

Solved Paper, 2022-23

ENGLISH CORE

Class-XII

Time : 3 Hours

Max. Marks : 80

General Instructions :

- (i) This question paper contains 13 questions. All questions are compulsory.
- (ii) The question paper is divided into three sections- Section A: Reading Skills, Section B: Creative Writing Skills and 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. Read these instructions very carefully and follow them strictly.
- (v) Adhere to the prescribed word limit while answering the questions.

Delhi Set-I

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SECTION - A

Reading Skills

1. Read the passage given below:

- (1) I know many friends of mine who drink coffee regularly but do not know that coffee exists in different forms other than instant coffee. There are many who swear by Flora cafe classic or Coco gold, which they consider as premium coffee. It may sound offensive but instant coffee is not the only way; in fact it's a very bad way of making coffee! Instant coffee cannot match up to brewed coffee's flavour nor does it have Arabica beans. It uses Robusta beans that are lower in flavour. Don't know the difference ? ! Read on...
- (2) That plant might be a genius! It created a chemical that would keep pests away. Fortunately for us and unfortunately for the plant - that plan did not work the way it was intended to. The chemical might have averted a few pest attacks, but attracted a far greater threat - human beings. The plant I am talking about is coffee and the chemical is caffeine.
- (3) To begin from the beginning - coffee is from a more mature part of the tree - the seed - unlike other stimulants. The ripe berry is picked and de-pulped leaving us with a seed called 'green bean' or 'green coffee'. Green bean is uncharacteristically bland with a taste nowhere close to that of coffee, but it is valued for its higher antioxidant levels.
- (4) It's an interesting phenomenon to see how this bland green bean turns to a flavourful coffee bean. Coffee bean is a seed and like any other seed, it is rich in proteins, fats and all necessary ingredients for giving birth to a new plant. When exposed to heat, the fats and carbohydrates in the bean turn into essential oils, which give the characteristic taste and aroma to the coffee bean. The degree of roasting depends on the need or purpose of use.
- (5) These beans are ground so that the surface area of the bean is increased, which makes extraction easier. The bean can be ground or crushed but making the particles uniform will ensure equal extraction or else the smaller particle will get over extracted and the larger one will remain under extracted. Hence, the burr grinder is used to ensure that the coffee bean gets ground in a uniform way in which all particles are of similar sizes.
- (6) Does under extraction give a lighter coffee and over extraction a stronger one? No. For a lighter or stronger coffee less or more coffee powder has to be used. Why? Under extraction will not get all the flavours of the coffee as the water runs too quickly. It will not get what you want - it will taste sour. Over - extraction will bring out all unnecessary flavours rendering the taste bitter.

On the basis of your understanding of the above passage, answer the questions given below: $10 \times 1 = 10$

- (i) Complete the sentence by choosing an appropriate option:

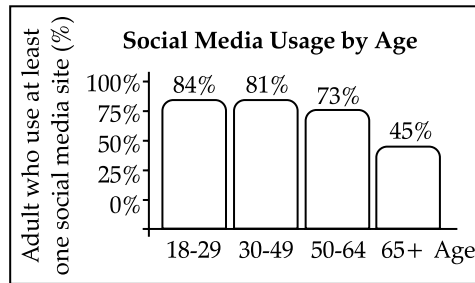
The author complained that his friends _____.

- (a) consumed only Flora classics (b) were not aware of different forms of coffee
(c) were severely addicted to drinking coffee (d) considered Coco gold as premium coffee

- (ii) Comment on the writer's reference to the unique feature of coffee plant. (Paragraph 2)
- (iii) List the reason why the author refers to humans as 'great threat to coffee' plants.
- (iv) Select an option that conveys the same meaning as 'energiser' from words used in Paragraph 3.
 - (a) bland
 - (b) mature
 - (c) antioxidant
 - (d) stimulants
- (v) Complete the given sentence with an appropriate inference with respect to the following:
Fats and carbohydrates turn into essential oils leading to _____.
- (vi) Comment on the writer's reference to the interesting phenomenon in paragraph 4.
- (vii) Over extraction does not give a stronger coffee. Based on your understanding of paragraph 6, list one method to get stronger coffee.
- (viii) The writer would not agree with the given statements based on paragraph five EXCEPT.
 - (a) The burr grinder grinds coffee beans uniformly.
 - (b) Less surface area makes extraction easier.
 - (c) Grinding gives stronger aroma.
 - (d) Good coffee is a mix of smaller and bigger particles.
- (ix) Why is it fair to say that the right degree of extraction of coffee is important?
- (x) Select the most suitable title of the above passage.
 - (a) The Art of Coffee Making
 - (b) Benefits of Consuming Coffee
 - (c) Green Coffee - The perfect antioxidant
 - (d) The Coffee Addict

2. Read the passage given below:

- (1) News - If you can't remember the last time, you saw a teenager reading a book, newspaper or magazine, you're not alone. In recent years, less than 20 percent of teens report reading a book, magazine or newspaper daily for pleasure. More than 80 percent say they use social media every day, according to a research published by the World Psychological Association.
- (2) "Compared with previous generations, teens in the 2010s spent more time online and less time with traditional media, such as books, magazines and television," said lead author of the book yGen and professor of psychology at ABC University. "Time on digital media has displaced the time that was once spent enjoying a book or watching TV."
- (3) Swaner and her colleagues analyses data concluded from an ongoing study of a nationally representative sample of approximately 50,000 eighth, tenth and twelfth grade students annually. They looked at survey results from 1976 to 2016, representing more than 1 million teenagers. While the study started with only twelfth - graders in the 1970s, eighth and tenth - graders were added in 1991.
- (4) Use of digital media increased substantially from 2006 to 2016. Among twelfth-graders, internet use during leisure time doubled from one to two hours per day during that period. It also increased 75 percent for tenth-graders and 68 percent for eighth-graders.
- (5) "In the mid- 2010s, the average twelfth-grader reported spending approximately two hours a day texting, just over two hours a day on the internet - which included gaming - and just under two hours a day on social media," said Swaner. That's a total of about six hours per day on just three digital media activities during their leisure time."
- (6) In comparison, tenth-graders reported a total of five hours per day and eighth-graders reported four hours per day on those three digital activities. Consequently the spent time in the digital world is seriously degrading the time they spend on more traditional media such as print book and newspapers.
- (7) The decline in reading print media was especially steep. In the early 1990s, 33 percent of tenth-graders said they read a newspaper almost every day. By 2016, that number was only 2 percent. In the late 1970s, 60 percent of twelfth-graders said they read a book or a magazine almost every day; by 2016, only 16 percent did. Twelfth-graders also reported reading fewer books each year in 2016 compared to how much they read in 1976 and approximately one-third did not read a book (including e-books) for pleasure in the year prior to the 2016 survey.
- (8) There's no lack of intelligence among young people. However due to over dependence on digital media they find it difficult to focus for long periods of time and to read long-form text. Subsequently they find it challenging to understand complex issues and develop critical thinking skills.



On the basis of your understanding of the passage, answer the questions given below:

10 × 1 = 10

- (i) Does the following statement agree with the information given in paragraph 1 ?
The writer believes that very few teens indulge in reading as a pleasurable activity.
Select from the following:
True : if the statement agrees with the information.
False: if the statement contradicts the information.
Not given : if there is no information on this.
- (ii) Select the option that displays the most likely reason for this research.
In order to find out.....
(a) reading choices of teenagers.
(b) digital competency of teenagers.
(c) speed of reading text.
(d) the decline of time spent on traditional media.
- (iii) Complete the statement based on the following statement:
Traditional media has been replaced by digital media.
We can say this because _____
- (iv) Do you think that the researchers of study added tenth and eighth graders to the survey deliberately?
Support your answer with reference to the text.
- (v) Complete the given sentence by selecting the most appropriate option:
The concluding sentence of the text makes a clear case for _____ by listing it as a core competency for analysis and application.
(a) following social media (b) reading long texts
(c) building focus and concentration (d) developing constructive habits
- (vi) Complete the given sentence by selecting the most appropriate option:
The digital activities that the twelfth-graders indulge in are _____.
(a) texting, gaming, television (b) texting, gaming, social media
(c) newspaper, books, magazine (d) television, books, gaming
- (vii) Complete the sentence appropriately with one/two words:
Teens today hardly read print media for _____.
- (viii) Based on the reading of the text, state a point to challenge the given statement.
"Time on digital media has displaced time once spent enjoying a book or watching TV."
- (ix) What does the author mean by degrading the time in para B?
(a) spending less time (b) waste of time
(c) consuming more time (d) saving time
- (x) As per Fig.1, the percentage of people above 50 yrs is _____ the percentage of teenagers using social media.
(a) greater than (b) less than
(c) equal to (d) negligible to

SECTION - B**Creative Writing Skills****3. Attempt any ONE of the following in about 50 words.**

- (a) You are Vijay/Veena. Head Boy/Girl of Minerva Public School, Bhopal. Your school is planning to organise a Career Counselling Workshop for the students of classes 9-12. Draft a notice in about 50 words informing students about the workshop mentioning day, date, time and venue. 5

OR

- (b) Your school is planning to organise a Water Conservation Awareness Programme for the students. As school captain of SLV Public School, Lucknow, draft a notice in about 50 words informing the students about the programme mentioning day, date, time and venue. You are Sanjay / Sanjana. 5

4. Attempt any ONE from (a) and (b) given below:

- (a) You have bought a new house in Meerut. Write an informal letter of invitation inviting your friends and relatives to the house warming ceremony. Mention day, date, time and venue. As Rajesh Sharma, draft an invitation in about 50 words. 5

OR

- (b) You are Manoj Meena. You have received an invitation from your friend Vijay to a party to celebrate his admission in a prestigious Management Institute. Write an informal letter in about 50 words accepting the invitation. Mention day, date, time and venue.

5. Attempt any ONE from (a) and (b) given below:

- (a) You have recently come across an advertisement for the post of software engineer in S.K. Global Solutions. Write an application with bio-data in about 120-150 words to The Manager, S.K. Global Solutions, J.P. Nagar, Bangalore. You are Ranjan Ritu of Indra Nagar, Bangalore. 5

SK GLOBAL SOLUTIONS
Required Software Engineer

Job Responsibilities:

- * Write well-designed software
- * Develop layouts
- Execute software development cycle.

Preferred Skills & Qualifications:

- * B. Tech. Computer Science
- * Experience- 3-5 years.

OR

- (b) You are Sujoy / Sujata of Nehru Colony, Indore. You recently visited Shimla with your family. You were perturbed to see the tourists throwing empty water bottles and cans all over the place. Write a letter to the editor of national daily in about 120-150 words expressing your concern and offering suggestions to improve the situation. Use the given cues along with your own ideas to compose this letter.

Eco Friendly Travel

create less waste

dispose garbage properly

40% pollution increase during tourist season

do sustainable travel

waste and pollution have far reaching impact on

wildlife, environment, visitors & communities

create - clean and healthy vacation destination

Ecological Conservation - A need of the hour.

6. Attempt any ONE from (a) and (b) given below:

- (a) You are Rahul / Rekha. There are frequent power cuts in your locality. You strongly feel that it is time to shift to solar power. Write an article in about 120-150 words on the topic "Solar Power. An Apt Global Solution for Energy Crisis". Support your ideas with the cues given below. 5

- renewable energy
- reduce energy bill
- completely clean - no air or water pollution, no greenhouse gas effects, carbon free; no emissions,
- low maintenance cost

OR

- (b) Your school recently conducted an inter-school Heritage Quiz Contest. As a student reporter, write a report of the event in about 120-150 words to be published in your school magazine. You are Amit/Archana. Mention day, date, time and venue. 5

Know Your Heritage
An Inter-School Quiz Contest

- History
- Mythology
- Culture
- Monuments
- Handicraft
- Attractive prizes for audience question
- Friday 14th March, St. Marks School

SECTION - C

Literature

7. Read the following extract and answer the questions that follow. Attempt any ONE:

6 × 1 = 6

- (a) A thing of beauty is a joy forever
Its loveliness increases, it will never
pass into nothingness, but will keep
A bower quiet for us, and a sleep
Full of sweet dreams, and health and quiet
breathing.
Therefore on every morrow are we wreathing
A flowery band to bind us to the earth:
Spite of despondence of the inhuman dearth
Of noble natures of the gloomy days
Of all the unhealthy and over darkened ways
Made for our searching.
- (i) Keats defines beauty as:
- | | |
|-----------------|-----------------|
| (a) transient | (b) eternal |
| (c) illusionary | (d) short lived |
- (ii) 'will keep a bower quiet for us' means all of the following EXCEPT
- | | |
|------------------------------------|-----------------------|
| (a) create a peaceful, shady place | (b) provide a shelter |
| (c) will decrease noise pollution | (d) nature's canopy |
- (iii) On the basis of the extract, choose the correct option with reference to the two statements given below:
1. Beautiful things uplift the soul.
 2. Beauty is overhanging.
- | | |
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| (a) 1 can be inferred from the extract but 2 cannot. | (b) 2 can be inferred from the extract but 1 cannot. |
| (c) both 1 and 2 can be inferred from the extract. | (d) both 1 and 2 cannot be inferred from the extract. |

(iv) The things that create unhappiness are:

- (1) lack of noble nature
- (2) old tunes
- (3) dull days
- (4) calm mind
- (5) a flowery hand
- (6) strong relationships

Choose the most appropriate option:

- | | |
|-----------------|-----------------|
| (a) (1) and (2) | (b) (1) and (3) |
| (c) (4) and (5) | (d) (3) and (6) |

(v) Complete the analogy. Do not repeat from used example:

Flowery band : metaphor :: _____ : alliteration

(vi) According to the poet 'every morrow' we are _____.

OR

(b) Aunt Jennifer's tigers prance across a screen,

Bright topaz denizens of a world of green,

They do not fear the men beneath the tree;

They pace in sleek chivalric certainty.

Aunt Jennifer's fingers fluttering through her wool

Find even the ivory needle hard to pull.

The massive weight of uncle's wedding band

Sits heavily upon Aunt Jennifer's hand.

(i) Denizens of the world of green refer to _____.

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|--------------|-------------------|
| (a) huntsmen | (b) Aunt Jennifer |
| (c) uncle | (d) tigers |

(ii) Choose the option that displays the same poetic device as used in the second line of the extract.

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|--------------------|---------------------|
| (a) heart of stone | (b) trees sprouting |
| (c) silver spoon | (d) white murder |

(iii) The men spiting beneath the tree are _____.

