

Class XII Session 2025-26

Subject - English Core

Sample Question Paper - 1

Time Allowed: 3 hours

Maximum Marks: 80

General Instructions:

Read the following instructions very carefully and strictly follow them:

1. This question paper has **13** questions. **All** questions are **compulsory**.
2. This question paper contains **three** sections - Section A : **Reading Skills**, Section B : **Creative Writing Skills** and Section C : **Literature**.
3. Attempt all questions based on specific instructions for each part. Write the correct question number and part thereof in your answer sheet.
4. Separate instructions are given with each question/part, wherever necessary.
5. Adhere to the prescribed word limit while answering the questions.

SECTION A – READING SKILLS

1. Read the passage given below:

[12]

1. Overweight and obesity are affecting many countries in the world; more than 300 million people are overweight or obese. In India, some people tend to be overweight because of their high-calorie diet and lack of physical activities. In the United States, obesity is more prevalent in lower economic groups. Obesity is now well recognized as a disease in its own right. Though obesity commonly means very overweight, it is defined as an excess amount of body weight that includes muscles, bone, fat, and water. 'Obesity' specifically refers to an excess amount of body fat. Some people, such as bodybuilders or other anthracitic with a lot of muscle can be overweight without being obese.
2. Women have more body fat than men. Usually, men with more than 25% body fat, and women with more than 30% of body fat are regarded as obese. Obesity occurs when a person consumes more calories than he or she burns.
3. Obesity tends to run in families, suggesting a genetic cause. Environmental factors mean lifestyle behaviours such as what a person eats and his or her level of physical activity. Although you cannot change your genetic makeup, you can change your eating habits and levels of activity. You can learn how to choose more nutritional meals which are low in fat and become more active.
4. Then there are the psychological factors. Negative emotions such as boredom, sadness, or anger, respond to people who overeat. There is also 'binge eating' when people eat a large amount of food thinking that they cannot control how much they are eating. Those with the most severe binge eating problems are also likely to have symptoms of depression and low self-esteem.
5. Obesity is a health hazard. Several serious medical conditions have been linked to obesity, including type-2 diabetes, heart disease, high blood pressure, and stroke. Obesity is also linked to higher rates of certain

types of cancer. Other diseases and health problems linked to obesity include gall bladder disease and gallstones, liver disease, and deterioration of joints.

6. The benefits of exercise are much more than any other way of losing weight. Not only does exercise help you to lose weight but it also improves your fitness and flexibility and improves skin texture. Exercises also free one from the harmful side effects of crash dieting, slimming capsules, and the heat treatment used by slimming centres.

Answer the following questions, based on the above passage :

- i. Complete the sentence by choosing an appropriate option. (MCQ) **(1)**

Obesity is _____.

- i. High-Calorie Diet and Lack of Physical Activities
- ii. Low-income results in Poverty
- iii. Combine muscle, bone, fat, and water
- iv. Excess amount of body fat

- ii. Comment on the writer's description of women being obese as explained in paragraph two. **(1)**

- iii. List the two environmental factors which cause obesity. **(2)**

(Clue: Think about the human habits and schedule)

- iv. Select the option that conveys the opposite of 'inactive', from words used in paragraph three. **(1)**

- i. genetic
- ii. behaviour
- iii. activity
- iv. lifestyle

- v. Tick out of the following diseases linked to obesity. **(1)**

- A. Cancer
- B. Low Blood Pressure
- C. Gallstone
- D. Type 1 Diabetes

- i. Only A and B
- ii. Only C and D
- iii. Only A and C
- iv. All of these

- vi. There are some psychological factors that can cause obesity. Based on your understanding of paragraph four, explain about the problem of binge eating. **(2)**

- vii. Obesity is a genetic problem still there are ways to control its damage. How can one become active in life? **(1)**

- viii. Complete the given sentence with an appropriate inference, with respect to the following: **(1)**

The benefits of exercise are much more than any other way of losing weight. Such as (paragraph six)
_____.

- ix. What are the psychological factors leading to over-eating? **(1)**

- i. Stress
- ii. Happiness
- iii. Excitement

iv. Peacefulness

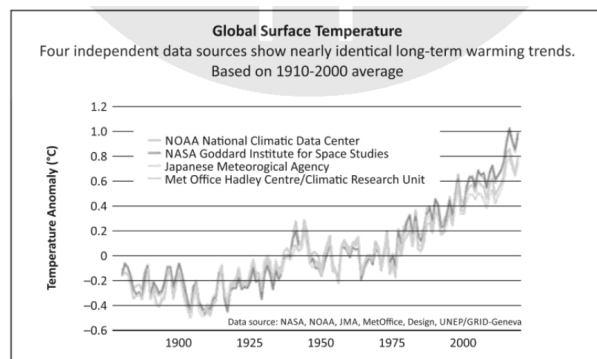
x. What are the benefits of exercise compared to other methods of losing weight? (1)

