

HIGHER SECONDARY - SECOND YEAR

COMMUNICATIVE ENGLISH

MODEL QUESTION PAPER

SECTION-A

TIME: 3 Hrs

TOTAL MARKS : 150

I. Match the following phrases with their appropriate functions. 5 x 1 = 5

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| a. Yes, thank you. I would like to have a cup of coffee. | Requesting |
| b. Next week class XII B will go to Pitchavaram on an excursion. | Congratulating |
| c. May I help you cross the road, sir? | Accepting |
| d. One run, one ball! You did it Pakistan - well done, Inzamam! | Offering help |
| e. Would you kindly move over to the next seat Madam? | Announcing |

2. Complete the following dialogue. 5 x 1 = 5

Malathi : Revathi! Did you watch our tennis star Sania Mirza playing the finals?

Revathi :

Malathi : Why didn't you?

Revathi :

Malathi : You should have seen her in action. Just marvellous!

Revathi :

Malathi : Yes! She won the match.

Revathi :

Malathi : We girls should be proud of her.

Revathi :

3) Write a dialogue containing 5 sets of exchanges on any ONE of the following. 10

You are Anupama, Inspector of Police, in charge of the Airport Security. A VIP, who has no pass, wants to enter the tarmac. Dissuade him politely but firmly.

OR

You are Rajan. Your friend Mukesh invites you to a movie. But as you have to complete your school assignment, you are unable to go. Convince him.

4. Read the passage carefully and fill in the blanks choosing the correct answer. 5 x 1 = 5

Death, in this forsaken Arctic region, could come in countless forms. Geologist Dr. Charles Brophy had endured the savage splendour of this terrain for years, and yet nothing could prepare him for the fate as barbarous and unnatural as the one about to befall him.

As four huskies pulled his sled of geologist sassing equipment across the tundra, the dogs suddenly slowed, looking skyward. "What is it girls?" Brophy asked, stepping off the sled.

Beyond the gathering storm clouds a twin - rotor transport helicopter arched in low, hugging the glacial peaks with military dexterity.

- a. Dr. Charles Brophy was doing research in
i) Medicine ii) Geology iii) Astronomy iv) Botany
- b. The dogs that were pulling the sled were
i) Male ii) Female
- c. The Terrain that is described here is
i) sandy desert ii) snowy mountains iii) rain forest iv) river
- d. The helicopter was.....
i) flying at very high altitude ii) flying lat very low altitude
ii) not flying at all iv) forced to land
- e. On seeing the helicopter the dogs
i) looked up ii) ran away frightened
iii) started howling iv) barked vigorously

5. Read the following passage and fill in the table that follows with short answers 5 X 1 = 5

An earthquake may be triggered by volcanic activity, movement of tectonic plates explosion of an subterranean atomic device. If an earthquake takes place in land, the earth may cave in bringing down cities or major locations in an instant, turning huge building into a heap of rubble. If an earthquake occurs near the ocean or under the sea, it may even cause Tsunamis, which have devastating effects, once they reach the shore. Tsunamis are harmless on the surface of the oceans but they disturb the ocean floor. But once they reach the shore, they destroy everything on land.

The intensity of an earthquake can be measured in Richter scale (numbering 1 to 10) or Mercally scale (I to XII).

Questions:

- a. Causes of earthquake -----
- b. Scales of measuring earthquakes -----
- c. Tsunamis are harmless on -----
- d. When Tsunamis reach the shore -----
- e. Tsunamis occur due to -----

6. Write a conversation between Sunitha and Geetha about their children watching TV always. The dialogue should be short and purposeful. 5

7. Complete the sentences given below choosing a word from the list that follows. 5 x 1 = 5

- a. Radha's father wanted to get her married, but she wanted to study
- b. Engineering is a field of study that involves a lot of.....