(iv) What quality of uncle can be inferred through these lines?

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|--------------------------|----------------|
| (a) compassionate nature | (b) courageous |
| (c) confident | (d) dominating |

(v) The tigers in the extract are symbolic of

- | | |
|-------------------------|-------------------------------|
| (a) freedom and courage | (b) confidence and gentleness |
| (c) cruelty and fear | (d) aggression and starving |

(vi) Aunt Jennifer's tigers prance across:

- | | |
|---------------------------|----------------|
| (a) the screen | (b) the fields |
| (c) the embroidered tunic | (d) the cage |

Which of the following is the most appropriate choice?

- | | |
|----------------------|-----------------|
| (a) (1) and (2) | (b) (2) and (4) |
| (c) (1), (2) and (3) | (d) (1) and (3) |

6 × 1 = 6

8. Read the following extract and answer the questions that follow. Attempt any ONE:

- (a) To make sure, I walked over the newsboy and glanced at the stack of papers at his feet. It was The World and The World hasn't been published for years. The lead story said something about President Cleveland. I've found that front page since, in the Public library files and it was printed on June 11, 1894.

I turned toward the ticket windows knowing that here - on the third level at Grand Central - I could buy tickets that would take Louisa and me anywhere in the United States we wanted to go. In the year 1894. And I wanted two tickets to Galesburg, Illinois.

- (i) The newspaper that covered the lead story about President Cleveland was:

- (a) The Pioneer (b) The New York Times
(c) The World (d) The Times

- (ii) The narrator wanted to buy tickets to _____.

- (iii) Which of the following in the extract most nearly means the opposite of 'stare' ?

- (a) glance (b) peek
(c) ignore (d) examine

- (iv) Charley wanted two tickets because he wanted to go with

- (a) Sam (b) Cleveland
(c) Louisa (d) the Psychiatrist

OR

- (b) When I was studying in the third class, I hadn't yet heard people speak openly of untouchability. But I had already seen, felt, experienced and been humiliated by what it is.

I was walking home from school one day, an old bag hanging from my shoulder. It was actually possible to walk the distance in ten minutes. But usually it would take me from half an hour to an hour to dawdle along watching all the fun and games that were going on. All the entertaining novelties and oddities in the streets, the shops and the bazaar. 4 × 1 = 4

- (i) The narrator was humiliated because _____.

- (ii) The narrator 'dawdled along' as she _____.

- (a) enjoyed looking at the various sights
(b) was getting late for school
(c) she didn't like going home
(d) she enjoyed haggling and shopping

- (iii) On the basis of the extract, choose the correct option with reference to the two statements given below:

- (I) The distance from school to home was very short.
(II) She was feeling upset and was dawdling her way home.

- (a) (I) can be inferred from the extract but (II) cannot.
(b) (II) can be inferred from the extract but (I) cannot.
(c) Both (I) and (II) cannot be inferred from the extract
(d) Both (I) and (II) can be inferred from the extract.

- (iv) The word 'novelties' in the passage most nearly means:

- (a) colourful trinkets (b) wooden toys.
(c) unique and interesting items (d) expensive souvenirs

9. Read the following extract and answer the questions that follow. Attempt any ONE.

6 × 1 = 6

- (a) "I sometimes find 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.

One winter morning I see Saheb standing by the fenced gate of the neighbourhood club, watching two young men dressed in white, playing tennis. "I like the game", he hums, content to watch it standing behind the fence. "I go inside when no one is around" he admits. "The gate keeper lets me use the swing."

- (i) Saheb found a rupee:
- (a) on the street (b) in the garbage dump
(c) in Firozabad (d) on the tennis court
- (ii) Which emotion of Saheb is revealed in the phrase 'his eyes lighting up' ?
- (a) anxiety (b) envy
(c) happiness (d) greed
- (iii) For the elders, garbage is _____ and for children it is _____.
- (iv) On the basis of the extract, choose the correct option with reference to I and II given below:
- I. Saheb watches the game from outside.
II. Saheb had lost the previous match.
- (a) I is true but II is not (b) II is true but I is not
(c) Both I and II are true (d) Both I and II are untrue.
- (v) 'Scrounging' in the passage most nearly means:
- (a) digging (b) searching
(c) flinging (d) burying
- (vi) 'There is hope for finding more'. Explain with reference to the above extract.

OR

- (b) "Or an actress, Now there's real money in that. Yes, and I could have the boutique on the side. Actresses don't work full time, do they? Anyway, that or a fashion designer. You know something a bit sophisticated". And she turned in through the open street door leaving Jansie standing in the rain. "If I ever come into money I'll buy a boutique". "Hub, if you ever come into money ... if you ever come into money you'll buy us a blessed decent house to live in thank you very much."

Sophie's father was scooping shepherd's pie into his mouth as hard as he could go, his plump face still grimy and sweat - marked from the day. "She thinks money grows on trees, don't she Dad? Said little Derek hanging on the back of his father's chair. 6 × 1 = 6

Their mother sighed.

- (i) Sophie wants to become an actress to:
- (a) become famous (b) to earn money
(c) to support her father (d) to compete with Jansie
- (ii) Jansie wanted Sophie to spend her money on:
- (a) her marriage (b) her career
(c) to open a boutique (d) buying a house
- (iii) Sophie is daydreaming about _____.
- (iv) The phrase 'money grows on trees' indicates that Sophie _____.
- (v) Sophie's mother's sigh is one of:
- (a) regret (b) delights
(c) relief (d) helplessness
- (vi) From the extract, Jansie comes across as a _____ person.
- (a) practical (b) dominating
(c) immature (d) starstruck

10. Answer any FIVE out of six questions given below in about 10-50 words.

5 × 2 = 10

- (a) What does Gandhi refer to as 'conflict of duties'?
- (b) What does the expression 'polished traffic' refer to? What does it reveal about city people?
- (c) Why did the iron master compare Edla to a parson?
- (d) What is the significance of the word 'but' in but all I said was see you soon. Amma (MY Mother at Sixty-Six)
- (e) What handicap did Douglas suffer from? How did he overcome that?
- (f) What according to Pablo Neruda in the poem 'Keeping Quiet' is the lesson that we should learn from mother earth?

11. Answer any TWO out of three questions given below in about 40-50 Words: 2×2=4
- (a) Why was Dr. Sadao not sent abroad with the troops?
- (b) What was the hidden agenda behind the Tiger King's marriage with the princess in the neighbouring state?
- (c) What are the significant features of 'Students on Ice Programme'?
12. Answer any ONE in about 120-150 words:
- (a) The last lesson reflects the flaws in human character that led to the sad plight of people in Alsace. Substantiate your answer with evidences from the text. 5
- OR
- (b) A Roadside Stand is a social satire depleting the two contradictory worlds existing in society. Justify this statement with reference to the poem. 5
13. Answer any ONE in about 120-150 words:
- (a) Mr. Lamb stands as a symbol of optimism and hope. Support your answer with examples from the text 5
- OR
- (b) Dr. Sadao emerges as a saviour of humanity. Substantiate your answer with evidence from the text. 5

Delhi Set-II

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Except the following all other Questions are from Set-I

SECTION - B**Creative Writing Skills**

3. Attempt any ONE of the following in about 50 words:
- (a) You are Sunil/Sunila, Head Boy/Girl of Lotus Valley Public School, Ahmedabad. Your school is planning to organise a theatre workshop for students. Draft a notice in about 50 words informing the students about the workshop mentioning day, date, time and venue. 5
- OR
- (b) You are Gaurav/Geeta, Sports Captain of A.J. Bhopal. Your school is planning to start football coaching for middle school students. As Sports Captain, draft a notice in about 50 words informing students about the details of the football coaching. Mention date, time and venue. 5
4. Attempt any ONE from the following in about 50 words:
- (a) You are Amit/Amita. You are planning a weekend trek to Kalghat. Write an informal letter of invitation to your friend inviting him/her to join you. Mention day, date, time and any other relevant information. (Word limit about 50 words) 5
- OR
- (b) You are Prof. R.K. Chadha, eminent environmentalist. You have been invited to chair a panel discussion on 'Solar Power - The Alternate Lifestyle'. Write a formal letter accepting the invitation in about 50 words. Mention day, date, time and venue. 5
5. Attempt any ONE from (a) and (b) given below:
- (a) You are Rajat/Radha of J.P. Colony, Bhubaneshwar. You have recently come across an advertisement for the post of Manager in S.J. Food Products Pvt. Ltd., Bhubaneshwar. Apply with bio-data to The General Manager, S.J. Food Products Pvt. Ltd., J.H. Avenue, Bhubaneshwar. 5

S.J. Food Products Pvt. Ltd. Required Manager
Preferred skills and qualifications
* Bachelor's degree
* MBA
* Strong interpersonal & communication skills
* Computer competency
* 5 years experience
Apply with complete bio-data within 7 days to HR Dept. SJ Foods

OR

- (b) You are a counsellor in a reputed public school. You are concerned to see that bullying has become common among school students. Write a letter to the editor of a national daily expressing your concern and suggesting ways and methods to end this menace in schools. You are Rajesh/Radhika of A.P. Colony, Pune. Use the given cues along your own ideas to compose this letter. 5

Bullying can be physical, emotional, and verbal
Leads to depression, anxiety, anger, stress, poor performance
Solutions :
* Strict implementation of rules
* Counselling
* Encourage students to speak out
* Set up student anti bullying cell

6. Attempt any ONE in about 120-150 words:

- (a) You travel to office by the metro rail everyday. You are delighted to observe how well maintained it is even after ten years. Write an article in 120-150 words expressing your views on the sense of civic responsibility among citizens today. You are Tanmay/Tanisha.

Support your ideas with cues given below. 5

METRO - OUR PRIDE

- Keep it clean - No smoking, No littering
- Disciplined Travel
- Our Responsibility
- It takes us Home

OR

- (b) Your school recently conducted an inter-school debate competition. As a student reporter Anita/Anish, write a report of the event to be published in your school magazine. 5

Use the input given below and your own ideas to write a report in 120-150 words.

INTER SCHOOL DEBATE COMPETITION
TOPIC : INDIA - THE NEW EDUCATION DESTINATION
* Date :
* Time :
* Venue :
* Each team comprises 3 participants. One for the motion, one against and an interjector
* Prizes - Certificate of Participation to all participants
* Cash prize to winners : Sponsored by EdTech Now.

Except the following all other Questions are from Set-I

SECTION - B

Creative Writing Skills

3. Attempt any ONE from (a) and (b) given below.

- (a) The Debating Society of your school is organising an inter-school debate. The last date for submitting names for audition is Friday 17th March. There will be on the spot trial. Draft a notice in about 50 words informing students about the team selection time, date and venue. You are Sarita, Sarit, President, Debating Society, Flora International School. 5

OR

- (b) There has been an increase in the number of cyberbullying cases in your school. This has led to parents and students getting very anxious. As the school counsellor, you are organising a talk during morning assembly by Mr. Kakkar, Director, Cybercrime Department inviting both students and parents. Draft a notice in about 50 words informing students of the same mentioning day, date, time and venue. 5

4. Attempt any ONE from (a) find (b) given below in about 50 words:

- (a) Amit is planning to invite his friends and relatives for the celebration of the 80th birthday of grandmother. Draft an invitation letter in about 50 words on his behalf. Mention day, date, time and venue. 5

OR

- (b) You have been invited to inaugurate the art and craft exhibition at Rashida Public School on the occasion of the school's Annual Day on 20th March, 20xx in the school auditorium. Write a formal letter of regret in about 50 words expressing your inability to attend due to a prior engagement. You are Sahil/Reena. 5

5. Attempt any ONE from (a) and (b) given below:

- (a) You are Minal/Mrinal. You saw the given advertisement in the newspaper and wish to apply for the position advertised in about 120-150 words. Write a letter of application for the same. 5

ROYAL INTERNATIONAL SCHOOL

Required - English Teacher for Primary Classes

Skills & Qualifications:

- * Graduate, Montessori trained.
- * Strong inter-personal and communication skills.
- * Experience - 3.5 years.
- * Competency in computers.
- * Send your bio-data within 10 days to Mr. Shams, Principal, Royal Public International School.

OR

- (b)

ONLINE TEACHING

- * Social isolation
- * Loneliness
- * Obesity
- * Stress, anxiety

SOLUTIONS

- * Physical Activity
- * Family time
- * Constructive leisure time
- * Maintaining balance

The recent increase in online teaching is of great concern for both parents and teachers. A fine balance needs to be maintained between the two. Using the given cues and your own ideas, write a letter to the editor on this topic and give suggestions. You are Manju/Manav. Word limit 120-150 words. 5

6. Attempt any ONE from (a) and (b) given below:

- (a) You are Kanika/Kavish student reporter of Galaxy School. You school celebrated Annual Sports Day recently. Write a report in about 120-150 words on it to be published in your school magazine.

You may use the cues given below. 5

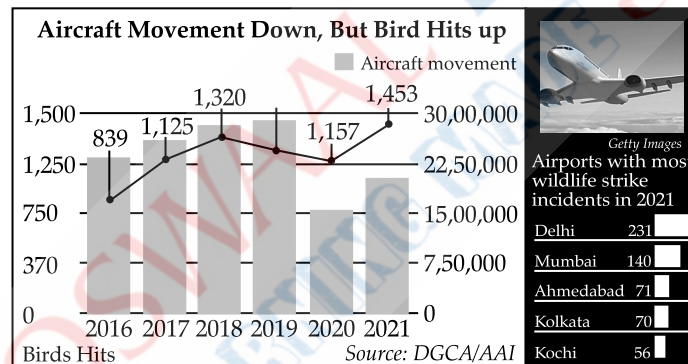
-Date-venue-time-Chief Guest- opening ceremony- sports events - prize distribution

- (b) Watching a cricket match makes the viewer believe that he is fighting a battle?
 (c) It is necessary for a game to be aggressive in order to build excitement.
 (d) A game can test people's sense of fair judgement.
- (vi) With reference to the passage a spectator is compared to a 'surrogate warrior'.

