

SPECTRA CLASSES
ENGLISH COMMUNICATIVE
CLASS IX
PRACTICE PAPER

Time: 3 Hours MM: 80

Read the instructions very carefully and strictly follow them:

1. This question paper has 10 questions. All questions are compulsory.
2. This question paper contains **FOUR** sections:
Section A: Reading Skills
Section B: Writing Skills
Section C: Grammar
Section D: Literature Textbook
3. Attempt all questions based on specific instructions for each part. Write the correct question number and part thereof in your answer sheet.
4. Separate instructions are given with each question/part, wherever necessary.
5. Adhere to the prescribed word limit while answering the questions.

SECTION A
Reading Comprehension

1. Read the texts given below and answer the following questions- (10+10)

Held every year on 21 May, UNESCO leads the celebration of World Day for Cultural Diversity for Dialogue and Development highlighting not only the richness of the world's cultures, but also the essential role of intercultural dialogue for achieving peace and sustainable development.

A recent international emergency has proved the intrinsic value of the cultural and creative sector at generating social cohesion, educational resource or personal well-being in times of crisis. It has also underscored the sector's potential to generate economic growth, something which is too often underestimated.

With the adoption in September 2015 of the 2030 Agenda for Sustainable Development by the United Nations, and the resolution on Culture and Sustainable Development adopted by the UN General Assembly in December 2015, the message of the World Day for Cultural Diversity for Dialogue and Development is more important than ever. The 17 Sustainable Development Goals (SDGs) can best be achieved by drawing upon the creative potential of the world's diverse cultures and engaging in continuous dialogue to ensure that all members of society benefit from sustainable development.

Bridging the gap between cultures is urgent and necessary for peace, stability and development. Cultural diversity is a driving force of development, not only with respect to economic growth, but also as a means of leading a more fulfilling intellectual, emotional, moral and spiritual life. This is captured in the culture conventions, which provide a solid

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basis for the promotion of cultural diversity. Cultural diversity is thus an asset that is indispensable for poverty reduction and the achievement of sustainable development.

At the same time, acceptance and recognition of cultural diversity in particular through innovative use of media and Information and Communications Technologies (ICTs) are conducive to dialogue among civilizations and cultures, respect and mutual understanding.

In 2001, UNESCO adopted the Universal Declaration on Cultural Diversity. Next, in December 2002, the UN General Assembly, in its resolution 57/249, declared May 21 to be the World Day for Cultural Diversity for Dialogue and Development, and in 2015, the Second Committee of the UN General Assembly unanimously adopted the resolution on Culture and Sustainable Development, affirming culture's contribution to the three dimensions of sustainable development, acknowledging further the natural and cultural diversity of the world, and recognizing that cultures and civilizations can contribute to, and are crucial enablers of, sustainable development.

The day provides us with an opportunity to deepen our understanding of the values of cultural diversity and to achieve the goals of the UNESCO Convention on the Protection and Promotion of the Diversity of Cultural Expressions adopted on 20 October 2005.

i. Based on the reading and understanding of the above passage, list 2 points to describe the purpose of UNESCO leading the celebration of World Day for Cultural Diversity for Dialogue and Development.

(a) _____

(b) _____

ii. Select the option that corresponds to the meaning of the following sentence from para 2.

The recent international emergency has proved the intrinsic value of the cultural and creative sector at generating social cohesion, educational resource or personal well-being in times of crisis.

- a. the real worth of cultural sector at generating social cohesion during pandemics
- b. the real worth of creative sector at undermining the social cohesion during an international emergency
- c. questioning the real worth of creative sector at generating education resource during an international emergency
- d. highlighting the real worth of cultural and creative sector at generating social cohesion and educational resource during an international emergency

iii. Based on your reading of the passage, examine in about 40 words how Sustainable Development Goals can be achieved.

iv. What is the tone of the writer in the given line from paragraph 4? Rationalise your response in about 40 words.

"Cultural diversity is an asset."

v. The phrase 'bridging the gap' in paragraph (4) refers to :

- a. widening the differences
- b. connecting two desperate ideas
- c. supporting the bridging
- d. filling in the space between two connected things

vi. In sets a-e below, identify two sets of synonyms.

