

SAMPLE QUESTION PAPER 2025-26

ENGLISH COMMUNICATIVE (Code No. 101)

CLASS-X

TIME- 3 Hrs.

Max. Marks-80

General Instructions:

Read the following instructions very carefully and strictly follow them:

- I. This question paper has 12 questions. All questions are compulsory.
- II. This question paper contains four sections:
 - Section A: Reading Skills,
 - Section B: Writing Skills
 - Section C: Grammar
 - Section D: Literature
- III. Attempt all questions based on the specific instructions for each part.
- IV. Write the correct question number and part in your answer sheet.
- V. Separate instructions are given with each question/part, wherever necessary.
- VI. Adhere to the prescribed word limit while answering the questions.

SECTION A: READING (22 Marks)

1. Read the following passage

(12 marks)

- (1) For most of us, a strong immune system implies fewer sick leaves and being able to avoid seasonal colds, stomach bugs or just about any infection. But research shows that a ramped up immune system goes much further: it helps us age better and live longer.
- (2) Lifestyle plays a crucial role in proper functioning of your immune system. Chronic stress, such as prolonged job insecurity or a difficult marriage, takes a toll on many aspects of your health, including immunity. There's compelling evidence that this kind of stress, causes a measurable decline in the immune system's ability to fight infections. Try activities that relax you — yoga, meditation, trekking, volunteering, or learning a new skill.
- (3) The more physically fit and active you are, the less likely you are to fall ill. Exercise helps flush out toxins, and increases the circulation of the body's immune system cells. You need to exercise at least 30 minutes each day. Practice yoga and pranayama that focuses on deep breathing.
- (4) A nutritionally balanced diet is a key for a strong immunity. Fill your plate with fruits and vegetables, especially purple, blue, green, red, orange, and yellow veggies that are rich in antioxidants.
- (5) Excessive exposure to pollution can cause inflammation. Besides putting you at a higher risk for asthma and other respiratory diseases, breathing polluted air over a long time can damage your immune system. To avoid pollution, plan outdoor activities early in the morning or late evening as air pollution is highest during rush hours. Use the recycled air option on your

air conditioner to cut down fumes while driving and cover your nose and mouth while outdoors.

6. You may eat healthy, sleep eight hours, and exercise daily, but researchers have discovered a much simpler way to boost immunity, and it is as easy as watching a sunrise. Positive emotions like awe, the feelings you get on seeing the wonders of nature, help boost immunity. Explore the great outdoors. Look for reasons to feel lucky every day. Make time for a favourite activity, or simply help another person — it will bring a smile to your face.

Answer the following questions, based on the above passage:

(i) Four friends Aman, Ayesha, Alok and Drishti ate from a roadside food outlet while coming back from school. Alok started having a stomach ache and developed fever in the evening. 1

Why do you think it happened with Alok and not with the other three friends?

(ii) List two ways discovered by the researchers to boost your immunity. Answer in 30 – 40 words 2

(iii) According to the majority of us, a strong immune system implies 1

(A) Sleeping peacefully.

(B) Falling less ill.

(C) Ageing better.

(D) Living longer.

(iv) Briefly explain in 30 – 40 words how stress affects our immunity. 2

(v) Substitute the underlined word in the following sentence with a word from paragraph that means the same. 1

Yoga and meditation help cure persistent diseases.

(vi) What is the most appropriate way to flush out toxins from the body? 1

(A) Sleeping

(B) Eating antioxidants

(C) Exercising

(D) Dieting

(vii) Complete the following appropriately. Based on the use of the word 'ramped up' to describe the immune system, in Paragraph 1, we can infer that the immune system is _____. 1

(VIII) Complete the sentence appropriately. 1

If the title, ‘Build Up Your Immunity’ is given to this passage, it would be an appropriate title, as compared to ‘Health and Yoga’ because _____ 1

(IX) Which of the following statements correctly promotes building strong immunity in children?
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- A. Eating junk food regularly is the most effective way to build strong immunity.
- B. Skipping meals and relying on fast food boosts immunity.
- C. A balanced diet with fruits, vegetables, and proteins helps build strong immunity.
- D. Consuming sugary drinks and snacks daily keeps the immune system healthy.