Choose the option that best describes this phrase:

- (a) a spectator who is paid to watch.
 (b) a spectator who is in pain while watching the match.
 (c) a spectator who enjoys the match as an armchair soldier.
 (d) a spectator who makes judgement about reward and punishment.
- (vii) Why does the writer compare games to a morality play?
 (viii) Complete the given sentence with an appropriate inference with respect to the following:
 The writer says that games can calm our impatience without creating any conflict by _____.
 (ix) The writer advises the players that games should not become aggressive because _____.
 (x) Select the most suitable title for the above passage.
 (a) Excellent Performance by Cricketers
 (b) The Benefits of Playing Cricket
 (c) Cricket - The King of Games
 (d) The True Spirit of Playing Games

2. Read the following report and answer the questions by choosing the correct/most appropriate option:



- (1) How bird hits happen, why they are a concern?

New Delhi June 20

At least two bird strike incidents happened on Sunday. Both aircrafts returned to their airports of origin and were grounded for maintenance. An ABC aircraft which took off from Guwahati towards Delhi, suffered damage to its left engine following a bird hit at 1600 feet. The pilots returned a Guwahati. The other strike happened on another flight from Patna to Delhi. The pilots of the aircraft suspected a bird strike during the take-off roll but continued to climb. Following the take off rotation, they were informed by the cabin crew of sparks emanating from the left engine. Subsequently, the pilots were also informed by air traffic control of smoke coming out of one of the engines. The pilots declared an emergency and returned to Patna.

- (2) Why are bird strikes a concern?

Bird strikes are among the most common threats to aircraft safety and they typically occur during take-off or landing. Dozens of bird-strikes happen each day but some can be more dangerous than others. Typically, when birds collide with an aircraft's airframe, it is unlikely to cause significant problems for the pilots flying. But there are instances when the aircraft engine ingests the birds. This can lead to a loss of thrust for the engine and cause manoeuvrability problems for the crew. In these cases, where a jet engine ingests a bird, procedures would generally call for pilots to land the plane at the closest airport. While most airframe bird strikes are not considered critical to air safety, if a collision cracks a window or a wind-screen, pilots will look to land as early as possible.

- (3) How critical are bird strikes to air safety?

Smaller planes would generally be more susceptible to the dangers of birds strikes than larger ones.

However, given that bird strikes mostly happen during take-off and landing, these incidents could distract the pilots during what are highly critical phases of flights that demand the complete attention of the crew.

(4) What causes bird-strikes?

The presence of birds around an aircraft increases the chances of a bird strike. In the monsoon, as water puddles emerge on open grounds attracting insects to breed, the presence of birds increases. In some cases, bird hits also happen at higher altitudes when a plane is cruising. These are more dangerous than the low-altitude hits, given that they can cause rapid depressurisation of cabins. Other reasons for bird activity around the air field could be presence of landfills or waste disposal sites that can attract a large number of birds.

$10 \times 1 = 10$

(i) Does the following statement agree with the information given in paragraph 1.

When an airplane is hit by a bird or is suspected to have been hit, the passengers must be asked to get down at once.

Select from the following:

True: If the statement agrees with the information

False: If the statement contradicts the information.

Not Given: If there is no information on this.

(ii) Select the option that displays the most likely reason for Bird hits.

- (a) when the aircraft is overloaded
- (b) at the time of landing or taking off
- (c) when the crew become negligent
- (d) when the passengers become panicky

(iii) Complete the sentence appropriately with one word.

Smaller planes are generally more _____ than the larger ones.

(iv) Complete the sentence by selecting the most appropriate option:

When the window on the windscreen of the air plane is cracked due to a bird hit _____.

- (a) the crew must rush to the cockpit.
- (b) the pilot must land at the earliest airport.
- (c) the pilot must inform the maintenance engineer.
- (d) the pilot must get instructions from the aviation wing what should do in emergency.

(v) Based on the reading of the text, state a point to further the statement.

Dozens of bird hits take place every day _____.

- (a) but only a few are dangerous.
- (b) all of them are fatal.
- (c) but after every bird hit it is imperative to land the aircraft.
- (d) the pilot should ignore them.

(vi) Complete the sentence based on the following statement

Complete attention of the crew is demanded during take off and landing.

We can say this because _____.

(vii) Complete the sentence appropriately with one/two words.

In cases where the aircraft engine infests the bird, it leads to the lose of thrust and causes problems in _____.

(viii) Which are the areas more prone to bird hits?

(ix) Based on the reading of the text, state a point to challenge the given statement:

The area around air fields should be clear of any waste disposal sites.

(x) Look at the graph. It shows that between 2016 and 2021 whereas air flights have come down, the bird-hits have gone up. This implies that the incidence of bird hits has _____.

- (a) decreased
- (b) increased
- (c) remained constant
- (d) been alarming

SECTION - B

CREATIVE WRITING SKILLS

3. **Attempt any ONE from (a) and (b) given below:** 20
- (a) In collaboration with the Municipal Health Department, your school is organizing a Health Camp with an emphasis on living fit and eating healthy for the benefit of students between the ages of 12 years to 17 years. Draft a notice in 50 words informing students of the event. Also state the day, date, time and venue. You are Amit/Amita - Secretary, Student council. 5

OR

- (b) Members of the Resident Welfare Association have decided to visit the senior residents of the society as a gesture of affection and sensitivity. Draft a notice in 50 words inviting residents to volunteer for these visits, mention relevant details. You are Ritika/Rahul Secretary. R.W.A. 5
4. **Attempt any ONE from (a) and (b) given below:**
- (a) Your school has invited a group of foreign students to attend your Annual Day function. Draft an invitation in 50 words to the guests and parents of the students. Also state the day, date and time of the function. You are Dr. Ahluwalia. Principal, Rohtak Public School. 5

OR

- (b) You are Dr. Mehra an eminent educational who has been invited to address the students of Sunshine Public School on "The Benefits of Reading" and release a book written by one of the students. Draft a formal letter in 50 words expressing your inability to attend the function. Mention day, date, time and venue. 5
5. **Attempt any ONE from (a) and (b) given below:**
- (a) Draft a letter to the editor of a renewed daily in 120-150 words on the need to keep our surroundings clean to avoid outbreak of common diseases like malaria and dengue. You are Bharat/Bharati. Use the given cues along with your own ideas to compose this letter. 5



OR

5. (b) You are Anil/Anita of Vasant Road, Lucknow. You saw the given advertisement in the newspaper and wish to apply for the position advertised. Write a letter of application in 120-150 words along with a detailed biodata. 5

<p>Credence Pvt. Ltd. Required : Food Technologist Preferred Skills and Qualifications: 2 years degree/diploma in Food Technology having minimum two years lab experience. Competency in basic computer-skills. Send your bio-data within 10 days to Manager. Credence Pvt. Ltd., Hazratganj, Luknow. For further details, check our website www.credence.com</p>
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6. **Attempt any ONE from (a) and (b) given below:**

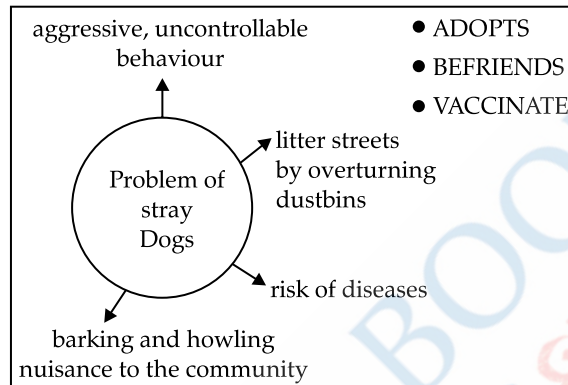
- (a) Every Sunday morning you have observed senior residents of the colony teaching children from the neighbouring slums. You are impressed by this spirit of giving back to the community. You are Shalu/Shalin. news reporter for a national daily. Write a report in 120-150 words on a community initiative. You may use following cues.

Spirit of Community

- Senior Residents - volunteerism
- Teach underprivileged children
- Be a part of fundraising
- Help with animal shelters
- Join groups for clean-up drives

OR

- (b) Draft an article in 120-150 words to be published in prominent journal on the problem of stray dogs in your colony. Give suggestions to overcome this menace. You are Prashant. Use the given cues along with your ideas to compose the article:



SECTION - C

LITERATURE

7. Read the given extracts to attempt the questions with reference to context

- (a) but after airport's security check, standing a few yards away, I looked again at her. Wan. pale as a late winter's moon and felt that old familiar ache, my childhood's fear but all I said was, see you soon, Amma All I did was smile and smile and smile.....
- (i) Choose the correct option:
In the above extract the narrator feels:
- | | |
|---------------|---------------|
| (a) satisfied | (b) fearful |
| (c) nostalgic | (d) regretful |
- (ii) Identify the word in the extract that means colourless.
- (iii) Complete the following analogy correctly:
She sang like a bird : Simile
All I did was smile and smile and smile: _____
- (iv) Read the following statement and choose the correct option:
(1) The poet had gone through the security check.

(2) She did not want to look at her mother.

- (a) (1) is true, but (2) is false. (b) (1) is false, but (2) is true.
(c) Both (1) and (2) are true. (d) Both (1) and (2) are false.

(v) What childhood fear is the poet referring to?

(vi) Fill the blank with appropriate words with reference to that extract:

Pale as a winter's moon suggests _____.

OR

(b) Sometimes I feel myself I can hardly bear

The thought of so much childish longing in vain,
The sadness that lurks near the open window there,
That waits all day in almost open prayer
For the squeal of brakes, the sound of a stopping car,
Of all the thousand selfish cars that pass.
Just one to inquire what a farmer's prices are.

(i) What is sentiment expressed in the above extract?

- (i) remorse (ii) regret
(iii) empathy (iv) disappointment
(v) guilt

Choose the correct appropriate option.

- (a) (iii) and (iv) (b) (ii) and (iii)
(c) (iv) and (v) (d) (i) and (v)

(ii) Identify the phrase in the extract that suggests innocent desires.

(iii) The roadside stand owners pray for _____.

- (a) a relief from the heat (b) free housing
(c) cars stopping (d) benefits from pollution

(iv) Complete the following analogy correctly:

He fought like a lion : Simile :: selfish cars: _____

(v) On the basis of the extract choose the correct option with reference to (1) and (2) given below:

(1) The people who have put up the roadside stand keep waiting for customers.

(2) They become sad when someone turns up.

- (a) (1) is true, but (2) is false. (b) (1) is false, but (2) is true.
(c) Both (1) and (2) are true. (d) Both (1) and (2) are false.

(vi) Fill the blank appropriately with reference to the extract.

Squeal of brakes implies _____

8. Attempt any ONE of two extracts given:

(a) The clerk figured the fare - he glanced at my fancy hat band, but he figured the fare - and I had enough for two coach tickets, one way. But when I counted out the money and looked up, the clerk was staring at me. He nodded at the bills. "That ain't money, mister," he said, "and if you're trying to skin me, you won't get very far." and he glanced at the cash drawer, beside him. Of course the money was old-style bills half again as big as the money we use now a days and different looking.

(i) Why did Charley ask for two tickets?

(ii) Complete the sentence by choosing the correct option:

When Charley offered money to the booking clerk, the latter started at Charley because the booking clerk

- (a) thought it wasn't money
(b) did not trust Charley
(c) thought Charley was trying to tense him.
(d) thought that Charley had given him less money.

- (iii) Select the option that best describes Charley in this extract. He is
- (a) a cheat (b) gullible
(c) an opportunist (d) an escapist

OR

- (b) Mr. Lamb : Well that needn't stop you, you needn't mind.
Derry : It'd step them. They'd mind me. When they saw me here. They look at my face and run.
Mr. Lamb : They might. They might not. You'd have to take the risk. So would they.
Derry : No, you would, you might have one and lose all your other friends, because nobody wants to stay near me if the can help it.
Mr. Lamb : I've not moved.
Derry : No
- Mr. Lamb : When I go down the street the kids shout 'Lamey- Lamb' But they still come into the Garden. into my house: it's a game. They're not afraid of me. Why should they be? Because I'm not afraid of them, that's why not.

(i) The kids tease Mr. Lamb but still come into his garden. Why?

(ii) Choose the best option that describes Mr. Lamb:

- (a) headstrong (b) pessimist
(c) negligent (d) positive

(iii) Choose the correct option with reference to the extract:

What make Derry tell Mr. Lamb that if he comes, others would. What makes Derry tell Mr. Lamb that if he comes, others would stop coming?

- (a) Mr. Lamb would not let others come.
(b) They would be repulsed by Derry.
(c) Mr. Lamb will have to choose between him and others.
(d) Derry would flare up.

(iv) What does Mr. Lamb mean by "They might, they not"?

9. Attempt any ONE of two extracts given:

(a) And in dark hutments, next to lines of flames of flickering oil lamps, sit boys and girls with their fathers and mothers, welding pieces of coloured glass into circles of bangles. Their eyes are more adjusted to the dark than to the light outside. That is why they often end up losing their eyesight before they become adults.

(i) Complete the sentence with reference to the extract:

They eyes are more adjusted to the dark than to the light outside because _____.

(ii) Which of the following would NOT be true?

- (a) The hutments were shining and inviting.
(b) The children's living were as bleak as their surrounding.
(c) There were no electricity connections.
(d) The boys and girls had got used to the dark.

(iii) The bangle workers lose their eyesight before they became adults because:

- (a) they already have poor eyesight.
(b) they work in dim light.
(c) they are married in childhood.
(d) they are malnourished.

(iv) Which of the following most nearly means 'adjusted' in the context of the extract?

- (a) conditioned (b) favoured
(c) accepted (d) reconciled

(v) Flickering oil lamps' suggests _____.

(vi) What is the antonym from the extract of the word 'rarely'?

OR

(b) "I am thinking of this stranger here." said Edlu "He walks and walks the whole year long, and there is probably not a single place in the whole country where he is welcome and can feel at home. Wherever he turns he is chased away. Always he is afraid of being arrested and cross-examined. I should like to have him enjoy a day of peace with us here-just one in the whole year."

(i) Complete the following sentence with the most appropriate option:

Edla wished the Pedlar to have a peaceful day because _____

- (a) the Pedlar had worked for Edlu.
- (b) the Pedlar had not been released from jail.
- (c) the Pedlar had been staying at the forge.
- (d) the Pedlar had always been looked with suspicion.

(ii) Select the suitable word from the extract to complete analogy single : multiple :: abroad: _____

(iii) In the above extract, Edla comes across as:

- (a) conscientious
- (b) pretentions
- (c) compassionate
- (d) selfless

(iv) Based on the above extract, choose the statement which is true.

- (a) relationship are ratttraps.
- (b) money is important in the world.
- (c) criminal is not born but made.
- (d) christmas is a time of charity.

