

Solution
PRELIMINARY EXAM - 3
Class 10 - English Communicative (101)
SECTION A : READING SKILLS (22 marks)

1. Read the text carefully and answer the questions:

1. His heavy bat was a major talking point whenever Sachin Tendulkar battled injuries in his over-two-decade-long career but the iconic cricketer said he was never convinced about giving it up for a lighter one as his timing got affected every time he tried the change. In his autobiography 'Playing It My Way', Tendulkar wrote that he was asked several times to try a lighter bat but it never worked for him.
2. "I used a pretty heavy bat and I was sometimes encouraged to move to a lighter one. Again, I did try but I never felt comfortable, as my whole bat swing depended on that weight. When I was hitting a drive, I needed the weight to generate the power. It was all to do with the timing", he explains. The all-time leading scorer in the game also offered an interesting take on how to hold the bat. "To me the bat should be an extension of your arm, and if you've reached the stage where it's become an extension of your arm, why do you need to change? What mattered to me most when I was batting was feeling comfortable. As long as I felt comfortable, it didn't matter where I was playing or who I was playing against. If you make technical adjustments, such as moving to a lighter bat, to cope with different conditions, there's a risk of making yourself feel uncomfortable and of thinking too much about your technique", he says.
3. Tendulkar has advised budding batsmen against too much experimentation, saying, "the bat should be an extension of your arm" and there is no need for a change in technique if "you have reached that stage". "People have often commented on my own grip, which is very low down on the handle. It all goes back to when I started playing cricket when I was eleven, with my brother Ajit, who is ten years older. As I didn't have a bat of my own, I had to use Ajit's full-size bat and the only way I could cope with the weight at that age was to hold the bat right at the bottom of the handle", Tendulkar writes. "Some coaches suggested changing my grip, and I did experiment, but it never felt right. I had got used to feeling the end of the handle pressing against the inside of my forearm and if I gripped the bat further up I didn't have that and batting just didn't feel natural. That's not to say that my technique didn't change at all, though. Throughout my career, I was always looking to improve and constantly tried new things to cope with different situations."
4. Tendulkar said one must try to read the bowler's mind rather than thinking too much about 'your own batting'. "I've always felt that I've batted best when my mind has been at the bowler's end of the pitch, not at my end. In fact, for both batsmen and bowlers, I've always believed that cricket is played best when your mind is at the opposite end and that problems occur when your mind is stuck at your own end. "For example, if a bowler is thinking too much about bowling no-balls, he's not going to be able to bowl what he wants to bowl. Instead, his mind should be at the batsman's end, focusing on where he's going to pitch the ball, which way he's going to swing it and so on. As a batsman, if I'm not consciously worrying about my footwork or my backlift or my wrist-work, then I know that I'm in the right space, because my mind needs to be at the opposite end, figuring out what the bowler is trying to do. There's no time to think about both ends at the same time", he says.

- (a) **(c)** One can become uncomfortable

Explanation:

One can become uncomfortable

- (b) Tendulkar advised a budding batsman that the bat is like an extension of the arm. Once the bat feels so, there will be no need to change your technique.

- (c) **(c)** In different conditions

Explanation:

In different conditions

- (d) The advice given by the coaches did not work for Tendulkar as then batting did not feel natural to him.

(e) According to Tendulkar, it is important to read the bowler's mind because it makes your performance efficient. If one is stuck on one's own self, one cannot perform efficiently.

(f) create

(g) **(a)** instructional

Explanation:

instructional

(h) he used a heavy bat which is said to be the source of his injuries

(i) extension of the arm

2. Read the text carefully and answer the questions:

Social media addiction is an emerging health problem in India, especially among the young population. Nowadays, irrespective of their socioeconomic background, adolescents have greater exposure to electronic gadgets like smartphones at a much younger age. The introduction of internet and the launch of low-cost data packages in 2016/2017 has put India on the global map for large-scale consumption of mobile data with active social media users going up to 197 million (14% of the population).

For adolescents, phone-based communication is an important way to maintain their social relationships. The use of social media websites then is one of the most common activities that has become an integral part of their day-to-day lives. Hence, making them more prone to social media overuse or addiction which may have a deleterious effect on the physical and psychological health. Hence, it became important to study the pattern of social media usage and associated physical and mental health issues among Pre-University (PU) college students as they are the vulnerable group.

