

## English Communicative

Time: 3 Hours

Max. Marks: 80

S. No.	Typology	(VSAQ) 1 mark	(SAQ) 30-40 words 2 marks	(LAQ - II) 100-120 words 8 marks	(VLAQ) 200-250 words (HOTS) 10 marks	Total 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 = 28 marks	08 × 02 = 16 marks	02 × 08 = 16 marks	02 × 10 = 20 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. Madan's father was a rich landlord, who was loved and respected by all his tenants. When he died, he left large tracts of land to his son. But Madan did not spend a single day looking after his land. He had a funny idea, that there existed a magic potion which if it was poured on any object would turn it into gold. He spent all his time trying to learn about this potion. People took advantage of him and cheated him. His wife grew anxious.
  2. Given the amount of money Madan was spending, she was sure that they would soon be paupers. One day, a widely respected sage who had been to the Himalayas came to their town. Madan asked him about the potion. To his surprise the sage answered, "I have learnt how to brew such a potion. But it is a difficult process." "Tell me" insisted Madan, hardly able to believe his luck.
  3. "You have to collect the dew which settles on the leaves of a banana tree every morning during winter. There is a condition though. The tree should be planted and watered regularly with your own hands. Store the collected dew in an earthen vessel and when you have five liters, bring it to me. I will recite a sacred mantra to transform the dew into the potion. A drop of the potion will be sufficient to change any object into gold."
  4. Madan was worried. "Winter is only for a few months in the year. It will take me years to collect the dew." "You can plant as many trees as you want," replied the sage. Madan went home and after talking to his wife, began clearing the large fields which has been lying vacant for years. He planted rows of banana saplings. He tended them with great care. His wife helped him too. She would take the banana crop to market and get a good price. Over the years the plantation grew and finally after six years Madan had five liters of dew. He went to the sage who smiled, uttered a mantra and sprinkled a few drops of dew on a copper vessel. To Madan's dismay, nothing happened. "You have cheated me!" he shouted at the sage.
  5. The sage, however, smiled. Madan's wife then came forward with a box. The sage opened it and revealed stacks of gold coins inside. Turning to Madan he said, "You worked hard on your land and created plantation. Your wife sold the produce in the market. It was your hard work which created this wealth, not magic. If I had told you this earlier, you would not have listened." Madan understood the wisdom behind the sage's words and worked even harder from that day on.
- 1.1** Attempt any eight of the following questions on the basis of the passage you have read. (1 × 8 = 8 marks)
- (i) Why Madan did not look after his land?
  - (ii) Why was Madan's wife worried?
  - (iii) Why did Madan begin cultivating Banana crop?

- (iv) Can we say that the sage cheated Madan?
- (v) Why did Madan worry about winter being only for a few months?
- (vi) From where did Madan's wife get the box of gold coins?
- (vii) What was the main characteristic of sage's nature?
- (viii) What lesson did Madan learn finally?
- (ix) Which word in paragraph 5 means similar to 'disappoint'?

