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Class X (CBSE 2019) English (Communicative) All India (Set-3)

Question 1

Read the passage given below and answer the questions that follow:

- 1.** Traditionally a communication device, the mobile phone in the modern world has come a long way. In today's world, one just cannot think of life without a mobile phone. Mobile phones and mobile applications are part of life now. From the alarm that rings in the morning to connecting with friends through Facebook or Twitter, we have imbibed mobile phones in every sphere of our life.
- 2.** There are people who are satisfied with just using the mobile prayer application on their phone, while there are others whose life revolves around their mobile, from checking emails to getting reports, to forwarding presentations and even making presentation through wireless devices.
- 3.** Can a device like a mobile phone, help you in keeping yourself fit? The new generation mobile phone is much more than just a calling, texting or emailing device. They have given a new dimension to what traditionally used to be just a communication device.
- 4.** The new age applications touch every sphere of our life, from social networking to office management, from gaming to mobile entertainment, from reference studies to navigation aids, and lastly to keep you fit. Mobile phone has artificial intelligence to understand what you do.
- 5.** Smart phones have cardio trainers. After workout routine has been selected, the application can track your exercises. It can also play music while you are exercising. The power of smart phone can only be understood once it has been used. Today these applications can change the way a phone behaves. It is not just a cosmetic change but rather a drastic change in the functionality of the device from being one to 'be in touch' to a device that enables us, empowers us.
- 6.** These smart phones are very much affordable. Although the mobile phone companies offer high-end phones that come with a variety of slick features and which you can further improve upon by downloading applications, they also offer Phones that offer a fairly good range of features at competitive prices.

1.1 On the basis of your understanding of the above passage, answer any eight of the following questions:

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- (a) What is the first use of mobile phone in the morning?
- (b) How does a mobile phone connect us with our friends?
- (c) What were the traditional uses of a mobile phone?
- (d) What has the new generation done to mobile phones?
- (e) What are the new age applications available on a mobile phone?
- (f) How can a mobile phone be used for fitness?
- (g) How are companies improving their high-end phones?
- (h) What drastic change has taken place in the use of smart phones?
- (i) Which word in para 6 means 'reasonably priced'?

Solution:

- (a) The first use of the mobile phone in the morning is the ringing of the alarm.
- (b) Mobile connects us with our friends through applications such as Facebook, Twitter, etc.
- (c) The traditional use of the mobile phone was as a communication device only.
- (d) The new generation mobile phone is much more than just calling, texting or emailing. They have given a new dimension to what traditionally used to be just a communication device.
- (e) The new age applications that are available on mobile phone touch every sphere of life from social networking to office management, from gaming to mobile entertainment, from reference studies to navigation aids, and lastly to keep you fit.
- (f) Smartphones have cardio trainers. After workout routine has been selected, the application can track your exercises. It can also play music while you exercise.
- (g) Companies are improving their high-end phones by downloading applications, they also offer phones that offer a fairly good range of features at competitive prices.
- (h) From being a device used to 'be in touch', it has become a device that enables us, empowers us.
- (i) 'fairly good-range' means reasonably priced.

Question 2

Read the passage given below and answer the questions that follow:

1. We need to eat healthy in order to stay healthy. Let's start by walking to the nearest grocery or vegetable market for shopping in the old way, rather than stepping out of the

house and getting into the car. Grocery shopping will be an easier experience and you will bring home healthier foods if you start with a healthy grocery shopping list. With a grocery list in-hand, you won't wonder what to buy!

2. Fresh vegetables and fruits should make up the largest part of your healthy shopping. Vegetables and fruits have vitamins, minerals, anti-oxidants, and they are usually low in calories. Choose a variety of fruits and vegetables that everyone in your family will enjoy. Among fresh vegetables, go for lettuce, cucumbers, carrots, tomatoes, onions, peas, potatoes, and cauliflower, to name a few. Include fruits like bananas, apples, oranges, pomegranates, pears, etc.

3. Most of your grain and cereal products should be made from whole grains and not from refined flours. This part of your list includes whole grain breads, pastas, and breakfast cereals. Whole grains are important for vitamins, minerals, and fibre, which is often lacking in modern diets.

4. Protein and meat choices should consist mostly of fish, poultry and lean meats. Eggs, nuts, seeds and legumes are also good protein choices. Choose fresh food over frozen food. Beverages should be kept simple. Water, low fat milk, juices, and herbal teas are all good choices. If you opt for soft drinks, choose diet sodas and diet soft drinks to avoid extra sugar. Dairy products should include yogurt, cheese, and low-fat milk. Probiotic curd and yogurt are a great new option for a healthy meal.

