



Strive for Perfection

# ANGEL'S PUBLIC SCHOOL

## SAMPLE PAPER HALF YEARLY EXAMS SESSION 2021 – 22 CLASS – XI

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### General Instructions

(a) The question paper is divided into three sections.

(i) Section – A Reading (20), (ii) Section – B Writing and Grammar (30)

(iii) Section – C Literature (30)

(b) All the questions are compulsory.

(c) You may attempt any section at a time in the correct order.

### SECTION – A (READING)

[20]

1. Read the passage carefully and answer the questions that follow. (12x1=12)

Dear Everybody,

- 1) Dental caries, unlike many other diseases, is irreversible and will only continue to burrow, no matter what medication your godsend pharmacist prescribes. Well, it's not just caries, requiring the ubiquitous 'drill and fill' that you need to sweat over. There are periodontal diseases which can bring down your gum levels and rock your tooth within the bone. Orthodontic ailments causing malocclusions prevail primarily because of adverse habits. Let me uncloak the lugubrious Indian scenario which I have lately come to understand.
- (2) Gone are the days when parents invoked the name of ghosts to affright their children in order to enforce discipline. Now, their imagination has touched the bottom that they often use dentists or their purely fictional "mammoth of a needle" to petrify children when they misbehave. No wonder, kiddos shake with trepidation at the mere thought of a dental visit.
- (3) Yes, dental treatment is expensive. We are restoring your teeth with materials that have to stand unperturbed in your mouth, with the power to combat all the forces thrown upon them. And most importantly, they have to be biocompatible, *i.e.* causing no harm or allergy and stay innocuous in your mouth. Apparently, such materials are manufactured with the utmost research and scrutiny, owing to their costs. So you could do with a scruple of respect for your dental health, not forgetting the materials and services which help you relish your *pani puris* and *biryani*!
- (4) Many a time, you fail to take charge in the initial stages of 'cavity' formation and give paltry, excuses like 'Dental phobia' or lack of pain. After harbouring all the pernicious 'germs' for donkey's years, and when the "magic drug" fails to bring cheer, you go into throes of agony and distress. Finally, you muster the courage to pay us a visit and when we tell you that you might need a root canal treatment followed by a "cap", you cringe. You look daggers at us. Call us 'devils'!
- (5) As a young intern, I may not be the paramount authority to adjure you. But I have fondly grown to love what I have learnt as a dental student for the past four years. A habit of brushing twice daily (looking at the mirror and not dreaming away to glory!) and a regular six-month check-up will certainly keep the common maladies at bay. We do offer preventive treatments like 'fluoride therapy,' 'pit and fissure sealants' and many more to stave off cavities and counsel you 'out of business.' There are umpteen competent dentists in town who can quell pain of any degree.
- (6) Personally, I mean no offence to anybody, but my impetus to writing is to express my grief over how dentists are often goofed on and ridiculed in crude caricatures and writings. Please understand that this is no good humour. Whatever you say, we will continue to help you and try our best to alleviate pain and work on all the knots.

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- (a)** Dental diseases are usually \_\_\_\_\_.  
(i) reversible                      (ii) irreversible    (iii) both                      (iv) none of these
- (b)** The adjective the author uses to describe a pharmacist is \_\_\_\_\_.  
(i) god gifted                      (ii) god alike    (iii) god's fairy                      (iv) all of these
- (c)** Periodontal diseases are related to \_\_\_\_\_.  
(i) tooth and face                      (ii) mouth and bone  
(iii) tooth and bone                      (iv) none of these
- (d)** Dental treatment is often \_\_\_\_\_.  
(i) expensive                      (ii) inexpensive    (iii) both                      (iv) none of these
- (e)** A word in paragraph 4 which means same as 'very harmful' is \_\_\_\_\_.  
(i) agony                      (ii) distress                      (iii) pernicious                      (iv) daggers
- (f)** An expression in paragraph 5 that means same as 'prevent or fight' is \_\_\_\_\_.  
(i) to adjure you                      (ii) to stave off    (iii) to quell pain of    (iv) all of these
- (g)** 'Fluoride therapy' and 'pit and fissure sealants' prevent from \_\_\_\_\_.  
(i) tooth pain                      (ii) tooth cap                      (iii) tooth decay                      (iv) none of these
- (h)** Most patients cringe when their dentists tell them that they need a \_\_\_\_\_.  
(i) root canal treatment                      (ii) fluoride therapy  
(iii) pit and fissure sealants                      (iv) all of these
- (i)** A word in paragraph 6 which means the same as 'sorrow' is \_\_\_\_\_.  
(i) offence                      (ii) crude                      (iii) knots                      (iv) grief
- (j)** A word which is opposite to the word 'troubled' in paragraph 2 is \_\_\_\_\_.  
(i) invoked                      (ii) enforce                      (iii) unperturbed    (iv) trepidation
- (k)** The author's tone in the passage is primarily one of \_\_\_\_\_.  
(i) offence and insult                      (ii) disappointment and complaint  
(iii) self-appreciation and pride                      (iv) apology and humility
- (l)** By expression "For donkey's years" the author means \_\_\_\_\_.  
(i) a period where dentist has to work like a donkey  
(ii) a period of extreme suffering for a patient  
(iii) a period of unbearable pain  
(iv) a very long but unspecified period of time

