

CLASS : 12th (Sr. Secondary)

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SET : A

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ENGLISH (Core)

[For all Groups I, II, III]

ACADEMIC/OPEN

(Only for Fresh/Re-appear/Improvement/ Additional Candidates)

Time Allowed : 3 hours

Maximum marks : 80

- Please make sure that the printed pages in this question paper are 18 in number and it contains 13 questions.
- The Code No. and Set on the right side of the question paper should be written by the candidate on the front page of the answer book.
- Before beginning to answer a question, its Serial Number must be written.
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- Except answer-book, no extra sheet will be given. Write to the point and do not strike the written answer.
- Candidates must write their Roll No. on the question paper. Except Roll No. do not write anything on question paper and do not make any mark on answers of objective type questions.
- Before answering the questions, ensure that you have been supplied the correct and complete question paper, no claim in this regard, will be entertained after examination.

General Instructions:

(I) This question paper is divided into four sections : A , B, C and D

(ii) All the sections are compulsory.

(iii) Attempt all the parts of a question together.

(iv) Stick to the word limit wherever prescribed.

Reading Skills

1 Attempt any one from (A) and (B) given below:

Read the passage given below and answer the questions that follow; 10x1 = 10

1. In the quest for equal rights for women in all spheres of life, every act that justifies hierarchy, othering, and a patriarchal mindset must be shunned totally. Seeking the right to choose her own identity, Ms Divya Modi Tongya, had petitioned the Delhi High Court that she be allowed to revert to her maiden name after her divorce comes through.
2. She landed in court after running into a barrier in the form of a government notification which said a married woman who wants to use her maiden name after divorce must either furnish divorce papers or a no objection certificate from her husband. The Delhi high Court has sought the Union government's response by May 28, the next date of hearing. In her plea Ms Modi Tongya states that the notification is "gender biased" and creates unnecessary restrictions for women who seek to exercise their constitutional right to choose their name- in her case a change of surname – by violating Articles 14, 19, and 21. The very idea of an NOC is objectionable, divorce proceedings or not, and reflective of a deep-seated misogyny that wants to control an individual's preference. Ms Modi Tongya should be able to choose whichever surname she is comfortable with and not have to fight for it.
3. Women have often complained of harassment when they have taken the path less trodden. For instance, women who have decided not to opt for their husband's surname after marriage face a barrage of unnecessary questions and a mountain of paperwork while, say, opening a bank account, or during a child's admission in school, or applying for a passport.
4. A society that is already battling caste-based hierarchies should not add to the discrimination by giving an upper hand to anyone in a relationship, but to work towards safer spaces without gender bias, difference and humiliation.
5. In India, the most populous country in the world, stark gender disparities persist, both politically and socially. Women do most of the unpaid work at home, and are often edged out of the labour force for various reasons. What a girl or a woman can – and cannot- do, is often laid down by the men in the family;

sometimes women too acquiesce to such indignities in the name of tradition. The United Nations has said that the greatest human rights challenge in the world right now is achieving gender equality and empowering women and girls. Paying lip service to rhetoric that women are equal without effecting change on the ground with legislative backing and strong social frame-works defeats the purpose.

Based on the understanding of the passage, answer the questions that follow:
10x1 = 10 marks

- (i) Who filed a suit in the Delhi High Court?
 - (a) The women of India
 - (b) Ms Divya Modi Tongya
 - (c) The United Nations
 - (d) Union Government
- (ii) According to the passage the Indian society is largely -----
 - (a) Patriarchal
 - (b) matriarchal
 - (c) platonic
 - (d) Both 'A' and 'B'
- (iii) On the basis of the passage, study the two statements, I and II given below:
 - (I) Men's views are preferred to that of women's
 - (II) Women do most of the unpaid work at home.

Choose the correct option:

- (a) I is true II is false
 - (b) II is true I is false
 - (c) Both I and II are true
 - (d) Both I and II are false
- (iv) According to the notification a married woman can change her surname
- (a) Whenever she wants
 - (b) Her husband's consent is necessary

- (c) She cannot change her surname
- (d) None of the above
- (v) According to the passage, who decides the do's and don'ts for women?
- (a) The men in the family
- (b) The women in the family
- (c) The children in the family
- (d) The Union government
- (vi) Find the word from para 2 which means ' hatred or prejudice against women'.
- (vii) Find the antonym of ' honour'. (para 4)
- (viii) Complete the following sentence:
- The union government notification violates the Articles_____
- (ix) What is the greatest human rights challenge?
- (x) Who has to face a bombardment of unnecessary questions?

OR

(B) Read the passage given below and answer the questions that follow;

1. Karnataka Education Department's decision to conduct board exams for classes 5 and 8 has triggered a fresh controversy in the state. This created panic among crores of parents and students. The question whether or not students of classes 5 and 8 in Karnataka can be made to write board exams is being debated. Students, parents and teachers are waiting for some clarity to emerge.

2. On March 12, the Supreme Court set aside the interim order of a division bench of the High Court of Karnataka, which has given the state government a green signal to conduct board exams for the summative assessment of students of classes 5th & 8th . However, the Supreme Court stopped the exams of these classes.

3. The Supreme Court considered this idea in violation of the provisions contained in section 30 of the RTE ACT, which states that no child is required to pass any board exam till completion of elementary education that is class 1 to 8.

4. The controversy's roots are in 2020—21 and 2021-2022 academic years when schools were closed due to the COVID-19 pandemic. After the pandemic, the government launched 'Kalika Chetarike' - a programme to address gaps in learning caused by the lockdown. To determine the programme's success, the Karnataka state examinations and Assessment Board introduced an exam for classes 5 and 8 in 2022-23.

