

**Xamidea**  
**Sample Papers Simplified**

**ENGLISH-XII [Core]**  
**SOLUTIONS**

- **Sample Papers 6 to 15 (Solutions)**



## SAMPLE PAPER – 6

### SECTION–A: Reading Skills

(20 Marks)

- I.** (i) (a) When money or currency is legally in circulation  
(ii) It's a move when government bans the notes or coins of a certain denomination.  
(iii) To eradicate corrupt practices and deal with black money hoarders  
(iv) (a) Ounce  
(v) (d) Paper currency  
(vi) Demonetization has successfully targeted multiple illegal activities like terrorism, tax evasion, and counterfeit currency.  
(vii) Demonetization has given the income tax authorities a considerable mileage to be on their toes and nab the ones who derelict their responsibility and use tax avoidance tactics.  
(viii) (b) Government would focus on more public welfare measures.  
(ix) Agricultural sector  
(x) (d) Demonetization - A Great Revolution
- II.** (i) True  
(ii) Social media allows teens to create online identities, communicate with others and build social network.  
(iii) (b) teens  
(iv) teens avoid depression  
(v) (a) They are regularly online.  
(vi) (b) Entertainment and self-expression  
(vii) Social comparison and feedback seeking by teens using social media and cell phones make them vulnerable to mental health problems.  
(viii) (c) poor mental health in teens  
(ix) (b) People spending more than two hours are prone to mental health.  
(x) Adverse effects of social media on teenager are distraction, sleep disruption, rumour spreading, unrealistic views and peer pressure.

## SECTION–B: Creative Writing Skills

(20 Marks)

III. 1. (A)

**JAIPURIA HEIGHTS, ANAND VIHAR**  
**NOTICE**

23 October, 20XX

**GARBA NIGHTS**

The residents of Jaipuria Heights are kindly informed that the society is planning to organise 'Garba Nights' on the occasion of Navratri 20XX. The event will commence from the 3rd day of Navratri that is 29th October, 20XX. Interested residents can participate by paying only a sum of Rs. 350/- per head. The fund collected through this event will commensurate the fee for the Chief Guest, Ms. Falguni Pathak who has been invited to grace the occasion. Any query, please contact the society office or ring us at 98787XXXXX.

Ananya/Ankur Shree  
Secretary

**OR**

(B)

**B.P.S INTERNATIONAL SCHOOL, VRINDAVAN**  
**NOTICE**

14 January, 20XX

**POETRY RECITATION COMPETITION**

All the students are hereby informed that the school is going to organise a Poetry Recitation Competition on Monday, 17th January, 20XX. Students only from Class V to VIII are eligible to participate in the said competition. Interested students can forward their names to the undersigned. The last date of registration is tomorrow i.e. 15 January after which no registration will be entertained.

Mohit/Mohita Sobti  
Cultural Activity Incharge

2. (A)

College of Arts and Sculptures,

Saharanpur

24 December, 20XX

XYZ Group of Education

Saharanpur

Sir

It's certainly a matter of great honour to invite Sister Mary to be a part of the seminar on 'Art Integrated Studies' at your institution. But due to some prior commitment that she already made I, on behalf of Sister Mary, would regret to inform you that she won't be able to attend the function. Wishing you all the best for the occasion.

Yours truly

Snehlata Parimal (For Sister Mary)

OR

(B)

C-16, 3rd Floor

Mukherjee Nagar

9 June, 20XX

Dear Friends

I am delighted to inform you that my name has appeared in the final selection list of District Badminton Tournament Single. Therefore, I wish to celebrate my success with all my well-wishers and friends. It will give me immense pleasure if you join me on the occasion. We shall have great fun. Address and timing will be shared shortly.

Yours affectionately

(Prahlad Punia)

3. (A) Mountbatten Road

Sealdah

10th February, 20XX

The HR

Surya International Hotel

Sealdah

**Subject:** Application for the post of Front Office Executive

Dear Sir/Madam,

This is with reference to your advertisement in The Times of India on February 7, 20XX for the job of Front Office Executive for your reputed firm.

I am at present employed with a Casa Royal Suite based in Park Circus. I have been serving this organisation for the past 18 months as an intern. Since I have completed my H.M from J.P School of Hospitality, I am looking for a reputed firm like yours to excel myself.

During my stay at Casa Royal, my performance was quite satisfactory. Hope my candidature is given due attention and listen from you for further round of interview anytime. My CV along with testimonials are being enclosed with this application for your kind consideration and perusal. I assure you of my best services to the best of my capacity and knowledge if given a chance.

Yours sincerely  
Ananya/Aniket Bansal

**BIO-DATA**

**Name** : Ananya/Aniket Bansal  
**Father's Name** : \_\_\_\_\_  
**Gender** : \_\_\_\_\_  
**Date of Birth** : \_\_\_\_\_  
**Address** : \_\_\_\_\_  
**Marital status** : \_\_\_\_\_  
**Educational Qualification** : H. M. (J.P School of Hospitality)  
**Expected Salary** : 35K (Negotiable)  
**References** : Mr Suraj Kumar  
**Contact No** : 98717XXXXX  
**Date** : \_\_\_\_\_  
**Place** : \_\_\_\_\_  
**Signature** : \_\_\_\_\_

**OR**

(B) 112, Taj Road  
Agra- 282002  
13th June, 20XX

The Editor  
The Times of India  
Mumbai

**Subject:** Compromising on the quality of education

Dear Sir

Through the columns of your esteemed newspaper, I wish to draw the kind attention of the concerned authorities towards the deplorable condition of education in certain privately owned and managed schools in small towns or even in the suburbs of metropolitan cities.

Of late, there has been a spurt of various privately owned and managed schools in small towns or even in the suburbs of metropolitan cities. Though this seems a promising

trend for education, the quality of education in these schools is often questionable. Most of the times, the teachers employed are paid just a fraction of their authorised salaries. These teachers have to work for longer hours on less salary. This affects the quality of their teaching, in turn affecting the career of the students. Often the schools pay less on the pretext of less experience or low grades. No perks and allowances are paid. This also makes it difficult to get and retain quality teachers. This is exploitation of students as well as their teachers.

It is important that laws regarding employment of teachers be made more stringent. Also, instead of having a check done only by the school committee, it is important that a continuous monitoring by the Government takes place. Only then, both the students and teachers will get respite. The school authorities should also be more humane.

I request the authorities to look into the matter at the earliest and take the necessary steps, so that our future generations do not suffer.

Yours truly

Navita

4. (A) **MOBILE PHONE: A GROWING PROBLEM OF DRIVER DISTRACTION**

*By Mohit/Mohita Dhanraj*

Distracted driving is a serious and growing threat to road safety. With more and more people owning mobile phones, and the rapid introduction of advanced technology such as 'in-vehicle' communication systems, this problem is likely to escalate globally in the coming years.

However, to date there is insufficient evidence on the risks associated with different sources of distraction, and what interventions can be put into place to reduce their impact upon road traffic crashes.

There are different types of driver distraction, but the use of mobile phones while driving is of primary concern to policy-makers. Nonetheless, the use of mobile phones may be considered as one example of the broader problem of driver distraction. A study reveals that drivers, using a mobile phone, are approximately four times more likely to be involved in a crash than when a driver does not use a phone.

At the time of writing, there is no conclusive evidence to show that hands-free phoning is any safer than hand-held phoning, because of the cognitive distraction involved with both types of phones.

**OR**

(B) **SCHOOL REOPENING POST COVID**

*By Devraj/Devika Dutta, Jharkhand Times*

Ranchi, Jharkhand, 19th January, 20XX: From revamping infrastructure to meet COVID-19 guidelines to preparing an 'effective' time-line for completing syllabus, schools in Jharkhand are taking several steps to resume formal classes in a safe environment when they reopen after nearly seven months. One particular school which has resumed its classes for the senior secondary students from last Monday shared the experience with us stating that the number of students is very less. Though, the consent has been sought from the different parents where more than 70% parents were not in favour of reopening or sending their children to school.

While talking to the school authority, it was also reported that the syllabus has been reduced by 30 per cent in order to compensate the commotion and chaos the pandemic has caused. This will significantly reduce the pressure on students and would allow teachers to take their time and teach important concepts in detail.

### SECTION–C: Literature

(40 Marks)

- IV. 1. (A)** (i) (a) In the night of death, hope sees a star, and listening love can hear the rustle of a wing.  
(ii) (b) (2), (3) and (5)  
(iii) (c) (1) and (4)  
(iv) Oxymoron  
(v) The phrase 'Grandeur of the dooms' refers to the glory and magnificence that the dead are entitled to on the Doom Day following their death.  
(vi) The fountain of the immortal drink is endless because the beauty, joy and pleasure derived from it are everlasting.

OR

- (B)** (i) (a) An Elementary School Classroom in a Slum, Stephen Spender  
(ii) (d) Blank Verse  
(iii) (c) alliteration  
(iv) covert  
(v) green forest, the natural habitat of wild animal  
(vi) imagery
- 2. (A)** (i) (a) He wanted to kill a tiger.  
(ii) The word 'carcass' means the dead body of an animal.  
(iii) (a) For other Britishers could turn up for hunting tigers  
(iv) False

OR

- (B)** (i) (a) In order to protect her hair  
(ii) A paleface woman and the girls of her school were looking for the narrator.  
(iii) (b) Under the bed  
(iv) Alliteration
- 3. (A)** (i) (c) For weeks, the author made unsuccessful attempts.  
(ii) Douglas' instructor  
(iii) (c) Instructor  
(iv) (c) When the instructor perfected each piece of the author  
(v) Yes, the author was finally able to swim.  
(vi) Each piece refers to the each time the instructor started by relaxing his hold on the safety rope, making Douglas go under water and then to exhale putting his face under water and to inhale raising his nose.

OR

- (B) (i) (a) The bangle-makers  
(ii) (d) That they will be beaten and dragged to jail if they formed any cooperative  
(iii) Hauled up means to force someone to go somewhere in order to be punished.  
(iv) (a) They are helpless.  
(v) continuous exploitation of bangle makers  
(vi) joining together to revolt.
- V. (i) M. Hamel blamed Franz's parents and himself for his inability to answer the question on participles. Immensely pained with the negligence of people, M. Hamel exclaimed that people shouldn't have skipped their classes.  
(ii) A notice came out in the Hindu announcing a short story contest organised by a British periodical named The Encounter. The writer wanted to join the contest. As he had no idea of the periodical, he went to the British Council. Immediately, he realised that Stephen Spender was the poet who had visited Gemini Studios.  
(iii) The bangle-makers are caught in a vicious web because they have no other way out but to follow the same lineage and traditions, and that too at an early age.  
(iv) The poet's smile signifies her helplessness at the face of her mother's inevitable death. They express her love and concern for her mother along with the underlying pain and struggle that she undergoes in coming to terms with this bitter realisation.  
(v) V.S. Naipaul feels that some people are wounded by interviews and lose a part of themselves. He vehemently condemns the cause of the interview.  
(vi) The poet refers to the 'sadness' of failing to understand oneself in the monotonous every day existence. He also finds it sad that the humanity is moving towards its own ruin owing in its unanalysed actions. He regrets the rush of outdoing others that has made us forget the values of humanity.
- VI. (i) Annan asked Bama to study hard and to top all exams. He also told her that if she was successful in life, people would come to her of their own accord. Being elder brother, he showed her the power of education which could melt out the discrimination persisted in the society. When a person reached to the pinnacle of success, other small things became immaterial. His words changed Bama's life.  
(ii) Derry's mother did not like Mr Lamb. When Derry informed his mother about his meeting with Mr Lamb and that he wanted to spend some time with him, she did not like it. She thought that he was not a good man and she did not want her son to remain in touch with him for any purpose.  
(iii) Antarctica is the place to study the Earth's past history. It can help us understand better about the formation of continents and mountains like the Himalayas as they are in the modern world. Its ice-cores hold over half-million-year old carbon records that are vital to study the Earth's past, present and future.
- VII. (i) Franz noticed something unusual on the last day of the school. Usually, when the school began, there used to be a lot of commotion, which was missing that day. The village people were sitting quietly on the back benches which were usually empty. His teacher, M. Hamel had put on his ceremonial clothes. Franz got to know about an order from Berlin which stated that only German was to be taught to the students in the schools of Alsace and Lorraine. The new teacher would join the school from the following day.

The students sat at their desks silently. He realised M. Hamel did not scold Franz for coming late to the class. He behaved with the same unusual kindness all through the day. The whole school seemed so strange and serious. The former mayor, the former postmaster and many other villagers were present. Old Hauser had with him an old primer. He held it open on his knees. Everybody looked very sad.

**OR**

- (ii) Sophie belonged to a mediocre or rather poor socio-economic background. But she aspired to have a boutique, though she had no means or money to fulfil her dreams. After school, she was likely to work in a biscuit factory.

When she told her father that she wishes to buy a boutique if she ever has money, he asks her to be practical and to rather build a decent house to live in with that money. This showed that their house was in a shabby condition. Her friend Jansie was very much aware about their financial conditions and family background. She knew that both were earmarked for the biscuit factory and tries to make Sophie understand the same. However, Sophie refused to understand and remains an impractical daydreamer.

- VIII.** (i) Charley describes that the rooms on the third level were smaller than that of the second level. There were fewer ticket windows and the gates of the train and the information booth in the centre was wooden and archaic. There were open-flame flickering gaslights and brass-spittoons on the floor. Everyone at the station was dressed in nineteenth century dresses.

Charley was not able to find the third level in his next attempt because the third level was merely a medium of escape through which he yearns to be away from the life's harsh realities. Modern life for Charley is devoid of peace and tranquility, so Charley escapes to a place where his aim is to seek the realisation of his dreams and unfulfilled wishes of his subconscious mind. Charley was unable to cope up with his fast paced and stressful life, so his flight to the third level was undoubtedly a medium of escape for him. It is nothing but a creation of Charley's own mind. He wants to escape from the modern world's insecurity, fear, worries and stress, and so seeks an exit, a medium to get away into the world of dreams and fancies.

**OR**

- (ii) The brief association of Derry with Mr Lamb boosted his self-confidence and helped him to respect his own self. The manner in which the old man made Derry realise the importance of his being self-dependent, of respecting himself and of holding on to hope helped Derry undergo a remarkable change. Derry would never get back to his old seclusion because his association with Mr Lamb has left an intelligent imprint in his mind. His ideology about life, people and things have undergone a deep change.



## SAMPLE PAPER – 7

### SECTION–A: Reading Skills

(20 Marks)

- I. (i) True  
(ii) We can expect of a prospered society if women are empowered.  
(iii) (a) Male prejudice against women  
(iv) Women of Substance  
(v) (a) By contributing socially, politically and economically.  
(vi) (b) Avani Chaturvedi  
(vii) Their patience and perseverance have helped women to reach the pinnacle of success.  
(viii) (d) Women are believed to be unfit and fragile even today for defence services.  
(ix) Women couldn't acknowledge their worth in a patriarchal set-up.  
(x) Because of their unique decision-making power, women hold senior leadership level and are in a better position than men.
- II. (i) (c) 14  
(ii) False  
(iii) The author has tried to convey the importance of being literate to the reader.  
(iv) (b) vagabond  
(v) (a) Education broadens the vision of people and helps to comprehend various phenomena in right context.  
(vi) China and India claim to have more than one-third of the world's human population.  
(vii) Orthodox mentality of the family is the sole reason of girl's drop-out rate.  
(viii) Girls in India tend to have higher drop-out rates than boys and orthodox mentality is the sole reason behind it.  
(ix) (b) Literate people are important for a successful functioning of democracy.  
(x) (c) Literacy in Democracy

### SECTION–B: Creative Writing Skills

(20 Marks)

III. 1. (A)

WHITEFIELD SENIOR SECONDARY SCHOOL, OOTY

NOTICE

23 October, 20XX

EXCURSION TO SOUTH INDIA

All the students from Class IX to XII are hereby informed that the school is going to organise an excursion to the different parts of South India where it will cover the major cities like Mysore, Vrindavan Garden, Marina Beach of Chennai. The school has arranged a stay of about 3 nights in Chennai followed by 5 days of stay in Bangalore. The last date to register your names is 29 October, 20XX. Interested students may forward their names to the respective class teacher.

Any query, please contact the undersigned.

Abhilasha/Abhinav Shastri

Activity Coordinator

OR

(B)

ABC SCHOOL

NOTICE

23 January, 20XX

CALL FOR ARTICLES AND POEMS FOR 'ENVOY'

This is to inform all the students that the school magazine 'Envoy' is calling for articles, self-composed poems, or any write-ups for its new edition for the session 20XX-20XX. Interested students can come forward with your creative works and submit the same to your respective class-teacher before 29 January, 20XX. Your write ups will be given space in the magazine, if found appropriate.

Ayan/Ahana Oberoy

Chief Editor

2. (A)

Vidyasagar International School

Mysore

12 February, 20XX

Dear Sir/Ma'am

It was a great pleasure to receive your invitation to attend the Scholar Badge Ceremony 20XX at your school. Sister D'souza would have loved to be a part of such a proud moment but due to some unavoidable reasons and prior commitment, she will not be able to come. Congratulations to all the achievers.

Yours sincerely

Prakarti Dubey

Executive Assistant to Sister D'souza

OR

(B)

**The Management, Staff and Students**  
Of  
**Infant Jesus School, Ahmedabad**  
cordially invites  
**Ms. Rita Solanki**  
**Author and Coordinator, St. Mary Mags School**  
to preside over  
**Hindi Diwas Celebration**  
at  
**9:30 a.m. on 14 January, 20XX**  
**in the School Auditorium**  
**to mark the 86th Birth Anniversary of Munshi Premchand**

R.S.V.P.  
Geeta Bhardwaj  
H.O.D (Department of Hindi)  
98716XXXXX

3. (A) 201, Abhishek Colony  
Prayagraj

30th September, 20XX

36 A, Chandra Nagar  
Prayagraj

**Subject:** Application for the post of Back Office Assistant

Dear Sir,

This is with reference to your advertisement in The Times of India on June 28, 20XX for the post of Back Office Assistant for your reputed firm.

