

BUDHA DAL PUBLIC SCHOOL PATIALA
PRE BOARD EXAMINATION (12 December 2025)

English Communicative

Class - X (Set - A)

Time Allowed: 3 hours

General Instructions:

Maximum Marks: 80

1. This question paper comprises 10 questions. All questions are compulsory.

2. The question paper contains four sections:

Section - A	Reading Skills	22 marks
Section - B	Writing Skills	22 marks
Section - C	Grammar	10 marks
Section - D	Literature Textbook	26 marks

3. Attempt questions based on specific instructions for each part.

Section - A (Reading Skills)

- Q1. Read the passage carefully.**

(12 marks)

1. Peer pressure is a phenomenon wherein we tend to get influenced by the lifestyle and the ways of thinking of our peers. Peer pressure can prove beneficial but it is most often observed to have negative effects.
2. The thought, behaviour and taste in fashion, music, television and other walks of life of the masses are often seen to have a deep impact on society. We tend to get influenced by the lifestyle of our peer group. The changing ways of life of our peers often force us to change our ways of looking at life and leading it. It's a human tendency to do what the crowd does. Few have the courage to resist the peer pressure and be their own selves rather than being one among the lot. Peer pressure is bound to affect most of us both positively and negatively. The distinction between positive and negative peer pressure lies in a thoughtful analysis of the views of the masses. Following your peers blindly leaves a negative impact on your life while an analytical approach of looking at peer behaviour can help you act positively. Peer pressure is not always bad. It can help you analyse yourself and contemplate on your ways of life. Some of the practices that the masses follow may actually teach you the way of living. You may be able to change yourself for the better. Looking at what others do, can help you bring about a positive change in your way of thinking. If you can pick selectively, peer pressure can actually result in a positive change in your way of life.
3. Teenage is that phase of life when you are exposed to the world outside. These are the years when you spend most of your time with your friends. Teenage is the phase of beginning to become independent in life; the years of forming your ideals and principles, the years that shape your personality and the years that introduce you to your own self. As adolescents you often spend most of your daily time with friends and owing to this, you tend to imitate your friends. The people around you are bound to influence you. However, the effect of the influences of the masses is greater during your teen years. Parents have a vital role to play during this phase of your life. Parents and teachers need to be careful while dealing with teenagers, as they are most susceptible to succumb to peer pressure during these years of their life. Teenage individuals need to be taught to distinguish between the good and the bad, the right and the wrong and should be taught to be thoughtful in life.
4. A strong support from family, an ability to differentiate between the positive and the negative and a skill to choose friends from among the peers - this three-pronged strategy is the best way to keep away from negative peer pressure.

Answer the following questions, based on the passage above:

- a) How can changing ways of life of our peers affect us? (2)
- b) Complete the following sentence appropriately. (1)
It takes a lot of courage to _____
- c) Name any two factors which can help you gain from peer pressure. (2)

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d) Study the following statements:

(1)

1) : Teenagers are most susceptible to succumb to peer pressure.

2) : Parents and teachers need to be careful while dealing with teenagers.

Choose the correct option:

i) (1) is an assertion and (2) is the reason

ii) (2) is an assertion and (1) is the reason

iii) Both (1) and (2) are assertions

iv) Both (1) and (2) are reasons

e) State any two characteristics of teenage.

(2)

f) Complete the following sentence appropriately.

(1)

A thoughtful analysis of views of masses will lead to _____

g) In which phase of life are we exposed to the world outside?

(1)

h) Which of the following statements agrees with the author's ideas?

(1)

1) Looking at what others do can help you bring about a positive change in your way of thinking.

2) Teenage is the phase of beginning to become independent in life.

3) It's human tendency to get influenced by the lifestyle of peers.

4) Peer pressure is bound to affect us superficially.

i) (1) and (2) ii) (2) and (3) iii) (3) and (4) iv) (1) and (4)

i) Find a word from paragraph 2 which means the same as 'difference'.

(1)

Q2. Read the following table displaying the details of some prominent astronomers and their achievements:

(10)

Name	Discoveries	Publications	Innovations	Overall Impact (100)	Interest in Co-curricular Activities	Major Achievements
Dr. Maya Patel	Exoplanets	15	Developed new telescope lens	90	Science Club, Debate Club	Discovered 10 new exoplanets
Dr. Alex Jones	Dark Matter	20	Created a dark matter detector	88	Astronomy Club, Chess Club	Published influential papers on dark matter theory
Dr. Priya Singh	Black Holes	18	Improved black hole imaging	92	Physics Club, Creative Writing	Led a project that captured the first image of a black hole
Dr. Ravi Mehta	Star Formation	12	Developed star mapping software	85	Sports (Tennis, Running), Photography	Created a detailed map of star formation in the Milky Way

Based on your understanding of the table, answer the following questions:

a) Identify the astronomer from the above table who is most likely to excel in projects involving innovative technology.

