

Class-XII Session 2022-23
Subject - English Core (301)
Sample Question Paper - 11
With Solution

Time Allowed : 3 Hrs.

Maximum Marks : 80

Read the following instructions very carefully and strictly follow them.

1. 15-minute prior reading time allotted for Q-paper reading.
2. The Question Paper contains THREE sections-READING, GRAMMAR & WRITING and LITERATURE.
3. Attempt questions based on specific instructions for each part.

SECTION A: Reading comprehension through Unseen Passage

(20 Marks)

I. Read the passage given below.

1. Too many parents these days can't say no. As a result, they find themselves raising 'children' who respond greedily to the advertisements aimed right at them. Even getting what they want doesn't satisfy some kids; they only want more. Now, a growing number of psychologists, educators and parents think it's time to stop the madness and start teaching kids about what's really important : values like hard work, contentment, honesty and compassion. The struggle to set limits has never been tougher—and the stakes have never been higher. One recent study of adults who were overindulged as children, paints a discouraging picture of their future : when given too much too soon, they grow up to be adults who have difficulty coping with life's disappointments. They also have a distorted sense of entitlement that gets in the way of success in the workplace and in relationships.
2. Psychologists say that parents who overindulge their kids, set them up to be more vulnerable to future anxiety and depression. Today's parents themselves, raised on values of thrift and self-sacrifice, grew up in a culture where 'no' was a household word. Today's kids want much more, partly because there is so much more to want. The oldest members of this generation were born in the late 1980s, just as PCs and video games were making their assault on the family room. They think of MP3 players and flat screen TV as essential utilities, and they have developed strategies to get them. One survey of teenagers found that when they crave for something new, most expect to ask nine times before their parents give in. By every measure, parents are shelling out record amounts. In the heat of this buying blitz, even parents who desperately need to say no find themselves reaching for their credit cards.
3. Today's parents aren't equipped to deal with the problem. Many of them, raised in the 1960s and 70s, swore they'd act differently from their parents and have closer relationships with their own children. Many even wear the same designer clothes as their kids and listen to the same music. And they work more hours; at the end of a long week, it's tempting to buy peace with 'yes' and not mar precious family time with conflict. Anxiety about the future is another factor. How do well intentioned parents say no to all the sports gear and arts and language lessons they believe will help their kids thrive in an increasingly competitive world? Experts agree: too much love won't spoil a child. Too few limits will.
4. What parents need to find is a balance between the advantages of an affluent society and the critical life lessons that come from waiting, saving and working hard to achieve goals. That search for balance has to start early. Children need limits on their behaviour because they feel better and more secure when they live within a secured structure..
5. Older children learn self-control by watching how others, especially parents act. Learning how to overcome challenges is essential to becoming a successful adult. Few parents ask kids to do chores. They think their kids are already overburdened by social and academic pressures. Every individual can be of service to others, and life has meaning beyond one's own immediate happiness. That means parents eager to teach values have to take a long, hard look at their own.

Based on your understanding of the passage, answer the questions given below.

- i. What do the psychologists, educators and parents want to teach the children?
 - (a) To teach them about treachery.
 - (b) To teach them about indiscipline.
 - (c) To teach them about the values of life like hard work, contentment, honesty and compassion.
 - (d) None of these
- ii. What is essential to become a successful adult?
 - (a) Learn not to overcome challenges
 - (b) Learn how to overcome challenges
 - (c) Nothing is essential.
 - (d) None of these
- iii. Why do children need limits on their behaviour when they live within a secured structure?
 - (a) They feel more secure and better.
 - (b) They feel insecure.
 - (c) They feel bored
 - (d) None of these
- iv. What is the drawback of giving children too much too soon?
 - (a) They fail to cope with life's disappointments when they grow up.
 - (b) They do not study seriously.
 - (c) They become quarrelsome when they grow up.
 - (d) None of these
- v. What values do parents and teachers want children to learn?
- vi. What are the results of giving the children too much too soon?
- vii. Why do today's children want more?
- viii. What is the balance which the parents need to have in today's world?
- ix. Find words in the passage similar in meaning as a feeling of satisfaction.
- x. Find words in the passage similar in meaning as valuable.

