

CBSE Class 12 English Core
Sample Paper 06 (2020-21)

Maximum Marks: 80

Time Allowed: 3 hours

General Instructions:

- i. This paper is divided into two parts: A and B. All questions are compulsory.
- ii. Separate instructions are given with each section and question, wherever necessary.
Read these instructions very carefully and follow them.
- iii. Do not exceed the prescribed word limit while answering the questions.

Section A

1. Read the passage:

It's been said countless times that "breakfast is the most important meal of the day". But not many people seem convinced. Some school- children and office –goers are still leaving home without it and weight- watchers are still giving breakfast a miss. "I am not hungry in the morning" is the commonest explanation. Even if you don't recognize it as hunger, the body does give out signals that it is low on fuel. For instance, studies of school-children (aged 9-11) show that those who skip breakfast have a slower reaction time and more muscle fatigue in school sports. The average scores are lower on written tests, compared to breakfast eaters. To the teacher, such children could look listless, which they may be because they haven't had the protein that really wakes up the brain. (After an overnight fast, the blood sugar level drops. Strangely it takes protein, not sugar, to build it up again.)

Office workers who skip breakfast are usually big consumers of office tea and coffee- a means of staying alert and suppressing hunger. Adult breakfast skippers may have trouble concentrating on work and show lower work output. They are also likelier to be irritable and impatient at work. Clock – watching frequently for the lunch-hour. Fatigue, anxiety, forgetfulness, confusion, and indecision-all these have been linked to low blood sugar levels, usually caused by hunger. If any of that sounds familiar, maybe what you need is breakfast.

Some nutrients like protein and calcium are better absorbed if they are taken in small quantities several times a day. A packed lunch and a big dinner cannot make up for nutrition missed in the 'a.m'.

What goes into a good breakfast? Protein for mental alertness and carbohydrates to give the body some get-up and go. Small amounts of fat and sugar are okay but just enough to tempt the appetite.

On the basis of your understanding of the above passage, answer ANY TEN questions from the eleven given below:

- i. Two nutrients that are better absorbed if taken in small quantities are:
 - A. Proteins
 - B. Carbohydrates
 - C. Calcium
 - D. Sugar
 - a. Only A and B
 - b. Only A and C
 - c. Only A and D
 - d. Only B and D
- ii. The most common explanation for skipping breakfast is:
 - a. Who eats in the morning?
 - b. One must not take a heavy breakfast
 - c. One must not eat in the morning
 - d. Who is hungry in the morning?
- iii. Office – Workers drink lots of coffee or tea in order to:
 - a. Skip food
 - b. Stay Hungry
 - c. Stay Awake
 - d. Suppress Appetite
- iv. Children who do not take breakfast have _____ reaction time and suffer from _____ muscle fatigue.
 - a. Slow, less
 - b. Slower, more
 - c. Fast, more
 - d. Faster, less

- v. Which is the most important meal of the day?
 - a. Lunch
 - b. Dinner
 - c. Snacks
 - d. Breakfast
- vi. When blood sugar level drops, one must have:
 - a. Proteins
 - b. Calcium
 - c. Sugars
 - d. Vitamins
- vii. Which nutrient must be taken only to tempt the appetite?
 - a. Calcium
 - b. Protein
 - c. Carbohydrate
 - d. Fat
- viii. What consequence do adult breakfast-skippers not face?
 - a. Become irritable
 - b. High work output
 - c. Low concentration on work
 - d. High temper
- ix. What happens when you are hungry?
 - a. You feel anxious
 - b. You feel extremely tired
 - c. Your blood-sugar levels drop
 - d. You are easily confused
- x. Find a word in the passage similar in meaning to "extreme tiredness".
 - a. Low on fuel
 - b. Signals
 - c. Drop
 - d. Fatigue
- xi. Find a word in the passage opposite in meaning to "comfortable".
 - a. Impatient
 - b. Irritable

