

**CBSE Class 12 English Core**  
**Sample Paper 02 (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:**

Punctuality is a necessary habit in public affairs of a civilized society. Without it nothing could ever be brought to a conclusion, everything would be in a state of chaos. Only in a sparsely populated rural community is it possible to disregard it. In the ordinary living there can be some tolerance of unpunctuality. The intellectual, who is working on some abstruse problem, has everything coordinated and organized for the matter in hand. He is therefore forgiven, if late for the dinner party. But people are often reproached for unpunctuality when their only fault is cutting fine. It is hard for energetic, quick-minded people to waste time, so they are often tempted to finish a job before setting out to keep an appointment. If no accidents occur on the way, like punctured tires, diversion of traffic, sudden descent of fog, they will be on time. They are often more industrious, useful citizens than those who are never late. The over-punctual can as much be a trial to others as the unpunctual. The guest who arrives half an hour too soon is the greatest nuisance. Some friends of my family had this irritating habit. The only thing to do was to ask them to come half an hour later than the other guests. Then they arrived just when we wanted them. If you are catching a train, it is always better to be comfortably early than even a fraction of a minute too late. Although being early may mean wasting a little time, this will be less than if you miss the train and have to wait an hour or so for the next one. And you avoid the frustration of arriving at the very moment when the train is

drawing out of the station and being unable to get on it. An even harder situation is to be on the platform in a good time for a train and still to see it go off without you. Such an experience befell a certain young girl the first time she was travelling alone. She entered the station twenty minutes before the train was due since her parents had impressed upon her that it would be unforgivable to miss it and cause the friends with whom she was going to stay to meet her. She gave her luggage to a porter and showed him her ticket. To her horror, he said that she was two hours too soon. She felt in her handbag, for the piece of paper on which her father had written down all the details of the journey and gave it to the porter. He agreed that a train did come into the station at the time on the paper and that it did stop, but only to take on water, not passengers. The girl asked to see a timetable, feeling sure that her father could not have made such a mistake. The porter went to fetch one and arrived back with the station master, who produced it with a flourish and pointed out a microscope 'o' beside the time of the arrival of the train at his station. This little 'o' indicated that the train only stopped for water. Just at that moment, the train came into the station. The girl, tears streaming down her face, begged to be allowed to slip into the guard's van. But the station master was adamant: rules could not be broken. And she had to watch that train disappear towards her destination while she was left behind.

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

- i. Why is punctuality necessary in a civilized society?
  - a. To avoid chaos
  - b. To cause disregard
  - c. To manage public affairs
  - d. To bring things to a conclusion
- ii. What is the danger of leaving the bare minimum of time for appointments?
  - a. You will be wasting time
  - b. You will be to avoid frustrations
  - c. You will feel comfortable
  - d. You will not have to wait
- iii. The over-punctual can be as much a trial to others as the unpunctual
  - a. He has everything coordinated and organized
  - b. He believes that the early bird gets the worm

- c. He is wasting as much time as the unpunctual ones
- d. There is hardly any difference between the unpunctual and over punctual
- iv. Why did the author's family ask some guests to come half an hour later than others?
  - a. His presence is not celebrated
  - b. He always wants first-hand treatment
  - c. He is considered a nuisance
  - d. He is asked to come later so that he arrives when he is wanted
- v. Why according to the author, is it better to the platform before the train arrives?
  - a. You will have time to relax at the station
  - b. It's good to waste some time in life
  - c. It can help you avoid frustrations of work
  - d. It's better than watching the train leave in front of your eyes
- vi. How early did the girl reach the station of her train's actual time of departure?
  - a. Just on time of the train
  - b. 20 minutes before
  - c. 2 minutes before
  - d. 2 hours before
- vii. Who clarified it to the girl that her father had made a mistake?
  - a. Station Master
  - b. Porter
  - c. Timetable
  - d. Her mother
- viii. Why the little girl did have tears streaming down her face?
  - a. She wanted to reach her destination at the earliest
  - b. The station master let her board the train
  - c. She had to watch the train come in front of her eyes
  - d. Her early-coming made no difference
- ix. Find a word opposite in meaning to "clear/obvious" in the passage:
  - a. community
  - b. abstruse
  - c. diversion
  - d. industrious
- x. Find a word similar in meaning to "display" in the passage:

