

## English Communicative

Time: 3 Hours

Max. Marks: 80

| S. No. | Typology                                       | (VSAQ)<br>1 mark      | (SAQ)<br>30-40 words<br>2 marks | (LAQ - II)<br>100-120<br>words<br>8 marks | (VLAQ)<br>200-250<br>words<br>(HOTS)<br>10 marks | Total<br>Marks |
|--------|--|-----------------------|---------------------------------|---|--|----------------|
| 1.     | Reading Skills                                 | 12                    | 04                              | -   | -  | 20             |
| 2.     | Creative Writing Skills and Grammar            | 12                    | -                               | 01  | 01   | 30             |
| 3.     | Literature Textbook and Extended Reading Texts | 04                    | 04                              | 01  | 01   | 30             |
|        | <b>Total</b>                                   | 28 × 01 =<br>28 marks | 08 × 02 = 16<br>marks           | 02 × 08 = 16<br>marks                     | 02 × 10 = 20<br>marks                            | 80 marks       |

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### General Instructions:

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

**Section A:** Reading 20 Marks

**Section B:** Writing and Grammar 30 Marks

**Section C:** Literature 30 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)

**Q.1** Read the passage given below and answer the questions that follow:

1. Necessity is indeed the mother of invention. When areas in and around Leh began to experience water shortages, life didn't grind to a halt. Why? Because Chewang Norphel, a retired civil engineer in the Jammu and Kashmir government came up with the idea of artificial glaciers.

2. Ladakh, a cold desert at an altitude of 3,000-3,500 metres above sea level, has a low average annual rainfall rate of 50 mm. Glaciers have always been the only source of water.

Agriculture is completely dependent on glacier melt unlike the rest of river/monsoon-fed India. But over the years with increasing effects of climate change, rainfall and snowfall patterns have been changing, resulting in severe shortage and drought situations. Given the severe winter conditions, the window for farming is usually limited to one harvest season.

3. It is located between the natural glacier above and the village below. The one closer to the village and lowest in altitude melts first, providing water during April/May, the crucial sowing season. Further layers of ice above melt with increasing temperature thus ensuring continuous supply to the fields. Thus, farmers have been able to manage two crops instead of one. It costs about? Rs. 1,50,000 and above to create one.

4. Fondly called the "glacier man, Mr. Norphel has designed over 15 artificial glaciers in and around Leh since 1987. In recognition of his pioneering effort, he was conferred the Padma Shri by President Pranab Mukherjee, in 2015.

5. There are few basic steps followed in creating the artificial glacier.

6. River or stream water at higher altitude is diverted to a shaded area of the hill, facing north, where the winter sun is blocked by a ridge or a mountain range. At the start of winter/November, the diverted water is made to flow, onto sloping hill face through distribution channels. Stone embankments are built at regular intervals which impede the flow of water, making shallow pools and freeze, forming a cascade of ice along the slope. Ice formation continues for 3-4 months resulting in a large accumulation of ice which is referred to as an "artificial glacier".

1.1 Attempt **any eight** of the following questions on the basis of the passage you have read.

(i) Who was Chewang Norphel?

(ii) What kind of land form is Ladakh?

(iii) Why have Glaciers been the only source of water for Ladakh?

(iv) Why has the pattern of snowfall and rainfall changed?

(v) How are Glaciers significant for irrigation?

(vi) How do farmers manage to grow two crops instead of one

(vii) In which year did President Pranab Mukherjee confer Padma Shri to Mr. Norphel?

(viii) How many months does the ice formation continue for?

(ix) Find the word in the paragraph 6 which means the same as 'gathering'?

Q.2 Read the passage given below and answer the questions that follow:

1. Have you ever failed at something so miserably that the thought of attempting to do it again was the last thing you wanted to do?

2. If your answer is yes, then you are "not a robot". Unlike robots, we human beings have feelings, emotions, and dreams. We are all meant to grow and stretch despite our circumstances and our limitations. Flourishing and trying to make our dreams come true is a great when life is going our way. But what happens when it's not? What happens when you fail To despite all of your work? Do you stay down and accept the defeat or do you get up again and

again until you are satisfied? If you have a tendency to persevere and keep going then you have what experts call, grit.