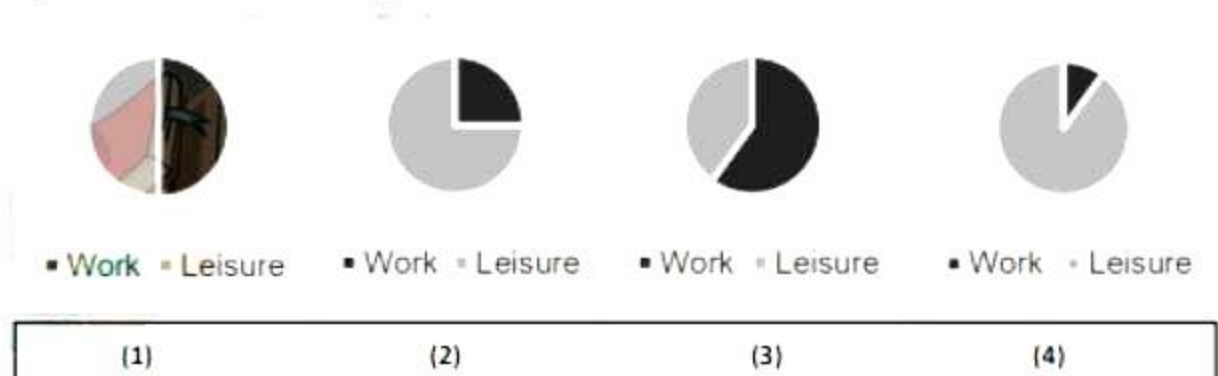
- c. Indecisive
- d. Anxious

2. Read the passage given below.

1. The present generation is well updated in the use of internet and computers. The rapid development in computer technology and increase in accessibility of the internet for academic purposes has changed the face of education for everyone associated with it. Let's look at the data arising out of a recent survey that was done to ascertain the time spent on utilisation of the computer and internet:
2. At present, many schools and universities have been implementing internet-based learning, as it supplements the conventional teaching methods. The internet provides a wide variety of references and information to academics as well as 0% 10% 20% 30% 40% 50% 60% 70% utilization of computer for academic activities utilization of computer for personal use How often do you use email? How often do you use the internet for work? How often do you use the internet for leisure? everyday 2-3days a week once a week once a month never scientific researchers. Students often turn to it to do their academic assignments and projects.
3. However, research on the Net is very different from traditional library research, and the differences can cause problems. The Net is a tremendous resource, but it must be used carefully and critically.
4. According to a 2018 Academic Student e-book Experience Survey, conducted by LJ's research department and sponsored by EBSCO, when reading for pleasure, almost 74% of respondents said they preferred print books for leisure whereas, 45 % of respondents chose e-books rather than the printed versions, for research or assignments.
5. When asked what e-book features make them a favourite for research, the respondents were clear. Having page numbers to use in citations, topped the list (75%); followed by the ability to resize text to fit a device's screen (67%); the ability to bookmark pages, highlight text, or take notes for later reference (60%); downloading the entire e-book (57%); and allowing content to be transferred between devices (43%) were the varied responses.

On the basis of your understanding of the passage, answer ANY TEN questions from the eleven that follow. (1x10 = 10)

- i. According to the passage, one of the reasons for the recent transformation of education is the:
- techno-efficiency of the present generation.
 - expanse of courses on technology.
 - simplification of the teaching and learning-method.
 - easy availability of the internet.
- ii. Pick the option that lists statements that are NOT TRUE according to the passage.
- Internet-based education can only complement familiar methods of education.
 - Net-based learning will replace face-to-face education.
 - The resources that the net provides are a danger to the education system.
 - The current times has seen a rise in the convenience of using the internet for academic purposes.
- 1 & 2
 - 3 & 4
 - 2 & 3
 - 1 & 4
- iii. The word 'tremendous', as used in paragraph 3, means the same as
- 'expensive'.
 - 'renowned'.
 - 'innovative'.
 - 'incredible'.
- iv. Based on the graphical chart in the passage, choose the option that correctly states the depiction of internet usage for work and for leisure, for once a month.

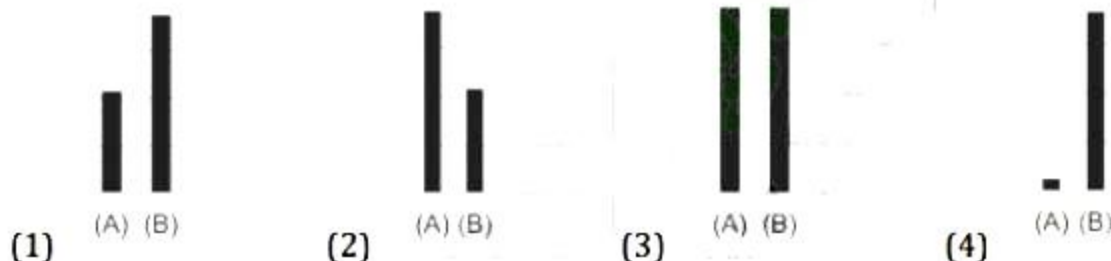


- Option (1)
- Option (2)
- Option (3)