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

1. I am a very lucky girl and my family is the nicest in the world. Mummy and Daddy are important of course and when we're out we have to behave properly but when we're at home we play and laugh and have lots of fun. "You spoil them!" Mummy says, and she frowns and folds her arms in front of her but then she laughs and hugs him so I know she's not really serious. We have all sorts of games like the one where the hall is the world and the tables and chairs are different countries. Then Daddy tells us all about his travels, but he says the best thing was when he met Mummy and fell in love with her. "Now that's a happy ending," he says.
  2. He's a wonderful Daddy and is always nice and funny. When Mummy sighs and says she's getting lots of white hairs he laughs and says, "I'll be getting them soon and then we'll be two little old people nodding off on the terrace together," then he hugs her till she cheers up. And he lets me ride on his back and gallops round the room making horse noises, then rolls on the floor. "I want to see everything all the time," he says, "Just look at my beautiful wife and fine children!" but then he laughs and plays it anyway, so he really is a good Daddy.
  3. Nobody is as nice as my Daddy and when I was little I wanted to marry him. Well, I was just little. When I told him he said, "What about Mummy? You don't want me to make Mummy unhappy, do you?" Of course I didn't, and he said that I would always be his best and favourite girl and that we would always be special friends, but really special like brother and sister, even if I've got a brother but he is very serious - lot more serious than Daddy.
  4. Mummy is nice too but in a different way. Daddy plays with us and makes us laugh and Mummy tells us bedtime stories. I like the ones she tells about when she was little and learning how to be a queen. She says her Mummy and Daddy were very strict and never had any fun and she only started having fun when she met Daddy. Then she tells us about how they met and it is a wonderful story, just like the old tales but not scary like them. Then she smiles and I know she's remembering.
  5. When Daddy tells the story, my brother wants to hear about the monster and Daddy makes a joke of it because he knows I don't like monsters and terrible things. "It wasn't much of a monster" he says, "I would make a better monster. It didn't attack me and finish me off. It wanted to talk and play guessing games." Then he laughs, and if Mummy's there, he says, "Just like a woman - talk, talk, talk." "Half a woman," she says, "don't forget the lion part," then he laughs and says, "Yes, but the top part was a woman, so I knew it would think like a woman, and that whatever the question was, the answer would be 'a man'". Then they both laugh and she says that's just like him, never serious about anything.
- 2.1** On the basis of your reading of the passage, answer **any four** of the following questions in about 30-40 words each. (2 × 4 = 8 marks)
- (i) What was the best thing according to Daddy?
  - (ii) What gets mummy worried?
  - (iii) Whose parents were serious?
  - (iv) Who liked to listen to monster stories?
  - (v) Who tells bedtime stories?
- 2.2** On the basis of your reading of the passage, fill in **any two** of the following blanks with appropriate word/phrase. (1 × 2 = 2 marks)
- (i) Daddy plays with us and \_\_\_\_\_.
  - (ii) I would make a better \_\_\_\_\_.
  - (iii) Just look at my beautiful wife and \_\_\_\_\_.

2.3 Attempt **any two** of the following. Find out the words that mean the same as the given words. (1 × 2 = 2 marks)

- (i) Sprint (paragraph 2)
- (ii) Stringent (paragraph 4)
- (iii) Appalling (paragraph 5)

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

Q3.(a) You are Shubhi / Shubham of 111 – A, Gauri Enclave, Delhi. You have received a letter from your sister who has just started staying in the hostel of Sunshine Public School, Nainital, asserting that she and some other new girls are being bullied by some senior students, who have also threatened them with serious consequences if they complain. Write a letter to the Hostel warden requesting her to take some serious action against the bullies urgently.(100 – 120 words, 8 marks)

OR

(b) Drinking water is becoming a rare commodity. Industrial development is filling our rivers, seas and oceans with toxic pollutants which are a major threat to human health. You are deeply saddened to see water pollution as an appalling problem, which is powerful enough to lead the world on a path of destruction. Write a letter to the Editor of Express News to make the public aware about the causes of water pollution and also suggest the measures to prevent water pollution. (100 – 120 words, 8 marks)

Q4. 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. (10 marks)

You are sitting with your friends in a garden. Suddenly one of your friends looks up at the sky and says ...

OR

You are shopping in a store. Suddenly you see a girl keeping a few small things in her bag without even paying for them...