(v) In the context of the given extract, which day is referred to in the expression 'just one in the whole year'?

(vi) What does the expression 'he is cross examined' suggest?

10. Answer any FIVE of the following in above 40-50 words each:

- (a) When do the residents of Alsace realise how precious their language is to them?
- (b) What are the feelings of the poet about her aged mother with reference to the poem, My Mother at Sixty Six?
- (c) Describe the role of Raj Kumar Shukla in Indigo.
- (d) 'There can be life under apparent stillness'. Explain. (Keeping Quiet)
- (e) Explain the metaphor of the rattrap.
- (f) Do we experience things of beauty only for short moments or do they make a lasting impression? Explain. (A 'Thing of Beauty')

11. Answer any TWO of the following in about 40-50 words each:

- (a) Describe Gondwana.
- (b) Do you agree with the Tiger King's statement? You may kill even a cow in self defence.
- (c) What extraordinary experience did Charley have when he went to the Grand station?

12. Answer any ONE of the following in about 120-150 words.

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- (a) 'Lost Spring' and 'Indigo' bring out how the common man is a victim of exploitation. Explain.

OR

(b) 'Aunt Jennifer's Tigers' and 'A Thing of Beauty', can be read together to show the permanence and everlasting impact of art and of things of beauty. Comment. 5

13. Answer any ONE of the following in about 120-150 words: 5

- (a) After seeing off the enemy soldier. Dr. Sadao must have felt relieved.. He was able to uphold the oath that he had taken as a doctor. Dr. Sadao made an entry into his daily diary explaining the dilemma faced by him and how he resolved it.

Imagine yourself to be Dr. Sadao and express his thoughts.

(You may begin like this:

I was able to uphold the oath that I had taken as a doctor....)

OR

- (b) Both Bama and Zitkala-Sa were from marginalities communities. They challenged the system to bring dignity into their lives. Justify.

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Outside Delhi Set-II

1/5/1

Except the following all other Questions are from Set-I

SECTION - B**CREATIVE WRITING SKILLS**

3. Attempt any one from (a) and (b) given below: 20

- (a) You are Neelam/Nitesh, Secretary of the school Library Club. The club is organizing an inter school 'Let's Read a Book' week to help develop and encourage the habit of reading among children. Draft a notice in about 50 words, for the school notice board inviting club members from classes X-XII to be student volunteers for the event. Mention day date, time and venue. 5

OR

- (b) Draft a notice in about 50 words, urging students of classes IX and XI to be volunteer teachers for a three-week literacy camp to be held in your school from Monday 15th May to Friday 2nd June as part of the community service internship. Children from the neighbourhood slums would be taught basic reading, writing, listening, speaking and numerical skills. Mention the timings and the venue of the camp. You are Rita/Kailash Teacher - in - charge of community service. 5

4. Attempt any ONE from (a) and (b) given below:

- (a) You are Sarla Dutta, proprietor of Child's Planet, a showroom of children's educational toys. Draft a formal printed invitation in 50 words to be sent to your patrons, friends and relatives inviting them to the opening of the new showroom. Give details such as day, date, time and venue. 5

OR

- (b) You have received an invitation to attend the prize giving ceremony for the Inter-School Exhibit Competition. Write a formal letter in 50 words to the Principal of Rose Public School, Simla informing him/her about your inability to attend the ceremony. You are Dr. Suri. Mention day, date time and venue. 5

5. Attempt any ONE from (a) and (b) given below:

- (a) You are a resident of Pranihar Colony and a member of the Resident Welfare Association. During your morning walks, you have noticed that the parks are in a dismal condition. Due to the neglect, the parks are no longer safe for residents or children to play. Write a letter to the editor of your local newspaper in about 120-150 words, expressing your views on the situation and suggest ways of improving and maintaining the park. You are Satish/Sunaina, member RWA. Use the given cues along with your ideas to compose this letter. 5

Reasons for Neglect	Efforts to be taken
• Unpruned trees	• Regular maintenance
• No dustbins	• Removal of broken benches
• Stray dogs	• Security tightened
• Lack of security	• Waste bins

OR

- (b) You are Perna Seth, you saw the given advertisement in the newspaper and wish to apply for the position advertised. 5

Dimla Pvt. Ltd.
 REQUIRED - an accountant with minimum 5 years experience.
 Job Responsibilities - prepare salaries, account, record of income and expenditure.
 Preferred Skills & Qualifications - B.Com., C.A. with knowledge of computers, especially Excel.
 Send your bio-data within 10 days to Rajiv Arora, Personnel Manager, Dimla Pvt. Ltd., Nehru Enclave, Indore.

Write a letter to The Managing Director, Dimla Pvt. Ltd. along with your bio-data, expressing your interest in the situation vacant. 5

6. Attempt any ONE from (a) and (b) below:

- (a) Write a Report for the school magazine on a one day inter-school cricket match held in Suraj Public School, Chalapuram. Calicut. You may use the inputs given below.

day, date, time, venue, scores of each team, outstanding individual scores, prizes and awards. You are Sujantha/Anil - Student reporter. (120-150 words)

OR

- (b) You are Praveen/Prerna, Secretary, Eco-club of Bharati School, Luknow. You write an article on the hazards of environment pollution for the school magazine. You may use the cues given below. (120-150 word) 5

Outside Delhi Set-III

1/5/1

Except the following all other Questions are from Set-I

SECTION - B

CREATIVE WRITING SKILLS

3. Attempt any One from (a) and (b) given below:

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- (a) The Literary Society of Glory Public School is setting up a Creative Writing Club to encourage and develop the habit of creative writing. Draft a notice in not more than 50 words for the school notice board, inviting students from classes VI-X to join the Writer's Society. The members would be expected to stay back after school for 2 hours once a week. Mention day, date, time and venue. You are Ragini/Rakesh, President of the Society. 5

OR

- (b) Draft a notice in about 50 words, urging students of classes IX and XI to participate in a three-week leadership camp to be held in your school. Mention date, day, time and venue of the camp. You are Rita/Kailash, President, student Council. 5

4. Attempt any ONE from (a) and (b) given below:

- (a) Send a formal letter of invitation in 50 words to Dr. Mehra, noted novelist and educationist, to speak on 'The Importance of Books'. You are Lena/Sanjay, Secretary Literary Club, S.S. Public School. Mention day, date, time and venue.

OR

- (b) You are invited by a friend of yours to spend some days at his/her village near Manali during the summer vacation. Respond to his/hr invitation. (50 words) Mention day, date, time and venue.

5. Attempt any ONE from (a) and (b) given below:

- (a) The newspapers today have full page advertisements promoting luxury items. With increases in consumerism people find it difficult to resist and soon find themselves trapped in a world of social one-upmanship. Write a letter to the editor expressing your views on the control this habit. You are Renu/Rajan. Use the given cues along with your own ideas to compose this letter.

Consequences

- trapped in a competitive world
- social acceptability
- living beyond budgets
- mental trauma

Solutions

- responsible role of media
- make informed decisions

OR

- (b) Mitali Kedia sees the following advertisement and wishes to apply for the position advertised. Write a letter of application in 120-150 words along with a detailed bio-data. 5

SKILL DEVELOPMENT INSTITUTE

Requires Part-time Trainers for Computers/Car mechanics.
The applicant must be professionally qualified.
Must be competent in basis computer skills
Experience- minimum 5 years as trainer
Apply within 10 days to the Director, Skill Development Institute,
Meerut.

6. Attempt any ONE from (a) and (b) given below:

- (a) You are Nishi/Nishant, a social worker, you feel that progress and advancement of a India can be enhanced by educating the girl child. He/She writes an article of 120-150 words for the local newspaper expressing his/her views. You may use the cues given below. 5

Advantages of Educating the Girl child

- financial independence
- lead productive lives
- can participate in decisions that affect them
- build better future for themselves & their families

OR

- (b) Your school has organised a seminar on cyber-bullying and online safety. It was attended by counsellors and students from ten different schools. As student reporter, write a report in about 120-150 words to be published in the school weekly. You are Rajshri/Rishi. You may use the following cues along with your ideas to compose the article. 5

date, day, time, venue, Speakers Dr. Rao, Dr. Sen, Dr. Sidh discussion on perils of cyber bullying, measures to control it, legal aid.



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Delhi Set-I

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SECTION - A

Passage 1:

- (i) **Option (b) is correct.**
- (ii) Coffee plant produces a chemical known as caffeine that acts as a natural pesticide.
- (iii) The writer refers to the unique feature of the coffee plant, which is its ability to produce caffeine as a chemical to protect itself from pests. However, this feature has unintended consequences as humans consume coffee for its caffeine content, which has both positive and negative effects on the human body. The chemical secreted by coffee averts the pests but with passing time, it attracted humans who get addicted to it and become great threat to coffee plants.
- (iv) **Option (d) is correct.**
- (v) The characteristic taste and aroma of coffee beans.
- (vi) The interesting phenomenon discussed in paragraph 4 is of changing the bland green seed of a coffee plant into a flavourful coffee bean.
- (vii) It depends on the quantity of the coffee powder. For a lighter or stronger coffee, less or more coffee powder is to be used.
- (viii) **Option (a) is correct.**
- (ix) It is fair to say that the right degree of extraction of coffee is important because under extraction will not get all flavours of the coffee, as the water runs too quickly, and on the other hand over extraction will make the coffee bitter.
- (x) (a) The Art of Coffee Making

Passage 2:

- (i) TRUE
- (ii) **Option (b) is correct.**
the decline of time spent on traditional media.
- (iii) because young people today are more dependent on digital media.
- (iv) Yes, the researchers added tenth and eighth graders to the survey deliberately. This is stated in paragraph 3, which says, "While the study started with only twelfth-graders in the 1970s, eighth- and tenth-graders were added in 1991.
- (v) **Option (c) is correct.**
- (vi) **Option (b) is correct.**
- (vii) pleasure
- (viii) It is not necessarily true that time on digital media has completely displaced time once spent enjoying a book or watching TV. While it is true that digital media has become more prevalent in our daily lives, many people still enjoy reading books and watching TV as a form of entertainment and relaxation. In fact, some studies suggest that the popularity of e-books has actually increased the amount of time people spend reading. Although digital media has absorbed too much of people's time but still there are people who prefer reading books and enjoy watching T.V. for entertainment and relaxation.

- (ix) **Option (a) is correct.**
- (x) **Option (b) is correct.**

SECTION - B

3. (a)

Minerva Public School,
NOTICE

March 11, 20XX
Career Counselling Workshop

This is to inform for the students of Grade IX-XII, a career counselling workshop is being conducted by the school on March 20, 20XX. The workshop will emphasize the importance of various streams in prospect to different career paths available. The workshop is scheduled from 10 a.m. to 12 p.m. in the School Auditorium. It will be headed by Career Counsellor, Mr. Manoj Porwal.

Requesting maximum attendance.

Head Boy/Girl
Vijay/ Veena

OR

3. (b)

SLV Public School, Lucknow
NOTICE

16 March, 20XX

This is to inform to all the students that a Water Conservation Awareness programme is being organised in the school ground on 20 March, 20XX from 10a.m. to 4p.m. All the students have to contribute to the same with their zeal and presence.

School Captain
Sanjay/ Sanjana

4. (a) Rekha Marg,

Meerut

13 February, 20XX

Dear ABC,

I feel great pleasure in inviting you to the house-warming ceremony of our newly purchased house in Meerut. The 'Puja' will begin at 10 a.m. and followed by the lunch at 1.00 p.m. at our residence. Kindly do join us on this auspicious day. It will be great fun to have you by my side on this special day.

Yours affectionately

Rajesh

OR

4 (b) M-114, Fort Road

Chennai – 600009

13 March, 20XX

Dear Vijay,

It was great pleasure to receive the invitation to attend your admission celebration party on 20 March, 20XX. It is so good to hear that you have been accepted to such a prestigious institute. It is a wonderful occasion and nothing can stop me from attending it. It goes without saying that I will be there by 4 pm as asked by you. As you have already taken the initiative, just let me know how I can help. I would love to offer my assistance.

Yours lovingly,

Manoj/Meena

5. (a) 14, Indra Nagar,

Bangalore

14 March, 20XX

The Manager

S.K. Solutions

J.P. Nagar,

Bangalore

Subject: Application for the post of Software Engineer.

Sir,

With reference to the advertisement in 'Bangalore Times', dated 12 March, 20XX for the post of Software Engineer, I hereby offer my candidature for the same. I believe that my skills and qualifications match your requirements. I have worked as a software engineer at HCL Technologies for 4 years. My area of specialty is User Interface and Coding. I have been appreciated for my efficiency by my previous employers. If given the opportunity, I am sure I will be able to prove my capabilities to you as well. The enclosed Biodata lists my qualifications and details of my experience. I am looking for a challenging and responsible position where I can show my result-oriented skills. I shall be pleased to present myself for the interview as and when required.

Thank you

Yours sincerely

Ranjan/Ritu

Encl.:

BIO-DATA	
Name	: Ranjan/Ritu
Father's Name	: Mr. Krishna Kant
Date of Birth	: 31 March, 19XX
Address	: 56, A-Block, Indra Nagar, Bangalore
E-mail id	: ritu.01@gmail.com
Telephone No.	: 99876XXXX
Marital Status	: Married
Nationality	: Indian
Gender	: Female

Educational qualification:

- Higher secondary with 93% in Science stream from ICSE Board.
- Graduation with First Division in B.P.Ed from Delhi University.
- B.Ed. with First Division from Delhi University.

Experience : 4 years in HCL Technologies

Languages Known : Hindi, English

Hobbies : Reading, Painting

Reference :

1. Dr Raman Singh Retd Professor, Delhi University, Delhi
2. Mr Sunil Mohan, D.G.M. Grindlays Bank, Bangalore

Ranjan/Ritu

(Signature)

OR

(b) A 24

Nehru Colony

Indore

28 February, 20XX

The Editor

Hindustan Times

Indore

Subject: Concern over increasing waste pollution in tourist season.

Sir,

Through the columns of your esteemed newspaper, I would like to express my concern and draw the attention of authorities towards the serious issue of increasing waste pollution in tourist season. I recently observed during my visit to Shimla the tourists carelessly throwing empty water bottles and cans all around the area.