- d. Option (4)
- v. "... but it must be used carefully and critically." The idea of being careful and critical while using the internet, is mainly a reference to
 - a. hardware malfunction.
 - b. plagiarism.
 - c. troubleshooting.
 - d. virus threats.
- vi. Based on the given graphical representation of data in the passage, choose the option that lists the statements that are TRUE with respect to the usage of email.
 - 1. The everyday usage of email is more than the everyday usage of computer for personal use.
 - 2. About 18% people use email once a week.
 - 3. There are a smaller number of email users using it 2-3 times a week than the ones using it once a month.
 - 4. Less than 5% of people never use the email.
 - a. 1 and 3
 - b. 2 and 4
 - c. 1 and 2
 - d. 3 and 4
- vii. Based on the given graphical chart, pick the option that lists the area of zero response from respondents.
 - a. Never using the internet for work and leisure
 - b. Daily use of the computer for academic activities
 - c. Writing and receiving emails once a week
 - d. Using the internet for personal tasks once a month
- viii. In the cartoon, the student's reaction reveals that he is _____.
 - a. indignant
 - b. apologetic
 - c. obedient
 - d. inquisitive
- ix. Which of the following statements is NOT substantiated by information in paragraph 4?
 - a. About three-quarters of the respondents preferred print books for recreational

reading.

- b. A little less than a 50% of the respondents voted for e-books for research or assignments.
 - c. More than 50% respondents stated enjoying both versions of books for leisure reading.
 - d. The survey was intended for understanding the e-book experience among students.
- x. According to the 2018 survey, which is the option that correctly displays the features of –
- (A) page numbers for use in citation and
 - (B) content transfer between devices respectively.



- a. Option (1)
 - b. Option (2)
 - c. Option (3)
 - d. Option (4)
- xi. Arrange the given e-book features preferred for research from the least favourite to the most favourite, from the following –
- 1. downloading the entire e-book.
 - 2. choosing page numbers in citations.
 - 3. highlighting text.
 - 4. resizing text to fit screen.
- a. 1, 3, 4, 2
 - b. 3, 2, 1, 4
 - c. 2, 4, 3, 1
 - d. 4, 1, 2, 3
3. Read the extracts given below and attempt ANY TWO of the three given by answering the questions that follow. (4+4=8)
- 1. Read the extract and answer the following questions:

It was an extraordinary thing "in those days, Gandhi commented", for a government professor to harbour a man like me.

- i. Who is the Government professor?
 - a. Professor Malkani
 - b. Professor J.B. Kripalani
 - c. Rajkumar Shukla
 - d. Brij Kishore Babu
- ii. What does the word **harbour** mean?
 - a. To abandon
 - b. To provide shelter
 - c. To entertain
 - d. To provide job
- iii. For how many days did Gandhiji stay at the Professor's house?
 - a. Five days
 - b. Two days
 - c. Four days
 - d. Seven days
- iv. Which days are being referred to here?
 - a. The days when the British ruled over India
 - b. The days when India just got independence from the British
 - c. Days when the Mughals ruled over India
 - d. Days when India was a superpower

2. **Read the extracts given below and attempt the questions that follow:**

Food is more important for survival than an identity. "If at the end of the day we can feed our families and go to bed without an aching stomach, we would rather live here than in the fields that gave us no grain," say a group of women in tattered saris when I ask them why they left their beautiful land of green fields and rivers. Wherever they find food, they pitch their tents that become transit homes. Children grow up in them, becoming partners in survival. And survival in Seemapuri means rag-picking.

Through the years, it has acquired the proportions of fine art. Garbage to them is gold. It is their daily bread, a roof over their heads, even if it is a leaking roof. But for a child, it is even more.

- i. The phrase 'transit homes' refer to the dwellings that are:

- a. unhygienic
 - b. inadequate
 - c. fragile
 - d. temporary
- ii. Identify the figure of speech used in the sentence "Garbage to them is gold".
- a. hyperbole
 - b. simile
 - c. synecdoche
 - d. personification
- iii. Choose the term which best matches the statement 'Food is more important for survival than an identity'?
- a. immorality
 - b. necessity
 - c. obligation
 - d. ambition
- iv. What does 'acquired the proportions of fine art' mean?
- a. Rag-picking has regained its lost status.
 - b. A segment of ragpickers is skilled in fine arts.
 - c. Rag-picking has attained the position of a skill.
 - d. Only a few people are experts in rag-picking.

3. Read the extracts given below and attempt the questions that follow:

Jo was starting to fuss with her hands and look out of the window, at the crack of day that showed under the shade. She thought the story was all over. Jack didn't like women when they took anything for granted; he liked them apprehensive, hanging on his words. "Now, Jo, are you listening?" "Yes." "Because this is very interesting. Roger Skunk's mommy said, 'What's that awful smell?' "Wha-at?" "And, Roger Skunk said, 'It's me, Mommy. I smell like roses'. And she said, 'Who made you smell like that?' And he said, 'The wizard,' and she said, 'Well, of all the nerve. You come with me and we're going right back to that very awful wizard'".

- i. Choose the option that best demonstrates the relevant traits of Jo and Jack respectively, based on the extract provided.
- a. curious and irritable
 - b. patient and irritable

- c. curious and lethargic
- d. patient and lethargic

ii. "Jo was starting to fuss with her hands". This means that Jo was:

- a. feeling anxious.
- b. getting restless.
- c. feeling lazy.
- d. fighting sleep.

iii. Jo's "Wha-at?" indicated what she was feeling. Pick the option that correctly states these feelings.

