

SAMPLE QUESTION PAPER 2024-25

(Fully Solved)

CLASS – 12th
SUBJECT–ENGLISH (Core)

CODE No. 301

Time allowed : 3 Hrs.

Maximum Marks : 80

General Instructions :

Read the following instructions very carefully and strictly follow them :

- (i) *This question paper has 13 questions. All questions are compulsory.*
- (ii) *The question paper contains **three** sections-*
Section – A : Reading Skills,
Section – B : Creative Writing Skills
Section – C : Literature.
- (iii) *Attempt all questions based on specific instructions for each part. Write the correct question number and part thereof in your answer sheet.*
- (iv) *Separate instructions are given with each question / part, wherever necessary.*
- (v) *Adhere to the prescribed word limit while answering the questions.*

SECTION—A (READING SKILLS)

(22 marks)

1. Read the following passage carefully :

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- (1) In a room filled with people, each face illuminated by the soft glow of their smartphones, moments drift away like autumn leaves in the wind. The constant hum of notifications fills the air, punctuating conversations like an incessant drumbeat. Every vibration or ping sends fingers flying to screens, a response ingrained by years of digital conditioning. The once-reliable tick-tock of analog timepieces has been overshadowed by the constant flicker of notifications on the wrist watch, blurring the boundaries between the virtual and the real.
- (2) Anxiety gnaws at the edges of consciousness when the phone is out of reach, a phantom limb syndrome that leaves us feeling incomplete without our digital appendage. The fear of missing out permeates every moment spent away from the screen, driving us to constantly check for updates and notifications.
- (3) Thumbs move with the speed and precision of skillful pianists, tapping out messages and scrolling through feeds with practiced ease. Yet amidst the flurry of activity, the true rhythm of life remains unheard, drowned out by the dissonance of digital noise. The weight of constant connectivity forms a hunch upon our shoulders, a physical manifestation of the burden we carry in an age of information overload. Our minds are perpetually on high alert, scanning for the next wave of excitement that comes with each like, share, or comment.



- (4) And yet, for all our efforts to stay connected, we find ourselves increasingly isolated in a sea of digital faces. Genuine connections are fleeting, drowned out by the constant clamour for attention. In the pursuit of digital validation, we sacrifice the wealth of lived experience, trading meaningful moments for fleeting glimpses of connection. The true essence of life lies not in the pixels on a screen, but in the depth of human connection and the richness of shared experiences.
- (5) As we navigate this brave new world of constant connectivity, let us not forget the value of presence and the beauty of being fully engaged in the moments that matter most. For in the end, it is not the number of likes or followers that defines us, but the depth of our connections and the richness of our experiences that truly matter.

(Created for Academic Usage/421 words)

Answer the following questions, based on the passage above :

- I. According to paragraph 1, what effect do smartphone notifications have on the people in the room ? 1
- II. How does the author use the metaphor of ‘autumn leaves in the wind’ to interpret the passing of time in the setting described ? 1
- III. Read and complete the following sentence suitably. 1
The phrase ‘a **phantom limb syndrome that leaves us feeling incomplete without our digital appendage**’ suggests that just as an amputee might feel pain in a limb they no longer have, individuals can feel a sense of loss or incompleteness when they are separated from their digital devices.
Choose the correct response from the two options to complete the sentence.
The concern this analogy points towards is about
- A. a deep (psychological) dependence on technology for a sense of wholeness or connection
- B. excessive physical damage that can be caused due to constant use of digital devices.
- IV. Complete the following suitably with ONE advantage, with reference to paragraph 2. Designating specific hours each day to intentionally avoid checking digital devices can help 1
- V. Why does the writer refer to digital noise as ‘dissonance’ in paragraph 3 ? 1
Because :
- A. It creates a jarring and chaotic environment that disrupts focus.
- B. It contributes to a sense of overload, overwhelming the senses.
- C. It interferes with our ability to engage with meaningful aspects of our life.
- D. It induces stress by interrupting with regular updates about the device.
- VI. Provide ONE textual evidence with reference to paragraph 3, to prove the following : 1
The need to be perpetually engaged with digital notifications manifests in the body.





- VII. In the line, 'Yet amidst the flurry of activity, the true rhythm of life remains unheard, what does the phrase 'true rhythm of life' refer to ? (Paragraphs 3-4) 2
- VIII. Complete the analogy with ONE word from paragraph 4. 1
whisper : quietly : : loudly
- A. validation
B. fleeting
C. essence
D. clamour
- IX. Why is it fair to say that the statement 'And yet, for all our efforts to stay connected, we find ourselves increasingly isolated in a sea of digital faces' from paragraph 4, employs irony ? 1
- A. Despite the intent to connect more effectively, the result is the opposite.
B. The writer mocks the seriousness with which people approach digital connectivity.
C. The writer exaggerates the effects of digital connectivity to highlight its impact.
D. Use of 'a sea of digital faces' to symbolically represent digital platforms.
- X. Assess the potential challenges *or* benefits of relying on survey outcomes for designing health interventions, as outlined in paragraph 5. 2

2. Read the following carefully. 10

(1) Introduction :

In the hasty lifestyle of today's world, the choice of snacks can greatly impact one's health and well-being. This case study aims to analyse the preference for seasonal fruits compared to packaged snacks among different age groups and the implications for overall health.

(2) Methodology :

A survey was conducted among individuals across various age groups, ranging from children to seniors, to determine their snacking preferences. Participants were asked to indicate their preferred snack choices and provide reasons for their preferences. The data was then analysed to identify trends and patterns among different age demographics.

(3) Survey Examination :

The survey encompassed a comprehensive examination of snacking habits, including not only preferred snack choices but also delving into the underlying motivations and influences guiding these choices. Beyond mere preference, participants were encouraged to articulate the reasons behind their selections, providing invaluable insights into the multifaceted nature of snacking behavior.

(4) Results :

The survey results revealed interesting insights into snacking preferences among different age groups :





Age-group	%	Preferred snack	Reasons for preference
Children	77	Seasonal fruits	Taste, Health benefits, Parental guidance
Teenagers	65	Packaged snacks	Convenience, Taste, Peer influence
Young adults	52	seasonal fruits and packaged snacks	Transitional lifestyle (college, beginning careers, and establishing independence), Health consciousness, Convenience.
Middle-aged	83	Seasonal fruits	Freshness, Nutrition, Health consciousness
Elderly	90	Seasonal fruits	Health benefits, Digestive ease

(5) Implications for Interventions :

By discerning the diverse preferences among different age groups, policymakers and health practitioners can tailor interventions to address specific demographic needs. For instance, targeting educational campaigns towards parents could empower them to instill healthy eating habits in their children from an early age. Concurrently, efforts to mitigate the influence of advertising and peer pressure on teenagers could involve regulatory measures and educational initiatives aimed at promoting critical thinking and informed decision-making. Furthermore, the prominence of seasonal fruits as a preferred snack choice among middle-aged adults and senior's points towards the importance of promoting access to fresh produce and nutritional education across all age demographics.

(6) Conclusion :

The survey outcomes serve as a roadmap for designing targeted interventions that not only cater to diverse demographic needs but also nurture a culture of health and well-being. By harnessing the insights gleaned from this study, stakeholders can collaboratively work towards building healthier communities and promoting sustainable practices for generations to come.

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Answer the following questions, based on given passage.

I. Complete the following suitably. 1

In the introduction, the researcher links a hasty lifestyle with the choice of snacks in the study to highlight

II. What would the following be classified as ? 1

To examine snacking preferences across various age groups in detail, and assess health implications.

Select the appropriate response.

- A. Primary purpose
B. Secondary objective
C. Method of analysis
D. Research outcome

III. Give **two** points to support why it is likely that fresh fruits were given as an option to the survey participants to choose from in the study on snacking preferences. 2





- IV. Paragraph 3 includes words — ‘motivations’ and ‘influences’. 1
Classify the following sentences as ‘influence’ or ‘motivation’:
Sentence 1 : Peer pressure leads teenagers to prefer packaged snacks over healthier options.
Sentence 2 : The drive to maintain health as one ages, makes middle-aged adults to choose seasonal fruits.
- V. **Read the following :** 1
Seema regularly enjoys snacking on chips and cool drinks while watching movies. Mohan her neighbour, prefers to snack on oranges and also some nuts occasionally. Arindam, who lives across, often tends to eat a mix of carrot sticks and instant noodles, in between meals.
Select the option that identifies the correct demographic Seema, Mohan and Arindam belong to.
A. Seema – young adult; Mohan-teenager; Arindam-middle-age
B. Seema – teenager; Mohan – middle -age; Arindam-child
C. Seema – young adult; Mohan – child ; Arindam – teenager
D. Seema – teenager; Mohan – elderly; Arindam – young adult
- VI. Although children, middle-aged, and elderly groups all prefer seasonal fruits, why is the preference percentage highest among the elderly ? 1
- VII. Analyse how targeted interventions based on the diverse snacking preferences of different age groups can lead to improved health outcomes. (Paragraph 5) 2
- VIII. What is the ultimate goal for stakeholders, based on the insights from the study ? 1
A. Increase profitability through enhanced snack marketing
B. Building healthier communities
C. Reducing the cost of healthcare services
D. Expanding the range of available snack product.

SECTION—B (CREATIVE WRITING SKILLS)**(18 marks)**

3. **Attempt any one of the two, (A) or (B), in about 50 words** 1 × 4 = 4
A. Your school is planning to conduct an inter-class seminar on the topic-‘The importance of Mental Health’ — to create awareness in adolescents. As the head of the organising committee, write a notice to inform all students about the seminar and invite registrations from classes XI-XII. Include other necessary details. Put your notice in a box.
Or
B. Your school is organising an Inter-House Webinar on enhancing coding skills, As the President of the Computer Club, write a notice to inform all House members from IX-XII about the webinar and specify the number of registrations invited per House. Include other necessary details. Put your notice in a box.
4. **Attempt any one of the two, (A) or (B) in about 50 words.** 1 × 4 = 4
A. Draft an invitation in not more than 50 words from Vani Gopalan, Chief Project Officer of an NGO, for the launch of the ‘Each One Teach One’ programme, addressed





to school Principals and Coordinators. Mention a compelling highlight of the programme along with other necessary details.

Or

- B.** An invitation had been issued by Mr. Cherian, the HR Head of your company inviting you for the company picnic. As Joseph Vijayan, Asst. Manager, Operations, draft a reply in not more than 50 words, consenting to attend.

5. Attempt any one of the two, (A) or (B), in 120-150 words **1 × 5 = 5**

- A.** Financial literacy is increasingly recognised as a crucial 21st-century skill for young individuals. Write a letter to the editor of a local daily discussing the benefits of providing financial literacy education to children. Also, suggest effective ways to raise awareness about the importance of this education among parents and guardians. You may use some of the given cues along with your own ideas to draft the letter. You are a counsellor, Chitra Mahapatra from Puri, Odisha.

- What are the long-term benefits of learning financial independence from a young age ?
- Why is understanding the power of finances beneficial for young learners ?
- Why skills learned during childhood tend to have a lasting impact.

Or

- B.** You are Maya Syiem from Shillong. You read the given advertisement and wish to apply for the post advertised. Write this job application along with your bio-data.

Join our Creative Team!
A renowned publishing house in Shillong
-A NEW WORLD-
is seeking a talented illustrator for children's books.
Creative individuals with a passion for storytelling through art, welcome.
Experience, not mandatory.
Team players with degree/ diploma in Fine Arts/ Graphic Design may apply with 5 samples
from portfolio illustrating a variety of work.
Write to the Project Lead 23-C Rosewood Lane, Shillong -793005

6. Attempt any one of the two, (A) or (B), in 120-150 words. **1 × 5 = 5**

- A.** In an era of rapid globalisation and technological advancement, the preservation of cultural heritage remains a vital challenge, particularly for the youth. India continues to navigate the complexities of maintaining tradition alongside modernity. Write an article exploring the role of cultural heritage in shaping the identities of today's Indian youth. Provide examples to illustrate your points wherever necessary. You may use some of the given cues along with your own ideas. You are Arti Nirula of Class XII-A.





- How have global interactions and technologies influenced or changed these traditional practices among today's youth ?
- What are the benefits of preserving cultural heritage for young people ? How does it contribute to their sense of identity and community ?
- Suggest ways in which young people and institutions can work together to ensure the preservation of cultural heritage.

Or

- B.** You are Hina Aziz, student of Class XII-D and a member of the school magazine editorial board. Write a comprehensive report detailing the activities undertaken by students as part of the celebrations on Yoga Day. Include descriptions of the events, participation details and the overall impact of these activities on the school community. You may organise your report by following-Who-What-When-Where-Why-How

SECTION—C (LITERATURE)

(40 marks)

- 7. Read the following extracts and answer the questions for any one of the given two –**

A or B

1 × 6 = 6

- A.** Those who prepare green wars,
wars with gas, wars with fire,
victory with no survivors,
would put on clean clothes
and walk about with their brothers

in the shade, doing nothing.

(Poem—Keeping Quiet)

- I. What is a common outcome of all the wars described ?
- II. What does the imagery of 'walking about with their brothers in the shade' primarily represent ?
 - A. The readiness for further conflicts.
 - B. A return to normal activities post-conflict.
 - C. A moment of unity and peaceful reflection.
 - D. The physical environment of a typical war zone.
- III. Complete the following suitably.
The putting on of 'clean clothes' by the warmongers, symbolises
- IV. Select the correct option from those given in brackets, to fill in the blank.
The excerpt tells us that the speaker (*condemns/glorifies*) the destructive nature of modern warfare.
- V. Read the assertion and the reason below, with reference to the given extract.
Assertion : The poet advocates for 'doing nothing' as a way to prevent the devastation of war.





Reason : ‘Doing nothing’ refers to a time for stopping any action for a few moments.

Choose the correct option regarding their relationship.

- A. Both the assertion and the reason are true, and the reason is the correct explanation of the assertion.
- B. Both the assertion and the reason are true, but the reason is not the correct explanation of the assertion.
- C. The assertion is true, but the reason is false.
- D. The assertion is false, but the reason is true.

VI. How can the message in the excerpt, about the outcome of wars be applied to promote peace ?

Or

- B.** While greedy good-doers, beneficent beasts of prey,
Swarm over their lives enforcing benefits,
That are calculated to soothe them out of their wits,
And by teaching them how to sleep they sleep all day,
Destroy their sleeping at night the ancient way. (Poem—The Roadside Stand)

I. Select the phrase that suggests the following :

The so-called aids are not offered out of genuine care of consent but are imposed in a controlling and perhaps unwelcome manner.

II. What does the imagery of ‘swarm’ NOT represent in the given extract ?

- A. Coordinated help
- B. Overwhelming force
- C. Discomfort and chaos
- D. Neglect of individual needs

III. Complete the following suitably.

In the line, ‘*destroy their sleeping at night the ancient way*’, the phrase ‘*the ancient way*’ refers to

IV. Select the correct option from those given in brackets, to fill in the blank.

The poet has used phrases like ‘greedy good-doers’ and ‘beneficent beasts of prey’ to illustrate the (*irony/satire*) in the situation where those claiming to help the rural poor actually impose self-serving and detrimental actions on them.

V. Read the assertion and the reason below, with reference to the given extract.

Assertion : The poet criticizes the way the rural poor are treated by benefactors, suggesting it instills ambition.

Reason : The interventions are overwhelmingly calming and lead to a loss of critical thinking among the rural poor.

Choose the correct option regarding their relationship :

- A. Both the assertion and the reason are true, and the reason is the correct explanation of the assertion.
- B. Both the assertion and the reason are true, but the reason is not the correct explanation of the assertion.
- C. The assertion is true, but the reason is false.
- D. The assertion is false, but the reason is true.





VI. State in one sentence, what cautionary advice your address to the rural poor from the extract, is most likely to include.

8. Read the following extracts and answer the questions for any one of the given two, (A) or (B) 4 × 1 = 4

- A.** To visit Antarctica now is to be a part of that history; to get a grasp of where we've come from and where we could possibly be heading. It's to understand the significance of Cordilleran folds and pre-Cambrian granite shields; ozone and carbon; evolution and extinction. When you think about all that can happen in a million years, it can get pretty mind-boggling. Imagine : India pushing northwards, jamming against Asia to buckle its crust and form the Himalayas ; South America drifting off to join North America, opening up the Drake Passage to create a cold circumpolar current, keeping Antarctica frigid, desolate, and at the bottom of the world.

(Journey to the End of the Earth)

I. Complete the following suitably.

The passage suggests that visiting Antarctica offers insight into geological processes and Earth's history by

- II. How does the author imply the role of geological knowledge in understanding the Earth's past and potential future changes ?
- III. The writer says, 'When you think about all that can happen in a million years, it can get pretty mind-boggling.'

What is the most likely impact on the writer ?

- A. Feels overwhelmed by the vastness of geological time scales.
B. Is uneasy about the rapid pace of geological changes.
C. Feels indifferent towards geological phenomena.
D. Is surprised by the lack of significant geological events over a million years.

- IV. How might understanding the geological processes mentioned in the passage help scientists in predicting and mitigating future environmental changes, particularly in polar regions ?

Or

- B.** I cried aloud, shaking my head all the while until I felt the cold blades of the scissors against my neck, and heard them gnaw off one of my thick braids. Then I lost my spirit. Since the day I was taken from my mother I had suffered extreme indignities. People had stared at me. I had been tossed about in the air like a wooden puppet. And now my long hair was shingled like a coward's ! In my anguish I moaned for my mother, but no one came to comfort me. Not a soul reasoned quietly with me, as my own mother used to do; for now, I was only one of many little animals driven by a herder.

(Memories of Childhood : The Cutting of My Long Hair)

I. Complete the following suitably.

Zitkala-Sa's description of her experience at the boarding school conveys a sense of abandonment through her portrayal of





II. List any one emotion that Zitkala-Sa experiences as her hair is being cut.

III. Select the suitable option to complete the following.

The metaphor of being '*tossed about in the air like a wooden puppet*' contribute to the reader's understanding of Zitkala-Sa's feelings of being.....

- A. forced to interact with others
- B. manipulated and controlled
- C. preached at and insulted
- D. made to exist like toy animals

VI In what ways does the imagery of her '*long hair shingled like a coward's*' symbolise the erasure of Zitkala's cultural heritage and the imposition of Western norms ?

9. Read the following extracts and answer the questions for any one of the given two, A or B. 1 × 6 = 6

A. What a thunderclap these words were to me! Oh, the wretches; that was what they had put up at the town hall! My last French lesson! Why, I hardly knew how to write! I should never learn anymore! I must stop there, then! Oh, how sorry I was for not learning my lessons, for seeking birds' eggs, or going sliding on the Saar ! My books, that had seemed such a nuisance a while ago, so heavy to carry, my grammar and my history of the saints, were old friends now that I couldn't give up. And M. Hamel, too; the idea that he was going away, that I should never see him again, made me forget all about his ruler and how cranky he was. (*The Last Lesson*)

I. What was the writer's purpose in using the metaphor of '*a thunderclap*' ?

II. Select the correct option from those given in brackets to fill in the blank.

The use of exclamatory marks in the first five sentences of the extract serves to express the speaker's (*hidden/intense*) emotions.

III. Complete the following suitably.

The activities of seeking birds' eggs and sliding on the Saar reveal two things about Franz's character before his change in perspective. First, his youthful carefree nature and second, his preference for

IV. What is reflected through the shift in the speaker's perception of Mr. Hamel, conveyed through his readiness to forget the ruler ?

V. Select the textual option that is closest to indicating a sense of panic.

- A. Oh, how sorry I was for not learning my lessons.....
- B. Why, I hardly knew how to write !
- C. Oh, the wretches; that was what they had put up at the town hall!
- D. And M. Hamel, too;

VI. What does the following line from the extract, showcase ?

My books, that had seemed such a nuisance a while ago, so heavy to carry, my grammar and my history of the saints, were old friends now that I couldn't give up.

- A. realization
- B. confusion
- C. expectation
- D. affirmation





Or

B. And survival in Seemapuri means rag-picking. Through the years, it has acquired the proportions of a fine art. Garbage to them is gold. It is their daily bread, a roof over their heads, even if it is a leaking roof. But for a child it is even more “I sometimes finds a rupee, even a ten-rupee note,” Saheb says, his eyes lighting up. When you can find a silver coin in a heap of garbage, you don’t stop scrounging, for there is hope of finding more. It seems that for children garbage has a meaning different from what it means to their parents. For the children it is wrapped in wonder, for the elders it is a means of survival. *(Lost Spring-Stories of Stolen Childhood)*

I. What does Saheb’s statement about finding money in the garbage reveal about his daily life and aspirations ?

II. Select the correct option from those given in brackets to fill in the blank.

Describing garbage as ‘gold’ metaphorically elevates its value to the children, helping the reader understand the *(dynamic/desperate)* conditions under which these children live, where even garbage can represent crucial economic resources.

III. Complete the following with a suitable reason.

Children continue to scrounge in the garbage because

IV. How does the perception of garbage differ between children and adults in Seemapuri ?

V. What is implied by the description of rag-picking as having ‘acquired the proportions of a fine art’ in the excerpt ?

A. Rag-picking is an undesirable and simple task that anyone can do without effort.

B. Rag-picking has evolved into a complex skill that is valued within the community

C. Rag-picking is a temporary activity that does not significantly impact the community.

D. Rag-picking has the status of an artistic hobby that children pursue for enjoyment.

VI. What is the reason for Saheb’s eyes’ lighting up’ ?

A. The immediate experience of finding something valuable.

B. Discussing his findings with others.

C. Reminiscing about past findings in the garbage.

D. Planning future scavenging expeditions.

10. Answer any five of the following six questions in 40-50 words each : 5 × 2 = 10

I. Identify an instance of hope or resilience in ‘Lost Spring’ and analyse how it reflects one of the story’s themes.

II. Interpret the use of visual imagery by Kamala Das in her poem to depict the passage of time.





- III. What does the contrasting imagery of the church clock and the Prussian trumpets represent, in *'The Last Lesson'*?
- IV. How does the author's writing style in *'The Interview'* affect the reader's understanding of the story ?
- V. Explain how the rattrap symbolises the dual aspects of human nature. (*The Rattrap*)
- VI. What factor/s were largely instrumental in the victory of the peasants in *'Indigo'*?

11. Answer any two of the following three questions in 40-50 words each : $2 \times 2 = 4$

- I. Discuss the significance of the toy tiger in the climax of *'The Tiger King'*.
- II. Interpret the significance of both literal and metaphorical journeys in the story, *'The Third Level.'*
- III. How does Susan Hill subtly portray a blend of pessimism and optimism in *'On the Face of it'*?

12. Answer any one of the following two questions, in about 120-150 words. $1 \times 5 = 5$

- A. Analyse the poems, *'A Roadside Stand'* and *'Aunt Jennifer's Tigers'* for the theme of inequality and its impact on the bearers.

Or

- B. How do the characters of Sophie from *'Going Places'* and Subbu from *'Poets and Pancakes'* compare and contrast in terms of their aspirations, constraints and the pursuit of their dreams ?

13. Answer any one of the following two questions, in about 120-150 words. $1 \times 5 = 5$

- A. The influence of belief in traditions such as religion, family bonds, or patriotism can be used to develop narrative techniques like setting, motivation, sources of conflict, and pacing.

Analyse how the writer has incorporated such influences to good effect in the story, *The Enemy*. Support your answer with valid textual evidence.

Or

- B. Discuss the narrative techniques used by the author in *'The Third Level'*. How do these techniques effectively convey the themes of escapism and nostalgia ? Provide specific examples from the text to support your analysis.