- a. flourish
- b. nuisance
- c. timetable
- d. fetch

xi. Find a word similar in meaning to "inflexible" in the passage:

- a. Over-punctual
- b. energetic
- c. adamant
- d. abstruse

**2. Read the passage:**

1. My father has always been a passionate man. He has always been passionate about the people of the Everest region – so much so that in 1960 he began the first of the many projects aimed at improving their lives. In 1975 he had begun building his second hospital in the Himalayas when tragedy struck our family. My mother and my youngest sister Belinda were flying into the mountains to join him when their small aeroplane crashed soon after take-off from Kathmandu.
2. I was in Assam when I first heard of the accident. I flew straight to Kathmandu and met my father and oldest sister Sarah on a narrow lane on the outskirts of the city. Any hope I had clung to, that my mother and sister were still alive, was extinguished the moment I saw father – bowed and broken. I knew then that Mum and Belinda would never return.
3. It was years before Dad fully came out of this period of darkness. Only by plunging himself into more adventure and ever more projects in Nepal, could he get through it. He has built 42 schools and hospitals there.
4. As I grew up, some of Dad's restlessness rubbed off on me. I know many people think there must be some compulsion for the son of Sir Edmund Hillary to climb mountains. They assume that there was some imperative etched in stone that says, "Thou shalt climb mountains" – and in particular Everest, whether you like it or not. But for me, it's simpler than that. I think families are like factories: the Hillary family is a limited production mountaineering establishment.
5. Today, at the age of 48, I am an inveterate mountain man. I have been on more than 30 mountaineering expeditions, from the Himalayas to the Antarctic. And yes, I have climbed Everest – twice.

6. I treasure the same things that drew my father to climbing – the tremendous camaraderie involved, the intensity and adrenaline buzz especially in dangerous places where your life depends upon making the right call. I guess that I am luckier than most because I am able to fall back on all that my father has taught me.

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

- i. The author's father was passionate about the people of the Everest region; so he \_\_\_\_\_.
  - a. Climbed mountains
  - b. Worked on the improvement of their lives
  - c. Built schools and hospitals everywhere
  - d. Invited all the family to stay there
- ii. The plane crash in 1975 led to the \_\_\_\_\_.
  - a. Turning Point in the author and his father's life
  - b. Death of the author's family
  - c. The author's father becoming depressed
  - d. Creation of many schools and hospitals
- iii. The author's father came out of the dark phase in his life by \_\_\_\_\_.
  - a. Building Schools and Hospitals there
  - b. Taking help from doctors
  - c. Getting Support from Family
  - d. Engaging himself in social service
- iv. Why did the author take up climbing like his father?
  - a. His father forced him to
  - b. His mother wanted him to
  - c. It was his childhood desire
  - d. He was born in a family of mountaineers
- v. How did the author prove to be the true son of his father?
  - a. He proved to be an excellent mountaineer
  - b. He involved himself in social service
  - c. He scaled the Everest twice
  - d. All of these
- vi. Why does the author consider himself lucky?

- a. His father supported him in the mountains
  - b. He could learn from his father's experiences
  - c. He was able to fulfil his family's desire
  - d. He managed to continue the legacy
- vii. What happened to the author's mother and sister?
- a. They jumped off a plane
  - b. They succumbed to their injuries after a plane crash
  - c. They survived the plane crash
  - d. They left family and settled in another country
- viii. The phrase "Thou shalt climb mountains" means:
- a. You shall climb mountains
  - b. You have no option but to climb mountains
  - c. You shall never climb mountains
  - d. You should plan about climbing mountains
- ix. A word similar in meaning to "section" in paragraph 2 is
- a. narrow
  - b. outskirts
  - c. extinguished
  - d. broken
- x. A word similar in meaning to "order/command" in paragraph 4 is
- a. restlessness
  - b. production
  - c. imperative
  - d. establishment
- xi. A word opposite in meaning to "lethargy" in paragraph 6 is
- a. treasure
  - b. camaraderie
  - c. intensity
  - d. adrenaline

**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:**

Trying to scare me, eh? Well, here's to you! Look! And off I'd go for another length of

the pool.