- 1. terror
- 2. surprise
- 3. ignorance
- 4. displeasure
- 5. joy
- 6. approval
- a. 1 and 3
- b. 2 and 4
- c. 3 and 6
- d. 4 and 5

iv. Mommy says, "Well, of all the nerve". This reveals her:

- a. approval, surprise and pleasure
- b. pleasure, hope and approval
- c. betrayal, disapproval and hurt
- d. shock, anger and disapproval

4. **Read the extracts given below and attempt ANY ONE of the two given by answering the questions that follow. (1x4=4)**

1. **Read the extract given below and answer the following questions:**

.....I saw my mother,
beside me,
doze, open-mouthed, her face
ashen like that
of a corpse and realised with
pain.....

- i. Who is "I"?
 - a. The poetess
 - b. A little girl
 - c. A young boy
 - d. A doctor
- ii. What did she realise with pain?
 - a. She had lost their bag
 - b. She suffered from an injury
 - c. She had to leave her house
 - d. Her mother had grown very old
- iii. How did the poetess feel on this realization?
 - a. Enraged
 - b. Delighted
 - c. Sad
 - d. Enthusiastic
- iv. Name the poet of the given lines?
 - a. Kamala Das
 - b. Sarojini Naidu
 - c. Ruskin Bond
 - d. Vikram Seth

2. Read the extract given below and answer the following questions:

"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;
The pace in sleek chivalric certainty"

- i. How were Aunt Jennifer's tigers described?
 - a. They were bold
 - b. They were strong
 - c. They were confident
 - d. All of these
- ii. Why are they described as denizens of a world of green?
 - a. For they live in dense green forests
 - b. For they live in a greenhouse

- c. For they admire the green colour
 - d. For they live in a cave that was painted green
- iii. Why were they not afraid of men?
 - a. For they were courageous
 - b. For they were bold
 - c. For they were fearless beasts
 - d. All of these
- iv. Give the meaning of prance.
 - a. To jump over in a joyful manner
 - b. To befool someone
 - c. To praise someone
 - d. To laugh out loudly

5. Attempt ANY EIGHT questions from the ten given below. (1x8=8)

- i. According to the prose **The Last Lesson** which present-day countries constituted the nineteenth century Prussia?
 - a. Germany, Poland and parts of Austria
 - b. Germany, Russia and Holland
 - c. Germany, Poland and parts of Australia
 - d. Germany, Scotland and parts of Poland
- ii. In the text **Deep Water**, what did William do to shed off his residual doubts?
 - a. He dived into the Bumping Lake
 - b. He dived into Lake Wentworth
 - c. He swam across the Warm Lake
 - d. He swam across to the Triggs Island
- iii. Gandhiji felt that taking Champaran case to court was useless _____.
 - a. because the peasants were fear-stricken and crushed under the British rulers.
 - b. because he did not trust the lawyers.
 - c. because the peasants did not have the money.
 - d. because the lawyers did not agree to stand by Gandhiji's side.
- iv. Why did the poet (My Mother at Sixty-Six) look outside the moving car?
 - a. To put away the thoughts of her mind
 - b. To judge the speed of the moving car
 - c. To behold green cornfields

- d. To see farmers working in the fields
- v. What would the period of inactivity and silence promote? **(Keeping quiet)**
 - a. Peace
 - b. Harmony
 - c. Universal brotherhood
 - d. All of these
- vi. What will happen to the tigers after her death?
 - a. they will survive because they are made of wool.
 - b. neighbours will take care of them.
 - c. They will run away.
 - d. Forest department will take them.
- vii. In the prose **The Third Level**, what was the narrator's metaphorical concept of the Grand Central Station?
 - a. A tunnel with many exits
 - b. An office building with many floors
 - c. A hotel lobby with many doors
 - d. A tree with staircase and corridor roots
- viii. What is the theme of the story **on the face of it**?
 - a. The play deals with the sense of loss, isolation and how to overcome it
 - b. Making choices is a major theme
 - c. Hatred and power of emotions are the major themes
 - d. One should not judge a person by merely his appearance
- ix. Name the author of the lesson. **(Evans Tries an O-Level)**
 - a. Norman Colin Dexter
 - b. H.L.Hegde
 - c. William Blake
 - d. Sir Johnson
- x. Why did Jack agree to use skunk as the hero of his story?
 - a. Skunk got his smell changed
 - b. Jack wanted to emphasize that mothers are always right
 - c. The skunk was very intelligent
 - d. He was very brave

Section B

6. You are a businessman who wants to set up a small garment shop in your city. Draft an advertisement seeking a suitable space for rent, to be published in the 'Wanted Accommodation' column of a local newspaper. Write the advertisement in not more than 50 words.