5. The registered unaided Private School Management Associations challenged this in High Court. They questioned the method of assessment without framing rules according to the Right to Education Act 2009, as amended in 2019. The court declined to accept the government's contention that it did not frame the rules as the year- end assessment process came under the provisions of the Karnataka Education Act for the state syllabus. The Associations then moved to the Supreme court.

Based on the understanding of the passage, answer the questions that follow:

10x1 = 10 marks

(i) The Karnataka Education Department has decided to conduct exams for

(a) 5th (b) 8th (c) Both 'a' and 'b' (d) none of the above

(ii) On the basis of your reading of the passage, find the incorrect statement.

(a) The Supreme Court Stopped the board exams of classes 5th & 8th

(b) According to RTE Act ,no child is required to pass any board exams till completion of elementary education.

(c) The RTE Act was amended in 2019.

(d) In 2020-2021 and 2021-2022 the school were closed due to Brain tumor pandemic.

(iii) On the basis of the passage, study the two statements, I and II given below:

(I) The lockdown was imposed in 2020-2021 and 2021 -22.

(II) The Karnataka State Examinations and Assessment Board introduced exams for classes 5th and 8th in 2022—23.

Choose the correct option:

- (a) I is true II is false
- (b) II is true I is false
- (c) Both I and II are true
- (d) Both I and II are false

(iv) Complete the following sentence by choosing the most appropriate option.

The idea of conducting the board exams for classes 5th and 8th was challenged by

- (a) The Government Aided Schools Managements Associations
 - (b) The Registered Aided private schools Managements Associations
 - (c) The Registered Unaided Private schools Managements Associations
 - (d) The Supreme Court of India
- (v) Who suffered a lot due to the idea of conducting board exams for the students of classes 5th and 8th ?
- (a) parents ,teachers and students (b) parents and students (c) chairmen and teachers (d) All of these
- (vi) Find the synonym of “ dispute” from the para 5 of the text.
- (vii) What was the purpose of launching the programme ‘ Kalika Chetarike’?
- (viii) Complete the following sentence
- The interim order of the Karnataka High Court was in favour of _____
- (ix) Find the antonym of “ failure” from para 4.
- (x) What does the section 30 of the Right to Education Act state?

2. Read the passage given below

5 marks

1. How does television affect our lives? It can be very helpful to people who carefully choose the shows that they watch. Television can increase our knowledge of the outside world; there are high quality programmes that help us understand many fields of study, science, medicine, the arts and so on. Moreover , television benefits very old people, who can not often leave the house as well as patients in the hospitals. It also offers non native speakers the advantage of daily informal language practice. They can increase their vocabulary and practise listening .

2. On the other hand ,there are several serious disadvantages of television. Of course, it provides us with a pleasant way to relax and spend our free time, but in some countries, people watch the ‘ boob-tube’ for an average of six hours or more a day. Many children stare at a television screen for more hours each day than they do anything else, including studying and sleeping. It is clear that the tube has a powerful influence on their lives and that its influence is often negative.

3. Recent studies show that after thirty second of television , a person’s brain ‘relaxes’ the same way that it does before the person falls asleep. Another effect of television on the human brain is that it seems to cause poor concentration. Children who view a lot of television can often concentrate on a subject for only fifteen to twenty minutes. They can pay attention only for the amount of time between commercials.

4. Another disadvantage is that television is often cause people to dissatisfied with their own lives. Real life does not seem as exciting to these people as the lives of actors on the screen. To many people, television becomes more real than reality and their own lives seem boring. Also many people get upset or depressed when they can’t solve problems in real life as quickly as television actors seem to.

5. Before a child is fourteen years old, he or she views eleven thousand murders on the tube. He or she begins to believe that there is nothing strange about fights, killings and other kinds of violence. Many studies show that people become more violent after certain programmes. They may even do the things that they saw in a violent show.

6.The most negative effect of the ‘boob-tube’ might be people’s addiction to it. People often feel a strange and powerful need to watch television even when they don’t enjoy it. Addiction to a television screen is similar to drug or alcohol addiction. People almost never believe they are addicted.

Based on the understanding of the passage, make notes using headings and sub headings or in points. Use recognizable abbreviations (wherever necessary, minimum four). Also supply an appropriate title to it.

GRAMMAR

3 Attempt any two from each sub- part :

3.1 Fill in the blanks with appropriate modals/auxiliaries 2x1= 2

(I) This medicine _____be kept in a cool place.

(ii) Whenever we went to my uncle Tom’s house , we _____play in the garden.

(iii) Choose the correct option:

_____God bless you!

(a) Would (b) May (c) ought to (d) must

3.2 Change the narration

2x1 =2

(I) Mohit asked Sumit,” Where does this road lead to?”

(ii) The teacher said,” An honest person never betrays anyone”

(iii) Choose the correct option

Muskan said to her younger sister,” Pay heeds to your studies”

(a) Muskan told her sister to pay heeds to her studies.

(b) Muskan forbade her younger sister to pay heeds to your studies.

(c) Muskan advised her younger sister to pay heeds to her studies.

(d) Muskan requested her sister to pay heeds to his studies.

3.3 Fill in the blank with suitable articles wherever necessary 2x1=2

(I) _____water in this tank is potable.

(ii) English has become _____international language.

(iii) Mr Praveen has taken on the position of _____Head of Department.

(a) a (b) an (c) the (d) x

3.4 Change the voice

2x1= 2

- (I) God loves those who perform their work honestly.
- (ii) People say that honesty is the best policy.
- (iii) Choose the correct option.

I know him.

- (a) He is known to me.
- (b) He is known by me.
- (c) He was known to me.
- (d) None of the above.