II. Read the passage given below.

1. If NSYNC singer Lance Bass can't afford the \$20 million price tag for a ride into space now, he should try again in, say, a decade. But within a decade or so, even some of Bass's fans could afford a quick and safe trip to the suborbital edge of space — roughly 50-60 miles above earth, says Frank Seitzen, 5 president of the Space Transport Association. "I think you're maybe 10 or 12 years away from having companies that are reliable and that can go through that process for \$5,000 or \$10,000," Seitzen said. There's a hungry demand from would-be space tourists and a \$10 million prize is inspiring designers. The X Prize, created in 1994 to spur the development of new space travel technologies, has attracted at least 21 space vehicle designs from people in five countries. The non-profit X Prize Foundation, founded by a group of donors inspired by the \$25,000 Orteig Prize that Charles Lindbergh won in 1927, will give the prize.
2. Each design team is hoping to develop the first reusable rocket capable of blasting a pilot and two to five passengers to a height of 62 miles. NASA awards astronaut status for 15 flights above 50 miles. Some design contestants boast that such trips will be available by 2005, although the first few travellers will face \$100,000 bills until the market matures.
3. Despite steep prices and lagging technology, Seitzen and others are convinced that a lucrative travel business awaits. Space Adventures, a travel agency that helped coordinate the first 20 tourist trips to the International Space Station last year by US businessman Dennis Tito, claims it has collected \$2 million in deposits from more than 120 would-be suborbital tourists. For client Wally Funk, who has paid her deposit, suborbital travel is a disappointing, yet feasible, alternative to decades of trying to reach space. Funk, a retired aviation safety investigator, says, "I would do (a space station trip) in a heartbeat, but I can't because I'm 25 and not a millionaire."
4. Compared to Tito's groundbreaking effort last year, future suborbital flights look easy. Tito was subjected to rigid medical requirements and a gruelling six-month training course in Russia. But suborbital travellers will need only a few days of training and, pending FAA approval, 30 would have to pass a much lower bar for medical standards.
5. "We always say that if you can safely ride a rollercoaster, then you are fit for a suborbital flight," says Space Adventures spokeswoman Tereza Predescu. Four commercial spaceports, which launch rockets into space like airports launch planes, are already licensed to operate by the FAA in Virginia, California, Alaska and Florida, and 35 they are eager to welcome extra business from space tourists, negating the need to catch a ride to Russia. For those reasons,

suborbital travel may represent a \$1 billion a year market, according to Space Adventures President and CEO Eric Anderson. Translated, that's 10,000 travellers paying \$100,000 each during the first few years of adventure space travel.

The GNI's work also helped build understanding among experts from the ICT industry and from the field of human rights—two groups that previously did not regularly work together. This has helped build a growing community of experts in ICT and human rights—a significant development given the increasing importance of technology in our pursuit of human rights today.

II. Based on your understanding of the passage, answer the questions given below.

- i. Space adventure claims that.....
 - (a) It is a lucrative business
 - (b) It is a business of less profit
 - (c) People don't want to go to space
 - (d) None of the above
- ii. Some design contestants feel convinced that.....
 - (a) space trips will never be made available
 - (b) space trips are not feasible
 - (c) space trips are disappointing
 - (d) space trips will soon be made available
- iii. Tito.....
 - (a) underwent rigid medical checkups
 - (b) attended a six month training course
 - (c) both (i) and (ii)
 - (d) none of the above
- iv. Suborbital travellers will need
 - (a) two years training course
 - (b) a few days of training
 - (c) a lot of money
 - (d) none of these
- v. Name the first tourist to the International Space Station. What difficulties did he face?
- vi. Why is Lance Bass unable to have a ride into space now? What is likely to happen in a decade?
- vii. Which two factors are inspiring the designers of a new space vehicle—the reusable rocket?
- viii. What are the prerequisites for space travelling?
- ix. Find words in the passage similar in meaning as profitable..
- x. Find words in the passage similar in meaning as severe, exhausting

SECTION B: WRITING SKILLS

(10 Marks)

1. A You are Mini D'Souza, an eminent educationist. Naveen Vihar School, Hyderabad has completed 50 years of commendable service to society. You have received an invitation from the Principal of the school, Akshara Tyagi to attend its Golden Jubilee Celebrations on Sunday, 12 June 20XX, at 10:00 a.m. Draft a letter of acceptance in about 50 words, accepting the invitation.

OR

- B You are Bhupesh Mehta, an eminent educationist. You have been invited to Nav Bharat School, Sarita Vihar, Delhi to attend and speak at a workshop on the topic "The Importance of Time Management" on July 25, 2022 at 10:00 a.m. Draft a letter of acceptance to the Cultural In-Charge, Piyush, in about 50 words.

2. A You are Krishna of 15, K.H. Road, Manipur. You recently purchased a cell phone from "The Phone Point" in Manipur, located at 93 Mountain Road. Within one month after purchasing, the phone device had an issue. Write a note to the dealer outlining the specifics of the issue and requesting that they either fix the flaw or replace the set.