2. Read the following passage carefully :

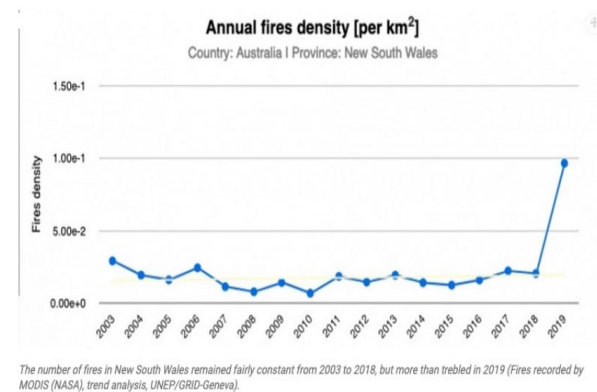
[10]

Australia's 2019-2020 Bushfire Season was not Normal

1. Data from satellite sources assembled by the United Nations Environment Programme's (UNEP) World Environment Situation Room confirms that the wildfires in Australia in the last two months of 2019 and the first six weeks of 2020 were far from normal. 2019 was the second hottest year on record since 1880, and Australia recorded its warmest temperatures ever in December 2019.
2. "Rising temperatures continue to melt records. The past decade was the hottest on record. Scientists tell us that ocean temperatures are now rising at the equivalent of five Hiroshima bombs a second. One million species are in near-term danger of extinction. Our planet is burning," says United Nations Secretary-General António Guterres.



3. "The trend is very clear: 37 of the last 40 years were the warmest recorded since 1880, and the six warmest years recorded were the last six years," says Pascal Peduzzi, Director of UNEP's Global Resource Information Database in Geneva. "For those who think Australia is always burning, graphs clearly show that these fires were exceptional."



4. "This service, accessible via the UNEP's World Environment Situation Room, is provided for all countries at national and provincial levels. It identifies trends in wildfire activity since 2003, when the data first became available and monitoring began. We have sliced and diced the satellite-based data on wildfires worldwide from 2009 to the present day. We analyse the wildfires' data by month, type of land cover, protected area, province and nation to produce information products," Peduzzi adds. (Source: UN Environment)

Answer the following questions, based on the above passage :

- i. Does the following statement agree with the information given in the extract? (1)

When temperatures rise and ice melts, more water flows to the seas from glaciers and ice caps, and ocean water warms and expands in volume.

Select from the following:

True - if the statement agrees with the information

False - if the statement contradicts the information

Not Given - if there is no information on this

ii. Do you think that ocean temperatures are currently rising at a rate of five Hiroshima bombs every second?

Support your answer with reference to the text. **(2)**

iii. Select the option that lists the CORRECT statement. **(1)**

A. Pascal Peduzzi is the Director of UNEP's Global Renaissance Information Database

B. Pascal Peduzzi is the Director of UNO's Global Resource Information Database

C. Pascal Peduzzi is the Manager of UNEP's Global Resource Information Database

D. Pascal Peduzzi is the Director of UNEP's Global Resource Information Database

iv. Complete the sentence based on the following statement. **(1)**

In December 2019, Australia experienced its warmest temperatures ever. We can claim that the warmest temperature is because of _____.

v. The graph compiled with data from four different sources shows that the global surface temperatures have been _____. **(1)**

A. steady

B. falling

C. rising

D. not changed

vi. The passage talks about how Australia's 2019-2020 Bushfire Season was not Normal. Concerning the given statement, describe what is highlighted in the first graph. **(2)**

vii. Complete the given sentence by selecting the most appropriate option. **(1)**

For those who believe that Australia is constantly on fire, the graph makes it abundantly clear that these _____.

A. fires were normal

B. fires were usual

C. fires were exceptional

D. fires were steady

viii. Complete the sentence appropriately with one word. **(1)**

Since 1880, 37 of the last 40 years have been the _____ on record, and the last six years have been the warmest on record.

SECTION B – CREATIVE WRITING SKILLS

3. You are Rehan/Reshma, President of the Cultural Society of your school which is organizing a lecture cum demonstration on Kathak dance by the renowned dancer - Jaya Sharma. Draft a notice in 50 words informing students of the same. The event will be followed by an interaction with the artist. Mention day, date, time and venue. **[4]**

OR

An orange alert has been sounded in your city because of extreme temperature due to the cold wave. Schools have been shut for a week. As Principal, Derry Public School, draft a notice in 50 words informing parents of the same. Mention day, date and duration. You are Dr. Sen.

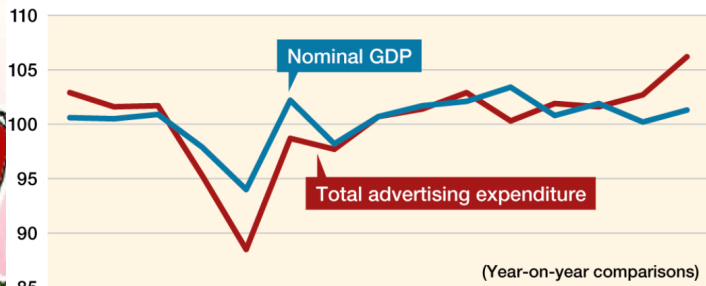
4. Sunrise Global School, Agra is going to organise a one-act play competition in the school auditorium. You have **[4]**

decided to invite noted stage artist, Nalini, to grace the occasion. Draft a formal invitation for her in about 50 words. You are Karuna/Karan, Cultural Secretary.