3.5 Fill in the blank with correct form of verb.

2x1=2

- (I) If he _____me, I would have attended his marriage party. (invite)
- (ii) When I reached home, my mother _____the dough. (knead)
- (iii) Choose the correct option.

Slow and steady _____the race.

- (a) win (b) wins (c) have won (d) had won

SECTION C

Creative Writing Skills

(15 marks)

4 Attempt any one from (A) , (B) and (C) given below:

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- (A) The Creative Club of Govt. Sr. Sec.School , Narnaul is going to organise a Fancy Dress Competition . Draft a notice in about 50 words to be put up on the school's notice board inviting the students to take part in it. Invent necessary details. Sign yourself as Anjali/ Shivam.

OR

- (B) You want to sell the first floor of your newly constructed house. Draft an advertisement to be published in a local daily under classified columns. (word limit 50 words)

OR

(C) Design an attractive and effective poster against the use of Drugs. (Word limit- 50)

5 Attempt any one from (A) and (B) given below: 5

(A) You are Renu/ Rahul of Mahendergarh, Haryana. Using the information given below in the input, together with your own ideas, write a letter to the Editor of The Indian Express, Rohtak, about the misuse and poor maintenance of the public park in your area.

Public park misused—not properly maintained – wedding parties cause havoc – encroachment – gardeners neglecting the upkeep of the park.

OR

You are Ravi/ Sapna. You saw the given advertisement in the newspaper and want to apply for the position advertised.

J.S. PVT, LTD.

REQUIRED - Computer operator

Young Male or Female

Preferred Skills and Qualifications

- Diploma in computer from a recognized university
- Computer savvy
- Good communication skills
- Experience 2 years

Apply within 10 days to Director, J.S. Pvt. Ltd., Mumbai

Write a letter to the Director, J.S. Pvt. Ltd. , Mumbai along with your bio- data in 120-150 words applying for the post advertised.

6 Attempt any one from (A) and (B) given below: 5

(A) Your school has recently celebrated 'The Tree Plantation Week' organizing a number of Inter—House competitions, highlighting the need for ecological balance for man's happiness . As the secretary of the Eco Club of your school, prepare a report in 120-150 words for your school newsletter. You are Visnu/ Devika.

OR

(B) Write an article in 120-150 words on the topic ' Hazards of Junk Food/ Fast Food ' to be published in your school magazine.

SECTION D

40 marks

Literature

7 Attempt any one of the two extracts (A) and (B) given below: 5 marks

(A) Read the following extract and answer the questions that follow:

Driving from my parent's home to Cochin

last Friday morning, I saw my mother
beside me

doze, open mouthed , her face

ashen like that of a corpse

and realized with pain

that she was as old as she looked

but soon put that thought away, and

looked at Young Trees sprinting, the merry children

spilling out of their homes

(i) Kamala Das' mother accompanied her daughter to the airport

_____.

(a) To receive her younger daughter

- (b) To bid her daughter Kamala Das farewell/ goodbye
 - (c) To see the airport as she had never been to any
 - (d) As she had also to board the plain
- (ii) The figure of speech used in “ ashen like that of a corpse” is
- (a) Simile
 - (b) Metaphor
 - (c) Alliteration
 - (d) Paradox
- (iii) The phrases ‘ Young Trees sprinting’ and ‘ merry children spilling ‘ represent:
- (a) Dotage
 - (b) Death
 - (c) Youth
 - (d) Affection
- (iv) Choose the word that rhymes with ‘ yards’ .
- (a) wards
 - (b) check
 - (c) corpse
 - (d) merry
- (v) Name the poet of the above extract.
- (a) John Keats
 - (b) Robert Frost
 - (c) Kamala Das
 - (d) Pablo Neruda

OR

(B) Read the following extract and answer the questions that follow:

It is in the news that all these pitiful kin
Are to be brought out and mercifully gathered in
To live in villages, next to the theatre and the store
Where they won't have to think for themselves anymore
While greedy good doers, beneficent beast of prey,
Swarm over their lives enforcing benefits
That are calculated to soothe them out of their wits
And by teaching them how to sleep they sleep all day
Destroy their sleeping at night the ancient way.

(i) The poem has been written from the point of view of a/an.....

- (A) Futurist
- (B) Feminist
- (C) Social activist
- (D) Linguist

(ii) Complete the following analogy with a word from the given options:

kin : relatives :: old : _____

- (a) soothe
- (b) beneficent
- (c) ancient
- (d) swarm

(iii) On the basis of the extract, study the two statements, I and II given below:

(I) The villagers will be made to live next to the theatre and the store.

(II) Cunning people will swarm over their lives to exploit the villagers.

Choose the correct option:

- (a) I is true II is false
- (b) II is true I is false
- (c) Both I and II are true

(d) Both I and II are false

(iv) The rhyme scheme of the first four lines of above extract is

(a) aabb (b) abab (c) abca (d) abba

(v) Identify the figure of speech used in ‘ beneficent beast of prey’.

(a) simile

(b) oxymoron

(c) Transferred epithet

(d) antithesis

8 Attempt any one of the two extracts (A) and (B) given below: 5 marks

(A) Read the following extract and answer the questions that follow:

My acquaintance with the barefoot rag pickers leads me to Seemapuri, a place on the periphery of Delhi yet miles away from it metaphorically. Those who live here are squatters who came from Bangladesh back in 1971. Saheb’s family is among them. Seemapuri was then a wilderness. It still is, but no longer empty. In structures of mud , with roofs of tin and tarpaulin , devoid of sewage, drainage or running water, live 10000 rag pickers. They have lived here for more than thirty years without an identity, without permits but with ration cards that get their names on voter’s list and enable them to buy grain. Food is more important for survival than an identity.