I am a fresh graduate from one of the most reputed colleges of Allahabad, Allahabad University, in English as my honours paper. I am looking for a suitable position (part time) where I can dedicate my services and be competent to provide aid to my family. My communication skill and academic performance is a combination that will prove to be an asset to any organisation.

My CV along with testimonials is being enclosed with this application for your kind consideration and perusal. I assure you of my best services to the best of my capacity and knowledge, if given a chance.

Yours sincerely  
Khem Chandra Gupta

### BIO-DATA

**Name** : Khem Chandra Gupta  
**Father's Name** : \_\_\_\_\_  
**Gender** : \_\_\_\_\_  
**Date of Birth** : \_\_\_\_\_  
**Address** : \_\_\_\_\_  
**Marital status** : \_\_\_\_\_  
**Educational Qualification** : Graduate (English)  
**Expected Salary** : 25k (Negotiable)  
**References** : Mr Jitendra Sisodia  
**Contact No** : 98717XXXXX  
**Date** : \_\_\_\_\_  
**Place** : \_\_\_\_\_  
**Signature** : \_\_\_\_\_

**OR**

(B) B-9, Madhuri Kunj  
Prayagraj

2 October, 20XX

The Editor  
The Times of India  
Prayagraj

**Subject:** Regarding reality shows on TV a form of child exploitation

Sir

Through the columns of your widely circulated daily, I'd like to bring it to your kind attention that private entertainment TV channels in order to make money and focusing on more TRP, without any stringent guidelines are exploiting young minds.

It is true that the world of television and such reality shows are full of glamour and innocent children along with the adults get attracted. In fact, some of them get an opportunity to build a successful career using this jumpstart. There are many reasons why these shows are so popular; and there is no doubt that the TV audience for such programmes also includes children as well.

But it is important to consider the impact of such reality shows on the participating children. Children from educated and urban society are influenced where emotional development is under progress. There are so many things that draw the children's attention which are not good for their age. Kindly raise this issue in the esteemed paper of yours.

Sincerely yours  
Kirti/Karan Kharbanda

4. (A)

### A CITY OF TOXIC AIR

*By Niharika Mehrotra of Palam Vihar, New Delhi*

Air pollution in the national capital at this time of the year has become an annual and unprecedented affair that has convinced even the Chief Minister who didn't hesitate to compare it with the gas chamber. People could be seen wearing masks and avoiding traveling. It's not because they are following and maintaining social distancing or it's a covid impact, but it's the impact of stubble burning in the neighbouring states of Delhi. Farm fires raging in neighbouring states have sent clouds of smoke floating over the city.

Schools would have remained closed had it remained opened. With air quality compromised indoors and outdoors, it has a direct impact on the health of children, expecting mothers and senior citizens visiting the hospital with respiratory issues. Air quality drops to alarming having the festival of light close at its hand.

Diwali and pollution from vehicles and construction activities also contribute to the deterioration of the air pollution levels. Massive transition to clean technology and fuels in all sectors – in industry, in transport, in power plants across Delhi and NCR is the need of the hour.

OR

(B) **GOVT'S. MOVE TO REVIEW PERFORMANCE OF EMPLOYEES**

*By Rishi/Riddhima Kulshrestha, President Employees' Union*

Kurukshetra, 21 September, 20XX: A collective of central trade unions, associations and federations have come down heavily on the central government's move to unilaterally and prematurely retire government employees.

The Joint Platform of Central Trade Unions and Sectoral Federations/Associations has accused the centre of making a provision through an office memorandum issued by the Department of Personnel and Training for removal of employees from service on the ground of their being ineffective or if their integrity is at stake.

The order issued by the Ministry of Personnel, Public Grievances and Pensions on September 28, has armed the government with the power to give any government employee marching orders as they complete 30 years of service or reach 50-55 years of age or more – which is 5 to 10 years before the scheduled age of retirement – the workers groups said.

They alleged that the order also provided for removal from service through forced premature retirement on various vague grounds such as ineffectiveness or doubtful integrity.

### SECTION–C: Literature

(40 Marks)

- IV. 1. (A) (i) (c) Keeping Quiet, Pablo Neruda  
(ii) Blank Verse  
(iii) (a) growing materialism, greed and power-lust  
(iv) (a) Own progress and advancement  
(v) 'We' refers to the human beings.  
(vi) It means making progress without a second thought.

**OR**

- (B)** (i) (d) Both (a) and (c)  
(ii) (c) alliteration  
(iii) 'Wedding ring' represents aunt's unhappy marriage and the patriarchal society that she lives in.  
(iv) (a) oppression and male domination  
(v) the physical weakness of Aunt Jennifer  
(vi) The 'massive weight of Uncle's wedding band' suggests that she was overburdened with duties and responsibilities, post her marriage.
- 2. (A)** (i) (a) That he had been to the third level  
(ii) Sam Weiner is Charley's psychiatrist friend.  
(iii) Sam had sent it.  
(iv) (c) Charley thought Sam had gone to Galesburg.

**OR**

- (B)** (i) (c) (3) and (5)  
(ii) 'Midges and mites' refers to the small creatures.  
(iii) (a) falling mass of snow rapidly down a mountain  
(iv) True
- 3. (A)** (i) (c) self-pity  
(ii) It was all the peddler had that he could give away, and represented his true to honesty.  
(iii) (d) Option (4)  
(iv) (c) (1) and (3)  
(v) 'You' and 'me' refers to Edla and the rattrap seller.  
(vi) Sarcasm

**OR**

- (B)** (i) (c) Gemini Studios  
(ii) (a) The make-up artists of a beauty parlour  
(iii) Hideous  
(iv) Pancakes  
(v) It was more interested in spreading the cause of national integration.  
(vi) (d) She applied the pancake on her face with a sponge
- V.** (i) The misadventure made Douglas hydrophobic for many years. But he was a determined and strong-headed person. It was with the help of the trainer and rigorous training under his supervision that made him conquer his fear of water.  
(ii) The judge was requested to postpone the trial. The pressure of the people was mounting on the government. In order not to aggravate the situation, the judge did not deliver his judgement for several days. Rather he released Gandhi without bail.  
(iii) They and the other rag-pickers left their homes many years ago and migrated to India in search of a livelihood, as their homes and fields were destroyed in storms. This forced them to come to Inida, where they settled in the slums of Seemapuri.

- (iv) Aunt Jennifer's tigers are a picture of strength, beauty and certainty. They move fearlessly and are ferocious in sharp contrast to their creator. They were not like Aunt Jennifer, timid and weak but they were gallant and confident, undeterred by any kind of hindrance or obstruction.
  - (v) The poem, 'A Roadside Stand' is Robert Frost's scathing criticism of an unequal society where there is a huge division between the rich and the poor, the haves and the have-nots, owing to the iniquitous distribution of wealth. The poet deals with the lives of poor deprived people of the villages with a clarity that is perceptive and at the same time portrays his deepest sympathies and his feeling of humanity.
  - (vi) It is evident from the story that M. Hamel was pained with the thoughts of leaving the school and teaching French. M. Hamel has been observed capturing every nook and cranny of the school bearing in his heart. His voice choked and made a gesture that the class was dismissed for the final time. It was sheer pity that the author calls him 'poor'.
- VI.**
- (i) Dr Sadao's soul might have been pricking him but the established fact is that he was undoubtedly loyal to the duties of his profession that reminds him that he can't take anybody's life. He was a noble human being as he provides the prisoner his boat and helps him escape safely honouring his inherent values that a true human being should have.
  - (ii) It appears to me that it is true on the part of Charley looking for the third level. It was actually his hallucination and a medium of escape from the humdrum of his life. It is beyond doubt that Charley created this space in his heart to give a relief to cope with the anxiety, fear and hardships of life.
  - (iii) There was a celebration time for all the tigers inhabiting Pratibandapuram because the state banned tiger hunting by anyone except the Maharaja and a proclamation was issued to the effect that if anyone dared to fling a stone at a tiger, all his wealth and property would be seized.
- VII.**
- (i) Franz was overwhelmed with the feeling of respect and honour for M. Hamel. The unprecedented news that struck his mind has been discussed repeatedly throughout the story. M. Hamel appeared to him as 'a poor creature' towards the end of the story. A little earlier, M. Hamel was cranky by his nature in the eyes of Franz, but all those feelings eliminated all of a sudden and took him to be a sincere child.

Franz, on learning the news that said French would no longer be taught in the schools of Alsace and Lorraine, and it was the last lesson being delivered by M. Hamel, touched the string of people's conscience and Franz's. He immediately felt sorry for the dereliction on his part and realised the importance of language which he never learnt and kept procrastinating. His books, which seemed a nuisance and a burden earlier to him, were now his old friends and aroused a feeling of human touch.

#### OR

- (ii) In the poem, 'Keeping Quiet', the poet talks about the necessity of quiet introspection and meditation as it can develop a feeling of mutual understanding among human beings.

The poet is deeply concerned about violence, cruelty to animals, and plight of manual workers. The poet offers a very simple solution to many of our social, political, and religious problems. The solution is self-introspection. If it is acted upon, it will be the first major step towards uniting people irrespective of their caste, creed or

nationalism. The second step is that everyone should delve deep and analyse what is wrong and who all are the wrongdoer. This will decontaminate every heart and purify all mankind.

The poet also urges us to learn from the earth that teaches us how life springs from dead things and life exists where stillness and silence is observed. The poet's apparent appeal not to speak in any language is high-sounding and gives us a chance to understand the meaning of our existence.

- VIII.** (i) Bama, as a young girl of third grade, had her acquaintance with untouchability and she recapitulates her observation of a humiliating episode. One day, on her way home from school, she stopped before a threshing floor. She was attracted by the herders and workers when she suddenly noticed an elderly, coming from the direction of the market, carrying a small packet that was oil stained and she guessed it to contain something like vadaï or green banana bhajji. The packet was held by its string and away from his body. Bama found it to be funny and thought that the packet might open and its contents would fall out. She then saw how this elderly went upon the landlord, bowed low, extended the packet towards him and the landlord opened the packet and began eating. On reaching home, when she narrates this incident to Annan, her elder brother, in a comical way, introduces her to the concept of untouchability and she learns that the upper caste did not like to be touched by the lower caste as they feared it would pollute them.

**OR**

- (ii) Antarctica has simple ecosystem and lacks biodiversity. Every little change has huge repercussions there. This is easily seen in Antarctica. For instance, the tiny single-celled grasses or phytoplankton use sun's energy to synthesise organic compounds. They help to sustain the whole food chain in the southern seas. Scientists warn that further depletion of the ozone layer will affect the activities of phytoplankton, which in turn will affect the lives of all marine animals and birds. It may even disrupt the global carbon cycle. Take care of the phytoplankton and the entire food chain will take care of itself.

Although the author has explained it with the example of phytoplankton, the underlying meaning is that every person can contribute in his own little ways to protect the environment and society.



## SAMPLE PAPER – 8

### SECTION–A: Reading Skills

(20 Marks)

- I. (i) (c) Emotion of love  
(ii) According to the author, love is a magnificent and stimulating feeling.  
(iii) We can befriend our adversary for life with the emotion of love.  
(iv) (a) lack of vanity  
(v) (c) He has called you up for an important discussion.  
(vi) To extinguish animosity is difficult to practice but easy to preach.  
(vii) The narcissist love contradicts the basic philosophy of love which calls for tremendous compassion, sacrifice, understanding, humility and commitment.  
(viii) “Where there is love, there is God.”  
(ix) (b) We should eliminate ill feelings and negativity for others.  
(x) (d) Love - The Strongest Emotion
- II. (i) India has never experienced economic contraction in at least four decades.  
(ii) 5.2 percent growth  
(iii) (a) Because of the complete lockdown of most of the manufacturing and service sectors  
(iv) India’s GDP in Q1 of 2020-21 was 23.9%.  
(v) (b) government spending  
(vi) (b) Since 1996  
(vii) Spain reported the biggest slump after India in the June quarter.  
(viii) (c) China  
(ix) (c) Because they are taking measures for mitigating the impact of a pandemic on the economy  
(x) False

### SECTION–B: Creative Writing Skills

(20 Marks)

III. 1. (A)

<p><b>LOTUS INTERNATIONAL SCHOOL, JODHPUR</b></p> <p><b>NOTICE</b></p> <p>7 October, 20XX</p> <p><b>CONTRIBUTION IN CONTROLLING TRAFFIC</b></p> <p>This is for the information of the students from classes IX to XII. The school has decided to contribute in controlling traffic near the school. Therefore, all the students who want to volunteer for this social cause may give their names to the undersigned latest by tomorrow. For further details, contact the undersigned.</p> <p>Simar (Head Boy)</p>
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OR

(B)

**SARVODAYA PUBLIC SCHOOL, RANCHI**

**NOTICE**

20th March, 20XX

**TRIP TO DELHI & AGRA**

All the students are hereby informed that our school is organising a historical trip to Delhi and Agra for 3 days and 2 nights from 24th April to 26th April for classes VIII to XII. Students those who are interested can submit their names to their respective class teachers. The fee for the trip is Rs 1500/- each.

For any query related to the trip, contact the undersigned.

Subhash Arya

(Coordinator)

2. (A)

**The Management, Staff and Students**

Of

**AFS Senior Secondary School, Pune**

cordially invites

**Mohit Bhatia**

**Social activist from Gandhi Smarak Road, Pune**

to grace the occasion of

**'Diwali Mela'**

on

**Wednesday, 21 November, 20XX at 9:30 a.m.**

**Venue: School Compound**

R.S.V.P.

Ritwij Jha

Coordinator of Cultural Fest

98716XXXXX

OR

(B)

Sports Captain  
Maurya Public School  
Agra

12 November, 20XX

Dear Sir

It is certainly a matter of great honour to invite Mr Ahmed Faraz to be the Chief Guest on the occasion of the Founder's Day of Maurya Public School, to be held on 28 November, 20XX at 10:00 a.m. But due to some prior commitment that he already have, I, on behalf on him, would regret to inform you that he won't be able to attend the function. Wishing you all the best for the occasion.

Yours truly

ABC  
(Secretary)

3. (A) F-96

Oak Tree Heights  
Jhansi

13 September, 20XX

The Editor  
Hindustan Times  
Prayagraj

**Subject:** Pathetic arrangement of drinking water at school

Sir

Through the columns of your esteemed national daily, I would like to draw the attention of the concerned authorities towards the prevailing pathetic condition of drinking water at a government school which is very discouraging and immoral on the part of the authority.

Safe and fit to drink water is in scarce in many schools in the locality causing millions of children seriously sick and paralysed. Clean water is a basic human right and an essential step towards improving living standards at least of the school going children and especially those who can't afford to study in a public school is mandatorily required.

Education suffers when sick children miss school. Children and women bear the brunt of these burdens. The most basic facility which should be ensured by the government is not available and robs people of their basic human dignity. The pathetic condition of these schools shows the laxity of the education department officials as they sit just a few kilometres away, in air conditioned office, to decide fake policies for the upliftment of education system.

Kindly give my writing a distinguished space in your esteemed newspaper, so that it rakes up their conscience and do the needful.

Sincerely yours  
Shivanshu/Niti Parag

**OR**

**(B)** 201, Yamuna Nagar  
Jamshedpur  
September 30, 20XX

The HR Department  
ABC Firm  
36 A, Jamshedpur

**Subject:** Application for the post of full-time manager

Dear Sir,

This is with reference to your advertisement in The Times of India on June 28, 20XX for the job of full-time manager for your reputed firm.

I am at present employed with a garment factory based in Greater Noida. I have been serving this organisation for the past 6 years but stagnant position as Store Keeper forces me to look for a better prospect. I have completed my M.B.A from N.D.U, Athmal Gola. During my present job, I have acquired many skills and sufficient supervisory knowledge with the help of which I think I will prove to be an asset to your organization.

My CV along with testimonials are being enclosed with this application for your kind consideration and perusal. I assure you of my best services to the best of my capacity and knowledge if given a chance.

Sincerely yours  
Anil Wasan

**BIO-DATA**

<b>Name</b>	: Anil Wasan
<b>Father's Name</b>	: _____
<b>Gender</b>	: _____
<b>Date of Birth</b>	: _____
<b>Address</b>	: _____
<b>Marital status</b>	: _____
<b>Educational Qualification</b>	: M. B. A.
<b>Professional Association</b>	: 1. ABC Company, Jamshedpur, 20XX-20XX 2. XYZ Company, Jamshedpur
<b>Expected Salary</b>	: 70k (Negotiable)
<b>References</b>	: Mr Suraj Kumar
<b>Contact No</b>	: 98717XXXXX

**Date** : \_\_\_\_\_  
**Place** : \_\_\_\_\_  
**Signature** : \_\_\_\_\_

4. (A) **GRANDPARENTS: AN INDISPENSABLE ASSET**

*By ABC*

Grandparents, without whom the elderly society was not even imagined, are now nowhere to be seen. But it is important to note that they are vital for the existence of broader range of knowledge, emotions and experiences for kids.

Grandchildren expect their grandparents to be their torchbearers where moral teachings and values are concerned and stay their confidante, whenever required. Many grandparents treat their grandchildren in a more relaxed and permissive manner than they ever treated their own children. As a result, children often feel more comfortable discussing sensitive issues with a grandparent than with their own parents. The structure of today's society is such that there is hardly any family where grandparents are seen living together with their sons or daughters-in-law.

The overall conclusion is that societies need to re-evaluate the role of grandparents, pay attention to the support they need, and systematically integrate kin and grandparental care into family policies. As caretakers of many of their grandchildren, who will be our future citizens, grandparents are guardians of all our tomorrow.

**OR**

(B) **KANYA: THE STAGE PLAY**

*By Shubham/Shivani Bakshi, Chief Editor, Gaatha*

Bagdogra, 19 January, 20XX: The morning at Shivam Convent School witnessed a beautiful start when a well-written and directed stage play was organised in the school premises by the students of Class XII emphasising the need and spreading awareness to save 'Girl Child'. The young children could easily manage to appeal the minds of the audience and raised the concern why a girl child in India is often seen as a liability, a 'burden' to pass on. Why it is that the patriarchal values, right from their birth are given priority due to which a lot many girls bear the brunt of gender inequality and gender stereotypes, and are treated inferiorly, as compared to boys. The play was impregnated with the treatment that girls receive in our society, irrespective of their intelligence, the girl child often receives the shorter end of the stick. Why the prime concern of each parent is to dispose them off by getting a suitable bridegroom for them. The core issue of the play was a series of questions that spearheaded the audience and left them to ponder over the thought.

