

**Solution**  
**PRELIMINARY EXAM - I**  
**Class 10 - English Communicative (101)**  
**SECTION A : READING SKILLS (22 marks)**

**1. Read the text carefully and answer the questions:**

1. AIIMS has become the first medical institute in South Asia to carry out a surgical procedure with the patient fully conscious and unanaesthetised and being discharged within a day, as in an outpatient department. In the past month, the spinal surgery team led by Professor Rajesh Malhotra and the anaesthesia team under Dr Puneet Khanna planned and executed four 'ambulatory' spinal fusion surgeries in which the patients remained awake throughout the procedure and were allowed to leave on the same day of the surgery.
2. The first case was that of a 40-year-old female patient. "There was a slippage of the vertebra. Normally, we do it under general anaesthesia, but in this particular case, we gave injections in the spine and using a special ultrasound guided thoracolumbar in terfascial plane (TLIP) block and advanced surgical techniques to anaesthetise the specific area of surgery," disclosed Dr Bhavuk Garg, orthopaedics professor.
3. The patient was monitored for four hours after the procedure until the effects of the spinal anaesthesia wore off. She was then discharged the same day on oral medication. The goal of having surgeries using targeted anaesthesia is not simply to have the patients awake during the surgery, but to discharge them in a day.
4. "In the western world, this process is used to reduce the cost of medical expenditure but in India, we resort to it to maximise resource potential," said Garg. "This is how we are reducing the long waiting list. Besides conscious surgery, the ortho surgery department has also been the first to start day-care service for total knee replacement or hip replacement".
5. Dr Rajesh Malhotra, orthopaedic surgeon and head of the AIIMS trauma centre, remarked that 'day-care surgery' entailed a variety of mental and physical benefits for the patient. One wouldn't have to go through the hassle of staying in a monitored environment of the hospital after the surgery in this case.
6. While the benefit of increased patient satisfaction scores undoubtedly indicates the necessity of this, it also carries with it the unseen advantage of reducing per-patient costs to the hospital, hence, the government. An early discharge decreases the need for antibiotics and dependence on hospitals while reducing incidence of infections.

- (a) **(b)** the latest achievement of AIIMS

**Explanation:**

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- (b) The orthopaedic surgeons in AIIMS are truly dedicated towards their profession as they are keen to carry out surgical procedures in an improved way by using advanced technologies. They are empathetic because they are tirelessly working to provide high quality care and treatment to the patients. They advocate day-care surgeries as they entail many physical and mental benefits for the patients.

- (c) **(d)** Both (i) and (iii)

**Explanation:**

Both (i) and (iii)

- (d) It would be placed after paragraph 3 because the last sentence of this paragraph talks about discharging the patient on the same day of surgery and the given sentence states the benefit of such discharging, i.e. reducing the load on bed occupation in the hospital.
- (e) The surgeries using targeted anaesthesia are beneficial for the hospital too because they would reduce the per patient cost for the hospital. When a patient is discharged early, it would decrease his dependence on the hospital and it would ultimately solve the problem of load on bed occupation. It will also reduce the incidence of infections among the patients.
- (f) ambulatory

- (g) (b) only (iii)

**Explanation:**

The patient was operated upon using advanced surgical techniques.

- (h) was under the supervision of medical staff.

- (i) the available resources in these institutes are limited and they have to be utilised in a manner which caters to the needs of a large number of patients.

**2. Read the text carefully and answer the questions:**

Read the following table displaying the consumer durables owned in Britain from 1972 to 1983.

| Consumer Durables        | 1972 | 1974 | 1976 | 1978 | 1979 | 1981 | 1982 | 1983 |
|--------------------------|------|------|------|------|------|------|------|------|
| Percentage of households |      |      |      |      |      |      |      |      |
| Central heating          | 37   | 43   | 48   | 52   | 55   | 59   | 60   | 64   |
| Television               | 93   | 95   | 96   | 96   | 97   | 97   | 97   | 96   |
| Video                    |      |      |      |      |      |      |      | 18   |
| Vacuum cleaner           | 87   | 89   | 92   | 92   | 93   | 94   | 95   |      |
| Refrigerator             | 73   | 81   | 88   | 88   | 92   | 93   | 93   | 94   |
| Washing machine          | 66   | 68   | 71   | 75   | 74   | 79   | 79   | 80   |
| Dishwasher               |      |      |      | 3    | 3    | 4    | 4    | 5    |
| Telephone                | 42   | 50   | 54   | 60   | 67   | 75   | 76   | 77   |

- (a) Products that last for a comparatively long period of time are known as consumer durables.