OR

You are Girish Gupta and you have been invited to the post-selection party of your friend Govind. Write a reply regretting your inability to attend the same.

5. There is a flood of advertisements on television channels these days. Useless commodities and even superstitious beliefs are promoted through glamorous and exaggerated presentations. Write a letter to the editor, 'New Indian Express' about the negative influence that such advertisements have on the minds of the people. You are Radha/Ramesh of Mayur Vihar, Lucknow. [5]



OR

You are Prem/Parul of 16, TT Nagar, Bhopal. You would like to apply for the post of Marketing Manager in a reputed firm in Nashik. Write a letter to the Public Relations Officer, Sun Agro India, Nashik, applying for the job. Write the letter in 120-150 words giving your bio-data.

REQUIRED URGENTLY
Vacancy in Reputed Raisin Export Company @ Nashik
MARKETING MANAGER
Graduate, MBA with 2-3 yrs. Experience in same field and knowledge of Hindi, English & Marathi languages.
Interested candidates may submit their resume by hand at
SUN AGRO INDIA

6. According to 2011 census, literacy rate of hundred percent or around has been achieved by only a couple of states in India. Illiteracy is found mostly among the old and the deprived sections of society. What can the youth do to spread literacy in society? Write an article in 150-200 words on 'Role of students in eradicating illiteracy'. You are Karuna/ Karan. [5]

OR

Cultural Society Sunshine Public School, Nellore organised an adult literacy camp in its neighbourhood. Write a report in 150- 200 words on the camp for your school newsletter. You are PV Sunitha, Secretary. Use the following clues: number of volunteers, hours spent in teaching, location of the class, chairs, blackboards, number of people attending the camp, benefit.

SECTION C - LITERATURE

7. Read the following extract and answer the questions that follow: [6]

Driving from my parent's home to Cochin last Friday morning, I saw my mother, beside me,

doze, open mouthed, her face
ashen like that
of a corpse and realised with
pain
that she was as old as she
looked but soon
put that thought away, and
looked out at Young
Trees sprinting, the merry children spilling
out of their homes.

i. Choose the option that displays the same poetic device as used in the extract.

- a. deafening silence
- b. swaying softly and slowly
- c. pitter-patter rain
- d. as white as snow

ii. What does the phrase **realise with pain** indicate?

- a. guilt
- b. anguish
- c. wounded
- d. revelation

iii. The poet describes her mother as

- I. old
- II. wise
- III. quick
- IV. weak
- V. strong

Choose the most appropriate option:

- a. I and IV
- b. II and V
- c. III and IV
- d. I and V

iv. Answer in one word.

On seeing her mother dozing, open mouthed, the poet felt _____.

v. The merry children symbolise all of the following except

- a. freedom and energy
- b. playfulness and cheerfulness
- c. vigour and health
- d. maturity and innocence

vi. Which of the following is an apt title for the extract?

- a. Spring and Winter
- b. Merry Thoughts

- c. Trip to Cochin
- d. My Beautiful Mother

OR

Read the following extract and answer the questions that follow:

In front at the edge of the road where the traffic sped,
 A roadside stand too pathetically pled,
 It would not be fair to say for a dole of bread,
 But for some of the money, the cash, whose flow supports
 The flower of cities from sinking and withering faint.
 The polished traffic passed with a mind ahead,
 Or if ever aside a moment, then out of sorts
 At having the landscape marred with the artless paint
 Of signs that with N turned wrong and S turned wrong

i. What is the tone of the poet in the extract?

Choose the correct option:

- a. optimistic
- b. resigned
- c. sympathetic
- d. indifferent

ii. With reference to the given extract, what harm has been caused by the **artless paint**?

iii. The city is compared to _____.

- a. a landscape
- b. signs of N and S
- c. a flower
- d. a dole of bread

iv. Choose the correct option:

The roadside stand is

- a. at the edge of the road.
- b. marred with artless paint.
- c. like the flower of cities.
- d. well maintained.

v. What type of expectations do the stand owners have from the city dwellers who come there?

vi. Complete the analogy with a word from the given extract.

donate: contribute : : dying : _____.

8. **Read the following text carefully and answer the questions that follow:**

[4]

The first day in the land of apples was a bitter-cold one; for the snow still covered the ground, and the trees were bare. A large bell rang for breakfast, its loud metallic voice crashing through the belfry overhead and into our sensitive ears. The annoying clatter of shoes on bare floors gave no peace. The constant clash of harsh noises, with an undercurrent of many voices murmuring an unknown tongue, made a bedlam within which I was securely tied.

i. To Which tribe does Zitkala-Sa belong? (1)

- ii. **Murmuring an unknown tongue** indicates (1)
- a. Innocence
 - b. Mystery
 - c. Separation
 - d. Disfamiliarity
- iii. Complete the sentence appropriately, with reference to the extract. (1)
- Zitkala-Sa recalls her first day of school in the _____.
- iv. Choose the most appropriate literal meaning of **Bedlam**. (1)
- a. Prison
 - b. Mad house
 - c. School
 - d. Peace