**MODEL ANSWERS****Section—A (Reading Skills)**

1.
 - I. Smart notifications make people's fingers fly to the screen to respond to the notification. These notifications lead to instant interruptions in conversations.
 - II. In the autumn, leaves drift away very quickly in the wind. In the same way, the time passes with smartphones.
 - III. A. a deep (psychological) dependence on technology for a sense of wholeness or connection.
 - IV. in reducing the anxiety associated with the need to be connected constantly.
 - V. C. It interferes with our ability to engage with meaningful aspects of our life.
 - VI. A hunch upon our shoulders shows that we are overindulged with the smartphones. Our mind remains alert constantly.
 - VII. Here the phrase 'true rhythm of life' refers to the depth of human connection and the richness of life.
 - VIII. D. clamour
 - IX. A. Despite the intent to connect more effectively, the result is the opposite.
 - X. Survey outcomes for designing health interventions can offer a detailed understanding of the specific needs and preferences of various demographic groups. By using these data-driven insights, a sense of collaboration among stakeholders can be fostered. There is the risk of biases in the data collection process, which can twist results and lead to ineffective interventions. There is also the risk of survey fatigue among participants, potentially reducing engagement and the accuracy of the data gathered.
2.
 - I. the influence and motivation for the preferences.
 - II. A. Primary purpose
 - III. Because of its health benefits and because of being convenient to consume in the hasty lifestyle.
 - IV. Sentence 1 : influence
Sentence 2 : motivation
 - V. D. Seema — teenager; Mohan — elderly; Arindam — young adult
 - VI. Because at this age, it is easy for their body to digest.
 - VII. These campaigns can encourage parents to instill healthy eating habits in their children from an early age. They also help in reducing the influence of advertising and peer pressure on teenagers by implementing regulatory measures and educational initiatives. They promote seasonal fruits as a preferred snack choice among middle-aged adults and elders, and spread nutritional education across all age demographics. All these targeted interventions can lead to improved health outcomes.
 - VIII. B. Building healthier communities



**Section—B (Creative Writing Skills)**

3. A.

NOTICE**DAV PUBLIC SCHOOL, GURUGRAM****A SEMINAR ON THE IMPORTANCE OF MENTAL HEALTH**

10 Dec. 20_ _

The Wellness Club of our school is going to organize a seminar on mental health for the students of XI and XII classes on 15 December 20_ _ in the campus of our school. The purpose of this seminar is to make the students aware of the importance of mental health and to help them in getting rid of the examination phobia. Dr Madhurima, our school counsellor will speak on the topic. This workshop will increase our understanding about our mental health. It will also enable us to deal with our problems in better way. All the students of XI and XII are requested to register their names before 14 December 20_ _ to attend this seminar.

Rueben

(President, Wellness Cell)

B.

NOTICE**C T PUBLIC SCHOOL****AN INTER-HOUSE WEBINAR**

15 July 20_ _

The Computer Club of our school is going to organize an Inter-House Webinar on enhancing coding skills for all house members from classes IX to XII on 22 July 20_ _. Eight members from each house is invited that is to be decided by the house Captains. The purpose of this webinar is to make the students aware of the programming skills. It will also enable us to deal with our problems related to coding skills in a better way. All the house captains are requested to send the registrations before 18 July 20_ _.

Rohit

(President, Computer Club)

4. A.

CRY**FORMAL INVITATION**

Our NGO is going to make an effort to launch the 'Each One, Teach One' program for the underprivileged children. The primary aim is to educate the weaker section of the society. All the school principals and coordinators are invited to join the program to be started on April 25, 20_ _ at Shastri Bhavan,





Krishna Nagar, New Delhi. Certificates will be issued by the state education minister (chief guest) to the schools showing enthusiasm to meet the targets for the noble cause.

Vani Gopalan

(Chief Project Officer)

CRY

Head Office: 46, Gandhi Market, New Delhi

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Operations Department

15 May 20__

HR Head

Dear Sir

I thank you for your invitation for the company picnic. It will be a great refreshing experience to take a break from the busy and hectic office routine. It will rejuvenate us to start our work again with great enthusiasm. I consent to attend this invitation quite heartily and thankfully accept whatever conditions apply.

Joseph Vijayan

(Asst. Manager, Operations)

5. A. Need of Financial Literacy Education for Children

123, ABC Colony

Puri

Odhisia

15 April 20__

The Editor

The Tribune

New Delhi

Subject : The benefits of providing financial literacy education to children

Sir

Financial literacy is a significant 21st-century skill that students should learn. This skill includes the knowledge and understanding of how to manage one's finances, including budgeting, saving, investing, and understanding credit and debt. The skill is very useful for students to prepare them for the real world. Financial literacy helps students understand the nature of the economy. It makes them aware of making wise and informed financial decisions. It helps them understand the nation's economic problems and broaden their perspective. By understanding basic financial concepts,





students can develop good financial habits that can set them up for a successful financial future. They can also learn how to manage their finances. It helps the students in their overall growth. By teaching students about financial literacy, we can help them become financially independent, responsible, and confident in their financial decision-making. So we can say that financial literacy is a valuable 21st-century skill that can lead students to greater financial stability, security, and success.

Yours faithfully

Chitra Mahapatra

B. For the Post of an Illustrator

24 Mall Road

Shillong

11 September 20_ _

Project Lead,

A New World,

Rosewood Lane

Shillong

Subject : For the post of an illustrator

Sir

This is in response to your advertisement in the newspaper 'The Times of India', for the post of a talented illustrator in your publishing house. I have done Masters in Fine Arts from Jain University, Guwahati. I wish to offer my services for the same in your publishing house. My complete biodata is given below.

Name : Maya Syiem

Father's Name : Sh. Akhilesh Syiem

Age : 29 years

Educational Qualifications :

Class	Board / University	Marks
1. Matric	Assam Board	86%
2. Plus 2	Assam Board	75%
3. B.F.A.	Assam University	68%
4. Masters in Fine Arts	Assam University, Guwahati	59%

Hobbies : Reading & Sports.

Address : 24, Mall Road, Shillong.

Enclosures : Ten attested copies of various certificates 5 Samples of Art work.

If given a chance, I can assure you of my best and creative services.

Yours faithfully

Maya Syiem





6. A. The Role of cultural Heritage in Shaping the Identity of Today's Youth

Global interactions and the advent of technologies has influenced not only the youth of India but the youth of other countries also. Globalisation has made exposure to the culture of other communities also. Indian youth are attracted to the culture of advanced countries. They assume that western culture is advanced and perfect. They consider themselves modern and advanced by adopting the foreign culture. But actually, it is not so. We should respect our culture. Our culture is our identity. Cultural heritage treasures are precious assets that show the past human legacy. It enhances solidarity and social integration of communities. Cultural heritage is our roots that hold us strongly up on the ground from the deepest part of the earth. Cultural heritage is a precious knowledge that is gathered with the experience of thousands of years and preserved to pass on to the future generation. Hence, it is very beneficial to preserve cultural heritage.

In school and college education, text related to culture and heritage should be included. We can also preserve traditional customs by participating in practices like cooking recipes passed down through the generations or teaching children how to dance traditional dances. We should visit historical sites related to our culture. We should attend events hosted by cultural centers. We should learn and speak our ancestral language to preserve our culture's perspective and outlook on life and the world. We should interview elders in our community to create a cultural record of our beliefs and traditions that we can pass on to others.

Article written by :
Arti Narula

B.

B.C.M. Arya School, Ambala YOGA DAY CELEBRATION A Report

24 June 20__ : The celebration of Yoga Day was organized in our school on 21 June this year. All the students along with their parents took part in this celebration. Swami Krishnananda was the Chief Guest on this occasion. Swamiji spoke on the value of yoga for the health of the body, mind and spirit. He also spoke about how some serious ailments could be cured by regular yoga exercises. But in particular, he spoke of the heart ailments. These ailments mainly result from obesity, high blood pressure and the stresses and strains of life. Swamiji demonstrated through some physical and mental exercises how these problems could be solved. These exercises were simple to perform. They took hardly fifteen minutes to complete. But if performed regularly, they could do miracles. At the end of his discourse, Swamiji introduced some of the men and women who had been cured of their heart ailments through yoga exercises. Everyone present in this event vowed to take to yoga. Later, an awareness rally about the value of yoga was conducted by students and teachers.

Report prepared by :
Hina Aziz (Class XII-D)
Member (School Magazine Editorial Board)



**Section—C (Literature)**

7. A. I. Gaining victory with no survivors i.e., death and destruction, is the common outcome of all the wars.
II. C. A moment of unity and peaceful reflection.
III. that people will stop staining their clothes with the blood of their enemies. They would rather look upon them as their brothers and live in peace together.
IV. condemns
V. B. Both the assertion and the reason are true, and the reason is not the correct explanation of the assertion.
VI. The message in the excerpt, about the outcome of wars to promote peace can be applied by finding a little time for introspection and by promoting understanding and peace over hostility and war.
- B. I. enforcing benefits
II. A. Coordinated help
III. the way the farmers had been usually exploited by the rich.
IV. irony
V. D. The assertion is false, but the reason is true.
VI. Beware of the greedy rich people and fight for your right.
8. A. I. studying Cordilleran folds, pre cambrian granite shields, ozone and carbon related environmental factors, evolution and extinction.
II. The author implies the role of geological knowledge in understanding the Earth's past and future changes by giving importance to understand Antarctica and impact of global warming on it.
III. A. Feels overwhelmed by the vastness of geological time scales.
IV. Geological phenomena can help us to know where we have come from and where we are possibly heading. They tell us how the different continents were formed. Similarly, the melting of the polar caps can tell us where possibly we are heading.
- B. I. isolation, lack of support and helplessness.
II. indignity, sense of loss
III. B. manipulated and controlled
IV. Among Zitkala-Sa's tribe shingled hair is considered to be a sign of cowardice. So it symbolises the erasure of Zitkala-Sa's cultural heritage and imposition of western norms.
9. A. I. The writer's purpose in using the metaphor of 'a thunderclap' was to express the great shock he got when he came to know that now he could not learn his mother tongue (French language) any more.
II. intense
III. Playing over studying or learning his French language.
IV. Through his readiness to forget the ruler (i.e., Mr. Hamel's strictness and discipline) is reflected a new found respect and appreciation in his heart for his teacher M. Hamel.
V. B. Why, I hardly knew how to write !
VI. A. realization





- B.**
- I. Saheb's statement about finding money in garbage reveals that they are confined to scrouge garbage in his daily life and finding money from the garbage is their aspiration.
 - II. desperate
 - III. they hope to find coins in it.
 - IV. For children scrounging the garbage is a temptation and playful with wonders. But for adults it is a means of survival.
 - V. C. Rag-picking is a temporary activity that does not significantly impact the community.
 - VI. C. Reminiscing about past findings in the garbage.
- 10. A.**
- I. Saheb is a poor rag-picker who comes to probe garbage every morning. He looks for anything that can get him some coins. Garbage to the elders is gold. It is their daily bread. But for the children, it is even more. For them, it is a thing wrapped in wonder. This instance reflects that hope sustains life in dire conditions even. The hope of finding something in nothing makes the boy probe the garbage heaps.
 - II. In her childhood, Kamala Das's fears were that her mother would leave her. Those were a child's fears of insecurity. Now looking at her weak and old mother, the poet fears that her mother is not going to live long. This fear gives rise to that old ache in her heart. But now the fear was not of insecurity. It was the fear of being left alone without her mother.
 - III. The church clock represents the valuable time that students like Franz wasted in playing and not caring to learn their native language. And the Prussian trumpets signifies the changing of time and circumstances that would not allow them to learn their native language anymore. We take things for granted and feel the pain of losing them only when we have actually lost them.
 - IV. Eco's academic writing style is playful and has a personal quality about it. Even his essays have a narrative aspect. He became a novelist because he liked narrating things instead of making an academic study of them. The author's style of taking the views of people about an issue affects the reader's understanding of the story.
 - V. In this story, the rattrap symbolises the dual aspects of human nature. One aspect is that it is peoples's greed that trap them in the world of rattrap. The second aspect is that love and compassion encourages man to show the basic human goodness.
 - VI. The sharecroppers of Champaran had received only one-fourth of the compensation. But even then, the Champaran struggle is considered a huge victory of the peasants. It was so because the peasants had now gained courage. They saw that they too had rights and they could defend their rights. By and by, the British planters left their estates. These estates now came back to the peasants. Indigo sharecropping now disappeared for ever.



- 11. A.**
- I. The chief astrologer had prophesied that the Maharaja's death would come from a tiger. As we know from the story, the death did come from a tiger, though it was a wooden tiger, a toy. One of the tiny silvers over the toy's surface pierced the king's hand. Due to this, the infection spread in the king's arm became the cause of his death.
 - II. The literal journey is real journey which consists of painful realities of the present modern world. But we can't escape from it permanently. We can escape from it for time being by watching movie or involving ourselves in entertaining activities. In this story, the third level has been introduced as a waking-dream wish fulfilment of one of the characters which signifies metaphorical journey.
 - III. Both Derry and Mr. Lamb are victims of physical impairment. But Mr. Lamb does not feel sad if kids call him '*Lamey Lamb*'. On the other hand, Derry hates people who talk about his burnt face. Mr. Lamb tells him that it can do him more harm than any bottle of acid. He tells Derry that he has two arms, two legs, eyes, ears, tongue, and a brain. And if he has a firm mind, he can do better than others. With such conversation between the two characters, the author portrays a blend of pessimism and optimism.

- 12. A.** Through the poem '*A Roadside Stand*,' the poet wants to say that in the country's economic policies and in the country's statistics, the well-being of the farmers has never been considered. It is, in fact, a general complaint of all those who live in the rural countryside. The poet feels pained to think that the welfare of these poor farmers is never taken into account by the rich ruling classes. He depicts the treatment of inequality with the poor by the rich.

In the poem '*Aunt Jennifer's Tigers*,' the poet brings out the common story of almost all married women through the story of Aunt Jennifer. All married women spend all their lives doing household chores from morning till evening, producing children and bringing them up with loving care, putting up with all the bullying of their husbands, and then at last passing into their graves with no regard from anyone. Here the poet depicts the treatment of inequality with women by the men-dominated society.

- B.** In '*Going Places*' the character, Sophie is a young girl who belongs to a poor family. But is very ambitious. She has no money, yet she thinks of buying a nice boutique after her school. She also plans to become an actress or a fashion designer. All such dreams are in Sophie's mind only. There is no chance of their ever becoming a reality. So is the story of her disappointment in Danny Casey. She takes a chance meeting with him as the culmination of their romance. She keeps waiting for him even when she knows that there is no possibility of his coming.

As far as the character of '*Poets and Pancake*,' Subbu is concerned, he was the No. 2 at Gemini Studios. He could never do things of his own, but had the ability to look cheerful at all times. During the golden years of the Gemini Studios, Subbu had his hand in every important affair of the company. He had a separate identity as



a poet. He composed several truly original 'story poems' in folk diction. He was an amazing actor. He never aspired to the lead roles. But whatever role he played, he performed better than the main players. He was tailor-made for films.

13. A. The influence of belief in traditions such as religion, family bonds, or patriotism are ideal subjects to develop narrative techniques, which the writer in the story, '*The Enemy*', has used very creatively. Sadao's father was very disciplined and had the influence of traditions and religion in his practical life. The same culture and manners he passed on to his son. When Sadao went to America for studies, he met a Japanese girl named Hana. The two fell in love but did not marry heedlessly in America. When Sadao's father saw Hana, he at once agreed to their marriage. The marriage was arranged in the old Japanese way. Here the writer depicts the religion and family bonds very effectively. Then he created a conflict between patriotism and kindness to humanity. One night, Dr. Sadao found a badly wounded man. Though the man was an enemy soldier, as a doctor, Sadao took the man into his house and did all he could to save his life. In this way, Dr. Sadao rose above narrow prejudices and acted in a truly humanitarian manner. The writer also showed his narrative techniques very cleverly by depicting how Dr. Sadao diplomatically maintained his patriotic spirits as well.
- B. The author has knitted the story '*The Third Level*' in a very creative way. He has depicted the themes of escapism and nostalgia in a very effective narrative techniques. It is impossible for two different periods of history to exist simultaneously. In this story, we find the nineteenth century and the modern century existing side by side. The Grand Central Station has two levels where modern new-style currency is used. There is also a third level where the old-style currency of eighteen-ninety-something is used. We can say that the author has tried to weave fantasy with reality. The third level is merely a fantasy that exists in Charley's mind only. It is his escapist fantasy. His psychiatrist friend, Sam, is right when he calls it 'a waking-dream wish fulfilment'. Charley's visit to the third level is all a fantasy. He takes it for a reality and plans a journey to Galesburg. He even exchanges his new bills of three hundred dollars for old-style bills. But he is never again able to find the third level. It is because the third level existed in his fantasy only. So we can say that the third level was a medium of escape for Charley. It was only his escapist fantasy that the author has depicted in a very effective narrative technique.



MODEL ANSWERS

Sample Question Paper—1

SECTION—A (READING SKILLS)

1. Wives tend to believe that their husbands are extremely resourceful and they are multi-skilled. 2. Having repeatedly been proved wrong, they still think so because it's a question of as much pride as anything else. 3. (i) (d) newly-weds (ii) (b) lawn mower 4. The disadvantage is that sometimes husbands live under the wrong impression that they are able to do anything even after having been proved wrong again and again and end up wasting time and money. 5. She got angry with the author because grass had grown like jungle in their lawn and the lawn mower could not be repaired by him. 6. (i) (c) advisory services and bits and pieces to assemble (ii) (c) a tightening of some screws 7. (a) he did not know from where and how to buy it 8. (b) it still refused to work. 9. He did so since he did not want to be made fun of, particularly by his wife.
1. Protection of children against sexual offences (Pocso) Act. 2. In September 2013, the Parikhs were accused of sexually assaulting their neighbour's minor daughter. Parikh got bail due to inconsistencies in the medical report of the child and due to inconsistencies in the child's statement. Besides this Parikhs' lawyer argued that their neighbours had been eyeing the Parikhs' property which led them to filing a case against the Parikhs. 3. Under 166A of the IPC, the police are bound to file a FIR and take action against the accused or face action themselves. That is why police are prompted to arrest the accused without investigating the case. 4. (b) The Poscow law has been weaponised in divorce cases where couple is fighting over child custody. 5. It is so because in divorce cases there is a dispute over child custody. If a parent has been charged with sexual assault, the arrest is immediate, making it easier for the spouse to gain custody. 6. (d) This data shows that there is increase in the cases of child sexual assault with 2 to 3 percent cases. 7. (d) All of these three 8. (i) Perturbed by the neighbour's habit of playing loud music at late-night hours, he complained to the police. (ii) rancorous.

SECTION—B : (CREATIVE WRITING SKILLS)

3. (a)

LOTUS INTERNATIONAL SCHOOL, JODHPUR

NOTICE

TACKLING TRAFFIC NEAR SCHOOL

20 March 20_ _

There is a heavy traffic on the road opposite our school during the school timings. There have been a few accidents in the recent past due to the heavy, sometimes unruly, traffic. It will prove useful if we all contribute towards controlling the traffic. The names of those willing to share this responsibility are invited by 25 March.

Simar

Head Boy

Or

(b)

SUNRISE PUBLIC SCHOOL, GURUGRAM

NOTICE

DRAWING AND PAINTING COMPETITION

25 August 20_ _

The Arts Club of the school is going to organize a Drawing and Painting Competition on the 5th of September. Ambitious, talented and brilliant students of XI and XII classes (all streams) of our school are invited to participate in it. Those who are willing to take part in this event should give their names to the undersigned by the 2nd of September positively.

Rishabh

Secretary, Arts Club

4. (a)

FORMAL INVITATION

Vidya Mandir Vidyalaya, Jabalpur is going to organise a talk on the 'Importance of Promoting Art Education' at all levels on the 15th of November 20_ _ . Rohit Dhasmana, the CCA Coordinator, requests the pleasure of the consent of Mr. Arun Shourie, the Director of Delhi School of Art, to grace the occasion as the keynote speaker. The talk will be held in the school auditorium at 11.00 a.m.

Rohit Dhasmana

CCA Coordinator
Vidya Mandir Vidyalaya
Jabalpur
05 November 20_ _

Or

(b)

123, Civil City
Leh
16 Oct. 20_ _
The Principal
G. D. Public School
Jammu

Dear Sir

It gives me great pleasure to know that your school is organizing a seminar on 'Art Therapy the Way Forward' on 25 Oct. 20_ _ . You have invited me to conduct this seminar for students and I accept this invitation quite heartily and gratefully. This initiative is commendable. It will make the students aware of the usefulness of art in dealing with personal and social problems. I have my own views on this subject which I would like to share with others. Thanking you once again for the invitation.

Yours sincerely

Dr Stanzin

5. (a)

ABOUT THE RECRUITMENT OF OFFICE EXECUTIVES

Pycrofts Road
Udhampur
26 June 20_ _
The HRD Manager
Standerd Computers Company
Jammu

Subject : About the Recruitment of Office Executives

Sir

With reference to your advertisement in 'The Deccan Herald', I have come to know that you want to recruit some Office Executives. I would like to be a part of this programme and my biodata is as detailed below :

Name : Ankit Sharma
Father's Name : Mr Akhilesh Sharma
Age : 23 years

Educational Qualifications :

Class	Board / University	Subjects	Marks
1. Matric	CBSE, Delhi Hindi	Eng., Maths, S.St., Science,	86%
2. Plus 2	CBSE, Delhi Economics, Hindi	Eng., Maths, History,	75%
3. B.A	Jammu University adminestration, Maths	Economics, Public	70%
4. DCA	State ITI Applications	Various types of Computer	68%

Games & Sports : Played in the district-level football matches
Hobbies : Painting and Drawing
Yours faithfully
Ankit

Or

(b) **POSSIBILITY OF SEVERE WATER CRISIS**

415 Green Park
Ambala
23 September 20_ _
The Editor
The Indian Express
New Delhi

Subject : Possibility of Severe Water Crisis by 2020

Sir

The water level is going down year after year. Recently, we came to know that Chennai had to struggle with acute water shortage. The city had to be supplied water, arranged through a special water train. This year, Chennai had to face the water problem and next year, i.e. in 2020, the whole of India may have to face such a water crisis. Nobody from heaven is going to solve this issue. We ourselves have to resolve this issue. The wasteful and unwise use of water must be stopped forthwith. It is the moral duty of all of us to save the every drop of water. It can be done by harvesting rainwater. The maps of only those houses should be passed that are equipped with the mechanism of rainwater harvesting. We should use only as much water as is required. Given the present situation, the third World War will most possibly be fought over the issue of water. It is time we heard the grim warning. Otherwise, the coming generation won't pardon us.

Yours truly
Shaheen

6. (a) **Beautiful Mind Is Better Than Fair Complexion**

There is a craze for fair complexion in our society. Excessive advertisements of fairness creams on TV and in newspapers as well as demand for fair brides in matrimonial columns bear testimony to this fact. In the west, people love to be tanned. But here in our country, to be of a dark complexion is looked down upon, as if they were no human beings. Fair complexion is only skin deep. So we should prefer a beautiful mind to beautiful or fair-complexioned body. Beauty of the skin may vanish due to some accident, but beauty of the mind still exists. These are our attitude towards life, our behaviour in society that distinguishes us from others, not just fair skin. And it is not true that only people with fair complexion make progress in life. We have examples of many dark-complexioned people who touched great heights in their life, such as Martin Luther King, Barak Obama, K.R. Narayanan, Narayan Murti, A.P.J. Abdul Kalam, etc.

Contributed by
Nimmi Grover

Or

(b) **INAUGURAL EVENT OF BASANT PANCHAMI FESTIVAL**
A Report

Ranikhet, A three-day cultural festival was organised by Ranikhet district, Uttarakhand on the occasion of Basant Panchmi. It was held in the form of a fair. It was held in the open fields outside the town. Local panchayat member Mr Roshan Lal was invited to inaugurate the fair. He gave an impressive speech about the important Indian festival Basant Panchmi which signals the end of winter. Many young artists and singers took part in the inauguration of this fair. They presented folk dances and songs. Hundreds of people came to see the fair. A temporary bazaar had been set up. The main grounds of the market place were covered with big crowds. The whole fair place was embellished with colourful

decorations. People made all sorts of purchases in the market, Children were buying dolls, toys, balloons, whistles, sweets and many other things. Sweet - shops, in particular, were having good business. Further on, there were some merry-go-rounds. They were whirling and twirling in the air with creaking sounds. Children and even grown-up people were enjoying rides on them. Policemen were posted at different points in the fair. They kept a watchful eye on the bad characters.

