# MODEL QUESTION PAPER (2020-21) ENGLISH (CORE) GRADE XII

Time Allowed: 3 hours

M.M.: 80

(10)

**GENERAL INSTRUCTIONS:** 

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

PART - A	[40 MARKS]
(READING)	[20 MARKS]

#### 1. Read the passage given below and answer any ten questions:

- 1. The National Basketball Championship Women's finals had all the ingredients of the Chak De climax. Till half-time, the Railways team, playing against the Chhattisgarh girls' team, led on the scoreboard. And then, the unexpected happened. The Chhattisgarh girls tore into the Railway's defences and every time they took a shot, the ball made it through the hoop. The scoreboard kept moving and at the final whistle, it stood in Chhattisgarh's favour.
- 2. But more important than the victory, it is the stories of some of these players that make it a fantastic match. Most of the players come from poor families and have dealt with severe setbacks. Take the story of India's tallest woman hoopster, Poonam Chaturvedi. A severe headache that had been bothering her for a long time, was diagnosed with brain tumour six months ago. She had lost her will to live but had joined the team to please her father, a constable in Uttar Pradesh. Within a few minutes into game the headache had returned and she was benched. But when Captain Seema Singh fouled out, she was forced to return. She went on to put up a brilliant performance, despite the pain and anxiety.
- 3. Behind this stupendous success is Coach Rajesh Patel, who has been running the Chhattisgarh Basketball Development Academy for 13 years. With financial backing from the steel plants in his area, he has been mentoring deserving boys and girls from tribal belts and training them for the game. A promise of employment and promotion if they excel in the game, keeps girls going, says Patel.
- 4. So far, Patel has trained 1500 youngsters. Of the lot, the really disadvantageous children are taken into a hostel run by him and his wife Anita, till they are independent. Many of Patel's protégés have gone on to perform at national and international events and the Chhattisgarh girls he has trained, claim a unique record of bringing home 74 medals in their 80 national-level appearances.
- 5. Yet none of these players have had an easy life. Seema Singh of the current team is its most experienced player. She had represented Chhattisgarh for the first time in 2002. When she was dropped from the Railways team earlier, due to a knee injury, she picked herself up and resumed playing for Chhattisgarh and won the national trophy for her coach, as she puts it.

- 6. Another team member, L Deepa, triumphed over a physical drawback. She is short and found this a great disadvantage in a sport like basketball where height matters. But when Patel gave her a chance to come up to his expectations, Deepa more than measured up.
- 7. Others, like Bharati Nigam, came into the team as she could not make to the Railways team this year. This daughter of a police constable, she took this snub as a challenge and went on to become a professional player. Her sports teacher, she feels, motivated her to take up the sport as a career.
- 8. All these women together have thus scripted an unusual tale of great valour, indomitable courage and implicit trust in their coach to secure for India a great honour. For their team the win, over the giants, the Railways team, this victory has spelt a personal rewind of the typical underdog-who-triumphs movie of how they dunked the odds.

(a)	The match between the Railways and Chhattisgarh was won by				
	(i) the Chak De India team	(ii) the Chhattisgarh g	girls' team		
	(iii) the Railways' team	(iv) no one as it was a	a draw		
(b)	Poonam Chaturvedi is		(1)		
	(i) India's tallest woman hoopster	(ii) the captain of the	Chhattisgarh team		
	(iii) a player from the Railways team	(iv) a girl living in the	hostel		
(c)	The Chhattisgarh Basketball Academy has be	een running for	(1)		
	(i) one year				
	(ii) the benefit of the steel plant				
	(iii) 13 years				
	(iv) the national and international champions	ships			
(d)	The Coach of Chhattisgarh basketball team	is	(1)		
	(i) Jiva Patel	(ii) Rajesh Patel			
	(iii) Anita Patel	(iv) Poonam Chaturve	edi		
(e)	What has been bothering Poonam Chaturve	di for a long time?	(1)		
	(i) Ulcer (ii) Backache	(iii) Fever	(iv) Headache		
(f)	Who is the most experienced player of the	Chhattisgarh team?	(1)		
	(i) Poonam Chaturvedi	(ii) Seema Singh			
	(iii) L Deepa	(iv) Bharati Nigam			
(g)	Why was Seema Singh dropped from Railw	ay team?	(1)		
	(i) Due to marriage	(ii) Father's death			
	(iii) Knee injury	(iv)			
(h)	Where did Poonam Chaturvedi belong to?		(1)		
	(i) Madhya Pradesh (ii) Uttar Pradesh	(iii) Bihar	(iv) Rajasthan		
(i)	What was the drawback with L Deepa?		(1)		
	(i) She was fat.	(ii) She was weak.			
	(iii) She was short.	(iv) She was mentally	unfit.		