**2. Read the passage carefully and answer the questions that follow. (8x1=8)**

It is not surprising that Delhi is poised on the brink of disaster. With two lakh people migrating to this metropolis every year, it is not difficult to see why the quality of life has deteriorated at such an alarming rate. The newspapers are full of crimes committed because of the breakdown of basic facilities and the corrosion of human values.

This brings us to slums-the alleged breeding grounds of most of Delhi's problems. Over the years, the number of slums and unauthorised settlements have leapfrogged. There is hardly any residential colony in this city that is not hemmed in by them. Yet they too serve a purpose - they provide cheap labour and captive vote banks. The very people who turn up their noses at the dirt, disease and filth that festers in these areas, use these 'breeding grounds' as a pool for domestic servants that can be hired and fired at will and daily wage labourers who are grateful for any kind of employment. Isn't it about time we examined our own role and acknowledged our responsibility for the proliferation of these slums?

- (a)** What is causing increase in crimes?  
(i) rising prices (ii) corrosion of human values  
(iii) increase in population (iv) constant human values
- (b)** Choose the synonym of proliferation  
(i) bordered (ii) centered  
(iii) surrounded (iv) isolated
- (c)** Slums help to provide \_\_\_\_\_.  
(i) expensive labour (ii) cheap labour  
(iii) inadequate labour (iv) all of these
- (d)** A word in paragraph 1 that means the same as 'relocate' is \_\_\_\_\_.  
(i) breakdown (ii) corrosion  
(iii) brink (iv) migrating
- (e)** An expression in paragraph 2 which means the same as 'to reject something or someone as it is not good enough for you' is \_\_\_\_\_.  
(i) disease that festers (ii) a pool for domestic servants  
(iii) turn up their noses at dirt (iv) none of these
- (f)** A word similar in meaning as 'indebted' in paragraph 2 is \_\_\_\_\_.  
(i) leapfrogged (ii) acknowledged  
(iii) captive (iv) grateful
- (g)** The newspapers are full of crimes committed due to \_\_\_\_\_.  
(i) lack of education (ii) lack of basic amenities  
(iii) lack of employment (iv) overpopulation
- (h)** Choose the most appropriate meaning of the word 'hemmed' in paragraph 2  
(i) surrounded (ii) gathered  
(iii) collected (iv) substituted

**SECTION – B (WRITING AND GRAMMAR)**

**[30]**

- 3.** As the manager of hotel Excelsior, write a notice for the guests staying in the hotel cautioning them about a lift that has gone out of order. Also include necessary details like informing guests about the fault in the lift and time needed to repair it and apologizing for the inconvenience caused to them due to all this in not more than 50 words.

(5)

4. Write a letter to the Editor of the English newspaper expressing your concern at the recent increase in crime against women in your locality giving all necessary details.

**OR**

You have just received an award for social work. Write an acceptance speech in about 120-150 words, expressing your gratitude to the organisation. (8)

5. Fill in the blanks in the given sentences by choosing the most suitable option given below. (4x1=4)

(a) \_\_\_\_\_ Arjun and Gaurav are away on a tour.

(b) Give \_\_\_\_\_ these boys a pen \_\_\_\_\_.