OR

An inter-class drama competition is to be held in St Stephen's School, Visakhapatnam. As Akash, Head Boy of the school draft a notice to be put up on the notice board inviting entries. Provide all necessary information in about 50 words.

7. Sunrise Global School, Agra is going to organise a one-act play competition in the school auditorium. You have decided to invite noted stage artist, Nalini, to grace the occasion. Draft a formal invitation for her in about 50 words. You are Karuna/Karan, Cultural Secretary.

OR

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

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

OR

Pramod Suri, a resident of 245, Tilak Nagar, Delhi, reads an advertisement for young school boys and girls to market the products of a renowned company in Delhi. He decides to apply for the same. Write Pramod's application to the Personnel Manager, Harison and Simpson Ltd., 237, Nehru Place, New Delhi.

9. You are Keshav/Karuna, a social worker and counsellor. You are concerned about the stressed behaviour of both parents and students during the time of examination. Write an article in 150-200 words to be published in a local daily on 'Supportive parents and stress free students' giving ideas to enhance healthy and meaningful PARENT-WARD

rapport and for making the atmosphere relaxed and encouraging during examination time.

OR

Your school organised an exhibition-cum-sale of the items prepared under work experience by your school students. There was an overwhelming response from the public. Prepare a report in 100-125 words for a local daily. You are the Coordinator, SUPW activities, Nita School, Gurgaon.

10. Attempt ANY FIVE out of the six questions given below, in 30-40 words each. (2x5=10)

- i. Why does the poet want us to 'keep quiet'?
- ii. What kind of married life did Aunt Jennifer lead?
- iii. Mention the hazards of working in the glass bangles industry.
- iv. Why do women must veil their faces before elders?
- v. Why did the crofter show the thirty kronor to the peddler?
- vi. How did Civil Disobedience triumph for the first time in modern India?

11. Attempt ANY TWO out of the three questions given below in 30-40 words each. (2x2=4)

- i. How does the writer indicate that Dr Sadao's father was a very traditional and conventional man? (The Enemy)
- ii. Give a description of the third level?
- iii. What part of the story did Jack himself enjoy the most? Why?

12. Attempt ANY ONE of the following questions in 120-150 words (1x5=5)

- i. What changes did the narrator find in the school when the order from Berlin came?
- ii. The peddler declined the invitation of the ironmaster but accepted the one from Edla. Why?

13. Attempt ANY ONE of the following questions in 120-150 words (1x5=5)

- i. How did Mr. Lamb transform Derry's life?
- ii. How did the negligence of the prison officers prove to be a boon for Evans?

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Solutions

Section A

1.
 - i. (b) Only A and C
 - ii. (d) Who is hungry in the morning
 - iii. (d) Suppress appetite
 - iv. (b) Slower, more
 - v. (d) Breakfast
 - vi. (a) Proteins
 - vii. (d) Fat
 - viii. (b) High work output
 - ix. (c) Your blood sugar levels drop
 - x. (d) Fatigue
 - xi. (d) Anxious
2.
 - i. (d) easy availability of internet
 - ii. (c) 2 & 3
 - iii. (d) incredible
 - iv. (c) Option (3).
 - v. (b) plagiarism.
 - vi. (b) 2 and 4
 - vii. (a) Never using the internet for work and leisure
 - viii. (a) indignant
 - ix. (c) More than 50% stated enjoying both versions of books for leisure reading.
 - x. (b) Option (2)
 - xi. (a) 1, 3, 4, 2
3. **Read the extracts given below and attempt ANY TWO of the three given by answering the questions that follow. (4+4=8)**
 1.
 - i. (a) Professor Malkani
 - ii. (b) To provide shelter
 - iii. (b) Two days

- iv. (a) The days when the British ruled over India
- 2. i. (d) temporary
 - ii. (a) hyperbole
 - iii. (b) necessity
 - iv. (c) Rag picking has attained the position of a skill.
- 3. i. (a) curious and irritable
 - ii. (b) getting restless
 - iii. (b) 2 and 4
 - iv. (d) shock, anger and disapproval.

4. Read the extracts given below and attempt ANY ONE of the two given by answering the questions that follow. (1x4=4)

- 1. i. (a) The poetess
 - ii. (d) Her mother had grown very old
 - iii. (c) Sad
 - iv. (a) Kamala Das
- 2. i. (d) All of these
 - ii. (a) For they live in dense green forests
 - iii. (d) All of these
 - iv. (a) To jump over in a joyful manner

5. Attempt ANY EIGHT questions from the ten given below. (1x8=8)

- i. (a) Germany, Poland and parts of Austria

Explanation: During the nineteenth century, Prussia consisted of three countries which are today known as Germany, Poland, and parts of Austria.

