

English 2012 (Delhi)**SET I**

Time allowed : 3 hours

Maximum marks : 100

Note : Except for the following questions, all the remaining questions have been asked in previous sets.

**SECTION-B
(WRITING SKILLS)**

3. Your school has planned an excursion to Lonavala near Mumbai during the autumn holidays. Write a notice in not more than 50 words for your school notice board, giving detailed information and inviting the names of those who are desirous to join. Sign as Naresh/Namita, Head boy/Head girl, D.V. English School, Thane, Mumbai. [5]

OR

C.P.R Senior Secondary School, Meerut is looking for a receptionist for the school. Draft an advertisement in not more than 50 words to be published in classified columns of Hindustan Times. You are Romola Vij, principal of the school.

Answer:

**D.V.ENGLISH SCHOOL, THANE, MUMBAI
NOTICE**

30th September, 20XX

EXCURSION TO LONAVALA

Our school has planned an excursion to Lonavala during the autumn holidays. It will be a 7-day tour from 15th to 22nd of October. The expenses for travelling, boarding and lodging will be around ₹ 3000/- per head. Those who are interested to join this tour may give their names to the undersigned by the 1st week of October.

Namita/Naresh
Head Girl/Head Boy

OR

RECEPTIONIST WANTED

Looking for a young and talented receptionist with a pleasing personality, below 30 years of age, should have a good command over spoken English. Interested may apply before 25th February.

Contact: Romola Vij,
Principal
C. P. R Senior Secondary School,
Meerut

4. Your school commerce association organised a seminar for class XII students of the schools,

of your zone on the topic, 'Rising prices create a crisis.' As coordinator of the programme, write a report in 100-125 words for your school magazine. you are piyush/priya of ABC School, Agra. [10]

OR

A new indoor gymnasium has recently been constructed and inaugurated at APJ International School at Goa. As special correspondent of 'The Hindu,' draft a report in 100-125 words on the gymnasium and the inauguration ceremony

Answer :

RISING PRICES CREATE A CRISIS

By Piyush/Priya, Coordinator

A seminar for class XII students of the schools of our zone was organised to discuss on the topic, 'Rising prices create a crisis'. It was attended by some very eminent economists and politicians. All the speakers expressed their views on the consequences of rising prices. They pointed out that India is a poor country having numerous villages. Majority of the population lives below the poverty line and they are even unable to fulfil their basic requirements. The prices of the essential commodities have increased at an alarming rate. The poor people are unable to afford even a single meal. The purchase of vegetables, fruits, rice, etc. have gone beyond the reach of common man. The necessities have taken the form of luxuries and rupee has lost its value. Now it becomes the duty of the government to take action against undue price hike and stop black marketing to control the rising prices.

OR

INAUGURATION OF GYMNASIUM

Report by XYZ, 'The Hindu' correspondent
14th July, 20XX, Goa : A new indoor gymnasium has recently been constructed at APJ International School in Goa. It was inaugurated by Mr. Ravi Kant, Principal of the school. It is a proud addition to the institution. The construction has been possible due to the approval granted by the Education Minister. The gymnasium is spread over an area of 100sq.ft. It is equipped with all the modern equipments and is fully air-conditioned. On the occasion of the inauguration, a speech

on the utility of gymnastics was delivered by the gym instructor who has just received the advanced training from abroad. He motivated the students to take the maximum advantage of the gymnasium which are now practiced up to Olympic level. Overall, it was a grand ceremony which was attended by the students as well as their parents.

5. You are Pritam/Priti, 27, W.E.A. Karol Bagh, Delhi. You have decided to shift your residence to Faridabad and have decided to discontinue your membership of Brain Trust Library, Karol Bagh. Write a letter to the librarian, requesting him to cancel your membership and refund your security deposit of ₹ 5000 explaining your inability to continue your membership. [10]

OR

You are Anu/Arun, 13, W.E.A. Karol Bagh, New Delhi. You feel very strongly about the ill treatment meted out to stray dogs at the hands of callous and indifferent people. Write a letter to the editor of a national daily giving your views on why some people behave in such a manner and how these dogs should be treated.

Answer :

27, W.E.A. Karol Bagh,
Delhi.

20th June, 20XX

The Librarian,
Brain Trust Library,
Karol Bagh,
Delhi.

Subject : Cancellation of membership.

Dear Sir,

This is to bring to your notice that I took the membership of your library in the year 20XX. I found it very helpful as it contains the books which cover almost all the areas of knowledge, so I encouraged few of my friends to join it and take the advantage. Even my grandfather became a regular reader of your books. But unfortunately, I would have to discontinue my membership as my father has got transferred to another city and I will not be able to continue anymore. So, I request you to cancel my membership and refund the security deposit of ₹ 5000. I am enclosing my membership card no. AG30002659. Thank you.

Yours truly,
Priti/Pritam

OR

13, W.E.A. Karol Bagh,
New Delhi.

27th March, 20XX

The Editor,
The Times of India,
New Delhi.

Subject : Cruelty to Stray Dogs.

Dear Sir,

I would like to share my views through the columns of your esteemed newspaper regarding the ill-treatment and neglect to the animals and in general, stray dogs around us. The sight is heart-rending and shocking.

Being a human, it is our moral duty to look around us and stop such cruel activities. Every individual must be sensible enough to realise that these animals also form the integral part of our eco-system. If one cannot take care of animals then he should not at least tease them. They can inform any of the organisations which can be contacted.

The animals cannot express their sufferings or pains but they do feel it. They need our attention, care and love. We should spread awareness through campaigns, posters, plays, etc.

Yours truly,
Anu/Arun

6. Spurt of violence previously unknown in Indian schools makes it incumbent on the educationists to introduce value education effectively in schools. Write an article in 150-200 words expressing your views on the need of value education. You are Anu/Arun. [10]

OR

Regular practice of yoga can help in maintaining good health and even in the prevention of so many ailments. Write a speech in 150-200 words to be delivered in the morning assembly on the usefulness of yoga.

Answer:

VALUE EDUCATION-TODAY'S NEED

By Anu/Arun

Education makes a man perfect. The overall development of personality whether it's spiritual, physical, social, mental etc., all depends on education. It inculcates ethics and moral values where there is no place for violence. But in the modern world of competitions, children are deprived of these values. Conflicting values and moral dilemmas have become common in our daily lives. It has confused a child a lot and there is a sense of inadequacy to face the life situations. Media has negative influence on their

personalities and to uplift the students morally and spiritually has become the topmost priority of the educational institutions. Till now, the institutions were concerned with the academic progress of the child, there was no place for value education in the curriculum, but the decreasing level of morality has shocked everybody. Illegal means of getting the things done have become very common and are in fashion. So, there is a need of acute awareness and bringing forth the generation which is fruitful in the building of the nation. This could be possible only when there is an introduction of value education in schools. Although many schools have already introduced this in the curriculum but there is widespread need of taking it seriously. Only then the children can be developed into a stable, well rounded and morally integrated personalities.

OR

Dear Friends,

Today, I feel privileged to get an opportunity to speak on the benefits of yoga. Today's sedentary lifestyle has given invitation to many diseases where man has limited time to spare for his health. But practising yoga helps to not get stuck in mental noise. It helps in maintaining balance between the mental and the social status of a human being. With regular practice of yoga, we tend to become more sensitive to the kind of food our body asks. A few minutes of yoga helps in getting relief from stress. It helps detox the body and de-stress the mind. We all want to live in a peaceful atmosphere and among nature. But we hardly realize that peace can be found within us. Yoga is the best way to calm a disturbed mind. On the other hand, yoga postures massages organs and strengthen the muscles. Breathing techniques and meditation help in releasing stress and improving the immune system. Yoga and meditation work on keeping the mind happy and peaceful. When we feel drained out of energy, a few minutes spent on yoga provides freshness and energy. It also helps in improving our body posture.

In the end, I would like to tell that yoga is a continuous process, so keep practicing!

SECTION-C

(LITERATURE : TEXT BOOK)

7. (a) Read the extract given below and answer the questions that follow : [4]

The stunted, unlucky heir

Of twisted bones, reciting a father's gnarled disease,

His lesson, from his desk. At back of the dim class

One unnoted, sweet and young. His eyes live in a dream,

Of squirrel's game, in tree room, other than this.

- (i) Who is this 'unlucky heir' and what has he inherited? [2]
- (ii) What is the stunted boy reciting? [1]
- (iii) Who is sitting at the back of the dim class? [1]

Answer :

(i) The boy who has twisted bones and is sitting in the slum classroom is the unlucky heir. He has inherited the gnarled disease of twisted bones from his father.

(ii) The stunted boy is reciting his father's gnarled disease and his lessons.

(iii) At the back of the dim class, an unnoted, sweet and young dreamer who is dreaming of squirrel's game, is sitting.

OR

For once on the face of the Earth

Let's not speak in any language,

Let's stop for one second,

And not move our arms so much.

- (i) Why does the poet want us to keep quite?
- (ii) What does he want us to do for one second?
- (iii) What does he mean by 'not move our arms'?

Answer :

(i) The poet wants us to keep quiet to retrospect and do self-assessment for mental peace and save human race from doom.

(ii) He wants us to remain quiet for one second and stop moving our arms. In fact, he wants us to stop any kind of activities.

(iii) By not moving our arms means no activity or movement, so as to harm anybody, Symbolically, by this, he means no war or violence.

(b) Answer any three of the following in 30-40 words each : [2×3=6]

- (i) Why are the young trees described as sprinting ?
- (ii) How is a thing of beauty joy forever?
- (iii) Why did Aunt Jennifer choose to embroidered tigers on the panel?

Answer :

(i) The young trees are compared to the poet's old mother who is old and pale whereas a tree is young and full of life. Tree seems to be sprinting while her mother is very aged.

(ii) With the passage of time, beauty increases and it becomes constant. It never passes into

nothingness but multiplies and gives joy forever. It leaves a concrete impact on our minds and soul.

(iii) : Aunt Jennifer wanted to express her feelings through the embroidery. She had some hidden desire as she wanted to be fearless, proud and chivalrous like tigers. She actually expressed her pain on the panel and showed how she would like her life to be through those tigers.

8. Answer the following in 30-40 words each :

[2×5=10]

- What changes did the order from Berlin cause in the school ?
- Why was Douglas determined to get over his fear of water?
- How were Shukla and Gandhiji received in Rajendra Prasad's house ?

Answer

(a) There was an order from Berlin that French would not be taught in school anymore. Instead, German would be taught by a new teacher. On their last French lesson the school's atmosphere was like Sunday morning as there was no noise or activity in the school. The French teacher, Mr. Hamel, seemed to be calm and was emotional. He was wearing a special dress and all the villagers were sitting on the back benches of the classroom.

(b) Douglas could not enjoy water sports like canoeing, boating and swimming because of fear of water, therefore, he wanted to overcome his fear. Although he wanted to get into the waters of cascades but his fear held him back. He felt paralysed due to fear at the very thought of water, so he decided to overcome it.

(c) Rajkumar Shukla, a poor peasant of Champaran wanted Gandhiji to come to Champaran to help the poor sharecroppers. On a fixed day, they went to Patna from Calcutta, to meet Rajendra Prasad, but he was out of town. The servants knew Rajkumar Shukla as a poor peasant; therefore, they thought the same for Gandhiji and took him to be an untouchable. They were asked to sit on the ground and did not allow Gandhiji to draw water from the well.

9. Answer the following 125-150 words :

[10]

- How are the attitude of the ironmaster and his daughter different ? Support your answer from the text.

OR

- Compare Sophie and Jansie highlighting their temperaments and aspirations.

Answer: The attitude of the ironmaster was totally different from his daughter, Edla. It can be proved by several instances from the story. According to the ironmaster, the peddler was an old acquaintance. He mistook him to be his old friend so he invited him to his house to spend Christmas. But when the peddler refused, he sent his daughter to persuade the peddler to come to his house as she had the quality of convincing people. She was able to win the confidence of the peddler who ultimately agreed to come to her home.

When the ironmaster realised that the peddler was not the one who was thinking after he got his hair cut and shaving done, he immediately asked him to get out of his house. However, his daughter asked the peddler to stay with them that day for Christmas. She had a feeling of sympathy for the 'poor and hungry' man. She offered him her father's suit as a Christmas gift. It was her attitude that changed the peddler's mind and he returned the money he had stolen.

OR

Sophie and Jansie were classmates. They belonged to lower-middle class families. Jansie was practical, whereas Sophie was a dreamer. Jansie knew the harsh realities of life and she advised Sophie to not to indulge in fantasies. Sophie was totally unaware of the realities of life and dreamt of big things. She wanted to have a boutique of her own. She also wanted to become an actress as there was a lot of money in that profession and she wanted to be a fashion designer too. Overall, it can be said that she wanted to live a grand and luxurious life. But there was least possibility of fulfilling her dreams. Jansie warned her to remain grounded but she was busy in dreaming wild.

On the other side, Jansie knew her limitations. She was not a daydreamer like Sophie. She also knew that both of them were likely to work in a biscuit factory in future and she tried to explain it to Sophie who was over-ambitious and a daydreamer.

10. Answer the following in 125-150 words : [7]

- How did the Tiger king stand in danger losing his kingdom? How was he able to avert the danger ?

Answer : Tiger king was told by the astrologer that he would be killed by a tiger, so he started hunting and killing tigers and prohibited all the people of the kingdom from hunting them. If anybody disobeyed him, he would be punished

English 2012 (Delhi)**SET II****Time allowed : 3 hours****Maximum marks : 100**

Note : Except for the following questions, all the remaining questions have been asked in previous sets.

SECTION-B
(WRITING SKILLS)

4. Your school conducted a seminar on 'How to prevent cruelty towards animals', in which 40 city CBSE schools took part. As coordinator of the programme, write a report in 100-125 words for the school magazine. You are Vikram/Vidhi of C.P.S. Senior Secondary School, Bangalore. [10]

OR

You witnessed a road accident near Nalbandh Chowaraha at Agra in which a bus and a scooter were involved. Write a report for Amar Ujala in 100-125 words. Sign as Vivek/Vimla, Special Correspondent.

Answer :

**HOW TO PREVENT CRUELTY
TOWARDS ANIMALS**

By Vidhi/Vikram (Coordinator)

C.P.S. Senior Secondary School, Bangalore, conducted a seminar on the topic 'How to prevent cruelty towards animals'. It was

attended by 40 CBSE schools of the city. It also saw some eminent personalities like the Education Minister along with the chief guest Mrs. Maneka Gandhi, a noted environmentalist and politician. The activists laid emphasis on the fact that we should try to stop cruelty towards animals. They too have equal right on Earth as we humans have. Animal abuse happens to cats, dogs, cows etc everywhere such as circuses, races, laboratories, etc., or on roads in general. Laws concerning animal cruelty are designed to prevent needless cruelty to animals. It was also conveyed that if anyone witness someone abusing any animals, one can make complains as it is illegal in every state. Suggestions were given to avoid using animal products like cosmetics, drugs, clothes, etc. Thus, the seminar received a great applaud and was endearing for all.

OR

A ROAD ACCIDENT

Report by Vimla/Vivek (Special Correspondent)
24th December, 20XX, Agra : Last week, I witnessed a shocking road accident while coming back from school in which a bus and a scooter were involved. The accident took place near Nalbandh Chowraha at Agra. A fully crowded roadways bus which was coming from the University

side, was trying to overtake another bus due to which, hit a scooter. There were two persons on the scooter a husband and a wife. The wife died on the spot and the husband was rushed to the hospital immediately where sources told that his condition was critical. It was a horrible sight to see as the scooter was completely damaged. Most of the passengers of the bus were also injured badly and they were taken to a nearby hospital. The bus driver was about to flee but the crowd on the busy road reacted immediately and prevented him from escaping. The angry mob beat him brutally and handed him over to the local police.

SECTION – C

(LITERATURE : TEXT BOOKS)

8. Answer the following in 30-40 words each : [10]

(b) Who is Mukesh ? What is his dream ?

(c) Why did the peddler decline the invitation of the ironmaster ?

Answer :

(b) Mukesh is the son of a poor bangle maker from Firozabad. He does not want to follow the family tradition of making bangles. His dream is to become a motor-mechanic and a car driver.

(c) The peddler declined the invitation of the ironmaster as he was having thirty stolen kronors. Secondly, the ironmaster mistook him for an old regimental comrade and was afraid that after finding the truth, he would be sent to the jail.

9. Answer the following in 125-150 words : [10]
Attempt a character sketch of Sophie as a woman who lives in her dreams.

OR

How did Douglas develop an aversion to water?

Answer: Sophie is a young girl who always lives in a world of fantasy. She belongs to a lower middle class family. Like other adolescents, she too had dreams. She wants to own a boutique, become an actress, a fashion designer or a manager. She does not know where the money will come from for all her dreams, she lives far from reality. Even her friend Jansie warns her but she is given to her wild thoughts. She ignores them all. No one shows interest in what she thinks, so she confides in her brother Geoff

who is an introvert. She also likes Danny Casey, a young football player from Ireland. She always thinks of him. She even thinks that she has met him and he has promised to meet her again. She goes to the place where she expects to meet him but finding him nowhere, she feels disappointed. This way, thousand of thoughts keep hovering in her mind.

OR

Douglas was afraid of water since childhood. It happened so when he was four years old, he went to the beach with his father in California. The waves knocked him down and swept over him. He went down into the water and was out of breath.

Again at the YMCA pool, a misadventure took place. He was learning swimming there. Once day, a strong boy threw him in the deep water when he was sitting at the edge of the pool. Douglas slowly went to the bottom of the pool in the same sitting position. He tried three times to come out of the water but failed. He was now in great panic. He was completely exhausted and his lungs were aching. Ultimately, he fainted but was saved. This incident had a negative impact on him and fear of water stayed with him. He could not sleep or eat for many days and remained away from water.

11. Answer the following in 30-40 words each : [8]

(a) Why had Hana to wash the wounded man herself ?

(b) What were the contents of the small brown suitcase that McLeery carried ?

Answer :

(a) Hana had to wash the wounded man herself as her domestic maid Yumi refused doing it because the man was an enemy. Not only this, but all the servants were against Dr. Sadao and his wife Hana in this respect, so they all left the house and eventually, Sadao and his wife had to do everything on their own.

(b) There were many things in the small brown suitcase that McLeery carried. It had a sealed question paper envelope, a yellow-coloured invigilation form, a paper knife, Bible, authentication card, a semi-inflated rubber tube and a copy of 'The Church Times.'

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English 2012 (Delhi)**SET III**

Time allowed : 3 hours

Maximum marks : 100

Note : Except for the following questions, all the remaining questions have been asked in previous sets.

SECTION-B
(WRITING SKILLS)

4. Your school celebrated international year of chemistry. 36 schools from Delhi participated in various competitions. Chairman CBSE was the chief Guest. As coordinator draft a report in 100-125 words for your school magazine. You are Ram/Ramya of G.B. Senior Secondary School, Delhi.

[10]

OR

You witnessed a bomb blast in a Delhi market when you went there for shopping along with your parents for Diwali purchases. Write a report in 100-125 words for your school magazine.

Answer :

INTERNATIONAL YEAR OF CHEMISTRY
by Ram/Ramya

Recently our school celebrated international year of Chemistry. Children of 36 schools from Delhi, took part in different competitions. The CBSE chairman was the chief guest who was given a warm welcome by our principal. Our principal, in his welcome speech, inspired the future generation by emphasising on the need of studying Chemistry and its utility for the modern technology. The honourable chief guest also addressed the children by telling them the scientific wonders and achievements. He further claimed Chemistry to be an important subject and an integral part of science. Essay writing competition was conducted for the seniors. They were given the topics half an hour before. Science teachers from different schools laid emphasis on its significance as it has changed the pattern of life. In the end, winners were awarded prizes including gadgets such as laptop, smartphone etc.

OR

BOMB BLAST IN THE MARKET
by XYZ

Day-by-day, the incidents of bomb blasts are increasing. It seems as if they are a part of daily

news. Two days ago, I went to the market with my parents for Diwali shopping. The market was beautifully decorated and a huge crowd of people was busy in shopping. Everything appeared to be normal when suddenly we heard a blast from the nearby area. Within fraction of minutes, everything went haphazard. Before we could understand anything, the shrieking sounds started coming from all the sides. The whole atmosphere changed completely. Nearly four shops were hit badly and fire broke out in a restaurant gulping the other shops in flames. Women and children were lying on the floor, seriously hurt. Overall, I can say that the whole situation was appalling and pathetic.

SECTION-C**(LITERATURE :TEXT BOOKS)**

8. Answer the following in 30-40 words each :
- (b) Is Saheb happy working at the tea stall ? Why/Why not?
- (c) Why was the Crofter so friendly and talkative with the Peddler ?

Answer

(b) Saheb is not happy working at the tea stall. When he is asked by the narrator whether he likes his job, he became sad. The canister in his hands seemed to be heavier than the plastic bag that he used to carry as a rag-picker.

(c) Crofter had always lived alone; there was no one to talk to him. So, when peddler reached his cottage he felt very happy as he needed a company. He wanted to share his feelings and because peddler had to spend the night over there, he listened to him peacefully.

9. Answer the following in 125-150 words : [10]

(a) How did Douglas try to save himself from drowning in the YMCA pool ?

OR

(b) Draw a characters sketch of Sophie's father.

Answer :

(a) Douglas was terribly afraid of water due to an incident in which he had nearly died in the swimming pool. He was so afraid that he avoided going near water for many days. But he liked the water activities like canoeing, wade in the waters of cascade, fishing, etc. The fear of water seized him to do any activity. It destroyed his joy of all activities. So, he thought

to overcome his fear and engaged an instructor to learn swimming. The instructor taught him all the tricks of becoming a good swimmer. Once the instructor left him alone in the pool when he was sure that Douglas would be able to swim on his own, Douglas swam the length of the pool up and down but he was not satisfied so he went to Lake Wentworth. The old fear returned when he had put his face under water and could see nothing except bottomless water. To overcome his fear, he dived into the lake and swam to the other shore. He shouted with joy as he had triumphed.

OR

(b) Sophie's father was a hard-working man who did not believe in what Sophie tells him. He knew that she had a habit of indulging in wild fantasies. He was an aggressive person and had authoritative kind of a personality. He was a sports lover and took his children to watch football matches. His face reflected his whole day's labour and it seemed grimy and sweated. He was fun loving too and it was obvious when he went to pub to celebrate United Team's victory. He had a plump face and a thick neck. His

face and arms were shiny and pink. He showed contempt when Geoff told him that Sophie met Danny Casey and started talking about him and his talent. But when he got to know from Sophie that Danny was going to buy a shop, he showed signs of disgust which scared Sophie.

11. Answer the following in 30-40 words : [10]

(a) What help did Dr. Sadao seek from Hana while operating on the wounded white man?

(d) What did the detective superintendent inform the Governor about Evans?

Answer :

(a) Dr. Sadao was alone to operate the wounded white man so he sought help from his wife Hana who brought towel for him, helped him in turning the white man around, giving anesthesia and holding cotton soaked in anesthesia near his nostrils.

(d) The detective superintendent informed the Governor that McLeery had spotted Evans drive off along Elsfield way. After getting the car number, they started chasing but lost track and thought that Evans might have come back to the city.

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English 2013 (Outside Delhi)

SET I

Time allowed : 3 hours

Maximum marks : 100

SECTION-A

(READING)

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1. Read the passage given below and answer the questions that follow : [12]

1. Air pollution is an issue which concerns us all alike. One can willingly choose or reject a food, a drink or a life comfort, but unfortunately there is little choice for the air we breathe. Everything there in the air is inhaled by all living in those surroundings.
2. Air pollutant is defined as a substance which is present in an amount exceeding the normal concentrations. It could either be gaseous or a particulate matter. The important and harmful polluting gases are carbon monoxide, carbon dioxide, ozone and oxides of sulphur and nitrogen. The common particulate pollutants are the dusts of various inorganic or organic

origins. Although, we often talk of the outdoor air pollution caused by industrial and vehicular exhausts, the indoor pollution may prove to be as or a more important cause of health problems.

3. Recognition of air pollution is relatively recent. It is not uncommon to experience a feeling of 'suffocation' in a closed environment. It is often ascribed to the lack of oxygen. Fortunately, however, the composition of air is remarkably constant all over the world. There is about 79 percent nitrogen and 21 percent oxygen in the air the other gases forming a very small fraction. It is true that carbon dioxide exhaled out of lungs may accumulate in a closed and over-crowded place. But such increment is usually small and temporary unless the room is really air-tight. Exposure to poisonous gases such as carbon monoxide may occur in

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a closed room, heated by burning coal inside. This may also prove to be fatal.

4. What is more common in a poorly ventilated home is a vague constellation of symptoms described as the sick-building syndrome. It is characterised by a general feeling of malaise, head-ache, dizziness and irritation of mucous membranes. It may also be accompanied by nausea, itching, aches, pains and depression. Sick building syndrome is getting common in big cities with the small houses, which are generally over-furnished. Some of the important pollutants whose indoor concentrations exceed to those of the outdoors include gases such as carbon monoxide, carbon dioxide, oxides of nitrogen and organic substances like spores, formaldehydes, hydrocarbon aerosols and allergens. The sources are attributed to a variety of construction materials, insulations, furnishings, adhesives, cosmetics, house dusts, fungi and the other indoor products.
5. By-products of fuel combustion are important in houses with indoor kitchens. It is not only the burning of dried dung and fuelwood which is responsible, but also kerosene and liquid petroleum gas. Oxides of both nitrogen and sulphur are released from their combustion.
6. Smoking of tobacco in a closed environment is an important source of indoor pollution. It may not be high quantitatively, but significantly hazardous for health. It is because of the fact that there are over 3000 chemical constituents in tobacco smoke, which have been identified. These are harmful for human health.
7. Micro-organisms and allergens are of special significance in the causation and spread of diseases. Most of the infective illnesses may involve more persons of a family living in common indoor environment. These include viral and bacterial diseases like tuberculosis.
8. Besides infections, allergic and hypersensitivity disorders are spreading fast. Although asthma is the most common form of respiratory allergic disorders, pneumonias are common, but more persistent and serious. These are attributed to exposures to allergens from various fungi, molds, hay and other organic materials. Indoor air ventilation systems, coolers, air-conditioners, dampness, decay, pet animals, production or handling

of the causative items are responsible for these hypersensitive-diseases.

9. Obviously, the spectrum of pollution is very wide and our options are limited. Indoor pollution may be handled relatively easily by an individual. Moreover, the good work must start from one's own house.

- (a) (i) What is an air pollutant ? [1]
- (ii) In what forms are the air pollutants present ? [2]
- (iii) Why do we feel suffocated in a closed environment ? [1]
- (iv) What is sick building syndrome ? How is it increasing ? [2]
- (v) How is indoor smoking hazardous ? [1]
- (vi) How can one overcome the dangers of indoor air pollution? [2]

Answer :

(i) Air pollutant is a gaseous or a particulate matter present in the air in an amount exceeding the normal concentrations.

(ii) Air pollutants are present in gaseous form such as carbon monoxide, carbon dioxide, ozone and oxides of sulphur and nitrogen. The pollutants are also in the form of dust of various inorganic or organic origins.

(iii) We feel suffocated in a closed environment due to lack of oxygen. Accumulation of carbon dioxide exhaled out of lungs and more exposure to carbon monoxide are also the reasons of suffocation.

(iv) Sick building syndrome is characterised by a general feeling of malaise, headache, dizziness and irritation of mucous membrane. It may be accompanied by nausea, itching, aches, pains and depression.

It is increasing due to poorly ventilated and over furnished houses in big cities in which there is high concentration of carbon dioxide, carbon monoxide and oxides of nitrogen and other harmful substances.

(v) Indoor smoking is hazardous in the way that there are 3,000 chemical constituents in tobacco smoke which are harmful to human health.

(vi) The houses should be properly ventilated with more and more greenery around them. Smoking of tobacco and burning of coal inside the houses should also be avoided to overcome the dangers of indoor air pollution.

- (b) Find the words from the above passage which mean the same as the following : [3]

- (i) Giddiness (para 4)
- (ii) Constant (para 8)
- (iii) Humidity (para 8)

Answer :

- (i) Dizziness
- (ii) Persistent
- (iii) Dampness.

2. Read the passage below and answer the questions that follow : [8]

The term dietary fibres refers collectively to indigestible carbohydrates present in plant foods. The importance of these dietary fibres came into the picture when it was observed that the people having diet rich in these fibres, had low incidence of coronary heart disease, irritable bowel syndrome, dental caries and gall stones.

The foodstuffs rich in these dietary fibres are cereals and grains, legumes, fruits with seeds, citrus fruits, carrots, cabbage, green vegetables with leanes, apples, melons, peaches, pears, etc.

These dietary fibres are not digested by the enzymes of the stomach and the small intestine whereas, most of the other carbohydrates like starch and sugar are digested and absorbed. The dietary fibres have the property of holding water and because of it, they get swollen and behave like a sponge as these pass through the gastrointestinal tract. The fibres add bulk to the diet and increase transit time in the gut. Some of these fibres may undergo fermentation in the colon.

In recent years, it has been considered essential to have some amount of fibres in the diet. Their beneficial effects help in preventing coronary heart disease, and decreasing cholesterol levels. The fibres like gums and pectin are reported to decrease postprandial (after meals) glucose level in blood. These types of dietary fibres are recommended for the management of certain types of diabetes. Recent studies have shown that the fenugreek (Methi) seeds, which contain 40 percent gum, are effective in decreasing blood glucose and cholesterol levels as compared to other gum containing vegetables.

Some dietary fibres increase transit time and decrease the time of release of ingested food in colon. The diet having less fibres is associated with colon cancer and the dietary fibres may play a role in decreasing the risk of it.

The dietary fibres hold water so that stools are soft, bulky and readily eliminated. Therefore,

high fibre intake prevents or relieves constipation.

The fibres increase motility of the small intestine and the colon and by decreasing the transit time there is less time for exposure of the mucosa to harmful toxic substances. Therefore, there is less desire to eat and the energy intake can be maintained within the range of requirement. This phenomenon helps in keeping a check on obesity. Another reason in helping to decrease obesity is that the high-fibre diets have somewhat lower coefficients of digestibility.

The dietary fibres may have some adverse effects on nutrition by binding some trace metals like calcium, magnesium, phosphorus, zinc and others and therefore preventing their proper absorption. This may pose a possibility of nutritional deficiency especially when diets contain marginal levels of mineral elements. This may become an important constraint on increasing dietary fibres. It is suggested that an intake of 40 grams dietary fibres per day is desirable.

- (a) On the basis of your reading of the above passage, make notes in points only, using abbreviations wherever necessary. Provide a suitable title.

Answer : (a)

Title : Dietary Fibres

1. Importance : lowers

- (i) hrt disease (ii) irrble bowel syndrome
- (iii) dental caries (iv) gall stones

2. Rich dietary fibres

- (i) cereals, grains, legumes
- (ii) fruits
- (iii) vegetables

3. Adverse effects

- (i) bind metals like ca, mg, ph, zn
- (ii) prevents their absoptn
- (iii) nutnl defcncy

Abbreviation Used	
Hrt.	: heart
Irrtble.	: irritable
Ca.	: calcium
Mg.	: magnesium
Ph.	: phosphorous
Zn.	: zinc
Absoptn.	: absorption
Nutnl.	: nutritional
Defcncy.	: deficiency

- (b) Write a summary of the above in about 80 words. [3]

SUMMARY

Dietary fibers are indigestible carbohydrates present in plant foods. People having diet rich in fibers have low heart diseases, irritable bowel syndrome, dental caries and gall stones. Sources of dietary fibers are legumes, cereals, fruits, vegetables and grains. The fibers like gums present in fenugreek and pectin decrease glucose level. The diet which is less in fibers results in colon cancer. The dietary fibers hold water and functions like sponge, hence they prevent constipation.

But there are adverse effects also. They bind some trace metals resulting in nutritional deficiency.

SECTION – B
(WRITING SKILLS) 35

3. You are Vineeta/Vikram, School pupil leader of Rani Laxmi Bai Senior Secondary School, Gwalior. Draft a notice for your school notice board in not more than 50 words inviting the names of the students who want to participate in the cultural programme organised in aid of the victims of the recent Assam floods. [5]

OR

You have a three bedroom flat in Dwarka, which you want to let out on rent. Draft an advertisement in not more than 50 words to be published in "The Times of India" under classified columns, Contact 2758902.

Answer :

**RANI LAXMI BAI SENIOR SECONDARY
SCHOOL
NOTICE**

30th July, 20XX

Participation in the Cultural Programme

To help the flood victims of Assam, a cultural programme is being organized by the school on 30th August, 20XX, in the school auditorium. The students who are interested in participating in dance, singing or dramatics can give their names to their respective class teachers by 7th August, 20XX.

Vineeta/Vikram

School Pupil Leader

OR

FLAT AVAILABLE

For rent, good accommodation, prime location, three bhk flat in Dwarka, near metro station, fully furnished, company lease preferred, AC installed in all the rooms, expected rent 30,000/- Interested may contact: 2758902

4. Maxim Gorky School, Kodaikanal celebrated "Nutrition Week" from 1st September to 7th September by arranging inter-school cookery contests, oratorical, painting and poster competition, besides talks by eminent nutritionists and medical professionals. There was an overwhelming response from students and parents. Prepare a report in 100-125 words to be published in your school magazine. You are Arjun/Anita, School pupil leader. [10]

OR

You are Roshan/Rohini, School Pupil Leader of Meerut Public School, Meerut. Your school joined a campaign organised by various agencies of your city to create awareness among people to conserve water. Write a report in 100-125 words highlighting the activities such as rain water harvesting etc.

Answer :

NUTRITION-WEEK

By Anita/Arjun (School Pupil Leader)

Maxim Gorky School, Kodaikanal celebrated Nutrition Week from 1st September to 7th September in the school auditorium. The celebration started with lighting of candles by our respected Principal followed by his inspirational speech on the present day's health issues and the impact of diet on it. Different schools participated in various competitions organised by the school. The competitions included inter-school cookery contests, oratorical, painting and poster competition, besides valuable ideas shared by eminent nutritionists and medical professionals. The students as well as their parents gave an overwhelming response because nowadays everybody is conscious about their health and well-being. The speech on the nutritional value of food by a student was praised by all. The programme was a combined effort of the teachers and the students and received a huge appreciation by present there.

In the end, the results of the competitions organised were declared and the winners were awarded prizes by Principal.

OR

WATER CONSERVATION

By Rohini/Roshan (School Pupil Leader)

Water scarcity today has become a big issue which, if not dealt with in time, will turn out to be a hazard. To make people aware to conserve water, Meerut Public School joined a campaign organised by various agencies of the city. People in large numbers attended it and were asked to conserve every drop of water and not to

waste it unnecessarily. Small skits presenting the ways of conserving water were presented by the children. It was an easy approach as the venue of the campaign was the public park and the passersby also stopped to become a part of the campaign. Besides, importance of rainwater harvesting and its the methods, were also explained. People were encouraged to improve water management practices that reduce the wastage of water and enhance the beneficial uses of water. Some ancient methods of water conservation should also be practiced. In case, someone is found misusing water, he/she will be penalised. Public was motivated by this, and they joined hands and took oath to use water properly and motivate others also.

5. Write a letter to your cousin, Raj Prakash who is currently staying in Dubai explaining the process of CCE, being used by CBSE for the secondary school examination in its affiliated schools. Also mention how you and your classmate have reacted to this scheme. You are Narain/Nisha, 20 Fort Road, Mumbai.

[10]

OR

Recently you travelled from Bangalore city to Vasco in Vasco Express. To your dismay, you found that the coach was infested with cockroaches. Write a letter to the editor "The Hindu" drawing the attention of the General Manager of Southern Railways, towards the prevailing unhygienic conditions and asking for remedial action. You are Saroj/Saran, 5/31 Bangalore Cantt., Bangalore.

Answer :

20, Fort Road,

Mumbai

20th April, 20XX

Dear Raj Prakash,

Hope you are good and have adjusted well in the atmosphere of Dubai. How do you find your school? What pattern of examination is followed there? Here, in our schools, CBSE has started a new pattern-CCE (Continuous and Comprehensive Evaluation). This system evaluates the performance of the students in scholastic as well as co-scholastic areas. It has reduced the burden of the children and we feel that it will go a long way. It includes the formative and summative assessment. With this new system it has become possible for us to learn and do it in a fun-filled way. Learning has become a pleasure as it has taken away the fear

of examination. It not only excel us in academics but our holistic development also. We all are enjoying it and it is a positive approach towards learning.

Hope you too are doing fine in your studies. Convey my regards to uncle and aunty.

Yours affectionately,

Nisha/Narain

OR

5/31, Bangalore Cantt.

Bangalore

10th January, 20XX

The Editor,

The Hindu

Subject : Unhygienic conditions in train coaches

Dear Sir,

Through the columns of your esteemed newspaper, I would like to draw attention of the General Manager, Southern Railways towards the unhygienic conditions of train coaches. Recently, when I was travelling from Bangalore city to Vasco in Vasco Express, I noticed that the coach was infested with cockroaches. The sheets and blankets given to the passengers were not properly washed; the food was also stale and uncovered, toilets were unclean, washbasins were dirty due to which, the cockroaches are breeding and the whole place is infested with them. Therefore, immediate remedial actions are required. There should be regular check on the cleanliness of the coaches and the staff members who are given the duty, should also be taken into account. If they are not performing their duties, they should be fined so that the negligence is not repeated. I hope, this will bring a definite change. I shall be grateful if this letter finds a place in your newspaper.

Yours Sincerely,

Saroj/Saran

6. Write an article in 150-200 words for your school magazine on the topic. "Obesity among School Children." You are Mohini/Mohit. [10]

OR

You are Ramesh/Ruchika. Write an article in 150-200 words for your school magazine on the topic, "Life without Modern Gadgets".

Answer:

OBESITY AMONG SCHOOL CHILDREN

By Mohini/Mohit

The most common problem found among the children in today's scenario is the growing problem of obesity. This is the result of present day lifestyle where parents are much responsible for it. Even the tastes of the children have changed a lot and they are moving towards junk food like burgers, pizza, pasta and many more. These are not only harmful for their proper growth but also affect their metabolism. As the children are confined to their rooms playing on laptops, computer games and mobiles, the outdoor activities have come to an end. As a result, more and more children are becoming obese and overweight which is alarming because it causes health problems which results, in social issues. They are likely to be teased by their peers and they tend to become inactive. Once children become obese it is very difficult to return to the original shape. Apart from this, the risk factors are very high. They are more prone to high blood pressure, weak heart, diabetes, orthopedic disorders, etc. So, the only remedy for this is the awareness about obesity less intake of junk foods, more intake of home-made food, avoiding aerated drinks and getting involved physical activities only then this problem can be overcome.

OR

LIFE WITHOUT MODERN GADGETS

By Ruchika/Ramesh

Science has made life easy, convenient, comfortable, better and more beautiful. Its achievements, discoveries and inventions are wonderful. One we cannot think of our lives without gadgets as we would just be helpless without them. Every device or appliance has a unique purpose. They have revolutionised our life so much that without them we feel handicapped. Beginning from kitchen, gadgets like mixer, microwave oven, refrigerator and water purifier have proved to be a boon. Cell phones are the center of our life. have huge potential, we can listen to our favourite music while travelling and need not carry heavy radios. Our life starts with the sound of an alarm clock, so we can say that our day begins with gadgets. They work as our personal assistant. In offices, meetings, trainings and all, we are dependent on them. Even at the shops, libraries, railways, banks, airports, a computer is required for booking tickets and keeping accounts. If for a day our internet does not work, we feel paralysed. It feels as if something important is missing from our lives. Thus, these gadgets have left a

remarkable impact on our lives and we cannot work or go without them.

SECTION-C

(LITERATURE : TEXT BOOK) 45

7. Read the extract given below and answer the questions that follow : [3]

The stunted, unlucky heir

Of twisted bones, reciting a father's gnarled disease,

His lesson, from his desk. At the back of the dim class

One unnoted, sweet and young.

- (i) Who is this 'unlucky heir' and what has he inherited ? [1]
- (ii) What is the stunted boy reciting ? [1]
- (iii) Who is sitting at the back of the dim class? [1]

OR

Driving from my parents

Home to Cochin last Friday

Morning, I saw my mother, beside me,

Doze, open mouthed, her face ashen like that

Of a corpse and realised with pain

That she was as old as she looked ...

- (i) Where was the poet driving to ? [1]
- (ii) Why was her mother's face looking like that of a corpse ? [1]
- (iii) What did the poet notice about her mother ? [1]

Answer :

- (i) The boy who has twisted bones and is sitting in the slum classroom is the unlucky heir. He has inherited the gnarled disease of twisted bones from his father.
- (ii) The stunted boy is reciting his father's gnarled disease and his lessons.
- (iii) At the back of the dim class, there is an unnoted, sweet and young dreamer sitting, who is dreaming of squirrel's game.

OR

Answer :

- (i) The poet was driving to Cochin from her parents' home.
- (ii) Her mother's face was looking like a corpse because she was old, weak, pale and lifeless.
- (iii) The poet noticed that her mother's mouth was open and her face looked like that of a corpse.

8. Answer any three of the following in 30-40 words each : [2×3=6]

(a) What does Keats consider an endless

fountain of immortal drink and why does he call its drink immortal ?

- (b) What are the different kinds of wars mentioned in the poem ? What is Neruda's attitude towards these wars ?
- (c) What lies heavily on Aunt Jennifer's hand? How is it associated with her husband ?

Answer :

(a) Beauty, according to Keats is immortal and is continuous source of motivation and inspiration and things of beauty are like endless fountains pouring from heaven. It is an endless fountain of beautiful things so that man can enjoy happiness and peace.

(b) The poet talks of the chemical wars, war with fire, wars with ammunition, wars with environment and green wars. According to him, these wars are the gate to destruction. Therefore, wars should be avoided, as there will be no survivors to enjoy the victory.

(c) The wedding band and the ring lie heavily on Aunt Jennifer's hand. The ring symbolises the weight of her marriage which she has to bear, dead or alive. It reminds her of the pressures of an unhappy and unpleasant marriage.

9. Answer any three of the following in 30-40 words each : [2×3=6]

- (a) What was the order from Berlin and what changes did it cause in the school ?
- (b) How did Douglas make sure that he conquered the old terror ?
- (c) Why was Sophie jealous of Geoff's silence ?

Answer :

(a) There was an order from Berlin that French would not be taught in schools anymore. Instead, German would be taught by a new teacher. That was probably their last French lesson. It was not a Sunday morning yet, there was no noise or activity in the school. The French teacher Mr. Hamel seemed to be calm and he was becoming emotional. He was wearing a special dress and all the villagers were sitting on the back benches of the class. The whole atmosphere of the school was silent and peaceful.

(b) The old terror always returned whenever Douglas was alone in the pool. He covered the length of the pool but when he was not satisfied, he went to Lake Wentworth and swam two miles to overcome his terror. The terror was now gone and he laughed at it.

(c) Sophie was jealous of Geoff's silence because she wanted him to share everything as she used to do. Geoff was an introvert and spoke very

little. She thought that there was something about his life that was unknown to her.

10. Answer the following in 125-150 words : [10]
Why did Gandhiji agree to a settlement of 25 percent refund to the farmers ? How did it influence the peasant-landlord relationship in Champaran ?

Answer : Gandhiji agreed to the settlement of 25 percent because the amount was not important for him but to release the peasants from the indigo raising agreement was much more important. The British planters wanted to prolong the agreement but Gandhiji proved to be wiser. He fought for the poor peasants a long battle for one year and managed to get justice for them. This was a moral victory for them. Even the Britishers had to compromise with their pride and prestige. Peasants now got the courage and became aware of their rights. Their money and time was saved and within few years British planters were forced to give up their estates and these were returned to farmers. They became the owners of their own land. It also ignited the feelings of self-dependence and patriotism among the farmers.

11. Answer the following in 30-40 words : [7]
Give a character-sketch of the Governor of Oxford Prison based on your understanding of the story 'Evans Tries an O-level'.

Answer : The Governor of Oxford Prison was a generous man who allowed Evans to appear for the exam. Evans was a criminal and had escaped from jail twice, so the governor took all the possible precautions for the smooth conduct of his examination. The examination had been arranged in the cell itself. The door was locked one day before and the security was made tighter. Everything was checked thoroughly to ensure that there was no way that could help him to escape. This shows that he was very wise and on the other hand, he was so simple that he couldn't understand the cunningness of Evans.

12. Answer the following in about 100 words : [5]
There is a saying 'kindness pays, rudeness never'. In the story 'The Rattrap' Edla's attitude towards men and matters is different from her father's attitude. How are the values of concern and compassion brought out in the story, 'The Rattrap' ?

Answer : Edla, the ironman's daughter was totally different from her father. In the beginning, the iron master seemed to be very sympathetic when he mistook the stranger for one of his old acquaintance. He even sent his

daughter to call for him when he did not agree to come to their house. But soon his attitude changed when he came to know the truth that the stranger was someone else. He called him dishonest and threatened to hand him over to the police whereas his daughter was entirely different from her father. She had different ways of looking at things. She was affectionate and considerate. She acted more wisely than her father. She stopped her father from behaving badly towards the stranger. She proved to be a good host and it was her, who brought a change in his behaviour. It was her generosity and sympathy that converted him entirely. These values strengthen our hope in goodness.

13. Answer the following in 30-40 words :

[2×4=8]

- What forced Dr. Sadao to be impatient and irritable with his patient ?
- Why does Jo insist that her father should tell her the story with a different ending ?
- If you were to give a different ending to the story 'On the face of it' how would you end it ?
- What were the articles in the stalls and shops that fascinated Bama on her way back from school ?

Answer :

(a) When Dr. Sadao saw the difficulties faced by his wife in the absence of maids and servants due to the presence of an enemy in his house, he felt impatient and irritable with him. Besides when this secret was out that he was sheltering an enemy, he feared of getting into serious trouble. It caused a great deal of tension to him.

(b) Jo insists that her father should tell her the story with a different ending because she wants that other animals should play with Roger Skunk and for that he must smell like roses. According to her, the mother is wrong as she made him smell foul again and the wizard should hit his mother for that. In fact, she wants to assert her views on her father.

(c) If I were given a chance to end the story, surely it would be a happy ending. Mr. Lamb would not have died and Derry along with him would have started a new life. They would have been living happily in each other's company.

(d) It was a daily routine of the writer to walk back home from school, which was a ten minutes walk. But, it always took her thirty minutes to reach home as the stalls and shops on the way fascinated her a lot. These stalls and shops were of sweets, dried fish, fried snacks, etc.

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English 2013 (Delhi)

SET I

Time allowed : 3 hours

Maximum marks : 100

Note : Except for the following questions, all the remaining questions have been asked in previous sets.

SECTION-B (WRITING SKILLS)

3. You are Smitha/Sunil, Secretary AVM Housing Society. You are going to organise a blood donation camp. Write a notice in not more than 50 words, urging the members of your society to come in large numbers for this noble cause. Invent all the necessary details. [5]

OR

You are General Manager, Hotel Dosa, Gurgaon. You need a lady Front Office Assistant with sound knowledge of computers. She must be a graduate and good in communication skills with pleasing manners. Draft an advertisement

in not more than 50 words to be published in Gurgaon Times. [10]

Answer :

AVM HOUSING SOCIETY NOTICE

26th October, 20XX

BLOOD DONATION CAMP

A blood donation camp is being organised by our society on 1st November, 20XX in the front park of the society. All the residents are, therefore, requested to donate their blood for a noble cause and save a life. For any details please contact the undersigned.

Smitha/Sunil

Secretary

AVM Housing Society

OR

ASSISTANT REQUIRED

A lady Front Office Assistant, having sound knowledge of computers, a graduate with good communication skills and pleasing manners. Salary negotiable. Interested may apply immediately
Contact: General Manger
Hotel Dosa, Gurgaon

4. Your school Sun Public School, Pune celebrated 'Environment Day' on 5th November. Write a report on the programme in 100-125 words for your school newsletter. You are Neeta/Naveen, Cultural Secretary of the school. Invent the necessary details. [10]

OR

You are Deepak/Deepika, Secretary of Ahimsa Club, Parsva Public School, Delhi. On 2nd October your school observed 'International Day for peace and Non-violence', organising various activities such as a visit to Rajghat, Charkha spinning, lectures by eminent Gandhians, etc. Write a report for the same in 100-125 words.

Answer :

ENVIRONMENT DAY CELEBRATION

By Neeta/Naveen (Cultural Secretary)
Sun Public School, Pune, celebrated 'Environment Day' on 5th November very enthusiastically. Everybody was excited and showed eagerness towards the celebration. The students wore eco-friendly dresses. The corridors were decorated with the posters made by the children with the help of their art teacher. Many activities were organised on this occasion. A small play was presented by the students in connection with the environment friendly measures which should be adopted by the people. There was also an exhibition of the things made by the junior section of the school, which included paper bags, jute bags, and products made up of biodegradable matter. Our Principal gave an inspiring speech on how to preserve our environment. Student speakers also presented their views on the conservation of environment. After the function was over, tree plantation drive started. The first tree was planted by the Principal followed by the faculty members and then the children. In the end, students took the oath of planting a tree every year to make the environment neat and clean.

It was a great step towards the awareness about the environment.

OR

INTERNATIONAL DAY FOR PEACE AND NON-VIOLENCE OBSERVED

By Deepika/Deepak (Secretary, Ahimsa Club)
2nd October was a memorable day for our school as it observed 'International day for Peace and Non-violence.' We all know that this day is celebrated to commemorate Mahatma Gandhi, who was the greatest messenger of peace and non-violence. Various activities were organised by the school. Students were told the importance of 'Charkha Spinning' and they enjoyed doing it by themselves. At the back stage, a group of students sang Bapu's favourite bhajan 'Vaishnav jan to tinhe kahiye...' in a choir. There were speeches made on the way of living that Gandhiji advocated all his life and the means to achieve them which according to Bapu should be noble and high. After that the children were taken to the Samadhi of Gandhiji known as 'Rajghat'. The teachers as well as children paid homage to Bapu. The eminent Gandhians delivered speeches and told that he was a great example of selfless service, self-discipline, renunciation and deep love for suffering humanity.

In the evening, we returned back to the school to disperse to our homes but there was a sense of content and peace in our mind and soul.

5. As a regular commuter by bus from Noida to Delhi, you have been witnessing rash driving by the bus drivers daily without an exception. Write a letter to the editor "The Times of India" drawing the attention of the General Manager of Delhi Transport Corporation to this problem. You are Priti/Prakash, 15, Udyog Vihar, Noida. [5]

OR

Write a letter to Lightways Sport, Amrapalli, Thane, placing an order for sports articles (Minimum 4) to be supplied to your school, ABC Matriculation School, Civil Lines, Pune, Sign as Ravi/Raveena, Sports Secretary.

Answer :

15, Udyog Vihar,
Noida

24th September, 20XX

The Editor,
The Times of India

Subject : Rash Bus Driving

Sir,

Through the columns of your esteemed newspaper, I would like to draw the attention

of the General Manager, Delhi Transport Corporation towards the increasing cases of rash bus driving. This has created havoc in the city as it has become a routine habit of the drivers. Daily one or two cases of mishaps due to the negligence of the drivers are coming into light. It's not an overheard thing, but I have experienced it myself as I am a regular commuter by bus from Noida to Delhi. The number of accidents have been increasing daily which results in the loss of many lives. This should be checked as drivers are indifferent towards the sufferings of the public and do not pay heed towards the traffic rules. The most common sufferers are the elders and the children. Immediate action is the need of the hour. Either the registration of their vehicle should be cancelled or their driving license, to bring such mishaps under control.

I expect a favorable response.

Thank you,
Yours Sincerely,
Priti/Prakash

OR

ABC Matriculation School,
Civil Lines, Pune
26th October, 20XX

The Manager,
Light ways Sport,
Amrapali, Thane.

Sub : Order for Sports Articles

Dear Sir/Madam,

We need to purchase some sports articles for our school. The list of the articles is as follows :

Item	Quantity
1. Basketballs	4
2. Cricket bats	6
3. Volleyballs	4
4. Footballs	3

Kindly, send the articles after proper checking at the school sports complex between 10. a.m. to 2. p.m. Please make the delivery as soon as possible. As we have been a regular buyer of sports goods from your shop for past many years, a good amount of discount is expected on the above mentioned items. Payment will be done at the time of delivery through demand draft.

Thank You.
Yours Sincerely,
Raveena/Ravi
(Sports Secretary)

6. Your family has recently shifted from Kota

in Rajasthan to Ernakulam in Kerala, where your house is situated in the midst of beautiful flowering plants and fruit-yielding trees. Every minute and every second, you are experiencing the joy of being in the lap of nature. Write an article in 150-200 words on the diversity of nature that you have experienced. You are Latha/Lalitha of class XII. [10]

OR

Write an article in 150-200 words on the topic, 'Poverty is the cause of all evils', to be published in the Young World of 'The Hindu', Chennai.

Answer :

IN THE LAP OF NATURE

By Latha/Lalitha Class XII

One can find huge diversity in nature while living in India. I experienced it personally when we shifted to Ernakulam in Kerala from Kota, Rajasthan. It seemed as if we have shifted not places but nature. From the brown mountains to the green canopies, the change was completely welcomed by all the family members. For the first time in my whole life, I saw such greenery. The words used for Kerala as 'God's Own Country', appeared to be true which I had only heard or read till now. Living in the lap of nature, is a completely new experience. The greenery is extremely enchanting and to add to its beauty, is the location of my house amidst the beautiful flowering plants and fruit yielding trees. The fragrance of the blooming flowers fill the house and the aroma enters the soul. The view of fruit laden trees is equally fascinating. There is no sign of pollution here. Evergreen beaches, fishing nets spread all over the sea, richness of coconut and jackfruit, all make it a desired place to live in. The place has not lacked even in the preservation of its culture. The boat race in the backwaters is done during the festival of Onam. It is famous for its spices and 'Ayurvedic Kerala Massage.' In all, I must say that I enjoy the bracing environment, relaxed life, temples, backwaters and shaded woods of Kerala.

OR

POVERTY IS THE CAUSE OF ALL EVILS

By Xyz

India is a country where most of the population live in villages and below poverty line. Poverty prevails not only in villages but also in big cities. The metro cities are full of slums, where majority of people are living in inhuman conditions. Their basic needs for food, shelter and clothing are not fulfilled. Millions and millions of people are the victims of malnutrition, hunger, poor health

and illiteracy. Their condition is not better than stray dogs. The prices are rising at a very high rate and in the same way their condition is also deteriorating. The rich are becoming richer, and the poor are becoming poorer. Circumstances and negligence force them to adopt evil means and criminal activities like robbery, murder, kidnapping, looting and so on. Children are made to beg and women are compelled to become prostitutes. If it is not acceptable to anyone, then they commit mass suicide. The society, reformatory organizations, government, and non-profit organisations should take a step forward to improvise the condition of these people. There should be a check on the fund allocated for poverty removal and also whether it is properly utilised or not.

SECTION- C
(LITERATURE :TEXT BOOK)

7. Read the extract given below and answer the questions that follow :

Perhaps the Earth can teach us
As when everything seems dead
And later proves to be alive
Now I'll count up to twelve
And you keep quiet and I will go.

- (i) What does the Earth teach us ? [1]
(ii) What does the poet mean to achieve by counting up to twelve ? [1]
(iii) What is the significance of 'keeping quiet'? [1]

OR

A flowery band to bind us to the Earth,
Spite of despondence, of the inhuman dearth
of noble natures, of the gloomy days,
Of all the unhealthy and o'er-darkened ways
made for our searching :

OR

- (i) What are we doing every day? [1]
(ii) Which evil thing do we possess and suffer from? [1]
(iii) What are the circumstances that contribute towards making humans unhappy and disillusioned with life ? [1]

Answer :

- (i) The Earth teaches us to remain quiet even in the adverse situations.
(ii) The poet, asks us to keep quiet while he counts up to twelve as he wants us to self-analyse.

(iii) It is quite necessary to keep quiet for some time as it would help us introspect and understand ourselves, so that we can solve our problems.

OR

- (i) Every day we are weaving a beautiful string of flowers that would bind us to earth, and motivate us to live our life happily instead of pains and sufferings.
(ii) We possess evils of hatred and jealousy that do not let us live freely and happily. They steal away the joys of life.
(iii) There is competition everywhere and the world is full of selfish people. There is dearth of goodness and nobility in human nature. This makes us gloomy, unhappy and disillusioned with life.

8. Answer any three of the following questions in 30-40 words each : [2×3=6]

- (a) Why has the poet's mother been compared to the 'late winter's moon' ?
(b) What message does Stephen Spender convey through the poem 'An Elementary school Classroom in a Slum'?
(c) What was the plea of the folk who had put up the roadside stand ?
(d) What will happen to Aunt Jennifer's tigers when she is dead ?

Answer :

- (a) The poet's mother has been compared to the 'Late winter's moon' because she is too old and tired in the same way as the winter's moon is dull and without shine.
(b) The poet conveys the message that the life of the children living in slum is limited to their filthy dark room only. They have no future or hope and they don't know the outer world. This problem can be solved only when a school inspector, educationist or a governor comes here.
(c) The men who had put up the roadside stand, pleaded in a pitiable manner to customers as they wanted to earn some money. They wished the city folks to stop there to buy something from them.
(d) After Aunt Jennifer's death, she will enter another world and her plight would remain same but her tigers would lead a fearless life and walk with grace, elegance and confidence.

9. Answer the following questions in 30-40 words each : [2×3=6]

- (a) How did Franz react to the declaration that it was their last French lesson ?
- (c) How did the instructor turn Douglas into a swimmer ?
- (d) Why did Sophie like her brother Geoff more than any other person ?

Answer :

(a) Franz was shocked to hear that there would be no French lessons from now onwards and felt extremely sorry for neglecting his lessons and regretted for not having the chance to learn its grammar rules. His French teacher M. Hamel would also be seen no more in the school.

(c) The instructor taught Douglas to swim step by step. He told him to exercise and practice daily making his limbs and hands stronger. He also taught him to exhale and inhale outside and inside the water. He trained him perfectly by teaching all the strokes of swimming and thus, turned Douglas into a swimmer.

(d) Sophie's brother Geoff was the only person in her life to whom she could confide in. He was an introvert who used to speak very little and so she thought that he would never let any of her secret out. She felt that she would be safe with him anywhere in this strange world.

10. Answer the following in 125-150 words : [10]
How did the peddler feel after robbing the crofter ? What course did he adopt and how did he react to the new situation ? What does his reaction reveal ?

Answer : The peddler robbed thirty kronors from crofter's house who gave him shelter for the whole night in his cottage showing him kindness and hospitality. The peddler felt very happy after that and believed that it was not safe to walk along the public highway. So, he went into the woods but lost his way and when he could not get out of it, he thought the whole world with its lands and seas, its cities and villages is nothing but a big 'rattrap' and he was the victim of it. He felt that the bait in his case was the money that he had stolen from crofter's house. It was now his turn to be caught in the world's rattrap. Whenever we become the victim to temptations, we get trapped in this vicious circle.

Peddler could not help but think, and was trying to prove his act of robbery by thinking that crofter had put the money to trap him due to which, he got tempted. He was not the only one who was tempted, but almost everyone; some or the other day gets trapped.

11. Answer the following in about 100 words :

[5]

Exploitation is a universal phenomenon. The poor indigo farmers were exploited by the British landlords to which Gandhiji objected. Even after our independence we find exploitation of unorganised labour :

What values do we learn from Gandhiji's campaign to counter the present day problems of exploitation ?

Answer : The conditions that prevailed during the time of Gandhiji are still existing. The weak and the poor are living in the same condition as they used to, prior to the independence, only the ways of exploitation have altered. The poor sharecroppers were exploited by the British landlords and their lands were snatched from them. Gandhiji fought for them systematically by gathering information and presenting the facts courageously and managed to get justice for the fear-stricken peasants. The striking feature of this was that he did not use any form of violence or unfair means.

These methods can be adopted by us also, as we must be aware of our strengths and weaknesses and then proceed accordingly as one should not fall into the trap by any means. We should never compromise at the cost of our dignity or self-respect and thus sought out the solutions wisely.

12. Answer the following in 125-150 words : [7]

What is the bond that unites the two-the old Mr. Lamb and Derry, the small boy ? How does the old man inspire the small boy ?

OR

Do you think Dr. Sadao's final decision was the best possible one in the circumstances ? Why/why not ? Explain with reference to the story 'The Enemy'.

Answer : Derry and Mr. Lamb had the same sense of loneliness and they both lived a secluded life due to their physical inability. Derry experienced Mr. Lamb to be a peculiar person saying strange things which he was not able to understand, still he felt some kind of attraction towards him. He was differently-abled but was calm and maintained peace with people around him. He was not irritated by the children who called him 'Lamey-Lamb'. Before coming in contact with Mr. Lamb, Derry felt lonely due to the behaviour of people but Lamb inspired him and filled him with self-confidence and determination. He taught him to live his life to the fullest without brooding over his burnt

face. He told him to move ahead in life as his brain and senses were working completely. He imbibed positive thinking in him and showed him the way to live life in spite of his inability because he could do much better than others. This was the bond that united both of them.

OR

Answer : Yes, Dr. Sadao's final decision was the best possible one in the given circumstances because, he was hiding an enemy in his house and everybody was aware of it. Although he had no love for Americans and he was a true patriot still he saved him realising his 'sacred' duty to save a dying man. This brought an open defiance from his domestic staff and his wife had to do all the household work. Moreover, there was a high risk as he was sheltering an enemy. So, when he felt that the man was out of danger, he helped him to escape. He got a boat ready with food, water and extra clothing and asked the soldier to row the boat to a little island that was not too far from the coast and from there he could take a Korean fishing boat. One evening, there was no signalling and Dr. Sadao understood that the man was off safely on a Korean fishing boat and

it was then that he had a sound sleep.

13. **Answer the following in 30-40 words : [2×2=4]**
What sort of hunts did the Maharaja offer to organize for the high-ranking British officer ? What trait of the officer does it reveal ?

OR

What did Jo want the wizard to do when Mommy Skunk approached him ?

Answer : The Maharaja offered to organise every sort of hunt for the high ranking British Officer which also included boar hunt, mouse hunt and so on, but refused to entertain the tiger hunt.

The British officer himself was not interested in killing the tiger, he only wanted his photograph beside the body of the dead tiger with a gun in his hand. It reveals that the British officer was a boaster and self-publicist.

OR

Jo wanted the wizard to hit Mommy Skunk because she wanted Roger Skunk to smell foul like before and that's why she took him to the wizard. There she hit him with the umbrella and Jo disliked it as according to her, the wizard was right.

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English 2013 (Delhi)

SET II

Time allowed : 3 hours

Maximum marks : 100

Note : Except for the following questions, all the remaining questions have been asked in previous sets.