Priyanka Bhisht

(Reporter, The Tribune)

SECTION – C : (LITERATURE)

7. (a) 1. give a clarification to the readers. 2. (c) 3. (c) 4. According to the poet lack of understanding is to blame for the condition of threatening ourselves with death. 5. (a) 6. (d).
- Or*
- (b) 1. (b) 2. (c) 3. (c) 4. (b) 5 noble natures. 6. wreathing a flowery band to bind us to the earth.
8. (a) 1. physical impairment 2. (c) 3. Mr Lamb's cordial behaviour, his words of encouragement and his positive thinking brought about a total change in Derry's mind. 4. (d)
- Or*
- (b) 1. (b) 2. He bought old style currency. 3. The corridor that led to the third level at the Grand Central Station. 4. (d).
9. (a) 1. temporary 2. The figure of speech used here is Hyperbole. 3. (b) 4. It means that rag-picking has attained the position of a skill. 5. Seemapuri is a slum area. About 10,000 ragpickers live here. They live in structures of mud. They have roofs of tin and tarpaulin. There is no sewage, drainage or running water. Those who live here came from Bangladesh in 1971. 6. (b).
- Or*
- (b) 1. (c) 2. (b) 3. (c) 4. (b) 5. The ordinary people stood with Gandhiji at every juncture. At Motihari, they flocked in thousands when they came to know that the Mahatma had some trouble with the authorities. They were ready to do anything at his bidding. Thus the ordinary man's contribution to the freedom movement was no less in any way. 6. Gandhiji felt there was a higher law to follow. It was the law of conscience and he decided to follow this law.
10. (i) When the writer goes with Mukesh to his house, she sees that the cry of poverty still rings in every home in Firozabad, the city of bangles. The youngsters echo the lament of their elders who have been doing the mind-numbing toil of bangle-making since long. This is the reason that the writer says that little has moved with time, it seems, in Firozabad.
- (ii) It shook the writer badly. After some hours, he was able to walk back home. He was feeling very weak. He was trembling. He shook and cried when he lay on his bed. He could eat nothing that night. A terrible fear filled his heart. He never went back to that pool again.
- (iii) The world has rightly been compared to a big rattrap. Ratraps have baits for rats. The rattrap of the world has baits of its own kind for men. As soon as anyone is tempted to touch the bait, the rattrap closes in on him. Then there is no escape.
- (iv) It was feared that Gandhiji would be jailed by the English judge. The prominent Indian lawyers conferred with Gandhiji. After the consultations, they expressed their desire to follow Gandhiji to prison. At this, Gandhiji made the given statement. He was happy to see their fearlessness.
- (v) The make-up department was a fine example of national integration. It had a large team of workers who were all from different parts of India and belonged to different castes. The department was headed by a Maharashtrian. His assistants included a Kannadiga, an Andhraite, an Indian Christian, an Anglo Burmese and the local Tamils.
- (vi) The poet calls the moment of quiet introspection 'an exotic moment'. He calls it exotic because it will give us a very unusual feeling. We shall feel ourselves as one with all others. We will come out of all our greed, selfishness and cruelty.
11. (i) When Charley had told Sam about his visit to the third level, Sam had not believed his story. But he had liked the description of 1894 life. Perhaps it would have raised curiosity in Sam. And he would have gone

through the state of waking–dream wish fulfilment’ that there was third level, a subway at the Grand Central Station of New York.

- (ii) Antarctica is entirely different from the place we live in. It is the coldest, driest and windiest continent in the world. There are no human signs. There are no trees, billboards or buildings. We lose all earthly sense of time there. Days go on and on for 24 hours.
 - (iii) On the seventh day, Hana found that none of the servants had done their job. Hana paid them off with thanks. In the afternoon, a messenger came in official uniform. She thought he had come to arrest her husband. But actually he had come to take Sadao to the old General. He was in pain again.
12. (a) Kindness is a divine power which not only soothes a grieved soul, but also changes its attitude towards life and world. An act of kindness can change a person’s view of the world. To begin with, we see the peddler as an ungrateful person and a petty thief. The peddler is basically a nice fellow. But the world has never been very kind to him. It makes him a petty thief. But the ironmaster’s daughter proves an angel in his life. Much against her father’s wish, she tries her best to make the poor hungry man feel at home. She provides him good food and a nice place to sleep on. Her touch of kindness and sympathy transforms the peddler completely. The peddler’s real goodness comes to light when he leaves a packet for the ironmaster’s daughter as a Christmas present. The packet has in it a small rattrap, three wrinkled ten-krona notes and a letter. The letter says, “Since you have been so nice to me all day long, I want to be nice to you, in return. The rattrap is a Christmas present from a rat who would have been caught in this world’s rattrap if he had not been treated as a captain.” Thus we see how love and understanding can bring out the basic human goodness of a person.

Or

- (b) In this poem, Keats has used powerful images and enthralling word-pictures to explain how a beautiful thing is a joy for ever. He says that the loveliness of a beautiful thing never fades. We find in it new beauties as we watch it day after day. A beautiful thing is a kind of quiet bower that sends us to sleep full of sweet dreams. It gives us health of the body and peace of the mind. Keats lists some such beautiful things. He says that we have the sun and the moon. There are big and small trees that give cool shade for simple sheep. There are lovely daffodils and cool clear streams. There are musk roses that bloom in forests. Then there is also the beauty of thoughts we have for the mighty dead. We imagine that they will be suitably rewarded by God on the day of judgement. Then there are lovely tales of olden days that we have heard or read. Metaphors used by Keats in this poem are really wonderful. He compares all the beauties to an endless fountain of immortal drink that heaven itself is pouring down for us. Keats has given such lively description of beauty in this poem that it stimulates the reader’s inner sight as well as sense of touch and smell.
13. (a) Sadao was a famous surgeon and scientist. He was perfecting a wonderful discovery that could make wounds entirely clean. Hana was his faithful wife who always stood by her husband. They lived near the sea. One night, they were standing at their door. Suddenly, they saw a man who was flung out of the ocean. He was a white man and had been wounded by a gunshot. From his cap, they found that he was an American POW. Sadao and Hana felt pity for him and took him into their house to treat him. But their servants were superstitious and refused to do anything with the man. They were against helping an American, their enemy. This mindset is usual with common people. But Sadao was full of milk of human kindness. He and his wife cared for the man and brought him out of the jaws of death. Nobility defeated the narrow-mindedness of the common people.

Or

- (b) People adopt different ways to escape the painful realities of the modern world. They can do so by forgetting all that is around them and by losing themselves in their own imagination. They can sit down and do some creative writing. Or, there are some very simple ways like going for a picnic or some movie. They can divert their mind to some hobby like gardening, painting, etc. There are some who resort to drinks and drugs to forget their worries. But this is an undesirable way of escape. In the present story, Charley is the product of modern consumerist world. He starts imagining that he has gone to the third level at Grand Central Station, New York. Here everything is about one hundred years old. He wants to go to Galesburg through this level. But in fact there is no third level there. It is merely a product of Charley’s imagination. It can be seen only as his way to combat the stress of the modern consumerist world.

MODEL ANSWERS

(Sample Papers 2–11)

Sample Question Paper—2

SECTION—A (READING SKILLS)

1. Being creative and unique has not been the focus of education from earlier times. 2. For aesthetic development, students should step out into the outside world. 3. (a) limiting education to academic boundaries. 4. (d) to focus on overall development. 5. Co-curricular activities such as regular guest lectures, industrial visits, seminars, cultural festivals that strengthen or supplement classroom curriculum in some way have become a point of focus today. 6. Taking children to a manufacturing firm will give them a better insight into industry. 7. (i) (c) intellectual development. (ii) (b) their real-life experiences. 8. (i) (d) the foundation. (ii) (b) creativity. 9. Classroom does not provide exposure to society or outside world. Therefore, it is difficult to teach soft skills in the classroom.
2. 1. (c) Thawing permafrost results in the absorption of greenhouse gases. 2. In the Arctic region, heat wave roasting the region is shocking. The hottest temperature recorded above the Arctic Circle is over 37 degree celsius. 3. According to him, the most far reaching consequences of warming climate are (i) thawing of the frozen ground (ii) flooding pastures and destabilising buildings and (iii) eroding river banks. 4. Permafrost is frozen ground over millenia, containing animal and plant detritus. It is expanded as much as twice the area of USA's size. The thawing of permafrost could unleash 240 billion tons of oxygen by 2100. 5. Methane gas is 25 times more potent than carbondioxide. It is released by thawing of permafrost. 6. (i) (b) twice the area of USA's size (ii) (b) 240 billion tons of carbon 7. (a) i, ii 8. (i) (d) Rain. (ii) (c) 38,000 square miles.

SECTION—B (CREATIVE WRITING SKILLS)

3. (a)

NOTICE
DAV PUBLIC SCHOOL, GURUGRAM
A WORKSHOP ON THE IMPORTANCE OF MENTAL HEALTH

10 Dec. 20__

The Wellness Club of our school is going to organize a workshop on mental health for the students of XI and XII classess on 15 December 20__ in the campus of our school. The purpose of this workshop is to make the students aware of the importance of mental health and to help them in getting rid of the examination phobia. Dr Madhurima, our school counseller will speak on the topic. This workshop will increase our understanding about our mental health. It will also enable us to deal with our problems in better way. All the students of XI and XII are requested to attend this workshop.

Rueben
(President, Wellness Cell)

Or

(b)

R.J. PUBLIC SCHOOL
(Central Government Employees Residential Colony, Delhi)
NOTICE
Fancy Dress Show

07 January 20__

All students are hereby informed that the Cultural Society of the school is going to organize a fancy dress show on 25th of January. In this show, each participant is to wear the dress of his / her region. The aim of this show is to project the cultural diversity of India. Those who wish to take part in this fancy dress show should give their names to the undersigned before 23rd of January.

Vipul Srivastava
(Secretary, Cultural Society)

4. (a)

FORMAL INVITATION

Sunrise Global School, Agra, is going to organize a one-act play competition in the school auditorium on the 17th and 18th of March 20___. Karuna Goswami, Cultural Secretary of the school, requests the pleasure of noted artiste, Ms. Nalini's consent to grace the occasion. The inaugural ceremony will be held at 5.30 in the evening on the 17th.

Karuna Goswami

Cultural Secretary
Sunrise Global School
Agra
10 March 20__

Or

(b)

20 Chhawani Mohalla
Amritsar
28 October 20__
The Secretary
Youth Club
Chhawani Mohalla

Dear Sir

I thank you for your invitation to act as one of the judges for the inter-school group song competition that is going to be organised by your Youth Club on the 15th of the next month. It would have been a matter of pride and pleasure for me to accept your invitation. But I regret to inform you of my inability to do so due to a previous engagement that can't be ignored.

Expressing my regrets once again.

Yours truly

Rahul

5. (a)

FOR THE POST OF MANAGER

A-150 Mount Road
Chennai
23 June 20__
The Manager
Sundaram Westside
Chennai

Subject : Application for the post of Manager (Accounts)

Sir

With reference to your advertisement in 'The Chennai Times' dated 21 June 20___, I offer my services as a manager (accounts) in your firm. My brief biodata is given below :

BIODATA

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|------------------------------|---|----------------------------|
| 1. Name | : | Tapas Sharma |
| 2. Father's name | : | Sanjay Sharma |
| 3. Mother's name | : | Kapila Sharma |
| 4. Date of birth | : | 15-10-1988 |
| 5. Present address | : | A-150, Mount Road, Chennai |
| 6. Academic Qualifications : | | |

<i>Exam Passed</i>	<i>Year of Passing</i>	<i>Board / University</i>	<i>Marks Obtained</i>	<i>Distinction, if any</i>	
Matric	2004	CBSE	410 / 500	82%	4th in Dist.
+2 Com.	2006	CBSE	385 / 500	77%	_____
B.Com. (Prof.)	2009	DU	417 / 500	83%	7th in Univ.

7. Experience : Worked as assistant chartered accountant under CA, Shri Jay Patel, for two years.
8. Workshops / Seminars attended :
 1. Participated in a seminar on auditing problems conducted by Punjab University, Chandigarh.
 2. Attended a one-week workshop conducted by Institute of Chartered Accountants.
9. Current occupation : Working as an accountant with Vardhman Woollen Mills, Hoshiarpur.
10. References :
 1. Jay Patel
 Chartered Accountant
 Pitampura, Delhi.
 2. Prof. R.K. Sharma
 Head of the Deptt. of Commerce
 DAV College, Gurugram.

Date : 23 June, 20_ _.

I shall be available for an interview any day next week. I shall be looking forward to hearing from you.

Yours sincerely
Tapas Sharma

Or

(b) **OUTBREAK OF CHOLERA IN THE CITY**

82-Palampura
 Surat
 26 April 20_ _
 The Editor
 Jan Jagriti
 Surat

Sir

A severe cholera broke out in the city during the last monsoon season. It all happened due to the criminal neglect of the city corporation authorities. There were heaps of garbage all around the city. The drains remained blocked and the polluted water flowed freely on all sides. The potholes on the roads provided an ideal place for the breeding of germs. The water supplied to homes for the purpose of drinking is also polluted. It was no wonder then that cholera broke out in the city and took such a heavy toll of life. Many people migrated to other cities due to the fear of the epidemic.

Now that the rage of the epidemic is over, and the city is limping back to normal, the authorities should make up for their previous neglect. A vigorous cleanliness drive should be started. All potholes should be repaired. All sewers and drains should be cleaned of their silt so that they don't get blocked during the rains. Let us not let the city pass through those horrible days ever again.

Yours truly
Renu Bhagat

6. (a)

The Tourism Potential of India

The tourism potential of India has, in fact, no limits. It is an ancient land with all the modern manifestations of development. If it has a Kashi, it has a Mumbai also. If it has a Taj Mahal, it has a Golden Temple also. It has something of interest for every tourist. It attracts tourists from all over the world because of its ancient places of pilgrimage, its great historical buildings, its tempting hill stations, its flora and fauna, its incredible natural beauty and its so varied and yet so homogeneous culture. It is for these reasons that tourism in India has shown a phenomenal growth in the past decade. Our charming hill stations, captivating beaches, historical monuments, golden deserts, serene backwaters, rich wildlife, colourful fairs and festivals can capture the heart of any tourist. Thus the potential of tourism in India is indeed unfathomable. Mother India has a lot to offer to each and every tourist; only the children of India have to remember our ages-old precept of 'Atithi Devo Bhav.' We must be very respectful and considerate to the foreign visitors to our land and only then the tourism potential of India can be developed to the fullest measure.

Contributed by :**Navita***Or*

(b)

A FIRE ACCIDENT / A MASSIVE FIRE IN SADAR BAZAR**A Report**

May 26 : A massive fire in Sadar Bazar, Delhi claimed 15 lives and huge loss of property. The fire tragedy occurred in a big garment showroom. The fire which occurred due to a short circuit, started at 4.00. p.m. The fire was first noticed by a worker at the showroom. He immediately reported the matter to the owner of the showroom who was minding the cash counter. In no time, the fire engulfed the entire showroom. The persons on the ground floor saved their lives by rushing out of the showroom. But the workers working at the upper floor got stuck in the fire. Their heart-rending cries could be heard in the entire bazar. The owner of the showroom rang up the fire brigade. However the fire brigade could reach there after about half an hour. The entry point of the bazar is so narrow that it took at least fifteen minutes to remove the blockade. Till then the fire spread to fifty odd shops around. The fire was so massive that some more fire tenders had to be arranged from the neighbouring town. Only after five hours, the fire could be brought under control. The workers on the upper floor of the showroom where the fire started are reported to have been charred to death. Almost all the shops were full of winter garments. Therefore, the fire spread like a wild fire. A loss to the tune of ` 2000 crore has been estimated.

Reported by :**Hemant Mishra**

Reporter

The Tribune

SECTION – C (LITERATURE)

7. (a) 1. She was going to the Cochin airport. 2. (d) 3. She realised that her mother won't live long. 4. Simile.
5. (c) 6. (d).

Or

- (b) 1. Robert Frost has written this poem. 2. It had been put up in front of the old house. 3. (b) 4. (c) 5. (a)
6. (c).

8. (a) 1. (b) 2. (d) 3. (c) 4. This story underlines the fact that what is allotted can't be blotted.

Or

- (b) 1. It is self-experiencing education that motivates students to act. 2. (c) 3. (a) 4. Because it is only through action that changes can be brought.

9. (a) 1. He was in a hurry because he had to milk his cow. 2. (a) 3. He locked the door and put the key in his pocket. 4. (a) 5. (b) 6. (b).

Or

- (b) 1. To know for sure that he had overcome his fear of drowning in water. 2. (a) 3. (c) 4. (b) 5. (a) 6. Optimism, determination and hard work help Douglas to overcome his fear of water.

10. (i) Rudyard Kipling disliked being interviewed because he regarded interviewing as immoral. He called it a crime which merits punishment. He called it outwardly and vile. "No respectable man would ask it, much less give it," he said.
- (ii) Sophie planned to have a nice boutique in the city. She wanted it to be the best in the city. But Jansie said it would need a lot of money. At this, Sophie said that she would work as a manager until she had saved enough money.
- (iii) C.F. Andrews was an English pacifist and was a devoted follower of Gandhiji. But Gandhiji wanted to win the battle of Champaran on the grounds of truth and justice. He did not want to use any Englishman as a prop. So he was opposed to the idea of C.F. Andrews helping him in Champaran.
- (iv) The ironmaster had taken the peddler for an old regimental acquaintance and invited him to his house. But when he realized his mistake, he asked the peddler to leave. However his daughter Edla showed sympathy towards the peddler and served him lovingly. Her affection transformed the peddler completely and brought out his latent goodness.
- (v) By the given statement, Mr Hamel wanted to convey that it was not Franz only who had done something wrong. He said that everyone, including himself, has done some or the other thing wrong.
- (vi) The poet wants to say that we should stop our worldly activities for a few moments and do some quiet introspection. It will help us to understand ourselves. Then we can start our activities afresh in a better and purposeful manner.
11. (i) Tigers in the Maharaja's kingdom had become extinct. He had yet to shoot down thirty more. So he decided to marry a girl in some royal family of a state that had a large tiger population.
- (ii) When the servants came to know that their master was helping an enemy soldier, they protested and bluntly refused to do anything for him. When Yumi refused to wash a white man, Hana cried at her severely. She decided to stand by her husband and nursed the enemy soldier herself.
- (iii) Derry says that people look at his face and call it a terrible thing. They call it the ugliest thing they ever saw. That is why Derry says people are afraid of looking at him.
12. (a) 'Indigo' is an excerpt from the Louis Fischer's book '*The Life of Mahatma Gandhi*'. In this excerpt, the writer gives the factual information of the Champaran incident and the description of Gandhiji's struggle for the poor peasants of Champaran. These peasants were sharecroppers with the British planters. By an ancient agreement, they had to produce indigo on 15 per cent of the land and surrender it as rent to the landlords. By about 1917, it was known that Germany had developed synthetic indigo. The British planters now no longer wanted the indigo crop. In order to release the peasants from the 15 percent agreement, they demanded compensation from them. Some of the illiterate peasants agreed to it, but others refused. They engaged lawyers to go to the court. It was at this point that Gandhiji appeared in Champaran. He fought for the poor peasants a long battle for one year. At last, he got justice for them. Now the peasants gained courage and they knew their rights also. Along with this political and economic fight, Gandhiji worked on the social level also. He arranged for the education, health and hygiene of the poor peasant families. He taught them the lesson of self-reliance. It was, in a way, a step forward in the struggle for Indian independence.

Or

- (b) In this poem, the poet brings out the common story of almost all married women through the story of Aunt Jennifer. All married women spend all their life in doing household chores from morning till evening, produce children and bring them up with loving care, put up with all the bullying of their husbands and then at last pass into their graves with no regard from anyone. Aunt Jennifer is a typical housewife. She embroiders some tigers in wool on a screen. The tigers are lovely to look at. They seem to be prancing across the screen. Some men are standing under a tree. But the tigers don't seem afraid of them. They look very chivalric, sleek and brave. But Aunt Jennifer herself has become very old. She can hardly pull the ivory needle out of the wool. Uncle has dominated her so cruelly all her life that now she thinks those ordeals to be part of her life. The poet imagines that even when Aunt Jennifer dies, there will be no peace for her. Even in her grave she will be thinking of her daily chores. The tigers on her panel will go on prancing as usual, but the poor Aunt Jennifer will be lying lifeless in her grave. This poem also depicts the picture of male chauvinism. Women give birth to men but those very men dominate and tyrannize over them all their life.
13. (a) Antarctica is really the place to go to if we want to understand the earth's present, past and future. It can tell us how our globe took its present-day shape. It can tell us how there was a time when India and South America used to be a part of the southern supercontinent — Gondwana. Then, about a million years ago, India pushed northward and jammed against Asia forming the Himalayas. South America drifted off to join North America. The study of Antarctica also tells us that it is the only place in the world that never had any human population. It remains relatively pristine in this respect. It has in its ice cores half-million-year-old carbon records. Thus Antarctica tells us of the present state also. It can tell us the Earth's past. Its receding glaciers and collapsing ice shelves can give us an indication of the future also. They can tell us how real the threat of global warming is. Thus Antarctica is really the place to go to if we want to understand the earth's present, past and future.

Or

- (b) The Tiger King came to know of the prediction made by the chief astrologer that his death would come from a tiger. The king went hunting and killed a tiger. He called the chief astrologer and told him that his prediction has proved wrong. But the astrologer said that the king could kill ninety-nine tigers in the same manner, but he would have to be very careful with the hundredth. Now the Tiger King took a vow that he would attend to the state matters only after killing a hundred tigers. He also proclaimed that none but the king could hunt tigers in his kingdom. In ten years, he was able to kill seventy tigers. But now no tigers were left in the forests of his kingdom. He married a girl from a royal family and started hunting tigers in the kingdom of his father-in-law. In this way, he killed ninety-nine tigers. No tiger was left in that kingdom also. Somehow, the kingdom's Dewan got a sickly tiger for the king. The king took a careful aim and fired. The tiger fell in a heap. Thus the king thought that he had killed a hundred tigers. Actually, it was not the king's shot that had killed the tiger, but the sharp sound of the bullet which the old tiger could not stand and fell down terrified. Later the tiger was killed by the king's hunters.

Sample Question Paper—3

SECTION—A (READING SKILLS)

1. 1. It is a process in which police escorts an ambulance. For this usually a specific traffic lane is chosen. It is ensured that all signals stay green so that the ambulance reaches its destination at the earliest. 2. Retrieved organs have a very short preservation time. This is the reason that smooth transportation of the retrieved organ is necessary. 3. (c) National Organ and Tissue Transplant Organisation 4. Chennai Traffic Police did a remarkable job. They implemented well organized, disciplined and well focussed 'green corridor' method to save a nine year old girl. 5. Cadaver organs have to be transplanted within a few hours because of their very short life. So these few hours are considered golden hours as they are life saving hours. 6. (c) to carry the harvested organ in the shortest possible time. 7. (d) the cost is prohibitive. 8. (a) they don't have well trained experts. 9. A heart transplant costs rupees 15-20 lakhs, which is followed up by postoperative medication of about rupees 30,000- per month lifelong.
2. 1. Under the new policy tutoring businesses will have to restructure as non-profit companies. They are banned from listing on the stock market or raising foreign capital. They are also prohibited from offering tutoring classes on weekends and school holidays. 2. The shares of Chinese companies involved in tutoring business lost value worth thousands of crores. All these companies became bankrupt. 3. (a) choosing professions other than engineering and medicine. 4. No doubt, India needs to take action to curb increasing tuition trends. But it should not take steps similar to those of china because action taken by the Chinese government was very harsh and doesn't augur well for investor sentiment. 5. (i) To nurture that talent of the youth, such education policies should be introduced that provide the level playing field to the students. (ii) (d) Both (b) and (c). 6. The parents feel pressured to get their children 'extra' help in studies. School is no longer enough and schoolteachers aren't sufficient in helping the children get good marks. 7. The activities which are not helpful in entrance tests or board exams, such as sports, art, elocutions, debates, etc. are not preferred by students and their parents. 8. (i) (d) circumvent (ii) (d) all of these three

SECTION—B (CREATIVE WRITING SKILLS)

3. (a)

SUNSHINE PUBLIC SCHOOL, DINDIGUL

NOTICE

A Lecture on Road Safety

15 March 20_ _

It is informed that there will be a lecture on Road Safety by the Inspector of Police (Traffic), Ms. J.R. Jyara, on 27th of this month. All students are to attend this lecture. It will help in inculcating a good traffic sense among the students. The timing of the lecture is 11:00 a.m. to 12:00 p.m.

Kulwinder Kaur Grewal
(Principal)

Or

(b)

SUNSHINE PUBLIC SCHOOL, ALAM BAGH,

LUCKNOW

NOTICE

05 April 20_ _

An NGO working for the welfare of poor students has approached our school to offer book grants to the needy students. Those who are in need should put their requests in a box kept outside the Principal's office.

Aastha Nagpal
(Head Girl)

4. (a)

FORMAL INVITATION

Loktak High School, Manipur is going to organize its Annual Day on the 16th of August 20_ _. Nainai Kom, the Head Boy of the school requests for the pleasure of the famous boxer and an old student of our school, Mary Kom's kind consent to grace the Annual Day as the chief guest. The said function will begin at 11.00 a.m. on the above-mentioned date.

Nainai Kom

Head Boy
Loktak High School
Manipur
02 August 20_ _

Or

(b)

The Director
Health Services
Karagpur, W.B.

Dear Sir

It gives me great pleasure that you have invited me to preside over a gathering of leading medical practitioners at the workshop organized on mental wellness on 09 November 2023 at 11 a.m. in public hospital, Jammu, J&K.

I accept this invitation quite heartily and gratefully. It would be a very great opportunity to spend time with leading practitioners and listening to their valuable views and sharing experience on the topic.

