

Sample Question Paper - 27
English Core (301)
Class- XII, Session: 2021-22
TERM II

Time allowed : 2 hours

Maximum marks : 40

General Instructions :

1. The Question Paper contains THREE Sections-Reading, Writing and Literature.
2. Attempt questions based on specific instructions for each part.

Section A - Reading

[14 Marks]

1. Read the following passage.

Marie was born in 1867 in Warsaw, Poland, where her father was a Professor of Physics. At an early age, she displayed a brilliant mind and a blithe personality. Her great exuberance for learning prompted her to continue with her studies after high school. She became disgruntled, however, when she learned that the university in Warsaw was closed for women. Determined to receive a higher education, she defiantly left Poland and in 1891 entered the Sorbonne, a French University where she earned her master's degree and decorated in Physics.

Marie was fortunate to have studied at the Sorbonne with some of the greatest scientists of her time. One of them was Pierre to whom she was married in 1895 and spent many productive years working together in the physics laboratory. A short time after they discovered radium, Pierre was killed by a horse-drawn wagon in 1906. Marie was stunned by this horrible misfortune and endured the heart-breaking anguish. Despondently, she recalled their close relationship and the joy that they had shared in the scientific research. The fact, that she had two young daughters to raise by herself, greatly increased her distress.

Curie's feeling of desolation finally began to fade when she was asked to succeed her husband as a physics professor at the Sorbonne. She was the first woman to be given a professorship at the world-famous university. In 1911, she received the Nobel Prize in Chemistry for isolation of radium. Although Marie Curie eventually suffered a fatal illness from her long exposure to radium, she never became disillusioned about her work. Regardless of the consequences, she had dedicated herself to science and to revealing the mysteries of the physical world.

Based on your understanding of the passage, answer ANY EIGHT questions from the nine given below.

(1 × 8 = 8)

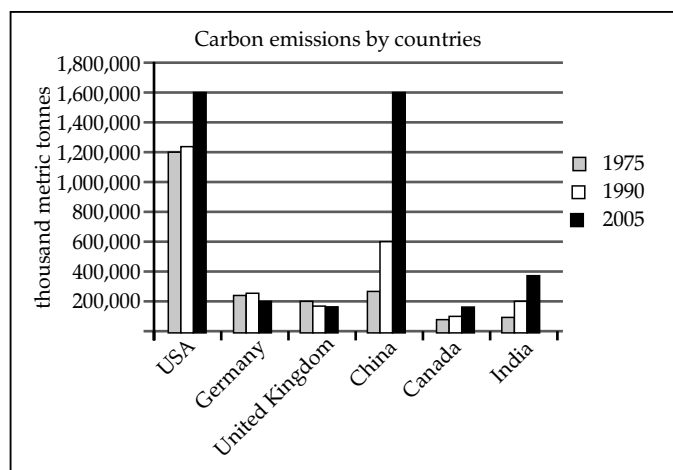
- (i) According to the passage why did Marie's distress increase?
- (ii) Which word can replace 'disillusioned' in the given sentence?

Although Marie Curie eventually suffered a fatal illness, she never became disillusioned about her work.

- (iii) Which word can be used as opposite in meaning to 'DISGRUNTLED'?
- (iv) What was so special about Marie according to the passage?
- (v) She had studied and succeeded her husband at:
- (vi) She was awarded the Nobel prize _____.
- (vii) The misfortune of losing her husband had endowed responsibility with:
- (viii) What can best describe Marie Curie's personality?
- (ix) Marie Curie's doctorate was in which academic discipline?

2. Read the following passage.

The chart below gives information about the amount of carbon emissions in different countries during three different years.



The bar chart compares the emission of carbon dioxide into the atmosphere of six countries, including two of them coming from emerging nations, for three decades starting from 1975 until 2005.

As an overall assessment, it can clearly be seen that only Germany and United Kingdom managed to reduce the carbon emissions compared to the other countries.

USA, being the number one polluter of all, emitted 1,200,000 thousand metric tonnes in 1975 and this count increased to 1,300,000 and 1,600,000 thousand metric tonnes in 1990 and 2005 respectively. In contrast, the carbon emissions of China was nearly 300,000 thousand metric tonnes in 1975 and it rose by nearly 100% in 1990 and surged dramatically to just below 1,600,000 thousand metric tonnes in 2005. In terms of the percentage increase, China was the largest contributor in carbon emissions of all. The figures for Germany and the United Kingdom remained relatively stable throughout the period of time, and so were for Canada until 1990. The carbon dioxide emissions in India increased exponentially from around 100,000 in 1975 to just below 400,000 thousand metric tonnes in 2005.

Based on your understanding of the passage, answer ANY SIX out of the seven questions given below.