(j)	What have these v	vomen scripted?			(1)
	(i) A tale of valour		(ii) A saga of c	lefeat	
	(iii) A parody		(iv) A story of 1	remorse	
(k)	Find out the word	from the passage wh	nich mean "Basketball	player"	(1)
	(i) Stupendous	(ii) Hoopster	(iii) Valour	(iv) Und	lerdog

- 2. Read the passage given below and answer any ten questions:
- 1. In spite of all the honours that we heaped upon him, Pasteur, as has been said, remained simple at heart. Perhaps the imagery of his boyhood days, when he drew the familiar scenes of his birthplace, and the longing to be a great artist, never wholly left him. In truth he did become a great artist, though after his sixteenth year he abandoned the brush forever. Like every artist of worth, he put his whole soul and energy into his work, and it was this very energy that in the end wore him out. For him, each sufferer was something more than just a case that was to be cured. He looked upon the fight against hydrophobia as a battle, and he was absorbed in his determination to win. The sight of injured children, particularly, moved him to an indescribable extent. He suffered with his patients, and yet he would not deny himself a share in the suffering. His greatest grief was when sheer physical exhaustion made him give up his active work. He retired to the estate at Villeneuve Etang, where he had his kennels for the study of rabies, and there he passed his last summer, as his great biographer, Vallery Radot, has said, "practicing the Gospel virtues."
- 2. "He revered the faith of his fathers," says the same writer, "and wished without ostentation or mystery to receive its aid during his last period."
- 3. The attitude of this man to the science he had done so much to perfect can be best summed up in a sentence that he is reputed once to have uttered, concerning the materialism of many of his contemporaries in similar branches of learning to his own: "The more I contemplate the mysteries of Nature, the more my faith becomes like that of a peasant."
- 4. But even then in retirement he loved to see his former pupils, and it was then he would reiterate his life principles: "Work, "he would say, "Never cease to work."

So well had he kept this precept that he began rapidly to sink from exhaustion.

- 5. Finally on September 27, 1895, when someone leant over his bed to offer him a cup of milk, he said sadly: "I cannot, "and with a look of perfect resignation and peace, seemed to fall asleep. He never again opened his eyes to the cares and sufferings of a world which he had done so much to relieve and to conquer. He was within three months of his seventy-third birthday.
- 6. Thus passed, as simply as a child, the man whom the French people were to vote at a plebiscite as the greatest man that France had ever produced. Napoleon, who has always been considered the idol of France, was placed fifth.
- 7. No greater tribute could have been paid to Louis Pasteur, the tanner's son, the scientist, the man of peace, the patient worker for humanity.
- A. On the basis of your understanding of the above passage answer any ten questions given below with the help of the options that follow:
  - (a) Pasteur abandoned the brush after-

(1)

(10)

