

English (Communicative) – 2008
Comptt.
(Set I – Delhi)

Time allowed : **3 hours**

Maximum marks : **100**

General Instructions:

(i) This paper consists of four Sections:

Section A - Reading 20 marks

Section B - Writing 30 marks

Section C - Grammar 20 marks

Section D - Literature 30 marks

(ii) Attempt all questions.

(iii) Do not write anything in the Question Paper.

(iv) All the answers must be correctly numbered as in the Question Paper and written in the answer sheet provided to you.

(v) Attempt all questions in each Section before going on to the next Section.

(vi) Read each question carefully and follow the instructions.

(vii) Strictly adhere to the word limit given with each question.

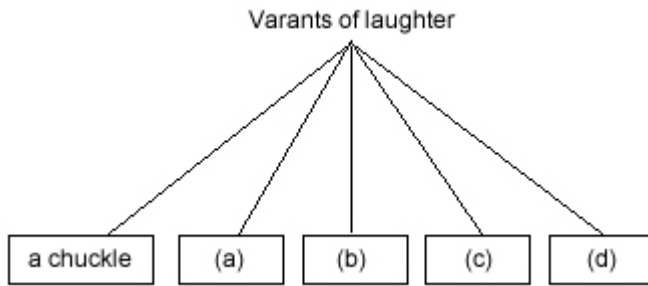
SECTION A (READING) (20 marks)

Q. 1. Read the passage given below and answer the questions that follow:

(12 marks)

1. It is not paradoxical that this funny sensation, laughter, is still a mystery? It is not always easy to pinpoint what exactly provokes laughter. Take the case of tickling. The laughter raised by it is purely physiological. Or consider a smile. It has not been possible to explain satisfactorily what causes an infant's smile when asleep or while awake. A smile is called silent laughter. A two-year old laughs uncontrollably every time its mother has a fit of coughing. May be, it finds her facial expressions during a cough extremely funny. Circus clowns evoke laughter by their mere appearance.
2. Each one of us has an individual style of laughter. Often we are able to recognise a person, even before seeing him, by the sound of his laughter. There are several variants of laughter : a chuckle, giggle, snigger, guffaw, belly laugh and the like.
3. Laughter could be a language by itself. Even without being backed by spoken words, it can convey messages. Suppose a village lad proposes to a lass he has taken a fancy to, she might just giggle and run away. She has conveyed her response to him. If a person accuses another of some improper behaviour, the accused might just laugh, which would amount to contemptuous dismissal of the allegation.
4. But laughter and its variants are generally taken as indicators of mirth, amusement or an expression of happiness. Laughter and happiness go hand in hand. No one can laugh when sad or in pain.
5. Realising the role of laughter in our lives, various ways to generate laughter have been devised. Comedy in plays, movies and TV programmes carries massive doses of fun. There are also clubs whose members gather solely to exchange laughter. Then there are plenty of comics and joke books in various languages meant to tickle your funny bone.
6. That's not all. Laughter is also being recognised as an acceptable form of therapy. Medical researchers have discovered that laughter can serve as an adjunct to the mainline treatment of diseases.

7. As people seek laughter as an escape or diversion, those who provide it are not only in demand but popular too. Comedians of the English screen like Charlie Chaplin, Bob Hope, the Marx Brothers, Laurel and Hardy have enjoyed mass adulation. Indian comedians too have always been very popular.
8. Apart from seeking fun from outside sources, it would be an added blessing if we possess the ability to see the lighter side of things in our day-to-day life; it would enable us to remain cheerful and happy, which is all what the laughter factories are about.
9. **1.1** On the basis of your understanding of the above assage,complete the following sentences. Write the answers in your answer sheet against the correct blank numbers.**(5 × 1 = 5 marks)**
- (a) A smile is
- (b) Laughter is a language by itself for
- (c) Laughter is an indicator of
- (d) Massive doses of fun are found in
- (e) Comedians are very popular and in great demand because
10. **Ans.** (a) called silent laughter.
 (b) it can convey messages without being backed by spoken words.
 (c) mirth, amusement or an expression of happiness.
 (d) plays, movies and TV programmes.
 (e) they provide laughter to people who seek it as an escape or diversion.
11. **1.2** Complete the diagram below on the variants of laughter. **(4 × 1/2 = 2 marks)**