(i) Though Seemapuri is on the periphery of Delhi yet miles away from it as

(a) It lacks the basic amenities

(b) It has no Mall culture

(c) It is situated in Haryana

(d) Its residents are squatters

(ii) On the basis of the extract, study the two statements, I and II given below:

(I) Ten thousand rag pickers live in Seemapuri

(II) They are intruders.

Choose the correct option:

(a) I is true II is false

(b) II is true I is false

(c) Both I and II are true

(d) Both I and II are false

(iii) What is more important for the residents of Seemapuri?

(a) identity

(b) food

(c) patriotism

(d) nationality

(iv) Find the odd pair out

(a) Survival --- existence

(b) Periphery ---- centre

(c) Squatters ---- natives

(d) Empty-----occupied

(v) The writer presents very _____picture of Seemapuri.

(a) Energetic

(b) Dismal

(c) Cheerful

(d) None

OR

(B) Read the following extract carefully and answer the questions that follow:

No respectable man would ask it, much less give it," Yet Kipling had himself perpetrated such an assault on Mark Twain only a few years before. H. G. Wells in 1894 referred to ' the interviewing ordeal', but was a fairly frequent interviewee and forty years later

found himself interviewing Joseph Stalin. Saul Bellow , who has consented to be interviewed on several occasions , nevertheless once described interviews as being like thumbprints on his windpipe. Yet despite the drawbacks of interview, it is a supremely serviceable medium of communication.

(i) Kipling, H.G. Wells and Saul Bellow had _____

- (a) Adverse views on interview
- (b) Positive views on interview
- (c) No views on interview
- (d) None of the above

(ii) Complete the following analogy:

Ordeal : blessing :: _____ : advantage

- (a) communication
- (b) Drawback
- (c) Assault
- (d) Immoral

(iii) “No respectable man would ask it, much less give it.” Whose opinion is this on interview?

- (a) Christopher Silvester
- (b) Mark Twain
- (c) Rudyard Kipling
- (d) Joseph Stalin

(iv) The expression ‘ thumbprint on his windpipe’ means

- (a) Alleviating
- (b) Suffocating
- (c) Effective
- (d) Culminating

(v) “Kipling had himself perpetrating such an assault on Mark Twain” , means

- (a) Kipling attacked Mark Twain
- (b) Kipling interviewed Mark Twain

(c) Mark Twain interviewed Kipling

(d) Kipling tried to kill Mark Twain

9 Answer any four questions in about 30- 40 words $2 \times 4 = 8$ marks

(a) Why had M Hamel put on his fine Sunday clothes? (The Last Lesson)

(b) "Garbage to them is gold". Explain. (Lost Spring)

(c) Edla looked into the peddler's eyes and noticed that the man was afraid.
What doubts did she have about the peddler? (The Rattrap)

(d) Gandhi ji's lawyer friends wanted to seek help from Charles Freer Andrews
but Gandhi ji opposed this idea . What did Gandhi want to teach them? (Indigo)

(e) What do you understand by the expression 'thumbprint on his windpipe'?

10 Answer any two questions in about 40-50 words $2 \times 3 = 6$ marks

(a) What does the poet say about the fishermen, the men gathering salt and
those who prepare green wars (Keeping Quiet)

(b) How, according to Keats, does a thing of beauty give us the reason to live
and love the life? (A Thing of Beauty)

(c) Interpret the symbols found in the poem ' Aunt Jennifer's Tigers'.
(Aunt Jennifer's Tigers)

11 Answer any three questions in about 30-40 words: $3 \times 2 = 6$ marks

(a) After reading Sam's letter how Charley makes sure that Sam is in Galesburg
Illinois 1894? (The Third Level)

(b) Who is the Tiger King? How does he get that name? (The Tiger King)

(c) What impact did Annan's advice have on Bama and with what effect?
(Memories of Childhood)

(d) Why did Derry's parents remain worried about him? (On the Face of It)

12 Answer any one of the following in about 120-150 words: 5

(a) Imagine you are William O Douglas. Write a letter to your friend describing how
you overcame your fear of water.(Deep water)

OR

- (b) How did Kothamangalam Subbu give a new 'direction and definition' to the Gemini Studios during its golden years? Highlight those virtues and qualities in him that made him a 'many sided genius'. (Poets and Pancakes)

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

- (a) Why is Antarctica the place to go to, to understand the earth's present, past and future? Elaborate your answer with reference to the lesson 'Journey to the end of the Earth. (Journey to the end of the Earth)

OR

- (b) Dr Sadao was compelled by his duty as a doctor to help the enemy soldier. What made Hana ,his wife, sympathetic to him in the face of open defiance from the domestic staff? How do you justify the behavior of the old General? Was it human consideration or lack of national loyalty or dereliction of duty? (The Enemy)

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SECTION A : READING SKILLS (15 Marks)

Award 1 mark for the correct answer.

There is no partial credit

1 Unseen Passage (A)

10x1= 10

- (i) (b) Ms Divya Modi Tongya
- (ii) (a) Patriarchal
- (iii) (c) Both I and II are true
- (iv) (b) Her Husband's consent is necessary
- (v) (a) The men in the family
- (vi) misogyny
- (vii) Humiliation
- (viii) 14, 19 and 21
- (ix) Gender equality and empowering women and girls
- (x) A woman who has decided not to opt/use her husband's surname (any other similar response)

OR

Unseen Passage (B)

- (I) (c) Both 'a' and 'b'

- (ii) (d) In 2020- 2021 and 2021 – 2022 the schools were closed due to brain tumor pandemic.
- (iii) (c) Both 'a' and 'b' are true
- (iv) (c) The Registered Unaided Private Schools Managements Associations
- (v) (a) Parents, teachers and students
- (vi) contention
- (vii) to address the gaps in learning caused by the lockdown.
- (viii) Karnataka government/ Karnataka Education Department.
- (ix) success
- (x) It states that no child is required to pass any board exam till completion of elementary education i.e. class 1 to 8.