**SECTION-C: Literature**

**(40 Marks)**

IV. 1. (A) (i) (b) A Thing of Beauty, John Keats

(ii) (c) aabb

(iii) (a) Green forests

(iv) The sun, the moon, the trees and daffodils are the things of beauty mentioned in the stanza.

(v) Imagery

(vi) True

**OR**

- (B)** (i) (c) To observe moments of silence and forget about selfish goals for a moment for introspection  
(ii) people living on the surface of the earth  
(iii) (b) Silence for universal growth  
(iv) (a) Peace  
(v) Pun  
(vi) False
- 2. (A)** (i) (b) the third level had vanished  
(ii) Louisa didn't want Charley to look for the third level anymore because she was worried about him.  
(iii) They both are looking for the corridor that leads to the third level because now they have proof that the third level is still there.  
(iv) (a) That Charley returned to his hobby of collecting stamps

**OR**

- (B)** (i) Limitless burning of fossil fuels is the factor that increases the average global temperature.  
(ii) (b) Natural resources are limited and rapid growth in population leaves other species battling for survival.  
(iii) (c) unconditional burning  
(iv) Whether the ice sheet of the West Antarctic will entirely melt, whether the Gulf Stream ocean current will be disrupted and whether we are getting closer to the end of the world.
- 3. (A)** (i) Peddler is speaking to ironmaster.  
(ii) The world has been compared to the rattrap.  
(iii) (c) Rind  
(iv) (d) Both (a) and (b)  
(v) (b) Hatred  
(vi) An outer layer of skin that grows on a piece of cheese as it ripens.

**OR**

- (B)** (i) (a) Because it shows how happy he feels when he finds a rupee or a ten-rupee note  
(ii) (c) The narrator of the story  
(iii) (a) It means gold to them.  
(iv) (a) scrounging  
(v) True  
(vi) Wrapped in wonder
- V.** (i) The author didn't like the idea of Saheb being employed at a tea-stall. He doesn't approve of Saheb's going to work, keeping his freedom and carefree life under the pressure of time-bound job. The author feels sad for him and is a bit concerned.  
(ii) Mukund was a good interviewer. He had the questions which every reader wanted to know from a novelist and he also maintained a good order in his questions by asking generic questions and then getting deep into the matter gradually. He also made sure

that the interviewee did not get annoyed by any of his questions and never touched any personal matter of the interviewee.

- (iii) These words mean that we fear, fear the most. Those who have undergone this experience of fear can only appreciate its worth. Douglas faced it twice in his life. He had a terrible fear of water. He could not go for swimming, canoeing, boating, rafting, etc. He realised that it would ruin his life since it was following and haunting him wherever he went. Fear is our hard core enemy.
  - (iv) Total inactivity here is to observe stillness because this moment of quietness will give us the time to introspect upon the kind of turmoil we have created on Earth through our ill-actions. The poet has appealed to the people from all races, caste and country to observe silence.
  - (v) The roadside stand owners waited for the suitable customers. The people from cities passed from there in their luxurious cars. Sometimes, they (halt) stopped their cars at times to plough the grass and use the yard to back and turn around. They stopped to ask for the right way and path, and sometimes, they even stopped to enquire about a gallon of gas.
  - (vi) When M. Hamel addressed the class on his last day, Franz was taken aback and felt conscience-stricken. He wondered whether the Germans would make even the pigeons sing in German. The language of pigeons is unalterable and they cannot be imposed with a new language.
- VI.** (i) Derry says that he was fourteen and still his mother thinks he is a small child. Derry felt confident with the stranger and kept on boasting about himself. He wanted to prove that he was a grown-up child and he doesn't seek anybody's advice which he later proved when he sought from his mother and confronted even when he was not allowed.
- (ii) Charley was an office going man who usually took the subway from the Grand Central. He was being awaited by his wife, Louisa. He crossed Vanderbilt Avenue, and reached home through the first level, through the Roosevelt Hotel.
- (iii) The Maharaja doubled the land tax in exasperation and rage after he failed to hunt the hundredth tiger near the village he had put up his tent. The Maharaja was exceedingly worried to complete his tally of killing hundred tigers. He had already killed ninety-nine tigers. Just one tiger remained, however, this one tiger he was unable to get.
- VII.** (i) The barefoot rag-pickers of Seemapuri live on the periphery of Delhi, yet metaphorically speaking, miles away from it, sums up the true condition of the rag-pickers of Seemapuri. Seemapuri is a slum area, which houses approximately 10,000 rag-pickers. They live in mud houses with roofs of tin and tarpaulin. There is no sewage, drainage or running water. They came here from Bangladesh in 1971 and have been living here ever since without any identity of their own or permits, but they have ration cards and their names figure in the voter's list. Women wear tattered saris. Survival in Seemapuri means rag-picking. This is an example of the gross negligence and apathy of the government. It has failed to do anything for them. Though Seemapuri is so close to Delhi, almost on its periphery, but the glitter and glamour, advantages like education, proper facilities for living a clean and decent life are beyond the reach of these slum dwellers of Seemapuri, which is so close to Delhi, yet so far.

OR

(ii) The main reason of the farmers' discontentment and disillusionment was that the British landlords forced all the tenants to plant 15 percent of their holding with indigo and then surrender the entire harvest as rent. This increased the misery of the poor tenants. It was already difficult for them to act according to the existing agreement but when synthetic indigo was developed and indigo plantation was no longer profitable, the landlords obtained fresh agreements from sharecroppers to pay them compensation for releasing them from the 15% arrangement. The peasants were already paying a heavy price to the Britishers. Gandhiji came in at this time and through non-violent civil disobedience, he forced the landlords to refund 25 percent of the compensation money to the peasants

**VIII.** (i) Bama was a victim of social discrimination as she belonged to a marginalised community and her realisation about this comes later to her. Bama's elder brother, Annan advised her to fight against this through education. He inspired her to study well and learn all she can so as to get rid the stigma and attract like-minded people into her life.

Bama narrated to Annan, in a comical manner, what she noticed one day on her way home from school, about an elderly coming from the direction of the market, carrying a small oil stained packet with vadai and green banana bhajji. The way the elderly man held the packet by its string amused Bama as she thought that the packet might open any moment and its contents will fall out. She then noticed how this elderly man went upto the landlord, bowed low, extended the packet towards him while the latter opened the packet and began to eat.

OR

(ii) US-13, Naval Base  
U.S.A

24 January, 20XX

Dear Dr Sadao

I don't know where to start from but I am forced to express my gratitude to a man like you who attended my wounds despite the fact that I was your enemy. I exactly have no idea how I would have treated, had I been in your shoes. It's really difficult to choose between your professional duties and your ethical demand. Your choice has revealed your character that you are a gem of a person. Words fail me to express my gratitude, but I'd like to inform you that I reached safely here a few days back. My battalion thought I was drifted or killed but when they saw me, they embraced all my miseries and my seniors have decided to honour me for my contributions which is all possible just because of you. We are all humans under the uniform. The border created by us seeks our identity and determines whether we are friends or enemies.

Thank you once again. Convey my regards to your wife Hana and love to your children.

Tom



**SECTION–A: Reading Skills****(20 Marks)**

- I.** (i) competitive  
(ii) (d) All except B  
(iii) Privatization gives rise to creativity and innovative thinking.  
(iv) (a) Coffer  
(v) (a) Only A, B, D and E  
(vi) Privatization gives ample space for creative and innovative thinking as well as systematic and strategic planning to realise the full potential of the economy.  
(vii) In private sector enterprises, there is emphasis on performance which indirectly results to work pressure and meeting deadlines or targets and individuals who have been doing work for years without much pressure would find it difficult to adjust and many end up resigning from their services.  
(viii) Privatization reduces the state's dominant role in directly owning and running the economic activities of a nation.  
(ix) (b) Retrenchment  
(x) (a) Privatization: A Boon or Bane?
- II.** (i) (b) Because it contributes in building emotional intelligence  
(ii) Empathy begins from the family.  
(iii) People with emotional clarity and awareness are better at handling stress.  
(iv) Stress and burnout causes degradation in a person's overall emotional capabilities.  
(v) (a) Self-expression and emotional intelligence  
(vi) (b) People who can identify and express their thoughts effectively.  
(vii) (a) Developing emotional intelligence  
(viii) By labeling the emotions that bring us down we can less likely get overwhelmed by external adversities and exhaust our mental energy.  
(ix) Emotional regulation  
(x) (d) All of these

## SECTION–B: Creative Writing Skills

(20 Marks)

III. 1. (A)

**R.J. PUBLIC SCHOOL, PUNE**  
**NOTICE**

28 December, 20XX

**FANCY DRESS EXHIBITION**

This is to inform and invite participation for a Fancy Dress Show, highlighting the Cultural Diversity of India. The eager participants are to note the following and enrol with dress and cultural idea in detail.

<b>Venue</b>	: Community Centre
<b>Date</b>	: 25 January, 20XX
<b>Time</b>	: 10 a.m. - 1 p.m.
<b>Theme</b>	: India's Cultural Diversity
<b>Chief Guest</b>	: Lt. Col. S.S. Sandhu
<b>Entry</b>	: No Fee

Vinod Khatian  
(Cultural Secretary)

**OR**

(B)

**STUDENTS COUNCIL CITIZENS PUBLIC SCHOOL, RAM BAGH**  
**NOTICE**

2 September, 20XX

**INTER-SCHOOL DEBATE COMPETITION**

This is to hereby inform the Middle and High School students that the Students Council of our school has decided to undertake a drive for cleanliness in and around our school. The details for the drive are as follows:

<b>Venue</b>	: School Ground & 2km around school
<b>Date</b>	: October 2, Gandhi Jayanti
<b>Time</b>	: 8 a.m. - 11 a.m.
<b>Special Guest</b>	: Chairman, MCD

You will be provided with cleaning gadgets.

Varun Kaushik  
Health Secretary

2. (A)

**The Management, Staff and Students**  
OF  
**Lotus Valley, Muzaffarnagar**  
cordially invites  
**Mr. Ashok Adhiraj, Activity Head**  
**Dramatics Club, Blooms Public School**  
Muzaffarnagar  
to grace the  
**'Theatre Act'**  
(An Inter-house one act play contest)  
on  
**Thursday, 21 November, 20XX, 9:30 a.m.**  
**Venue: School Compound**

R.S.V.P.  
Sana/Sanjay Singh  
Head Girl/Boy

**OR**

(B)

Hana Rafter  
Chief Editor  
Morning Star  
Mumbai  
12 November, 20XX

Dear Ms. ABC

Thanks a lot for inviting me to preside over the Shakespeare's Globe Theatre to be held on 17 November, 20XX at 10:00 a.m. I shall be delighted to attend the function and spend time to rejuvenate myself on such a wonderful occasion. It will be kind if I am provided with transport for the occasion.

Yours truly  
Hana Rafter

3. (A) New Mehrauli Road  
Munirka  
New Delhi  
26 September, 20XX

The Editor  
The Times  
New Delhi

**Subject:** An appeal to raise a concern about the improper disposal of protective masks  
Sir

With great admiration and belief in the columns of your newspaper, I seek to bring to your kind notice that face masks, which are used extensively for individual protection against Covid-19, are being disposed off in improper places by a section of people.

With the concerns surrounding the spread of Covid-19 along with the extensive efforts of the government to create awareness about the necessity of protective measures, face masks are being used by more and more people to protect themselves from the disease. While this is a good thing, the problem arises with the careless throwing of these masks in places such as roadsides, water bodies, etc. by people ignorant of the harm it can cause.

Hence, through the pages of your esteemed newspaper, I would like to appeal to the people of our country to refrain from carelessly throwing their used masks since it increases the chances of people being infected by unintentionally coming into contact with it. Instead, masks should be disposed off in designated places with proper safety measures.

Thanking you in anticipation.

Yours sincerely  
ABC

**OR**

**(B)** B-94, Balimela Road  
Malkangiri  
Odisha-764032

19 August, 20XX

The Coordinator  
Each One Teach One  
4 Literacy, Ambaguda,  
Malkangiri, Odisha-764045

**Subject:** Application for the position of a volunteer

Sir

This is with reference to your advertisement in the Odisha Bhaskar on 17 August, 20XX for the position of a volunteer for the Each One Teach One Campaign. I am a fresh graduate of Shiv College in Odisha, with an Associate Degree in Social Welfare Planning. I am aspiring to get associated with an esteemed organisation where I am offered some extensive exposure to serve the society in need. Details of my education are contained in the enclosed resume.

I will be happy to meet with you at your convenience and provide any additional information you may need. I shall feel obliged if my candidature is deemed considerable.

Thanking you in anticipation.

Yours faithfully  
Shantanu Saikia

**BIO-DATA**

**Name** : Shantanu Saikia  
**Father's Name** : \_\_\_\_\_  
**Gender** : \_\_\_\_\_  
**Date of Birth** : \_\_\_\_\_  
**Address** : \_\_\_\_\_  
**Marital status** : \_\_\_\_\_  
**Educational Qualification** : Graduate in Social and Welfare Planning  
**Professional Association** : Fresher  
**Expected Salary** : \_\_\_\_\_  
**References** : Mr Joshua Andrews, Odisha  
**Contact No** : 98717XXXXX  
**Date** : \_\_\_\_\_  
**Place** : \_\_\_\_\_  
**Signature** : \_\_\_\_\_

4. (A)

**Ragging–An Evil**

*By Navtej*

Ragging is a social evil which has spread to the educational institutions. It has to be eradicated with a heavy hand, so that lives of innocent students who fell victims to these evils, can be saved. Initially, ragging started in British era with the excuse that it was to teach the social hierarchy in early career, and also learn other important values in life.

Ragging has let down humanity on innumerable occasions. It is also a pity that the practice has been going on for decades and the victims of last year become the perpetrators this year. In the name of the 'tradition', this course is on and the authorities keep mum on the happenings in their institutions. Under the pretext of fun, a poor student is often assaulted, sometimes even stripped and intimidated by his seniors. The chilling incident continues to haunt him throughout his life, and he unknowingly develops various psychological disorders.

In spite of the strict warning by the Supreme Court for enforcement of these recommendations, some institutions have failed in this regard. Therefore, strict action should be taken against students indulging in ragging. There should be sensitisation on the issues. More activities requiring the collaboration of both seniors and juniors, will also help bridge this gap.



OR

B.

**MASSIVE FIRE IN VILLAGE**

— *Report by Sweety*

14th February, 20XX: A major slum area in Vilas Nagar was gutted by a massive fire on 10th February, 20XX. The fire whose exact cause is still not very clear caused extensive damage to life and property. Ten persons lost their lives, many were injured and about two hundred people were rendered homeless. Our school joined and provided relief to the victims. The students of our school got together and collected food packets, old clothes, medicines, utensils, etc. to be distributed to these homeless and helpless people. Ten students and three teachers personally visited this slum area to ensure proper and fair distribution of the items that had been collected and thus, provided some relief to these unfortunate people in their time of crisis and misery.

**SECTION–C: Literature**

**(40 Marks)**

IV. 1. (A) (i) (b) It keeps us rejuvenated.

(ii) aabb

(iii) (b) that the effect of beautiful things never decreases but increases with the passage of time

(iv) (a) A bower provides us shade in the scorching heat of the sun, giving us relief and solace.

(v) tomorrow, the next day

(vi) dearth

OR

(B) (i) (b) hyperbole

(ii) difficulties

(iii) (a) aabb

(iv) (a) That it will avenge for her oppressions

(v) False

(vi) Prancing

2. (A) (i) (d) Because Derry was going back out of fear

(ii) (c) reluctance

(iii) To steal fruit such as apples from trees

(iv) False

OR

(B) (i) (c) My alarm clock yells at me every morning until I get out of bed.

(ii) (a) (2), (3) and (6)

(iii) The dewan was exhausted in his efforts to haul the beast out of the car and push it down to the ground.

(iv) Sarcastic

3. (A) (i) (a) Because the stranger was not ready to come with the ironmaster to his house

(ii) (a) That the ironmaster won't give up

(iii) (b) Edla

- (iv) persuasion
- (v) Blacksmith
- (vi) (c) Edla's effective persuasion

**OR**

- (B)**
- (i) (a) Because there was an order from Berlin which was being read by the people of Alsace and Lorraine
  - (ii) (c) Because he used to receive all the bad news through the bulletin-board and he was worried about what had happened then
  - (iii) The blacksmith asked Franz not to rush to school and he had plenty of time to reach his school.
  - (iv) (b) The speaker is going to his school.
  - (v) The tone is depressive.
  - (vi) out of breath
- V.**
- (i) Mukesh refuses to follow the 'God-given lineage' of bangle making and dreams of becoming a motor mechanic. He is seen torn between his desires and his family tradition, which he cannot escape. His strong grit and determination could make him achieve his dream.
  - (ii) The people in the rural areas make an open appeal to the people of the city. The rural folks pray that they should not be so selfish. Instead, they should stop at the roadside stand for they are not beggars but farmers with produce to sell.
  - (iii) Man loves to be in the society and the crofter had no one with whom he could share all his joys and sorrows. His life in solitude and confined with stigma of acute loneliness made the crofter so talkative and friendly with the peddler.
  - (iv) The poet, Pablo Neruda, is longing for a calm, quiet and peaceful world where the hallmark would be togetherness. He tries to appeal the mind of the readers to aspire a world free from any activity that causes destruction to mankind.
  - (v) Sophie's brother Geoff spoke very less. She was jealous of him as she thought that when he was not speaking it was as though he was away somewhere out there in the world, in places she had never been to.
  - (vi) The bulletin-board represents the oppression of the Prussian occupiers and presumed all of the village's bad news from there. It was a symbol of obnoxious placard that keeps irritating and irks its viewers.
- VI.**
- (i) Mr Lamb cajoles Derry by telling him not to focus on the shortcomings of life and his physical impairment. He was advised that he should try to enjoy the blessings of life instead. He persuades him to develop a positive attitude and move forward in life.
  - (ii) Charley noticed the dim and flickering light of open-flame gaslights illuminated the place. Everyone in the station was dressed like 1890s. He also witnessed an ancient locomotive and people whose appearance and clothes looked weird and strange.
  - (iii) Bama came to know of the social discrimination when she was in class 3. On her way back from school, she saw an elder from her community carrying a small packet of eatables by a string without touching it. She found it very funny that a huge elderly man was carrying a small packet so strangely. Later on, she discovered from her brother that the real reason was that the landlords were of a higher class and they thought that their food would get polluted, if touched by people from her caste.

