

English 2012 (Delhi)**SET I**

Time allowed : 3 hours

Maximum marks : 100

Note : Except for the following questions, all the remaining questions have been asked in previous sets.

**SECTION-B
(WRITING SKILLS)**

3. Your school has planned an excursion to Lonavala near Mumbai during the autumn holidays. Write a notice in not more than 50 words for your school notice board, giving detailed information and inviting the names of those who are desirous to join. Sign as Naresh/Namita, Head boy/Head girl, D.V. English School, Thane, Mumbai. [5]

OR

C.P.R Senior Secondary School, Meerut is looking for a receptionist for the school. Draft an advertisement in not more than 50 words to be published in classified columns of Hindustan Times. You are Romola Vij, principal of the school.

Answer:

D.V.ENGLISH SCHOOL, THANE, MUMBAI

NOTICE

30th September, 20XX

EXCURSION TO LONAVALA

Our school has planned an excursion to Lonavala during the autumn holidays. It will be a 7-day tour from 15th to 22nd of October. The expenses for travelling, boarding and lodging will be around ₹ 3000/- per head. Those who are interested to join this tour may give their names to the undersigned by the 1st week of October.

Namita/Naresh

Head Girl/Head Boy

OR

RECEPTIONIST WANTED

Looking for a young and talented receptionist with a pleasing personality, below 30 years of age, should have a good command over spoken English. Interested may apply before 25th February.

Contact: Romola Vij,
PrincipalC. P. R Senior Secondary School,
Meerut

4. Your school commerce association organised a seminar for class XII students of the schools,

of your zone on the topic, 'Rising prices create a crisis.' As coordinator of the programme, write a report in 100-125 words for your school magazine. you are piyush/priya of ABC School, Agra. [10]

OR

A new indoor gymnasium has recently been constructed and inaugurated at APJ International School at Goa. As special correspondent of 'The Hindu,' draft a report in 100-125 words on the gymnasium and the inauguration ceremony

Answer :

RISING PRICES CREATE A CRISIS

By Piyush/Priya, Coordinator

A seminar for class XII students of the schools of our zone was organised to discuss on the topic, 'Rising prices create a crisis'. It was attended by some very eminent economists and politicians. All the speakers expressed their views on the consequences of rising prices. They pointed out that India is a poor country having numerous villages. Majority of the population lives below the poverty line and they are even unable to fulfil their basic requirements. The prices of the essential commodities have increased at an alarming rate. The poor people are unable to afford even a single meal. The purchase of vegetables, fruits, rice, etc. have gone beyond the reach of common man. The necessities have taken the form of luxuries and rupee has lost its value. Now it becomes the duty of the government to take action against undue price hike and stop black marketing to control the rising prices.

OR

INAUGURATION OF GYMNASIUM

Report by XYZ, 'The Hindu' correspondent
14th July, 20XX, Goa : A new indoor gymnasium has recently been constructed at APJ International School in Goa. It was inaugurated by Mr. Ravi Kant, Principal of the school. It is a proud addition to the institution. The construction has been possible due to the approval granted by the Education Minister. The gymnasium is spread over an area of 100sq.ft. It is equipped with all the modern equipments and is fully air-conditioned. On the occasion of the inauguration, a speech

on the utility of gymnastics was delivered by the gym instructor who has just received the advanced training from abroad. He motivated the students to take the maximum advantage of the gymnasium which are now practiced up to Olympic level. Overall, it was a grand ceremony which was attended by the students as well as their parents.

5. You are Pritam/Priti, 27, W.E.A. Karol Bagh, Delhi. You have decided to shift your residence to Faridabad and have decided to discontinue your membership of Brain Trust Library, Karol Bagh. Write a letter to the librarian, requesting him to cancel your membership and refund your security deposit of ₹ 5000 explaining your inability to continue your membership. [10]

OR

You are Anu/Arun, 13, W.E.A. Karol Bagh, New Delhi. You feel very strongly about the ill treatment meted out to stray dogs at the hands of callous and indifferent people. Write a letter to the editor of a national daily giving your views on why some people behave in such a manner and how these dogs should be treated.