2 Note Making

5 marks

Title 1 mark, Abbreviation 1 mark, content 3 marks

Notes

Title : People's Addiction To T.V. (Accept any other appropriate title also)

(1) T.V. Helpful to People

- 1.1 Knowldg. Of outside world
- 1.2 Good progms. Of science, medicines & arts
- 1.3 Language practice for non native speakers

(2) Disadvantages of T.V.

- 2.1 people watch T. V. for six hrs a day
- 2.2 children watch T.V. more than studng. & sleeping
- 2.3 T.V.'s influence negt.

(3) T.V. Causes Poor Concentration

- 3.1 Children's studies suffer
- 3.2 makes people dissatisfied with their lives
- 3.3 becomes more real than reality
- (4) Violence on Screen Affects Children
- 4.1 children watch murders on T.V.
- 4.2 Peopl. Get excited
- 4.3 T. V. addiction is like drug addiction

Abbreviations		
1	Knowldg.	----- knowledge
2	people	- ----- people
3	progms	----- programmes
4	hrs	----- hours

SECTION B GRAMMAR

10x1 = 10

Award 1 mark for the correct answer.

There is no partial credit

3

3.1 Modals

2x1=2

- (i) should
- (ii) would/ used to
- (iii) (b) May

3.2 Change the narration

2x1 = 2

- (i) Mohit Asked Sumit where that road led to.
- (ii) The teacher said that an honest person never betrays anyone.

(iii) (c) Muskan advised her younger sister to pay heed to her studies.

3.3 Articles

2x1= 2

(i) the

(ii) an

(iii) (d) X

3.4 Change the Voice

2x1 =2

(i) Those who perform their work honestly are loved by God.

(ii) It is said that honesty is the best policy.

(iii) (a) He is known to me.

3.5 Tense/ correct form of verb

2x1 =2

(i) had invited

(ii) was kneading

(iii) (b) wins

SECTION C : CREATIVE WRITING SKILLS (15 marks)

4 NOTICE

5 marks

Format – 1 mark

Box , NOTICE (centre), Heading (Centre), date of issue (aligned left), Signature with designation (bottom left)

- Award full marks if all aspects included.
- Award ½ mark if more than one aspect is missing.
- Award zero mark if more than two aspects are missing.

Content – 3 marks

Suggested value points

- Correct format
- Drawing attention
- Date, time , venue
- inviting the students
- last date
- Line with reference to the undersigned

Accuracy - 1 mark

- Award full marks if there is one or two grammatical/ spelling mistake/ mistakes
- Deduct ½ mark if there are more than two grammatical/spelling mistakes

Model Answer

GOVT. SR. SEC. SCHOOL, NARNAUL

NOTICE

FANCY DRESS COMPETITION

Date: 15th April 2024

All the students are informed that the Creative Club of our school is going to organize a ‘ Fancy Dress Competition’ as per the details given below;

Date : 23rd April 2024

Time : 9 A.M.

Venue : School’s auditorium

The students who want to participate in the above said competition must give their names to the undersigned latest by 21st April 2024. For more information contact the undersigned.

Anjali

(Secretary of Creative Club)

OR

4 Advertisements

5 marks

Format 1 mark

Box, Heading, content, contact no., address/ email

- Award full marks if all aspects included
- Award ½ mark if more than one aspect is missing.
- Award zero marks if more than two aspects are missing.

Content 3 marks

Suggested value points

- Format
- Catchy phrase
- Details of the house- rooms, facilities etc.
- Selling price

Accuracy - 1 mark

- Award full marks if there is one or two grammatical/ spelling mistake/ mistakes
- Deduct ½ mark if there are more than two grammatical/spelling mistakes

Model Answer

FOR SALE

Available the first floor of a newly constructed house for sale. Three bedrooms with attached baths, drawing room, fully furnished, plastic paint, park facing, parking facility.

Location – 735, Jawahar Nagar, New Delhi. Selling price – 5000000/- . No bargaining!

Interested parties can contact : 735, Jawahar Nagar, New Delhi

Mob.- 96xxxxxx67

E.mail – nanju@ gmail.com

OR

Poster making

Format 1 content 3 Accuracy 1

Title / Topic, catchy slogan, message, Proper spacing, issuing authority etc.

Content 3

- Format
 - Say No to Drugs
 - Consequences of drug addiction
 - Drawing
- (any other relevant point)

Accuracy - 1 mark

- Award full marks if there is one or two grammatical/ spelling mistake/ mistakes
- Deduct ½ mark if there are more than two grammatical/spelling mistakes

Model Answer

SAY NO TO DRUGS JUST TODAY

*** DRUGS MAY THRILL
BUT THEY ONLY KILL**

*** EASY TO GET IN
IMPOSSIBLE TO GET OUT**

*** DRUG ADDICTION BRINGS
ONLY DESTRUCTION**

QUIT DRUGS TO SAVE YOURSELF AND YOUR FAMILY

ISSUED IN PUBLIC INTEREST BY PUBLIC HEALTH HARYANA

5. Letter

5 marks

Format 1 mark

Sender's address, date, Receiver's address, subject and salutation/ salutation and subject, complimentary close

Award full marks if all aspects included.

Award 0.5 marks if more than one aspect is missing.

Award zero marks if more than two aspects are missing.