(1 × 6 = 6)

- (i) In terms of the percentage increase, which country was the largest contributor in carbon emissions of all in year 2005?
- (ii) Which country is the most polluted country?
- (iii) What do you think can be the reason for surging of CO₂ emission in million tonnes?
- (iv) Which country has the lowest emission of CO₂ in the graph?
- (v) Which country has observed a dramatic rise over its years in CO₂ emission?
- (vi) What is the highest quantity unit of global emission of CO₂ by different countries?
- (vii) What can be inferred after studying the given graph?

Section B - Writing

[8 marks]

3. Your friend, P. V. Sathish, has invited you to attend the wedding of his sister, Jaya. You find that you have an important paper of pre-board examination on the day of the wedding. Thus you cannot attend the event. Write in about 50 words a formal reply to the invitation expressing your regret. You are Puneet / Pueeta Vij, M-114, Fort Road, Chennai. (3)
4. Attempt ANY ONE from (A) and (B) given below.
- (A) Cultural Society, Sunshine Public School, Nellore organised an adult literacy camp in its neighbourhood. Write a report in 120-150 words on the camp for your school newsletter. You are P.V. Sunitha, Secretary. Use the following clues: No. of volunteers—hours spent in teaching—location of the class—chairs, blackboards—No. of people attending the camp—benefit. (5) **AI**
- OR
- (B) You have read an advertisement in the newspaper, 'Pune Times' for the post of software engineer in Alex Software, Pune. You believe that you possess the requisite qualifications and experience and your innovative ideas will prove an asset to the company. Write an application in 120-150 words emphasizing your strong points and your suitability for the post. Also include your bio-data. You are Saurab/Shikha, 12, Mall Road, Chandigarh. (5)

Section C - Literature

[18 marks]

5. Attempt ANY FIVE of the six questions given below, within 40 words each. (2 × 5 = 10)
- (i) What do we learn about the crofter's nature from the story, "The Rattrap"?
 - (ii) Describe the tigers created by Aunt Jennifer.
 - (iii) "Jo was starting to fuss with her hands". What does this show about Jo?
 - (iv) What problem did Roger Skunk face when he went to play with his friends? How did he solve it?
 - (v) How does Mr. Lamb react when Derry enters his garden?
 - (vi) In the hot season, how do man and beast get comfort?
6. Answer ANY TWO of the following in about 120-150 words each. (4 × 2 = 8)
- (i) Give a detailed account of the preparations made by the Governor for Evans James to write his examination.
 - (ii) How did Gandhiji use Satyagraha and Non-Violence at Champaran to achieve his goal?
 - (iii) How did Edla bring about a change in the peddler?

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Solution
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Section A - Reading

1. (i) Because she had two daughters to look after by herself. (1 × 8 = 8)
(ii) Disenchanted/ Disappointed
(iii) Contended
(iv) She was the first woman to be appointed as a professor at a world -famous university. She received the Nobel Prize.
(v) Sorbonne, a French University
(vi) In Chemistry for isolation of radium
(vii) Being a professor after her husband, to care and raise her daughters and to dedicate her services to the science world
(viii) Blithe, happy-go-lucky and light-hearted
(ix) Physics
2. (i) China (1 × 6 = 6)
(ii) USA
(iii) Fast paced industrialisation; lack of sustainable development; the urge to become world's top most powerful country.
(iv) Canada
(v) China
(vi) 1,600,000
(vii) The countries have achieved meteoric rise in CO₂ emission and they have not been able to reduce their CO₂ emission.

Section B - Writing

3. M-114, Fort Road (3)
Chennai - 600009
03 March 2019
Dear Satish
- It was great pleasure to receive the invitation to attend your sister Jaya's wedding. It is a good news to hear and thanks for inviting me. But I am sorry to inform you that I won't be able to attend the same as the Physics paper of my pre-board examination is scheduled on the same day of wedding. Please convey my best wishes to Jaya and her fiancé.
- Yours lovingly
Puneet

4. (A)

ADULT LITERACY CAMP

(5)

Nellore March 8, 2017

An adult literacy camp was organized on March 8, 2017 in our neighbourhood. The activities of the camp were carried out by the cultural society of the Sunshine Public School with a total of 20 volunteers. The chief guest for the occasion was Mrs. Kavita Naik, a renowned social worker. There were 500 participants in the camp.

They were divided into different groups and free classes were given to them in the various classrooms from 10 am to 1 p.m. They were taught through writing the points on blackboards with colourful chalks. A cleanliness drive was organized with stress on the need to maintain cleanliness and hygiene. There were also talks on ethics, moral values, discipline and punctuality. Free books and stationery were distributed. Later, the chief guest presented the volunteers with appreciation certificates. She congratulated all for organizing such a noble event.

P. V. Sunitha

Secretary, Cultural Society

Sunshine Public School

OR

(B) 12, Mall Road

Chandigarh

14th March, 20XX

The Human Resource Manager

Alex Software

Pune

Subject : Application for the Post of Software Engineer

Sir

With reference to your advertisement in the Pune Times dated 12 March 20XX for the post of a Software Engineer in your esteemed company, I would like to apply for the same.