**3.** Falling down or failing is one of the most agonizing, embarrassing, and scariest human experiences. It is also one of the most educational, empowering, and essential parts of living a successful fulfilling life. Did you know that perseverance (grit) is one of the seven qualities that have been described as the keys to personal success and betterment in society? The other six are: curiosity, gratitude, optimism, self control, social intelligence and zest. Thomas Edison is a model for grit for trying 1,000 plus times to invent the light bulb. If you are reading this with the lights on in your room, you know well he succeeded. When asked why he kept going despite his hundreds of failures, he merely stated that what he had been doing were not failures. They were hundreds of ways about how not to create a light bulb. This statement not only revealed his grit but also his optimism for looking at the bright side.

**4.** Grit can be learned to help you become more successful. One of the techniques that helps is Mindfulness is a practice that helps the individual stay in the moment by bringing awareness of his/her experience without judgement. This practice has been used to quiet the noise of their fears and doubts. Through this simple practice of mindfulness, individuals have the ability to stop the self-sabotaging downward spiral of hopelessness, despair and frustration.

**5.** What did you do to overcome the negative and self-sabotaging feelings of failure? Reflect on what you did, and try to use those same powerful resources to help you today.

**2.1** On the basis of your reading of the passage, answer **any four** of the following questions in about 30-40 words each.

- (i) According to the passage, what are the attributes of a human?
- (ii) What is perceived as grit?
- (iii) How is failing an educational and empowering part of human life?
- (iv) In what ways can grit be developed?
- (v) How does mindfulness help?

**2.2** On the basis of your reading of the passage, answer any four of the following:

(i) While inventing the light bulb, Thomas Edison had failed\_\_\_\_\_

- (a) 1000 times                      (b) 10000 plus times
- (c) 1000 plus times                (d) 10000 times

(ii) Failure is a part of\_\_\_\_\_ life.

- (a) normal                            (b) common
- (c) human                            (d) ordinary

(iii) In paragraph 2, \_\_\_\_\_ means continue.

- (a) robots                            (b) satisfied
- (c) persevere                        (d) flourishing

(iv) In paragraph 3, the synonym of distressing is\_\_\_\_\_.

- (a) embarrassing      (b) scariest  
(c) agonizing          (d) failing

(v) helps in preventing individuals from going down the lines of despair.

- (a) success              (b) fear  
(c) Doubt                (d) Mindfulness

## SECTION - B (WRITING AND GRAMMAR)

(30 MARKS)

**Q.3** (a) You are Meena/Manoj, Incharge of theatre committee of Morning Glory Public School, Jawahar Marg, Delhi. You had placed an order for the supply of some costumes for Teacher's Day drama at your school to M/s Star Clothiers, Jhandewalan. But the dealer was unable to supply the costumes before the due date, which is why you were forced to arrange the costumes from some other store. Write a letter to the dealer for cancellation of the order placed by you and returning the advance paid by you. (100-120 Words)

OR

(b) You are Veenita/Vinaj. Write an article on 'vocational training-as part of the school curriculum expressing your views on its importance and need in today's world and also suggesting ways to make it successful. (100-200 words)

**Q.4** Write a short story, in about 200-250 words, with **any one set of the clues** given in the boxes below. Give a suitable title to the story.

After all the hardships, now Kalika is well-settled in her job, earning well. One day...

OR

Manya is a very naughty and pampered child. Her parents takes care of all her wishes even before she says But nothing remains same.....

**Q.5** Fill in **any four** of the following blanks choosing the most appropriate option from the ones given below. Write the answers in your answer-sheet against the correct blank numbers.

- A. Media **(a)** a strong hold on society.  
B. It can **(b)** more than just spreading the news  
C. It can influence **(c)** opinion also  
D. It is the **(d)** of media to ensure that they put forward only the truth  
E. So that the common man can understand the difference **(e)** real news and fake news.