OR

- B During the summer break, Pusa Public School in Haryana intends to take a group of 40 senior students on a trip to Shimla. The instructor in charge of "Excursions & Field Trips," Mr. Mohani Dutta, sends a letter to Tours & Travels, Haryana, requesting that they plan the trip. Write this letter outlining your preferences for travel dates, modes of transportation, lodging, etc

3. A Send a letter of complaint regarding the subpar office furniture you recently bought from Furniture World, Hyderabad, to the manager of the company. Give specifics about the type of complaint, the purchase date, the specifics of an invoice, etc., and ask for a prompt repair or replacement. You are the principal of Holy Public School in Hyderabad, Mr. Sairam Khanna.

OR

- B Send an email to the editor of the New Delhi-based journal Expressions outlining how your city's quality of life has declined. Make recommendations for enhancements. As PMR, sign your name.
4. A Particularly in light of the growing involvement of women in terrorist operations, the proportion of women in the police force seems insufficient. Write a 150–200 word piece about the need for more women in law enforcement for The Hindustan Chronicle.

OR

- B Children are the future of the nation. Schools and parents play an important role in moulding a child's personality. Write an article on the topic 'Role of School in a child's life' in 100-120 words.

SECTION C: LITERATURE

(40 Marks)

IV Read the given extracts to attempt the questions with reference to context

1. A Driving from my parent's home to Cochin last Friday morning, I saw my mother, beside me, doze, open mouthed, her face ashen like that of a corpse and realised with pain that she was as old as she looked but soon put that thought away, and looked out at Young Trees sprinting, the merry children spilling out of their homes, but after the airport's security check, standing a few yards away, I looked again at her, wan, pale as a late winter's moon and felt that old familiar ache, my childhood's fear, but all I said was, see you soon, Amma, all I did was smile and smile and smile.....

(My Mother at Sixty-six)

- i. What thought did the poet put away?
- (a) The impending death of mother (b) The ominous plane crash
- (c) The gun wound injury (d) None of these
- ii. What did the poet see when looked out of the car?
- (a) Houses (b) Trees
- (c) children (d) All of these
- iii. What does the phrase 'trees sprinting' signify?
- (a) Trees have started running (b) Trees are similar to children
- (c) Fleeting time (d) Homeless children
- iv. Which word in the passage is an antonym of 'miserable'?
- (a) Thought (b) Sprinting
- (c) Merry (a) Spilling
- v. What was the poet's childhood fear?
- (a) Losing mother (b) Shifting from parental house
- (c) Shifting to a new city (d) Darkness
- vi. Name the poet.
- (a) Stephen Spender (b) Kamala Das.

OR

1. B Now we will count to twelve and we will all keep still. For once on the face of the Earth let's not speak in any language, let's stop for one second, and not move our arms so much. It would be an exotic moment without rush, without engines, we would all be together in a sudden strangeness. Fishermen in the cold sea would not harm whales and the man gathering salt would look at his hurt hands. Those who prepare green wars, wars with gas, wars with fire, victory with no survivors, would put on clean clothes and walk about with their brothers in the shade, doing nothing. What I want should not be confused with total inactivity. Life is what it is about; I want no truck with death. If we were not so single-minded about keeping our lives moving, and for once could do nothing, perhaps a huge silence might interrupt this sadness of never understanding ourselves and of threatening ourselves with death. Perhaps the Earth can teach us as when everything seems dead and later proves to be alive. Now I'll count up to twelve and you keep quiet and I will go.

(Keeping Quiet)

- i. What can the earth teach us?

- (a) Silence is not death. (b) Death is not silent.
(c) Silence and death are synonyms. (d) None of these
- ii. How can we achieve the state of 'seems dead'?
(a) Taking out time to introspect (b) Taking out time to synchronise
(c) Taking out time to cry (d) Taking out time to laugh
- iii. What is the antonym of 'nothing' in the stanza?
(a) Teach (b) Everything
(c) Dead (d) Later
- iv. Which word in the stanza means 'not alive'?
(a) Teach (b) Dead
(c) Alive (d) Sees.
- v. Name the poet.
(a) Kamla Das (b) Pablo Neruda
(c) Adrienne rich (d) John Keats
- vi. What is the expectation of the poet from all human beings?
(a) Maintaining harmony (b) Stopping destruction
(c) Live in peace (d) All of these
2. A But that's the reason, he said, and my friends all agreed. Everything points to it, they claimed. My stamp collecting, for example; that 's a temporary refuge from reality.