5. Olive oil is a natural juice that preserves the taste, aroma, vitamins, and properties of the olive fruit. Olive oil is the only vegetable oil that can be consumed as it is – with salad and as a dip with breads. The healthy benefits of using olive oil are due to its high content of mono-unsaturated fatty acids and its high content of anti-oxidants. Studies have shown that olive oil offers protection against heart problems by keeping cholesterol levels low. Olive oil is very well tolerated by the stomach, and it also fights against cancer.

6. Frozen foods are a convenient way to keep vegetables on hand but as a rule we should try to avoid all processed food and focus only on fresh produce. Foods in cans and jars are also very convenient. Look for low sodium, low fat, and low calorie, if it is necessary for you to buy them.

2.1 On the basis of your understanding of the above passage, answer any four of the following questions in 30 – 40 words each:

- (a)** Why should we include fresh fruits and vegetables in our shopping list?
- (b)** What are the different fruits and vegetables we should include in our list?
- (c)** Why should we include whole grains in our diet?
- (d)** What are the health benefits of using olive oil?
- (e)** What are good protein choices?

2.2 On the basis of your understanding of the above passage, fill in any two of the following blanks with appropriate words/phrases:

- (a) _____ should be kept simple.
- (b) Diet soft drinks are low in _____.
- (c) _____ and yogurt are a great new option for a healthy diet.

2.3 Find out words/phrases from the passage that mean the same as the following. Attempt any two.

- (a) drinks (para 4)
- (b) milk products (para 4)
- (c) easy (para 6)

Question 3

You are Samaira / Sanjay. Write an article in 100 – 120 words on the topic, 'Evils of Child Labour'.

OR

You intend to visit Rajasthan. Write a letter of inquiry in 100 – 120 words addressed to the Manager, 'Travel Unlimited', seeking information about the duration, boarding, lodging, transport, sight-seeing, expenditure and other necessary details for the trip. You are Rahul / Rita of 240, Rajiv Chowk, New Delhi.

Solution

Evils of Child Labour

Child labour is a business term which means to employ children at work below the age that has been demarcated by the government. "The child is the father of man." This famous line quoted by William Wordsworth refers to the importance of the child for the development of society as well as for the all-round development of the human race. We should never ignore the fact that the child is the purest form of God. His innocence brings us closer to the almighty. Child labourers are exploited, exposed to hazardous work conditions and paid a pittance for their long hours of work. They belong to the unorganized labour force.

Our government has laid down various guidelines to eradicate and finish the custom of child labour from the grass root level.

- a. No child below the age of 14 years shall be employed to work in any hazardous employment

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b. Childhood and youth are to be protected against exploitation and against moral and material abandonment.

c. The State shall endeavour to provide within a period of 10 years from the commencement of the Constitution free and compulsory education for all children until they have completed the age of 14 years.

Due to poverty, poor parents put their children to work in order to supplement the family's economic status. This compulsion forces the parents to forget that every child has his right to enjoy his childhood. There are more than 250million child labourers in our country.

OR

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27th March 2019

The Manager
Travel Unlimited
New Delhi

Dear Sir/ Madam

Subject: Inquiry about Rajasthan tour package

I am planning a tour to Rajasthan and so I would like to enquire about the package your company has on offer.

Kindly share details of the duration, charges for accommodation and transport, flight as well as train tickets, other places to visit, and expenditure.

Please share any other relevant information pertaining to this visit.

Thanking you in anticipation!

Your truly
Rahul

Question 4

Write a short story in 200 – 250 words based on the input given below and give a suitable title to it.

The dance audition began – our team tense – 50 teams – called on stage and suddenly there is a power failure

OR

It was raining heavily. We were traveling in a car. Suddenly there was a jerk and the car stopped

Solution

World Dance Championship

The dance auditions for the World Dance Championship began on the extremely cold night of 2nd December last year. Our team was tense as two of the members were under the weather and suffering from severe cold. There were a total of 50 teams and it was extremely difficult to make it through the audition round with two weak members. Our team was called on stage and suddenly there was a power failure.

We had just begun performing when the failure happened and it seemed like the stars were not in our favour that night. The judges and the audience were also baffled. We were asked to leave the stage. Just five minutes later the power supply was restored and the next team was called on stage to perform. We thought that we had missed our chance but the judges decided to see our performance once again. We not only gave our best but also emerged as the first runner-up in that event. We were so proud of ourselves.

