

SPECTRA CLASSES
SAMPLE PAPER CLASS 10TH (2024-25)
COMMUNICATIVE ENGLISH

Time Allowed : 3hr

Maximum Marks : 80

SECTION A - READING SKILLS

(20 marks)

1. Read the following texts carefully and answer the questions-

A youngster quit Facebook in December after spending over three years on the social networking site. With that one act, he bid a silent adieu to more than 300 contacts that he had added to his account during the period. Like almost everyone from his "friends' circle," the 20 year old was a regular on the service; visiting it everyday to post photos and status updates. But last week, a new feature on Facebook called Timeline forced him to reconsider the pros and cons of being on the networking site.

'Everyone has some skeletons in their closet and I am just not comfortable with Facebook digging up and displaying all the facets of my life on a bulletin board,' says this youngster who has joined the network in July 2019 while he was in class 11.

Facebook, you see, had compressed the time he spent on the site and arranged it in chronological order. And while he initially liked the new, neatly organized scrapbook-like feature, he wasn't happy to reveal posts from the past, those that, until recently, were hidden under layers and layers of recent updates. Just clicking on a date on the timeline could transport his friends back in time and enable them to view every embarrassing comment, link or photo he had posted on his profile.

"I think it's a recipe for disaster," he says. "In 2020, I had some wall posts, which seemed appropriate at the time, but now after a lapse of four years, I have moved on and don't want them to be openly displayed for all to see."

And he is not alone. Many users, worried about how Facebook activity could possibly affect their offline lives, are choosing to commit 'Facebook suicide'. While some have privacy concerns, others feel that the site that was meant to bring them closer to their friends actually does the opposite. It reduces their friendship to something superficial.

"Poking and liking are not enough to keep a friendship going," says a business analyst. Having quit Facebook over three years ago, she prefers meeting her 'real' friends face-to-face, instead of reading their trite posts online.

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“On Facebook, people hype everyday issues including what they ate and where they went on a daily basis,” says this analyst who continues to use Twitter.

Similarly, an engineering student, quit Facebook last July five years after joining it. On fine day, he exported all the data from his account into a little zip file and hit the delete button.

“I realized that when it came to my friends who really mattered, I could actually keep in touch with them over the phone or by meeting them in real life,” he wrote on his blog.

On the basis of your understanding of the passage, answer the following questions

- i. Why many people are quitting Facebook? **1 Marks**
- ii. The feature ‘Timeline’ on Facebook according to the passage, forces the youngster to reconsider _____ **1 Marks**
- iii. The meaning of the word ‘share’ in para 3 is: **1 Marks**
 - a. Liked
 - b. Timeline
 - c. Hidden
 - d. Reveal
- iv. What does the author want to say by ‘Facebook suicide’? **1 Marks**
- v. Which of the following statements is NOT TRUE in the context of the passage?

1 Marks

- a. People visit social media everyday to post photos and status.
 - b. People love being poked and liked on Facebook.
 - c. Few think that social media reduces their friendship to something superficial.
 - d. No one prefers meeting ‘real’ friends face-to-face, instead of reading their trite posts online.
- vi. Select the option that makes the correct use of the word ‘trite’ as used in the 1 passage to fill in the blank space. **1 Marks**
- a. At that moment, his words sounded _____ to me.
 - b. It was either a _____ or an excellent copy.
 - c. Her _____ powers give life and color to her paintings.
 - d. A little _____ air might clear some of the cobwebs.

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vii. Mention any two possible reasons to quit Facebook as provided in the passage. **2 Marks**

viii. Explain the phrase 'Everyone has some skeletons in their closets.' **2 Marks**

2. Hundreds of thousands of years ago giant mammoths still roamed the earth and the surface of the earth was covered by dense forests. Men took shelters in caves and covered their bodies with pelt. At that time, canines became man's best friend. At first, they followed man on his hunting trips and waited for scraps whatever it could get from the kill its master had made. Then the instinct for companionship made it adopt man as its leader.

