

English 2019 (Outside Delhi)**SET I**

Time allowed : 3 hours

Maximum marks : 100

General instructions :

- (i) This paper is divided into three sections : A, B and C. All the sections are compulsory.
- (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)**

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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 eosmos 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) Attn. 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

Attn.	–	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	
Do your part to save Water today ! Conserve Water By :	
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Turning off the tap when not in use. • Use a bucket to bath, to ensure minimum consumption of water. 	<p>Save Water, Save Lives</p>

- 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, Re-searching, 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) 40

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.

- (a) Name the poem and its poet. [1]
(b) What does the Earth teach us? [1]
(c) What does the poet want to achieve by counting up to twelve? [1]
(d) 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.

- (a) Name the poem and its poet. [1]
(b) How does a thing of beauty remain a joy forever? [1]
(c) Explain : 'never pass into nothingness'. [1]
(d) How does the bower help us in our life? Give two examples. [1]

Answer :

- (a) The poem is 'Keeping Quiet' and the poet is Pablo Neruda.
(b) The earth teaches us to be patient, productive and to live in tranquility.
(c) 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.
(d) 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

- (a) The poem is 'A Thing of Beauty' and the poet is John Keats.
(b) 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.
(c) Joy that lasts in beauty is everlasting, its importance never diminishes but grows with time.
(d) 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]

- (a) 'Garbage to them is gold.' Why does the author say so about the ragpickers of Seemapuri?
(b) Which two incidents in Douglas' early life made him scared of water ?
(c) 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]

- Describe the efforts made by the Tiger King to achieve his target of killing a hundred tigers.
- Explain the reaction of Dr. Sadao's servants when he decided to give shelter to an enemy in the house.
- 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]

- Describe the burglary that took place at Mr. Bunting's house. (The Invisible Man)
- How did Griffin move about in the village of Iping?
- Why does Silas return to Lantern Yard after having lived and prospered at Raveloe? How does his visit prove useful to him?
- 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

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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]
- What are the two most admirable qualities in Mukesh ?
 - What is wrong with Jansie's outlook on life?
 - What does Neruda wish fishermen and warmongers to do ?
 - How is the Derry we meet at the beginning different from the Derry at the end ?
 - Why was the General apologetic when Sadao told him that the prisoner had escaped?
 - Why did Zitkala-Sa oppose tooth and nail the shingling of her long hair ?

Answer :

- 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.
- 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.
- 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.
- 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.
- 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.
- 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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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 ones 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 was 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

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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.

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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
Reqrs.	–	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.

English 2019 (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-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 alongwith 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, sahkars, bureaucrats and politicians and it is impossible for them to come out of their trap.

- (ii) The peddler was a rattrap 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 rattrap, 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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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]
- How did M. Hamel make his last lesson a special one ? What did he emphasize in it?
 - Which two incidents in the life of William Douglas before he was ten years old created an aversion in his mind to water.
 - Why did Gandhiji not accept C.F. Andrews, help during Champaran movement ?

- How did the Tiger King ' manage to kill the hundredth tiger?
- What was Hana's role in Dr. Sadao's life when he brought home an injured American soldier ?
- We can't approve of Jack's attitude towards his wife. Comment.

Answer :

- 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.
- 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.
- 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.
- 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.
- 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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