- i. Who is the speaker of these words?
  - a. William O. Douglas
  - b. William's mother
  - c. William's swimming instructor
  - d. Franklin D. Roosevelt
- ii. Whom is he talking to?
  - a. His mother
  - b. His best friend
  - c. His swimming instructor
  - d. His old terror of water
- iii. What was the speaker scared of?
  - a. Water
  - b. Fire
  - c. Heights
  - d. Lightening
- iv. What does going for another length of the pool reflect about the speaker?
  - a. He was determined
  - b. He was adventurous
  - c. He was courageous
  - d. All of these

**2. Read the extract and answer the following questions:**

But the stranger said no, and no, and again no, and the ironmaster saw that he must give in.

"It looks as though Captain von Stahle preferred to stay with you tonight, Stjemstrom", he said to the master blacksmith and turned on his heel.

- i. Why did the stranger decline the invitation?
  - a. For he was scared of being identified as a thief
  - b. For he had to leave urgently
  - c. For he was not feeling well
  - d. Because he did not like the ironmaster
- ii. Why does the ironmaster invite the stranger home?
  - a. The ironmaster was very generous

- b. He mistook the stranger to be a Captain from his regiment
  - c. The stranger was injured
  - d. The ironmaster was feeling very depressed and lonely
- iii. Who is Stjemstrom?
  - a. The master blacksmith
  - b. The peddler
  - c. A retired army officer
  - d. The master goldsmith
- iv. Who is the stranger?
  - a. The master blacksmith
  - b. Captain Von Stahle
  - c. The sheriff
  - d. The peddler

**3. Read the given passage and answer the questions that follow:**

All right. He said, "But Mommy, all the other little animals run away", and she said, "I don't care".

- i. From which lesson the following excerpt has been taken?
  - a. The Enemy
  - b. Lost Spring
  - c. Should Wizard Hit Mommy
  - d. The Third Level
- ii. Who said "All right"?
  - a. The Owl
  - b. Jo
  - c. Jack
  - d. Roger Skunk
- iii. Why would other animals run away?
  - a. He is not good
  - b. he smells awful
  - c. His mother doesn't like other animals
  - d. he always keeps on crying
- iv. Who is "She" referred to?
  - a. Roger Skunk's mother

- b. Jo
- c. Jo's mother
- d. Clare

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:**

And such too is the grandeur of the dooms  
We have imagined for the mighty dead;  
All lovely tales that we have heard or read;  
An endless fountain of immortal drink,  
Pouring unto us from the heaven's brink.

- i. Name the poem.
  - a. A thing of beauty
  - b. A roadside stand
  - c. keeping quiet
  - d. An elementary school classroom in a slum
- ii. Who are the 'mighty dead' referred to here?
  - a. Our ancestors
  - b. Those who have sacrificed their lives for a noble purpose
  - c. Warriors who have glorified death
  - d. All of these
- iii. What is the endless fountain of immortal drink?
  - a. A creation of beauty
  - b. Source of a venomous drink
  - c. An enormous fountain
  - d. An architectural piece
- iv. What does the word, 'brink' mean?
  - a. Broad
  - b. Bright
  - c. Edge
  - d. Warehouse

2. **Read the extract and answer the following questions:**

Fisherman in the cold sea

Would not harm whales

And the man gathering salt

Would not look at his hurt hands

i. Which animal would not be harmed by the fisherman?

- a. Whale
- b. Dolphin
- c. Shark
- d. Tortoise

ii. Who would not look at his hurt hands?

- a. The man cleaning the streets
- b. The man chopping the vegetables
- c. The man gathering salt
- d. The man cutting the rocks

iii. What is the central idea in the extract?

- a. All violent activities would cease
- b. Humans love to be idle
- c. Nature is beautiful
- d. Humans don't like to kill whales

iv. How violence could be stopped?

- a. By imposing fines
- b. By strict laws
- c. By introspection
- d. By worshipping

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

i. Who is the author of **The Last Lesson**?

- a. A. R. Barton
- b. Alphonse Daudet
- c. Louis Fischer
- d. William Douglas

ii. According to the prose titled **Deep Water**, how many months did it take Douglas to learn to swim with the guidance of his instructor?