Content 2

Award full marks if

- All points included (Format , tense , formal tone, vocabulary etc.)
- Well developed with sustained clarity

Award 1.5 marks if

- Almost all points included
- Reasonably well developed

Award 1 mark if

- Some points included
- Fair attempt at developing the ideas

Award 0.5 marks if

- Most of the points not included
- Limited awareness about the task given

Expression 1 mark

Award full marks if

- Tense, tone and vocabulary are appropriate
- Coherence and relevance of ideas

Award 0.5 marks if

- There is little deviation (tense, tone , vocabulary)
- Almost relevant

Accuracy - 1 mark

- Award full marks if there is one or two grammatical/ spelling mistake/ mistakes

- Deduct ½ mark if there are more than two grammatical/spelling mistakes

Model Answer

H.N.212

Mahendergarh

1st May 2024

The Editor

The Indian Express

Rohtak

Subject : Misuse and poor maintenance of public park

Sir

Through the columns of your esteemed newspaper, I wish to draw the kind attention of the general public and concerned authorities to the misuse and poor maintenance of Hudda Park, near Rao Tularam Square, Mahendergarh. The park has been converted into a dumping ground for heaps of dirt. It used to be a lush green park with seasonal plants and flowers. But constant neglect and misuse has made it the ugliest spot of the area. Now it has become the favourite spot of the anti- social elements. Though two gardeners have been appointed to maintain this park but they do next to nothing to beautify it. Therefore, on behalf of the residents of the locality I request you to make the authorities intervene in this matter immediately.

I hope the concerned authorities will take prompt action to restore the beauty of the park.

Thanking you.

Yours faithfully

Renu

OR

Content

- Reference to the advertisement
- Bio data
- Formal tone

Model Answer

45, Azamnagar

Narnaul

1st April 2024

The Director

J.S. Pvt Ltd.

Mumbai

Subject : Application for the post of Computer Operator

Sir,

This is in response to your advertisement published in ‘The Hindu’ dated 29th March 2024 for the post of computer operator in your esteemed organization. I wish to apply for the same. I am a young man of 25. I am active and smart. I possess good communication skills. I am well versed in English and Hindi. I am computer savvy also. I have done my Diploma in computer Application from Hartron, Bhiwani . I have two years’ experience in the field. I assure you that if you give me an opportunity, I will not let you down. I am herewith enclosing my bio-data for your kind perusal and consideration. Thanking you.

Yours sincerely

Ravi

BIO-DATA

Name : Ravi

Father’s name : Pawan Kumar

Mother’s name : Sushila Devi

Date of Birth : 19 September 1999

Address : 45, Azamnagar, Narnaul

Nationality : Indian

Category : General

Sex : Male

Marital status : Unmarried

Educational Qualification

Sr. no	Class	Board/ University	Percentage
1	X	B.S.E.H., Bhiwani	80%
2	XII	B.S.E.H., Bhiwani	82%
3	DCA	Hartron , Bhiwani	75%

Experience : Two years as Computer Operator in M&V Pvt Ltd.

Language known : English and Hindi

References : 1 Mr. Somdutt Gangaria

Senior Manager, SMRH, New Delhi

2. Mr. Mohit Datrata

Senior Manager L&T Pvt. Ltd., Mumbai

Date: 1st April 2024

Place : Narnaul

6. Report

5 marks

Format 1 mark

Box, Title/ heading, place, date, name of reporter

- Award full marks if all aspects included.
- Award 0.5 marks if more than one aspect is missing.
- Award zero marks if more than two aspects are missing.

Content - 2 marks

Suggested value points

A Report should answer the questions

- What
- Where
- When
- How

Expression 1 mark

Award full marks if

- Tense, tone and vocabulary are appropriate
- Coherence and relevance of ideas

Award 0.5 marks if

- There is a little deviation (tense, tone , vocabulary)
- Almost relevant

Accuracy - 1 mark

- Award full marks if there is one or two grammatical/ spelling mistake/ mistakes
- Deduct ½ mark if there are more than two grammatical/spelling mistakes

Model answer

Tree Plantation Week

By Visnu

Kothal Kalan: 5th March 2024, Govt. Sr. Sec. School, Kothal Kalan, celebrated 'Tree Plantation Week' only recently. The "Tree Plantation Week" was launched by the Principal and the students on the morning of 25th February 2024. About 250 saplings were planted on the campus. The Principal delivered an impressive speech on this occasion and motivated the students to plant at least one sapling in his house. Many inter house competitions were organized to put stress on the need for ecological balance for man's happiness. The poster making competition, slogan writing competition, poetry recitation competition etc. were organized. A skit demonstrating the importance of trees was staged by the students. The teachers and the students vowed to plant more trees and make this world green. The winners were awarded on the last day of the week. Thus, the Tree Plantation Week was a great success.

OR

Format 1 (Heading/ Title, name of writer, class)

Content 2

Suggested value points

- Beginning, middle and end
- Has become fashion, available everywhere.
- Create health problem like obesity, blood pressure, heart problems etc.
- Contains trans-fat, unhygienic , makes lousy and dull
- Cause acidity, sleeplessness
- Avoid junk food to stay healthy

(any other relevant point)

Expression 1 mark

Award full marks if

- Tense, tone and vocabulary are appropriate
- Coherence and relevance of ideas

Award 0.5 marks if

- There is a little deviation (tense, tone , vocabulary)
- Almost relevant

Accuracy - 1 mark

- Award full marks if there is one or two grammatical/ spelling mistake/ mistakes
- Deduct ½ mark if there are more than two grammatical/spelling mistakes

Hazards of Junk Food

Today junk food has become a fashion: people are getting addicted to it. It is cheap and available everywhere. Its easy availability, advertisements, social media, and parents' laziness etc. are some of the reasons for its popularity. Eating fast food or junk food leads to many diseases. In India every third man is suffering from obesity which results in diseases such as high blood pressure, heart problems and diabetes. Junk food generally contains trans-fats which make one obese, lousy and dull. The unhygienic places where these products are made, make it more unhealthy. This food at times causes acidity and sleeplessness which brings energy level down and the person feels lethargic. Children as well as adults should avoid eating junk food and should stick to the healthy home made food as healthy food is necessary for the proper growth of children. As it is known to one and all that only healthy people can take the nation to the dizzy heights. Therefore, eat healthy and remain healthy.