SECTION- B (WRITING SKILLS)

4. You are General Kanpur Senior Secondary School, Kanpur celebrate 'No Tobacco Day' on 4th September. Write a report in 100-125 words on the activities performed for your school newsletter. You Shobita/Sameer, cultural Secretary of your school. Invent the necessary details. [10]

OR

As a staff reporter of *The Times of India*, Delhi, you are asked to cover an incident of daylight robbery on the outskirts of Delhi. While the inmates were present in the house. Write a report in 100-125 words.

Answer :

NO TOBACCO DAY

By Sameer/shobita (Cultural Secretary)

4th June 20XX was celebrated as 'No Tobacco Day' by our school. An interesting and educative programme was organised to highlight the evil effects of tobacco on human body. The programme was inaugurated by the Director of Education. Students had exhibited pictures, posters and cartoons depicting the harms of smoking. A demonstration was presented to highlight the miserable state of tobacco addicts. The messages 'No Smoking' and 'Smoking is injurious to health' were preached quietly overtly. Then, the school doctor gave an illuminating discourse, on the harms caused by tobacco. He used slides, graphs and pictures to illuminate his talk. A short film was also screened to drive home the menace caused by tobacco smoking or chewing. The plight of the patients of cancer, caused by tobacco, made us shudder. We resolved not to smoke or chew tobacco.

OR

A DAYLIGHT ROBBERY

By Xyz (TOI, Correspondent)

New Delhi, 2nd March, 20XX : A daring daylight robbery occurred today in the house of

Mr. William at 2.00 p.m. After lunch, the inmates were enjoying their afternoon siesta, when a group of marked young men entered the house, from the roof top. At first, they shut all the doors from inside and bolted the main gate from within. They cut off the telephone connection and then pointed their gun at the chest of Mr. William and demanded the keys of the safe, in which ornaments, cash, valuables and other important documents were kept. The head of the family was helpless and had to submit the keys. According to Mr. William, the robbers decamped with all the cash and jewellery they could. Apparently there was no loss of life. Personal rivalry is assumed to be one of the motives behind the crime.

5. You are Kamini/Kamal of 10, Civil Lines Extension, Chanakyapuri, Agra. The main road leading to your locality has three open manholes causing frequent accidents at night, especially during the rainy season. Write a letter to the Editor, *The Times of India* drawing attention of the Municipal Commissioner to this problem of the residents. [10]

OR

You are Anoop/Akriti, of Baden Powel Senior Secondary School, Delhi. Write a letter to the Sales Manager, Aparna Publishing House, placing an order for the books (minimum four titles) for your school library. Invent the necessary details.

Answer :

10, Civil lines Extension,
Chanakyapuri, Agra.

20th June, 20XX

The Editor,

The Times of India,

Subject : Open Manholes in the locality

Dear Sir,

Through the column of your esteemed daily, I wish to draw the attention of the concerned authority to the problem caused by three open man-holes, on the main road of our locality. The number of accidents have increased due to these, specially during the rainy season. School students are vulnerable to such situations. All the complaint letters written to the concerned authorities till date have been in vain. The manholes need to be cemented at the earliest to avoid future mishaps.⁷

Thank You.

Yours Sincerely,
Kamini/Kamal

OR

Baden Powel Sr. Secondary School,
Delhi.

20th July, 20XX

Sales Manager,
Aparna Publishing House,
Delhi.

Subject : Order for Books

Dear Sir,

We have been purchasing books from you for the past ten years and hence we want to place an order for the following books for our school library.

	Name	Quantity
1.	CBSE Complete Course English Core Class XIIth.	5
2.	CBSE Political Science Textbook Class XIIth.	20
3.	CBSE Biology Part I and II Textbook Class XIIth.	10
4.	CBSE Home science Textbook Class XIIth.	25

Kindly, send these books and provide us the necessary discount. Payment will be done by cheque after receiving the books.

Thank You.

Yours Sincerely,
Anoop/Akriti

SECTION- C

(LITERATURE : TEXT BOOK)

9. Answer any three of the following question in 30-40 words each : [6]
- How did Franz react to the declaration that it was their last French lesson ?
 - What made the lawyer lose his job? What was about it? (Poets and Pancakes)**

Answer :

(a) Franz is overwhelmed with a feeling of remorse and regret when he heard that henceforth only German was to be taught in the schools of Alsace and Lorraine. He wished that he had spent so much time in trivial pursuit like seeking birds eggs, or going sliding in the saar. The books that seemed such a nuisance earlier appeared like an old friend now.

13. Answer the following in 30-40 words each: [8]

(c) What according to the author, Tishani Doshi are the issues engaging public attention and interest during our tone?*

** Answer are not given due to the change in syllabus

English 2013 (Delhi)**SET III****Time allowed : 3 hours****Maximum marks : 100**

Note: Except for the following questions, all the remaining questions have been asked in previous sets.

SECTION- B
(WRITING SKILLS)

3. You are Smitha/Sunil, Secretary AVM Housing Society. You are going to organise a yoga camp. Write a notice in not more than 50 words, urging the members of your society to come in large numbers to attend the camp. Invent all the necessary details. [5]
Answer:

AVM HOUSING SOCIETY, DELHI
NOTICE

1st March, 20XX

REJUVENATION YOGA CAMP

All residents are hereby informed that a yoga camp is being organised from March 5, 20XX to April 5, 20XX, at 6:00 am, in the Central Park of the Society. Residents from all age groups can participate in the camp. Please get yourselves registered at the earliest by contacting the undersigned.

Smitha/Sunil

Secretary

AVM Housing Society

5. You have noticed many stray animals on the road during the busy hours of the day. These animals cause traffic jams as well as accidents. You have already written to the concerned authorities but no action has been taken so far. Write a letter to the Editor, The Hindu, drawing attention of the Municipal Commissioner, Chennai. You are Shantha/Suresh, 12 M.G. Road, Chennai. [10]

OR

You are Nalini/Vishal, Hostel Warden, Zenith Public School, Kosikalan. Write a letter to the Sales Manager, Bharat Electronics and Domestic appliances Limited, New Delhi, placing an order for a few fans, microwave ovens and geysers that you wish to purchase for the hostel. Also ask for the discount permissible on the purchase.

Answer:

12, M.G. Road,
Chennai

13th December, 20XX
The Editor,
The Hindu, Chennai.

Subject : Havoc created by Stray Animals.

Dear Sir,

Through the columns of your esteemed newspaper, I would like to draw the attention of the concerned authorities towards the havoc created by the stray animals in the city. These animals are left to roam during the busy hours of the day, resulting in huge traffic jams due to which the public has to face a lot of problem. Sometimes, accidents also take place as they appear suddenly in front of moving vehicles. The concerned authorities have already been notified but no action has been taken yet. The issue needs to be addressed at the earliest, in order to avoid any such inconvenience and mishaps.

Thank you.

Yours Sincerely,
Shantha/Suresh

OR

Answer:

Zenith Public School,

Kosi Kalan.

25th May, 20XX

The Sales Manager

Bharat Electronics and
Domestic Appliances Ltd.
New Delhi

Subject : Placing an order for Electronic Appliances

Dear Sir,

We need to purchase some electronic items for the school hostel. The list of items is as follows :

Item	Quantity
1. Ceiling fans	10
2. Microwave ovens	5
3. Geysers	6

All the items should be properly checked and delivered at the school hostel between 10 a.m. to 2 p.m. Please make sure to give the necessary discount permissible on every item. The payment will be done through cheque only after the delivery of the items.

Thank You.

Yours Sincerely,
Nalini/Vishal
Hostel Warden

SECTION- C
(LITERATURE ; TEXT BOOK)

8. Answer the following in 30-40 words each :

(b) The poet says, 'And yet, for these children, these windows, not this map, their world'. Which world do these children belong to? Which world is inaccessible to them ?

Answer :

(b) Through these words, the poet is conveying the message that the children dwelling in the slums have no idea of the outer world. They are living a dark and gloomy life, with no future or hope. The world map hanging in their classroom is meaningless to them. They have the view of the outer world only through the windows of the

classroom. So, these windows should be much bigger so that the children may be able to come out of them.

9. Answer the following in 30-40 words each : [2]

(a) What did M. Hamel tell them about the French language? What did he ask them to do and why ?

Answer :

(a) It was, the last day of M. Hamel in the school and he told them the importance of French language. He praised the language as the most beautiful and sweetest language of the world. If one keeps his language with him, he can liberate himself from any type of slavery.

English 2012 (Outside Delhi)

SET I

Time allowed : 3 hours

Maximum marks : 100

SECTION A
(READING)

20

1. Read the passage given below and answer the questions that follow: [12]

1. While there is no denying that the world loves a winner, it is important that you recognise the signs of stress in your behaviour and be healthy enough to enjoy your success. Stress can strike anytime, in a fashion that may leave you unaware of its presence in your life. While a certain amount of pressure is necessary for performance, it is important to be able to recognise your individual limit. For instance, there are some individuals who accept competition in a healthy fashion. There are others who collapse into weeping wrecks before an exam or on comparing marksheets and finding that their friend has scored better.
2. Stress is a body reaction to any demands or changes in its internal and external environment. Whenever there is a change in the external environment such as temperature, pollutants, humidity and working conditions, it leads to stress. In these days of competition when a person makes up his mind to surpass what has been achieved by others, leading to an imbalance between demands and resources, it causes psycho-social stress. It is a part and parcel of everyday life.
3. Stress has a different meaning, depending on the stage of life you are in. The loss of a toy or a reprimand from the parents might create a stress shock in a child. An adolescent who fails in examination may feel as if everything has been lost and life has no further meaning.

In an adult the loss of his or her companion, job or professional failure may appear as if there is nothing more to be achieved.

4. Such signs appear in the attitude and behaviour of the individual, as muscle tension in various parts of the body, palpitation and high blood pressure, indigestion and hyper-acidity. Ultimately the result is self-destructive behaviour such as eating and drinking too much, smoking excessively, relying on tranquilisers. There are other signs of stress such as trembling, shaking, nervous blinking, dryness of throat and mouth and difficulty in swallowing.
5. The professional under stress behaves as if he is a perfectionist. It leads to depression, lethargy and weakness. Periodic mood shifts also indicate the stress status of the students, executives and professionals.
6. In a study sponsored by World Health Organisation and carried out by Harvard School of Public Health, the global burden of diseases and injury indicated that stress diseases and accidents are going to be the major killers in 2020.
7. The heart disease and depression – both stress diseases – are going to rank first and second in 2020. Road traffic accidents are going to be the third largest killers. These accidents are also an indicator of psycho-social stress in a fast-moving society. Other stress diseases like ulcers, hypertension and sleeplessness have assumed epidemic proportions in modern societies.
8. A person under stress reacts in different ways and the common ones are flight, fight and flee

depending upon the nature of the stress and capabilities of the person. The three responses can be elegantly chosen to cope with the stress so that stress does not damage the system and become distress.

9. When a stress crosses the limit, peculiar to an individual, it lowers his performance capacity. Frequent crossings of the limit may result in chronic fatigue in which a person feels lethargic, disinterested and is not easily motivated to achieve anything. This may make the person mentally undecided, confused and accident prone as well. Sudden exposure to un-nerving stress may also result in a loss of memory. Diet, massage, food supplements, herbal medicines, hobbies, relaxation techniques and dance movements are excellent stress busters.

- (a) (i) What is stress ? What factors lead to stress ? [2]
 (ii) What are the signs by which a person can know that he is under stress ? [2]
 (iii) What are the different diseases a person gets due to stress ? [2]
 (iv) Give any two examples of stress busters. [1]
 (v) How does a person react under stress ? [2]

Answer :

(i) Stress is a body reaction to any demands or changes in its internal and external environment. Whenever there is a change in the external environment such as temperature, pollutants, humidity and working conditions, it leads to stress and when there is an imbalance between demands and resources, it causes psycho-social stress.

(ii) A muscle tension in various parts of the body, palpitation, high blood pressure, indigestion and hyper-acidity are the signs that appear in the attitude and behavior of a person under stress. There are other signs also such as trembling, shaking, nervous blinking, dryness of throat and mouth and difficulty in swallowing.

(iii) The different diseases caused due to stress are heart disease, depression, ulcers, hypertension and sleeplessness.

(iv) Relaxation techniques and dance movements are two examples of stress busters.

(v) A person under stress reacts in different ways and the common ones are flight, fight and flee depending upon the nature of stress and capabilities of the person.

- (b) Which words in the above passage mean the same as the following ? [3]

- (i) fall down (para 1)
 (ii) Rebuke (para 3)
 (iii) Inactive (para 9)

Answer :

- (i) Collapse
 (ii) Reprimand
 (iii) Lethargic

2. Read the passage given below and answer the questions that follow : [8]

Research has shown that the human mind can process words at the rate of about 500 per minute, whereas a speaker speaks at the rate of about 150 words a minute. The difference between the two at 350 is quite large.

So, a speaker must make every effort to retain the attention of the audience and the listener should also be careful not to let his mind wander. Good communication calls for good listening skills. A good speaker must necessarily be a good listener. Listening starts with hearing but goes beyond. Hearing, in other words is necessary, but is not a sufficient condition for listening. Listening involves hearing with attention. Listening is a process that calls for concentration. While listening, one should also be observant.

In other words, listening has to do with the ears, as well as with the eyes and the mind. Listening is to be understood as the total process that involves hearing with attention, being observant and making interpretations. Good communication is essentially an interactive process. It calls for participation and involvement. It is quite often a dialogue rather than a monologue. It is necessary to be interested and also show or make it abundantly clear that one is interested in knowing what the other person has to say.

Good listening is an art that can be cultivated. It relates to skills that can be developed.

A good listener knows the art of getting much more than what the speaker is trying to convey. He knows how to prompt, persuade but not to cut off or interrupt what the other person has to say. At times the speaker may or may not be coherent, articulate and well-organised in his thoughts and expressions. He may have it in his mind and yet he may fail to marshal the right words while communicating his thought.

Nevertheless a good listener puts him at ease, helps him articulate and facilitates him to get across the message that he wants to convey. For listening to be effective, it is also necessary that barriers to listening are removed. Such barriers can be both physical and psychological. Physical barriers generally relate to hindrances to proper hearing whereas psychological barriers are more fundamental and relate to the interpretation and evaluation of the speaker and the message.

- (a) On the basis of your reading of the above passage, make notes in points only, using abbreviations wherever necessary. Supply a suitable title. [5]

Title : Qualities of a Good Listener

(i) Diff. between mind and spkr.

- (a) mind prcss fstr than spkr
- (b) good communication rqrs good lisng, skills
- (c) good spkr should be a good lisnr,

(ii) Diff. between lisng. and hearing.

- (a) hearing not sufficient
- (b) lisng involves attntn and concentration
- (c) lisng. requires participation and involvement

(iii) good lisng is an art

- (a) good lisnr knows better than spkr
- (b) when spkr. fails, lisnr. helps
- (c) barriers for lisng. should be removed

Abbreviations Used

Diff – difference
Spkr – speaker
Prcss – process
Fstr – faster
Rqrs – requires
Lisng – listening
Lisnr – listener
Attntn – attention

- (b) Write a summary of the above passage in about 80 words. [3]

SUMMARY

The processing of words can be done by human mind at a faster rate than the speed with which the speaker speaks. Therefore, the speaker must be attentive and listener should also be careful. Good speaker must be a good listener too. Listening is hearing with concentration. Good listening is an art and a good listener grasps

faster what the speaker is trying to tell. When speaker fails, listener helps. But for listening, certain physical and psychological barriers should be removed.

SECTION – B

(WRITING SKILLS)

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3. You are Mohan/Mohini, General Manager of P.K. industries, Hyderabad. You need an accountant for your company. Draft, in not more than 50 words, an advertisement to be published in 'The Hindu', in classified columns. [5]

OR

You lost your Titan wrist watch in your school. Draft a notice in not more than 50 words, to be placed on your school notice board. You are a student of class XII of Rani Ahalya Devi Senior Secondary School, Gwalior. Sign as Rani/Ram.

Answer :

ACCOUNTANT WANTED

CA/M.Com, preferably experienced, below 30 years of age, must have sound knowledge of computers and good communication skills. Salary negotiable. Interested candidates.

May contact: Mohini/Mohan, General Manager, P.K. Industries, Hyderabad

OR

RANI AHALYA DEVI SENIOR SECONDARY SCHOOL, GWALIOR NOTICE

14th August, 20XX

LOST AND FOUND

I have lost a Titan wrist watch with silver dial and black straps during lunch break in the school playground on 13th Aug. 20XX. If anybody happens to find it, kindly return it to the undersigned.

Rani/Ram
Class - XII

4. Your school has recently arranged a musical night in the school auditorium. Write a report in 100-125 words on this programme, for your school magazine. You are Mahima/Mahesh, Cultural Secretary of Vasant Vihar Public School, Itarsi. Invent the details. [10]

OR

You witnessed a fire accident in a slum area near your colony on Saturday night. You were very

much disturbed at the pathetic sight. Write a report in 100-125 words for your school magazine. You are Lakshmi/Lakshman, a student of P.D.K. International School, Madurai.

Answer :

MUSICAL NIGHT

By Mahima/Mahesh (Cultural Secretary)

Vasant Vihar Public School, Itarsi had arranged a musical night in the school auditorium last week. The chief guest of the function was none other than the very popular singer Mr. Abhijeet Singh. Our Principal, honorable Mr. M.P. Sharma welcomed him with a bouquet and a garland of roses. The auditorium was jam packed. The theme of the program was the fusion of the Indian and Western music. One could see the exuberant enthusiasm of the budding artists while performing. In the category of 10-15 years, the children grasped the attention of the audience the most as they played the musical instruments themselves and entertained the crowd with their line-up songs. The old songs caught the attention of the public more than the new ones. The function concluded with the song sung by Mr. Abhijeet Singh on the demand of public.

OR

A FIRE ACCIDENT

By Lakshmi/Lakshman

P.D.K. International School, Madurai

On Saturday night, I was busy doing my project work when suddenly I heard a loud noise from the nearby slum area. I could not resist the temptation to see and found a huge gathering outside. The fire was gulping everything it could and high flames and smoke had covered the whole sky. People were pouring buckets of water on the flames of fire. Some of the people were trapped in and were crying for help. Few of them were able to escape but their belongings were burnt. Two children could not tolerate the suffocating smoke and were succumbed to it. Two women and four children had become unconscious and suffered severe burns on their bodies. They were rushed to the hospital. Fire could be controlled only after the arrival of the fire brigade. The scene was of complete disaster, nothing could be saved. It was later found that fire broke out due to short circuit in one of the nearby shops.

5. Write a letter to the station master, Anand, informing him about the loss of your suitcase which you realised only on alighting at Anand. You travelled by Navjivan express from Chennai to Anand. You are Priya/Prasad of 12, Kasuri Bai Street, Chennai-20. [10]

OR

As a parent, write a letter to the Principal, ABC School Delhi, requesting him/her to grant your ward Akhil/Asha Arora, permission to attend the school two hours late for a month as he/she has to attend the coaching classes arranged by Sports Authority of India, on being selected for participation in National Swimming Championship.

Answer :

12, Kasturi Bai Street,
Chennai-20

4th July, 20XX

The Station master,
Anand

Subject: Enquiry for the lost suitcase.

Dear Sir,

I wish to bring to your notice that I boarded the train, Navjivan Express, from Chennai to Anand on 1st July, 20XX after attending a seminar held by National Educational Conference in Chennai. I was travelling in Coach No. G-17. On reaching Anand, I realised that I have lost my suitcase somewhere in between the journey. It is a 'Skybag' which is black in colour and contains papers related to educational of it conference. There is a tag hanging on the side of it with my name Priya/Prasad, written on it. Kindly, look for it and inform me.

Yours faithfully'

Priya/Prasad

OR

XYZ Colony,
Delhi.

17th August, 20XX

The Principal
ABC School,
Delhi.

Subject : Permission to attend the school two hours late.

Respected Sir,

My son/daughter, Akhil/Asha Arora, studies

in your school in class IX. He/she is counted among the brilliant students of your school and has cleared the orientation cum selection camp of Junior Science Olympiad held at Mumbai. Apart from academics, he/she has also been selected for the National Swimming Championship which is going to be held in coming September. Therefore, he/she has to attend the coaching classes in the morning shift from 7 to 9 a.m. arranged by the Sports Authority of India. So, it is quite impossible for him/her to reach school on time. I humbly request you to grant him/her permission to attend the school two hours late for a month and I promise you that his/her studies won't be affected at all and he/she would submit his/her work of all the subjects in time. I shall be highly obliged.

Thanking you,
Yours faithfully,
Akash Arora
(Father)

6. Dance, as shown in some reality shows on TV, seems to be a mix of Gymnastics and P.T. exercises. Actually it is neither. India has a rich tradition of classical and folk dances. Write an article in 150-200 words on the need to have a reality show exclusively based on Indian classical dances. You are Anu/Arun. [10]

OR

You are Ajay/Anu, Head Boy/Girl of Kendriya Vidyalaya, Kanpur. You have seen some students of junior classes littering the school compound and verandahs with tiffin left-overs. It makes the school look unclean and untidy. Write a speech in 150-200 words to be delivered in the morning assembly, advising such students to keep the school neat and clean.

Answer:

DECLINING STANDARD OF DANCE SHOWS

By Anu/Arun

Dance reality shows, which are very popular nowadays, have lost their old charm due to a decline in the standard of dance. Now they are just a mixture of gymnastics and P.T. exercises. The participants of the Indian reality shows like 'Dance India Dance', 'Little Champs' etc., receive special training on how to dance on the television but they do not normally go for Indian classical dance. It is our responsibility now to revive it. Classical dance forms have come from ancient dance discipline and it has a great cultural value

in India. It is embedded with Indian tradition from the pre-historic period. It has different forms in different states of India. Some of them are Kathakali, Bharatanatyam, Odissi, Kuchipudi. The dance forms based on these should be shown on reality shows so as to make our modern generation acquaint with their tradition and culture. These dance forms also have a soothing effect on the behaviour, mind and the soul against the western dance which are aggressive and provocative. So, there is a ray of hope that one day, the days of classical dance would return.

OR

Respected Principal, worthy teachers and my dear friends. Today I, Anu/Ajay, Head Girl/Boy of the school, am going to present my views on the topic "Cleanliness."

Our country is also known as the 'Nation of Bapu', but we do not fulfil his dreams totally. He was the man of principles and his main motto was to keep our country clean, but how many of us follow the morals and ethics of Bapu? In a way, by not following his principles, we are showing disrespect towards him. I'm saying this because yesterday, after the lunch was over, I saw some of our junior friends littering the school compound, playground and verandahs with tiffin left-overs. Do you know that the filth scattered everywhere becomes the feeding place for flies and mosquitoes? This not only makes the school look dirty and unclean but also reflects one's personality and life. This is the place where we come to earn values and it is our moral duty to keep it clean. Even the government has started 'keep your city clean' campaign. So children, please cooperate and this habit begin from your school.

In the end, I request all the students to make proper use of dustbins to keep your school neat and clean.

Thank you.

SECTION - C

(LITERATURE :TEXT BOOKS)

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7. (a) Read the extract given below and answer the questions that follow : [4]

Far far from gusty waves these children's faces,
Like rootless weeds, the hair torn around their
pallor :

The tall girl with her weighted down head.
The paper-Seeming boy, with rat's eyes

(i) What are the children compared to ? [1]

(ii) Why do you think the girl is sitting with a weighted down head ? [1]

- (iii) Give two phrases which tell us that the children are under-nourished. [2]

Answer :

- (i) The children are compared to rootless weeds as they have pale faces and torn hair scattered all over their faces.
- (ii) The girl is sitting with a weighed down head because she is depressed and ill due to poverty and embarrassed due to lack of education.
- (iii) (a) paper-seeming boy (b) rat's eyes.
- (b) Answer any three of the following in 30-40 words each : [2×3=6]
- (i) What were the poet's feelings at the airport? How did she hide them ?
- (ii) How can suspension of activities help ?
- (iii) Why is 'grandeur' associated with the 'mighty dead' ?
- (iv) How do the words 'denizens and 'chivalric' add to our understanding of Aunt Jennifer's tigers ?

Answer :

- (i) The poet's feelings at the airport were of fear of separation from her mother which was also her childhood fear. She hid those feelings by smiling again and again and promised her mother to meet her soon.
- (ii) Remaining quiet for some time suspending our activities helps us to assess ourselves and self analyse our activities for mental relaxation.
- (iii) Grandeur is associated with the mighty dead because the huge tombs and buildings are erected in the memory of great personalities and they become more important than they were when alive.
- (iv) The tigers are the kings of jungle and they are supposed to be the bravest species on Earth. They have a respectable position in the animal kingdom. So, they are fearless inhabitants and symbolise Aunt Jennifer's attitude.

8. Answer the following in 30-40 words each : [2×5=10]

- (a) How did M. Hamel say farewell to his students and the people of the town ?
- (b) Who was the owner of Ramjso iron mills ? Why did he visit the mills at night ?
- (c) Why did Douglas go to Lake Wentworth in New Hampshire ? How did he make his terror flee ?
- (d) Why could the bangle makers not organize themselves into a cooperative ?

- (e) Why did Sophie not want Jansie to know anything about her meeting with Danny Casey?

Answer:

- (a) M. Hamel gave his last lesson with full devotion and sincerity. He sat erect in his chair and looked pale. The students were quiet and all the villagers were sitting in the last benches. M. Hamel told them French was the most beautiful language and the importance of one's language.
- (b) The ironmaster was the owner of the Ramjso iron mills. He generally visited the mills at night to check the working in the mill as he wanted to bring out the good quality of iron in the market.
- (c) Douglas went to Lake Wentworth in New Hampshire to overcome his fear of water as he was not sure that terror had left him even after the training. He made his terror flee by swimming two miles in the lake all alone to get rid of his fear.
- (d) The young bangle makers could not organise themselves into a cooperative due to fear of police and many of them had already fallen prey of the middlemen. Further, they did not have any leader to help them.
- (e) In Sophie's view, Jansie was a stupid girl who had no sense of keeping any secret. If she had told about her meeting with Daney, there was a possibility that Jansie would tell it to everybody and her father would be angry.

9. Answer the following in 125-150 words : [10]
Give an account of Gandhiji's efforts to secure justice for the poor Indigo sharecroppers of Champaran.

Answer : Gandhiji went to Champaran to solve the poor sharecroppers' problems and their exploitation in the hands of British planters. He started collecting facts. Muzaffarpur's lawyers gave him the details of the court case. The British landlords as well as the commissioner did not cooperate with him. With the help of lawyers, Gandhiji collected the depositions by ten thousand peasants and other evidences were also gathered. He prepared documents and started investigations at the warfront in spite of protests from the landlords. He was even summoned by the Lieutenant Governor. After a long process, an official commission enquiry was set up to look into the reality of the matter. The enquiry collected many evidences against the British planters. Gandhiji

was the only representative of the poor shareholders who had their complete faith in him and Gandhiji was able to get justice for them. Finally, the landlords agreed to make 25 percent refunds to the peasants. The farmers were influenced by this and got courage to fight for their rights. Within years, the planters gave up their possession and indigo sharecropping ended. The peasants became the owner of their lands.

10. Answer the following in 125-150 words : [7]
How was 'injured' McLeery able to fool the prison officers ?

OR

What impression do you form about Dr. Sadao as a man and as a surgeon on your reading the chapter 'The Enemy' ?

Answer : Injured McLeery was in fact Evans himself. He ditched the prison officers and was able to escape. He told the officers in broken phrases that he knew where Evans could be found. He told them not to worry about the ambulance but arrange for the police. He asked Jackson to call for the Governor and drew his attention towards the German question paper which was lying on the table. On reading the question paper and translating it slowly, he got to know that Evans had fled from Elsfeld Way and driven to the Headington round about. Meanwhile, the police had arrived and McLeery asked him to go to Elsfeld Way. The Governor told Carter to take injured McLeery with him to a hospital but he fooled them and succeeded in escaping.

OR

Dr. Sadao was a Japanese surgeon and a scientist. He loved his Japanese culture and that's why he married a Japanese girl Hana, in the traditional way, whom he met while studying in America.

He married her only after getting the consent of his father which showed that he respected his father. He was intelligent and dedicated towards his work. He studied surgery in America for eight years and then returned back to his country to serve his own countrymen. He had two children. The old General Takima had full faith in him and was under his treatment. Dr. Sadao was not sent abroad with the Japanese troop. Dr. Sadao was a true surgeon. He remembered his oath and did not let an enemy die although his and his family's life were both in danger. He also helped him in escaping from the place in the interest of his professional ethics and on humanitarian ground.

11. Answer the following in 30-40 words each :

[2×4=8]

- Why was the Maharaja so anxious to kill the hundredth tiger ?
- How does Jo want the story to end ?
- What peculiar things does Derry notice about the old man, Lamb?

Answer :

- According to an astrologer's prediction, Maharaja would be killed by hundredth tiger, so when he had killed 99 tigers and only one tiger was left, he felt relieved as he would be free from all types of fear.
- Jo wants an entirely different ending. She does not want the skunk to be shunned by his friends for a lifetime. Therefore, she wanted that Wizard to hit the mother of Roger Skunk who wants him to smell foul again.
- Derry notices that Mr. Lamb is different from others. He motivates him to overcome his physical disability. His house is also different with no curtains on the windows in order to see the beauty of outer world.

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SET II

Time allowed : 3 hours

Maximum marks : 100

Note : Except for the following questions, all the remaining questions have been asked in previous set.

SECTION-B (WRITING SKILLS)

3. You are Ratan/Rani, General Manager of Hotel Green Park, Lucknow. You need a receptionist for your hotel. Draft an advertisement in

not more than 50 words to be published in 'Hindustan Times', Lucknow, calling for applications. [5]

OR

You have lost your leather wallet containing your Examination Entry Ticket for class XII, while travelling by bus from Banshankari to M.G. Road in Bangalore. Write a notice in not more than 50 words, to be published in 'Deccan Herald'. You are Pranav/Parveen, 12, Gandhi

Road, Bangalore.

Answer :

RECEPTIONIST WANTED

Looking for a young talented receptionist with a pleasing personality, below 25 years of age, should have good command over spoken English. Interested may apply before 25th February.

Contact: Rani/Ratan

General Manager

Hotel Green Park,

Lucknow

Answer :

NOTICE

12, Feb. 20XX

ATTENTION! ATTENTION! ATTENTION!

I have lost my leather wallet somewhere in the bus while travelling from Banshankari to M.G. Road, Bangalore. It is of dark brown colour and contains my Examination Entry Ticket for class XII. If anybody happens to find it, kindly inform to the undersigned. A reward is promised.

Parveen/Pranav

12, Gandhi Road, Bangalore.

SECTION-C

(LITERATURE : TEXT BOOKS)

7. (b) (iii) What makes human beings love life in spite of troubles and sufferings ? (A Thing Of Beauty)

Answer : We have lots of sufferings and pain in our life. There are gloomy days, despair, dearth of noble nature, over-darkened ways in human life, but things of beauty gives us hope to love life. The sun, the moon, daffodils, etc., give us aesthetic pleasure and distract us from the ugly side of things in life.

8. Answer the following in 30-40 words each :

[2×5=10]

(b) How did the ironmaster react on seeing the stranger lying close to the furnace ?

Answer : The ironmaster was on his surprise rounds on the Christmas Eve. He discovered a peddler in the dim light of the furnace and mistook him for one of his old acquaintances.

9. Answer the following in 125-150 words : [10]

How did the instructor make Douglas a good swimmer ?

OR

The Champaran episode was a turning point in Gandhiji's life. Elucidate.

Answer :

Douglas was afraid of water due to an incident in his childhood. Because of this fear he could not enjoy the water sports like boating, canoeing and swimming so he thought of conquering his fear and took an instructor to teach him swimming. The instructor tied a belt around him. A rope was attached to it that went through a pulley that ran on a cable overhead. This was done so that Douglas would not drown. The instructor then held one end of that rope and they went back and forth. Within three months of training, the fear of water became less. Then he told him to exhale under water and inhale above water. This exercise was repeated several times. The instructor held him on the edge of the pool and he kicked his legs. Douglas perfected each exercise and thus, became a good swimmer.

OR

On Shukla's complaint about the injustice of the British landlords, Gandhiji went to Bihar with him and there he heard the problems of peasants and came to know about their pathetic situation. He was resolved to fight for the peasants and release the poor sharecroppers from the British landlords. From Patna, he went to Muzaffarpur where he met the lawyers and convinced them that they were there to serve the peasants. He also rebuked them for charging big fees from the poor sharecroppers. His main aim was to make the peasants fearless as the freedom from fear was more important than the legal justice to them. To set an example before them, he himself went to the jail, although he was a stranger there. Seeing this, the lawyers also agreed for the court arrest and the contribution of the peasants and the poor sharecroppers to the freedom movement without any violence. Therefore, Champaran episode proved to be a turning point in his life as he understood that people of India could win freedom by truth and non-violence.

10. Answer the following in 125-150 words : [7]

In spite of the precaution taken by the Governor, Evans was able to escape. How do you think he was able to do it ?

Answer : Evans was a clever and a cunning prisoner who befooled all the prison officers and escaped under a plan. He showed his desire to take an O-level examination in German. He was the only student, so the Governor had appointed a German teacher to teach him. Because the Governor had not checked the teacher, a friend

of Evans joined as a teacher. After ten months, the examination was arranged in the cell itself. Reverend McLeery was the invigilator who was duped by him and a friend of Evans came as an invigilator. He carried a semi-inflated tube with him and a pair of reading glasses. Evans had a connection with the examination board, which helped him in knowing the places he would go after his escape from the prison. Two calls to the board helped him to ask for prison van and giving instructions to Stephens. Near the examination board, Evans injured McLeery and changed his make-up. The prison officer and the driver, who drove the prison van were also his friends.

OR

Why did Sadao Hoki go to America ? Narrate his experience there ?

Answer : Sadao Hoki was a famous Japanese

surgeon and a scientist. He went to America to study medicine and surgery. His father wanted him to be highly educated and that was the reason that he was sent to America at the age of twenty two. He remained in America for eight years and then returned to his own country Japan. His father, whose soul aim was to see him as a successful personality, was fulfilled. Before his death, Sadao became a renowned surgeon and a scientist.

He faced great difficulty while studying in America. First of all, he could not find a place to live because he was a Japanese and the Americans were full of prejudice for their race. Anyhow, he was given a place to live by an old and dirty woman in her miserable house. But fortunately, one of his American Professors and his wife were kind enough to do something for their foreign students but they had small rooms. The food was tasteless and it was very difficult to adjust with both husband and wife in that house.

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SET III

Time allowed : 3 hours

Maximum marks : 100

Note : Except for the following questions, all the remaining questions have been asked in previous sets.

SECTION-B (WRITING SKILLS)

3. As student Editor, draft a notice in not more than 50 words for your school notice board inviting articles from the students for your school magazine. You are Rohan/Rupini of Vasant Vihar School, Pune. [5]

OR

Write an advertisement in not more than 50 words for the Lost and Found column of the 'National Herald', Lucknow stating the loss of your wallet containing a D.D. for Rs. 32,500 and some cash, while travelling by bus from Hazratganj to Nirala Nagar in Lucknow. You are Raman/Rupa, 22A Hazratganj, Lucknow.

Answer :

VASANT VIHAR SCHOOL, PUNE NOTICE

12th September, 20XX

ARTICLES FOR SCHOOL MAGAZINE

All the students are invited to give articles,

poems, stories or other writing material for the school magazine which is going to be published next month for the year 20XX-XX. Contact to the undersigned latest by 25th September, 20XX.

Rohan/Rupini
Student Editor
School Magazine

OR

NOTICE

16th November, 20XX

LOST! LOST! LOST!

Lost a black-coloured leather wallet, containing a D.D. for ₹ 32,500 and some cash, somewhere in the bus on Hazratganj-Nirala Nagar route on 14th November 20XX. If anybody finds it, kindly inform to the undersigned.

Rupa/Raman
22A, Hazratganj, Lucknow

SECTION-C (LITERATURE : TEXT BOOKS)

7. (b) (iii) Describe any three things of beauty mentioned in the poem, 'A Thing of Beauty'.
Answer : The three things of beauty mentioned

in the poem 'A Thing of Beauty' are—the blossoming of daffodils, musk roses and the clear streams among mountains.

8. (b) Why didn't the stranger tell the ironmaster that he was not Nils Olof ? [2×5=10]

Answer : The stranger didn't tell the ironmaster that he was not Nils Olof because he thought that the ironmaster might give him some kronors thinking him to be an old acquaintance. Therefore, he hid his real identity.

9. Answer the following in 125-150 words : [10]
Why did Rajkumar Shukla invite Gandhiji to Champaran ? How did Gandhiji solve the problem of the indigo farmers ? **Answer**

: Rajkumar Shukla was a poor peasant who was from Champaran district in Bihar. He came to Lucknow in December at annual convention of the Indian National Congress to make a complaint to Gandhiji about the plight of the sharecroppers. Gandhiji went to Champaran when he received the report of exploitation of the poor peasants. He began gathering the evidences. The British landlords as well as the commissioner did not cooperate with him in getting the facts. Lawyers were engaged to go to the court, they briefed him the case and gave him full support.

Gandhiji and the lawyers collected about ten thousand peasants.

The evidences and documents were also collected. The investigators started their investigations full-fledgedly. This was intolerable to the landlords and Gandhiji was summoned before the lieutenant Governor. After few interviews, an official inquiry was set up to look into the matter of sharecroppers' condition. They got sufficient evidences against the planters and the peasants were refunded 25%. This was a huge victory for farmers and they got a lot of courage. Within a few years, the planters gave up their estates and peasants became the owner of the land.

10. Answer the following in 125-150 words : [7]
What purpose did the question paper and the correction slip serve ? How did they help both the criminals and the governor ?

OR

Why did Sadao help the American soldier to escape ? How did he do it ?

Answer :

The real purpose of the question paper and the correction slip was to provide Evans the plans of escaping from the cell. The sheet was cleverly superimposed. The correction slip also made the prison officers believe that the injured person was actually McLeery and he wanted to help them in tracing the criminal, Evans.

On the other hand, the question paper and the correction slip helped both the criminals as well as the Governor. The assistant secretary made a call to the Governor after the examination had started that he had forgotten to place a correction slip in the package. In fact, there was a clue in the slip for Evans that after escaping from the prison, he should go to Hotel Golden Lions. At the same time, this information helped the Governor to locate the Hotel where Evans was staying because Evans had written index number as 313 and the centre number as 271 which came out to be six figures 313/271 and with the help of 'Ordinance Survey Map for Oxford shire', the Governor reached the hotel. This was also a part of their plan. The Governor was made to trace Evans deliberately and eventually, Evans was able to dupe the Governor again and he finally escaped.

OR

Dr. Sadao was a man of principles. Once, when he was standing out of his house which was situated on the beach, he saw a man flung out of the ocean. He noticed that the man was soldier of the enemy and was wounded badly. He thought of throwing him back into the ocean but could not do so. Although he had no love for Americans and he was a true patriot, he saved him realising his sacred duty to save a dying man as a doctor. This brought an open defiance of his domestic staff and they all left him. His wife had to do all the household work. Moreover, there was a high risk as he was sheltering an enemy. When he felt that the man was out of danger, he helped him to escape.

One night, Dr. Sadao put his boat on the shore with food, water and some extra clothing. He asked the soldier to row the boat to a little island that was not too far from the coast. He gave him a flashlight too to signal him twice in case he fell short of food and signal once if everything was okay. One evening there was no signalling and Dr. Sadao understood that the man had gone safely on a Korean fishing boat.

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English 2014 (Outside Delhi)

SET I

Time allowed : 3 hours

Maximum marks : 100

SECTION – A (READING)

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1. Read the following passage and answer the questions that follow : [12]

1. Too many parents these days can't say no. As a result, they find themselves raising children who respond greedily to the advertisements aimed right at them. Even getting what they want doesn't satisfy some kids; they only want more. Now, a growing number of psychologists, educators and parents think it's time to stop the madness and start teaching kids about what's really important: values like hard work, contentment, honesty and compassion. The struggle to set limits has never been tougher – and the stakes have never been higher. One recent study of adults who were overindulged as children, paints a discouraging picture of their future : when given too much too soon, they grow up to be adults who have difficulty coping with life's disappointments. They also

have a distorted sense of entitlement that gets in the way of success in the work place and in relationships.

2. Psychologists say that parents who overindulge their kids, set them up to be more vulnerable to future anxiety and depression. Today's parents themselves raised on values of thrift and self-sacrifice, grew up in a culture where 'no' was a household word. Today's kids want much more, partly because there is so much more to want. The oldest members of this Generation Excess were born in the late 1980s, just as PCs and video games were making their assault on the family room. They think of MP3 players and flat-screen TVs as essential utilities, and they have developed strategies to get them. One survey of teenagers found that when they crave something new, most expect to ask nine times before their parents give in. By every measure, parents are shelling out record amounts. In the heat of this

buying blitz, even parents who desperately need to say no find themselves reaching for their credit cards.

3. Today's parents aren't equipped to deal with the problem. Many of them, raised in the 1960s and '70s, swore they'd act differently from their parents and have closer relationships with their own children. Many even wear the same designer clothes as their kids and listen to the same music. They even work more hours; so at the end of a long week, it's tempting to buy peace with a 'yes' and not mar precious family time with conflict. Anxiety about the future is another factor. How do well intentioned parents say no to all the sports gear and arts and language lessons they believe will help their kids thrive in an increasingly competitive world? Experts agree: too much love won't spoil a child. Too few limits will.
4. What parents need to find, is a balance between the advantages of an affluent society and the critical life lessons that come from waiting, saving and working hard to achieve goals. That search for balance has to start early. Children need limits because they feel better and more secure when they live within a secured structure. Older children learn self-control by watching how others, especially their parents act. Learning how to overcome challenges, is essential to becoming a successful adult. Few parents ask kids to do chores. They think their kids are already overburdened by social and academic pressures. Every individual can be of service to others, and life has meaning beyond one's own immediate happiness. That means parents eager to teach values have to take a long, hard look at their own.

(a) Answer the following:

- (i) What values do parents and teachers want children to learn ? [2]
- (ii) What are the results of giving the children too much too soon ? [2]
- (iii) Why do today's children want more ? [2]
- (iv) What is the balance which the parents need to have in today's world ? [2]
- (v) What is the necessity to set limits for children ? [2]
- (b) Pick out words from the passage that mean the same as the following : [3]

(i) A feeling of satisfaction (para 1)

(ii) Valuable (para 3)

(iii) Important (para 4)

Answer: (a)

- (i) Teachers and parents want children to learn values like hard work, contentment, honesty and compassion.
- (ii) Giving children too much too soon brings its own ill-effects as they grow up to be adults who experience difficulty in coping up with life's disappointments. They also have a distorted sense of entitlement that hinders their success at work place and in relationships.
- (iii) Children of present time want more because of the increasing desire. and because there are so many things to want.
- (iv) In today's world, there is an exigent need for parents to strike a balance between the advantages of an affluent society and the critical life lessons that come from waiting, saving and working hard to achieve goals.
- (v) There is a necessity to set limits for children because they feel better and more assured when they live within a secured structure.
- (b) (i) Contentment
(ii) Precious
(iii) Essential.

2. Read the passage carefully. [8]

1. I remember my childhood as being generally happy and can recall experiencing some of the most carefree times of my life. But I can also remember, even more vividly, moments of being deeply frightened. As a child, I was truly terrified of the dark and getting lost. These fears were very real and caused me some extremely uncomfortable moments.
2. May be it was the strange way in which things looked and sounded familiar in my room at night that scared me so much. There was never total darkness, but a street light or passing car lights made clothes hung over a chair take on the shape of an unknown beast. Out of the corner of my eye, I saw curtains move when there was no breeze. A tiny creak in the floor would sound a hundred times louder than in the daylight and my imagination would take over, creating burglars and monsters. Darkness always made me feel helpless. My heart would pound and I would lie very still so that 'the enemy' wouldn't discover me.

3. Another childhood fear of mine was that I would get lost, especially on the way home from school. Every morning, I got on the school bus right near my home – that was no problem. After school, though, when all the buses were lined up along the curve, I was terrified that I would get on the wrong one and be taken to some unfamiliar neighbourhood. I would scan the bus for the faces of my friends, make sure that the bus driver was the same one that had been there in the morning, and even then ask the others over and over again to be sure I was in the right bus. On school or family trips to an amusement park or a museum, I wouldn't let the leaders out of my sight. And of course, I was never very adventurous when it came to taking walks or hikes because I would go only where I was sure I would never get lost.
4. Perhaps, one of the worst fears I had as a child was that of not being liked or accepted by others. First of all, I was quite shy. Secondly, I worried constantly about my looks, thinking people wouldn't like me because I was too fat or wore braces. I tried to wear 'the right clothes' and had intense arguments with my mother over the importance of wearing flats instead of saddled shoes to school. Being popular was very important to me then, and the fear of not being liked was a powerful one.
5. One of the processes of evolving from a child to an adult is being able to recognise and overcome our fears. I have learnt that darkness does not have to take on a life of its own, that others can help me when I am lost and that friendliness and sincerity will encourage people to like me. Understanding the things that scared us, as children helps to cope with our lives as adults.
- (a) On the basis of your reading of the above passage, make notes using headings and sub-headings. Use recognisable abbreviations wherever necessary. [5]
- (b) Make a summary of the passage in not more than 80 words using the notes made and also suggest a suitable title. [3]
- Answer: (a)

Childhood Nostalgia

1. Recollection of childhood memories

- (i). Happy and carefree
- (ii) Terrified of darkness and getting lost

2. Childhood fears or hallucinating vibes

- (i) Feeling helpless in the dark
- (ii). Strange shadows-an unknown beast
- (iii) Moving curtains
- (iii) Creaking sounds
- (iv) Imagining burglars and monsters
- (v) Lying still, with pounding heart
- (vi). Fear of getting lost (on the way back home)
- (vii) Scanning school bus searching familiar faces, same driver
- (viii) Re-confirming the bus
- (ix) Not letting leaders out of sight
- (x) Avoiding adventurous act
- (xi) Going only when sure of not being lost
- (xii) Fear of not being liked
- (xiii) Quite shy
- (xiv) Worried about fat-looks, having braces, right clothes
- (xv) Wearing the right clothes
- (xvi) Flats vs. saddled shoes for school
- (xvii) Imp. of popularity

3. Coping with childhood fears as an adult

- (i) Undg. evolution process from a child to an adult
- (ii) Recog. and overcoming fears
- (iii) Accepting help from others
- (iv) Role of friendliness and sincerity
- (v) Undg. things that were scary

abbreviations used

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| 1. &-and | 2. Act.-activities |
| 3. Vs.-versus | 4. Imp.-importance |
| 5. Undg. – understanding | 6. Recog.- recognizing |

SUMMARY

The narrator had happy and carefree moments in his childhood. However, darkness scared him with its shadows, unexpected movement of curtains and blatant creaking sounds, made him imagine about monsters and burglars. He felt helpless and was scared of getting lost. Before boarding his school bus, he looked in for familiar faces. He was shy and afraid of not being liked by others which had been his biggest phobia. As he evolved from a child to an adult, he realised that understanding things that scare us as a child helps in coping with the challenges of life.

SECTION – B

(WRITING SKILLS)

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3. You were very upset about the reports on communal riots in various parts of the country. As a concerned social worker, design a poster in not more than 50 words, highlighting the importance of communal harmony. You are Vinay/Vineeta. [5]

OR

The Literary Club of your school is putting up the play 'Waiting for Godot'. As secretary of the club, draft an invitation inviting the famous writer Sudesh Gupta to be the guest of honour at the function. Write the invitation in not more than 50 words. You are Govind/Gauri.

Answer :

COMMUNAL HARMONY
 "The Need of The Hour"

When Diwali ends with 'Ali' and 'Ramadan' starts with 'Ram' then why fight in the name of religion.

All Religions
teach
brotherhood
& fraternity

Live and
Let
Live
Let's stop
Communal Riots!

Issued in Public Interest by
 Vinay/Vineeta
 Social Worker

OR

The Literary Club,
 XYZ School
 12th Feb, 20XX
 The Writer
 Sudesh Gupta,

Subject : Invitation to be the guest of honor

Dear Sir,

The literary Club of XYZ School requests the pleasure of your esteemed presence on the occasion of Annual Theatre Festival on Friday, 19th Feb, 20XX at 9.00 a.m. at the School Auditorium.

The students of the School are putting up the play 'Waiting for Godot'. Your presence will encourage the students thereby making the occasion more meaningful and attractive. Hope

our invitation will be accepted by you.

Thanks,

Gauri/Govind

Secretary

The literary Club

XYZ School

4. Last week the newly built auditorium of your school was inaugurated. As Deepak/Deepti Saha, the head boy/head girl of the school, write a factual description of the auditorium in 125-150 words. [10]

OR

You had attended a workshop on personality development for students. Many eminent personalities had been present. Write a report in 125-150 words on how the workshop proved to be beneficial. You are Rajesh/Rajshree.

Answer: NEWLY BUILT AUDITORIUM

By Deepak Saha / Head boy/Deepti Saha/
 Head girl

The newly built auditorium of our school was inaugurated last week by Mr. Anand Seth, the MP. The auditorium is quite spacious and well-ventilated. It has five gates so as to avoid any chaos or mishap while entering or leaving the auditorium. Just after entering, one can see the exhibited portraits of educationists and artists on the walls. The seating space has been designed to accommodate about 5000 students. The roof is well-designed so as to give it a lively look. The seats are comfortable and arranged properly for a better visibility of the performances on the stage. Special care has been taken to build the stage of the auditorium. The dazzling lighting system, which constitutes dramatic lights, spot lights, etc., and the digital sound system have been installed by a leading company. The highly equipped auditorium has become an instant hit among the students and was even highly appreciated by Mr. Anand Seth, the guest of honour.

OR

**WORKSHOP ON PERSONALITY
 DEVELOPMENT**

By Rajesh / Rajshree

A workshop on personality development was organised by our school on last Thursday. Students of class XI and XII participated in the workshop. The purpose of the workshop was to prepare the students for their future in order to face bigger challenges in life. Students were

addressed on various topics like self-analysis, body language, life-skills and etiquettes. Several activities and group discussions were conducted in order to help the students to enhance their communication and public speaking skills. The workshop was also graced by the presence of eminent personalities like Sushmita Sen and Kiran Rao Kher. They interacted with the students and spoke about the importance of interpersonal skills. Students left the workshop beaming with confidence and optimism.

5. You are Anand/Arti of 14, Model Town, Delhi. You have seen an advertisement in The Hindu for the post of chief chef in a 5-Star hotel. Apply for the job with complete biodata. Write in 125-150 words. [10]

OR

You are Prem/Parul of 16, TT Nagar, Bhopal. You would like to apply for the post of Marketing Manager in a reputed firm in Mumbai. Write a letter to the Public Relations Officer, Chantac Enterprises, Mumbai, applying for the job. Write the letter in 125-150 words giving your biodata.

Answer:

14, Model Town
Delhi
June 15th, 20XX,
The Chairman,
The Hindu,
Gurgaon.

Subject : Job application for the position of Chief Chef

Dear Sir/Madam,

With reference to your advertisement in the newspaper, 'The Hindu' dated June 8th, 201XX, for the post of Chief Chef, I wish to offer my services for the same.

I am Arti/Anand, a post-graduate in Hotel Management, from B.M College, Delhi.

Please find my attached bio-data for the purpose. I would like to connote that I am a hard working girl/boy with a keen sense of interest in different cuisines flavours, herbs and essential seasoning. I am adept at the culinary skills and have mastery in cooking. I have also undergone an industrial training of ten months at 'The Grand,' Gurgaon. If selected, I assure you that I shall work with utmost diligence and sincerity.

I thank you in anticipation of an early response.

Yours Faithfully,

Arti Anand Singh

BIO-DATA

Name: Arti/Anand Singh
Father's Name: Mr. Dilip Singh
Address: 14, Model Town, Delhi
Phone: 91xxxxxxxxxx
Date of Birth: 5th September, 19XX
Marital Status: Unmarried
Educational: M.Phil. in Chemistry, HM College, Delhi (20XX-1X)
Qualification: Diploma in Hotel Administration, HM College, Delhi (20XX-XX)
Experience: Trainee at The Grand, Gurgaon (July 201XX-April, 20XX)
Skills: Excellent communication skills, knowledge of different cuisine, diligent, ability to manipulate things in need.
Languages known: English, Hindi and Gujarati
References: (1) Mr. Kapil Sharma
Head of F Food Operations
The Grand, Gurgaon
(2) Malvika Ray
Head of Department
HM College, Delhi

OR

16, TT Nagar,
Bhopal

February 20th, 20XX

The Public Relations Officer,
Chantac Enterprises,
Mumbai.

Subject : Job application for the post of Marketing Manager.

Dear Sir/Madam,

With reference to your advertisement in 'The Hindu' dated January 10th, 20XX, I, Parul/Prem take the opportunity to offer my services for the post of Marketing Manager in your prestigious firm.

I am a diligent and honest person who is passionate about marketing. I completed my MBA in 20XX, and since then, I have been working with RP Communications, as a Manager.

I am here with, enclosing my bio-data along with the photocopies of certificates and testimonials for your further perusal and query. If selected, I assure you that I shall work with utmost devotion and sincerity to your full satisfaction.

Hoping for a favourable response.

Thank You

Yours Sincerely,

Parul/Prem

Encl : Biodata

BIO-DATA

Name: Parul/Prem Kumar
 Father's Name: Mr. Rakesh Kumar
 Address: 16, TT Nagar, Bhopal
 Phone: 91xxxxxxxxxx
 Date of Birth: 27th September, 19XX
 Marital Status: Unmarried
 Educational: MBA in Finance, Management
 DT Institute, Gurgaon
 (20XX-XX)
 Qualification: B.Com. in Accountancy, BU
 (20XX-XX)
 Experience : Manager at RP
 Communications (Apr. 20XX-
 February 20XX)
 Skills: Excellent communication
 skills, punctual, sincere,
 lively, ability to convince and
 influence people .
 Languages known: English, Hindi and Spanish
 References: (1) Mr. D.K. Paul
 Chairman,
 RP Communications,
 Bhopal
 (2) Mr. Subrata Das
 Head of Department,
 Commerce,
 BU

6. Last week, as you were coming back from school you happened to see a huge plastic bag full of leftovers of food being flung into the middle of the road from a speeding car. You wondered how people can be so devoid of civic sense. Write an article in 125-150 words on why we lack civic sense and how civic sense can be inculcated in children at a very young age. You are Shiva/Shamini. [10]

OR

You saw a stray dog beaten to death by a group of boys. Their act infuriated you and you scolded them for their cruel act. You decided to write an article on cruelty to animals. Write the article in 125-150 words. You are Nikhil/Naina.

Answer :

LACK OF CIVIC SENSE

By Shiva/Shamini

Negligent attitude of the people seem to be the order of the day in today's harsh world. Modern society has given birth to indifferent and offensive individuals. People no longer think of the after effects of their negligent activities. They are driven more by their selfish needs.

People seldom follow traffic rules in India and are seen littering the streets with piles of trash. They show no respect for public property. Vandalism, road rage and intolerance are rampant on the streets. Perseverance and patience are rare virtues to be seen in people behind the wheels.

Inculcating a strong civic sense is the need of the hour. Parents must instill civic sense in children at an early age. They must be taught the values of cleanliness, discipline, patience and tolerance. Parents must encourage their children to keep their surroundings clean as well as should practice what they preach to their children. Children should be taught to respect and abide by the rules as they are the future of the country. Our country can progress only if we teach right values to our children. As a civilised citizen, it becomes the duty of a parent to fathom this dire need and start off this task at the earliest, as family is the first institution for a child to learn the right thing.

OR

CRUELTY TO ANIMALS

By Naina/Nikhil

Animals should be treated with love and compassion. However, we often fail to perform this duty.

Instances of animal cruelty are on rise in our society. Poachers mercilessly kill animals for their skin, fur and teeth. This has led to the extinction of several species of animals which has affected the ecological balance of our planet. Several companies use animals for testing medicines and cosmetics. Similarly, animals are often ill-treated and also sometimes forced into performing circus tricks and other activities for our entertainment. Even 'the tiger', one of the

endangered species, is on the verge of being extinct.

We must understand that co-existence and harmony between humans and animals is essential for our planet's survival. We must be more responsible and protective towards animals. Ill-treatment with animals is the act of barbarism which is beyond the limit of one's conscientiousness. We must learn to love and treat them as living creatures. Animals lack in power of expression but they possess the feelings of pain and agony. It is time that we reform our ways towards the animals. Immediate steps should be taken by the government to ensure proper care, protection and shelter for these animals.

SECTION-C

(LITERATURE : TEXT BOOKS) 45

7. Read the following extract and answer the questions that follow : [4]

Spite of despondence, of the inhuman dearth
Of noble natures, of the gloomy days,
Of all the unhealthy and o'er-darkened ways
Made for our searching : yes in spite of all,
Some shape of beauty moves away the pall
From our dark spirits.

- (a) Name the poem and the poet. [1]
- (b) Why are we 'despondent' ? [2]
- (c) What removes 'the pall from our dark spirits'? [1]

OR

..... And yet, for these
Children, these windows, not this map, their
world.
Where all their future's painted with a fog,
A narrow street sealed in with a lead sky
For far from rivers, capes, and stars of words.

- (a) Who are the 'children' referred to here ?
- (b) Which is their world ?
- (c) How is their life different from that of other children ?

Answer:

- (a) The lines have been taken from the poem 'A Thing of Beauty' by John Keats.

(b) The world we live in is full of depression illness and despair as there is demisal of noble souls. These evil and dark emotions leave us despondent and despicable.

(c) The poet says that even though the world is not a place worth living in because of the umpteen reasons which gloom and depress, the gusto to live a happy and content life can be derived from the sight of the beautiful bounties of nature around us. It is the thing of beauty which charms us and makes this world feel like heaven. These beautiful things remove the pall from our dark spirits.

OR

(a) The children who study in an elementary school and live in the slum are referred to here.

(b) Their world comprises of what they see from the window of their classroom. The view is full of despair and their future seems blurred and vague. They are confined to the narrow streets of the slum, far away from the open sky and rivers.

(c) The children in the slums spend their whole life confined in 'cramped holes' like rodents. They lack the basic amenities of life like proper food, clothing, shelter and health benefits. In fact, they are also deprived of the freedom to leave the shackles of this life and enjoy the 'green fields' as other children do. As a result, their life is left on the bereft part of unpleasant chores, which is absolutely unlike the other children.

8. Answer any two of the following in about 30-40 words each : [2×2=4]

- (a) What was the poet's childhood fear ?
- (b) What is the sadness the poet refers to in the poem 'Keeping Quiet' ?
- (c) How are Aunt Jennifer's tigers different from her ?

Answer :

- (a) As a child, the poet always feared losing her mother.
- (b) The poet refers to the 'sadness' of failing to understand oneself in the monotonous every day existence. He also finds it sad that the humanity is moving towards its own ruins, owing to its unprecedented actions. He

regrets the rush of maneuvering others that has made one forget the values of humanity.

- (c) Aunt Jennifer's tigers are proud, free, dauntless and sure of themselves. Unlike them, Aunt Jennifer is terrified and oppressed by her chauvinist husband. She lived her life under constant pressure of duties and responsibilities of a married lady. Living a life on her own terms is a far-fetched dream for her.

9. Answer any six of the following in about 30-40 words each : [6 x 2=12]

- Why did Sophie long for her brother's affection ?
- Why did Edla plead with her father not to send the vagabond away ?
- What job did Saheb take up ? Was he happy ?
- Why were the elders of the village sitting in the classroom ?
- Why did the Maharaja order the Diwan to double the land tax ?
- Why did Roger Skunk go to see the old owl ?
- Why was Zitkala-Sa in tears on the first day in the land of apples ?

Answer :

- Geoff was reserved by nature and did not speak much which was envied by Sophie. She thought that he had access to a world which she had never got a chance to visit. She craved to be a part of her brother's world and ended up longing for his affection.
- Edla was a kind-hearted woman. She was disheartened by the plight of the poor peddler. She requested her father to allow him to spend one day with them in peace as a respite from the struggle that he had to endure round the year.
- Saheb took up a job at a tea-stall. He was not happy because he lost his freedom and his 'carefree look' which he had, when he scrounged the garbage for eight-hundred rupees.
- The elders of the village were present in the classroom to attend the last French lesson by Mr. Hamel. They not only paid their respects and tribute to Mr. Hamel but also showed their interest towards their own language that was perhaps being taught for the last time in the village.
- Having heard about the vanishing of sheep, the Maharaja set out to find the hundredth tiger, that was the cause behind all the happenings. However, the

tiger could not be found. In his rage, the Maharaja ordered the Diwan to double the land tax.

- Roger Skunk, whose name was a nasty skunk who had a foul body odour because of which, other small animals avoided playing with him. He too wanted to have friends to play with. Hence, to get rid of the foul smell, he went to the wise owl and requested him to make him smell like roses.
- Zitkala-Sa was in tears because her hair was cut mercilessly. Relentlessly moaning for her mother, she kicked wildly and cried out loud, continuously shaking her head in resistance. At last, she gave up helplessly.

10. Answer any one of the following in 100-125 words : [5]

Why is the Champaran episode considered to be the beginning of the Indian struggle for Independence?

OR

What was the General's plan to get rid of the American prisoner? Was it executed? What traits of the General's character are highlighted in the lesson 'The Enemy'?

Answer: The episode of Champaran was considered to be the beginning of the Indian struggle for Independence because, for the first time, the farmers and peasants rose against the Britishers. The peasants were oppressed by their British landlords, but they lacked the courage to protest. Under the leadership of Gandhiji, they became aware of their rights. A small farmer, Rajkumar Shukla, from a small district, Champaran, helped to bring about a very prominent change. He championed the cause of Champaran movement. Likewise, many other peasants from the villages fought courageously and contributed in their own way to the movement. Their combined effort eventually helped them to win the battle of Champaran and to finally free themselves from 'Share Cropping' arrangement. The success also proved, for the first time, the effectiveness of Gandhiji's method of non-violence and non-cooperation. Gandhiji exulted over them and made the villagers feel self-dependant and undaunted.

OR

The General planned to kill the American prisoner by sending his personal assassins and then removing his body from Sadao's house. The plan was not executed because the General forgot his promise to send the assassins.

The old General had a long expressionless face, which seemed to reflect the cold and calculated ruthlessness of the man as a General. He had an unusual sense of humour and seemed to generate fear in the hearts of others quite effortlessly. In his interaction with Sadao, he came across as a man who puts his self-interest above everything else. As Sadao was the only person whom he trusted with his operation, he lets Sadao off the hook. His cold and calculating streak was manifested in the meticulousness with which he latched out the plan of executing the American prisoner of war whom Sadao had given refuge.