- c. One cannot learn to swim if one does not jump
- d. The pattern of accented and unaccented syllables in line of writing is called.....
- e. Crockery and cutlery are
(medicine, into water, rhythm, mathematics, tableware)

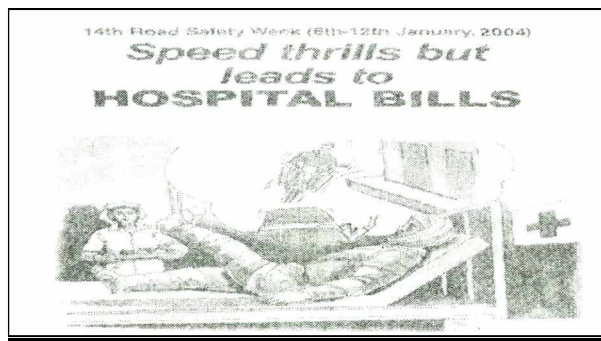
8. Read the passage and answer each question in a short sentence. 5 x 1 = 5

Housed in an 18th century style Heritage building with wooden panelling running through the thirty seat dining area, "Lean and Lovely" is the latest attraction in Siddhapuram Nagar. Says the owner Chef Virina "People come to us for the unusual fare that we serve. Fairly ordinary Indian recipes are ignited with a dash of sauce and spiced with colour. There is a harmony and balance between taste, lightness and tradition. Wholly organically grown vegetables and flour are used. We use the freshest of ingredients that are cut and cooked so as to display their colour and individual texture".

- a. What is special about the vegetables and flour used by "Lean and Lovely"?
- b. In which town is "Lean and Lovely" located?
- c. Who is a 'Chef' ?
- d. How do the people in "Lean and Lovely" make the ordinary Indian recipes more attractive?
- e. How do they keep the colour and texture of the food items?

9 Write a paragraph on any of the tourist spots you have visited recently. Write briefly about what appealed to you most in 150 words. 10

10. Write a short paragraph of 10 to 15 lines, on the picture given below. Study the poster carefully and offer practical suggestions to students on the importance of road safety. Restrict your answer to ten sentences. 5



SECTION - B

11 Prepare a 2 minute presentation in the classroom, on any topic of your choice, in 100 words 5

12. Read the following passage and choose the correct answer. 5 x 1 = 5

The icy block containing the remains of the so called Jarkov mammoth was carved out of the permafrost in Northern Siberia. In essence, the giant block and other remains constitute a "slice of life" as it was 20,380 years ago, the age of the Jarkov mammoth as established by radio carbon dating.

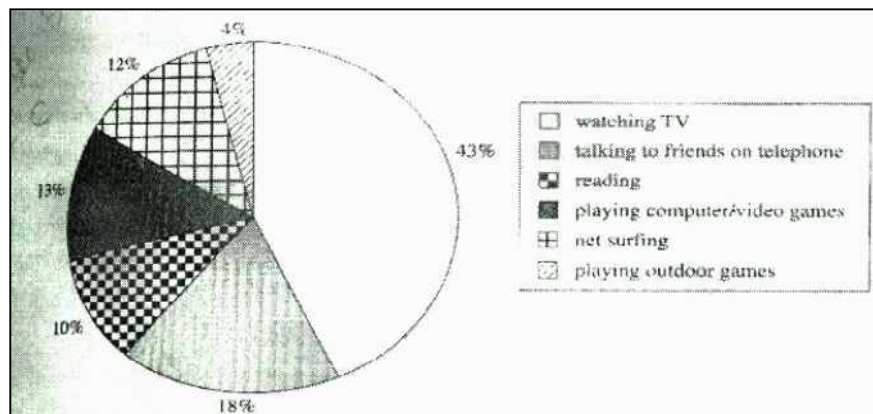
Samples of everything from mammoth hair to bone marrow to tiny Pleistocene plants have been taken to laboratories around the world for analysis. Much of the material comes from the original 23 ton block that was airlifted to an ice cave in the town of Khatanga. The scientists recover the remains of mammoth thawing ice by using hair dryers. It still isn't clear how complete the Jarkov mammoth's remains are as the gradual process of defrosting the giant chunk of permafrost continues.

- a. The frozen remains of the mammoth was discovered in
 - i. Africa,
 - ii. Himalaya,
 - iii. Siberia,
 - iv. South America
- b. The scientists recover the remains of mammoth thawing ice by using
 - i. Nuclear explosion,
 - ii. hair dryer
 - iii. giant burners
 - iv. fire
- c. The Khatanga ice block weighs more thantons.
 - i. 100
 - ii. 30
 - iii. 40
 - iv. 60
- d. Carbon dating is used to fix theof existence any organic material.
 - i. age,
 - ii. weight
 - iii. colour,
 - iv. usefulness
- e. The body of the mammoth remains without undergoing much chemical change because it is embedded in
 - i. sand
 - ii. rock
 - iii. ice
 - iv. coal

13. Study the pie chart and answer the question.

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HOW CHILDREN SPEND THEIR FREE TIME



Using the information given above and your own ideas, write a paragraph of about 100 words on how students spend their free time.