- VII.** (i) In 'The Last Lesson', Alphonse Daudet presents M. Hamel's character with due sympathy and respect. Initially, he is presented in the mould of a traditional schoolmaster. He carried his terrible ruler under his arm. Everyone could hear the rapping of the 'great ruler' on the table even outside in the street. Franz reminds us 'how cranky' M. Hamel was. The students used to dread their schoolmaster. Franz was scared of being scolded as he had not prepared his lesson on participles. For a moment, he even thought of running away from school. M. Hamel was a hard task master. He maintained discipline in the class. He had been transformed now. He became soft and gentle towards his students. He didn't scold Franz for coming late. He did not even use his ruler when little Franz got mixed up and confused when his turn to recite came. He declared that it was his last lesson in French as from the next day German would be taught in the schools of Lorraine and Alsace. He would leave the next day. A new teacher would come in his place. He also wore his best dress in honour of the last lesson.

M. Hamel was given respect not only by his students but even by the village elders. He was completely dedicated to the cause of teaching. He had been teaching for forty years in the same school. The village elders came to pay their respect to such a loyal teacher.

**OR**

- (ii) Gandhiji earned fame and prominence after the Governor dropped the case against him. He felt motivated and realising the outstanding support from the peasants and people from across the nation, Gandhiji along with his associates moved forward to take on the Britishers and demanded to conduct an inquiry.

Gandhiji collected notes and relevant documents and on the basis of these papers, he proceeded further. Gandhiji was opposed hard by the Britishers but his unwavering faith in his mandate, he left no stone unturned to unsoil the truth. The landlords were also forced to refund the money to the peasants. They expected Gandhiji to ask for full amount but he demanded just fifty percent. They offered him twenty five percent and to their amazement Gandhiji agreed to it. He explained that the amount of refund was less important than the fact that the landlord had been obliged to surrender part of the money and, with it, part of their prestige. Now, the peasants saw that they had rights. They learnt a lesson of courage.

- VIII.** (i) Human civilisation is relatively new. However, during the short period, we have created confusion and disruption. He gained dominance over nature by building cities, towns, and villages. Since human population is ever increasing, the need of natural resources also increases. Man has been conflicting with other species to grab these exhaustible resources. He has burnt fossil fuels. This has led to a blanket of carbon dioxide around the earth, which has raised the average global temperature, causing global warming. The rise in temperature has led to climatic changes. We cannot fully appreciate the effect of these changes. If you go to the Antarctica, it has not been inhabited by man. Its ecosystem is simple. Any change easily affects it, and is easily visible. In Antarctica, one can see the ice caps retreating and melting rapidly. The sight of calving ice-sheets makes one realistic how serious the problem of global warming is.

**OR**

- (ii) General Takima was a well-calculated and meticulous man. He must have given much deliberation to his decision on knowing that Dr Sadao had given shelter to an American but did not order his arrest. Even though the Second World War was in progress and a doctor of the calibre of Dr Sadao would have proved to be a blessing for the wounded soldiers on the front, he was retained in Japan because he was indispensable to the General's health and well-being. He understands Dr Sadao's importance for his own survival. The General, therefore, emerged as a materialistic and selfish person who is actually too preoccupied with his own self. He wanted Dr Sadao in Japan because he feared he needed him any time.

After knowing that Dr Sadao had operated on the white man with such success, the General realised how indispensable Dr Sadao was to him. He was the only one who could save him. So, he didn't let Dr Sadao arrest lest he should die in dearth of a loyal and accomplished doctor.



## SAMPLE PAPER – 10

### SECTION–A: Reading Skills

(20 Marks)

- I.**
- (i) (a) chauvinist
  - (ii) Madrasa has the potential to transcend concrete institutionalised spaces of education and the polarity of beliefs.
  - (iii) Scholars acknowledged the importance of secular science for a dynamic society. These ideas were challenged during medieval times, enforcing stern Islamic theological teachings.
  - (iv) (d) Dichotomy
  - (v) (a) It resembles with Buddhist vihara.
  - (vi) Madrasas provide wide range of courses from theology to science, philosophy and philology to history, literature, and also music and lessons of 'adab' viz polite culture.
  - (vii) (a) The references of Raja Ram Mohan Roy, Munshi Premchand and Dr Rajendra Prasad laid the foundation of the first madrasa in India.
  - (viii) (c) The image of young skull-capped boys reciting the Quran
  - (ix) (c) It started giving more importance to scientific as well as literary thought.
  - (x) (a) Madrasa– An Educational Centre
- II.**
- (i) True
  - (ii) Because of oppressive traditions, superstitions, exploitation and corruption, a majority of women are not allowed to enjoy the rights and opportunities, bestowed on them.
  - (iii) (b) giving equal status to women
  - (iv) oppressive
  - (v) None of these
  - (vi) (b) Educating girls is a charity.
  - (vii) By educating women the prevailing inequality between men and women be narrowed down.
  - (viii) (b) By educating girls
  - (ix) The education system has given women the equal rights.
  - (x) Orthodox mentality and negative attitude towards sending girls to schools, restrictions on their mobility, early marriage, poverty and illiteracy of parents affect the girl's participation in education.

## SECTION–B: Creative Writing Skills

(20 Marks)

III. 1. (A)

**SUNSHINE PUBLIC SCHOOL, ARAM BAGH**  
**NOTICE**

15 April, 20XX

**BOOKS GRANT FOR THE NEEDY**

This is to inform the needy students of our schools that 'Books for All', an NGO, wishes to provide books for needy students. Those in need of books, kindly submit your requirements subject and class wise. Write complete name of the book and the publisher, neatly on a sheet of paper. Write your own name, class and section too, and put it in the drop box outside the Principal's office.

Richa Sodi  
(Head Girl)

**OR**

(B)

**SPRINGDALES PUBLIC SCHOOL, DELHI**  
**NOTICE**

20 April , 20XX

**A TRIP FROM DELHI TO SHIMLA**

All students of senior secondary sections are hereby informed that our school is planning to arrange an educational trip from Delhi to Shimla during summer vacation which will cost Rs. 5000/- per head. Details will be displayed soon. There are limited seats, so hurry up to enroll your names to the undersigned by April 25.

Ansh Chauhan  
Head Boy

2. (A)

F-30/3, Wisdom Colony  
Munger  
29 June, 20XX

Dear Sir/Ma'am

It was a great pleasure to receive your invitation to attend the Inter-house Dance Competition at your school. I affirm my presence and feel excited to be a part of such a grand celebration of your school. Would appreciate if transportation is arranged.

Yours sincerely  
Bhanu Bharadwaj

OR

(B)

**The Management, Staff and Students**  
Of  
**Hope Foundation International School, Indore**  
cordially invites  
**M. Madhawan**  
Regional Director, CBSE, Bhopal  
to honour the teachers for their extraordinary performance  
on the occasion of 'Teacher's Day'  
on  
**Wednesday, 12:00 p.m., 5 September, 20XX**  
**Venue: School Compound**

R.S.V.P.  
Manoj Suri,  
Principal cum Director

3. (A) Grand Palace  
Chilla  
New Delhi-96  
24 September, 20XX

The Editor  
Hindustan Times  
New Delhi

**Subject:** Plight of government school students

Sir

Through the columns of your esteemed national daily, I would like to draw the attention of the concerned authorities towards the pathetic condition of a government school near Chilla.

We are always apprised with tall claims that the education system in the government schools of Delhi is exemplary. But to my great surprise, I found that a few students were not even able to read their text books.

On being enquired, the school teachers said staff shortage and non-teaching responsibilities give them little time to focus on students. One more shocking revelation was made that they enrol students based on their age and not learning levels. Time required to teach is not sufficient as they are engaged in clerical jobs, therefore, they lag behind.

Kindly raise this issue in your esteemed newspaper to notify the government about the plight of these children who are said to be the future of our country.

Sincerely yours  
Mohan Mahadev

OR

(B) 56, A Block  
Saket  
Agra

30 September, 20XX

The Principal  
Agrasen Public School  
Agra

**Subject:** Application for the post of a hockey coach

Sir

This letter is in response to your advertisement published in The Times of India dated 29th September, 20XX. I wish to offer my service for the post of a hockey coach in your reputed institution. I am a B.P.Ed Degree holder with two years of experience in Mahatma Gandhi School. At this point, I wish to join an established institution like yours for the advancement of my career.

Please find enclosed my resume herewith for your kind reference. I hope you will find me suitable for the said post. I assure you that I shall work with utmost devotion and sincerity to your full satisfaction. I look forward to attend an interview at your convenience.

Yours truly  
Sushil Kumar

**BIO-DATA**

**Name** : Sushil Kumar  
**Father's Name** : \_\_\_\_\_  
**Gender** : \_\_\_\_\_  
**Date of Birth** : \_\_\_\_\_  
**Address** : \_\_\_\_\_  
**Marital Status** : \_\_\_\_\_  
**Educational Qualification** : Post Graduate (English)  
**Expected Salary** : 45k (Negotiable)  
**References** : Mr Avinash Singh  
**Contact No** : 98717XXXXX  
**Date** : \_\_\_\_\_  
**Place** : \_\_\_\_\_  
**Signature** : \_\_\_\_\_



4. (A)

### DIWALI: A FESTIVAL OF LOVE AND CAMARADERIE

*By Sarwar/Shraddha, Correspondent*

With the advent of Diwali, comes an intense feeling of bursting crackers and lighting candles. From elderly to kids, all are seen indulged in this cracker-full Diwali. Diwali is incomplete without lights, crackers and sweets. But what about the destitute and emaciated section of our society? A light in their life would mean a lot to them but the question is if we are actually so concerned. Every year, we find people with so many aspirations and dreams which remain unnoticed by our society and even by the government. They are also children, who want to enjoy and celebrate but they can't do unless you render your helping hands. The joy which we see in their eyes and happiness after this act of charity actually serves the purpose of celebrating any festival in its true sense.

The joy of giving is the biggest joy. Instead of burning crackers, why don't we stand united to collect some money and distribute sweets and eatables which they can't afford in their daily life and illuminate their life and dispel the darkness with a gesture of being considerate to them

OR

### (B) VILLAGE ADOPTION- A STEP TOWARDS BEING SOCIALLY RESPONSIBLE

*— By Karan/Kriti*

14th February, 20XX: On the occasion of World Literacy Day, L.M. Memorial Public School, Dwarka has taken an oath to embrace the village named Rajpur.

The school has taken the responsibility of educating the people residing in the village. Selected students from each standard are taken there every weekend, during school hours to impart knowledge. The first 6 month motive is to make each and every person capable of reading and writing. Free books and stationery is being provided for quality education. Children are given time to spend with each other, play games and interact. Apart from the educational needs, special care is devoted to hygiene and sanitation. Girls are being given awareness on the importance of menstrual hygiene as well. Various talent hunts have been organised which left everyone overawed. The immense enthusiasm and zeal in the people to learn is the main driving factor.

A family kind of environment is being created. The school treats the people of the village as its own students and is unbiased. By adopting a village, the school is making its students sensitive towards the needs of the environment at a young age. It is committed towards raising the leaders of tomorrow.

## SECTION-C: Literature

(40 Marks)

- IV. 1. (A) (i) The young trees symbolise optimism and hopefulness.  
(ii) (b) The painful realisation of old age of her mother  
(iii) metaphor  
(iv) (c) How her mother is approaching her ripe age  
(v) (c) Poet's Fear & Pain  
(vi) Familiar ache

**OR**

- (B)** (i) (c) Keeping Quiet, Pablo Neruda  
(ii) (c) Because the poet doesn't want anyone to be busy with their work including fishermen  
(iii) Alliteration  
(iv) (b) Because we should pray to God in clean clothes  
(v) Wars with gas, Wars with fire  
(vi) False
- 2. (A)** (i) (c) (3) and (5)  
(ii) (c) Statement 1 is the cause and statement 2 is the action.  
(iii) The main worry of Sadao's father was the education of his son.  
(iv) After his return from America, Sadao would have followed the profession of doctor.

**OR**

- (B)** (i) (c) Everything was old-fashioned and smaller in size.  
(ii) Simile  
(iii) Laps at the front of a coat  
(iv) (d) Together
- 3. (A)** (i) (a) Because 'they' have come from Bangladesh  
(ii) (d) Ration cards help them to get their names on the voters' lists and buy food.  
(iii) (b) Torn  
(iv) The main concern of the people being talked about in the extract is their survival.  
(v) without any complain/pain in abdomen due to hunger  
(vi) Hyperbole

**OR**

- (B)** (i) (c) Because he knew that the ironmaster would hand him over to the sheriff  
(ii) (a) The ironmaster's daughter came to receive the peddler.  
(iii) (c) That she had better powers of persuasion  
(iv) It means an act of encouraging someone.  
(v) True  
(vi) Apparently
- V.** (i) Mukesh was different from his family members because he didn't indulge himself into the profession of bangle making. He refused to follow the 'God-given lineage' of bangle making and dreams of becoming a motor mechanic.  
(ii) Douglas didn't let fear dominate him. He decided to overcome his fear and conquered the fear of water with his grit and determination. He hired a trainer and dedicated himself to a rigorous training and followed the instructions of his trainer religiously and hence, the fear that gripped him had disappeared.  
(iii) The rich and powerful people make hollow promises to the poor which increased their hope. In this poem also, it is highlighted that they would be soon pulled out of their poverty but such tall promises are blank promises, which are never fulfilled.

- (iv) The poet wants to convey that an object of beauty gives us a perennial joy. Beauty never fades and comes to 'nothingness'. The poet also says that the sun and the moon, different type of flowers, streams of clear water are the sources of joy forever.
- (v) When Franz came to know that it was the last lesson in French that M. Hamel would give them, he was disappointed and felt sorry about the poor man's feelings and regretted why he remained heedless about his lessons.
- (vi) The ironmaster did not hand over the peddler to the sheriff because it was not the peddler who was mistaken but the ironmaster himself mistook him to be Captain von Stahle. Besides, his daughter Edla also did not want his father to be rude to someone whom he himself had invited on the eve of Christmas.
- VI.** (i) Dr. Sadao was in a dilemma when he found the wounded man. The surgeon in him instinctively inspires him to operate upon the dying soldier and save his life. He was not in a position to decide whether to hand over the wounded man to the Japanese authority or to attend his wounds.
- (ii) When Zitkala-Sa joined the new school, on the very first day of her school, it was a bitter and cold day. The noise made by the breakfast bell, the clatter of the shoes and the constant murmuring voices in a foreign tongue annoyed her. She saw a proper pattern of going and sitting in the dining hall. Girls were wearing very tight fitting clothes. She observed everything and found that immodest.
- (iii) The ten-day old Prince of Pratibandapuram performed a miracle by confronting the astrologers and inquiring about manner of his death. Everyone was bewildered and the chief astrologer got transfixed in stupefaction by this.
- VII.** (i) The interview has become an indispensable feature of journalism today. Several thousand celebrities have been interviewed over the years. Some of them have been interviewed repeatedly. Opinions vary. Some consider it the source of truth. Some call it a great art. It is the most effective and powerful medium of knowing influential people or celebrities.

Usually celebrities despise being interviewed. They consider it as an 'unwarranted intrusion' into their lives. They somehow feel that it diminishes them. Naipaul feels that people are 'wounded by interviews and lose a part of themselves'. Lewis Carroll never consented to be interviewed. Rudyard Kipling considered it immortal and an offence against his person. H.G. Wells interviewed Joseph Stalin. But he also considered it as 'an ordeal'. Saul Bellow considered interviews as 'thumbprints on his windpipe'.

In spite of some of these drawbacks, the interview remains 'a supremely serviceable medium of communication'. Because of this, the interview holds a position of great power of influence.

**OR**

- (ii) Douglas was a man of grit and determination. In order to overcome his fear, he tried everything. He hired an instructor and started practising and swimming regularly. He followed each and every instruction of the trainer quite religiously. After three months of rigorous practice, he started to feel relaxed.

Douglas felt that when he was alone in the pool, tiny vestiges of old fear would return. To make sure that he had got rid of his fear of water, he went to Lake Wentworth in New Hampshire and swam two miles across the lake. After this, he became confident that he had conquered his long-standing fear of water.

The misadventure made Douglas hydrophobic for many years. But it was his sheer hard work and the spirit of not giving up before any challenge and obstacles which made him conquer his fear of water.

- VIII.** (i) 'A man is known by the company he keeps.' But what if someone avoids to be into anybody's company? Derry was one such kind. Loneliness and a sense of detachment experienced by Derry had turned him into a negative personality. He had become a loner as people got scared of him and stayed away from him. So, he indulged in self-pity and was always suspicious of the intention of others. He, in fact, was the victim of inferiority complex. His anger and frustration made him withdrawn.

Mr Lamb's optimism about his life and sensible talks left a positive impression on the mind of Derry which is quite evident in the scene when he encountered his mother during a discussion. He was so convinced with Mr. Lamb that he argued with his mother and ran away from there just to render his helping hand to 'Lamey Lamb' who was none to him a little earlier.

**OR**

- (ii) The demand of Dr Sadao's professional etiquette has been high-sounding in this chapter. He was first a doctor and then anything else. Sadao could have easily killed the man washed ashore, but he couldn't do so because he was a nice gentleman. Sadao brought the man home, washed his wounds. He knew that the man would die if he was not operated.