Yours sincerely

Dr. Suchitra Mukherjee

5. (a)

FOR THE POST OF A CHARTERED ACCOUNTANT

2, Kailash Puri
Delhi
23 June 20_ _

The Manager
Happy Times Industry
Kanpur

Subject : Application for the post of Chartered Accountant

Sir

With reference to your advertisement in The National Times dated 21 June 20_ _, I offer my services as a chartered accountant in your firm. My brief biodata is given below :

BIODATA

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|--------------------|---|--|
| 1. Name | : | Amrendra Singh |
| 2. Father's name | : | Darshan Singh |
| 3. Mother's name | : | Ramanpreet Kaur |
| 4. Date of birth | : | 28-12-1987 |
| 5. Present address | : | 2, Kailash Puri, Delhi. |
| 6. References | : | 1. Vikas Sharma Chartered Accountant Railway Road, Delhi.
2. Prof. R.K. Uppal
Head of the Deptt. of Commerce
A. B. College, Kanpur. |

7. Academic Qualifications :

Exam Passed	Year of Passing	Board / University	Marks Obtained	Distinction, if any	
Matric	2003	CBSE	410 / 500	82%	4th in Dist.
+2 Com.	2005	CBSE	385 / 500	77%	_____
B.Com. (Prof.)	2008	JNU	417 / 500	83%	7th in Univ.

8. Experience : Worked as assistant accountant under CA, Shri Vikas Sharma, for two years.
9. Workshops / Seminars attended :
1. Attended a ten-day workshop conducted by Institute of Chartered Accountants.
2. Participated in a seminar on auditing problems conducted by Delhi University, Delhi
10. Extra-curricular activities :
1. Declared best speaker of the year 2008 by Delhi University.
2. Awarded Gold Medal in communication skills.
11. Current occupation : Working as an accountant with Evergreen Publishers, Kanpur for the last 2 years.

Date : 23 June, 20__ __.

I shall be available for an interview any day next week. I shall be looking forward to hearing from you.

Yours sincerely

Amrendra Singh

Or

(b)

ABOUT THE IMPORTANCE OF BOOK FAIR

F-112 Malviya Nagar

Bhopal

16 July 20__ __

The Editor

The Hindustan Times

Bhopal

Subject : About the Importance of Book Fair

Sir

Last week, National Book Trust organised a book fair in our city at Anna Ground. This book fair lasted one week. I also visited this fair along with my friends. Publishers from all over India had put up their stalls. There was a rich display of books on almost all subjects for school and college students. This fair attracted a large number of students, parents and other book-lovers. People were very enthusiastic to find the books of almost all renowned authors at one place. They were buying the books for themselves as well as their children. Elaborate arrangements were made by the local authorities. Before visiting this book fair, I used to think that books have lost their relevance in the world of Internet. But seeing the crowd of book lovers at Anna Ground, I had to change my views. My joy knew no bounds. It was, truly speaking, an ocean of books. The fair was a great success in so far as it aroused the interest of the students to read and buy good and useful books. Such book fairs should be arranged in every city of the state at least twice a year so that the habit of reading can be promoted among the people.

Yours sincerely

Navtaj

6. (a)

THE ADVANTAGES OF TRAVELLING

The world is full of beautiful sights and scenes. These scenes delight the eyes, enrich the outlook and broaden the mind. In this age of modern technology and internet, we can learn about these places or scenes online, sitting at home. We can know about them from books also. Reading about new places and searching them online expands our knowledge about those lands and their people. It also develops in us the interest to visit these places and have live experience of their beauty and culture. Travelling brings us into contact with different types of people and their different ways of living. A person who travels widely grows more kind and sympathetic towards others. Thus, travelling teaches us the lesson of unity in diversity. It enriches our mind and enables us to shed our narrow-mindedness. We take to new ideas. Travelling sharpens the wit and intelligence of a person. Many times, a person travelling at unknown places meets with great hardships and difficulties. He develops resourcefulness to overcome those difficulties and hardships. Travelling builds confidence in us. During travelling we get the chance to make new friends and experience new cultures. Travelling gives us beautiful, and everlasting memories also.

Or

(b)

D.A.V. Senior Secondary School
TEACHERS' DAY CELEBRATIONS
A Report

06 Sept. 20_ _

The Teacher's Day was celebrated by our school on the 5th of September this year. A cultural programme was organised for the occasion. And Sh. Hari Krishan, the State Education Minister, was the chief guest of the programme. First of all five retired teachers were honoured. The students showed their regard for their teachers through flowers, bouquets and greetings in a very impressive manner. They touched the feet of their *gurus* and sought their blessings. Anil kumar, the head Boy of the school, read out a speech in which he underlined the role of teachers in the life of students. It was a very impressive and emotional speech. The hall resounded with clapping when he finished. Then there was a brief cultural programme in which the students entertained the guests and teachers with songs, dances and comical acts. At the end of the programme, the chief guest advised the students to lend their wholehearted attention to their studies and thus make the best use of the hard-earned money of their parents. The programme ended with the singing of the national anthem.

Report Prepared by —
Pritam

SECTION – C (LITERATURE)

7. (a) 1. (b). 2. They possess courage, bravery and certainty. 3. Because they are brave and warlike. 4. The rhyme scheme of this stanza is — aabb. 5. (b) 6. (d).

Or

(b) 1. The poor man waiting all day for some car to stop at his stand. 2. The waiting of the poor peasant for some car to stop at his stand. 3. The sadness on the face of the poor peasant. 4. (d) 5. (d) 6. (d).

8. (a) 1. (d) 2. The ten-day-old child started speaking. 3. (d) 4. He did so in surprise. In fact, he was surprised to see the ten days old baby talking to him.

Or

(b) 1. watching all the little things happening on the way. 2. ten minutes 3. (d) 4. (c).

9. (a) 1. Mukesh takes his own decisions. 2. (d) 3. his dream is illusive and elusive. 4. (b) 5. (c) 6. (d).

Or

- (b) 1. (b) 2. It looked like a hair-cutting salon. It had half a dozen mirrors. There were incandescent lights around these mirrors. 3. (a) 4. A Maharashtrian. 5. (b) 6. Poets and Pancakes.
10. (i) Spring symbolises happiness. But the children living in slums have to work in miserable conditions. There is hardly any joy left in their lives. Thus through the title, '*Lost Spring*', the writer wants to convey the dark and dreary life of the slum dwellers.
- (ii) Sophie is a highly ambitious girl. She belongs to a poor family but she dreams of big things. She lives in her fantasies. This is the reason that she is attracted to Danny Casey who is a famous Irish player. She is an ordinary girl but she dreams of remaining with Danny Casey.
- (iii) Douglas's instructor was a very experienced and patient person. First, he trained Douglas with the help of an overhead pulley. Then he taught him to exhale under water and inhale above water. And, finally, piece by piece, the instructor built out of Douglas an expert swimmer.
- (iv) The peddler was feeling embarrassed. He had the crofter's stolen money in his pocket. He thought that by going to the manor house, he would be throwing himself into the lion's den. That was why he declined the invitation again and again.
- (v) The make-up department was a fine example of national integration. It had a large team of workers who were all from different parts of India and belonged to different castes. The department was headed by a Maharashtrian. His assistants included a Kannadiga, an Andhraite, an Indian Christian, an Anglo Burmese and the local Tamils.
- (vi) The poor farmer keeps waiting all day for some car to stop at his stand. But hardly any car stops there. With a longing heart, he keeps sitting by the open window and waiting all day. His longing proves vain when no one comes to buy the things he has put up for sale.
11. (i) Zitkala-Sa was a native American girl. White-skinned people looked down on the tribal people and treated them like animals. Zitkala-Sa's hair was shingled forcibly though it would be a sign of cowardice in her tribe.
- (ii) The crown prince enjoyed all the comforts and luxuries of a king's family. He had an English nanny to take care of him. He drank the milk of an English cow. He was taught English by an Englishman. He watched only English movies.
- (iii) Like a traditional and conventional person, Sadao's father did all he could for the education of his son. Even in the marriage of his son, he was very traditional and conventional. He accepted Hana as his daughter-in-law only when he found that she was of the pure Japanese race. He arranged the marriage in the old Japanese way.
12. (a) Life is the other name of struggle. We have to face many challenges, big or small, at times in our life. However we can meet those challenges successfully if we conquer our fear. This fear might be of any sort. This story is a figurative manifestation of life's many challenges because it tells us how the writer gets over his fear of water. This fear was deep rooted in his mind due to some childhood incidents. Once he was saved from drowning at a pool. That misadventure shook the writer badly. A terrible fear filled his heart. He never went back to that pool again. However Douglas's fear of water had spoiled all his joys of fishing, boating and swimming. So he had now determined to get over his fear of water. He took the help of an instructor. The instructor used a novel method to build a swimmer out of Douglas. And with his strong will and continuous efforts, Douglas became able to meet this challenge successfully and conquered his fear of water.

Or

- (b) In this poem, Pablo wants to say that we should stop our worldly activities for a few moments and do some quiet introspection. It will help us to understand ourselves. Then we can start our activities afresh in a better and purposeful manner. The poet says that a little of silence and stillness can lead us to a new and better life. A little of introspection can end wars and bring peace, brotherhood and harmony in the world. To illustrate it, the poet gives the example of the earth itself. He says that we can learn from the example of the earth. In winter, the earth becomes so still and silent that it seems to be dead. But later in spring, it is proved that it is alive, not dead. It has new beauties and colours added to it. Similarly, after a little silence and stillness of introspection, man can resume the journey of life with a fresh energy and with a new outlook.
13. (a) Mr. Lamb shows no shock or fear on seeing Derry's burnt face. Rather he talks to him in a loving manner. He welcomes him to his garden. He offers to pluck apples and make jelly for him. Mr. Lamb calls Derek his friend. Though Derek refuses his affirmation, yet he knows that it is only Mr. Lamb who treats him as a normal human being. He doesn't fear or pity him due to his burnt face. Mr. Lamb speaks to him the words of encouragement and thus he develops in Derek the spirit to live happily. Mr. Lamb inspires Derek to have a firm mind so that he can do better than others. Mr. Lamb's cordial behaviour and words of encouragement draw Derry towards him. Both of them are victims of physical impairment. And both of them are experiencing painful loneliness and a sense of alienation. So there could be good mutual understanding between the two. And their relationship with each other could develop into good friendship.

Or

- (b) Both Bama and Zitkala-Sa were the victims of social discrimination. Both of them protest in their own way. Bama belonged to an oppressed community. One day, she saw an elder of her community holding a packet of *vadais* by its string. This packet was for the landlord. Bama thought it was a funny sight. But Bama's brother explained to her that the landlord and his people belonged to the upper caste. The touch of one from an oppressed class could pollute them. It filled Bama with anger and revolt. The experience of Zitkala-Sa was also of a similar one. She belonged to a tribe of native Americans. The white-skinned settlers from Europe looked down upon the local tribes. They treated them like animals. Zitkala-Sa did not want her hair to be shingled. Among her tribe, shingled hair was considered to be a sign of cowardice. She struggled with all her might when she was tied in a chair. But at last, the little one had to give herself up. Thus both Bama and Zitkala-Sa protested in their own way.

Sample Question Paper—4

SECTION—A (READING SKILLS)

1. 1. Praising the youth highly, the writer has compared the youth to a 'dynamo', an ocean and an inexhaustible store of energy. A great majority of the youth is with the establishment and their motto of life is — learn, earn, burn and enjoy. 2. (c) Foresight. 3. (a) The youth that will take us to the third millennium. 4. The man today has an insatiable thirst for consumption and he is thoughtlessly exploiting the available resources. 5. The modern man, in his mad rush, has gone to the extent of sucking the blood of Mother Earth. 6. (c) Both (a) and (b). 7. (d) all of these three. 8. (b) It is evolving a new way of life. 9. Being less qualified and skilled, they have lesser opportunities for earning and enjoying.
2. 1. (c) There were lesser companies searching for intern profiles earlier, as compared to those in the recent five years. 2. (i) (b) Knowing more about internships (ii) (d) Management internship's popularity is more than twice that for Media. 3. The survey states that internship opportunities can be available in MNCs. 4. (b) I have real-time experience in managing a team and many companies consider it more meritorious than a degree in Management.

5.

	cause	effect
(a)	Several students had academic courses to complete	Students applied for online internship

6. The survey statistics mention the average stipend, indicating that most interns were offered around `7,000. 7. It refers to sizeable number of visitors to the portal per month. 8. (i) (d) (1) is true and (2) is the reason for (1). (ii) As he was a good swimmer, he plunged into the river and saved the drowning child.

SECTION—B (CREATIVE WRITING SKILLS)

3. (a)

DAV SCHOOL, PANIPAT

NOTICE

A Tree Plantation Drive

25 May 20__

The Environment Club of the school has decided to organise a tree plantation drive on 5 June 20__, the World Environment Day around our school and in its neighbourhood. The students are invited to participate in this drive. Students who want to volunteer for the event should give their names to the undersigned by the 30th of this month.

Manpreet Singh

Secretary

(Environment Club)

Or

(b)

AKASH PUBLIC SCHOOL, AGRA

Notice

Inter-Class Singing Competition

15 June 20__ The Music Club of the school is going to organise an inter-class singing competition on the 27th of this month in the school hall. A maximum of four students from each class can take part in the competition. Those who want to participate in this competition should give their names to the undersigned by the 20th of this month. The names should be forwarded through the class teacher.

Navtej

Secretary

Music Club

4. (a) 71 Malhar Lane
Noida
14 June 20__

Dear friends and relatives

Our family is going to celebrate the 50th wedding anniversary of my grandparents on Wednesday, 15 June 20__ at 7 : 00 p.m. at our residence. You are invited to join us at the dinner party. Please do come and grace the occasion

Lovingly yours

Roy

Or

(b) 41 Harshila Vihar
Udhampur
30 November 20__
The President
English Literary Club
Govt. Model Sr. Sec. School
Jammu

Dear Nalini

I thank you for your invitation to preside over the Inter-zone Declamation Competition being organised by the English Literary Club of your school on the 10th of the next month. I accept this invitation quite heartily and thankfully. It will be my endeavour to reach there in time.

Yours sincerely

Dr. Amit Gupta

5. (a)

FOR THE POSITION OF A VOLUNTEER

Ghar-B-94,
Balimela Road,
Malkangiri
13, March 20__

The Coordinator
Each One Teach One Programme
4 Literacy, Ambaguda
Malkangiri,
Odisha

Subject : For the Position of a Volunteer

Respected Sir

This is in response to your advertisement in a local daily regarding your requirement for the committed volunteers of eighteen or above to teach the underprivileged children for one hour a week. I offer my services as a volunteer for this noble work of educating the underprivileged children being organized by your esteemed foundation. I am a graduate. I know Odiya. I can read, write and speak Odiya very well. I am an energetic youngman of twenty two. I feel myself suitable for this job.

I have attached a biodata along with this letter. Kindly go through the same and give me a chance to be a part of your valuable training programme.

1. Name : Shantanu Puri
2. Father's Name : Dharampaul Puri
3. DOB : 14 Oct. 1999

4. Address : Ghar B-94, Balimela Road, Malkangiri, Odisha
 5. Mobile : 007813200
 6. Nationality : Indian
 7. Marital Status : Single

Educational Qualifications :

Year	Exam Passed	Marks / Grade	Institute
2016	Matric	73%	KVM, Malkangiri
2018	+2	60%	KVM, Malkangiri
2021	BA	58%	DAV College, Malkangiri

Extra-curricular Activities :

- Sports : (i) Played for the District in Inter-District cricket matches.
 (ii) Played for the College in Inter-College cricket matches.

Hobbies : Swimming, gardening and singing.

Oration : Adjudged the best orator of the year 2020-21 in my college.

Experience : No experience, but looking for a good opening to prove my grit, diligence and sincerity.

Date : January 17, 20_ _.

A self-addressed and duly stamped envelope is enclosed for the reply.

Yours sincerely

Shantanu

Or

(b)

VILLAGE CHILDREN BEREFT OF SCHOOLING

M-114 Mount Kailash

Kanpur

16 July 20_ _

The Editor

The Times of India

Lucknow (UP)

Subject : Village Children Bereft of Schooling

Sir

It is a common sight in most villages to see the children in the age group of 5-14 wasting away all their time uselessly. At an age, when they should be going to school, they remain at home doing nothing all day. They simply loiter in the streets or at the most go to work in the fields. The parents are either too poor to pay for the education of their children, or they are too ignorant to realise the value of education. They fail to realise that uneducated children will keep not only their own families, but also the nation at large in a state of backwardness. In such a situation, it becomes incumbent on the society as a whole and also the government to create such conditions that no child remains bereft of the advantages of schooling up to the tenth level at least. Education up to the tenth level should be free and compulsory. No child should remain deprived of schooling because of poverty. No nation can ever hope to progress in any field if her children remain uneducated.

Yours truly

Navtej

6. (a) **Solar Power : An Apt Global Solution for Energy Crisis**

Today one of the major problems that our country is facing is the problem of power shortage. There are frequent power cuts. In fact, the demand for it is increasing day by day, but the supply remains almost limited. We don't have enough hydro-power and thermal-power plants to generate all the electricity that we need. That is why there remains the perpetual problem of power shortage.

The solution to this problem lies in shifting to alternate energy. Solar power seems to be an apt global solution for the present energy crisis. The major advantage of solar energy is that it is a renewable source. It will also help in reducing our electricity bills as well as making less dependent on non-renewable energy resources such as coal or petroleum. That means it is clean and environment friendly energy — without air pollution, water pollution or green house gas effects. Solar power has very low maintenance cost. So using solar power is the need of the hour to deal with present power crisis and alarming environmental pollution problem. So we can say that we can kill two birds with a stone by choosing solar power as solution for energy crisis.

Or

(b)

EFFECT OF POLLUTION ON QUALITY OF LIFE

A Report

May 15 : Last week, a science symposium was organized by our school. This science symposium was based on the topic — 'Effect of Pollution on the Quality of Life'. All the teachers and students participated in it with great enthusiasm. The chief aim behind organizing this symposium was to create awareness among the students about the horrible effects of polluted environment and the value of keeping the environment clean. Everybody shared their views about the bad effects of environmental pollution on the quality of life. Environmental pollution — be it of air, water or noise — does affect the quality of life. Air pollution has a negative impact on health. In 2016, 195 people per 10,000 people died due to air pollution. Water pollution is giving birth to various horrible diseases. Noise pollution is becoming the cause of loss of hearing. It is also degrading our lifestyle. Environmental awareness is a social necessity. It is not only the duty of the government, but also a social responsibility of each and every individual to help in keeping the environment free from pollution.

Report written by :

Amita Raazdan

Editor of School Magazine

SECTION—C (LITERATURE)

7. (a) 1. 'the merry children spilling out of their home'. 2. (b) 3. (d) 4. Trees sprinting. 5. to put away the thought of losing her mother. 6. (b).

Or

- (b) 1. It refers to a life-giving force. 2. 'All lovely tales' evoke the feeling of sadness and nostalgia. 3. (a) 4. The literary device used here is imagery. 5. (c) 6. (b).
8. (a) 1. (c) 2. Galesburg, Illinois 3. (c) 4. (c).

Or

- (b) 1. The description of the house indicates that Mr Lamb is an open minded, clear hearted and nature loving person. 2. This expression suggests that Mr Lamb is a man of welcoming nature. 3. (a) 4. (c).
9. (a) 1. (b) 2. terror 3. (b) 4. 'only fooling'. 5. he had just undergone the terrifying experience of drowning. 6. wobbly.

Or

- (b) 1. He was a rattrap seller. 2. He gave him porridge to eat. 3. (a) 4. (c) 5. (a) 6. 'Kronor' is plural of 'krona' which is a unit of currency in sweden and Iceland. The old crofter had got thirty kronor by selling milk.

10. (i) Yes, it is true. We realise the true value of a thing only on losing it. In this story, Franz was shocked when he heard that Mr Hamel was leaving the school for ever. His feelings now changed altogether. He cursed himself for not learning his lessons. He forgot all about Mr Hamel's ruler and his cranky nature.
- (ii) 'Interstices' means vacant spaces or cracks in something. Eco says that each man has vacant spaces (i.e. free time when one has nothing to do) in his life. One can make use of such interstices for thinking about some creative ideas.
- (iii) Edla is the epitome of the Christmas spirit because she has the virtues of forgiveness and selfless service in her. Edla entertains the peddler on Christmas Eve even after she knew the true identity of the peddler. She enjoys serving the needy.
- (iv) The 'boy' (actually a man in early forties) kept pestering the author with descriptions of his great literary talent. Therefore, the author prayed for crowd shooting all the time. It could keep the boy away on his job of applying pancake on the crowd.
- (v) The writer's father took him to the beach in California. They were standing together in the surf. The writer was clinging to his father. But a strong wave came and swept over him. He was buried in water. His breath was gone. His father laughed but he was frightened. It left in his heart a fear of the water.
- (vi) As her parting words, the poet says just this to her mother, "See you soon, Amma." These words signify that youngsters do feel for their elders, but they don't communicate their feelings in a manner that can soothe the troubled heart of their elders.
11. (i) Geological phenomena can help us to know where we have come from and where we are possibly heading. They tell us how the different continents were formed. Similarly, the melting of the polar caps can tell us where possibly we are heading.
- (ii) The newspaper, 'The World', had not been published for years. The copy of the newspaper in the hands of a newsboy was a June 11, 1894 edition. This all helped Charley to confirm his doubts regarding the existence of a third level at the Grand Central Station.
- (iii) Derry's mother never kissed him on the burnt side of his face. She always kissed him on the other side. It gave Derry a feeling that she did not kiss him from her heart. She kissed him because she had to do so as a mother. Unconsciously, his mother too contributed to his sense of alienation and isolation.
12. (a) Mukesh lived in Firozabad. Firozabad is the centre of India's glass-blowing industry. The town is famous for its colourful glass bangles. These bangles are lovingly worn by the 'suhagins' of the whole country. The people have been making bangles for generations. The old, the young, the women, the children all work in the bangle industry. The people have become complacent. They cannot think of coming out of their so-called 'ancestral work'. But Mukesh has a different mindset. He wants to break the tradition and come outside to breathe fresh air. His wish is to become a motor mechanic and thus be his own master. For this, he goes on foot to a great distance to learn his desired work. Since he has the determination, he will be able to fulfil his cherished wish.

Or

- (b) In this poem, the poet expresses his pain and anger at the pitiable life of poor farmers and other deprived classes. The sight of a roadside stand brings to his mind the miserable plight of these people. The poor owner of the stand keeps sitting by the open window all day long. Out of the thousand cars that pass that way, he keeps waiting for one at least to stop there and buy a few of the things he has for sale. But hardly any car stops there. If ever any car stops there, it is not to buy anything. It stops there either to turn back, or to ask the way or to ask if it can have a gallon of petrol from there. The rich man in the car has money in his pocket, but he thinks it below his dignity to stop and shop at such a place. The poor man at the stand is filled with sorrow to see that the car has not stopped there. The poet feels pained to think that the welfare of these poor farmers is never taken into account by the rich ruling classes. He says that it would give him great relief if these poor people can be taken out of their pain and poverty at once.

13. (a) Charley saw that on the third level, there were fewer ticket windows. The rooms were also smaller. The lights were dim. They flickered because they were open-flame gaslights. There were brass spittoons on the floor. Everyone in the station was dressed like 1890-something. Men had beards, side whiskers and fancy mustaches. A very small locomotive stood there. It had a funnel-shaped chimney. A newsboy had copies of a newspaper (*The World*) that had not been published for years. It was a June 11, 1894 edition. Charley turned towards the ticket windows. He knew that from here he could buy tickets for anywhere in the United States. He decided to buy two tickets for Galesburg. He wanted to go there with his wife. But then he found that only old-style bills were accepted there. Charley had to come back because he had with him new-style dollars of present-day currency.

Or

- (b) Patriotism means devoted love for one's country and the willingness to defend it against any harm. And a dedicated surgeon is one who does his best not to let a patient die on whom he performs an operation. On the face of it, there seems nothing very difficult to be patriotic as well as to be a dedicated surgeon. But when the surgeon has an enemy soldier as his patient, it is not easy to keep up the feelings of patriotism at the same time. That Dr Sadao honours both the values is no ordinary feat on his part. He knew that the wounded man he had found on the shore was an enemy soldier. But his duty as a surgeon demanded that he should not let the man die if he could help it. And this is what he did. He took the man into his house and did all he could to save his life. His duty as a patriot demanded that he should inform the police about the presence of the enemy soldier. Accordingly, he told the General everything about the enemy soldier. The General told the surgeon that he would send his private assassins to kill the soldier. Dr Sadao could not sleep for two nights. But when the assassins did not come, he helped the man to get away from there in a boat. Thus Dr Sadao honoured both the values of a patriot and of a dedicated surgeon.