- a. Six months
- b. Nine months

- c. Eight months
  - d. Seven months
- iii. According to the prose **Indigo**, which lawyer later became President of the Congress Party?
  - a. Subhash Chandra Bose
  - b. Brij Kishor Babu
  - c. Rajendra Prasad
  - d. Maulana Mazharul Huq
- iv. How did the poet Kamala Das hide her emotions from her mother?
  - a. By flapping her mother goodbye
  - b. By giving a short cry
  - c. By traversing the security check without getting noticed
  - d. By smiling
- v. What does the phrase, **truck with death** refer to in the poem, **Keeping quiet**?
  - a. Association with death
  - b. Death due to truck accident
  - c. Have a truck
  - d. To ride a truck
- vi. In the poem **Aunt Jennifer's Tigers**, who are not feared by the tigers?
  - a. The ivory needles
  - b. The men beneath the tree
  - c. Aunt Jennifer
  - d. Uncle
- vii. In the prose **The Third Level**, what does the third level mean to the narrator?
  - a. The way to reach his wife
  - b. The way to a peaceful life
  - c. The way to reach his home
  - d. The way to Galesburg
- viii. How did Mr. Lamb keep himself busy?
  - a. By cleaning the house regularly
  - b. By pulling down the ripe crab apples
  - c. By cleaning the garden
  - d. By listening to the sound of bees

- ix. How did Evan escape from jail?
- By jumping the wall
  - His friend Prison officer released him
  - By befooling the watchman
  - All of these
- x. Why did Jack disapprove of Jo's ending of the story?
- Jack didn't like her views
  - Inappropriate ending
  - The wizard should have hit mommy
  - Jack wanted to end the story himself

**Section B**

6. You want to rent out your newly constructed office in a prime location of Preet Vihar, Vikas Marg, New Delhi. Draft an advertisement stating the facilities, price etc.

OR

An NGO has approached your school to offer book grants to the students in need. As Head Girl of Sunshine Public School, Aram Bagh, write a notice in about 50 words asking students who are in need to put their requests into the box kept outside the Principal's office.

7. You are Sachin Bansal, the Head Boy of Springdales Public School, Gurgaon. Your school is holding an inter-school T-20 cricket championship from 2 Oct. to 8 Oct, 20XX. Write a formal invitation to Sh. B.S. Bedi, the legendary cricketer, to inaugurate the championship on 2 Oct. 2019 at 10 a.m. at your school premises.

OR

Your parents have completed 25 years of happy married life. Invite your aunt, living in Hyderabad, to join you in the Silver Jubilee celebration of their marriage at your residence.

8. Your town has been badly hit by floods due to enormous rains. Write a letter to the Editor of a national daily giving a detailed account of the loss of life and property. Also, make an appeal to the people and the government to provide help and succour to the afflicted. You are Sucheta/Sunil, 15, Tilak Nagar, Murshidabad.

OR

You are Ram/Rajani, living at 1, Rana Pratap Marg, New Delhi. Read the advertisement given below and apply for the job that suits you giving your bio-data separately. Sun University requires lecturers in English and demonstrators in Physics, Chemistry and Botany for their new Campus at Panipat. Only candidates with a minimum of a 5-year experience can apply. Excellent command over English is a must. Excellent package and compensation for experienced persons. Those interested may e-mail to [sununiversityjobs@gmail.com](mailto:sununiversityjobs@gmail.com) or mail their response to Box no 123, 'The Harbinger', New Delhi.

9. To have a fair complexion is an obsession in our society. Demand for fair brides in matrimonial columns and sale of fairness creams are evidence enough. Write an article in 150-200 words giving your views on 'Beautiful mind, better than a fair complexion'. You are Natwar/Nimmi.

Use the following clues:

- the West people like to be tanned
- fair complexion only skin deep
- beautiful mind
- attitude to life
- behaviour in society etc.

OR

You are Poorva/Partha, Cultural Secretary of your school, DB Senior Secondary School, Ambur. A week-long Music and Dance festival was organised by your school. Write a report in 100-125 words for your school magazine. Invent the details.

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

**(2x5=10)**

- i. What can introspection and retrospection help us achieve? (Keeping Quiet)
- ii. What is the message of the poem, 'A Thing of Beauty'?
- iii. What job did Saheb take up? Was he happy?
- iv. Survival in Seemapuri means rag picking. Comment.
- v. What strange idea about the world struck the peddler?

vi. How can we say that ordinary people too contributed to the freedom movement?