(The third level)

- i. Who is 'he' in the above extract?
(a) Galesburg (b) Sam
(c) Charley (d) Jack
- ii. Which reason is being cited here?
(a) Charley wanted to have refuge from reality.
(b) Charley wanted to become rich.
(c) Charley wanted to have a political career.
(d) Charley wanted to marry again.
- iii. Which other evidence did prove that Charley was an escapist?
(a) Hobby of collecting coins (b) Hobby of collecting butterflies
(c) Hobby of collecting stones (d) Hobby of collecting stamps
- iv. Who of Charley's ancestors pursued philately?
(a) His father (b) His Grandfather
(c) His Great grandfather (d) His maternal uncle
2. B Sadao stopped Hana at his side, and turned the man's head.
They saw the face. 'A white man!'
Hana whispered. Yes, it was a white man.
(The Enemy)
- i. What did Dr. Sadao see when he turned the face of the man?
(a) Man with yellow hair (b) Man with yellow beard
(c) Man showing signs of being tortured (d) All of these (1 mark)
- ii. In what state was the white man lying?
(a) Unconscious (b) Dead
(c) Sleeping (d) Drunk
- iii. Which part of the body of the young man was wounded?
(a) Left side of upper back (b) Head and chest
(c) Both the legs (d) Right side of lower back

iv. To which of these did the white man belong?

- (a) US Army
- (b) US Navy
- (c) Japanese Army
- (d) Japanese navy (1 mark)

3. A A girl from the countryside, she hadn't gone through all the stages of worldly experience that generally precede a position of importance and sophistication that she had found herself catapulted into. She never quite recovered from the terror she felt that day. That was the end of a brief and brilliant acting career — the legal adviser, who was also a member of the Story Department, had unwittingly brought about that sad end. While every other member of the Department wore a kind of uniform — khadi dhoti with a slightly oversized and clumsily tailored white khadi shirt — the legal adviser wore pants and a tie and sometimes a coat that looked like a coat of mail. Often, he looked alone and helpless ...

(Poets and Pancakes)

i. Who is the author of Poets and Pancakes?

- (a) Asokamitran (1931), a Tamil writer
- (b) Charu Nivedita
- (c) Jayakanthan
- (d) Balakumaran

ii. Select the suitable word from the extract to complete the following analogy:
sealed: closed :: propelled:

iii. What does his book "My Years with Boss" talk of ?

- (a) his job
- (b) explain the nature of his boss
- (c) explains his environment
- (d) impact of movies on every aspect of life in India.

iv. When was Gemini studio set up?

- (a) 1920
- (b) 1930
- (c) 1910
- (d) 1940

v. Who was the Englishman?

- (a) Salman Rushdie
- (b) D.H Lawrence
- (c) George Orwell
- (d) Stephen Spender- Editor of a British Periodical The Encounter

vi. Complete the sentence with an appropriate explanation, as per the extract.

The writer uses the word 'uniform' to refer to the outfits of the Department members because just like a uniform .

OR

3. B Some might make quite extravagant claims for it as being, in its highest form, a source of truth, and, in its practice, an art. Others, usually celebrities who see themselves as its victims, might despise the interview as an unwarranted intrusion into their lives, or feel that it somehow diminishes them, just as in some primitive cultures it is believed that if one takes a photographic portrait of somebody then one is stealing that person's soul.
(The Interview)

i. Who is the author of the lesson 'The Interview'?

- (a) Christopher Priest
- (b) Christopher Silvester (1959)
- (c) J.B. Priestley
- (d) Alfred John Churchley

ii. Rewrite the sentence by replacing the underlined phrase with its inference.
Celebrities feel that an interview diminishes them. (1 mark)

iii. The excerpt -The Interview has been taken from which book?

- (a) Christopher's introduction to The Penguin Book of Interviews
- (b) Features for Vanity Fair
- (c) The name of the Rose
- (d) none

iv. Rationalise, to support the given opinion:

To say that an interview, in its highest form, is a source of truth is an extravagant claim. (1

- v. What are some of the positive traits of interviews?
(a) brings out the truth and gives vivid impression of contemporaries
(b) helps finding hidden talents
(c) useful medium of communication
(d) All these(1 mark)

- vi. At what age was Eco's book published?
(a) at the age of 20 (b) at the age of 25
(c) at the age of 22 (d) at the age of 26