It is known to all that tourism has always been a growing industry since it promotes employment and leisure at the same time. But it has also contributed to an increased waste pollution and adverse effects on the wildlife, environment, visitors and communities. Ecological conservation is a need of the hour. I suggest measures like eco-friendly travel, promoting public transport and cycling. Also putting a stop on plastic and promotion of reusable bottles can be a helping factor. Increased advertisements to save environment can also help the authorities curb the pollution.

After all sustainable travel is the method, everyone should aim at adopting. I urge the concerned authorities to take care and implement healthy measures to safeguard the environment.

Yours truly

Sujoy/Sujata

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

—By Rahul/Rekha

The frequent power cuts have been a bane to existence. In the recent times the increase in power cuts has proven how energy demand is on the rise.

The need to switch to Solar power is immediate and essential. Renewable energy can be the only safety measure to the increased problems of power cuts. Also, the promotion of solar power consumption can help in reducing the energy bill thus promoting low maintenance cost of energy.

At the same time renewable energy also prevents air and water pollution. The greenhouse effects also decline, thus making the air carbon free with no emissions.

In conclusion solar power is an apt global solution for energy crisis. It is environment friendly and sustainable in terms of cost. Strict measures should be taken by the authorities to promote the shift to solar power.

OR

6. (b) **Know Your Heritage**

An Inter-School Quiz Contest

—By Amit/ Archana

14 March, 20XX

St. Marks School organised an exciting quiz contest to promote heritage awareness among the students on 14 March, 20XX. It was an inter-school contest and thus opened gates to the students of Agra.

The quiz contained numerous rounds that had various questions dealing with topics like history, mythology, culture, monuments and the handicraft of India.

Each round tested their knowledge in a challenging yet simple way. The event was informative and engaging even for the audience as they also were allowed to ask questions in the audience question round. The attractive prizes also contributed to the determination to win among the participants.

It was a successful event; the winners were awarded and everyone appreciated the efforts of the organizing committee. Ultimately Know Your Heritage opened gates to a new world of exciting events for the students of the city.

SECTION - C

7. (a) (i) (a) Keats defines beauty as eternal.
 (ii) (a) "will decrease noise pollution" is the statement that is NOT implied by the phrase "will keep a bower quiet for us". The phrase means that beauty can create a peaceful, shady place, provide shelter, or act as a nature's canopy to provide a quiet and calming space. It does not necessarily imply that noise pollution will decrease.
 (iii) (a) 1 can be inferred from the extract but 2 cannot.
 (iv) The correct option is (b) (1) and (3).
 (v) we wreathing

(vi) wreathing

OR

7. (b) (i) (d) tigers
 (ii) (a) heart of stone
 (iii) The tired humans
 (iv) (d) dominating
 (v) (a) creativity and courage
 (vi) (a) 1 and 2
 8. (a)
 (i) (c) The world
 (ii) Galesburg, Illinois
 (iii) (c) ignore
 (iv) (c) Louisa
 8. (b)
 (i) The narrator was humiliated because they were teased, called names, and physically assaulted by a group of children from a higher caste while walking home from school. The humiliation was due to their lower caste status, which was stigmatized in the society.
 (ii) (a) enjoyed looking at the various sights
 (iii) (c) Both (I) and (II) cannot be inferred from the extract.
 (iv) (c) unique and interesting items
 9. (a)
 (i) (b) in the garbage dump.
 (ii) (c) Happiness
 (iii) a means of survival, while for children, wrapped in wonder.
 (iv) (a) I is true but II is not
 (v) (b) searching
 (vi) Saheb says that he finds a rupee or even a ten-rupee note in the garbage sometimes, and when he does find something valuable, his eyes light up with happiness. He adds that even if he finds a silver coin, he doesn't stop scrounging, because there is always hope of finding more. This implies that despite the fact that Saheb's family relies on garbage to survive, he is able to find some joy and excitement in the activity of scrounging. The hope of finding more valuable items is what motivates him to continue searching through the garbage, and this hope gives him a sense of purpose and optimism even in difficult circumstances

OR

- (b) (i) (b) to earn money
 (ii) (c) to open a boutique
 (iii) Sophie is daydreaming about becoming an actress or a fashion designer and owning a boutique, while believing that actresses don't work full time.
 (iv) The phrase 'money grows on trees' is used to indicate that Sophie has unrealistic expectations about money and doesn't understand the value of hard work and financial responsibility. It suggests that Sophie thinks that money is easy to come by and that she can have whatever she wants without putting in the effort to earn it.
 (v) (d) helplessness
 (vi) (a) practical

10. (a) Gandhi referred to 'conflict of duties' as a situation where an individual has to choose between two or more equally important moral obligations or duties, and fulfilling one duty would mean neglecting the other. This conflict can arise in various aspects of life, such as personal, professional, social, or political, and can cause ethical dilemmas. According to Gandhi, resolving the conflict of duties required careful reflection, a deep sense of responsibility, and a commitment to truth and non-violence.
- (b) The expression "polished traffic" is likely referring to the smooth and efficient flow of traffic in a city. It suggests that the city has a well-developed infrastructure and transportation system. It reveals that city people value efficiency and organization in their daily lives. They have become accustomed to a fast-paced lifestyle that demands quick and effortless movement through the city's transportation network. The expression may also suggest that city people have grown accustomed to the hustle and bustle of urban life and are no longer affected by the chaos that may accompany such an environment.
- (c) The iron master compared Edla to a parson because of her compassionate and generous nature. Just like a parson who selflessly devotes his life to the welfare of others, Edla shows kindness and empathy towards the little match girl, even though she is a stranger and from a lower social class. The iron master is impressed by Edla's selfless nature and feels that she embodies the Christian values of love, kindness, and charity.
- (d) The significance of the word "but" in the line "but all I said was see you soon, Amma?" from the poem "My Mother at Sixty-Six" by Kamala Das is to contrast the speaker's actual thoughts and emotions with what she said out loud. The word "but" indicates a contrast, and suggests that the speaker's thoughts and feelings were much more complex and emotional than what she said. The use of "but" suggests that the speaker is holding back her true feelings and emotions, and that there is an unspoken tension between her and her mother.
- (e) Douglas suffered from a speech impediment, specifically a stutter, which made it difficult for him to communicate verbally. However, he overcame this handicap by working hard to improve his speaking skills through various methods, such as studying elocution, practicing breathing exercises, and focusing on his diction. He also learned to use pauses effectively and to speak more slowly, which helped him to overcome his stutter and become a successful public speaker and leader.
- (f) In the poem 'Keeping Quiet', Pablo Neruda suggests that the lesson we should learn from mother earth is the importance of stillness and contemplation. He encourages the readers to take a moment to stop all activities and remain silent, listening to their own breath and the world around them. By doing so, we can become more connected to ourselves, each other, and the natural world. The poem emphasizes the need for individuals to take a break from the constant noise and busyness of life and appreciate the beauty and peacefulness that can be found in stillness. Ultimately, Neruda suggests that this practice can lead to a greater sense of harmony and understanding among all people.
11. (a) Dr. Sadao was not sent abroad with the troops for two reasons. First, he was working on a discovery which would render wounds clean. Secondly, the General was in a condition where he might need an emergency operation and he only trusted Dr. Sadao as his surgeon.
- (b) The hidden agenda behind the Tiger King's marriage with the princess in the neighbouring state was to achieve his goal of killing hundred tigers. Marrying the princess from the neighbouring state will help kill the remaining 30 tigers of his target.
- (c) The "Students on Ice programme" aims at providing young students the opportunity to see and understand the impact of global warming. It aims at providing them with an understanding that they are the future policy makers and they need to save the environment from the catastrophe that awaits the planet.
12. (a) The Last Lesson" by Alphonse Daudet is a story about the loss of a language and culture due to war and political conflicts. The story highlights the flaws in human character that lead to the sad plight of people in Alsace. One of the key flaws is the tendency of people to take their language and culture for granted. The protagonist, Franz, was a young boy who did not take his French lessons seriously, believing that he could always learn it later. He only realized the importance of his language when it was too late, and he was about to lose it. This is evident from the following lines from the story: "The Germans had forbidden the teaching of French in the schools, and this was the last French lesson Franz was ever to have." Another flaw highlighted in the story is the tendency of people to prioritize their personal interests over the greater good. The German officials were more concerned with asserting their power and control over the region than with preserving the local language and culture. They did not consider the emotional and cultural impact that their actions would have on the people of Alsace. This is evident from

the following lines from the story: "It was the first time I had seen him [Franz's teacher] cry. That day, he said to us, 'My friends, we must forget our French. The Germans will punish us if we continue to speak it. The school will be closed until further notice.'"

In conclusion, "The Last Lesson" portrays the tragic consequences of human flaws such as taking language and culture for granted and prioritizing personal interests over the greater good. The story serves as a cautionary tale about the importance of valuing and preserving one's language and culture, and the dangers of political conflicts that threaten to destroy them.

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- (b) "A Roadside Stand" by Robert Frost is indeed a social satire that portrays the two contrasting worlds that exist in society. The poem is set in a rural countryside, where there is a roadside stand selling fruits and vegetables. The poem describes the two types of people who stop at the stand: the wealthy and the poor.

The first three stanzas describe the wealthy people who stop at the stand. They are portrayed as superficial, materialistic, and self-absorbed. They drive expensive cars, wear fancy clothes, and have an air of superiority about them. They come to the stand not to buy fruits and vegetables, but to show off their wealth and social status. They do not care about the quality of the produce or the people who sell it. They are only interested in flaunting their wealth.

The last two stanzas, on the other hand, describe the poor people who stop at the stand. They are portrayed as hardworking, honest, and down-to-earth. They walk to the stand, wear simple clothes, and carry baskets to collect the produce. They come to the stand to buy food for their families and are grateful for what they can afford. They have a sense of community and solidarity with the people who sell the produce.

Through the contrast between the wealthy and the poor, the poem highlights the social and economic inequalities that exist in society. The wealthy are portrayed as shallow and self-centered, while the poor are portrayed as honest and hardworking. The poem is a criticism of the materialistic values that dominate modern society and a call for a return to simpler and more authentic ways of life.

13. (a) In the story "The Enemy", Mr. Lamb represents a symbol of optimism and hope. He constantly tries to convince Derry that there is no essential difference between them and that they are

both human beings with the same potential for goodness. Mr. Lamb's optimistic outlook on life is evident when he says, "The sun's shining now, and that's a good sign" despite being held captive by the enemy during the war.

Mr. Lamb's hope for a better future is also evident in his conversation with Derry about the potential for peace and understanding between people of different backgrounds. He believes that by getting to know each other, people can overcome their differences and live together in harmony. This hope is reflected in his statement, "The day will come when they'll find out that it's easier to live together than to fight each other."

Furthermore, Mr. Lamb's attitude towards life is a symbol of hope and optimism. He does not let his circumstances get him down and always looks for the good in every situation. He is hopeful that Derry will eventually come around and see things from his perspective, and his positive attitude towards Derry even in the face of his hostility is a testament to his unwavering hope for a better future.

In summary, Mr. Lamb's character represents a symbol of hope and optimism in the story. His unwavering faith in humanity and his hope for a better future are evident throughout the story, and serve as an example of how one can maintain a positive attitude even in the face of adversity.

- (b) Dr. Sadao Holu was a very dutiful and an humanitarian doctor. He was very much compelled by his duty to help the enemy soldier. Instead of caring for the prejudices of race and country, he rose above to save the American soldier. His wife too lent a helping hand without paying any heed whether the patient was an enemy or a friend. He was floating his duties as a doctor and the enemy on the other, the feeling of compassion and humanity had the upper hand. As that time Japan is at war with America and a person cannot shelter an enemy. Even during his training he had realised the unpleasant experiences of racial discrimination among the whites. He had patriotic feelings and could not ignore his duties as a doctor since a doctor's duty to save the humanity. Here the professional loyalty of Dr. Sadao came in conflict with a sense of national loyalty. But he operated upon the American soldier and served as his house in the most precarious conditions of his safety. He could face all the charges of a traitor but he put his life in danger and saved the soldier.

SECTION - A

3. (a)

NOTICE

Lotus Valley Public School, Ahemdabad
21 January 20XX
A Dramatics Workshop
Attention!
The school is organizing a Dramatics workshop during the winter break for the senior students of the school i.e. for the students of classes IX-XII. It is to be held from 9 a.m. to 12 p.m. in the School Assembly Hall. The fee charge is Rs. 200/-. Interested students can submit their names and money in a properly-labelled envelope to their respective class teachers latest by 26 January 2017.
Head Boy/Head girl
Sunil/Sunila.

OR

3. (b)

NOTICE
AJ SCHOOL BHOPAL

15 October, 20XX
FOOTBALL COACHING CAMP
This notice is to inform all the students of classes VI-IX that our school is going to organize a football coaching camp for the football competition. Those students who are interested to take part in the camp may clear the due fees as soon as possible. Interested students may give their to their respective class teachers.
VENUE school playground
DATE 30 October, 2023
TIME 10:00am to 2:00pm
For further information please contact the undersigned.
Sports Captain,
Gaourav/Geeta.

4. (a) House no 123,

Sector B, Spring valley colony

Red cross road

Kalghat-462043

15 January, 20XX.

Dear Sumit

I hope this letter finds you in pink of health .I miss you so much dearest Rita.

I hope after receiving my letter, I will be able to bring a smile on your face.

I am pretty excited to tell you about an adventurous trip on which I am going to ask you to come with me. I want to explore that trip with you my friend, I have planned a trek trip in winter vacations to Kalghat. Hope that you wouldn't say no for this trek , I have way too many hopes attached to this

question..." Are you ready to go on this trip with me " I will be really happy if you join me on this trip. I will give you the trip plan as soon as you answer my question.

Say hello to uncle and aunty and give my love to Riya.

Yours Lovingly

Amit/Amita

OR

(b)

Red cross road

New Delhi-462043

25 April, 20XX.

Sir,

I accept with pleasure your invitation to be at the pannel discussion on Solar Power- the alternate lifestyle, on Friday, May 2, at 3:00 p.m. I have utmost excitement especially to deal with this topic and I will limit my comments to twenty minutes. My needs are modest, but I would appreciate a parking voucher and a tall glass of water. Thank you for your kind invitation. I look forward to a brisk exchange of ideas at the above said day.

Sincerely,
Prof RK Chadha

5. (a)

19, TT Nagar,

JP colony

Bhubaneswar

4 January, 20XX

S.J. Food products, Pvt. Ltd.

AH Avenue,

Bhubaneswar

Subject – Application for the position of Manager.