Sample Question Paper—5

SECTION—A (READING SKILLS)

1. He suggested to the author and his friends to visit Nimitita before giving up. He told them that there is the palace of Choudharys that would suit their requirement. The author and his friends were confused whether or not to go to Nimitita. It was the last effort they could make. At last they tossed the coin to decide whether to go or not. And it directed them to go and they set out on their journey. 2. The author had already suffered very much taking free advice. So he didn't like the idea of taking free advice any more. 3. He had a nasty fall on the stone steps at Banaras and thus sustained a serious knee injury. A nasty fall on the stone steps at Banaras had brought about a serious injury in the author's knee. When he was in bed with his right leg in plaster, he thought to make a film on Tarasankar Banerji's famous short story 'The Music Room'. The film makers were not interested to take his films for distribution. Perhaps this was the reason that he choose to make the films. 4. The zamindar's love of big music entertainments caused his ruin. 5. (b) They didn't have money for a set. 6. (b) A zamindar. 7. (d) Its Greek pillars. 8. (a) He said he knew the palace. 9. Ganendra Narayan Choudhary was the owner of the old palace at Nimitita.
2. 1. India recorded 24% decline in malaria in the year between 2016 and 2017. India was the only one among 11 highest-burden countries to be closer to malaria-free tag. The steps taken by India to eliminate malaria are — focus on awareness about the prevention, entomological surveillance in endangered areas. 2. Those countries are — Nigeria, Madagascar, Democratic Republic of Congo. 3. (b) F—ii, iii and O—i, iv 4. (d) All of these three. 5. (b) 3 million fewer cases 6. (a) i and ii 7. To eliminate malaria, India has formulated an action plan to focus on awareness, entomological surveillance in vulnerable areas, use of diagnostic kits to identify malaria parasite and an outbreak warning system. 8. (i) (b) 2,76,488 (ii) (b) 21,90,00,000.

SECTION—B (CREATIVE WRITING SKILLS)

3. (a)

Flora Internation School

NOTICE

INTER-SCHOOL DEBATE

03 March 20__

The Debating Society of our school is organising an inter-school debate on 30th March at the school hall. The last date for submitting names for audition is Friday, 17th March. There will be no spot trials. You can submit your name to the undersigned.

Sarita

President Debating Society

Or

(b)

UDAY SCHOOL, GREEN PARK, KANPUR

NOTICE

15 September 20__

It is informed that Mr Virendra Sehwaq, the famous Indian cricket player, who was to deliver a talk to the cricket players of our school to help them do well in the game is unable to come on 16 September 20__ due to some unavoidable engagement. Now he will come on the 20th of the month. Inconvenience is regretted.

Garima

(Secretary, Sports Club)

4. (a)

INVITATION

ALUMNI MEET — 20__

Dear friends

It gives us great pleasure to be in continuous ties with you. We hope that you are doing well. The 30th Alumni Meet is going to be organized by the old students' association of our school on Sunday, the 28th October, 20__ at Cheshmashahi. All the old students of the school are invited to attend the meet.

We hope that you will definitely come to walk down the memory lane to meet your teachers and friends.

With regards

Amit Kumar

The Secretary

(Old Students' Association)

Or

(b) 14, Model Town

Pune

15 Aug 20.....

53, Green Park

Pune

Dear Rohit

Your idea to celebrate our grandmother's eightieth birth anniversary on 25 August at her village house is great ! In this way we can also give a surprise party to dear grandmother. I would certainly come to you for any assistance in making arrangements of the celebrations whenever you call me.

Your affectionately

Natasha

5. (a)

FOR THE POST OF A POLITICAL SCIENCE TEACHER

Box No. 123

C/o. Bal Vidya Public School

Bhilai

18 April 20_ _

Subject : Application for the Post of a Postgraduate Teacher in Political Science

Dear Sir

This is in response to your advertisement in *The Bhilai Express*, dated 15 March, 20_ _ for the post of a Postgraduate Teacher in Political Science. I am an M.A., M.Phil. in Political Science. I have have deep knowledge in this subject. I have good command over English language. I am also well-grounded in communication skills. I am enclosing herewith a copy of my curriculum vitae (CV).

Yours faithfully

Sanjay Sharma

Encl : Curriculum Vitae

CURRICULUM VITAE

Personal Details :

Name : Sanjay Sharma

Date of Birth : 15 September, 1983

Address : 21, Vasant Marg, Bhilai.

Telephone : Landline : 0788-260696 Mobile : 98874-27346

Nationality : Indian

Marital Status : Single

Educational Qualifications :

Year	Exam Passed	Marks/Grade	Institute
1998	X (CBSE)	86%	ABC School, Bhilai
2000	XII (CBSE)	88%	ABC School, Bhilai
2003	B.A.	64%	Hindu College, Bhilai
2005	M.A. (Political Science)	58%	Hindu College, Bhilai
2006	M.Phil.	61%	IGNOU, Delhi

Experience :

Four years' teaching experience with DAV Senior Secondary School, Sriwanthapuram, in teaching Senior Secondary Classes.

Or

(b) ABOUT THE IMPORTANCE OF GARBAGE SEGREGATION

Subhadra Apartments
 Bhuvneshwar
 Orissa
 17 July 20__

The Editor
 The Real Times
 Bhuvneshwar

Subject : About the Importance of Garbage Segregation

Sir

There is a big and open plot at the back of Subhadra Apartments. Residents of the colony keep throwing their garbage here. Thus garbage continues to be collected here without any segregation. The heaps of garbage not only give ugly look to the colony but also give rise to many harmful germs and mosquitoes. In order to get rid of this problem people should be taught the proper way of waste disposal. They should be told about the importance of garbage segregation. In order to reduce waste on the streets, they should be motivated to start garbage segregation. By segregating garbage, we can reduce pollution by 90%. Each material is a valuable resource. To ensure high recycling rate in the city, Green Bins and Blue Bins should be provided to every colony. Dry waste i.e. plastic, paper, metal, glass e-waste and other such things should be collected in Blue bins. Wet Waste i.e. kitchen waste and garden waste should be collected in Green Bin.

Proper recycling of waste, particularly glass and construction waste needs attention. Municipal Corporations MCs should be directed to ensure safe disposal of waste. There should be proper system for the dumping and disposal of waste. Concerned Organisations must come forward to take the initiative in this Swachhta Abbiyaan.

Yours faithfully
Krushna Mohanty

6. (a) Save Water — Are We Doing Enough ?

Water is a free gift of nature. But it is the most precious thing for life on this earth. Without water, there would be no life at all. But we, in our ignorance, have been wasting this precious gift of nature. The water level has been going down year after year. Most of the wells have gone dry. It is a very dangerous sign and a big warning for mankind. Scientists have been warning us that if no efforts are made to make good the loss, India may well be, by 2050, amongst the worst-hit country to face acute water shortage.

Some scientists even go to the extent of saying that the Third World War will be fought on the issue of water. The wasteful and unwise use of water must be stopped at once. Often, we see water taps running uselessly at many public places. It is our moral duty to save each drop of water for the coming generations. It can be done by harvesting rainwater and by using improved methods of irrigation. We should use only that much water as we need. All the water that runs down the drains doesn't come back to us in the form of rain because we don't have enough trees to do that. And even if it comes, we can't send it again into the bowels of the earth. If we look around, we will see that we are not doing enough to check the rot. It is time we heard the grim warning. Otherwise, the coming generations will not pardon us.

Or

(b)

Srishti Vidya Mandir, Khanna
DIWALI MELA ORGANIZED IN THE SCHOOL

A Report

A two-day Diwali Mela was organized on the school grounds. An active participation of all the school faculty and the volunteer students was witnessed. Various stalls were displayed and amongst them the food stalls attracted most of the public. And the variety of food was relished by most of the people. Everyone wore traditional and colourful clothes. Rangoli competition was held on the first day of the mela. There was a song and dance performance on the second day. After the performance, our honourable Chief Guest, the Deputy Commissioner, Mr. B.K. Sharma, gave a speech. In his speech, he discussed about the significance of this festival of lights. Then he gave away prizes to the participants and highly appreciated the efforts put in by each and every individual in making the Diwali Mela a success. The main attraction of this Mela was that it was 'Eco Friendly', wherein everyone was motivated to plant trees instead of bursting crackers. Our Chief Guest also requested everyone to opt for 'Green Diwali' and buy things from local vendors instead of purchasing Chinese products. At the closing of this ceremony, almost everyone lighted candles and diyas to honour the festival of lights. Indeed, it was a memorable event.

Written by —
Amrita

SECTION – C (LITERATURE)

7. (a) 1. (b) 2. (c) 3. We should stop all our activities for a while. We should become silent and still for a while. We should have a quiet introspection. 4. (b) 5. (b) 6. The four things that the poet wants to describe are — (1) Life (2) How can we improve the quality of our activities. (3) Importance of introspection. (4) Importance of refreshing our mind.

Or

- (b) 1. (b) Life is a roller coaster ride 2. It indicates serenity. 3. (b) (i), (ii) and (v) 4. According to the poet, a thing of beauty will never pass into nothingness. It is ever lasting. It will always remain alive in our memories. 5. (b) (2) can be inferred from the extract but (1) cannot. 6. (d) Hope Floats.
8. (a) 1. (c) 2. (a) 3. (c) 4. convey Charlie the message that what he had said about the Third Level on the Grand Central Railway Station was true.

Or

- (b) 1. He did all he could do to find a tiger. He got an old tiger from the People's Park in Madras. 2. He took an old tiger to the forest where the Maharaja was hunting. 3. (c) 4. (i) shoved (ii) disastrous.

9. (a) 1. (c) 2. To brief him. 3. (c) 4. (b) 5. For collecting big fees from the sharecroppers. 6. (d).

Or

- (b) 1. The office boy. 2. He did the make-up of those who played the crowd. 3. (d) 4. (c) 5. (d) 6. (a).
10. (i) Sophie is a highly ambitious girl. She belongs to a poor family and has no source of money. Yet she dreams of having the finest boutique in the city. She also dreams of becoming a fashion designer or an actress. Jansie doesn't want her friend to have false ambitions.
- (ii) The author, Anees Jung is very sensitive and empathetic. She is deeply moved when she learns about the miserable plight and life of the two boys in the story. She deeply observes their life, their compulsions. She wants to do something for their future but she finds herself helpless in fulfilling her promise.
- (iii) The instructor put a belt round the writer. A rope attached to the belt went through a pulley. The pulley ran on an overhead cable. The instructor held on to the end of the rope. Thus the writer went back and forth across the pool. Then the instructor taught him to exhale underwater and inhale above water. He taught Douglas to kick with his legs. Thus piece by piece, the instructor built out of the writer a swimmer.
- (iv) Mr Hamel made his last lesson a special one by making it dedicated to the beauty of the French language. He emphasized the fact that when the people are enslaved, they can be said to have the key to their prison as long as they hold fast to their language.
- (v) The common issue faced by most of the aged people these days according to the poem is their loneliness. They have to live alone when their children move away.
- (vi) Aunt Jennifer's fingers are fluttering through the wool. She finds it hard to pull her ivory needle out of the wool. The massive weight of Uncle's hold sits heavy on her. Now she has become too old and weak to move her hand even. Aunt Jennifer's 'fluttering fingers' reveal her victimisation.
11. (i) A visit to Antarctica can tell us how our globe took its present-day shape. It can tell us how there was a time when India and South America used to be a part of the southern continent. Thus a visit to Antarctica can be an enlightening experience.
- (ii) Dr. Sadao had saved the life of an enemy considering it his duty as a doctor. However to save himself from the guilt of national disloyalty, he told the General about it. His servants refused to work when Sadao brought an enemy soldier to his house. But they remained loyal to their master and didn't inform the police about it.
- (iii) A high-ranking British officer came to the state. He wanted to hunt tigers there. He loved to be photographed with the tigers he had shot. But the Maharaja firmly refused any such permission. Thus there could be a danger of his losing the kingdom.
12. (a) We all love our native land, our culture and our native language. But often we take all these for granted and feel the pain of losing them only when we have actually lost them. And this happens in the case of those who lived in the French districts of Alsace and Lorraine. The natives living here never cared to learn their own language. But when these two districts are captured by the Prussians, the teaching of French in the schools of these two districts is disallowed. The French teacher of Franz's school has to leave the school for ever. The elders of the village come to school to thank Mr. Hamel for his forty years of faithful service. They sit on the last benches with the students. Mr. Hamel declares that it is his last lesson in French. He tells the students about the beauty of the French language. He calls it the clearest and the most logical of all languages. He asks his people to keep it alive and never forget it. Then Mr. Hamel opens a book of French grammar and reads out his last lesson. Everyone in the class listens to him with rapt attention. Learning French now seems to them to be very easy. They had never been serious in learning French in their life. So they can neither speak nor write their own language properly. And now, when there will be no teaching of French in their district, they are all full of regret.

Or

- (b) In this poem, the poet relates a personal experience. One day the poet was driving from her parent's home to the Cochin airport. Her mother was sitting beside her in the car. The mother was then sixty-six years old. While going, Kamala turned to look at her mother. She found her mother dozing. Her face was as pale as that of a dead person. Kamala painfully realised that her mother was not going to live long.

But soon she drove this painful thought away from her mind and started looking at the young trees on the roadside. When they reached the airport, Kamala went through the security check. Her mother was standing outside a few yards away. After the security check, Kamala again looked at her mother. The mother's face was pale white. The poet felt an old familiar ache in her body. It was like some fear had overpowered her. But she said nothing else to her mother except, "See you soon, Amma." The only thing she did was smile and smile and smile. Through this experience, she brings out a common paradox of human relationship. She wants to convey that we do feel deep sympathy for someone but we fail to express it in a proper manner.

13. (a) The story is indeed a satire on the conceit of those in power. The Tiger King has been used as the symbol of this conceit. The astrologers tell him that his death will come from a tiger. After the king has killed a tiger, he is filled with conceit. He calls the state astrologer and says proudly, "What do you say now?" The astrologer says humbly, "Your majesty may kill ninety-nine tigers in the same manner, but you must be very careful with the hundredth tiger." The proud king vows that only after killing a hundred tigers, he will attend to any other thing. Did the king think that death would not come to him after that? And very foolishly, he starts hunting tigers to achieve his goal. After the hundredth has been killed (though not by him), he feels that he has no fear of any tiger now. But ironically, his death comes soon after from a tiger only. And it comes not from a real tiger, but from a sliver of a toy tiger. Thus the author has satirised the conceit of those in power through the device of dramatic irony.

Or

- (b) A disabled person is generally considered an object of pity. He is considered incapable of doing anything useful. People keep reminding him of his disability through their behaviour towards him. This gives the disabled person a deep mental pain. He feels himself alienated from society. '*On the Face of It*' is the story of an old man named Mr Lamb and a fourteen-year-old boy named Derry. Mr Lamb has lost one of his legs in war. Now he has a tin leg in its place. He lives alone in a house that has a big garden in the front. People have spread many stories about him and no one ever comes to visit him. Kids call him Lamey-Lamb. Derry's state is no different. The one side of his face is all burnt. He looks very ugly and people look at him with a sense of shock and fear. Everyone makes him conscious of his ugliness and it gives him much mental pain. He is sick of the world he is living in. The unusual behaviour of the society towards physically disabled persons, fills their minds with inferiority complex and their hearts with frustration.

Sample Question Paper—6

SECTION—A (READING SKILLS)

1. 1. Though India believed in pacifism, the country was always prepared for war. It had a highly developed military organisation. The Aryans stuck to this highly lauded doctrine of pacifism by translating it into actual practice and preaching it to masses and even to princes. 2. (d) pacifism. 3. (d) role of peacemakers. 4. Ahimsa is the doctrine of non-violence in thought, speech and action. Co-existence with rivals means that Indians recognize the right of rivals to exist, not as enemies, but as collaborators in the development of culture. 5. (c) Philosophical pacifism. 6. (b) dog-kennel. 7. (a) there was no fortification or many weapons. 8. (d) an ideal. 9. It is because it denounces the warring world by comparing it to a dog-kennel. The great scripture considers war as the last resort when all other options have failed.
2. 1. According to news reports, google-owned video-streaming service recorded over 1200 channels from Indian creators crossed 1 million subscriber mark in 2019. It shows that YouTube educational videos are becoming popular. Viewership of these videos doubled during Covid-19 pandemic. 2. Perhaps these three countries have the similar syllabus to India. 3. (i) (c) In digital videos, visuals can be used which make the learning more effective. (ii) (d) Because human brain processes visuals 60000 times faster than text and 90% of information transmitted to brain is visual. 4. They can understand these subjects better if they are taught with practical examples and through applications and experiments. 5. (c) Traditional classroom learning with additional content in digital form makes learning easy, effective and interactive. 6. They provide most of the content free, easy to search and available on the mobile. They keep the students engaged by giving them assignments and guiding them to crack exams. 7. The cities with a population of 50,000 to 100,000 are categorized as tier two cities and those with a population of 20,000 to 50,000 are categorized as tier three cities. 8. (i) (b) break it down (ii) Achieving distinction in any field, whether it is sports, education, arts or business, is not a piece of cake.

SECTION—B (CREATIVE WRITING SKILLS)

3. (a)

Lotus Valley Public School, Ahmedabad

NOTICE

A THEATRE WORKSHOP

A theatre workshop is being organized in our school auditorium hall on 14 December 20__ at 9. a.m. Famous actor Gulshan Kher has graciously consented to preside over the workshop. This is a great opportunity for the students having interests in the field of acting and theatre. Students who want to attend the workshop may enlist their names to the undersigned.

Sunila

(Head Girl)

Or

(b)

OASIS PUBLIC SCHOOL, BAREILLY

NOTICE

INTER-CLASS SWIMMING COMPETITION

16 March 20__

This is to inform all the students that the Inter-class Swimming Competition would start from the 25th of this month. All students who want to take part in the competition should give their names to the undersigned by the 21st of this month.

Raveena Tandon

Head Girl

4. (a)

Mrs. & Mr. Roop Mazumdar

*cordially invite you with family on the occasion of the golden wedding anniversary
of their grandparents*

Mr Somnath Sharma

and

Mrs Uma Sharma

Please join us in congratulating the great couple at the grand dinner party being held in this auspicious occasion on Saturday, 17 June 20__ at 7 p.m. at their residence, SU86, Pitam Pura, Delhi.

R.S.V.P.

Faiz Mazumdar

Falak Mazumdar

Or

(b)

DAV College

Panipat

28 October 20__

The President

Literary Club

Panipat

Dear Sir

I thank you for your invitation to inaugurate the Book Exhibition which is going to be held by your Literary Club of the city in our neighbourhood on the 15th of the next month. It would have been a matter of pride and pleasure for me to accept your invitation. But I regret to inform you of my inability to do so due to a previous engagement that can't be ignored.

Expressing my regrets once again.

Yours truly

Tarun Kumar

(Principal)

5. (a)

APPLICATION FOR INTENSIVE LEADERSHIP TRAINING PROGRAMME

21 Ratnapur Village

Bilaspur

16 August 20__

The Manager

The Gandhi Foundation

Raigarh

Subject : Application for Intensive Leadership Training Programme

Sir

I saw your advertisement regarding the recruitment of graduates for an intensive leadership training programme being organised by your esteemed foundation during the summer. I am a graduate and I aspire to become a successful businessman. I would like to apply for your intensive leadership training programme and learn different skills from it.

I have attached my biodata along with this letter. Kindly go through the same and give me a chance to be a part of your valuable training programme.

BIODATA

Personal Details :

Name : Anjana
 Date of Birth : April 10, 1992.
 Address : 21, Ratnapur Village, Bilaspur.
 Telephone No : 0175-237924
 Mobile : 98765-2734
 Nationality : Indian
 Marital Status : Single

Educational Qualifications :

Year	Exam Passed	Marks / Grade	Institute
2007	Matric	73%	KVM, Bilaspur
2009	+2	60%	KVM, Bilaspur
2010	BCA	58%	Arya College, Bilaspur

Extra-curricular Activities :

Sports : (i) Played for the District in Inter-District cricket matches.
 (ii) Played for the College in Inter-College cricket matches.
 Hobbies : Swimming, gardening and singing.
 Oration : Adjudged the best orator of the year 2010-11 in my college.

Experience : No experience, but looking for a good opening to prove my grit, diligence and sincerity.

Date : January 17, 20_ _.

A self-addressed and duly stamped envelope is enclosed for the reply.

Thanking you

Yours faithfully

Anjana

Or

(b) NEED OF ENVIRONMENTAL AWARENESS

75 M.G. Road
 New Delhi

3 March 20_ _

The Editor
 The Daily News
 New Delhi

Subject : The Need of Environmental Awareness

Sir

The state of our rivers and oceans is a sad comment on our social behaviour. We are using them as dumping grounds and dustbins. Millions of tonnes of rubbish are dumped into them every year. Poisonous effluents from factories are poured into them day and night. What is the result ? The water in seas and rivers can't dilute all the sewage poured into them. All the oxygen is used up and the fish begin to die. The bacteria which normally break down the sewage into harmless substances also die. Only harmful bacteria which do not need air, remain and these become the cause of disease. We are polluting not only our waters, but also the land and the air. In fact, we are digging our own graves. One day our earth will become so polluted that no life would be possible on it. Therefore, it is in our own interest to keep the

environment free from pollution. It is our social duty also. In fact, it is a service to the entire humanity. The mere framing of anti-pollution laws won't help. Each and every individual has to realise his or her responsibility. We should do nothing that will pollute our environment and thus endanger our own lives.

Yours truly

Amita Khanna

6. (a) Skill Development Is The Need of The Hour

India is on the threshold of becoming a superpower. There is no dearth of young workforce in India. India does have a large young workforce, but only having a large workforce is not enough. That large workforce should possess required skill also. Unfortunately, not many in this force are employable for lack of necessary skills. To excel in any field of life, the skill peculiar to the required field is very necessary. If we have a number of degrees but without skill, we cannot even think of getting a good opening in any career. Realising the need of skill development, the government is running skill development programmes for its unskilled employees. In this age, almost all the services in government as well as private sector are carried out, using computers. So in such a scenario, it becomes all the more necessary to have computer skills. A person having skills in a particular field can never remain unemployed. On the other hand, a person, having many degrees but no skill, has to run from pillar to post in order to find a suitable job. Skill development is really the need of the hour. Without it, to think of progress is like living in a fool's paradise.

Contributed by :

Anita

Or

(b)

National School, Sonapat

A SPEECH BY A PSYCHOLOGIST ON MENTAL HEALTH

A Report

15 Oct. 20__

Our school organized a lecture on the topic 'How to maintain robust mental health'. For this purpose, the eminent psychologist, Dr Madhumita was invited to speak on the topic. She delivered a very informative and lively speech. While delivering the speech, she used very simple language without using any medical technical terms. After the lecture was over, the students asked many questions particularly on how to cope with stress at the time of examination. Dr Madhumita resolved their concerns very patiently and gave them very useful tips. She said that there is nothing to fear in examinations. Examiners simply test how much we have learnt and where we stand. They lend an aim to our learning process. If a student works regularly and sincerely all the year, there is no need to feel nervous about examinations. She further said that life is itself a continuous process of examination. And students must learn to face each examination whether in life or in studies with full confidence. At the end, the principal extended warm thanks to Dr Madhumita for coming and delivering the lecture.

Report prepared by —

Noor

(Head Girl)

SECTION—C : (LITERATURE)

(40 Marks)

- 7. (a)** 1. Her mother's pale white face. 2. She felt a familiar ache in her body on seeing the pale white face of her mother. 3. She is full of regret that she only smiled while departing from her mother. She spoke no word of sympathy or encouragement to her mother. 4. (c) 5. (a) 6. (c).

Or

- (b)** 1. (d) 2. They will go on prancing. 3. They look proud and fearless 4. sympathy 5. (a) 6. (b).

8. (a) 1. (d) 2. To imagine India pushing northward and jamming against Asia and to imagine South America joining North America. 3. (d) 4. (a).

Or

- (b) 1. (b) 2. He had been called for an emergency operation in the night. He had to operate the ailing General. 3. (b) 4. (b).
9. (a) 1. (d) 2. (c) 3. (a) 4. (i) Simile (ii) Autobiography 5. The writer was alone and was afraid of going into the pool alone. 6. He picked the writer up and tossed him into the pool.