- a. richness and poverty
- b. intellectual and moral
- c. reduction and promotion
- d. essential and intrinsic
- e. urgent and crucial

Options:

- A. a and c
- B. b and e
- C. d and e
- D. b and d

vii. Complete the sentence appropriately:

The Second Committee of UN General Assembly in 2015 adopted _____.

viii. Complete the following sentence:

_____ is urgent and necessary for peace, stability and development.

2. Read the passage given below: Increasing traffic congestion every year is causing increasing air pollution, wasting time and productivity and diverse respiratory diseases. Moreover, the cost of solving or reducing traffic congestion is enormous. However, neglecting the traffic jam problem would increase the social problems among citizens.

The number of vehicles has increased considerably in the city in the past five years. Due to this increase, the city roads witness frequent traffic congestions, but above all, the vehicles emitting pollutants are affecting the environment adversely.

The Capital's vehicular population saw an addition of more than five lakh vehicles last year, registering an increase of over 4%, according to the Delhi Economic Survey 2020-21.

In spite of the largest road network, through metro and bus services in major cities the transport system is not being able to keep pace with the growing demand. Consequently, more and more people use their private vehicles, leading to increased congestion on the roads. In spite of these challenges people in India prefer road travel over air and other means of travel. Citizens of Delhi/NCR have, time and again, pondered over the possibilities of how to reduce the traffic congestion in the city, especially during the peak hours. People should use public transport, the government must increase the facilities of public transport, people should avoid the unnecessary collection of vehicles and should use carpool and vehicle sharing.

What is required is proper implementation of corrective measures by citizens to get an organized traffic management system.

i. Infer one reason for the following, based on information in paragraph 1.

Reducing traffic congestion is not easy.

ii. Select the appropriate option to complete the following sentence. The reasons for increased traffic congestion are _____.

- 1. use of private vehicles
- 2. increase in demand for cars
- 3. inability to keep pace with population control
- 4. travelling by public transport
- 5. emission of pollutants

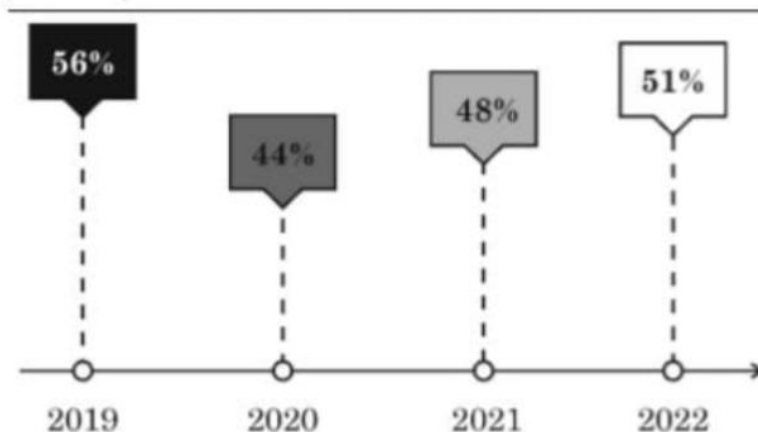
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- a. 4 and 5
- b. 1 and 5
- c. 1 and 2
- d. 2, 3

iii. Analyse the status of traffic between the years 2019-2022.



What is required to get an organized traffic management system?

- iv. Give the reasons for increase in vehicular congestion.
- v. Complete the following analogy correctly with a word / phrase from the paragraph 5.
organized: chaotic:: lowest : _____ Clue
Just as organized is an antonym of chaotic, lowest is an antonym of _____.
- vi. The vehicles emit pollutants which affect _____ badly.
- vii. Complete the following sentence. Use of public transport will reduce _____.
- viii. Select the appropriate option to complete the following sentence. The reasons for increased traffic congestion are _____.
 1. start car pooling
 2. add electric buses
 3. increase in public modes of transport
 4. increase car collection points
 5. increase taxation
 a. 1, 4, 5
 b. 3, 5
 c. 2, 3, 4
 d. 1, 3

SECTION B

Writing Skills

(24 marks)

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3. You are Secretary of Health club of your school. You find that after the lunch break school playground and veranda are littered with wrappers, paper/polythene bags, etc. Write a notice in about 50 words advising students to refrain from doing so. (4)

4. Imagine you have been suffering from stomach ache for the last four days. So you have consulted a doctor for its treatment. Write a dialogue between you and a doctor. You are Govind. The opening lines have been given for your help (5)

5. Your uncle has offered to get you a pet for your birthday. Write a letter to him telling him what you would like, give reasons for your choice and tell him how you would take care of your pet.