- 12.
13. **Ans.** (a) a giggle (b) a snigger (c) a guffaw (d) a belly laugh.
14. **1.3** Complete the table on various sources to generate laughter. **(4 × 1/2 = 2 marks)**
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|-------|-----|-----|-----|-----|
| plays | (a) | (b) | (c) | (d) |
|-------|-----|-----|-----|-----|
- 15.
16. **Ans.** (a) movies (b) TV programmes (c) clubs (d) comics and joke books.
17. **1.4** Find words/phrases from the passage which mean the same as the following from the paragraphs indicated. Write the answers in your answer sheet. **(3 × 1 = 3 marks)**
- (a) rouse (para 1)
 (b) scornful (para 3)
 (c) large and heavy (para 5)
18. **Ans.** (a) evoke (b) contemptuous (c) massive.
19. **Q. 2.** Read the following poem carefully: **(8 marks)**
20. **Ans.** My grandmother was a genius. You'd like to know why?
 Because she could climb trees. Spreading or high,
 She'd be up their branches in a trice. And mind you,
 When last she climbed a tree, she was sixty-two.
 Ever since childhood, she'd had this gift
 For being happier in a tree than in a lift;
 And though, as years went by, she would be told
 That climbing trees should stop when one grew old—

And that growing old should be gone about gracefully—
 She'd laugh and say, 'Well, I'll grow old disgracefully.
 I can do it better.' And we had to agree;
 For in all the garden there wasn't a tree
 She hadn't been up, at one time or another
 (Having learned to climb from a loving brother
 When she was six)—but it was feared by all
 That one day she'd have a terrible fall.
 The outcome was different—while we were in town
 She climbed a tree and couldn't come down.
 We went to rescue, and then
 The doctor took Granny's temperature and said,
 'I strongly recommend a quiet week in bed.'
 We sighed with relief and tucked her up well.
 Poor Granny! For her, it was like a brief season in hell. - **Ruskin Bond**

21. **2.1** Read the following summary. Complete it by writing the missing words against the correct blank numbers in your answer sheet. **(10 × 1/2 = 5 marks)**.

Grandmother was a (a) for she could climb (b) whether they were spreading out or they were high. She could climb a tree in a (c) She last climbed a tree at (d) She had been doing it since her (e) and she was happier in a tree than in (f) Though she was advised against (g) trees, there was not a tree in the garden which she hadn't climbed. She did not have a (h) as feared by all but landed up in a high tree not knowing how to come down. After being (i) she was strongly advised by the doctor to be in bed which seemed like a (j) to her.

22. **Ans.** (a) genius (b) trees (c) trice (d) the age of sixty-two (e) childhood (f) a lift (g) climbing (h) fall (i) rescued (j) season in hell
23. **2.2** Complete the following statements on the basis of your reading of the poem. Write your answers in the answer sheet against the correct blank numbers. **(3 × 1 = 3 marks)**

(a) Granny had the gift
 (b) By saying "I'd grow old disgracefully" Granny meant
 (c) Doctor's recommendation of Granny to bed was a great relief to everyone for

24. **Ans.** (a) of being more happy climbing a tree than going up in a lift.
 (b) that she could age more gracefully by fulfilling her passion for climbing trees.
 (c) that was the only way to get her to take some rest and prevent her from climbing trees.

25. SECTION B (WRITING) (30 marks)

26. **Q.3.** You are Richa, Secretary of the Arts Club of A.B.C. School, Pune. Your Club has decided to organise an Inter Class Cartoon Competition. Mentioning the date of the competition, prizes etc., draft a notice, in not more than 50 words for the student's Notice Board inviting the names of the participants. **(5 marks)**

27. **Ans.**
 A.B.C., SCHOOL
 PUNE
 NOTICE

6th August, 20xx

CARTOON COMPETITION

The Arts Club is organising an Interclass Cartoon Competition on 16th August in the Mini Auditorium. Cartoons have to be made on a significant event or an important personality. The prize would include a

Certificate and Cash prizes. Those interested, can give in their names by 10th August to the undersigned.

Richa
Secretary

28. **Q.4.** You are Nandini and are staying with your uncle at Delhi. During your visit to an art exhibition last week you saw paintings and drawings of renowned artists on paper, canvas cloth, brass plates etc. depicting the rich cultural heritage of India. Write a postcard to your friend, Aditi, 15 Model Town, Ajmer giving her your impressions of the exhibition. Do not exceed 50 words. Copy the format of the postcard from the question paper in your answer sheet. **(5 marks)**

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29.