Or

- (b) 1. The Last Lesson. 2. M. Hamel opened a grammar book. 3. (d) 4. There was now nothing for him to teach at school. 5. (b) 6. (d).
10. (i) The writer admired Subbu for some of his really positive qualities. He had the ability to look cheerful at all times. He was very loyal to his Boss. He was tailor-made for films and was a very talented actor. He could write very good poetry but he chose to address his poetry to the masses.
- (ii) The crofter was a lonely person. He was without wife or child. He was happy to have someone in his loneliness. He was happy that he had someone to talk to. That was why he was so talkative and friendly with the peddler.
- (iii) The publisher was an American lady. She said that she loved Eco's novel. But she did not expect it to sell more than 3,000 copies. However, in the end, two or three million copies were sold in the U.S. alone.
- (iv) They were the elders of the village. They were the old students of Mr Hamel. They had come to school to thank Mr Hamel for his forty years of faithful service. They sat on the back benches with the students.
- (v) A thing of beauty is a joy for ever. It makes us forget the sorrows and sufferings of the world. It gives us peace of the mind and health of the body. It makes our painful stay on this earth bearable. And thus a thing of beauty provides us shelter and comfort.
- (vi) The poet uses the symbol of the earth. He says that in winter, the earth seems to be dead. But later in spring, it is proved that it is alive, not dead. It has new colours and beauties added to it. Thus the poet proves that there can be life under apparent stillness.
11. (i) If I were to give a different ending to this story, I would have kept the character of Mr Lamb alive. Mr Lamb was a man with a positive attitude towards life and people. He had tried to change Derry's perspective towards life and people. So he could prove a good companion as well as a guide for Derry.
- (ii) Zitkala-Sa was terribly shocked. She was in tears. She moaned for her mother. But no one came to comfort her. No one came to reason with her as her mother used to do. Now she felt herself as one of many little animals driven by a herder.
- (iii) Once the writer got lost on the second level. A doorway led him to a corridor he had never seen before. It went turning left and slanting downward. Then the tunnel turned sharp left. Here he went down a few steps. He found that he had come on the third level of the Grand Central Station.
12. (a) Sophie belongs to a lower-middle-class family, but she is highly ambitious. She dreams big but has no means to realise these dreams. The only thing that lies in store for such souls is despair and disappointment. And that is what happens to Sophie also. She has no money with her, yet she dreams to have the finest boutique in the city. Her friend Jansie tells her that it would take her a long time to save that much money. At this, Sophie says that she will become a manager to begin with. She never stops to think who will take her as a manager straight off. Then she says she will become an actress. There is a lot of money in it. She will run the boutique side by side because actresses don't work full time. She even thinks of becoming a fashion designer. All this shows what a dreamy girl she is. She has her head in the skies. Such a girl is bound to meet with disappointment when she falls back to the ground of reality. And all this happens when her fantasy about Danny Casey meets the fate of a sandcastle.

Or

- (b) Aunt Jennifer is embroidering tigers in wool. The tigers are prancing across the screen. They look bright yellow in the midst of green trees. There are some men beneath the tree. The tigers are not afraid of these men. The tigers are pacing across the screen in graceful chivalry. Aunt Jennifer's fingers are fluttering through the wool. She finds it hard to pull out the ivory needle. She feels as if her hand failed to work under Uncle's pressure. She can do nothing without his command. The poet imagines that when Aunt Jennifer dies, her terrified hands will still be ringed with her usual chores. The tigers in the panel will proudly prance across the screen while Aunt Jennifer would be lying lifeless in her grave.
13. (a) The Antarctic environment has been affected by global warming. It is clear from receding glaciers and collapsing ice shelves. But the danger of global warming starts from what appears to be a small thing. It starts from the burning of fossil fuels. No harm can come if we make a wise and judicious use of these fuels. But we have started using them carelessly. Their overuse has disturbed the global carbon cycle. The ozone layer has been affected. The very life on this globe has come in the danger of extinction. In other words, the neglect of a small thing has resulted in a terrible danger. This big danger can be averted only if we become careful about small things like the burning of fossil fuels and fast increase of population. The writer gives the example of phytoplankton which are single-celled plants. They are grasses of the sea. These tiny plants form the food chain for all the marine animals and birds of the region. Thus the writer shows how big things will take care of themselves if we take care of small things. If we take care of phytoplankton, all marine life of the Southern Ocean will take care of itself.

Or

- (b) One day Charley got late at his office. He wanted to hurry home. He decided to take the subway from the Grand Central Station. He was to catch his train from the second level. But when he reached there, he got lost in a wrong corridor. He kept on walking along the corridor which went turning left and slanting downwards. At its end, he went down a short flight of stairs. When he came out, he found himself on the third level. Here he saw that everything was different. Here the rooms were smaller and there were fewer ticket windows. On the floor, there were brass spittoons. Everyone in the station was dressed like 1890-something. Charley saw here a very small locomotive with a funnel-shaped chimney. And when he went to the ticket window, he found that only old-style bills were accepted here. Charley had with him new-style bills only. So he had to come back.

Sample Question Paper—7

SECTION—A (READING SKILLS)

1. 1. (b) option ii 2. Small children can pick up the grammar of their own language — (i) by instinct; (ii) by hearing how their parents talk; and (iii) by seeing how sentences have been put together in the books they read. 3. The boys fought for an hour. 4. bad grammar. 5. In order to learn a foreign language, we have to learn its grammar rules. 6. (d) Grammar explains that a word may not change from one part of speech to another. 7. how to make words work for us and how words behave in different sentences. 8. (a) what they do. 9. (i) (b) verbs. (ii) (d) parts of speech.
2. 1. They count calories to become successful in attaining the desired weight goal. They prefer the food that contains less calories. 2. (c) Due to high water and fiber content in these foods, more calories are used to digest them than the calories they have. 3. Apple, celery, lettuce, cucumber and tomatoes are considered as negative calories food. 4. The ideal or correct ways to attain the desired weight goal are — (i) maintaining balance between diet and exercise and (ii) making low-calorie food a part of our diet instead of making them the meals. 5. Prachi Rege says that zero calories food is misleading and is just a fad. She considers this diet fit for short period only and not sustainable through life. Depending on low calorie food is an invitation to many diseases. It causes hair loss, wrinkly skin, quick aging, hormonal imbalances and muscle aches as well. 6. (i) (b) frustrate (ii) (b) sustainable. 7. A weekly detox with calorie diet is advisable. 8. It is the amount of energy body uses while at rest to maintain vital functions such as breathing and keeping warm.

SECTION—B (CREATIVE WRITING SKILLS)

3. (a)

**G.H.G. PUBLIC PARK, DELHI
NOTICE-BOARD
LOST AND FOUND**

15 February 20__

Yesterday, while having morning walk in the park, I found a small plastic bag. It contains some important documents and some cash. It lies with me with utmost care. The owner of the bag should contact me on the following phone no. to claim his property.

Amrita
9939XXXX456

Or

(b)

**KING'S PUBLIC SCHOOL
NOTICE
INTER-SCHOOL BASKETBALL MATCH**

10 March 20__

This is to inform all the students of the school that the final match of the Inter-School Basketball Competition will be played on our school grounds on Monday, the 20th of this month. The match will be played between our school and New Model School. The match will start at 2 p.m. sharp. All are cordially invited to witness this match and give our players a cheering hand.

Radhey Shyam
Sports Captain

4. (a) M-114 Fort Road
Chennai
30 June 20__
P.V. Sathish

I thank you for your invitation to attend the wedding of your sister on the 15th of the next month. What a pleasure it would have been to attend the wedding ! But I regret to inform you that I won't be able to come since I have an important paper of pre-board examination on the day of the wedding. However, my heart and good wishes will be with all of you on that day.

Lovingly yours

Puneeta Vij

Or

(b)

FORMAL INVITATION

Sunrise Global School, Agra, is going to hold its annual sports day on the 30th of November, 20_ _ . Karuna Goswami, Sports Secretary of the school, requests the pleasure of noted hockey player, Mr. Dhanraj Pillai's consent to give away prizes to the budding sportspersons of the school. The prize-giving ceremony will be held at 5.30 in the evening on the conclusion of the various competitions.

Sports Secretary

Sunrise Global School

Agra

10 March 20_ _

5. (a)

FOR THE POST OF A SPORTS TEACHER

83, Model Town

Guwahati

Assam

15 September 20_ _

The Principal

Rangshala School

Guwahati

Subject : Application for the Post of Sports Teacher

Dear Sir

This is in response to your advertisement in The Times of India, regarding your requirement for sports teacher. I offer my services as a sports teacher at your reputed school. I am an energetic youngman of 32. I believe in imparting quality coaching. I have been a national level player in volleyball. I feel my experience and my qualification will be suitable for this post. My detailed biodate is given below.

1. Name : Ajoy Sarkar
2. Father's Name : Ratan Sarkar
3. DOB : 14 Oct. 1989
4. Address : 83, Model Town, Guwahati, Assam.
5. Educational Qualifications : (i) B.P.Ed. (Delhi University)
(ii) Masters in Physical Education (Delhi University)
6. Work Experience : Worked as a sports coach at D.P.S., Delhi, for five years.

I also have a perfect command over English. I hope you will find in me a suitable candidate.

Looking forward for favourable response.

Yours faithfully

Ajoy Sarkar

Or

(b) About Unavailability of A Playground In Your Locality

21 Raghu Nagar

Delhi

10 July 20_ _

The Editor

The Tribune

Chandigarh

Subject : Unavailability of a Playground in the Locality**Sir**

Raghu Nagar is a locality with a dense population. Unfortunately, there is no playground here where children can play. In the absence of a playground, the children can be seen roaming along the roads or in the streets, etc. They start playing wherever they find space in streets or on roads. Doing so, they not only put themselves to risk but also others who are using the road. There is a large chunk of land lying vacant near the locality. This piece of land can be cleaned and developed into a playground. Through this letter of mine, I wish to draw the attention of the authorities to this proposition. If the locality is provided a suitable playground, the children will be safe from any accident that they might meet while playing on roads or in streets. And instead of roaming here and there, they will channelize their energies into playing useful games. I hope that the authorities would take some action at the earliest in this regard.

Yours truly

Roshan Baweja**6. (a) Role of a Father in the Family**

The role of father is of vital importance in upbringing a child. Father is a pillar of a family. Undoubtedly mother's love plays important role in a child's life. But father's invaluable guidance is also very essential for the healthy development of a child. A father is the *baghban* of the garden of his family. He protects his children physically as well as emotionally. He helps a lot in their physical as well as intellectual growth. He teaches them moral values and ethics of life. He develops them into good citizens. He enables them to help in the development of their nation by serving it with their work. He makes his children strong enough to face the world boldly and sensibly. He devotes his whole life into the making of his children's career. Mothers have soft corner towards their children. Sometimes their love becomes an obstacle in the true development of a child. On the other hand, father helps in the correct upbringing of the children. He develops them in strict and disciplined manner. This instils a sense of responsibility in the children and prepares them to face the outside world. Father encourages his children to take challenges and face the risks of life. It develops in the children the art of thinking independently and taking important decisions in life on their own. In short, father, for a child, is a live and practical demonstration of how to live a disciplined life in the world. What a precise description of the creation of father is given in this quote : "*Life doesn't come with an instruction book — that's why we have fathers.*"

Article prepared by :**Dhruv**

Or

(b) A QUARREL BETWEEN AN AUTORICKSHAW DRIVER AND HIS PASSENGER

Last Monday, when our school bus reached the school gate, we saw an auto-rickshaw driver quarrelling with his passenger. They were using abusive language. But soon their verbal dispute led to a physical

fight between them. A big crowd gathered on the spot. Just then our English teacher, Mr. Sharma reached there. He tried to separate the two persons. He asked them what the reason behind their quarrel was. The passenger told Mr Sharma that the auto-rickshaw driver was not ready to charge as per the meter. Rather he was asking him to pay the amount which was about double the original fare as per the meter. Hearing this, Mr Sharma told the driver that he was violating the rules set by the govt. The govt. has fixed the rates of the autorickshaws and taxis as per the meter. And the govt itself raises the fares whenever there is any rise in the prices of petrol and CNG. So the drivers of these autos cannot charge according to their will. It is illegal. Now driver found himself in an embarrassing situation. He realized that the public has now become aware of their right. Finding the tables turned against him, the driver somehow agreed to take the charges as per the meter. Then he took the fare from his passenger and went away. Thus Mr Sharma's awareness about a person's rights helped in sorting out the dispute between the auto-rickshaw driver and the passenger.

Report prepared by :

Balbir

SECTION – C (LITERATURE)

7. (a) 1. (c) 2. The beauty of the landscape has been marred by the artless paint. 3. (c) 4. (a) 5. The stand owners expect from the city dwellers to purchase things from their shop. 6. withering.

Or

- (b) 1. (c) 2. Uncle's wedding band sits heavy on Aunt Jennifer's hand. 3. Uncle appears to be a very dominating, hard hearted and extremely cruel person. 4. (c) 5. Aunt Jennifer is terrified by the hard chores she has been performing so far in her life. 6. (b).

8. (a) 1. He seeks to highlight that labels are arbitrary and essentially reflect a common life experience. 2. (c) 3. (c) 4. Derry came into the garden because he just wanted to know what kind of this empty place was.

Or

- (b) 1. She hid herself in a dark room. 2. she was not a coward. 3. (d) 4. (c).

9. (a) 1. Saheb's muttering and 'looking away' suggests his embarrassment. 2. (b) 3. Here he refers to the officials as 'they'. 4. (d) 5. (b) 6. (c).

Or

- (b) 1. Here 'Poor' man' refers to M. Hamel. He was in fine Sunday clothes because he wanted to pay honour to his last lesson. 2. They were sitting in the back of the room. 3. They were sorry that they had not gone to school more often. 4. (a) 5. (a) 6. (d).

10. (i) The lawyers were charging very high fees from the poor peasants. Gandhiji chided them for this. He also said that it was no good going to court. When the peasants were fear-stricken, law courts were useless. Therefore, the first need was to rid the peasants of their fear.
- (ii) Mr Hamel did not scold Franz. He only said that it is not good to put off learning. He blamed Franz's parents for not caring about his studies. He blamed himself also.
- (iii) Seemapuri is a slum area. About 10,000 ragpickers live here. They live in structures of mud. They have roofs of tin and tarpaulin. There is no sewage, drainage or running water. They have no identity or permits. To them, food is more important than anything else. They pitch their tents wherever they can find food.
- (iv) Douglas went to Lake Wentworth in New Hampshire. There he swam two miles across the lake. Then he went to Warm Lake. He swam across to the other side of the lake and back. He shouted with joy. All his fear of water was gone. It was this experience which taught Douglas the lesson that 'all we have to fear is fear itself.'

- (v) The peddler was often not welcomed anywhere. He was always chased away. It was only sour looks that greeted him. But the old crofter showed him unusual generosity. It was something unexpected for the peddler.
- (vi) To express her silent revolt in this poem, the poet has used two symbols — the tigers and the screen. Tigers represent the creative energy of woman. The screen represents the range on which that creative energy works. Thus tigers are symbol of men produced by woman. The screen is a symbol of the woman's life on which men prance about.
11. (i) The study of Antarctica tells us of the effect of global warming on the world. Due to global warming, glaciers are receding. If this continues, the polar ice caps will start melting and there will be floods everywhere. This will bring about the end of the world. Thus Antarctica and its understanding is important for the survival of the world.
- (ii) As a doctor, Sadao had done the same as he had been trained. He didn't let a man die if he could help it. So obviously if he had now accepted the General's plan to kill the enemy Tom, it would really be counterproductive to saving his life and helping him in his recovery.
- (iii) Mr Lamb has a lovely garden. There are apple trees, flowers and herbs in it. There is a beehive behind the trees. He keeps the garden gate always open. He likes his garden very much because there he can sit in the sun, read books, climb the trees and pluck ripe apples. He likes the bees buzzing. He calls it all life.
12. (a) Umberto Eco says that he started writing novels just by accident. He was then about fifty years old. In fact, from the very beginning, he had felt that even scholarly books should be written in the way of a novel — i.e. by telling the story of one's research. That was why even his essays always had a narrative aspect. It was because of this tendency that he started writing novels, though it was too late, at about the age of fifty. Talking about his first novel, 'The Name of the Rose', Umberto says that it is a detective novel, but it also deals with metaphysics, theology and medieval history. Thus it is a deep and difficult novel. Eco says that most journalists and publishers believe that people like trash and don't like difficult reading. But the sale of this book proved that it was not true. Between 10 to 15 million copies of this book were sold. The novel deals with a period of medieval history. Could that be the reason of its popularity ? But a lot of books had been written about the medieval past before Eco's novel. In conclusion, Eco says that the success of the book was a mystery for him.

Or

- (b) The poet says that it is beauty alone that keeps us going on this earth. Beauty is a kind of flowery band that binds us to this earth. It is beauty that keeps us moving from one day to the next day. There is so much to grieve in the world that but for beauty, it would be impossible to live here. There is depression and dejection all around. There are very few people who have a really noble heart. Man's life is all gloomy. There are many mysterious happenings that man fails to understand in spite of all his attempts. But in spite of all these unhappy things, man continues to live on this earth. The poet says that it is only because there are some beautiful things also in the world. It is the beauty of these objects that takes away the gloom from our sad hearts.
13. (a) The astrologers had predicted that the King's death would come from a tiger. When the king learnt about this prediction, he went on a tiger hunt. He was thrilled beyond measure when he killed his first tiger. He sent for the chief astrologer and said, "What do you say now ?" The astrologer said hesitatingly, "Your majesty may kill ninety-nine tigers in the same manner, but you must be very careful with the hundredth." Now the king vowed that he would attend to all state matters only after killing a hundred tigers. Then he started killing tigers one after the other. The hundredth tiger was old and sick. The king aimed at him and fired. When the king had gone, the hunters found that the tiger was alive. In fact, the king's bullet had missed. So they themselves shot the tiger dead. However the prediction of the astrologers came

true. The king's death did come from a tiger, though it was a wooden tiger, a toy. One of the tiny silvers over the toy's surface pierced the king's hand. Due to this, the infection spread in the king's arm became the cause of his death.

Or

- (b) The one side of Derry's face was burnt. It made him look ugly. People looked at his face and called it a terrible thing. They called it the ugliest thing they had ever seen. Derry was so sick of such reaction of people to his ugliness that he was afraid of seeing himself in the mirror. He yearned for hearing the things which would give him encouragement, the things that nobody has ever said to him. And those things that is to say the positive words he got from Mr Lamb. He told Derry that like others he also had two arms, two legs, two eyes and two ears. He could do whatever he liked. And if he had a firm mind, he could even do better than others. He removed all the baseless fears of Derry. Now Derry wanted to see, hear and think in his own way. He no longer cared about what others said.

Sample Question Paper—8

SECTION—A (READING SKILLS)

1. 1. Those countries can be called poor where there are very few means of livelihood and even those are blocked. There may be a shortage of funds in our country. But even greater is the shortage of hope. 2. (d) When he fails to unite with his fellows. 3. (c) Both (a) and (b). 4. Men use tools to do a large measure of work in a short span of time. 5. The fact responsible for the poverty of our country is that we keep ourselves aloof. We try to bear our heavy burdens by ourselves. 6. (d) all of these three. 7. (a) They think of one another in a crisis. 8. (a) Working as a co-operative. 9. We can rescue our country from its age-long poverty by adopting the co-operative system prevalent in Europe.
2. 1. (i) (d) both (b) and (c). (ii) (b) Providing quality product to the consumers compromising by on cost price of the product. 2. Acting thus, 'The Ratan Model' proves beneficial for both, the milk producers and consumers. It removes the middlemen and provides genuine price to the milk producers. It provides the consumer the best quality products at affordable prices. 3. Ratan has a diversified customer base. It manufactures Ratan chocolate, Ratan cool, Ratan milk for kids. For youth, it manufactures Ratan pizza cheese, cheese spread. And for health conscious people, it manufactures Ratan Shakti, Ratan Lite and Ratan Butter. 4. Dairy farmer control procurement, processing and marketing. 5. The two basis on which Ratan divides the target audience are — (i) Customers and (ii) Ratan products. 6. The two spheres in which Ratan has a strong presence are — (i) Business-to-Business. and (ii) Business-to-Customers. 7. The story of the 'Ratan Girl' is the most loved 'ad' icon. 8. (i) (c) a professionally managed organization benefitting both customers and milk producers. (ii) (c) It has targeted large section of Indian customers providing the best quality at affordable prices.

SECTION—B (CREATIVE WRITING SKILLS)

3. (a)

LOST ! LOST ! LOST !

17 September 20_ _

Yesterday, during lunch break, I misplaced my notes on chemistry lectures somewhere in the school premises. I don't remember where I left the file that had my notes in it. Anyone who finds it is requested to return it to me or deposit it with the school office. These notes are of great value to me and the finder shall be thanked with a treat.

Karuna
Class-XII A

Or

(b)

LOST AND FOUND NOTICE MISSING PET

16 September, 20_ _

Our pet dog named Bruno is missing since 15 September 20_ _ from Royal Enclave, Model Town. It is Pomeranian, six months old, with black fur, and wearing a white collar. If found, please contact Mr Ram Paul Kalra, 153-E, Royal Enclave, Model Town, Panipat. Mob. No. 09830100xx.

Ravi

4. (a) R-201, Fort Road
Chennai
25 Aug 20_ _

Dear brother Balaji

You will be glad to know that we have purchased a new house last week. Mom and Dad have decided to have a house-warming ceremony. We are also throwing a small party for our all near and dear ones at our new house at 10 am on Sunday the 30th.

Please do come and grace the occasion.

Yours lovingly

Raja Sharma

Or

(b)

**ST. ANNE'S SCHOOL, AHMEDABAD
LITERARY CLUB**

The staff and students of St Anne's School cordially invite you all to the inaugural ceremony of the Literary Club of this school. The inauguration will take place in the school hall at 11.45 a.m. on 14 September, 20_ _ . The City Mayor, Dr Vipul Kapoor, has kindly consented to grace the occasion.

Manoj Malhotra

(Secretary)

5. (a)

FOR THE POST OF A RECEPTIONIST

M-114 Mall Road
Pune
28 January 20_ _

The Manager
JKL Publishers
Peshwa Road
Pune

Subject : Application for the Post of a Receptionist

Sir

With reference to your advertisement in *Hindustan Times* dated 26.01.20_ _ , I offer my services as a receptionist in your firm. My brief resume is as given below :

1. Name : Karuna Kashyap
2. Age : 22 years
3. Educational Qualifications :
 - (1) Bachelor in Business Communications (SNDT University)
 - (2) Secretarial Practice Course (YMCA, Mumbai)

4. Work Experience :

Worked as a receptionist at Hotel Prayag for two years.

Besides, I have a perfect command over spoken English and am quite proficient in computer operations. I have a pleasing personality and have all the confidence required for the post of a receptionist. I hope you will find in me a very suitable candidate.

Yours faithfully

Karuna Kashyap

Or

(b) CHANGING THE MALE MINDSET ABOUT WOMEN

A-114 Mall Road

Delhi

05 August 20__

The Editor

The Indian Express

New Delhi

Subject : The Status of Women in India**Sir**

After ten days from now, we are going to celebrate our 71st Independence Day. But have we really become independent in our thinking about women ? Sixteenth century mindset still rules us. At the birth of a girl, no celebration takes place. Girls are not given good education opportunities while sons are sent to convent schools. We do not give our women the respect and status that they deserve. Out of home, they are stared at, stalked and even molested. Even at home, there are different directions for girls from those for boys. The thinking of the males about women is bad, but girls are asked to wear decent clothes. We badly need to change the male mindset about women. If we succeed in doing so, ours will be the best country in the world.

Yours truly

Amna Sheikh**6. (a) Use of Technology in Education**

Technology has made inroads into all walks of life, including the classroom. Projectors, computers and online teaching have taken the place of the teacher. The teacher no longer plays the central role in the process of teaching. His position has been relegated to the background. But such a trend is dangerous. No doubt, technology has a very important part to play in the process of teaching, but we should not replace it totally with the teacher. Teacher and technology should not be looked upon as each other's substitutes, but as each other's supplements. Technology is not there to oust the teacher; it is there to help the teacher and to assist him in his job of teaching. It is there to make the teacher's job more effective and more interesting. The teacher has still to play the central role. He has to be there to lend a human touch to the whole process. Without the teacher, technology is just a passive and lifeless thing. It cannot arouse the child's active interest in the process of learning. However, the fact is that technology has come to stay. We cannot do without it in any field. It is for us how we use it. Should we become slaves to it ? Or should we use it as a slave to our advantage ? All depends on us. In life, we always gain more by association than by competition. Therefore, in the classroom at least, we should have both the teacher and technology working together for the benefit of our children.

Contributed by —**Mohit**

Or

**(b) HEALTH MELA
A Report**

Last week, a Health Mela was organized in our school, St. Anne School, by the Health Club of the School. The chief aim behind holding this event was to create awareness among the students regarding

health. The Mela was held on the vast school ground. The Hon'ble Health Minister came to inaugurate the Mela. This Mela lasted three days. On the first day, lectures by health experts were delivered. On the second day, discussions and plays were organised. On the third and final day, various charts, models, fitness equipment, etc. were put on display. Students were showing keen interest in all the events of the Mela. A workshop on low calorie cooking was arranged. In the workshop, the benefits of low-calorie food were told by the nutritionists. Such events should be organised in all the educational institutions as they go a long way in creating awareness among students. To live a healthy life, awareness about health is very necessary. Healthy citizens can play a crucial role in the development of a nation.

