

SECTION – (A) READING

Q.1 (a) Answer the following questions in 2-3 lines each:

(i) Where is the headquarter of ISRO and what is its vision? [2]

Ans. The headquarter of ISRO is in the city of Bengaluru. Its vision is to “harness space technology for national development, ” while pursuing space science research and planetary exploration.

(ii) When was ISRO established and with whose efforts? [2]

Ans. It was established in 1962 by the efforts of Independent India’s first prime minister, Jawaharlal Nehru, and his close aide & scientist Vikram Sarabhai.

(iii) What are the functions of PSLV and GSLV? [1]

Ans. PSLV launched satellite into polar orbit and GSLV for placing satellites into geostationary orbits. These rockets have launched numerous communication satellites and earth observation satellites.

(iv) When Chandrayaan-I was launched? [1]

Ans. Chandrayaan-I was launched on 22 oct. 2008.

(v) What is the record that ISRO set? [1]

Ans. ISRO set a record with a launch of 20 satellites in a single payload, one being satellite from Google.

(b) Find from the passage words which mean as the following: [3 x 1 = 3]

(i) Following

(ii) Direction finding

(iii) Progress

Ans. (i) Following - Pursuing
(ii) Direction finding - Navigation
(iii) Progress - Succeed

Q.2 (a) On the basis of your reading of the above passage make notes on it, in points only using recognizable abbreviations wherever necessary. Supply a suitable title to it.

Ans. **Weight Training** [4]

A. Categories of weight Training:-

A1. Wellness

A2. Self-esteem

A3. Mind-body Fusion

B. Advantages:-

B1. Preventing disease

B2. Staying physically & mentally fit

B3. Building good body image

B4. Socializing

C. How to be Healthy ?

C1. Daily Exercise of 30-60 min.

C2. Energy-neutral diet.

C3. Moderate exercise & good sleep enhance immune function.

Abbreviations Used

& - and

Min – Minutes

(b) Write a summary of the above passage in about 80 words.

[3]

Ans. **Summary of the passage**

The benefits that many of us derive from weight training are diverse. It helps in wellness, self-esteem, staying physically & mentally fit. One can get such self-esteem and confidence out of body building, shaping and toning 30-60 min exercise each day helps to keep weight in check. Moderate exercise and good sleep both enhance immune function. Thus, regular progressive weight training as part of an exercise can improve your self-esteem, confidence.

SECTION-B (Writing)

Q.3 You are Laxman/Urmila of Ward No. 7 Jwalamukhi. You want to dispose off your parental old house. Draft an advertisement for the classified columns of a newspaper.

[5]

Ans.

Property for Sale

House is for sale at ward No. 7, Jwalamukhi. It has four bedrooms attached baths, drawing room with family lounge. Price Negotiable. Interested Parties Contact:- Mr. Laxman, PH: 123456789.

OR

Your Milap, a student of class XII. You have lost your Chemistry book in the school capus. Draft a notice for the Notice-Board of your school alongwith an offer of a nice treat.

Ans.

**ABC SCHOOL
NOTICE
LOST AND FOUND**

Date:

A Chemistry book of class XII has been last somewhere in the school campus. It is of writer S. Chand with Blue colour cover on it. Name along with school Roll Number has been motioned on the book. The finder may return it to undersigned. A grand treat is assured with thanks.

Milap

10+2

Roll No. 1512

- Q.4** You are Harish, a student editor of your school magazine. Write a report in about 125 words, on the 'Blood Donation Camp' organized by your school NSS unit on Teacher's Day. [8]

Ans.

Blood Donation Camp

A REPORT

This year our school celebrated Teacher's day by organizing a Blood Donation Camp. The camp was organised by the N.S.S unit of the school with the help of the District Red Cross, Society. It was certainly a true celebration of the day. The camp was inaugurated by the Deputy Commissioner of Jodhpur. Teachers as well as students in large number donated blood with great enthusiasm. Some of the guests also came forward for this noble cause and donated blood. Four doctors and eight nurses worked round the clock to collect blood. More than 300 units of blood were collected. The donors were served with milk, eggs and nourishing food after blood donation. The donors were, than, given certificates. The Deputy Commissioner also stressed the importance of blood donation and tried to remove doubts about adverse effect of blood donation.