Dr Sadao and his obedient wife faced the contempt and displeasure of their servants. Yumi refused to wash a white man. The old gardener thought that his master must let the white man die. Dr Sadao ignored all these warnings. He heard the call of his profession and operated on the prisoner of war. In all this, he put his and his family's life at stake. Dr Sadao's heart overflowed with human kindness. He did all the possible help putting himself and his wife at maximum risk. He could have lost his life for sheltering an enemy and arranging for his escape. He rose to the occasion and did what only a devoted doctor could have done in the circumstances.



## SAMPLE PAPER – 11

### SECTION–A: Reading Skills

(20 Marks)

- I.** (i) (b) Vitamin E
- (ii) By consuming coffee, we should remember that we are lacking those vitamins and minerals which we should consume every day.
- (iii) Ginger has anti-inflammatory and anti-viral properties that helps in enhancing immunity. It is also useful in aiding muscle tension, nausea, bloating, improves digestion and reduces cholesterol. It might even battle against diabetes.
- (iv) (b) Bloating
- (v) (d) 2 and 4
- (vi) We should consume Vitamin A, D, E, K, omega 3 and 9 fatty acids, beta carotene, lycopene.
- (vii) Cardamom has been used traditionally for years as a home remedy. It has antimicrobial properties, minerals and even cancer fighting compounds. It is naturally loaded with fibre that helps the digestive system.
- (viii) We should consume cardamom to develop cancer-fighting compounds.
- (ix) (a) Cardamom is rich in beta-carotene.
- (x) (b) Indian Kitchen– A Perfect Medical Store
- II.** (i) Not Given
- (ii) Wayanad is a perfect winter getaway for adventure seekers and nature lovers.
- (iii) (d) Wayanad
- (iv) rich flora and fauna
- (v) (a) Poovar offers many draws like lakes, backwaters and a lengthy sandy stretch of Arabian Sea.
- (vi) (c) They go back scented like a tea bag.
- (vii) Vagamon is a visual retreat to everyone because of its thick forests and cascades to rolling hills and mystic lakes.
- (viii) (b) Ubiquitous
- (ix) (b) Enthusiastic response
- (x) Kerala is known as the pride of South India as it is ever flourishing as a vacationist destination.

**SECTION–B: Creative Writing Skills****(20 Marks)****III. 1. (A)**

**SUN VALLEY PUBLIC SCHOOL, AMER, RAJASTHAN**  
**NOTICE**

5th July, 20XX

**'CHARITY SHOW'**

A charity show has been organised in the school to aid Covid patients. Staff and students are requested to extend their cooperation and make the programme a success.

Please note:

- Each student will be given a book of 20 tickets @ Rs. 10/- each ticket.
- Sold counter foils and money should be returned to the class teacher on or before 8th July, 20XX.

Naresh Jain  
Secretary  
(Cultural Club)

**OR****(B)**

**CENTRAL BOARD OF SECONDARY EDUCATION, DELHI**  
**NOTICE**

9th April, 20XX

**TEACHERS' TRAINING PROGRAMME**

The CBSE will be conducting the Continuing Teachers' Training Programme for CBSE affiliated schools across the country:

Dates:	Region	Time
18th - 20th May	South	10 a.m. to 5 p.m.
21st - 23rd May	North	10 a.m. to 5 p.m.
24th - 26th May	East	10 a.m. to 5 p.m.
27th - 29th May	West	10 a.m. to 5 p.m.

All other regions, union territories, will join the meeting along with the regions that are close to their locations. It is compulsory that all teachers participate in the training.

Pranali Khanna  
Secretary (CBSE)

2. (A) Anand Villa  
15th Cross Street  
Pune

14th January, 20XX

Dear Jatin

It was a pleasure to hear from you after such a long time. Additionally delighted that your son has achieved such an astounding success. Convey my heartiest congratulations to Arjun.

Much as I'd have wished to be part of the function, you will have to excuse me as I have a major "All Branch Convention" with all my subordinates, scheduled during that time.

Archana and I will visit you during the weekend. Do convey our loving regards to Rupa, and your dear parents.

Warm wishes for the function.

Yours affectionately  
Sachin Anand

**OR**

(B) D-51  
B.S.Z Marg  
New Delhi

16th July, 20XX

Dear Manu

First of all, let me inform you that I have been engaged to get married. The groom is an engineer with BHEL. Covid-19 has played a bad sport, and therefore, we could not invite any one for the engagement. But now that the lockdown has been eased a bit I have planned a get-together with all of our cousins, this weekend at our Meerut residence.

Please bring Richa along. It will be a two-day programme.

Look forward to seeing you.

Yours affectionately  
Anuradha

3. (A) Whitefield Colony  
Jaipur

27th October, 20XX

The Editor  
Rajasthan Times

**Subject:** Schools a distant dream

Sir

I am a resident of Whitefield Colony, which is on the suburbs of the pink city Jaipur. I am a bank employee and have been transferred to the branch here. I have been on the lookout for a good school, to admit my children. They are studying in the 9th and 12th classes, respectively.

It is with great regret that I wish to state that there is only one primary school to cater to the educational needs of the residents of this area. Commuting to schools in the city would involve a journey of 45 km to and fro, every day for the children.

I have made several representations to my bank and the officials in the education department, but no solutions have emerged to solve the problem.

Through the columns of your esteemed newspaper, I wish to reach the authorities and get this issue resolved.

Thanking you

Yours sincerely

Vikas Bhalla

**OR**

**(B)** 14, Azad Basti  
Jamshedpur

13th April, 20XX

The Principal  
Nazareth Public School  
Ranchi

**Subject:** Application for the post of music teacher (female)

Madam

This is in response to the advertisement published in the Ranchi Times, dated 12th April 20XX, requesting applications for the post of music teachers. I wish to submit my candidature for the said post. Kindly find attached my bio-data for your perusal and consideration.

If selected, I assure that I will work with diligence.

Yours faithfully

Anahita Singh.

**BIO-DATA**

<b>Name</b>	: Anahita Singh
<b>Father's Name</b>	: Arjun Singh
<b>Date of Birth</b>	: 9th June, 19XX
<b>Address</b>	: 14, Azad Basti, Jamshedpur
<b>Marital Status</b>	: Spinster

<b>Educational Qualification</b>	: M.Sc. Western Music, Mumbai University (90%) B.Sc. Western Music, Mumbai University (92%) B.A (Hons) Music production and Vocal Performance (A+) From Trinity college of Music.
<b>Experience</b>	: 5 years as HOD music at St. Xaviers School, Ranchi
<b>Current Salary</b>	: 58K with perks.
<b>References</b>	: Fr. Michael Mathew, Principal, St Xaviers School Mrs. Margaret John, Principal, S.D College of Music
<b>Contact</b>	: anahita123singh@gmail.com. 95XXXXXXX0

4. (A)

### **Rising Prices**

*By Aniket Patil*

Price hike is a common phenomenon and happens in most economies. It is a reality in India as well. However, this reality isn't only because of the natural progress of economics but also because of governmental policies and taxation, all of which contribute to the price of goods and services that eventually reach the common man.

For the common man, a hike in prices is always a matter of some concern. The prices of onion, potatoes, and other basic essentials have been rising indiscriminately. The common man can no longer afford them. The salaries don't increase at a commensurate rate and the ability of the common man to afford many things goes down significantly.

For the common man, a price hike in one particular commodity can affect his entire budget and cut into his savings. It is up to the government to control hikes in prices, so that the situation doesn't become unbearable for ordinary citizens.

**OR**

(B)

### **Fatal End to a New Beginning**

*By Reet Sabharwal, Reporter, Times of India*

15th June 20XX, Jhansi: A newly wed bride is reported to have committed suicide due to the strain she had been facing in her married life. Pieces of flesh and blood could be seen all over the railway track a little beyond Jhansi Junction.

The family and neighbours of the girl claim that it had been only two weeks into the marriage and the groom's family had begun harassing the girl for her average looks, high educational qualifications, and less dowry. Ironically, the girl was a post graduate in Psychology, and practised as a family counsellor in the City Hospital.

The police were present to gather the remains, do a *panchnama*, and take whatever was left of the girl's body, for a post-mortem. A case has been registered against the husband and in-laws of the deceased. A suicide note has been recovered from the severed palm of the young bride. It is reported that the family will perform the final rites only after action is taken against the groom's family.

## SECTION–C: Literature

(40 Marks)

- IV. 1. (A)** (i) (b) Exotic  
(ii) The poet is addressing human beings in the above lines.  
(iii) (d) Alliteration  
(iv) (b) An exotic feeling  
(v) no noise  
(vi) If there are no engines and no crowd, it will create a perfect happy moment.

**OR**

- (B)** (i) (b) Personification  
(ii) The poet realised that her mother is growing old. Her ashen face, and open mouth resembles a dead body.  
(iii) The realisation was painful. It brought a fear of separation and a sense of helplessness.  
(iv) (b) She tried to divert her thoughts by looking out of the car's window.  
(v) (c) Theme of old age  
(vi) The thought of losing her mother was put away.
- 2. (A)** (i) The Maharaja  
(ii) (b) Because he was sure of his prediction that the Maharaja's death would be caused by the 100th tiger.  
(iii) (a) obstinate attitude  
(iv) return

**OR**

- (B)** (i) (b) likes accepting everyone  
(ii) (a) Optimistic  
(iii) Mr Lamb wants Derry to look positively at the world and admire everything he sees and hears.  
(iv) Derry became more self-confident.
- 3. (A)** (i) (b) perilous  
(ii) The narrator's mother warned him that the Yakima River was treacherous.  
(iii) safe  
(iv) (b) to reduce self-respect  
(v) YMCA swimming pool  
(vi) (a) Hydrophobia

**OR**

- (B)** (i) (c) The author herself  
(ii) It means that an old temple in Udipi that has become so old and dilapidated that people no longer go to it.  
(iii) (d) Lost Spring by Anees Jung.  
(iv) (b) It shows that the underprivileged value anything because they have been longing for it.  
(v) A young boy  
(vi) True

- V. (i) Most of the arable land in Champaran district was divided into large estates owned by Englishmen and worked by Indian tenants. The chief commercial crop was indigo. The landlords compelled all tenants to plant 15 percent of their holdings with indigo and surrender the entire indigo harvest as rent.
- (ii) He overcame his fear by finding an instructor for himself who would teach him to swim. He swam alone in the pool. He went to Lake Wentworth to dive. He tried every possible stroke he learnt. Finally, in his diving expedition, in the Warm Lake, he conquered his fear completely.
- (iii) M. Hamel told them that French was the most beautiful language in the world. It was the clearest and the most logical language. He asked them to guard it among them and never forget it, because when a people are enslaved, as long as they hold fast to their language it is as if they had the key to their prison.
- (iv) The bangle industry of Firozabad is a curse for childhood because working in glass factories exposes the children and adults to many life-threatening diseases. It often leaves them blind and there is no scope for them to educate themselves or come out of their pitiable state.
- (v) Man derives comfort and happiness when he/she looks at objects of beauty, and the lasting impression they leave on our minds is a source of permanent joy. These beautiful sites provide us relief from our everyday trials and tribulations, and help us live a happy life.
- (vi) This story is an eye-opener for teenagers who fantasise and day dream about many things but when they realise that their dream cannot be fulfilled, they find it difficult to come to terms with reality. They are disillusioned and when they know the reality, they are disappointed.
- VI. (i) The general layout of the third level was different from that of the second level. It had comparatively smaller rooms, fewer ticket windows and lesser train gates. The wooden information booth was in the centre having old looks. Open flame gas lights were flickering.
- (ii) The news of a tiger being spotted at a hillside village that was responsible for the disappearance of sheep was reported to the king. The Maharaja went to hunt which would have been the hundredth tiger. However, he could not find the tiger. So, in a fit of rage, the Maharaja ordered the Dewan to double the land tax.
- (iii) Bama first encountered untouchability when she saw an elder of her caste walking along the street from the direction of the bazaar. Initially, the vision made her laugh but then she saw the elder walk up straight to the landlord, bowing low and extending the packet towards him.
- VII. (i) Strong will power plays a vital role in our lives. Firm determination and consistent hard-work has to be the guiding factor to be followed diligently to acquire success. Passion is what encourages to strive towards achieving ones goals within the stipulated time. Will power provides the strength, energy, and purpose in life, and enables one to face all the obstacles that we have to confront at every stage in our journey. Determination to overcome his fear of water, and the hard drill he resorted to, helped young Douglas to achieve success. Once he took courage, the fear vanished. That, he says, shows most of our fears are baseless. Fear creates dangers where there is none. Once he took courage, the terror vanquished. He faced the challenge deliberately in various places like the Warm Lake. He conquered it at last.

OR

- (ii) Dear friends and teachers, opportunity knocks on our door only once. If this chance is lost, it is difficult to redeem whatever we have missed. We need to value time. If time is lost, everything is lost.

We, as a community, are to be blamed for neglect of learning on the part of boys like Franz. The parents were not anxious to have their children learn and rather engaging them into household work. The boys themselves preferred working at mills and farms. I blame myself for sending children on errands, and declaring holidays for engaging in my own pleasure activities.

I wish to tell all of you that French is the most beautiful, the clearest and the most logical language in the world. I advise all of you to guard it among yourselves and never to forget it because it would prove to be the key to your prison when you are enslaved.

My friends, let me conclude by saying, “Viva la France”.

- VIII. (i) Dear friends, I stand before you to speak about the attitude one must have towards differently abled persons. I was a teenager, highly pessimistic and withdrawn from the society as one side of my face was disfigured by acid. I avoided company and remained lonely. I believed that no one loved me, and that my mother loved me because she was supposed to. One day, I accidentally met Mr Lamb who was also disabled.

Mr. Lamb took his impairment as a challenge and tried to overcome it, while I believed that I was unwanted and lost. Being a child, I could not take the sneering and sympathising world as taken by Mr Lamb.

However, he taught me a great lesson: To face life despite all odds.

Dear friends, I wish to appeal to all of you that the journey would be easier if each one of you is more accepting and understanding in your display of emotions towards people like me.

Thank you.

OR

- (ii) The story dwells on the theme of escapism as a psychological refuge from the grim realities of the present-day world along with a desire to stay with the past—a desire that Charley’s wife Louisa also does not contest.

Yes, an intersection of time and space is seen in the story. Charley, as an escapist moves into the past from present. He reaches in the last century in 1894, that is practically impossible but due to his imagination, he was shifted to the third level and found himself at Galesburg, Illinois. That seems to be psychological and his psychiatrist friend Sam is also the victim of modern worldly worries and he himself also shifts to the third level. The author presents the intersection of time and space in a very logical way and proves it to be possibly due to the need to move away from reality that may be harsh on you.



## SAMPLE PAPER – 12

### SECTION–A: Reading Skills

(20 Marks)

- I.** (i) (a) connection  
(ii) 20%  
(iii) The politicians are thriving today on the basis of muscle power provided by criminals.  
(iv) (c) Righteous  
(v) (a) because of the people with criminal backgrounds becoming politicians.  
(vi) Of those who do not know why they ought to vote.  
(vii) (d) large expenditure  
(viii) The forms prescribed by the Election Commission of India for the candidates to disclose their convictions, cases pending in courts and so on in their nomination papers.  
(ix) (d) Disclosing convictions and cases pending of the candidates decide the fate of the candidates in the election  
(x) (c) Criminalization of Politics
- II.** (i) True  
(ii) (b) the unemployment rate saw an immediate spike  
(iii) The effect of demonetisation and the Goods and Service Tax was the reason behind the unemployment rate during 2017-18.  
(iv) Since early May, unemployment data showed an improvement sign.  
(v) (d) Both (a) and (c)  
(vi) On a national level, India publishes a periodic labour force survey over 12-month periods.  
(vii) The unemployment rate on 2011-12 was 2.2%.  
(viii) (c) because some activities resumed after the lockdown  
(ix) (a) Due to lockdown  
(x) 2018-19

### SECTION–B: Creative Writing Skills

(20 Marks)

**III. 1. (A)**

<p><b>ABC COLLEGE, CHENNAI</b> <b>NOTICE</b></p> <p>12th April, 20XX</p> <p style="text-align: center;"><b>LOST AND FOUND</b></p> <p>Lost a Dtron IWO W26 1.75inch, Full Touch Screen Smart watch Series 6 Bluetooth Call with ECG Heart Rate Monitor Water Proof in the college Campus, Block B, during recess.</p> <p>Anyone who has found it may kindly return it to the undersigned.</p> <p>Simran Maheshwari</p> <p>T. K. Nagar, Chennai 94950000XX</p>
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OR

(B)

**BLOOMSBURY PUBLIC SCHOOL, BANGALORE**  
**NOTICE**

1st November, 20XX

**CHANGE IN SCHOOL TIMINGS**

Students are hereby informed that there will be a change in school timings with effect from 16th November, 20XX. This decision has been taken in accordance with the directives of the State Education Board, as the temperature drop is having a severe impact on the health of children. Additionally visibility on the streets at an early hour is minimal.

School timings will now be:

Primary and Kindergarten : 9 a.m. – 12 noon  
Middle School/Secondary & Senior Secondary : 9 a.m – 2 p.m.

Principal

2. (A)

The Principal, Staff and Students  
of  
**A.V.M PUBLIC SCHOOL, BOKARO**  
Have great pleasure in inviting you  
to  
**THE ANNUAL SPORTS DAY**  
**Shri. Sachin Tendulkar**  
Has kindly consented  
to be the Chief Guest  
DAY: 14TH NOVEMBER, 20XX  
VENUE: SCHOOL GROUND  
TIMING: from 7 a.m.  
Parents are requested to be seated in the ground  
By 6.45 a.m.

Sports coordinator

OR

(B) AVM Public School  
Mumbai

2nd March, 20XX

Mr Prakash Nath  
J J College of Arts  
Mumbai

**Subject:** Invitation for Caricature Contest

Respected Sir,

I am Suman Sharma, the Secretary of the Literary Club of my school. I am writing this letter to invite you to be the Chief Guest at our school's annual Caricature Contest, which is to be held on 15th April, 20XX from 9 a.m. onwards. Your graceful presence will be invaluable to us. We also desire that you conduct a one hour workshop for aspiring artists in the school.