Q5. 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 . (4 marks)

- A. I think our country is searching (a) an identify.
  - B. However, the mayhem over the last (b) months is deeply shocking.
  - C. Yet, I do not agree with the prophets of doom (c) see nothing but disaster ahead.
  - D. And a new vision (d) the future will emerge of this.
  - E. But let's hope for a peaceful (e) quiet future of our country.
- (a) (i) of (ii) for (iii) in (iv) on  
 (b) (i) less (ii) some (iii) few (iv) many  
 (c) (i) who (ii) which (iii) what (iv) whom  
 (d) (i) of (ii) at (iii) off (iv) on  
 (e) (i) and (ii) but (iii) also (iv) or

Q6. In the following passage one word has been omitted 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. (4 marks)

	Before	Missing Word	After
The dissection animals inside science labs	Eg. dissection	of	animals
encourages cruelty animals. Animal dissection	(a) _____	_____	_____
is an unethical practice which many of these	(b) _____	_____	_____
animals are captured their natural	(c) _____	_____	_____
surroundings and treated unjustly. Animals sold	(d) _____	_____	_____
to schools from pet stores shipped in small	(e) _____	_____	_____
and crowded containers.			

Q7. Rearrange **any four** of the following word clusters to make meaningful sentence. (4 marks)

- (a) Impersonal /way of / advertisement / popularising /is/ an/ products / etc./ideas

- (b) Family planning /will/ also make /education/ aware of/ and/ health /girls
- (c) 12,000 species /all over/ there are /of ants/ the world/more than
- (d) Or groups/who live in /social insects/they/are/small colonies
- (e) Of millions /ant colonies /of ants/can/consist

### 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. (1×4 = 4 marks)

(a) He holds him with his skinny hand,  
 “There was a ship”, quoth he.  
 Hold off! unhand me, grey - beard loon!  
 Eftsoons his hand dropt he.

- (i) Whose ‘Skinny hand’ is being talked about in the above extract?
- (ii) Whom did the skinny-hand man grabbed by hand?
- (iii) Which is the ship the skinny handed man is referring to?
- (iv) What is the rhyme scheme of the given extract?

(b) “We should greatly like to go to  
 United States. But here, at present, we have other plans.”  
 “What Plans?”  
 He Smiled comfortably. “Just plans, sir,” he answered in a low voice.

- (i) Who is ‘We’ in the given extract?
- (ii) What can be said about how ‘We’ is feeling from the given lines?
- (iii) What made the speaker lower his/her tone?
- (iv) Give a synonym of the word ‘Objectives’.

**Q.9.** Answer any four of the following questions in 30-40 words each. (2×4 = 8 marks)

- (a) Based on the expression on the face of Ozymandias state, what do we know about him?
- (b) Give a short description of Lavinia.
- (c) What lesson do we learn from the poem The Frog and The Nightingale?
- (d) ‘Pen is Mightier than Sword’ How? Answer based on your understanding of the poem Not Marble Nor Gilded Monuments.
- (e) Why did Lavinia get angry with John? What did she do?

**Q.10.** Attempt anyone out of the two following long answer type questions in 100-120 words. (8 marks)

- (a) Now let it work. Mischief thou art afoot  
 Take thou what course thou wilt!

Antony sought justice for Caesar by turning the mob against the conspirators. How far Antony's this action is justified?

**OR**

(b) With reference to the poem Snake, explain why going against the voice of conscience always leads to turmoil.

**Q.11.** (A) Answer the following questions based on prescribed novel text for extended reading in about 200-250 words. (10 marks)

**The Diary of Young Girl**

**Q.11.** (A) (i) While living in confinement, Anne comes to know each of resident of the Secret Annex very closely. How does she criticise their behaviour in her diary?

**OR**

**Q.11.** (A) (ii) Write a character sketch of Mrs. Van Dann.

**OR**

**Q.11.** (B) Answer the following questions based on prescribed novel text for extended reading in about 200-250 words. (10 marks)

**The Story of My Life**

**Q.11.** (B) (i) Who was Mr. Merton S. Keith? What role does he play in Helen's Life?

**OR**

**Q.11.** (B) (i) Write a character sketch of Helen Keller.

# SOLUTIONS

## Section A : Reading

1.1 (i) Madan had a funny idea about a magic potion which could make anything gold.

(ii) Madan's wife was worried because people could take advantage of Madan and cheat him.

(iii) A sage told Madan to collect the dew which settles on the leaves of banana. So, he began to cultivate banana crop.

(iv) No, the sage did not cheat Madan.