- (a) (i) is                      (ii) has                      (iii) was                      (iv) had
- (b) (i) did                      (ii) make                      (iii) does                      (iv) do
- (c) (i) public                      (ii) person                      (iii) people                      (iv) men
- (d) (i) responsible                      (ii) responsibility                      (iii) response                      (iv) respond
- (e) (i) among                      (ii) or                      (iii) between                      (iv) beside

**Q.6** In the following passage one word has been emitted in each line. Write the missing word, in **any four** sentences of the given paragraph, along with the word that comes before and the word that comes after it in the space provided.

|   | Before      | Missing Word | After     |
|---|-------------|--------------|-----------|
| Joint family system is gradually losing importance. | E.g. losing | its          | important |
| One the biggest reasons for this could              | (a) _____   | _____        | _____     |
| be generation gap. More more young                  | (b) _____   | _____        | _____     |
| couples are opting nuclear family                   | (c) _____   | _____        | _____     |
| thus forcing the elders of the family either        | (d) _____   | _____        | _____     |
| live alone or the care of others.                   | (e) _____   | _____        | _____     |

**Q.7** Rearrange any four of the following word clusters to make meaningful sentences.

- (a) oneself/dance/expressing/way/one/of/is
- (b) mudras/why/is/have/Indian/this/dances/so many
- (c) folk/rich/and/a/classical/India/dances/has/tradition/of
- (d) inspiration/Indian/nature/forms/take/dance/from
- (e) are/obscure/Indian/becoming/now/dances/slowly

## SECTION – C (LITERATURE)

(30 MARKS)

**Q.8** Read the extract given below and answer the questions that follow. Write the answer in your answer sheet in one or two lines only.

"Going on strike. Don't you know what a strike is? Not another plot do you get from us!"

- (a) Who is the speaker?
- (b) What is the reason for the strike?
- (c) What can be said about the speaker's temperament?
- (d) Define 'plot' in one word

OR

"...its sculptor well those passions read  
which yet survive, stamped on these lifeless things,  
The hand that mocked them, and the heart  
that fed."

- (a) Which 'lifeless thing' is the poet referring to?
- (b) What do the given lines say about the sculptor's skills?
- (c) Whom did the hands mock?
- (d) What is the meaning of the word 'Stamped'?

**Q.9** Answer Any four of the following questions in 30-40 words each.

- (a) What did Ali ask Lakshmi Das to do?
- (b) What was the reaction of the creatures of Bingle bog to the nightingales songs?
- (c) What did Brutus say to persuade Caesar to accompany him to the senate house?
- (d) Who was Miss Mebbin? What was her role in Mrs. Packletide's Tiger?
- (e) What is the message of the story Two Gentlemen of Verona?

**Q.10** Attempt **any one** out of the two following long answer type questions in 100-120 words.

- (a) "Not-that I loved Caesar less, but I loved Rome more?  
Do you agree with Brutus' justification of Caesar's assassination? Why / Why not?"

OR

- (b) What turn of events transformed the postmaster completely and become empathetic towards Ali?

**Q.11 (A)** Answer the following question based on prescribed novel text for extended reading in about 200-250 words.

**Q.11 (A) (i)** While hiding in the Secret Annexe, Anne's friendship with Peter becomes strong. How does Anne's parents react to this blossoming friendship?

OR

**Q.11 (A) (ii)** Give a brief character sketch of Mr. Frank.

OR

**(B)** Answer the following question based o prescribed novel text for extended reading in about 200-250 Words.

**Q.11 (B) (i)** How significant a role did Dr. Bell play in Helen's life?

**OR**

**Q.11 (B) (ii)** Write a pen portrait of Anne Sullivan.

# SOLUTION

## SECTION - A (READING)

### Ans 1.

1.1 (i) Chewang Narphel was a retired civil engineer.

(ii) The land form of Ladakh is cold desert.

(iii) Ladakh has a low average annual rainfall rate of 50mm and is situated at an altitude of 3,000-3,500 metres above sea level, that's why glaciers are the only source of water for Ladakh.

(iv) The pattern of snowfall and rainfall has changed because of climate change.

(v) Glaciers provide water in the months of April and May which is crucial for irrigation.