Answer :

27, W.E.A. Karol Bagh,
Delhi.

20th June, 20XX

The Librarian,
Brain Trust Library,
Karol Bagh,
Delhi.

Subject : Cancellation of membership.

Dear Sir,

This is to bring to your notice that I took the membership of your library in the year 20XX. I found it very helpful as it contains the books which cover almost all the areas of knowledge, so I encouraged few of my friends to join it and take the advantage. Even my grandfather became a regular reader of your books. But unfortunately, I would have to discontinue my membership as my father has got transferred to another city and I will not be able to continue anymore. So, I request you to cancel my membership and refund the security deposit of ₹ 5000. I am enclosing my membership card no. AG30002659. Thank you.

Yours truly,
Priti/Pritam

OR

13, W.E.A. Karol Bagh,
New Delhi.

27th March, 20XX

The Editor,
The Times of India,
New Delhi.

Subject : Cruelty to Stray Dogs.

Dear Sir,

I would like to share my views through the columns of your esteemed newspaper regarding the ill-treatment and neglect to the animals and in general, stray dogs around us. The sight is heart-rending and shocking.

Being a human, it is our moral duty to look around us and stop such cruel activities. Every individual must be sensible enough to realise that these animals also form the integral part of our eco-system. If one cannot take care of animals then he should not at least tease them. They can inform any of the organisations which can be contacted.

The animals cannot express their sufferings or pains but they do feel it. They need our attention, care and love. We should spread awareness through campaigns, posters, plays, etc.

Yours truly,

Anu/Arun

6. Spurt of violence previously unknown in Indian schools makes it incumbent on the educationists to introduce value education effectively in schools. Write an article in 150-200 words expressing your views on the need of value education. You are Anu/Arun. [10]

OR

Regular practice of yoga can help in maintaining good health and even in the prevention of so many ailments. Write a speech in 150-200 words to be delivered in the morning assembly on the usefulness of yoga.

Answer:

VALUE EDUCATION-TODAY'S NEED

By Anu/Arun

Education makes a man perfect. The overall development of personality whether it's spiritual, physical, social, mental etc., all depends on education. It inculcates ethics and moral values where there is no place for violence. But in the modern world of competitions, children are deprived of these values. Conflicting values and moral dilemmas have become common in our daily lives. It has confused a child a lot and there is a sense of inadequacy to face the life situations. Media has negative influence on their

personalities and to uplift the students morally and spiritually has become the topmost priority of the educational institutions. Till now, the institutions were concerned with the academic progress of the child, there was no place for value education in the curriculum, but the decreasing level of morality has shocked everybody. Illegal means of getting the things done have become very common and are in fashion. So, there is a need of acute awareness and bringing forth the generation which is fruitful in the building of the nation. This could be possible only when there is an introduction of value education in schools. Although many schools have already introduced this in the curriculum but there is widespread need of taking it seriously. Only then the children can be developed into a stable, well rounded and morally integrated personalities.

OR

Dear Friends,

Today, I feel privileged to get an opportunity to speak on the benefits of yoga. Today's sedentary lifestyle has given invitation to many diseases where man has limited time to spare for his health. But practising yoga helps to not get stuck in mental noise. It helps in maintaining balance between the mental and the social status of a human being. With regular practice of yoga, we tend to become more sensitive to the kind of food our body asks. A few minutes of yoga helps in getting relief from stress. It helps detox the body and de-stress the mind. We all want to live in a peaceful atmosphere and among nature. But we hardly realize that peace can be found within us. Yoga is the best way to calm a disturbed mind. On the other hand, yoga postures massages organs and strengthen the muscles. Breathing techniques and meditation help in releasing stress and improving the immune system. Yoga and meditation work on keeping the mind happy and peaceful. When we feel drained out of energy, a few minutes spent on yoga provides freshness and energy. It also helps in improving our body posture.

In the end, I would like to tell that yoga is a continuous process, so keep practicing!