OR

Read the following text carefully and answer the questions that follow:

But at this moment the door opened and she looked out, a dark-blue woollen haori over her kimono. ... He had met Hana in America, but he had waited to fall in love with her until he was sure she was Japanese. His father would never have received her unless she had been pure in her race. (The Enemy)

- i. Complete the sentence appropriately. (1)
- Hana was attired in _____.
- ii. With reference to the above, how will you describe Dr. Sadao as a son? (1)
- A. indifferent
 - B. obedient
 - C. defiant
 - D. practical
- iii. What is **this moment** all about? (1)
- It is a moment of:
- A. emotional turmoil.
 - B. tranquility.
 - C. agitation.
 - D. conflict.
- iv. From the extract, what can you infer about Dr. Sadao and Hana's relationship? (1)

9. **Read the following extract and answer the questions that follow:**

[6]

Poor man! It was in honour of this last lesson that he had put on his fine Sunday clothes, and now I understood why the old men of the village were sitting there in the back of the room. It was because they were sorry, too, that they had not gone to school more. It was their way of thanking our master for his forty years of faithful service and of showing their respect for the country that was theirs no more.

- i. Select the suitable word from the extract to complete the following analogy:
- Honour: Respect :: _____: Regretful
- ii. Based on the above extract, choose the statement that is FALSE for the villagers.
- a. They had gathered to bid farewell to M.Hamel.
 - b. They expressed their gratitude towards M.Hamel.

- c. They regret not learning their mother tongue seriously.
 - d. They were more willing to welcome a replacement for M.Hamel.
- iii. Why does the narrator refer to M. Hamel as **Poor man**!?
- a. He empathizes with M. Hamel as he had to leave the village
 - b. He believes that M. Hamel's "fine Sunday clothes" clearly reflected that he was not rich.
 - c. He feels sorry for M. Hamel as it was his last French lesson.
 - d. He thinks that M. Hamel's patriotism and sense of duty resulted in his poverty.
- iv. Which of the following idioms might describe the villagers' act of attending the last lesson most accurately?
- a. 'Too good to miss'
 - b. 'Too little, too late'
 - c. 'Too many cooks spoil the broth'
 - d. 'Too cool for school'
- v. Rationalise, to support the given opinion.
- Besides M. Hamel, there was one thing more that brought the old men of the village there.
- vi. Complete the sentence with an appropriate explanation, as per the extract.
- M Hamel was wearing his best dress in _____.

OR

Read the following extract and answer the questions that follow:

"Why aren't you wearing chappals?" I ask one.

"My mother did not bring them down from the shelf," he answers simply.

"Even if she did he will throw them off," adds another who is wearing shoes that do not match. When I comment on it, he shuffles his feet and says nothing. "I want shoes", says a third boy who has never owned a pair all his life. Travelling across the country I have seen children walking barefoot, in cities, on village roads. It is not lack of money but a tradition to stay barefoot, is one explanation. I wonder if this is only an excuse to explain away a perpetual state of poverty.

- i. Why was the one (being asked) not wearing chappals?
 - a. Because he had none
 - b. Because one of them was broken
 - c. Because his father had asked him not to wear
 - d. Because his mother did not bring them down from the shelf
- ii. Infer the reason behind the given action of the boy.

He shuffles his feet and says nothing.
- iii. What is the author's excuse to explain away their constant state of poverty?
 - a. Calling them habitual unhygienic
 - b. To term 'walking barefoot' as a tradition
 - c. To reuse the 'worn out shoes'
 - d. Not to bring chappals out of the shelf
- iv. Replace the underlined word with its antonym from the extract.

It was only an excuse to explain their transitory poverty.
- v. On the basis of the extract, choose the correct option with reference to the two statements (as per the author) given below.

- (1) As if they had a tradition to stay barefoot.
- (2) Walking barefoot was due to their poverty.
 - a. (1) Can be inferred from the extract but (2) cannot.
 - b. (1) cannot be inferred from the extract but (2) can.
 - c. (1) is true but (2) is false.
 - d. (2) is the reason for (1).

vi. What, according to the other boy, would Saheb do with his chappals?

10. **Answer any five of the following questions in 40-50 words each:** [10]

- (a) Why did Douglas fail to come to the surface of the pool as he hoped to? [2]
- (b) What does the title of the poem (Keeping Quiet) suggest to you? What do you think the poem is about? [2]
- (c) What is the significance of the image **Massive weight of uncle's wedding band** in the poem **Aunt Jennifer's Tigers**? [2]
- (d) Why did Sophie not want Jansie to know anything about her meeting with Danny Casey? [2]
- (e) What made the lawyer stand out from the others at Gemini Studios? [2]
- (f) Why did Umberto Eco's American publisher doubt a larger sale of *The Name of the Rose*? What happened actually? [2]

11. **Answer any two of the following questions in 40-50 words each:** [4]

- (a) How can you say **Students on Ice Programme** was a step towards the future? (Journey to the End of the Earth) [2]
- (b) They decided that the Maharaja must not come to know that he had missed the target. Why did the hunters try to hide the truth from the king? (The Tiger King) [2]
- (c) What is the visual range in Antarctica? [2]

12. The importance of safe and sound sleep is demonstrated in the given lines: [5]

It seemed as though for many years he had not been able to sleep as quietly and safely as here at Ramsjö. (The Rattrap)

and a sleep

Full of sweet dreams, and health, and quiet breathing. (A Thing of Beauty)

Imagine that Mayank, your friend, keeps awake late at night, leads a wayward lifestyle, and does not conform to any routine.

