

ENGLISH COMMUNICATIVE QUESTION BANK (2017-18)

SECTION B: WRITING AND GRAMMAR (30 Marks)

Q1. You are Sonal/ Samkit of Vidyanjali Public School , Lucknow . You have seen an advertisement in 'The Times of India ' related to new batches of 'Astronomy Club 'initiated by National Science Centre, Lucknow starting from the coming fortnight .You wish to join the Club. Write a letter to the Director, enquiring about the venue, duration, fee- structure, activities transportation etc. Invent other necessary details (100-120 words, 8 Marks)

Q2. You are the In-charge of the Medical Section of Gyanodaya Public School , Nehru Vihar , Alwar Your stock of medicines is about to finish .Write a letter to the Director of Jambo Medicare, Delhi ordering medical items like glucose , crocin , bandages, tincture , pain-healers, ointments etc. Ask for discount on bulk order .Invent other necessary details. (100-120 words, 8 Marks)

Q3. 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. (About 100 -120 words)

Q4. Nowhere in the world is found such a beauty, different and diversified climate, flora, fauna, religions, languages, dialects, dressing patterns, life style and rituals, like India. The Indian tourism and hospitality industry has emerged as one of the key drivers of growth among the services sector in India. Using the ideas from the unit 'Travel and Tourism' and your own ideas, write an article in about 100-120 words for your school magazine offering suggestions for promoting tourist industry. Give a suitable title.

Q5. Tourism being one of the biggest and fastest growing industries globally, affects the economic, socio-cultural, environmental and educational resources of nations. Improving tourism industry in India would thus lead to national development in many spheres. As Ankit/ Ankita, write a letter to the Editor of The Times of India expressing your views on the same. You may like to take ideas from the unit- Travel and Tourism besides your own ideas. (100 -120 words)

Q6. Disposal of electronic goods, commonly termed as e-waste, in landfills lead to toxic substances such as lead, mercury etc. contaminating the land, air and water. It's high time that countries take. A stock of the situation and protect the environment. Write an article discussing the same. Also, suggest some solutions. You are Neha / Nitin from XYZ School. You may use ideas from the unit- Environment besides your own ideas (100- 120 words)

Write a short story, in about 200-250 words, with any one set of the cues given in the boxes below. Give a suitable title to the story. (10marks)

Q7. Jasmine, Ali and two other friends decided to go on a picnic to a beach. They packed their bags and were quite excited. They reached the picnic spot and came across a small child who was crying.....

Q8. On October 4, we all were decorating our house to celebrate the most long awaited festival, Diwali. My heart was filled with excitement to meet my father after a long gap of six years. But a call from the army headquarters left us stunned...

Q9. You are sitting with your friends on a log near a stream. One of your friends looks up at the sky and says.....

Q10. Write a short story on the basis of the hints provided in about 150- 200 words:

Enjoyed going for long walks- visit to Dehradun – huge forest - taking shortcut through the woods, a tree toppled pinning me underneath. Then.....

Begin the story with:

I have always enjoyed taking long walks among the forests.....

Q11. Write a short story on the basis of the hints provided in about 150- 200 words:

loved reading about life on other planets----One day --walking in the school. Suddenly heard a noise---- strange man, no creature -an alien saying something---- then more came---abducted me.....

Begin the story with:

I loved reading about life on other planets.....

Q12. 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. Sanitation and hygiene are also important (a) _____the well - being of society and biodiversity conservation.

B. The government has (b) _____ a programme.

C. It aims to develop (c) _____riverfronts .

D. It will solve the problem of pollution (d) _____ the rivers.

E. The need has been (e) _____for a long time.

(a) (i) by (ii) from (iii) for (iv) into

(b) (i) initiates (ii) initiated (iii) initiate (iv) initiating

(c) (i) an (ii) a (iii) in (iv) the

(d) (i) in (ii) on (iii) onto (iv) by

(e) (i) feeling (ii) feel (iii) felt (iv) have felt

Q13. Read the following passage. Fill in the blanks by choosing the most appropriate options from the ones given below. Write the answer in your answer sheet against the correct blanks. Do not copy the whole passage.

Thinking negatively will get negative results because your thoughts create a negative atmosphere which is hospitable (a) _____ negative results. On the contrary, (b) _____ thinking positively you can create a positive atmosphere which makes positive results a certainty. To cultivate positive thinking, you should speak hopefully (c)_____ everything.

(a) (i) of (ii) on (iii) to (iv) in

(b) (i) at (ii) by (iii) on (iv) of

(c) (i) among (ii) over (iii) across (iv) about

Q14. Complete the following passage by filling in one or two words each:

Most of us fail in our efforts (a) _____self improvement because our schemes are too ambitious and we never have time (b) _____ carry them out. We also make the fundamental error of announcing our

resolution to everybody so that we look even more foolish when we slip back (c) _____ our bad old ways. Aware of these pitfalls, this year I attempted (d) _____ keep my resolution to myself. I limited myself to two modest ambitions, to do physical exercise every morning and to read more (e) _____ the evening. An overnight party on New Year's Eve provided me with a good excuse (f) _____ not carrying out either of these new resolutions on the first day of the year, but on the second, I applied myself assiduously to the task.