Sir/Ma'am

This is with reference to the advertisement published in the esteemed daily, The Times of India, on January 01, 20XX. I am Rajat/Radha. I have completed my MBA in Marketing Management from Symbiosis University with 95% marks. I have also got five years working experience in ABC Enterprises, Mumbai.

I would like to bring into your notice that I possess all the aforementioned qualities required for the job. I am enclosing a copy of my bio-data for your perusal and kind consideration.

I am available for the interview on any day of your convenience. If given a chance to serve you, I assure you that I shall work with utmost sincerity and dedication up to your satisfaction.

Looking forward to working for S.J. Food products.

Yours faithfully

Rajat/Radha

Encl.:

BIO-DATA	
NAME	: Rajat/Radha
FATHER's NAME	: Abhilash
DATE OF BIRTH	: 23 April, 1995
ADDRESS	: 19,TTNagarBhubaneshwar
PHONE	: 98100XXXXX
E-MAIL	: Raj@...
MARITAL STATUS	: Unmarried
AGE	: 27 years
NATIONALITY	: Indian
ACADEMIC QUALIFICATIONS :	
1. (i) BA (Hons) in Marketing	
2. (ii) MBA in Marketing Management	
HOBBIES	: Reading, travelling, and net-surfing
STRENGTHS	: Proficiency in English, Communication, Marketing, Analytics
EXPERIENCE	: 5 years of experience as a marketing assistant in ABC Enterprises.
NAMES AND ADDRESSES OF REFERENCES-	
Advertisement through columns of Newspaper.	

OR

(b)

A.P Colony,

Pune

20 July 20XX

The Editor

National Daily

Subject: Growing incidence of bullying in schools.

Sir,

Through the columns of your newspaper I wish to draw attention of concerned authorities and common people towards the problem of growing incidence of bullying in schools and its consequences on students. This is unfortunate that school authorities are not sensitive towards the problem of bullying of their students in schools. Many students are bullied by their peers and seniors, which in result deteriorates their confidence and make them feel inferior among all. Their social skills are affected by this and they become introverted. It diverts their focus and is a hindrance for them in concentration on their studies . Bullying also affects their mental conditions and makes them feel depressed, vulnerable and insecure about themselves. Sometimes the conditions are so severe that it leads to suicide. Bullying is a plight for those who are emotionally very sensitive. Bullying of students is a hindrance in nurturing overall development in them. As students are the future of the country school authorities should take some preventive steps ,like school committee members

should fit CCTV cameras in each and every floor in order to have a close watch on students moreover, concerned authorities should introduce campaigns about effects of bullying on mental health to safeguard the students from getting bullied. I hope my words will find some space in people speak column of your daily and will surely bring about some change in the existing situation.

Thank You

Yours Sincerely

Rajesh/Radhika

6. (a) Metro- our pride

17 February, 20XX

We as a race are very proud of our culture and many things that go into making our so-called culture. We Indians indeed have many things to be proud of no doubt, especially many beautiful things that have been handed over to us through generations and centuries. Can we with equal pride declare that we have a great civic sense too? Certainly not. We as a country are very poor followers of our civic duties and have very poor civic sense.

Let us get it clear what we mean by civic sense. Social ethics can exist only if the people of a society have a civic sense. Having civic sense makes a responsible citizen. The personality of a town or a city gets reflected through the civic sense of the people of that place. Respecting laws, good etiquette, paying taxes, keeping our surroundings clean all go into making good civic sense. There are unwritten codes of conduct and rules too in each society, which should be followed in any civil society.

Civic sense also means respecting other's privacy or freedom. Very often we come across vehicles parked in non-parking areas, people not wearing a helmet or seat belt, people unscrupulously barging into a queue, cars driving past red signals. All these are etched in the psyche of our people as small mistakes that could be committed when there is not police personnel or a supervisory person around. These are not small offences and this complacent attitude definitely will land us in trouble one day or the other. As rightly said,

Ask not what your country can do for you; ask what you can do for your country

Tanisha/Tanmay.

(b) Inter School Debate Competition

Topic: India, the new education destination
By Anita/ Anish

24 January, 20XX

An inter-school Debate Competition was held at our school premises on 5th June, 2022 at 10 a.m. on the occasion of World Environment Day. Students from Dagaon Jatiya Vidyalay and Juria Girls' High School also took part in the competition. Mr. Akhand Kumar, an assistant teacher of our school anchored the competition. He selected the participants and set the motion of the debate – "India the new education Destination."

Some participants argued for the motion and some against the motion. The audience highly appreciated the debate. At the end of debate, the mothers of the students were put to vote. The team led by Md Alekhan of Kandhulimari Serajia High School won the debate competition.

The prizes were given away by the honourable education minister, to the ones who talked about the topic exceptionally well which were sponsored by Ed.Tech Now.

11. (a) Derry insisted that he would go back to Mr. Lamb as he opened a new world of thought and wisdom for Derry. Derry was comfortable and happy in Mr. Lamb's company and completely forgot his handicap. He felt he too could live an independent life as he had all his faculties intact. Derry assures him to return but Lamb says to himself that people never come back though they say that they will come

back. Derry goes back to his house and tells everything to his mother. Derry says that he wants to go there, sit and listen to things and look. Nobody else has ever said the things the old man has said.

- (b) The astrologers predicted that the newly-born prince will grow up to become the hero of the heroes, brave of the bravest and a great warrior. He also predicted that the baby was born in the hour of the bull. The bull and the tiger were enemies. Therefore, he would die because of the tiger.
- (c) Geoff Green started the program, Students on Ice, for high school students because he wanted to give them an opportunity to understand and value our planet. Students, being the future generation, need to take a closer look at the depleting environmental situation.

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SECTION - A

3. (a)

**Flora International School
NOTICE**

12 March, 20XX

Debating Society Inter-school Debate.

All interested students are invited to participate in the audition for the inter-school debate. The last date for submitting names is Friday, 17 March, 20XX. The team selection trials will be held on Monday, 20 March, 20XX in the school auditorium at 3:30 pm. Kindly be present on time.

Sarita / Sarit
President,
Debating Society.

OR

**Flora International School.
NOTICE**

24 March, 20XX

Kindly keep yourselves alert!

There has been a noticeable increase in the number of cyberbullying cases in our school which has caused concerns among parents and students. As the school counsellor, I am organizing a talk during morning assembly by Mr. Kakkar, Director of Cybercrime Department, to address this issue. The talk is open to both students and parents and will be held on Monday, 14 March, 20XX at 9:00 am in the school auditorium.

All students and parents are requested to attend the talk.

Sincerely,
Sarita
School Counsellor.

4. (a) R.G. Marg

Agra

24 February, 20XX

Dear Soham,

I am excited to invite you to join us in celebrating the 80th birthday of my beloved grandmother. We will be hosting a small get-together at our home on Friday, 29 February, 20XX at 8.00pm. It would be an honour to have you three and share in the joy with our family.

Please join us at [venue address] for some great food, drinks, and entertainment. Looking forward to seeing you there!

Warm regards,

Amit Kalosiya.

OR

4. (b) M-114, Rashida Public School

Hyderabad

3 March, 20XX

Dear Madam,

Thank you for extending an invitation to me to inaugurate the Art and Craft Exhibition at Rashida Public School on the occasion of your Annual Day on 20 March 20XX in the school auditorium. It would have been an honour to be a part of such a significant event. However, I regret to inform you that I will be unable to attend due to a prior engagement that I cannot miss.

I appreciate the opportunity to be a part of this event and hope that it will be a huge success. Please convey my best wishes to everyone involved and extend my sincere apologies for my inability to attend.

Thank you again for the invitation.

Sincerely,

Sahil/Reena

5. (a) Sender's Address

23 March, 20XX
Principal,
Royal Public International School
Delhi

Subject: Application for the post of English Teacher

Dear Mr. Shams,

I am writing to express my interest in the position of English Teacher for Primary Classes advertised in the newspaper. As a graduate with Montessori training and more than five years of teaching experience, I believe I am a strong candidate for this position.

Throughout my career, I have developed a deep passion for teaching and nurturing young minds. I am confident that my teaching style, which emphasizes a strong foundation in language and communication skills, would be an asset to the students at Royal International School.

In addition, I possess strong interpersonal and communication skills, which I believe are essential for building meaningful relationships with students, parents, and colleagues. I also have competency in computers, which would allow me to integrate technology into the learning process and enhance the overall classroom experience.

I have attached my bio-data to this letter and look forward to the opportunity to discuss my qualifications further. Thank you for your time and consideration.

Sincerely,
Minal / Mrinal

BIODATA

Name	: Mrunal/Minal
Father's Name	: Mr. Krishna Kant
Date of Birth	: 31 March, 19XX
Address	: 56, A-Block, Saket, Agra
E-mail id	: mrunal/minal.k.@gmail.com
Telephone No.	: 99876XXXX
Marital Status	: Married
Nationality	: Indian
Gender	: Male/ Female
Educational qualification:	
	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Higher secondary with 93% in Commerce stream from ICSE Board. • Graduation with First Division in B.P.Ed from Delhi University. • B.Ed. with First Division from Delhi University.
Experience	: 5 years in Modern Public School
Languages Known	: Hindi, English
Hobbies	: Reading, Painting
Reference	: 1. Dr. Raman Singh Sports Incharge, Agra College, Agra

OR

- (b) Sender's Address

24 January, 2XX
The Editor
Everyday Times
Agra

Respected Sir,

Subject: Showing concern and highlighting Positive and negative impact of online teaching.

Hereby, I would like to share content related to how computer can impact education in a good way. The first point is that the 21st century kids / learners are good at technology. So it is mandatory to include digital devices in education. Any classroom teaching-learning needs to satisfy all kinds of learners (different intelligence) where a computer would serve to accomplish those. The last point which I would want to discuss is that, we can get information from the world in one touch. So to extend the learning computer needs to be used in education for sure. I hope you will do the needful

Thanking you.

Manju/Manav

OR

6. (a) Annual Sports Day

By Kanika/Kavish
24 March, 20XX

Galaxy School celebrated its Annual Sports Day on [Date] at the [Venue] with great enthusiasm and energy. The event began at [Time] with the arrival of the Chief Guest, Mr. Kumar, a renowned sportsman in the field of athletics.

The opening ceremony included a march-past by all the students, accompanied by the school band. This was followed by an inspiring speech by the Chief Guest, who encouraged the students to be physically active and participate in sports.

The sports events included races, long jumps, shot put, and other track and field events. Students from all grades participated with great zeal and enthusiasm, showcasing their talents and skills. The atmosphere was electric as students cheered for their friends and classmates.

The highlight of the day was the prize distribution ceremony, where winners were awarded medals and certificates by the Chief Guest. It was a moment of great pride for both the winners and their families.

Overall, the Annual Sports Day was a huge success and a testament to the school's commitment to promoting physical fitness and sportsmanship. The event provided an opportunity for students to showcase their talents, develop teamwork skills and have fun with their peers.

OR

- (b) Return of Cheetah- Boon to the ecosystem

By Bhela/ Bhanu

India is going to be home once again to the majestic presence of cheetah, the world's fastest land animal. Yes, the Government of India has decided to reintroduce cheetahs, under the 'Action Plan for Introduction of Cheetah in India'.

Unveiling the action plan, Union Minister for Environment, Forest and Climate Change, Shri Bhupender Yadav informed that Prime Minister Shri Narendra Modi is keen on the protection and conservation of seven major big cats including Cheetah. "Project Cheetah aims to bring back independent India's only extinct large mammal – the cheetah. As part of the project, 50 cheetahs will be introduced in various National Parks over five years."

This will have a great impact on the ecological balance of nature at the same time contributing to help keep the food chain in place. The ecological stability thus achieved will further diversify the ecosystem and also pave the way for cultural significance of our nation.

Existence of cheetahs would also prevent soil erosion, hence creating a positive mental health of the ecosystem with all the available resources.

11. (a) The letter was addressed to Charley. In the

letter Sam had informed Charley that he was living on the third level. He had also told Charley and his wife to keep looking for the third level. Clearly, the letter was a product of Charley's imagination.

- (b) Some fifty samples of expensive diamond rings were sent to the duraisani and it was expected that she would select one or two and return the rest. But the lady proved to be greedy as she retained all of them and merely sent a letter of thanks.
- (c) In the story "On the Face of It" by Susan Hill, Mr. Lamb tries to convince Derry that there is no essential difference between them by engaging him in a conversation and finding common ground. Mr. Lamb tells Derry that he, too, has been "scarred" in life and has faced challenges. He talks about his own experience of being burned in a fire and how it changed his life. Mr. Lamb also emphasizes the importance of looking beyond the surface level and seeing people for who they are on the inside. He tells Derry that "everybody's the same when you come down to it, in their hearts and souls." Through this conversation, Mr. Lamb tries to build a connection with Derry and show him that they are not so different after all.

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SECTION - A

1. (i) (c) it includes physical activity
- (ii) In the text the author wants to convey that Cricket is a game bound within rules and usually does not go out of those rules. So, it does not carry any secrets.
- (iii) Watching the game of Cricket gives rise to-
 - a) Make us experience the thrill of war.
 - b) Calms our impatience without creating any conflict.
- (iv) (c) generate
- (v) (b) Watching a cricket match makes the viewer believe that he is fighting a battle.
- (vi) (c) a spectator who enjoys the match as an armchair soldier.
- (vii) The writer aptly compares Games to a morality play as the rules are made by us and thus can easily be tested for fair and foul conduct, principles of reward and punishment, and emotions of joy and disappointment by the people who are involved or engaged in them also show morality.
- (viii) morality play
- (ix) then they lose the purpose of providing entertainment and purging of our aggressiveness.
- (x) (b) The Benefits of Playing Cricket
2. (i) Not Given
- (ii) (b) at the time of landing or taking off
- (iii) susceptible
- (iv) (b) the pilot must land at the earliest airport.
- (v) (a) but only few are dangerous.
- (vi) these are highly critical phases of flying
- (vii) maneuverability
- (viii) Areas with presence of more bird activity

(like in monsoon) at open grounds attracting insects to breed or in some cases bird hits also happen at higher altitudes when a plane is cruising. Other reasons for bird activity around the field could be presence of landfills or waste disposal sites that can attract a large number of birds.

(ix) However, planes are still at risk of bird hits due to presence of birds for some other reason.