Reported by:- Harish.

OR

- Q.** The Eco Club of your school launched a special cleanliness drive in school and its neighborhood. You are Parveen, Secondary of the club. Write a report in about 125 words giving detail of the programme.

Ans.

Cleanliness Drive

A REPORT

The Eco club of our school undertook a cleanliness drive to create awareness among students regarding cleanliness and its benefits. Under this programme, all the students from 9th to 12th participated. As the part of this drive we cleaned the whole school and our neighborhood. Our Principal starting the programme by cleaning the corners of playground. Then the students and Teachers followed the same. Some of the students picked up brooms and started cleaning around. Other students started picking wrappers and garbage scattered around in the neighborhood. After cleaning the school and neighborhood the students assembled in the school hall. There the students were given refreshment in the form of bananas and apples.

Thereafter our Principal delivered the speech telling the importance of sanitation. He also honoured the peoples of the School for their noble Job. In the end we all took oath keeping our home, neighborhood and city clean.

Reported by

Praveen

Secretary

Eco Club.

- Q.5** You are Rahim, Mall Road Shimla. Write a letter to the Sanitary Inspector of your area about the miserable sanitation condition of your locality. [8]

Ans. The Mall Raod
Shimla

08-03-2018

The President

Municipal Committee

Shimla

Subject: Poor Sanitary conditions and mosquito-menace in the town.

Sir

I am sorry to say that the Municipal Committee of the town is not paying any attention to the sanitation of the town. Heaps of dirt keep lying in the street. The drains are open and keep over flowing with garbage and dirt. The roads are damaged. There are pits here and there. Water collects in them and keep standing there for days. They have become ideal places for the breeding of mosquitoes. As a result malaria cases are taking place. Ten persons have already died. We are afraid lest it should take an epidemic form, if steps are not taken to deal with the problem of water logging. I am also sorry to say that no steps have been taken to spray insecticide or DDT over the stagnant water.

You are our representative. I approach you in the hop that you will use your position and take personal interest in eradicating the mosquito menace and improving the sanitary conditions in the town.

I hope it will receive your immediate attention.

Your faithfully

Rahim.

OR

Write on application for the post of an English Teacher (PGT in English) lying vacant in ABC Model School, Solan.

Ans. 27B Model Town

Solan

08-03-2018

The Principal,

ABC Model School

Solan

Subject: Application for the Post of a Teacher in English.

With reference to your advertisement in the 'Hindustan Times' dates 6th March 2018 for the post of a P.G. teacher in the subject of English in your prestigious school, I offer my services for the same. I am a young energetic fellow devoted and dedicated to the cause of my profession. If I am given a chance to serve this prestigious school, I will channelize all my efforts to come upto your expectations and to the satisfaction of the students. My Bio-data is enclosed herewith for your kind perusal and favorable consideration.

Thanking you

Yours faithfully

XYZ

Encl. : Bio-data

BIODATA

Name

:

XYZ

Father's Name	:	Sh. S. K. Oberai
Date of Birth	:	8 th June, 1979
Age	:	28 years
Sex	:	Female
Marital Status	:	Married
Permanent Address	:	27 B, Model Town, Gwalior
Educational Qualification	:	B.A. from Delhi University in 1999 getting 67.5% marks. M.A (English) History from Delhi University in 20xx getting 58.4% marks. B.Ed. from Delhi University in 20xx getting 73.2% marks.
Experience	:	3 years as a T.G.T. in delhi Public School, Delhi
Hobbies	:	Reading, Writing and Music
Personal Details	:	Height 185 cm
Languages Known	:	English, Hindi
References	:	Sh. V. K. Kapoor, Principal Govt. Model School, Karol Bagh, Delhi

Q.6 Write an article in about 150 words on 'Value of Discipline in Life'. [8]

Value of Discipline

Discipline is of paramount importance in life. It is the key to success. It is the training of the mind and the body to respect personal, familial, social, intellectual and moral norms. It teaches a man to make the best use of his time to get the desired results in life. Life without discipline is like a boat without a rubber. Discipline means voluntary or involuntary exercise of restraint on one's whims and caprices, desires, passions and temptations which lead a man astray from the desired goal. It is very essential for an ideal growth and development of an individual and a healthy society. It regulates one's habits and makes him well mannered and civilized in his behavior. It is indispensable in every walk of life. It saves a man from unnecessary inconvenience and humiliation. Indiscipline like a storm leaves behind nothing but destruction and devastation.