(i) 10th year (ii) 12th year (iii)14th year (iv)16th year

(b)	What was Pasteur's l	ife principle?			(1)	
	(i) work and rest		(ii) work and play	(ii) work and play		
	(iii) create		(iv) never cease to work			
(c)	Louise Pasteure died	on-			(1)	
	(i) 26 September 18	95	(ii) 27 October 1896			
	(iii) 27 September 1	895	(iv) 25 September 18	895		
(d)	Where did he retire?				(1)	
	(i) Villeneuve Eta	(ii) Village Etang	(iii) Villeneuve Etang	(iv) Villeneuve	Etung	
(e)	What was Pasteur of	fered at the last mome	nt of his life?		(1)	
	(i) Bread	(ii) Water	(iii) Milk	(iv) Juice		
(f)	Who has been consid	lered the idol of France	??		(1)	
	(i) Bismark	(ii) Napolean	(iii) Hitler	(iv) Mussolini		
(g)	What was Pasteure's	father?			(1)	
	(i) Doctor	(ii) Carpenter	(iii) Blacksmith	(iv) Tanner		
(h)	He compared his fait	th to that of a -			(1)	
	(i) Merchant	(ii) Chemist	(iii) Doctor	(iv) Peasant		
(i)	What gospel did Pas	teure practise, accordin	g to his biographer?		(1)	
	(i) Gospel of Non-Vio	olence	(ii) Gospel of Kindnes	S		
	(iii) Gospel of Virtues	5	(iv) Gospel of Truth			
(j)	Find the word in the	passage which means	"give up"		(1)	
	(i) Refute	(ii) Gospel	(iii) Cease	(iv) Abandon		
(k)	Find the word in the	passage which means	"people belonging to th	e same period"	(1)	
	(i) Contemporaries	(ii) Plebiscite	(iii) Gospel	(iv) Virtues		
		(LITERATURE)	)	[20 MARKS	5]	
Atte	empt any two passag	ges out of the three.		(1 × 8	= 8)	
Whi	le I was thinking about	all this, I heard my nan	ne called. It was my turn	to recite. What	would	
I no	t have given to utter th	at dreadful rule for the l	Participles all through, ve	ery loud and cle	ar, and	

a) While I was thinking about all this, I heard my name called. It was my turn to recite. What would I not have given to utter that dreadful rule for the Participles all through, very loud and clear, and without one mistake? But I got mixed up on the first words and stood there, holding on to my desk, my heart beating and not daring to look up.

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(i)	Who was thinking?			
	(A) M. Hamel	(B) Franz	(C) Hauser	(D) Mayor
(ii)	What is Participle?			
	(A) Grammar	(B) Gerund	(C) Verbal Adjective	(D) Infinitive

- (iii) Why was the rule dreadful?
  - (A) Because he couldn't speak
  - (B) Because his heart started pounding
  - (C) Because his name was called
  - (D) Because he didn't know anything about that
- (iv) What did he want to do?

(:)

- (A) To laugh(B) To cry(C) To shout(D) To speak out the rule
- b) After that, Christmas Eve at Ramsjo passed just as it always had. The stranger did not cause any trouble because je did nothing but sleep. The whole forenoon he lay on the sofa in one of the guest rooms and slept at one stretch. At noon they woke himup so that he could have his share of the good Christmas fare, but after that he slept again. It seemed as though for many years he had not been able to sleep as quietly and safely as here at Ramsjo.
  - (i) "After that.". After what? (A) After sleeping (B) After dressing (C) After taking meals (D) After Christmas (ii) Where did he sleep? (A) Bed room (B) Guest room (C) Drawing room (D) Porch (iii) What does "fare" mean in this context? (B) White (A) Rent (C) Good (D) Food Why was he brought there? (iv) (A) To sleep (B) To eat (C) To be punished (D) To Celebrate
- (c) And that was that. I left the same way I came, I suppose. Next day, during lunch hour, I drew three hundred dollars out of the bank, nearly all we had, and bought old-style currency (that really worried my psychiatrist friend). You can buy old money at almost any coin dealer's, but you have to pay a premium. My three hundred in old-style bills, but I didn't care; eggs were thirteen cents a dozen in 1894.

(1)	What did he leave?			
	(A) Second level	(B) His wife	(C) Money	(D) Ticket window
(ii)	How much did egg co	ost in 1894?		
	(A) 12 cents	(B) 13 cents	(C) 14 cents	(D) 15 cents
(iii)	How much did he wit	hdraw from bank?		
	(A) 300 dollars	(B) 250 dollars	(C) 200 dollars	(D) 500 dollars
(iv)	Where can you get ol	d money from?		
	(A) Grocery shop	(B) Petrol Pump	(C) Coin dealer	(D) Baker