Write an essay to Mayank in 120-150 words discussing instances with reference to the above extracts to give him an insight into the relevance and beauty of sleep which has the power to heal your physical as well as mental health.

You may begin like this:

Mayank, all of us have one life and want to enjoy it to the fullest. In our pursuit of following the 'my life, my rules' funda, we sometimes incur an irreplaceable loss.....

OR

After reading Keat's *A Thing of Beauty* Sneha deduced that all the things that take away all the sorrow that surrounds us from time to time can be a thing of beauty.

Today while explaining Frost's **A Roadside Stand**, the teacher said: "...that even seemingly insignificant things, like a tiny fruit shop, can have profound beauty and significance."

She is confused as to how can a shabby **roadside stand** be considered a thing of beauty.

Sneha discusses this with her father, an army personnel posted in the hills, over the phone but he was unable to convince her. As her father compose a letter (in 200 words), explaining his thoughts on the concept of beauty and consequently validating what the teacher taught. Support your response with reference to both poems.

You may begin this way:

Dear Sneha

*I appreciate your inquisitiveness that how could a shabby shop referred to in the poem, **A Roadside Stand**, which you read recently could be a thing of beauty...*

You may end this way:

Although I wish to explain this in person, I have no better option than to explain you through this letter. I hope this explanation would be helpful to you. Please let me know if you still have doubts.

Warmly,

13. The actual pain or inconvenience of physical impairment is often much less than the wounds of words and the sense of isolation that the person with disabilities often undergoes. [5]

Derry has been a victim of verbal atrocities. You are Harry, a childhood friend of Derry, who has met him after a very long time and had a long chat. But what pained you was your own spontaneous reaction on seeing him which was of pity. Write a diary expressing your thoughts and views on the treatment that is meted out to people like Derry.

You may begin like this:

Today I met my childhood friend, Derry, after a very long time and I naturally felt sorry for him and started pouring my words of sympathy. I could observe his discomfort with my weird (natural for me) treatment and then realised that he must have had to go through this pain every single day...

OR

In the story **The Enemy** by Pearl S. Buck, conflicting ideas arise in Dr. Sadao's mind after he brought the wounded American soldier home.

In an attempt to resolve this conflict, he contemplates this dichotomy. As Sadao, create a diary entry mulling over this incident and finally resolving it.

You may begin this way:

From the day I found the wounded soldier outside my house my mind was vexed with a web of conflicts...

Solution

SECTION A – READING SKILLS

1.
 - i. (iv) Excess amount of body fat
 - ii. Women have more body fat than men. Usually, men with more than 25% body fat, and women with more than 30% of body fat are regarded as obese. Obesity occurs when a person consumes more calories than he or she burns.
 - iii.
 - i. Lifestyle behaviours
 - ii. Physical Activities
 - iv. (iii) activity
 - v. (iii) Only A and C
 - vi. There are the psychological factors. Negative emotions such as boredom, sadness, or anger, respond to people who overeat. There is also 'binge eating' when people eat a large amount of food thinking that they cannot control how much they are eating. Those with the most severe binge eating problems are also likely to have symptoms of depression and low self-esteem.
 - vii. Although you cannot change your genetic makeup, you can change your eating habits and levels of activity. You can learn how to choose **more nutritional meals** which are low in fat and become more active.
 - viii.
 - i. Helps to lose weight
 - ii. Improves fitness and flexibility
 - iii. Enhances skin texture (any one)
 - ix. (i) Stress
 - x. Exercise helps with weight loss while also improving fitness, flexibility, and skin texture. It avoids the harmful side effects associated with crash dieting, slimming capsules, and heat treatments used by slimming centers.
2.
 - i. Not Given - There is no information on this
 - ii. Yes.
Rising temperatures continue to melt records. The past decade was the hottest on record. Scientists tell us that ocean temperatures are now rising at the equivalent of five Hiroshima bombs
 - iii. D. Pascal Peduzzi is the Director of UNEP's Global Resource Information Database.
 - iv. wildfires in Australia
 - v. rising
 - vi. The first graph clearly highlights the alarming rising temperature trend that set the scene for our Australian 2019/2020 bushfire season.
 - vii. C. fires were exceptional
 - viii. warmest

SECTION B – CREATIVE WRITING SKILLS

3.

XYZ school NOTICE
11th September 2024
Lecture cum Demonstration on Kathak Dance
The Cultural Society of our school is thrilled to present a lecture-cum-demonstration on Kathak dance by the esteemed dancer, Jaya Sharma. An interactive session with the artist will follow the event. All students are cordially invited to attend.
Day/Date: Friday, 22nd September 2024
Time: 11:00 AM - 1:00 PM
Venue: School Auditorium
 Rehan/Reshma President, Cultural Society XYZ School

OR

Derry Public School Notice

28 December 2023

Orange Alert!!!