- ii. (c) He swam across the Warm Lake

Explanation: William Douglas had some residual doubts about the terror that he had. So he went up the Tieton to Conrad Meadows in the west, up the Conrad Creek Trail to Meade Glacier and camped in the high meadow by the side of the Warm Lake. The next morning he stripped and dived off into the lake, swam across to the other shore and back conquering his fear of water completely.

- iii. (a) because the peasants were fear-stricken and crushed under the British rulers.

Explanation: When Gandhiji discussed the plight of the peasants with the lawyers, he came to know that they were fear-stricken and he did not want to overburden them with litigation expenses also.

- iv. (a) To put away the thoughts of her mind

Explanation: The poet Kamala das had a childhood fear that she will lose her mother. When she saw her mother open mouthed, her childhood fear came back that is why she started to look out from the moving car

- v. (d) All of these

Explanation: The period of inactivity and stillness would save the world by enabling humans to introspect into the consequences of their actions. It would be like a rebirth of souls for mankind. Amity and brotherhood would prevail and there would be complete harmony among humans as well as humans and nature.

- vi. (a) they will survive because they are made of wool

Explanation: Unlike Aunt Jennifer, her tigers are fearless and immortal. Aunt Jennifer's tigers will survive even after her death because she has created the tigers on a cloth panel with wool. These objects of art will survive their creator. Tigers will go on jumping, proud and unafraid. They will always continue to be a contrast to Aunt Jennifer's life

- vii. (d) A tree with staircase and corridor roots

Explanation: The narrator had been in and out of the Grand Central several times but he often got lost and bumped into new staircases or corridors leading to other tunnels or different places. It felt like a tree to him with staircases and corridors as its roots.

- viii. (a) The play deals with the sense of loss, isolation and how to overcome it

Explanation: The actual pain caused by a physical impairment is often much less than the sense of **alienation** felt by the person. The title 'On the Face of it' is used to mean that something seems to be good, true, etc.

- ix. (a) Norman Colin Dexter

Explanation: Norman Colin Dexter

- x. (b) Jack wanted to emphasize that mothers are always right

Explanation: Through the story of "Roger Skunk", the narrator Jack wanted to emphasize the fact that mothers are always right and they know what is best for their child.

Section B

6.

ACCOMMODATION WANTED

Required at least 600sqft space to set up a shop for selling garments in North or West Delhi on a lease basis. The place must be fully furnished in a good shopping complex, preferably on ground floor. Immediate possession required.

Contact: Karan Joshi

Mobile: 96608321XX

E-mail: kjgarments@yahoo.co.in

OR

ST. STEPHEN'S SCHOOL, VISAKHAPATNAM

NOTICE

5th April 20XX

Inter-Class Drama Competition

This is to inform all the students that an inter-class drama competition will be held in our school for classes IX to XII, based on the theme "Ethics and Moral Values". It is going to be held on 20th April 20XX. Students who are interested in participating may give their names to the prefects of their respective classes latest by the 10th April. It is indeed a grand opportunity to show your talent and all the students interested in dramatics must participate with enthusiasm.

Akash

(Head Boy)

7.

Sunrise Global School, Agra

22nd April, 20XX

Dear Ma'am,

We would like to invite you to the one-act play competition which is going to be organised by our school in the school theatre hall. A number of students from several different schools are likely to participate in this competition. We shall be highly honoured if you could grace the occasion with your benign presence on 30 November 20XX. The competition will begin at 11:00 am in the school auditorium. We shall be eagerly awaiting your confirmation.

Karan

(Cultural Secretary)

OR

Guru Ram Ray Public School

Mumbai

17th November 20XX

Dear Mr. Gupta,

We request you to accept our invitation to be our guest of honour on 20th November 20XX and witness the rendition of the classic play Waiting for Godot, which is to be presented by our students in the school auditorium. The play presentation will begin at 5:00 pm, which will be followed by dinner at 8:00 pm. Kindly confirm your consent to be present on the occasion.

Yours sincerely,

Gauri

(Secretary, Literary Club)

8. 13, WEA

Karol Bagh

New Delhi-110005

27th May, 20XX

The Editor

The Times of India

New Delhi

Subject: Ill-treatment with stray dogs

Sir,

Through the columns of your esteemed newspaper, I want to draw the attention of civil society and the concerned authorities towards the ill-treatment that is meted out to the stray dogs by the hands of callous and indifferent people. Dogs are considered to be the most loyal animals to the human being. Their presence at our home makes us feel safe and secure. They are loved, adored and taken care of like the members of our family. But not all dogs get this treatment. There are people who do not like dogs when it does not have a home. Stray dogs are treated badly by people. These dogs are shooed away and sometimes being hit also. These people never pause to think that these animals too have souls and do not deserve the treatment they are getting. In fact, we think dogs are the most loyal to human beings, yet we are cruel to them. The Municipal Corporation must

take some initiative by making arrangements for their food and shelter. The members of society can collect some donations and provide help to these stray dogs who certainly guard our houses at night without charging us for their services.