**11. Attempt ANY TWO out of the three questions given below in 30-40 words each.**

**(2x2=4)**

- i. What did Hana do with the white man when the servants refused to touch him?
- ii. Why did the psychiatrist's analysis make Louisa lose her temper and how did the psychiatrist appease her?
- iii. Why was Jack not happy about going downstairs and helping his wife?

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

- i. Our language is a part of our culture and we are proud of it. Describe how regretful M. Hamel and the village elders are for having neglected their native language.
- ii. The peddler thinks that the whole world is a rattrap. This view of life is true only of himself and of no one else in the story. Comment.

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

- i. The actual pain or inconvenience caused by a physical impairment is often much less than the sense of isolation felt by the person with disabilities. How can we help and support him/her?
- ii. How does Evans outwit the jail authorities?

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**Solutions**

**Section A**

1.
  - i. (a) To avoid chaos
  - ii. (b) You will be able to avoid frustrations
  - iii. (c) He is wasting as much time as the unpunctual ones
  - iv. (c) He is considered a nuisance
  - v. (d) It's better than watching the train leave in front of your eyes
  - vi. (d) 2 hours before
  - vii. (a) Station Master
  - viii. (a) She wanted to reach her destination at the earliest
  - ix. (b) Abstruse
  - x. (a) Flourish
  - xi. (c) Adamant
2.
  - i. (b) Improvement of their lives
  - ii. (a) Turning point in the author and his father's life
  - iii. (d) Engaging himself in social service
  - iv. (d) He was born in a family of mountaineers
  - v. (a) He proved to be an excellent mountaineer
  - vi. (b) He could learn from his father's experiences
  - vii. (b) They succumbed to their injuries after a plane crash
  - viii. (a) You shall climb mountains
  - ix. (b) outskirts
  - x. (c) imperative
  - xi. (c) intensity
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) William O. Douglas.
    - ii. (d) His old terror of water
    - iii. (a) Water

- iv. (d) All of these
- 2. i. (a) For he was scared of being identified as a thief
  - ii. (b) He mistook the stranger to be a Captain from his regiment
  - iii. (a) The master blacksmith
  - iv. (d) The peddler
- 3. i. (c) Should Wizard Hit Mommy
  - ii. (d) Roger Skunk
  - iii. (b) He smells awful
  - iv. (a) Roger Skunk's mother

**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) A thing of beauty
  - ii. (d) All of these
  - iii. (a) A creation of beauty
  - iv. (c) Edge
- 2. i. (a) Whale
  - ii. (c) The man gathering salt
  - iii. (a) All violent activities would cease
  - iv. (c) By introspection

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

- i. (b) Alphonse Daudet

**Explanation:** The text is written by the well-known French novelist and short-story writer Alphonse Daudet.

- ii. (d) Seven months

**Explanation:** It took William seven months to learn to swim flawlessly and shed away his fear of water. He began learning in the month of October and by April his instructor told him that he had achieved his goal.

- iii. (c) Rajendra Prasad

**Explanation:** Rajendra Prasad was a lawyer who later became the President of the Congress Party and the first president of independent India.

- iv. (d) By smiling

**Explanation:** Soon after the airport security check the poet Kamala Das grinned to her mother. Actually, she wished to hide her emotions from the perishing mother.

v. (a) Association with death

**Explanation:** The poet craftily focused on the inevitability of death and at the same time, he suggested that he did not wish to have any association or interaction with death.

vi. (b) The men beneath the tree

**Explanation:** The tigers pranced across a screen unafraid of the men beneath the tree. The men beneath the tree could be referred to as hunters or poachers/people who pose a threat to the beasts although the tigers are proud and courageous who do not fear these men as they seem aware of their own powers, unlike Aunt Jennifer.

vii. (b) The way to a peaceful life

**Explanation:** The third level represented Charley's wish to return to a peaceful life where there will be no worries, fears, insecurities, war and the rest of it.

viii. (b) By pulling down the ripe crab apples

**Explanation:** Mr Lamb keeps himself busy by pulling down the ripe crab apples of his garden with the help of the ladder and a stick.

ix. (b) His friend Prison officer released him

**Explanation:** Evans escaped from prison in the disguise of McLeery. He misled the officers of the prison by miss guiding them catching him. He pretended to be groggy and while the ambulance was called they cleverly flew from the car.

x. (c) The wizard should have hit mommy

**Explanation:** Jo disapproved of the end to the story because she believed that the wizard should have hit mommy on the head and not change the little skunk back. Jack said that it was his story and he would like to end it his way. Otherwise, he would not tell her stories anymore.