V. Answer ANY FIVE of the following in about 40-50 words each. 5*2=10

- What do people pursue single-mindedly? Which is the better course the poet suggests?(Keeping Quiet)
- Why are the young trees described as 'sprinting', with reference to the poem My Mother at Sixty-six.
- What forces conspire to keep the workers in bangle industry of Firozabad in poverty?(lost-spring)
- What did Franz notice that was unusual about the school that day? (The Last Lesson)
- From where did the peddler get the idea of the world being a rattrap?
- How can we say that marriage was a compromise for Aunt Jennifer? Support your response with two justifications. (Aunt Jennifer's Tigers)

VI. Answer ANY TWO of the following in about 40-50 words each. 2*2=4

- The modern world is full of insecurity, fear, war, worry and stress. What are the ways in which we attempt to overcome them in The Third Level.
- What is the author's indirect comment on subjecting innocent animals to the willfulness of human beings in The Tiger King.
- What will Dr Sadao and his wife do with the man? (The Enemy)

VII. Answer ANY ONE of the following in about 120-150 words. 1*5=5

- How does Keats' poem, A Thing of Beauty appeal richly to the senses, stimulating the reader's inner sight as well as the sense of touch and smell? Write your answer in about 120-150 words.

OR

- Colin Dexter, the author of Evans Tries an O-level employs the red herring technique of intentionally misleading readers by placing false clues to keep the plot enigmatic. Substantiate with reference to text, in about 120-150 words.

VIII. Answer ANY ONE of the following in about 120-150 words. 1*5=5

- On returning home, Tishani Doshi writes her thoughts reflecting on how her decision to enrol for the Students on Ice programme has been the single most important decision of her life that has completely transformed her.

Imagine yourself to be Tishani and express these thoughts.

You may begin like this:

I can't thank my stars enough for having cashed in on the opportunity of.....

OR

- Biographies include features of non-fiction texts – factual information and different text structures such as description, sequence, comparison, cause and effect, or problem and solution. Examine Indigo in the light of this statement, in about 120-150 words.

Solutions

SAMPLE PAPER-5

SECTION - A

I Read the passage given below.

Based on your understanding of the passage, answer the questions given below. 10

i c. To teach them about the values of life like hard work, contentment, honesty and compassion.

ii b. Learn how to overcome challenges.

Teenage struggles prepare a person for adult challenges. They encourage the idea that challenges are an inevitable part of life and that one can overcome them, frequently improving as a result of the experience. Growth is stimulated more by difficult times than by prosperous ones.

iii a. They feel more secure and better. When they reside in a secure structure, children feel happier and more secure. To succeed as an adult and to understand the significance of self control, it is also crucial to learn how to overcome obstacles.

iv a. They fail to cope with life's disappointments when they grow up.

v Ans. Parents and teachers want to inculcate the values of life like honesty, hard work and contentment among children.

vi Ans. When children are given too much too soon, they grow up to be adults who have difficulty in coping with the disappointments of life. Such children may develop distorted sense of entitlement that comes in the way of success in the workplace and relationships

vii Today's children want much more partly because there is so much more to want. They crave for something new. They consider even luxurious items as essential commodities.

viii Ans. Parents need to find a balance between the advantages of an affluent society and the critical lessons of life that come from waiting, saving and working hard to achieve goals in today's world

ix Contentment

x precious

II Read the passage given below.

i a. It is a lucrative business

ii d. Space trips will soon be made available.

The first reusable rocket that can carry a pilot and two to five passengers up to a height of 62 miles is what each design team is aiming to create. For 15 flights over 50 miles, NASA grants astronaut status.

iii c. both (i) and (ii)

Dennis Tito, a US businessman, was the first visitor to the International Space Station. Tito was required to go through strict medical testing and a challenging six-month training programme in Russia.

iv b. a few days of training

v Ans. US businessman Dennis Tito was the first tourist to the International Space Station. Tito had to undergo rigid medical requirements and a severe six month training course in Russia

vi Ans. Lance Bass can't afford \$20 million for a space ride right now. In a decade, the fare for a space traveller is likely to come down to \$10,000 or even \$5,000.

vii (i) a hungry demand from would-be space tourists
(ii) a \$10 million prize to the designers

viii Ans. The space travellers should be medically fit and they need to get proper training. A man who can ride a roller coaster is fit for space travelling.

ix Ans lucrative

x Ans. gruelling

SECTION - B

I. Attempt ANY ONE from A and B given below.

A To,

Akshara Tyagi

Naveen Vihar School, Hyderabad

Date: 23/05/20XX,

Subject: Acceptance of Invitation

I'm grateful. I've been invited to attend the Golden Jubilee Celebrations of your school on Sunday, June 12, 2022. I'm happy to confirm that I'll be at the aforementioned event. You have the honour of inviting me, and I will always be appreciative of this thoughtful action.