SECTION-C

(LITERATURE : TEXT BOOK)

7. (a) Read the extract given below and answer the questions that follow : [4]

The stunted, unlucky heir

Of twisted bones, reciting a father's gnarled disease,

His lesson, from his desk. At back of the dim class

One unnoted, sweet and young. His eyes live in a dream,

Of squirrel's game, in tree room, other than this.

- (i) Who is this 'unlucky heir' and what has he inherited? [2]
 (ii) What is the stunted boy reciting? [1]
 (iii) Who is sitting at the back of the dim class? [1]

Answer :

(i) The boy who has twisted bones and is sitting in the slum classroom is the unlucky heir. He has inherited the gnarled disease of twisted bones from his father.

(ii) The stunted boy is reciting his father's gnarled disease and his lessons.

(iii) At the back of the dim class, an unnoted, sweet and young dreamer who is dreaming of squirrel's game, is sitting.

OR

For once on the face of the Earth

Let's not speak in any language,

Let's stop for one second,

And not move our arms so much.

- (i) Why does the poet want us to keep quite?
 (ii) What does he want us to do for one second?
 (iii) What does he mean by 'not move our arms'?

Answer :

(i) The poet wants us to keep quiet to retrospect and do self-assessment for mental peace and save human race from doom.

(ii) He wants us to remain quiet for one second and stop moving our arms. In fact, he wants us to stop any kind of activities.

(iii) By not moving our arms means no activity or movement, so as to harm anybody, Symbolically, by this, he means no war or violence.

(b) Answer any three of the following in 30-40 words each : [2×3=6]

- (i) Why are the young trees described as sprinting ?
 (ii) How is a thing of beauty joy forever?
 (iii) Why did Aunt Jennifer choose to embroidered tigers on the panel?

Answer :

(i) The young trees are compared to the poet's old mother who is old and pale whereas a tree is young and full of life. Tree seems to be sprinting while her mother is very aged.

(ii) With the passage of time, beauty increases and it becomes constant. It never passes into

nothingness but multiplies and gives joy forever. It leaves a concrete impact on our minds and soul.

(iii) : Aunt Jennifer wanted to express her feelings through the embroidery. She had some hidden desire as she wanted to be fearless, proud and chivalrous like tigers. She actually expressed her pain on the panel and showed how she would like her life to be through those tigers.

8. Answer the following in 30-40 words each :

[2×5=10]

- What changes did the order from Berlin cause in the school ?
- Why was Douglas determined to get over his fear of water?
- How were Shukla and Gandhiji received in Rajendra Prasad's house ?

Answer

(a) There was an order from Berlin that French would not be taught in school anymore. Instead, German would be taught by a new teacher. On their last French lesson the school's atmosphere was like Sunday morning as there was no noise or activity in the school. The French teacher, Mr. Hamel, seemed to be calm and was emotional. He was wearing a special dress and all the villagers were sitting on the back benches of the classroom.

(b) Douglas could not enjoy water sports like canoeing, boating and swimming because of fear of water, therefore, he wanted to overcome his fear. Although he wanted to get into the waters of cascades but his fear held him back. He felt paralysed due to fear at the very thought of water, so he decided to overcome it.

(c) Rajkumar Shukla, a poor peasant of Champaran wanted Gandhiji to come to Champaran to help the poor sharecroppers. On a fixed day, they went to Patna from Calcutta, to meet Rajendra Prasad, but he was out of town. The servants knew Rajkumar Shukla as a poor peasant; therefore, they thought the same for Gandhiji and took him to be an untouchable. They were asked to sit on the ground and did not allow Gandhiji to draw water from the well.

9. Answer the following 125-150 words :

[10]

- How are the attitude of the ironmaster and his daughter different ? Support your answer from the text.

OR

- Compare Sophie and Jansie highlighting their temperaments and aspirations.