I assure you that I will perform my duties with great dedication and sincerity. I possess the requisite qualifications and experience. I believe that my innovative ideas will prove an asset to the company.

I am enclosing my bio-data for your perusal.

Thank you

Yours sincerely

Shikha

| BIO-DATA | | |
|----------------------------|---|---|
| Name | : | Shikha Sachdeva |
| Father's Name | : | Mr. K.K. Sachdeva |
| Age | : | 30 Years |
| Address | : | 12, Mall Road, Chandigarh |
| Gender | : | Female |
| Marital Status | : | Married |
| Nationality | : | Indian |
| Experience | : | 3 years in a reputed company as software engineer |
| Professional Qualification | : | (a) Well-versed in C++, Java & Python (b) Web designing |
| Hobbies | : | Reading and Travelling |
| Language known | : | English and Hindi |

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| References | : | (1) Mr. Rakesh Chhabar Asstt. Professor Dept. of Information Technology St. John's College, Chandigarh (2) Mr. Ved Prakash Regional Manager XYZ Laboratories, Mumbai |
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Section C - Literature

(2 × 5 = 10)

5. (i) The crofter was generous and happy when the peddler knocked at the door because he used to stay there alone. He was happy to have some company and someone to share his things and achievements with. He was happy to share his confidence of getting thirty kronors by selling the milk of his cow.
- (ii) Aunt Jennifer's tigers are very brave and chivalric. They roam about confidently in the forest just like the knights. They are the inhabitants of the forest and have no fear of the people sitting under the tree.
- (iii) This means that Jo was getting bored as Jack's stories were predictable and monotonous.
- (iv) Roger Skunk's problem was that he smelled foul. It was because of his stink that nobody mingled with him. Even his friends avoided him and did not play with him. For this reason, Roger used to remain disturbed and even cry. To find a solution to this problem, he went to the wise owl who suggested him to meet the wizard. The wizard helped him by giving him a spell after which he started smelling like roses. The wizard asked him for seven pennies but Roger had only four.
- (v) Unlike Derry's thought that Mr. Lamb would be angry at him if he saw him entering stealthily into the garden. Mr. Lamb treated Derry very gently and welcomed him to his garden. In fact, he was happy to get someone to talk to him in his loneliness. Like a father, he even gave Derry advice to be careful while fetching apples as he might slip and get hurt physically
- (vi) In the hot season, man and beast get comfort by taking shelter under the shade of the tree or by being one with absorbing nature and the coolness it provides. The things of beauty, which nature offers are simple. However, they have a calming effect on every living being.

Commonly Made Error

- Many students are not able to relate the meaning conveyed through embroidered figures of tigers and their contrast with the actual nature of Aunt Jennifer.

Answering Tip

- The students must try to read the poem from the poet's point of view.

(4 × 2 = 8)

6. (i) Evans, the prisoner, was famous as "Evans the Breaker". So, the prison officers were quite alert while conducting the O' level exam and took all the precautions to prevent him from escaping. First of all, it was requested that the board should conduct the exam in the cell itself and the request was accepted. Two prison officers, Mr. Jackson and Mr. Stephens, were appointed to make all necessary arrangements. They took away his razor as well as nail-scissors so that he could not use them for any type of injuries to McLeery, the invigilator. The cell was searched for two hours and every objectionable thing was removed. Heavy security arrangements were made in the cell. Stephens was given the charge of staying there all the time to keep an eye on

Evans and also to leave McLeery at the gate when the exam was over. The Governor was all the time in touch with the officers so as to thwart any untoward incident. Hence, it was a foolproof plan on the part of the prison officials. Even then, Evans had the last laugh and escaped from the prison.

- (ii) The peasants of Champaran were in great fear of the British government because they were forced to plant 15% of their holdings with indigo and surrender the entire produce to the landlords. When synthetic indigo came, the landlords released them from this condition after demanding compensation from them. The innocent peasants agreed without realising what they were doing. When Raj Kumar Shukla told Gandhi ji about it, Gandhiji visited Champaran and realized that the peasants were greatly in fear of the British. He realized that it was necessary to rid them of their fear. He started the Civil Disobedience Movement. That is why the Champaran episode is considered to be the beginning of the Indian struggle for independence as everyone realized that they could stand against the British, and they could not order them around in their own country. The farmers learnt courage and realised that they too had rights just like the defenders. Thus, the Champaran episode was a landmark and is considered to be the beginning of Indian struggle for independence.
- (iii) The peddler met the ironmaster's daughter for the first time at the forge. She had come to request him to come over their house as her father had mistaken him to be an old acquaintance, a captain. She was able to convince him and took him home. At home, when her father realized that they had made a mistake and he was not the captain, the daughter was very polite and kept him at home as it was Christmas. The rattrap seller was greatly influenced by the ironmaster's daughter. In fact, it was because of her that he had turned over a new leaf and returned the money that he had stolen from an old man. It was the kind nature of the girl that changed him.

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