(1)

b) Dr. Ravi Mehta has interest in Sports and Photography. Choose the best career option for him from the given options:

(1)

i) Astrophotographer ii) Software Engineer iii) Sports Coach

c) Which interest(s) of Dr. Priya Singh can help in her research on black holes?

(1)

d) Give one justification each to prove that:

(2)

i) Dr. Maya Patel's discoveries are significant in the field of astronomy, and

ii) Dr. Alex Jones is capable to leading complex research projects.

e) Select the correct option to fill in the blank and complete the analogy.

(1)

telescope : lens :: dark matter detector : _____

i) particles ii) sensors iii) waves

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- f) State whether the given statement is TRUE or FALSE. (1)
From the table given above, we can infer that Dr. Ravi Mehta has fewer publications, than Dr. Alex Jones.
- g) Explain why situation (ii), from the three situations given below, showcases Dr. Priya Singh's expertise in black hole research: (2)
Situations:
i) During a physics lecture, Dr. Priya Singh explains the complexities of black holes using simple analogies.
ii) In a collaborative project, Dr. Priya Singh leads a team to capture the first image of a black hole.
iii) At an astronomy conference, Dr. Priya Singh discusses her findings on black hole radiation.
- h) Choose the correct option which proves that Dr. Alex Jones is an influential figure in dark matter research. (1)
i) Dr. Alex Jones follows existing theories without questioning them.
ii) Dr. Alex Jones develops new models and publishes influential papers on dark matter.
iii) Dr. Alex Jones avoids publishing his work and focuses on private research.

Section - B (Writing Skills)

- Q3. You are Aman/Aarohi, a student of Class X. Write an application to the Principal in about 50 words, requesting an extra study period in the timetable before exams to help students revise their subjects more effectively. (3)

- Q4. Write a factual description, in not more than 100 words, of a doctor you visit when you are ill. (4)

- Q5. Attempt any one of the following: (7)
Many students from different parts of the country come to Delhi to study. Finding affordable accommodation is the main problem faced by them. Landlords charge exorbitant rents and in some cases refuse to rent rooms to them because of their different food habits and culture. The hostel facility provided by educational institutions is too inadequate to meet the demand. Write a letter in 120 words to the editor of a local daily drawing attention of the authorities and requesting them to take appropriate action. You are Raman/ Raveena, 12, Station Road, Delhi.

OR

Write a letter to the Municipal Commissioner of your city, requesting the strict implementation of waste segregation and recycling programs to combat pollution. Suggest measures to involve citizens in the initiative. Use ideas from Unit 4 : Environment, along with your own to write this letter in not more than 120 words.

- Q6. Attempt any one of the following: (8)
India represents a harmonious concerns in spite of distinctions. Taking ideas from the Unit 'National Integration' and using the given cues along with your own ideas, write an article in 150 words for your school magazine on "The Importance of Diversified Culture'.

- India - a land embracing many cultures
- India - festivals dedicated to seasons and harvests
- India - multitude of castes, creed, colour, convictions, culture, cuisines, costumes and customs
- India - multitude of castes, creed, colour, convictions, culture, cuisines, costumes and customs
- India - national festivals - pride, sense of patriotism - promote national integration

OR

Nowhere in the world is found such a beauty, different and diversified climate, flora, fauna, religions, languages, dialects, dressing patterns, lifestyle and rituals, like India. The Indian tourism and hospitality industry has emerged as one of the key drivers of growth among the services sector in India. Using the ideas from the unit 'Travel and Tourism' and your own ideas, write an article in about 150 words for your school magazine offering suggestions for promoting tourist industry. Give a suitable title.

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Section - C (Grammar)

Complete the tasks A - C, as directed

- Q7. A) Fill the blanks (i) - (iii) with the appropriate option from those given in the brackets. (3)
 One bright girl in (i) (a/ an/ the) crowd asked me a question which (ii) (leaves, left, leaving) me dazed. It was the (iii) (more/ most/ many) difficult question.