- (b) (b) Dishwasher

**Explanation:**

Dishwasher

- (c) Television took a u-turn in the year 1983. In the years, 1979, 1981 and 1982, the percentage of television owners was 97% which dropped to 96% in the year 1983 which was same as in the year 1978. The reason could be probably due to a drop in its demand.

- (d) (b) vacuum

**Explanation:**

vacuum

- (e) It is a great option for recording, reproducing, and broadcasting of moving visual images.

- (f) of its utility with the progress in the life of human beings

- (g) (ii) is the right option because seeing the trends of the usage of the different products, it is evident that the consumer buys the products based on its durability, value and necessity.

- (h) Vacuum cleaners, refrigerators and washing machines were the three common devices owned between 66 to 87 percent houseowners in 1972.

**SECTION B : WRITING SKILLS (22 marks)**

**3. The Principal**

Bal Niketan Sr Sec. School

Ramnagar,

Delhi

29th August, 2019

Respected Sir,

Subject: Request for a full fee concession.

I am a student of Grade Sixth in your prestigious school. I always wanted to study here and was lucky enough to get admission. I belong to a family that is struggling day and night to make both ends meet.

We are a working-class family and my father is the only bread-earner. Our family consists of seven members and my grandparents are also dependent on my father. He has a meagre salary and finds it difficult to pay my school fees. My elder brother, Ravi Kumar studies in the same school in IX-A class.

I am one of the meritorious students in my class. This year I was adjudged "the most regular student of

the year".

I, therefore, humbly request you to kindly grant me a full fee concession. Your kindness in this matter will save me from dropping out of school.

Yours obediently

Gourav

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#### MY FAVOURITE LEADER

Our Prime Minister, Narendra Damodardas Modi is my favourite leader. He is considered to be the world's best and foremost leader. He has all the qualities of a good leader. He is very energetic, enthusiastic and active. There is no reflection of pride in him. His simplicity attracts everyone towards him. His approach is quite different and humble. His only mission is true and selfless service to nation. His optimistic approach adds beauty to his personality. His attire most of the time in India is khadi-clad clothes and the best part of his personality is that wherever he goes he wears that state's attire. Despite all the hardships, he has always put the nation before his own happiness and comfort. He has been awarded with several honours. He has been ranked among the 100-most influential people in the world from 2014 till date. He has a headstrong dedication towards his country. Along with these qualities, he knows the art of building a great nation. He has worked a lot for the dignity and welfare of women.

5. 18, Rani Bagh

New Delhi

December 15, 2018

The Editor

The Tribune

New Delhi

Sir,

#### **Subject: Reforming Beggars**

Through the columns of your esteemed newspaper, I would like to draw the attention of Local Councillor towards the above-mentioned problem. It is a very common sight to see beggars near the religious places, especially near the temples and we, the God-fearing and generous people show pity on them. Many of them are professional pick-pockets and thieves. Frequent incidents of chain-snatching and purse-lifting are done by these beggars. The beggars are reported to have been involved in different crimes. They are commonly seen in buses, at red lights, around religious and tourist places. They take advantage of the rush. Many anti-social elements have taken to the robes of beggars to escape vigilance and serve their ends. When we give money to them, we indirectly provide them with indulgence. Instead of making them handicapped by giving them, also we should help them in such a direction so they should stand on their own i.e. they should be made capable to earn respectfully. They should be given shelter under the name of some local institution, meant for social work. Then they can be trained as per their interest. The members of our society have already taken steps in this direction. You are requested to give this letter an appropriate place, that our request should reach to the concerned authority. The Local Councillor and the plan of involving the beggars should be started at the earliest.

Yours truly,

XYZ.