(x) (b) increased

SECTION - B

(CREATIVE)

Ans. 3(a)

NOTICE**XYZ PUBLIC SCHOOL, New Delhi**

A Health Camp

26 February, 20XX

This is to hereby inform all the students from classes VIII to XII that the school is organising a Health Camp for the students from age group 12 to 18 years on 4th March 2023 at the school ground from 10am to 1pm in collaboration with the Municipal Health Department. The objective of the camp is to emphasize on living fit and eating healthy.

For more information contact the undersigned.

Amit/ Amita

Secretary, Student Council

OR

3 (b)

**RESIDENTS' WELFARE ASSOCIATION
NOTICE**

A Visit to the Senior Residents
24 January, 20XX

This is to inform all the revered members of the society that there will be a visit to the senior residents of the society as a gesture of affection and sensitivity. This noble deed is going to take place in the society itself on the coming Sunday i.e., 4 March 2023 from 9 am onwards. The interested members must get collected at the front gate of the society office by 8:45 am.

For more information contact the undersigned or at the society office between 10am to 5pm.

Ritika/Rahul
Secretary R.WA

4 (a)

**The Principal, Staff and Students of
ROHTAK PUBLIC SCHOOL**
invites all the parents to the Annual Fest

UMANG

at 4:00pm on 14 March, 20XX in the
School Auditorium

Chief Guest:
Honourable District Magistrate

Guest of Honour:
Students from The Oxford University,
United Kingdom (UK)

RSVP
Dr. Ahluwalia
Principal, Rohtak Public School
Phone: 011-2687542

NOTE: For Route Map & Itinerary– Please Turn Over

OR

4. (b)

Dr. Mehra sincerely thanks

the Principal and staff of Sunshine Public School, for their kind invitation to address the students and release of the Book written by one of the students on 15 March 20XX at 11am but regrets his inability to attend because of a professional emergency. He wishes the students good luck for their future endeavours and wishes success of the programme.

5. (a)

54, Harinagar
New Delhi-11005
26 February 20XX
The Editor
The Times of India
New Delhi

Subject: Need to keep our surroundings clean.

Respected Sir,
Through the columns of your esteemed newspaper, I would like to draw the attention of the concerned authorities and the public towards the grave need to keep the surroundings and environment clean. This has to be understood that cleanliness is next to

Godliness. Cleaning of surroundings, environment, school, and workplace is an important habit as well as a social responsibility. This habit reduces viruses and bacteria and gives us a healthy life. It should be practised regularly since childhood. To lead a healthy life, people must follow the habit of cleanliness and hygiene and should get aware of the importance of cleanliness especially for children.

On the contrary to this, nowadays many people are throwing their daily waste everywhere and making the streets, pond sides, riversides dirty which causes an unhealthy environment for us and other animals too.

Certain steps can be taken which may further help in maintaining the cleanliness of the surroundings and regulation towards the outbreak of common diseases like malaria and dengue. The people should be made aware of steps like not storing water for a prolonged period as it provides a breeding space for mosquitoes and other pathogens. They should also try to keep their skin covered to protect themselves from the bites of the disease carrying mosquitoes. Mosquito repellents are of great help in this situation. They doze of the mosquitoes and thus protecting their victims. Mosquito tents are also a great option and can be used as a supplement or a complete replacement to mosquito repellents.

Thus, the general public should be made aware about the ways in which they can protect themselves from the deadly disease carrying pathogens in greater good of the society.

I hope my views would not go in vain and would find a suitable space in your newspaper helping to bring awareness among the public as well as the concerned authorities.

Thanking You
Yours Truly
Bharat/Bharati

OR

5. (b)

Vasant Road
Lucknow
Uttar Pradesh
25 February 20XX
Manager
Credence Pvt. Ltd.
Hazratganj
Lucknow

Subject: Application for the Post of Food Technologist

Dear Sir,

With reference to your advertisement in 'The Times of India' dated 21st February 20XX for the post of Food Technologist I would like to offer myself as a candidate for the same. I am enclosing details of my educational qualifications and experience in my bio- data. I can provide testimonials and certificates if required. If my application is considered as meritorious, I am available for an interview at any time to suit your convenience.

My Bio Data is enclosed herewith for your kind perusal. I look forward to attend an interview at your earliest convenience.

Yours Faithfully
Anil/Anita

Enclosure: Biodata

BIO-DATA

Name	: Anil		
Father's Name	: Sandeep Sahu		
Address	: 14 Vasant Road, Lucknow, Uttar Pradesh-121001		
Date of Birth	: 2nd October 1990		
E-mail	: anil@gmail.com		
Marital Status	: Unmarried		
Educational & Professional Qualifications:			
Name of the Exam	College/Board/University	Year	Percentage/Grade
Secondary School (X)	CBSE	2005	90% First Division
Senior Secondary (XXX)	CBSE	2007	87% First Division
2 Yrs. Degree in Food Technology	Delhi College of Hotel Management and Food Productivity Skills	2008-09	
Work Experience			
Hotel Taj, Delhi	Dy Food Technologist	From 2011-2015	Assisting the Food Technologist
Languages Known	: English, Hindi, French		
Strengths	: Highly developed sense of smell, crisis management		
Reference	: Mr. Sandeep Malhotra, Chief Chef, Hotel Taj, New Delhi		
Mobile No.	: 977xxxxxxx		

6. (a) **Spirit of Community Expressed By Senior Residents**

By Shalin,

(Staff Correspondent-The Times Of India)

25 February 20XX, Agra

The voluntaryism of the Senior residents of Friends Colony have proved that 'Charity begins at home'. The inspiring initiative taken by one of the senior residents of the colony; followed by all the other senior citizens was taken by Retd. Colonel R.S. Ahluwalia who, one fine Sunday, collected the children of the neighbouring slums and started teaching them in the colony garden. This ground-breaking step of teaching underprivileged children has led to inspire the youth too. Gradually the youth of the colony joined hands with all the senior citizens in being a part of fund raising for these young future generators who are unable to get their right to education. Not only this; the group became wider and wider, and this campaign has taken a massive shape with not only helping the stray animals in providing shelter but also making groups and initiated clean-up drives.

The initiating have really taken a giant leap wherein not only the youth, but the generosity and experience of the senior citizens is also playing an important role in building up the society and the nation too. Every Sunday morning not only brings the warm sunlight but also enlightens the young innocent minds by lighting a lamp of learning.

If each of the citizen of our country widens the horizons and thinks the nation and the world as one home; we will be able to prove Vasudhev Kutumbakam.

OR

6. (b) **Stray Dogs- A Menace to the Society By Prerna/Prashant**

'The innocent glistening eyes and a soft cute smile' Dogs- Humans' best friends known to be the most loyal creatures in the world unfortunately are becoming a menace – a cause of some major issues which are sometimes fatal. A reverie of a pet dog is turning into a nightmare due to the havoc created by the stray dogs in the colony.

The continuous barking and howling of these stray dogs make our early mornings irritable. The loud shrills of these creatures have become like tea with newspaper for our mornings despite being so annoying. These innocent creatures' innocence is lost in their aggression and uncontrollable behaviour which is increasing day by day. The spooky eyes and yawning mouths of the colony members speak the story of the howling dogs who create loud shrills throughout the nights. A few days back a five-year-old was bitten up very badly by a stray dog. Not only this, if it continues; it will be called the colony of Barking Beasts instead of colony members. These beasts of burden litter the streets and overturn the dustbins making the locality stinky and unhygienic leading to the risk of numerous diseases.

However, keeping in mind that these innocent creatures are innocent and do not possess the same power and potential, as humans we must be considerate towards them. The sense of Anthropocentricity should be avoided. We must adopt these stray dogs to provide them a healthy lifestyle and keep the ecosystem maintained. Isn't it that their aggressive behaviour is the result of our unkind actions like throwing pebbles to shoo them away? Instead, if we befriend them, they would

never react like this. After all, it doesn't cost money to be kind. The best way to remove chaos is to accept the cause. So, instead of letting them roam around hungry and creating nuisance it's better that the members of the colony should come forward and adopt them. Their loud shrills are telling us that they need our attention and care. Dogs are the most faithful friends and the most loyal servants. So, let's make them our friends forever. To avoid the spread of diseases caused due to dogs like rabies, the dogs should be properly vaccinated.

Also, if any dog is suffering from a disease, it must receive immediate and proper medication. They are also the creation of the Almighty and thus deserve kindness just like us.

Speak for those, who cannot speak for themselves.

SECTION - C

(LITERATURE)

7. (a)
 (i) (b) fearful
 (ii) pale
 (iii) Repetition
 (iv) (a) (1) is true, but (2) is false
 (v) The poet Kamala Das in her poem 'My Mother at Sixty Six' is referring to fear of separation from her mother forever just as a child is always insecure of getting separated from her mother whenever she is not visible or nearby to him/her.
 (vi) Suggests the mother's weak and withered face.

OR

7. (b) (i)(a) - (iii) and (iv)
 (ii) childish longing
 (iii) (c) cars stopping
 (iv) Personification
 (v) (a) (1) is true, but (2) is false
 (vi) Stopping of cars
8. (a) (i) Charley asked for two tickets because he had decided to go to Galesburg in 1894's time with his wife Louisa.
 (ii) (a) thought it wasn't money
 (iii) (a) a cheat
 (iv) that the clerk thought about the protagonist 'Charley' to be a cheater and if he dared to cheat, he would be caught very soon.

OR

8. (b) (i) The kids tease Mr. Lamb but still come into his garden because they loved him and were not afraid of him. They knew that Mr. Lamb won't mind even if they tease him by calling 'Lamey-Lamb'.
 (ii) (d) positive
 (iii) (b) They would be repulsed by Derry.
 (iv) Mr. Lamb means that it's not necessary that if the people or the children will look at Derry's face; they would mind coming close to him.

It might be that they run away, or they might not run away. Mr. Lamb wants Derry to think optimistically and not be pessimistic.

9. (a) (i) They regularly work in flickering dim lights, in dark hutments so they are more adjusted to the dark.
 (ii) (a) The hutments were shining and inviting.
 (iii) (b) they work in dim light
 (iv) (a) conditioned
 (v) The dim lights.
 (vi) 'often'

OR

9. (b)
 (i) (d) the Peddler had always been looked with suspicion
 (ii) home
 (iii) (c) compassionate
 (iv) (c) criminal is not born but made
 (v) Christmas eve
 (vi) The expression 'he is cross examined' suggests that Peddler and his identity have always been questioned because of suspicion.
10. (a) In the story, 'The Last Lesson' when the French districts of Alsace and Lorraine had passed into Prussian hands and they received an order from Berlin, that only German was to be taught in the schools of Alsace and Lorraine, then they started realising how precious their language was to them. They also learnt how important is the language and culture of one's own country. The incident actually arouse the feeling of patriotism among the mass.
 (b) The poet Kamala Das is a daughter who loves her mother dearly. She compares her mother's aging with different phrases like a 'corpse' or like 'a late winter's moon'. Her feelings expressed in the poem reflect her anxiousness and insecurity of losing her mother forever. She is worried if she would be able to see her mother alive or not. The poet's smile hides her pain and her fear of losing her. She is repeatedly gripped by the same insecurity and fear of losing her mother.
 (c) Rajkumar Shukla was the farmer who was the guiding light of the Champaran Kisan Movement. He is the one who is the epitome and symbolization of the Indian Freedom struggle and the role of Gandhiji. He was a sharecropper who was though illiterate but resolute. His efforts made Gandhiji to reach to Champaran which resulted in the first successful Civil Disobedience Movement, which became one of the major landmarks in the history of India's freedom struggle.
 (d) The Poet Neruda in his poem Keeping Quiet doesn't combine stillness with total inactivity. The poet says that even when a body is still,

there is activity in it which proves that there is life in it. The poet says that nature reflects lessons to teach us. The poet takes the example of the earth to prove his opinion. He talks about winter season which seems to be dead and silent but the same follows with spring bringing new life. Thus, he proves his point by saying that even in inactivity there is still liveliness apparent.

- (e) The metaphor is the poetic device which shows comparison of two different things with similar characteristics. Similarly in the prose, *The Rattrap*, the author signifies that the whole world exists only to trap the people by setting baits in the form temptations which lead to be caught in a vicious trap. The author cites the example of baits like luxuries which lure a human and make him commit crime leading to get punished. All the good things are cheese rinds offered to a rat (human) to make him get trapped. In this way no one can come out of the trap.
- (f) The phrase 'A Thing of Beauty' is completed by the poet by saying A thing of Beauty is a joy forever in his collection of poems in *Endymion*. Thus, the things of beauty which exist in nature itself do not only remain with us for a short moment, they give us endless pleasure and joy. The blissful memories of the beauty of nature are a source of everlasting joy and happiness according to the poet.
11. (a) Gondwana was a large landmass, often referred to as a supercontinent, that formed during the late Neoproterozoic (about 550 million years ago) and began to break up during the Jurassic period (about 180 million years ago). It was an amalgamated southern supercontinent called Gondwana. This landmass centered around the present-day Antarctica. Human beings did not exist as their civilization is only 12,000 years old. The climate at that time was warm and landmass flourished with a vast variety of flora and fauna.
- (b) In my version, a cow is a sacred animal. It has never been seen that a cow harms anyone. So, it must not be killed still as an exception in self-defence it can be harmed. In context to the prose *The Tiger King* it meant that if a cow can be killed in self-defence, there is no harm in killing a tiger in self-defence.
- (c) One night, while in a hurry to catch a subway train from the Grand Central Station, Charley carried a path, which led him to the third level of Grand Central Station. On reaching here, he encountered something, which occurred outright strange to him. The information booth was made of wood, and the lights existed

open flame gaslight and thus dim. it does not acknowledge the new currency, which Charley was presenting. There existed old-fashioned railway machines, males and females in old-fashioned clothes, carrying old-fashioned accessories, such as the gold pocket watch. There were brass spittoons on the floors. By now Charley had an indication that the way had brought him to the past. To ensure his doubt he decided to check the newspaper. The newspaper stood 'The world' and the date on it read June 11, 1894. Publication of the exact had been destroyed hundred years ago. When Charley went to buy two tickets to Galesburg, Illinois, the clerk denied selling him tickets because he did not acknowledge the new currency, which Charley was offering.