All the parents are hereby informed that an orange alert has been declared by the weather department in the city due to extreme temperatures resulting from the cold wave. Consequently, the schools will remain closed for a week i.e., from Friday, 29 December 2022 to 4 January 2023. The schools will reopen on 5 January 2023.

Dr. Sen

Principal

Derry Public School

Sunrise Global School, Agra

22nd April, 20XX

Dear Ma'am,

We take pleasure to invite the noted stage artist Ms Nalini to grace the one-act play competition organised by our school. It will be held in the school auditorium hall where a number of students from several different schools are likely to participate. We solicit your benign presence on 30 November 20XX at 11:00 am. We shall be eagerly awaiting your confirmation.

Karan/Karuna

4. (Cultural Secretary)

OR

276, Palam Colony, Delhi

10 May 2018

Dear Govind,

Many thanks for inviting me to attend your post selection party, but I am sorry to say that I shall not be able to attend the same as I shall be out of the station next week. I shall miss this joyous occasion. I wish you all the best for the future.

God Bless You

Yours truly

Girish Gupta

5. Mayur Vihar

Lucknow-226018

24th August, 20XX

The Editor

New Indian Express

Lucknow

Subject Negative influence of advertisements

Sir,

Through the column of your prestigious newspaper, I wish to draw the attention of the people towards the negative influence of advertisements on their minds. These days advertisements on television are a great source of information. They impart awareness to consumers, which directly benefits the companies. Firms and companies spend a high amount of money to hire famous public figures like actors and cricketers to endorse their products. This cost is added to the price of the products and passed on the customers. These advertisements create an unexpected and hypothetical world for its viewers which binds them to purchase the products. But the matter of concern is that many of these companies showcase useless commodities on television just for monetary gains. In many cases, superstitious beliefs are instilled in the minds of people that they may fall into trouble if the advertiser's products are not used. They make the advertisements glamorous to draw the attention of the viewers but are actually promoting negative influences, especially in the minds of the younger generation.

Through your newspaper, I would like to spread awareness among the people to rationalise things and prevent themselves from being blindfolded by misleading advertisements.

Yours sincerely,

Radha

OR

16, TT Nagar

Bhopal - 462002

12th February, 20XX

The Public Relations Office

Sun Agro India
Nashik- 400052

Sir,

Subject Application for the post of Marketing Manager

This is in response to your advertisement in 'The Times of India' dated 10th January, 20XX. I hereby wish to apply for the post of Marketing Manager in your reputed firm. I have a post-graduate Diploma in Marketing (equivalent to MBA) from a reputed institution. In addition, I have a total of 7 years' experience in the Marketing function in the line similar to yours, i.e Automobile Marketing Currently. I am working as a Dy Marketing Manager in a well-known company.

I am enclosing my bio-data and attested copies of my certificates.

Thanking you!

Yours faithfully,

Prem

Bio-data

Name: Prem Pal Singh

Father's name: D.K Singh

Date of birth: 2nd March 1992

Address: 16, TT Nagar, Bhopal - 462002

Academic Qualifications:

Degree	Board/ University	Year	Division
Graduation	CBSE	2010	Second
B.Sc (PCM)	Barkatullah University, Bhopal	2013	First
PG Diploma in Marketing and Management	ITS, Delhi	2015	First

Experience:

Name of Employer	Post held	From	To	Nature of Duties
Bajaj Auto, Pune (Working in Regional office, Bhopal)	Dy Mktg Mgr	Dec 2017	Current	Managing a division of the MP region
Hero Motors, Dharuher (working in Zonal office, MP)	Mktg Officer	Mar 2016	Nov 2016	Marketing high-end bikes

Expected salary: Rs. 65,000 per month

Languages fluency: English, Hindi

Hobbies and Interests: Athletics, traveling

Marital Status: Unmarried

Contact information: 8059XXXXXX / premXX@gmail.com

6. **Role of Students in Eradicating Illiteracy**
by Karuna

Illiteracy is truly a curse to society. It not only makes the masses helpless but also hinders their development along with the development of the country. According to the 2011 census, the 100% literacy rate of Kerala and Lakshadweep is just a small achievement on the path of literacy. This depicts the picture of the country as the full literacy rate is achieved only by a handful of states.

Illiteracy is found mostly among the old and deprived sections of the society. Children who are deprived of education remain illiterate. One of the reasons for illiteracy is the lack of awareness. Though many efforts have been made by the Government of India to make the old and the poor literate, such efforts are totally inadequate because the target audiences of such efforts never receive the benefits and still remain illiterate.

The youth is not quite active in making the people aware. Only the youth can achieve this goal because it is full of energy and have nimbleness in its actions. If the youngsters start campaigns in various areas of the cities, towns and villages, the rate of literacy can improve drastically. They can create awareness among the people about the importance of literacy. They can make the people realise the importance of literacy through their own experiences, knowledge and the benefits that they get by being literate. People will not resist supporting them in achieving their target because everyone knows that the future lies in the hands of the youth. Thus, the youth must involve itself in the enhancement of literacy and eradication of the curse of illiteracy.