Expecting a positive response from you. Please do not hesitate to connect with us.

Thanking you.

Regards,  
Suman Sharma  
Secretary (Literary Club)

3. (A) Arya Public School  
Anand Nagar  
Bhilai

25th October, 20XX

The Editor  
The Telegraph  
Bhilai

**Subject:** Rising cases of dengue in the city

Sir

I am a student of Arya Public School. It was with great worry and fear that I am writing this letter to your esteemed daily.

Dengue has been spreading like wild fire, and the authorities have not been doing much to curb the crisis situation. The Aedes aegypti mosquito seems to be thriving in Bhilai.

The authorities have not responded to the local voice.

Through the columns of your newspaper, I request you to be our voice and reach this issue to the concerned authorities.

Thanking you

Yours sincerely  
Ajit Makan

**OR**

**(B)** 9-0, Pant Nagar  
Indore

22nd April, 20XX

The HR Manager  
Havels Electronics  
Jabalpur

**Subject:** Application for the post of Marketing Manager

Sir

In response to your advertisement published in The Hindustan Times dated April 23, 20XX, I wish to offer my services as one of the candidates.

I fulfil the conditions laid down in your advertisement. I have completed my MBA in Marketing Management from Poona University with 90% marks. I have also got one year working experience in XYZ Enterprises, Mumbai. Enclosed herewith the bio-data, photographs, certificates and testimonials for your kind perusal and consideration.

Hoping for a favourable response.

Yours respectfully  
Parul Sinha

**BIO-DATA**

<b>Name</b>	: Parul Sinha
<b>Father's Name</b>	: Mr Chandan Sinha
<b>Date of Birth</b>	: 9th June, 19XX
<b>Address</b>	: 9-O, P Nagar, Indore
<b>Marital Status</b>	: Spinster
<b>Educational Qualification</b>	: MBA in Marketing Management from Poona University with 90% marks Diploma in computer Java C+
<b>Experience</b>	: 5 years of experience as Marketing Manager at XYZ Enterprises, Mumbai
<b>References</b>	: 8 years of experience as Regional Manager, XYZ Marketing Principal, Poona Institute of Management
<b>Contact</b>	: : ps99@gmail.com/9599XXXXXX

4. (A)

### The Drug Menace

*By, Avnish Thakral, Bijnor*

Drug addiction has become a major cause of concern all over the globe. Reports of the addiction from the Bollywood is worrying. The stars are looked upon as role models by the impressionable youth. Therefore, this is not a good situation. Drug addiction is synonymous with substance disorder abuse. Victims of such abuse are in pitiable conditions. It affects them mentally, physically and emotionally.

A drug addict loses his control over his mind and engages in anti-social activities. It also harms their relationships. Drug addiction can have adverse effects on their moods— they can get very aggressive at times and can be murderous.

We need to help such people. It is not easy to quit addiction all at once. It is a long and gradual process, and has to be dealt with smartly and wisely. Quitting all at once can take a toll on their lives and the withdrawal effects can be very harmful.

OR

(B)

### Exorbitant Dowry

*By Rakul Preet, correspondent Dhanbad Times*

5th November, 20XX: It was the destination wedding of my best friend's sister, held at the Nicobar Islands. It was with utter shame and disgust that I got to know that the bride's parents had to give a massive dowry to the groom to conduct the marriage. The girl is a professor of Medicine at the Bijnor Medical College. The girl's family had to part with jewellery worth 10 lacs, a Mercedes Benz, a Hero Honda motor bike, and the entire furniture to renovate the marital home. I was astonished that the girl's parents, succumbed to the demands of the groom's family despite belonging to the educated section of the society.

The payment of dowry has long been prohibited under specific Indian laws including the Dowry Prohibition Act of 1961, approved by the Parliament of India, and subsequently by Sections 304B and 498A of the Indian Penal Code. But the menace continues unabated.

## SECTION–C: Literature

(40 Marks)

- IV. 1. (A) (i) (b) To live it meaningfully  
(ii) (c) That they are self-centred  
(iii) By doing nothing we can bring about a huge silence.  
(iv) (a) It will lead us to a failure of accomplishing the task of survival in peace.  
(v) single-minded  
(vi) Enjambment

OR

- (B) (i) daffodils, green world, clear rills, cooling covert, musk rose blooms  
(ii) (d) All the things of beauty  
(iii) (c) a life-giving force  
(iv) (d) hyperbole  
(v) oxymoron  
(vi) aabbcc

2. (A) (i) (d) Both statements can be inferred.  
(ii) The author was able to walk noiselessly because she wore soft moccasins.  
(iii) The author is feeling extremely embarrassed.  
(iv) (a) (1) and (4)

OR

- (B) (i) (c) Hana and Sadao  
(ii) (a) Stumble  
(iii) The man who was crawling on his hands and knees was an American Prisoner of War.  
(iv) shocked/astounded
3. (A) (i) Kripalani was waiting to receive Gandhiji at the station.  
(ii) (a) To harbour an activist like Gandhiji  
(iii) (b) 2 days  
(iv) (a) To meet Gandhiji  
(v) professor  
(vi) Gandhiji

OR

- (B) (i) Saheb finds a rupee in the heap of garbage.  
(ii) It reflects the immense joy experienced by the child in getting a 10 rupees note, which is a lot of money for these poor rag-pickers.  
(iii) (d) has a different meaning  
(iv) (c) because the narrator wants to highlight their hopefulness  
(v) (c) Hope of rag-pickers  
(vi) Different
- V. (i) To 'build a swimmer' out of Douglas, the instructor began his training with extreme caution. He attached a rope to a belt and put it around Douglas. The rope went through a pulley that ran on an overhead cable. Supported by the cable, they went to and fro, in the pool and practiced for weeks together.  
(ii) The peddler was happy at the smartness of taking thirty kronor from the crofter's pouch. In order not to be chased away, he turned into the forest instead of walking on the road. He was of the view that he would be caught if he went on the highway. So he took his way through the forest.  
(iii) The tigers are symbols of strength, courage and fearlessness. So through these tigers, Aunt Jennifer finds a way to lead a different life that is away from her reach. She channels her desire to be free and fearless through the majestic tigers that she embroiders.  
(iv) Gandhiji decided to first go to Muzaffarpur because he wanted to gather more information about the conditions in Champaran than Shukla was capable of imparting. Gandhiji and Shukla arrived at the Muzaffarpur railway station at midnight on 15th April, 1917. He was received by Kripalani and a large body of students.  
(v) The narrator is of the opinion that, Saheb is not really happy working at the tea-stall because working for a master meant sacrificing his freedom and his "carefree look". Even though the job at the tea-stall pays him 800 rupees and all his meals, he seems less contented than before.

- (vi) The poem “Keeping Quiet” written by Pablo Neruda discusses the need of maintaining peace and silence. He stresses upon being quiet and harmless to the human beings, animals and environment. He suggests that in order to maintain peace and harmony, it is required to stop and introspect ourselves.
- VI.** (i) The theme of “On the Face of It” revolves around the idea that people with physical disabilities suffer from loneliness and mental pain. The author gives us an insight into how appearances are deceptive. The society should accept them as they are and expand their social interactions. In this way, they can fight out the loneliness, depression and disappointment.
- (ii) The Maharaja of Pratibandapuram was known as the Tiger King. He got the name Tiger King as tigers dominated his life and his mission to live. He killed seventy tigers in ten years and married a girl from a state with a large number of tigers to kill the next 30 tigers.
- (iii) Hana choked and was about to vomit, while assisting her husband. This made Sadao who is a cool surgeon speak sharply to his wife as he didn’t want his wife to faint while he was performing the surgery as he won’t be able to take care of her because for any reason if he stops the surgery, the patient would die.
- VII.** (i) The chapter ‘Rattrap’ deals with the issues of human loneliness and the need to bond with others. Not only the peddler but also other characters like the crofter, the ironmaster and Edla emphasise this fact.

The peddler’s conscience had left him because he had been lonely in his predicament, for a long time. But Edla’s kindness and hospitality changed him. The crofter, on the other hand, is a lonely fellow whose craving for company leads him to give shelter to a vagabond, and he ends up getting robbed. Even, the ironmaster and his daughter suffer from loneliness. They crave company on Christmas Eve and are excited when they get the opportunity to serve a guest. The experience of the peddler at the manor of the Willmanssons made the peddler change his ways. Earlier, he had never known a true sympathiser or a well-wisher. He had no friend to steer him on the right path.

### OR

- (ii) **Sophie** : Jansie, do you have a dream?

**Jansie** : We are too poor to dream, Soaf.

**Sophie** : Don’t be silly! When I leave school, I’m going to open a boutique.

**Jansie** : Do you know that it requires money to do something like that?

**Sophie** : I’ll find it, Jan.

**Jansie** : It will take you long to save that much of money.

**Sophie** : I’ll work as a manager, earn money and then fulfil my dream.

**Jansie** : Don’t say such things, Soaf.

**Sophie** : I’ll have the most amazing shop this city has ever seen, Jan.

**Jansie** : Soaf, you really should be sensible. Shops don’t pay that kind of money.

**Sophie** : Well! Then I shall become an actress. There’s real money there.

**Jansie** : I wish you’d understand our condition and dream only things that are possible to achieve. Please come down to the ground and be realistic. Please dear! I don’t want to see your hurt.

- VIII.** (i) Dear students, teachers and friends, I wish to speak on a very sensitive topic today. I wish that no other child should suffer the discrimination I have suffered in my life. Children are more sensitive and observant than the adults. They see, hear, feel and experience whatever happens around them. They are quick to note any deviation from the normal or any aberration.

At first, I thought that the behaviour of the elder of her community is quite funny. He was holding the packet by string and running with it awkwardly. But when I learnt the reason of this behaviour, I was shocked. I decided to rebel against the oppression. For this, I had to ensure that I receive education. This has helped me reach where I am today. It is my earnest appeal to all of you gathered here to focus on acquiring education and work towards the establishing of a free and fair society, for the future generations.

Thank you

**OR**

- (ii) Mr Lamb and Derry are suffering from the same sort of physical impairment. They also experience the excruciating pain of loneliness and the ill-effects of living in unsocial society. They both are feeling lonely. This bond unites Mr Lamb and Derry. Mr Lamb lives alone in a house that has a garden. No one ever comes to visit him. Kids call him Lamey Lamb. People have spread unpleasant stories about him. The friendship between Mr Lamb and Derry proved quite fruitful for both of them. Mr Lamb instils self confidence in the young boy. This meeting proved to be a turning point in Derry's life. Now, he doesn't care what others say. He defies his mother's warnings and decides to leave his home and live with Mr Lamb. When he reaches, he finds Mr Lamb fallen dead on the grass. But little Derry tells him, "It's alright .... you fell.... I'm here, Mr Lamb, it's alright. I came back, Lamey Lamb. I did come back".



## SAMPLE PAPER – 13

### SECTION–A: Reading Skills

(20 Marks)

- I.** (i) (c) The brain of girls  
(ii) That girls don't perform as well as boys in mathematics, and that this has something to do with the structure of their brain.  
(iii) Nature Partner Journal (NPJ).  
(iv) (d) Superficially  
(v) (a) Families pressurise the girls not to choose career in science or mathematics.  
(vi) Society and parents  
(vii) To measure the brain activity the researchers used functional MRI in 104 children.  
(viii) Families need to walk that extra mile to get their daughters fill up laboratories and mathematical institutes  
(ix) (a) Relationship  
(x) (d) Brain Equality Between Boys and Girls
- II.** (i) (b) 28 trillion tonnes of ice  
(ii) polar ice sheets, mountain glaciers and sea ice  
(iii) (c) Arctic Sea Ice  
(iv) (a) 3.8 trillion tonnes  
(v) 100 m thick  
(vi) (a) Antarctic ice shelves  
(vii) (b) It could cause a rise in the sea levels dramatically.  
(viii) about a million people will be displaced from their low-lying homelands.  
(ix) freshwater resources for mountain communities as well as to people living downstream  
(x) Southern Ocean sea ice–0.9 trillion tonnes

## SECTION-B: Creative Writing Skills

(20 Marks)

III. 1. (A)

**J P M SCHOOL, PATNA**  
**NOTICE**

10th February, 20XX

**CLEANLINESS DRIVE**

To commemorate the Swacch Bharat programme started by the Hon. Prime Minister, we are planning to conduct a Cleanliness Drive within the school and the areas surrounding it. The Hon. MLA Shri. Nitin Bhosle, has kindly agreed to flag off the drive.

**Programme:**

Inauguration	: 10 a.m. 11 a.m.
Power Point Presentation	: Social Service Department : 11 a.m.
Awareness March	: Scouts and Guides : 11:45 a.m.
Cleanliness drive: Class wise	: 11 a.m. to 2 p.m.
Dispersal	: 2:30 p.m.

Anita Goyal  
Head Girl

**OR**

(B)

**PARK STREET SOCIETY, KOLKATA**  
**NOTICE**

5th October, 20XX

**DURGA POOJA CELEBRATIONS**

We will be conducting Durga Pooja celebrations in the society this year. It will be appreciated if all the members of the society make contributions according to their mite for this noble endeavour. A Hundi is placed at the society's office. Please drop your contributions.

Let us make this a grand success.

Amit Chatterjee  
Secretary

2. (A) M J International School  
Punjab

2nd March, 20XX

The Honorable Chief Minister  
Punjab

**Subject:** Inviting to be the Chief Guest.

Sir

I am the Principal of M J International School. On behalf of the management, staff, students and parents of the school, I take this opportunity to request you to honour us by being the Chief Guest at our 50th Annual Day celebrations.

The event is scheduled to be held on 15th March, at 5 p.m. in the school auditorium. A mail confirming your honourable presence would be appreciated.

Looking forward to your gracious presence at our school.

Thanking you

Yours respectfully  
Nirupama Mankad  
(PRINCIPAL)

OR

(B)

**We, Shailaja Sharma & Sachin Gupta, their children**

Request your benign company on the 25th anniversary of

**Mrs & Mr Ranjan Gupta**

A surprise party has been arranged for the couple

**On: 5th March, 20XX**

**From: 5 p.m. to 10 p.m.**

**At: Our farmhouse, Panvel**

R.S.V.P:

sachin123gupta@gmail.com., 9599XXXXX

3. (A) Akash Public School

Ajmer

4th December, 20XX

The Editor

The Hindu

Rajasthan

**Subject:** The harmful effects of tourism on Corbett National Park

Sir

Through the columns of your esteemed daily, I would like to draw the attention of the concerned authority to the rampant abuse of available facilities in the Corbett National Park, established as early as 1936, to protect the Bengal Tigers, by tourists and the consequent endangerment to the environment.

The tourists not only litter the place with non-biodegradable plastic packets and wrappers, but also use wood from the forests for cooking purposes. The tranquillity of the habitat, is disturbed by tourists playing loud music during their camps.

It is my request that this issue be immediately taken up by your esteemed publication to generate further awareness.

Yours sincerely

Harshita  
(Secretary–Environment Club)

**OR**

**(B)** 494- Block A  
Shipra Society  
Indirapuram  
Ghaziabad

14th January, 20XX

The HR Manager  
Star India Constructions Pvt. Ltd  
Adarshila Complex  
Noida-6

**Subject:** Application for the post of Junior Engineer

Sir,

With reference to your advertisement published in the Times of India dated 15th January, 20XX, inviting applications for the post of Junior Engineer, I offer my services for the same and append below my resume justifying my suitability for the post.

Thanking you

Yours faithfully  
Manan Goyal  
Encl.: Resume/Bio-Data

**BIO-DATA**

<b>Name</b>	: Manan Goyal
<b>Father's Name</b>	: Mr Sameer Goyal
<b>Date of Birth</b>	: 5th September, 19XX
<b>Address</b>	: 493, Block–A, Shipra Society, Indirapuram, Ghaziabad
<b>Marital Status</b>	: Bachelor
<b>Educational Qualification</b>	: B.Tech. (Civil Engineering) Mumbai University (84%) PGDCA; NIIT (A+)

<b>Languages Known</b>	: Hindi, English, Marathi, Malayalam, Bhojpuri, Telegu and French.
<b>Experience</b>	: 8 years with Apple Constructions, Cochin 2 years with Birla Constructions, Hyderabad
<b>Current Salary</b>	: 85K with perks
<b>References</b>	: Mr Rajneesh Chawla; Principal, J D College of Engineering, Mumbai Mr Sachin Gandhi; Regional Manager, Birla Constructions

4. (A)

### **Commercialisation of Education**

*By Jagriti Sen*

Education once happened to be a noble profession. However, the paradigm shift in higher education in the modern era, has reduced education to a business venture. Institutions charge a huge amount of money for the facilities they provide rather than concentrating on the quality of education.

This commercialisation has brought a situation wherein the institution in which a child studies has become a symbol of status to the parents. Little do they realise that education is being sacrificed at the alter of genuine learning.

Children are the future of the country and their development by providing quality education is mandatory. Both private and governmental organisations should work in tandem, so as to ensure that every child in the country is equipped with the power of knowledge. This would ultimately eliminate the inequality among the different economic classes in the society.

It is important that the society and responsible authorities' hand-hold each other and work unitedly to build a strong and reliable system of education in the country.

**OR**

(B)

### **A Bus Accident**

*By Mary John*

12 November, 20XX, Delhi: A horrible bus accident took place at the Greater Kailash intersection in Delhi. The bus toppled over the bridge near our school. The driver of the bus, that was carrying 106 people, was speaking on his cell phone while driving. At the intersection, he disregarded the signal, and hit a biker who died on the spot. Thereafter, an eyewitness said that a truck came close to the bus perilously and desperate to avoid the truck, the bus swerved to the right and fell over the bridge. The local people, along with senior students from the school, rushed to the spot and began rescue efforts. 14 women including 4 children were dead and 23 others were severely injured. The ambulances were called immediately. After sometime, police reached the spot. An investigation committee has been set up to find the real culprit. The driver of the bus is absconding.