We find perfect discipline in natural phenomena. These planets, satellites, seasons etc. follows a definite course of their movement. Any deviation in their movement will bring chaos in the universe. Thus, discipline is the very soul of meaningful, purposeful and beautiful life. No individual, or society or nation can progress without discipline and a particular code of conduct. The habit of discipline should be inculcated right from the very beginning of life. It is very essential for ideal and healthy relationship between man and man. It produces ideal citizens who are the precious asset of a nation.

Submitted By:

XYZ

OR

Write an article on 'Increasing Population-a grave threat to our civilization', in about 150 words.

Population Explosion

India is a developing country which is beset with many problems. But the most dangerous of them is terrific rate of growth in population. India's population has increased three fold since independence and has reached more than one hundred crores. It has led to the birth of many other problems like poverty, illiteracy, unemployment etc. Moreover it is decreasing agricultural land because of the coming up of new colonies. It hampers rapid progress in other walks of life of the Nation.

Population explosion makes nuisance of all are development programs and planning. Many factors can be attributed to the alarming rate of increase in population such as medical facilities, control over population, reduction in death rate as compare to birth rate.

What is now needed is curb this problem of population explosion. A scientific campaign of family planning is needed. Harsh measures should be taken to turn the tide of over population. Those who produce more than two children should be heavily taxed or fined. Over population is such a problem that needs and immediate attention and desperate treatment.

Submitted by:
XYZ

SECTION-C (Literature)

Q.7 **A thing of a sleep.** **[4]**

(i) Name the poem and the poet from which this stanza has been taken.

Ans. Name of poem - A thing of Beauty
Poet - John Keats

(ii) Why does a thing of beauty gives 'joy' forever?

Ans. A thing of beauty is joy forever as it is the permanent source of happiness. It always increases with the passage of time.

(iii) 'A thing of beauty is a joy forever.' How?

Ans. A thing of beauty is a constant source of joy. It never fades. Rather, its beauty always increases. So, it always gives us joy.

(iv) Does a beautiful thing lose its beauty?

Ans. No, a beautiful thing does not lose its beauty . Rather, it increases with time.

OR

Aunt Jennifer's hand.

(i) Name the poem and the poet from which this staza has been taken.

Ans. Name of the Poem - Aunt Jennifer's Tigers
 Poet - Adrienne Rich

(ii) What is Aunt Jennifer doing?

Ans. She is doing embroidery of Tigers on a Canvas.

(iii) What sits heavily on Jennifer's hand?

Ans. The weight of his husband's wedding band lies heavily upon her hand.

(iv) What kind of a person do you think uncle is?

Ans. Uncle is a fearless person and tries to master his wife by passing orders to her day and night.

Q.8 Answer the following questions:

(i) What is the kind of pain and ache that the poet feels? [2]

Ans. The poet looks at her mother while driving to Cochin. She is old. She has grown weak. Her face has grown pale and ash coloured like that of a corpse. It appears her end is near. She will not live long. The poet feels the pain of losing her soon. It is the pain of separation and death.

(ii) What do you think is the colour of 'sour cream'? [2]

Ans. The colour of the "sour cream" is off-white. The classroom seems to have been painted long time back. The paint has faded, and become off white. It expresses the decaying aspect. This describes the pathetic condition of the school as well as of the lives of the children. So, the poet has used this expression.

(iii) Do you think the poet advocates total inactivity and death? [2]

Ans. I don't think the poet advocates total inactivity and death. He advocates that we should keep quiet and still only for a while. He says let's stop for a second. He also makes it clear that what he wants should not be confused with total inactivity because it leads to death and he wants to have no concern with death. His stillness is only for a while to have time to think and ponder over our activities.