A cross-sectional study was conducted in Government and Private PU colleges situated in Urban Bengaluru city, Karnataka, India, during July to December 2016. The objectives of the study were to assess and compare the prevalence of social media addiction in different organisations, to assess the health problems related to social media usage and to assess the various factors associated with social media addiction.

A total of 1870 study participants were recruited from both Government and Private PU colleges. Each participant was administered a pretest and semi-structured questionnaire as the study tool. They were asked to answer about the non-academic usage of social media. Scale comprised 10 questions, each given a score ranging from 0 to 4 (0 - never, 1 - seldom, 2 - occasionally, 3 - often, and 4 - always), with a minimum score of 0 and a maximum score of 40.

Participants were classified based on the scores as: Normal (<12), mild addiction (13-20), moderate addiction (21-32) and severe addiction (≥ 33).

Distribution of Study Subjects According to Grading of Social Media Addiction*

Grading	Government	Private	Total
Mild	182 (80.0)	191 (66.3)	373 (72.7)
Moderate	39 (17.3)	93 (32.2)	132 (25.7)
Severe	4 (1.9)	4 (1.5)	8 (1.6)
Total	225 (100)	288 (100)	513 (100)

*Figures in parenthesis indicate percentages

There was no difference in the prevalence of Social Media Addiction between government and private PU college study subjects contrary to the assumption that Private college subjects will be more prone to social media addiction due to higher social status and purchasing capacity.

(a) The probable reasons for the increasing rate of Social Media Addiction is low rate data package availability and exposure to gadgets at a much younger age.

(b) **(c)** Phone based communication

Explanation:

Phone based communication

(c) People generally assume that the students of private schools are more addicted to social media due to higher social status and purchasing capacity.

- (d) **(d)** More than 70% of the students are only mildly addicted to social media.

Explanation:

More than 70% of the students are only mildly addicted to social media.

- (e) Pre-University college students were selected for the survey because they are the vulnerable group exposed to internet and gadgets at a much younger age.
- (f) less than or equal to 12
- (g) Increasing physical and psychological problems make social media addiction an important topic of the study.
- (h) **(d)** a scale based questionnaire

Explanation:

a scale based questionnaire

SECTION B : WRITING SKILLS (22 marks)

3. The Principal,

B.M. Govt. Girls Sr. Sec. School,

Hari Garh road, Delhi

Madam,

Most respectfully I beg to say that I am a student of the 8th Class of your school. My father is a poor shopkeeper. He earns ₹ 1500/- per month. He has a family of six members to support. So, he cannot pay my school fee.

I am good at studies. I stand first in my class every year. I am the captain of junior football team. Last year also my fee was exempted. Kindly grant me full fee concession this year also.

Thanking you,

Yours Obediently,

Manju

4. Doing mathematical calculations have become easy with the help of a device known as a Calculator. A calculator is, essentially, an electronic device used for doing calculations.

These days we have all kinds of calculators in the market. The ordinary calculators perform simple arithmetical operations. Addition, subtraction, multiplication and division are used for basic calculations. Human minds can err but not calculators. Speed and accuracy are the watchwords of a calculator. A calculator looks like a small plastic box. The board contains numbers from 0 to 9 and +, -, x, ÷ marks. The pushbuttons carrying these numbers and signs are pressed to do the required calculations. Besides simple calculators, there are also sophisticated calculators to perform more complex operations. There are scientific calculators also which can perform various scientific functions. Calculators are mostly operated by battery cells. Electrical and solar calculators are also available in the market.

5. 193-B,

Sector-15,

Chandigarh

14th Nov 2018

The Editor

Times of India

Chandigarh

Sir,

Subject: Dengue-Prevention is better than cure!

In the past month, an alarming increase in the incidence of dengue cases in the city has been noticed which is a cause for extreme concern and demands the immediate attention of the Health Care department, Municipal Corporation as well as of the general public.

Dengue is a viral infection is caused by a virus which cannot be treated with antibiotics. It is treated with under Doctor's supervision. precautions to prevent this terrible disease:

- i. Dengue spreads through mosquito bites. To stop the transmission from one patient to another individual, it is necessary to use mosquito nets at night
- ii. Mosquito eradication is necessary for indoors as well as in neighbourhood; thus spraying of mosquito repellant is necessary.
- iii. Limbs should be coated with mosquito repellant sprays and lotions.

High fever is a discernible symptom and may lead to complications due to lowering of the platelet count. Any bleeding during the infection would be difficult to control. Severe cases may require blood transfusions.