30. **Ans.**

<p><i>29th June, 20xx</i></p> <p><i>Dearest Aditi,</i></p> <p><i>I got a chance to visit an Art Exhibition last week. It was a unique opportunity for me to see paintings of renowned artists under one roof. These paintings made on paper, canvas cloth, brass plates etc. depicted the rich cultural heritage of India and</i></p>	
<p><i>left a lasting impression on my mind due to their sheer authenticity and amazing creativity.</i></p> <p><i>Yours Lovingly</i></p> <p><i>Nandini</i></p>	<div style="border: 1px solid black; width: 30px; height: 20px; margin: 0 auto 10px auto;"></div> <hr/> <i>Ms. Aditi</i> <hr/> <i>15, Model Town</i> <hr/> <i>Ajmer</i> <hr/> Pin <input type="text"/> <input type="text"/> <input type="text"/> <input type="text"/> <input type="text"/> <input type="text"/>

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32. **Q. 5.** You came across the following newspaper clipping. It makes you wonder why so many people are still not aware of the importance of education. You decide to write a letter to the Editor, The Times of India on "Education for All". Using ideas from the unit, 'Education', your own ideas and the ideas from the newspaper clipping, write the letter in about 150 words.

Providing education for all is a national goal. Can India ensure basic education for all children by 2015? A recent survey states that 30% children do not attend schools and learning levels are abysmally low. With respect to girls' education in some States the percentage is below the national average. Disparities among social groups still exist.

33. **Ans.**

ABC Nagar

New Delhi

The Editor

The Times of India

Delhi

1st October, 20xx

Subject : Need for 'Education for All'

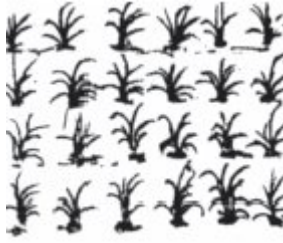


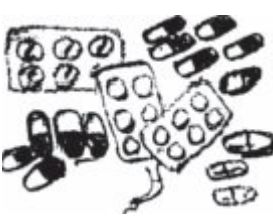
Sir,

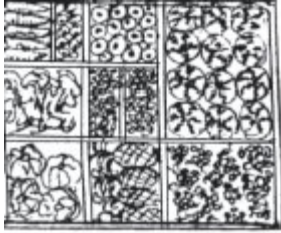


Through the medium of this letter I wish to bring to your notice the fact that in today's day and age many people are still not aware of the need and importance of education. It is most unfortunate that India will not be able to ensure even basic education for all children by the year 2015. As is evident from a recent survey that 30 per cent children do not attend schools and learning levels are abysmally low. It is also amazing that people still do not realize the value of education and prefer to deprive their children even from basic education especially the girl child whose education is below the national average in some States. Our foremost task today is to make people understand the importance of being educated. Education brings with it awareness and for a democracy like India educated citizens would be a boon. Education would help them to understand their rights and responsibilities and also save them from unnecessary exploitation. I hope you will publish my letter in your esteemed newspaper so as to reiterate this need for education for all.

34. Yours Sincerely

Shivani Kumar

35. **Q. 6.** Pramod/Pramila comes across the following visual in a magazine. He/She feels quite happy to see the progress made by India since its Independence. He/She decides to write an article for the school magazine on the topic entitled "India's Progress since Independence". Using ideas from the visual and your own ideas, write the article in about 200 words. **(10 marks).**

	<p>India emerged as the second largest paddy producer in the world and second largest sugar producer.</p>		<p>India is the world's largest producer of milk</p>
	<p>Mechanisation of agriculture has led to self-sufficiency despite rapid expansion of population.</p>		<p>Indian pharma industry ranked 4th in the world.</p>

	<p>With emphasis on Horticulture India is the largest producer of fruits and 2nd largest producer of vegetables.</p>		<p>Contagious diseases brought under control.</p>
			<p>India has made rapid strides in defence preparedness.</p>

36. (For Blind Candidates only)

Pramod/Pramila comes across the following hints appearing in a magazine. He/She feels quite happy to see the progress made by India since its independence. He/She decides to write an article for the school magazine on the topic entitled "India's Progress since Independence". Using ideas from the hints given below and your own ideas, write the article in about 200 words. **(10 marks)**

Green Revolution – White Revolution – Development in medical technology – Progress in Nuclear and Space Technology – Industrial development.