- B) In the following paragraph, one word has been omitted in each line. Write the missing word along with the word that comes before and the word that comes after it in the given below. (4)

	Before	Omission	After
(a) When she saw me at her blankly,			
(b) she repeated same question.			
(c) Somehow, looking at her, I felt I looking at myself when I was twenty years old.			
(d) In a fraction of a second an answer came my mind.			

- C) Do as directed (1+2=3)

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

Mr. Livingstone: You must put the money in a bank. You may need it one day.

Miss Robinson: No, I won't do that.

Mr. Livingstone: Why?

Miss. Robinson: LIFE/ I'VE NEVER/ ALL/ HAD/ A HOLIDAY/ MY/ I'M GOING/ NOW/ FRANCE/ OF/ THE SOUTH/ TO

- II) Report the dialogues to complete the paragraph that follows:

Mr. Hamel: Have you done your homework today, Frantz?

Frantz: No sir, I had to go out with my parents.

Mr. Hamel: I cannot forgive you, this time you have to call your parents.

Mr. M. Hamel asked Frantz (a) Frantz replied negatively saying that he had to go out with his parents. Then Mr. M. Hamel said (b)

Section - D (Literature)

- Q8. Read the given extract carefully. Attempt any two out of three extracts:

(4+4=8)

- A) CALPURNIA : Say he is sick.

CAESAR : Shall Caesar send a lie?

Have I in conquest stretch'd mine arm so far,

To be afraid to tell graybeards the truth?

Decius, go tell them Caesar will not come.

DECIUS BRUTUS : Most mighty Caesar, let me know, some cause.

Lest I be laugh'd at when I tell them so.

CAESAR : Calpurnia here, my wife, stays me at home:

She dreamt to-night she saw my statue,

Which, like a fountain with an hundred spouts,

Did run pure blood: and many lusty Romans

Came smiling, and did bathe their hands in it:

And these does she apply for warnings, and portents.

And evils imminent; and on her knee

Hath begg'd that I will stay at home to-day

1. Examine : "Say he is sick."
2. How does Caesar react to Calpurnia's suggestion to make an excuse for not going to the Senate house?
3. What does Caesar ask Decius Brutus to tell the senators on his behalf?
4. What does Caesar confide in Decius Brutus?

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The ice was all around:
 It cracked and growled, and roared and howled,
 Like noises in a swound!
 At length did cross an Albatross,
 Through the fog it came:
 As it had been a Christian soul,
 We hailed it in God's name.

1. The poet uses repetition in the first two lines, 'the ice was here' 'the ice was there'. What effect does he wish to bring out?
2. What do the words 'cracked', 'growled', 'howled' associated with?
3. Why did the sailors thank God?
4. What does the poet mean when he says, 'through the fog came he'?

C) He reflected deeply, and came to the conclusion that the whole universe was built up through love and that the grief of separation was inescapable. And seeing this, he sat down under a tree and wept bitterly. From that day he had risen each morning at 4 o'clock to walk to the post-office. In his whole life, he had never received a letter, but with a devout serenity born of hope and faith, he persevered and was always the first to arrive. The post office, one of the uninteresting buildings in the world, became his place of pilgrimage. He always occupied a particular seat in a particular corner of the building, and when the people got to know his habit they laughed at him. The postmen began to make a game of him. Even though there was no letter for him they would call out his name for the fun of seeing him jump up and come to the door. Still with a boundless faith and infinite patience, he came every day, and went away empty-handed.

1. Why did Ali stop hunting?
2. Why did Ali visit the post office every day?
3. What does the expression 'To make a game of him' mean in this context?
4. What has the post office been compared to in the above lines?

Q9. Answer any five of the following six questions in about 30-40 words each : (5x2=10)

- a) List the different jobs Nicola and Jacopo took to earn money.
- b) How did the 'Jailbreak' end in disaster for Sebastian?
- c) What instructions does the frog give when the income from the concerts falls sharply?
- d) Bring out the irony in the title of the play "The Dear Departed".
- e) How did Patol Babu prepare for the role, despite it being a minor one?
- f) What does the poet compare the snake's drinking habits to? Why?

Q10. Answer any one of the following in about 150 words.

- a) Both 'The letter' and 'The Rime of the Ancient Mariner' revolve around the themes of suffering and redemption. How do Ali and the Mariner experience personal transformation through their respective journeys of pain. (8)

OR

- b) Loyalty to a friend is a noble quality. Antony is a loyal friend of Ceaser's. Describe how Antony succeeds in taking revenge for Caesar's murder.

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