11. Both Derry and Lamb are physically impaired and lonely. It is the responsibility of society to understand and support people with infirmities so that they do not suffer from a sense of alienation. As a responsible citizen, write in about 100 words

what you would do to bring about a change in the lives of such people. [5]

Answer : In the story, both Derry and Lamb are physically impaired and lonely. Such people can only live their lives with respect and honour, if they are not ridiculed and punished with heartless pity. These people expect empathy, rather than sympathy, from others. If everyone looks down at them with a pessimistic approach, they may never be able to come out of their sorrow; consequently, they may recline to their own secluded worlds. As responsible citizens, we should understand the tremendous mental and emotional pressure these people go through. Instead of reminding them of their disabilities, we should give them the chance to live a normal life.

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SET II

Time allowed : 3 hours

Maximum marks : 100

Note: Except for the following questions, all the remaining questions have been asked in previous

SECTION – B

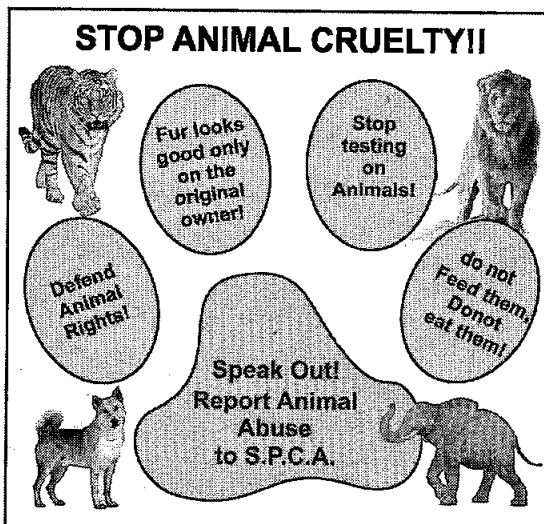
(WRITING SKILLS)

3. You are a member of the S.P.C.A. Draft a poster in not more than 50 words, to create awareness on the need to prevent cruelty to animals. You are Suhas/Suhasini. [5]

OR

As the principal of a reputed college, you have been invited to inaugurate a Book Exhibition in your neighborhood. Draft a reply to the invitation in not more than 50 words, expressing your inability to attend the function. You are Tarun/Tranvi.

Answer:



OR

PQ Colony,

New Delhi.

1st March, 20XX

Sub : Reply to the invitation

Dear Mr. XYZ,

Thank you for your thoughtful invitation for the inauguration of the Book Exhibition. However, I regret to inform you that I will not be able to attend it due to a prior engagement. I extend my warm wishes to you and all those involved with the event.

Best regards,

Yours sincerely,

Tarun/Tranvi

Principal, PQR College

6. A newspaper report on a recent terrorist attack in your locality shattered you. You decided to write an article in a local daily on terrorist attacks and the need to maintain peace and harmony in society. Write the article in 125-150 words. You are Madhav/Meena.

OR

India is a tourists' paradise. But we have not really exploited our tourism possibilities. Write an article in 125-150 words on 'Tourism in India'. You are Ravi/Rani. [10]

Answer:

CURBING TERRORISM

By Meena/Madhav

Terrorism is one of the major threats that is faced by our country. We live under constant fear of violence and death. Common man no longer feels safe. At every nook and corner, lurks the threat of an imminent terrorist attack. It is a giant threat which the world is confronted to. Activities of terrorists have created a horrendous grief in the hearts of the common masses.

Some of the factors that have given rise to terrorism are lack of education, unemployment, poor economy and religious differences. But, it is high time that we join hands to fight and combat terrorism. India has always boasted of its unity in diversity. Keeping this in view, we need to spread the message of peace and harmony across the nation.

Strengthening the intelligence network, proper policy formation and effective implementation of Prevention of Terrorism Act (POTA) are some of the steps that can be taken up to reduce terrorist attacks. It is also necessary to educate the masses and make them aware of the safety measures. It is the need of the hour to keep a constant vigil on

the safety of our very own nation.

OR **TOURISM IN INDIA**

By Ravi/Rani

India is known for its rich flora and fauna, beautiful landscapes, glorious past and varied cultural trends. All these make India a major attraction for tourists from all over the world. Tourists from far-away places visit our motherland and are influenced by its scintillating beauty. However, tourism in India has been constantly suffering setbacks due to the various factors.

Pot-holed and filthy roads, rickety buses, over-charged taxis and delayed trains make travelling a nightmare in India. Moreover, the absence of decent and hygienic accommodations at a reasonable cost adds to the distress of tourists visiting India. Besides, the growing menace of terrorism is a huge deterrent and hindrance for tourists.

The Government of India needs to put concerted efforts to revamp and rejuvenate tourism in the country. Utmost emphasis should be placed on infrastructure development and increasing the security. Such effects will certainly make India the leader in the world of tourism.

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SET III

Time allowed : 3 hours

Maximum marks : 100

Note : Except for the following questions, all the remaining questions have been asked in previous

SECTION – B **(WRITING SKILLS)**

3. You are a fitness trainer in a health club. Design a poster in not more than 50 words, to emphasise the importance of exercise in maintaining mental and physical fitness. You are Prem/Priya. [5]

OR

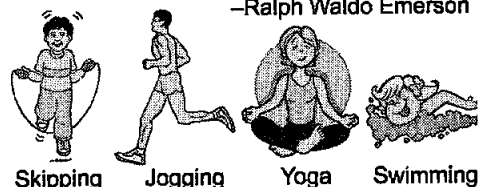
You have received an invitation to be the judge for a literary competition in St. Ann's School. Send a reply in not more than 50 words, confirming your acceptance. You are Mohan/Mohini.

Answer :

EXERCISE MORE, LIVE MORE!

The first wealth is health!

—Ralph Waldo Emerson



Skipping

Jogging

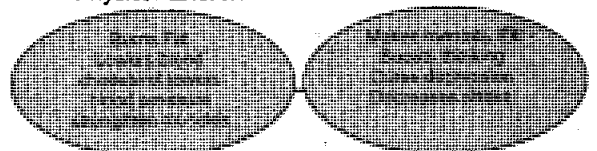
Yoga

Swimming

Regular Exercise

Physical Exercise

Mental Exercise



OR

Answer:

22/4, PQ Puri,
New Delhi
23rd February, 20XX
St. Ann's School
New Delhi

Subject : Acceptance of the invitation

Dear Sir,

I acknowledge, with gratitude, the invitation extended to me to judge the literary competition which is to be held in St. Ann's School. I accept the invitation whole-heartedly and confirm my presence on that day and time. I will surely make it without fail.

Regards,

Mohini/Mohan

4. Your brother is going to Chennai to write an entrance exam. You have requested your friend to meet him at the railway station and arrange accommodation for him. As your brother has not seen your friend, give a detailed factual description of your friend in 125-150 words, so that your brother can recognise him easily. You are Parvesh/Parvati. [10]

OR

A few teachers and students from the Edwin University had visited your school on an exchange programme. You welcomed them grandly. Write a report in 125-150 words on the celebration. You are Brijesh/Benu.

Answer:

Dear Karan,

As you are leaving for Chennai to appear for your entrance examination, I have asked my friend Sunny to meet you at the railway station and he will be arranging accommodation for you. Since you have not seen Sunny, his factual description is as follows.

Sunny is about 22 years old and he is 6 feet tall. He has a wheatish complexion and has long hair, which he usually wears in a pony tail. He told me that he will be wearing a yellow T-shirt and a pair of navy blue jeans while picking you up at the station. He has big eyes and there is a scar above his left cheek. He keeps a french beard and there is a small wound on the left side of his forehead. He wears stone studded rings on

three of his fingers, one of which has a bright red colored ruby. Hope you will find him easily.

Yours lovingly,

Parvesh/Parvati

OR

EXCHANGE PROGRAMME

By Brijesh/Benu

A group of teachers of Edwin University along with their students visited our school on a two-week long exchange programme. They were given a grand welcome by the students of our school. Many of the alumni were also invited to attend the programme. The grand event began with the inaugural speech by our Principal followed by the coordinator of the exchange programme. Their elaborate speeches focused on explaining the significance and characteristics of this exchange programme. This was followed by a cultural programme having one of the main attractions as the Rajasthani folk dance which was presented by the students of class sixth. Interestingly, the cultural programme started on a hilarious note and ended with a patriotic song. The music compelled the students of Edwin University to dance along with the cheerful crowd. The celebration ended with the Indian national anthem, sung by all the participants and the audience. It was a wonderful experience to be cherished.

5. You are Arman/Arpita of 14, MG Road, Pune. You had bought the text book. 'Vistas' for class XII from a neighbourhood bookstore. After skimming through the book, you realized that few of the pages were missing and the print overlapped on a few pages. Write a complaint letter in 125-150 words to the Manager, Dawn Books, Lawrence Road, Chennai requesting him for a replacement or refund. [10]

OR

You had bought an expensive wrist watch last week. Now you realize that it is not functioning properly. Write a letter in 125-150 words to the Manager, Edison Watch Works, New Delhi, complaining about it and requesting him to repair or replace it immediately. You are Gobind/Gopa of 68, Park Street, Kolkata.

Answer :

14, MG Road,
Pune.

2nd February, 20XX

The Manager ,
Dawn Books,
Lawrence Road ,
Chennai.

**Subject : Replacement of the book 'Vistas'/
Refund for the purchase.**

Dear Sir,

I had bought the text book 'Vistas' from your bookstore against (bill No. 002223, dated 12/4/20XX). After going through the book, I found that few pages were missing. Moreover, on some pages, the print is overlapped which is making it difficult to read.

I have bought many books from your book store and have never encountered such problem before. My exams are approaching, therefore, I request you to replace the book as soon as possible or refund the money at the earliest. I have attached a copy of the bill for your reference.

Yours truly,

Arman/Arpita

OR

68, Park Street,
Kolkata.
16th June, 20XX,
The Manager,
Edison Watch Works,
New Delhi.

Sub : Complaint regarding defective wrist watch.

Dear Sir,

With reference to the bill no. 008453, dated 6-6-20XX, I apprise you that I bought a watch from your retail showroom. However, I regret to inform you that the watch has not been functioning properly from the day of purchase. The watch does not keep correct time and stops every few hours. I have tried resetting the time, but that was of no use. I work as a security guard and having a watch is important for my work, as I have to record the time when people are visiting or leaving my work place. The watch has turned out to be a big trouble rather than being useful to me. I request you to either repair or replace the watch at the earliest. I have enclosed a copy of the bill for your reference.

Regards,
Gobind/Gopa

SECTION – C (LITERATURE)

10. Answer any one of the following in 100-125 words: [5]

Gandhiji was not a loyalty to abstractions; it was a loyalty to living, human beings. Why did Gandhiji continue his stay in Champaran even after Indigo share cropping disappeared?

OR

Explain the reactions of the servants in Dr. Sadao's house when he decided to give shelter to an enemy in the house.

Answer: Gandhiji was not satisfied with mere political and economic solution so he wanted to bring about a change in the social and cultural conditions of Champaran. He noticed the unhealthy living conditions and poor sanitation in the village. He also realised the need for literacy. He decided to stay in Champaran even after the disappearance of Indigo Share Cropping. A small farmer, Rajkumar Shukla, from a small district of Champaran, helped in bring about a very prominent change. Gandhiji opened up schools in six different villages; and several of his disciples and family members volunteered as teachers. Being a staunch believer of passive resistance, Gandhiji championed the cause of the Champaran movement. His wife, Kasturba, worked on the personal cleanliness and community sanitation of the place. Gandhiji also hired a doctor for the improvement of the health conditions.

Thus, we can say that Gandhiji was not a loyalty to abstractions. It was loyalty to living, human beings. This also made him keen to eradicate social and cultural backwardness of Champaran. Gandhiji exulted over them and made the villagers feel self-dependent and undaunted.

OR

When Dr. Sadao decided to give shelter to the enemy, the servants at his house overtly expressed their disapproval. However, they did not disclose the secret to the world. For them, the white man was an enemy who did not deserve their help. Yumi, the nanny of the children, refused to wash the American who was bleeding profusely. The servants expressed this displeasure and they voiced their opinion loudly for Sadao and Hana to hear. The servants constantly pressurised the Hoki family to let out the secret and get the American caught by the police. Finally, their displeasure at their master's decision made them decide to leave his household.

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English 2014 (Delhi)**SET I**

Time allowed : 3 hours

Maximum marks : 100

Note : Except for the following questions, all the remaining questions have been asked in previous

SECTION – B**(WRITING SKILLS)**

3. An Inter-school Kabadi Competition is organized by your school. Write a notice, in not more than 50 words, requesting the students to be present at the venue to encourage the players. Invent all the necessary details. You are Arjun, the sports captain of your school. [5]

OR

You possess an acre of land in the heart of the city. You want to dispose of the property since you have decided to buy a flat. Write an advertisement to be published in a national daily, giving all the necessary details. You are Krishan of Moti Nagar, Delhi.

Answer :

**ABC SCHOOL, DELHI
NOTICE**

13th February, 20XX

**INTER-SCHOOL, KABADDI
COMPETITION**

Inter-school Kabaddi Competition will be held at our play ground on Friday, February 20, at 9 a.m. Students from different schools will be participating in the competition. All the students are requested to be present at the venue to motivate the participants. Refreshment will be provided by the school. Contact the undersigned for any query.

Arjun

(Sports Captain)

ABC School

OR**FOR SALE**

Sale of 1-acre plot located in the heart of the city besides 100 ft. road with lush green surroundings suitable for building residential flats. Location adjacent to posh Friends colony and free from encumbrance. Interested parties can meet in person or can contact.

Kishan

Moti Nagar, Delhi

9342XXXXXX

4. Incessant rain has caused irrecoverable damage in your area. As an active participant in the flood relief programme, write a report in 125-150 words on the different flood relief measures carried out. You are Krishan/Krishna. [10]

OR

You have visited a book exhibition in your neighbourhood. Write a report in about 125-150 words on the exhibition. You are Rohan/Rohini.

Answer:

FLOOD RELIEF PROGRAMME

By Krishnan/Krishn Staff reporter

Xyz, 13th June, 20XX, The torrential rain in the past few days flooded our area causing irrecoverable damage to the properties. A relief camp was set up to aid the victims of the flood-affected areas. Everyone made generous contributions in the form of money, clothes, food and other basic requirements. Relief-treaties also emerged as helpful groups. The Chief Minister too announced a definite amount of relief for the victims affected. The devastating effect of the over-powering rain, played havoc with the city. The volunteers also helped the victims to be shifted to the relief camps, set up on the suburbs of the city. A huge amount of donations has come from the people of the city along with various N.G.O.s

OR**BOOK EXHIBITION**

By Rohan/Rohani

13th June, 20XX, The Surya Nagar residents organised a book exhibition in the community centre of the locality. The exhibition started on June 10th and lasted for five days. The event attracted book lovers from all over Delhi. Renowned publishing houses participated in the fair. Books by well-known writers were displayed. The exhibition also offered heavy discounts on the books written by Indian authors. Apart from Hindi novels there were multifarious writers and bards dictions available like Shakespeare, Milton and John Keats. People were excited to get access to some of the rare books that were on display. The event was marked by the presence of the renowned writer and novelist Chetan Bhagat.

5. You are the librarian of Amla Public School. You had placed an order for text books with Dhanpati & Sons. Since the books did not

arrive on time, you have decided to cancel the order. Write a letter to the Manager, Dhanpati & Sons, Chennai, cancelling the order. (125-150 words) [10]

OR

You are interested in doing a short-term course in computer graphics during your holidays. Write a letter to the Director, Easy Computers, enquiring about their, short-term courses and asking for all the necessary details. You are Naresh/Nandini.

Answer:

Amla Public School,
New Delhi-110018

13 June, 20XX

The Manager,
Dhanpati & Sons,
Chennai

Subject : Regarding cancellation of order number 43/20XX

Sir,

With reference to the order number 43/20XX placed with your publishing house on May 31st, 20XX, I would like to inform you that we have not received the delivery of 12 sets of Encyclopedia from you as promised by your company on June 10, 20XX. A cheque of five thousand was duly sent to you enclosed with the order. Since your company has failed to keep its commitment, therefore, we are cancelling the order. Kindly reimburse the money to the school account at the earliest.

Thanking you

Yours sincerely,
Librarian
Amla Public School

OR

23, Defence Colony,
New Delhi-110022

3rd March, 20XX

The Director,
Easy Computers,
New Delhi-110032

Subject: Request for details of the short-term courses provided

Dear Sir,

I came across an advertisement about your institute in today's newspaper. I would like to know the details of the short-term courses offered by your institute.

I am a student and I wish to pursue a course in computer programming/computer graphics during my holidays next month. Kindly mail me the details of all short-term courses, along with their duration, fee structure and the relevance of the course material. I would be thankful if you can dispatch the prospectus of the course too. Looking forward to your early response.

Your faithfully,

Nandini/Naresh

6. You are Rajendra Kumar, a social worker, You read an article in *The Hindu* on 'Health care for Indian Workers'. Write a speech in 125-150 words on the importance of health care to be delivered at a public function to create awareness among the workers. [10]

OR

Media has a strong hold on society. Write a speech in 125-150 words on how media influences public opinion to be delivered in the school assembly.

Answer:

HEALTH CARE FOR INDIAN WORKERS

Good morning to all. Today I, Rajendra Kumar, am going to deliver a speech on the topic 'Health care for Indian workers'. Recently, I had read an article in the local newspaper *The Hindu* and wondered why we don't care for the health of the workers around us. We remain mute spectators to their misery trials and tribulations of life.

Often, the workers are found working in inhuman conditions, neglecting their health. They are exploited, as they are illiterate and lacking awareness of a hygienic way of life. The authorities must ensure clean and healthy working conditions for these people. It is the responsibility of the government to provide affordable healthcare services to workers and their families. Indian workers should be taught the importance of cleanliness and hygiene. Many non-governmental organizations can play a role in spreading awareness about health and hygiene.

Workers play a major role in our life. We must understand and appreciate their contribution towards society. Access to basic health facilities is their innate right. As responsible citizens, we should get together to make their lives healthy. However, we should not forget that it is the sweat and blood of these workers which has provided us with enormous comfort while we sit in our well-furnished homes.

Thank you

OR

IMPACT OF MEDIA

Good morning everybody. Today, I Xyz am here to voice my concerns on how Media influences public opinion?

Media acts as a powerful weapon in democracy. It keeps people abreast with the recent changes and development in the society and the world. They also help people to understand the various developments and build their opinion about the same. With the development of better modes of communications, the influence of media has increased. Consequently, its responsibility of delivering correct information has also increased. If people blindly believe the biased news which the print and electronic media tell us, our democracy will suffer badly. Media has the power to showcase both the facets of a piece of information. It should work towards helping the common man and understand the pros and cons of any issue or event.

Thus, one can clearly say that it is the responsibility of media and the media personnel to ensure that they direct their efforts towards building a constructive and balanced society as well as a nation.

Thank you

SECTION-C

(LITERATURE :TEXT BOOKS)

7. Read the following extract and answer the questions that follow : [4]

All lovely tales that we have heard or read;
An endless fountain of immortal drink,
Pouring onto us from the heaven's brink.

- Name the poem and the poet. [1]
- What is the thing of beauty mentioned in these lines ? [1]
- What image does the poet use in these lines? [2]

OR

With ships and sun and love tempting them to steal.

For lives that slyly turn in their cramped holes
From fog to endless night?

- Who are 'them' referred to in the first line? [1]
- What tempts them? [1]
- What does the poet say about 'their' lives? [2]

Answer:

- The above given lines are from the poem 'A thing of Beauty' by John Keats.
- The tales of mighty men is the thing of beauty mentioned in the given lines.
- The poet used the image of 'an endless fountain of immortal drink' to describe the beautiful bounty of the Earth. The Earth, like a fountain, gives us numerous beautiful sights like the sun, the moon, flowers, rivers and greenery.

OR

- The children studying in the school are referred to as "them".

- The beauty, vastness and radiance of things tempt them.

- According to the poet, those children spent their whole lives like rodents confined in 'their cramped holes'. The undernourished bodies of those children looked almost like skeletons. Their steel-framed spectacles with repaired glasses made them look like, the broken pieces of a bottle scattered on stones. Since, their entire lives revolved around slums, their future also seemed blotted.

8. Answer any two of the following questions in about 30-40 words : [2 × 2 = 4]

- How does Kamala Das try to put away the thoughts of her ageing mother?
- Which is the exotic moment that the poet refers to in 'Keeping Quiet'?
- What are the difficulties that Aunt Jennifer faced in her life?

Answer :

- Kamala Das is troubled by the thoughts of her ageing mother and tries to console herself by looking outside at the car. The sight is full of youthful whim and vigour. She watches the trees 'sprinting' past her speeding car and the children, full of life and activity, running out of their houses to play. Her ashen like mother irks her so much that for a moment she ponders over the past memories to feel solace.

- The exotic moment the author talks about is when everyone keeps quiet and still. The moment would be extraordinarily tranquil, with no hustle-bustle of the frenzied world. Although, it may seem a little strange in the beginning, it would eventually bring us all together. Ultimately, this is the introspection which makes one united with one's soul.

- Aunt Jennifer spent her life in accordance to the rules laid down by her husband. Her life was overburdened by the demands and duties and it lacked self-expression. She was feeble and it had to face oppression by her husband which depicted the age-old tribulations of women's lives.

11. Answer any six of the following questions in 30-40 words : [2 × 6 = 12]

- Why did Gandhiji feel that taking the Champaran case to the court was useless?
- Why did the peddler derive pleasure from his idea of the world as a rat trap?
- How is Mukesh different from the other bangle makers of Firozabad?
- What tempted Franz to stay away from school?

- (e) Why did the Maharaja ban tiger hunting in the state?
- (f) How was the skunk's story different from the other stories narrated by Jack?
- (g) Which words of her brother made a deep impression on Bama?

Answer :

- (a) Gandhiji believed that the peasants were under the grip of fear. He felt that taking the Champaran's case to the court would be useless because actual relief for the peasants would come when they would be free from fear. So, his ultimate motive was to kill the fear in them.
- (b) The peddler was never treated kindly by the world, which is why he was amused by the idea of the world to be a rat trap. He nurtured hard feelings towards the world by comparing it to a giant rat trap.
- (c) Mukesh who hailed from the city of Dhaka was different from other bangle makers of Firozabad because he liked to dream, unlike others who followed the family lineage of making bangles. He wanted to be a motor mechanic and drive cars.
- (d) Franz was not prepared for test on participles. The chirping birds and sight of the Prussian soldiers were far more interesting to him than his attending the school. That is why he stayed out of the doors of the school to bask in the nature's glory.
- (e) The Maharaja wanted to prove that the prediction of the State astrologer was wrong. For that purpose, he restricted the hunting of tigers in all the tiger-rich forests of Pratibandapuram, so that he could hunt them down.
- (f) Usually, the stories told by Jack were taken well by But she was not satisfied and convinced with the ending of the skunk's story. She believed that the wizard should have hit back the skunk's mommy for demanding skunk to get his bad smell back.
- (g) On narrating what happened while returning home, Bama's elder brother told her, that although, people did not get to decide the family they were born into, they could outwit the indignities inflicted upon them if they were well read and successful. It was by educating themselves that they could attain a feeling of individuality that left a deep impression on her.

10. Answer the following in about 100-125 words.

[5]

Has Sophie met Danny Casey? What details of her meeting with Danny Casey did she narrate to her brother?

OR

Describe the precautions taken by the prison officers to prevent Evans from escaping.

Answer : No, Sophie had not met Danny Casey in reality. One day, while drawing Geoff's attention, Sophie narrated an imaginary story about accidentally meeting Danny Casey at the Royce's. Geoff, however, refused to believe her. So, she describes Danny Casey's physical appearance to make her brother believe her story. She told Geoff that she was also willing to get an autograph for little Derek, but she did not have a pen or a paper for the same. Then, Sophie claimed that the two of them talked about clothes at Royce's. She ended her story by saying that Danny has promised to meet her again.

OR

Special precautions were taken by the prison staff to prevent Evan from escaping during his O-level German test. The test was to be taken where he was kept. A person from St. Mary Mags was called to invigilate and to keep the prisoner incommunicado during the exam. Evans was kept in the heavily guarded Recreational Block. There were two locked doors between his cell and the yard, which boasted of a high wall. All the prison officers were also on high alert. The Governor got a microphone installed in Evans' cell, while Stephens kept, an eagle eye on Evans. Two prison officers, Mr. Jackson and Mr. Stephens, thoroughly checked his cell for any sign of a possible escape. Even his razor, nail filer and male scissors were taken away.

11. Read the following and answer the question that follows: [5]

The story "Deep Waters" has made you realise that with determination and perseverance one can accomplish the impossible. Write a paragraph in about 100 words on how a positive attitude and courage will aid you to achieve success in life.

Answer: In the story "Deep waters", the author overcomes his childhood fear of water through determination, perseverance and hard work. Thus, the story sends the message that with positive attitude and strength of will, one can accomplish everything in life. All of us are in the grip of fear. But fear, when conquered with courage, becomes victory which has its own charm. It might appear to be a long and arduous journey, but it will definitely culminate in success. Douglas improved himself and was able to develop into a full-fledged swimmer. It gave him a feeling of victory and achievement in the end.

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English 2014 (Delhi)**SET II**

Time allowed : 3 hours

Maximum marks : 100

Note: Except for the following questions, all the remaining questions have been asked in previous sets.

SECTION – B**(WRITING SKILLS)**

3. You are Smrithi Saran of Victoria Public School, Hyderabad. Your school has organised a Science Exhibition in connection with the death anniversary of Ramanujam. Write a notice in not more than 50 words inviting students to participate in it. Provide all the necessary details. [5]

OR

You want to sell off your motor bike which you have been using for five years, as you have decided to buy a car. Write an advertisement, in not more than 50 words, to be published under the classified columns of a national daily. Furnish all the necessary details.

Answer:

**VICTORIA PUBLIC SCHOOL, HYDERABAD
NOTICE**

15th June, 20XX

SCIENCE EXHIBITION

A Science Exhibition is being organised by our school on June 18, 20XX in the school hall from 10 a.m. to 1 p.m. in order to commemorate the death anniversary of Ramanujam. Students from classes IX to XII are requested to prepare models on the theme 'India's foray into space research.' Interested students should give their names to the undersigned by 16th June, 20XX.

Smrithi Saran
Head girl

OR**FOR SALE**

Available for sale a black coloured, 2010 model XYZ motor bike. in a good condition, scratch-less, giving a mileage of 50 km/L. It has hardly run 9000 km. Price negotiable. The Party is selling the motorcycle as it is buying a car.

Contact: 9123456XXX

4. You are Sampreet, an educationist. You have

noticed that the youth of today are often unable to cope with stress and become frustrated and bitter. Write a speech in 125-150 words to be delivered at a college function on 'Youth, their problems and solutions'. [10]

OR

After Independence, India has seen a steep upward trend in the graph of corruption. The public has often become disgusted and disappointed. As Venkat, a well known journalist, write a speech in 150-200 words on 'Corruption, its causes and solutions'.

Answer:**YOUTH, THEIR PROBLEMS AND SOLUTIONS**

Good Morning! I am Sampreet an educationist and today I am going to deliver a speech on the topic youth their problems and solution

Aspirations are now high and with this the level of competition and peer pressure among the youth has been increasing with each passing day. The youth is either not yet matured or trained enough to handle so much stress and, therefore, they ultimately get frustrated, easily commit suicide get involve in, road-rage, hatred crimes, drug abuse, looting, rapes etc. At the slightest provocation, they hold out protests and demonstrations. The minimum desired level of tolerance is missing in them. They don't see any harm in violating the norms and fundamental rights.

The solution is a doddle one. The youth of today needs our untinted support, it needs to know that, irrespective of the situations they are in they are always loved by their parents, teachers and elders. They need to develop confidence in their capabilities. We need to remove the unnecessary pressure that our education system exerts on the young minds. It needs to be eased and, CCE is a positive step in this direction. Counsellors can help the young generation to understand and solve their problems. More job opportunities need to be created, better recruitment processes are need to be developed; and professional courses that equip them with necessary skills have to be designed.

The most important thing is to impart value-based education so that they achieve high self-esteem, tolerance and patience and more importantly the zeal to create a clean and civilised society and to be a good citizen.

OR**CORRUPTION, ITS CAUSES AND SOLUTIONS**

Good morning, friends! I am Venkat. As a journalist and a responsible citizen of India, it is my duty to shed light and apprise you, that how corruption exists in almost every nook and corner of our country.

Corruption can be understood as misappropriation of government, public property or money. It is an unlawful and immoral act. Corruption has had a gradual growth in our country. How and why did corruption become so common in our country? India's colonial past has contributed in flourishing corrupt practices. It is said that corruption cannot survive long in this world. Although, with the increase in scientific technology and advancement of the nation, corruption still remains unbeatable. The corruption also has a relation with scarcity and exists especially because of the vested interests

and greed of the people in power.

It is the spasmodic snare of corruption which springs from all prodigality and dissipation. Whatever the reason may be, corruption is an ill practice that is seen as the major hindrance in the process of economic growth and modernisation of the nation. The need for an anti-corruption bill like Jan Lokpal has long been discerned now. But, in a democracy like India, the power of the common man should not be underestimated. Constant vigil and intervention by the civil society is also required to bring positive changes in the country. Punishment must be increased and illegally confiscated wealth must be recovered. As aware citizens and of course as in united whole, we must overcome our flaws and work towards bringing about a corruption free society.

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English 2014 (Delhi)

SET III

Time allowed : 3 hours

Maximum marks : 100

Note : Except for the following questions, all the remaining questions have been asked in previous sets.

SECTION-B (WRITING SKILLS)

1. You are Anoop/Arya, the cultural secretary of your school. As part of national heritage programme the school has decided to put up a show on ancient art forms. Write a notice to be put up on the school notice board inviting students to watch the show and encourage the artists. Write the notice in not more than 50 words. [5]

OR

You would like to let out a portion of your independent house for office use. Write an advertisement for the classified columns of the local newspaper giving all the necessary details. Write the advertisement in not more than 50 words.

Answer :

ABC School
NOTICE
14th November, 20XX
SHOW ON ANCIENT ART FORMS
As a part of national heritage programme, the school has decided to put up a show on ancient art forms on 20th November, 20XX at 12 O'Clock in the school auditorium.

All the students are invited to watch the show and encourage the artists. For any queries, you may contact the undersigned.

Arya/Anoop
The School Cultural Secretary

OR

AVAILABLE OFFICE SPACE

For rent, good location, separate entrance and exit. Spacious, 24 hour water and electricity supply, parking facility, security and power backup.

Interested may Contact Mobile : 8XXXXXXX

4. On Teacher's day, the badge holders of your school organized a grand celebration to honour the teachers of your school. As the head boy of the school, write a report on the celebration in 125-150 words. [10]

OR

As you were travelling by train, you happened to witness an accident at an unmanned level crossing. As the reporter of a newspaper, write a report on the accident, including details of the number of people injured and the extent of damage caused.

Answer:

TEACHER'S DAY CELEBRATIONS

By Xyz Head boy

On the occasion of the birth anniversary of our former president, Dr. S. Radhakrishnan, the badge holders of our school had organised a grand celebration on 5th September to honour the teachers of our school. The celebration took place in the assembly hall. It began at around 9:30 a.m. In the morning, senior students greeted the teachers warmly in a traditional way by putting tilak on their forehead and giving them flowers. The senior students were dressed up as and played their role teachers. They counted on the teacher's efforts by praising them. After honouring all the teachers, the students performed activities like dance, drama, singing and speech. They also organised few games like musical chair, dodge ball, balloon game, etc. to make the day memorable. Teachers were made to dance and sing. In the end, teachers were provided a lavish lunch by the seniors. It was indeed a great celebration.

OR

ACCIDENT AT AN UNMANNED LEVEL CROSSING

By Xyz

A horrible sight of a train accident was witnessed at an unmanned level crossing at Udaipur, near Chittor. A bus was carrying nearly 45 people, happened to cross the railway track when suddenly the train arrived. It happened to collide with one of the bogies of the train and overturned badly. 23 people were seriously injured and they were immediately taken to a nearby hospital by the locals. The bogie was also derailed. The extent of damage caused is not yet estimated. Due to this accident, the train got delayed and the schedule of the other trains of that route was also disturbed. It resulted into a lot of inconvenience to the passengers. Government has set up an enquiry to probe into the matter. A sum of ₹50,000 was announced for all those injured.

5. You are the Physical Education Instructor of 'All Saints School'. You had placed an order for sports goods with Bat and Ball Enterprises. When the items arrived you found that some of them were defective. Write a letter to the Manager, Bat and Ball Enterprises, asking him to replace the defective items. [10]

OR

You live in a crowded area in Mumbai. Unauthorised parking of vehicles in your area is causing a lot of inconvenience to the locals. Write a letter to the Police Commissioner of the district complaining against the practice. You

are Rohan/Rohini of Sakinaka, Mumbai.

Answer:

All Saints School,

New Delhi

18th December, 20XX

The Manager,

Bat and Ball Enterprises,

Subject : Replacement of the defective sports items

Sir,

This is to bring to your kind notice that one month ago, our school placed an order for the following sports items:

5 Bats, 10 Balls, 3 Footballs, 3 Basketballs, 5 Badminton Racquets.

On the arrival of the goods, it was found that some of them were defective. The handle of the bats were cracked, the net of one of the badminton racquet was loose and the stitching of the football was not properly done. Therefore, I request you to replace the defective items as soon as possible as the sports week of the school is approaching and the children are required to do the practice. I would be obliged if you kindly understand my problem and arrange for the early delivery.

Thanking You,

Yours Sincerely,

Xyz Sharma

Physical Education Instructor

OR

123, Sakinaka,
Mumbai.

24th August, 20XX

District Police Commissioner,
Mumbai.

Subject : Unauthorized Parking of Vehicles

Dear Sir,

This is to draw your attention towards the problems faced due to unauthorized parking of the vehicles in our area. There is not a single day in our area when the place is without disorder or free from traffic jams. As it is a crowded place, there is inadequate parking space. It creates problems not only to the residents but also to the people who come to meet their relatives or for some other purpose. As it is a busy area, vehicles are parked all over in a haphazard manner. It often results in quarrel among the people who display the lack of civic sense in them also creating noise pollution. It

is therefore necessary to take some quick actions and provide the proper parking area to the residents as well as do some arrangements for the visitors too.

We all hope for an immediate action to get relief from this problem.

Thanking You,

Yours Sincerely,

Rohini/Rohan

SECTION C

(LITERATURE : TEXT BOOK)

10. What were Sophie's plan for her future? Why would you call her dreams unrealistic? (100-125 words) [5]

OR

What benefits did Derry reap from his association with Mr. Lamb?

Answer : Sophie was a day dreamer although she belonged to a middle-class family. She was blind to the bitter truth of life. She dreamt of an imaginary life, in which she owned a boutique full of beautiful things. She also dreamt of becoming an actress as there was a lot of money and fame in the profession. She also wanted to be a fashion designer. It can be said that she wanted to lead

a lavish and grand life which was not possible. Her dreams were unrealistic in the sense that ultimately she would have to work in a biscuit factory. She only thought of impractical things. The house in which she lived was also not a very good one and her father used to work hard to earn bread for the family. They entertained themselves by watching the United team's matches. That's how she wanted to achieve the impossible dream.

OR

Derry had no association with the outer world till he met Mr. Lamb. His meeting with Mr. Lamb was a turning point in his life. He learnt to live a respectful life and also appreciated Mr. Lamb's attitude and outlook towards people and life. He realised his true worth. Mr. Lamb inspired him to face the world in spite of his disability. Derry's thinking towards people and life completely changed and he became self-confident. Mr. Lamb successfully infused in him courage and self-determination. He advised him to ignore the comments made by people on his physical impairment and enjoy beauty of life and nature. Derry went back to Mr. Lamb's garden in spite of his mother's refusal. Derry understood the importance and true meaning of life and understanding himself better than before. Only due to the association with Mr. Lamb.

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English 2015 (Outside Delhi)

SET I

Time allowed : 3 hours

Maximum marks : 100

SECTION – A (READING)

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1. Read the passage given below carefully: [12]

- For four days, I walked through the narrow lanes of the old city, enjoying the romance of being in a city where history still lives – in its cobblestone streets and in its people riding asses, carrying vine leaves and palm as they once did during the time of Christ.
- This is Jerusalem, home to the sacred sites of Christianity, Islam and Judaism. This is the place, where there is a church of the Holy Sepulchre, the place where Jesus was finally laid to rest. This is also the site of Christ's crucifixion, burial and resurrection.
- Built by the Roman Emperor Constantine at the site of an earlier temple to Aphrodite, it is the most venerated Christian shrine in the world. And justifiably so. Here, within the church, are the last five stations of the cross, the 10th station where Jesus was stripped off his clothes, the 11th where he was nailed to the cross, the 12th where he died on the cross, the 13th where the body was removed from the cross, and the 14th, his tomb.
- For all this weighty tradition, the approach and entrance to the church is non descriptive. You have to ask for directions. Even to the devout Christian pilgrims walking along the Via Dolorosa – The Way of Sorrow – first nine stations look clueless. Then a courtyard appears, hemmed in by other buildings and a doorway to one side. This leads to a vast area of huge stone architecture.
- Immediately inside the entrance is your first stop. It's the stone of anointing: this is the place, according to Greek tradition, where Christ was removed from the cross. The Roman Catholics, however, believe it to be the spot where Jesus' body was prepared for burial by Joseph.
- What happened next? Jesus was buried. He was taken to a place outside the city of Jerusalem where other graves existed and there, he was buried in a cave. However, all that is long gone, destroyed by continued attacks and rebuilding; what remains is the massive – and impressive – Rotunda (a round building with a dome) that Emperor Constantine built. Under this, and right in the centre of the Rotunda, is the structure that contains the Holy Sepulchre.
- "How do you know that this is Jesus' tomb?" I asked one of the pilgrims standing next to me. He was clueless, more interested, like the rest of them, in the novelty of it all and in photographing it, than in its history or tradition.
- At the start of the first century, the place was a disused quarry outside the city walls. According to the gospels, Jesus' crucifixion occurred 'at a place outside the city walls with graves

nearby.....'. Archaeologists have discovered tombs from that era, so the site is compatible with the biblical period.

9. The structure at the site is a marble tomb built over the original burial chamber. It has two rooms, and you enter four at a time into the first of these, the Chapel of the Angel. Here the angel is supposed to have sat on a stone to recount Christ's resurrection. A low door made of white marble, partly worn away by pilgrims' hands, leads to a smaller chamber inside. This is the 'room of the tomb', the place where Jesus was buried.

10. We entered in single file. On my right was a large marble slab that covered the original rock bench on which the body of Jesus was laid. A woman knelt and prayed. Her eyes were wet with tears. She pressed her face against the slab to hide them, but it only made it worse.

I. On the basis of your understanding of this passage answer the following questions with the help of given options : [1×4=4]

- (a) How does Jerusalem still retain the charm of an ancient era?
 (i) There are narrow lanes.
 (ii) Roads are paved with cobblestones.
 (iii) People can be seen riding asses.
 (iv) All of the above.
- (b) Holy Sepulchre is sacred to _____.
 (i) Christianity. (ii) Islam.
 (iii) Judaism. (iv) Both (i) and (iii).
- (c) Why does one have to constantly ask for directions to the church?
 (i) Its lanes are narrow.
 (ii) Entrance to the church is non descript.
 (iii) People are not tourist-friendly.
 (iv) Everyone is lost in enjoying the romance of the place.
- (d) Where was Jesus buried?
 (i) In a cave.
 (ii) At a place outside the city.
 (iii) In the Holy Sepulchre
 (iv) Both (i) and (ii)

Answer:

- (a) (iv) All of the above.
 (b) (i) Christianity.
 (c) (ii) Entrance to the church is non descript.
 (d) (iv) Both (i) and (ii).

II. Answer the following questions briefly : [1×6=6]

- (e) What is the Greek belief about the 'stone of anointing' ?
 (f) Why did Emperor Constantine build the Rotunda ?

- (g) What is the general attitude of the pilgrims ?
 (h) How is the site compatible with the biblical period ?
 (i) Why did the pilgrims enter the 'room of the tomb' in a single file ?
 (j) Why did 'a woman' try to hide her tears ?
 (k) Find words from the passage which mean the same as : [1×2=2]
 (i) A large grave (para 3)
 (ii) Having no interesting features/dull (para 4)

Answer :

- (e) According to the Greek belief, the stone of anointing is a place where Christ was removed from the cross.
 (f) Emperor Constantine built Rotunda to safeguard the Holy Sepulchre and the remaining structure around it.
 (g) Pilgrims have a very casual attitude and they are completely unaware about the history and tradition. They are more into capturing pictures and appreciating the novelty of the church.
 (h) According to the gospels, Jesus' crucifixion occurred 'at a place outside the city walls with graves nearby...' and as the archaeologists have discovered tombs from the Biblical era, the site is compatible.
 (i) 'Room of the tomb' is a very small place, hence the pilgrims entered in a single file.
 (j) Like a true Christian she felt overwhelmed as Jesus was buried there. Her eyes were wet with tears but she tried to hide as she didn't want to be seen crying by others.
 (k) (i) Tomb. (ii) Non-descript.

2. Read the passage given below: [10]

1. We often make all things around us the way we want them. Even during our pilgrimages we have begun to look for whatever makes our heart happy, gives comfort to our body and peace to the mind. It is as if external solutions will fulfil our needs, and we do not want to make any special efforts even in our spiritual search. Our mind is resourceful – it works to find shortcuts in simple and easy ways.

2. Even pilgrimages have been converted into tourism opportunities. Instead, we must awaken our conscience and souls and understand the truth. Let us not tamper with our own nature of that of the Supreme.

3. All our cleverness is rendered ineffective when nature does a dance of destruction. Its fury can and will wash away all imperfections. Indian culture, based on Vedic treatises, assists in

human evolution, but we are using our entire energy in distorting these traditions according to our convenience instead of making efforts to make ourselves worthy of them.

4. The irony is that humans are not even aware of the complacent attitude they have allowed themselves to sink in. Nature is everyone's Amma and her fierce blows will sooner or later corner us and force us to understand this truth. Earlier, pilgrimages to places of spiritual significance were rituals that were undertaken when people became free from their worldly duties. Even now some seekers take up this pious religious journey as a path to peace and knowledge. Anyone travelling with this attitude feels and travels with only a few essential items that his body can carry. Pilgrims traditionally travelled light, on foot, eating light, dried chickpeas and fruits, or whatever was available. Pilgrims of older days did not feel the need to stay in special AC bedrooms, or travel by luxury cars or indulge themselves with delicious food and savouries.
5. Pilgrims traditionally moved ahead, creating a feeling of belonging towards all, conveying a message of brotherhood among all they came across whether in small caves, ashrams or local settlements. They received the blessings and congregations of yogis and mahatmas in return while conducting the dharma of their pilgrimage. A pilgrimage is like penance of sadhana to stay near nature and to experience a feeling of oneness with it, to keep the body healthy and fulfilled with the amount of food, while seeking freedom from attachments and yet remaining happy while staying away from relatives and associates.
6. This is how a pilgrimage should be rather than making it like a picnic by taking a large group along and living in comfort, packing in entertainment, and tampering with environment. What is worse is giving a boost to the ego of having had a special darshan. Now, alms are distributed, charity done while they brag about their spiritual experiences!
7. We must embark on our spiritual journey by first understanding the grace and significance of a pilgrimage and following it up with the prescribed rules and rituals – this is what translates into the ultimate and beautiful medium of spiritual evolution. There is no justification for tampering with nature.

8. A pilgrimage is symbolic of contemplation and meditation and acceptance, and is a metaphor for the constant growth or movement and love for nature that we should hold in our hearts.

9. This is the truth!

- I. On the basis of your understanding of the above passage answer the questions that follow with the help of given options : [1×2=2]

(a) How can a pilgrim keep his body healthy?

- (i) By travelling light
- (ii) By eating small amount of food
- (iii) By keeping free from attachments
- (iv) Both (i) and (ii)

(b) How do we satisfy our ego?

- (i) By having a special darshan
- (ii) By distributing alms
- (iii) By Making it like a picnic
- (iv) Both (i) and (ii)

II. Answer the following as briefly as possible: [1×6=6]

- (c) What change has taken place in our attitude towards pilgrimages?
- (d) What happens when pilgrimages are turned into picnics?
- (e) Why are we complacent in our spiritual efforts?
- (f) How does nature respond when we try to be clever with it?
- (g) In olden days with what attitude did people go on a pilgrimage?
- (h) What message does the passage convey to the pilgrims?
- (i) Find words from the passage which mean the same as the following : [1×2=2]
 - (i) made/turned (para 3)
 - (ii) very satisfied (para 4).

Answer : I.

- (a) (iv) Both (i) and (ii)
- (b) (iv) Both (i) and (ii)

Answer : II

- (c) Earlier pilgrimages were a penance to stay near nature and did not require luxury rooms and big cars to travel, now they have become more of a tourism opportunity where people go for a picnic.
- (d) When pilgrimages turn into picnics, the entire significance of pilgrimage as sadhana is lost. It becomes more of a social gathering, a life of comfort and a boost to ego, where pilgrims don't achieve spiritual upliftment.

(e) Pilgrimages are no more of travelling on foot and living in the ashrams with basic necessities, it has become a picnic with all the comfort, AC rooms, travelling by car with a large group to have all the fun and entertainment. We have distorted traditions according to our conveniences. Hence, we are complacent in our spiritual efforts.

(f) When we try to be clever with nature it does a dance of destruction. Its anger washes away all imperfections that are ruining our bodies because of the extra comfort that we are adapting our bodies to. We are not making any efforts to make our body work and adjust in adverse conditions rather making it all the more tender. Nature is just like everyone's Amma and would act destructively by affecting our health, etc. Sooner or later nature will force us to understand this truth.

(g) In older days, pilgrimages were more of a sadhana to love people, stay close to the nature, understand it, stay healthy and eat healthy. It was also for seeking freedom from attachment. They took it as a path to peace and knowledge.

(h) It conveys the message that pilgrimages are symbolic of contemplation meditation and acceptance and undertaken to understand the realities of life, to stay close to nature and should not be taken as a tourism opportunity where you gather in a large group, enjoy amongst all the luxuries and make a life rest upon only comfort.

(i) **Answer:**

(i) Rendered (ii) Complacent.

3. Read the passage given below: [8]

It is surprising that sometimes we don't listen to what people say to us. We hear them, but we don't listen to them. I was curious to know how hearing is different from listening. I had thought both were synonyms, but gradually, I realised there is a big difference between the two words. Hearing is a physical phenomenon. Whenever somebody speaks, the sound waves generated to reach your ears and you definitely hear whatever is said to you. However, even if you hear something, it doesn't always mean that you actually understand whatever is being said. Paying attention to whatever you hear means you are really listening. Consciously using your mind to understand whatever is being said is listening. Diving deeper, I found that listening is not only hearing with attention, but is much more than that. Listening is hearing with full attention, and applying our mind. Most of the time, we listen

to someone, but our minds are full of needless chatter and there doesn't seem to be enough space to accommodate what is being spoken.

We come with a lot of prejudices and preconceived notions about the speaker or the subject on which he is talking. We pretend to listen to the speaker, but deep inside, we sit in judgement and are dying to pronounce right or wrong, true or false, yes or no. Sometimes, we even come prepared with a negative mindset of proving the speaker wrong. Even if the speaker says nothing harmful, we are ready to pounce on him with our own version of things.

What we should ideally do is to listen first with full awareness. Once we have done that, we can decide whether we want to make a judgement or not. Once, we do that, communication will be perfect and our interpersonal relationship will become so much better. Listening well doesn't mean one has to say the right thing at the right moment. In fact, sometimes if words are left unspoken, there is a feeling of tension and negativity. Therefore, it is better to speak out your mind, but do so with awareness after listening to the speaker with full concentration.

Let's look at this in another way. When you really listen to, you imbibe not only what is being spoken, but you also understand what is not spoken as well. Most of the time we don't really listen even to people who really matter to us. That's how misunderstandings grow among families, husbands and wives, brothers and sisters.

(A) On the basis of your reading of the above passage make notes on it, using headings and sub-headings. Use recognizable abbreviations (wherever necessary – minimum four) and a format you consider suitable. Also supply an appropriate title to it. [5]

Answer:

Title : Listening Vs. Hearing

1. Difference between the two synonyms

- (i) Hearing but not listening
- (ii) Paying attention
- (iii) Hearing as a physical phenomenon
- (iv) Consciously using your mind
- (v) Minds are full of needless chatter
- (vi) Accommodating what is said

2. Barriers to Listening

- (i) Prejudices and preconceived notions
- (ii) Negative Mindset
- (iii) Pretend to listen
- (iv) Proving our ver. of things right

3. Ideal way of listening

- (i) Listen first
- (ii) Listen with awareness
- (iii) Think before you judge
- (iv) Words unspoken leave a feeling of tension and negativity
- (vi) Speak your mind out

4. Listening to understand people

- (i) Imbibe what is not spoken
- (ii) Times when we don't listen to people who matter
- (iii) Triggers misunderstanding

5. Importance of listening

- (i) Reduce misunderstanding
- (ii) Perfect communication
- (iii) Improve interpersonal relationships

List of abbreviations used

- 1. Vs. – Versus
- 2. Ver. – Version
- 3. Don't – Do not

(B) Write a summary of the passage in about 80 words. [3]

Answer: Sometimes, we hear people but do not listen to them attentively. The difference between the two synonyms is that one is a physical phenomenon while the other is a conscious use of mind.

We, as listeners, often have preconceived notions about the speaker. We come prepared with a negative mindset, tend to prove them wrong and put forward our own version of things. Ideally, we should listen to them, understand their perception and stop judging them in order to avoid misunderstandings.

SECTION – B**(WRITING SKILLS)****30**

4. Your school, Akash Public School, Agra needs a canteen manager. On behalf of the Principal, write an advertisement in about 50 words to be published in the classified columns of a local daily. Mention the educational and professional qualifications, other qualities required in the manager, who to apply to and the last date for the receipt of applications. [4]

OR

Your club is going to organise an interclass singing competition. Write a notice in about 50 words inviting names of the students who want to participate in it. Give all the necessary details.

You are Navtej/Navita, Secretary, Music Club, Akash Public School, Agra.

Answer:**SITUATION VACANT**

Akash Public School, Agra, requires a Canteen Manager for the School Canteen. The person should be above 40 years of age, graduate with at least 5 years of managerial experience in the required field and willing to work extra hours on special occasions. Interested candidates may apply to the principal of the school latest by 10th, March 20XX.

OR**AKASH PUBLIC SCHOOL, AGRA
NOTICE**

5th July, 20XX

ATTENTION! MUSIC LOVERS!

The school is organizing an Interclass Singing Competition on 10th October, 20XX at the School Auditorium. All those who are interested, may appear for the audition on 22nd September, 20XX at 9 a.m. The venue, is Music hall. For further details contact the undersigned.

Navtej/Navita
Secretary
Music Club

5. You are Navtej/Navita, Secretary, Environment Club, Akash Public School, Agra. You, along with a group of students, went on a 3-day tour to Corbett National Park. You found how the tourists abuse the available facilities and thus endanger the environment. Write a letter in 120 – 150 words to the editor of a national daily highlighting the situation.

Suggest ways through which the environment of the Park can be saved. [6]

OR

On Teacher's Day, you read in a newspaper that privately owned and managed schools in small towns or even in the suburbs of metropolitan cities exploit their teachers by paying them just a fraction of their authorised salaries. This affects their performance in the classroom and thus the lives of their students. Write a letter in 120 – 150 words to the editor of a national daily raising your voice against such exploitation. Suggest ways to solve this problem. You are Navtej/Navita, 112 Taj Road, Agra.

Answer:

Akash Public School,

Agra.

5 March, 20XX

The Editor,

The Hindu,

New Delhi

Subject : The harmful effects of tourism on the Corbett National Park.

Dear Sir,

Through the esteemed columns of your daily newspaper, I would like to draw the attention of the concerned authority to the rampant abuse of available facilities in the Corbett National Park by tourists and the subsequent endangerment to the environment.

The tourists not only litter the place with non-biodegradable plastic packets and wrappers, but also use wood from the forests for cooking purposes. Excessive trampling of the soil has been reported to have a harmful effect on the natural ecosystem. The tranquility of the habitat, which is so crucial to the resident fauna, is habitually disturbed by the tourists playing loud music in their safari jeeps and during their camps.

The Corbett National Park is the oldest in the country, established in 1936, to protect the endangered Bengal Tiger. The public should be made aware of the fact that eco-tourism should not be facilitated at the cost of harming the environment. There should be increase in staff and a stricter implementation. Penalty should be implemented for abuse of facilities and aows. Use of only non-polluting fuel should be allowed. It is my humble request that this issue should be immediately be taken up by your esteemed publication to generate further awareness.

Yours sincerely,

Navita/Navtej

Secretary

Environment Club

OR

112, Taj Road,

Agra

2 March 20XX

The Editor,

The Hindu

New Delhi

Subject : Exploitation of Teachers.

Dear Sir,

It is said that the teachers in privately owned and managed schools in small towns and metropolitan suburbs are being exploited. On the occasion of Teacher's Day, this issue was brought to light in another national daily, mentioning that the teachers employed in such schools are paid a fraction of their authorised salaries.

Such a malpractice is seen to affect the performance of the teachers in the classroom. The school trust pays these teachers much less than the amount they were promised, leading to resignations and constant changes in the faculty. This has affected students' performance and led to an atmosphere of uncertainty in the schools, which is detrimental to the cause of education.

As a nation that prides itself on revering its teachers, it must be noted that we cannot build a future for our students if we do not give due credit to our teachers. The government should insure that such schools pay salaries as per the government's fixed pay scales. Payments should be made through banks and the government agencies should monitor the salary perks etc. Therefore, I request your esteemed publication to take up this matter in order to investigate the issue further and mobilise the public towards calling for a complete overhaul in the education system of the country.

Yours sincerely,

Navtej/Navita

6. The government has banned the use of animals in the laboratories for the purpose of dissection. Write a debate in 150 – 200 words either for or against this decision. [10]

OR

Some people feel that electronic media (TV news) will bring about the end of print media (newspapers). What are your views on the issue ? Write a debate in 150–200 words either for or against this view.

- * use of visuals on TV
- * authentic and fast
- * not enough news for 24-hour telecast
- * may fabricate news
- * become repetitive and dull
- * even scandals become news
- * print media – time tested
- * analysed, verified news
- * editorial comments
- * cater to all interests

Answer:

BAN ON THE USE OF ANIMALS

Good morning everyone, Today I am going to express my views against the motion "Banning the use of animals for dissection".

Dissection of animals in the school laboratories, provides a practical experience for the theoretical knowledge that students gain from books. They procure an opportunity to actually put their learning into practice. It should not be looked at as unjust practice because such an activity is meant to develop the student's knowledge of the elements and functions of the living being.

The dissection of animals has a scientific purpose; it is a mode of hands-on education for students such that they learn outside of the pages of the textbook and actually look at what they are being taught. We should give more credit to the sensitivity and intelligence of our students, so as not to believe that a dissection class will make them more prone to animal violence. Students should be taught the value of animal life by making them understand how an animal has the same kind of organs as human beings that perform similar functions. The governing philosophy behind teaching students to dissect animals should be that life, whether human or animal, is the same; each living being is tied to each other by their inner similarity.

Thus, a ban on dissection of animals in school laboratories would not be the best course of action. I hope my views on this topic were substantial enough to throw light on this topic.

Thank you.

OR

ELECTRONIC MEDIA THE END OF PRINT MEDIA

AGAINST THE MOTION :

Good morning everyone. Today I take the opportunity to express my argument against the motion on the belief that electronic media (TV news) will bring about the end of print media (newspaper).

TV news that strives towards authentic and fast reportage is always at risk of fabricating its content to continue being in circulation. The governing principle for the 24-hours news format is that whether or not news constitutes the element of worthiness, it should be covered on the channel. If there is nothing worth reporting then the content can be made sensational just to gain better TRP and currency. It tends to become repetitive and dull, scandals are allowed to become news and popularity becomes the main

objective. The ambition of TV news is to be the soul guardian of objective truth in the field of journalism can be considered to be a tall claim as more often it becomes a site for promotion of commercial products and sensational content in the grab of news. Print media is a time tested medium of information dissemination. The time taken to publish engenders that the content of the report has been analysed and verified to offer a composite picture to the reader. Editorial commentary ensures an informed view on the issues at hand. Newspapers are far from extinction, they are still a tried and time tested mode of receiving the world at our doorstep. Thus, the electronic media can never overrule the print media.

Thank you.

FOR THE MOTION :

The means for obtaining news of the world has been a paradigm shift from newspapers to television, especially due to the arrival of the 24-hours news format, reception of news is constant and on the go. The entire news landscape has changed as we are subjected to the concept of breaking news, that is, receiving news as it breaks and without waiting for the newspaper to arrive the next day with an account of events that have already been telecasted by them. It is helpful to illiterate people. E-media is faster and environment friendly. The power of the television medium is that the image is a direct message which does not need to be read or deciphered. TV news strives towards authenticity, covering all vantage points for maximum coverage and it is delivered fresh and fast. In such a case, it contributes towards the redundancy of the print media.

7. **Ragging has raised its ugly head again. A recent incident at a prestigious school has shown that this evil has not yet come to an end. Write an article in 150 – 200 words on 'Ragging, an Evil'. You are Navtej/Navita.** [10]

- * a practice from the British era
- * original aim, respect for hierarchy
- * enforcing traditions, discipline
- * Prefect – a teacher substitute
- * misuse of authority
- * vulgar aspect
- * fatalities
- * solution

OR

India is a tourist's dream destination. Give your views on the tourism potential of India in an article in 150 – 200 words. You are Navtej/Navita.

- * places of worship – religious tourism
- * foreigners – places of historical interest
- * the rich – hill stations during summers
 - the sun-kissed beaches in winters
 - leisure tourism
- * medical tourism – world class hospitals

Answer:

THE EVIL OF RAGGING IN EDUCATIONAL INSTITUTIONS

By Navita/Navtej

Ragging is an evil heirloom, left over from the British era when it was practised in English colleges and Universities to teach the social hierarchy and instills important values since it was believed that the students were lacking in such knowledge due to their immaturity. Unfortunately, these practices gradually became prevalent in educational institutions. The history of the best educational institutions in India is blackened with traumatic cases of brutal ragging, especially in Engineering and Medical Colleges. Ragging was practiced to enforce traditions and discipline freshers into respecting their seniors and the academic hierarchy at such institutions. In a school, 'Prefect' is considered to be a teacher's substitute. However, that does not mean that he/she can misuse his/her authority and indulge in the abuse of power, which happened in a recent case at a prestigious school. Schools are centres of learning and wholesome development, but when power equations within the student, displaying its vulgar aspect, it can lead to fatalities such as continued mental trauma or even death. The solution is to sensitise students and bring awareness to stop the harmful practice of ragging. In order to have able-bodied and healthy-minded future citizens of India, we need to eradicate such practices.

OR

TOURISM POTENTIAL OF INDIA

By Navtej/Navita

India has been blessed with a geographical, cultural and linguistic diversity, which is so rich and varied that one will need a lifetime to explore each and every part of India. The tourism potential of India is immense and still to be explored fully. Each century has brought a new culture to Indian soil leading to a diversified commingling that has shaped modern India.

India is well known all over the world, for its ancient civilization and the artifacts recovered and being excavated till today, prove the genuineness of the claims.

The ancient history of our culture has left behind exquisite monuments and temples together with archaeological finds for the tourist who are interested in them. Besides this, our country has been blessed with natural scenic beauty, right from the coast lines and beaches to the majestic mountains and hill stations.

Tourism is a high-potential industry over the world and there are several economies which are totally based on the tourism industry for their survival. The amount of money involved and high value returns could be mind-boggling and India likely, would successfully develop an infrastructure conducive to the promotion of the tourism industry.

There are so many places of historical interest, heirlooms left over from the various centuries. From the mosques to the temples and churches, India is a living testament to its vast and varied religious heritage. Being a democratic country, every religion in India has full liberty to celebrate its special festivals in which the entire country participates as a whole. For those, looking to just get away from the madding crowd, hill stations during summers, the sun-kissed beaches in winter and leisure tourism are the go-to options. Over the years, medical tourism has also emerged as an extremely viable option, considering world-class facilities are made available at half the prices here, enabling more people to come to India for their healthcare.

The options enumerated so far are just some instances of India's diversified tourist potential. There is so much more waiting to be explored in what can truly be the dream destination for tourists.

SECTION – C

(LITERATURE : TEXT BOOKS AND LONG READING TEXT)

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8. Read the extract given below and answer the questions that follow : [4]

and

looked out at young
trees sprinting, the merry children spilling
out of their homes, but after the airport's
security check, standing a few yards
away, I looked again at her, wan,
pale as a late winter's moon and felt that
old familiar ache,

- (a) How do the trees sprint ? [1]
- (b) Why did the poet look at her mother again ? [1]
- (c) What did she observe ? [1]
- (d) Identify the figure of speech used in these lines. [1]

OR

On their slag heap, these children
Wear skins peeped through by bones and
spectacles of steel
With mended glass, like bottle bits on stones.

- (a) Who are these children ? [1]
- (b) What is their slag heap ? [1]
- (c) Why are their bones peeping through their skins ? [1]
- (d) What does 'with mended glass' mean ? [1]

Answer :

- (a) The poetess is driving to the Cochin Airport. When she looks outside, the young trees seem to be moving backwards as the car moves ahead. With the speed of the car they seem to be running fast or sprinting. The poetess represents a contrast between her 'dozing' mother and the 'sprinting' young trees.
- (b) The poetess looked at her mother again because there were obvious signs that the mother would pass away soon. She was deeply attached to her mother and had the childhood fear of losing her mother. She was pained to look at her ageing, pale face after she saw the world full of life and activity.
- (c) She observed the pale and colourless face of her mother that resembles the late winter moon which lacks brightness as well as strength, like her mother did at that age.
- (d) The figures of speech used in these lines are simile: The "wan, pale" face to the mother is compared to "a late winter's moon", and personification: for "trees sprinting..."

OR

- (a) These are impoverished children of the slums.
- (b) Their slag heap is the heap of waste on which they live, roam and play.
- (c) Their bones are peeping through their skins as they are malnourished.
- (d) 'Mended glass' means broken spectacles. This shows their poverty and inability to buy new glasses.