OR

You are Deepak/Anika living at 65/M, Fort Road, Cochin. Write a letter to your friend inviting him to spend the vacation with you in Kerala. (7)

6. Use the notes in the following box to write a paragraph. (8)

Trip Chattisgarh

Important feature: 45% of its area forests. One of the richest biodiversity areas in the country.

Landscape: Beauty of ancient monument, waterfalls, caves.

Festivals: The Hareli Festival (harvest festival) Baster Dussehra.

Tourist Top: By air-to Raipur

By rail - Mumbai-Nagpur-Kolkata rail route.

By road - NH 6 passes through.

Accommodation: Star hotels, Government Guest Houses, Hotels.

OR

Write a descriptive paragraph on how I Spent My Last Sunday or A Visit to a Zoo in the following inputs:

Input: name - location - time - water-birds - monkeys and apes in cages – ferocious animals in enclosures - other animals and birds, snakes and reptiles in glass enclosure - elephant-ride - tired returned - how you liked the zoo etc.

SECTION C

Grammar

(10 marks)

7. Complete the tasks as directed-

(3)

i. Fill in the blanks (a)-(c) with the appropriate option from those in the brackets. Reading is one of the best hobbies (a) _____ (this/that/who) you can adopt. (b) _____ (It/They/Them) not only helps you to pass your leisure time usefully (c) _____ (and/so/but) also keeps you well informed. Besides that, it builds your vocabulary and helps to improve your expression.

ii. The following passage has not been edited. There is one error in each line. Write the incorrect word and the correction in the space provided against the correct blank number:(4)

	<u>Error</u>	<u>Correction</u>
Inactivity is the greater cause of overweight these days	a. _____	_____
People physical activity	b. _____	_____
had decreased these days. The main	c. _____	_____
reason is there are many labour saving device.		

iii. Read the conversation given below. Based on your reading, fill in the blanks appropriately. (3)

Mrs. Grover: Where are the memos I had left yesterday?

Kundan: I am sorry! I have thrown them away by mistake.

Mrs. Grover: What a silly thing to do! Have you taken any photocopies of them at least?

Kundan: Yes, I have put them in a file.

Mrs. Grover asked Kundan (a) _____. Kundan answered that he was sorry (b) _____. Mrs. Grover told him that was a silly thing to do. She also asked if he had taken any photocopies of them at least. Kundan replied that he had and (c) _____.

SECTION D

Literature

(26 marks)

8. Read the given excerpts and answer the questions briefly, for **ANY TWO** excerpts, of the three, given. (2x4)

i. Read the given extract and answer the questions that follow:

No nightingale did ever chant
More welcome notes to weary bands
Of Travellers in some shady haunt.
Among Arabian Sands
A voice so thrilling ne'er was heard
In spring-time from the cuckoo-bird.
Breaking the silence of the seas
Among the farthest Hebrides.

- Where do the nightingales usually sing welcome notes?
- What is the effect of the song of the cuckoo-bird?
- When does the cuckoo-bird sing?

ii. Read the extract given below and answer the questions follow:

I am not in the least surprised. It is a most delightful little place. Its appearance is modest, but it has a charm of its own. I can tell by just looking at you that it would suit you admirably, as you suit it, if you permit me to say so.

- Who is speaking these lines and to whom?
- Of what is the speaker not surprised?
- Why does the speaker speak in a flattering tone?

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iii. Read the following extract and answer the questions briefly:

Suddenly over the babble of voices, Chuck heard the screech of brakes outside. Instinctively, he looked for Duke.

- a. When did Chuck hear the babble of voices?
- b. What does the screech of brakes indicate?
- c. Explain: Instinctively, he looked for Duke.

9. Answer **ANY SIX** of the following seven questions in about 30- 40 words each: (6x2)

- i. Why was the poet's conscience got pricked?
- ii. How does the brook behave like a human being?
- iii. How is the falling of rain like a welcome song?
- iv. Why did Bill think Harold would die of shame?
- v. What is the poet's lament in the poem The Solitary Reaper?
- vi. How did Private Quelch respond to mistakes made by his colleagues in the army training camp in the story The Man Who Knew Too Much?
- vii. The Bishop treats the convict as a guest. Give three instances from the play to prove the above statement.

10. Answer **ANY ONE** of the following two questions in about 120 words: (1X6)

Compare and contrast the characters of the Bishop and Persome in The Bishop's Candlesticks.

OR

Highlighting her oldness, vision and determination to get an education. Give a character sketch of the narrator's grandmother Krishtakka as drawn in How I

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