Answer: The attitude of the ironmaster was totally different from his daughter, Edla. It can be proved by several instances from the story. According to the ironmaster, the peddler was an old acquaintance. He mistook him to be his old friend so he invited him to his house to spend Christmas. But when the peddler refused, he sent his daughter to persuade the peddler to come to his house as she had the quality of convincing people. She was able to win the confidence of the peddler who ultimately agreed to come to her home.

When the ironmaster realised that the peddler was not the one who was thinking after he got his hair cut and shaving done, he immediately asked him to get out of his house. However, his daughter asked the peddler to stay with them that day for Christmas. She had a feeling of sympathy for the 'poor and hungry' man. She offered him her father's suit as a Christmas gift. It was her attitude that changed the peddler's mind and he returned the money he had stolen.

OR

Sophie and Jansie were classmates. They belonged to lower-middle class families. Jansie was practical, whereas Sophie was a dreamer. Jansie knew the harsh realities of life and she advised Sophie to not to indulge in fantasies. Sophie was totally unaware of the realities of life and dreamt of big things. She wanted to have a boutique of her own. She also wanted to become an actress as there was a lot of money in that profession and she wanted to be a fashion designer too. Overall, it can be said that she wanted to live a grand and luxurious life. But there was least possibility of fulfilling her dreams. Jansie warned her to remain grounded but she was busy in dreaming wild.

On the other side, Jansie knew her limitations. She was not a daydreamer like Sophie. She also knew that both of them were likely to work in a biscuit factory in future and she tried to explain it to Sophie who was over-ambitious and a daydreamer.

10. Answer the following in 125-150 words : [7]

- How did the Tiger king stand in danger losing his kingdom? How was he able to avert the danger ?

Answer : Tiger king was told by the astrologer that he would be killed by a tiger, so he started hunting and killing tigers and prohibited all the people of the kingdom from hunting them. If anybody disobeyed him, he would be punished

English 2012 (Delhi)**SET II**

Time allowed : 3 hours

Maximum marks : 100

Note : Except for the following questions, all the remaining questions have been asked in previous sets.

**SECTION-B
(WRITING SKILLS)**

4. Your school conducted a seminar on 'How to prevent cruelty towards animals', in which 40 city CBSE schools took part. As coordinator of the programme, write a report in 100-125 words for the school magazine. You are Vikram/Vidhi of C.P.S. Senior Secondary School, Bangalore. [10]

OR

You witnessed a road accident near Nalbandh Chowaraha at Agra in which a bus and a scooter were involved. Write a report for Amar Ujala in 100-125 words. Sign as Vivek/Vimla, Special Correspondent.

Answer :

**HOW TO PREVENT CRUELTY
TOWARDS ANIMALS**

By Vidhi/Vikram (Coordinator)

C.P.S. Senior Secondary School, Bangalore, conducted a seminar on the topic 'How to prevent cruelty towards animals'. It was

attended by 40 CBSE schools of the city. It also saw some eminent personalities like the Education Minister along with the chief guest Mrs. Maneka Gandhi, a noted environmentalist and politician. The activists laid emphasis on the fact that we should try to stop cruelty towards animals. They too have equal right on Earth as we humans have. Animal abuse happens to cats, dogs, cows etc everywhere such as circuses, races, laboratories, etc., or on roads in general. Laws concerning animal cruelty are designed to prevent needless cruelty to animals. It was also conveyed that if anyone witness someone abusing any animals, one can make complains as it is illegal in every state. Suggestions were given to avoid using animal products like cosmetics, drugs, clothes, etc. Thus, the seminar received a great applaud and was endearing for all.

OR

A ROAD ACCIDENT

Report by Vimla/Vivek (Special Correspondent)
24th December, 20XX, Agra : Last week, I witnessed a shocking road accident while coming back from school in which a bus and a scooter were involved. The accident took place near Nalbandh Chowraha at Agra. A fully crowded roadways bus which was coming from the University

side, was trying to overtake another bus due to which, hit a scooter. There were two persons on the scooter a husband and a wife. The wife died on the spot and the husband was rushed to the hospital immediately where sources told that his condition was critical. It was a horrible sight to see as the scooter was completely damaged. Most of the passengers of the bus were also injured badly and they were taken to a nearby hospital. The bus driver was about to flee but the crowd on the busy road reacted immediately and prevented him from escaping. The angry mob beat him brutally and handed him over to the local police.