Report written by :

Nikhil

SECTION – C (LITERATURE)

7. (a) 1. d. Only (iii) 2. enforcing benefits 3. A. gullible 4. beneficent beats of prey 5. c. (2) is the reason for (1) 6. duped.

Or

- (b) 1. Her mother's pale white face. 2. She felt a familiar ache in her body on seeing the pale white face of her mother. 3. She is full of regret that she only smiled while departing from her mother. She spoke no word of sympathy or encouragement to her mother. 4. (c) 5. (a) 6. (c).
8. (a) 1. It portrays him as a kind and compassionate person. 2. (a) 3. (d) 4. Here Dr Sadao wants to assure the enemy of safety.

Or

- (b) 1. He has said the things that really matter. He has said the things which nobody else has ever said. He has said the things which Derry wants to think about. 2. (d) 3. (a) 4. A disabled person never wants others to pity him. He only wants that he should be treated as a normal human being.
9. (a) 1. the depth of the Y.M.C.A. pool. 2. (b) 3. He saw nothing but water all around. 4. (a) 5. (c) 6. (b).

Or

- (b) 1. The name of the chapter is 'Going Places'. 2. The word 'he' refers to Geoff in the passage. 3. (b) 4. (c) 5. (d) 6. He was very reserved.
10. (i) The 'office boy' of the make-up department was Subbu's enemy. He held Subbu responsible for all his woes, neglect and ignominy. Subbu was considered Number 2 at Gemini Studios and the office boy held him responsible for all his woes.
- (ii) This episode proved that the British could not order Gandhiji about in his own country. He was ordered to leave Champaran, but he refused. Gandhiji was summoned to appear before the court. Gandhiji presented his case forcefully. At last, the government had to drop the case.
- (iii) We can't say that dealing with medieval history was responsible for the novel's success. Many books had already been written about medieval times. I think the novel became popular because of the deep, varied and thought-provoking material.
- (iv) Sophie used to think that her brother had seen a lot of places while she had hardly seen any. But her brother would never talk to her freely about his outdoor exploits. That was why she felt jealous of his silence.
- (v) Mr Hamel blamed the parents of the boys like Franz. He said that they didn't care about their studies. They were anxious to put their children to some work and thus have a little more money. Mr Hamel blamed himself also. He said, "Have I not often sent you to water my flowers instead of learning your lessons ?"

- (vi) If we keep quiet, there will be less of noise, and consequently less of noise pollution. Thus keeping quiet can help to protect our environment also.
11. (i) Derry's mother considered Mr Lamb a worthless person. She said that Mr Lamb's all talk was nothing but nonsense. But Derry refused to believe her words against Mr Lamb because he had spent some hours with Mr Lamb and had known that he was not at all what people thought of him. He liked his encouraging, motivational and positive thinking.
- (ii) Its aim was to take high school students to the ends of the world. Thus they could get inspiring educational opportunities. Through their experiences, they could develop a new understanding and respect for their planet. Thus as future policy-makers, they could help to save the planet from the present dangers.
- (iii) Dr. Sadao was a famous surgeon and scientist. He was perfecting a discovery that could make wounds entirely clean. Moreover, he was treating the old General medically, and the General could need an operation also. That was why Sadao was not sent abroad along with the troops.
12. (a) Firozabad is a dirty town. It is famous for its bangles. Every other family here is engaged in making bangles. It is the centre of India's glass-blowing industry. For generations, families in Firozabad have been working around glass furnaces. They weld glass and make bangles for all the women in the land. But these people have always been very poor. They have to work in high temperatures. They have to work in dingy cells without air and light. About 20,000 children have to work in dark places all day long. Their eyes get more adjusted to the dark than to the light outside. Many of them lose their eyesight even before they become adults. The poor bangle makers lead a miserable life. Though they make everyone happy with their beautiful bangles, they themselves live and die in the dirty slums of Firozabad.

Or

- (b) Through this poem, the poet wants to convey that the youngsters do feel for their elders but they don't communicate it properly. The poet recalls the day when she was driving from her parent's home to Cochin where she was to catch a flight. Her mother was also sitting beside her. She was going to the airport to see off the poet. When the poet turned to look at her mother, she found her dozing. Her mouth was open and her face looked very pale like that of a corpse. A painful thought came to the poet's mind. She realised that her mother had grown very old and would not live for long. But soon she drove that painful thought away from her mind. She started looking out at the young trees that seemed to be running fast. She saw children running out of their houses in joy. After reaching the airport, the poet went through the security check. Standing a few yards away, she looked at her mother once again. The mother looked pale and weak. The poet felt in her body an old familiar ache. It was like she used to feel in her childhood when some fear overpowered her. Still she spoke no word to her mother. The only thing she said was : "See you soon, Amma." All she did was smile and smile and smile.
13. (a) Phytoplankton are microscopic grasses of the sea. They form the food chain for the entire Southern Ocean's marine life. These single-celled plants use the sun's energy to assimilate carbon dioxide through the wonderful process called *photosynthesis*. Scientists warn us that a further depletion in the ozone layer will affect the activities of phytoplankton. The harmful rays of the sun will enter the earth's atmosphere and harm these single-celled plants. Their destruction will, in turn, affect the lives of all marine animals and birds of the region. Thus the phytoplankton grasses are very important to our ecosystem. By assimilating the atmospheric carbon dioxide, they serve a very useful purpose. Without them, the carbon dioxide level would increase to a harmful extent for all living things on the earth. Also a big source of food for marine life will disappear from the seas.

Or

- (b) The story moves at two different levels both in space and time. And these two levels often intersect each other. The writer has tried to interweave fantasy and reality. When the characters are in a state of fantasy, they go back to the period of 1890-something. They talk of a subway that can take them anywhere in the United States. But in reality, they belong to the modern times and live around New York Central. The main character in the story is Charley. He often travels to his work through the subway of the Grand Central Station. He knows of only two levels there from where the trains run. But once in his fantasy, he discovers a third level also. Here he sees everything different. The people are dressed in the old style of 1890's. They use old-style bills to buy their tickets. The writer comes back and arranges for old-style bills. He decides to go to Galesburg using the third level. But he can never find the third level again. Thus we see that there is a lot of intersection of space and time in the story.

Sample Question Paper—9

SECTION—A (READING SKILLS)

1. 1. (c) are not owned by anyone. 2. The ghost nets are the reason the marine life is frequently sick. If not addressed, this 'health issue' would soon be chronic. 3. (a) make warlus unable to move. (b) causing warlus injuries (c) keep warlus from rising to the surface for air. 4. (b) monumental 5. (b) Ghost nets contribute to the Great Pacific Garbage Patch. 6. Fishing nets made of natural fibers would breakdown much faster than plastic nets. Hence they would not pollute sea water. 7. Sence of commitment generates innovations, ideas and actions and only actions can bring change. So it is fair to say that commitment and innovation have to go hand-in-hand to rid the oceans of ghost nets. 8. emphasize the point that commitment; cooperation and innovation can help in clearing up ghost nets from the oceans. 9. (i) (a) practical (ii) (c) Ghost Nets – A Menace to Marine Life
2. 1. The main reason for the recent transformation of education is — easy availability of the internet. 2. (c) ii & iii 3. (c) Option (iii) 4. plagiarism. 5. (i) (a) Never using the internet for work and leisure. (ii) (c) More than 50% respondents stated enjoying both versions of books for leisure reading. 6. It reveals that he is indignant. 7. (b) Option (ii) 8. Some of the e-book features preferred for research are as follows — (i) choosing page numbers in citations (ii) resizing text to fit screen (iii) highlighting the text (iv) downloading the entire e-book.

SECTION—B (CREATIVE WRITING SKILLS)

3. (a)

A.J. School, Bhopal
NOTICE

FOOTBALL COACHING FOR MIDDLE SCHOOL STUDENTS

Our school is planning to start football coaching on our school grounds from 5th March 20__ for the middle school students. The timing for the same would be 6:30 am to 7:30 am. N.I.S coach Mr. Ravinder Sharma is appointed to give coaching to the players. Those who are willing to join, should give their names to the undersigned.

Gaurav
(Sports Captain)

Or

(b)

SUNRISE PUBLIC SCHOOL, SURAT
NOTICE

12 June 20__

Sarvodaya Education Society, a charitable organisation, plans to visit our school in the last week of this month, to distribute books among the needy students. All those who want to avail of their noble gesture, should drop the lists of books they need in the box kept outside the Principal's office. The last date for collecting the slips from the box is the 21st of June.

Navtej
(Head Boy)

4. (a)

ABC College
28th July 20__
The Secretary
Library Club
Srinagar
Dear Sir

I thank you for your invitation to be the chief guest at the opening ceremony of new library section. Such developments are worth praising. They not only motivate but also help people to develop the habit of reading books. It would have been a great moment for me to be a part of such occasion. But I regret to inform you of my inability to attend the occasion due to a previous engagement that can't be ignored.

Yours sincerely

Riwan Samson

Or

(b) D A V School
Maharana Nagar

Jammu

10 April 20_ _

District Forest Officer

Jammu

Sir

You will be glad to hear that our school is organising the District Posters Exhibition on wildlife conservation by the end of this month.

I, as the President of the Eco Club of our school, request you to oblige us by gracing the occasion and by accepting our request to be the Chief Guest also. I request you to tell us the convenient date when you can spare a few hours for us. We shall then mention it on our invitation cards.

Thanking you in anticipation, sir,

Yours faithfully

Raman

President, Eco Club

5. (a) **FOR THE POST OF A PHYSICAL EDUCATION TEACHER**

12 Mall Road

Lucknow

15 September 20_ _

The Principal

Nav Vihar Public School

Lucknow

Subject : Application for the Post of a Physical Education Teacher

Dear Sir

This is in response to your advertisement in the newspaper '*The Times of India*', regarding your requirement for Physical Education teacher. I offer my services as a Physical Education teacher at your reputed school. I am an energetic youngman of 32. I believe in imparting quality coaching. I have been a national level player in volleyball. I feel that my experience and my qualification will be suitable for this post. My detailed biodate is given below.

1. Name : Varun Sarkar
2. Father's Name : Ratan Sarkar
3. DOB : 14 Oct. 1989
4. Address : 83, Model Town, Guwahati, Assam.

5. Educational Qualifications : (i) B.P.Ed. (Delhi University)
(ii) Masters in Physical Education (Delhi University)
6. Work Experience : Worked as a sports coach at D.P.S., Delhi, for six years.

I also have a perfect command over English. I hope you will find in me a suitable candidate.

Looking forward for favourable response.

Yours faithfully

Varun Sarkar

Or

(b) **DEMONSTRATIONS ON ROADS AND HIGHWAYS**

155 Lotus Enclave
New Delhi-110002

18 March 20_ _

The Editor
The Times of India
New Delhi

Subject : Demonstrations on Roads and Highways

Sir

We fondly hope to become one of the superpowers in the world in a few years. But as we know, every such march is also beset with difficulties and problems. And undeniably, people in a democracy have every right to air their grievances. But are the demonstrations and protests on the public highways the only means of showing the anger and dissatisfaction ? People must not cause inconvenience to others who equally have the right to use those roads. Only the other day, I, aspiring to be a doctor, had the misfortune of missing a vitally important entrance examination due to such a demonstration. It cost me one full year of my life. Like me, there must be many who had to suffer terribly that day. Through the columns of your esteemed daily, I appeal to one and all to shun such acts and to resort to other peaceful ways.

Yours truly

Tarun

6. (a) **The Importance of Worker Safety in Construction Zones**

In Construction Sector, workers are not aware about their safety, wellbeing and working conditions. Even the personal protective equipments are not provided to them. Most of the workers are illiterate and fail to understand the risk of working at construction place. On the other hand, contractors also avoid providing these safety equipments to workers, just to cut down their expenses. Due to lack of awareness about construction-related hazards, the accident percentage is quite high at construction sites. Campaigns should be started to make the construction workers aware about the construction-related hazards. And contractors should be fined for not providing basic Personal Protective Equipments. It is the duty of concerned contractors and principal employer of the construction sites to provide social security to their workers in terms of labour insurance, first aid facilities, restroom, drinking water availability, accidental benefits, canteens and pensions etc. But most of the construction workers are far away from all these facilities. Normally contractors know safety measures to be taken at the construction sites but they ignore them. So instead of training programs, local administration should take strict measures to enforce the safety laws of construction workers.

Or

(b)

L.M. Memorial Public School, Dwarka**TEACHING VILLAGE CHILDREN****A Report**

The Usmanpur village is just two kms away from our school. The village, even in the modern times, is underdeveloped. A majority of the village is uneducated. Only a few of the villagers are literate or semi-illiterate. They prefer to send their children on some low-paid work instead of sending them to school. Our kind-hearted Principal decided that we should undertake the job of teaching the village children. He motivated the students of higher classes to go to village on a regular basis and teach the children. Yesterday, the students completed one month of the noble work. There was a small function organized by the villagers. Their head was all praise for the voluntary work done by the students. Students were also happy to see the fruition of their work. Our worthy Principal lauded the commendable work done by the students. The students have decided to continue this work.

Report written by —
Karan

SECTION – C (LITERATURE)

7. (a) 1. To use the yard in order to turn back. 2. To ask the way where it was bound. 3. To ask if they could give him a gallon of gas. 4. (c) 5. (b) 6. (b).

Or

- (b) 1. Sweet dreams, good health and quiet breathing. 2. (c) 3. A pleasant place in the shade of trees. 4. (c) 5. (b) 6. (b).

8. (a) 1. To kill one hundred tigers at any cost. 2. The British officer's secretary sent Maharaja the word that the officer himself did not have to kill the tiger. The Maharaja could do the actual killing. The British officer wanted a photograph of himself holding the gun and standing over the tiger's carcass. 3. (b) 4. (a).

Or

- (b) 1. (c) 2. Because it has never sustained a human population. 3. (d) 4. When we see the glaciers retreating the ice shelves collapsing in Antarctica.

9. (a) 1. (b) 2. The peddler had the crofter's stolen money in his pocket. He was afraid that he would be chased and caught if he went by the highway. That was why he took his way through the forest. 3. (c) 4. In order to escape being caught, the peddler had walked into a confusing forest. But now he could find no way out. He walked and walked and was tired to death. At once the thought of the world being a rattrap came to his mind. He thought that now his own turn had come. 5. (a) 6. (b).

Or

- (b) 1. (c) 2. (b) 3. (c) 4. (b) 5. The ordinary people stood with Gandhiji at every juncture. At Motihari, they flocked in thousands when they came to know that the Mahatma had some trouble with the authorities. They were ready to do anything at his bidding. Thus the ordinary man's contribution to the freedom movement was no less in any way. 6. Gandhiji felt there was a higher law to follow. It was the law of conscience and he decided to follow this law.
10. (i) Mr Hamel was dressed in his best clothes. He was in his beautiful green coat and a frilled shirt. He was wearing a little black silk cap. He never wore this dress except on inspection and prize days. Mr Hamel was dressed differently on that day because it was his last day in the school.

- (ii) The reference to chappals indicates the extreme poverty of the ragpickers. They had no chappals to wear. They went about barefoot. They had become used to it. Even if they had chappals, they looked for excuses not to wear them.
- (iii) Sophie is a highly ambitious girl. She belongs to a poor family. She has no source of any money. Yet she dreams of having the finest boutique in the city. She also wants to become an actress. She says that there is a lot of money in it. This shows that Sophie is a girl who lives in her dreams.
- (iv) The writer admired Subbu for some of his really positive qualities. He had the ability to look cheerful at all times. He was very loyal to his Boss. He was tailor-made for films and was a very talented actor. He could write very good poetry but he chose to address his poetry to the masses.
- (v) The sharecroppers of Champaran had received only one-fourth of the compensation. But even then, the Champaran struggle is considered a huge success. It was so because the peasants had now gained courage. They saw that they had rights and they had also defenders of their rights.
- (vi) There is an air of general depression among human beings. There is a terrible dearth of truly noble souls. Many evil and mysterious things happen daily. It is hard to understand why they happen. Men pass their days in gloom.
11. (i) To earn his living in Galesbury, Sam would have set up a little hay, feed and grain business which he liked so much. He could not carry on his old business of a psychiatrist because there was no need of a psychiatrist in Galesbury.
- (ii) It was predicted that the Tiger King's death would come from the hundredth tiger he would hunt. With this thing on his mind, the Tiger King started killing tigers one after the other. After he had killed exactly one hundred tigers, he felt himself safe now. But ironically, soon after, his death comes from a tiger only. And it comes not from a real tiger, but from a sliver of a toy tiger.
- (iii) A native American girl traditionally wears a blanket on her shoulders. It is considered immodest if a girl is without a blanket on her shoulders. But when Zitkala-Sa was marching in a line to the dining room, her blanket was stripped from her shoulders. In her shame, Zitkala-Sa felt like sinking to the floor.
12. (a) Gandhiji was absolutely correct in this statement of his that 'freedom from fear is more important than legal justice for the poor'. It becomes very much clear from this lesson. Gandhiji went to Champaran to help the poor sharecroppers who were being forced to pay compensation to the British landlords for not planting indigo on the 15 per cent land. The sharecroppers thought that the British power could not be challenged. But Gandhiji proved to them that the British power was not unchallengeable. He openly defied the government order asking him to leave Champaran immediately. Seeing Gandhiji doing so, the sharecroppers also rose against the authorities. They gained much courage. At last the landlords agreed to pay back the compensation they had illegally collected. Thus we see that as long as the sharecroppers had the fear of the unjust British planters in their hearts, they could never think of standing against them. But once they got rid of this fear, justice came to them itself. It proves that freedom from fear is an essential condition for justice.

Or

- (b) In this poem, John Keats lists some of the beautiful things that add some charm to the otherwise sad life on this earth. He says that there are the beautiful sun and the moon. There are big and small trees that give pleasant shade for the gentle sheep. Then there are the lovely daffodils with all the green world in which they live. There are clear streams that make cooling coverts along their course to protect themselves from the hot season. Then there are low-lying plants in the middle of the forest with the lovely white roses growing among them here and there. Keats further says that we imagine magnificent rewards by God on the day of judgement for those mighty men of the world who are now lying dead in their graves. We think of those grand rewards and are filled with happiness. Then there are lovely tales of olden days that we

have heard or read. Keats calls all these beauties an endless fountain of immortal drink that heaven itself is pouring down for us. In other words, God himself has created these beautiful things for us so that we can derive joy from them during our life on this earth.

13. (a) Dr Sadao was a famous Japanese surgeon and scientist. One night, he found a wounded man on the seashore. The man was an American. At that time, Japan was at war with America. But the man was so badly wounded that he would certainly die without medical aid. As a doctor, Dr Sadao had been trained not to let a man die if he could help it. And this was what he did. He took the man into his house and did all he could to save his life. At the same time, he never forgot that the man was an enemy. He wanted to get rid of him as soon as possible. He thought of handing him over to the police but could not do so. He was certain that they would kill him. He was in a fix what to do. At last, he adopted a course that could be the best under the circumstances. He helped the man to escape in a boat. Thus he got rid of him without having him killed. In this way, Dr Sadao rose above narrow prejudices and acted in a truly humanitarian manner.

Or

- (b) Mr Lamb's meeting with Derry proves a turning point in Derry's life. Mr Lamb shows no shock or fear on seeing Derry's burnt face. Rather, he talks to him in a loving manner. He welcomes him to his garden. He tells Derry never to think of his burnt face. He says that Derry has two arms, two legs, eyes, ears, tongue and a brain. And if he has a firm mind, he can do better than others. Such words of encouragement bring about a total and welcome change in Derry's mind. Now he does not care a fig for what he looks like. He wants to live the way Mr Lamb has been living. He wants to see, hear and think in his own way. He doesn't care about what others say.



Sample Question Paper—10

SECTION—A (READING SKILLS)

1. 1. To communicate effectively to an intended audience. 2. According to Joe Winson, the person who has the talent to write in a simple and effective manner has the ability to become a technical writer. 3. (i) (a) their customers. (ii) (c) the use of Business English. 4. To prepare marketing documents such as brochures, case studies, website content and media kits. 5. He should be an M.A. or M. Phil. in English Literature and have a degree such as M.C.A. 6. (i) (c) both men and women. (ii) (a) merit. 7. (c) both (a) and (b). 8. (d) executive technical writers. 9. To keep his 'writing blades' constantly sharpened, a technical writer should spend maximum time in reading up the latest in the technological trends. He should also make constant efforts in sharpening his Business English and writing skills.
2. 1. India's GHI score in 2019 is 30.3. And India's relative performance in securing GHI score has been consistently improving since 2000. 2. The scheme referred to in these lines is Pan-India comprehensive health scheme. It is launched under National Health Mission by Union Government to improve the neonatal, infant and under-five mortality rates. 3. (c) terms of the reduction in under-five deaths. 4. (d) all of these three. 5. (b) increased child survival rates. 6. (c) iv and v. 7. An increase in the budgetary allocation for child health services and a greater attention to enhance institutional deliveries has increased child survival rates. The areas in which the Anganwadi services have significantly helped in creating awareness to prevent infant mortality are — i. breast feeding practices and ii. vaccinations. 8. (c) Females are biologically more prone to morbidity and mortality. 10. (a) option i.

SECTION—B (CREATIVE WRITING SKILLS)

3. (a)

GOVT. SENIOR SECONDARY SCHOOL, HISAR

NOTICE

CONTRIBUTIONS FOR SCHOOL MAGAZINE

16 February 20__

We are going to bring out the annual issue of our school magazine '*The Buds*' next month. Students of all classes and members of the staff who want to have their articles, stories, poems, etc. published in this issue should hand over their writings to the undersigned by the 25th of this month. It is imperative that the compositions should be original and of a fairly good standard.

Dhruv

Class XII

Student Editor

Or

(b)

MEERA INTERNATIONAL SCHOOL

NOTICE

SALE OF STALLS FOR THE FETE

15 March 20__

Our school is organising a fete to collect funds for charity. It will be held on the 25th of this month from 10 a.m. to 7 p.m. There will be stalls for fast foods, sweets, ice cream, fun games and decoration items. Only school students are eligible to put up stalls at the fete. The stalls will be sold to the highest bidders. Those who are interested should come to the school hall during the recess period on the 18th of this month.

Anupam Vohra

Head Boy

4. (a)

INVITATION

Dear Colleagues

After my retirement from the job, I have planned to start my own investment consultancy firm. The inauguration of the firm is going to be held on 10 Dec. 2023 at the Acer Mall, Kozhikode, Kerala. You all are invited to this occasion. Please do attend the occasion to make it successful. Lunch will be served after apprising guests about many new, safe and lucrative investment opportunities.

Meghna Menon

Or

(b)

S.S. Public School

Nirwana Nagar

Lucknow

10 April 20 __ __

Dr. Mala Mehra

47, Lal Nagar

Lucknow

Respected Sir

Our school is going to make an effort to make students aware about the importance of books. We feel highly privileged to have an eminent novelist and educationist like you in our city. There is none other than you who can speak better on this topic. I request you to oblige us by gracing the occasion with your presence and by accepting our request to speak on the topic of "Importance of Books" on 15, April 20 __ __ at the school auditorium hall at 10 a.m.

Thanking you in anticipation

Yours faithfully

Lena

(Secretary, Literary, Club)

5. (a)

FOR THE POST OF AN ACCOUNTS OFFICER

B-94 Fort Road

Jammu

29 September 20__ __

The Managing Director

ICI

B-12 Barakhamba Road,

New Delhi

Subject : Application for the Post of Accounts Officer

Sir

With reference to your advertisement in *The Hindu* dated 27.09.20__ __, I offer my services as an accounts officer. My brief resume is given below :

1. Name : Ashish Pasricha
2. Age : 35 years
3. Educational Qualifications :
 - (i) M. Com. (Jammu University)
 - (ii) C.A. CHS, New Delhi

4. Work Experience :

Have been working as Accounts Head with G.N.G. Spinning Mills, Jammu since 2004. Besides, I am expert in maintaining accounts books, preparation of balance sheet, etc. I am quite proficient in computer operations. I have a pleasing personality and have all the calibre required for the post of an accounts officer. I hope you will find a very suitable candidate in me.

Yours faithfully

Ashish Parricha

Or

(b) ABOUT THE UNHYGIENIC CONDITIONS INSIDE THE A.C. COACH OF A TRAIN

5/31 Bengaluru Cantt.