2. Read the following

10 marks

Category	Fact	Details
Population and Habitat	Snow Leopard Population	India is home to an estimated 10% of the global Snow Leopard population spread across five Himalayan states: Jammu and Kashmir, Himachal Pradesh, Uttarakhand, Sikkim, and Arunachal Pradesh, which is only 5% of the available global habitat for the animal.
	Snow Leopard Habitat	The Snow Leopard usually occurs at an attitude of > 2700 m above sea level and is the apex predator in the Himalayan Region along with the Tibetan Wolf, the project aims not only to protect the Snow Leopard but, similar to Project Tiger, it is considered an umbrella species, and its protection extends to other species and their habitat.

Conservation Projects	Project Snow Leopard Introduction	Project Snow Leopard was introduced in India by the Project Snow Leopard Committee instituted by the Ministry of Environment and Forests, Government of India, in 2009 to safeguard and conserve India's unique natural heritage of high- altitude wildlife population and their habitats by promoting conservation through participatory policies and actions.
	Other Wildlife Projects	Project Tiger and Project Elephant are prevalent in India, with the former introduced in 1973 worldwide attention.
Sightings and Locations	Top 3 National Parks to See Snow Leopards	1. Kibber Wildlife Sanctuary-Himachal Pradesh 2. Ulley Valley-Ladakh 3. Hemis National Park-Himachal Pradesh

(i) Complete the following sentence appropriately with reference to the information in the table. 1
The Snow Leopard is considered an umbrella species because

ii) Fill in the blank and complete the analogy correctly. 1
Evergreen forests: Tigers:..... Snow Leopards

(iii) Which of the following statements best describes the purpose of Project Snow Leopard introduced in India in 2009? 1
(a) To increase tourism in the Himalayan region
(b) To promote agricultural development in high-altitude areas
(c) To safeguard and conserve high-altitude wildlife populations and their habitats

through participatory conservation policies

(d) To provide alternative livelihoods to local communities

(iv) Which of the following is not a Himalayan state?

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1. Jammu and Kashmir
2. Sikkim
3. Arunachal Pradesh
4. Assam

Select the correct option

- (a) 1 and 2
- (b) Only 4
- (c) 2 and 3
- (d) Only 3

(v) In which of the following Indian states can Snow Leopards naturally be found? 1

- (a) Tamil Nadu, Kerala, and Karnataka
- (b) Jammu & Kashmir, Sikkim, and Arunachal Pradesh
- (c) Rajasthan, Gujarat, and Madhya Pradesh
- (d) Goa, Maharashtra, and Chhattisgarh

(vi) Which of the following best explains the main purpose behind launching Project Snow Leopard in India in 2009? 1

- (a) To increase tourism in Himalayan regions
- (b) To promote zoos for Himalayan wildlife
- (c) To conserve high-altitude wildlife and habitats through participatory conservation
- (d) To track snow leopard movements using GPS collars

(vii) Give justification for the following statement. 2

“The introduction of Project Snow Leopard in 2009 was a pivotal step in the conservation of India’s high-altitude wildlife populations and their habitats.”

(VIII) In what ways does Project Snow Leopard reflect a strategic and sustainable approach to conservation, similar to Project Tiger? Support your answer with reasons. 2

SECTION B: WRITING (22 Marks)

3. Imagine you are Ravi of class X -C of Mount View School, Shimla. You want to change your club. Write an application in about 50 words to the principal to grant you the permission to change your club and state a suitable reason for the same. 3

4. Write a factual description of a gift you received that you were craving for, in about 100 words. 4

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- OR**

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- OR**

- 3x1=3**

To stay safe during monsoon season, people (I) __ (ought / can / must) carry umbrellas and wear waterproof footwear. Roads (II) _____ (are flooding / may flood / were flooded) suddenly due to heavy rains, making travel risky. It is wise to avoid stepping into stagnant water at (III) _____ (any / some / much) cost to prevent infections.

8. In the following paragraph, one word has been omitted in each line. In your answer sheets, remember to write the missing word along with the word that comes before and after it, as shown below. The first one has been done as an example.