(v) Madan was worried because he thought that it would take him many years to collect the dew.

(vi) Madan's wife got the box of gold coins by selling the bananas from the crop.

(vii) The sage was a learned man who taught Madan the importance of hard work.

2.1 (i) The best thing according to Daddy was when he met Mummy and fell in love with her.

(ii) Mummy gets worried when she's getting lots of white hair.

(iii) Mummy's parents were serious.

(iv) The brother liked to listen to monster stories.

(v) Mummy tells bedtime stories.

2.2 (i) makes us laugh

(ii) monster

(iii) five children

2.3 (i) Gallops

(ii) Strict

(iii) terrible

**Section B : Writing and Grammar**

3. (a) 111 – A, Gauri Enclave

Delhi

15 July, 20XX

The Hostel warden

Sunshine Public School

Nainital

Subject : Bullying in school campus

Madam,

I am writing to draw your attention towards the bullying and ragging happening in your school. My sister has recently joined your prestigious school but I am very disappointed to hear about the bullying of my sister and some other new girls. Seniors of your school are troubling and bullying the girls as well as

threatening them against complaining. Young children are like clay and actions like ragging and bullying leave strong impact on their mind. It is their age to grow and learn and be happy. But such negative actions hamper their well being, thought process, confidence and growth. You are like a guardian there for children. I firmly believe you will do the best possible thing for the welfare of children.

I want to request you to take some action against those senior students and make the stay of other children pleasant.

Thank you

Yours sincerely

Shubhi



#### 4. Title – Innocence

One day I was shopping in a store. Suddenly I saw a girl keeping a few small things in her bag without even paying for them. I always heard about people stealing things but that was the first time I witnessed something like that. I was shocked. I tried not to look there but then I thought about the shopkeeper who might face some loss because of this. I was planning to go and tell the shopkeeper but I looked at the girl again and there was something about the girl that stopped me. She was wearing nice clothes but there was a sadness on her face. So, I decided to go to her and talk to her.

I went where she was standing and very politely asked her why she was putting things directly in her bag. Hearing this, she went pale with fear. But I assured her that if she told me the real reason I would not tell the shopkeeper. She started crying and told me that she had lost her wallet and she had promised to buy a few things for her friend.

She then told me that her friend was orphan and stayed at an orphanage. Her friend needed these things to complete her project and submit it urgently. She also said that her friend was waiting outside the shop.

I went there to confirm whether that girl was telling lie or truth. Her story was true. And I felt on urge to help her. So I took out all the things from her bag and took them for billing. They cost only ₹ 120. I paid the amount and gave it to the girl and told her to always be helpful but never do anything wrong like stealing. And she promised to do so. Both the girls thanked me, waved me bye and went to the orphanage to complete the project.

5. (a) (ii) for (b) (iii) few  
 (c) (i) who (d) (i) of  
 (e) (i) and
6. Before Missing word After  
 (a) cruelty against animals  
 (b) practice in which  
 (c) captured from their  
 (d) animal are sold  
 (e) stores and shipped
7. (a) An impersonal way of popularising products, ideas, etc. is advertisement.  
 (b) Education will also make girls aware of health and family planning.  
 (c) There are more than 12,000 species of ants all over the world.  
 (d) They are social insects who live in small colonies or groups.  
 (e) Ant colonies can consist of millions of ants.

#### **Section C : Literature**

8. (a) (i) The 'skinny hand' belongs to the ancient mariner.  
 (ii) It was one of the wedding guests, who was on his way to attend the wedding feast.  
 (iii) The ship being referred to here belonged to the ancient mariner.  
 (iv) ABCD
9. (a) The expression on the face of Ozymandias statue reveals that he was arrogant, proud of his false glory, fame and fortune. The sculptor had beautifully captured his haughtiness, and how vain and conceited he was and his cruelty.  
 (b) Lavinia is unpredictable in her conduct. She is quite fond of socializing and has an alarming tendency to follow every new fashion trend. She is crazy about Ouija boards, which is advantageous for her husband as he is a part time ghost story writer. Lavinia is also possessive about her husband.  
 (c) The lesson that we learn from the poem The Frog and the Nightingale is that one should not be naive or submissive. One should not let flattery affect their will

and wisdom. One should take every thing with a grain of salt, i.e., not believe everything said to them; one should have a practical point of view in life.