SECTION – C

(LITERATURE : TEXT BOOKS)

8. Answer the following in 30-40 words each : [10]

(b) Who is Mukesh ? What is his dream ?

(c) Why did the peddler decline the invitation of the ironmaster ?

Answer :

(b) Mukesh is the son of a poor bangle maker from Firozabad. He does not want to follow the family tradition of making bangles. His dream is to become a motor-mechanic and a car driver.

(c) The peddler declined the invitation of the ironmaster as he was having thirty stolen kronors. Secondly, the ironmaster mistook him for an old regimental comrade and was afraid that after finding the truth, he would be sent to the jail.

9. Answer the following in 125-150 words : [10]
Attempt a character sketch of Sophie as a woman who lives in her dreams.

OR

How did Douglas develop an aversion to water?

Answer: Sophie is a young girl who always lives in a world of fantasy. She belongs to a lower middle class family. Like other adolescents, she too had dreams. She wants to own a boutique, become an actress, a fashion designer or a manager. She does not know where the money will come from for all her dreams, she lives far from reality. Even her friend Jansie warns her but she is given to her wild thoughts. She ignores them all. No one shows interest in what she thinks, so she confides in her brother Geoff

who is an introvert. She also likes Danny Casey, a young football player from Ireland. She always thinks of him. She even thinks that she has met him and he has promised to meet her again. She goes to the place where she expects to meet him but finding him nowhere, she feels disappointed. This way, thousand of thoughts keep hovering in her mind.

OR

Douglas was afraid of water since childhood. It happened so when he was four years old, he went to the beach with his father in California. The waves knocked him down and swept over him. He went down into the water and was out of breath.

Again at the YMCA pool, a misadventure took place. He was learning swimming there. Once day, a strong boy threw him in the deep water when he was sitting at the edge of the pool. Douglas slowly went to the bottom of the pool in the same sitting position. He tried three times to come out of the water but failed. He was now in great panic. He was completely exhausted and his lungs were aching. Ultimately, he fainted but was saved. This incident had a negative impact on him and fear of water stayed with him. He could not sleep or eat for many days and remained away from water.

11. Answer the following in 30-40 words each : [8]

(a) Why had Hana to wash the wounded man herself ?

(b) What were the contents of the small brown suitcase that McLeery carried ?

Answer :

(a) Hana had to wash the wounded man herself as her domestic maid Yumi refused doing it because the man was an enemy. Not only this, but all the servants were against Dr. Sadao and his wife Hana in this respect, so they all left the house and eventually, Sadao and his wife had to do everything on their own.

(b) There were many things in the small brown suitcase that McLeery carried. It had a sealed question paper envelope, a yellow-coloured invigilation form, a paper knife, Bible, authentication card, a semi-inflated rubber tube and a copy of 'The Church Times.'

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English 2012 (Delhi)**SET III**

Time allowed : 3 hours

Maximum marks : 100

Note : Except for the following questions, all the remaining questions have been asked in previous sets.

SECTION-B
(WRITING SKILLS)

4. Your school celebrated international year of chemistry. 36 schools from Delhi participated in various competitions. Chairman CBSE was the chief Guest. As coordinator draft a report in 100-125 words for your school magazine. You are Ram/Ramya of G.B. Senior Secondary School, Delhi.

[10]

OR

You witnessed a bomb blast in a Delhi market when you went there for shopping along with your parents for Diwali purchases. Write a report in 100-125 words for your school magazine.