(vi) Glaciers and their layers close to the village melt and provide water and help farmers to grow two crops instead of one.

(vii) 2015

(viii) Accumulation

### Ans 2.

2.1 (i) The attributes of a human are emotions, feelings and dreams. A desire to flourish and trying to make ones dreams come true is great when life is going ones way.

(ii) If your have a tendency to persevere and keep going then you have grit.

(iii) Failing teaches us how to be perseverant and keep going for ones goals. Each failure makes one understand what to do and what not to do.

(iv) Grit can be developed by not accepting defeat, continuous efforts to overcome limitations and not to stay down.

2.2 (i) (c) 1000 plus times

(ii) (c) human

(iii) (c) persevere

(vi) (c) agonizing



## SECTION - B (WRITING AND GRAMMAR)

**Ans 3.** Morning Glory Public School

Jawahar Marg

Delhi

The Sales Manager

Star Clothiers

Jhandewalan

Delhi

**Subject:** Cancelling the order for costumes

Sir,

This is in reference to the order I placed on 4 August, 20XX for some costumes for Teacher's Day from your store. Our order number is XYZ000123.

The costumes were supposed to be delivered on 25 August, 20XX. However, there has been a delay of one week in the delivery of the same. The costumes were required urgently, therefore we had to buy them from some other store. Now, I request you to cancel my order which I placed with your store. Also, please refund the advanced amount paid to you at the earliest. Kindly acknowledge receipt of this letter.

Your faithfully

Manoj Rajan

Incharge (Theatre committee)

**Ans 4. Title: Companions**

After all the hardships, now Kalika is well-settled in her job earning well, One day when she was returning from her office she saw a lot of people gathered around a corner of the road. She was thinking of passing by but she stopped to see what was happening. As she went ahead she saw a little girl of hardly two years crying at the bus stop all alone. In her broken shaky language. She was crying for her mother, who was no where to be found.

All of a sudden all the memories of Kalika's childhood flashed through her mind. How she lost her parents in an accident and suddenly her happy life became sad and lonely She had felt the pangs of pain of being lonely and she could understand that little girl's trauma. She went ahead and picked that little girl, consoled her and cheered her. Kalika then told people there that she was taking the little girl to the police station. There, Kalika told the inspector everything They took the girl and decided to send her to Women Care Cell. They also promised to look into the matter and search for the girl's family.

Kalika's mind was having various thoughts and she made her mind to adopt that little girl if her family was not found. The police made many attempts to find that girl's family but failed. After around a month they called Kalika and asked her to take the custody of the child.

Kalika was very happy, she bought many toys and colourful dresses and went to the police station. She saw that little girl and to her amazement the girl smiled and went straight into Kalika's arms. She definitely remembered Kalika. Both were very happy to find a companion for life.

**Ans 5. (a)** (ii) has

(b) (iv) do

(c) (i) public

(d) (ii) responsibility

(e) (iii) between

**Ans 6.**

| Before     | Missing word | After   |
|------------|--------------|---------|
| (a) One    | of           | the     |
| (b) More   | and          | more    |
| (c) opting | for          | nuclear |
| (d) family | to           | either  |
| (e) or     | on           | the     |

**Ans 7. (a)** One way of expressing oneself is dance.

(b) This is why Indian dances have so many mudras.

(c) India has a rich tradition of folk and classical dances.

(d) Indian dance forms take inspiration from nature.

(e) Indian dances are slowly becoming obscure now.

### **SECTION – C (LITERATURE)**

**Ans 8. (a)** The speaker is Helen's ghost.

(b) She and other ghosts are going on a strike because they are tired of being frequently summoned by Ouija Board users. This does not leave them much time for entertainment or to haunt people.

(c) Helen sounded angry and displeased with John.

(d) The word plot means story.

**Ans 9 (a)** When Ali realised that he did not have anymore days to live and that he would die waiting for Miriam's letter, he paid five gold coins to Clerk Lakshmi Das and made him promise that whenever Miriam's letter arrives he would place it on Ali's grave.