9. Answer any four of the following in 30 to 40 words: [3×4=12]

- (a) What did garbage mean to the children of Seemapuri and to their parents ?
- (b) How did Rajkumar Shukla establish that he was resolute?
- (c) 'Life is what it is all about....' How is keeping quiet related to life ?
- (d) Mention any four things of beauty that add joy to our life.
- (e) The manner of his (the Tiger King's) death is a matter of extraordinary interest. Comment.
- (f) In what condition did Dr. Sadao find the American soldier at the seashore ?

Answer :

- (a) Small slum children scrounged heaps of garbage. They expected to get some coins, notes or valuable things in it. Sometimes, they would find a rupee or even a ten rupee note. This gave the hope of finding more. So, they searched it excitedly. For children, garbage was wrapped in wonder. For the elders, it was a means of survival. Thus, garbage has two different meanings.
- (b) Rajkumar Shukla established that he was resolute as he had come all the way from Champaran District in the foothills of Himalayas to Lucknow to speak to Gandhiji. Shukla accompanied Gandhiji everywhere. He also followed him to the Ashram near Ahmedabad. For weeks, he never left Gandhi's side till Gandhiji asked him to meet at Calcutta.
- (c) The poet says, 'Life is what it is about ...' as he advocates and suggests the necessity of quiet introspection but does not advocate total inactivity and death. Total inactivity brings death, while stillness entails rest for a moment so that one can have calm self-realisation as otherwise the people of the world are overactive and always on the move. The poet wants 'no truck with death.' Keeping quiet is related to doing activities in a purposeful and thoughtful manner.
- (d) Everything of nature is a thing of beauty and a source of pleasure. Some of them are : the sun, the moon, old and young trees, flowers, small streams with clear water, masses of ferns, blooming musk rose and lovely tales, etc. all of these are the things of beauty.
- (e) The Maharaja of Pratibandapuram was told that a tiger would be the cause of his death and warned him to be careful of the hundredth tiger. When the Maharaja tried to shoot the hundredth tiger it had only

fainted.

The king purchased a wooden tiger to offer to his son as a birthday present. Its silver pierced Maharaja's right hand. It is ironical that the infection spread and the king died. The manner of death made the prediction come true in the most extraordinary manner.

- (f) Dr. Sadao found the American soldier in a wounded condition at the sea shore. He was very weak and pale. He had a bullet stuck in his wound. His face looked tortured and his back was stained with blood. From his battered cap, he learnt that he was a sailor from an American Warship. He was almost at the verge of death, if Sadao had not saved him.

10. Answer the following in 120-150 words : [6]

Even today so many among us believe in superstitions. An astrologer predicted about 'the Tiger King' that he would be killed by a tiger. He 'killed' one hundred tigers yet was himself 'killed' by a tiger. How did the superstitious belief 'prevail' ?

OR

Dr. Sadao faced a dilemma. Should he use his surgical skills to save the life of a wounded person or hand an escaped American P.O.W. over to the Japanese police ? How did he resolve this clash of values ?

Answer : On his birth, the astrologers had predicted that the Maharaja's death would be caused by the hundredth tiger. As soon as the Maharaja learnt this, he started killing tigers. This shows that though people believed in superstition, the Maharaja wanted to prove the prophecy wrong. After killing all the tigers in his kingdom, he married a girl whose state had a large tiger population. He killed the tigers in his father-in-law's kingdom too. He was assured that he had killed hundred tigers and was still alive, but ironically, his death was caused by a wooden tiger. While playing with his son and his wooden tiger, a rough surface pierced Maharaja's hand causing infection that later led to his death. Destiny had taken its revenge for trying to overrule it. The superstitious belief prevailed as the hundredth tiger led to the Maharaja's death.

OR

A conflict of interests arises in a situation when someone in a position of trust, such as a doctor, has competing interests that make it difficult to fulfil his duties. Dr. Sadao was a

Japanese surgeon who lived in Japan during the Second World War. He had spent several years in the United States where he had experienced cultural prejudice and bias. He struggled with issues of duty, wartime medicine and racism. Yet, he risked his life to save an enemy, an American and a prisoner of war. He, like a real hero stood up for what he believes in and does not calculate the repercussions. His sentimentality for the suffering and would help him rise above narrow national prejudices and extend help and services to an enemy. He tends to the soldier, reveals the truth about him to the General and later on helped the soldier escape to safety. He can be viewed as a true hero for his bravery and professional competence.

11. Answer the following question in 120 – 150 words : [6]

Everybody during the last lesson is filled with regret. Comment. (The Last Lesson)

OR

Sophie lives in a world full of dreams which she does not know she cannot realise. Comment.

Answer : According to the order from Berlin, only German was to be taught in the schools of Alsace and Lorraine. This order left Mr. Hamel, the village people and Mr. Hamel's students in deep regret. The villagers regretted not having made utmost use of the French lessons that had been given by Mr. Hamel. They had engaged themselves in their profession to earn a living and had not taken their French lessons seriously. The children and the villagers sitting in the class had always thought that they had enough time to learn the language. But now, during the last French lesson, everybody realised their mistake. They realised how little they knew of their native language. They all attended the last lesson to mark their respect towards their teacher and their country, which was no longer theirs.

OR

The chapter "Going Places" begins with Sophie telling Julie that one day she would either have a boutique or be an actress. If she ever becomes an actress, she would have the boutique as a side business as actresses do not work full time. This clearly shows that Sophie loves living in a world of dreams. Perhaps, we can take these dreams as being achievable ones. But her fantasy about the football player Danny Casey shows us that she lives completely lost in her world of fantasies. She strongly believes that she has met Danny Casey despite people not believing in her words.

She is so deeply lost in her world of dreams that she does not even doubt her capability of achieving them.

12. Answer the following in 120-150 words : ** [6]

Describe how Silas Marner is betrayed by his friend, William Dane.

OR

Why and how did Griffin rob the Vicar's house?

13. Answer the following question in 120 – 150 words: ** [6]

'Evil begets evil'. In the light of this remark, describe the character of Dunstan Cass.

OR

Attempt a character sketch of Mrs. Hall.

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English 2015 (Outside Delhi)

SET II

Time allowed : 3 hours

Maximum marks : 100

Note: Except for the following questions, all the remaining questions have been asked in the previous sets.

SECTION – B

(WRITING SKILLS)

4. Mid day meal scheme in the school introduced by the government serves several purposes. Millions of children from the deprived sections of the society get nutritious food leading to good health, are attracted to the schools, kept from going astray and, thus developed into good citizens. The scheme may have some drawbacks too. Write an article in 150-200 words on all aspects of the scheme. You are Navtej/Navita. [10]

OR

Morning assembly in the school gives a cool and calm start to the otherwise hectic schedule of the day. It can be a means of passing important information to the students. What are your views on this significant event of the day? Write an article in 150-200 words on 'Importance of Morning Assembly'. You are Navtej/Navita.

Answer:

MID DAY MEAL

By Navtej/Navita

The mid day meal scheme in schools was initiated with the dual objective of improving the nutritional status of children in classes, 1-5 in government schools and government-aided schools also encouraging children from socially and economically disadvantaged backgrounds to attend school regularly. It is a measure taken by the government to ensure that by meeting the nutritional requirements of the students, they would also be helping them in concentrating in school activities. The aim is also to keep children

in schools, enable them to devote time to their education rather than leave the school to labour for food or get involved in criminal activities. The scheme estimates that a cooked mid day meal provides a child with a minimum of 300 calories and 8-12 grams of protein. This scheme was revised to cover children in the upper primary section, from the year 2007. The programme is carried out with the help of the local authorities. However, certain issues have cropped up. There have been a lot of cases of food poisoning resulting from the partaking of these mid day meals. In some schools, funds meant for such purposes have been funnelled off into the pockets of those who are in charge of distributing the grains. The government must inquire into all aspects of the schemes, check the supply chain of food grains, impose strict measures for observance of cleanliness in the school kitchens and ensure that the intention with which the scheme was started, i.e., to help the students, continues to be the cornerstone of the scheme.

OR

IMPORTANCE OF MORNING ASSEMBLY

By : Navita/Navtej

The morning assembly in schools starts the day on a cool and calm note, a short breath, before the hectic school day begins with classes, courses and extra-curricular activities. It offers a moment of reflection before the working day begins, the school community meets together and the assembly becomes a medium of communicating matters of significance to the students. The morning assembly is a time when the whole school assembles in the field or school auditorium, prays together, shares information and begins the day jointly on a note of quiet reflection, which is so crucial in preparing for the hectic day ahead. The most important thing is that the assembly imparts

a clear sense of vision that there are moments of peace, even if the day seems like there is too much on our plates.

SECTION – C
(LITERATURE: TEXT BOOKS AND LONG READING TEXT)

9. Answer any four of the following in 30-40 words each: [3 × 4=12]

- (a) What does Saheb look for in the garbage dumps?
- (b) How was Gandhi treated at Rajendra Prasad's house?
- (c) Why does one feel 'a sudden strangeness' on counting to twelve and keeping quiet?
- (d) Mention any two things which cause pain and suffering (A Thing of Beauty).
- (e) When was the Tiger King in danger of losing his throne?
- (f) What role did the American professor play in bringing Hana and Sadao together?

Answer:

- (a) For Saheb, the garbage dump was like a mysterious package, full of wonders and magic. He looked for different kinds of treasures in the garbage, like a silver coin or other tit bits.
- (b) When Shukla took Gandhi to Rajendra Prasad's house, he was out of town. The servants knew Shukla as a poor farmer who was pestering their master to help the indigo share croppers. Seeing Gandhi with him they presumed him to be another farmer and allowed him to stay as Shukla's companion.
- (c) Counting to twelve and keeping quiet brings in us a sudden strangeness because we are not used to such quiet and peaceful moments. We fail to understand ourselves, and have created a threat of self-destruction, which will be reduced by counting to twelve.
- (d) The things that cause suffering and pain include the scarcity of people with a noble temperament and the unhealthy and miserable ways in which humanity is searching for meaning in life.
- (e) It happened when a high-ranking British officer visited Pratibandapuram. He was very fond of hunting tigers and being photographed with the ones he had shot. However, he was refused by the Maharaja for hunting as well as being clicked with

the killed tigers. This infuriated him and the Tiger King stood a chance of losing his throne for this.

- (f) Dr. Sadao had met Hana at his American professor's house. The professor and his wife were kind people who wanted to help the foreign students and so invited them to their house. After completing their studies in America, Sadao and Hana returned to Japan and got married.
10. Answer the following question in 120-150 words: [6]

How different from usual was the atmosphere at school on the day of the last lesson? (The Last Lesson)

OR

How different is Jansie from Sophie?

Answer: On usual days, when the school started there would be a huge bustle that could be heard out in the street. Sounds of desks being opened and closed and lessons repeated in unison could be heard. While repeating the lessons, students would put their hands on their ears for better understanding of their lessons and the sound of the teacher's great ruler rapping on the table could also be heard. But, on the day of the last lesson, the school was as quiet as on a Sunday morning. The narrator saw his classmates already in their respective places and Mr. Hamel walking up and down holding the scary iron ruler under his arm. When the narrator felt frightened to enter the class Mr. Hamel kindly told him to quickly go to his place as they were about to begin the class without him. Moreover, he saw some villagers were sitting on the last benches.

OR

Though Jansie and Sophie were friends, Jansie was completely unlike Sophie. In the beginning of the chapter "Going places," when we find Sophie telling Jansie about her dream of having a boutique, Jansie, wearing an expression of doubt, tried to make sense to Sophie by telling her that having a boutique required a good investment. When Sophie replied that she would manage to gather the sum, Jansie again revealed her practical mind by saying that it would take Sophie a long time to gather the required amount. She also told Sophie that she would not be made the manager straight away. This shows that Jansie had a fair idea about the hard truth of life, which Sophie lacked. She knew that both Sophie and she were destined to work in a biscuit factory and that Sophie's dreams were just a wishful thinking.

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English 2015 (Outside Delhi)**SET III**

Time allowed : 3 hours

Maximum marks : 100

Note: Except for the following questions, all the remaining questions have been asked in the previous sets.

SECTION – B
(WRITING SKILLS)

4. Consumerism is increasing day-by-day. Luxuries of yesterday have become necessities of today. The result is that the more we want the more miserable we become. Write a debate in 150-200 words on 'The only way to minimise human suffering and pain is to control our needs.' You are Navtej/Navita. [10]

OR

Migration from villages to cities has led to the spread of urban slums. People living in these slums lead a miserable life. Economic disparity leads to the problems of law and order. Write a debate in 150-200 words on the 'Solution to the problem of misery in the urban slums lies in creating jobs in the villages.' You are Navtej/Navita.

Answer : 'There is sufficiency in this world for man's needs but not for man's greed' said Mahatma Gandhi. Respected panel of jury, teachers, my dear friends and not to forget my worthy but misguided opponents. Today, I, Navita/Navtej stand before you to speak for the motion on the topic "The only way to minimise human suffering and pain is to control our needs."

We know that there is sufficiency, in this world for man's needs, but what if a man mistakes his greed to be his need? Unfortunately, this is the scenario of today. The things that were regarded luxuries by our forefathers are now termed as necessities. We cannot imagine life without certain items like a blender, a washing machine or even a mobile phone. But weren't our forefathers able to lead their lives even without these things? It is time that we understand that we have become slaves of a time when diseases like diabetes weren't even heard off, why? It was because people worked hard without taking the help of such things and so kept their body's metabolism running. Whatever be the problem, there is only one simple solution—Controlling our needs and differentiating them from our greed. The more we enslave ourselves, the more we suffer.

Thank You.

OR

Respected panel of jury, teachers, my dear friends and not to forget my worthy but misguided opponents. Today, I Navita/Navtej, stand before you to speak for the motion of the topic "Solution to the problem of misery in the urban slums lies in creating jobs in the villages."

Migration is a major issue faced by cities. In search of a better and brighter future and to fulfil their dreams, people from small towns and villages leave their life back home and move to cities. Unfortunately, their dreams shatter as they get to live in the already overpopulated urban slums, where they gradually get entangled in the deplorable conditions. Besides, the economic disparity that they face in the cities lead them to the problems of law and order. But, have we ever wondered what is the root cause of migration and the problems attached to it? Yes, it is the dearth of jobs in their native place. There is a huge scope for expansion in villages and small towns but people refuse to see it. The more jobs we create in villages and small towns, the less people will migrate, thereby leading to an economically as well as medically stronger India.

Thank you

SECTION – C**(LITERATURE: TEXT BOOKS AND LONG READING TEXT)**

6. Answer any four of the following in 30-40 words each: [3×4=12]
- (a) "It is his karam, his destiny." What is Mukesh's family's attitude towards their situation?
 - (b) What were the terms of the indigo contract between the British landlords and the Indian peasants?
 - (c) How will 'keeping quiet' protect our environment?
 - (d) Which objects of nature does Keats mention as sources of joy in his poem, 'A Thing of Beauty'?
 - (e) Why did Tiger King decide to get married?
 - (f) What was Sadao's father's dream for him? How did Sadao realise it?

Answer:

- (a) Mukesh's family had resigned themselves to their fate. His father was a poor bangle maker and could not send his sons to school. He could only teach them how to make bangles. His family accepted it as their fate and felt that God-given lineage could not be broken.
- (b) Most of the arable land in the Champaran district was divided into large estates that were owned by Englishmen and Indian tenants worked for them. They got the agreements from the sharecroppers to pay them compensation for being released from the 15% arrangement.
- (c) By 'Keeping Quiet' the poet means that we should stop all our destructive activities that harm nature. If we count up to twelve, and do not talk, the environment will be saved from us.
- (d) The poet says that, a beautiful thing is a source of ever lasting happiness. The few things that add joy to our life are The Sun, The Moon, a bower of trees and a clear stream of water.
- (e) The Tiger King was able to kill only seventy tigers in his kingdom. To prove the prophecy wrong, he needed to kill thirty more tigers. He decided to marry a girl from a royal family of a state with a large tiger population so that he could kill thirty more tigers.
- (f) Sadao's father dreamt of a bright future for his son. He wanted him to reach the sky as the limit and take Japan towards a better future too. Sadao understood that education was the most important thing to his father and at the age of twenty-two, he went to America to study Surgery and Medicine. At the age of thirty, he returned having realised his father's dream.

11. Answer the following question in 120-150 words? [6]

How did the order from Berlin change the situation in the school? (The Last Lesson)

OR

It is not unusual for a lower middle class girl to dream big. How unrealistic were Sophie's dreams?

Answer: The order from Berlin was received with an uncanny silence in the school. There were new copies for the students with 'France, Alsace' written on them. They looked like little flags floating everywhere in the classroom. This was in contrast to the usual scene when the school would be buzzing with activity. The sound of opening and closing of desks, lessons repeated in chorus and the teachers' great ruler banging on the table could be heard on the street. But that day, everyone was working quietly and Mr. Hamel, who was dressed formally in the attire that he never wore except on special occasions, was walking up and down with his terrible iron ruler under his arm. The only sound that was heard was, the scratching of pen over paper. The villagers had gathered in the classroom and were sitting quietly on the lock benches.

OR

Answer: Sophie was a lower middle class girl who had great aspirations. To achieve a glamorous and sophisticated life, she wanted to own a boutique after she finished school. She felt as if she could save the money by working as a manager, or may become an actress as there was real money in it. She was romantic, who was far off from the reality. Sophie did not have a decent house to live in; her father worked hard to fend for the family and her brother was a mechanic. Her mother worked hard to do the household chores daily. But Sophie dreamt of doing something beyond all this and wanted to own a shop like Mary Quant, which would be the most amazing shop that the city had ever seen. She also longed to go to places she had never seen. These places lured her towards them because they were distant and mysterious. Sophie's dreams would never come true as they were unrealistic and not laced with practicality.

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English 2015 (Delhi)**SET I**

Time allowed : 3 hours

Maximum marks : 100

Note: Except for the following questions, all the remaining questions have been asked in the previous sets.

SECTION – B**(ADVANCED WRITING SKILLS)**

4. Every year in the central park of the city a flower show is held in the month of February. Your school has received a circular from the District Collector inviting your students to visit it. Write a notice in about 50 words informing the students about the show and advising them to go and enjoy it. You are Navtej/Navita, Head Boy/Head Girl, Sunrise Public School, Surat. [4]

OR

Sarvodaya Education Society, a charitable organisation is coming to your school to distribute books among the needy students. As Head Boy/Head Girl, Sunrise Public School, Surat, write a notice in about 50 words asking such students to drop the lists of books they need in the box kept outside the Principal's office. You are Navtej/Navita.

Answer :**SUNRISE PUBLIC SCHOOL, SURAT****NOTICE**

10 February, 20XX

FLOWER SHOW

All the students of the school are invited by the District Collector to the Flower Show that is being organised in the Central Park on 20th February 20XX. The event will showcase different varieties of flowers and would be very informative and interesting. The students may take their passes from the undersigned before 18 February, 20XX.

Navita/Navtej

Head Girl/Head Boy

OR**SUNRISE PUBLIC SCHOOL, SURAT****NOTICE**

10 February, 20XX

BOOK DISTRIBUTION

This is to inform all those students who are in need of books that Sarvodaya Education

Society, a charitable organization, is coming to our school for distribution of books. Interested students should drop the lists of books they need, in the drop box kept outside the principal's office by 12 February, 20XX.

Navita/Navtej

Head Girl/Head Boy

5. Recently you went to your native village to visit your grandparents. You saw that some of the children in the age group 5-14 (the age at which they should have been at school) remained at home, were working in the fields or simply loitering in the streets.

Write a letter in 120-150 words to the editor of a national daily analyzing the problem and offering solutions to it. You are Navtej/Navita, M-114 Mount Kailash, Kanpur. [6]

OR

When cricket teams go abroad the members are allowed to take their wives, even friends along with them. Does this fact distract them or help them to focus on their game in a better way? If it is good, why don't we allow our athletes to enjoy the same privilege?

Write a letter to editor of a national daily in 120-150 words giving your views on the issue. You are Navtej/Navita, M-114 Mount Kailash, Kanpur.

Answer:

M-114, Mount Kailash,
Kanpur

3 March, 20XX

The Editor,
The Times of India,
Kanpur

Subject : Pathetic condition of children

Dear Sir,

Through the columns of your esteemed newspaper, I would like to draw the attention of the government and NGOs towards the children of Hoshiarpur village who are not receiving formal education at school. They either remain at home, work in fields or loiter in the streets.

Education, which is a necessity, is still a luxury here and rather they are made to work in the fields. Poor people hesitate to send their children to school. On a recent visit to this village, I could not help but notice the sheer amount of

children who should have been in the school, but were not. Children in the age group of 5-14 are supposed to attend school to make a bright future. But in the villages, they are either seen loitering around or helping their parents in the fields, which is a very painful and a depressing situation.

It is high time that the government and the NGOs should take up the issue seriously and implement measures to solve it. Besides, literate villagers can also help by starting makeshift schools to educate the children till reformation are made by the government.

Yours sincerely,
Navita/Navtej

OR

M-114, Mount Kailash,
Kanpur
3 March, 20XX
The Editor,
The Times of India,
Kanpur

Subject : Difference in the status of Cricketers and Athletes.

Dear Sir,

Through the columns of your esteemed newspaper, I would like to express my views on the difference in the status of Cricketers and Athletes.

Cricket is a very popular game in India and Cricketers are idolised. The public as well as the officials are willing to give special privileges to them. The extent of their love is such that rules are easily bent for them. Cricketers are allowed to take their families with them when they go on tours, irrespective of the fact that this may distract them while playing. But when it comes to other games, Indian Government becomes rather stingy and the players do not get the same treatment. Why do we have two policies? I believe, this is because Cricket and Cricketers are worshipped, while the other games and their players are ignored. Even the finances that are allotted to these games are either too less or are utilised by the officers themselves.

The perspective of India needs a revolution and all the games need equal treatment, after all they all bring glory to the country. Government needs to implement measures to keep all the games at par.

Yours sincerely,
Navtej/Navita

6. Mobile phone of today is no longer a mere means of communication. Music lovers are so glued to it that they don't pay attention even to the traffic while crossing the roads. This leads to accidents sometimes even fatal ones.

Write a speech in 150-200 words to be delivered in the morning assembly advising the students to be careful in the use of this otherwise very useful gadget. Imagine you are this Principal of your school. [10]

OR

Power shortage has become a norm even in the metropolitan cities. One way to face this situation is by preventing the wastage of power.

Write a speech in 150-200 words on the importance of power in our daily life and how to save power at school and at home. Imagine that you are the Principal of your school.

Answer:

MOBILE AND ITS ILL-EFFECTS

"I fear the day when technology surpasses human interaction, we will have a generation of idiots".

My dear students, a very good morning to one and all.

Mobile phone is a wonderful invention. It is multipurpose instrument from which you can not only make calls and text people but it is also installed with music facility, broadcasting facilities such as radio and television, a standrd camera, internet browsing facility throught which information from the whole world the lies at just one click. But to much attention has this gadget gained and it becomes a menace when people forget about their surroundings being engrossed in their phones. Just the other day, I read in a newspaper that a girl in New York fell off the harbour because she was too involved in her phone to notice where she was going. Even while crossing roads, children don't seem to notice the oncoming cars and music lovers always have earphones plugged in and they don't seem to hear the blaring horns of the traffic. They should be used sparingly and judiciously without risking self or others. If they are lucky enough to survive, they have to live with a disability for the rest of their lives due to the accident.

Children, you should understand that you have a bright life ahead if you adhere to safety. Gadgets are for our help and convenience.

Thank You.

OR

SAVING POWER

Good morning to one and all!

A lot of power is being wasted majorly due the carelessness and indifference at home, school business premises etc. Power is the lieblood of regulating operations in our environment. Power is responsible for our life conveniences, comfort, running equipment, appliances and gadgets which are entirely dependent on power supply.

Though electricity can be generated, it is not easy to do so and this fact needs to be recognised and realised at the earliest. We dread power failure but do nothing to save power. so that we may not face such a situation. It is high time we should make judicious use of power. Saving electricity will save fossil fuel too. We should switch off the lights, fans, geysers, ACs, TV when not in use. Students should be taught about saving electricity at school and public recognition should be given to students who take initiative in this regard. Awareness should be spread in the neighbourhoods and everyone should cooperate.

Remember, power needs to be saved and used efficiently for future use. So, children please pay heed to my advice and save electricity. Set an example for others in doing so and lead the country towards a brighter future.

Thank you and wish you a 'powerful' day.

7. In the year to come (if you have not already done this year) you are going to celebrate your 18th birthday. Write an article in 150-200 words on the joys and responsibilities of being eighteen. You are Navtej/Navita. [10]

OR

Write an article in 150-200 words on how we can make India a carefree and enjoyable place for women when they can go wherever they like to without any fear of being stared at, molested or discriminated against. You are Navtej/Navita.

Answer :

RESPONSIBILITIES AND JOYS OF BEING EIGHTEEN

By Navita/Navtej

Eighteen is a magic birthday, a milestone into adulthood of unlimited freedom accompanied by great privileges as well as serious legal implications. At 18, a teen can vote, buy a house or attain a driving licenses. He can also go to jail, get sued, gamble away his/her tuition via online poker, and make terrible stock market investments –

Some teens think it's acceptable to get out of control just because they're of the legal age. But they are wrong. Becoming 18 years old

one should become more responsible one and mature instead of careless and stupid.

You can start working, get your own apartment or go off to college and live alone. The age of 18 is a transition from your young adult years to adulthood. You have to be conscientious; you'll still make mistakes as you try to find your way, but don't forget everything you were taught.

The law is harsher on legal teens than minors, so you should keep that in mind. Being legal and grown up are two different things. Have fun while you're young and live life to the fullest, but make wise decisions and choices because it will affect your future.

At the age of 18, you can do whatever you want. However, if you make the wrong move, you should also be adult enough to face the consequences. One thing to remember is that if you still live with your parents, you have to abide by their rules. So, if they say no, you might want to listen to them, so you don't end up on the streets.

As long as you're safe and smart about what you decide to do when you reach the legal age, then go ahead be adventurous! Discover yourself. You only live once.

OR

HOW SAFE ARE WOMEN?

By Navtej/Navita

One woman killed for dowry, a minor raped by an acquaintance, eve-teasing in broad day light, road rage leads to death of a woman driver – these are the headlines of everyday newspaper. On one hand, we talk of women liberation and on the other, we are so cruel to them. Is this humanity? The land where women are considered to be the manifestation of Goddess Durga and Shakti, there they are worshipped in so many forms, should they witness such ghastly crime? —folk is shocking.

What is surprising is that these incidents occur in big cities, where most of the people are educated and broad-minded as compared to rural India where honouring a women is not acceptable. It's high time that awareness is created amongst people; organisation of the Police Force is done on such humanitarian issues. We should stop treating women as an object but rather look at them as home makers, mothers, sisters, colleagues and friends. With increasing pressures on family life, with increasing education and awareness, it is evident that women need to work. We all require money and comfort, then isn't it our duty to make their safety our prime concern? We must consider safety options for them, increase police

patrolling in lonely places and sensitive areas like colleges, hostels and universities. Women police and personnel should be mobilised and women should be given training in Self-Defence and Martial Arts. Self-defence techniques should be taught to girls and women in schools and colleges mandatorily. Police should adopt sensitive approach in handling cases of atrocities against women, so that women can come out to lodge complaints more openly. Punishments should be given for heinous crimes like rape and dowry deaths. All these measures, if heeded can go a long way in making life of women safer and better.

SECTION – C
(LITERATURE: TEXT BOOKS AND
LONG READING TEXTS)

8. Read the extract given below and answer the questions that follow: [4]

I saw my mother,
beside me,
doze, open mouthed, her face
ashen like that
of a corpse and realised with
pain
that she was as old as she
looked but soon
put that thought away,

- (a) What worried the poet when she looked at her mother? [1]
(b) Why was there pain in her realization? [1]
(c) Why did she put that thought away? [1]
(d) Identify the figure of speech used in these lines. [1]

OR

Far far from gusty waves these children's faces.
Like rootless weeds, the hair torn round their
pallor:

The tall girl with her weighed-down head.

- (a) Who are these children? [1]
(b) What does the poet mean by 'gusty waves'? [1]
(c) What has possibly weighed-down the tall girl's head? [1]
(d) Identify the figure of speech used in these lines. [1]

Answer :

- (a) The poet was worried about her mother's advancing age.
(b) There was pain in the poet's realisation because her mother now looked as old as she was, her bodily infirmities that come with old age were visible on her face and she was fast approaching her death.
(c) The poet put that thought away because she would not be able to go through with her

plan of travelling away from home if she continued to dwell on her mother's old age. (as old as she looked)

- (d) The figure of speech used is a 'simile.'

OR

- (a) The children referred to in the poem are the slum children who attend an elementary school in that slum.

- (b) "Gusty waves" refer to the sea and its waves. It is used to denote that the children were far away from the presence of nature and sinking further and further into a hopeless mire in spite of receiving education.

- (c) The tall girl's head is possibly weighed-down by the troubles and tribulations of living out her life in abject poverty and thinking of a future within the hopeless confines of a slum.

- (d) The figure of speech is a 'simile.' (Like rootless weeds)

9. Answer any four of the following in 30-40 words each : [3×4=12]

- (a) Who occupied the back benches in the class room on the day of the last lesson? Why?
(b) Why did Douglas' mother recommend that he should learn swimming at the YMCA swimming pool?
(c) What will counting upto twelve and keeping still help us achieve?
(d) What does a thing of beauty do for us?
(e) Which do you think is a better ending of Roger Skunk's story, Jo's or her father's? Why?
(f) What could the Governor have done to securely bring Evans back to the prison from the 'Golden Lion'?

Answer:

- (a) Old Hauser the former mayor, the former postmaster and several other villagers occupied the back benches in the classroom because they had come to know about the new order that has come from Berlin. They sat down on the back benches as it was their way of thanking their teacher who had devoted his life for the welfare of the society. They also felt sorry as they had ignored the school and the lessons.
(b) When Douglas was ten or eleven years old, he decided to learn swimming. He chose YMCA pool because it was safe and his mother had also warned him to learn swimming in Yakima River was full of danger and she warned Douglas against it by reminding him of every drowning incident in this river.
(c) Counting up to twelve and keeping still helps us to introspect. We will be able to find our inner-

self, think and redetermine our future for the betterment of ourselves as well as environment in which we live. It is necessary for creating a feeling of mutual understanding among men. This way people will be together in sudden strangeness and it would be an exotic moment.

- (d) Beautiful things are good for mind as well as soul. They give us aesthetic pleasure and permanent joy. Its beauty increases forever. They divert our mind from all the ugly things of the world. They allow us to find a ray of hope even in despair, sorrow and sufferings.

- (e) Jo wanted the story to have another end in which the wizard should hit the mommy by his magic wand because for her the smell of roses was awful. Jo thought that Roger was the hero of the story so he must not look ugly or stinky. Jo's perspective of life was different from her father's.

Whereas, her father thought in a different way. He wanted to convey that for a mother, her son can never smell bad. The adults' world is full of hardships and they can have to face the reality of life. His ending may not be very pleasing but is realistic and he wanted to highlight the fact that for a mother, her child is always an object of love. His smell makes no difference.

Thus, the original ending is acceptable.

- (f) The Governor was extra careful at every place except in the end. He took all the steps and precautions for not letting Evan escape anyway. He got success also to bring Evan back to the prison from Golden Lion but in the end acted foolishly. He could not judge Evan's cleverness. He should understand that Evans could not go out of the cell in McLeery's disguise. McLeery was found injured and covered with blood in the cell. No one took the pain to check the identity of the injured. It was Evans himself. Further, when Evans was arrested and handcuffed, he was made to sit in the police van. But the van and driver's identification was not done and Evans was successful escaping.

10. Answer the following in 120-150 words : [6]
Giving a bribe is evil practice. How did Tiger King bribe the British officer to save his kingdom? How do you view this act of his?

OR

Dr. Sadao was a patriotic Japanese as well as a dedicated surgeon. How could he honour both the values?

Answer:

The Tiger King dispatched a telegram to a famous British Company of jewellers in Calcutta to send

samples of expensive diamond rings of different designs. Some fifty rings arrived and the king sent the entire lot to the British officer's wife. The king and his minister had expected that the Duraisani would choose one or two rings and send the rest back. However, it turned out that the Duraisani had kept the entire lot and replied with a thank you note for the gifts. In two days, a bill for three lakh rupees came from the British jewellers, which the Maharaja was happy to pay because he had managed to retain his kingdom. This act of the king sheds light on the deplorable practice of bribery that perpetuates the vicious cycle of corruption, especially considering the fact that the king had personal interests to protect rather than the welfare of his kingdom.

OR

Dr. Sadao Hoki was not only a trained surgeon but also a fervent patriot who dedicated himself to the cause of serving his country in wartime through Scientific Research. However, the dilemma that Sadao faced in lieu of the arrival of the wounded enemy soldier on his doorstep was a clash between his duties as a doctor and that of a citizen of a particular nation. Sadao remarked that if the man had been whole and uninjured, then he would not have faced any difficulty in turning him over to the police. However, the fact that he was wounded, complicated this issue because as a doctor, Sadao had taken the oath to put his professional duties first and serve mankind as a whole, without any discrimination on the basis of nationality. But, he was able to protect his patriotism by informing the General about the matter. In this way, he balanced both his values by tending the soldier and helping him escape at the end, while having informed the General about his presence. He did not let national prejudice override his duties as a doctor.

11. Answer the following in 120-150 words: [6]
Describe the difficulties the bangle makers of Firozabad have to face in their lives.

OR

The peddler declined the invitation of the ironmaster but accepted the one from Edla. Why?

Answer : Every family in Firozabad was engaged in the task of making bangles. It was the centre of India's glass-blowing industry, where families had spent generations working around glass furnaces, with high temperatures spend long hours in dingy rooms without air and light, welding glass and making bangles for apparently all the women in the country.

The circumstances that kept them in this trade were the vicious circle of middlemen who would interfere if the young men tried to form a cooperative. Moreover, these youngsters would be hauled up by the police, beaten and dragged to jail for doing something illegal, while it was the middlemen who performed such practices. There was no leader among them who could help them see things differently. Their fathers were as tired as they and continued to sink in the mire of an endless spiral of poverty, apathy, greed and injustice. The bangle seller's families were caught in a web of poverty, burdened by the stigma of the caste into which they were born and simultaneously suffered under the oppressive regime of a vicious circle of sahkars, middlemen, policemen, bureaucrats and politicians. Together they imposed a baggage on the children born into such families, from which they could not free themselves.

OR

Edla proved to be much more persuasive than her father in dealing with the peddler. Her gentle and kind treatment managed to effect a

monumental change in the latter. Although, Edla had misgivings, she convinced her father to let the peddler stay and revelled in the opportunity to actually help a poor, hungry, homeless man, who was always chased away by everyone. She wanted him to enjoy a day of peace and partake in the Christmas festivities. She was kind, sympathetic and friendly with the stranger, taking hold of his hand and leading him to the dinner table, thus, making him a part of her family, at least for a day. It was this act of kindness that helped the peddler to change himself. Besides, before leaving, he left a Christmas present for her and signed it as Captain Von Stahle.

12. Answer the following in 120-150 words : ** [6]
Describe the ironical situation in which Silas Marner had to leave Lantern Yard.

OR

Within a few days of his arrival in Iping, people became suspicious of Griffin. Why ?

13. Answer the following in 120-150 words : ** [6]
Describe Dolly Winthrop as the most lovable character in George Eliot's 'Silas Marner'.

OR

Attempt a character sketch of Marvel.

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SET I

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SECTION - A

(READING)

30

1. Read the passage given below : [12]

1. Maharana Pratap ruled over Mewar only for 25 years. However, he accomplished so much grandeur during his reign that his glory surpassed the boundaries of countries and time turning him into an immortal personality. He along with his kingdom became a synonym for valour, sacrifice and patriotism. Mewar had been a leading Rajput kingdom even before Maharana Pratap occupied the throne. Kings of Mewar, with the

cooperation of their nobles and subjects, had established such traditions in the kingdom, as augmented their magnificence despite the hurdles of having a smaller area under their command and less population. There did come a few thorny occasions when the flag of the kingdom seemed sliding down. Their flag once again heaved high in the sky, thanks to the gallantry and brilliance of the people of Mewar.

2. The destiny of Mewar was good in the sense that barring a few kings, most of the rulers were competent and patriotic. This glorious tradition of the kingdom almost continued for 1500 years since its establishment, right from the reign of Bappa Rawal. In fact, only

**Answer are not given due to the change in syllabus

60 years before Maharana Pratap, Rana Sanga drove the kingdom to the pinnacle of fame. His reputation went beyond Rajasthan and reached Delhi. Two generations before him, Rana Kumbha had given a new stature to the kingdom through victories and developmental work. During his reign, literature and art also progressed extraordinarily. Rana himself was inclined towards writing and his works are read with reverence even today. The ambience of his kingdom was conducive to the creation of high quality work of art and literature. These accomplishments were the outcome of a long standing tradition sustained by several generations.

3. The lives of the people of Mewar must have been peaceful and prosperous during the long span of time; otherwise such extraordinary accomplishment in these fields would not have been possible. This is reflected in their art and literature as well as their loving nature. They compensate for lack of admirable physique by their firm but pleasant nature. The ambience of Mewar remains lovely thanks to the cheerful and liberal character of its people.
4. One may observe astonishing pieces of workmanship not only in the forts and palaces of Mewar but also in public utility buildings. Ruins of many structures which are still standing tall in their grandeur are testimony to the fact that Mewar was not only the land of the brave but also a seat of art and culture. Amidst aggression and bloodshed, literature and art flourished and creative pursuits of literature and artists did not suffer. Imagine, how glorious the period must have been when the Vijaya Stambha which is the sample of our great ancient architecture even today, was constructed. In the same fort, Kirti Stambha is standing high, reflecting how liberal the then administration was which allowed people from other communities and kingdoms to come and carry out construction work. It is useless to indulge in the debate whether the Vijay Stambha was constructed first or the Kirti Stambha. The fact is that both the capitals are standing side by side and reveal the proximity between the king and the subjects of Mewar.
5. The cycle of time does not remain the same. Where the reign of Rana Sanga was crucial in raising the kingdom to the acme of glory, it also proved to be his nemesis. History took a turn the fortune of Mewar—the land of the

brave, started waning. Rana tried to save the day with his acumen which was running against the stream and the glorious traditions for some time.

On the basis of your understanding of the above passage, answer each of the questions given below with the help of the options that follow :

[1 × 4 = 4]

- (a) **Maharana Pratap became immortal because :**
 - (i) he ruled Mewar for 25 years
 - (ii) he added a lot of grandeur to Mewar
 - (iii) of his valour, sacrifice and patriotism
 - (iv) both (ii) and (iii)
- (b) **Difficulties in the way of Mewar were :**
 - (i) lack of cooperation the nobility
 - (ii) ancient traditions of the kingdom
 - (iii) its small area and small population
 - (iv) the poverty of the subjects
- (c) **During thorny occasions :**
 - (i) the flag of Mewar seemed to be lowered
 - (ii) the flag of Mewar was hoisted high
 - (iii) the people of Mewar showed gallantry
 - (iv) most of the rulers heaved a sigh of relief
- (d) **Mewar was lucky because :**
 - (i) all of its rulers were competent
 - (ii) most of its people were competent
 - (iii) most of its rulers were competent
 - (iv) only a few of its people were incompetent

Answer the following questions briefly : [1×6=6]

- (e) **Who is the earliest King of Mewar mentioned in the passage ?**
- (f) **What was Rana Kumbha's contribution to the glory of Mewar ?**
- (g) **What does the writer find worth admiration in the people of Mewar ?**
- (h) **How could art and literature flourish in Mewar ?**
- (i) **How did the rulers show that they cared for their subjects ?**
- (j) **What does the erection of Vijaya Stambha and Kirti Stambha in the same fort signify ?**
- (k) **Find words from the passage which mean the same as each of the following : [1×2=2]**
 - (i) surprising (para 4), (ii) evidence (para 4)

Answer :

- (a) (ii) he added a lot of grandeur to Mewar
- (b) (iii) its small area and small population
- (c) (i) the flag of Mewar seemed to be lowered
- (d) (iii) most of its rulers were competent
- (e) Bappa Rawal is the earliest king of Mewar.

- (f) Rana Kumbha had given a new stature to the kingdom through victories and development in work. During his reign, literature and art also progressed extraordinarily. Rana himself was inclined towards writing and his works are read with reverence even today.
- (g) The people of Mewar are loving, cheerful, liberal, peaceful, prosperous and have a pleasant nature. According to the writer, these are the qualities that make them worth admiration.
- (h) During Rana Kumbha's reign, literature and art progressed extraordinarily. The peaceful and prosperous atmosphere of his kingdom was suitable for the creation of high quality work of literature and art. The king himself contributed to literature. Even amidst wars and bloodshed, literature and art flourished.
- (i) By building Vijaya Stambha and Kirti Stambha side by side, rulers revealed the proximity between the king and subjects of Mewar.
- (j) Vijaya Stambha is the sample of our great ancient architecture even today. Kirti Stambha reflects how liberal the then administration was, which allowed people from other communities and kingdoms to come and carry out construction work in Mewar. Along with minning wars, the ruler patronised art.
- (k) (i) astonishing (ii) testimony

2. Read the passage given below : [10]

1. To ensure its perpetuity, the ground is well held by the panther both in *space* and in *time*. It enjoys a much wider distribution over the globe than its bigger cousins, and procreates sufficiently profusely to ensure its continuity for all time to come.
2. There seems to be no particular breeding season of the panther, although its sawing and caterwauling is more frequently heard during winter and summer. The gestation period is about ninety to hundred days (Whipsnade, ninety-two days). The litter normally consists of four cubs, rarely five. Of these, generally two survive and not more than one reaches maturity. I have never come across more than two cubs at the heels of the mother. Likewise, graziers in the forest have generally found only two cubs hidden away among rocks, hollows of trees, and other impossible places.
3. Panther cubs are generally in evidence in March. They are born blind. This is a provision of Nature against their drifting away from the

place of safety in which they are lodged by their mother, and exposing themselves to the danger of their being devoured by hyenas, jackals, and other predators. They generally open their eyes in about three to four weeks.

4. The mother alone rears its cubs in seclusion. It keeps them out of the reach of the impulsive and impatient male. As a matter of fact the mother separates from the male soon after mating and forgets all about their tumultuous union. The story that the male often looks in to find out how the mother is progressing with her cubs has no foundation except in what we wish it should do at least.
5. The mother carries its cubs about by holding them by the scruff of their necks, in its mouth. It trains them to stalk, and teaches them how to deliver the bite of death to the prey. The cubs learn to treat all and sundry with suspicion at their mother's heels. Instinctively the cubs seek seclusion, keep to cover and protect their flanks by walking along the edge of the forest.
6. I have never had an opportunity to watch a mother panther train its cubs. But in Pilibhit forests, I once saw a tigress giving some lessons to its little ones. I was its kill at Mala. As the sun set, the tigress materialised in the twilight behind my *machan*. For about an hour, it scanned and surveyed the entire area looking and listening with the gravest concern. It even went to the road where my elephant was awaiting my signal. The *mahout* spotted it from a distance and drove the elephant away.
7. When darkness descended upon the scene and all was well and safe the tigress called its cubs by emitting a low *haa-oon*. The cubs, two in number and bigger than a full-grown cat, soon responded. They came trotting up to their mother and hurried straight to the kill in indecent haste. The mother spat out at them so furiously that they doubled back its heels immediately. Thereafter, the mother and its cubs sat under cover about 50 feet (15 m) away from the kill to watch, wait, look, and listen. After about half an hour's patience and fidgetless vigil the mother seemed to say 'paid for'. At this signal, the cubs cautiously advanced, covering their flanks, towards the kill. No longer did they make a beeline for it, as they had done before.
8. The mother sat watching its cubs eat, and mounted guard on them. She did not partake of the meal.

On the basis of your understanding of the passage complete the statements given below with the help of options that follow :

[1 × 2 = 2]

(a) To protect its cubs, the mother panther hides them :

- (i) among rocks
- (ii) in the branches of the trees
- (iii) behind the tree trunks
- (iv) at its heels

(b) The male panther :

- (i) is protective of its cubs
- (ii) trains its cubs
- (iii) watches the progress of the mother
- (iv) is impulsive and impatient

Answer the following questions briefly :

[1 × 6 = 6]

- (c) How many cubs does the mother panther rarely deliver ?
- (d) What may happen if the panther cubs are not born blind ?
- (e) Why did the mahaut drive his elephant away ?
- (f) Why did the tigress spit at its cubs ?
- (g) From the narrator's observation, what do we learn about the nature of the tigress ?
- (h) Why does the panther not face the risk of extinction ?
- (i) Find words from the passage which mean the same as each of the following :

[1 × 2 = 2]

- (i) moving aimlessly (para 3)
- (ii) came down/fell (para 7)

Answer :

- (a) (i) among rocks
- (b) (iv) is impulsive and impatient
- (c) The mother panther delivers litter of four cubs, rarely five.
- (d) If the panther cubs are not blind they drift away from the place of safety in which they are lodged by their mother.
- (e) The mahaut drove away his elephant to protect it from the tigress by avoiding to disturb it.
- (f) The mother tigress spat at its cubs to call them back to its heels and watch the prey carefully, instead of running towards it in haste.
- (g) The tigress is very protective about her cubs. She rears them alone without the help of the male. She trains them to hunt and guards them

while they eat.

- (h) The panther does not face the risk of extinction because it procreates sufficiently and profusely to ensure its continuity for all time to come.

- (i) drifting, (ii) descended

3. Read the passage given below :

[8]

People tend to amass possessions, sometimes without being aware of doing so. They can have a delightful surprise when they find something useful which they did not know they owned. Those who never have to change houses become indiscriminate collectors of what can only be described as clutter. They leave unwanted objects in drawers, cupboards and attics for years in the belief that they may one day need them. Old people also accumulate belongings for two other reasons, lack of physical and mental energy, and sentiment. Things owned for a long time are full of associations with the past, perhaps with the relatives who are dead, and so they gradually acquire a sentimental value.

Some things are collected deliberately in an attempt to avoid wastage. Among these are string and brown paper, kept by thrifty people when a parcel has been opened. Collecting small items can be a mania. A lady cuts out from newspapers sketches of model clothes that she would like to buy if she had money. As she is not rich, the chances are that she will never be able to afford such purchases. It is a harmless habit, but it litters up her desk.

Collecting as a serious hobby is quite different and has many advantages. It provides relaxation for leisure hours, as just looking at one's treasure is always a joy. One doesn't have to go out for amusement as the collection is housed at home. Whatever it consists of- stamps, records, first editions of books, china- there is always something to do in connection with it; from finding the right place for the latest addition to verifying facts in reference books. This hobby educates one not only in the chosen subject, but also in general matters which have some bearing on it.

There are other benefits also. One gets to meet like-minded collectors to get advice, compare notes, exchange articles, to show off one's latest finds, etc.; so, one's circle of friends grows. Soon the hobby leads to travelling, perhaps a meeting in another town, possibly a trip abroad in search of a rare specimen, for collectors are not confined to one country. Over the years, one may well become an authority on one's hobby and will probably be asked to give informal talks to little gatherings and then, if successful, to larger audiences.

- (a) On the basis of your understanding of the above passage make notes on it, using headings and subheadings. Use recognisable abbreviations (wherever necessary - minimum four) and a format you consider suitable. Also supply an appropriate title to it. [5]
- (b) Write a summary of the passage in about 80 words. [3]

Answer :

(a) Collecting-A Hobby

1. Reasons

- (i) Ppl can have delightful surprises
- (ii) Become indiscriminate collectors
- (iii) Senti values
- (iv) Mania

2. Advantayes

- (i) Avoid wastage
- (ii) Saver money
- (iii) Educational values
- (iv) Relaxation
- (v) Doesn't have to go out for amusement

3. Other benefits

- (i) One may meet like-minded collectors
- (ii) Frnd circle grows
- (iii) Hbby leads to travelling

Abbreviations Used	
Ppl.	people
Senti.	sentimental
Frnd.	friend
hbby.	hobby

(b) Summary :

People sometimes collect things due to various reasons which may be related to their need, lack of energy or sentimental values. Sometimes collection may be done to avoid wastage which later becomes a mania. But it has many advantages too; it relaxes, amuses and educates. It has additional benefits where one may meet like-minded collectors to get advice, compare notes, exchange articles, to show off one's latest findings, etc. As a result, their friend circle grows bigger. In fact, hobby further leads to travelling.

SECTION — B

(WRITING SKILLS)

30

4. You are Karan Kumar/Karuna Bajaj, a leading lawyer practising in Surat. You want to buy an independent house at City Light Road to be used as office-cum-residence. Draft an advertisement in about 50 words for the classified columns

of a local newspaper. You can be contacted at 45645678 [4]

OR

On 30th November your school is going to hold its annual sports day. You want Mr. Dhanraj Pillai, a noted hockey player to give away the prizes to the budding sportspersons of the school. Write a formal invitation in about 50 words requesting him to grace the occasion. You are Karuna/Karan, Sports Secretary, Sunrise Global School, Agra.

Answer.

FOR PURCHASE

An independent house at City Light Road to be used as office cum residence for purchase, good location, separate entrance and exit, spacious, 24-hour water and electricity supply, parking facility, security and power backup.

Contact : Karuna Bajaj Lawyer, Surat
45635678

OR

Sunrise Global School, Agra
15th November, 20XX

Mr. Dhanraj Pillai
Abhilasha Complex
Chennai

Subject : Invitation to preside over Annual Sports Day

Dear Sir,

Our school is going to hold its annual sports day on 30th November. A number of students are likely to participate in various sports events.

We shall be highly honored if you kindly give your consent to preside over the programme and to give away the prizes to the budding sportspersons of the school at 10 a.m. at the school playground.

With warm regards

Karuna/Karan
(Sports Secretary)

5. Along with air and water pollution, our cities are also under an attack of noise pollution. Marriage processions, DJs during wedding receptions, loud music from neighbourhood flats etc. are all sources of noise which is not good for the old, the ailing and students. Write a letter in 120-150 words to the editor of a local newspaper describing the problem and making a request

to the concerned authorities to solve it. You are Karuna/Karan, M-114, Mall Road, Delhi. [6]

OR

In all big cities road rage has become a serious problem. A minor scratch, a little push, or a small brushing past can lead to a scuffle sometimes resulting even in murder. Write a letter in 120-150 words to the Police Commissioner giving your views on the problem and its solutions. You are Karuna/Karan, M-114, Mall Road, Delhi.

Answer :

M-114, Mall Road
Delhi

20th March, 20XX

The Editor

The Times of India
New Delhi

Subject : Time to become aware of the hazards of noise pollution

Dear Sir,

Through the esteemed columns of your prestigious newspaper, I, a resident of New Delhi, want to bring forth the issue of increasing noise pollution to the notice of the general public and concerned authorities. In the metro cities, there has been a tremendous increase in the levels of noise pollution. It's not only the shrieking horns and roars of vehicles but also marriage processions, loud DJ's, aircrafts and machines in industrial areas which cause a lot of noise pollution.

The consequences are extremely hazardous. They lead to increasing cases of deafness, insomnia, palpitation of heart, mental fatigue, etc. Among the sufferers are the small babies and old people who can't sleep properly, there are patients who can't take rest and students who can't study. Then there are 'Jagrans' that force the public to keep awake the whole night. The problem further adds to the fact that noise control laws are neither followed properly nor implemented completely. The culprits bribe the police and other officials and get away easily.

So, I think that law alone is not sufficient until and unless we citizens take an oath to make the city noise-free and educate the people about its ill effects. Above all, everybody has a right to enjoy a noiseless, peaceful sleep at night. Hope your newspaper will take initiative in this regard and relieve us from the menace of noise pollution.

Yours Truly
Karuna/Karan

OR

M-114, Mall Road,

Delhi

20th March, 20XX

The Commissioner
Delhi Police

Sub : Increasing cases of Road Rage

Dear Sir,

I am writing this letter to bring to your kind notice, the problem of increasing cases of road rage. Day by day, it is becoming a serious problem which should be sorted out as quickly as possible. We often come across many incidents like minor scratch, a little push or a small brushing past, leading to scuffles which escalate quickly and sometimes even result in death. Everyday, there are many fatal accidents, happening and the number of hit and run cases are also rising. In Delhi alone, 532 people died in road accidents in the year 2014. It is observed that people are losing patience and tolerance due to their modern lifestyle. They begin to fight over minor issues. The feeling of ignorance, irresponsibility, lawlessness and indifference is prevailing. Everybody is taking undue advantage of the freedom provided to them by the democracy.

Now, it's high time to realize the need of the hour. I hope the concerned authorities would realize the gravity of the situation and put a check to these people and their activities either by imposing penalties or fines.

Yours Truly

Karuna/Karan

6. **'Brain drain is not a bane for a developing country like India'. Write a debate in 150-200 words either for or against the motion. [10]**

OR

Write a speech in 150-200 words on the topic, 'Discipline shapes the future of a student'. It is to be delivered in the morning assembly. You are Karuna/Karan.

Answer :

'BRAIN DRAIN IS NOT A BANE FOR A DEVELOPING COUNTRY LIKE INDIA'

Good morning, respected judges and the esteemed audience, I would like to speak against the motion- 'Brain Drain is not a bane for a developing country like India'.

Brain Drain is a major problem of India that has been harmful for the country. Brain drain means

the intelligent minds that do not get desirable jobs or recognition in their own country thus they migrate to other countries for better prospective where they are provided with favorable working conditions. They prove their intelligence there and are recognized throughout the world. They also become the pride of the country. Every year a large number of people go abroad either for acquiring higher studies or getting good jobs. It is because their worth and intelligence is not acknowledged aptly in the country. Sometimes, the most brilliant people also leave India and prefer to stay in a well-developed country like America, England, Canada, etc. This is the most common thing in India as compared to other countries as the companies over here fail to provide necessary working conditions and acceptable salaries to their own countrymen.

But the question arises what if they show their worth in their own country? How can they be stopped from migrating or persuaded to return to India ?

It is a matter of serious concern for the government of India because it is a complete loss for India. The professional training that the students receive in India and for which the government spends lakhs of rupees, goes waste; plus it is a gain for receiving countries. They can be attracted to India if the conditions here are altered to their liking; if the merit and talent is given due consideration. Therefore, sincere efforts are required to bring them back by offering jobs according to their caliber, so as to make the country more efficient in all fields.

OR

'DISCIPLINE SHAPES THE FUTURE OF A STUDENT'

Good Morning, honorable Principal, respected Teachers and my dear friends. I am Karuna, student of class XII of your school. It is a great opportunity for me to share my views in today's assembly, on the topic, 'Discipline shapes the future of a student'.

The students of today are the leaders of tomorrow. They are the backbone of the society. They are going to be the future leaders, administrators and nation shapers. Student life is the time when their character is formed and takes shape. But nowadays, schools and colleges have become places of complete indiscipline. Whether it is the morning assembly, annual function, sports meet or examinations, one can see complete indiscipline in it. Man is a social being and he lives and dies

in a society. So, he has to follow the rules of the society for which he has to discipline himself and this begins from the school itself.

Aristotle said, "Discipline is obedience to rules formed by the society for the good of all". Without disciplines, one cannot acquire knowledge and as the schools and colleges are abodes of learning, it is required much over there. Students cannot gain much without discipline and the result can never be good. Thus, it is clear that the need of discipline is much required in the student life. Indiscipline leads to failure but discipline paves the road of success.

7. Education has always been a noble profession. Our ancestors received their learning at gurukuls and ashrams. Even in the near past pathshalas (schools) were associated with places of worship. Today, education is fast becoming commercialised. Parents have to shell out a lot of money on coaching classes, tuition fees etc. Write an article in 150-200 words on 'The State of Education, Today'. You are Karan/Karuna. [10]

OR

According to 2011 census, literacy rate of hundred percent or around has been achieved by only a couple of states in India. Illiteracy is found mostly among the old and the deprived sections of society. What can the youth do to spread literacy in society ? Write an article in 150-200 words on 'Role of students in eradicating illiteracy'. You are Karuna/Karan.

Answer :

THE STATE OF EDUCATION TODAY

By Karuna/Karan

Our ancestors have received their learning at gurukuls and ashrams. Pathshalas were regarded as the place of worship. But the scenario has completely changed now. Today, education has been totally commercialized. Whether its school or college, students have to rush to coaching classes and parents have to shell out a lot of money on them. They don't rely on classroom teaching. On the other hand, parents' expectations from their children have increased. They want them to secure highest marks so as to get the highest paid jobs. They want them to become doctors, administrative officers, engineers, etc. For this, they send their children to the most reputed schools; still they are not satisfied with their performance. They want their child to get some extra knowledge to excel in others fields. Thus, craze the for coaching classes has increased.

Another reason for joining the coaching classes is the inferiority complex which children face when they do not go for extra coaching. Although, these so called coaching classes are just like school classes because they too follow group teaching method is used but still parents as well as children think them to be far superior to classroom teaching. They should realize that these coaching classes are no better than a money-making business. The students must pay attention in class and must concentrate more on self-study in order to be successful.

OR

ROLE OF STUDENTS IN ERADICATING ILLITERACY

By Karuna/Karan

Youth plays a very important role in building the nation. With the increase in population, the responsibilities of students have also increased. They are the pivot on which the development of any nation depends. We know that India is a land of villages and most of its population is illiterate. In most of the villages, there are no schools or teaching facilities. Thus, villagers don't get any opportunity to learn. Poverty and ignorance have deprived them and the weaker section from becoming literate. Therefore, it becomes the duty of the youth to render their services to them by teaching them. They can share their valuable advice and guidance to educate them. We know that education helps in economic, social, spiritual and mental development. It broadens one's outlook towards society. Being illiterate or uneducated, is like a curse. Students can help these people by organizing evening classes and by adopting the motto 'each one, teach one'. Out of their twenty-four hours, the students can spare at least one hour for the unprivileged people. They can spread awareness among the illiterates regarding the hazards of overpopulation and recommend the need of having a small family. Many NGOs and governmental agencies are there to assist these youths in this regard. They can be encouraged to do so by giving them the incentive of gaining additional marks or extra grades.

Youth, therefore, can play a major role in making the country progressive and prosperous by bringing complete change in the attitude and thinking of the illiterate by educating them. So, let's join hands to eradicate illiteracy from our country.

SECTION — C

(LITERATURE : TEXT BOOKS AND LONG

READING TEXT)

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8. Read the extract given below and answer the questions that follow : [4]

Now we will count to twelve
and we will all keep still.
For once on the face of the Earth
let's not speak in any language,
let's stop for one second,
and not move our arms so much.

- (a) What is the significance of the number 'twelve' ?
- (b) Which two activities does the poet want us to stop ?
- (c) What does the poet mean by let's not speak in any language' ?
- (d) Describe the pun on the word, 'arms'.

OR

.....I saw my mother,
beside me,
doze, open mouthed, her face
ashen like that
of a corpse and realised with
pain.....

- (a) Who is 'I'?
- (b) What did 'I' realise with pain ?
- (c) Why was the realisation painful ?
- (d) Identify and name the figure of speech used in these lines.

Answer :

- (a) The significance of the number twelve is that at twelve O' Clock, the hands in the clock unite suggesting annuity and unity.
- (b) The two activities which the poet wants us to stop are speaking and moving our arms.
- (c) By 'let's not speak language' the poet means that we should keep quiet for some time so that we can perform a self-analysis. It is necessary for creating a feeling of mutual understanding among ourselves.
- (d) The pun on the word 'arms' is that if we won't move our arms then we will never lift 'arms' i.e. weapons. Symbolically by this he means no war or no violence.

OR

- (a) 'I' is used to refer to the poet Kamala Das.
- (b) The poet realized in anguish that her mother had grown old and that her end was near. This expression was borne out of the fear of her separation.

- (c) The realization was painful as she knew that her mother might not live long and she might lose her some day. It brought forth her fear of separation.
- (d) The figure of speech that has been used here is simile in the lines 'her face ashen like that.....'.

9. Answer any four of the following questions in 30-40 words each : [3 × 4 = 12]

- (a) What does the reference to chappals in 'Lost Spring' tell us about the economic condition of the rag pickers ?
- (b) What do we learn about the crofter's nature from the story, 'The Rattrap' ?
- (c) How is 'Shakespeare wicked and the map a bad example' for the children of the school in a slum ?
- (d) What picture of male chauvinism (tyranny) do we find in the poem, 'Aunt Jennifer's Tigers' ?
- (e) How did the Governor, Oxford Prison describe Evans to the Secretary, Examination Board ?
- (f) At the dining table why did Zitkala-Sa begin to cry when others started eating ?

Answer :

- (a) The reference to chappals in 'Lost Spring' tells about the miserable life of the rag pickers settled in Seemapuri. Most of the impoverished children busy in rag-picking, were not wearing footwear. The boys were barefeet as if it was a tradition to remain barefeet. It had become their habit not to wear chappals. But according to the writer-it was their excuse to conceal their poverty.
- (b) The crofter was a lonely old man who neither had a wife a child. He wanted someone to talk to, therefore, he allowed the peddler to spend the night at his house. He not only gave him shelter, but also gave him food to eat and tobacco to smoke. He started a conversation with him and told him everything about himself and his earnings.
- (c) The portrait of Shakespeare and the world map in the classroom of the slum children is far from the actual condition of the classroom. Shakespeare is the synonym of knowledge and excellence but the children of the slum school have no meaning for that. The map exhibits the world with all its bounties, whereas, for these children there is no world beyond poverty and hunger. Thus, Shakespeare is wicked and the map a bad example.
- (d) In the poem 'Aunt Jennifer's Tigers', we find

the picture of a woman oppressed by the male chauvinism. She needs freedom from her burdensome husband, whose ring on her finger is like a handcuff which has snatched all her freedom and happiness. She has a lot of constraints in her life because of her dominating husband and from whom she wants to get free.

- (e) The Governor of the Oxford Prison made a call to the Secretary of Examination Board telling him that a prisoner named Evans wanted to take the O-level examination in German. He told him that Evans is not a violent person but he is a congenital Kleptomaniac. The Governor then requested the Secretary to see whether the arrangements could be made in the prison itself.
- (f) At the dining table, Zitkala-Sa heard a man's voice and as she looked around to see him, she caught the eyes of a pale-faced woman upon her. She was so keenly watched by the strange woman. Moreover she wasn't used to eating by formula. So, as the third bell rang and everybody started eating, Zitkala began to cry as she could do nothing at that time and felt out of place.

10. Answer the following question in 120-150 words : [6]

Every teenager has a hero/heroine to admire. So many times they become role models for them. What is wrong if Sophie fantasizes about Danny Casey and is ambitious in life ?

OR

Our native language is a part of our culture and we are proud of it. How does the presence of village elders in the classroom and M. Hamel's last lesson show their love for French ?

Answers : It is a natural thing for teenagers to fantasize and dream. They don't have much liabilities and burden at this stage of life so they are free to dream which is sometimes impractical and non-realistic. It is a part of their lives but sometimes these dreams have disadvantages.