37. **Ans.**

India's Progress Since Independence

By : Pramod India has no doubt made amazing progress in all spheres since Independence. Our country has made giant leaps forward and emerged as one of the major progressive economies of the world. India being predominantly an agricultural economy has made tremendous progress in this sector and has emerged as the second largest paddy producer and sugar producer in the world. Mechanisation of agriculture which has brought about a kind of 'Green Revolution' has brought India to a level of self-sufficiency, despite rapid expansion of population. With emphasis on Horticulture, India is the largest producer of fruits and the second largest producer of vegetables. India's so-called 'Green Revolution' has simultaneously witnessed even a 'White Revolution' with India being the world's largest producer of milk. It is also an achievement that the Indian pharma industry is ranked fourth in the world. Various contagious diseases have been brought under control with great scientific development. India has also made rapid strides in defence preparedness. We have worked hard to give reality to our dreams to build our country in which all her coming generations can dwell with pride. These achievements which we celebrate today are nothing but a step towards greater triumphs and achievements that await us in the future.

For Blind Candidates

Also make note of the following points :

India's tremendous progress in the sphere of Nuclear and Space technology cannot be ignored. Combined with it, there has been a rapid growth in industrial development which has made the Indian economy a force to reckon with. There has been great advancement in the field of medical technology also. This all round development in almost all the spheres gives us an insight to the progress made by India since her independence.

38. SECTION C (GRAMMAR) (20 marks)

39. **Q. 7.** Look at the notes given below. Use this information to complete the following paragraph. Do not add any new information. Write the correct answers in your answer sheet against the correct blank numbers. Do not copy the whole sentences. **(4 × 1 = 4 marks)**

Can't sleep — anxieties seem magnified — just write down worries — try simple yoga exercise to relax muscles — lie on your back — avoid bright light — try light reading or listen to music — make bedroom sleep friendly.

40. In a sleepless night anxieties seem to magnify. To overcome this problem and get good sleep one can (a) This will reduce one's anxiety. (b) exercise to relax muscles. Lying on the back also can promote sleep. (c) is essential. Instead, trying light reading or listening to music calms the mind. One's bedroom (d)
41. **Ans.** (a) just write down one's worries. (b) Try simple yoga (c) Avoiding bright light (d) should be made sleep friendly.
42. **Q. 8.** The following passage has not been edited. There is one error in each of the lines. Write the incorrect word and the correction in your answer sheet as given below against the correct blank number. Remember to underline the word you have supplied. **(8 × ½ = 4 marks)**
43. More than two-thirds in the World's e.g. in of large cities are in areas vulnerable for (a) global warming and rising sea levels but (b) millions of people are in the risk of being (c) swamped from floods and intense (d) storms, according to an new study. (e) Unfortunately, Mumbai find a mention (f) on that list. For all, 634 million (g) peoples live in the threatened coastal (h) areas worldwide.
44. **Ans.** (a) for ... to (b) but ... and (c) in ... at (d) from ... by (e) an ... a (f) find ... finds (g) for ... in (h) peoples ... people.
45. **Q. 9.** In the passage given below, fill in each blank with one word only. Write the answers in your answer sheet against the correct blank numbers. Do not copy the whole sentences. **(8 × ½ = 4 marks)**
46. After Pandit Nehru (a) sworn in as the first Prime Minister of India, he supported (b) technological advancement which brought about (c) Indian Transformation. The construction (d) large dams (e) produce hydroelectricity, (f) known to have done immense good. His interest (g) Science and Technology helped steer the country to (h) it is today.
47. **Ans.** (a) was (b) all/the (c) an (d) of (e) to (f) is (g) in (h) where/what.
48. **Q. 10.** Look at the words and phrases given below. Rearrange them to form meaningful sentences. The first one is done as an example. **(4 × 1 = 4 marks)**
 Example : lived / a very / and / king / powerful / there / great. There lived a very great and powerful king. (a) had / a / he / and / they / noble wife / were happy. (b) of the Kingdom / happy / people / the / were / also. (c) of their subjects / royal couple / attention / to all the / paid / the / needs. (d) they / their / tried / their woes / remove / to / best.
49. **Ans.** (a) He had a noble wife and they were happy. (b) The people of the Kingdom were also happy. (c) The royal couple paid attention to all the needs of their subjects. (d) They tried their best to remove their woes.
50. **Q. 11.** Read the following conversation and complete the given paragraph with suitable words. Write the answers in your answer sheet against the correct blank numbers. Do not copy the whole sentences. **(4 marks)**
51. Rajat : Pal, give me your phone number.
 Pal : It is in my father's name. Look it up in the directory.
 Rajat : What is your father's name?
 Pal : It is also in the directory.