SECTION D LITERATURE (40 MARKS)

7 A

5x1= 5

Value Points

(I) (b) to bid her daughter Kamla Das farewell/goodbye

(ii) (a) simile

(iii) (c) youth

(iv) (a) wards

(v) (c) Kamla Das

OR

7 B

5x1 =5

I) (c) social activist

(ii) (c) ancient

(iii) (c) Both I and II are true

(iv) (a) aabb

(v) (b) oxymoron

8 A

5x1= 5

(i) (a) it lacks basic amenities

(ii) (c) Both 'a' and 'b' are true

(iii) (b) food

(iv) (a) survival -----existence

(v) (b) dismal

OR

8 B

5x1 =5

(I) (a) adverse views on interview

(ii) (b) drawback

(iii) (c) Rudyard Kipling

(iv) (b) suffocating

(v) (b) Kipling interviewed Mark Twain

9 Answer in 40-50 words

4x2 =8 marks

Content 1 mark

Expression 1 mark

(Deduct ½ mark for two or more grammatical/ spelling mistakes)

(a)Suggested value points

- In honour of his last lesson/ in honour of French language/to show his patriotism
(any other relevant point)

Model Answer

M Hamel had put on his fine Sunday clothes in honour of his last lesson and in honour of French language. In this way he demonstrated his patriotic feelings.

(b) Suggested value points

- Means of survival/ their daily bread/ roof over their head

(any other relevant point)

Model Answer

Garbage to them is gold because it is their means of survival. It is their daily bread and roof over their head.

(c) suggested value points

- A thief or absconder / frightened/ having hard time/ not educated

Model Answer

Edla noticed that the man was afraid. She doubted him to be a thief or an absconder. He did not look like an educated man. It seemed that he was having a hard time.

(any other relevant point)

(d) Suggested value points

- C. F. Andrews was an English pacifist / follower of Gandhi/ Gandhi wanted to build free India/ wanted to teach them a lesson in self reliance

(any other relevant point)

Model Answer

Charles Freer Andrews was an English pacifist. He was a follower of Gandhi Ji. Gandhi's lawyer friends wanted Charles to help them fight against the landlords but Gandhi opposed this idea. He wanted to build a free India. He wanted to teach them a lesson in self reliance.

(e) unpleasant experience/considered attack on his person/tension, presser , suffocating.

(any other relevant point)

Model Answer

Saul Bellow described interview as being like' thumbprints on his windpipe'. He considered being interviewed as an attack on his person. The interviewer built up so much tension and pressure that he felt suffocated. He felt as if he had put his thumbprint on his windpipe.

10 Answer in 40-50 words

2x3 = 6

Content 2 mark

Expression 1 mark

(Deduct ½ mark for two or more grammatical/ spelling mistakes)

(A) Suggested value points

- Fishermen not harm whales
- Salt gatherers look at their hurt hands
- War monger quit the idea of war
- Put on clean clothes/ fraternity

(any other relevant point)

Model Answer

According to the poet quiet introspection will change our mind. The fishermen will not harm the whales. They will catch as many fish as are needed to make their both ends meet. The salt gatherers will stop gathering salt and look at their wounded hands. The war monger will quit the idea of war and spread the message of peace and fraternity.

(b) Suggested value points

- World is full of miseries, illness, a thing of beauty teaches us to live for all, trees gives shade to everyone, flowers fragrance, sun its sunshine etc.

(any other relevant point)

Model Answer

According to Keats the world is full of miseries, sickness and inhumanity. It is very hard to live in it. In spite of all these miseries, sickness and inhumanity, a thing of beauty teaches us to live for all. For example, trees give shade to everyone, flowers give their fragrance without discrimination, Sun gives its sunshine to each and every one. Thus, a thing of beauty gives us reason to live and love the life.

(c) Suggested value points

- Tigers symbol of bravery, freedom, elegance / topaz hardness and shine /the green world freedom/ massive weight of uncle's wedding band- unhappy married life/ ivory needle- affluence/ aunt Jennifer- all married women/ uncle – dominance over female.

(any other relevant point)

(any other relevant point)

Model Answer

The poem 'Aunt Jennifer's Tigers' is a symbolic poem. Here tigers symbolize bravery and freedom. Topaz symbolizes hardness and shine. The green world is the symbol of freedom. The uncle's wedding band symbolizes the burdensome and unhappy married life. Ivory needle symbolizes affluence. Aunt Jennifer is the mouthpiece of all married women and uncle is the symbol of male dominance over female.

11 Answer in 40-50 words

3x2 = 6 marks

Content 1 mark

Expression 1 mark

(Deduct ½ mark for two or more grammatical/ spelling mistakes)

(a)Suggested value points

- Went to the stamp and coin store/ Sam bought eight hundred dollars' worth old style currency
(any other relevant point)

Model Answer

After reading Sam's letter, Charley went to the stamp and coin store and found out that Sam had bought eight hundred dollars' worth of old currency. This was more than enough evidence for Charley to believe that Sam was in Galesburg Illinois 1894.