Hope to Catch You Soon

Regards

Mini D'Souza

OR

B 2nd July 2022

C-14, Kailash Colony

Mumbai, Maharashtra

Respected sir,

Myself Bhupesh Mehta You sent me a letter inviting me to visit your institution. I want to start by saying thank you and that I'm honoured to have been invited. I'll undoubtedly visit and deliver a speech about time management. Sir, it would be a pleasure to meet you.

Thank you

Regards

Bhupesh Mehta

2. Attempt ANY ONE from A and B given below.

A 15, K.H. Road

Manipur

17th June, 20xx

The Phone Point

93, Mountain Road

Manipur

Subject: Rectify/Replace Defective Mobile Phone

Sir,

On November 12th, I paid for a mobile phone from your dealership, a Nokia E-13, with Bill No. 4820. Since I bought it, I have been using it to my pleasure, but in the last few days, I have observed that I now need to charge my phone every 4-5 hours, as opposed to before when I used to charge it every almost 24 hours. Even if I use the phone for the same amount of time as I did before, the battery life has drastically decreased. I kindly ask that you either fix the battery issue or replace the phone, which has a one-year warranty. Given Phone Point's positive reputation and goodwill, I anticipate you to look into the situation.

Your Sincerely

Krishna

OR

B Pusa Public School

Haryana

19th April, 20xx

The Manager

DK Tours & Travels

Sector 14-F

Haryana

Subject: To organise an excursion to Shimla for 40 students

Sir

Our group, which consists of 40 senior students and 5 instructors, is organising a five-day trip to Shimla during the summer. We would like this vacation to be planned for us by your travel agency. We would want to do this vacation between May 12 and May 25. We would want to take the toy train to Shimla and count on your company's ability to arrange for us to stay in a respectable hotel on the major Mall Road in twin-sharing accommodations. The total cost of the trip, including boarding and lodging, should not be more than \$7000 per kid. I would value a prompt response from your end providing us with the specifics and a travel schedule.

Looking forward to your early response.

Yours sincerely

Mohani Dutta

3. Attempt ANY ONE from A and B given below.

A To Manager

Furniture World

Hyderabad

Subject: Complaint regarding the poor quality of furniture

Dear Sir/Madam,

This letter is to express dissatisfaction with the furniture that our school recently acquired from your store.

I made a purchase from your business on February 15th, 2022 on behalf of the school. Under bill number 311, it was presented the very next day, on February 16, 2022. There were 35 office desks and chairs, 15 of which were destroyed. The goods were only bought a week ago, and it has still not been returned. The purchase's specifics are listed below.

Invoice Date: 11/02/2022

Invoice #: UI12

Name: S. Reddy

Please check into the situation and offer the products right away for repair or replacement. We have long made promises to your store's patrons and anticipate greater service.

Thank You!

Yours sincerely,

Mr. Sairam Khanna

(Principal)

Holy Public School

OR

B 11 Model Town

Delhi

April 15, 20XX

The Editor Expressions

Kailash Marg

New Delhi-110018

Sir

Sub: Deteriorating standard of living in the capital city.

I would like to convey my opinions on the declining quality of life in Delhi through the columns of your reputable publication.

What exactly does "quality of living" mean? Does it imply owning pricey luxuries, residing in luxurious bungalows, or simply having reasonable and tranquil living circumstances—including good health and hygiene, a clean environment, and—most importantly—a culture that places a premium on moral principles?

Given all of this, Delhi's living circumstances are truly dreadful. Garbage dumps, congested highways, rising air pollution, loud noise levels, crowded public spaces, etc. all provide clear evidence of the decline in the standard of living of the populace. Our lungs yearn for open spaces with vegetation.

The city's resources are under a lot of strain due to the enormous number of immigrants from other states who have moved to Delhi. The lack of public amenities is contributing to the housing crisis' rapid growth. There isn't much interaction between neighbours because everyone is so busy. The best way to describe life in the capital city is as hurried and anxious. The gap between the rich and the poor is widening daily as a result of rising costs and expanding consumerism. To solve this issue, sensible action must be taken. There should be more "silent zones" and green belts established. Additionally, the unchecked influx of people into Delhi needs to be stopped. The standard of living can only be raised after that.