4x1=4

No.	Text	Word before	Omission	Word after
e.g.	The Vikings were sailors came	sailors	who	came
	from Norway, Sweden and Denmark.			
I	They began raiding places the			
II	coasts England, Iceland and France			
III	just before 800 CE later settled			
IV	there farmers and traders.			

9. Do as directed

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- (a) Rearrange the following jumbled words/phrases in the given dialogue to create a meaningful sentence.

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Person X: You seem worried about online safety.

Person Y: I am! There is just too much going on with social media and privacy these days.

Person X: (i) / AWARENESS / EDUCATION / DIGITAL SAFETY / TO PROMOTE / IS CRUCIAL / AMONG / THE YOUTH / CYBERSPACE / FOR SAFE NAVIGATION / IN /

- (b) Report the dialogues to complete the paragraph that follows.

2

Student 1: I have joined a photography class.

Student 2: That sounds interesting! What made you join it? Student 1: I have always been fascinated by nature photography.

Student 1 told Student 2 that he had joined a photography class. Student 2 said that it sounded interesting and (I) _____. Student 1 explained that (II) _____ by nature, photography.

SECTION D- LITERATURE TEXTBOOK (26 marks)

10. Read the given excerpts and answer the questions briefly, for any two excerpts, of the three, given. 2x4=8

A. HENRY: You wouldn't care for a bit of poetry
MRS. JORDAN: I like 'Never Forgotten'. It's refined.
HENRY: Yes, but it's rather soon for that

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| i. | In what context is Henry mentioning about the poetry? | 1 |
| ii. | Why did Henry suggest that mentioning poetry in the obituary was premature? | 1 |
| iii. | What does Mrs. Jordan's comment "It's refined" reveal about her priority for the obituary? | 1 |
| iv. | How does Henry's character contrast with Mrs. Jordan's in their approach to the deceased, based on their dialogue about the obituary poetry? | 1 |

B. '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)

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| i. | Pick out the expression that reflects the speaker's lack of faith in Patol Babu's plans. | 1 |
| ii. | How does Patol Babu try to convince his wife? | 1 |
| iii. | What does the phrase 'counting your chickens again before they're hatched' mean? | 1 |
| iv. | Why was Patol Babu not successful, according to his wife? | 1 |

C. Day after day, day after day,
We stuck, nor breath nor motion; as idle
as a painted ship
Upon a painted ocean. Water,
water, every where, and all the
boards did shrink; Water, water,
every where,
Nor any drop to drink.

(The Rime of the Ancient Mariner)

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| i. | Identify the phrase that highlights the sailors' dire situation of being trapped. | 1 |
| ii. | Explain the effect of the simile "As idle as a painted ship / upon a painted ocean" on the poem's visual imagery. | 1 |
| iii. | What does the repetition of "Water, water, every where" emphasize? | 1 |
| iv. | How does the line "Nor any drop to drink" reflect the sailors' plight? | 1 |

11. Answer any five of the following six questions in about 40 words each. 5x2=10

- i. John overestimates his wife's reaction to the ghost's presence. Do you agree? Give reasons to justify your answer (*A Shady Plot*).
- ii. "Pen is mightier than sword." Elucidate with reference to the poem 'Not Marble nor the Gilded Monuments'
- iii. Analyze how the Nightingale's lack of self-confidence and desire for external validation ultimately led to her tragic downfall, despite her immense talent. answer (The Frog and The Nightingale).
- iv. Depict an instance of humour in Mrs. Packletide's Tiger'.
- v. How and why does the postmaster's view of Ali change from indifference to understanding? (The Letter)
- vi. What circumstances led to Nicola and Jacopo working relentlessly?

12. Answer any one of the following two questions in about 150 words. 1x8=8

- i. Animals too deserve respect and should not be harmed. Describe in about 150 words how the action of the ancient mariner in 'The Rime of the Ancient Mariner' and the poet in the poem 'Snake' highlight the regret of harming the animals.

OR

- ii. The themes of selflessness in 'Two Gentlemen of Verona' and selfishness in 'The Dear Departed' contrast in their portrayal of family values. Comment