The Chief Minister Arvind Kejriwal announced an extra gratia payment of ₹ 5 lacs to the families of the bereaved and ₹ 1 lac to the injured.

## SECTION–C: Literature

(40 Marks)

- IV. 1. (A)** (i) (a) Keeping quiet and remaining still  
(ii) The poet wants everyone to be quiet and still, not moving our arms and legs too much.  
(iii) It means that people should stop their destruction and stop hurting anyone, so that for one moment there is silence on earth.  
(iv) (b) Poet wants to clarify that silence does not mean death.  
(v) (a) A mild and indirect word or expression substituted for one considered to be too harsh or blunt  
(vi) The poet is calm and tranquil.

**OR**

- (B)** (i) Aunt Jennifer's hands are terrified because they have passed through very hard and bitter experience of married life.  
(ii) (a) Her death is symbolic of her complete submission to the oppression.  
(iii) (b) Metaphor  
(iv) The tigers will continue to parade across the screen and live on even after she is no longer alive.  
(v) Aunt Jennifer is probably terrified of the oppression of her chauvinist husband.  
(vi) (a) Constraints of timid women whose spouses are dominant and continue to harrass them
- 2. (A)** (i) (b) On the third level  
(ii) It means unsteady flickering light.  
(iii) She wore a dress with a leg-of-mutton sleeves and skirts to the top of her high-buttoned shoes.  
(iv) (c) Because of the fancy moustaches

**OR**

- (B)** (i) (a) To kill the man quietly  
(ii) (a) General  
(iii) to kill the man silently and secretly at night and remove his body.  
(iv) No, he did not agree with the General's proposal by heart.
- 3. (A)** (i) 'I' was going to recite the rules for the participles.  
(ii) (a) Because it was M. Hamel's last day in the school  
(iii) (c) He is addressing the village elderly people.  
(iv) (b) To feel shame or regret because of something one has done  
(v) The expression means to procrastinate.  
(vi) The French people developed patriotic feelings for their native language and genuinely regretted ignoring their mother tongue.

OR

- (B) (i) (d) The peddler  
(ii) (a) That the guest at the ironmaster's house was a thief  
(iii) He had left behind a little package as a Christmas present for Miss Willmanson.  
(iv) (a) Because she found a small rattrap along with three wrinkled 10 kronor notes  
(v) Valet  
(vi) Yes, I agree that Edla's large heartedness changed the peddler.
- V. (i) Douglas went to Lake Wentworth in New Hampshire to test whether he still had any fear of water. After his vigorous swimming practice, he was still not very sure if his terror for water had left him. So, he wanted to try out his swimming skills at Lake Wentworth to make his terror flee.  
(ii) The poet on her drive to Cochin airport sees signs of ageing on her mother's face. This makes her realise that her mother has grown old and this could be the last time she might see her. Hence, the pain of losing her mother began materialising within the poet making her despondent.  
(iii) The peddler was happy at the smartness with which he took the kronor notes from the crofter's pouch. In order not to be chased away, he turned into the forest instead of walking on the road. He was of the view that he would be caught if went on the highway. So, he took his way through the forest.  
(iv) M. Hamel announced that it would be their last French class as an order had come from Berlin that only German was to be taught in the schools of Alsace and Lorraine. These words were like a thunderclap for him.  
(v) Every famous person has a right to his or her privacy. Interviewers sometimes embarrass celebrities with very personal questions. Thus, most celebrities usually take themselves as the victims of interviews. That is why, they despise interviews as it is an unwarranted intrusion into their lives.  
(vi) The poet counts up to twelve in an attempt to remain calm and still. He wants to make mankind realise the futility of their mindless words and actions, and encourage people to introspect for their own good. By keeping quiet and calm, man will realise his follies and refrain from harmful destructive activities.
- VI. (i) Sadao offered his personal boat with food and extra clothing to the American soldier when he left his house. He then advised the soldier to go to a nearby island where no one lived and escape from there by boarding a Korean fishing boat.  
(ii) Despite getting rid of all the tigers in and around his kingdom, it was most ironic that the hundredth tiger, a wooden one, took its final revenge upon the King. A tiny sliver from the wooden tiger pierced the King's right hand, ultimately leading to his death.  
(iii) When he reached the ticket-counter, Charley realised that the currency he had with him was not useful as it belonged to a different period. He figured the fare — and he had enough for two coach tickets, one way. But when he counted out the money and looked up, the clerk was staring at him.

- VII.** (i) Gandhiji's campaign in Champaran is relevant even in the present day to counter the problems of exploitation. What we must keep in mind is to teach the downtrodden to be courageous. Unless the labour class overcomes the fear within them, they will never be able to fight for their rights. Therefore, priority has to be given to empowering and making the labour class bold and fearless and to give them the courage to oppose injustice and exploitation. Another thing we must remember is to focus not on the problems of the labour class but on the solution to their problems. It is necessary to have a humanitarian approach and be equipped to brave hardships with non-violence, patience and perseverance. Only then can we overcome the present-day problems of exploitation.

**OR**

- (ii) Procrastination is the thief of time, caused by purposefully choosing to put off a task till the last minute. According to the story, the students of Alsace did not give any importance to learn their native language. In the story, the narrator procrastinates taking his French class, but one day when he reaches late, he finds out that it is his last French lesson.

The Prussians took over France, and the town of Alsace and Lorraine, became the victims of linguistic chauvinism, and the schools were told to teach only German and not French. Ultimately, the narrator regrets not taking his French lessons seriously and wishes he had learned his mother tongue with dedication. Procrastination thus led to feelings of being stressed, guilt and these Frenchmen were left overwhelmed by the situation they found themselves in.

- VIII.** (i) **Zitkala Sa** : Hi! My name is Zitkala Sa.

**Bama** : Hi! My name is Bama.

**Zitkala Sa** : I have heard and read about your struggles. I am amazed at how you fought surged ahead.

**Bama** : Yes, it was indeed a struggle. But I was told that your situation was even more worse.

**Zitkala Sa** : Undoubtedly! Our community has always been and still continues to treat disrespectfully. Actually, both of us have endured a lot of shame and rebuke.

**Bama** : Yes, you are right! It was education, which I managed to secure with a lot of difficulty considering the fact that I belonged to a certain caste. Now I have a certain position and respect in society, though there are some people who look at me with disrespect.

**Zitkala sa** : This is true in my case too. I managed to get educated, and here I am today. God has been kind to the two of us.

**Bama** : Certainly! It was nice meeting you. We should exchange notes on and off.



**OR**

- (ii) Man always finds himself in a dilemma when he is required to fulfil two or more roles that may be in conflict with each other. Dr Sadao was also in the same dilemma, but he rises above his perception and does what his conscience compels him to do. Dr Sadao is a skilled surgeon and scientist, happily married to Hana, father to two children, and a loyal Japanese citizen. He does not fight in the war because his medical services are needed for the General, so he is home when a wounded American prisoner of war shows up on the beach near his home. Though his first inclination was to let the man die, his training takes over and he successfully operates on the young man, saving his life. While he does not waver in his ambivalence toward the man, constantly wondering why he acts as he does, he remains committed to his professional expectations and ethics.



**SECTION–A: Reading Skills**

**(20 Marks)**

- I.** (i) (b) two-third
- (ii) African countries imported the largest number of used vehicles (40 percent) in the period studied, followed by countries in Eastern Europe (24 percent), Asia-Pacific (15 percent), the Middle East (12 percent) and Latin America (9 percent).
- (iii) Specifically, vehicle emissions are a significant source of the fine particulate matter (PM2.5) and nitrogen oxides (NOx) which are the major causes of urban air pollution.
- (iv) (b) Hybrid
- (v) (b) Europe receives relatively advanced and clean used vehicles from Morocco
- (vi) A recent review conducted by Netherland of its exports found that most of these vehicles did not have a valid road worthiness certificate at the time of export.
- (vii) To improve the quality of used vehicles exported from Europe many countries have introduced vehicle regulations standards to reduce high road traffic death rates.
- (viii) Morocco only permits the import of vehicles less than five years old giving them access to high quality vehicles.
- (ix) (d) These vehicles lead to more road accidents
- (x) (a) The Fast-growing Global Vehicle Fleet
- II.** (i) Not Given
- (ii) Tourism’s role as one of the most important economic sectors, is providing livelihood to hundreds of millions of people while boosting economies and enabling countries to thrive.
- (iii) (a) The countries should lift travel restrictions restoring the travellers’ confidence.
- (iv) (c) constructive measures
- (v) (d) 120 million tourism jobs are at risk, with the economic damage likely to exceed \$1 trillion.
- (vi) (b) To rebuild it by regaining its position as a provider of decent jobs and stable incomes
- (vii) Domestic tourism flows are expected to recover more quickly once containment measures are lifted.
- (viii) (c) That the potential shock of economy loss could range between a 60-80% decline in the international tourism
- (ix) As governments around the world have introduced unprecedented measures to contain the virus, restrictions on travel, business operations and people-to-people interactions have brought the tourism economy to a standstill.
- (x) Besides providing livelihood, tourism is boosting economies and enabling countries to thrive.



## SECTION–B: Creative Writing Skills

(20 Marks)

III. 1. (A)

**ST. KATHERINE SCHOOL, PUNE**  
**NOTICE**

5th April, 20XX

**TRIBUTE TO THE 26/11 MARTYRS**

All the residents of the colony are hereby informed that the Cultural Society of our school has decided to pay tribute to the people martyred in 26/11 attack and express our solidarity and respect.

We take pleasure in inviting the residents who want to participate.

**Time** : 11 a.m. to 12.30 p.m.  
**Venue** : School Ground

Formal clothes are to be worn by the participants. Floral tributes are permitted.

Activity -In- Charge  
The Cultural Society

**OR**

(B)

**ABP COLLEGE, NASIK**  
**NOTICE**

5th June, 20XX

**RAMAYANA- AN EPIC**

The college has decided to put up the play 'Ramayana– An Epic', during the Dussehra celebrations. We seek submissions for auditions, for the title roles of Rama, Sita, Lakshman, Hanuman and Raavan.

**Date of submission of names** : on or before 20/8/XXXX (to cultural co-ordinator)  
**Date of audition** : on 24/8/XXXX  
**Time** : 10 a.m. – 5 p.m.  
**Venue** : Auditorium  
**Declaration of results** : on 25/8/XXXX

Participants are requested to prepare a dialogue of 3 minutes; on the character they wish to play. The decision of the selection board will be final.

Aryan Rajput  
Cultural Co-ordinator

2. (A) St. Martins' School  
Pune  
1st November, 20XX

Mr Sudeesh Gupta  
Gupta Villa  
Pune

**Subject:** Guest of Honour

Sir

Warm greetings to you from the Principal, staff, and students of St. Martins' School. On the occasion of our Cultural Festival, the Literary Club of the school, proposes to stage the play, 'Waiting for Godot'. On behalf of the school, I wish to request you to grace the occasion and be the Guest of Honour at the function.

The play is to be showcased on 15th November, 20XX, at 11 a.m., in the school auditorium. A word in acceptance from you would be appreciated.

Looking forward to seeing you.

Thanking you

Yours sincerely  
Gauri Menon  
Secretary (The Literary Club)

**OR**

(B)

**The Management, Principal, Staff and Students**  
of  
**St. Martin School, Goa**  
invite you to  
**A Grand Christmas Fair**  
**On 23rd and 24th December 20XX, in the school ground.**  
**Time: 9 a.m. to 7 p.m. (both days)**  
(Please bring this card to enter the venue)

3. (A) Loyola Convent school  
Bhubaneswar  
7th October, 20XX  
The Editor  
The Orissa Times  
Bhubaneswar

**Subject:** Competition and stress

Sir

Through the columns of your esteemed newspaper, I want to draw the attention of the concerned authorities, to the problems faced by students due to the rising levels of competition. Our generation, are unfortunately not able to enjoy our childhood, youth or our school life, because of the ever increasing pressure on us, by the society, school and parents to excel academically.

This scenario has led to the constant rise in the cut-off levels to qualify for higher education. The holistic growth of the student is compromised at the alter of competition.

I request you to help me reach this voice the concern of a vast majority of the students all over the country to the concerned authorities.

Thanking you

Yours sincerely  
Niharika Soni  
(Class XII)

**OR**

**(B)** 22, Gobind Enclave  
Chandigarh

18th October, 20XX

The HR Manager  
SKMI  
Sector 3 A  
Chandigarh

**Subject:** Application for the post of Personnel – Business Development

Sir

This is in response to the advertisement that published in the Punjab Times dated 19th October, 20XX. I wish to submit my application to the department of Business Development. I have completed my MBA from The Punjab Institute of Management, in Sales and Marketing management. Please find enclosed my bio-data, for your perusal and consideration.

Thanking your

Yours sincerely  
Ayaan Singh

## BIO-DATA

<b>Name</b>	: Ayaan Singh
<b>Father's Name</b>	: Sanjeev Singh
<b>Address</b>	: 22, Gobind Enclave, Shree Gobind Marg, Chandigarh
<b>Date of Birth</b>	: 14th November, 20XX
<b>Educational Qualification</b>	: MBA (sales and marketing) 77% Punjab University B.Com (sales and marketing) 79% Punjab University Class XII (Commerce) CBSE : 88% Class X CBSE : 80%
<b>Experience</b>	: 3 years as Business Development Executive with NZ
<b>Languages Known</b>	: English, Hindi, Punjabi, Marathi, French
<b>Salary Expected</b>	: ₹ 80,000/- pm
<b>References</b>	: Ms Ritu Chaddha, NZ Cosmetics. Mr Ranjit Bajaj Prof. Punjab Institute of Management Studies.

4. (A)

### Street Dwellers of Delhi

*By Prakhari Srivastava Correspondent, Ujala Forever Times (New Delhi)*

Homeless persons, trying to earn enough to keep hunger away from the door of their destitute families, are spending nights on the footpaths of Delhi in dearth of due care and concern for them. Pavement dwellers generally begin living in these dwellings as a temporary measure, until they can locate and afford better housing. Unfortunately, most are never able to acquire better housing and they end up living all their lives on the pavement.

Only about one-fourth of Delhi residents live in “planned areas” with amenities such as electricity, water, and solid waste disposal. Small encampments of homeless families can be found throughout the city residing under highway flyovers and in vacant lots. A recent study positions the number of homeless residents at 1,80,000 in the city. There is a concentration of homeless and those who sleep on the streets (pavements, road sides, road dividers, bus stands) in North and Central Delhi.

The numbers are only increasing. Will the Government continue to turn a blind eye towards this unfortunate segment of our capital? When will they get their due under the Constitution as Indian Citizens?

OR

(B)

### COVID-19 ON THE RISE

*By Radhika Madhok*

Rates of COVID-19 have been rising in recent weeks across the globe and young people have been perceived to be at fault. Analysis has shown that infection rates for people under the age of 35 have increased over time. It's not an imagination but a reality that more of our fellow travellers don't think the rules apply to them. They remove their masks, invade your personal space and disregard advisories about hand

washing and sanitation. It is going to get us all sick and worsen the Covid situation once again. People are blowing off shelter-in-place orders, congregating with friends, even just traipsing around their neighbourhood.

The callousness of society and the authorities should be taken up seriously and corrective measures need to be taken up on a war footing if the resurgence of the virus has to be nipped in the bud.

### SECTION–C: Literature

(40 Marks)

- IV. 1. (A)** (i) (d) the entire surface of the Earth without boundaries.  
(ii) (a) So that we can have ample time to introspect  
(iii) (a) A complete halt and no business followed by introspection.  
(iv) alliteration  
(v) pun  
(vi) strangeness

OR

- (B)** (i) (b) Beauty  
(ii) John Keats  
(iii) (c) Because it leaves an indelible imprint on our heart and soul  
(iv) (d) All of these  
(v) The tone of the poet is loving, peaceful and optimistic.  
(vi) (a) abbc
- 2. (A)** (i) (c) (1) and (4)  
(ii) Russian research vessel  
(iii) The programme was being headed by Canadian Geoff Green  
(iv) (a) Because he was tired of his regular job and wanted to serve humanity in some way.

OR

- (B)** (i) (c) prevalence of untouchability and the invasion of people based on racial and blood purity  
(ii) The narrator would dawdle along slowly watching all the fun and games that were going on, all the entertaining novelties and oddities in the streets, the shops and bazaar.  
(iii) Novelties :The newness, the freshness, the unusual things in the streets, shops and bazaar.  
Oddities : The different, the peculiar, the eccentric things in the streets, shops, bazaar.  
(iv) (d) roam around
- 3. (A)** (i) They are referred to the young rag-pickers.  
(ii) (c) The worlds of the family caught in a web of poverty and the world of bureaucrats and politicians

- (iii) (c) It refers to being resolute.
- (iv) Apathy
- (v) (b) Two worlds of society
- (vi) She has referred to the situation of the rag-pickers as one of being entangled in a web of poverty, and greed and injustice, which they are unfortunately unable to get out of, because of their pathetic social condition.

**OR**

- (B) (i) (a) A large indefinite number
  - (ii) maltreated
  - (iii) (c) To return to town in his carriage
  - (iv) (a) He wrote on it that he would disobey the order.
  - (v) maltreated
  - (vi) disobey
- V. (i) The exotic moment the author talks about is the time when everyone keeps quiet and still. The moment would be extraordinarily strange and tranquil, with none of the hustle-bustle. because there will be no rush or engines and it will bring the whole of humanity together for the first time.
- (ii) “The Rattrap” is an appropriate title as it is the story of a rattrap peddler. The author has used the metaphor of a rattrap to highlight the human predicament when one is caught in a trap that arises out of the need to acquire wealth endlessly. The protagonist finds himself getting trapped in this web due to his greed. Hence, the title is an apt one.
- (iii) The concept of ‘Interstices’ that Umberto Eco states signifies the ‘intervals’ or empty spaces that exist in the Universe. He says that even when somebody comes to see him on the second floor in an elevator, he gets time to compose something.
- (iv) The elders of the village were present in the classroom to attend the last French lesson by M. Hamel. They not only paid their respects and tribute to M. Hamel but also showed their interest towards their own language which was, perhaps, being taught for the last time in the village.
- (v) As Saheb now works in a tea-stall, he is now bound to his master and feels burdened. The steel canister he carries is very heavy as compared to his light plastic bag. The bag was his own and the canister belongs to his master whose orders he now has to follow. He is no longer his own master, as he has lost his freedom.
- (vi) She has created the tigers in a panel out of wool. These objects of art are immortal. They will continue prancing, proudly and fearlessly. To express her desire for freedom, she had created the chivalrous tigers who will survive long after her death but her own longing for freedom will remain unfulfilled.
- VI. (i) The letter Charley received from Sam, can be perceived at two different levels. At one level, it proves that Sam has reached Galesburg of 1984. However, if we look at a deeper level, we can infer that the letter is just another instance of his hallucination or dreams of escapism.