OR

Adult Literacy Camp
by PV Sunitha, Cultural Secretary

Nellore, 16th March, 20XX: An adult literacy camp was organised by our school in the local community centre near our school. The camp was held from 2nd March to 14th March, 20XX. Twenty-five senior students of our school taught the adult illiterates. They were divided into various groups to teach in this camp. The teaching time was 4 PM to 6 PM. The seating-arrangements for the adults were made in makeshift classrooms created in the community centre. Chairs, blackboards and other related furniture was hired for the classrooms.

Before the actual camp began, some student volunteers visited the areas where most of illiterate people lived. They visited mostly the nearby slums. The purpose of their visit was to motivate the adults, including women, to benefit from the camp by learning things that they didn't know. The volunteers, who taught at the camp, emphasised on the importance of education in one's life and requested all adults to get education. They were further asked to educate their children so that they could get rid of poverty and other problems, which had resulted due to their ignorance and illiteracy. The camp was a big success, as 450 adults attended the camp and agreed to continue their education further.

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7. i. (d) as white as snow
ii. (b) anguish
iii. (a) I and IV
iv. Open dozed mouth refers to sleep. She felt sad/ pained/ anguished/ grieved/ She realised that she was as old as she looked/ that she may leave the world soon.
v. (d) maturity and innocence
vi. (a) Spring and Winter

OR

- i. sympathetic
ii. Artless view refers to the views that have been spoilt due to tasteless art.
iii. a flower
iv. at the edge of the road
v. buy their produce and give some cash in return
vi. withering
8. i. Zitkala-Sa belonged to a Native American warrior tribe.
ii. Disfamiliarity
iii. Land of apples,
iv. Mad house

OR

- i. Hana was attired in a dark-blue woollen haori over her kimono.
ii. (B) obedient.
iii. (A) Emotional turmoil.
iv. Dr. Sadao and Hana's relationship is built on mutual respect and cultural values, as evidenced by Dr. Sadao's decision to wait until he was sure Hana was Japanese before falling in love with her, respecting his father's wishes.
9. i. Sorry
ii. they were more willing to welcome a replacement for M. Hamel.
iii. He feels sorry for M. Hamel as it was his last French lesson.
iv. 'Too little, too late'
v. They had gathered to show respect to their country and mother tongue as they were sad as their mother tongue French would no longer be taught to them.
vi. respect/honour of this last lesson

OR

- i. Because his mother did not bring them down from the shelf
ii. When the writer asked the second boy the reason for wearing a different shoe on each foot. He did not reply and shuffled his feet as he tried to hide the shoes and said nothing.
iii. To term 'walking barefoot' a tradition
iv. perpetual
v. a. (1) Can be inferred from the extract but (2) cannot.

vi. He would throw them off.

10. Answer any five of the following questions in 40-50 words each:

- (i) Douglas failed to come to the surface as he had hoped to because he ended up swallowing a lot of water after being thrown into the pool. He was gripped by his fear and could not move his limbs.
- (ii) The title of the poem suggests the importance of silence. The poem is about the importance of self-examination and introspection. It is also an appeal for universal harmony.
- (iii) The poet referred to the "wedding band" as the symbol of the wedding ring worn by Aunt Jennifer. The phrase "massive weight of Uncle's wedding band" conveyed the idea that she felt overwhelmed by her duties and responsibilities after getting married.
- (iv) Sophie knew that Jansie was gawky and could not keep any secret. If Jansie got to know about something, she would tell the whole neighbourhood about it. That's why Sophie did not want Jansie to know anything about her meeting with Danny Casey.
- (v) The lawyer wore pants and a tie and sometimes a coat whereas everyone else in the Story Department wore similar khadi dhoti with a slightly oversized and clumsily tailored white khadi shirt. Thus, the lawyer stood out from others at Gemini Studios as if he was a dispassionate man who did not take sides. Moreover, he was a logical man with no emotional attachment whatsoever.
- (vi) Umberto Eco's American publisher didn't expect to sell more than 3,000 copies of 'The Name of the Rose' in America. The novel, actually, dealt with medieval history and delved into metaphysics and theology. The publisher felt that in a country where nobody had seen a cathedral or studied Latin, such a book might not get enough readership. But, actually the book sold two or three million copies in the US.

11. Answer any two of the following questions in 40-50 words each:

- (i) The objective of the 'Students on Ice' program was to take the High School students to the limits of the world and provide them with inspiring opportunities in education to enable them to understand and respect our planet. According to Geoff Green, the High School students are the future policy-makers and through this program they would be able to save this planet from the ecological hazards and the harmful effects of global warming. Antarctica, with its simple ecosystem and lack of biodiversity, is the perfect place to study how little changes in the environment can have major repercussions.
- (ii) The hunters sought to shield the Maharaja from the truth to safeguard his pride and reputation. Exposing his missed target could undermine his authority and dignity, posing possible consequences for them. Their objective was to maintain the Maharaja's image of competence and authority.
- (iii) In Antarctica, the visual scale ranges from the microscopic to the mighty, midges and mites to blue whales and icebergs as big as countries. Days go on and on in surreal 24-hour austral summer light. A ubiquitous silence, interrupted only by the occasional avalanche or calving ice sheet, consecrates the place.