Yours truly

PMR

4. Attempt ANY ONE from A and B given below.

A There is a need for more women in law enforcement and participation has dramatically increased during the past few decades. Women are no longer restricted to the house and have risen to the top in practically every profession, on a level with males. However, it has been noted that the proportion of

women in the police force is low, particularly when compared to the fact that they are becoming more prevalent in terrorist activities. As they are more dedicated to the cause they work for and less corrupt, two attributes that are lacking in policemen, women are sure to establish their value in the police force. The designated quota for hiring women into the police force has to be increased by the government. Women should be encouraged to join the police force, and doing so will be beneficial since they bring with them a distinctively diverse and valued set of abilities that are guaranteed to alter how our community views the police. The presence of more women on the force will undoubtedly help to improve community relations, foster a more adaptable and less violent approach to upholding law and order, and restore the police's tarnished reputation as the job description of the force expands beyond crime-fighting into community service.

OR

B Beginning in preschool and continuing throughout the child's life, schools play an important part in a child's development. Some people believe that parents are a child's first teacher, and that teachers are his second set of parents. However, a child spends just as much time in school as he does at home. Any school cares about the child's mental and psychological development and offers a structured education.

A youngster not only learns academics but also other crucial life skills. These include cooperation, civility, unity, responsibility, and sharing. The kind of instruction he receives in school shapes the kind of character that he carries with him throughout his life. A youngster is given a variety of opportunities at school to help him identify and eventually develop his innate skills. His academic and professional lives have been shaped by all of these experiences, which also aid in boosting self-esteem.

SECTION - C

I Attempt ANY ONE of two extracts given.

A Ans.i a

ii b

iii c

iv c

v a

vi b

B Ans.i a

ii a

iii b

iv b

v b

vi d

2 Attempt ANY ONE of two extracts given.

- A Ans.i** b
ii a
iii d
iv b

OR

- B Ans.i** d
ii a
iii d
iv b

3 Attempt ANY ONE of two extracts given.

- A Ans.i** a
ii catapulted
iii d
iv d
v d
vi ... is a common dress code for all, similarly, their apparel/ dress was nearly the same - loose khadi shirt and khadi dhoti

OR

- B Ans.i** b
ii Celebrities feel that an interview makes them appear ordinary.
[accept - negatively impacts OR weakens them/ their aura]
iii a
iv It is an extravagant claim as an interview cannot be a source of truth due to the following
Interviews may be scripted OR People may make false statements OR Certain questions may be left unanswered.
v D
Interview is considered as a reliable source of truth. Contemporaries and their success can be read through the interviews. A very important part of journalism is interviews nowadays.
vi c

V Answer ANY FIVE of the following in about 40-50 words each.

- i People are utterly focused on maintaining their lives in motion. It would be better, the poet says, if they gave themselves some time to rest. Maybe they won't act for once.
ii The poet observes the young trees "sprinting" as she travels to the airport in an effort to divert her attention

from her ageing mother's concerns. The trees appear to be passing the moving automobile quickly. The trees' frantic movement is a representation of how quickly time passes for people from infancy to old age. When compared to her elderly and frail mother, who appears inert and is sleeping in the car, this image, which depicts energy and vigour, stands in stark contrast. The 'young' trees stand in juxtaposition to her mother's impending death as symbols of life.

- iii The employees of the Firozabad bangle business are kept in poverty by certain powers. These people include moneylenders, middlemen, police officers, law enforcers, bureaucrats, and politicians. They place a significant strain on the child collectively.
iv Franz noticed that day that there wasn't the usual noise brought on by desks opening and closing, lessons being repeated in unison, and the teacher tapping his ruler on the table. A weird silence that was typical of a school on a "Sunday morning" took the place of the routine commotion.
v During one of his usual plodding, the peddler thought on the subject of rattraps. It presented him with the idea of the world being a rat trap and grew fond of thinking this way.
i (i) She was unable to live or act in the way she desired.
(ii) Overburdened by obligations.

VI Answer ANY TWO of the following in about 40-50 words each.

- i By engaging in some useful and constructive activities, we can get rid of the worries and insecurities that are a natural byproduct of our unavoidable presence in the modern world. We can have a balanced and healthy life by engaging in hobbies, spending time with family and friends, travelling, going on adventures, and practising meditation and exercise. Reading good books is the literary counterpart of having wise friends. In addition to providing us with a large collection of knowledge, they also enable us to benefit from the experiences of others and maintain a connection to some fundamental human values. Joining a gym or hobby classes, attending social events such as weddings and birthdays Going outside to play games, communicating meaningfully online, keeping a journal, etc. can all help us relax and maintain our focus and discipline in life. Simple things like playing with our dogs, watching movies or plays, visiting parks, or even just listening to music can go a long way in helping us get rid of tension, boredom, and fears.