Soon, the man began to train the canines to help him during the hunt, to carry his burdens and to give him companionship as he sat by the fireside in the evenings. These changes took place much before recorded history came into practice.

These findings can only be confirmed by the study of the bones of the primitive canines that lay beside the remains of the primitive men in caves. As the history of the canine goes back to a time when records were not maintained, it is infeasible to be sure of these happenings.

Some scientists believe that they are the result of mating between lobos and jackals. Other scientists say that some species of canines descended from lobos while others descended from jackals. Some even go on to say that these hounds descended from coyotes and foxes. A widely held theory is that the modern canines that we keep as pets descended from a remote common ancestor.

This last substantiates the differences in size and appearance between different breeds of canines. Other evidence of the wild ancestry is the build of their bodies, which is very distinctly adapted for speed and strength. Together with their keen auditory perception and olfactory excellence, it becomes obvious that they have feral hunters in their genes.

From the time when recorded history began, there have been references of this companionship. There are portrayals of canines on Egyptians tombs that are 5000 years old. The Egyptians considered them sacred and the whole family would go into mourning if it died.

Today, the canine is an indispensable part of our lives. For hundreds of young, healthy blind people, it is their seeing eye.

A seeing-eye canine is usually a German shepherd. It takes almost three months to train them. First, come to the obedience exercise repeated daily as 'setting up exercises.'

Then a U-shaped harness is buckled on and it learns to walk at the left of the trainer. They are taught to stop and wait at the curb, watch traffic and let the vehicles pass. Before the canine is passed to the blind master, a final check is

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made. Then the blind master and his hound train together for four weeks before they go home to work smoothly as a team.

i. Complete the following sentence-

Canines became man's best friend at an early age by _____. **1 Marks**

ii. Comment on any two theories about the origin of canines. **2 Marks**

iii. Select the option that conveys the opposite of 'unfasten' from the words used in paragraph 8. **1 Marks**

- a. Buckled
- b. Taught
- c. Curb
- d. master

iv. What makes us believe that canines have a wild ancestry? **2 Marks**

v. Explain the term 'olfactory excellence' **2 Marks**

vi. How can a canine be a 'seeing-eye' for a blind man? **1 Marks**

vii. Select the most suitable title for the above passage. **1 Marks**

- a. History of human society
- b. Canines-Their History and Ancestry
- c. Evolution of Canines
- d. Ways to handle canines

SECTION B WRITING SKILLS

(22 Marks)

3. As Aarushi, a student of class 10, write an email in 50 words, to the Principal of your school requesting him/her to change your second language. Include a valid reason for the same. **3 Marks**

4. Write a factual description in not more than 100 words, of an English Notebook that you have to submit to your teacher. **4 Marks**

5. Vocational Education prepares learners for jobs that are based on manual or practical activities. Taking ideas from the unit 'Education' along with your own ideas, write a letter to the editor of a national daily in about 120 words providing information to the students about the growing need of Vocational Education in the present day world. **7 Marks**

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OR

Ecotourism means responsible travel to natural areas conserving the environment. Imagine yourself to be a member of the Ecotourism Society of India. Taking ideas from the units 'Environment' and 'Travel and Tourism', write a letter to the Ministry of Tourism, mentioning the ways to propagate Ecotourism by sensitizing people.

6. India represents a harmonious oneness in spite of distinctions. Taking ideas from the unit 'National Integration' and your own thoughts, write an article in 150 words for your school magazine on the Importance of Diversified Culture. **8 Marks**

OR

EVs or Electric vehicles have now become a necessity. Keeping in mind how the rise of economic activity and burgeoning population has led to a tremendous demand of electric vehicles in the transport sector, especially in urban India, write an article on A World with Smog-free and Clean Air. (Take ideas from the unit Science.)

SECTION C GRAMMAR (10 Marks)

7. Complete the sentences- **3 Marks**

A house on my way to work _____ (had acquired/ has acquired/ acquired)
An American pit bull terrier. On the surface, it _____ (seems/ seemed/ has seemed) to be a friendly dog. All it does _____ (was/ are/ is) stand and grin through the fence.

