

Communication Skills

Grade 9

Students will be evaluated on the following qualities and skills.

- Public Speaking
- Active Listening
- Technology
- Writing
- Charisma

Sample Questions

Read the interview with Vandana Katoch and answer the questions (1 to 3)

Q: Your message seems to have gone viral and evinced a lot of interest from social media followers. How did all this start?

VK: On the day the CBSE Class X results were announced, I posted a message on Facebook. It was meant to congratulate my son, who had struggled with Maths, Science and Hindi, and to reiterate to him that he had indeed done well. I took to social media, also to tell him that I didn't believe marks made a person or his life. I've seen enough of life to know that.

Q: What drove you to post a message on social media?

VK: When I picked my son up from the bus stop after school, he felt there wasn't anything to be proud about his grades. I had to remind him about the mountain he'd just climbed, and that he shouldn't compare. Everybody's journey is different. Conversations with my son motivated me to compose the message.

Q: How did you actually word your post?

VK: This is how I started my message: 'This is just to tell my kid Mama's super proud, considering where you were in January. He pushed himself against himself to be here'. This message went viral.

Q: Did you expect such an overwhelming reaction to your post?

VK: I neither expected it nor did I imagine the variety of kind messages that came my way, or the comments on the post, with several parents supporting me. One message read: 'You are a breath of fresh air to most parents cringing under the pressure to create a perfect child'. There were of course those who did not agree, with another message saying: 'That is not good

parenting' Within 24 hours, the post was shared over 1,000 times. Now, 48 hours later, there are about 724 comments, and over 2,600 people have shared it.

1. What is the interview about?

- A. A mother's celebratory message to her son on his results and its reception on social media
- B. How a mother has commented on her son's unsatisfactory Class X results
- C. A mother's message of positive parenting and its reception on social media
- D. How a mother has won the hearts of followers on social media in an unexpected way

2. Which were the subjects that Vandana's son was weak at?

- A. Maths, Science and Language
- B. Science, Geometry and Language
- C. Maths, Geography and Hindi
- D. Maths, Science and Hindi

3. Which of the given options is NOT an opinion?

- A. Mrs. Vandana's post was shared over 1000 times in 24 hours.
- B. Mrs. Vandana had no belief in comparison with other people.
- C. Mrs. Vandana's son felt that his marks were unsatisfactory.
- D. The comments on her message in social media were mixed.

4. He is a competent nutritionist, but he created a controversy with his thoughtless comments and ended up with egg on his face.

Choose the word that means the same as 'with egg on his face' in the given sentence. (You may choose more than one answer option.)

- A. Foolish
- B. Embarrassed
- C. Proud
- D. Clever

5. Choose the correct order in which the given sentences should be arranged.

- p.** Then, the plan, form and design are decided with due consideration to its functions.
- q.** Finally, with utmost minimalism, innovative technology is used to start construction of the building.

- r. Modern commercial buildings are planned to suit the needs of the businesses that they plan to house.
- A. r q p
 - B. r p q
 - C. q r p
 - D. p q r

[Answers: 1-A, 2-D, 3-A, 4-A,B, 5-B]