OR

Mystery Woman

It was raining heavily, we were travelling in a car. Suddenly there was a jerk and the car stopped and there was nothing to be seen around. We had no hope of receiving help but we took a chance and went a little ahead to look for a mechanic or a place to rest. We came across an abandoned house near the jungle. We knocked at the door, a lady with a dog came out of the house and greeted us with a smile. She was not a pleasant looking woman and wore weird clothes but since there was no one else around, we asked her if she could arrange for some help. She accompanied us to the car and helped push the car. The car started and we were relieved. As soon as we turned around to thank her, we were surprised to see that the lady had disappeared. It was unbelievable and frightening to meet such a mysterious woman.

Question 5

Fill in the blanks in the paragraph given below by choosing the most appropriate options from the ones that follow. Attempt any four. Write the answers in your answer sheet against the correct blank numbers.

Chocolates (a) lift up your mood easily. When you eat (b) chocolate, a chemical called serotonin is (c) in the brain (d) makes you feel good. According (e) a research, chocolates can also relieve persistent cough.

- (a) (i) can (ii) could (iii) is (iv) was

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- (b) (i) some (ii) the (iii) an (iv) a
(c) (i) release (ii) releasing (iii) released (iv) releases
(d) (i) it (ii) which (iii) they (iv) those
(e) (i) to (ii) by (iii) for (iv) of

Solution

- (a) (i) can
(b) (iv) a
(c) (iii) released
(d) (ii) which
(e) (i) to

Question 6

The following paragraph has not been edited. There is one error in each line. Identify the error and write down its correction against the correct blank number. The first one has been done for you. Attempt any four.

	Error	Correction
The jungle was thick for dense.	e.g. than	then
We had walked for four hours but	(a) _____	_____
everyone were tired. The sun was	(b) _____	_____
shine brightly giving heat and humidity	(c) _____	_____
which will soon turn into rain.	(d) _____	_____
After we had ate, we started	(e) _____	_____
on our journey again.		

Solution

Error	Correction
but	and
were	was
shine	shining
will	would
ate	eaten

Question 7

Rearrange any four of the following groups of words / phrases to make meaningful sentences:

- (a) is a / India / popular / in / wrestling / sport
- (b) talented / full of / our / country / wrestlers / is.
- (c) potential / utilized / have / their / we / not fully
- (d) more important / academic / in schools / are considered / subjects / to be
- (e) take initiative/ this / to boost / should / sport / government

Solution

- (a) Wrestling is a popular sport in India.
- (b) Our country is full of talented wrestlers.
- (c) We have not fully utilized their potential.
- (d) Academic subjects are considered to be more important in schools.
- (e) Government should take initiative to boost this sport.

Question 8

Read the extract given below and answer the questions that follow:

The Wedding-Guest he beat his breast,
Yet he cannot choose but hear;
And thus spake on that ancient man,
The bright-eyed Mariner.

- (a) Why did the 'Wedding-Guest' beat his breast?
- (b) What did 'he' hear?
- (c) Who is the 'ancient man' referred to here?
- (d) How does the poet describe the ancient man?

OR

Not marble, nor the gilded monuments
Of princes, shall outlive this powerful rhyme;
But you shall shine more bright in these contents
Than unswept stone, besmear'd with sluttish time.

- (a) Name the poem and the poet.
- (b) Which 'monuments' is the poet referring to?
- (c) According to the poet, who will outlive these monuments?
- (d) Why does the poet refer to time as 'sluttish'?

Solution

- (a) The wedding guest beat his breast because the sound of the bassoon meant that the bride had arrived and the wedding ceremony was about to begin and he could not attend it.
- (b) He heard the ancient mariner's tale.
- (c) The 'ancient man' being referred to here is the ancient mariner.
- (d) The poet describes the ancient man as the bright-eyed Mariner.

OR

- (a) The poem is 'Not marble, nor the gilded monuments' by William Shakespeare.
- (b) The poet is talking about the gilded monuments or the ones made of marble by the great kings.
- (c) The poet says that neither monuments of marble nor gold can outlast the ruins of time but the poetry, the poet's friend will stay immortal through his rhyme.
- (d) The poet refers to Time as sluttish because it spoils the marbled or gilded monuments. It discolours them, spoils them and ruins them gradually through various agents or forces like air, rain, natural calamities, etc.

