

**Solution**  
**PRELIMINARY EXAM - 5**  
**Class 10 - English Communicative (101)**  
**SECTION A : READING SKILLS (22 marks)**

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

1. Choice of profession and career is of great importance. Success depends on the right and timely choice of a career. There are a great variety of careers and professions. The lack of proper counselling worsens the situation. It also results in unemployment and frustration which means a lot of waste of money, time and energy. The students should take the help of elders, teachers and professionals in deciding their careers. They should choose their career according to their aptitude and resources.
2. Young people are ambitious, impatient and eager to achieve good positions. They want to become high officials, executives and have top positions without considering their qualifications, skills, etc. This is a wrong attitude. One should be realistic. One may dream of becoming a super film star and end up as a mere casual artist. Such high ambitions lead to disillusionment and unhappiness.
3. It is better to choose a career at the high school level than go for higher studies aimlessly. One should go for a vocational course at this stage. There are many careers, professions and vocations to choose from. There are teaching, engineering, medicine, law, technology, business, trade, computer application career, government employment, positions in the police and army etc. But each of these requires special aptitude, training, and resources. One may have proper qualifications and aptitude for a career of a doctor or engineer. But if there are no financial resources to train for it, one cannot choose it as one's career.
4. Choice of a career is not simply a matter of likes and dislikes. Financial resources play a very important role in deciding to choose a profession. For lack of funds, one will have to choose a far humbler career. One can take to politics if one has an aptitude for public life. It is a profession of hard labour and perseverance. If you have strong optimism, ambition for fame and are prepared to face the worst, you are best suited for politics. If you have enough money and resources and want to grow very rich, you can choose business as your career. Therefore, be practical, logical and reasonable in choosing your profession. This is a crucial choice.

(a) **(d)** Unrealistic ambitions

**Explanation:**

Unrealistic ambitions

(b) Help from counselors, elders, teachers and professionals helps an individual to decide the right career on the basis of their aptitudes and the resources available to them.

(c) **(c)** Aptitude for public life

**Explanation:**

Aptitude for public life

(d) The right time to make a career choice is when an individual is in high school. This is so because this will allow them to develop the special aptitude required for a career.

(e) Financial resources are important to consider when choosing a career because lack of funds does not allow an individual to choose a career option that requires great education funding. Hence, with lack of funds, one will have to choose a humble career.

(f) guidance

(g) **(c)** All of these

**Explanation:**

All of these

(h) right and timely choice of career

(i) worsening of the situation of unemployment and frustration among many young people.

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

Read the following table displaying how Millets are processed and prepared for consumption.

Processing	Activities Involved	Effects on the Millets and their nutrients
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Common Steps		
<b>Removing the Husk</b>	Removing the husk from the grains because it is composed of cellulosic matter that the human body cannot digest.	As per a study, when this is done to pearl millets, their phytic acid and polyphenol contents drop. As per a paper published in 2021, millet husk can be briquetted and used as household fuel, and potentially alleviate energy poverty in north Nigeria.
<b>Decortivating the grain</b>	Decortivating the grain, that is, to remove any other outer covering and expose the seed.	Mechanical and hand-worked decortication do not have significant effects on the grain. Both remove crude and dietary fibre. They make the grain more edible and visually attractive, which are favourable factors when marketing them to urban centres.
<b>Milling and Grinding</b>	Milling to grind the grains into flour. Sieving to remove large 'impurities' including bran.	Whole-flour has a high content of 'total polyphenols and flavonoids.' Sieving makes the flour more digestible and its nutrients more accessible to the body. But it also reduces the nutrient content due to the loss of bran.
<b>Germination and Fermentation</b>	Grains are soaked in water for an extended duration.	A positive improvement in the overall nutritional characteristics of millets.
<b>Polishing</b>	Polishing is the process whereby brown rice, for example, is changed to white rice by rubbing off the bran and the germ.	As per a 2012 study, barnyard millet can be polished with a rice polisher for up to three minutes without significant nutrient loss. Polished millets are preferred by- (i) customers: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>◦ for the resulting taste and texture</li> <li>◦ shorter cooking time</li> </ul> (ii) retailers <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>◦ longer shelf life that is achieved by removing the bran</li> </ul>

- (a) Removing the husk from the grains can be linked to the fulfilment of energy requirements of households because husk removed from the millets can be briquetted and used as fuel in households in some regions like North Nigeria. In this way, it can help to reduce the energy poverty in the region by providing the husk as fuel.
- (b) **(c)** Removing the impurities from the millets  
**Explanation:**  
 Removing the impurities from the millets
- (c) Polished millets are popular among the people because polishing improves the taste and texture of the millets. This improved taste and texture is liked by the customers. Retailers prefer to have polished millets for sale because polishing increases the shelf life of the millets.
- (d) Germination
- (e) **(b)** False  
**Explanation:**  
 False
- (f) husk is made of cellulosic matter that cannot be digested by the human body.
- (g) It suggests that urban people prefer more edible and visually attractive grains as decortication adds these qualities to the grains.
- (h) **(d)** A - 4; B - 3; C - 5  
**Explanation:**  
 A - 4; B - 3; C - 5

## SECTION B : WRITING SKILLS (22 marks)

3. To,

The Principal  
Sarvodaya Govt. Girls Sr. Sec. School  
Bhola Nath Nagar, Shahdara  
November 22, 20xx  
Madam

Most respectfully I beg to say that I am a student of VIIth class of your school. As you know music plays a very important role in our life. We would really be glad if you could arrange music classes in our school so that we can learn it.