Q15. 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
Himachal Pradesh a good place for Eco Camp	Eg. Pradesh	is	a
Pine Hill Eco Camp one of the ecotourism resorts		(a) _____	_____
near Barog Himachal Pradesh . Ecotourism is		(b) _____	_____
gaining popularity each passing day as more		(c) _____	_____
and more people want get away from the		(d) _____	_____
hectic schedules . This become a favourite tourist spot.		(e) _____	_____

Q16. In the passage given below, one word has been omitted in each line. Write the missing word along with the word that comes before and the word that comes after it in your answer sheet. Ensure that the word that forms your answer is underlined>. The first one has been done as an example for you:

	word before	missing word	word after
Patriotism is noble virtue.	e.g., is	a	noble
Patriotism means love one's country.		(a) _____	_____
A person loves his/her country more		(b) _____	_____
than anything else called a patriot.		(c) _____	_____
Patriotism inspires a man do everything		(d) _____	_____
just and fair for the well being betterment		(e) _____	_____
of the country. It is the quality impels a		(f) _____	_____
man to sacrifice own interest, comfort,		(g) _____	_____
pleasure and even his life for the sake his			
own country.		(h) _____	_____

Q17. In the passage given below, one word has been omitted in each line. Write the missing word along with the word that comes before and the word that comes after it in your answer sheet. Ensure that the word that forms your answer is underlined>. The first one has been done as an example for you:

	Before	Missing	After
Most people travel as part of their	e.g. as	a	part
daily routine because it enjoyable.		(a) _____	_____
There are lots places to explore in		(b) _____	_____
the world. Travelling worth every		(c) _____	_____
penny you spend memories last forever		(d) _____	_____
When travelling, one the opportunity		(e) _____	_____

to meet different people from different places. One the most important social skills that we learn is how interact and communicate with different people.

- (f) _____
(g) _____
(h) _____

Q18. Rearrange any four of the following word clusters to make meaningful sentences. (1x 4=4 marks)

- (a) rain water / flooding / helps/ harvesting / in / chances of / reducing
(b) storm / helps/ also/better/ water/ it / water management / in
(c) plant growth / in/storing /rainwater / can/ help / improving
(d) is/ from / stored/ natural and/ pollutants /rain water /free/ man- made
(e) out/ the/street/ earthquake/another/on/people/ came/ fearing/

Q19. Rearrange the following words / phrases to form meaningful sentences:

- (a) 12,000 species / all over / there are / of ants / the world / more than
(b) or groups / who live in / social insects / they are/ small colonies
(c) of millions / ant colonies / of ants / can consist

Q20. Rearrange the following words / phrases to form meaningful sentences:

- (a) is its / remarkable feature / preciousness / the most / of time
(b) opportunities /of golden / every moment / thousands / brings with it
(c) slip away / not allow / we must / time to / such precious

SECTION D (Literature & Long Reading Text)

- 21.Does the narrator like writing ghost stories? Support your answer with evidence from the story.
22.How do we know that Patol Babu was a meticulous man?
23.Why did the news of 'miracle recovery 'shock Michael?
24. 'Dad's nutty about computers .'What evidence is there to support this statement?
25.' Nothing beside remains.' What does the narrator mean when he says these words?
26.What was the terrible deed done by the Mariner? Why do you think he did it?
27.Why did the sailors hang the Albatross around the Ancient Mariner's neck?
28.I have something to expiate'. Explain.
29.What reasons does Brutus gives for murdering Caesar?
30. Who is responsible for the nightingale's death?
31.'Where there is a will, there is a way .'How did the two boys of Verona prove it ?
32.What are the three things that grandfather plans to do on next Monday?
33. What errands did Nicola and Jacopo do to earn their living?
34.In what way did the villagers help Mrs. Packletide shoot the tiger?
35.When and how did the postmaster realize Ali's pain?
36.How is the sluttish time responsible for the gravestones to remain unswept?
37. My name is Ozymandias, king of kings;
Look on my work, Ye Mighty and despair!
a)To whom is Ozymandias addressing as 'ye Mighty'?
b)What does it tells about his character?
c)Identify the poetic device in line 1.
d)What is the meaning of the word 'Despair'?
38. Why did the poet throw the log at the snake?
39.Bring out the irony in the title of the play ,'The Dear Departed'.
40.Antony's speech was a tribute to his friendship with Caesar. Explain.
Novel Based Questions:
41.The arrival of Miss Sullivan was the most important day in the life of Helen Keller. Explain.

42. Give a brief description of Helen's first lessons in the kind lap of nature.
43. Describe Helen's life at Fern Quarry.
44. What was the incident of 'The Frost King'? How did it affect Helen?
45. How did Helen get admission to Radcliffe college?
46. Helen was inclined towards learning since childhood. Support it with relevant instances.
47. How did Helen feel at the Perkins Institute? How did the children at the institute receive her?
48. Describe Miss Sarah Fuller, Principal of the Horace Mann School as result oriented teacher.
49. Which traits of Helen's character appeal to you most? Give a reasoned answer.
50. How did Helen realise that she was different from other people?