4,	Read	d the stanza and an	$(1 \times 4 = 4)$							
	If we									
	abou	ut keeping our lives								
	and	for once could do n								
	perh	aps a huge silence								
	migl	nt interrupt this sa								
		ever understanding								
		of threatening ours								
	(i)	According the poet,								
		(A) Unfeeling	(B) Single-minded		ocussed	(D) Distracted				
	(ii)	What will happen if	we can be still for some	time?						
		(A) There will be sile	ence	(B) Th	nere will be chao	S				
		(C) There will be uni	rest	(D) Tł	here will be joy					
	(iii)	What are people afr	aid of?							
		(A) Love	(B) Death	(C) D	isease	(D) Care				
	(iv)	Name the poet.								
		(A) Palbo Neruda	(B) Pablo Nedura	(C) Pa	alob Neruda	(D) Pabol Neudra				
			OR							
	Far	ar from gusty waves these children's faces.								
	Like	Like rootless weeds, the hair torn round their pallor;								
	The	The tall girl with her weighed- down head.								
	(i)	Which is the figure of	of speech used in "Far fa	ır"?						
		(A) Simile	(B) Metaphor	(C) Re	epetition	(D) Alliteration				
	(ii)	Which is the figure of	of speech used in the se	cond lir	ne?					
		(A) Simile	(B) Metaphor	(C) Re	epetition	(D) Alliteration				
	(iii)	Name the poet.								
		(A) Edmund Spencer	· (B) Sydney Spencer	(C) St	tephen Spencer	(D) Stephen Spender				
	(iv)	The tall girl with her	head weighed down me	eans, th	ne girl-					
		(A) is ill and exhaust	ed	(B) ha	as her head bend	with shame				
		(C) has untidy hair		(D) is	punished					
5.	Ans	ver any 8 of the fol	lowing 10 questions:			$(1 \times 8 = 8)$				
	(i)	What did Wachter sa	y to Franz?							
	(ii)	What is the irony un	derlying Saheb's name?							
	(iii)	What did Roosevelt	say about fear?							
	(iv)	"It looks as though (	Captain Von Stahle pref	erred to	o stay with you	tonight, Stjernstrom."				
		Who said to whom?								
	(v)	What part of the hol	ldings would the peasant	s have	to grow indigo?					
	(vi)	Why is the significan	ce of the word "ashen"	in "ashe	en like that of a	corpse"?				
	(vii)	Where did Charley w								
	(viii)	-	ning of Beauty part of?							
	(ix)	-	of pun from Keeping Qu	uiet.						
	(x)	-	or Golden Lion in Evans		an O - Level?					

# PART - B (WRITING)

# [40 MARKS] [16 MARKS]

You have lost an expensive watch probably in the market. Write an advertisement for the Lost and Found column of a local newspaper giving all the relevant details. Offer a reward also. Write the advertisement in about 50 words. You are Gopal/ Gopa, 4, Manav Road, Kanpur. (3)

### OR

You are Amar/ Amrita, Secretary of Cultural Club, Aryaman Public School, Kochi. A charity show has been arranged in your school in aid of cancer patients. Write a notice to be displayed on the school notice board informing the students of the show and asking them to cooperate and make it a success. Draft the notice in about 50 words giving all necessary details. (3)

On 30th November your school is going to hold its annual sports day. You want Mr. Dhanraj Pillai, a noted hockey player to give away the prizes to the budding sportspersons of the school.Write a formal invitation in about 50 words requesting him to grace the occasion. You are Karuna/ Karan, Sports Secretary, Sunrise Global School, Agra. (3)

#### OR

Write a formal reply to Mrs. & Mr. Deepak Gautam declining their invitation to dinner on their 50th Wedding Anniversary on 2nd March 2016.

8. Marriage processions are expressive of our joy on a happy occasion. But of late they have become very noisy. They cause traffic jams, particularly during auspicious days for marriages they become a public nuisance. Write a letter to the editor of a national daily giving your views on the problem. Offer some suggestions. You are Rani/ Raj, 121 Bank Street, Ramnagar. (5)

#### OR

You are Ketan Panday of 63, Civil Lines, Delhi. You saw an advertisement in The Hindu for the post of Accountant in a reputed firm. Write an application in 120-150 words to the Area Manager of Gayatri Consultants, 2, Barakhamba Road, New Delhi, giving your detailed biodata.

9. Indian culture has traditionally sustained a joint family system in which the old have always had a very respectable place. There has been an erosion of these values in the present times. Write an article in 150-200 words on the need for the young to take care of their old instead of sending them to the old age homes. (5)

### OR

You are the Sports Captain of your school. The annual sports were conducted last month. Write a report in 125-150 words on the conduct of the same. You are Satish/ Sita of JBS school, Jaipur.

### (LITERATURE)

#### [24 MARKS]

10. Read the following questions and answer any five of them in 30-40 words each:

 $(2 \times 5 = 10)$ 

(5)

- (a) What does the reference to chappals in 'Lost Spring' tell us about the economic condition of the rag pickers?
- (b) Why is Rajkumar Shukla described as being 'resolute'?