SECTION C (Occupational Purposes)

14. Fill in the blanks choosing words given in the box.

5 x 1 = 5

bounced, subsidiaries, resign, refund, induct

- a. If you have got the receipt with you, the shop will..... your money back or exchange the goods.
- b. There was no money in my account, so the cheque
- c. The bank is planning to over 80 new graduate trainees.
- d. After a long board room battle the chairman was forced to
- e. We have overseas in Germany and in the U.K.

15. You are the job seeker. Your name is Swetha. The following is an interview with the CEO of an MNC. Fill in the gaps in the interview.

5 x 2 = 10

- Swetha : (Enters the room) Good Morning Sir, I am Swetha.
- CEO : Oh! Please sit down. Where do you live?
- Swetha : In Kanchipuram Sir. I commute to the city of Chennai every day.
- CEO : The distance is more than 40 kms from our company.
- Swetha : Have you decided to give me the job, Sir?
- CEO : (Laughs) Oh! We are happy with your CV.....
- Swetha : However challenging the job may be Sir, I hope to work hard.
- CEO :
- Swetha : As soon as I join the company I shall shift my residence to Chennai itself
- CEO : That's good.....
- Swetha : Rs. 20,000/- for the type of Managerial job may not be OK with me sir. May I ask for a minimum of Rs. 35,000/- per month?
- CEO : Oh! I see.
- Swetha : Sir, This is a tough job and I feel I am well qualified. Just give me the job and I shall prove myself in one month! And should I wait to six months to get the salary I deserve?
- CEO : Well, As you are so confident, I shall.....
- Swetha : Thank you Sir, My work will be result oriented and I shall be loyal to the company. I shall grow with the organisation.
- CEO : Congratulations Swetha. You got the job. You may
- Swetha : Why wait for another day Sir, I am prepared to join today!
- CEO : Thank you. Good luck.

16. Based on your CV, the Manager of a pharmaceutical company talks to you over phone.

Write down five important points you will remember while being interviewed through telephone.

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SECTION D

17. You have to speak on some topic and you are given a day to prepare. Briefly narrate how you would go about it. 5

18. a) Prepare an inaugural speech for the "English Association" in your college / School which you will deliver in 3 minutes. Restrict your answer to 150 words. 10

OR

b). While visiting Mudumalai, you saw the elephant Sanctuary. Write a poem of 8 to 14 lines on your impression.

SECTION E

19.a. You are the co-ordinator for field trips in your school. You are to organise trips for different classes. Write a letter to the Event Manager of any Travel Agency asking for details of various packages offered for school students. 10

OR

b. You are Sujay / Vibhitha, a resident of Satellite Area, Baroda. This is an approved colony, yet suffers because of bad roads. As a result of the pot holes often there are accidents. Today, a young boy fell off his motorcycle and fractured his leg. Despite repeated requests and memoranda to the authorities concerned, no step has been taken in this regard. Write a letter to the editor of a local daily expressing your grievance.

20. Spot the error in the following sentences and rewrite the sentences correctly. 5 x 1 = 5

- a. Brittney Spears are a popular singer.
- b. A million rupees are a big sum.
- c. One of the students in the class are talking.
- d. Both Giri as well as Raghu have scored centum in English.
- e. The distance between Chennai to Trichy is more than 300 kms.

21. Choose the correct option. 5 x 1 = 5

- a. Hema, as well as her brothers, (is / are) good in Mathematics,
- b. The Gigantic Colossus of Rhodes (was / were) one of the Seven Wonders of the ancient world.
- c. Either brisk walk or yoga (serves / serve) to control diabetes.
- d. There (is / are) many a slip between the cup and the lip.
- e. A number of people (thinks / think) that computer friendliness is important.

22. Match the following idioms with their meanings:

5 x 1 = 5

Idioms	Meanings
a. Birds of same feather flock together	i) It proved to be the only but a dangerous weakness,
b. Don't beat around the bush	ii) Came totally unexpected, it caught us unaware
c. Go ahead! I'm all ears.	iii) Don't make unnecessary talk; come to the point.
d. The king's blind love for his wife proved to be his Achille's heel.	iv) People with a common interest join together
e. The announcement of the special test came as a bolt from the blue.	v) Start your talk. I'm listening to you.