## Section B

6.

### TO LET

Available on Rs. 54000/- monthly rent a newly constructed office, 200ft. x 180 ft carpet area in a prime location of Preet Vihar, Vikas Marg, New Delhi with 11 Kv power, suitable for bank or MNC. Interested parties/dealers may please contact Mr. PQR @ (M) 9867xxxxxx.

OR

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**SUNSHINE PUBLIC SCHOOL, ARAM BAGH**

**NOTICE**

**NGO Offering Book Grants to Students**

20th March 20XX

An NGO based in Delhi is offering book grants to needy students of our school. All such students who want to avail of this offer may drop their request along with details of books they need in the dropbox kept outside the Principal's office. The NGO has taken this initiative as a part of its society improvement initiative. The last date for submission of requests is 24th March 20XX.

Saraswati Verma  
(Head Girl)

7. Springdales Public School,  
Gurgaon.

25th Sept. 20XX

Sh. B.S. Bedi

2/27 Jorbagh

New Delhi

Sir,

**Sub: To Inaugurate the T-20 Cricket Championship**

Our school is organizing an inter-school T-20 cricket championship from 2nd Oct. to 8th Oct. 20XX. All the schools of the area are invited to participate and make it a grand successful tournament. Your presence in our midst will motivate and will inspire all of us. You are requested to inaugurate the championship on 2nd Oct. 20XX at 10 a.m. in our school premise. Kindly request you to spare some time from your busy schedule and confirm us by 30th Sept.

Yours faithfully,

Sachin Bansal,

Head Boy.

OR

245 Rose Gardens,  
Mangalore.

2nd April 2019.

Dear Aunt,

My parents Sh. R.S. Swaminathan and Smt. Parvathi Devi will be completing 25 years of their happy, prosperous and eventful married life next month. We have planned a dinner party for their Silver Jubilee of their 25 years of togetherness on 5th May 2019 at 8.00 p.m at our residence. It will be a small celebration and you are cordially invited with family. Only family members and close friends are invited. Do join us on this auspicious day with pleasure.

Yours truly,

S.R. Parthasarathy

8. 15, Tilak Nagar,

Murshidabad-742102

10th May, 20XX

The Editor,

The Hindustan Times,

Kolkata

Sir,

**Subject: Government's proactive action in flood-hit areas**

Through the columns of your esteemed newspaper, I wish to highlight the slow and inadequate pace of relief operations carried out by the State Government in the flood hit villages of Murshidabad.

It may be mentioned here that colossal loss took place due to enormous rains and rising water level in the nearby river resulting in huge loss of life and property. Till date, lots of people are still in the danger zone. Food and fresh drinking water are still in short supply. People have nowhere to stay and the accommodation provided by the authorities in the relief camps is just not enough. The government should also launch search and rescue operations and try to provide temporary shelter, clean water and food, medical and health facilities to the affected as soon as possible. It is my earnest request to the general public to contribute generously in the form of kind or cash. The government should also take the onus and provide suitable aid to tackle the situation.

I hope my letter would find a suitable space in your newspaper and proactive steps will be taken to help the flood-hit victims. It will also keep a check, monitor and issue timely warnings for any impending disaster.

Yours sincerely,  
Sucheta

OR

1, Rana Pratap Marg  
New Delhi  
01 April 2019  
The Principal, Sun University  
Box no 123, 'The Harbinger'  
New Delhi  
Sir/Madam,

**Subject: Application for the post of lecturer in English**

In response to your advertisement published in The Times of India, dated February 25, 2019, I got to know that the post of English Lecture is vacant in your acclaimed institution and I wish to offer my candidature for the same.