(iv) What is suggested by the image 'massive weight of Uncle's wedding band'? [2]

Ans. The wedding band represents the unbreakable bond of marriage between a husband and his wife. Aunt Jennifer is also married and she also has this unbreakable band on her bands. But during this period she had difficult and harsh experiences. The massive weight of Uncle's wedding band is suggestive of this unpleasant and hard experience. Or it symbolizes of this unpleasant and hard experiences of her married life.

Q.9 Answer the following questions:

(i) What had been up on the bulletin board? [2]

Ans. In the Franco-Prussian War (1870-71). France was defected. As a result French districts of Alsace and Lorraine passed into Prussian hands. Immediately, an order was issued from Berlin that henceforth only German would be taught in the schools of Alsace and Lorraine. The teaching of French had been banned forthwith. This order had been put up on the bulletin-board of the Town Hall.

(ii) What is Saheb looking for in the garbage dumps? Where is he and where has he come from? [2]

Ans. Sahed is looking for gold, money, notes and coins in the garbage dumps. He is in Seemapuri on the periphery of Delhi. He has come from Bangladesh. They came here in 1971.

(iii) Why is Rajkumar Shukla described as being resolute?

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Ans. Raj Kumar Shukla had come to the Congress Session to complain about the injustice of the landlord system in Bihar and to take Gandhiji to Champaran. Someone advised him to speak to Gandhiji. He met Gandhiji who could not give any appointment at that time. But Shukla went wherever Gandhiji went. He never left him till Gandhiji agreed. So, he is described as resolute.

(iv) Where was it most likely that the two girls would find work after school? (Going Places)

[2]

Ans. The two girls referred here are Sophie and Jansie. They are classmates and friends. They are soon going to be out of school. Sophie is a day dreamer. She wants to have a boutique of her own. But Jansie thinks that it is not possible as she doesn't have the resources for it. She feels that they both are earmarked to work in a biscuit factory. So, it is likely that they would find work there.

Q.10 Answer the following questions:

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Q. The story 'The Rattrap' is both entertaining and philosophical. Explain.

Ans. Man is a social animal. He cannot live alone by himself. He needs to bond with others. Human loneliness is a great problem of the modern age. The story "The Rattrap" also focuses on human loneliness and the need to bond with others. This is illustrated beautifully at two points. The first illustration is provided by the old crofter and the second by the iron master and his daughter. The old crofter is lonely. He has no wife and no children. One day, the peddler while walking along the road selling his rattraps, reaches the old crofter's cottage to spend the night. He knocks at the door. The door opens. The old crofter receives him with a smiling face. The peddler feels astonished to see this because he has always been meeting sour faces before. But the old man is lonely. He needs someone to talk to. He is very happy to find a man. He serves him food and offers him tobacco to smoke. He goes on talking till very late at night. He thus, fulfills his need to remove his loneliness.

The iron master and his daughter also feel lonely in the manor house. They need company. The iron master invites the peddler to come with him to the farm house as he wants someone to be his guest on Christmas Eve. When the peddler refuses, the iron master goes to his house, but sends his daughter to bring him. She also needs some company. She comes and persuades the peddler to spend the day of Christmas with them. This clearly shows the need to bond with others.

The metaphor of rattrap is an appropriate metaphor for the world. The world is a bigger rattrap. The human beings are rats. Just as the baits in the form of bits of cheese and meat are placed in a rattrap to trap rats, the world sets before human beings baits in the form of riches and joy, shelter and food, heat and clothing to trap human beings. The only purpose of this world is to set these baits before human beings. As soon as a human being is tempted to touch the baits offered by the world, he is caught in the trap of the world from which he can never come out. Everything comes to an end for him.

The peddler was tempted by the bait offered by the old crofter in the form of thirty Kronors. He was lost in the rattrap of the jungle. Had he not been fooled by the bait, he would not have been caught and would have gone his way. But when he was touched by the kindness and friendliness of the daughter of the iron master, he was able to come out of this trap. He could only come clear and was able to free himself only because he did not hold onto the bait of money. Thus, it is correct to say that the story is both entertaining & philosophical.