In the story 'Going Places', the author has described the feelings and dreams of such a girl. Sophie, who was a school going teenager, was a day dreamer who fantasized about her future life with Danny Casey, an acid football player from Ireland. She dreamt of having met him twice in the arcade. For her, he was the hero to be worshipped. Then, she thought of owning a boutique. She was blind to the bitter truth of life. She dreamt of an imaginary life, full of beautiful things. She also

dreamt of becoming an actress as there was a lot of money and fame in that profession. She wanted to be a fashion designer too. It can be said that she wanted to lead a lavish and grand life which was not possible. Her dreams were unrealistic in the sense that ultimately she would have to work in a biscuit factory. Thus, we can say that she wanted to achieve the things which were quite impossible but there's nothing wrong in fantasizing.

OR

That Sunday morning, everything was quite normal. Franz's classmates and teacher were already in the class but there was no sound of opening and closing of desks. Even unison repetition of lessons and rapping of teacher's great ruler was absent. It was all due to the order from Berlin that from then onwards, only German would be taught in the schools of Alsace and Lorraine instead of French. Then only the people realized how precious their language was to them. That day, all the villagers occupied the back benches in the classroom to attend the last French lesson and to mark the respect for their French teacher, Mr. M. Hamel, who devoted his selfless service to the society. They felt very sad. They also regretted not learning French properly. Franz was shocked to hear this news and Hamel's words were like thunderclaps to him. He was so sorry French before and for having wasted his time. His books suddenly became his friends. Even Mr. Hamel talked a lot about the French language. According to him, it was the most beautiful language in the world. It was the most logical one too. He asked his students never to forget this language.

11. Answer the following question in 120-150 words : [6]

Both Derry and Lamb are victims of physical impairment, but much more painful for them is the feeling of loneliness. Comment.

OR

How did Jack end the Roger Skunk story? How and why did Jo want to change it?

Answers : A disabled or a handicapped person is considered to be an outcaste. People sympathize with them but do not accompany them. They are excluded from the society. The feeling of loneliness and alienation is much more troublesome than the pain which disabled people experience due to their physical impairment. This is very well revealed in the story, 'On the face of it', where the character, Derry has an acid burnt face and people often sympathized with him but it was not a heart-felt one. This resulted in his

pessimistic approach towards life and people. Derry had no association with the outer world till he met Mr. Lamb who had. Mr. Lamb's attitude and outlook towards people and life uplifted him. He learnt to live a respectful life. Mr. Lamb inspired him to face the world in spite of his own disability. Mr. Lamb successfully infused in him the courage and self-determination. He advised him to ignore the comments made by people on his physical impairment and enjoy the beauty of life and nature. Although, the loneliness of Derry dominates the play but there are evident traces of Mr. Lamb's loneliness also. The old man had no one to be with. He spent his day in the sun, reading books. By the end of the first scene, it becomes clearer that he is lonely when he mutters that no one comes back to him after meeting him for the first time.

OR

Jack used to tell his little daughter, Jo, bedtime stories. When she grew older, she began to ask questions to her father. Once her father told her a story of a little animal called Roger Skunk who smelled awfully bad. He, therefore, met with a wizard who solved his problem with a magical wand and made him smell like roses. But, Skunk's mother did not like it and took him back to the wizard to make him smell originally bad once again. This ending was not acceptable to Jo as she wanted the story to have another end in which the wizard should hit the mommy by his magic wand and leave Roger skunk emitting the pleasant smell of roses. Jo thought that Roger was the hero of the story so he must not look ugly or stinky. Jo's perspective on life was different from her father's. She wanted to change the end of the story to assert her views on her father. She had her own ideals and views which she wanted to be pursued by her father.

12. Attempt the following question in 120-150 words : ** [6]

How did Mrs. Hall show her excitement when Griffin came to stay at Coach and Horses?

OR

How do William Dane's deceit and Sarah's desertion affect Silas?

13. Attempt the following question in 120-150 words : ** [6]

Marvel is the only character in 'The Invisible Man' who interacts with Griffin and gains something. Comment.

OR

Attempt a character sketch of Eppie.

**Answer are not given due to the change in syllabus

English 2016 (Outside Delhi)**SET II**

Time allowed : 3 hours

Maximum marks : 100

Note : Except for the following questions, all the remaining questions have been asked in previous sets.

SECTION — B
(WRITING SKILLS)

4. You are Karan/Karuna of M 114, Mall Road, Delhi. You are a civil engineer and have recently returned from UAE. You are looking for a suitable job in India. Draft an advertisement for the same in about 50 words. Give details of your qualifications, experience, nature of job and expected remuneration. [4]

OR

Yesterday, during lunch break, you misplaced your notes on the chemistry lectures. You want to get them back. Write a notice in about 50 words for the school notice board. You are Karuna/Karan, a student of class XII A.

LOOKING FOR JOB

Recently returned from UAE, looking for a job in Civil Engineering.
Qualification : DAE Civil from IIT, Kanpur
Experience : Eight years in Flyover and building construction, Highway Construction in Dubai
Extra : Possess high level of verbal and written communication skills
Expected Remuneration : Basic Salary- ₹1,00,000/to ₹1,50,000/SR
Correspondence Address :
Karuna/Karan
M 114, Mall Road
Delhi

Answer.

OR

SUNRISE GLOBAL SCHOOL, AGRA
NOTICE

12th February, 20XX

Lost ! Lost ! Lost

Yesterday during the lunch break, I lost my notes on chemistry lectures somewhere in the school around 11:30 a.m. They are very important as the exams are approaching and I don't have enough time to write them again. Anyone who finds it, kindly restore to the undersigned or to my class teacher Mr. Rajat Sharma. I shall be highly obliged.

Karuna/Karan
Student, XII A

5. It gives you a good feeling when you read in the newspapers how patients from abroad come to hospitals in India and get themselves treated at a fraction of expenses they will have incurred elsewhere. Write a letter in 120-150 words to the editor of a national daily describing the importance of medical tourism for India. You are Karan/Karuna M 114, Mall Road, Kanpur. [6]

OR

You bought a flat from PQR Builders, Sector 55, NOIDA. Within a period of two months you have started facing a lot of problems like seepage in the walls and ceilings, wall paint peeling off, leaking sanitary fittings, lift getting stalled, etc. Write a letter of complaint in 120-150 words to the Works Manager. You are Karuna/Karan, A9D Apoorva Apts., NOIDA.

Answer :

M-114, Mall Road, Kanpur
20th March, 20XX
The Editor,
The Times of India
New Delhi

Sub- Importance of medical tourism in India

Dear Sir,

Through the columns of your esteemed daily, I, Karuna/Karan would like to emphasis on the importance of medical tourism in India. As we know that India is the most popular tourist place people from all over the world come to India for their treatment by the most experienced and world class physicians. The medical facilities available in the high- end hospitals of India are excellent. They are equipped with the latest technologies and the doctors are super specialized in their respective fields. With the advent of globalization, the world has shrunk. The concept of medical tourism was devised to help global citizens to enjoy their tourist sojourns while being cost effective world class medical quality. Over the last decade, India has emerged as the preferred destination for medical tourism. The city of Chennai has been termed as 'India's health capital'. India's medical tourism sector is expected to experience an annual growth rate of 30% making it a \$2 Billion industry. Therefore, medical tourism should also be promoted by the government along with other tourist sectors.

Yours Sincerely
Karuna/Karan

OR

A9D, Apoorva Apartments
Noida

12 February, 20XX

Work Manager
PQR Builders,
Sector 55 Noida

Sub : Complaint against the poor condition of flat

Dear Sir,

On 20th December, 20XX, I purchased a flat from PQR Builders in 'Ashiana Apartments'. The flat is on the first floor of D-Wing in sector 55, Noida. Initially, when the flat was shown to us, it was in excellent condition with walls, doors, ceiling perfectly painted and well-furnished. The kitchen and bathroom were very well-equipped with attractive fittings, seeing it we were tempted to buy it immediately.

But now, I'm very hurt to inform you that the flat which I purchased only two months before is in a very poor condition and so I, hereby, lodge a complaint against the negligence and dereliction on your part. Within a period of two months I'm facing a lot of problems like seepage in the walls and ceilings, wall paint peeling off, leaking of sanitary fittings, lift getting stalled, etc. Even the service men do not turn up on time to rectify the problems.

Please ask your mechanic and service men to check the fittings and do the required repair work.

Yours faithfully

Karuna/Karan

7. Increase in the number of private vehicles has caused problems like rising air pollution, traffic jams, lack of parking space, road rage etc. The solution lies in the use of public transport. Write an article in 150-200 words on 'The Importance of Public Transport'. You are Karan/Karuna. [10]

OR

In certain states of India, there is a great imbalance in the male female ratio. This is the result of special treatment given to boys in the family. Why is it so ? How can we change this mindset ? Write an article in 150-200 words on 'Gender discrimination in society'. You are Karuna/Karan.

Answer :

'IMPORTANCE OF PUBLIC TRANSPORT'

By Karuna/Karan

Recently, I heard that traffic police has started a new drive against the pollution causing vehicles. Traffic police is stationed at the important intersections. Each and every vehicle is checked for 'No Pollution' certificates and they are fined ₹. 500 for the lapse. But, what is the use of all this and how long could it go because people find too many excuses for their negligence. Next, from every house, a minimum of two to three vehicles are used by the people for going to their working places. Sometimes, they are stuck with their vehicles for long hours due to heavy traffic jams. So, it would be far better if the government provides public transport facilities. It would create a lot of convenience for the public and daily commuters. It has many social, economic and environmental benefits. Social benefits of using public transport are multifold. It helps in developing a sense of unity among people. They feel a Social connection with those who are traveling with them. It encourages people to have a healthy lifestyle if they walk to their station, stand or stop. Moreover, it is less stressful as it saves a lot of time and fuel. Then economic benefits include less expenditure of money on buying cars or spending money on their maintenance. Traveling by public transport is much cheaper than private transport. It also reduces pollution and road congestion thus, helping in environmental conservation.

OR

'GENDER DISCRIMINATION IN SOCIETY'

By Karuna/Karan

In India, attitude towards men and women has been discriminating since generations. Although, the Constitution of India has provided equal rights to men and women, gender disparity prevails. Nature has also divided human-beings into two equal halves and both are given equal responsibilities according to their capacity, thus, stating the rights to both of them. But we humans have shown discrimination which has now become a practice in society. The powerful become aggressors and the others face the aggression. Usually women are considered to be weaker as compared to men and are considered to be incapable of doing everything just because of their fragile appearance. Gender discrimination prevails in many homes, it is generally seen in families where there are sisters and brothers and where brothers are favored over sisters. Female infanticide and female foeticide are still common in many regions of the country. Sexual harassments, eve teasing, bride burning, woman

trafficking, dowry deaths and many more evils are being perpetrated. Economically, females are less privileged as they do not have control on financial matters.

In the rural areas and villages the situation, is still bad. There has been no change in the social, economic and family status of the women. They are subjected to exploitation, domination and harassment by their male counterparts. But now it's time that women should be empowered and encouraged so that the gap between men and women may be reduced.

SECTION — C

(LITERATURE : TEXT BOOKS AND LONG READING TEXT)

9. Answer any four of the following questions in 30-40 words each : [3 × 4 =12]
- Why did the Crofter show the thirty kroner to the peddler ?
 - What deep meaning did his experience at the YMCA swimming pool have for Douglas ?
 - How Did Zitkala-Sa's first day in the land of apples begin ?

Answer :

- The crofter was very proud of his cow as it

used to give enough milk to support him in his old age. When the peddler came to him, he felt so excited that he told him about the thirty kroner from the creamery as the payment of the previous month's supply. He wanted to share his joy and moreover, he thought that peddler would not believe him, so he showed him the money to convince him.

- Experience at the YMCA swimming pool had a deep meaning for William Douglas. He had nearly escaped from drowning in the pool when he was sitting alone on the edge of the pool and a strong young man picked him up and tossed him into the pool. The experience had a deeper meaning for Douglas; he had experienced the fear of dying but at the same time, he learned to be confident and determined to overcome his fear.
- The first day in the land of apples was a bitter cold one. The snow covered the ground and the trees were bare. The large metallic sound of the bell crashed through Zitkala's ears and then she heard an annoying clatter of shoes on bare floors. There was a harsh noise which was unknown to her. She found herself bound and her spirit struggled for its lost freedom.

English 2016 (Outside Delhi)

SET III

Time allowed : 3 hours

Maximum marks : 100

Note : Except for the following questions, all the remaining questions have been asked in previous sets.

SECTION — B (WRITING SKILLS)

6. 'The Internet cannot replace a classroom teacher'. Write a debate in 150-200 words either for or against the motion. [10]

OR

Write a speech in 150-200 words to be delivered in the morning assembly on the topic. Water, a valuable asset, conservation at home and at school'. You are Karuna/Karan.

Answer :

THE INTERNET CANNOT REPLACE A CLASSROOM TEACHER

Good morning, respected judges and the esteemed audience! Today, I have the privilege of speaking

in support of the motion: 'The Internet cannot replace a classroom teacher'.

It is indeed a truth that the internet can solve a bulk of problems and provide all the necessary answers with illustrations to students but it cannot replace a classroom teacher as it is devoid of any kind of emotion which is required while teaching children. While teaching, teachers have to face all types of students with different mental abilities and they have to adjust their teaching pattern according to them. They motivate their students accordingly and help the weaker students to excel. There are some queries which cannot be solved by the internet but only a teacher can resolve it. The teacher understands the emotions and sentiments of the children; they realize the positive as well as the negative feelings of the students. Teachers help us to remain alert and active in the classroom during teaching whereas a machine can never be. It's not necessary that all the information provided by the internet is genuine. The question is that where has all the information or knowledge on

the internet come from? It is us humans who have fed all of this information into the computers.

In the end, I would like to say that a machine can never replace a living and breathing knowledgeable person. i.e, a teacher

OR

**'WATER, A VALUABLE ASSET,
CONSERVATION AT HOME AND
AT SCHOOL'**

Honorable Principal, respected teachers and dear friends! Good Morning. I am Karuna/Karan, a student of class XII. It is a great opportunity for me to share my views on the topic 'Water, a valuable asset, conservation at home and at school' in today's assembly.

Water scarcity today has become a big issue which if not dealt with in time, will turn out to be a hazard. With the increasing population, people are facing the problem of acute water shortage. People waste water in many ways which include washing cars, bathing animals, construction work, leaving taps running, etc. Apart from this, we can see leaking water pipes at many places which should be repaired at once. Children and adults should be taught not to leave the taps running while brushing the teeth or washing utensils and clothes. At home, water used for washing fruits and vegetables can be reused for gardening purpose.

To make people aware conservation of water, importance of rain water harvesting and the method to recycle the water should be explained. There is no life without water. Public should be encouraged to improve water management practices that reduce the wastage of water and enhance the beneficial use of it. Some ancient methods of water conservation should also be practiced. In case the water is not used wisely by anyone, then a heavy fine should be imposed on them.

7. For admission to colleges, there is a lot of competition today. For one available seat there are hundreds of candidates. Such a situation leads to stress on the minds of students in the schools. However, the practice of Yoga can help them to feel calm and stress free. Write an article in 150-200 words on the topic, 'Importance of Yoga to students.' You are Karan/Karuna. [10]

OR

While watching TV what we generally dislike most are commercial breaks, yet, a number of

advertisements do add to our information. Write an article in 150-200 words on. 'Advertisements as a source of information'. You are Karuna/Karan.

Answer.

IMPORTANCE OF YOGA TO STUDENTS

By Karuna/Karan

Today's sedentary lifestyle has given invitation to many diseases as man has limited time to spare for his health. But practicing yoga helps to keep a person away from several health problems. It is the science that cures many serious diseases and helps the mind as well as body to remain sound. It helps in maintaining balance between mental and social status of a human being. With regular practice of yoga, we tend to become more sensitive to the kind of food our body demands. A few minutes of yoga helps in getting relief from stress. It helps detox the body and de-stress the mind. We all want to live in a peaceful atmosphere surrounded by nature, but we hardly realize that peace can be found within us. Yoga is the best way to calm a disturbed mind. On the other hand, yoga postures massage organs and strengthen muscles; breathing techniques and meditation release stress and improves the immune system. Yoga and meditation work on keeping the mind happy and peaceful. When we feel drained out of energy, a few minutes spend on yoga provides the freshness and energy. It also helps in improving body posture. Today, students face many problems due to the burden of studies and they feel depressed but yoga acts as a stress buster for them. In many schools, yoga has been practiced on a daily basis as a part of the curriculum. It is gaining popularity not only in India but also in European countries.

In the end, I would like to tell that yoga is a continuous process, so keep practicing!

OR

**ADVERTISEMENTS AS A SOURCE OF
INFORMATION**

By Karuna/Karan

Advertisements have become an inseparable part of our life. We can't get away from them as they have surrounded us from all sides. When we go out of the house, we see various hoardings displaying one or the other things, when we switch on the television, they start attacking us in between the serials and movies. Even news channels are interrupted by them. In all, we can say that we can't escape from the advertisements. But, there are certain things that can be said in favor of advertisements. The cost of production is lowered when the advertisers give money to

newspapers, magazines, radio and television for mass marketing. Advertising is a way of delivering proper message to the customers. This way, we get the information as well as knowledge of various products. Advertisements help in drawing customers to the business. It benefits the consumers also as there is a competition between the manufacturers and they try to sell their products at a lower cost than the others. Buyers, on the other hand, get wider choice to select the products according to their pocket and taste. They inform us about all the new products which are launched in the market. Without them, we would not be able to know about the new things and its benefits. Therefore, advertisements seek to generate increase in consumption of a product or a service by introducing it to the target consumers.

SECTION — C

(LITERATURE : TEXT BOOKS AND LONG READING TEXT)

9. Answer any four of the following questions in 30-40 words each : [3 × 4 = 12]
- All we have to fear is fear itself. When did Douglas learn this lesson ?
 - Why did the iron master speak kindly to the peddler and invite him home ?
 - What was his German teacher's opinion of Evan's proficiency in German ?
 - According to Zitkala-Sa what does 'eating by formula' mean ?

Answer.

- Douglas had a 'near to death' experience of drowning and the fear of water took control of his physical and mental strength. Finally, he decided to overcome this fear because of

his interest in water activities like canoeing, swimming, fishing, boating etc. He decided to get an instructor and learn to swim. He practiced an hour daily for five days a week. He learnt to exhale in water and inhale after coming out of it. He swam two miles across the Lake Wentworth. Thus, he had experienced both the sensation of dying and the terror it can produce. He was finally able to learn the lesson that 'all we have to fear is the fear itself' and overcome his fear of water.

- The iron master took the peddler for an old regimental comrade, Nils Olof. He considered the peddler as an old acquaintance who had fallen on evil days so he talked to him kindly and invited him to come home to help him.
- Evans' German tutor started giving him tuitions for six months in night classes in the prison itself. Evans wanted to take the (O) level examination in German. When he was permitted by the Governor and the Board to take the examination, his tutor came to meet him the day before. He wished him good luck but said that he hardly had any 'chance of getting through'. But Evans gave an ironical twist by saying that he would surprise everybody.
- On the first day in the land of apples, Zitkala noticed a very unusual thing. All the girls were lined up who were marching into the dining room. These were Indian girls, in stiff shoes and clinging dresses. When the first bell rang, all pupils pulled out their chairs from under the table. On the second bell, everybody sat down and picked up their knife and fork and began eating. She called this method 'eating by formula.'

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English 2016 (Delhi)

SET I

Time allowed : 3 hours

Maximum marks : 100

Note : Except for the following questions, all the remaining questions have been asked in previous sets.

SECTION — B (WRITING SKILLS)

4. Principal, Sunrise Global School, Agra requires a receptionist for her school. Draft a suitable advertisement in about 50 words to be published in the classified columns of a national newspaper

giving all the necessary details of qualifications and experience required in the receptionist. [4]

OR

Water supply will be suspended for eight hours (10 am to 6 pm) on 6th of March for cleaning of the water tank. Write a notice in about 50 words advising the residents to store water for a day. You are Karan Kumar/Karuna Bajaj, Secretary, Janata Group Housing Society, Palam Vihar, Kurnool.

Answer :

RECEPTIONIST REQUIRED

Smart, graduate, proficient in Hindi and English, having good communication skills, not more than 25 years of age, has two years of experience, can contact the principal with complete resume within seven days.

Attractive Salary

Contact : Principal

Sunrise Global School,

Agra.

OR

JANTA GROUP HOUSING SOCIETY

NOTICE

25thFeb, 20XX

WATER SUPPLY SUSPENDED

All the residents of Janta Group Housing Society are here by informed that on 6th Mar. 20XX of March from 10 am to 6 pm due to cleaning of the water tank. So, you are requested to store the water for the day.

Karuna Bajaj/Karan Bajaj.

(Secretary)

Janta Group Housing Society,

PalamVihar, Kurnool

5. Yesterday you went to Sunrise Hospital, Market Road, New Delhi taking with you the victim of a hit and run accident. There were chaotic conditions in the casualty department. The injured was attended to after a lot of precious time had been lost.

Write a letter of complaint in 120-150 words to the Medical Superintendent. You are Karan/Karuna, M-114, Mall Road, Delhi. [6]

OR

Lack of job opportunities in the rural areas is forcing people to migrate to cities. Every big city thus has a number of slums in it. Life in these slums is miserable.

Write a letter in 120-150 words to the editor of a national newspaper on how we can improve the living conditions in these slums. You are Karan/Karuna, M-114, Mall Road, Delhi.

Answer :

M-114, Mall Road

Delhi

20th March, 20XX

The Medical Superintendent,
Sunrise Hospital, Market Road,
New Delhi.

Subject : Chaotic conditions in the casualty department

Dear Sir,

I, Karan/Karuna, a resident of New Delhi want to bring to your kind notice the conditions of the Sunrise hospital. Yesterday, while I was going to my office, I witnessed a person lying on the road in a pool of blood. There was a crowd around him. On enquiry I came to know that he was hit by an unidentified vehicle and nobody took the pain to take him to Sunrise hospital. So, I brought him to hospital where I was further shocked to see the pathetic condition of the casualty ward. The corridors were full of people where the smell of medicines prevailed and cotton dabs were thrown away on the floor. I requested the doctor on duty to attend the patient immediately to avoid any mishap but was asked to file a police complaint first. The patient was left unattended for about an hour during which he lost ample amount of blood which could have been proved to be fatal. Later, when all the formalities were completed, the doctor came to see him and by God's grace his life was saved. Then, again drugs were administered in an inappropriate way by the staff who came only after being reminded. I think this negligence could cost anyone their life someday. So, I request you to be more vigilant towards the working of the hospital.

Yours truly,

Karuna/Karan

OR

M-114, Mall Road,
Delhi.

20th March, 20XX

The Editor,

Times of India,

New Delhi.

Sub : Improvisation of the living conditions in slums

Dear Sir,

Through the esteemed columns of your prestigious newspaper, I would like to highlight the quality of life of the people living in slums. Each family consists of six to seven members who share a single room. Their children can

be seen playing on the heaps of garbage and breeding grounds of flies, mosquitoes and cockroaches. Sincere efforts are required to improve the physical, social and economic conditions of these slum dwellers. Practical action should be taken by providing access to clean drinking water, proper health and sanitation facilities, waste management services and better housing facilities. Slum upgrading should be a major part of the government's agenda to alleviate the poor living standards of the people. But unless government takes a quick action, there can be no sustainable solution to the housing challenges. The government is not doing much regarding this reasons which may include low incentives, less financial resources, lack of provision of any such reform due to their short-term electoral period. But NGOs, training institutes, local residents, community groups can join hands together with government to eradicate the miseries of slum dwellers.

Hope my letter would find a place in your newspaper.

Yours Truly,
Karuna/Karan

6. 'The policy of reservation of seats for admission to the professional courses is good for the deprived sections of society.
Write a debate in 150-200 words either for or against the motion. [10]

OR

Write a speech in 150-200 words on 'Benefits of early rising' to be delivered by you in the morning assembly of your school. You are Karuna/Karan, Head Girl/Head Boy.

Answer :

'POLICY OF RESERVATION OF SEATS' IN PROFESSIONAL COURSES

Good morning, respected judges and the esteemed audience! The topic of today's debate is 'Policy of reservation of seats for professional courses'. I, stand before you to speak against the motion.

According to the Indian constitution, reservation in all the fields whether education, jobs or any other place, has been made to bring under-privileged classes at par with privileged or general ones. There are numerous reservations like reservation for women, reservation for physically challenged, reservation for economically backward class, reservation for scheduled castes, etc. But, I believe that this leads to further discrimination in the society. It had started with a very good objective

of uplifting the socially backward society to give them equal opportunities. But with time its meaning has been changed and the aim of starting it is lost. People have started taking undue advantage of it. This has resulted in widespread protests and counter protests as it has affected thousands of jobs and admissions opportunities. Students securing 80 or 90 percent sometimes lag behind the underprivileged who do secure only 40 or 50 percent for taking admission in the vocational or professional courses. It denies the equality of opportunity to those who do not belong to backward communities. They are denied admissions even though they have secured a good percentage. This would also perpetuate caste feeling among people and hamper national unity. Also the reservation systems in India is creating a manpower which is not able to compete at the global level. India needs people who can work for the growth and development but reservation is raising undeserving candidates at higher positions. Hence, I think reservation system should be demolished.

OR

'BENEFITS OF EARLY RISING'

Honorable Principal, respected teachers and my dear friends, Good Morning! I am Karan/Karuna, Head boy/Head Girl of the school; it is a great opportunity for me to share my views on the topic 'Benefits of rising early' in today's assembly.

We derive pleasure from many things, people, and places in our life. One such pleasure is when we get up early in the morning. It gives a good start to our mood. The air we breathe is so fresh that it refreshes our whole day. One should not miss the wonderful art of nature, rising of the sun from the dark color of midnight and gradually turning brighter, spreading its vibrant colors in the sky. This glory can't be explained in words. We come into close contact with nature when we hear the chirping of birds, see green trees, flowers and leaves dancing. There is no chaos in the early morning and we can easily concentrate on our studies. It is well said that whatever we study in the early hours of morning is learnt quickly and our mind retains it forever. Early morning meditation helps in keeping our body and soul fit. Breakfast, the most important meal of the day can be taken up timely. Besides, many other things, one may get enough time to exercise which keeps the body energetic and fit throughout the day. Then our productivity and capacity to work also increases. There is no distraction in the morning hours in case we want to indulge in some creative activities.

To sum up, I can say that I have full faith in the saying, "Early to bed, early to rise, makes a man healthy, wealthy and wise."

7. **India is a land of diversity. One way in which it makes us feel proud of it is the number of festivals we enjoy. Write an article in 150-200 words on 'Festivals of India'. You are Karuna/Karan.** [10]

OR

Rising pollution, fast and competitive lifestyle, lack of nutritious food etc. have caused health woes for a large section of our population. Providing health care used to be a charitable and ethical activity. Today it has become commercialized, a money spinning business. Write an article in 150-200 words on 'How to provide proper health care to the common man'. You are Karan/Karuna.

Answer : 'FESTIVALS OF INDIA'

By Karuna/Karan

India is a land of colors. It is a country populated by the people of many castes, religions, faiths, communities, languages and creeds. Therefore, many festivals, celebrations, social and cultural gatherings, fairs take place every year. India is said to be a country which is full of pleasures, joys and festivities. Throughout the year, we celebrate many festivals. They represent the grandeur of the country. These are the occasions when families gather at one place and celebrate happy moments. Festivals are celebrated throughout the year and people await these festivals with great enthusiasm. These have an important place in the hearts of Indians as they believe that fasting on these occasions purify their soul and help them to lead a problem free life. Some festivals are celebrated all over India and people celebrate them irrespective of their status and social position. These include Diwali, Holi and Dusshera. Each festival has its religious value and contains some mythology behind it. For example, Dusshera is celebrated on account of victory of good over evil and when Lord Ram killed Ravana. Similarly, Janmashtami has also a social and religious significance as Lord Krishna was born to kill all the demons on the earth. Thus, each and every festival has its own value which teaches people to come closer and forget all their differences.

OR

'HOW TO PROVIDE PROPER HEALTHCARE TO THE COMMON MAN'

By Karuna/Karan

A large section of our population is suffering from physical as well as mental problems like, fever, injury, epilepsy, learning disability, etc. Women have problems related to pregnancy and childbirth whereas children require immunization against common diseases. Most of these health woes have been the result of our changing life style, rising pollution, lack of nutritive value in food. Hence, they require access to health-care facilities and treatment. Unfortunately, health services are often planned without consulting the community members. To meet the necessities of the people for accessible and affordable services, community members should be consulted and involved in their planning. Health centers should be more vigilant. Most people prefer home remedial measures and go to the hospital or refer to a doctor only when the situation is beyond their control. But it's not necessary that they will go to a well-qualified doctor, they may approach local pharmacist or traditional healers. Therefore, it is necessary that the health sector must intervene and create awareness among the people.

Health care facilities should be within the reach of the common man. Government's investment in public health care is very low. As a result, many hospitals run by the government do not provide sufficient medical facilities. Therefore, improvements are required in this sector and it is a positive thing that the government is now planning to allocate more funds for the renovation of hospitals.

SECTION — C

(LITERATURE : TEXT BOOKS AND LONG READING TEXT)

8. **Read the extract given below and answer the questions that follow :** [4]

Its loveliness increases, it will never
Pass into nothingness; but will keep
A bower quiet for us, and a sleep
Full of sweet dreams, and health, and quiet
breathing.

- Whose loveliness will keep on increasing ?
- Identify the phrase which says that 'it' is immortal.
- What is a 'bower' ?
- Why do we need sweet dreams, health and quiet breathing in our lives ?

OR

Old
familiar ache, my childhood's fear,

but all I said was, see you soon,
 Amma,
 all I did was smile and smile and
 smile.....

- (a) What does the phrase, 'familiar ache' mean ?
- (b) What was the poet's childhood fear ?
- (c) What do the first two lines tell us about the poet's feelings for her mother ?
- (d) What does the repeated use of the word, 'smile' mean ?

Answer :

- (a) Loveliness of anything that is beautiful keeps on increasing. It gives us immense joy, unending and everlasting pleasure.
- (b) "It will never pass into nothingness" is the phrase which says that it is immortal.
- (c) 'Bower' literary means leafy shelter or a pleasant shady place under a tree.
- (d) We need sweet dreams, health and quiet breathing in our lives as they refresh us and give eternal joy and remove our sorrows and sufferings. Thus, we want to remain bound to the earth.

OR

- (a) By the phrase 'familiar ache' the poet means the pain which she had already felt in her childhood. The pain was due to the fear of getting separated from her mother and the realization that she had not cared enough for her. She suppressed it by smiling again and again at her and by promising to meet her soon.
- (b) The poet's childhood fear was that her mother was old and had a pale and colorless face, she might not live very long and the poet might lose her someday.
- (c) The poet had the childhood fear that she would lose her mother soon. She possessed the same fear while going away from her. But she did not say anything to her except the optimistic note 'see you soon Amma'. She gave her a cheerful farewell.
- (d) The word 'smile' has been repeated to show that in order to hide her fearful thought of separating from her mother, she puts on a false smile. Secondly, she gives moral support to her mother by promising to meet her soon. She tries to hide her feelings by smiling again and again.

9. Answer any four of the following in 30-40 words each: [3 × 4 = 12]

- (a) Describe the irony in Saheb's name.

- (b) Why was Gandhiji opposed to C.F. Andrews helping him in Champaran ?
- (c) When he was only ten days old, a prediction was made about the future of the Tiger King. What was ironic about it ?
- (f) What was his father's chief concern about Dr. Sadao ?

Answer :

- (a) Saheb's full name was Saheb-E-Alam which means the 'Lord of the Universe'. The irony in his name was that he was a poor rag picker who did not even have chappals to wear. He walked on the streets barefoot to earn his living and looked into the garbage for gold coins or something to survive.
- (b) Gandhiji was opposed to C.F. Andrews helping him in Champaran because he wanted the Indians to be self-dependent and self-reliant in their struggle against injustice. He told him that Indians were strong enough to fight their own battle and had the capability to win it. Therefore, Gandhiji refused his help.
- (c) When The Tiger King was only ten days old, the chief astrologer predicted that the death of the prince would result from a tiger. So when he grew up, he killed hundred tigers without knowing that the hundredth tiger didn't die by his bullet. Ironically, the King died because of a wooden toy tiger.
- (f) Sadao's education had been his father's chief concern. At the age of twenty-two, he sent his son to America to learn about surgery and medicine. He lived up to his father's expectations. By the time his father died, Sadao had established himself as a famous surgeon as well as a scientist.

10. Answer the following question in 120-150 words: [6]

Our language is a part of our culture and we are proud of it. Describe how regretful M. Hamel and the village elders are for having neglected their native language, French.

OR

Teachers always advise their students to dream big. Yet, the same teachers in your classrooms find fault with Sophie when she dreams. What is wrong with Sophie's dreams ?

Answer : There is no doubt that our language is a part of our culture and we feel proud of it. But the true value of it can be realized only when the freedom of speaking it, is taken away from us. The story 'The Last Lesson' depicts the pathos of the whole situation, how people feel in not

learning their language and losing an asset. One day Franz, one of the students came unwillingly to the school and noticed that everything was still and as quiet as a Sunday morning and there were elder people sitting quietly at the back of the classroom. There was an order from Berlin that French would not be taught any further in the schools and instead German was to be taught. This news shocked everyone. All the villagers gathered in the classroom to attend their last French lesson and to pay their respect for the French teacher, M. Hamel, who was going to deliver his last speech in French. The adults felt sorry that they had not attended the school and thanked Hamel for his faithful service.

To honor his French lesson, M. Hamel also put on his fine Sunday clothes. His behavior changed to kindness. He even blamed himself for neglecting French as he used to give holidays when he wanted to go fishing or for watering his flowers. He told his students that it was the most beautiful and logical language and they should not forget it.

OR

It is a natural thing for teenagers to dream. They don't have much liabilities and burden at that stage of life so they are free to dream. It is a part of their life but sometimes these dreams are impractical and non-realistic and when they are shattered, they cause a lot of pain.

In the story 'Going Places', the author has described the feelings and dreams of a girl, a school-going teenager Sophie. She was a day dreamer and fantasized that she had met with Danny Casey, a football player from Ireland. She dreamt of having met him twice in the arcade. For her, he was a hero to be worshipped. She went to the place where she thought he would meet her and when he didn't turn up, she felt disappointed. Then she thought of owning a boutique, becoming a manager, a fashion designer or an actress irrespective of her weak socio-economic status. She had not thought about where the money would come from opening a boutique. She was blind to the bitter truth of life. She dreamt of an imaginary life, full of beautiful things. It can be said that she wanted to lead a lavish and grand life which was not possible. She was over ambitious. Her dreams were unrealistic in the sense that ultimately she would have to work in a biscuit factory.

11. Answer the following question in 120-150 words: [6]

Derry sneaked into Mr. Lamb's garden and it

became a turning point in his life. Comment.

OR

How did Jo want the Roger Skunk story to end? Why?

Answer : Derry sneaked into Mr. Lamb's garden and it became a turning point in his life. Before that, Derry used to live an isolated life. He did not like meeting people or socializing. The reason was his acid-burnt face, seeing which people often got terrified. He began leading a secluded life.

Meeting Mr. Lamb brought a change in his life. His attitude towards life was completely changed. Mr. Lamb gave him confidence and supported him morally as he was too physically impaired like him. He had a tin leg because the original one was blown off in the war. He told Derry that he was not affected by people's sarcastic remarks. He motivated Derry to face the challenges of life and not to lament over his burnt face. According to him, he was lucky to have two arms, two legs, ears, eyes and tongue. He could do far better than others.

All these preachings left an impression on Derry and then he started looking at things and the world differently. He began to help Mr. Lamb with crab apples and developed a positive attitude towards life.

OR

Jack used to tell his little daughter Jo, bedtime stories. As soon as she grew a bit older, she began to ask questions from her father. Once her father told her a story of a little animal called Skunk who smelled bad. He therefore, met with a wizard who solved his problem a magic wand and made him smell like roses. But the Skunk's mother did not like it and took him back to the wizard to smell bad once again.

This ending was not acceptable to Jo as she wanted the story to have another ending where the wizard would hit the mommy with his magic wand and chop off her arms 'forcibly.' Jo thought that Roger was the hero of the story so he must not look ugly or stinky. Jo's perspective on life was different from her father's. She wanted the wizard to hit mommy on head as a punishment as she imposed her will on her son unnecessarily. According to Jo, Roger should be allowed to choose his own life. Moreover, she didn't want the story to end sadly.

She wanted to change the end of the story to assert her views on her father. She had her own ideals and views which she wanted to pursue.

12. Answer the following question in 120-150 words: [6]

What do we learn about Mrs. Hall and Griffin

**Answer are not given due to the change in syllabus

from their first interaction at Coach and Horses inn ?

OR

What kind of life did Silas lead before coming to Raveloe ?

13. Answer the following question in 120-150

words : **

Everyone who comes into contact with Griffin suffers. Attempt a character sketch of Griffin in the light of this remark. [6]

OR

Attempt a character sketch of Nancy Lammeter.

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English 2016 (Delhi)

SET II

Time allowed : 3 hours

Maximum marks : 100

Note : Except for the following questions, all the remaining questions have been asked in previous sets.

SECTION—B (WRITING SKILLS)

4. You need to buy a flat. Draft a suitable advertisement in about 50 words to be published in the classified columns of a local newspaper giving all the necessary details of your requirement. You are Karan/Karuna, M 114, Mall Road, Delhi. [4]

OR

Sunrise Global School, Agra is going to organize a one-act play competition in the school auditorium. You have decided to invite noted stage artist, Nalini to grace the occasion. Draft a formal invitation for her in about 50 words. You are Karuna/Karan, Cultural Secretary.

Answer :

FLAT WANTED

A 2 or 3 BHK flat covering in the area of Mall Road, Delhi. Covering area 800-1500 sq. ft. required should be newly-built, ventilated and centrally located: Car parking is preferred. Should be accessible to market and metro station. Cost negotiable
Please contact.

Karan,
M114, Mall Road,
Delhi Ph : xxx xxx xxx

OR

Sunrise Global School

Agra

15th May, 20XX

Nalini

**Answer are not given due to the change in syllabus

Abhilasha Vihar,
Delhi.

Subject : Invitation to preside over one-act play competition.

Dear Ma'am,

Our school is going to organize a one-act play competition in the school auditorium. A large number of students from classes XI and XII are likely to participate in this inter school competition. We shall be highly honored if you will grace the occasion with your presence on the 30th of June, 20XX at 2 pm. Kindly confirm your appearance in time.

Regards

Karan/Karuna

(Cultural Secretary)

Sunrise Global School

Agra

5. Park Lane, Chanakyapuram, Mysore is proud of having four reputed public schools in close proximity to each other. In the morning and afternoon there is a heavy traffic along the road and hundreds of student are put to a lot of inconvenience. [6]

Write a letter in 120-150 words to the Deputy Commissioner of Police (Traffic) describing the problem. Suggest a few measures to regulate the traffic. You are Karuna Shetty/Karan Kumar, Principal, Sunrise Global School.

OR

Write an application (including a resume) in 120-150 words for the post of receptionist advertised in a national newspaper by JKL Publishers, Peshwa Road, Pune. You are Karuna, M-114 Mall Road, Pune, a graduate from SNDT University and have done a Secretarial Practice Course from YWCA, Mumbai.

Answer :

Sunrise Global School,

Park Lane, Chanakyapuram,

Mysore

1st March, 20XX

The Deputy Commissioner of Police (Traffic)
Chanakyapuram,
Mysore

Dear Sir/Madam,

Subject : Traffic congestion on the road surrounding the schools.

This letter intends to bring to your kind the serious problem of traffic mess near the school's surrounding which has caused great inconvenience. There are four reputed public schools in the ambit of the area. In the morning, the movement of the school transport, staff vehicles and the vehicles of the parents, who come to drop their children, along with the general traffic, creates a huge chaos on the road. The same chaos could be witnessed in the afternoon when the school gets off. The situation gets worse when the traffic lights don't work. The children, who come from the nearby areas, find it difficult to cross the roads and face a huge risk. The safety of the children is of utmost importance for the schools. Therefore I would request you to appoint traffic police on different points of the roads around the schools, so as to avoid traffic jams. Also, a regular check of the traffic lights would help in reducing inconvenience. The schools are also planning to arrange traffic rules awareness workshop for their respective staff, parents and children. I request you to look into the matter and solve the issue at the earliest.

Yours Sincerely

Karan Kumar/Karuna shetty

Principal

Sunrise Global School

OR

M-114, Mall Road
Pune

1st March, 20XX

JKL Publishers
Peshwa Road,
Pune.

Subject: Application for the post of Receptionist.

Dear Sir, With reference to your advertisement of the job in the newspaper. I want to apply for post of a receptionist I am a graduate from SNDT University and have completed a Secretarial Practice Course from YWCA, Mumbai. I have been working as a receptionist with Gupta & Sons Textiles Ltd. since March, 201XX. I have a proven record of meeting my goals by accepting

all challenges throughout my professional career.

My resume has been attached herewith. Please let me know, if any further information regarding my background and qualifications, is needed.

Looking forward to hear from you soon.

Yours faithfully,

Karuna

Enclosure : Resume and two passport-size photographs

RESUME

Name : Karuna

Father's Name : Om Prakash Chauhan

Date of Birth : 11-07-1989

Residential Address : M-14, Mall Road, Pune

Contact Number : +91-xxxxxxxxxx

Educational Qualifications : (i) Graduation (SNDT University) (ii) Secretarial Practice Course (YWCA, Mumbai)

Computer Proficiency :

MS Office and Adobe Photoshop

Experience : Working as Receptionist with Gupta & Sons Textiles Ltd. since March 20XX

Salary Expected : ₹ 15,000

Marital Status : Unmarried

Hobbies : Travelling, reading and socializing

Languages Known : Hindi and English

References : (i) Mr. Anil Thackrey Marketing Head Mumbai

(ii) Mrs. Shabha Rana HRM, Surat

6. 'Rising prices can be controlled only by the government.' Write a debate in 150-200 words either for or against the motion. [10]

OR

Write a speech in 150-200 words on the topic, 'Library plays an important role at school'. It is to be delivered in the morning assembly. You are Karuna/Karan, Head Girl/Head Boy.

Answer :

'RISING PRICES CAN BE CONTROLLED ONLY BY THE GOVERNMENT'

A very good morning to jury members, friends and my fellow opponents! I am Karan/Karuna of Head boy/Head girl. Today, I am going to speak against the motion 'Rising prices can be controlled only by the government.' The role of government in an economy is to announce measures of regulation and control. A government can impose restrictions on hoarding, the export of some items and track prices of limited commodities. However, the execution vests in the custody of the people residing in the nation.

It would not be correct to put the blame wholly

on the government. The consumer is no less to be blamed for inflation. Some consumers allow themselves to be robbed due to the fear of insufficient good supply and adverse price trends. Also, some consumers indulge themselves into hoarding and black marketing of the products. Such practices not only deprive the country of much-needed resources but also serve as bad examples for those who cannot afford to pay such high prices. By reducing the demand of a good, its price can be controlled by the consumers. Thus, I believe, the rising prices or inflation can be controlled by the combined effort of the government and consumers.

Thank you.

OR

LIBRARY PLAYS AN IMPORTANT ROLE AT SCHOOL

Good morning everyone!

Respected Principal, teachers and my dear friends, I am Karan/Karuna, the head boy/ Head Girl of your school, and I am going to give a short speech on how 'Library plays an important role

at school.' A school library is a place that plays an important role in encouraging innovation and thirst for knowledge. It provides support for learning and teaching throughout the school. The school library exhibits positive impact on the academic achievement of the student, as it helps in developing the mind of the student. It is integral to the teaching and learning process.

A library at school not only provides academic references but a wide range of fiction, non-fiction, digital and print resources. It develops the habit of reading in students and helps to enhance students' intellectual, cultural and emotional growth. The school library also provides opportunities for teachers to plan, implement and evaluate new learning programs. It also plays a critical role in assisting the students in compiling, critically analysing and organising information, and then presenting their findings.

A school library provides a safe environment that encourages curiosity and imagination. The students become users of information and start to develop a better understanding of the world.

Thank you

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English 2016 (Delhi)

SET III

Time allowed : 3 hours

Maximum marks : 100

Note : Except for the following questions, all the remaining questions have been asked in previous sets.

SECTION — B

(WRITING SKILLS)

6. 'The policy of no detention till class VIII is not in the interest of students.' Write a debate in 150-200 words either in favour of or against the motion. [10]

OR

Write a speech in 150-200 words on the topic, 'A student must know how to manage his time.' It is to be delivered in the morning assembly. You are Karan/Karuna, Head Boy/Head Girl of the school.

Answer :

THE POLICY OF NO DETENTION TILL CLASS VIII IS NOT IN THE INTEREST OF STUDENTS

A very good morning to jury members, friends, and my fellow opponents. Today, I am going to speak for the motion 'The policy of no detention

till class VIII is not in the interest of the students.' Firstly, let me tell you what the no-detention policy states. The policy states that no child shall be held back in any class or expelled from the school till the completion of elementary education. The step was taken to reduce stress and pressure among students, but the policy has led to poor outcomes, as there has hardly been any improvement in the academic standard. It has encouraged negligence and reluctance in children to study. The student develops a carefree and an easy going attitude, due to an automatic promotion system up to class VIII, and in class IX, he is unable to change his attitude. Suddenly, they fail to cope up with the academic pressure and end up performing badly in board exams.

I, therefore, firmly agree that the policy of no detention till class VIII is not in the interest of students, as it gives then the security of making it to the next class, regardless of a child's competence to learn higher concepts.

OR

A STUDENT MUST KNOW HOW TO MANAGE HIS TIME

Good morning everyone!

Respected principal, teachers and all my dear friends, I, Karan/Karuna, the head boy/head girl of your school, am going to give a short speech on the topic, 'A student must know how to manage his time'.

When life takes a highway and everything seems to be going out of control, the only thing that can bring back the required pace in life is time management because a student's time is so valuable, it is important to use it wisely. This can be done by taking advantage of an idle time that could be spent studying. This could happen during lunch, on the bus ride to and fro from school or before a class starts.

A student must prioritize what comes first in his life.

Spending time with friends, family and having fun is important to provide a healthy balance. To successfully satisfy their personal life and meet education obligations, students must learn to juggle the two effectively by managing their time well.

When you get into the habit of procrastinating as a student, you tend to do the same as an adult. Habits that are learned at an early age are hard to change when you become old. Therefore, develop a sense of responsibility towards your task at an early age.

Thank you.

7. India is an emerging economy, we are rich in natural resources. Yet a significant proportion of our people is living below poverty line. One cause of this poverty is our rising population. Write an article in 150-200 words on 'How to keep a check on population.' You are Karuna/Karan. [10]

OR

Women feel unsafe on the road, at their place of work and even at home. There is an urgent need to change the male mindset in its attitude towards women.

Write an article in 150-200 words on 'How to make women feel safe'. You are Karan/Karuna. Answer :

HOW TO KEEP A CHECK ON POPULATION

By Karan/Karuna

An economy requires the support of its population to function smoothly. The fact remains intact that India is extremely rich in its natural resources, yet incapable of sustaining its population. We often ponder over the question. Who is responsible for the imbalance? Is it the current government? Is it the lack of facility? Or is it just ignorance?

The disproportionate distribution of wealth in the country is mostly an outcome of the humongous population, hyperbolically termed as the 'Population Explosion'. The government, at regular intervals, has introduced birth control schemes and programmes, such as 'Hum Do Hamare Do'.

Such programs have failed tremendously because of the illiteracy and religiously guided notions of the people. The only way possible to curb the population is to educate the Indian population. The beliefs and desirability of having a male child also increases the population, which can be checked by making people understand that it is better to facilitate the children in a manner to empower them without being gender biased.

The government can work effectively only when the population understands the fragility and the need of the moment.

OR

'HOW TO MAKE WOMEN FEEL SAFE'

By : Karan/Karuna

The safety of women in the modern society is increasingly becoming a grave concern by each passing day. It is no longer an issue of morals but of criminalist mentality of a majority of the male sector of our society. Ensuring security of women can never be possible by restraining them to their houses. It can never be the solution. It is said, that to solve a problem effectively and efficiently, its root needs to be targeted' and in the same way, we need to put efforts into educating our boys and quite evidently, men as well, to respect the women. Rather than teaching a girl how to live with restrictions, we should teach a boy how to respect and accept the girl's wishes. This will help to reduce the cause a lot, but in order to eradicate the problem, severe legal measures are needed to be taken. The criminals should be punished severely and the legal procedures should be shortened. Domestic violence against women should not be tolerated and programs should be set-up to support women suffering in these scenarios. The aggressors in such cases need to be adequately penalized. The women should be trained the basic self-defense at an early age. Besides, taking these measures, special forces need to be posted at all places where crimes against women are more frequent, like tourist sites and secluded places. Special help-line numbers need to be set-up and effective and quick aid should be provided to women whenever and wherever required.

SECTION — C

(LITERATURE : TEXT BOOKS AND LONG READING TEXT)

9. Answer any four of the following in 30-40 words each: [12]

- (a) How did his experience at the YMCA swimming pool affect Douglas ?
- (b) What hospitality did the peddler receive from the crofter ?
- (e) What kind of life was enjoyed by crown prince Jung Bahadur till he reached the age of twenty ?
- (f) Where, when and how did Dr. Sadao meet Hana ?

Answer : (a) The experience created a terrible fear in the heart of Douglas for a long time, after his YMCA swimming pool experience when Douglas hit the pool, he started drowning when he was saved, he became weak and rembled badly. He couldn't even eat for many days as he felt sick in the stomach. This made Douglas more afraid of water. The very sight of water made him ill. Douglas decided not to play any water sports.

- (b) Unlike the indifferent attitude of the others towards him, the peddler was whole heartedly welcomed by the crofter in his cottage. The crofter, at once, put the porridge pot on fire and gave him supper. He gave him a roll of tobacco for his pipe. He also played a game of cards with him.
- (e) The British dominance and its effect on the Indian royalty is evident in the upbringing of the crown prince Jung Bahadur. He was brought up by an English nanny, drank the milk of an English cow, taught English by an Englishman and watched English films.
- (f) Dr. Sadao met Hana in America at the house of a professor Harley where some foreign students were living. He liked her but waited to fall in love with her untill he was sure she was a pure Japanese.

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SET I

Time allowed : 3 hours

Maximum marks : 100

SECTION – A

(READING)

30

1. Read the passage given below and answer the questions that follow : [12]

1. We sit in the last row, bumped about but free of stares. The bus rolls out of the dull crossroads of the city, and we are soon in the open countryside, with fields of sunflowers as far as the eye can see, their heads all facing us. Where there is no water, the land reverts to the desert. While still on levelground, we see in the distance the tall range of the Mount Bogda, abrupt like a shining prism laid horizontally on the desert surface. It is over 5,000 metres high, and the peaks are under permanent snow, in powerful contrast to the flat desert all around. Heaven lake lies part of the way up this range, about 2,000 meters above sea level, at the foot of one of the highest snow-peaks.¹
2. As the bus climbs, the sky, brilliant before, grows overcast. I have brought nothing warm to wear. It is all down at the hotel in Urumqi. Rain begins to fall. The man behind me is eating overpoweringly smelly goat's cheese. The bus window leaks inhospitably but reveals a beautiful view. We have passed quickly from the desert through arable land to pasture and the ground is now green with

grass, the slopes dark with pine. A few cattle drink at a clear stream flowing past moss-covered stones; it is a Constable landscape. The stream changes into a white torrent, and as we climb higher I wish more and more that I had brought with me something warmer than the pair of shorts that have served me so well in the desert. The stream (which, we are told, rises in Heaven Lake) disappears, and we continue our slow ascent. About noon, we arrive at Heaven Lake, and look for a place to stay at the foot, which is the resort area. We get a room in a small cottage, and I am happy to note that there are thick quilts on the bed.

3. Standing outside the cottage, we survey our surroundings. Heaven Lake is long, sardine-shaped and fed by snowmelt from a stream at its head. The lake is an intense blue, surrounded on all sides by green mountain walls, dotted with distant sheep. At the head of the lake, beyond the delta of the inflowing stream, is a massive snow-capped peak which dominates the vista; it is part of a series of peaks that culminate, a little out of view, in Mount Bogda itself.
4. For those who live in the resort, there is a small mess-hall by the shore. We eat here sometimes, and sometimes buy food from the vendors outside, who sell kabab and naan until the last buses leave. The kababs, cooked on skewers over charcoal braziers, are particularly good; highly spiced and well-done. Horse's milk is

¹**Answers are not given due to the change in syllabus

available too from the local Kazakh herdsmen, but I decline this. I am so affected by the cold that Mr. Cao, the relaxed young man who runs the mess, lends me a spare pair of trousers, several sizes too large but more than comfortable. Once I am warm again, I feel a pre-dinner spurt of energy—dinner will be long in coming—and I ask him whether the lake is good for swimming in.

5. "Swimming?" Mr. Cao says. "You aren't thinking of swimming, are you?"
6. "I thought I might," I confess, "What's the water like?"
7. He doesn't answer me immediately, turning instead to examine some receipts with exaggerated interest. Mr. Cao, with great off-handedness, addresses the air. "People are often drowned here," he says. After a pause, he continues. "When was the last one?" This question is directed at the cook, who is preparing a tray of mantou (squat, white steamed bread rolls), and who now appears, wiping his doughy hand across his forehead. "Was it the Beijing athlete?" asks Mr. Cao.

On the basis of your understanding of the above passage, answer the statements given below with the help of options that follow : [1 × 4 = 4]

- (a) **One benefit of sitting in the last row of the bus was that :**
 - (i) the narrator enjoyed the bumps.
 - (ii) no one stared at him.
 - (iii) he could see the sunflowers.
 - (iv) he avoided the dullness of the city.
- (b) **The narrator was travelling to :**
 - (i) Mount Bogda
 - (ii) Heaven Lake
 - (iii) a 200 metre high snow peak
 - (iv) Urumqi
- (c) **On reaching the destination, the narrator felt relieved because :**
 - (i) he had gotten away from the desert.
 - (ii) a difficult journey had come to an end.
 - (iii) he could watch the snow peak.
 - (iv) there were thick quilts on the bed.
- (d) **Mount Bogda is compared to :**
 - (i) a horizontal desert surface.
 - (ii) a shining prism.
 - (iii) a Constable landscape.
 - (iv) the overcast sky.

Answer the following questions briefly :

[1 × 6 = 6]

- (e) **Which two things, in the bus, made the narrator feel uncomfortable ?**
- (f) **What made the scene look like a Constable landscape?**
- (g) **What did he regret as the bus climbed higher?**
- (h) **Why did the narrator like to buy food from outside ?**
- (i) **What is ironic about the pair of trousers lent by Mr. Cao ?**
- (j) **Why did Mr. Cao not like the narrator's wish to swim in the lake ?**
- (k) **Find words from the passage which mean the same as the following : [1 × 2 = 2]**
 - (i) sellers (para 4)
 - (ii) increased (para 7)

Answer :

- (a) (ii) No one stared at him.
 - (b) (i) Mount Bogda
 - (c) (iv) There were thick quilts on the bed.
 - (d) (ii) A shining prism.
 - (e) As the bus climbs higher, the sky grows overcast and the narrator has not brought anything warm to wear. Also, the man sitting behind the narrator starts eating overpoweringly smelly goat's cheese which made the narrator uncomfortable.
 - (f) A few cattle were drinking at a clear stream flowing past moss-covered stones. It made the scene look like a Constable landscape.
 - (g) The narrator regretted that he didn't bring anything warm to wear other than of a pair of shorts.
 - (h) The narrator liked to buy food from outside because the kebabs cooked on skewers over charcoal braziers were particularly good, highly spiced and well done.
 - (i) Mr. Cao lends the narrator a spare pair of trousers and the irony about it was that those trousers were several sizes big.
 - (j) Mr. Cao did not like the narrator's wish to swim in the lake because he had seen people drown in the lake.
 - (k) (i) vendors (ii) exaggerated
- 2. Read the passage given below and answer the following questions that follow : [10]**
1. Thackeray reached Kittur along with a small British army force and a few of his officers. He

thought that the very presence of the British on the outskirts of Kittur would terrorise the rulers and people of Kittur and that they would lay down their arms. He was quite confident that he would be able to crush the revolt in no time. He ordered that tents to be erected on the eastern side for the fighting forces, and a little away from the western slopes, tents be put up for the family members of the officers who had accompanied them. During the afternoon and evening of 20th October, the British soldiers were busy making arrangements for these camps.

2. On the 21st morning, Thackeray sent his political assistants to Kittur fort to obtain a written assurance from all the important officers of Kittur rendering them answerable for the security of the treasury of Kittur. They accordingly, met Sardar Gurusiddappa and other officers of Kittur and asked them to comply with the orders of Thackeray. They did not know that the people were in a defiant mood. The commanders of Kittur dismissed the agent's orders as no documents could be signed without sanction from Rani Chennamma.
3. Thackeray was enraged and sent for the commander of the Horse Artillery, which was about 100 strong, ordered him to rush his artillery into the fort and capture the commanders of the Desai's army. When the Horse Artillery stormed into the fort, Sardar Gurusiddappa, who had kept his men on full alert, promptly commanded his men to repel and chase them away. The Kittur forces made a bold front and overpowered the British soldiers.
4. Meanwhile, the Desai's guards had shut the gates of the fort and the British Horse Artillery men, being completely overrun and routed, had to get out through the escape window. Rani's soldiers chased them out of the fort, killing a few of them until they retreated to their camps on the outskirts.
5. A few of the Britishers had found refuge in some private residences, while some were hiding in their tents. The Kittur soldiers captured about forty persons and brought them to the palace. These included twelve children and a few women from the British officers' camp. When they were brought in the

presence of the Rani, she ordered the soldiers to be imprisoned. For the women and children she had only gentleness, and admonished her soldiers for taking them into custody. At her orders, these women and children were taken inside the palace and given food and shelter. Rani came down from her throne, patted the children lovingly and assured them that no harm would come to them.

6. She, then, sent word through a messenger to Thackeray that the British women and children were safe and could be taken back any time. Seeing this noble gesture of the Rani, he was moved. He wanted to meet this gracious lady and talk to her. He even thought of trying to persuade her to enter into an agreement with the British to stop all hostilities in lieu of an *inam* (prize) of eleven villages. His offer was dismissed with a gesture of contempt. She had no wish to meet Thackeray. That night she called Sardar Gurusiddappa and other leading Sardars and after discussing all the issues, they came to the conclusion that there was no point of meeting Thackeray who had come with an army to threaten Kittur into submission to British sovereignty.

On the basis of your understanding of the above passage complete the statements given below with the help of options that follow:

[1 × 2 = 2]

- (a) Thackeray was a/an :
 - (i) British tourist
 - (ii) army officer
 - (iii) adviser to Rani of Kittur
 - (iv) treasury officer
- (b) British women and children came to Kittur to :
 - (i) visit Kittur
 - (ii) enjoy life in tents
 - (iii) stay in the palace
 - (iv) give company to the army officers

Answer the following questions briefly :

[1 × 6 = 6]

- (c) Why did Thackeray come to Kittur ?
- (d) Why did the Kittur officials refuse to give the desired assurance to Thackeray ?
- (e) What happened to the Horse Artillery ?
- (f) How, do we know that the Rani was a noble queen ?

- (g) How in your opinion, would the British women have felt after meeting the Rani ?
- (h) Why did the Rani refuse to meet Thackeray?
- (i) Find words from the passage which mean the same as the following : [1 × 2 = 2]
- (i) entered forcibly (para 3)
- (ii) aggressive/refusing to obey (para 2)

Answer : (a) (ii) army officer .

- (b) (iv) give company to officers
- (c) Thackeray came to Kittur as he believed that the presence of the Britishers on the outskirts of Kittur would terrorise the rulers and people of Kittur due to which they would lay down their arms. He was quite confident that he would be able to crush the revolt in no time.
- (d) The Kittur officials refused to give the desired assurance because they were in a defiant mood. Moreover, no documents could be signed without sanction from Rani Chennamma.
- (e) When the Horse Artillery stormed into the fort, Sardar Gurusidappa, who kept his men on full alert, promptly commanded his men to repel and chase them away. The Kittur forces made a bold front and overpowered the British soldiers.
- (f) The Kittur soldiers captured about forty people and brought them to the palace. These included twelve children and a few women from the British officers' camp. The Rani ordered the soldiers to imprison all the men, whereas for the women and children, she was gentle and admonished her soldiers for taking them into custody. At her order, the women and children were taken inside the palace and given food and shelter. The Rani came down from her throne, patted the children lovingly and assured them that no harm would come to them.

So, this is how we come to know that the Rani was a noble queen.

- (g) The British women must have felt guilty as their husbands attacked the queen who was so humble and generous to them.
- (h) Rani refused to meet Thackeray because there wasn't any point in meeting a person who had come with an army to threaten Kittur and its people for submission to the British sovereignty.
- (i) (i) stormed (ii) defiant.

3. Read the passage given below and answer the questions that follow : [8]

The most alarming of man's assaults upon the environment is the contamination of air, earth, rivers, and sea with lethal materials. This pollution is for the most part irrevocable; the chain of evil it initiates is for the most part irreversible. In this contamination of the environment, chemicals are the sinister partners of radiation in changing the very nature of the world; radiation released through nuclear explosions into the air, comes to the earth in rain, lodges into the soil, enters the grass or corn, or wheat grown there and reaches the bones of a human being, there to remain until his death. Similarly, chemicals sprayed on crops lie long in soil, entering living organisms, passing from one to another in a chain of poisoning and death. Or they pass by underground streams until they emerge and combine into new forms that kill vegetation, sicken cattle and harm those who drink from once pure wells.

It took hundreds of millions of years to produce the life that now inhabits the earth and reached a stage of adjustment and balance with its surroundings. The environment contained elements that were hostile as well as supporting. Even within the light of the sun, there are short wave radiations with power to injure. Given time, life has adjusted and a balance reached. For time is the essential ingredient, but in the modern world there is no time.

The rapidity of change and the speed with which new situations are created follow the heedless pace of man rather than the deliberate pace of nature. Radiation is no longer the bombardment of cosmic rays; it is now the unnatural creation of man's tampering with the atom. The chemicals to which life is asked to make adjustments are no longer merely calcium and silica and copper and all the rest of the minerals washed out of the rocks and carried in the rivers to the sea; they are the synthetic creations of man's inventive mind, brewed in his laboratories, and having no counterparts in nature.