Thanking you  
Yours obediently  
Shalu dua

4. Dr. A.P.J. Abdul Kalam is a famous name in the whole world in several fields. He is among the greatest scientists of the 21<sup>st</sup> century. Even more, he was the 11<sup>th</sup> President of India and served his country to bring about great changes in it. His contribution as a scientist and as a President is beyond comparison. Apart from that, his contribution to the ISRO (Indian Space Research Organisation) is remarkable. He headed many projects that contributed to the society and he was the one who helped in the development of Agni and Prithvi missiles. For his involvement in the Nuclear Power in India, he was known as 'Missile Man of India'. And due to his contribution to the country, the government awarded him with the highest civilian award.

5. C/43, Hauz Khas  
New Delhi  
Dec 1, 2018  
The Editor  
The Indian Express  
New Delhi

Sir,

**Sub: Problem of Child Labour**

Through the columns of your esteemed daily, I wish to raise my voice against the worst social evil-child labour. Childhood is the best period of one's life but it is unfortunate on the part of children that, despite the ban on child labour, imposed by the government, the practice is still prevalent in our society. Data shows that there are 12 million child workers in our country.

The root cause of the problem is lack of awareness and poverty. Poor parents send their children to earn, rather than sending them to school. They seek financial support from them but this practice has an adverse impact.

I hope, through media, the general public should be made aware of the children's plight. Rules against child labour should be followed strictly. Since destitution is the main driver of this issue and implementation alone can't help explain it, the Government has been providing free education to the kids.

I hope you consider my letter.

Thanking you,  
Yours sincerely,  
Aryan.

OR

St. Joseph's High School  
Pune Cantt  
28 August 2023

The Director  
Lingua for All Institute  
Ghorpadi, Pune

**Subject: Inquiry Regarding Foreign Language Courses**

Sir,

I am writing on behalf of St. Joseph's High School as the C.C.A. Incharge, and we recently came across your newspaper advertisement regarding admissions at *Lingua for All* Institute. We are keen to gather comprehensive information about your foreign language courses for our students.

- a. Kindly provide details about the eligibility criteria for admission.
- b. Could you specify the duration of the courses offered at *Lingua for All*?
- c. We are interested in understanding the time schedule for classes to help our students plan their commitments accordingly.
- d. Please share the fee structure for the courses you offer.
- e. It would be helpful to know more about the qualifications and experience of your esteemed faculty members.
- f. Do you offer any placement assistance or opportunities for students completing their courses at *Lingua for All*?

Your prompt response will greatly assist us in guiding our students toward enriching foreign language learning experiences. We eagerly await your reply and the possibility of collaboration.

Thank you for your attention to our inquiry.

Yours Sincerely,

Aruna/Arjun

6. **Free and Fair Print and Electronic Media - The Need of the Hour**  
by PQR

Today, we are living in a society where information is everything and different forms of media have become the strapping tool of communication and connectivity. In the present world, with the advancement of digital technology and internet facilities, print and electronic has become an even more powerful phenomenon as the most influential source of news, views, ideas and opinion. In this world of globalisation, the impact and influence of free and fair media are all-pervasive. The social setup of our civilisation relies heavily on media for not only information but also judgments and opinions. It is media which acts as an important pillar of democracy. It brings all these things to notice and creates public awareness and catalyses people to act, react and interact. The government utilises the power of mass media to explain, inform, and support its policies and programs. Further, it is the media which keeps people updated and informed so that everyone draws something from it.

The ability of the media to reach a wide audience with a strong and influential message has the potential to have a strong social, cultural and political impact upon society. Media has the supreme potential to educate, inform and condition people's minds. Hence, we must always promote free and fair print and electronic media.

OR

**CRICKET VERSUS FOOTBALL**

By Naresh

Cricket and football are two popular sports played across the world. In India, cricket is worshipped more than football. There are many tournaments organised for this game. Almost everyone in the country knows the rules and knows how to play it. But in the case of football and other games, people have less or no knowledge about how to play them.

There are several reasons for this phenomenon. Firstly, cricket has a rich history in India. The sport was introduced during the British colonial era and quickly gained popularity among the locals. Since then, cricket has become a part of Indian culture and heritage. It has produced many legendary players like Sachin Tendulkar, Sunil Gavaskar and Kapil Dev, who have become national icons. Secondly, cricket has a wider reach in India compared to football. While cricket is played in every nook and corner of the country, football is mainly played in some regions. Moreover, cricket is broadcasted on national obsession. Lastly, cricket is seen as a symbol of national pride and unity. When the Indian cricket team plays, the entire nation comes together to support it creating an emotional attachment.