(b) Suggested value points

- The maharaja of Pratibandhapuram Sir Jilani Jung Bahadur/ tigers dominated his mission and life/ astrologers foretold death from tiger/ killed 99 tigers/ killed by wooden tiger

(any other relevant point)

Model Answer

The Maharaja of Pratibandhapuram , Sir Jilani Jung Jung Bahadur is popularly known as the Tiger King. Tigers dominated his mission and life. The astrologers foretold that his death would be caused by a tiger. He killed 99 tigers but was killed by a wooden tiger.

(c) Suggested value points

- Told her to work hard to win honour and dignity
- Got inspiration to fight back through hard work and study
- Studied hard and stood first in the class

(any other relevant point)

Model Answer

Annan advised Bama to work hard to win the honour and dignity. He inspired her to fight back through hard work and study. She got the inspiration and studied hard. As a result she topped the class.

(d) had burnt face/ sense of alienation/ after their death how will he survive in this world.

(any other relevant point)

Model Answer

Derry's half face was burnt by acid. He had developed a sense of alienation. He did not like being with people. His parents thought that after their death it would be difficult for him to survive and compete in this world. So , they remained worried about him.

12 Answer in 120-150 words

1x5 =5 marks

Content 3 marks

Expression 2 marks (Fluency 1 Grammar 1)

(a)Suggested value points

- Misadventure at Y.M.C.A. pool- the boy threw him in the pool/ the plans he made to get out of the pool/ how he was saved/hydrophobia
- Role of instructor- how he built a swimmer out of him/ Douglas' determination
- Finally, how he conquered his hydrophobia.
(any other relevant points)

Model Answer

16, Brahamdev Square

Rewari

20th March 2024

Dear Yogender

You never know what happens next moment in life. I was at Y.M.C.A. swimming pool. A big boy threw me into the swimming pool. I was nearly drowned. I became hydrophobic. I tried my best to overcome it but in vain. At last , I decided to hire an instructor. The instructor put a belt around me. The belt was attached with a rope that ran over a pulley. He taught me how to exhale underwater and inhale while out of it. Slowly, the fear slacked. But I was not satisfied. The fear had not left me completely yet. But I was determined. The instructor made me a good swimmer. There was no place for fear now. But I wanted to take test. Therefore, I went to Lake Wentworth and swam across it.

Finally , I dived into Lake Warm and swam to the other end. Thus, I overcame my fear of water.

Yours sincerely

William O. Douglas

OR

(b) Suggested value points

- **No 2 at Gemini studios / very close to the boss/ multi-talented**
- **Brahmin /asset to the director/ superb actor/ a mass poet**
- **Sociable, amiable and gentle person/ a novelist**
- **Ability to smile even in the direst situation/ have enemies**
(any other relevant points)

Model Answer

Subbu was no 2 in Gemini Studios. He deserved this position. He gave definition and direction to Gemini Studios during its golden years. He was a genius. He was tailor made for films. He was a brave person also. He was not highly educated. He was born a Brahmin- a great virtue. He always looked happy. He was very close to the boss. He was an asset to the film producers. He was a poet also. He wrote poems for masses. He wrote a long novel also. He was an amazing actor. He never aspired for lead role. He had genuine love for everybody. His home attracted many relatives. Still , he had enemies. The office boy was his biggest enemy. He was grouped under story department.

13 Answer in 120-150 words

1x5 =5

Content 3 marks

Expression 2 marks (Fluency 1 Grammar 1)

(A) Suggested value points

- **Crucial to understand earth's past, present and future**
- **World's geological history is trapped in it.**

- Super- continent- Gondwana existed 650 millions years ago
- India and Antarctica/ present world
- Climate, dinosaurs , human arrival
- Hold half million year carbon in its layers of ice
- Can know how the future will be.
(any other relevant point)

Model Answer

Antarctica is a place to go to, to understand the earth's present, past and future because the world's geological history is trapped in it. The study of this region is useful to us. To visit Antarctica is to be a part of that history, to get a grasp of where we have come from and where could possibly be heading. We come to know that about 650 million years ago there existed a super- continent called Gondwana and that India and the Antarctica were the parts of the same landmass. Things were quite different then. Humans had not arrived on the earth. The climate of the Antarctica was much warmer. Dinosaurs became extinct. The landmass was forced to be separated into countries as they exist today. The study of Antarctica is crucial to understand the earth's present and future also. It holds in its ice cores half- million- year old carbon records trapped in its layers of ice. The answers to questions such as " will the west Antarctica sheet melt entirely? Will the Gulf stream ocean current be disrupted? Will it be the end of the world as we know it? " can only be got In Antarctica.

OR

(B) Suggested value points

- Dr. Sadao – a dedicated doctor
- Prejudiced against American
- True patriot/ trained to save not to kill
- Respects the ethics of his profession

- Hana – tender heart, loyal to her husband, humanitarian outlook
- Genral – old, selfish
- Lack of national loyalty/ dereliction of duty

(any other relevant point)

Model Answer

'The Enemy' is a humanitarian story. It shows Dr. Sadao and his wife Hana rising above man made divisions to serve the noble cause of humanity. Dr. Sadao was a dedicated surgeon. His specialization was in the science of keeping wounds clean. He was prejudiced against white men. But he was trained as a doctor even to save a dying enemy. He did not hand over Tom to the police as handing him over to the police would mean throwing him into the jaws of death. He preferred to follow the ethics of his profession and saved his enemy. Hana was a woman and that too with a tender heart. She was loyal to her husband. She could not see that man die. So, she helped her husband to save the enemy. The old General was a selfish person. He lacked national loyalty. He can be accused of dereliction of duty. Being a General it was his duty to get the prisoner of war arrested. But he did not do so.