8. In the following paragraph, one word has been omitted in each line. Find the missing word and fill correctly. **4 Marks**

	Before	Omission	After
a. I ten minutes late	_____	_____	_____
b. for work morning. The exhaust pipe	_____	_____	_____
c. fell the bus. Mr. Brown was entirely	_____	_____	_____
d. unsympathetic. He said, "You get	_____	_____	_____
e. yourself bicycle, Robin."	_____	_____	_____

9. Report the following sentences- **2 Marks**

- a. "Did you have any difficulty on the way?" he asked his guest.
b. It is said, "Where there is a will, there is a way."
c. Fill with a determiner **1 Mark**

I don't want _____ coffee, thank you.

SECTION D LITERATURE (26 Marks)

10. Read the following excerpts and answer the questions briefly, for any two excerpts, of the given three, (a), (b) and (c) **4+4 Marks**

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- (a) "Yes," the frog replied, "You see,
I'm the frog who owns this tree.
In this bog I've long been known
For my splendid baritone
And, of course, I wield my pen for
Bog Trumpet now and then.

(The Frog and the Nightingale)

- (i) Why is the frog famous in the bog? **1 Marks**
(ii) Which characteristic trait of the frog is revealed from the above lines? **1 Marks**
(iii) Explain the term 'baritone'. **1 Marks**
(iv) How does the frog introduce himself? **1 Marks**
- (b) Mrs. Jordan: No, that'll never do. We want a verse that says how much we loved him and refers to all his good qualities and says what a heavy loss we've had.
Mrs. Slater: You want a whole poem. That'll cost a good lot.
Mrs. Jordan: Well, we'll think about it after tea, and then we'll look through his bits of things and make a list of them. There's all furniture in his room.

(The Dear Departed)

- (i) What does Mrs. Jordan want? **1 Marks**
(ii) Mrs. Slater does not want a whole poem to be published. Why? **1 Marks**
(iii) Mention one characteristic trait of Mrs. Slater through this line. **1 Marks**
(iv) What is more important for these speakers? **1 Marks**
- c. 'Counting your chickens again before they're hatched, are you? No wonder you could never make a go of it.' 'But it's the real thing this time! Go and make me a cup of tea, will you? And remind me to take some ginger juice tonight. It's very good for the throat.'

(Patol Babu)

- (i) Identify the phrase that gives an impression that the speaker does not have any faith in Patol Babu. **1 Marks**
(ii) How does Patol Babu try to convince his wife? **1 Marks**
(iii) What does the phrase 'counting your chickens again before they're hatched' mean? **1 Marks**
(iv) Why was Patol Babu not successful, according to his wife? **1 Marks**

11. Answer any five of the following questions in 30-40 words each: **5 × 2 Marks**

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- (i) Describe the poet's (D.H .Lawrence) dual attitude towards the snake. (The Snake)
- (ii) You can feel other's pain only when you go through it yourself. Validate this statement with reference to the story The Letter and why it took place ? (The Letter)
- (iii) John was worried and concerned about his wife's response after meeting the ghost. But it proved to be baseless. Justify. (The Shady Plot)
- (iv) Humour plays a major role in the chapter, Mrs. Packletide's tiger. Prove this statement with the instances of humour. (Mrs. Packletide's Tiger)
- (v) 'Et tu, Brute!' These were the last words of Julius Caesar. Elucidate with reference to the drama Julius Caesar. Why did Caesar say these words before his death ? (Julius Caesar)
- (vi) Will power and determination brings success against all odds. Comment with reference to Virtually true. (Virtually true)

12. Answer any one of the following two questions in about 150 words: **8 Marks**

(a) In the poem Ozymandias by Percy Shelly and Not Marble, Nor the Gilded Monuments by William Shakespeare, the concept of Time is explored, but each poet treats it in a distinct manner. Elucidate.

OR

(b) Both the stories Two Gentlemen of Verona and The Letter teach us not to lose hope and courage even in adverse situations. Write a letter to a friend justifying the statement with reference to the stories.

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