Since, the carrier mosquito breeds in stagnant waters, close to human habitations, cleanliness of the environment is immensely important and a key precaution for prevention. Vaccination is not an option and any previous infection does not guarantee immunity as there are numerous viruses that cause it. Awareness is immensely important to initiate preventive measures. I hope my letter will be published for the common good of the people.

Thanking you,

Yours truly,

Varsha.

OR

67/98, Simargarh

Himachal Pradesh

21 November 2025

To

The Municipal Commissioner

Simargarh, Himachal Pradesh

Subject: Poor maintenance of public parks

Sir/Madam,

I wish to draw your attention to the neglected condition of the public parks in our town. Most parks are poorly maintained, with garbage lying in corners and pools of stagnant water creating an unhealthy environment. Children and elderly people hesitate to visit these parks due to the unhygienic surroundings.

I request the authorities to ensure regular cleaning, proper waste bins, timely removal of garbage, and maintenance of greenery. The stagnant water should be drained to prevent mosquito breeding.

Installing lights and appointing caretakers would greatly improve the situation.

I hope prompt action will be taken.

Yours sincerely,

Raashi/Rahul

6.

Status of Women in Society

by ABC

"Woman is the builder and moulder of a nation's destiny. Though delicate and soft as a lily, she has a heart, far stronger and bolder than of man..." Rabindranath Tagore.

Emotionally as well as intellectually, a woman is as good as a man, if not better. Yet, society does not allow her the same status as a man. The patriarchal society considers women the weaker gender and thus, discriminates against them. In the early Vedic period, women enjoyed equal status. They were well-educated and had the right to choose their husband.

However, this status declined and women began facing confinement and restrictions. It was not long before social ills, against the freedom and dignity of women came into being. Eventually, women were suppressed and oppressed because they were considered inferior to males, deserving of utter subjugation. As a result even educated women do not enjoy freedom in and outside home in matters relating to their marriage and occupation. Those employed, are underpaid as compared to their male counterparts. In addition to that, majority of women face sexual harassment at their workplace.

Though our Constitution has laid down equality of the genders as a fundamental right, women are discriminated against at home, their workplace and in the society in general. Better reforms and legislations are needed for the betterment of women. One can only hope that gradually her status in the society will improve for good.

OR

RAPID DIGITAL ADOPTION: REVOLUTIONISING OUR LIVES

By Ram

Digital adoption refers to the increasing use of technology in everyday life. In recent years, there has been a rapid digital adoption, which has changed the way we communicate, learn, work, and live. While

digital adoption has several advantages, it also has some disadvantages that we need to be aware of. One of the main advantages of digital adoption is that it has made communication much easier and faster. Social media platforms allow people to connect with others from anywhere in the world. Digital adoption has also made it easier to access information, such as news, weather, and entertainment. In the workplace, digital adoption has transformed the way we work. People can work from anywhere in the world, which has led to increased productivity and reduced costs for businesses. Online courses and educational resources are readily available, making it easier to learn new skills and gain knowledge. However, digital adoption has also led to a decrease in face-to-face interaction. People are spending more time on their phones and computers, which can result in less social interaction and decreased physical activity. Additionally, digital adoption can make us more vulnerable to cyber threats, such as hacking and identity theft.

Despite these challenges, digital adoption has revolutionized the way we work, learn, and communicate. With the help of technology, people can access healthcare services and connect with people from different parts of the world. In conclusion, digital adoption has both advantages and disadvantages. While it has revolutionized the way we live, learn, work, and communicate, it has also led to a decrease in face-to-face interaction and increased vulnerability to cyber threats. Therefore, it is essential to use technology wisely and be aware of its potential risks.

SECTION C : GRAMMAR (10 marks)

7. (a) with, (b) should, (c) turned

8.	Word Before	Missing Word	Word After
(a)	both	<u>from</u>	the
(b)	look	<u>at</u>	their
(c)	you	<u>will</u>	find
(d)	roots	<u>are</u>	like

9. Do as directed.

- (a) This is mainly due to inadequate healthcare facilities.
- (b) a. that he might not be able to meet him the next day
b. if he was going to be busy.