Yours sincerely

Arun

OR

245, Tilak Nagar

Delhi

3rd April 2019

The Personnel Manager

Harrison and Simpson Ltd

237 Nehru Place

New Delhi

Sir

Sub: Outdoor Marketing Assistants

In response to your advertisement published in 'The Hindustan Times' dated 30 March 2019, which stated the requirement of young boys and girls for marketing your products in Delhi, I offer my candidature for the same.

I fulfil the conditions laid down in your advertisement. I know how to ride and have my own scooter. I enjoy sound health, good personality and pleasing manners. I have good PR skills which are, I feel, utmost required in this field of work. I have heard a lot about your prestigious company and your products. I have reasonably good command over Hindi and English. Although I am just 18 and have finished my schooling from the Summer Fields Public School this year only, I believe I possess all the requirements for the job.

It will be an honour for me to get associated with your esteemed organisation and work, learn and explore myself under the guidance of your expert team. I do assure you of my dedicated service and wholehearted cooperation.

If you find me eligible for the post, you can call me for an interview at any time suitable to you. Hoping for a positive response.

Yours faithfully

Pramod Suri

9. **Supportive Parents and Stress-Free Students**
by Karuna

The stressed behaviour of both parents and students during the time of examination has become a very serious concern in modern times. Though it is parents' duty to reduce their children's stress and help them overcome it, most parents along with their children remain under constant pressure. They usually suffer from high levels of stress and this does them no good. Young students should not be left alone to struggle in the most difficult and significant period of their life. They need to get endless support from their parents. Better interaction between students and parents can help in creating a relaxed atmosphere during the time of examination and thus, settling various problems amicably.

Moreover, parents have to be practical and realistic in their expectations. They should always remain positive and acknowledge even minor achievements of their children. A healthy and meaningful parent-ward rapport can help a student overcome stress easily during examination time. Especially during academically stressful times, parents should give their child encouragement and support. Students who live in supportive environments develop a range of coping strategies and become more resilient and tend to perform better.

OR

Exhibition-Cum-Sale
XYZ, Coordinator, SUPW Activities,
Nita School, Gurgaon

Gurgaon, 8th September, 20XX: An exhibition-cum-sale was organised by Nita School on the 4th of September, 20XX. It was organised in the school theatre hall. The sale had an objective to sell the items prepared under work experience by our students. Not only the parents but also the general public overwhelmingly responded to our endeavour. It was really heartening to see that kind of response. The public showed a lot of interest in the items made by the students.

Candles, greeting cards, jewellery boxes, wooden handicrafts etc. were some of the wide arrays of items that had been prepared by our talented students. The students were really encouraged by the positive feedback they got from everyone.

Our Principal too was personally present there throughout the sale. He collected rough feedback through interactions with everyone. He appreciated the students' hard work and creativity and announced that the money collected from the sale of items would be donated to an orphanage in the vicinity of our school. Our Principal also decided that such initiatives would be taken up by our school more frequently to motivate the creative students and to help a noble cause.

**10. Attempt ANY FIVE out of the six questions given below, in 30-40 words each.
(2x5=10)**

- i. The poet wants us to 'keep quiet' and introspect. Through this introspection, we can find out a little time to meet ourselves despite our busy and hectic schedules. Introspection leads to correction of past mistakes and a better understanding of the "self" through deep analysis. Retrospection and introspection together help us achieve inner peace.
- ii. Aunt Jennifer was confined to live inside her husband's house and was not free to do what she wished for. She was burdened with her marital responsibilities and led a traumatic married life because of her husband's dominating behaviour and harsh nature. She had been a victim of male chauvinism throughout her married life and felt overburdened with responsibilities and duties towards her family.
- iii. The hazards of working in the glass bangles industry are to slog for long hours in front of glass furnaces with a high temperature in dingy cells devoid of light and air. The impoverished workers toil in hazardous working conditions. While working on polishing the glass with glass powder, without proper protection of the eyes even leaves them blind.
- iv. According to the prevailing tradition in India, it is mandatory for the ladies in the house to veil their face in front of older/elder male members of the family. This custom exists in some parts of the country even now that women hide their face behind their veil in the presence of their elders as a mark of respect.
- v. The crofter showed the thirty kronor to the peddler because the peddler seemed incredulous when he told him about his earning. Also, the crofter just wanted to enjoy and share his joy of the money he had earned that month.
- vi. Gandhiji's lawyers, instead of going back to their homes, decided to support Gandhiji and follow him in jail if required. The lawyers had decided to fight for the poor peasants. Massive support from the people led the Lieutenant Governor of the

Province to drop the case. This is when the Civil Disobedience triumphed for the first time in modern India.