- (c) What makes human being love life in spite of all the troubles they face?
- (d) What is suggested by the phrase, 'massive weight of Uncle's wedding band'?
- (e) How did Douglas remove his residual doubts about his fear of water?
- (f) Why did M. Hamel write 'Vive La France' on the blackboard?

## 11. Read the following questions and answer any two in 30-40 words each:

- (a) What precautions were taken for the smooth conduct of Evans' O-level examination?
- (b) How did Jo want the Roger Skunk story to end?
- (c) What does Mr. Lamb mean by bees buzzing and humming?

### 12. Answer any one of the following questions in 120-150 words:

Edla proved to be much more persuasive than her father while dealing with the peddler. Comment. (5)

### OR

How does Douglas make clear to the reader, the sense of panic that gripped him as he almost drowned? Describe the details that have made the description vivid.

13. Dr. Sadao faced a dilemma. Should he use his surgical skills to save the life of a wounded person or hand an escaped American POW over to the Japanese police? How did he resolve this clash of values.(5)

#### OR

What change took place in Derry when he met Mr. Lamb?

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1.	(a)	ii	(b)	i	(c)	iii	(d)	ii	(e)	iv	(f)	ii	
	(g)	iii	(h)	ii	(i)	iii	(j)	i	(k)	ii			
2.	(a)	iv	(b)	iv	(c)	iii	(d)	iii	(e)	iii	(f)	ii	
	(g)	iv	(h)	iv	(i)	iii	(j)	iv	(k)	i			
3.	(a)	(i)	В	(ii)	С	(iii)	D	(iv)	D				
	(b)	(i)	С	(ii)	В	(iii)	D	(iv)	D				
	(c)	(i)	D	(ii)	В	(iii)	А	(iv)	С				
4.	(i)	В	(ii)	А	(iii)	В	(iv)	В					
							OR						
	(i)	D	(ii)	В	(iii)	D	(iv)	А					
5.	i)	He s	aid, "Do	on't go	so fast	bub. Yo	u will g	et to yo	our scho	ool in p	olenty of	f time."	
	ii)	His 1	name m	eant "L	ord of	the univ	verse" a	nd cont	trary to	what i	t meant	, he was	doing
		a me	enial job	of pic	king rag	gs.							
	iii)	He s	aid, "Al	l we ha	ve to fe	ear is fe	ar itself	".					
	iv)	The	Ironma	ster said	d to the	e master	r blacks	mith.					
	v)	The	peasant	s would	l have t	o go in	digo in	15% р	art of t	heir hc	oldings.		
	vi)	It ha	s been	used to	show a	dullness	becaus	e of old	l age.				
	vii)	He v	vanted	to go to	o Galesl	burg, Ill	inois.		-				
	viii)	_	a nart o			U,							

- viii) It is a part of Endymion.
- ix) "Let's stop for one second, and not move our arms so much.
- x) The code was, "Zum goldenen lowen".
- 6.

# LOST

Lost an expensive watch, golden dial and belt, Make - Titan, somewhere in the Chaupati Market, on 27 February, during afternoon hours. The Finder is requested to restore the same to Gopal, 4, Manav Road, Kanpur. A suitable reward is promised.

# OR

# Aryaman Public School, Kochi <u>NOTICE</u>

1st March 20\*\*

# CHARITY SHOW FOR CANCER PATIENTS

This is to inform all the students that the Cultural Club of our school has decided to organize a Charity Show in order to help the cancer patients. There will be dance, skit, songs and other performances. The programme will be on 7th March from 5 p. m. to 9 p. m in the school auditorium. The District Collector will preside over the function. The passes are available at school office of denominations Rs. 100, 200 & 300. For further enquiry, contact the undersigned. Amrita

Secretary- Cultural Club

7.

The Principal & Staff

of

### Sunrise Public School

request the pleasure of your gracious presence

on the auspicious occasion of

### Annual Sports Day

### at school premises, on 10 December, at 10 a.m.

R.S.V.P. Gautam Kumar Principal

With Best Wishes

OR

Mrs. & Mr. Deepak Gautam have much pleasure

in receiving the kind invitation of

Mrs. & Mr. Anil Jain to their

### **50thWedding Anniversary**

### on 15th May, 2016 from 6 p.m. onwards.

However, they express their inability to

attend the function due to a prior engagement.