Bengaluru

25 May 20_ _

The Editor

The Hindu

Chennai

Sir

Through the columns of your esteemed paper, I would like to draw the attention of the General Manager, Southern Railways, to the prevailing unhygienic conditions in the Vasco Express. Last Sunday, on 21 May, I travelled from Bengaluru City to Vasco in the Vasco Express. The two-tier coach No. 1039, I boarded was in a miserable condition. The atmosphere inside the coach was quite disgusting. The seats were very dirty. The floor of the coach was equally untidy. Rubbish was lying here and there. It seemed as if it had not been cleaned and swept since long. The most disgusting thing was that the compartment was infested with cockroaches. Some of my co-passengers found cockroaches under or in the sides of their seats. It became difficult for them to keep sitting in their seats. The washrooms of the coach were also in a very dirty condition. I can't say about the condition of the other coaches, but the coach I boarded was in a deplorable state. It is hoped that these lines would stir the authorities to some sort of action.

Yours truly

Saran Kumar

6. (a) The Return of Cheetahs to India

The return of cheetahs to India is a positive move to conserve the threatened species and restore the ecosystem functions. Variety of species help in developing healthier ecosystem and in keeping food chain in place. Healthier ecosystem is good for mental health also. The extinction of a species should be taken as a warning sign to stop the activities that are disturbing ecosystem functions. Saving environment is saving life on the earth. Every living species is a part of environment or ecosystem. And its extinction causes serious consequences. There are many reasons that may cause the extinction of species. Some of them are — hunting, poaching and illegal trade of different animals. No doubt, all these have been controlled to a great deal, by the government support and strict laws. But deforestation, climate changes and increase in population are interlinked issues that are posing big challenge for humans to resolve the problem of the extinction of a species. Innovative environment policies, entrepreneurship and strict laws implementation for protecting the environment are the need of the hour to march ahead with development along with preserving our ecosystem. The return of cheetah to India can be considered a welcome step towards maintaining the ecosystem.

Or

(b)

A DROWNING ACCIDENT**A REPORT**

15 Sept. : Last Saturday a picnic was organized by the History Club of our school. The picnic was on the bank of the river flowing outside our city. We reached the river at 10 on Saturday morning. It was a pleasant morning. Some people were enjoying sailing in small boats. The sky was overcast with clouds. A cool breeze was blowing. Nature was at her best. Many boats were sailing up and down the river. At one place some boys were bathing. We sat down under a big tree near the bank of the river. Some of us started playing antakshri, and some started playing badminton. Suddenly we heard a great noise coming from the river side. And we all ran towards its bank. We saw a small boat sinking in the river. Two persons were sitting in this boat. They were struggling with water and were crying, "Help ! Help." Just then a young man jumped into the river to rescue the two persons. He was a good swimmer. He caught hold of one man's arm and took him out of the river. He again jumped into the river and in a few seconds brought out the other man also on his back. The two persons were laid on the ground with their faces downwards and pressure was applied on their back. A great quantity of water streamed out of their mouths. Fortunately there was a doctor among the picknickers. He gave first aid to the two persons. After a few minutes, they regained consciousness. All heaved a sigh of relief and thanked God. Everybody was full of praise for the young man. The two persons thanked the young man again and again for saving their life.

Written by :**Rohit**

2, Mall Road, Kanpur

SECTION – C (LITERATURE)

7. (a) 1. He wants us to stop for a second and to remain still during this time. He wants us to find a moment for quiet introspection. 2. He does not want us to confuse it with total inactivity. 3. (b) 4. (b) 5. 'What I want should not be confused with total inactivity'. 6. (a) i, ii.

Or

- (b) 1. tigers 2. (a) 3. The men sitting beneath the tree are hunters 4. These lines reveal that uncle is a man of dominating nature. 5. (a) 6. (a) (1) and (2).
8. (a) 1. watching all the little things happening on the way. 2. ten minutes 3. (d) 4. (c).

Or

- (b) 1. When she got up in the morning, she found that the house was not cleaned. No household chore was done. The food was not prepared. 2. (a) 3. (b) 4. The cook and the gardener had served Sadao since he was a little boy.
9. (a) 1. He had counted on the commotion of the usual noises in the class when the school began. 2. (d) 3. He was walking up and down the classroom. 4. He saw his classmates sitting in their places. 5. (a) 6. (d).

Or

- (b) 1. (b) 2. (c) 3. gold, a thing wrapped in wonder 4. (a) 5. (b) 6. For the ragpickers, garbage is a thing wrapped in wonder. When they find a silver coin in a heap of garbage, they don't stop probing it. They have always a hope of finding more.
10. (i) The writer calls the huge success of the novel a mystery. However, the novel became popular because it gave the reader a deep and interesting reading. It was a detective story interwoven with metaphysics, ethics and medieval history. Its selling about 10-15 million copies was not just an accident.

- (ii) Douglas first went to Lake Wentworth in New Hampshire. There he swam two miles across the lake. Then he went and camped by the side of Warm Lake. The next morning, he dived into the lake. He swam across to the other shore and back. He shouted with joy. Now he knew he had overcome his residual fears of water.
- (iii) Sophie had asked her brother Geoff not to tell anyone about how Danny Casey had shown interest in her. But later when Jansie met Sophie, she said, "Your Geoff told our Frank you met Danny Casey." Thus we know that Geoff had not kept his promise.
- (iv) Gandhiji opened primary schools in six villages. His wife, Kasturbai, taught the rules on personal cleanliness and community sanitation. Health conditions were miserable. Gandhiji got a doctor to volunteer his services for six months. Thus Gandhiji arranged for the education, health and hygiene of the poor peasant families of Champaran.
- (v) One of the cars stops there just to turn back. Another one stops to ask the way to its destination. A third one stops to ask if it can have a gallon of petrol. It goes away crossly when it is told that there is no petrol at the stand.
- (vi) The 'mighty dead' were those who made great achievements in their life. Now they lie buried in their graves. On the day of judgement, they will be rewarded by God also for the noble deeds. It is this dignity or beauty that is associated with those great souls.
11. (i) Derry's mother thinks of Mr Lamb as a worthless person. She says that Mr Lamb's all talk is nothing but nonsense. She does not want Derry to go back to him.
- (ii) Zitkala-Sa crept up the stairs when no one was noticing. She went into a room. The windows were covered with dark green curtains. It made the room very dim. She went down on her hands and knees and crawled under a bed. There she lay huddled in the dark corner. She struggled with all her might when she was tied in a chair.
- (iii) Grand Central Station was known to have two levels. On the second level, Charley often found himself at places he had never seen before and would get lost there. Once he got lost in a long tunnel that led to the lobby of a hotel.
12. (a) In this story, the rattrap seller is depicted as a man who is all alone in this world. He has no family or friend. The world has never been kind to him. It makes him a petty thief. But when the peddler moves from the world of loneliness to the world of community, we find a huge change in his personality. The ironmaster's daughter Edla proves an angel in his life. Much against her father's wish, she tries her best to make the poor hungry man feel at home. She provides him good food and a nice place to sleep on. Her touch of kindness and sympathy transforms the peddler completely. The peddler's real goodness comes to light when he leaves a packet for the ironmaster's daughter as a Christmas present. The packet has in it a small rattrap as a gift for Edla, three wrinkled ten-krona notes and a letter. In his letter, he thanks Edla for being nice to him and thus saving him from falling into this world's rattrap. He also requests Edla to give that money to the old crofter whom he had robbed. Thus we see that this story also highlights the importance of community over isolation.

Or

- (b) The poet says that quiet introspection can transform not only life of an individual but also the face of the earth. It leads us to a better and fresh course of further activity in our life. Without it, we shall never be able to understand ourselves and then we shall be as good as dead. The poet says that we can examine and analyse our inner thoughts only in moments of complete silence. If we give some time to quiet introspection, we shall experience a very unusual feeling. We shall feel no hurry or worry. There shall be complete silence. We shall suddenly feel a strange togetherness with all others. This quiet introspection will lead everyone to come out of their greed, selfishness and cruelty. Warmongers will give up their lust

for war. They will no longer spend their lives fighting their enemies. They won't stain their clothes with the blood of their enemies. They will look upon their enemies as their brothers. All hurry, worry and fighting will end, if man finds a little time for introspection. This is the reason that the poet calls upon all the people to realise the value of quiet introspection.

13. (a) The General was a ruthless person. He had private assassins to have anyone killed. He told Sadao that he would send two of them to get rid of the American soldier. But later he says that he forgot his promise. He does not think it was a lack of patriotism or dereliction of duty. Then what was it ? I think it was pure selfishness and self-absorption. The General thought of nothing but his own life. He needed Sadao for his operation and didn't want any trouble should come to him. I don't think he forgot his promise. He did not want to involve himself in the matter. That is why he says to Sadao, "If the matter should come to light, you would understand that." In fact, he wanted Sadao to kill the soldier himself and have his body removed. He wanted Sadao to have the German ruthlessness in the case of the soldier but American sentimentality in his own case. He was surely a very self-absorbed person.

Or

- (b) The astrologers had only predicted that the king's death would come from a tiger. Instead of keeping himself safe and away from tigers, the king chose to go hunting and kill the tigers in his kingdom. No tiger had ever done any harm to any person or thing in his state. Yet the king chose to kill them mercilessly. He knew no rest till he had 'killed' the hundredth tiger. The king was a thoughtless and self-centred person. He never thought about the welfare of his people. He was very heartless and cruel towards animals. Just to save himself from the hundredth tiger as predicted by his astrologer, he killed hundred innocent tigers. He thoughtlessly spent a lot of wealth in killing the tigers. All the time he thought about himself only. Such a king was of no use to the people of the state. This was the reason that no one in Pratibandapuram experienced any sorrow and anguish at the death of the Tiger King.

Sample Question Paper—11

SECTION—A (READING SKILLS)

1. We can become brave — (i) by being habituated to despise things that are terrible and (ii) by standing our ground against terrible things. 2. A fearless man is far more dangerous than a coward because it is very difficult to educate a reckless person on the spot. Besides this a fearless person may do more harm than help in an emergency. 3. (c) v, vi. 4. The courage that Martin Luther King jr. displayed and the courage that Gandhiji displayed. 5. (a) option i. 6. the public conscience against injustice and the public courage in an intelligent direction. 7. (c) F—iii, iv and O—i, ii. 8. (c) iii, iv. 9. (c) dangerous.
2. 1. (c) come together and take Lifestyle For Environment (LIFE) forward as a campaign. 2. We can change our lifestyle for the environment by changing our behaviour. Making small changes in individual habits collectively can significantly impact the environment to a great extent. 3. Institutions generally issue rules, directives, memos and notices based on authority to change the behaviour of individuals. 4. Asking people's opinions inspires them to pause, think upon them and appropriately behave. It will become harder for them to justify their wrong behaviour. 5. Weaving a story can evoke emotion that encourages people to behave differently. Narrating stories makes us emotional and inspires us to take action. 6. (i) (d) Do you think you are wasting electricity ? (ii) (a) If we raise the AC temperature by 1°C in 100 urban homes, we can help ten rural children to study under an electric light bulb in place of kerosene oil. 7. It is so because man tends to forget and he is a creature of habits and habits die hard. Encouraging people to reflect on their habits persistently would remind them to change their behaviour. 8. (i) (a) congruence (ii) The cruel picture of war touched the chord when we met the little children of the soldier who had sacrificed his life in the war.

SECTION—B (CREATIVE WRITING SKILLS)

3. (a)

CITIZENS' PUBLIC SCHOOL, RAM BAGH, VARANASI
NOTICE
Cleanliness Drive

27 September 20__

The Students' Council of the school has decided to organise a week-long cleanliness drive around the school from 2nd of October. During this drive, the surroundings of the school will be cleaned and beautified. The students of Class XII are to participate in this drive. Class representative of Class-XII should ensure the enrolment of all the students of the class before the 1st of October.

Anu Saini

(Health Secretary, Students' Council)

Or

(b)

SLV PUBLIC SCHOOL, LUCKNOW
NOTICE
WATER CONSERVATION AWARENESS PROGRAMME

24 December 20__

To create awareness regarding the importance of conservation of water, our school is going to organize a programme on 30 December 20__ on the school ground, at 11.00 a.m. Eminent environmentalists will deliver lectures on the dangers posed by wastage of water. The students of all classes have to be present there. They can bring with them posters, articles and placards promoting water conservation.

Sanjay

(School Captain)

4. (a)

ABC Secondary School
Kishtwar
25 July 20__

The Organizing Secretary
District Swimming Competition
Jammu

Sir

I, on behalf of our worthy principal, staff and students, feel it our duty to express our most sincere thanks for the invitation you have sent us.

I assure you, sir, that our team will reach on the day fixed by you. All the competitors will carry their full kit with them. I shall be heading the team of 8 boys from our school. We assure you that we will play with true sportsman spirit.

Thanking you once again

Yours faithfully

PQR

Captain

School Swimming Team

Or

(b) 15 Royal Enclave
Jammu

10 Oct. 20__

My Dear Varun

I thank you for your invitation to celebrate Diwali with your family. What a pleasure it would have been to enjoy my favourite festival with my dear friend ! But I regret to inform you that I won't be able to come since my uncle, Rajesh, is coming from Canada after about ten years to meet us. He will celebrate his Diwali in India this year. However, my heart and good wishes are with you.

Lovingly yours

Sanjay

5. (a) **FOR THE POST OF THE MARKETING ASSISTANT**

59 Osmania Road
Hyderabad

27 July 20__

H.R. Head
Maze Pvt. Ltd.
Bengaluru

Dear Sir

I am writing to you to apply for the post of the Marketing Assistant in your establishment. It is in response to your advertisement in *The Pioneer*, dated 22 July, 20__ . Please find enclosed a copy of my resume. After doing my B.A from Hyderabad University, Hyderabad, I worked for two years with K.K and Sons, Arjun Garh, a company of Cosmetic Products. Presently, I am well-acquainted with the market. I would welcome the chance of being a part of our establishment and I think I shall be able to boost your sales to the best of my abilities. I shall be available for an interview any day next week. I am looking forward to hearing from you.

Yours faithfully.

Revathi Prasad

Encl : Resume

RESUME

Name : Revathi Prasad
 Date of Birth : April 10, 1998
 Address : 59, Osmania Road, Hyderabad
 Telephone No. : 011-23317931
 Nationality : Indian
 Marital Status : Unmarried

Academic Qualifications :

Year	Exam Passed	Marks/Grade	Institute
2013	Matric	70%	New Sen. Sec. School, Hyderabad
2015	+2	65%	New Sen. Sec. School, Hyderabad
2018	B.A	61%	Hyderabad University, Hyderabad

Additional Qualification : PGDCA (Postgraduate Diploma in Computer Applications) from ITI, Hyderabad

Experience : Two years experience 2020-22 as Sales Girl with K.K. & Sons, Arjun Garh.

Nature of the Job : A challenging job; increased the sales by 35% in two years.

References :

(i) Sh Dayal Kumble
 Mayor
 Municipal Corporation
 Hyderabad

(ii) Dr Prem Watsa
 Heart Specialist
 Holy Heart Centre
 Hyderabad

Date : July 27, 20__

Revathi Prasad

Or

(b) ABOUT THE NEED OF EDUCATIONAL COUNSELLORS

48 Agra Fort
 Agra
 20 June 20__
 The Editor
 Hindustan Times
 Delhi

Sir

It is very unfortunate that no guidance or counselling is available to students after they have passed their 10th class examination. A large number of students pass the class X examination every year. But there is hardly any organization or institution to counsel them about higher studies or any job opportunities that are open to them. The result is that they plunge into traditional courses in arts or science. They come out with degrees and diplomas that can serve them no more than a useless piece of paper. It results in so much wastage of time, money and energy. Out of frustration, some of the youth then take to undesirable activities. So it is very important that sufficient guidance should be made available in all educational institutions, especially in all high schools. It will help the students to know in the very beginning what courses of study they should opt for, or what profession they should adopt in their life.

Yours truly
Vinita Ahuja

6. (a) **The Importance of Daily Exercise**

We are living in the machine age. We have made machines our slaves. We make machines do all the work for us. We don't have to use our legs. There are machines to carry us. We don't have to use our hands. There are machines to work for us. Thus our lifestyle has become altogether sedentary. Whatever we eat adds to our weight because we don't take proper exercise to digest it and convert it into energy. Adding to one's weight invites such diseases as diabetes and heart problems. Thus there is an urgent need that people should be educated about the importance of daily exercise. The greatest wealth is health and the easiest way to earn this wealth is regular exercise. It gives us not only a sound body, but also sound mind. We can have a sound mind only in a sound body. Exercise plays a very important role in a person's life. It keeps one fit physically as well as mentally. Healthy food like fresh fruits and vegetables also encourage our body to perform physical activities. Junk food like burgers, hotdogs, pizzas, etc. make our body lethargic. So healthy food habits should also be adopted to get rid of sedentary lifestyle. Research shows that long periods of physical inactivity raise your risk of developing heart disease, diabetes, cancer and obesity. The development of technology and the ongoing competition has had a severe impact on the health of the human beings both physical and mental. Though the comfort level has increased with the time, but one must not forget that a man's body has been so designed as to move by nature. In order to maintain good health and prevent other ailments one must exercise regularly.

Or

(b)

Nav Vihar Public School, Coimbatore

ABOUT THE REPEASE OF THE BOOK 'LIFE IN A BOARDING SCHOOL'**A Report****(To be Published in the School Magazine 'Perspective')**

25 April : On the 20th of this month, our school organized an event to release a book 'Life in a Boarding School' which is authored by some students of the senior wing of our school in collaboration with each other. The renowned author Sumita Das, who was invited as the Chief Guest for this oecasion, released this book. She appreciated the students for their views presented in this book about the life in a boarding school. Presenting her own views about it, she said that the life in boarding school has many advantages. First of all, it develops discipline in the students. It also gives one a chance to develop some good habits. The inmates of a boarding school live like the members of one family. They learn lesson of love, sympathy and tolerance. They develop the sense of co-operation and fellow-feeling. They realize the importance of team-spirit. This habit of co-operation proves very useful in life. It goes a long way in making them good citizens. In addition to this, the students who study in boarding schools learn to stand on their own feet. They come to realize the value of self-dependence and independent thinking. Then there was held a book reading and a question-answer session also. The authors of this book tried to answer the questions asked about this book and their views. After this there was a short play adaptation based on this book. It was presented by the members of the Drama Club of our school. Their performance was appreciated by all.

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7. (a) 1. The poetess looked out at young trees. 2. (d) 3. Young sprinting trees here signify the vitality of youth. The word sprinting means running very fast. 4. (c) 5. (c) 6. (b) in sharp contrast to.

Or

- (b) 1. By the expression — ‘*o’erdarkened ways*’ the poet means mysterious things that man fails to understand. 2. It refers to all the gloom and sadness in man’s life. 3. A thing of beauty removes the dullness from our lives. It gives us joy for ever. It removes the sadness from our heart. 4. (c) 5 (a) 6. (b).
8. (a) 1. To indicate that the character has paused here to think about something. 2. (a) 3. (d) 4. That place was away from prying eyes or people

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- (b) 1. (d) 2. They use it to assimilate carbon. They use it to synthesise organic compounds in the process of photosynthesis. 3. From this passage, we learn that if we take care of small things, big things will take care of themselves. 4. (a).
9. (a) 1. Sophie wants to become an actress because she desires to gain name and fame. 2. (c) 3. her future 4. is a highly ambitious girl who has no money, yet she dreams of having the finest boutique in the city. 5. (a). 6. (a).

Or

- (b) 1. (d) 2. (c) 3. (a) 4. (b) 5. Gandhiji fought a long battle for the poor peasants of Champaran to abolish the sharecropping system. He also arranged for the education, health and hygiene of the poor peasant families of Champaran. 6. alleviate.
10. (i) Mukesh’s house was in a slum area. It was like a half-built-shack. His father was a poor bangle maker. Even after long years of hard labour, he had failed to renovate his house. He could not send his two sons to school. Mukesh’s grandfather had gone blind due to bangle polishing.
- (ii) The ironmaster had taken the peddler for an old regimental acquaintance. He was moved to pity over his miserable condition. It was Christmas Eve and he wanted to be nice to a poor hungry man. So he invited him to his home.
- (iii) Douglas’s fear of water had spoiled all his joys of fishing and swimming. But his qualities of optimism and determination turned him into a good swimmer. He took the help of an instructor and worked hard to learn swimming. Finally, he became a good swimmer.
- (iv) The British planters wanted some excuse to prolong the dispute with the peasants. But Gandhiji proved too wise for them. He at once ended the deadlock by accepting what the planters wanted. The British had to surrender part of the money and with it their prestige.
- (v) It is the sadness of never understanding ourselves. Those who remain all the time busy in worldly activities can never understand themselves. We can understand ourselves only if we stop all our activities for a few moments and do some quiet introspection.
- (vi) Aunt Jennifer’s tigers are fearless. They go about in a dignified manner. There is courage, bravery and certainty in their looks. On the contrary, Aunt Jennifer is scared of her husband infinitely.
11. (i) Derry has a burnt face. Acid had fallen on one side of his face and burnt it all away. Now he looked very ugly in his face. People always kept reminding him of his burnt face. Once a woman looked at him and said, “That is a face only a mother could love.” That is why Derry says that he is afraid of seeing himself in the mirror.
- (ii) The man was wounded. The sand on one side of him had a stain of blood soaking through. He lay motionless. His face was in the sand. He was in wet rags. An old cap stuck to his head. Sadao turned the man’s head. He saw that it was a white man.
- (iii) The Maharaja had got his son a tiny wooden tiger as a birthday gift. It was of a very poor quality. Tiny slivers of wood stood all over it. One of these pierced the Maharaja’s right hand. In four days, the infection spread all over the arm. Three famous surgeons declared after the operation, “The operation was successful. The Maharaja is dead.”

12. (a) The author deals with all characters in a light-hearted manner. He refers to the 'office boy' who used to slap pancake on the faces of players who played the crowd. The description is quite interesting. Then the whole account of Subbu is a delightful peep into the man's character. He was the Number two in the Gemini Studios and yet he was the most misunderstood person. The visit of MRA has also been described in a delightful manner. And then there was the incomparable Stephen Spender ! In short, we can say that the only quality of the rambling piece is its humorous tone. The character of the legal adviser is the crowning glory of the piece.

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- (b) Aunt Jennifer is a typical housewife. She embroiders some tigers in wool on a screen. The tigers are lovely to look at. They seem to be prancing across the screen. Some men are standing under a tree. But the tigers don't seem afraid of them. They look very chivalric, sleek and brave. But Aunt Jennifer herself has become very old. She can hardly pull the ivory needle out of the wool. Uncle has dominated her so cruelly all her life that now she thinks those ordeals to be a part of her life. The poet imagines that even when Aunt Jennifer dies, there will be no peace for her. Even in her grave, she will be thinking of her daily chores. The tigers on her panel will go on prancing as usual, but the poor Aunt Jennifer will be lying lifeless in her grave. In fact, the story of Aunt Jennifer's life is the common story of almost all married women. They spend all their life in doing household chores from morning till evening, produce children and bring them up with loving care, put up with all the bullying of their husbands and then at last pass into their graves with no regard from anyone.
13. (a) Mr Lamb is an old man. He has lost one of his legs in war. Now he has a tin leg in its place. He lives alone in a house. People have spread many stories about him and no one ever comes to visit him. He feels very lonely. Kids call him Lamey-Lamb. Derry's state is also not much different. He is a fourteen-year-old boy. The one side of his face is all burned and he looks very ugly. People look at him with a sense of shock and fear. Everyone makes him conscious of his ugliness and it gives him much mental pain. This bond unites the two — the old Mr Lamb and Derry, the small boy. The old man Mr Lamb inspires the small boy Derry by talking to him in a loving and winsome manner. He calls him his friend and shows no shock or fear on seeing Derry's burnt face. He tells Derry never to think of his burnt face. He says that Derry has two arms, two legs, eyes, ears, tongue and a brain. And if he has a firm mind, he could do better than others. Such words of encouragement bring about a total change in Derry's mind. Now he doesn't care a fig for how he looks like or what others say about him.

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- (b) Antarctica is the only place in the world that never had any human population. It remains relatively pristine in this respect. It has in its ice cores half-million-year-old carbon records. Thus the study of Antarctica tells us about the present as well as past state of the earth. Its receding glaciers and collapsing ice shelves can give us an indication of the horrible future of the earth. They can tell us how real the threat of global warming is. There can be floods and many low lands can go under water. Climate change is one of the most hotly contested debates of our time. And in this debate, Antarctica is a crucial element. This region is important for science because of its profound effect on the Earth's climate. The study of this region can help the scientists in understanding the global environmental issues like — climate change, ozone depletion, sea level rise. A visit to Antarctica can warn us of the dangers arising from deforestation, excessive burning of fossil fuels and overpopulation. Thus Antarctica is really the place to go to for the scientists today. From their experience in Antarctica they can learn how to protect their earth from further damage.