Answer :

INTERNATIONAL YEAR OF CHEMISTRY

by Ram/Ramya

Recently our school celebrated international year of Chemistry. Children of 36 schools from Delhi, took part in different competitions. The CBSE chairman was the chief guest who was given a warm welcome by our principal. Our principal, in his welcome speech, inspired the future generation by emphasising on the need of studying Chemistry and its utility for the modern technology. The honourable chief guest also addressed the children by telling them the scientific wonders and achievements. He further claimed Chemistry to be an important subject and an integral part of science. Essay writing competition was conducted for the seniors. They were given the topics half an hour before. Science teachers from different schools laid emphasis on its significance as it has changed the pattern of life. In the end, winners were awarded prizes including gadgets such as laptop, smartphone etc.

OR

BOMB BLAST IN THE MARKET

by XYZ

Day-by-day, the incidents of bomb blasts are increasing. It seems as if they are a part of daily

news. Two days ago, I went to the market with my parents for Diwali shopping. The market was beautifully decorated and a huge crowd of people was busy in shopping. Everything appeared to be normal when suddenly we heard a blast from the nearby area. Within fraction of minutes, everything went haphazard. Before we could understand anything, the shrieking sounds started coming from all the sides. The whole atmosphere changed completely. Nearly four shops were hit badly and fire broke out in a restaurant gulping the other shops in flames. Women and children were lying on the floor, seriously hurt. Overall, I can say that the whole situation was appalling and pathetic.

SECTION-C**(LITERATURE :TEXT BOOKS)**

8. Answer the following in 30-40 words each :
- (b) Is Saheb happy working at the tea stall ? Why/Why not?
- (c) Why was the Crofter so friendly and talkative with the Peddler ?

Answer

(b) Saheb is not happy working at the tea stall. When he is asked by the narrator whether he likes his job, he became sad. The canister in his hands seemed to be heavier than the plastic bag that he used to carry as a rag-picker.

(c) Crofter had always lived alone; there was no one to talk to him. So, when peddler reached his cottage he felt very happy as he needed a company. He wanted to share his feelings and because peddler had to spend the night over there, he listened to him peacefully.

9. Answer the following in 125-150 words : [10]

(a) How did Douglas try to save himself from drowning in the YMCA pool ?

OR

(b) Draw a characters sketch of Sophie's father.

Answer :

(a) Douglas was terribly afraid of water due to an incident in which he had nearly died in the swimming pool. He was so afraid that he avoided going near water for many days. But he liked the water activities like canoeing, wade in the waters of cascade, fishing, etc. The fear of water seized him to do any activity. It destroyed his joy of all activities. So, he thought

to overcome his fear and engaged an instructor to learn swimming. The instructor taught him all the tricks of becoming a good swimmer. Once the instructor left him alone in the pool when he was sure that Douglas would be able to swim on his own, Douglas swam the length of the pool up and down but he was not satisfied so he went to Lake Wentworth. The old fear returned when he had put his face under water and could see nothing except bottomless water. To overcome his fear, he dived into the lake and swam to the other shore. He shouted with joy as he had triumphed.

OR

(b) Sophie's father was a hard-working man who did not believe in what Sophie tells him. He knew that she had a habit of indulging in wild fantasies. He was an aggressive person and had authoritative kind of a personality. He was a sports lover and took his children to watch football matches. His face reflected his whole day's labour and it seemed grimy and sweated. He was fun loving too and it was obvious when he went to pub to celebrate United Team's victory. He had a plump face and a thick neck. His

face and arms were shiny and pink. He showed contempt when Geoff told him that Sophie met Danny Casey and started talking about him and his talent. But when he got to know from Sophie that Danny was going to buy a shop, he showed signs of disgust which scared Sophie.

11. Answer the following in 30-40 words : [10]

- (a) What help did Dr. Sadao seek from Hana while operating on the wounded white man?
(d) What did the detective superintendent inform the Governor about Evans?

Answer :

(a) Dr. Sadao was alone to operate the wounded white man so he sought help from his wife Hana who brought towel for him, helped him in turning the white man around, giving anesthesia and holding cotton soaked in anesthesia near his nostrils.

(d) The detective superintendent informed the Governor that McLeery had spotted Evans drive off along Elsfield way. After getting the car number, they started chasing but lost track and thought that Evans might have come back to the city.

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