Rajat asked Pal (a) Pal told (b) and advised him to look that up in the directory. Rajat asked (c) Pal replied (d)

52. **Ans.** (a) to give him his phone number.
(b) him it was in his father's name
(c) Pal what his father's name was.
(d) that was also in the directory.

53. **SECTION D (LITERATURE) (30 marks)**

54. **Q. 12.** Read the extract given below and answer the questions that follow. Write each answer in your answer sheet in one or two lines only. Remember to number the answers correctly. **(4 marks)**

55. The peasants came like swarms of flies
and buzzed the name of God a hundred times
to paralyze the Evil One.

- (a) Who is referred to as the Evil One? Why? **(2)**
(b) Why did the peasants wish that he might be paralysed? **(1)**
(c) What do these lines tell us about the peasants? **(1)**

56. **Ans.** (a) The Scorpion is referred to as the Evil One because his sting had resulted in poison being spread in the mother's blood.

(b) The peasants wished that he might be paralysed because they felt that with every movement the Scorpion made, his poison moved in the mother's blood.

(c) Through these lines we come to know that the peasants were a group of superstitious people.

57. **Q.13.** Read the extract given below and answer the questions that follow. Write each answer in your answer sheet in one or two lines only. Remember to number the answer correctly. **(4 marks)**

Now the frog puffed up with rage.

"Brainless bird—You're on the stage-
Use your wits and follow fashion."

- (a) What made the frog get angry? **(2)**
(b) How does it show its anger? **(1)**
(c) What does the frog ask the nightingale to do immediately after this? **(1)**

58. **Ans.** (a) The frog got angry because the nightingale's uninspired song could not attract a huge audience and he was not able to make good money.

(b) The frog starts shouting at the nightingale. He starts rebuking her and calls her 'Brainless'. He scolds her angrily and criticises her strongly and loudly.

(c) Immediately after this, the frog orders the nightingale to puff up her lungs and sing with passion.

59. **Q. 14.** In what way does the poet, P.B. Shelley establish a link between his own personality and the personality of the West Wind? Answer in 75–100 words. **(5 marks)**

60. **Ans.** The poet establishes a link between his own personality and the personality of the West Wind. In his childhood the poet was tameless, swift and proud like the West Wind. He compares his early life with the West Wind when he too was swift and uncontrollable. At that time he could not only wander with the West Wind but would also have outstripped it in every way in its might and display of power. The poet identifies his own personality with that of the West Wind so he wants to be a mouth-piece for the West Wind and spread his thoughts to awaken a sleeping mankind.

61. **Q. 15.** Read the extract given below and answer the questions that follow. Write the answers in your answer sheet in one or two lines only. Remember to number the answers correctly. **(5 marks)**

Antony : O, pardon me, thou bleeding piece of earth,

That I am meek and gentle with these butchers!

Thou art the ruins of the noblest man

That ever lived in the tide of times.

Woe to the hand that shed this costly blood!

- (a) Who/ What is Antony talking to? **(1)**
- (b) Who does he refer to as 'these butchers' and why? **(2)**
- (c) How had he behaved with them and why? **(2)**

62. **Ans.** (a) Antony is talking to Caesar's corpse.

(b) He refers to the conspirators who have killed Caesar as 'these butchers' because they had slain Caesar, a noble man, as unfeelingly and brutally as a butcher slays a beast.

(c) He behaved meekly and gently with them because he wanted to cleverly befriend them and then instigate the people against them to avenge Caesar's death.

63. **Q. 16.** Give two incidents from the story 'The Tribute' to show that Babuli felt guilty of being ungrateful to his elder brother. Answer in 50–75 words. **(4 marks)**

64. **Ans.** See Q. 16, 2003 (I Outside Delhi).

65. **Q.17.** Imagine you are Cutie Pie. You reach home and recount what you saw on Earth and your experiences there. Write a diary entry in 150–175 words. **(8 marks)**

66. **Ans.** See Q. 17, 2005 (III Delhi).