11. Attempt ANY TWO out of the three questions given below in 30-40 words each. (2x2=4)

- i. Sadao's education had been his father's chief concern, for which he even sent Sadao to America at the age of twenty-two to study surgery and medicine. Sadao's father was a true patriot and took immense pride in Japanese culture and traditions. That is why Sadao married Hana only after confirming that she was Japanese. Moreover, his father had everything Japanese in his house. This suggests that Sadao's father was a very traditional and conventional man.
- ii. The general layout of the third level was more or less similar to that of the second level. But it had comparatively smaller rooms, fewer ticket windows and train gates. The information booth in the centre was wooden and it bore an old look. One could spot a small Currier & Ives locomotive with a funnel-shaped stack on this level. Everyone in the station was dressed like 'eighteen-ninety-something'.
- iii. Jack enjoyed the part of the story most when he had to speak in the wizard's voice, as it was one of Jack's own favourite part. He did it by scrunching up his face and somehow whining through his eyes. His felt being an old man suited him. He also loved to spend time with Jo as she loved to listen to the stories.

12. Attempt ANY ONE of the following questions in 120-150 words (1x5=5)

- i. The order from Berlin prohibited the teaching of French in the schools of Alsace and Lorraine. It was decided that German was to be taught in the schools. Germans adopted the policy of linguistic chauvinism to hamper communication. French people were forced to learn German. Franz was late for school that day. He noticed that the usual hustle and bustle was missing. The entire scenario at the school was different as it was as quiet as Sunday morning. The regular morning commotion was missing too. Franz tried to quietly enter the class but that was not possible as everyone was settled. He was expecting a cranky teacher but this time M Hamel was polite to him. He was dressed up in a special attire usually worn by him on prize days and days of inspection. To the amazement of Franz, the elderly villagers occupied the backbenches as they too wanted to be benefitted by the French class. Franz was further astounded to know that Hamel was going to give his last lesson to everyone.
- ii. As the peddler had stolen the crofter's money, he felt that the police would be on the

lookout for him. He was even aware of the fact that the ironmaster would identify him and then he would hand him over to the sheriff. The ironmaster had mistaken him to be his former colleague in the dim light of the furnace. As he didn't want to get arrested, he declined the ironmaster's invitation.

But when Edla, later on, came to invite him again, he accepted the invitation because of Edla's compassion. She was very kind to him and even though he did not look like her father's former colleague to her, she spoke to him with compassion. She even told him that he could leave whenever he wished to. This gave confidence to the peddler that he would be safe in their house and so he accepted her invitation. He was unable to say no to Edla's daughterly invitation.

13. Attempt ANY ONE of the following questions in 120-150 words (1x5=5)

- i. In the story "on the face of it", Mr. Lamb portrays optimism. He has the ability to see positive aspects in all situations. He never complains and welcomes all. He does not mind children calling him 'Lamey lamb'. He helps Derry change his outlook by treating him as a friend. Derry had a burnt face and believed that he was different. Derry was filled with poor self-esteem and felt victimized in every situation. Mr. Lamb is friendly towards people and provides confidence to Derry. He tries to teach Derry how to appreciate life in every situation. He gives him examples of the buzz of bees, weeds in the garden and how a man afraid of death had locked himself up in a room and ultimately died there. Mr. Lamb taught Derry that hatred was worse than acid. He found ways to overcome his loneliness and kept his gates always open. He didn't even pull the curtains. He didn't always keep thinking of negative things people said to him. He also told Derry that inner beauty was more important than appearance. At the end of the story, we see Derry's transformation as he defies his mother and goes back to Mr. Lamb's garden.
- ii. The prison authorities had taken many detailed precautions for the safe and smooth conduct of the examination. However, some lapses on their part at critical moments proved to be a boon for Evans. The hatching of the escape plan started with the entry of the German tutor whose identity was never questioned. He later proved to be Evans' accomplice. Then, no one tried to verify the identity of the invigilator McLeery and that turned out to be a key mistake in this case. Similarly, the identities of the van driver and the officer who handcuffed Evans were also not verified by the governor and all there turned out to be fatal mistakes on part of the prison authorities which

gave Evans a chance to have the last laugh.

Stephens didn't check the wounds of the injured man and acted in panic, the Detective Superintendent also acted hastily and did not drive the injured McLeery to the hospital. The hasty conjectures of the prison officers gave Evans the chance to escape. Finally, the Governor, who had a sharp presence of mind and hawk-eyed vigil, made the greatest blunder. When he nabbed Evans at the hotel, he did not bring him to the jail with him and sent him with a driver and prison officer. Thus, Evans escaped yet again.