Question 9

Answer any four of the following questions in 30 – 40 words each:

- (a) Why did Ali give five golden guineas to Lakshmi Das?
- (b) How was the frog's joy, both sweet and bitter in the poem, 'The Frog and the Nightingale'?
- (c) How was Sebastian Shultz finally rescued by Micheal?
- (d) Who was Abel Merryweather? What did he decide to do with his will?
- (e) Why did Mrs. Packletide say, "The incidental expenses are so heavy"?

Solution

- (a) Ali had been waiting patiently for five years for a letter to arrive, from his estranged daughter Miriam, providing him news of her well-being. When the letter failed to arrive,

Ali gave a few gold coins to Lakshmi Das, a clerk in the Post Office. In return of the money, Ali extracted a promise from the clerk that when the letter from Miriam finally arrived, he would lay it on Ali's grave so that his father's soul would be finally laid to rest.

(b) The frog's joy was sweet because he got to earn a lot of money through the nightingale's singing. Secondly, he was also happy that he succeeded in torturing the bird and pushing her towards death. His joy was bitter because, with the passage of time, the nightingale's voice had deteriorated and thus, was bringing lesser money day-by-day. Also, he was jealous of her and so his joy was bitter.

(c) It was in the virtual reality that Sebastian was saved by Michael in the game of Warzone. The narrator and Sebastian fled in a jeep to get to the helicopter. Suddenly Sebastian hit the brake and the narrator jumped into the helicopter. But Sebastian couldn't get into it. A tank crashed into the jeep and Sebastian was thrown into the air. He fell below the helicopter and was pulled up by the narrator. The helicopter flew up in the sky and Sebastian was saved. Once released from this virtual framework, he regained consciousness in reality and thus was saved from the state of coma.

(d) He was an old widower. Since the death of his wife, he had been living with his daughters in turn. He was a fun loving and jovial person who liked going to pubs to grab drinks. He was quick-witted and very intelligent to see through the crooked plans of his evil and greedy daughters. He knew them too well. He could not be fooled by any show of affection by his daughters. Yet, he had decided to leave something for them in his will. But, after they turned out to be really wicked, he decided to marry a widow and pass on his property to her.

(e) Mrs. Packletide's motive behind hunting a tiger was to outshine Loona Bimberton. She was happy to have killed the tiger but the discovery of Miss Mebbin that the tiger died of heart failure disturbed her. Despite this, she managed to show off her adventurous spirit by paying Miss Mebbin for not revealing her secret. Though the initial mission was achieved, the 'incidental expenses' were too heavy to be borne.

Question 10

Attempt the following question in 100 – 120 words:

The encounter with the snake and the response of the poet to his presence at the water trough reflect a conflict between civilized social education and natural human instincts. Comment.

OR

Why did Patol Babu accept the walk-on part in a movie? What led to the end of Patol Babu's acting career on stage?

Solution

When the snake came to drink water from the water trough, the poet faced a conflict whether he should kill the snake or not. According to his education, he thought he should kill the snake since his education affirmed that in Sicily the gold snakes were venomous in nature. His human instinct was also to kill the snake initially since otherwise he would be considered weaker than the snake. Nonetheless, there was a part of the poet's conscience that told him not to inflict any pain and let the snake leave peacefully. This dilemma continued for a while but in the end, the poet gave in to kill the snake. So, suddenly he picks up a log and throws it at the remaining visible part of the snake while it is entering a hole. The snake gets stunned for a moment and then quickly moves into the hole. It seems that the part of the log does hurt the snake's rear part. Then the poet regrets that act since it was not humanistic to kill a creature of God since the snake was just there to quench his thirst at the poet's trough and hadn't done any harm to the poet.

OR

Patol Babu was passionate about acting and he did not want to miss the chance of working in such a big film and making his presence felt by leaving a mark with his performance. Hence, he accepted the walk-on part. Also, he remembered what his mentor had told him that no part was unimportant. When Patol Babu was staying in Kanchrapara, his life was quite smooth. Patol Babu was offered a higher pay in a clerical post with Hudson and Kindersley in Calcutta and a very nice accommodation. Therefore, he left his factory job and came to Calcutta with his wife. Even when he shifted to Calcutta with his wife, things were fine for a few years but later, he lost his nine-year-old job due to a sudden retrenchment in his office owing to the war. Then onwards, every other day was a struggle. He tried many professions for livelihood but nothing worked out. He opened a variety store which he had to close after five years. He also joined a Bengali firm but gave up that job later. He also began as an insurance salesman but nothing actually improved his material conditions. Amid all this turmoil, the passion that he had for acting became a thing of remote past. Livelihood became such a struggle that acting was not possible anymore.