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 speaker's 'voice of education' is being referred to here.
b. The word 'he' refers to the snake.
c. The word 'venomous' is a synonym of 'poisonous'.
d. The word 'innocent' here means 'not poisonous'.
- (b) a. Brutus was ending his speech at Caesar's funeral.
b. The word which means the same as leave is 'depart'.
c. Brutus did not stay to hear Antony's speech because he trusted Antony not to criticise him in his absence.
d. After Brutus left, Antony gave a fiery speech, but without directly criticising the conspirators, to incite the Romans to revolt against them.
- (c) i. Nicola is a self-righteous boy. He does not approve of seeking favours from anyone including the narrator.
ii. These lines suggest that Nicola is a very mature, self-respecting, sensitive and cultured boy
iii. Nicola glares at his younger brother Jacopo.
iv. Nicola glares at his younger brother Jacopo because he does not like Jacopo asking for favour from the narrator.

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

- (a) It belongs to the kind Ozymandias. It is in a shattered condition as it is ravaged by time. King Ozymandias had got the statue created as a symbol of his power and mightiness but time destroyed it. Time is all powerful and can destroy everything.

- (b) One day trouble came upon the postmaster. His daughter fell sick and was in another town. He was anxiously waiting for some news of her well-being. After spending just a single night in suspense, anxiously waiting for news of his daughter, his heart empathised with the old man who had spent innumerable nights in anticipation. His newly-awakened father's heart understood Ali's anxiety.
- (c) Due to the craze for the Ouija Board, people everywhere were calling ghosts out of their beds at all times. As a result, life became very difficult for the ghosts. They used to live a peaceful life, occasionally playing a game of haunting, but with the Ouija Board fanatics calling them, they had no rest, and had to answer very strange questions all the time.
- (d) Patol Babu's wife was not much excited about his chance to work in a film. It was because she had lost trust in his promises of rising to a star. Moreover, she knew from her previous experiences that it was his habit to talk about his achievements before he actually accomplished them.
- (e) Michael's dad was a gadget freak and a tech-sawy person. He could not resist any of the new gadgets or gizmos that came to the market. He had got the latest computer system with all accessories.
- (f) Mrs. Jordan is portrayed to be a cunning, insensitive, impolite and materialistic woman, just like her sister. She is very hypocritical when she says Mrs. Slater had committed a "Fatal mistake", when she herself had not bothered to check on grandfather for a very long period of time. She was very critical of the fact that Henry, 'had stepped into a deceased man's slippers in haste'. Her sister says that she is very sharp, is capable of securing everything she likes and striking a cheap bargain. She has a habit of grabbing all good things in the world, therefore, she has an eye on her father's valuable gold watch. She stoops to the extent of disgracing her sister to get her father's property, though everything turned out into being an exercise in futility.

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

(a) August 4, 20XX

Friday

10:15 p.m.

Dear Diary,

I don't feel good these days ever since father left us. I feel responsible for all that happened. Why did I stoop so low? Mom had brought us up with such great morals and values. Where did I lose them? I am looked down upon by everyone in the family. Henry hardly talks to me. My daughter Victoria, too, blames me for the entire dispute in the family.

I have proved to be an absolute failure as a human being by trying to secure inanimate objects, totally insensitive to the speculated state of my father's death. Without bothering to ascertain his death, I began preparing for my life after his death. How deplorable! I empathise with dad now as I face the same neglect from my family. I deserve it but dad didn't.

My guilt is weighing very heavily on my mind. I have to make amends for all my sins. I will go and meet him tomorrow and seek his pardon. I need to apologize to Elizabeth also. I hope Victoria and Henry will forgive me. What a horrible daughter, wife and mother I have been! Sorry mom for letting you down. Sorry, Sorry!!

Amelia

(b) H.No. 248, Anand Vihar

New Delhi-110092

24th May, 20XX

Dear Prem

Hope you are hale and hearty. I am writing this letter to share with you the lesson I have learnt from the story called '*Mrs. Packletide's Tiger*' written by Saki.

In the tale, Mrs. Packletide makes a decision to kill the tiger just to deflect attention away from her bitter rival, Loona Bimberton. The idea, however, did not work out, and she ended up incurring a significant financial loss. On the other hand, a thrifty character by the name of Louisa Mebbin employed extortion against Mrs. Packletide to realise her middle-class fantasies. The story taught me that vanity is extremely damaging and should be avoided at all costs.

Instead of trying to outdo others, we should strive to be better people. We shouldn't base our decisions on a desire to win the admiration or approval of others. We should strive to make our heart's content instead.

I think that you will also like the story if you read it. Do write to me after reading it.

With regards

Santosh

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