- (a) On the basis of your understanding of the above passage make notes on it using headings and sub-headings. Use recognizable abbreviations (wherever necessary-minimum four) and a format you consider suitable. Also supply a title to it. [5]

- (b) Write a summary of the passage in about 80 words. [3]

Answer : (a)**THE DEGRADATION OF ENVIRONMENT****I. Contamination of the environment**

1. Pollution is for most part irrevocable
 - i. Initiates an irreversible chain of evil.
2. Chemicals are the sinister partners of radiation
 - i. Radiations released through nuclear exp.
 - ii. Comes to Earth in F. O. rain.
 - iii. Enters the body of humans and remain till death.
3. Chemical & lying in soil
 - i. Passes from one to another in F. C.
 - ii. kills veg. sickens cattle etc.

II. Establishment of life on earth.

1. Took hundreds of millions of yrs.
2. The env. contained elements that were hostile and supporting.

III. Changes in life on earth

1. Life has adj. and reached balance.
2. i. Time is essential but modern world has no time.
3. The heedless pace of man
 - i. Radiation no longer the bombardment of cosmic rays.
 - ii. The chemicals are no longer natural.
 - iii. They have truned out to be synthetic.

Key :

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| (i) exp. | - | explosions |
| (ii) F. O. | - | form of |
| (iii) F. C. | - | food chain |
| (iv) veg. | - | vegetation |
| (v) yrs. | - | years |
| (vi) env. | - | environment |
| (vii) adj. | - | adjusted |

(b)**SUMMARY**

The above passage tells us about the degradation of environment since the human life has evolved on this planet. The chain of evil initiated by pollution is for the most part, irreversible and irrevocable. The various chemicals that come to the Earth in the form of rain and are sprayed in the soil get transferred through the food chain and remain there till the death of the host organisms. The modern world does not have much time to spare as it is well-adjusted and balanced. But the rapidity in change follows the heedless pace of man rather than the deliberate pace of nature. The radiations and chemicals are no longer natural but, rather synthetic or man-made.

SECTION - B**(WRITING SKILLS)****30**

4. Your friend, PV. Sathish, has invited you to attend the wedding of his sister, Jaya. You find that you have an important paper of pre-board examination on the day of the wedding. Thus you cannot attend the event. Write in about 50 words a formal reply to the invitation expressing your regret. You are Puneet/Puneeta Vij, M-114, Fort Road, Chennai. [4]

OR

You are Vikram/Sonia, an electronics engineer, who has recently returned from the U.S., and are looking for a suitable job in the IT industry. Draft an advertisement in about 50 words for the Situations Wanted column of a national newspaper. Your contact number is 9193010203.

Answer :

M-114

Fort Road

Chennai

14 May 20XX

Subject : Reply to the invitation of the wedding

Dear Sathish,

Thank you for your kind invitation for the wedding of your sister Jaya. I am sorry to say that I shall not be able to attend the wedding as I have to appear in an important Pre-Board exam on the same day. I wish her all the best for the future.

Congratulations

With warm regards

Puneet/Puneeta.

OR**SITUATION WANTED**

B.E. (Electronical Engineer), topper of university with a rich experience of working in the U.S., seeking a job in or around Mumbai in the IT industry. Familiar with Java and C++. Expected salary 1lac p.m. Contact : Vikram/Sonia, 342, Dadar Mumbai. Contact No. 9193010203

5. Mountview Public School, Kalka is run by an NGO to give quality education to the children of the deprived sections of society. The Principal of the school feels that blackboards in the classrooms need to be replaced. She decides to ask the chairperson of the NGO named, 'Education for All' for funds. Write her letter in 120-150 words. Her name is Shweta Pandit. [6]

OR

National Book Trust organised a week-long book fair at Anna Grounds, Chennai. You visited the fair and bought a few books, You were pleased with the arrangements, enthusiasm of the visitors and the fact that books have not yet lost their relevance in the world of the Internet. Write a letter in 120-150 words to the editor of a local newspaper to express your feelings. You are Lalit/Latha, 112, Mount Road, Chennai.

Answer :

Mountview Public School
Kalka

6 May 20XX

The Chairperson
Education for All
New Delhi.

Subject : Replacement of Blackboards in classrooms

Sir,

Through this letter, I want to bring to your notice that the condition of the blackboards in the classrooms are very pathetic. Students are not able to read what is written on them properly. Hence, lessons in classrooms are not understood by the students effectively and quality teaching is hampered. Keeping in mind the inconvenience caused to the students, I request you to get them replaced. There are 25 classrooms in the school. so there is a need for 25 blackboards. It will be very kind of you to do this before the commencement of the session.

Thanking you
Yours sincerely
Shweta Pandit

OR

112, Mount Road
Chennai

6 May 20XX

The Editor
The Hindustan Times
Chennai

Subject : Visit to the book fair

Sir,

Through the column of your esteemed newspaper, I would like to share my pleasant feelings of visiting the book fair at Anna Grounds. I, along with my friends went to the book fair and was thrilled and overjoyed to find among so many books that I love. There were many stalls with books on different subjects. There

was a rich collection of English Literature which I was looking forward to. The arrangement was superb. Though there was a big crowd of people, we could move around and search books of our interest smoothly. There was a lot of enthusiasm as well as discipline among the visitors. What was amazing is the fact that books have not yet lost their relevance in the world of internet. I bought a few books. It was a thrilling experience. I am looking forward to visit the fair again.

Yours truly

Lalit.

6. Every teenager has a dream to achieve something in life. What they are going to become tomorrow depends on what our youth dream today. Write an article in 150-200 words on 'What I want to be in life'. You are Simranjit/Smita. [10]

OR

History Society of Kendriya Vidyalaya, Krishna Nagar sent a group of students to visit a place of historical interest. You, Anant/Anita, were its leader. Write a report in 150-200 words for the school newsletter on the tour, describing the place, its history, how you reached there and all that you have learnt.

Answer :

WHAT I WANT TO BE IN LIFE

By Simranjit/Smita

Ten years down the line, we will be reading books and admiring the people associated with them. I developed a habit of reading books and as a result, I happened to read about Kalpana Chawla, a girl from a small town, who touched the skies. In her message to the college students of Chandigarh, she said that it is always necessary to realise one's dream. One could get success provided he had the vision and the courage.

This germinated the seed of dream in my mind and I also aspired to soar high and achieve something big. Her struggles and achievements gave me courage to nurture my dream. I want to go into the fashion industry. I doubt whether my parents would approve my idea or not. But I have decided not to give up on my dream for any wrong reasons. I enjoy watching fashion shows and designing clothes. I am also very good at fine arts. It is my passion. I visualise myself as the most successful fashion designer in the future, designing dresses for the biggest celebrities. So, I will work hard to achieve it.

OR

A VISIT TO THE TAJ MAHAL

By Anant/Anit

I, along with a group of ten students, visited the Taj Mahal last week. It was a trip of five days organised by the History Society of our school. It was done to enhance students' interest in History and historical places.

The place was a unique marvel. Shah Jahan gave India the gift that no one has given ever. His profuse love for his wife gave birth to his eternal beauty. Its captivating charm left us stunned. More than being the wonder of the world, it is a brand. It is built on emotion and drenched in it. It is the undying marble refusing to lose its shine. Rarest talent and unrestricted investment went into the making of it.

Its stunning symmetry and enticing inlay makes every Indian proud.

When the President of USA, Bill Clinton visited the Taj Mahal in the year 2000, he was spell bounded by its beauty. After visiting the Taj Mahal, he said that there are two types of people in the world—those who saw the Taj Mahal and those who didn't. It's immensely beautiful and that's why it is reckoned as one of the seven wonders of the world.

7. Holi is a festival of colours. It expresses pure and simple joy. Sometimes, we start throwing coloured water and that too on strangers. As the Head boy/girl of your school write a speech in 150-200 words that you will deliver in the morning assembly of your school, describing why Holi is played and how it should be played. [10]

OR

"It is cruel to put stray dogs to sleep." Write a debate in 150-200 words either for or against the motion.

Answer :

HOLI

Good Morning respected teachers and my dear friends.

Today, I am here to share my views on why Holi is played and how it should be played. Holi is a festival of colours. It is celebrated every year on a full-moon day in the month of March. It is also known as the festival of love, joy, happiness, unity, renewal and triumph. We celebrate it with vibrant colours indicating joy and happiness. There is a great reason, belief and significance behind celebrating this festival.

Long ago, there was a king Hiranyakashyap; he had a sister, Holika and a son, Prahlad. Prahlad was devoted to God. He was a holy spirit. His father, however, was keen on having everyone worship him. But, his son Prahlad did not worship him. He kept worshipping God. This enraged the king and he planned to kill him by burning him. He asked his sister to sit in the fire with Prahlad in her lap. Holika had a boon that fire could not harm her. So, she was ready to do so. But she died in the fire and Prahlad was saved by the Lord. This originated the celebration of Holi.

So, we should celebrate Holi to spread joy and happiness, to celebrate the triumph of good over evil. We can enjoy the day by playing with colours, meeting near and dear ones and having lots of fun throughout the day safely.

Thank you.

OR

IT IS CRUEL TO PUT STRAY DOGS TO SLEEP

Honourable Chairperson, members of the Jury and my dear friends. I am Pulkrit and I am here to speak for the motion "It is cruel to put stray dogs to sleep."

It is rather perplexing to see humans torturing the poor and silent souls and putting them to permanent sleep. Is it because they cannot speak; express their pain and suffering ?

I want to ask who gives this right to them ? In fact, every living being has the right to survive on this planet. God has granted us the wisdom, but we steep down so low that we kill another living creature, that too for sheer pleasure. Is putting someone to sleep a pleasure ? It is a shameful thing. Such an act on our part is heinous and all living beings have the right to breathe in the open air.

Instead of killing them, we should find a different solution and relocate them to a place where stray dogs could be put together without causing anyone any problems. Dogs are very faithful and loyal by nature. If we take care of them, they respond very lovingly in their own manner. Putting them to sleep, either out of fear or out of joy, is not a sensible thing. It is high time that we take it seriously and punish the offenders adequately.

SECTION – C

(LITERATURE : TEXTBOOKS AND
LONG READING TEXT)

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8. Read the extract given below and answer the questions that follow : [1 × 4 =4]

At back of the dim class

One unnoted, sweet and young. His eyes live in a dream,

Of squirrel's game, in tree room, other than this.

- (a) Why is the class dim ?
(b) How is the young child different from others?
(c) What is he doing ?
(d) What is a tree room ?

OR

Aunt Jennifer's fingers fluttering through her wool
Find even the ivory, needle hard to pull.

The massive weight of Uncle's wedding band
Sits heavily upon Aunt Jennifer's hand.

- (a) What is Aunt Jennifer doing with her wool?
(b) Why does she find it difficult to pull her ivory needle ?
(c) What does 'wedding band' stand for ?
(d) Describe the irony in the third line.

Answer :

- (a) The class is not maintained properly. It is dim-lighted and ill-equipped.
(b) The young child is not sad or morbid like the other children.
(c) He is lost in his dreams of having a bright future.
(d) A tree room is the hiding place of the squirrel in the hollow of a tree trunk.

OR

- (a) Aunt Jennifer is weaving the image of tigers with her wool.
(b) She finds it difficult to pull the ivory needle through the tapestry more because of mental suppression by her husband than because of her physical weakness.
(c) Wedding band stands for male authority and power. She is trapped in gender oppression and feels burdened by the authority of her husband which is represented by her wedding band.
(d) The irony is that the wedding band might be small and light but it has burdened her spirit. She seems to have lost her identity under its weight.

9. Answer any four of the following questions in 30-40 words each : [3 × 4 =12]

- (a) Why were some elderly persons occupying the back benches that day ?

- (b) Why did Jansie discourage Sophie from having dreams ?

- (c) Having looked at her mother, why does Kamala Das look at the young children ?

- (d) How would keeping quiet affect life in and around the sea ?

- (e) Why did the Maharaja decide to get married?

- (f) What is mother Skunk's role in the story ?

Answer :

- (a) After the announcement that German was to be taught in the schools of Alsace and Lorraine, the elderly people came to the school that day to attend the last French lesson. They, perhaps, wanted to thank M. Hamel for his valuable service of teaching, and it was also to pay homage to their country that was not theirs anymore.

- (b) Jansie discourages Sophie from dreaming because dreams are wild and unachievable. She feels that it is Sophie's immaturity, trying to pursue such dreams as they can lead her astray.

- (c) Kamala Das looks at the young children as they are in contrast to her mother's pale and old face. They are full of life, energy and vitality.

- (d) The fishermen cause harm to the whales and the men at sea hurt their hands in their effort to gather salt. Stopping these activities will allow whales to live a wholesome life without any fear of being trapped and it will bring peace, healing and tranquility to the lives of men at sea.

- (e) The Maharaja decided to get married because he had to kill 30 more tigers to complete his tally of a hundred tigers. So, he wanted to marry a girl in the royal family of a state with a large tiger population.

- (f) Mother Skunk's role in the story is to keep a balance. Her act indicates that what is natural is not ungraceful. Taking any deviation is the violation of nature. Moreover, parents are quite well known about what is best for their children.

10. Answer the following question in 120-150 words :

"For the children it is wrapped in wonder, for the elders it is a means of survival." What kind of life do the rag-pickers of Seemapuri lead ?

OR

The peddler believed that the whole world is a rattrap. How did he himself get caught in the same ? [6]

Answer : The children of slums like Seemapuri are the offsprings of homeless ragpickers. As they live in poverty and hunger, they start

picking rags at an early age. They grow up in shifting shacks, without drainage or running water. For elders, garbage is a means of survival but for children, it has surprises. Finding a coin or a currency note by chance, thrills them. This profession gives them a roof over their heads, even if it leaks.

OR

The peddler believed that the whole world was nothing but a big rattrap. It baited people in the form of riches and joys. The peddler could not make ends meet, so he had to indulge into begging and petty theft. As he got lured by the bait of thirty kronors, the world closed in on him and trapped him. He got lost in the forest. At that moment, he realised that his end was near.

11. Answer the following question in 120-150 words : [6]

In India, the so-called lower castes have been treated cruelly for a long time. Who advised Bama to fight, when and how, against this prejudice ?

OR

To choose between professional loyalty and patriotism was a dilemma for Dr. Sadao. How did he succeed in betraying neither ?

Answer : Bama's brother Annan advised her to fight against the prejudice. One when Bama saw an elder person holding the packet of food with its string without touching its content, she

narrated the incident to her brother who told her that the person she saw, belonged to their community which doesn't get respect or honour. He asked Bama to study hard in order to prosper in life and shed all indignities as only then could lower caste community earn the honour and respect that it deserved.

OR

Dr. Sadao succeeded as a doctor as well as a true citizen. As a doctor, he took the enemy home and treated him. He even did an operation and gave a post-operative treatment to the prisoner. He did all this amidst the opposition of his servants and a risk of arrest. But as a patriot, he informed the General about the whole incident and did not allow himself to get emotionally involved with the prisoner.

12. Answer the following question in 120-150 words : ** [6]

Attempt a character sketch of Dr. Kemp as a law-abiding citizen.

OR

Lammeter sisters have money but not class or education. What do you think about them ?

13. Attempt the following question in 120-150 words : ** [6]

Why and how did Griffin burglarise the vicarage ?

OR

How did Silas' treatment of Sally Oates affect his life at Raveloe ?

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English 2017 (Outside Delhi)

SET II

Time allowed : 3 hours

Maximum marks : 100

Note : Except for the following questions, all the remaining questions have been asked in previous sets.

SECTION – B (WRITING SKILLS)

4. The Principal, Sunshine Public School, Dindigul has invited the Inspector of Police (Traffic) to deliver a lecture on 'Road Safety' in her school. Draft a notice in about 50 words informing the

students to assemble in the school auditorium. [4]

OR

Publicly we proclaim that dowry is an evil. Privately we want our sons to fetch good dowries. Right from our school days we should be taught that demanding and even giving dowry is not only illegal but immoral too. Draw a poster in about 50 words highlighting dowry as a curse. You are Vikram/Sonia.

**Answers are not given due to the change in syllabus

Answer :

SUNSHINE PUBLIC SCHOOL, DINDIGUL
NOTICE

10th MAY, 20XX

ROAD SAFETY

A lecture on 'Road Safety' has been organised by the school. It will be delivered by the Inspector of Police (traffic) on 20th May, 20XX at 9:00 AM. All the students have to assemble in the school auditorium.

Xyz

Principal

OR

DOWRY-AN EVIL

Demanding dowry is :

- Illegal
- Immoral
- Unethical

In India, one woman is murdered for dowry every 20 minutes and hour

SAY NO TO DOWRY

BE A MAN, NOT A BEGGER!

5. There is a senior secondary school running right in the middle of Manu Vihar, a middle class colony full of housing society flats. In the morning as well as in the afternoon, the road passing in front of the school is congested with school buses, mini buses, private cars, etc. Write a letter in 120-150 words to the Dy. Commissioner (Traffic) to provide at least two traffic police constables to regulate the traffic. You are Gautam/Gita, A-21. Akashdeep Apartments, Manu Vihar, Delhi. [6]

OR

Sunshine Public School, Pune requires two sports coaches (one male and one female). Each should be a degree holder in physical education as well as an SAI certified coach in athletics. You have seen their advertisement and you know that you have these qualifications. Write an application in 120-150 words along with your resume. You are Praveen/Praveena, M-114, Najafgarh. Delhi.

Answer :

A-21

Akashdeep Apartments

Manu Vihar

Delhi

6 May 20XX

The Deputy Commissioner

Traffic Police

Gole Market

New Delhi

Subject : Monitoring the traffic

Sir,

Our colony is full of housing society flats. I want to bring to your notice the inconvenience caused to the common man due to traffic jam in the area.

There is a senior secondary school running right in the middle of Manu Vihar. In the morning as well as in the afternoon, the road passing in front of the school is congested with school buses, mini buses and private cars. At that time, it gets difficult to pass through the road. Nobody cares for the traffic signal.

Much of this nuisance will be dealt with if a traffic police officer is there at that time. It will be so kind of you if you could provide at least two traffic police constables to regulate the traffic during the morning and the afternoon hours.

Thank you

Yours sincerely

Gautam/Gita

OR

M-114

Najafgarh

Delhi

10 May 20XX

The Principal

Sunshine Public School

Pune

Subject : Application for the job of a sports coach.

Sir,

This is with reference to your advertisement in The Times of India, dated 2nd May, 20XX, for the job of a sports coach.

I am, at present, working in a private school in Delhi. Since my family is stationed in Pune, I want to shift to the city. Hence, I am looking for a job in Pune.

I have 3 years of experience and can assure you of my best services, if given a chance.

I am enclosing my resume for your perusal.

Yours faithfully
Praveen/Praveena
Encl. Rssume

RESUME

Name : Praveen/Praveena Sharma
Address : 8, Gandhi Road, Pune
Date of Birth : 30 Nov 19XX
Marital Status : Unmarried
Educational
Qualifications : i. Degree in Physical Education from Mumbai,
ii. SAI certification in athletics.
Job experience : 3 years in a private school in Delhi
Expected salary : ₹ 15000 p.m.
References : i. Prof. B.M. Sharma
Adarsh college, Ambala
ii. Dr. Lal
Civil hospital, Delhi

7. After the rainy season is over, mosquitoes start breeding. They cause malaria, dengue, chikungunya, etc. These diseases can sometimes prove to be fatal. As the Principal of your school, you have decided to deliver a speech on protection from mosquitoes. Write that speech in 150-200 words. [10]

OR

"A career counsellor (not you, yourself) is the best person to guide you in the choice of a career." Write a debate in 150-200 words either for or against the motion.

Answer :

PROTECTION FROM MOSQUITOES

Good morning dear students, today I want to make you aware of the outspread of malaria, chikungunya and dengue. These may take a great toll on health if precautions are not taken. So, it is pertinent on our part, that we save ourselves by keeping the mosquitoes away.

For this, we should not allow water to stagnate at a place that becomes a breeding place for mosquitoes. We should be very alert and cautious to make sure that water is removed from our coolers, pots and from other such areas where there is a likelihood of water to stagnate. We should spray insecticides, use mosquito nets or repellents at night. We should also cover our bodies properly to avoid mosquito bites. Thus, we can avert the dengue, malaria and chikungunya menace by putting a very little effort on our part. In case, we feel any symptoms of the fever, we must immediately consult the doctor.

OR

Honourable Chairperson, Members of Jury and my dear friends, I am Pulkit and I am here to speak for the motion "A career counsellor is the best person to guide you in the choice of a career."

The world is changing at a fast pace. New avenues are coming up; but how the young children can be made aware of the opportunities For students, it is their moulding period. They focus mainly on studies. But not all students are bright academically and it does not mean that they can't do anything. They might be gifted with another type of talent or skill like : music, atheletics, visual intelligence. The good thing in it is that there are good opportunities out in the world for such talent. A Career Counsellor works as a guide to help them to understand and utilise those opportunities. Finding their worth, recognising their interests and choosing the right career path for themselves becomes too much of a burden for the students. So, the role of a career counsellor is to help them to find and acknowledge the area of their interest and guide them to the right career options. They provide career mapping support and motivation to the students and help to boost their morale. So, let us not be a parasite on the society. Let us make an intelligent and professional move and step ahead in the right direction with the help of those who are more aware and informed.

SECTION – C

(LITERATURE : TEXT BOOKS AND LONG READING TEXT)

9. Answer any four of the following questions in 30-40 words each : [3 × 4 = 12]
- "What a thunderclap these words were to me!" (Franz). What were those words and what was their effect on Franz?
 - Why did Douglas fail to come to the surface of the pool as he hoped to ?
 - What was Kamala Das's childhood fear ?
 - How is the Earth a source of life when all seems dead on it ?
 - How does Mr. Lamb react when Derry enters his garden?
 - Which problem did the Maharaja face when he had killed sventy tigers ? How did he solve it ?

Answer :

- Franz was thunderstruck when Mr. Hamel announced that French will not be taught

any longer. He was there to teach his last lesson of French that day. They had received orders from Berlin that teaching French was being barred. Franz felt very sorry for not learning his French lessons. He felt very sad.

- (b) Douglas failed to come to the surface of the pool because when he reached the bottom, he felt his lungs were ready to burst. He tried to spring up, but came up slowly. He could see and feel nothing but water. He felt too suffocated. Fear gripped him and his legs seemed to have been paralyzed. Before he knew it, he was sinking back to the bottom.
- (c) Since her childhood, Kamala Das had a fear that she would lose her mother in some way or the other or she would be separated from her. Now that her mother was sixty-six years old and had a deteriorating health, the poet's fear returned with an even greater intensity.
- (d) When everything seems to be dead, the

Earth still remains alive. Stillness cannot be confused with total inactivity. The seed that lie dormant through the winters, come to life in the spring season. So, there is a life under apparent stillness.

- (e) Derry enters Mr. Lamb's garden by climbing over the wall. When Mr. Lamb saw him entering his garden, he was startled. Derry tried to explain that he didn't intend to steal anything, but Mr. Lamb welcomed Derry instead of getting angry and treated him as his friend. He also asked him to pick up the apples lying in the long grass.
- (f) After killing seventy tigers, the Maharaja found that the tigers had become extinct in his kingdom and thirty tigers were still remained to be killed. So, he decided to marry a girl in the royal family of a state which has a large tiger population.

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English 2017 (Outside Delhi)

SET III

Time allowed : 3 hours

Maximum marks : 100

Note : Except for the following questions, all the remaining questions have been asked in previous sets.

SECTION – B (WRITING SKILLS)

6. To have a fair complexion is an obsession in our society. Demand for fair brides in matrimonial columns and sale of fairness creams are evidence enough. Write an article in 150-200 words giving your views on 'Beautiful mind, better than a fair complexion.' You are Natwar/Nimmi. Use the following clues : [10]
- The west, people like to be tanned
 - Fair complexion, only skin deep
 - Beautiful mind
 - Attitude to life
 - Behaviour in society, etc.

OR

Your school is situated near a road intersection. Last week, in the morning, a bus coming at a great speed overturned when it braked suddenly. Senior students of your school rushed out and did everything to save the passengers. You were part of the rescue efforts. Write a

report in 150-200 words on the accident and your friends' role, for your school newsletter. You are George/Mary.

Answer :

BEAUTIFUL MIND, BETTER THAN A FAIR COMPLEXION

By Natwar/Nimmi

Beauty is not in the face but is a light in the heart. There is much difference between looking beautiful and feeling beautiful. Fair complexion is about visual and superficial beauty. Complexion preference varies from person to person. For instance, people in the west like to get tanned voluntarily. The term 'beauty' refers to the inner beauty. Inner beauty is based on personality traits such as attitude and behaviour.

But, demand for brides in matrimonial columns and sale of fairness creams make it clear that to have a fair complexion is an obsession in our society. There is a clear discrimination being carried out across our country and society. It is shocking that such trend is not only ruling our mind but is being shamelessly marketed across our TV screens as well.

Our real progress will occur when we get rid of such racist mindset within the general masses of our society.

OR

A GHASTLY BUS ACCIDENT

By George/Mary

Death and disasters come uninvited. They have no time-table. Last week, dated 6th May, 20XX. I was at my school gate in the morning when I heard a loud screeching of brakes. A blue line bus was approaching at a dangerously fast speed while the students of our school were crossing the road intersection. The bus was moving so rapidly that the driver could not stop it and it overturned when he applied the brakes suddenly. The scene became a havoc. Passengers were badly injured. Some senior students and I rushed out and tried to save the passengers. The bus driver fled from the scene. There were people with multiple fractures and injuries. Many people came to help. Injured people were rushed to Safdar Jung Hospital where as two people died on the spot. It was a tragic sight. Rash driving of a driver took away the lives of the innocent people. I wonder how long will this recklessness continue!

SECTION – C**(LITERATURE : TEXT BOOKS
AND LONG READING TEXT)**

9. Answer any four of the following questions in 30-40 words each : [3 × 4 = 12]

- How were the parents and M. Hamel responsible for the children's neglect of the French language ?
- How did Douglas' introduction to YMCA pool revive his childhood fear of water ?
- In the last line of the poem, 'My Mother at Sixty-six', why does the poet use the word 'smile' repeatedly ?
- How is total inactivity on the Earth in the winter months full of life ?
- When did the Maharaja decide to double the land tax for a village ?
- What kind of garden does Mr. Lamb have ? Why does he like it ?

Answer :

- (a) M. Hamel feels that the parents and he himself

****Answers are not given due to the change in syllabus**

are responsible for the children's neglect of the French language. Parents preferred to have their children work on their farms or in the mills. Even Hamel used to send the children on petty errands for his convenience or would dismiss the classes when he wanted to go fishing, thus, making them miss their lessons of french language.

- The YMCA pool revived unpleasant memories of Douglas' childhood. He recollected the experience on the beach in California when he was three or four years old. He remembered how waves overpowered him despite his father's presence. He had nearly drowned and felt his limbs got paralysed. But, he was determined to learn swimming. So, he decided to learn it by imitating.
 - The poet uses the word smile repeatedly to cover up her pain and fear of losing her mother. She tries to put on a brave front by hiding her fear behind a smile.
 - Total inactivity on Earth does not mean that everything is dead. The Earth is still alive. Life goes on as usual. The seeds that lie dormant through winter come to life in the spring. So, there is a life under apparent stillness.
 - The Maharaja decided to double the land tax for a village when he was not able to locate the tiger in the forest suggested by the villagers. This had infuriated and frustrated the Maharaja as he was just left with one more tiger to complete his target of killing hundred of them, but he missed it.
 - Mr. Lamb's garden is a place where there is an occasional round of birdsongs and rustling of tree leaves. There are crab apple trees and Mr. Lamb shares the apples with the children who come to his garden. His philosophy is to love all the creatures of God so he likes his garden as it gives him a chance to be in contact with the nature and people
13. Attempt the following question in 120-150 words : ** [6]
Describe the circumstances that led to the unveiling of Griffin's invisibility.

OR

How did Dunstan Cass meet his end ?

English 2017 (Delhi)**SET I**

Time allowed : 3 hours

Maximum marks : 100

Note : Except for the following questions, all the remaining questions have been asked in previous sets.

SECTION – B**(WRITING SKILLS)**

4. You are Vikram/Sonia, an Hon's graduate in history with specialization in Medieval India. You are well acquainted with places of historical interest in Delhi, Agra and Jaipur. You are looking for the job of a tourist guide. Write an advertisement in about 50 words for the situations wanted column of a local newspaper. Your contact no. is 999751234. [4]

OR

While walking in a park in your neighbourhood you found a small plastic bag containing some documents and some cash. Write a notice in about 50 words to be put on the park notice board asking the owner to identify and collect it from you. You are Amar/Amrita 9399123456.

Answer :**SITUATION WANTED**

An Hon's graduate in history, specialization in Medieval India, well acquainted tourist guide available to give service. Expert in historical places like Delhi, Agra and Jaipur. Good in communication skills, knows Hindi, English and French/Sonia. Nominal charges. Please contact Vikram. Contact No. 999751234 Janakpuri, Delhi.

OR**SHIV VATIKA PARK, JANAKPURI
NOTICE**

5 Feb, 20XX

LOST ! LOST ! LOST

This is to inform you all that a small black plastic bag containing some documents and cash was found in the park premises on 2nd Feb., 20XX around 10 a.m. The genuine owner who can claim it is requested to collect it from the undersigned by giving proper identification.

Amar

The Secretary

5. In our society we do not give to our women the respect and status that they deserve. Women are stared at, stalked and even molested. We need to

change the male mindset about women. Write a letter in 120-150 words to the editor of a national newspaper giving your views on the problem. You are Omar/Amna, A 114 Mall Road, Delhi.

[6]

OR

You want to spend a week-long holiday at Shimla in the month of October decided to stay at Hotel Snow view. Write a letter in 120-150 words to the manager to book a room. Mention the dates, facilities in the room, food, sight-seeing facilities that you will need. You are Amar/Amrita M114, Lake Road, Karnal.

Answer :

A - 114

Mall Road

Delhi,

12th Feb, 20XX

The Editor

The Times of India

Bahadurshah Zafar Marg, Delhi

Subject : Respecting the Dignity of women.

Sir,

I shall feel highly obliged if you publish the following views in the valuable columns of your esteemed paper.

Women have always been the most vulnerable in any age, time, place and society. It has been observed over quite a long time that women are humiliated, tortured, harassed, stalked and molested. The other problems include sexual harassment, domestic violence and marital discord which cause a lot of embarrassment. Though strict measures are taken to improve the status of women in the society, the problem remains where it was.

As we all know, in modern India, women are playing a major role and have significant contribution in the welfare of democratic values. So, it is necessary to change the male mindset towards women. It is only possible by spreading awareness among women and the society at large. Also, the bringing up of boys and girls should be done equally at home. This growing rate of violence against women can be stopped. Strict measures should be adopted by the society and the government in order to do so. Moreover, we should take a pledge to start campaigns

against women violence and other such issues in order to increase the status and social standing of women, economically and politically.

Your Sincerely

Omar/Amna

OR

M-114

Lake Road,

Karnal

12th Feb., 20XX

The Manager

Snow View Hotel

Shimla

Subject : Booking a Room in Hotel

Sir,

It gives me an immense pleasure to inform you that I shall be visiting Shimla during the autumn break. I intend to reach there on 15th Oct., 20XX for a week-long vacation. During the stay at Shimla, you are requested to reserve a room for me in your hotel from 15th Oct. to 21st Oct., 20XX. Please see to it that the room should be well-equipped with all the modern facilities. I am enclosing a bank draft of ₹ 5000/- as an advance for reservation charges. It would be highly appreciated if you can provide me with a guide to show me around Shimla. Please confirm the booking so that the remaining amount shall be sent to you. I shall also need a chauffeur driven car to take me in and around Shimla.

Yours Sincerely

Amar/Amrita

6. Our performance in the Rio Olympics has told us that we do not pay enough attention to athletics and outdoor games. It is the time we revise our attitude. Sports should be an important part of every school's daily routine. Write an article in 150-200 words on 'Importance of Outdoor Games'. You are Sreeja/Thomas. [10]

OR

Cultural Society, Sunshine Public School, Nellore organised an adult literacy camp in its neighbourhood. Write a report in 150-200 words on the camp for your school newsletter. You are P. V. Sunitha, Secretary. Use the following clues : no. of volunteers—hours spent in teaching—location of the class—chairs, blackboards—no. of people attending the camp—benefit.

Answer :

IMPORTANCE OF OUTDOOR GAMES

By Sreeja/Thomas

As in the words of Muhammad Ali :

"Champions are made from something they have deep inside them, — a desire, a dream, a vision".

But our performance in Rio olympics tells a different story. A nation of more than 125 crores has not been able to produce a sportsperson, or an athlete of International standards even after 76 years of independence! What really is the reason behind the adverse condition of Indian sports? Growing craze of cellphones and video games among children are the official apathy and the lack of facilities are like an additional handicap. Also, at present, there is a lot of emphasis on academics which leads to the lack of time for the students to get indulge in sports activities. So, to brighten up the image of sports and games, indoor and outdoor games are equally important—one for relaxation and the other for physical exercise. Games such as Volleyball, Hockey, Cricket, Basketball, Football and Lawn Tennis provide recreation, develop sportsmanship and broaden the base of sports. There is no doubt that these outdoor games develop good habits, skills, knowledge and other social qualities required in a sportsperson. Sports personalities and players should be given proper training for them to be properly motivated. If we really want to revive our sports, the Govt. and sports authorities of India must put serious efforts into the matter. Proper facilities should be provided to the athletes and new talent should be encouraged. In order to enhance the performance, we should chalk out weekly plans, meso-cycle plans, micro-cycle and yearly plans for the sports person. Sports play an integral part in education. So we should motivate all the students of an institution to take parts in games and sports. 'A game for each and each for a game' may be considered the motto of sports.

OR

AN ADULT LITERACY CAMP

By P. V. Sunitha, Secretary

In order to enlighten the fruits of education, an adult literacy campaign was conducted by Cultural Society, Sunshine Public School, Nellore from 2nd Feb., to 5th Feb. 20XX in our neighbourhood. The campaign was held with

the motive of ensuring education for adults and helping them to become literate. During the campaign, 50 volunteers participated and spent 4 hours in teaching them. For this noble task, the community hall was selected at Janakpuri. Both males and females were engaged and given a taste of education. They had arranged chairs, desks and blackboards for teaching them. More than 200 people attended the camp. They were provided with free copies, pencils and other necessary items. Every illiterate person was given special attention. It was hoped not only to achieve our target, but also to exceed the same. It was positively determined to make the campaign grand success. The chief-co-ordinator, Mr. Joshi, thanked all the volunteers, teachers and all the members who motivated the adults for gaining education, and for making the campaign a grand success.

7. Your PGT English Ms. Geetha is a short story writer also. 'Sky is not Far' is a collection of her latest short stories. This book has won a national award. Write a speech in 150-200 words you will deliver in her honour in the morning assembly. [10]

OR

'Private cars should be banned in the congested commercial areas of the cities.' Write a debate in 150-200 words either for or against the motion.

Answer :

IN HONOUR OF MS GEETHA'S ACHIEVEMENT

It is rightly said that :

'Surprises render more pleasure, especially when they are totally unexpected.'

A very good morning to one and all. Respected Principal, teachers and my dear friends !

I, Vinod, a student of class, XII feel extremely proud and honoured to speak about my loving teacher, Ms. Geeta P.G.T. (Eng.), who wrote the short story, 'Sky is Not far', which has won a national award. It is really a matter of pride for our school. Each one of us wants to touch the sky but only a few of us dare to chase our dreams and our English teacher fulfilled her dream with a strong determination and a keen hobby of writing stories. Her easy style of writing along with the issues linking to the everyday problems was well received by readers, particularly the youth. This short story deals with women's struggles and essentially their attainment of the desired goals and the more women relate

to it, it goes on and comes up with some other 'newer issues'. This is really a great achievement for her and our school. Her story is ultimate, unmatched and an excellent one. I feel extremely honoured for her service to the society and her excellent work. She will continue to be a source of inspiration to one and all.

Thank you.

OR

PRIVATE CARS TO BE BANNED IN CONGESTED AREAS

A very good morning to all of you here.

Respected panel of jury members, teachers and my friends !

I, Raja, stand before you today to express my views regarding; Should private cars be banned in the congested commercial areas of cities' ?

I am in favour of the motion. It is causing a lot of inconvenience to the people who are forced to be stuck in congested areas. We must think unconventionally and alternatively to solve this problem. The roads leading to the commercial areas should be made one way roads during the peak traffic hours, i.e., between 8 am to 10 am and 5 pm to 8pm respectively. Heavy fine should be levied on people who wait inside their vehicles in the 'No waiting' area. More underground parking facilities need to be provided as there is a lack of parking lots. The officials should keep strict vigilance on this issue. It is noted, that a lot of cars generally hinders the efficiency of the commercial areas, because it creates traffic jams and they are the main cause of pollution. The Govt. should ban cars to force the people to use the public transportation provided and to reinforce the efficiency of commerce.

SECTION - C

(LITERATURE : TEXT BOOKS AND LONG READING TEXT)

8. Read the extract given below and answer the questions that follow : [1 × 4 = 4]

Far far from gusty waves these children's faces.
Like rootless weeds, the hair torn round their
pallor;

The tall girl with her weighed-down head.

(a) Who are these children ?

(b) Which figure of speech has been used in the first two lines ?

(c) Why is the tall girl's head weighed down?

(d) What does the word, 'pallor' mean ?

OR

Aunt Jennifer's tigers prance across a screen,
Bright topaz denizens of a world of green.
They do not fear the men beneath the tree;
They pace in sleek chivalric certainty.

- (a) Why are the tigers called Aunt Jennifer's tigers ?
- (b) How are they described here ?
- (c) How are they different from Aunt Jennifer ?
- (d) What does the word, 'chivalric' mean ?

Answer :

- (a) These children are the victims of social injustice and acute poverty.
- (b) Simile and Alliteration have been used in the first two lines of the poem,
- (c) The tall girl is malnourished and depressed. That's why she has her head weighed down.
- (d) Pallor means 'an unhealthy pale appearance.'

OR

- (a) The tigers are called Aunt Jennifer's tigers because they represent her hidden aspirations and desires.
- (b) They are described as the inhabitant of a dense green forest, prancing unafraid with bright eyed.
- (c) They are different from Aunt Jennifer, as the animals created by her displayed chivalry and fearlessness, though, she herself is oppressed and fearful
- (d) Chivalric means brave.

9. Answer any four of the following questions in 30-40 words each : [3 × 4 = 12]

- (a) Why did Franz not want to go school that day ?
- (b) What was Sophie's ambition in life ? How did she hope to achieve that ?
- (c) What kind of pain does Kamala Das feel in 'My Mother at Sixty-six' ?
- (d) How can 'mighty dead' be things of beauty?
- (e) Why was the Maharaja once in danger of losing his kingdom ?
- (f) What was the basic plot of each story told by Jack ?

Answer :

- (a) Franz did not want to go to school that day because the weather was very tempting. The bright day, chirping of birds, woods and fields, free environment outside along with the drilling by Prussian soldiers all restricted him

from going to school. Moreover, he did not prepare his lesson and feared Mr. M. Hamel's scolding on that day.

- (b) Sophie's ambition in life was to set-up a boutique or becoming a manager or an actress. Moreover, she wanted to be a fashion designer for earning money.
- (c) The failing health of the old mother upset and haunts the poetess. She feels that her mother is swiftly nearing the death. She is leaving her mother for sometime and going abroad; she fears that she would not find her alive upon her return.
- (d) John Keats was the youngest of all Romantic Poets. He was famous for sensuousness, describing the mighty dead as the magnificent warrior who selflessly sacrificed his life for his nation and won grandeur or greatness. So, achieving this is equal to achieving a thing of beauty.
- (e) The Maharaja had annoyed a senior British officer by refusing him the permission to hunt tigers in Pratibandapuram and even refusing to allow him to get photographed with a dead tiger. As a result, he was in danger of losing his throne. Later, to amend, he sent about fifty samples of expensive diamond rings to the officer's wife as a bribe.
- (f) Jack always used to tell a story to his little daughter, Jo, about Roger. Usually, every story had a small creature named Roger fish, Roger squirrel or Roger chipmunk. who always had a problem, so he went to the wise owl for advice and then the wise owl directed him to go to the wizard who solved the problem for a fee. then Roger would go to the well to get some pennies to pay the fee. The wizard used his magical spell to solve the problem after which, he went home and had a family dinner.

10. Answer the following question in 120-150 words: [6]

Garbage to them is gold. How do ragpickers of Seemapuri survive ?

OR

The peddler thinks that the whole world is a rattrap. This view of life is true only of himself and of no one else in the story. Comment.

Answer : Garbage provides the rag-pickers a means to survive. It is their daily bread. Sometimes, they find currency notes or even silver coins in the heaps of garbage. For them, it is wrapped in wonder and this garbage is nothing less than gold for them.

Poor Ragpicker like saheb spend their lives looking for gold in garbage dumps. The ragpickers of Seemapuri lived in structures of mud, tin and tarpaulin with no sewage or drainage system for running water. Their parents have no fixed income. They wage war against poverty and hunger. They have no dream except finding the means of survival. These people have lived there for more than thirty years without an identity or permit. They have got ration cards that enable them to buy grains and get names on the voter list. For them, food is more important for survival than an identity, rag picking is the means of their survival.

OR

This view of life is universal. It relates to everyone who was ever a victim of circumstances. The Peddler, a poor vagabond, makes and sells ratttraps to make both ends meet. He even found a parable between the world and the ratttrap. He had been living a despicable life of misery, poverty and frustration, visualising the whole world to be a ratttrap ready to engorge anyone who succumbed to the bots of its riches and joy. The world had been rather unkind to only him as others like crofter, Edla and Ironmaster were not tempted with anything as they already had everything, so he felt happy to think ill about it. Despite the Crofter's kindness and hospitality, he betrayed his trust and stole his money. But Edla's compassion and understanding finally brought about a transformation in his nature. So, in his own opinion, only he suffars.

11. Answer the following question in 120-150 words : [6]

Untouchability is not only a crime, it is inhuman too. Why and how did Bama decide to fight against it ?

OR

Good human values are far above any other value system. How did Dr. Sadao succeed as a doctor as well as a patriot?

Answer : When Bama acquainted her elder brother with that 'funny episode' about an elderly man from low caste carrying a food packet by a string without touching it, those comic details

**Answer are not given due to the change in syllabus

could not make him laugh. He guided her properly. He explained to her the soical stigma of untouchability. He told her that they were the victim of social prejudice. Bama was highly inspired by the words of her elder brother.

She fought against untouchability by out classing the achievements of the higher class, thus, proving that she is no less than the higher classes. Filled with anger and revolt, she said, 'We too are Human Beings; our people should never do these humiliating things for them. She fought against this oppression, prejudice, stigma, superstition and ignorance. She studied hard and earned a name for herself. She used writing as a tool in her struggle against the discrimination that constraints and binds the free flow of the spirit.

OR

The story, The Enemy, set during the World War, deals with a dilemma. When man faces difficult choices to be a patriotic or to be a professional, he acts impatiently in both the situations. Dr. Sadao is thoroughly professional and when it comes to his patients, he becomes oblivious to other facts. So, despite the fact that the injured man is an American Soldier, and an enemy, Dr. Sadao gives top priority to save the life of the dying soldier. As a doctor, he performed his first and foremost duty which is towards the sick and the injured who needs, his immediate attention, irrespective of his nationality. But later on, being a true patriotic nationalist and a loyal citizen of Japan, he handed him over to the police by informing the General about him. But the General is totally governed by self-absorption. This ultimately set Dr. Sadao to comply with the plan for him to escape. Thus, Dr. Sadao managed to serve as a doctor as well as a patriot.

12. Answer the following question in 120-150 words : ** [6]

Describe Marvel as an opportunist.

OR

George Eliot has portrayed Godfrey as a morally weak character. Comment.

13. Answer the following question in 120-150 words : ** [6]

How does Dr. Cuss's encounter with Griffin end in a disaster?

OR

What kind of life did Silas lead at Lantern Yard?

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English 2017 (Delhi)**SET II**

Time allowed : 3 hours

Maximum marks : 100

Note : Except for the following questions, all the remaining questions have been asked in previous sets.

SECTION – B
(WRITING SKILLS)

4. After the rains, cases of dengue, chikungunya etc., are on the rise in your city. As the Principal of Sunshine Public School, Manu Vihar, you have decided to allow your students to wear full sleeve shirts and trousers in the school for a period of one month. Write the notice in about 50 words. [4]

OR

You are Health Secretary, Students Council Citizens Public School, Ram Bagh, Varanasi. The Council has decided to start from the second of October a week-long cleanliness drive around the school. Draft a notice in about 50 words asking the Class XI students to enrol for the drive.

Answer :

SUNSHINE PUBLIC SCHOOL, MANU VIHAR
NOTICE

16th March, 20XX

RELAXATION IN UNIFORM

This is to inform all the parents that after incessant rains, cases of dengue and chikungunya have been noticed, concluding this, the school management has swung into action and decided to allow the students to wear full sleeve shirts and trousers in school for a period of one month, i.e., from July to August, 20XX. Parents are requested to co-operate in this matter.

Principal
A.K. Sharma

OR

CITIZEN PUBLIC SCHOOL, RAMBAGH
NOTICE

16th Oct, 20XX

CLEANLINESS DRIVE

The student's council of our school is launching a week long Cleanliness Drive from 2nd October to 8th October, 201XX.

The Students of class XI are requested to join this mission by enrolling for the drive and make it a great success at large.

XYZ.
Health Secretary

5. Last month you purchased a TV set from Ram Electronics, Pusp Vihar, Ambala. It is not working properly (imagine a few defects). Write a letter of complaint in 120-150 words to the Manager asking for repair or replacement. You are Amar/Amrita, M114 Model Town, Ambala.

[6]

OR

You are living in a village along a national highway. The state roadways bus does not stop near your village. Write a letter in 120-150 words to the General Manager, State Railways requesting a bus stop for your village. Give all the reasons why you need a bus stop there. You are Omar/Amna, Gopalpur, Dist. Ramnagar.

Answer :

M 114, Model Town,
Ambala

24th January, 20XX

The Manager

Ram Electronics

Pusp Vihar
Ambala

Subject : Complaint against defective T. V. Set.

Sir,

I bought a L.G. 21" colour T.V. set from your show-room against cash memo no. 3212 dated 15th Jan, 20XX. You assured me that your T.V. sets were far superior in function than that of other companies.

Last week, it started showing major defects like blurred vision and sound. I thought that the sound problem was due to weak signals and that it will rectify shortly but it stayed with a more stronger frequency. Now, the situation is that the sound is not clear at all. It is jarring and, the colours are fading away suddenly. Since the T.V. set is within the guarantee period of two years, you are requested to get the defects rectified by your service engineers. In case, if the set is beyond repair, kindly get it replaced.

Thank you,

Your sincerely

Amar/Amrita

OR

Gopalpur,
Dist. Ramnagar

16th March, 20XX

The General Manager

The State Roadways Authority

Ramnager

Subject : Request for a bus stop.

Sir,

I beg to draw your kind attention to the problem of transport in our village, Gopalpur. As you are aware, Gopalpur is situated along the national highway but the villagers are facing the brunt of isolation as there is no bus stop within a radius of 2 km. Since the state buses are unavailable, the autos and taxis also don't have a stand nearby. It becomes extremely difficult to commute from the place except in one's own vehicle.

I request you to start the bus service in our village at the earliest so that the inconvenience being caused to the villagers is permanently eradicated.

looking forward to an early action by the concerned authorities

Your truly

Omar/Anna

7. Sakshi Malik won a bronze medal in the Rio Olympics; every Indian felt proud of her. You, Head girl of your school, want to deliver a speech in order to express your feelings. Write the speech in 150-200 words. Apart from your own ideas, use the following clues :

Wrestling mostly a male sport-Sakshi born in conservative surroundings-most unfavourable gender ratio for females-parental encouragement-one can't forget the look of determination on her face in the last three minutes of the bout. [10]

OR

'Our large population is not a cause of poverty but an asset, a resource'. Write a debate in 150-200 words, either for or against the motion.

Answer :

SAKSHI MALIK'S ACHIEVEMENT

Good morning everyone !

Respected Principal, teachers and my dear friends. I, xyz the head girl of the school, am going to deliver a speech on Sakshi Malik. In India, where all the sisters were celebrating the day with their brothers on Raksha Bandhan, far away in Rio de Janeiro, a 23-year-old wrestler, Sakshi Malik, made the nation proud by winning a bronze medal.

Malik became the first female Indian wrestler who has bagged a medal in the Olympics.

Sakshi Malik, the daughter of a bus conductor, comes from a small district in Haryana. She started her training at the age of 12. Malik and her coach, Ishwar Dahiya, faced many problems during the initial stages of the former's career as the mentality of the conservative society thought that wrestling was not meant for girls; it was thought to be a male sport. There are still so many people who are living with such male-dominant thinking.

Not only has she proved to be one of the best wrestlers in the world but also fought off long odds, bureaucratic obstacles, lack of facilities, and the conservative Indian society. Sakshi taught the nation that women in the country need support more than protection. We are proud to be the citizens of the nation where women like Sakshi Malik are born.

OR

LARGE POPULATION NOT A CAUSE OF POVERTY BUT AN ASSET

A very good morning to the jury members, all my dear friends and my fellow participants. Today, I am going to speak for the topic 'our large population is not a cause of poverty but an asset, a resource'.

India has the second highest population in the world with 125 crore people and also is the biggest provider of skilled manpower in the world, currently India provides the maximum number of engineers to the world. It is also one of the largest markets for automobiles, high-value foods, etc.

Large population means more intelligence that can be put to good effect and also skilled population draws more projects from foreign companies as well.

I, therefore, agree with the view that our large population is not a cause of poverty but an asset as every hand can become an earning hand for the economy and not a cause of poverty.

SECTION - C

(LITERATURE : TEXT BOOKS AND LONG READING TEXT)

9. Answer any four of the following questions in 30-40 words each : [3 × 4 = 12]
- Why was Franz not scolded for reaching the school late that day ?
 - Sophie was dreaming of so many things in her life. What were they ?
 - Why are the youngsters described as springing ? (My Mother at Sixty-Six).

- (d) In the hot season, how do man and beast get comfort? (A thing of Beauty)
- (e) How did the Maharaja deal with a high ranking British officer who wanted to shoot a tiger?
- (f) Having got rid of his stink, what problem did Roger Skunk face?

Answer :

- (a) Mr. H. Hamel did not scold Franz. He only said that it is not good to put off learning. He was overwhelmed with emotions as it was his last French lesson. So, he asked him to sit in his place quickly.
- (b) Sophie dreamt of becoming as boutique owner, and actress, a manager or a fashion designer. She wanted to be a part of the sophisticated world so that she could visit exotic places that the believed her brother want to.
- (c) While driving to the airport, in an effort to distract herself from the thoughts of her ageing mother, the poet looks at the young trees, 'sprinting'. The trees seem to be running past the moving car. The sprinting of the

trees symbolises the rapidly passing years of a human's life from childhood to old age. This image, showing activity and strength, is contrasted with that of her old and weak mother who seems pale and dormant, sleeping in the car. The 'young' trees represent life in contrast to her mother's approaching death.

- (d) In the hot season, both men and beast relax in a bower and walk by a cooling covert made by the rills
- (e) The British Officer told the Maharaja that he wanted to hunt tigers in his kingdom but the Maharaja refused to give him his permission. The Maharaja himself wanted to kill a hundred tigers, so he had to refuse to give permission to the British Officer. Instead, he told the officer that if he wants to hunt boars, rats or even mosquitoes, there will be no problem. But hunting tigers could never be allowed.
- (f) He faced the problem from his mother who felt extremely annoyed. She could not stand that smell. She decided to take him right back to that 'awful' wizard and ask him to give the original smell back to her boy.

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English 2017 (Delhi)

SET III

Time allowed : 3 hours

Maximum marks : 100

Note : Except for the following questions, all the remaining questions have been asked in previous sets.

SECTION – B (WRITING SKILLS)

4. RJ Public School is located in a Central Government employees' residential colony. Cultural Society of the School has decided to organise a fancy dress show on 25th of January in which each participant will wear the dress particular to his/her region. The aim is to show the cultural diversity of India. As Secretary, write a notice in about 50 words the names of those who want to participate. [4]

OR

An NGO has approached your school to offer book grants to the needy students. As Head Girl of Sunshine Public School, Aram Bagh, write a notice in about 50 words asking students, who

are in need, to put their requests into the box kept outside the Principal's office.

Answer :

R.J. PUBLIC SCHOOL

NOTICE

16th Dec. 20XX

"FANCY DRESS SHOW"

School Cultural Society is holding a fancy dress show to portray the cultural diversity of India on 24th Jan., 20XX in the school auditorium at 2 p.m. To make this gala a roaring success, the participants are advised to wear the dress particular to their region. The interested students should give their names to the undersigned for the show positively by 15th Jan., 20XX.

xyz

The Secretary

Cultural Society

OR

SUNSHINE PUBLIC SCHOOL, ARAM BAGH
NOTICE

16th March, 20XX

BOOK CONTRIBUTION BY NGO

The students should feel glad to know that an NGO has offered book grants to support the students in need. Those who are in need of the help regarding the purchase of books are advised to put their requests in the box kept outside the Principal's office as soon as possible.

xyz

Head Girl

5. You are Principal of Kendriya Vidyalaya, Ramnagar. The number of students in the computer class is increasing. Next year, starting in April 2017, you will need 25 more computers in your lab. Write a letter in 120-150 words to the Commissioner, K. V. Sangathan for funds. [6]

OR

You are Aslisha/Nimmi Dhar B-94 fort Road, Jammu. You have read the advertisement given below. You are qualified for the job. Write an application in 120-150 words along with a resume.

India Chemical Industries, Delhi
requires

Accounts Officers

Qualification : B. Com.

Experience : Minimum 4 years

Job requirement : Maintaining books of accounts, preparation of Balance Sheet, etc.

Salary : Best in the Industry

Apply to : Managing Director, ICI,
B-12 Barakhamba Road, New Delhi

Answer :

Kendriya Vidyalaya
Ramnagar

16th March, 20XX

The Commissioner,
K.V. Sangathan

Subject : Request for funds regarding purchase of new computers

Sir,

I am writing this letter in regard with the upgradation of the computer lab. The number of students in the computer class is increasing rapidly but the number of computers is not enough. Most of the computers are outdated which causes inconvenience to the students. The lab has to be renovated. More desktop computers

and an adequate seating arrangement is needed. Therefore, I request for a grant of sufficient funds in order to purchase 25 more computer for the new session of the school. Kindly take a quick decision so that there no inconvenience is caused to the students.

Thank you,

Your's sincerely,

R. K. Sharma

Principal

OR

B-94

Fort Road

Jammu.01

The Managing Director, ICI,

B-12 Barakhamba Road.

New Delhi.

Subject : Application for the post of Accounts officer.

Sir,

With reference to your advertisement published in the Times of India, dated 15th Feb., 20XX, I would like to apply for the post of accounts officer in your company.

Since, I have a keen interest in the subject, I found your offer quite alluring. I am enclosing my Bio Data to enable you to assess my suitability for the post.

So please consider my application and favour me with an interview.

Thanking you,

Yours Truly,

Aslisha/Nimmi Dhar

End : Bio Data.

BIO DATA

1. NAME : Aslisha/Nimmi Dhar
2. FATHER'S NAME : Om Prakash Sharma.
3. DATE OF BIRTH : 6th Sept., 1976
4. ADDRESS : A Block, Vikaspur.
New Delhi.
5. EDUCATIONAL QUALIFICATION :
 - (i) B. Com. from D.U.
 - (ii) C.A. from Institute of Chartered Accountants.
N. D.
 - (iii) ICWAI
6. EXPERIENCE : 4 year experience as
an accountant in Sims
Pvt. Ltd.
7. SALARY EXPECTED : Negotiable

8. REFERENCES : (i) Adv. Lal Singh
31-B, Civil Line
Delhi
(ii) Mr. Arun Goyal
Accountant
40-C, Rambagh,
Delhi.

SECTION – C
(LITERATURE : TEXT BOOKS AND
LONG READING TEXT)

9. Answer any four of the following questions in 30-40 words each : [3 × 4 = 12]
- What did Franz wonder about when he entered the class that day ?
 - What shocking experience did Douglas have at YMCA pool ?
 - Why does Kamala Das compare her mother to 'a pale winter's moon' ?
 - What rich bounty has the heaven given us ? (A Thing of Beauty)
 - Why did the Maharaja have to pay a bill of three lakh rupees to the British jewellers ?
 - What problem did Roger Skunk face he went to play with his friends. How did he solve it ?

Answer :

- (a) Franz had a bundle of surprises when he entered the class room. The village people were sitting quietly on the back benches. Mr. Hamel did not get angry with Franz, rather he requested him very kindly to go to his place and sit quietly. Mr. Hamel was dressed in his

best formal clothes. Everybody in the class looked very sad.

- (b) William Douglas had a very shocking experience at the YMCA pool. A bully threw him into the deeper end of the pool. He hit the water surface in a sitting position and swallowed a lot of water, all at once. He nearly died in this misadventure.
- (c) The poet's mother is sixty-six years old. She is fast approaching her death. Her shrunken pale face resembles that of a corpse. She has lost her charm and the strength of youth. Similarly, the pale winter moon looks hazy and dull.
- (d) The heaven has given us innumerable things of beauty. They all give us a joy forever. They are like endless fountains of immortal drink, pouring in from the heaven's brink.
- (f) Roger Skunk smelled very bad. Whenever he would go to play, all the other little animals would run away from him. Then he went to the wise old owl. Who told him to go to see the wizard. The wizard solved Roger's problem with some magic spell and he got the smell of roses.

12. Answer the following question in 120-150 words : ** [6]

Mrs. Hall is greedy but efficient in her business.

Attempt a character sketch of Mrs. Hall.

OR

Nancy Lammeter is a typical country girl. Comment.

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English 2018

Time allowed : 3 hours

Maximum marks : 100

SECTION - A (READING)

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1. Read the passage given below :

[12]

1. When you grow up in a place where it rains five months a year, wise elders help you to get acquainted with the rain early. They teach you that it is ignorant to think that it is the same rain falling every day. Oh no, the rain is always doing different things at different times. There is rain that is gentle, and there is also rain that falls too hard and damages the crops. Hence, the prayers are for the sweet rain that helps the crops to grow.
2. The monsoon in the Naga hills goes by the native name, khuthotei (which means the rice-growing season). It lasts from May to early or mid-October. The local residents firmly believe that Durga Puja in October announces the end of rain. After that, one might expect a couple of short winter showers, and the spring showers in March and April. Finally, comes the "big rain" in May; proper rainstorms accompanied by heart-stopping lightning and ear-splitting thunder. I have stood out in storms, looking at lightning arc across dark skies, a light-and-sound show that can go on for hours.
3. This is the season when people use the word *sezuo* or *sizu* to refer to the week-long rains, when clothes don't dry and smell of mould, when fungus forms on the floor and when you can't see the moon or the stars because of the rainclouds. But you learn not to complain. Rain, after all, is the farmer's friend and brings food to the table. Rituals and festivals centre around the agricultural rhythm of life, which is the occupation of about 70 per cent of the population.
4. The wise learns to understand its ways. I grew up hearing my grandfather say, "It's very windy this year. We'll get good rain." If the windy season was short and weak, he worried there might not be enough rain for the crops. I learned the interconnectedness of the seasons from childhood, and marvelled at how the wind could bring rain. Another evening, many rainy seasons ago, my paternal aunt observed the new moon and worried, "Its legs are in the air, we're in for some heavy rain." She was right. That week, a storm cut off power lines and brought down trees and bamboos.
5. Eskimos boast of having a hundred of names for snow. Norwegians in the north can describe all kinds of snow by an equal amount of names: pudder, powder snow, wet snow, slaps, extra wet snow, tight snowfall, dry snow, and at least 95 more categories of snow. Likewise, in India we have names and names for rain. Some are common, some are passing into history.
6. The rains are also called after flowering plants and people believe that the blossoming of those plants draws out rain. Once the monsoon's set in, field work is carried out in earnest and the work of uprooting and transplanting paddy in flooded terrace fields is done. The months of hard labour are June, July and August. In August, rain, also called phrogü, is a sign that the time for cultivation is over. If any new grain seeds are sown, they may not sprout; even if they do sprout, they are not likely to bear grain. The rain acts as a kind of farmer's almanac.
7. The urban population of school-goers and office-goers naturally dislikes the monsoon and its accompanying problems of landslides, muddy streets and periodic infections. For non-farmers, the month of September can be depressing, when the rainfall is incessant and the awareness persists that the monsoons will last out till October. One needs to have the heart of a farmer to remain grateful for the watery days, and be able to observe—from what seems to the inexperienced as a continuous downpour—the many kinds of rain. Some of the commonly known rain-weeks are named after the plants that alternately bloom in August and September. The native belief is that the flowers draw out the rain.
8. Each rain period has a job to fulfil : October rain helps garlic bulbs to form, while kümünyo rain helps the rice bear grain. Without it, the ears of rice cannot form properly. End October is the most beautiful month in the Naga hills, as the fields turn gold and wild sunflowers bloom over the slopes, all heralding the harvest. Prayers

go up for protecting the fields from storms, and the rains to retreat because the grain needs to stand in the sun and ripen. The cycle nears completion a few weeks before the harvest, and the rain does retreat so thoroughly from the reaped furrows that the earth quickly turns hard. The months of rain become a distant memory until it starts all over again.

On the basis of your understanding of the above passage, complete the statements given below with the help of options that follow :

[1 × 4 = 4]

(a) The rains are called after flowering plants because

- (i) heavy rains kill plants.
- (ii) flowers grow in the rainy season.
- (iii) it is believed that the plants bring the rain.
- (iv) flowers grow all the year round.

(b) The rain is like a calendar for farmers because

- (i) it tells them when to sow and when to harvest.
- (ii) it tells them the birthdays of their children.
- (iii) each month has a time for plantation.
- (iv) different kinds of rain tell different things.

(c) People who live in cities don't like rain because

- (i) it brings mud and sickness with it.
- (ii) they are not bothered about the farmers.
- (iii) they don't like the plants that grow during the rain.
- (iv) going shopping becomes difficult.

(d) People pray asking the rain to retreat because

- (i) the fungus and mould to dry.
- (ii) children don't get a chance to play.
- (iii) the crops need the sun and heat to ripen.
- (iv) they like to pray.

Answer the following questions briefly :

[1 × 6 = 6]

(e) Why do the elders want you to understand the rains in the Naga hills ?

(f) What does Durga Puja mean to the farmers of the Naga hills ?

(g) What kind of rain is called sezuo ?

(h) What is the occupation of more than half the population of the Naga hills ?

(i) How is the heart of the farmer different from that of the city person ?