23 Fill in the blanks using suitable modals.

5 x 1 = 5

- ayou touch your toes without bending your knees?
- b I leave now?
- c It.....rain tonight.
- d You don't.....to get an X-ray.
- e Hehave been in a lot of pain.

24. Complete the passage given below using suitable prepositions.

5 x 1 = 5

My aim is to become a scientist(a)..... the II Sc. It is located.....(b)..... Bangalore,.....(c).....the Tumkur Road. I am well.... ..(d)..... average.....(e)..... my class. I shall certainly succeed.

25 Match each part of the sentence under Part A and Part B so that they make five meaningful sentences.

1 x 5 = 5

Part A	Part B
a. Hema goes to temple every Friday	i) because he was regularly practising.
b. She usually writes well	ii) to refer to the encyclopedia.
c. Ravi came first in sprinting	iii) he visits them very rarely.
d. Harsha often visits the library	iv) but in the examination she did not do very well,
e. As his uncle lives abroad	v) to worship Lord Shiva.

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PRACTICAL

A. LISTENING Recorded / Read

15

This happened not so long ago in a remote village in South India. There lived in this village a young man named Venkatesh. He earned a living by exchanging new stainless steel utensils for old clothes. For this he visited the houses of the rich people in the city. Later, he used to sell the clothes to the poor people in the village. He had considerable income from this business. However, not content with his earnings, he used to steal things from the houses he visited. The stolen items were then sold off in the pawn-shop. Near Venkatesh's house lived Naresh, who was of the same age as Venkatesh. Naresh had a small grocery shop in the village. Although he did not make large profits in his business, he was quite satisfied with what he gained. Venkatesh and Naresh were very good friends. However, Naresh did not approve of Venkatesh's habit of stealing. He always advised his friend to lead an honest life. But Venkatesh never gave heed to his friend's advice and went on with his activities.

One day Venkatesh went to the house of a young woman to ask for old clothes. The woman went inside her house and brought out a heap of old clothes. Seeing this Venkatesh thought that he was in for another good deal. But that was not to be. Just as he and the housewife were bargaining over the number of sarees to be exchanged for a large utensil, his eyes stopped at a long glittering chain dangling around the woman's neck. Without further thought, he grabbed the chain and fled, leaving behind his wares. After reaching home, he hid the chain under his bed. For the next few days he stopped going about his work and wasted away all the money he had saved. When he was desperately in need of money, he took out the chain he had looted and went straight to the jewellery shop in the village. The jeweler took the chain in his hand and after examining it carefully, declared that it was fake. Apparently, the necklace was shiny, but not made of real gold. It was worth a few rupees only.

Venkatesh stood dumb-founded on hearing the jeweller's words. He soon understood his folly and left the shop, realizing the merit of the old proverb: "All that glitters is not gold".

Meanwhile, at the sudden departure of Venkatesh, the housewife coolly went back to her kitchen, amply satisfied at getting a basketful of utensils for a fake gold chain.

1. Naresh earned his living by

 - a) stealing things from the shops
 - b) running a shop in the village
 - c) selling old clothes to the poor people
 - d) doing small jobs in the city

2. The housewife was not unhappy at losing her chain because

 - a) the chain did not belong to her
 - b) she was thinking of exchanging it for some utensils
 - c) she got a good bargain
 - d) Venkatesh was very well known to her

3. How did Venkatesh earn his living?
 - a) He sold clothes and utensils in the city
 - b) He bought clothes from the people in the village
 - c) He took utensils and gave sarees in return
 - d) He sold old clothes to the poor people in the village
4. What did Venkatesh do with the chain soon after stealing it?
 - a) He hid it under the ground
 - b) He sold it to the jeweler
 - c) He kept it below his own bed
 - d) He hid it in his friend's house
5. What did the jeweler say after examining the chain?
 - a) He said that the chain was costly but not made of real gold
 - b) He said that he would not buy stolen ornaments
 - c) He said that the chain was not actually made of gold
 - d) He said that the chain was not shiny, but was made of gold.
6. Which of the following is not true in the context of the passage?
 - a) Venkatesh had the habit of stealing things from the houses he visited
 - b) Venkatesh never acted on Naresh's advice regarding his activities
 - c) Venkatesh knew that the chain was a fake one while stealing it
 - d) Venkatesh wasted away all his money after stealing the chain
7. The sentence, "But that was not to be" (second paragraph, fourth sentence) means that
 - a) Venkatesh could not make a good bargain with the young woman
 - d) The young woman could not prevent Venkatesh from stealing her chain
 - c) The number of sarees was not sufficient enough to be exchanged for a large utensil
 - d) The young woman succeeded in getting all the utensils
8. Which of the following statements is true in the context of the passage?
 - a) Venkatesh realized that shiny things are not essentially made of gold
 - b) In order to sell the chain, Venkatesh had to go to the city
 - c) Naresh made large profits in his business
 - d) Naresh was the brother of Venkatesh