- ii The author accurately depicts how humans have killed and tortured innocent creatures for no other reason than to indulge their own whims and fantasies in this satirical novel. Tigers were exterminated in several areas as a result of the maharaja's indiscriminate killing of them, although he was unaware of the serious repercussions of his actions. The maharaja went on a killing spree to demonstrate his authority over the helpless animals and disprove an astrologer. He used his authority to kill a hundred unfortunate tigers in an effort to demonstrate his superiority as a human.
- iii An unconscious wounded war prisoner that Dr. Sadao and Hana discovered posed a serious threat to their own safety. Dr. Sadao, on the other hand, opted to operate on him after all. Despite the fact that it was only temporary, he saved his life. Both provided for the patient's needs in terms of health and other things, albeit halfheartedly. Hana even gave him food and bathed him by hand. They tried to assist the injured man even though they knew they would eventually have to turn him over to the troops.

VII Answer ANY ONE of the following in about 120-150 words.

- i Keats' descriptions enable a more in-depth understanding of the fantastical, making it seem more real and awakening the reader's inner sight as well as senses of touch and scent. Keats establishes this with strong wordplay and imagery. The bower's cooling comfort, the daffodils dancing in their lush surroundings, the creek babbling, and the mid forest break with the musk rose flowers engage our senses of sound, touch, and scent. Our brain is drawn to the accounts of the powerful and the tragedy that befalls them. Even though the infinite fountain may be a reference to the fountain of youth, it subtly affects the reader.
- ii It is accurate to say that Colin Dexter, the author of *Evans Tries an O-level*, purposely misleads readers by including false clues in order to make the plot a mystery. There are various plot holes in the novel that make the readers wonder. First off, the novel opens in an odd scenario with a kleptomaniac with a history of escaping from prison and a prison with maximum security. Then, we are distracted from this sceptical prisoner Evans' sharp intelligence and exceptional knack for deception by his unkempt look, pleasant demeanour, and genial chat. In addition to his appearance, the reader's attention is diverted by his goofy but filthy-looking bobble cap, which is a knit beanie with a pom-pom on top. The author wrote somewhere. Second-place handkerchief. There is no mention of the number one handkerchief, which is perfectly arranged on the bed. Reverend Stuart Mc Leery is then discovered gagged inside the same Broad Street apartment after initially being

seen leaving it. There is no reason to pack a nail file when it is mentioned that he has one in his suitcase and that Mc Leery has well manicured fingers. It has been established that Mc Leery had become slimmer before. Mc Leery was discovered in a chair, slouched. This is utterly perplexing. Finally, a chase throughout the town that looks completely pointless began with the aid of hints on the exam paper. These abrupt changes lead us to the conclusion that Colin Dexter's *'s Evans Tries an O-Level* is a clever and very complex prison break with storyline twists.

VIII Answer ANY ONE of the following in about 120-150 words.

- i My mind was completely blown when I first learned about the Students on Ice initiative. I was aware that I needed to apply! I thoroughly considered my choices before deciding that going back to Canada would be the best course of action for me.

My involvement with the Students on Ice programme has changed my life. I've learned a tonne about who I am and what I'm capable of. Above all, it has boosted my confidence. I now have the knowledge that I can accomplish everything I set my mind to, which is something I had never thought was possible.

I'm appreciative of the chance the programme has provided me, and I'm eager to keep developing and learning in the future. I appreciate you giving me this opportunity; it has been incredible!

- ii The claim that "Biographies include aspects of non-fiction texts"—factual information and various text structures like "description," "sequence," "comparison," "cause and effect," or "problem and solution"—is accurate. Biographies give us information about the person we wish to learn more about or who we may choose to be our hero. After reading the biographies, the readers are inspired because they can relate to their heroes.

Since *Indigo* is a biography, it contains factual information about the events that took place, such as the dates of the events, the number of delegates in the I.N.C., the 15% of land that the landlords agreed to let be used for indigo harvesting, the 120-minute bail request, the number of interviews Gandhi had with the Lt. Governor, and the 25% agreed-upon repayment percentage.

The format of non-fiction is also used, with justifications given for each event. The text presents the conflict resolution of non-fiction text structures by following the sequence of events as they happened, starting with Rajkumar Shukla's tenacity and ending with Gandhiji's development work in Champaran. It also compares British expectations with Mahatma Gandhi's tenacity and their surprise at it.