(j) When does rain become a memory in the minds of the people of the Naga hills ?

(k) Find words from the passage which mean the same as the following : [1 × 2 = 2]

(i) flowering (para 6) (ii) non-stop (para 7)

Answer :

- (a) (iii) it is believed that the plants bring the rain.
- (b) (i) it tells them when to sow and when to harvest.
- (c) (i) it brings mud and sickness with it.
- (d) (iii) the crops need the sun and heat to ripen.
- (e) The elders want us to understand the rains in the Naga hills because rain always does different things at different times. It tells us when to sow and harvest. It can be gentle or too hard leaving the crops damaged.
- (f) Durga Puja means the end of the rainy season to the farmers of the Naga hills.
- (g) Sezuo refers to the week-long rains, when clothes do not dry and there is a smell of mould, when fungus forms on the floor and when we cannot see the moon or the stars because of the rain clouds.
- (h) The occupation of more than half the population on the Naga hills is farming.
- (i) The city person dislikes the rain because of landslides, muddy streets and periodic infections. He finds incessant rain depressing. However, a farmer remains grateful for the rainy days.
- (j) Rain becomes a memory in the minds of the people of the Naga hills, when the cycle comes near its completion a few weeks before the harvest.

(k) (i) blossoming (ii) incessant

2. Read the passage given below : [10]

1. Every morning Ravi gives his brain an extra boost. We're not talking about drinking strong cups of coffee or playing one of those mind-training video games advertised all over Facebook. "I jump into my stationary bike and cycle for 45 minutes to work," says Ravi. "When I get to my desk, my brain is at peak activity for a few hours." After his

mental focus comes to a halt later in the day, he starts it with another short spell of cycling to be able to run errands.

2. Ride, work, ride, repeat. It's a scientifically proven system that describes some unexpected benefits of cycling. In a recent study in the Journal of Clinical and Diagnostic Research, scientists found that people scored higher on tests of memory, reasoning, and planning after 30 minutes of spinning on a stationary bike than they did before they rode the bike. They also complete the tests faster after pedalling.
3. Exercise is like fertilizer for your brain. All those hours spent on exercising your muscles, create rich capillary beds not only in leg and hip muscles, but also in your brain. More blood vessels in your brain and muscles mean more oxygen and nutrients to help them work. When you pedal, you also force more nerve cells to fire. The result: you double or triple the production of these cells—literally building your brain. You also release neurotransmitters (the messengers between your brain cells) so all those cells, new and old, can communicate with each other for better, faster functioning. That's a pretty profound benefit to cyclists.
4. This kind of growth is especially important with each passing birthday, because as we age, our brains shrink and those connections weaken. Exercise restores and protects the brain cells. Neuroscientists say, "Adults who exercise display sharper memory skills, higher concentration levels, more fluid thinking, and greater problem-solving ability than those who are sedentary."
5. Cycling also elevates your mood, relieves anxiety, increases stress resistance, and even banishes the blues. "Exercise works in the same way as psychotherapy and antidepressants in the treatment of depression, maybe better," says Dr. Manjari. A recent study analyzing 26 years of research finds that even some exercise—as little as 20 to 30 minutes a day—can prevent depression over the long term.
6. Remember : Although it's healthy, exercise itself is a stress, especially when you're just getting started or getting back into riding. When you first begin to exert yourself, your body releases a particular hormone to raise

your heart rate, blood pressure, and blood glucose levels, says Meher Ahluwalia, PhD, a professor of integrative physiology. As you get fitter, it takes a longer, harder ride to trigger that same response.

On the basis of your understanding of the passage, complete the statements given below with the help of the options that follow : [1×2 = 2]

- (a) Ravi gets his brain to work at peak level by
 - (i) drinking three cups of coffee.
 - (ii) playing games that need brain activity.
 - (iii) cycling on a stationary bike.
 - (iv) taking tablets to pump up his brain.
- (b) When nerve cells work during exercise then
 - (i) the body experiences stress.
 - (ii) the brain is strengthened by multiplying them.
 - (iii) you start to lose your temper.
 - (iv) your stationary cycle starts to beep.

Answer the following questions briefly :

[1×6 = 6]

- (c) How does exercise help the brain ?
- (d) Why does Ravi do a circuit of 'ride, work, ride' ?
- (e) What is the work of neurotransmitters ?
- (f) What benefits other than greater brain activity does one get from cycling ?
- (g) Why is exercise so important for adults ?
- (h) How is exercise itself a stress ?
- (i) Find words from the passage which mean the same as the following : [1 × 2 = 2]
 - (i) manure (para 3) (ii) inactive (para 4)

Answer :

- (a) (iii) cycling on a stationary bike.
- (b) (ii) the brain is strengthened by multiplying them.
- (c) Exercise is like the fertilizer to the brain. It creates rich capillary beds not only in legs and hips muscles, but also in the brain. More blood vessels in the brain and muscles mean more oxygen and nutrients to help them work. It doubles or triples the nerve cells and builds the brain. It also releases neurotransmitters.
- (d) Ravi does a circuit of 'ride, work, ride' because it given his brain an extra boost. People who do such rigorous activities

score higher on tests of memory, reasoning and planning. It also helps in completing the tests faster.

- (e) Neurotransmitters are the messengers between our brain cells. They enable faster, and better communication between the brain cells.
- (f) Cycling elevates our mood, relieves anxiety, increases stress resistance and even banishes the blues. It prevents depression.
- (g) As we age, our brain shrinks and the connections between the cells weaken. Exercise restores and protects the brain cells. It leads to sharper memory skills, higher concentration levels, more fluid thinking and better problem solving ability.
- (h) Exercise itself is a stress especially when one just starts an activity or gets back to it. At that point, the body releases a particular hormone which raises the heart rate, blood pressure and blood glucose levels.

(i) (i) fertilizer (ii) sedentary

3. Read the passage given below : [8]

Keeping cities clean is essential for keeping their residents healthy. Our health depends not just on personal hygiene and nutrition, but critically also on how clean we keep our cities and their surroundings. The spread of dengue and chikungunya are intimately linked to the deteriorating state of public health conditions in our cities.

The good news is that waste management to keep cities clean is now getting attention through the Swachh Bharat Mission. However, much of the attention begins and stops with the brooms and the dustbins, extending at most to the collection and transportation of the mixed waste to some distant or not so distant place, preferably out of sight.

The challenge of processing and treating the different streams of solid waste, and safe disposal of the residuals in scientific landfills, has received much less attention in municipal solid waste management than is expected from a health point of view.

One of the problems is that instead of focusing on waste management for health, we have got sidetracked into "waste for energy". If only we were to begin by not mixing the biodegradable component of solid waste (close to 60 per cent of the total) in our cities with the dry waste, and

instead use this stream of waste for composting and producing a gas called methane.

City compost from biodegradable waste provides an alternative to farmyard manure (like cow-dung). It provides an opportunity to simultaneously clean up our cities and help improve agricultural productivity and quality of the soil. Organic manure or compost plays a very important role as supplement to chemical fertilisers in enriching the nutrient-deficient soils. City compost can be the new player in the field.

Benefits of compost on the farm are well-known. The water holding capacity of the soil which uses compost helps with drought-proofing, and the requirement of less water per crop is a welcome feature for a water-stressed future. By making the soil porous, use of compost also makes roots stronger and resistant to pests and decay. Farmers using compost, therefore, need less quantity of pesticides. There is also evidence to suggest that horticulture crops grown with compost have better flavour, size, colour and shelf-life.

City compost has the additional advantage of being weed-free, unlike farmyard manure which brings with it the seeds of undigested grasses and requires a substantial labour cost for weeding as the crops grow. City compost is also rich in organic carbon, and our soils are short in this. Farmers clearly recognize the value of city compost. If city waste was composted before making it available to the farmers for applying to the soil, cities would be cleaned up and the fields around them would be much more productive.

Quite apart from cleaning up the cities of biodegradable waste, this would be a major and sustainable contribution to improving the health of our soil, without further damage by excessive chemical inputs. What a marvellous change from waste to health!

The good news is that some states are regularly laying plastic roads. Plastic roads will not only withstand future monsoon damage but will also solve a city's problem of disposing of non-recyclable plastic. It is clear that if the mountains of waste from our cities were to be recycled into road construction material, it would tackle the problem of managing waste while freeing up scarce land.

(a) On the basis of your understanding of the above passage, make notes on it

using headings and sub-headings. Use recognisable abbreviations wherever necessary (minimum four) and a format you consider suitable. Also supply and appropriate title to it. [5]

- (b) Write a summary of the passage in about 80 words. [3]

Answer :

(a)

Waste Management

I. Reasons for keeping cities clean

- 1.1 Keeps surroundings clean
- 1.2 Prevents the spread of dengue and chikungunya.
- 1.3 Promotes overall health.

II. Waste Management-Problems

- 2.1 No focus on waste management from health point of view.
- 2.2 Processing and treating different streams of solid waste.
- 2.3 Safe disposal of residuals in scientific landfills.
- 2.4 Sidetracked into 'waste for energy'.

III. Advantages—City Compost

- 3.1 Provides alternative to farmyard manure.
- 3.2 Opportunity to clean cities.
- 3.3 Improves agricultural productivity.
- 3.4 Better quality of soil.
- 3.5 Supplements chemical fertilizers.
- 3.6 Enriches nutrient deficient soils.
- 3.7 Weed free.
- 3.8 Rich in organic carbon.

IV. Advantages—Farm Compost

- 4.1 H₂O holding capacity—helps drought proofing.
- 4.2 Requires less water per crop.
- 4.3 Makes soil porous—roots stronger.
- 4.4 Use of less pesticides.
- 4.5 Horticulture crops—
 - (i) better flavour (ii) colour
 - (iii) shelf-life

V. Advantages—Plastic roads

- 5.1 Withstands future monsoon damage
- 5.2 Solves problem—disposing non-recyclable plastic.

5.3 Better waste management

5.4 Frees up scarce land.

Key

	Abbre.	Word
1.	attn.	attention
2.	H ₂ O	water
3.	qty.	quality
4.	diff.	different
5.	chem.	chemical
6.	&	and
7.	agri.	agriculture
8.	mgmt.	management

(b) SUMMARY

Cleanliness in cities keeps residents healthy and prevents the spread of diseases such as dengue and chikungunya. The Swachh Bharat Mission instituted by the government is beset by a lot of challenges. City compost from biodegradable waste has a lot of advantages. It improves agricultural productivity, is weed free and enriches nutrient-deficient soils as it is rich in organic carbon. Farm compost is equally beneficial. Use of such compost in soil enhances the water holding capacity and thus, there is less requirement of water per crop. It makes the soil porous and roots stronger and resistant to pests and decay. With plastic roads, there is less monsoon damage and it simultaneously solves the city's problem of disposing non-recyclable plastic. Moreover, it also tackles problem of managing waste while freeing up scarce land.

SECTION — B

(WRITING SKILLS)

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4. You are Faiz/Falak Mazumdar living at 39, Udampur Colony, Shimla. You decide to hold a dinner party to congratulate your grandparents on their golden wedding anniversary. Draft a formal invitation in not more than 50 words to all family members to attend a grand dinner at home. [4]

OR

You are Harish/Harshita of 12, Seva Nagar, Pune. You want to sell your flat as you are shifting to another city for work. Draft a suitable advertisement in not more than 50 words to be published in *The Pune Times* under the classified columns.

Answer :

Mr. & Mrs. Mazumdar
request the pleasure of your company on the
auspicious occasion of the
50th Wedding Anniversary
celebration of our
Loving Grandparents
on March 9th, 20XX
at the Gymkhana Club
at 9 p.m.

RSVP**Faiz/Falak Mazumdar**

39, Udampur Colony Programme

Shimla overleaf

Ph : 012345678

OR**FOR SALE**

3 bed-room flat for sale, 1200 sq. ft., attached
bathroom, big balcony facing the park, modular
kitchen with all modern amenities. Price negotiable,
Contact : Harsh/Harshita, 12, Seva Nagar, Pune. Ph
012345678

5. You are Neeraj/Neerja Shekhar, Principal,
Vasant Public School, Pune. Your school
has just started a music department.
Write a letter to the Manager of Melody
House, Pune, wholesale suppliers of
musical instruments, placing an order for
musical instruments for the school. Ask
for a discount on the catalogue prices.
(120-150 words) [6]

OR

Bal Vidya Public School, Bhilai, urgently
requires a post-graduate teacher to teach
political science for which they have placed
an advertisement in The Bhilai Express. You
are Sanjay/Sanjana Sharma from 21, Vasant
Marg, Bhilai. Draft a letter including a CV,
applying for the advertised post. (120-150
words)

Answer :

Vasant Public School,
Pune-040008

March 5th, 20XX

The Manager,
Melody House,
Pune-040001.

Sub : Order for Musical Instruments.

Sir,

To promote the latent talents of the children, the
school has started a music department for the
upcoming academic session. Working towards
this end, we need to order more musical
instruments. As the most prominent music
instrument seller in the town, we would be
highly obliged if you could send the following
instruments by March 15th, 20XX.

Sr. No.	Item	Quantity
1.	Casio	2
2.	Piano	1
3.	Guitar	4
4.	Tabla	2

I hope that the discount available to all
educational institutions is also made available
to us.

Yours Faithfully
Neeraj/Neerja Shekhar
(Principal)

OR

21, Vasant Marg
Bhilai

March 5th, 20XX

The Principal,
Bal Vidya Public School,
Bhilai

Subject : Applying for the post of PGT (Pol. Sc.)
Sir,

This is with the reference to your advertisement
in the Bhilai Express dated March 1st, 20XX
for the vacancy of a post-graduate teacher in
Political Science and I wish to apply for the
same.

I have just finished my B. Ed. from the Central
Institute of Education (CIE) after completing
my post-graduation in Political Science from
Hindu College, University of Delhi. I have 4
years of teaching experience.

I am a person who is very motivated and
dedicated. Given the job, I promise to keep up
the reputation of the school and work diligently
and sincerely. I will be available to walk in for
an interview on the day and date specified by
you.

Yours Faithfully
Sanjay/Sanjana Sharma
Encl. Bio-data

Bio-data

Name : Sanjay/Sanjana Sharma

Date of birth : 10/12/1990

Permanent address : 21, Vasant Marg, Bhilai

Ph. No. : 9350106576

E-mail add. : Sanjay@gmail.com/Sanjana@
gmail.com

Educational Qualifications :

S. No.	Course	Institution	Subjects	Grade
1.	10+2 (Hum.)	St. Mark's School, Bhilai.	Eng., Com., Pol. Sc., Eco., Hist., Geog.	90%
2.	B. A. Pol. Sc. (Hons.)	Miranda College, New Delhi.	Pol. Sc.	70%
3.	M.A. Pol. Sc. (Hons.)	Hindu College, New Delhi	Pol. Sc.	65%
4.	B. Ed.	Central Institute of Education (CIE)	Pol. Sc., Eng.	70%

Experience :

	Post	Institution	Tenure
1.	T. G. T (Social Studies)	St. Mark's School, Bhilai	3 years
2.	P. G. T. (Pol Sc.)	Birla Vidya School, Bhilai	1 year

Other interests : Dramatics, Reading, Photography.

References :

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Prof. of Pol. Science
Hindu College,
Ph. 7621356XXX |
|---|--|

6. Recent floods in many metropolitan cities of the country during the monsoon season laid bare the hollowness of the claims of the civic authorities of their preparedness. The poor had to bear the brunt of the problem while no one was ever held accountable. Write an article in 150-200 words on the common man's woes during the monsoons and the need for accountability of the officials concerned. You are Sumit/Smita Verma. [10]

OR

You are Ali/Alia, Head girl/Head boy of your school. You are deeply disturbed by the rising cases of aggressive behaviour of students in your school. You decided to speak during the morning assembly about it. Write a speech on 'Indiscipline in Schools'. (150-200 words)

Answer :**Monsoon Fury**

by Sumit/Smita Verma

Rain, rain go away- Come again another day. This little childhood rhyme portraged the prevalent mood of most of the people of the major metropolitan cities of India – Mumbai, Kolkata and Chennai. The monsoon fury was so extensive that it led to heavy losses of material and more importantly the loss of human lives. It was all unprecedented and unexpected.

There was an extensive loss of life and property. People were stranded in their own homes as they could not move out for a couple of days. The civic system came to a halt. Phone lines were disconnected and electricity lines were snapped. Life came to a standstill in busy commercial capitals like Mumbai, Chennai and Kolkata.

People from all strata of life suffered. However, the most affected were the poor people who felt the brunt of it. Most of them are daily wage earners but they could not go to work because of the weather conditions. The children and families went hungry for many days. Rations were provided immediately to the people. The floods brought the inadequate civic amenities into light. It led to an outbreak of diseases.

It is now the high time that the authorities wake up and take remedial measures. Prior steps should be taken to repair the roadways, waterways and all sewage systems. The officers should be held responsible and the poor should be evacuated immediately. Rations and aid must reach the victims quickly in order to control the situation faster.

OR

Indiscipline in Schools

Good morning, dear principal, teachers and my fellow students assembled here. Today, I would like to talk about one disturbing aspect—the aggressive behaviour of most of the students. Aggressive behaviour among students has almost become a norm these days. Students are no longer courteous or well-behaved. They believe that impoliteness and rudeness is going to reward them and they are seriously mistaken! Cases of students pulling pranks are on the rise. This is a matter of concern as bullies assault students and children to get into fist fights. The growing atmosphere of hate and abuse should not be tolerated any longer.

There are a number of reasons for this kind of behaviour amongst students. The influence of TV, social media and the internet brings in a lot of ill effects. Working parents are not able to

look after their children and the children are left on their own to find out what is good for them. It is the high time that some drastic change should happen to improve such situations. Counselling sessions and workshops on child behaviour must be held periodically. Value education classes must be made compulsory for students. More attention should be paid to students individually, and more PTA meetings should be conducted. Discipline should become students way of life for the growth of the nation.

Ali/Alia

Headboy/Headgirl

7. "Academic excellence is the only requirement for a successful career". Write a debate either for or against the motion. (120-150 words) [10]

OR

MMD School, Nashik, recently organised a science symposium on the topic : 'Effect of pollution on quality of life'. You are Amit/ Amita Raazdan, editor of the school magazine. Write a report on the event for your school magazine. (120-150 words)

Answer :

Academic excellence is the only requirement for successful career

Good morning ladies and gentlemen. I am Avneet Kaur of Mira Modern School. I will be speaking against the topic 'Academic excellence is the only requirement for a successful career'. If a student is good only in academic, he will be like 'a frog in the well'. Versatility is the keyword these days. One needs to excel as a whole and be an all-rounder.

The whole world has become a global village, and life's challenges have become more demanding. Higher 'EQ' is required these days than a higher 'IQ'. In places of work you need to handle several people of different temperaments and being just into academics, does not help. One must not only be theoretical but should also be very practical in one's approach. Theoretical knowledge is not sufficient in real life situations. On the whole, I believe only academic excellence does not help. One must learn finer skills like being able to handle people and situations and only then will be successful. Thank you.

OR

The Science Symposium

By Amit/ Amita Raazdan

A Science Symposium was held in the school,

on the topic "effect of pollution on the quality of life." It was held on March 4th, between 9 a.m. and 5 p.m. More than 50 schools participated in it. Leading scientists, science teachers and students from different schools, enthusiastically took part in it. The chief guest was Dr. Khurana, a scientist from CSIR.

The programme began with the lighting of the ceremonial lamp by the chief guest, accompanied by the principal and other leading dignitaries. It was followed by a powerpoint presentation on 'the effect of pollution on the quality of life. Panel discussions were held at different levels and after that the ending address was given by the chief guest. There was also a question-answer session at the end of the programme. Students from all schools participated into it willingly.

Amir Khan, one of the participants remarked, "It was a very educative session. We learnt a lot." As could be seen, such workshops broaden the perspective of the students.

SECTION —C

(LITERATURE : TEXTBOOKS AND LONG READING TEXT)

8. Read the extract given below and answer the questions that follow : [1 × 4 = 4]

.....and clear rills

That for themselves a cooling covert make
'Gainst the hot season; the mid forest
brake,
Rich with the sprinkling of fair musk-rose
blooms;

.....

- Identify the poem and the poet.
- What is the role of the clear rills ?
- How has the mid forest brake become rich?
- Name the figure of speech in 'cooling covert'.

OR

.....On their slag heap, these children

Wear skins peeped through by bones and
spectacles of steel

With mended glass, like bottle bits on stones.

- Name the poem and the poet.
- Explain : 'slag heap'.
- What future awaits these children ?
- Name the figure of speech used in the third line.

Answer :

(a) 'A Thing of Beauty' by John Keats.

(b) Clear rills make the land fertile. Travellers

here, find a shady place to take rest, when it is too hot.

- (c) The mid forest brake has become rich because of the flowers blooming in it. There are musk roses, adding colour and beauty to the scene.
- (d) Alliteration.

OR

- (a) 'An Elementary School Classroom in a Slum' by Stephen Spender.
- (b) 'Slag heap' means garbage dump. The poet is pointing at the children of the slum who are extremely starved and malnourished. They appear Skinny like a skeleton. Their world is full of dirt and garbage and they spend their life raking these slag heaps.
- (c) The future of these children will be bleak and dark unless they are educated.
- (d) Simile
9. Answer any four of the following questions in 30-40 words each : $[3 \times 4 = 12]$
- (a) What does the poet's smile in the poem, 'My Mother at Sixty-six' show ?
- (b) "Listening to them, I see two distinct worlds....". In the context of Mukesh, the bangle maker's son, which two worlds is Anees Jung referring to ?
- (c) Though the sharecroppers of Champaran received only one-fourth of the compensation, how can the Champaran struggle still be termed a huge success and victory ?
- (d) Which article in McLeery's suitcase played perhaps the most significant role in Evans' escape and how ?
- (e) Why does Derry's mother not want him to go back to visit Mr. Lamb ?
- (f) What considerations influenced the Tiger King to get married ?

Answer :

- (a) The poet's smile in the poem 'My Mother at Sixty-six' shows that she is trying to pretend that everything is alright. She is trying to comfort herself and her mother by putting on a brave front.
- (b) There are two worlds that Anees Jung is referring to in the context of Mukesh, the bangle maker's son. One world is of the family, caught in poverty and burdened by the stigma of caste in which they are born. The other world is the vicious circle of the

sahukars, middlemen, policemen, keepers of law, bureaucrats and politicians.

- (c) The Champaran struggle can be termed as a huge success and victory because of the following reasons :
- (1) Gandhiji wanted to break the deadlock.
- (2) The amount of the refund was not important but the landlords obliged to surrender a part of the money and with it their prestige.
- (3) Lastly, the peasants had developed courage and learnt to amplify themselves. They had overcome their fear.
- (d) The semi-inflated rubber ring played the most significant role in Evan's escape. It was filled with pig's blood from the slaughterhouse in Kidlington. It was mixed with actual blood with 1/10th of its own volume of 3.8 per cent trisodium citrate. Evan covered his head and face with this blood and thus was able to hide his identity from the eyes of the prison officer.
- (e) Derry's mother did not want him to go back to visit Mr. Lamb because she did not want her child Derry to wander around and get influenced by others who laugh at him. She wanted him to think it out on his own. She is selfish and realizes that Mr. Lamb has played a more important role in Derry's life.
- (f) For the Tiger King, his selfish interests were more important. He wanted to marry the princess not for love but for his own greed. He wanted to marry a girl who had enough tigers in her father's kingdom as he had to kill 30 more tigers to complete his mission of killing 100 tigers.

10. Answer the following question in 120-150 words: [6]

In one's approach to life one should be practical and not live in a world of dreams. How is Jansie's attitude different from that of Sophie ?

OR

Fear is something that we must learn to overcome if we want to succeed in life. How did Douglas get over his fear of water ?

Answer :

It is definitely true that one should have a realistic approach to life. It is better to be practical and down-to-earth than to be lost in the world of dreams. There is a total contrast

between the attitudes of Sophie and Jansie. They are poles apart as far as their thinking is concerned. Jansie is extremely practical and down-to-earth and knows that they were earmarked to work in the biscuit factory, after finishing their high school.

Sophie is unrealistic and highly imaginative. She dreams of impossible careers — like becoming an actress, opening a boutique or becoming a fashion designer. Even when the entire family laughs at her impossible expectations of life, she does not deter. She only confides in Geoff, her brother because he does not contradict her. She also daydreams about having a date with Danny Casey, the famous football player. She feels shattered as she only gets a fleeting glimpse of him among 10,000 spectators in the stadium.

OR

“All we have to fear is fear itself”, said Roosevelt. When the element of fear creeps in, even the best of ventures will prove to be unsuccessful.

Douglas had an aversion to water since his childhood. He was, when a bully pushed him into the water. The fear conquered his mind and he developed an aversion to water from then onwards. However, after a point, he felt upset as he could not indulge in water activities like fishing, canoeing, boating and swimming.

So he decided to overcome his fear of water. He appointed an instructor who trained him for 5 days. The instructor put a belt around him with a rope attached to the belt which went through a pulley that ran on an overhead cable. He held on to the end of the rope and went back and forth, week after week for nearly three months. The instructor made him put his face underwater and exhale, and then raise his nose and inhale. He held him at the side of the pool and made him kick the water with his legs. Piece by piece, Douglas became a swimmer and swam the length of the pool.

However, to fully reassure himself, he swam the length of the swimming pool alone in the absence of the instructor. He swam in Lake Wentworth in New Hampshire and the warm lake until he felt truly confident.

11. Answer the following question in 120-150 words : [6]

At the end of the storytelling session, why does Jack consider himself ‘caught in an ugly middle position’?

OR

It may take a long time for oppression to be

resisted, but the seeds of rebellion are sowed early in life. How did Zitkala-Sa face oppression as a child and how did she overcome it?

Answer :

Jack used to tell a story from his own imagination every Saturday night in order to make Jo asleep. He used to create a basic plot with a hero named Roger, who had a problem which had to be solved by the wizard who would send him to the wise owl, who would then guide him how to get the required pennies. Jo was a precocious child who raised a lot of questions. On that particular day, his chief character was a skunk, who wanted to have the smell of roses so that he could relate to his peer group. There was a big controversy about the ending of the story as Jo supported Roger skunk and Jack supported his mother. At the end of the story, Jo wanted the story to be altered so she refused to sleep. Jack went down to help his wife Clare. She was furious as she felt that he had spent too much time with Jo. Jack found himself to be caught in an ugly position as he felt inadequate and helpless, both as a father and a husband.

As a father he had not been able to make Jo sleep who was unhappy with the ending of the story and as a husband, his wife was angry at him and he felt like he had nothing to do with her.

OR

Childhood is a time when the mind is most formative. The experiences that take place in childhood are indelible. It is proved in the life of Zitkala-Sa, a Red Indian student who was enrolled in a boarding school run by Yankees. When Zitkala entered the school, she felt distinctly out of place and uncomfortable. Her shawl was pulled away and she was made to wear clinging short dresses and shoes instead of her usual moccasins.

When the bells started ringing, she misinterpreted the signal and did all the things in a wrong way. She felt that the teacher's eyes were always on her.

What angered her most was when she was warned by Judewin that her long hair was going to be cut. Her long hair was her identity and in their community, only mourners and cowards had their hair shingled.

Being an independent student, she decided to rebel against the system. She went to a large room and tried to hide under a large bed. However, she was pulled out, tied to a chair and her hair was cut. She felt that her individuality

had not been respected and she was just a puppet in the hands of the Yankees. However, through sheer determination and perseverance she worked hard. She became an eminent writer who championed the cause of her fellowmen.

12. Answer the following questions in 120-150 words : ** [6]

How does the perception and attitude of the villagers of Raveloe change towards Silas Marner from the beginning to the end of the novel ?

OR

How do you perceive Dr. Kemp based on his interaction with Griffin ?

13. Answer the following question in 120-150 words : ** [6]

How is Godfrey Cass different from his younger brother Dunstan ?

OR

“Misdirected and self-serving ambition essentially remains an exercise in futility.” Describe Griffin’s character in the light of the above statement.

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- (ii) Separate instruction are given with each section and question, wherever necessary. Read these instructions very carefully and-follow them faithfully.
- (iii) Do not exceed the prescribed word limit while answering the questions.

SECTION-A**(READING)****30**

1. Read the passage given below and answer the questions that follow : [20]

1. The sage of science, Einstein, was sitting in a depressive and pensive mood one evening. His eyes were brimming with tears. The pain was evident on his face. He peeped out of the window of his room. The sun had set a few minutes back. The sky was filled with a reddish glow. At this sunset, he felt that it was humanity that had sunk into devilish darkness and the reddish glow in the sky was the blood of humanity spilling all over the sky from earth. With tired steps, he walked back to his chair and settled down. It was the 9th of August 1945. Three days back, he had felt the same agony as if someone had torn him apart. He was deeply hurt and depressed when he heard on the radio that America had dropped an atom bomb on the Japanese city, Hiroshima. Today, within three days another bomb was dropped on another city, Nagasaki and lakhs of people had been killed.
2. He had heard that the blast released so much energy that it had paled all past destructions in comparison and death had played out a pitiable dance of destruction. The flames that broke out of the bomb were burning, melting and exploding buildings. Scared of the heat of the bomb, people had jumped into lakes and rivers, but the water was boiling and the people too were burnt and killed. The animals in the water were already boiled to death. Animals, trees, herbs, fragrant flowering plants were all turned into ashes. The atomic energy destruction had just not stopped there.

It had entered the atmosphere there and had spread radiation that would affect people for generations to come and would also bring about destructive irreversible biological change in animals and plants.

3. As the news of the atomic attack reached Einstein, and he became aware of the glaring horror of the abuse of atomic energy, his distress and restlessness knew no bounds. He could not control himself and picked up his violin to turn his mind on to other things. While playing the violin, he tried to dissolve his distress in its sad notes, but couldn't. He was burning on the embers of destruction; his heart was filled with an ocean of agony and tears just continued streaming uncontrollably out of his eyes. Night had fallen. His daughter came up and asked him to eat something as he had not taken anything for the last four days. His voice was restrained and he said, "I don't feel like eating."
4. He could not sleep that night. Lying down, he was thinking how he had drawn the attention of the then American President Roosevelt towards the destructive powers of an atomic bomb. He had thought that this would be used to scare Hitler and put an end to the barbarism that Hitler was up to. However, Roosevelt kept him in the dark and made false promises. Eventually, he had abused Einstein's equation of $E=mc^2$ that resulted in the destructive experiments. His actions had made science and scientists as murderers. Einstein kept on thinking for a long time. Eventually, he slipped into sleep. When he woke up at dawn, there was a new dawn in him too. The atomic threat had transformed his heart.
5. The next day, he decided to disassociate himself from the scientific policy of the government and all governmental institutions. He decided to open educational institutions for children, adolescents and youth—institutions where along with science, spirituality will be compulsorily taught.
6. To inaugurate this institution, he had invited two great philosophers, Bertrand Russell and Albert Schweitzer. Ten other great scientists who had own Nobel Prizes in different fields

were also invited. They all saw a different Einstein, not a great scientist but a sage in him. The institution was opened by garlanding a photo of Mahatma Gandhi. While garlanding the Mahatma, he became emotional and said with a lump in his throat, "I bow down to the great man who fought for the independence of his country through non-violence. He could do so because he was a truthful man and true spiritualist."

7. Those who teach science should be taught, spirituality too. Without harmony between science and spirituality, the destruction would continue unabated. A few years after this institution was built, a Japanese delegation came to meet him. Einstein broke down in the meeting and said, "You can give me any punishment and I will accept it. Anyway, I have decided to lead my life in penitence." The Japanese were moved by this sincerity and forgot their grief.

1.1 On the basis of your understanding of the above passage, answer each of the questions given below by choosing the most appropriate option : [1×5 = 5]

- (a) Besides two great philosophers how many other scientists were invited by Einstein to inaugurate the institution where spirituality would be compulsorily taught?
 (i) Five (ii) Ten
 (iii) Eight (iv) Fifteen
- (b) Which musical instrument did Einstein play when he was in grief?
 (i) Harmonium (ii) Guitar
 (iii) Violin (iv) Flute
- (c) Einstein came to know that America had dropped an atom bomb on the Japanese city, Hiroshima through
 (i) television
 (ii) newspaper
 (iii) radio
 (iv) a telephonic message
- (d) Which American President was told about the destructive power of an atomic bomb?
 (i) Kennedy (ii) Bill Clinton
 (iii) Lincoln (iv) Roosevelt

(e) Einstein said to the Japanese delegation,

- (i) "You can give me any punishment and I will accept it."
 (ii) "I am not at fault."
 (iii) "What could I do?"
 (iv) "The President didn't agree to my advice."

Answer :

- (a) (ii) Ten
 (b) (iii) Violin
 (c) (iii) Radio
 (d) (iv) Roosevelt.
 (e) (i) "You can give me any punishment and I will accept it."

1.2 Answer the following questions briefly: [1×6 = 6]

- (a) What did Einstein do to overcome his distress after getting the news of the atomic attack?
 (b) Which event in 1945, according to Einstein, turned science and scientists into murderers?
 (c) What did Einstein do to show his displeasure over the atomic attack?
 (d) Whose photo was garlanded at the inauguration of Einstein's institute for children, adolescents and youth?
 (e) Name the philosophers that Einstein invited to inaugurate the new institution.
 (f) Why did Einstein want harmony between science and spirituality while teaching in educational institutes?

Answer :

- (a) Einstein was extremely distressed after getting the news of the atomic attack. To distract his mind from this serious news, he picked up his violin and began playing sad notes on it. He did not even eat for four days.
 (b) In 1945, America had dropped atom bombs on the Japanese cities of Hiroshima and Nagasaki. The bombs made to scare Hitler and put an end to barbarism had been misused to kill many innocent lives. This event according to Einstein, turned science and scientists into murders.
 (c) To show his displeasure over the atomic attack, Einstein decided to disassociate himself from the scientific policy of the

government and all its institutions. He decided to open educational institutions where science and spirituality would be compulsorily taught to children, adolescents and youth.

- (d) The photo of Mahatma Gandhi was garlanded at the inauguration of Einstein's institute for children, adolescents and youth.
- (e) Two great philosophers, Bertrand Russell and Albert Schweitzer were invited by Einstein to inaugurate the new institution.
- (f) Einstein's fear of destruction due to the atomic bomb attacks transformed his thinking. He felt the need for bonding between science and spirituality to bring about harmony. This could bring a decrease in destruction of life and peace would prevail in the world.

1.3 Answer any three of the following questions in 25–30 word each :

[2×3 = 6]

- (a) What did Einstein feel while looking at the sunset from his room's window?
- (b) Give a brief description of the disaster when the atomic bomb was dropped on the Japanese city, Nagasaki.
- (c) What did Einstein think of Mahatma Gandhi?
- (d) What was Einstein's reaction when the Japanese delegation met him?

Answer :

- (a) Einstein with tears brimming from his eyes and pain evident in his face, peeped out of the window of his room. Looking at the sunset, he felt the sinking of humanity into a devilish darkness and the reddish glow in the sky felt like human blood spilling all over the sky from the earth. He was torn apart.
- (b) The explosion at Nagasaki caused death, burning, melting and exploding of buildings. The water in the lakes and rivers was boiled hot leading humans as well as aquatic animals to death.

All living and non-living things were turned into ashes.

- (c) Einstein thought of Mahatma Gandhi as a great man who used non-violence as his tool while fighting for his country's independence. Einstein referred to the Mahatma as a truthful and spiritualist man.
- (d) Einstein, on meeting the Japanese delegation, broke down and announced that he was ready for any punishment given to him. He also spoke of his decision to lead the rest of his life in penitence.

1.4 Find words/phrases from the passage which are similar in meaning to each of the following : [1×3=3]

- (a) mental pain (para 1)
- (b) agreement (para 7)
- (c) regret/remorse (para 7)

Answer :

- (a) agony (b) harmony
- (c) penitence

2. Read the passage given below carefully and answer the questions that follow : [10]

1. To live in harmony with oneself and the environment is the wish of every human. However, in modern times greater physical and emotional demands are constantly placed upon many areas of life. More and more people suffer from physical and mental tension such as stress, anxiety, insomnia, and there is an imbalance in physical activity and proper exercise. This is why methods and techniques for the attainment and improvement of health, as well as physical, mental and spiritual harmony, are of great importance, and Yoga meets this requirement.

2. The word "Yoga" originates from Sanskrit and means "to join, to unite". Yoga exercises have a holistic effect and bring body, mind, consciousness and soul into a balance. In this way Yoga assists us in coping with everyday demands, problems and worries. Yoga helps to develop a greater understanding of our self, the purpose of life and our relationship with God.

3. On the spiritual path, Yoga leads us to supreme knowledge and eternal bliss in the union of the individual Self with the universal

Self. Yoga is that supreme, cosmic principle. It is the light of life, the universal creative consciousness that is always awake and never sleeps, that always was, always is, always will be.

4. Many thousands of years ago in India, Rishis (wise men and saints) explored nature and the cosmos in their meditations. They discovered the laws of the material and spiritual realms and gained an insight into the connection within the universe. They investigated the cosmic laws, the laws of nature and the elements, life on earth and the powers and energies at work in the universe—both in the external world and on a spiritual level. The unity of matter and energy, the origin of the universe and the effects of the elementary powers have been described and explained in the Vedas. Much of this knowledge has been rediscovered and confirmed by modern science.
5. From these experiences and insight a far-reaching and comprehensive system known as Yoga originated and gave us valuable, practical instructions for the body, breathing, concentration, relaxation and meditation. The system “Yoga in Daily Life” is taught worldwide in Yoga Centres, Adult Education Centres, Health Institutions, Fitness and Sports Clubs, Rehabilitation Centres and Health Resorts. It is suitable for all age groups—the name itself indicates that Yoga can be and should be used “in Daily Life”.
6. The exercise levels have been worked out in consultation with doctors and physiotherapists and can therefore — with observation of the stated rules and precautions—be practiced independently at home by anyone. “Yoga in Daily Life” is a holistic system, which means it takes into consideration not only the physical, but also the mental and spiritual aspects. Positive thinking, perseverance, discipline, orientation towards the Supreme, prayer as well as kindness and understanding form the way to Self-Knowledge and Self-Realisation.

2.1 On the basis of your understanding of the above passage, make notes on it using headings and subheadings. Use recognizable abbreviations (wherever necessary — minimum four) and a format you consider suitable. Also supply an appropriate title to it. [5]

2.2 Write a summary of the above passage in about 100 words. [5]

Answer :

TITLE : YOGA IN DAILY LIFE

1. Need for Yoga

- (i) Decreases mental and physical stress in daily life
- (ii) Attnt. and improv. of physical and mental health and spiritual harmony

2. Benefits of Yoga

- (i) Bal. of body, mind, consciousness and soul
- (ii) Cope with daily probs.
- (iii) Supreme knowldg. of union of indvl. self and univ. self

3. Practice of Yoga

- (i) Practical instructions for – body, breathing, concentration, relaxation, meditation
- (ii) Taught worldwide in Yoga Centres, Health Institutions, Rehabilitation Centres etc.

4. Yoga in daily life

- (i) Use of yoga daily for positivity in life
- (ii) Holistic system, considers physical, mental and spiritual aspects

Key to abbreviations

Attnt.	–	Attainment
Improv.	–	Improvement
Knowldg.	–	Knowledge
Indvl.	–	Individual
Bal.	–	Balance
Probs.	–	Problems
Univ.	–	Universal

SUMMARY

Today, people face greater physical and mental problems in their daily lives. These problems are related to lack of physical, mental and spiritual harmony. Yoga helps bridge this gap. “Yoga” originated from a Sanskrit word that means “to join” or “to unite”. Yoga exercises balance of body, mind, consciousness and soul. This in a way, helps us to tackle various problems that afflict us in our day-to-day life. The practice of Yoga has been prevalent since ancient times as prescribed in the Vedas. “Yoga in daily life” provides practical instructions for the body, breathing, concentration, relaxation and meditation. Yoga paves the way from self-knowledge to self-realization.

SECTION-B**(ADVANCED WRITING SKILLS) 30**

3. You are Dhruv/Deepa. Your father, Shri Dheeraj Garg of Gurugram wants you to draft an invitation to be sent to friends and relatives on the occasion of your elder sister's marriage. Prepare the invitation giving necessary details in not more than 50 words. [4]

OR

Water is precious and each one of us must stop its wastage to avoid its scarcity in the near future. Prepare a poster requesting people of your colony to adopt means to save water, prevent its wastage, etc. You are Rama/Rohan of Ashima Vihar, Saket, Ahmedabad. (50 words)

Answer :

Mrs. and Mr. Dheeraj Garg
solicit your gracious presence on the auspicious
occasion of the marriage of their daughter
Alisha
With
Rohan
(Son of Mrs. Kalpana and Mr. Nayak Sharma)
on
24th April 20XX
at 5 p.m. at
Diamond Party Lawn, S.V. Road, Gurugram
R.S.V.P :
Dheeraj Garg
B-1077, Green Enclave,
Gurugram With best compliments from
Ph.:9876543210 Deepa Sharma & All Relatives

OR

THERE'S NO TIME TO WASTE
SAVE WATER POST-HASTE

Save Water, Save
Lives

Every
Drop
Counts

Do your part
to save
Water today !
Conserve Water By :

- Turning off the tap when not in use.
- Use a bucket to bath, to ensure minimum consumption of water.

- Avoid water leakage in tanks.
- Check taps repeatedly for water leakage.
- Promote rain water harvesting technique.

Issued in Public Interest by Rama/Rohan
N. Ahimsa Vihar, Saket, Ahmedabad

4. Kerala was badly hit by floods due to heavy rains. Even today the victims are suffering financially, physically and mentally. Write a letter in 120 – 150 words to the Editor. 'The Times of Kerala' giving details of the loss of life and property. Also, make an appeal to the people and the Government to provide help and relief to the afflicted. You are Varun/Vandana, 31 Shastri Nagar, Trichi. [6]

OR

You are Shobha/Sushil from 56, A Block, Saket, Agra. Write an application along with a personal resume in 120–150 words in response to the following advertisement.

Wanted an experienced hockey coach having B.P.Ed Degree for our school. Apply to the Principal, Agarsen Public School, Agra by 15th March, 2019.

Answer :

31 Shastri Nagar,
Trichi

3rd March 20XX

The Editor
The Times of Kerala
Thiruvandapuram

Subject : Relief for survivors of floods in Kerala
Sir/Madam,

Through the columns of your esteemed and widely read newspaper, I would like to highlight the present conditions of the people affected by the floods that devastated Kerala last year.

The floods that caused a lot of death and destruction in 'God's own land' has left behind a trail of victims a year after it wreaked havoc in the state. These survivors of the flood are still struggling to deal with the consequences on their own. They are dealing with the physical damage as well as the mental and emotional trauma that comes with having survived the event without those that are dear to them. These people have lost their livelihood and some have even lost mobility and structure.

I request you to highlight their plight in the

newspaper. They are in need of the basic necessities and more. Any help offered by the government and the people reading this, would make a world of change in their lives.

Yours respectfully,
Varun/Vandana

OR

56, A Block, Saket
Agra

10th March 20XX

The Principal
Agarsen Public School
Agra

Subject : Application for the post of hockey coach.

Sir/Madam,

In response to your advertisement in the Indian Express dated 5th March, 20XX for the position of hockey coach, I hereby offer my candidature for the same. I believe that my experience and background fit your requirements for the position.

I have had the pleasure to be the hockey coach at St. Stephen's College, Delhi for the last five years and the pleasure of assisting the esteemed coach Pramod Srivastav at Tripti High School for four years as well. I have two Bachelor's degrees, one in Physical education and another in Education. Coaching students has been my passion and I am sure that I can work well with the team. Both the teams I have worked with previously have been able to play in multiple competitions statewide. I have received positive feedback from the students, the parents and the school.

You may call me for an interview on any date as per your convenience. I shall be able to join my duties at one month's notice if appointed. As requested, I have enclosed my resume with this letter.

Yours sincerely,

Shobha /Sushil

Encl. : Resume

RESUME

Name : Shobha / Sushil
Father's Name : Mr. Krishna
Age : 32 years
Address : 56, A Block, Saket Agra
Hobbies : Music, Reading, Researching, Photography

Languages Known : Hindi, English

Nationality : Indian

Educational

Qualifications : Graduation with First Division in B.P. Ed from Delhi University
B.Ed. with First Division from Delhi University

Experience : Worked as a Hockey Coach for five years at St. Stephen's and as Assistant Coach for four years at Tripti High School, Delhi

Expected Salary : Negotiable

References : 1. Mr. Pramod Srivastav (Head Coach), Tripti High School, New Delhi
2. Mr. Matthew (Principal), St. Stephen's, Delhi

5. You are concerned about the cleanliness of parks, roads and even your school premises. In spite of various measures taken by local and school administration, lack of cleanliness is still a problem. You are Namita/Keshav. Prepare a speech in 150–200 words to be delivered in the morning assembly of your school on the topic, 'Cleanliness is the Responsibility of All.' [10]

OR

Write a debate in 150 – 200 words either for or against the motion :

'Stray dogs should not be put to sleep'.

Answer :

CLEANLINESS IS THE RESPONSIBILITY OF ALL

Honorable Principal, teachers and all my dear friends, Good Morning to all!

I am Keshav/Namita of class XII C. It's a great honour for me to stand before everyone and deliver a speech on the importance of cleanliness.

Today, I would like to address the idea of cleanliness in our locality. Specifically, I would like to talk about cleanliness in public spaces such as parks and roads as well as other spaces that host large groups of people simultaneously such as our school.

Local authorities have taken various measures to combat this issue of keeping an area clean by fining people for littering in public spaces and banning defecation in open spaces. The school also has rules regarding cleanliness and certain punishments for littering. However, I feel that these don't seem as useful because the job of cleaning up has been left to the custodians, both in school and in these public spaces. It is a state of sorry to see people twice our age cleaning up after the future citizens of a country. It is important for us, as students to start realizing that cleanliness of a space is not a job that we should be pushing onto other people, but something we should be doing as a personal responsibility as good citizens.

It is important that each of us as citizens do our part in maintaining the cleanliness of our surroundings. It can be as simple as picking up any piece of paper we drop or making sure that the things we are throwing away are inside the wastebaskets. These small steps can have a large impact, so to all of us, I say it is time for us to stop thinking of the idea of cleanliness and start doing what we can to make a clean and healthy environment a reality. Thank you.

OR

STRAY DOGS SHOULD NOT BE PUT TO SLEEP

Honourable judges, teachers and my worthy opponents. A very good morning to all of you gathered here. Today, I am glad to have the opportunity to speak for the topic "Stray Dogs Should Not Be Put To Sleep". This topic is one that can be emotional to many. I shall be focusing on both the emotional and factual aspects of this topic.

The saying "a dog is man's best friend", has been around for centuries. For years, we have taken care of them and they have been nothing but loyal to us. They don't demand much from us except for love and attention. The stray dogs that roam in the streets should be seen from another point of view they are as the dogs that have not had the love and care that animals need to survive. Their aggressiveness comes from a place of fear for those who have hurt them, thrown stones at them and yelled at them multiple times. Had people seen these vulnerable creatures and shown them affection and care, then they would not need to be treated in such a harsh manner.

Studies have shown that most stray dogs have lesser health problems and are friendlier when

given love and attention. Maintaining these breeds who are well-adjusted to the Indian climate is less costly than getting a costly breed. I believe that the issue of having strays on the roads could have been tackled with a little love and care. They wouldn't have been strays in the first place if we were more accommodating to this breed. So, extermination is not the right solution. Instead, we should spread awareness about these beautiful God's creation and encourage people to adopt them.

In conclusion, I would like to point out that putting down animals that have never had the opportunity to be loved as they should have because of decisions made by humans, is a selfish act.

6. Abundance of advertisements in newspapers, magazines and even on television is a wastage of both time and money of readers and viewers. You are Shobha/Sameer. Write an article in 150 – 200 words on the topic, 'Excessive Use of Advertisements in Media'. [10]

OR

An NGO, 'Health for All' organised a health check-up camp in a slum at Amritsar. You are Ruchika/Raunak, and you visited the camp. Write a report in 150-200 words covering arrangements such as registration, check-up, tests carried out, etc.

Answer :

EXCESSIVE USE OF ADVERTISEMENTS IN MEDIA

By Shobha/Sameer, XII A

Mark Twain once said, "Many a small thing has been made large by the right kind of advertising". Today's media platforms contain more ads than the content itself and this applies to all form of media that we choose to entertain ourselves with. To the media, advertising is more profitable than the content they provide.

Televisions today show more advertisements than the actual content and newspapers contain more ads per page than it does the actual information. Magazines are even more confusing, often giving articles that serve no purpose other than to convince the reader to buy the product advertised on the next page. These advertisements waste the money of those who have subscribed to the product or service for the sake of information. Furthermore, it is statistically shown that the advertisements make people believe that they are missing out on trends leading to excessive consumerism and materialism.

Taking everything into account, it is important to note that reducing the amount of advertising present in the media might have a positive impact. Perhaps, the space allotted to advertisements can be kept as a percentage of information and content presented in order to ensure that the content takes precedence over the advertisements.

OR

HEALTH CHECK UP CAMP IN A SLUM

By Ruchika/Raunak

Amritsar, March 20XX : A health camp was organised in a slum in Amritsar by the NGO 'Health for All.' The camp was set up in such a way that each person who opted to get the health checkup first had to register at the counter by giving his name and age. Once the check-up was completed, the people were requested to submit the forms at the registration desk.

Upon registration, the people were required to visit a general physician, a dentist, and an optometrist. Once the available doctors had examined them, the participants were required to get a blood test done. For most people tested, it was a basic work-up of their non-fasting blood sugar and other related tests. However, for those who suffered from other diseases, the doctors made a note of it in the form given to them, requesting specific tests be done to understand the severity of the condition. Financing for additional tests were also covered by the medical laboratories associated with the NGO.

The results of these tests shall be available to the NGO in a few weeks' time and then the doctors and volunteers will return to the slum to treat or advice as necessary to the participants that require it. It was refreshing to see a huge turn-up for this eye-opening event.

SECTION-C

(LITERATURE : TEXTBOOKS AND LONG

READING TEXT)

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7. Read the extract given below and answer the questions that follow : [1×4=4]

Perhaps the Earth can teach us
as when everything seems dead
and later proves to be alive.

Now I'll count up to twelve
and you keep quiet and I will go.

- Name the poem and its poet. [1]
- What does the Earth teach us? [1]
- What does the poet want to achieve by counting up to twelve? [1]
- Give an example of what now seems to be dead but later on becomes alive. [1]

OR

A thing of beauty is a joy forever
Its loveliness increases, it will never
Pass into nothingness; but will keep
A bower quiet for us, and a sleep
Full of sweet dreams, and health, and quiet
breathing.

- Name the poem and its poet. [1]
- How does a thing of beauty remain a joy forever? [1]
- Explain : 'never pass into nothingness'. [1]
- How does the bower help us in our life? Give two examples. [1]

Answer :

- The poem is 'Keeping Quiet' and the poet is Pablo Neruda.
- The earth teaches us to be patient, productive and to live in tranquility.
- The poet wants to enlighten us on the importance of patience and meditation by counting up to twelve. By remaining still and through reasoning, we can achieve to be positive and overthrow the negativity within us.
- A seed when falls into the earth and dies, grows into a plant which bears fruit, gives shade when it grows into a tree, and helps the environment.

OR

- The poem is 'A Thing of Beauty' and the poet is John Keats.
- A thing of beauty is eternal as it revives our memories and leaves a positive influence on our minds. As time passes by, its beauty only increases with time. This only helps in providing everlasting joy to the eye of the beholder.
- Joy that lasts in beauty is everlasting, its importance never diminishes but grows with time.
- Bower is a peaceful dwelling place that helps us in our life. Under the shade of the tree, it provides us protection from the sun and rain. It is also a safe and quiet place for rest and meditation.

8. Answer any four of the following question in 30 – 40 words each : [3×4=12]

- 'Garbage to them is gold.' Why does the author say so about the ragpickers of Seemapuri?
- Which two incidents in Douglas' early life made him scared of water ?
- Why was the crofter so talkative and friendly with the peddler?

- (d) "It ate my face up. It ate me up." Who said these words? Why?
- (e) Why did Evans not take off his hat when Jackson ordered him to do so?
- (f) Why did Zitkala-Sa resist the shingling of her hair?

Answer :

- (a) Rag picking is a means of survival to the ragpickers of Seemapuri. They sell all that they pick from the heap of garbage in exchange for money to meet their needs. At times, they even find currency notes and coins in it. To these ragpickers, garbage is equivalent to treasures of gold.
 - (b) At the age of three or four, Douglas was knocked down by strong waves of the Yakima river. As a result, Douglas was almost buried under water, and got breathless. Later, at the age of ten or eleven, he was tossed in the YMCA pool by a senior where he ended up swallowing water. These two incidents played a powerful role in developing Douglas' aversion to water.
 - (c) The crofter was a lonely old man living all alone with no family. He craved for a human company. Therefore, when the peddler requested the old man for shelter, the old man, in his generosity and need for someone to talk, welcomed the peddler for supper.
 - (d) Derry showing his inferiority complex, says these words since he is often singled out by people as an ugly poor boy due to his acid-burnt face. As a result of his injury and the behavior of the people in his community, he looks down upon him self as an outcast.
 - (e) Evans had long wavy hair and covered it with a hat as after the exam he was going to impersonate Mcleery and escape from the prison. Mcleery had short hair so Evans had cropped up his hair and did it under the hat. He confided in Jackson that the hat was the only lucky charm that had brought him luck in his life and so refused to take off his hat.
 - (f) Zitkala-Sa had learned from her mother that hair shingling was done only to unskilled captured warriors by the enemy. In her family, short hair was considered to be a sign of mourning and cowardice.
9. Answer any one of the following questions in 120 – 150 words : [6]
- (a) Everybody during the last lesson was filled with regret. Comment.
 - (b) Why is the Champaran episode considered to be the beginning of the Indian struggle for independence?

- (c) It is not unusual for a lower middle class girl to dream big. How unrealistic were Sophie's dreams?

Answer :

- (a) The story, "The Last Lesson" is set during the Franco-Prussian War when the French districts of Alsace and Lorraine passed into the hands of Prussia. The Prussian government then made the declaration that only German was to be taught in the schools in Alsace and Lorraine. This order affected the local public badly and each one of them was repenting for wasting time and not learning French. Each person in the class was filled with regret. The French language teacher, M. Hamel felt guilty for sending his students to complete his personal tasks. The parents of the students never bothered to send their children to class but instead preferred that the children work on the farm or at mills. Even the older people in the room like old Hauser, the former mayor, the former postman and other elders of the village showed regret on neither learning French themselves nor encouraging their children to learn the language.
- (b) India was under the suzerainty of the British power for more than a hundred years before the incident at Champaran. The people of India were tired of the unjust rules and policies of the British. The landlords at Champaran were forced to grow indigo in 15% of the available land and then surrender the entire harvest as rent. When the peasants learned about the development of synthetic indigo, they demanded for their money. Gandhiji managed to get the amount back and provided courage to the peasants. The incident at Champaran was an attempt to alleviate the distress of large numbers of poor people. At Champaran, Gandhiji received the support of thousands of people. The peasants became aware of their rights, grew more courageous and began to contribute to the movement. Gandhiji successfully implemented the method of non-violence and non-cooperation. Therefore, it can be said that the Champaran episode is the beginning of the Indian struggle for independence.
- (c) Sophie the protagonist of the story "Going Places" comes from a lower middle-class background and like most girls, she tends to have escapist tendencies. Her background limits her aims and ambitions. Comparatively, her best friend Jansie and her family try to limit her from day-dreaming. Sophie dreams of things that she

cannot have like buying a boutique. When questioned about how she would go about achieving this dream, she mentions that she would do that through a manager job like Mary Quant or by being an actress, or a fashion designer. She constantly dreams of upgrading her life despite the unrealistic demands of her dreams. The sad reality is that these unrealistic dreams simply distract a person from their goals. It makes a person crave for excuses and separates them from the realities of the world. Sophie's dreams and ambitions coupled with her crush on Daney Casey are so unrealistic that they separate her from the realities of her world.

10. Answer any one of the following questions in 120–150 words : [6]

- (a) Describe the efforts made by the Tiger King to achieve his target of killing a hundred tigers.
- (b) Explain the reaction of Dr. Sadao's servants when he decided to give shelter to an enemy in the house.
- (c) Describe Jack's art of storytelling.

Answer :

- (a) The Maharaja of Pratibandapuram was known as the Tiger King. At the time of his birth, the astrologers had declared that the prince would die one day. At that prophecy, the ten-day-old prince asked the astrologers to reveal the manner of his death. The wise men, though baffled by this miracle, declared that the prince's death would come from a tiger. When the Prince came of age, he took matters in his own hands and killed a tiger. On sharing these details with the astrologer, he stated that it did not mean that the King was safe. As a matter of fact, he must be careful about the hundredth tiger. Thereafter, the King decided to kill a hundred tigers. He, thus, got the name 'Tiger King'. In his initial years as a king, he killed around seventy tigers. He also killed around twenty-nine tigers in the forest belonging to his father-in-law. Somehow a hundredth tiger was arranged for him to kill but the tiger did not die when it was shot. Later, the soldiers killed the tiger and with this, the King achieved his dream of killing a hundred tigers.
- (b) Dr Sadao Hoki resided along the coast in Japan with his wife Hana. During the war, he was not sent along with the other troupes because the General was under his treatment

and needed Dr Sadao's services. On one occasion, Dr Sadao saw an injured young American soldier in need of his help. He brought the soldier home and began treating him. The servants were frightened and puzzled. As a matter of fact, the old gardener declared that Dr Sadao ought not to heal the wound of that white man because he should have been dead also as he was their enemy. He also believed that the soldier was first shot and then the sea caught him and wounded him with her rocks. If Dr Sadao healed what the shot and the sea had done, then Dr Sadao and the servants would have to suffer. They were also skeptical because the man was their enemy and if the news of the man at the house spread, then their lives would be in danger. The servants finally chose to leave the house altogether.

- (c) Storytelling is a ritual for Jack and his four-year-old daughter Jo. He aims to express his wisdom, art and creativity infused with cunningness through his stories. Jack begins his story telling sessions in the evenings and before Saturday naps. The originality of these stories are that they all revolve around a tiny creature called Roger. His stories more or less follow one pattern with minor variations depending on the theme for the day. Each story begins and describes a Roger who may be a squirrel, a fish or a chipmunk. The stories also have a wise owl and a magic wand wielding wizard. Each story is a lesson in morals. Jack successfully manages to capture the attention of his daughter because he understands her span of attention while using his creativity to create the desired effect. He can imitate different voices and uses this positive attribute to communicate his ideas in an enthusiastic manner. Each of these stories are his own invention and he uses this talent along with his other talent of adopting the right facial expressions to capture his daughter's interest and provide life lessons along the way.

11. Answer any one of the following questions in 120–150 words : ** [6]

- (a) Describe the burglary that took place at Mr. Bunting's house. (The Invisible Man)
- (b) How did Griffin move about in the village of Iping?
- (c) Why does Silas return to Lantern Yard after having lived and prospered at Raveloe? How does his visit prove useful to him?
- (d) How was Silas transformed completely with the arrival of a child?

** Answers are not given due to change in present syllabus

12. Answer any one of the following questions in 120 – 150 words : ** [6]

- (a) Describe Nancy Lammeter's personality and approach to life. (Silas Marner)
(b) Write a character sketch of Godfrey Cass. (Silas Marner)

- (c) Marval is the only character in 'The Invisible Man' who interacts with Griffin and gains something. Elaborate.
(d) How did Dr. Kemp use the information given to him by Griffin himself to get him arrested? Was he successful in doing so?

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SET II

Time allowed : 3 hours

Maximum marks : 100

Note : Except for the following questions, all the remaining questions have been asked in previous sets.

SECTION-B

(ADVANCED WRITING SKILLS)

4. The elderly living alone in cities are not safe. Reports of violence against them are really very disturbing. The recent murder of two elderly persons has rocked the city. It seems the police are not taking adequate steps to make the elderly feel safe and secure. Write a letter in 120-150 words to the Editor, 'Modern Times' to draw the attention of the law and order authorities to the problem and take effective steps to deal it. You are Sohan/Sangeets, 12, Roshan Colony, Alampur. [6]

OR

You have read an advertisement in the newspaper, 'Pune Times' for the post of software engineer in Alex Software, Pune. You believe that you possess the requisite qualifications and experience and your innovative ideas will prove an asset to the company. Write an application in 120-150 words emphasising your strong points and your suitability for the post. Also include your biodata. You are Saurabh/Shikha, 12, Mall Road, Chandigarh.

Answer :

12 Roshan Colony,
Alampur

3rd March 20XX

The Editor
Modern Times
Alampur

Subject : Safety precautions for the elderly in the city.

Sir/Madam,

Through the columns of your esteemed newspaper, I, on behalf of the residents of Roshan Colony, wish to bring to your kind attention, the murder of the two elderly people that have taken place recently. As a resident of the area in which the attack took place, I write to point out the lack of protection that the seniors are offered.

The recent murders, while brutal, are not a surprising phenomenon considering the lack of proper precautions taken to ensure the safety of the elderly. While I mourn the loss of the two souls that were attacked, I also fear for those who are still with us. It is even more surprising to see that despite these attacks, very little is done to ensure their safety. It is important, in today's times that the authorities take proper precaution for those in our communities who are the most vulnerable i.e., the elderly.

I believe that highlighting it through your newspaper would bring it to the attention of the proper authorities so that they can take appropriate and legal steps to ensure the safety of the elderly at the earliest.

Thanking you,

Yours respectfully,
Sangeeta/Sohan

OR

12, Mall Road
Chandigarh

10th March 20XX

The Manager
Alex Software
Pune

**Answers are not given due to change in present syllabus

Subject : Application for the post of a Software Engineer

Sir/Madam,

In response to your advertisement in the Pune Times dated January, 20XX for the post of a software engineer, I hereby offer my candidature for the same. I believe that my skills and qualifications match your requirements.

I have worked as a software engineer at GnC for the last eight years. It has been my dream to work in this sector which is playing such an important role in the development of society. My area of specialty is user interface and coding. I have been appreciated for my efficiency by my previous employers. If given the opportunity, I am sure I will be able to prove my capabilities to you as well.

I would be glad to get this opportunity and speak more about my work in a personal interview. I am available to come to Pune at your convenience. Thank you so much for reading my letter and for considering me for this position. I am enclosing my detailed resume for your perusal.