OR

L-482, Model Town,

Panipat.-132031

27<sup>th</sup> February, 20XX

The Editor

The Hindustan Times

New Delhi -110001

#### **Subject: Stop Fleecing of Tourists**

Sir/Ma'am

Through the columns of your esteemed newspaper, I wish to point out the ways in which India can become a better tourist destination. I have often read reports in the newspapers of foreign tourists

being cheated out of their cash and valuables by self-styled 'tourist guides' at tourism destinations like the Taj Mahal, Red Fort and others. This is bringing a bad name to the country and reducing our earnings from foreign tourists.

The government should, first of all, make registration of all tourist guides compulsory. Further, the government should issue leaflets to tourists entering India at airports and other entry points warning them about unauthorised 'guides' and asking them to insist that any guides approaching them must show their identity card issued by the government. In addition, the government can install complaint booths at all tourism destinations and post police personnel at these places. These measures will go a long way in limiting incidents which bring disrepute to the country.

Thanking you

Yours sincerely

Kishor

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### **ROLE OF TECHNOLOGY IN EDUCATION**

**By ABC**

The role of technology in education is immense. Using technology in classrooms has the potential to create increased student motivation, unlocking the keys of learning. The educational perception of old times focussed only on the ultimate mantra of academic excellence. But with the changing times and revolution of technology, countless resources have opened doors to the multi-faceted talents among students.

Technology in education has transformed the concept of learning and brought enormous benefits. There is a wide range of learning outcomes. Innovative avenues are opened up through countless resources which help in clearing the concepts. The studies show that engaged students retain more of what they have learned. With the invention of wireless technology, it has become even more simplified. The implementation of technology in education helps the students to focus and engage more in studies. The students can have access to the e-books that are constantly being updated. Technology in education shines and appeals to the students' sense of touch. It further fastens collaboration and encourages teamwork. It has multi-disciplinary approach with flexible assessment patterns. Thus, technology is not only significant in education, but also increases the interest of the students towards education.

OR

### **ENVIRONMENTAL DEGRADATION**

**By Naresh**

Man has proved to be the greatest villain. He has destroyed nature and the natural resources. He has caused havoc with the ecology and the environment. The unprecedented deforestation has made our hills and mountains ugly and bare. Our water bodies are polluted. The green belts and forests are shrinking. The rivers, seas and lakes have become dumping grounds for human and industrial wastes. In short, environmental degradation has become a major cause of concern in the modern times.

People are callously indifferent to the environment. Unplanned urbanization and illegal constructions have swallowed our forests, fields and greenery. The degradation of the environment has led to the frequent floods and famines. The pollution of the seas and rivers have affected not only humans but also water-life. A large quantity of dead fish is taken out of our rivers and lakes every year. The industrial and human waste have made the water of our rivers and lakes unfit for human consumption. The emission of smoke and poisonous gases from the chimneys has polluted the air beyond redemption. The numberless vehicles on roads only help to aggravate and degrade the environment.

There is a lot of hue and cry to save the planet Earth. Mere empty words only fall flat without any real follow-up action. The rich industrial nations don't put a ban on their consumption of oil, coal and fuels. The rising global warming and the degradation of the environment must be stopped at once. Otherwise, this planet will no more remain a pleasant place to live on.

### **SECTION C : GRAMMAR (10 marks)**

7. (a) in, (b) a, (c) sent

| 8.  | Word Before | Missing Word | Word After   |
|-----|-------------|--------------|--------------|
| (a) | as          | <u>an</u>    | agent        |
| (b) | known       | <u>as</u>    | hydrotherapy |

|     |       |            |          |
|-----|-------|------------|----------|
| (c) | water | <u>can</u> | be       |
| (d) | one   | <u>of</u>  | heaven's |

9. Do as directed.

- (a) He prospers and leads a happy life.  
 (b) (a) had forgotten to bring hers, (b) to borrow it for that day

**SECTION D : LITERATURE TEXTBOOK (26 marks)**

10. Read the given extract and answer the questions briefly, for any two extracts of the three, given.

- (a) a. The word 'trailed' means 'carried behind it'.  
 b. The snake had come from a hole in the wall.  
 c. The snake was quenching its thirst at the water-trough.  
 d. The snake has been described as yellow-brown in colour and having a soft-bellied and slack body.
- (b) a. Caesar was supposed to go to the Senate House that day.  
 b. The 'graybeards' that Caesar is referring to are the senators of Rome.  
 c. Decius had come to persuade Caesar to go to the Senate House.  
 d. On the persuasion of Decius, Caesar decided to go to the Senate House. But it was not a wise decision because Caesar was killed there.
- (c) i. 'He', refers to the narrator's driver, Luigi.  
 ii. He reacted in this manner because he disapproved of the way in which the car was stopped by two untidy-looking 'urchins'.  
 iii. He disapproved the shabby appearance of the two boys, who were selling wild strawberries.  
 iv. They were selling wild strawberries.