- (ii) General Takima was a self-centred person who had no concern for his fellow human beings. His selfishness is visible from the fact that he condoned Dr Sadao's harbouring and sheltering an American prisoner of war which was tantamount to treachery to the nation. He did it for his own selfish purpose.
- (iii) Antarctica is a perfect place for students to study how little climatic changes can have big repercussions, and how global warming and further depletion of the ozone layer can affect the Antarctic region. The study of the Antarctica will help them to understand the earth's past, present and future. It would help them to absorb, learn and, more importantly, act for the benefit of the planet.

**VII.** (i) William Douglas's aversion to water started when he was three or four years old and his father took him to the beach in California. He hung on to his father but the waves swept over him. He was almost buried in water, his breath was gone and he was terrified. He tried to overcome his fear of water by going to the YMCA swimming pool. But even there, he was pushed into the pool by a bully and had a near death experience. This left a very strong impact on his psychology, and a paralysing effect on his life. A haunting fear of water took control of his physical strength and emotional balance for many years and when he tried to go near water, his fear would seize him and his legs would become paralyzed and icy terror would grab his heart. He decided to overcome his fear. His instructor was very dedicated. He took immense pain and drove fear out of Douglas' mind by making him practice hard. He taught him different steps one by one and then asked him to swim. Finally, Douglas was able to overcome his fear and become a good swimmer.

**OR**

- (ii) 'Gentleness breeds peace, calm, and consistency of character. It is not volatile or abrupt in its response to the world. 'The ironmaster asked the peddler to leave his house immediately. But Edla did not want the peddler to go. That morning she had felt so happy about having a guest over to celebrate Christmas Eve. She could not get, away from the idea all at once, and that was why, she had intercepted on behalf for the vagabond.

She told her father that the peddler walked and walked the whole year long, and he would not be able to enjoy Christmas, as no one would entertain him. The ironmaster's daughter wanted him to enjoy a day of peace with them in their house. Quite reluctantly, the ironmaster agreed to that. It showed that the girl was full of compassion. The reformation of peddler due to Edla's kindness, love and compassion was made evident by the gift he had left for the kind lady.

**VIII.** (i) Derry suffers from a terrible complex. But his meeting with Mr Lamb is a turning point in his life. He gives confidence to Derry and encourages him to develop a positive attitude towards life. Derry's life now has a new meaning and purpose, and for this, all the credit goes to Mr Lamb's motivation and words of encouragement. Derry's short interaction with Mr Lamb leaves an indelible imprint on the young boy's mind and his attitude towards life undergoes a drastic change. Derry's mother did not think very highly of Mr Lamb and claimed to have heard not really good things about him. She had been told and warned by people about Mr Lamb and so she tells

Derry not to go back to him. She also tried to hold him back, but he does go back to Mr Lamb. But the very fact that he came back the distance to be with Mr Lamb shows that the boy liked to be around Mr Lamb.

**OR**

- (ii) 'The Tiger King' is replete with irony that reveals the follies of autocratic and wilful rulers who flout all laws and bend them to suit their selfish interests. We realise how misplaced the King's pride of killing tigers was. The King wanted to prove the prophesy of the astrologer wrong. He misuses his power as a king to kill as many as ninety wild tigers without remorse or guilt of any sort.

In 'The Enemy' it is evident that General Takima had no human consideration in the matter of killing and disposing of the young American soldier, when he heard about him from Sadao. For him an enemy was an enemy and must be wiped out. He "wanted to keep Dr Sadao safe only for his own sake. He had no faith in the other Germany trained doctors. He used his power to take a decision that was absolutely with the self in mind.



## SAMPLE PAPER – 15

### SECTION–A: Reading Skills

(20 Marks)

- I.** (i) False  
(ii) It was celebrated at the United Nations Headquarters and Times Square.  
(iii) (a) The Rise of Yoga  
(iv) The narrator  
(v) (b) 1 percent of the defence budget is spent on peace education and peace building.  
(vi) (d) Each and every  
(vii) WHO warned that depression will become the biggest killer after HIV/AIDS by 2030.  
(viii) (a) to encounter  
(ix) arduous  
(x) The UN Secretary General Ban Ki-moon said, “We should do this before every negotiation so that we can work with a calm mind.”
- II.** (i) An in-depth analysis  
(ii) The narrator’s belief is ironical because ideally the nation’s food providers must be the richest but they are the poorest and the most exploited.  
(iii) Every year, the government allocates enough allowances in the Union Budget for agricultural infrastructure.  
(iv) (d) Condemn  
(v) (b) Because very little of the allocated fund is put in the proper use for the welfare of farmers.  
(vi) Loan waivers are announced as a temporary respite, that too just before the elections.  
(vii) (b) Because the farmers are mere cultivators and a huge portion of the profit goes to middlemen.  
(viii) ₹ 6000/-p.a.  
(ix) (d) To transfer funds into the account  
(x) (b) The Plight of Indian Farmers

## SECTION-B: Creative Writing Skills

(20 Marks)

III. 1. (A)

**SKY ROYAL PALACE, ASANSOL**  
**NOTICE**

5th January, 20XX

**EMERGENCY MEETING OF RESIDENTS**

All the residents of the apartments are requested to be present to attend important meeting.

**Time** : 10 a.m. – 11 a.m.  
**Date** : 7th January, 20XX  
**Venue** : Apartment Recreation Hall  
**Agenda** : (i) To spread awareness about the use of lift button  
(ii) Covid -19 rules and regulations

All the members are requested to wear their masks. Sanitize your hands before coming into the hall.

Please report on time.

Avantika Sharma  
Secretary

**OR**

(B)

**ST. THOMAS HIGH SCHOOL**  
**NOTICE**

6th June, 20XX

**LOST AND FOUND**

I, the undersigned have lost my Chemistry notes during the lunch break, yesterday. It was left behind in the dining room, on the table at the corner, near the window. It is a red file with the picture of a lab on the front flap.

If anyone has found them, kindly return it to me.

Thank you

Karuna Jha  
Class XII A

2. (A) 14th Cross Road  
M G Road  
Khar, Mumbai.

15th May, 20XX

Suresh Pradhan  
1235, Vivekananda Marg  
Belur.

**Subject:** Invitation

Dear Suresh

I am honoured to be on the guest list for your Golden Jubilee celebrations. I would have loved to be the part of the celebrations, and to meet you and your dear parents. However, I will be out of the country for a fortnight and would therefore not be able to attend the celebrations.

However, I promise to drop in and meet up with you as soon as I get back. Please accept my best wishes in advance, for your great day.

Yours affectionately

Sam Jones

**OR**

(B) Armada Apartments  
12th Cross Road  
Bandra, Mumbai

19th April, 20XX

Dear Jatin

It was a pleasure to receive your invitation on the occasion of your son's astounding success. Please accept our heartfelt congratulations, and convey the same to Arjun. Much as I would like to be the part of the celebrations, I express my regret for not being able to be the part of the celebrations, as I have some other commitments with my subordinates on that day. Ann and I will drop in during the week end to meet you and personally wish the young man.

Convey my warm wishes to Anita, Arjun, and your dear parents too.

Yours affectionately

James Anthony

3. (A) Bal Vikas Vidyalaya  
Ahmedabad

22nd November, 20XX

The Editor  
The Times of India  
Ahmedabad

**Subject:** Pathetic condition of roads

Sir

Through the columns of your esteemed newspaper, I would like to bring to the attention of the concerned authorities regarding the pathetic condition of roads. The road leading to your residential society is very congested and full of potholes. It has become difficult for the parents to allow their kids to go out alone for errands. In spite of several representations, the government has not done anything to improve the condition of the road.

On behalf of all the affected people, I request you to enable me reach the issue to the concerned authorities, through the columns of your esteemed newspaper, so that the problem is resolved at the earliest.

Thanking you

Yours sincerely

Jagriti Singhal

**OR**

**(B)** C- 1605

Ashram Street

Thane

4th June, 20XX

The Principal

New Horizon School

Thane

**Subject:** Application for the post of Lab Assistant

Sir

This is in response to your advertisement in The Times of India, dated 5th June 20XX, seeking applications for the vacancy to the post of Lab Assistant in your esteemed institution. I wish to apply for the same. Kindly find attached my bio-data for your kind perusal and consideration.

Thanking you

Yours sincerely

Rahul Dewan

**BIO-DATA**

<b>Name</b>	: Rahul Dewan
<b>Father's Name</b>	: Pradeep Dewan
<b>Date of Birth</b>	: 15th January, 19XX
<b>Gender</b>	: Male
<b>Address</b>	: C-1605, Ashram Street, Thane
<b>Marital Status</b>	: Bachelor

<b>Educational Qualification</b>	: M.Sc. Microbiology, Mumbai University (Distinction)
<b>Experience</b>	: 8 years as Lab Assistant, Mother's International School
<b>Current Remuneration</b>	: 60K with perks.
<b>References</b>	: 1. Principal, Mother's International School, Mumbai 2. Mr Sharma, Professor, J D College, Mumbai
<b>Contact</b>	: jd99@gmail.com, 9500XXXXXX

4. (A)

### **The Price of a Girl**

*By Shaan Varma*

India has the most child brides in the world and this phenomenon is partly driven by the dowry system. The younger a girl is, the lower her dowry price will usually be. So to save money, families marry off their daughters at young ages.

While the roots of the practice vary across cultures, poverty, lack of educational opportunities and limited access to health care perpetuate it. Some families marry off their daughters to reduce their economic burden or earn income. If the girl's family has to pay a dowry, the amount may be less if she is young and uneducated.

The remedy therefore is to educate, empower and establish equality among the sexes. This crime will die its own death. The whole society has to make a concerted effort to understand the gravity of the menace and begin taking the remedial measures.

**OR**

(B)

### **Covid-19 Spurt Post Unlock-5**

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January 8th, 20XX: There has been a steep rise in the society post the Unlock-5. The Covid cases have been steadily rising. The cause for concern is the fact that the cases are no longer sporadic. As many as 18 clusters, having three or more cases, have been declared. These include 43 schoolchildren testing positive and 19 cases recorded in the city. The highest number of seven clusters was reported in Kangra, followed by two each in Sirmaur, Mandi and Una.

Chamba reported cases of an elderly couple that succumbed to the virus before relief could be provided. A little child also in the same neighbourhood, is reportedly admitted to the Government Hospital in a critical state.

As part of the strategy to contain the spread of Covid, the Health Department will encourage people to take booster doses. Priority in booster dose will be given to health personnel and frontline workers. The Health Department has also asked all the citizens to follow the Covid protocol meticulously to prevent a further surge of the virus.

## **SECTION–C: Literature**

**(40 Marks)**

- IV. 1. (A)** (i) (a) Because tigers live in green surroundings  
(ii) (a) Because they are not real  
(iii) (d) aabb  
(iv) Aunt Jennifer's Tigers written by Adrienne Rich

- (v) tiger
- (vi) Denizens

**OR**

- (B)** (i) (b) It gives us constant joy and keeps rejuvenated.
  - (ii) (c) There are many things in nature that bring us troubles and sufferings.
  - (iii) cease to exist
  - (iv) (c) Beauty is Perennial
  - (v) loveliness
  - (vi) Bower
- 2. (A)** (i) 'This man' is an American Prisoner of War.
- (ii) Dr Sadao packed the wound with the sea moss that strewed the beach.
  - (iii) They decided to put him back in the sea.
  - (iv) (b) The man moaned with pain.

**OR**

- (B)** (i) (c) To save the kingdom
  - (ii) the Tiger King
  - (iii) Samples of expensive diamond rings of different designs were brought from Calcutta to save his kingdom.
  - (iv) (b) expensive
- 3. (A)** (i) (b) dark evening
- (ii) He caught sight of a little gray cottage by the seaside.
  - (iii) He knocked the door to ask shelter for the night.
  - (iv) (c) Trudge
  - (v) unpleasant/bad-tempered expressions
  - (vi) (c) He knocked on the door of the ironmaster.

**OR**

- (B)** (i) (b) An important meeting
  - (ii) (a) he gave an account of something
  - (iii) (d) poor and scrawny
  - (iv) (a) An arrangement of sharecropping
  - (v) sharecroppers
  - (vi) Recounted
- V.** (i) Pablo Neruda says that wars are wasteful because it destroys everything. The repercussions of war are the sadness which will arise due to the total destruction of mankind. According to the poet, if the people have no time to think and retrospect, it will lead to the end of life on earth and a huge silence will follow.

- (ii) He asked his fellow Frenchmen to protect their language as it is like a key to the prison they were about to be in. This made the people realise how precious their language was to them. This also shows the people's love for their country and culture which is reflected through their love for the French language.
  - (iii) The bangle makers could not organise themselves into a cooperative because they were trapped in the vicious circle of sahu-kars, middlemen, policemen, bureaucrats and politicians. If they tried to organise themselves, they would be beaten by up by the police and put in jail.
  - (iv) The poet is agonised at the 'childish longing in vain' of the deprived poor people who have put up the roadside stand. Thus, he expects that city money flows into the villages too, so that they too can lead a life of happiness and prosperity, that had been promised to them by the party in power.
  - (v) The Englishman's visit to the Gemini Studios is referred to as an unexplained mystery because no one could decipher his identity, whether he was a poet or an editor. Besides, when he spoke no one at the studio understood what he intended to say as his accent was beyond their comprehension.
  - (vi) It was at the church that the ironmaster and his daughter heard that the crofter had been robbed by a peddler, who, no doubt, was the one they had sheltered at the manor house. The ironmaster at once concluded that the peddler would probably have stolen all his silverware in their absence, and run away.
- VI.** (i) Mr Lamb gave confidence and courage to Derry. He made Derry understand that the world is full of good and bad things, and he should learn to accept both. He suggested Derry to get over his physical impairment instead of brooding over his burnt face. Lamb changed him from a bitter, pessimistic and complete ridden boy to a mature and a confident person.
- (ii) Trips to Antarctica had been in operation for six years now, and was headed by Canadian Geoff Green. He got tired of carting celebrities and retired, rich, curiosity-seekers who could only 'give' back in a limited way. With *Students on Ice*, he offers the future generation of policy-makers a life-changing experience at an age when they're ready to absorb, learn, and most importantly, act.
- (iii) Charley told his wife Louisa that he saw the people wearing old-fashioned dress, an old locomotive, newspaper dated June 11, 1894, brass spittoons, flickering gas lights and many other things related to that century at the third level. Louisa was pretty worried when he told her all this, and didn't want him to look for the third level any more.
- VII.** (i) 'A smooth sea has never made a skilled mariner.' This quote by Roosevelt means challenging experiences are the most educational and so, ultimately, beneficial. Douglas' transformation is an example that does justice to Roosevelt's words. At first, he tried to overcome his fear of water on his own. But when this failed, he got an instructor for himself who worked on Douglas' fear very methodically. With his help, Douglas began by learning to be at ease in water. After this, he practiced exhaling-inhaling in water to eliminate the fear of putting his head inside the water. Then, he moved on to master individual steps of swimming which were finally integrated into a

complete experience of swimming by his instructor. After about six months, Douglas could not only swim well but was also free of his fear to a great extent.

**OR**

- (ii) Respected members of the jury and dear friends, I stand before you to speak on the need to eliminate child labour.

The phase of childhood is all about innocence, energy, and tremendous inclination towards outdoor activities along with fun and play. And playtime does not have any limits. It is also a time of getting more skill and knowledge, and going to school.

I wish to refer to the 'Lost Spring' written by Anees Jung in which she talks about the national shame of children being forced to live a life of poverty and exploitation. The main two protagonists of the chapter, Saheb-e-Alam and Mukesh don't live their childhood as they have to carry the burden of poverty and illiteracy. In their miserable stories of exploitation, the author provides glimpses of fortitude and resilience.

This is the unfortunate state of affairs in our country, and we should work together to put an end to the miseries of our future—the children.

- VIII.** (i) The third level is the world somewhere between desire or dream and reality. It is a world of fantasy that we create for ourselves and occasionally seek to escape from. Most of the time it is a picture of the simple past of our forefathers, who we believe were happier. It is an escapist's world which one weaves around to be off the current-day problems, worries, anxieties and tensions. Life today is full of insecurity, fear and worries and time travel is man's way of escaping from it. Occasionally, man seeks escape into the world of fantasy and his nostalgic memories, the happier times of the past. Yes, the third level was Charley's medium of escape from the mad rat race of modern times. It won't be unkind to say that Charley was a coward. Life is a series of episodes full of miseries and pleasantries. Charley didn't like to embrace either.

**OR**

- (ii) The spirit of gratitude gives us pleasant and satisfying effects because it carries with it a sense of hopefulness to others. But what could Derry a boy of fourteen with a badly burned face do? Of the accident that left him scarred, all he says is, "I got acid all down that side of my face and it burned it all away. It ate my face up." Because of this, people treat him differently—he complains that others fear and pity him, and usually avoid him. This has led Derry to isolate himself and create a tough, reserved exterior. He wants to avoid being hurt, and so he avoids everyone he can, and when he does interact with other people, he is both wary and angrily defiant. He also has internalised the way others see him and seems to consider himself monstrous because of his disability. He assumes that the world is a harsh and alienating place. He did not know what the true meaning of life was, until Mr Lamb came into his life and told him to accept his misfortune and lead life with positivity.