**(b)** The creatures of Bingle Bog initially appreciated and praised the nightingale's song. However, they eventually grew tired and bored of it as the quality of her voice and song started to deteriorate.

**(c)** Brutus calls Calpurnia's dream a favourable and fortunate one. He pampers Caesar's ego by saying that in the dream, Romans dipping their hands in mighty Caesar's blood and smiling means his blood will give life and energy to the Romans.

**(d)** Mebbin was a companion to Mrs. Packletide, who paid her money to sit with him while Mrs. Packletide hunted the tiger. Ms. Mebbin was not at all a devoted companion to Mrs. Packletide; she behaved rudely during the tiger hunt.

**Ans 10.** No, I do not agree with Brutus when he justifies to the Romans why Caesar was assassinated. Julius Caesar was the greatest and most powerful of the Romans. He was an able general, who was known for his valiance far and wide. Julius Caesar loved his country and his countrymen as much as any true patriot would do. He loved and thought about the welfare of the general iance public as much as any noble and wise king would do. Thrice he had been given the opportunity to be the next king of Rome. However, each time he refused it. Had Caesar been even the slightest bit 'ambitious as dclaimed by Brutus, Caesar wouldn't have done it. Caesar would have thought about his personal gain first, public welfare never. Marcus Brutus is an idealist. There is no doubt about his patriotism and desire for democracy in the country when he says that he loved Caesar but he loved Rome more. However, his justification of slaying Caesar on the grounds that Caesar was ambitious and if given total control over Rome, he would become her dictator was not well analysed. Brutus and Caesar were great friends. Brutus should have known better, He does not appear wise or noble or honourable for that matter. He gets influenced by what others tell him and without using his better judgment breaks his friend's trust.

**Ans 11. (A) (i)** Other than the diary in which Anne confided regularly, she found a friend and a confidant in Peter as well. After reading her initial entries, we come to know that Anne did not think very highly of Peter in the beginning. However, their relationship as friends grew over the time. Gradually, Anne realises and also admits that she has a strong romantic inclination towards Peter, although she is sure that it is no love. Anne says that Peter and she would often disappear upstairs in to his room where they would talk about nothing and everything. When she didn't, Anne would be looking for excuses to go upstairs, where hoping to meet Peter. He too would reciprocate with little gestures, such as constantly stealing looks at Anne, which hinted that he too had deep affinity with Anne. This secretive' behaviour of Anne and Peter did not go unnoticed by others at the Annex, especially Annes mother. Although she was curious about the seriousness of Anne and Peter's budding friendship she disapproved of their growing closeness. Anne says Mother has virtually forbidden me to go up to Peters since, according to her, Mrs. Van Daan is jealous. Mrs Frank was aware that Peter was in love with Anne (even though neither of them were aware of it), yet, she felt this relationship would do anybody no good. This topic would often lead to heated arguments between mother and daughter.

Mr. Frank, on the other hand, found nothing wrong with the way Anne and Peter's friendship was developing. Mr. Frank thought Peter to be weak and diffident and advises to be cautious. However, he does not ask Anne to break off her relationship with Peter.

**OR**

**Ans 11. (B) (i)** Helen knew Dr. Alexander Graham Bell since she was six years old. He was the inventor of telephone and taught deaf children. Helen's parents went to meet him to get his advice on how to teach Helen. It was Dr. Bell who suggested the Kellers to contact the Perkins Institute for the Blind. On meeting Dr. Bell, Helen got the feeling that he was a kind and sympathetic man who loved children a lot. He achieved great heights in many fields of science and he was extremely committed to the education of the deaf. Helen had stayed with Dr. Bell at his home where she learned about his work and scientific experiments. Dr. Bell made even the most complex theories easy to understand and interesting. According to Helen, Mr. Bell had a humour and a poetic side too. He exposed Helen to a new world, new sensations, discoveries, travel, etc. Dr. Bell also instilled scientific curiosity in Helen. As a result, Helen started to interact with nature and people more than before. Needless to say, Helen's contact with Dr. Bell raised her perception and understanding of the world. Helen and Dr. Alexander Graham Bell remained good friends throughout life. She dedicated 'The Story of My Life' to him.