Sincerely,

Shikha / Saurabh

Encl. : Detailed Resume and Work Experience Certificate

RESUME

Name	: Shikha / Saurabh
Father's Name	: Mr. Amit
Age	: 36 years
Address	: 12, Mall Road, Chandigarh
Hobbies	: Coding, Reading, Music, Photography and Sports
Languages Known	: Hindi, English, Marathi and Punjabi
Nationality	: Indian
Educational Qualifications	: Graduation with First Division in Computer Engineering from IIT Delhi Diploma in Graphic Design from Ace Design Academy
Professional Qualification	: Diploma in Computers from Aptech with first division
Experience	: Worked as a Manager

– Technology for eight years at GNC, Mumbai and Software Engineer for two years at Tonarry Tech, New Delhi

Expected Salary : Negotiable

References : 1. Mr. Agarwal (Director), GNC, Mumbai
2. Mrs. Shah, Principal, IIT Delhi, New Delhi

5. Career conscious students focus primarily on academics and neglect participation in games and sports, not realising how important physical activities are. You are Vineet/Vinita. Prepare a speech in 150–200 words to be delivered in the morning assembly of your school on the topic, 'Balancing Academics and Sports.' [10]

OR

Write a debate in 150–200 words either for or against the motion :

'21st century is an age of greed'.

Answer :

BALANCING ACADEMICS AND SPORTS

Dear audience; Good morning to all. I, Vineet/Vinita, feel extremely happy as it's a matter of great privilege for me to deliver a speech on the topic, "Balancing Academics and Sports".

Today is a beautiful day for playing outside, and yet, many of our students and my fellow classmates, will skip the chance to play in favour of another round of revision of our study materials. This is done in hopes of improving their scores and having a better career, a better future. However, in doing so, they are ignoring one very important factor that is essential for a successful future i.e., health.

While pulling away from the books to play or participate in sports for a while might sound like a huge sacrifice, it is a necessity. Finding a balance between sports and academics ensures success in the future. It has been proven that our brain cannot process all the information given to it without breaks. Sports and other physical activities help our brain process things faster. Focusing solely on academics leads to anxiety, distress and depression in students.

I would like to conclude this speech by saying that health is something to be treasured, we can never regain it if lost. Hence, Sports should be an integral part of the curriculum. Focusing all our energy on academics at such a crucial age can have a huge effect that can change our lives. Thanks to all for being so generous in listening to my views so attentively and patiently.

OR

21ST CENTURY IS AN AGE OF GREED

Respected chairperson, members of the jury and my worthy opponents, I, xyz of class XII am glad to have the opportunity today to argue against the motion that "21st Century is an age of greed".

The notion that the 21st century is full of greed is one that is easy to arrive at. Today we have more material comfort than we probably know what to do with and a great divide in the incomes that people earn. Yet, we are in a time when more people are giving to charity than ever before. In the past few years, those who can, have started donating generously to multiple causes. There exist NGO's and charities that help people with everything from getting back onto their feet after a natural disaster to curing terminal illnesses. What is important to note is not just that these charities exist, but that there is an increasing number of people giving generously towards various causes. As a matter of fact, social media has played an important role in encouraging people to donate to the right medium.

To conclude, I would like to point out that while there is an increasing number of products, technological advances and services people are paying for, there is a balanced increase in the amount that people are giving to those in need. Thank You!

SECTION-C**(LITERATURE : TEXTBOOKS AND LONG READING TEXT)**

8. Answer any four of the following questions in 30 – 40 words each : [3×4=12]

- (a) What are the two most admirable qualities in Mukesh ?
- (b) What is wrong with Jansie's outlook on life?
- (c) What does Neruda wish fishermen and warmongers to do ?
- (d) How is the Derry we meet at the beginning different from the Derry at the end ?
- (e) Why was the General apologetic when Sadao told him that the prisoner had escaped?
- (f) Why did Zitkala-Sa oppose tooth and nail the shingling of her long hair ?

Answer :

- (a) Two admirable qualities in Mukesh are that he dares to dream and is focused on achieving them. Mukesh refuses to accept his destiny as a bangle-maker like his father and ancestors. He is ready to walk the long distance from his house to the garage where could learn to be a motor mechanic which he aims to be.
- (b) Jansie is too pragmatic towards how she perceives things to be. She is not flexible about her dreams and believes that she will continue to be in the position that they currently live in. Jansie is realistic and constantly keeps Sophie's day-dreaming in check.
- (c) Neruda is a lover of peace and non-violence. He wishes that the fishermen do not hunt the whales in the cold regions. He also wishes that the warmongers who normally indulge in wars and violence, walk with their brothers in some of their best clothes in the shade of trees, doing nothing.
- (d) Derry at the beginning of the story is a very negative person and because of his ugly appearance, hides away from the crowds. He believes that the acid has eaten his skin and him alive. He feels that he doesn't need any second chance to live. However, Derry at the end of the story is more optimistic and practical. He decides to live happily by being friendlier with people.
- (e) The General believed that Sadao was indispensable to his life as none were as skilled as Dr Sadao. When Sadao told him about the prisoner who had escaped, he was apologetic as he had forgotten about his promise of sending assassins to kill the enemy, that he made to Sadao, in his greed and selfish needs.
- (f) Zitkala-Sa opposed tooth and nail the shingling of her long hair because she remembered her mother's words. Her mother told her that shingling of the hair was done to the prisoners of the war. In their culture, only mourners and cowards kept short hair.

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English 2019 (Outside Delhi)**SET III****Time allowed : 3 hours****Maximum marks : 100**

Note : Except for the following questions, all the remaining questions have been asked in previous sets.

SECTION-B**(ADVANCED WRITING SKILLS)**

5. Respect for law, concern for others and maintaining a clean environment are some of the qualities of a civilized person. It is sad that we do not pay much attention to them. You are Shoma/Sonu. Write a speech in 150–200 words to be delivered in the morning assembly on the topic, 'Importance of Civic Sense'. [10]

OR

Write a debate in 150–200 words either for or against the motion :

'Money is the only thing that matters in today's life'.

Answer :**IMPORTANCE OF CIVIC SENSE**

Dear Friends and Faculty, I, Shoma/Sonu of class XII-C, wish all of you a very good Morning. I am privileged to present my views on the importance of civic sense with you today.

How often have we seen people spitting on the roadside? How often have we seen people standing, watching someone else in pain? How many of us leave the lights on when we don't really need it?

We see these things on a daily basis. We curse the people who do these things but then we do it ourselves too. We say to ourselves, "Why should I stop when no one else is?" We forget that every single person's actions matter.

We live in a time where we stand at the edge of irreversible changes. In such a time, it becomes more important than ever that we hold on to our civic sense. If we continue to live as individuals rather than a society on this planet, just functioning based on rules that ensure our mere survival, then there will come a time when the society will never be the same. Knowing this, it becomes even more important to emphasize the importance that civic sense can have in our very lives. It is high time that we all start to live with civic sense and social mannerism for a cleaner and healthier environment. This will help us change the society at the earliest.

Thank you.

OR**MONEY IS THE ONLY THING THAT****MATTERS IN TODAY'S LIFE**

Honourable judges, teachers and my worthy opponents, today, I am glad to receive this opportunity to present to you my side for the argument "Money is the only thing that matters in today's life".

In today's society, having money can be the difference between life and death. It has become common knowledge to know that one can get anywhere if the right people are on your side. The way our society is built, the value placed on money and having more of it has led to the rise of Billionaires with so much wealth that they no longer are in touch with how the common man survives and in the same place, we have people who cannot access basic necessities because of the lack of funds.

This disparity does not reduce as time goes on, it grows. This is because access to good education, high-paying jobs and better accommodations are available only to those who have the money to afford it. While it is easy to say that the younger generations place less importance on money, it is only those with money that can say this. Without money, one cannot get anywhere in today's society. At the end of the day, one can't help but agree that money moves the world around.

6. The tendency to use violence at the slightest provocation and thus to solve personal and general problems is growing among people in our society. This is not a civilized way of dealing with the problems. Violence solves no problem; it must be shunned. Write a article in 150–200 words on the topic, You are Shan/Shobha. [10]

OR

The Fine Arts Club of your school celebrated its tenth anniversary in a grand manner. Distinguished artists Pt. Jasraj, Hariprasad Chaurasia and the veteran Kathak dancer Shovana Narayan graced the occasion and enthralled the audience by their mesmerizing compositions. Shovana Narayan's graceful movements were a delight to watch. The function ended with two lilting songs by Shambu, a class 10th student of your school. Write a report in

150–200 words on the event, to be published in your school magazine. You are Sohan/Sakhi, Secretary of the Club.

Answer :

‘DON’T TAKE LAW INTO YOUR OWN HANDS.’

By Shobha / Shan

“An eye for an eye makes the whole world blind.” This was stated by Mahatma Gandhi when our nation was fighting for its independence from the British Raj. Yet, today our nation faces the growing problem of violence at the slightest provocation.

All it takes for a violent attack on another person is their presence. Women have been attacked for working at officer or studying in colleges because others believe they do not have the right to be there, people of different race or colour are abused and attacked verbally or physically simply for existing in a certain space. The tendency to hate is strong. There is a growing crowd of both victims and perpetrators and sometimes one can’t help but wonder if the need to rely on the laws of the land is indeed worthwhile.

Sadly, taking matters into one’s hands are not the methods through which problems are truly solved. All violence does is to breed more violence. It is important to take steps to help people find the right way to solve problems, through the use of words over actions. This can only be done if there are proper precautions in place for people who act out aggressively with the barest hint of provocation. It is time that we, as a society, look at the problem of violence more seriously and try to find a solution together.

OR

10th ANNIVERSARY OF THE FINE ARTS CLUB

By Sakhi / Sohan, Secretary of Fine Arts Club
Last Friday marked the tenth anniversary of our school’s Fine Arts Club. To commemorate this achievement, a grand celebration was held to honour the milestones achieved by the club. The celebration, lasting nearly an entire day, included a variety of renowned artists and veterans of the business as well as performances by the club members. Held at the School Auditorium, the Club is proud to say that the entire hall was full of guests as well as audiences. Aside from the notable faces, the crowd also held parents of the club members as well as outsiders who had

bought tickets to attend the event.

The audience was treated by performances of the distinguished artists such as Pt. Jasraj and Hariprasad Chaurasia. Their performances captivated the audience and their compositions moved the audience changing the air of the entire celebration. We were also graced with the veteran Kathak dancer Shovana Narayan who gave us the honour of performing on the stage.

In grand finale of the show, there were two songs performed by Shambu, a class 10 student and a club member. The talented and heart-wrenching performance earned a standing ovation from the audience and there were requests for an encore, which we were unable to perform due to time constraints. The President of the club presented the vote of thanks after which light refreshments were served.

SECTION–C

(LITERATURE : TEXTBOOKS AND LONG READING TEXT)

8. Answer any four of the following questions in 30 – 40 words each : [3×4=12]
- What steps did Gandhiji take to remove the cultural and social backwardness in the rural areas of Champaran ?
 - Why was the crofter so kind and generous to the peddler ?
 - Give examples from ‘Keeping Quiet’ to show that Neruda was peace loving.
 - How did Annan’s advice to his sister Bama impact her ?
 - What dilemma did Sadao and his wife face when they saw the wounded American soldier ?
 - How did Jo want the story narrated by her father to end ?

Answer :

- The social and cultural backwardness in the rural areas of Champaran caused Gandhi a great pain. His appeal for teachers was responded by several people. In about six villages, primary schools were opened. Gandhi’s wife and youngest son also came to Champaran to help him. Kasturba taught personal cleanliness and community sanitation to the people. Gandhi also managed to get the help of a doctor who with three medicines, tried to fight the miserable health conditions of Champaran.
- The crofter was a lonely old man living all

alone with no family. He craved for a human company. Therefore, when the peddler requested the old man for a shelter the old man, in his generosity and need for someone to talk, welcomed the peddler for supper.

- (c) We know that the poet Neruda is a peace-loving person through several instances in the poem. He cares for both humans and nature. In the poem, Neruda wishes that fishermen do not hunt whales, he wants the man who is collecting salt to stop for a while and see the self-harm it is doing and lastly, he wishes that people who run about indulging in wars, to stop what they are doing and instead, embrace peace with their brothers.

- (d) Annan told his sister Bama that they were born into the untouchable caste and they did not have any honor or dignity. The only way to earn their due respect was to go ahead in

life by studying hard. These words changed Bama's attitude towards life. She took her brother Annan's advice seriously and excelled in her academics. She stood first in her class and this gained her the respect of people as well as friends.

- (e) Dr. Sadao and his wife found the wounded American soldier on the beach near their house. The soldier needed an immediate medical attention which Dr. Sadao could give. If Dr. Sadao sheltered the American soldier, they could be arrested. However, if they handed the soldier to the police he would surely die. Thus, Dr. Sadao was in a dilemma.
- (f) The story narrated by Jo's father ended with Roger the skunk's mother hitting the wizard for making her son smell like roses. Jo did not like this ending. She wanted the wizard to hit Roger's mother back for not letting his

English 2019 (Delhi)

SET I

Time allowed : 3 hours

Maximum marks : 100

Note : Except for the following questions, all the remaining questions have been asked in previous sets.

son live happily.

SECTION-A (READING)

1. Read the passage given below : [20]

- All of the Earth's ocean share one thing in common : plastic pollution. Discarded plastic bags, cups, and bottles make their way into the sea. Today, it seems that no part of the ocean is safe from plastic trash. In recent years, oceanographers have searched in vain for a pristine marine environment. They have found plastic everywhere they have looked. "It is a common global problem, we can't point to a single habitat or location with no plastic."
- Plastic harms wildlife and introduces dangerous chemicals into marine ecosystems—communities of organisms interacting with their surroundings. Once plastic enters the environment, it lasts a long time. Scientists are working to prevent plastic pollution from entering the sea.

- When people litter, or when trash is not properly disposed of, things like plastic bags, bottles, straws, foam beverage cups get carried to the sea by winds and waterways. About 80 percent of ocean plastic originates on land. The rest comes from marine industries such as shipping and fishing.
- In 2015, engineer Jenna Jambeck at the University of Georgia and other researchers calculated that at least 8 million tons of plastic trash is swept into the ocean from coasts every year. That's the equivalent of a full garbage truck of plastic being dumped into the sea every minute. If current trends in plastic production and disposal continue, that figure will double by 2025. A report published by the World Economic Forum last year predicts that by 2050, ocean plastic will outweigh all the fish in the sea.
- In today's world, plastic is everywhere. It's found in shoes, clothing, household items, electronics and more. There are different types of plastics, but one thing they all have in common is that is that they're made of polymers – large molecules made up of repeating units. Their chemical structure gives them a lot of advantages: they're cheap and easy to manufacture, lightweight, water-

- resistant, durable, and can be moulded into nearly any shape.
6. Unfortunately, some of the properties that make plastics great for consumer goods also make them a problem pollutant. Plastic's durability comes in part from the fact that unlike paper or wood, it doesn't biodegrade, or break down naturally. Instead it just fragments, or breaks into tiny pieces over time. These tiny pieces, known as microplastic, can potentially stick around for hundreds or perhaps even thousands of years.
 7. Another problem with plastics is the other chemicals they contain, like dyes and flame retardants. When plastic isn't disposed of properly, these additives end up in the environment. Plastic also tends to absorb harmful chemicals from its surroundings. "It's like a sponge for persistent organic pollutants." These long-lasting, toxic substances include pesticides and industrial chemicals. If plastic absorbs the chemicals, and marine organisms eat the plastic, they may be exposed to higher concentrations of these contaminants.
 8. One of the biggest impacts of plastic pollution is its effects on sea life. Seals, sea turtles, and even whales can become entangled in plastic netting. They can starve to death if the plastic restricts their ability to move or eat. Or the plastic can cut into the animals' skin, causing wounds that develop severe infections.
 9. Sea turtles eat plastic bags and soda-can rings, which resemble jellyfish, their favourite food. Seabirds eat bottle caps or chunks of foam cups. Plastic pieces may make an animal feel full, so it doesn't eat enough real food to get the nutrients it needs. Plastic can also block an animal's digestive system, making it unable to eat.
 10. Plastic and its associated pollutant can even make it into our food supply. Scientists recently examined fish and shell-fish bought at markets in California and Indonesia. They found plastic in the guts of more than a quarter of samples purchased at both locations. In organisms that people eat whole, such as sardines and oysters, that means we're eating plastic too. In larger fish, chemicals from plastic may seep into their muscles and other tissues that people consume.
 11. One way to keep the ocean cleaner and healthier is through cleanup efforts. A lot of plastic waste caught in ocean currents eventually washes up on beaches. Removing it can prevent it from blowing out to sea again. Beach clean-up is ocean clean-up.
 12. Cleanup efforts can't reach every corner of the ocean or track down every bit of microplastic. That means it's critical to cut down on the amount of plastic that reaches the sea in the first place. Scientists are working towards new materials that are safer for the environment. For example, Jambeck and her colleagues are currently testing a new polymer that breaks down more easily in seawater.
 13. "Individual actions make a big difference," says Jambeck. Disposing of plastic properly for recycling or trash collection is a key step. "And simple things like reusable water bottles, mugs, and bags really cut down on waste," she says. Skipping straws or using paper ones helps too. Ocean pollution can seem overwhelming, but it's something everyone can help address. This is a problem we can really do something about.
- 1.1 On the basis of your understanding of the above passage, answer each of the questions given below by choosing the most appropriate option : [1×5=5]**
- (i) Percentage of ocean plastic that originates from land is :
 - (a) 20% (b) 50%
 - (c) 80% (d) 25%
 - (ii) In which year did Jenna Jambeck and other researchers calculate that at least 8 million tons of plastic trash is swept into ocean every year?
 - (a) 2018 (b) 2015
 - (b) 2005 (d) 2010
 - (iii) Plastic is not biodegradable because it is made up of :
 - (a) low atomic particles
 - (b) tiny particles
 - (c) strong big particles
 - (d) large molecule polymers
 - (iv) Sea turtles eat :
 - (a) plastic bottles
 - (b) plastic bags and soda-can rings
 - (c) bottle caps
 - (d) chunks of foam cups
 - (v) Scientists bought fish and shell-fish for examination at markets in :

- (a) China and Russia
- (b) Pakistan and Afghanistan
- (c) California and Indonesia
- (d) Australia and Brazil

Answer :

- (i) (c) 80% (ii) (b) 2015
- (iii) (d) large molecule polymers
- (iv) (b) Plastic bags and soda-can rings
- (v) (c) California and Indonesia

1.2 Answer the following question briefly:

[1×6=6]

- (i) Which articles made of plastic generally cause pollution in the sea ?
- (ii) How does plastic in oceans harm marine ecosystems?
- (iii) How is microplastic formed?
- (iv) Why is plastic compared to a sponge?
- (v) What is the biggest impact of plastic pollution on sea life?
- (vi) How are scientists trying to reduce the plastic pollutants?

Answer :

- (i) Discarded plastic bags, cups and bottles cause pollution in the sea.
- (ii) Plastic absorbs dangerous chemicals from its surroundings that include pesticides and other industrial chemicals. When marine life eats the plastic, they may be exposed to higher concentration of these contaminants.
- (iii) Plastic doesn't biodegrade or breakdown naturally. It just breaks into tiny pieces which are known as microplastic.
- (iv) Plastic tends to absorb harmful chemicals from its surroundings which is why it is compared to a sponge. It's like a sponge for persistent organic pollutants.
- (v) The biggest impact of plastic pollution on the life is that seals, sea turtles and even whales can become entangled in plastic netting. They can starve to death if plastic restricts their ability to move or eat. It can cut into the animals' skin and may cause wounds.
- (vi) To reduce the plastic pollutants, scientists are working towards new materials that are safer for the environment. They are testing a new polymer that breaks down more easily in seawater.

1.3 Answer any three of the following questions

in 25-30 words each :

[2×3=6]

- (i) How does plastic waste enter the ocean?
- (ii) How is it true to say that plastic is everywhere in today's world?
- (iii) Which property of plastic makes it a problem pollutant?
- (iv) What has scientist Jambeck suggested for having cleaner and healthier oceans?

Answer :

- (i) When people litter or when trash is not properly disposed of, things like plastic bags, bottles, straws, foam, beverage cups get carried to the sea by winds and waterways. This is how plastic waste enters the oceans. About 80% of ocean plastic originates on land. The rest comes from marine industries such as shipping and fishing.
- (ii) Its true to say that in today's world, plastic is everywhere as it's found in shoes, clothing, household items, electronics and more.
- (iii) Some of the properties of plastic make it a problem pollutant. Unlike paper or wood, it doesn't biodegrade or breakdown naturally. Instead, it just fragments or breaks into tiny pieces known as microplastic which potentially sticks around for hundreds or perhaps thousands of years.
- (iv) Jambeck has suggested that individual actions make a big difference. Disposing of plastics properly for recycling or trash collection is a key step. Skipping straws or using paper ones helps too.

1.4 Pick out the words/phrases from the passage which are similar in meaning to the following :

[1×3=3]

- (i) unspoiled (para 1)
- (ii) long lasting (para 5)
- (iii) people working together (para 12)

Answer :

- (i) pristine (ii) durable (iii) colleagues

2. Read the passage given below :

[10]

1. Getting enough sleep is an important as taking time out to relax. A good night's sleep is essential for preserving the health of your brain and gives you the best chance to meet the coming day with a razor sharp mind. An

average person needs about six to eight hour sleep a night—although it is also true that you need slightly less than this, as you grow older—another advantage of aging stress and sleep deprivation often feed on each other, since stress tends to make it harder for you to fall asleep at night and sleep deprivation in itself causes stress.

2. Eventually, too little sleep can dramatically interfere with the performance of your memory—something you obviously want to prevent. If you are not getting enough sleep, try going to bed 30 to 60 minutes earlier than your normal bed time for a few days. Lie down on the bed and try to relax by dissociating yourself from your daily routine work. This is normally enough to catch up on any sleep deprivation.
3. If, however, you suffer from insomnia you should seek the advice of your doctor. The chances are it is already affecting your ability to remember and recall information – and if you are struggling to improve your memory scores, this could be at the root of your problem. Prolonged periods of insufficient sleep can deplete your immune system, make you more accident prone and even cause depression—this can also reinforce a more negative outlook on life, which can contribute to your stress burden. The good news is that your memory and mood should automatically improve once you improve your sleep patterns. Tackle your sleep issues and everything else should fall into place.
4. Because stress management is so essential to maximize your brain power, if you are not in the habit of setting aside time to relax, make it a priority to do so. Even a minute or two of deep breathing can start to work wonders. Often the best ideas and memories can come to you when you are in a state of relaxation as it is during these moments that you brain stores, processes and plays with the information it has received.
5. Meditation has long been part of religious and spiritual life, specially in Asia. Today, more and more people are adopting it in Western countries also, for its value of developing peace of mind and lowering stress. There is some evidence that regular meditation can have real sleep gain and health benefits particularly in terms of protecting your brain against aging.

2.1 On the basis of your understanding of

the above passage, make notes on it using headings and subheadings. Use recognizable abbreviations (wherever necessary—minimum four) and a format you consider suitable. Also supply an appropriate title to it. [5]

2.2 Write a summary of the above passage in about 100 words. [5]

Answer :

TITLE : BENEFITS OF A GOOD SLEEP

1. Imp. of enough sleep

- (i) Essential for the health of the brain
- (ii) Gives chance to meet the cmng. day with a razor sharp mind
- (iii) Avg. person reqrs. six to eight hour sleep a night

2. Effects of little sleep or insomnia

- (i) Interferes with memory
- (ii) Depletes immune system
- (iii) Makes you accident prone
- (iv) Causes depression

3. Stress mngmnt. and meditation

- (i) Max. brain power
- (ii) Brings best ideas and memories
- (iii) Develops peace of mind
- (iv) Protects brain against aging

Abbreviations Used		
Imp.	–	Importance
Cmng.	–	Coming
Avg.	–	Average
Reqs.	–	Requires
Mngmnt.	–	Management
Max.	–	Maximise

SUMMARY :

Good sleep is necessary for a healthy brain. Six to eight hours sleep a night is required for an average person. Too little sleep or insomnia interferes with the performance of memory and can lead to depression. It further adds on to stress burden. Good sleep patterns help to improve mood and memory. Besides, stress management also maximizes brain power. Relaxed mind is a home for best ideas and memories. Meditation, which has been a part of religious and spiritual life particularly in Asia, develops peace of mind and lowers stress, regains sleep and health. Western countries are also adopting meditation for the same reason.

SECTION-B
(ADVANCED WRITING SKILLS)

3. You are Principal of National Public School, Jaipur. You require a TGT (Maths) for your school. Draft a suitable advertisement in not more than 50 words for the 'Situations Vacant' column of 'The National Times' stating essential and desirable qualifications, experience etc. of the candidates. [4]

OR

Arts Club of your school is going to organize a drawing and painting competition. Write a notice in not more than 50 words, to be displayed on the school notice board, inviting students to participate in it. Give all the necessary details. You are Rishabh/Ridhima, Secretary, Arts Club, Sunrise Public School, Gurugram, Haryana.

Answer :

SITUATION VACANT

National Public School requires a trained, efficient maths teacher below 35 years of age for teaching IX and X classes. The candidate must be B.Ed and possess an experience of teaching for five years in a reputed school. Walk-in-interview on 20th April from 9.00 a.m. to 11. a.m. in the Principal's office. Contact :
Principal,
National Public School,
F-16, Durgapura, Jaipur

OR

SUNRISE PUBLIC SCHOOL, GURUGRAM
NOTICE

5th September, 20XX

DRAWING AND PAINTING
COMPETITION

This is to inform all the students of the school that 'Arts Club' is going to organize a drawing and painting competition for classes V to X on Saturday, 19th September in the school Crafts Room between 10.a.m to 12.00 p.m. Those who are willing to participate can give their names to their respective class teachers.

Rishabh/Ridhima
Secretary
Arts Club

4. You have realized the necessity of education and financial independence of women for their family, society and in turn for the nation. Write a letter to the Editor, 'The National Times'

highlighting your ideas on the importance of education of women leading to a better status for them. You are Tarun/Taruna, B-7/9, Mall Road, Delhi. (100-125 words) [6]

OR

You bought a refrigerator two months ago from Mohan Sales, Ashok Vihar, Bangalore. It has developed certain problems regarding its functioning. Cooling has stopped and it is making a lot of noise. Write a letter of complaint to the Manager asking him for immediate repair/replacement of the same. You are Sachin/Shashi, 61 Pratap Enclave, Bangalore. (100-125 words)

Answer :

B-7/9, Mall Road
Delhi

14th November, 20XX

The Editor
The National Times
Delhi

Subject : Importance of Education for Women
Sir,

Through the columns of your esteemed newspaper, I would like to highlight the issue of women education in our country. Education plays a vital role in improving the socio-economic conditions of our nation and educating women holds an important position in this regard. Earlier, women's education was forbidden in our society but today women are highly educated and qualified professionals and scholars. There are women judges, doctors, executives, entrepreneurs, engineers, pilots and sportspersons in the country today. Women are present in every walk of life, competing with men quite successfully and this is possible only because they are given proper education facilities and opportunities. They can prove to be productive for the welfare of the society as well as the country if their education is given due importance like their male counterparts. Today, women even provide financial support to their family also.

It is said that a child's first school is her/his home and for that purpose, the mother needs to be educated enough. This not only helps the child but also helps in improving women's status and position in her family. For a developing

country like India where women form half of the population, it's important to educate women for the betterment of the their family, society and in turn for the nation.

I hope my thoughts will persuade the people to act towards the betterment of women.

Thanking You

Yours faithfully

Tarun/Taruna

OR

61, Pratap Enclave
Bangalore

10th August, 20XX

The Manager
Mohan Sales,
Ashok Vihar
Bangalore

Subject. : Complaint regarding defective refrigerator

Sir,

Two months ago, I purchased a double door five star Samsung refrigerator in the colour cherry red, model no. A 233408 vide cash memo no. 453, dated 10th June, 20XX from your showroom. I was extremely happy to have purchased such a branded product but to my utter disappointment, it has not been working properly for the past few days.

Though for the first six weeks, it gave a trouble-free service but after that it started having problems. Its cooling has stopped and it makes a lot of noise too. Sometimes it even gives shock and gets heated quickly.

Therefore, I request you to send your service engineer to check its functioning. In case if there is any serious technical fault, I would like you to replace it as it is under the warranty period. I hope you would do the needful.

Thanking You

Yours faithfully

Sachin/Shashi

5. Write a debate in 150-200 words either for or against the motion : 'Capital Punishment should be abolished.' [10]

OR

Regular practice of yoga is useful in maintaining good health. It is also important for good concentration and peace of mind. You are Shivam/Shabnam.

Write a speech in 150-200 words to be delivered

in the morning assembly of your school, highlighting the impact of yoga in our life.

Answer :

CAPITAL PUNISHMENT SHOULD BE ABOLISHED

FOR THE MOTION :

Honorable Judges, Respected Principal, Teachers and my dear friends! Good Morning. Today I feel privileged to present my views in favour of the motion 'Capital Punishment should be abolished'. Before starting of, I would like to explain what 'Capital punishment' is? It is actually the death penalty given by the government of a country to the person who has committed any serious crime. In my opinion, 'Capital Punishment' should be abolished. By giving someone a death penalty, it doesn't mean that the crime is over or the victim is given justice. Instead, they should be punished in such a way that would make them realize and feel the pain and embarrassment from deep inside the heart. As we know that the crime graph is rising higher day by day and it's not possible to hang all the criminals to death for their heinous crimes. So the accused must be given punishment that would make others afraid and they dare not think of committing crimes in future.

Moreover, death penalty is not for the democratic countries and civilized societies. It is not considered just and appropriate as in some cases influential and rich people hire good and reputed lawyers and could be saved if it falls on them. But on the other hand, those who cannot afford a good lawyer, succumb to death. Therefore, it is not justified. Rather imprisonment is far better to make a criminal realize his fault and to give him an opportunity to reform himself.

AGAINST THE MOTION :

Honorable Judges, Respected Principal, Teachers and my dear friends ! Good Morning. Today I stand before you to present my views against the motion 'Capital Punishment should be abolished'.

For any crime there is a punishment and certain crimes are so ghastly for which capital punishment must be given to the criminals, otherwise the justice would be denied to the victim. Besides, the criminals will get the opportunity to commit a more crimes. If they wouldn't the fear of death, they would continue their wrongdoings. If capital punishment will be abolished, the other criminals will feel free to do such things in future which is unacceptable in the society as well as in the country. When a person commits a crime, he tries to escape the punishment by offering

bribe to the police officials or jail authorities or hiring an influential lawyer. Even if he gets life imprisonment, it is nothing in front of the pain he caused to the victim.

Countries like United States of America give capital punishment to the criminals to lower the crime rates. If a person commits serious crimes like murder or rape, they should be given death penalty so as to give perceptual relief to the victim's relatives. In a lot of cases, when the criminals are excused, they repeat the gruesome crimes. To avoid such situation, death penalty is must as it would refrain others from doing crimes and make the society safe. It is an appropriate punishment for the accused and also for those who continue to commit crimes even after being released from the jail.

OR

IMPACT OF YOGA IN OUR LIFE

By Shivam/Shabnam

Good Morning everybody, I am Shivam/Shabnam, a student of class XII of your school. It is a great opportunity for me to share my views on the topic 'Impact of Yoga in our life' in today's assembly.

Yoga is not merely a physical exercise which includes stretching, breathing or twisting the body in different ways, but it results into a healthy development of mind, body and soul. Today's sedentary lifestyle has invited many diseases where man has limited time to spare for his health. It is also important for good concentration and peace of mind. With regular practice of yoga, we tend to become more sensitive to the kind of food our body asks. With the genuine effort made by our honorable Prime Minister Mr. Narendra Modi, it is celebrated every year on 21st June. Not only Indians but the whole world has accepted the power of yoga. A few minutes of yoga helps to get relief from stress. It helps detox the body and de-stress the mind. Yoga is the best way to calm a disturbed mind and increase the level of well-being in a person. On the other hand, yoga postures massage organs and strengthen muscles; breathing techniques and meditation release stress and improve immune system. Yoga and meditation work on keeping the mind happy and peaceful. When we feel drained out of energy, a few minutes of yoga can provide the freshness and energy back to our body. It also helps in improving body postures. Today, students face many problems due to the burden of studies and

feel depressed but yoga acts as the stress buster for them. In many schools yoga is practiced on the daily basis as a part of curriculum. Hence, we too should add yoga to our daily routines for a healthy life.

Thank you.

6. **Hard work and punctuality are essential for a happy and successful life. They help in meeting the desired targets of our life. You are Kavya/Kanha. Write a article in 150-200 words highlighting the importance of hard work and punctuality in a student's life.** [10]

OR

In your locality a blood donation camp was organized by an NGO- 'For Your Health'. Many people visited the camp and donated blood. Write a report in 150-200 words for a local newspaper covering the arrangements, doctors, team, refreshment served etc.

Answer :

IMPORTANCE OF HARD WORK AND PUNCTUALITY IN STUDENT'S LIFE

By Kanha/Kavya

Punctuality is a trait which makes a man successful in life and if it is accompanied with hard work, nothing can stop him from reaching the zenith of success. In a student's life, punctuality is must so that he/she can achieve good scores. A hard working and punctual student is respected and liked by all whether it is his teachers, society, family or friends. Students should follow the examples of great leaders like Abdul Kalam Azad in order to achieve success and fame. Being punctual refers to the quality to be on time and to complete every task in a systematic way. It encourages the student to do the work on time and keep an update of everything. This quality can be developed at any stage of life but if it is developed during childhood, it would prove to be better. Hard work and punctuality gives fruitful results in the long run. Lack of punctuality and hard work causes harmful effects. It is only the result of hard work and efforts of the scientists that the world has developed so far. Only hard work and punctuality make a student stand aloft the others and lack such trait make them lag behind. It is truly said that time is priceless. Once you have lost it, you can never get it back.

OR

BLOOD DONATION CAMP

By XYZ, staff reporter

24th June, 20XX: 'A blood donation camp' was organized by an NGO 'For Your Health' yesterday in our society. A team of eminent doctors and their efficient staff attended the camp. The main objective of organizing this camp was to emphasize the need of creating awareness among the people about the need of blood donation. People in large numbers came to donate blood whole-heartedly for this noble cause. It was so overwhelming to see their enthusiasm. The event made it clear that there are still lots of people who give their selfless contribution to save the life of others. Blood donation is ranked as the highest form of service towards mankind. Addressing the gathering, the chief of medical staff told that it was a matter of pleasure to see the enthusiastic response of the public for such a cause. He further added that donating blood regularly doesn't affect the health at all. Impressed by his speech, many people took an oath to donate blood whenever required.

At the end of the event, juice, fruits and other healthy refreshments was given to all those who donated the blood. Overall, the camp was a big success.

SECTION-C

(LITERATURE : TEXT BOOKS AND LONG READING TEXT)

7. Read the extract given below and answer the questions that follow : [1×4=4]

I looked again at her, wan, pale
as a late winter's moon and felt that old
familiar ache, my childhood's fear,
but all I said was, see you soon, Amma,
all I did was smile and smile and smile.....

- (i) Name the poet and the poem.
(ii) What was the poet's childhood fear?
(iii) What is the poetic device used in line 1-2?
(iv) Explain : 'late winter's moon.'

OR

.....The stunted, unlucky heir
Of twisted bones, reciting a father's gnarled
disease.

His lesson, from his desk. At back of the dim
class

One unnoted, sweet and young. His eyes live in
a dream.

Of squirrel's game, in tree room, other than this.

- (i) Who is the unlucky heir?

- (ii) What has he inherited?
(iii) Who is sitting at the back of the dim class?
(iv) How is he different from rest of the class?

Answer :

- (i) Kamala Das is the poet and the name of the poem is 'My Mother at Sixty-Six'.
(ii) The poet's childhood fear was that her mother would leave her alone and go away.
(iii) The poetic device used in lines 1-2 is simile.
(iv) Late winter's moon appears dull and hazy and it has no brightness. Similarly, poet's mother also looks tired and lifeless.

OR

- (i) The unlucky heir is the boy with the stunted growth.
(ii) He has inherited his father's gnarled disease of twisted bones.
(iii) A young, sweet, unnoted boy is sitting at the back of the dim class.
(iv) He is different from the rest of the class as he is lost in the world of his dreams of a bright future and he isn't sad or morbid like others.

8. Answer any four of the following questions in 30-40 word each : [3×4=12]

- (i) Who did M. Hamel blame for the neglect of learning on the part of boys like Franz?
(ii) How did the instructor turn Douglas into a swimmer?
(iii) Why do you think Gandhiji considered the Champaran episode to be a turning point in his life?
(iv) What made the chief astrologer place his finger on his nose?
(v) How did the writer indicate that Dr. Sadao's father was a very traditional and conventional man ?
(vi) How does Jo want the story to end? Why?

Answer :

- (i) M. Hamel blamed the parents for the neglect of learning on the part of boys like Franz because their parents wanted them to work on farm to earn some money. Franz himself wanted to enjoy his time and thus, avoided going to school. M. Hamel blamed himself too for the neglect as he made the boys work in the garden which made them miss their lessons and whenever he wanted to go fishing, he gave them a holiday.
(ii) Douglas was afraid of water and he wanted to overcome his fear. So he took the help of an instructor who taught him the strokes

in swimming, how to inhale and exhale and how to use his limbs and his hands in water. He put a belt around Douglas during practice and after perfecting each part, he built a complete swimmer out of Douglas.

- (iii) Gandhiji considered the Champaran episode as the turning point of his life because after this episode, the peasants realized their rights and came out of the fear of British landlords. They also got 25% of their land tax as compensation money. This was also the beginning of the cultural, economic and social transformation of the peasants in India. The British were forced to leave the lands of the peasants and hence, the peasants became the owner of their own lands.
- (iv) The Chief astrologer placed his finger on his nose because he was astonished when he heard the ten-day-old royal infant uttering the words so clearly in his little squeaky voice. The chief astrologer took off his spectacles and gazed intently at the baby in sheer surprise.
- (v) Dr. Sadao's father was a very traditional and conventional man. He was a gentle and quiet person who never joked or played with his son. Sadao's education was his chief concern. He bestowed infinite pains upon Sadao, who was his only son. He was strict but a caring and loving father. He considered arranged marriage the best and believed in the purity of race.
- (vi) Joe wants another ending of the story. She wants that the wizard should slap Roger Skunk's mother because of her silly action and take a revenge. By changing the end, she wants to force her views on her father.

9. Answer any one of the following in 120–150 words : [6]

- (i) "Seemapuri, a place on the periphery of Delhi yet miles away from it, metaphorically." Explain.
- (ii) 'The Rattrap' focuses on human loneliness and the need to bond with others. Comment.
- (iii) Attempt a character sketch of Sophie as a girl who lives in her dreams.

Answer :

- (i) The story 'Lost Spring' revolves around the pathetic lives of the poor children who live in the slums and work in unhygienic conditions.

Seemapuri is a slum area on the periphery of Delhi with a settlement of more than 10,000 rag pickers. Those who live here are

squatters who came from Bangladesh back in 1971. They live in the structures of mud with roofs of tin or tarpaulin, devoid of sewage systems, drainage or running water. One may think that the life of people living on the periphery of the national capital must be very easy-going, rich and good but it is all opposite. They have no identity or permits except ration cards as food is more important to them than any identity. Children grow up only to become the supporters of their parents in survival. To them, garbage means 'gold'. It is their daily bread, a roof over their heads. It is a gift for them because whenever they find some silver coin in a heap of garbage, they hope to survive on it for some days.

- (ii) 'The Rattrap' is a bit philosophical story which tells that the world is a trap and the materialistic things are bait. In the story, the author tells that humans need someone to share their joys and sorrows. They can't live alone and that's why they are called social animals. In the story too, the peddler is lonely and so is the crofter. The peddler is a lonely man who sells rattraps to avoid his loneliness whereas the crofter is an old man who has neither wife nor child. Due to his loneliness, he wants someone to talk to. So he becomes talkative and friendly with the peddler and allows him to have a conversation with him. He not only gives him a shelter but also gives him the food to eat and tobacco to smoke. He tells the peddler everything about himself and his earnings. On the other hand, the iron master and his daughter are also lonely. They have lots of money but no companion and so they request the peddler to spend Christmas with them.

- (iii) It is a natural thing for teenagers to dream. It is a part of their life but sometimes these dreams are impractical and non-realistic and when they are shattered, they cause a lot of pain.

In the story 'Going Places', the author has described the feelings and dreams of such a girl Sophie who was a school-going teenager. She was a day-dreamer who fantasizes her future life with Danny Casey, a football player from Ireland. She dreamt of having met him twice in the arcade. For her, he was the hero to be worshipped. She also thought of owning a boutique despite her weak financial status. She was blind to the bitter truth of life. She dreamt of an imaginary life, full of beautiful things. She also dreamt of becoming an actress as there was lot of money and fame in that profession. She

wanted to be a fashion designer too. Overall, she wanted to lead a lavish and a grand life against which her father and friend Jansie had warned her. Her dreams were unrealistic in the sense that ultimately she would have to work in a biscuit factory as planned. She wanted to have the things which were impossible.

10. Answer any one of the following in 120–150 words : [6]

- (i) Derry and Mr. Lamb both are victims of physical impairment, but their attitudes towards life are completely different. Elaborate.
- (ii) Write a character sketch of the Governor of Oxford Prison based on the story, 'Evans Tries an O-Level'.
- (iii) Why did Bama stroll in the market place instead of hurrying back home? Describe the sights she enjoyed seeing there.

Answer :

- (i) Derry and Mr. Lamb both are victims of physical impairment, but their attitudes towards life are completely different. Derry and Mr. Lamb have the same sense of loneliness and they both live a secluded life due to their physical disability. Mr. Lamb is disabled but calm and maintains peace with people around him. He has a tin leg as his real one was blown away in a war. He is not irritated by the children who call him 'Lamey-Lamb'. He always lives in peace. On the other hand, Derry has a burnt face as he got acid all down on his face in an unfortunate accident. He is always conscious of it and so gets alienated from the world. Before coming in contact with Mr. Lamb, Derry feels lonely due to the behavior of the people but Lamb inspires him and fills him with self-confidence and determination. His meeting with Mr. Lamb is a turning point in his life. He learns to live a respectful life. Mr. Lamb teaches him to live life to the fullest regardless of his disability. He tells him to move ahead in life as his brain and senses are competent enough. He imbibes positive attitude in him. He shows him the way to live in this world in spite of his disability because he could do much better than others.

- (ii) Governor of Oxford Prison was a generous and an understanding man who allowed Evans to appear for an O-level exam. Evans was a criminal and had escaped from jail earlier twice, so governor took all the

possible precautions for the smooth conduct of the examination. The examination had been arranged in the cell itself. The door was locked one day before and the security was made very tight. No visitors were allowed to see him and a microphone was fixed in the cell so that the Governor could hear every bit of a sound. Everything was checked thoroughly to ensure the ways that could help him escape. This shows that he was very wise; on the other hand he was so simple that he couldn't understand the cunningness of Evans. He didn't realize the extent of Evans, cunningness. Governor was also trusting and therefore, he was fooled by Evans again in the end.

- (iii) Bama stopped at the market place because she was surprised and excited to watch all the fun and games that were going on, different exhibitions, entertaining novelties and oddities in the streets, the shops and the bazaar. She took thirty minutes walking home from her school when she could have covered the distance in just ten minutes. The performance by the monkey and the snake charmer; the cyclist who had not got off his bike for three days, and who kept pedalling as hard as he could from break day; the rupee notes that were pinned on to his shirt to spur him on; the spinning wheels; the Maariyaata temple, the huge bell hanging there; the Pongal offerings being cooked in front of the temple; the dried fish stall by the statue of Gandhi; the sweet stall, the stall selling fried snacks, and all the other shops next to each other; the changing colour of street lights from blue to violet, clay beads, instruments for cleaning ears—all these things attracted her and kept her standing still for long.

11. Answer any one of the following questions in 120–150 words : ** [6]

- (i) Why was Mrs. Hall happy to have a guest at 'Coach and Horses' Inn? How did the stranger behave at the inn?
- (ii) Describe Mr. Marvel's meeting with the mariner at Port Stowe. What kind of person was the mariner?
- (iii) How did Dunstan Cass meet his end?
- (iv) Describe the circumstances under which Silas Marner had to leave Lantern Yard.

12. Answer any one of the following question in 120–150 words : ** [6]

- (i) How does the novel, 'The Invisible Man' highlight the theme of corruption of morals in the absence of social restriction?

** Answer are not given due to the change in present syllabus

- (ii) Compare and contrast Griffin (the invisible man) and Dr. Kemp as scientist and also as members of society.

(iii) George Eliot has portrayed Godfrey as a

- morally weak characters. Comment.
(iv) In 'Siles Marner', describe the role of Dolly Winthrop.

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SET II

Time allowed : 3 hours

Maximum marks : 100

Note : Except for the following questions, all the remaining questions have been asked in previous sets.

SECTION-A (READING)

- 1.4 Pick out the words/phrases from the passage which are similar in meaning to the following : [1×3=3]
(i) dropped/thrown (para 4)
(ii) unluckily (para 6)
(iii) look like (para 9)

Answer :

- (i) dumped (ii) unfortunately
(iii) resemble

SECTION-B (ADVANCED WRITING SKILLS)

5. Write a debate in 150–200 words either for or against the motion : Indulgence of the youth in the use of Internet is a great bane for them. [10]

OR

Outdoor exercise or morning and evening walk during winter months has become difficult in the polluted atmosphere of the metropolitan cities. In such a situation indoor (team) games have become very important. Write a speech in 150–200 words persuading your students to make more use of facilities for basketball, badminton etc available in your school. You are Principal of your school.

Answer :

INDULGENCE OF THE YOUTH IN THE USE OF THE 'INTERNET' IS A GREAT BANE FOR THE MOTION :

Honorable Judges, Respected Principal, Teachers and my dear friends! Good Morning. Today, I stand before you to speak in favour of the motion 'Indulgence of the youth in the use of internet is a great bane for them'.

Today we are living in a highly-technological and advanced world. Modern gadgets and the internet has become an integral part of

the youth's life. They live in a fascinating world where they want everything to move fast. Even while looking for the meaning of a word, the youngsters don't use dictionary, instead they switch over the internet to look for it. While scrolling through Facebook or Instagram, they feel that everyone is living a better life than them. This leads to frustration. This social media behavior is linked with major depression disorder. E-books have replaced printed books. An e-book reader uses rapidly changing technology to read books in a digital format. Then comes the mobile phones. There is no doubt that mobile phones have brought revolution in the field of communication and are considered as the biggest blessing of modern science. But it proves to be the most hazardous gadget as it distracts the youth from studies and their academic goals. Computers and internet have made every possible information accessible at one click but there are certain disadvantages which can't be overlooked. Over-dependency upon internet has made life sedentary which in turn, leads to many disorders like obesity, diabetes, heart problems and blood pressure.

Researches have proved over use of internet hampers intellectual growth, language development and innovative thinking. Therefore, I must say that too much indulgence in the use of internet is a great bane for the youth.

AGAINST THE MOTION :

Honorable Judges, Respected Principal, Teachers and my dear friends! Good Morning. Today, I stand before you to speak against the motion 'Indulgence of the youth in the use of internet is a great bane for them.'

In my view, indulgence of the youth in the use of internet is not a bane; rather it is a boon for them. The internet revolution has completely changed the lives of the youth today. The number of internet user has increased a lot due to easy accessibility and affordability. Whether it is homework, chatting, e-mailing, project work, information gathering or any other purpose, internet has occupied its solid space in

every home. The internet provides information on any topic and youth considers it the best source of gaining knowledge as it saves their time and energy comparatively if they look into books or anywhere else. Therefore, books have taken a back seat in this regard and internet has become more reliable. It is supposed to be multitasking and provides knowledge on the basis of students' ability and understanding. It makes the routine lesson interesting, motivating and exciting for students. It is accompanied with audio-visual aids which give pleasure in learning and the students' quest to know more increases. The internet is not only the source of getting information but it is equally an efficient means of communication. The world has shrunk due to it because e-mailing and chatting have paved a path to discuss and spread education on a large scale.

OR

THE IMPORTANCE OF INDOOR GAMES

Good Morning everybody! Today as we observe that life in metro cities has become very difficult due to the increasing rate of pollution, it's my duty to count on the hazardous consequences of the outdoor activities for all the students. Whenever we go out, we inhale smoke and poisonous gases along with oxygen. The burden of overgrowing population, unrestricted cutting of trees and unlimited urbanization has resulted in excessive pollution and so it has become impossible to do any outdoor exercise or morning and evening walk especially during harsh winters. Therefore, I would say that students must fully utilize the facilities of sports like badminton, basketball etc. available in the school as for good mental growth, we cannot deny the importance of these games. It helps to interact with each other as well. Children exchange ideas and thoughts while playing. As it is not possible to avail these facilities outside, our school has started the games within school premises. Trained coaches have been appointed for the students keeping in view the interest of the children in their respective field of interest. Students can play during zero periods and before the assembly. Provisions have been also made for evening training classes. These games are must for the children's balanced personality. Moreover, physical activities provide an outlet for the surplus energy.

Therefore, I would like all the students to make

use of the sports facilities available in the school for which no extra fee would be charged.

Thank you !

SECTION-C

(LITERATURE : TEXT BOOKS AND LONG READING TEXT)

8. Answer any four of the following question in 30-40 word each : [3×4=12]
- (i) Why did the village elders occupy the back benches in the classroom to attend the last lesson delivered by M. Hamel?
 - (ii) Why did William Douglas choose Y.M.C.A. pool when he decided to learn to swim?
 - (iii) What did Gandhiji do about the social and cultural upliftment of the Champaran villages?
 - (iv) What great miracle did the ten-day-old Jilani Jung Bahadur perform? How did it affect the people who listened to him?
 - (v) How did Dr. Sadao perform his duty as a patriotic Japanese ?
 - (vi) How can we say that Jack is a dominant male ?

Answer :

- (i) The village elders occupied the back benches in the classroom to attend the last lesson delivered by M. Hamel because they felt sorry for not attending the school ever. They wanted to show their sympathy and respect for the teachers. They thanked M. Hamel for his long and devoted service of forty years to teach the children of the school.
- (ii) William Douglas chose Y.M.C.A. pool when he decided to learn to swim because it was a safe and an ideal place for swimming. It was only two or three feet deep at the shallow end; and while it was nine feet at the other, the drop was gradual whereas Yakima river was dangerous and many people had drowned in it earlier.
- (iii) For social and cultural upliftment of the Champaran villages, Gandhiji did many things. He fought for the justice to the sharecroppers of Champaran. The sharecroppers got freedom from the prolonged fear of the British landlords only due to him. He decided to eradicate illiteracy by opening primary schools over

there. His wife Kasturba taught the lessons of cleanliness and sanitation to the people. A doctor volunteered for six months in the village to keep a check on health issues. Personal and community hygiene was emphasized by Gandhiji.

(iv) When ten-day-old Jilani Jung Bahadur spoke in his little squeaky voice that 'everyone who was born, had to die', left everyone in utter surprise. Not only that, the baby raised intelligent questions, like what would be the manner of his death? The people who stood there were astonished as it was incredible that a baby of barely ten days, opened its lips in speech.

(v) Dr. Sadao was a Japanese surgeon. An American prisoner of war was washed ashore in a dying state. He was thrown on the doorsteps of Dr. Sadao. Doctor was full of patriotism but as a doctor, he had to save the life of a dying man first. Therefore, he operated on the prisoner of war and as a true Japanese, he informed the General. This is how he performed his duty as a patriotic Japanese.

(vi) Jack was the father of a little girl Jo' to whom he used to tell the bedtime stories. When his daughter grew up she began to ask him a number of questions. Jack was unable to invent new stories and thus, all his stories were alike except the main creature. He was indeed a dominant male as he enjoyed when his daughter listened to him carefully without interrupting him and his authority.

9. Answer any one of the following questions in 120–150 words : [6]

- (i) What are the hazards of working in a glass bangle industry ?
- (ii) What made the peddler finally change his ways ?
- (iii) What was Sophie's dream ? How was it unrealistic ? How was she different from Jansie ?

Answer :

- (i) Hazards of working in a glass bangle factory are manifold. It is harmful for the eyes of the maker as the polishing of the glass bangles produces dust which may result into

blindness. Working in the glass furnaces with high temperature and in dingy cells without proper ventilation and light take away the brightness of eyes. Similarly, during the welding work in the glass factory, sitting in dark rooms in front of flickering lamps is equally harmful for the eyes and many children lose their eyesight even before they grow up. Their eyes become so accustomed to that light that they cannot see the natural daylight outside. There are chances of skin burn too. Working in glass bangle industries leaves an adverse effect on the health of the workers. Besides the workers are physically, emotionally and psychologically hurt too. They are exploited by middlemen, policemen, sahu-kars, bureaucrats and politicians and it is impossible for them to come out of their trap.

(ii) The peddler was a rat-trap seller who led a dull and monotonous life of a vagabond. He was a petty thief who stole thirty kronors from the house of crofter. Once, he was invited by an ironmaster, who thought him to be an old acquaintance of his. The peddler declined his invitation but when his daughter Edla persuaded him, he agreed. Edla showed pity on him and asked him to spend Christmas with them. Her behavior changed his conscience and he finally changed his way of living when got immense love and affection from Edla. His life was miserable but when he was shown hospitality and respect, he changed his way of living. He was full of gratitude to Edla for her kindness and generosity and started living the life of dignity and respect. While giving Edla the gift of rat-trap, he asked her to return the thirty kronors of the crofter which he had stolen earlier. Thus, his life was completely transformed.

(iii) Sophie was a day dreamer like all the other adolescents of her age. She was a victim of all the wild fantasies and totally cut off from the realities of life. Although she belonged to a lower middle-class family, she was blind to the bitter truth of life. She dreamt of an imaginary life, full of beautiful things

in which she owned a boutique. She also dreamt of becoming an actress as there was lot of money and fame in that profession. She wanted to be a fashion designer too. It can be said that she wanted to lead a lavish and grand life which was not possible. Her dreams were unrealistic in the sense that ultimately she would have to work in a biscuit factory as planned.

On the other hand, Jansie was realistic and practical. Sophie and Jansie were classmates and friends but Sophie didn't want to tell anything to Jansie as she would spread her secrets in the whole neighbourhood. Jansie didn't possess unrealistic dreams. She dissuaded Sophie too from having such dreams so as to avoid depression and frustration later.

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English 2019 (Delhi)

SET III

Time allowed : 3 hours

Maximum marks : 100

Note : Except for the following questions, all the remaining questions have been asked in previous sets.

SECTION-A (READING)

1.4 Pick out the words/phrases from the passage which are similar in meaning to the following : [1×3=3]

- (i) unsafe (para 2)
- (ii) rubbish/junk (as a noun) (para 3)
- (iii) shaped/formed (para 5)

Answer :

- (i) dangerous (ii) trash
- (iii) moulded

SECTION-B (ADVANCED WRITING SKILLS)

6. People like to travel to their places of work in their own cars. It is comfortable and they also reach their destinations more or less in time. However, use of private vehicles leads to pollution and traffic jams and it is expensive also. Air-conditioned public buses, which are smaller in size, seating 15-20 people and tickets, reasonably priced can be a boon for the people. Write an article in 150-200 words on the topic. 'Need of better Public Transport.' You are Resham/Rehana. [10]

OR

Your school held a two-day Diwali Mela in the school grounds. Various food stalls were put up by the students. On the second day, there was a song and dance programme. Prizes were awarded to the participants. However, there were no fire works. You are Amit/Amrita. Write a report on the event in 150-200 words for your

school magazine.

Answer :

NEED OF BETTER PUBLIC TRANSPORT

By Resham/Rehana

We all know that travelling by a private vehicle is very convenient and takes far less time than public transport but simultaneously, it leads to pollution and traffic jams. Moreover, they prove to be extremely expensive as the petrol prices are increasing day by day. In that case, there is a serious need of better public transport which is comfortable and can accommodate 15 to 20 people at a time. The ticket prices should also be reasonable so that everyone can afford it. It is a known fact that in metro cities, from every house, a minimum of two to three vehicles are used by the members for going to their working places. Sometimes they remain stranded in their vehicles for long hours due to heavy traffic jams which result into excessive emission of polluted gases in the atmosphere and delay to reach their destinations.

So it would be far better if the government provides good public transport facilities which could be accessible to all. It would create lot of convenience for the general public and daily commuters. It has many social, economic and environmental benefits. Social benefits of using public transport are multifold. It helps in developing a sense of being a community among people. They feel a connection with those who are traveling with them. It encourages people to have a healthy lifestyle as they walk to their stations, stands or stops. Moreover, it is less stressful as it saves a lot of time. Economic benefits include less expenditure of money on buying cars or spending money on its maintenance. Travelling

by public transport is much cheaper than private transport. It also reduces pollution and road congestion thus, helps in environmental conservation.

OR

DIWALI MELA

By Amit/Amrita

The festival of Goddess Lakshmi and Festival of lights came alive in our school on 27th October. The school organized a two-day Diwali Mela in the school grounds. The whole school wore a festive look. The building were illuminated with earthen lamps and lanterns. The reception hall and the corridors were decorated with marigold flowers which are considered auspicious. Children were very excited and had lot of fun. The main attraction was different food stalls which were set up by the students which included Indian, Continental, Italian and Chinese food. There was also a stall which displayed decorative and perfumed candles and many other decorative items made by the school children which were also meant for sale. People in large numbers purchased those candles and decorative items to motivate the children. On the second day, a cultural program was organized which stole the hearts of the viewers. Everybody appreciated the enthusiasm and endeavor of the students. The participants were awarded prizes by the Principal for their overwhelming performances.

It was an eco- friendly Diwali as there were no fire-works. Students were also asked to spread the message of celebrating eco-friendly Diwali. Our Principal briefed the students about the harmful effects of fire crackers on the environment.

SECTION-C

(LITERATURE : TEXT BOOKS AND LONG READING TEXT)

8. Answer any four of the following questions in 30-40 word each : [3×4=12]

- (i) How did M. Hamel make his last lesson a special one ? What did he emphasize in it?
- (ii) Which two incidents in the life of William Douglas before he was ten years old created an aversion in his mind to water.
- (iii) Why did Gandhiji not accept C.F. Andrews, help during Champaran movement ?

- (iv) How did the Tiger King ' manage to kill the hundredth tiger?
- (v) What was Hana's role in Dr. Sadao's life when he brought home an injured American soldier ?
- (vi) We can't approve of Jack's attitude towards his wife. Comment.

Answer :

- (i) M.Hamel made his last lesson special by wearing a special outfit and talking about the French language at length. He told that it was the most beautiful language in the world – the clearest and the most logical. He asked the students that they must guard it because when people are enslaved, the language is the only key to their prison.
- (ii) As a boy, Douglas was scared of water a lot. His first experience was on the sea beach when he was with his father and a powerful wave swept over him. Although, the wave receded but it left Douglas terrified. At the second time, when William Douglas was learning swimming in Y.M.C.A. pool, a strong boy threw him into the deep water of the pool. He was saved but the terror stayed with him and he couldn't go near water for years.
- (iii) Gandhiji did not accept C.F. Andrew's help during Champaran movement because he thought that in having an Englishman on their side was not helpful or a fair fight. That would show the weakness of their heart. He wanted Indians to be self-reliant in their struggle against injustice. He wanted Indians to rely upon themselves to win the battle.
- (iv) The Tiger King had already killed Ninety-nine tigers and only one tiger was left and if he could kill just one more, he would have no fears left. But now it became impossible to locate tigers anywhere. The king sank into gloom but soon came the happy news about a tiger seen in the nearby village in his own state. He announced a three year exemption from all the taxes to the village in his excitement. He set out for hunt and managed to kill the hundredth tiger in the village.
- (v) When Dr. Sadao brought an injured American soldier to his home, Hana played a crucial role. On the humanitarian ground, she nursed the soldier herself when she got no cooperation from her maid. She did all the household work herself gracefully. She washed the soldier's wound and fed him,

which indicates her respect and obedience towards her husband. She did whatever Dr. Sadao asked her to do during the operation.

- (vi) Jack recalled certain moments of humiliation towards himself while telling stories to his daughter. He was influenced by his own childhood experiences and failures. He wanted to help his wife but didn't make any efforts. He was a temperamental husband. He didn't want to speak or work with her and even touch her. Thus, his attitude towards his wife is not acceptable.

9. Answer any one of the following question in 120–150 words : [6]

- (i) What kind of life did children living in Seemapuri lead ?
- (ii) How did the crofter tempt the peddler to steal his money ? How did it change the peddler's life ?
- (iii) What did Sophie tell her father and her brother about her 'meeting(s)' with Danny Casey ? How did each of them react ?

Answer :

- (i) Seemapuri is a settlement of more than 10,000 rag pickers situated on the periphery of Delhi. The people living there have migrated from Bangladesh. They lived in the structures of mud with roofs of tin and tarpaulin. They didn't have any identity or permits. Their children also helped them in earning their livelihood. Saheb was one of the children who lived here. He was from a poor family of Bangladesh. In order to earn their livelihood, his family shifted to Delhi where they settled in Seemapuri. But when they found no work to do, they became rag pickers. They had to search the garbage like others for something to make their livelihood. Sahib, whose age was to enjoy the life, go to school and live his childhood, also looked into the heaps of garbage for some coins. It was a tedious task as they used to leave their houses barefoot early in the morning with a bag on their shoulders. They did not have chappals, so they were not in a habit to wear them. Because their fields and homes were

swept away in the flood in Bangladesh, so they came to the big city with a hope but even here they led a miserable life.

- (ii) The peddler was a lonely man who looked like a beggar. He was a homeless wanderer who used to sell rattraps. Once he knocked the door of a crofter who was equally lonely like him for a night stay. He was received by the crofter warmly and cheerfully. Crofter was proud of his cow that gave him enough milk. So he told the peddler about the thirty kronors he got by selling the milk of the cow and he used to keep his money in a leather pouch that hung from a nail in the window frame. He felt that the peddler did not believe him so he showed the money to convince him.

Having stolen the money, the peddler didn't find it safe to walk along the public highway. So he went through the woods and got lost. Here, he thought that the whole world was a rattrap and the money he had stolen was a bait and he himself was trapped in it. Later, he regretted for stealing the crofter's money so much so that when Edla invited him for Christmas, he returned the stolen money to her.

- (iii) Danny Casey was a young footballer who played for Ireland. Sophie considered him a hero whom she worshipped. She was always occupied with his thoughts. She told her brother Geoff that she had met Danny Casey in the arcade while she was looking at the clothes in Royce's window. Casey came and stood by her. She recognized him and then they started talking. Then she asked for an autograph but neither of them had a pen or paper. She further told her brother that Danny's eyes were green. He was gentle but was not very tall. When her brother told about this to their father, he didn't believe in her story at all as he knew her habit of indulging in wild fantasies. His expression was one of disdain. He called this story as one of her many wild stories and warned her against them as they would land her in trouble.

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