9. What can be inferred from the passage regarding the ages of Venkatesh and Naresh?
- a) Naresh was older than Venkatesh
 - b) Venkatesh was a young man but, Naresh was a middle-aged man
 - c) Naresh and Venkatesh were both young men of the same age
 - d) Naresh was younger than Venkatesh
10. 'give heed' means:
- a) felt happy
 - b) took notice
 - c) gave chance
 - d) went against
11. 'went on' means:
- a) continued
 - b) worked
 - c) decided
 - d) returned
12. 'lead' means:
- a) try
 - b) guide
 - c) perform
 - d) live
13. 'considerable' means:
- a) large
 - b) satisfactory
 - c) extra
 - d) small
14. 'departure' means:
- a) disappearance
 - b) rushing
 - c) exit
 - d) bringing

15. content

- a) satisfied
- b) disagreed
- c) proud
- d) anxious

B. SPEAKING (any topic of students' choice)

10

Lot of changes have occurred in the sporting arena. 'Sportsman spirit' is a thing of the past. Winning is all that matters. The spectators also show aggressive behaviour and winning or losing has become a matter of national prestige. Is this a healthy trend? Express your views on these changes on the sporting field under the topic 'Sporting-fields are more Like Battlefields Today'.

C. READING ALOUD Play / Poem / Passage

15

Textiles are materials made by weaving. Until quite recently, the only textiles available were limited to cotton, linen, wool and silk. All these substances are natural fibres coming from animals and plants.

Cotton fibres are found in the seed pods of cotton plants, which grow well in tropical climates. The cotton pods are harvested. The seeds, leaves and other impurities are removed. The process is called ginning. Then the fibres are spun into yarn.

Linen is made from the fibres of flax plants. The stems of the plants produce flax. The plants are harvested and then subjected to a series of treatments. The long fibres are then sorted out for spinning into yarn.

Wool is animal hair. It comes mostly from sheep. Other animals such as goats, camels and rabbits also produce wool. Wool is first sheared from the animals and then processed. Before being spun into yarn, the wool is combed to remove the short fibres.

Silk is the finest of all natural fibres. Historians believe that the Chinese started to use this material as long ago as 2,000 BC. Evidence of the cultivation of silkworms to produce silk was found in a province in China.

The process was a closely guarded secret then and it was considered a crime to bring the silkworm or its eggs out of the ancient land. However, the Japanese and Indians later learnt how to produce silk and it was not until the sixth century that the silkworm was smuggled out of China to the Western world.

In the silk farms of the Chinese villages, the young insects emerge from the eggs as larvae. They feed on mulberry leaves and turn themselves into silky cocoons. The cocoons are collected by skilful workers who draw the silk threads from these fluffy little white balls. The silk threads are then used in weaving.

D. WRITING

10

Write a book review on any fiction you have read. Do not exceed 200 words, (10 marks)

(Note: Please Refer To The Text Book For Writing A Book Review)

June, July	First Test	}	(50 marks)	To Be Conducted
August, September	Second Test		(50 marks)	By Internal Examiner
October, November	Third Test		(50 marks)	Examiner

*** Annual Practical Examination Mark Allocation**

a) Project	- 10 marks	}	To be Conducted by Internal Examiner (30 marks) in January
b) Reading	- 10 marks		
c) Listening	- 5 marks		
d) Speaking	- 5 marks		

a) Reading/ Poem/ Play	- 5 marks	}	20 To be Conducted by External Examiner in January
b) Listening	- 10 marks		
c) Speaking	- 5 marks		

Book Review should be finished before December

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