(d) In the poem Not Marble Nor Gilded Monuments, poet William Shakespeare tells the reader that time destroys everything ornate monuments, statues, etc., erected as an attempt to immortalise the rich and powerful. It is only the art, literature and culture that survives time and remain relevant throughout the ages.

**10.** (b) When the poet learnt that he was in the presence of a snake, the poet had a mixed bag of feelings. He was fascinated watching the graceful and dignified snake drink water from his water-trough. It filled him with awe. The poet felt more honoured than terrified by the fact that the Snake had chosen his trough to drink water from. He considered the snake an esteemed guest who sought his hospitality. Even though the voice of education told him something else, his conscience told him that this particular type of snake is poisonous and he must kill it immediately, the poet waited for it to finish drinking water.

However, watching the snake leave filled the poet with a new found fear for his life and he threw a log at the harmless snake. Although the log did not hit the gentle creature nevertheless, it panicked and slithered back into the holes of the earth for safety. Now the poet was drowned in guilt and shame. He repented his petty act and felt that because of his petty act he will never again get the opportunity to be in the esteemed presence of the snake. In other words, the poet regrets that he lost his chance to be with the Almighty because he tried to harm one of his creatures who came to him in peace.

**11.** (A) (i) Anne is an extremely observant young girl. Having to live with seven other people, five of whom are adults, in the small confines of the 'Secret Annexe', gives Anne the opportunity to observe each and every resident. Through Anne, we readers come to the conclusion that petty minded people remain the same even in the most adverse situations.

Anne criticises the attitude of the grown ups in the Annexe in her diary saying that each of them acted more like children and less like grown-ups. They were constantly quarrelling about petty matters, acting selfishly, criticising others and saying hurtful things. Anne felt that love and compassion for one another, especially the children were missing from the Annexe. Anne writes that whenever she approached any of the

adults, they put her off by never giving her a satisfactory response. Mrs. and Mr. Van Daan, Mrs. Frank, Mr. Dussel and, on some occasions, her father too, failed to understand Anne's internal struggles. Anne feels frustrated at the adults and how they behave with her. It seems to her that the grown ups never allow the children to form opinions of their own. Anne wrote in her January 30, 1943 entry, "...I hear nothing but what an exasperating child I am, and although I laugh it off and pretend not to mind, I do mind."

Anne hoped that the adults would treat her with respect and listen to her opinions as well. She is old enough to make her own decisions and wanted the grown-ups to accept that.

11. (B) (i) Mr. Merton S. Keith was a teacher at Cambridge School of Young Ladies. He began tutoring Helen after her mother withdrew her from Cambridge School due to difference of opinion between Mr. Gilman and Ms. Sullivan. Mr. Keith taught Helen algebra, geometry, Greek and Latin. In order to prepare

Helen for Radcliffe, he gave her lessons five times a week, in periods of about an hour.

According to Helen, Mr. Keith was an efficient teacher. He was extremely patient with her and took as much time to explain the topics and mathematical problems, which Helen could not understand, as needed no matter how many times she asked him to repeat. Helen considered geometry and algebra to be more daunting subjects than languages and literature. It was Mr. Keith who made her fall in love with mathematics by making it simple and interesting for her to understand easily. Helen writes, "He kept my mind alert and eager, and trained it to reason clearly and to seek conclusions calmly and logically... he was always gentle and fore bearing." This boosted Helen's self-confidence a lot. However, Mr. Keith had trained Helen to solve mathematical problems mentally instead of training her to write examination paper. This caused Helen much unnecessary problems during her final examinations for Radcliffe.