11. Answer ANY FIVE of the following six questions in about 30- 40 words each

- (a) 'Ozymandias, king of kings' made a failed attempt to immortalise himself. There is no trace of his great achievements now. But his 'frown' and 'sneer' have somehow survived. The poet has made fun of him by highlighting his lost kingdom and the arrogant expression on his face.
- (b) It is true that Ali is a true symbol of faith, love and sacrifice. Owing entirely to his deep love for his daughter, Ali gave up his passionate sport, hunting, and accepted the life of an ascetic but he had firm faith in providence. He thought that his daughter would write to him one day asking his well-being and telling her own. For this, he goes to the post office every day braving biting cold and scorching heat.
- (c) Helen appeared before John and told him that she was a ghost from the Writer's Inspiration Bureau. But before that, in her human life, she used to write, and she later worked as a reader in a magazine. As she knew the work was quite tiresome, she along with other ghosts formed the Writer's Inspiration Bureau.
- (d) Patol Babu was a meticulous man and actor. He was a perfectionist. For him, his role was more important than the fact that he had got a chance to work in a movie. He was very curious to know about his role because he wanted to prepare his dialogue for the shot and not mess it up.
- (e) The game 'Dragonquest' was a very simple game. Here the narrator had to rescue the fair Princess Aurora who had been imprisoned at the top of a tall tower by the wicked dragon and collect his wicked treasures. During the course of the game, he is also requested to rescue the knight Sebastian.
- (f) Abel Merryweather comes to know the real nature of his two daughters. Neither of them had any love and affection for him. They regarded him as a burden. They simply pretended to have love for him. When Mrs. Slater came to know that Abel was dead, she started stealing his possessions. The two sisters even started quarrelling over their share in the property of Mr. Abel Merryweather.

12. Answer ANY ONE of the following two questions in about 150 words.

- (a) 37G, Mathew Street  
 Birmingham  
 5<sup>th</sup> March, 20XX  
 Dear Celia

I am writing this letter to tell you about an incident which occurred yesterday. Grandfather was lying down due to feeling dazed, but my mother mistook him to be dead. She did not even call a doctor to confirm his supposed death. My father also sent a message to my Aunt Elizabeth about Grandpa's death. Then my mother, with the help from my father, quietly shifted some of Grandpa's belongings to her own room before Aunt Elizabeth came to mourn the supposed death. She made Papa wear grandfather's new slippers, although they did not fit him. I was shocked to see my mother taking advantage of his assumed death by pinching his possessions. Actually, she should have been grieving over his 'death'.

Aunt Elizabeth also appears to be equally self-centred. My grandfather is a straightforward man with a decisive mind. I love him and share his pains. May God grant him a long life.

Convey my respects to your parents.

With regards

Victoria

(b)

### **Avoid Having False Image**

by Rashmi Kaushik

The story 'Mrs. Packletide's Tiger' is a very apt depiction of how things can backfire if we try to portray ourselves as someone we are not.

Mrs Packletide incurred huge losses in her bid to outdo her arch-rival. When you try to imitate someone else's behaviour or express some idea of how you think you should be but aren't, you will end up with more loss than gain. Mrs. Packletide wished to dazzle everyone, especially Loona Bimberton, but what happened? Loona Bimberton did not attend Mrs Packletide's party where she presented the tiger skin rug.

Moreover, Mrs. Packletide had to pay a lot of money to keep Miss Mebbin quiet. Thus, Mrs. Packletide lost a large amount of money but gained hardly anything.

Similarly, we should not put on false pretences to portray what we are not. Instead, we should display our true selves and try to become better human beings.