Best Wishes

8. 121, Bank Street

Ramnagar 1 March 20\*\* The Editor The Hindu Ramnagar, U.P. Subject: Nuisance of marriage processions. Sir

With reference to the subject cited above, through the columns of your national daily, I would like to express my concern about the nuisance created by the marriage ceremonies.

Marriage is of course an occasion to rejoice and celebrate. Nobody can deny this fact but being a responsible citizen, I feel that one's joy and celebration should not be a problem to others. In this world of extravaganza, people are competing with one-another to show off their wealth, power and position. They use all pomp and show and leave no stone unturned in doing so but their show off causes problem and inconvenience to others. There are traffic jams; DJs and loudspeakers are used even after midnight making it hard for the students to study and causing sleep disturbance.

One of the major reasons is there are no rules against it. So there is no fear of being punished or imprisoned and unless there are any rules this cannot be stopped. The govt. should make strict rules so that such kind of nuisance can be curbed.

I hope, you will be kind enough to provide some space to my views in your esteemed daily. Thanking you.

Raj

63, Civil Lines
Delhi.
1st March 20\*\*
The Area Manager
Gayatri Consultants
2, Barakhamba Road
New Delhi.
Subject : Application for the post of an Accountant.
Sir
With reference to the subject cited above I would like to state that I came to know through your advertisement published in The Hindu dated 28 February that you have a vacancy for the post of an accountant in your esteemed institution. Since I meet your eligibility criteria, I would like to offer my candidature for the same.

I hope, Sir, you will favour me with a chance of interview so that I can prove my worth for your institution.

Thanking you Yours sincerely Ketan Panday Enclosure : Resume

#### **RESUME**

Personal Details		
Name	:	Ketan Panday
DOB	:	9 Feb. 1990
Marital Status	:	Married
Father's Name	:	Ravi Panday
Address for Correspondence	:	63, Civil lines, Delhi,
Mobile No.	:	93******
<b>Educational Abstract:</b>		
<b>Educational Abstract</b>		

Exam	Board/ University	Year	Remarks
Х	CBSE	2005	95%
XII	CBSE	2007	95%
B.Com.	UOK	2010	90%
M.Com.	UOK	2012	88%
Extra Qualificat	ion :	Have practiced	under a Charted Accountant for
		2 yrs.	
Interests	:	Playing chess a	nd listening to music.
Place: Delhi		ł	Ketan Pandey
Date 1st March	20xx		Signature

OR

# Do We Require Old Age Homes in India? By- XYZ

India is known for its rich culture and heritage. But the increasing number of old age homes is adding shame to our nation. An ancient adage says Maata, Pita, Guru, Devam which refers to the order of importance our ancestors have given. Mother and father are ranked higher than even the Almighty. Parents take care of their kids with utmost affection and unconditional love. They don't expect anything in return from their children but they deserve to be loved and respected. Many children treat their parents as ATMs i.e. they only want money from their parents. They neither love them nor respect them. But we must remember that our deeds are like a boomerang. Whatever we do comes back to us.

Old age homes are mainly for those who get abandoned by their kids. They may have several facilities and amenities at the old age home but they don't get the love they need most in those times. Love is a medicine that can cure many diseases.

Indians are known for their precious family set up and they should save this culture. Parents' place is not in old-age homes but it is in their children's heart full of love. We must take care of our parents when they become old. In fact, it is the oldest tree that bears the sweetest fruit.

### OR

### ANNUAL SPORTS MEET

### (By Sita Sisodiya, Sports Captain)

JBS School, Jaipur organized its Annual Sports Meet on 1st January 2016. It started with lighting the lamp and a prayer after which the host, Ms. Pooja Chawala who is also the Cultural Secretary of the school, took over. The shuttler P. V. Sindhu was invited as the Chief Guest. She was garlanded and welcomed by the Principal and the event was kicked off. There were several events such as- races, jumps, TT, Badminton, Basketball etc. The winners were awarded by the Chief Guest. After the award ceremony there were speeches by the Chief Guest and the principal. P. V. Sindhu congratulated the winners and encouraged children to take up sports as a career option because that way they could bring glory to their country as well. She said that children should not do away with hard work and struggle because that is the way to success in any field. The principal also gave a very inspiring speech narrating his own experiences in sports. Finally the Chief Guest was given a memento and the programme ended with a dance performance.