(c) Don't eat \_\_\_\_\_ than you can digest.

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| (i) Each      | (ii) They      | (iii) Both       | (iv) Any       |
| (i) ALL, half | (ii) Each, all | (iii) BOTH, each | (iv) Some, all |
| (i) much      | (ii) all       | (iii) more       | (iv) some      |

6. Complete the following passage by filling in the blanks with suitable words from the options given below. (8x1=8)

Asaf Khan who (1) \_\_\_\_\_ the expedition against the city, (2) \_\_\_\_\_ that the little country which (3) \_\_\_\_\_ by a woman would (4) \_\_\_\_\_ very easily without (5) \_\_\_\_\_ even a blow. It was to his surprise when he (6) \_\_\_\_\_ that the city (7) \_\_\_\_\_ to offer a strong resistance. He (8) \_\_\_\_\_ with him only a small force to fight the battle.

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| (1) (a) had led       | (b) led                | (c) was leading       | (d) has led          |
| (2) (a) expected      | (b) has been expecting | (c) had expected      | (d) was expected     |
| (3) (a) rule          | (b) was ruled          | (c) is ruled          | (d) was ruling       |
| (4) (a) was taken     | (b) be taken           | (c) will be taken     | (d) is taking        |
| (5) (a) striking      | (b) is striking        | (c) has been striking | (d) has struck       |
| (6) (a) found         | (b) had found          | (c) finds             | (d) will find        |
| (7) (a) was preparing | (b) is preparing       | (c) was prepared      | (d) is prepared      |
| (8) (a) had brought   | (b) brought            | (c) has brought       | (d) had been brought |

7. Rearrange the following phrases or group of words to make meaningful sentences. (5x1=5)

- (a) of the world / India is / most corrupt countries / one of the / alarmingly,  
(b) we expect change / themselves/ how can / at the bottom / when top officials / are corrupt,  
(c) grown-ups seem / nothing else / nowadays, / to talk about/ but soaring prices  
(d) and avoid competition / to mark / tigers / their territory / urinate on trees  
(e) Sun/ is the spirit/ the/ fire/ of the/ purest/ on the earth / of all elements / and

**SECTION – C (LITERATURE)**

**[30]**

8. Read the extract given below and answer the questions that follow. (4x1=4)

“The cardboard shows me how it was  
When the two girl cousins went paddling,  
Each one holding one of my mother’s hands,  
And she the big girl- some twelve years or so.

(a) What does the word ‘cardboard’ suggest here?

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| (i) photograph | (ii) piece of wood | (iii) mother |
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- (b) Where had the girls gone?  
 (i) for a movie                      (ii) for vacation to a beach                      (iii) for sight-seeing
- (c) How many people did 'it' show?  
 (i) two                      (ii) one                      (iii) three
- (d) The 'big girl' here refers to the \_\_\_\_\_.  
 (i) poet                      (ii) two cousins                      (iii) poet's mother

**9. "She launches away, towards the infinite and the laburnum subsides to empty".**

(4x1=4)

- (a) What does 'She' in the above extract refer to?  
 (i) sky                      (ii) goldfinch                      (iii) tree
- (b) What does the expression 'the infinite' refer to?  
 (i) time                      (ii) sky                      (iii) laburnum tree
- (c) Which expression in the extract conveys the meaning 'she flies away'?  
 (i) subsides to empty    (ii) launches away                      (iii) towards the infinite
- (d) The last line of the extract suggests that the laburnum tree has again become  
 (i) colourful                      (ii) all alone                      (iii) alive

**10. Answer the following questions in about 40 words each.**

(6x2=12)

- (a) Why does the captain call Ile Amsterdam 'the most beautiful island in the world'?
- (b) Who was Tut? At what age did he die?
- (c) What were Ranga's views about marriage?
- (d) Why was Mrs Dorling surprised to see Mrs S's daughter?
- (e) Why did the boys return the horse to its rightful owner?
- (f) Briefly describe the odd way in which the author's grandmother behaved just before she died.

**11. Answer the following questions in about 150 words.**

(2x5=10)

- (a) It is not easy to let go of the past memories and possessions. Do you agree? Explain with reference to the story, "The Address".
- (b) Explain the concept of 'Shanshui' as given in the 'Landscape of the Soul'.