12. (a) The proses *Lost Spring* and *Indigo* reflect the exploitation of the poor by the powerful. *Lost Spring* talks about a poor ragpicker of Delhi, a bangle maker of Ferozabad. Similarly, the prose *Indigo* talks about the poor and emaciated peasants and their worst living conditions. Both the texts show how a common man becomes a victim of hunger and helplessness. For Saheb, the garbage is like gold to him. He and hundreds of thousands of other children like him lead a pathetic life living in mud structures with roofs of tin and tarpaulin, with no running water and no drainage. Similarly In *Indigo* Rajkumar Shukla is a sharecropper who grows crops on other's land with a meagre share. But in the end both the stories reflect a ray of hope when Mukesh thinks differently and starts dreaming. Similarly, Rajkumar Shukla with his never ending hope convinces Gandhiji to fight for their rights to get their share of happiness and contentment. Thus, both the stories on one hand portrays the victimisation of the poor, but on the other hand it conveys the readers a ray of hope.
- (b) Aunt Jennifer's *Tigers* and *A Thing of Beauty* have certain commonalities in the sense that they reflect how art and beauty releases the fears and sadness and converts it into a never-ending joy and bliss. Aunt Jennifer, though is a victim of male chauvinism feels at ease when she paints majestic lions which are so beautifully painted that they seem to be real. Similarly John Keats in his Poem *A Thing of Beauty* seen in the nature and its things can remove sadness and lets us forget sadness and fills our heart with ultimate bliss and ease. Conclusively, both the poems somewhere end up saying that beauty provides a serenity which helps in removing melancholy.

13. (a) Saturday, 25 February 20XX

Dear Diary,

I'm feeling so relieved today as I was able to uphold the oath that I had taken as a doctor. For a doctor a patient must be his priority regardless of his religion, caste, country, or background and today I could do justification with my profession when I could save an enemy's life.

There was a time when I got convinced with General's decision of killing the enemy but that would never have given me mental peace. I did right in saving his life and helping him to go back to America. In this noble cause even my better half Hana has also shown indispensable courage and perseverance. Even when she herself was facing so much of discomfort she still proved to be a compassionate woman. Without her help, I could not have found courage to save the soldier from his approaching death.

I am thankful to the Almighty for letting me come out of the dilemma between the head and the heart. It was the toughest decision to choose to be governed by the emotion or the reason. Yet my inner conscience and call of duty won over my mind.

Now when I'm back after helping the American soldier to reach to his destination, I'm feeling about the days in America. Still, I wonder what did not allow me to kill the enemy Tom.

Now I'm feeling sleepy as tomorrow again I've to render my services which I'm bound to provide.

Sadao

OR

- (b) The struggle for identity and the oppression faced by the marginalised communities is the common thread between the lives of Bama and Zitkala -Sa. Both were school going children when they witnessed rough treatment being meted out to themselves or their community.

Both the episodes prove that injustice in any form does not escape notice even by children. Zitkala-Sa revolts and resists against the school authorities with all her might because she does not want her hair to be shingled like that of a coward's.

She reacts strongly and says that she would not give up without struggling. Bama too realises the oppression that her community faces. She puts up a fight by bringing laurels to her community through her scholarly achievements after her brother Annan advises her to study with care and to stay ahead of others in her lessons so that they could throw away all those indignities. Thus, she also proves herself and challenges the oppression against her, leading to saving not only his own dignity but also the self-respect of her whole community.

Both the girls refused to bow down to exploitation and oppression and fought the social discrimination that their communities had to face. Thus, Bama who is now a well-known author and Zitkala-Sa both live without fear.

Outside Delhi Set-II

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SECTION - B

3. (a)

**XYZ School
NOTICE**

26 February, 2023

Let's Read a Book: The school Library Club is organising an inter-school "Let's Read a Book" event for one week starting from March 1 between 10 am to 4 pm till March 7 everyday at the school campus. The aim of the event is to encourage students to inculcate the habit of reading books. Moreover, reading would help students gain knowledge and get their brains activated. Students of grades XI and XII are welcome to volunteer for the event and give their names to the undersigned at the library.

Neelam
Secretary

- (b)

**XYZ School
NOTICE**

26 February, 2023

Literacy Camp: The school is organising a literacy camp for three weeks from 15th May to 2nd June at the school campus between 9 am and 12 pm. The camp is aimed at teaching the children from neighbourhood slums the basic reading, listening, speaking and numeracy skills. This literacy camp is being organised as a part of community service internship and students of classes IX and XI are welcome to volunteer to give back to the community. Those interested can provide their information to the undersigned during school hours at the Literacy Club.

Rita
Teacher-in-charge (Community Service)

OR

4. (a)

Child's Planet
Announces the opening of a
New Showroom
of **Children's Educational Toys** in
ABC Mall, XYZ City
on
5 March, 2023
At 11 a.m.
All are cordially invited.
Visit for the best and latest range of educational
toys for children to supplement their education.
Avail an inaugural offer of
10% discount
on all toys.

R.S.V.P.
Sarla Dutta
Proprietor- Child's Planet

OR

(b) ABC City
26 February, 2023
The Principal
Rose Public School
Shimla

Subject: Inability to attend Exhibit Competition.

Sir,

Thank you for extending the invitation for the prize distribution of Inter-School Science Exhibition. I regret my inability to join you on 7th March, 2023 at your school auditorium at 2 p.m. because of some prior commitments. I wish best of luck to the entire school team for the same.

Yours faithfully

Dr. Suri

5. (a) Sunaina

Resident Welfare Association,
Pranihar Colony
XYZ City
26 February, 2023
The Editor
Dainik Bhaksar
XYZ City

Subject: Dismal condition of parks

Sir,

Through the columns of your esteemed newspaper, I would like draw the attention of the municipal authorities of the city to the dismal condition of the parks of Pranihar colony.

As you are aware, Pranihar Colony is a residential area with a couple of parks that are used by the residents for walking, exercising as well as by children to cycle and play. These parks are a source of recreation for the residents of the colony.

However, because of neglect, the parks are now in a dismal condition. There are unpruned trees everywhere giving the park a dilapidated look. Lack of dustbins has caused heaps of garbage in the park and this emanates foul smell and raises concern for hygiene. Moreover, the lack of security has made the park a home for stray dogs that often attack children who are afraid of going and playing in the park. It is therefore suggested that the parks be restored to a good condition by maintaining it on a regular basis, increasing the security, putting wastebins and also furnishing it with new benches and swings so that it becomes amicable for all the residents once again.

Looking forward to an early action by the concerned authorities.

Yours truly
Sunaina

OR

(b) Examination Hall
26 February 2023
The Managing Director
Dimla Pvt. Ltd.
Nehru Enclave
Indore

Subject: Application for post of Accountant

Dear Sir,

In response to your advertisement published in ABC Newspaper, dated 23 February, 2023, I wish to be considered for the position.

I believe I have the educational qualifications and experience to carry out the mentioned responsibilities. I have attached my bio-data for your perusal. I guarantee that if selected for the post, I would perform my duties with honesty and proficiency.

Thanking you

Yours faithfully
Perna Seth

BIO-DATA

Name	: Perna Seth
Father's Name	: Mr. Rajiv Seth
Date of Birth	: xx-xx-xxxx
Contact No.	: xxxxxxxxxx
Marital Status	: Unmarried
Educational Qualifications	: B.Com, PQR College C.A.
Work Experience	: 6 years as C.A. in a reputed at a chemical industry firm.
Skills	: Excellent communication skills Ms Excel Tech-savvy

6. (a) Inter-School Cricket Match

By: Sujatha

Suraj Public School, Chalapuram
Calicut

26 February, 2023:

Last Monday, an inter-school cricket match was organised by our school and played in our school grounds. It was a very thrilling match with the best players of both school teams putting the best show possible. Our school won the toss and chose to bowl.

The batsmen batted brilliantly and put up a score of 145 runs in twenty overs. The opposite team then came in to bat and the match was decided on the last bowl when the opposite team needed 3 runs and hit the bowler for a four to win the match. The star batsman ABC of our school scored a brilliant 34 runs of just 12 balls and was given a prize for the same. The winning team lifted the trophy and also the opportunity to host the best match. It was a great nail-biting match and the spectators thoroughly enjoyed it.

OR

(b) Environmental Pollution- A Menace

By: Prerna

Our environment is our mainstay and needs to be protected using every possible means. However, we as society are only causing this environment to degrade. Environmental pollution is a rising menace and has become a major concern because the rate at which the environment is degrading, it would become impossible to sustain it for the future

generations.

There are many causes of environmental pollution. One of the major causes is the dumping of industrial waste in the water bodies that results in the water as well as the air becoming contaminated. Another cause is the unchecked disposal of medical and e-waste which is not easily biodegradable. This waste only impacts the environment adversely, making it tough to sustain the environment. The increasing construction work being carried out everywhere and the felling of trees for these activities are raising environment pollution levels to a very high level.

Environment needs to be protected and every one must contribute to doing so. It is important to put into action strict laws and regulations to prevent the unchecked disposal of medical and industrial waste. People should be made aware of the adverse impacts of environment pollution via social media. NGOs and other government bodies should also put in efforts to minimise environmental pollution.

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SECTION - B

3. (a)

Glory Public School
NOTICE

26 February, 20XX
Creative Writing Club: The Literary Society of the school is putting up a Creative Writing Club for students from classes VI to X. The aim is to help students develop the habit of creative writing. For joining the Writer's Society, those interested can provide the details to the undersigned at the Literary Society office during school hours. The participants would need to stay 2 hours after school on every Wednesday and participate in creative writing in the school assembly hall.
Ragini
President

OR

(b)

XYZ School
NOTICE

26 February, 20XX
Leadership Camp: The school is organising a leadership camp to help students learn and develop leadership skills essential for their personal and career development. Students of classes IX and XI are welcome to participate in the three-week leadership camp starting on March 15, 2023. The camp will be held in the school auditorium three days a week between 1 pm and 4 pm. Those interested can provide their information to the undersigned during school hours at the assembly hall.
Rita
President (Student Council)

4. (a) S.S. Public School

XYZ City
26 February, 2023

Dr. Mehra

XYZ City

Dear Sir,

Subject: Invitation as speaker

The Literary Club of our school is organising a literary festival for three days starting 17 March 2023. On behalf of our school, I would like to extend a cordial invitation to you to speak on the topic "Importance of Books" on 17 March 2023 at 10 am in the school auditorium to encourage our students to inculcate a habit of reading and assimilating knowledge from books. It would be our privilege to hear a noted novelist and educationist to speak at the event. I would request you to consent to grace this occasion with your esteemed presence.

Lena

Secretary (Literary Club)

OR

(b) Examination Hall
26 February, 2023

Dear ABC,

I am really elated to receive an invitation to spend summer vacations at your village near Manali. I have heard so much about this beautiful place but never visited Manali. It is with great pleasure that I accept the invitation to spend some days at your village. I am delighted to spending time with my friend in the lap of nature, far away from the city's hustle and bustle. I look forward to fun-filled days with clean and fresh air to breathe and getting acquainted with the ways of villages.

Yours

XYZ

5. (a)

Examination Hall
26 February, 2023

The Editor

Dainik Bhaksar

XYZ City

Sir,

Subject: Impacts of increasing consumerism

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

increasing consumerism and its adverse impacts. As we see these days, newspapers often carry advertisements that promote luxury item on the entire page. These promotional advertisements are meant to incite and excite consumers to buy the products. With catchy lines and beautiful pictures, the consumers find it difficult to resist buying these products and soon, almost everyone has these luxury products. However, this is resulting in people competing against each other to gain social one upmanship. Everyone wants to flaunt these luxury products and some even go out of their pockets to buy these products causing them to live beyond their budgets. This increasing consumerism is only increasing mental trauma and consumers are getting trapped in this web of luxury items. If this continues, our society would soon lose its integrity and unity. Therefore, it is essential for newspapers, media as well as product promoters to promote the luxury products in a responsible manner that does not lead to entrapment of consumers. It is also the responsibility of consumers to make informed decisions to avoid falling into this trap of consumerism.

Looking forward to both consumers and promoters to acting responsibly.

Yours truly
Renu

OR

b) Examination Hall
26 February, 2023
The Director
Skill Development Institute
Meerut

Dear Sir,
Subject: Application for post of part-time trainer for computers

In response to your advertisement published in ABC Newspaper, dated 23 February, 2023, I wish to be considered for the position.

I believe I have the educational qualifications and skills to carry out the mentioned responsibilities. I have attached my bio-data for your perusal. I guarantee that if selected for the post, I would perform my duties with honesty and proficiency.

Thanking you
Yours faithfully
Mitali Kedia

BIO-DATA

Name	:	Mitali Kedia
Father's Name	:	Mr. Rajiv Kedia
Date of Birth	:	xx-xx-xxxx
Contact No.	:	xxxxxxxxxx
Marital Status	:	Unmarried
Educational Qualifications	:	BSc (Computers) Diploma in Computer Graphics
Work Experience	:	5 years as computer trainer at XYZ Institute.

Skills	:	Excellent communication skills Proficient in working with different software for office use like Ms Office Suite, Adobe, Photoshop, Tally etc.
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6. (a) **Educating the Girl Child**

By: Nishi

Education is important to sustain society as it enables everyone to develop the essential skills and knowledge that can play an incremental role in the overall development of citizens of a country. The education of girl child is also of paramount importance and must be insisted upon in society. Educating girls helps in the healthy development of society. When girls are educated, they can contribute significantly to different industries and even lead organisations and make them successful. Education of girls makes them independent and also enables them to develop the skills and competencies that can enable them to earn for themselves and their families too. In addition, education of girls enables them to develop abilities to make effective decisions that can enable them to build better future for themselves. All in all, education of girl child proves to be a boon for not only the girls but also the country and therefore must be encouraged.

So, for the progress and advancement of India, it is important that the girl child be educated and made self-sufficient and confident.

OR

(b) **Cyberbullying and Online Safety**

By: Rajshri

26 February, 2023: Last Monday, our school organised a seminar on cyberbullying and online safety in the school auditorium at 10 am. The seminar was attended by counsellors and students from ten different schools to make them aware of the increasing instances of cyberbullying and why online safety is important. The seminar's guest speakers were Dr. Rao, Dr. Sen and Dr. Sidh who spoke on the perils of cyberbullying. The speakers were of the opinion that with increasing use of the internet, it has become important for students as well as their parents and guardians to be aware of measures that can be taken to prevent cyberbullying and also to enhance online safety. The speakers also discussed and made the audience aware of the legal aid that is available to seek protection from cyberbullying. The seminar was highly educational and allowed the attendees learn a lot.