Question 11

Answer the following question in 200 – 250 words:

Bring out the importance of the diary in Anne's life

OR

Write a character sketch of Mr. Dussel.

OR

What was the incident of the Frost King? How did it affect Helen?

OR

Helen was inquisitive child. How can we say so? Explain.

Solution

Anne had wanted to keep a diary because she wanted to confide everything in it as she had never been able to confide in anyone. She hoped that the diary, which she named Kitty, would be a great source of comfort to her and the diary did turn out to be a great source of comfort to Anne. She wrote regularly in it, she loved writing in the diary and it provided a sense of comfort to her when she put down her thoughts, experiences, and feelings. Anne had kept the diary from June 12, 1942 to August 1, 1944, initially she used to write for herself. Anne's overpowering loneliness makes her realize that one could be lonely even when surrounded by the people they loved. She felt distanced from the rest of her family and unable to communicate even though they were supportive and caring. She developed an intense and compelling need for solitary existence which stemmed from the fact that being in company brought on paradoxical loneliness. This sense of alienation manifested itself because people were too caught up in their own troubles to be responsive towards others. Peter was a departure from that acute loneliness she suffered, his company was conducive to her temperament and they both ended up confiding in each other. Her diary, Kitty, was like a friend to her, one to whom she could unburden the most intimate thoughts of her heart without being censured. The writings are in the mode of frank and intimate conversations with a dear friend. The diary was like Anne's secret confidante with whom she not only shared the daily occurrences of her life but also her innermost thoughts and feelings.

OR

Alfred Dussel was chosen from a circle of acquaintances as a single person who could blend in well with the extended family in hiding. He was a dentist who lived with a Christian lady quite a bit younger than he was but they were probably not married. He was known to be quiet, refined and seemed from their acquaintance to be nice. He was assigned to share Anne's room. Dussel was inquisitive by nature, asking all sorts of questions upon his arrival because he had been astonished by the ingenuity of their plan of going into hiding in plain view at the office. He was slow to catch on, asking everything twice and not remembering what had been told before. But very soon he revealed his true nature, he was a petty man who was a tattletale, always complaining of something, found Anne irksome, he would hoard food and be generally selfish and sullen. In order to kill the long hours of confinement, Dussel opened his dental practice in the annex, treating Mrs. Van Daan with a nonchalance required of his profession. He was quite lax with observing the rules of the house, he was a man used to set down rules in his own house and he missed his partner Charlotte all the time.

OR

Helen had written a little story called 'The Frost King' which she had sent to Mr. Anagnos of the Perkins Institution for the Blind. The latter was delighted with it and published the story in one of the institutional reports. However, it was discovered that a

story similar to her 'The Frost King' called 'The Frost Fairies' by Miss. Margaret T. Canby had appeared before Helen was born in a book called 'Birdie and His Friends.' The two stories were so much alike in thought and language that it was evident Miss Canby's story had been read to Helen and that her story was a case of plagiarism. A court of the investigation was constituted which consisted of eight people, four blind, four people with vision and votes were cast to arrive at a decision. Mr. Anagnos who had supported Helen initially changed tack and cast his vote against her. The incident scarred Helen in such a way that for a very long time she could not produce any creative work after this episode. She became excessively scrupulous about everything she wrote and the thought tormented her that what she wrote was not her original work. Miss Sullivan had to console her and allay her fears to in every which way possible in order to restore the confidence that Helen had lost. Eventually, Helen resumed her writing, urged on by her teacher.

OR

Helen was an ambitious woman. Helen was restless and too full of energy rather than motivated. People were attracted towards Helen by her eager, self-asserting disposition as a child before the illness struck. She was a sprightly and precocious child before the illness struck her. Helen was a person who engaged in tireless activity, she was never still for a moment and that was quite an impressive feat. She was here, there and everywhere. Her hands were in everything but nothing could hold her attention for too long as is evident from her varied interests ranging from reading to chess to sailing. Her restless spirit could not be satiated and it incessantly thirsted for things to do. Helen used to play pranks on everyone and seemed to be hungry for attention. She achieved everything with sheer diligence and she yearns to learn more. As a child she was ever inquisitive, the lessons never tired her and she was always open to learning. When Ms. Sullivan expressed her affection for her, she asked the meaning of love. Her curiosity did not die and after long she understood the meaning of love when she felt it. Similarly, the readers see her curiosity in her wish to touch the diamond cutting machines at the cape of good hope, and she wishes to feel the strokes of the paintbrush on her fingertips at the museum.