In conclusion, cricket is worshipped more than football in India because of its rich history, wider reach, and emotional attachment towards it. However, it is important to remember that both sports have their own unique qualities and should be respected equally.

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

7. (a) on, (b) the, (c) will

8.		<b>Error</b>	<b>Correction</b>
	(a)	learn	<u>learnt</u>
	(b)	shouldn't	<u>don't</u>
	(c)	was	<u>is</u>
	(d)	all	<u>many.</u>

9. Do as directed.

- (a) Unfortunately, some do not believe in God.  
 (b) (a) if anything was missing, (b) where she had kept it

**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) i. As there was no audience to listen to the songs of the nightingale, the ticket office gross crashed.  
 ii. The ears of the nightingale were addicted to the loud cheers and unlimited applause of the audience.  
 iii. She was instructed by the heartless frog to sing all alone in the night as he did not want to lose any opportunity to earn.  
 iv. The rhyme scheme of the given stanza is aa bb cc.
- (b) a. Grandfather is the speaker.  
 b. When Amelia asks grandfather if was asleep, he replies in the negative and says the above lines.  
 c. The speaker is dazed because he is said to have been drunk the previous night.  
 d. He experienced difficulty in moving his hands and legs.
- (c) a. Mrs. Packletide's movements and motives were mostly governed by her dislike of Loona Bimberton.  
 b. Mrs. Packletide was different from other people, because their movements and motives were governed by hunger and by love.  
 c. Mrs. Packletide had planned to shoot a tiger and display its skin in a party to outshine Loona Bimberton's achievement.  
 d. 'swayed'

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

- (a) The mariners were furious with the Ancient Mariner for having killed the albatross for no reason at all. They were angry as the bird was a blessing, as it had made the wind blow.
- (b) The boys disliked the Germans, because their beloved father was killed during the war, leaving them all alone in the world. Besides, a bomb had destroyed their home depriving them of a comfortable and cultured life. The 3 siblings were thrown out onto the streets to face the misfortunes of life. Their hatred was further aggravated, when the war took its toll on their sister's health. Though they were steadfast in their determination to tide over, the hatred towards the Germans was to stay.
- (c) Lavinia thought that John had been cheating on her with a woman named Helen. She suspected him of doing something wrong and hence decided to leave John Hallock and go to her grandmother's house.
- (d) The expression means to get excited about the happening of something even before it has actually happened. These words were rightly said by Patol Babu's wife when he started imagining his role and rise to fame.
- (e) At the time of the accident, Sebastian was using his laptop to play one of the psycho-drive games. He was plugged on to the computer when his head banged in the accident. The computer had saved his memory on its own. Thus, Sebastian had entered the games but could not come out of it.
- (f) Amelia does not want to go to any doctor as she wants to get rid of Mr. Abel so she says that Dr. Pringle has been providing treatment to Mr. Abel for a long time. She pretends that it would not

be a wise step for her to call another doctor to check Mr. Abel. Another doctor might give him wrong treatment. She tries to prove that her decision of not calling another doctor is justified.

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

(a) After making peace with the conspirators and getting their permission, Antony speaks directly to the Roman mob. He pretends that he has not come to praise Caesar and speaks in favour of Brutus and the others. However, he does just the opposite. He starts narrating the conquests, glories and trophies that Caesar brought to Rome. He brought many captives and received ransoms and tributes. He wept for the poor and for their cause. In his will, he left his private garden and parks for their use. They were his heirs. Antony's speech is more effective because his speech is sincere and replete with feelings and emotions for Caesar, it is more impactful. He very deftly informs the audience that Caesar was not ambitious but rather had turned down the crown three times. By winning, he increased Rome's prestige. Antony conclusively proved that Brutus and the other conspirators were liars and murderers. He managed to sway the crowd's emotions to support Caesar and turn their fury towards the conspirators.

(b) Sohan Nagar  
Uttar Pradesh  
20 October 1930

Dear Ranjan

Hope you and your family are doing well. I am writing this letter to make a confession. I have been going through immense stress for the past few days. There was an old coachman, Ali, here at Sohan Nagar. He used to come to the post office every day, hoping to receive a letter from his daughter, and all of us would tease him a lot. But I went a step further and called him a 'pest' one day.

But once I was waiting eagerly for my daughter Kajal's letter who was unwell. It was then a father's anxiety dawned on me. I am filled with remorse. I realised that experience does make a man wiser.

Yesterday while surfing through the letters, I was shocked to see a letter from his daughter Miriam, addressed to the old coachman. When we tried to locate him, we were informed of his demise three months ago.

My clerk Lakshmi Das then told me that on the last day, Ali had come to the post office, he had given him 5 guineas and had requested him to place his daughter's letter if and when it arrived on his grave. Respecting his wishes we went together and offered our respects to the dead man and placed the letter on his grave.

Consequently, I have fallen into a depression as a result of my remorse. However, I have decided to turn over a new leaf and become more humane. Perhaps that will be the way of seeking redemption.

My earnest prayer to God is to bless him!

Yours sincerely  
Sushil