plans. Three days later, on Sunday afternoon Anne's sister, Margot told Anne that it was really herself not Mr. Frank, who had been called up. The girls quickly packed their things. Margot left the house first, carrying a schoolbag, Anne followed later on that evening.

Or

B. Helen weathered her first public controversy at the age of 12, in the winter of 1892. After learning to speak Helen wrote a short story "The Frost King". She felt a sense of joy in the composition. She related the story to her teacher, Mr. Anagnos. She sent the story to Mr. Anagnos and he published it in one of the Perkins Institution reports. Helen was very happy. But her happiness didn't last for long. It was discovered that a story similar to "The Frost King" called "The Frost Fairies" by Miss Margaret T. Canby had appeared in a book called, Birdie and His Friends. The two stories were similar in content and it was presumed that Miss Canby's story had been read to Helen and that her story was - plagiarism. Helen was astonished and grieved. She was questioned and cross-questioned by a court of investigation. Although Mr. Anagnos believed her at first, he was eventually convinced that Helen had deceived him and their friendship came to an end. When Helen realised that she had inadvertently plagiarised the story, she was deeply regretful.

Earlier also Helen persisted on confusing the words mug and water. Miss Sullivan renewed her effort to make her distinguish between the words. Helen became impatient. She seized the new doll and dashed it upon the floor. After doing this, she felt delighted. The cause of her impatience was in fragments and she was happy to inflict injury on her enemy. Neither sorrow nor regret followed her passionate outburst.

Or

Miss Sullivan, Helen's teacher arrived on March 3, 1887 and at that time Helen was six years and nine months old. Anne's arrival brought life and enlightenment to Helen. She came to teach Helen and to take her from ignorance to light. Her constant support and undying encouragement made Helen Keller a success. Due to illness Helen lost her hearing and seeing faculties. It was really difficult to teach a blind and deaf person because neither he/she can hear nor can watch the speaker's face. But Miss Sullivan worked hard and succeeded in teaching Helen. She took Helen from darkness to light, from isolation to friendship, companionship, knowledge and love. Sullivan was Helen's guide, teacher, preacher, friend and everything. She taught Helen the fundamental things like love, nature and life. Helen was just lifeless till her teacher had not arrived. Miss Sullivan was the embodiment of love and passion. She taught Helen how to communicate. Miss Sullivan is a true and ideal teacher. She taught each and every subject to Helen. She made Helen independent. Like a mother, Miss Sullivan loved and cared Helen. She did an almost impossible work to teach a deaf and blind child. Helen got identity only because of her teacher. Miss Sullivan proved that a teacher has paramount role in a student's life.