The event was a huge success and everybody felt delighted in the end.

- 10. (a) The reference to chappals tells us that the economic condition of the rag pickers is very poor. They are so poverty stricken that they cannot buy even slippers for themselves and roam about barefoot on the streets.
  - (b) Rajkumar Shukla is described as being 'resolute' because he would do what he decided. He had decided to complain about the injustice to the sharecroppers so he went to Gandhiji and didn't leave him until he got ready to visit Champaran.
  - (c) We, human beings are surrounded with lots of problems. When we look around, we find disappointment, lack of nobility and sinful ways of the world. But the moment we are able to perceive beauty, all the sadness and sorrow pass away.

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- (d) The massive weight of uncle's wedding band refers to the oppressed life aunt Jennifer undergoes. The marriage subsumes her identity as an independent woman and she is reduced to the constant role playing of a dutiful wife.
- (e) Douglas went to the Warm Lake and swam off the shore, to and fro just as Dough Corpron used to do. When he was able to do this, he should with joy and the Gilbert Peak returned the echo. He had conquered his fear of water.
- (f) M. Hamel wrote 'Vive La France' to convey his feelings for the country and to give out a last call to save their country. He wanted the people of France to stand up and unite against the German to save their language and the country.
- 11 (a) Several precautions were taken for the smooth conduct of examination: a microphone was fixed in Evans' room and he was informed about it; Jackson checked his room so that any objectionable thing could be removed; the invigilator was checked and Stephen was put on guard to avoid any mishappening.
  - (b) Jo wanted that the wizard should hit the mommy back and should not change the smell back. She wanted Roger Skunk to retain the smell of roses so that the other animals would play with him.
  - (c) Mr. Lamb tries to elaborate the difference of perspective through bees. He says that to some the sound of bees appears to be buzzing which is irritable whereas to some it seems to be humming which is pleasant. It depends upon how we perceive a thing.
- 12. When the Iron Master was unable to bring the peddler, whom he mistook as his acquaintance, home, he sent his daughter for that thinking that she had better powers of persuasion and she proved it so. Though she had had misgivings about him yet she convinced him by giving him an assurance which the peddler felt confidence in. Though later the Iron Master came to know his mistake and wanted him to leave at once yet Edla came in between and showed faith in him. Her kind and sympathetic behaviour transformed the peddler and finally he was an altogether different man.

#### OR

Douglas takes us through his near to death experience at the Y.M.C.A. pool by detailing every little aspect associated to it. He details us with the minutes of his emotional, mental and physical struggle with the paralyzing fear of being drowned in the water. The first person narration of the incident also helps us to associate with his experience more deeply. Though he did not lose his wits initially, he panicked when his strategy didn't work. His feeling of suffocation, fear and losing hold on, his senses make the readers experience what he did. His eyes couldn't see beyond the dirty yellow water. His voice did not assist him. His nose and mouth took water to the lungs. His limbs became paralyzed with fear and his mind went dizzy. His desperation to save himself kept him struggling until he went down the third time and lost his senses completely. All these details make the description vivid.

**13.** A conflict of interests arises in a situation when someone in a position of trust, such as a doctor, has competing interests that make it difficult to fulfill his duties. Dr. Sadao was a Japanese surgeon who lived in Japan during the Second World War. He had spent several years in the United States where he had experienced cultural prejudices and bias. He dislikes whites and struggles with the issues of duty, medicine and racism. Yet he risks his life to save an enemy, an American and a prisoner of war at that. He, like a real hero stands up for what he believes in and does not calculate the repercussions. He strikes a balance between his duty towards humanity and his country. He tends the soldier, reveals the truth about him to the General and later helps the soldier escape to safety. He can be viewed as a true hero for his bravery and professional competence.

#### OR

Derry after the accident in which he burnt his face, became pessimistic. He hated people and never liked to go near anybody or mingle with anybody. He thought that people were afraid of him and they think of him as a poor boy. He thought that his face would never change so people would always feel repulsive about him. But after meeting Mr. Lamb, he was altogether a different boy. He started looking at the positive aspects of life. He was now not at all afraid of the society. He got the courage to face people. He even argued with his mother and against her will went to see Mr. Lamb.