12. All of us have one life and want to enjoy it to the fullest. However, in our pursuit of following the "my life, my rules" funda, we sometimes incur an irreplaceable loss. One such loss is the importance of safe and sound sleep. In 'The Rattrap' by Selma Lagerlof, the protagonist experiences a deep and peaceful sleep after a long time, which shows the importance of sleep in our lives. Similarly, in 'A Thing of Beauty', the poet describes a sleep full of sweet dreams, health, and quiet breathing.

For the poet, beauty is like a beautiful shady tree under whose shade all the creatures can sleep peacefully and enjoy good health. Sleep is not just a state of rest, but it is also essential for maintaining good mental and physical health. It helps repair and restore our brains and bodies, affecting our physical and mental functioning the next day, our ability to fight disease and develop immunity, and our metabolism and chronic disease risk.

Lack of sleep can increase the risk of obesity, heart disease, high blood pressure, diabetes, and stroke. It can also lead to depression, anxiety, and other mental health conditions.

Therefore, Mayank, it is crucial to prioritize sleep in our lives. It is essential to maintain a routine and avoid leading a wayward lifestyle that can disrupt our sleep patterns. A good night's sleep can improve our ability to think, learn, and make good decisions, and avoid injuries.

So, let us make a conscious effort to get enough sleep and enjoy the benefits of a healthy and fulfilling life.

OR

Dear Sneha,

I appreciate your inquisitiveness about how a shabby shop referred to in the poem "A Roadside Stand" could be considered a thing of beauty. I understand that you are confused about the concept of beauty and how it can be found in seemingly insignificant things. Let me try to explain my thoughts on this.

Beauty is not just about the external appearance of things. It is also about the emotions and feelings that they evoke in us. In

Keats' poem "A Thing of Beauty," he talks about how beauty has the power to take away our sorrows and provide us with a sense of peace and tranquility. Similarly, in Frost's poem "A Roadside Stand," the seemingly insignificant fruit shop may not be beautiful in the traditional sense, but it has a profound significance.

The fruit shop represents the hopes and dreams of the poor people who run it. It gives them hope that the city folk have stopped by to buy something from their roadside stand and that they will receive some city money.

The beauty of the fruit shop lies in the fact that it represents the resilience and determination of the people who run it. It is a symbol of their hard work and perseverance in the face of adversity.

In essence, beauty is not just about the external appearance of things. It is about the emotions and feelings that they evoke in us.

The fruit shop may not be beautiful in the traditional sense, but it is beautiful in the way that it represents the hopes and dreams of the people who run it.

I hope this explanation helps you understand the concept of beauty better. Remember that beauty can be found in the most unexpected places, and it is up to us to recognize it.

Although I wish to explain this in person, I have no better option than to explain it to you through this letter. I hope this explanation would be helpful to you. Please let me know if you still have doubts.

Warmly,

Dad

13. Today I met my childhood friend, Derry, after a very long time and I naturally felt sorry for him and started pouring my words of sympathy. I could observe his discomfort with my weird (natural for me) treatment and then realised that he must have had to go through this pain every single day. The actual pain or inconvenience caused by a physical impairment is often less than the sense of alienation felt by the person with disabilities. We can see so many cases of physical deformities in our day-to-day life. But when we react sharply over their impairment, the result is troublesome to bear. Take the case of a blind man, when he hears from someone "What a terrible thing on earth"! Such disheartening remarks hurt the disabled person. He is pained because of this unintended cruelty. He feels dejected, disappointed, distorted, and alienated from the mainstream of life. He withdraws with a sense of an inferiority complex. Negative feelings towards life creep in. I realised my friend Derry also suffers the same as everyone pities him because of his burnt face. He has been subjected to verbal atrocities every single day. Our attitude towards these people needs to be changed. Disabled persons do not want our sympathy rather they want acceptance. We must always bear in mind that wounds get healed but bitter comments are never forgotten and leave a permanent scar. Today, I pledge to not let any sense of pity sink in me whenever I see or meet a person with a disability rather I would try to connect with them at an equal level and regard them for being brave.

OR

From the day I found the wounded soldier outside my house my mind has been vexed with a web of conflicts and difficulties. On one hand, my professional ethics prodded me to save the wounded man because that was what my training had taught me. On the other hand, my patriotism would have been questioned if I saved him as he is a prisoner of war. I was caught in a dilemma between my duty as a doctor and my loyalty as a Japanese citizen.

Then I decided to follow my ethics as a sincere doctor and save his life in the first place. My nationalism didn't let me rest, so took the help of the General and informed him about the enemy prisoner. He told me that his men would take the course, but to my utter dismay General's men did not turn up, and once again I was caught in conflict as to how to get rid of the white man.

My innate virtues of compassion and benevolence forbade me from killing him. Ultimately, I came up with a no-harm, no-foul plan as per which I let the prisoner escape by sending him off to an unguarded island.