I would like to bring into your notice that I possess all the aforementioned qualities required for the post. I hold an experience of 7 years of teaching in a designated organisation. I received my post-graduate and graduate degrees from a well-renowned university and completed my school education from CBSE board. I have a passion for teaching and a hunger to learn. I assure you that my dedication to work would add more value to your institution.

I am enclosing a copy of my bio-data for your perusal and kind consideration. I am available for an interview on any day of your convenience. If given a chance to serve you, I assure you to render the best of my services for the utmost growth of the organisation.

Yours faithfully

Ram/Rajani

Encl. : (i) Bio-data

**BIO-DATA**

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9. **Beautiful Mind - Better Than A Fair Complexion**  
**by Nimmi**

A beautiful mind is better than a fair complexion. A fair complexion may fade with age but a beautiful mind never loses its worth. However, people in India are obsessed with fair complexions. It is really very annoying to read the matrimonial advertisements where everyone likes to have a fair complexioned bride. People's obsession with fair complexion is also indicated by the large-scale sale of fairness creams.

It is in total contrast to the people in western countries, who are very fair and they intentionally sun their body to get their complexion tanned.

Actually, the real beauty lies in beautiful minds and this is what should matter. The complexion is only skin deep. But the inner beauty of mind dictates one's deeds and actions.

“Beauty is not in the face, beauty is a light in the heart”. This saying conveys the significance of inner beauty. One's inner beauty or the beauty of mind is revealed by one's behaviour in society, his acts of kindness and compassion, gracefulness and empathy towards other people. So instead of giving preference to a fair complexion, one should look at the inner beauty which provides perceptual experience, pleasure and satisfaction, and inspiration to perform good deeds and actions. Thus, a beautiful mind is far better than a fair complexion.

OR

**Music and Dance Fiesta**  
**by Partha, Cultural Secretary**

**Ambur, 20th February, 20XX:** A week-long inter-school Music and Dance festival was recently organised by DB Senior Secondary School, Ambur. It commenced on the 6th of February and ended on the 12th of February. 12 schools of our town participated in the fest. A wide variety of Indian classical music and folklore and western music and contemporary dance forms graced the great music and dance extravaganza. Many competitions and programmes were organised in our school during this week-long festival, which was graced by illustrious musicians and reputed dancers.

On the concluding day of this festival, a two-hour-long programme was put up that displayed a unique fusion of classical and western dance and music. Besides being the highlight of our festival, it was a treat and delight for all music and dance lovers. Seeing the huge success of this fiesta, our Principal assured us that attempts would be made to organise it on a regular basis.

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

**(2x5=10)**

- i. Introspection gives us a self-enlightenment by providing us with a clear and unbiased path which reaches to our inner self. It helps us achieve the goal of succeeding in our life which is only possible through the correction of past mistakes. Analysis and time to time assessment of our deeds are very important for our growth and development.
- ii. Keats, an ardent lover of nature, refers to the powers of nature. He says that a thing of beauty is a joy forever because the picture of a beautiful thing gets etched in our mind and gives us joy as we reminisce it. He urges us to realize the power of nature which

makes our lives enjoyable and worth living. He also emphasizes how a thing of beauty provides eternal joy.

- iii. Saheb started working for a tea-stall. He had to carry a steel canister which was too heavy for him. He started working for a master instead of being his own master. He was not very happy as the carefree look on his face was lost. He had lost his independence, and he was no longer free.
- iv. Ragpickers who live in Seemapuri on the outskirts of Delhi have to pick up garbage for survival. Garbage is gold for them as it is the source of income for them. These ragpickers cannot depend on anything else because garbage only is a source of daily bread for them.
- v. The life of peddler was sad and monotonous. He walked laboriously from place to place. The world had never been kind to him. So, during his gloomy ploddings, this idea became his favourite pastime. He was amused by how people let themselves be caught in the dangerous snare and how others were still circling around the bait. He felt all the riches and luxuries in this world are baits and the whole world in itself is a big rattrap.
- vi. The freedom movement is the story of the contributions and sacrifices of countless unsung heroes like Raj Kumar Shukla and numerous sharecroppers of Champaran. They supported Gandhiji actively to initiate the first victory of Civil Disobedience in India. Indian freedom struggle wouldn't have been possible without mass support.

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

- i. The servants refused to touch the white man, as they did not want to help their 'enemy'. They felt that it was treachery towards the nation, Hana herself washed and cleaned him to prepare him for the operation. Though she was reluctant, she did it for the sake of humanity and her love for her husband. Hana understood the concern of her husband and was bound by obligations to help him.
- ii. Louisa and Charley were leading a happy married life. So, the wife couldn't tolerate the psychiatrist's observation about Charley being an unhappy man. However, her anger subsided when he moved on to say that he was referring to modern man's unhappiness in general.
- iii. Jack knew that his wife did not spare any time for her daughter. Apart from that, she remained busy both in her work and with her friends. Due to her, Jo had lost respect

for her. That's why he didn't want to go to help her. He was wary of the monotony of his married life. He refrained from talking, helping or touching his wife because he believed that they both were responsible for the monotony of their life. Both of them were just playing their roles. So, he did not want to go downstairs to help his wife.

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

- i. French language was the mother tongue of the people of France but the latest orders from Berlin said that only the German language was to be taught in the schools of Alsace and Lorraine. Everyone was shocked to hear this and got affected because they had wasted enough time and did not learn French properly. They repented on their behaviour. Even M.Hamel, the French teacher, also felt guilty for not taking the language seriously and sending the students to water the plants or allow them a break from school when he himself wanted some leisure time. The parents of the students also did not bother much and sent them to work in mills. Elderly people of the village also felt sad as they did not encourage them to study the language. But everybody including, M.Hamel and Franz, accepted their negligence in learning the language that was a key to their freedom.
- ii. The peddler in the story, "The Rattrap" is a lonely man. His loneliness makes him a pessimist. He thinks that the world has been very unkind to him. He thinks of the entire world to be a rattrap whose only purpose is to set baits by offering riches and joys, shelter and food, and luxuries. Ironically, when he is offered food and shelter at the crofter's house, he falls for the bait and steals the crofter's money. He tries to run away from being caught but gets lost in the forest, where he realises that he himself has fallen into the trap. Consequently, it leads him to Edla's house where he receives nothing but kindness. It is true that this view of life is his own subjective one, because of the other characters in the story, the crofter, the ironmaster and his daughter, share human bonds of love, and so for them, the world is not a rattrap. In fact, the world has no dearth of genuinely kind people like the crofter, Edla and even the ironmaster. All treat him kindly. Edla believes in compassion and Christian values and eventually touches the goodness in him and helps him see the world in a positive light.

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

- i. Actual pain or inconvenience caused by a physical impairment is often less than the sense of alienation felt by the person with disabilities. We can see so many cases of

physical deformities in our day to day life. But when the people react sharply over their impairment, the result is troublesome to bear. Take the case of a blind man, when he hears from someone "What a terrible thing on earth"! Such disheartening remarks hurt the disabled person. He feels a deep pain in the heart and crushes under the cruelty of such people. He feels dejected, disappointed, distorted and alienated from the mainstream of life. He feels lonely and withdraws with a sense of inferiority complex. Negative feelings towards life creep in. He feels that none will love him. Mr Lamb is called Lamey Lamb and mothers were afraid of sending the children because of his tin leg. Derry has a burnt face and everyone pities him. Only the mother could love that face. Both Mr. Lamb and Derry have been the victims of verbal atrocities. Mr. Lamb takes comments lightly. But Derry does not have the attitude like Mr. Lamb. The attitude of people needs to be changed. Disable persons do not want sympathy but to be accepted as they are. Wounds get healed but bitter comments are never forgotten and leave a permanent scar.

- ii. The governor of the Oxford prison caught Evans in the Golden Lion. He reached there by the help of the question paper. But Evans outwitted him there once again and had the last laugh. When Governor nabbed Evans at the pub he made a mistake by not accompanying him to the prison van. Thus, Evans escaped yet again. The prison officers who were Evans men remained silent until they handcuffed him and took him to the prison van. As they were actually his friends in the disguise. They took Evans to the police van and unlocked the handcuffs as soon as the Governor was out of sight. Evans finally escaped to Newbury. Consequently, the Governor, who had a sharp presence of mind and hawk-eyed vigil, made the greatest blunder of not checking the identity of the prison officer was proved good for a giggle by the witty Evans. Evans was correctly referred to as Evans the 'break' as at the end he escaped again.