OR

Q. Why was Kothamangalam Subbu considered No.2 in Gemini studies?

Ans. Kothamangalam Subbu was considered No. 2 in Gemini Studios. The office boy thinks that Subbu could not have had more encouraging opening in films than him. He must have faced more uncertain and difficult times because there were no family established film companies or studios. In matters of formal education, he didn't have a lead over the office boy. But he was born a Brahmin. He had exposure to more affluent situations and people. He had ability to look cheerful at all times even after having a hand in a flop film. He could never do things on his own, but he was very loyal to the Boss. This enabled him to identify himself with the Boss. He could turn his entire creativity to his master's advantage.

He was tailor made for films. He could be inspired when commanded. He always had ways to do scenes. Film making was easy with Subbu. He gave definition and direction to Gemini studios during its golden years. He had a separate identity as a poet. Although, he was capable of more complex and higher forms. He also wrote a long novel with a number of neatly drawn characters. He was also an amazing actor, who never aspired to the lead roles, but performed the subsidiary roles better than the main players. He was very charitable the subsidiary roles better than the main players. He was very charitable and improvident sometimes.

He was very close and intimate with the Boss. He was always ready to say nice things for everybody and everything. He could always be seen with the Boss. He was a sort of a flatterer. And because of these qualities, Subbu was considered No. 2 in the studios.

Q.11 Answer the following questions:

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Q. Do you think that the third level was a medium of escape for Charley? Why?

Ans. Charley is an ordinary man of thirty one. He worked in an office. One night he got late at the office. So, he was in a hurry to reach his apartment to his wife, Louisa. He decided to take the subway from the Grand Central Station because it was faster than the bus. He turned into the Grand Central from Vanderbilt Avenue and went down the steps to the first level. Then, he walked down another flight of stairs to the second level. Suburban trains leave from here. There he ducked into an arched doorway heading for the subway. And he got lost and reached the third level. Now, Charley does not know how this happened to him. He was not trying to escape from anything. He just wanted to get home to Louise, his wife.

But the third level Charley reaches is certainly a medium of escape for him. He lives in a modern world. It is full of insecurity fear, war, worry and all the rest of it. Charley has to confront all these like all others. These things make life unpleasant and unbearable. Charley's psychiatrist friend also tells him that it was his waking-dream wish fulfillment. He is unhappy. When Charley's wife comes to know of it, she also feels worried. But the

psychiatrist friend tells her that there is nothing wrong with him. He first wants to escape from the realities of life. His friends also agree with the psychiatrist. They say that everything points to it. Even his stamp collecting is a temporary refuge from reality. But Charley doesn't admit it. He says that his grandfather also did stamp collecting. He didn't need any refuge from reality. Things were pretty nice and peaceful in his days.

But the third level Charley reaches on the Grand Central is certainly a medium of escape for him. It is a creation of his mind. He wanders on the third level and reaches the world of 1894-a romantic world quite different from our world. From the third level he wants to go to Galesburg in 1894. Everything was fine and peaceful there. Charley definitely finds peace of mind in that world.

OR

Q. On the basis of your reading of the story "Evans Tries an O-Level", what do you feel about Evans' having last laugh?

Ans. Having the last laugh means being successful when you were not expected to be successful or making your opponents look stupid. The story truly proves it. In the end, when everything seemed to have been lost for Evans, he made the Governor look stupid and was able to escape to freedom.

In the final act, Evans has reached Golden Lion in Chipping safety. He takes the key of his room from the receptionist and goes there. But when he opens the door, he is paralyzed to see the Governor there. The Governor has too used the reference 313/371 to reach Chipping Norton. The Governor tells him that now he has no chance of escape, but asks him how he (Evans) managed to plan all this business. He had no visitors. He had no letters. Evans tells him that he has a lot of friends. His German teacher was not from the Technical Collage. He was Evans's friend.

The Governor is happy. He has been able to grab Evans. They come down the stairs. The receptionist tells him that everything is ready. The prison van is there. A prison officer handcuffs Evans and the two men climb awkwardly into the back seat of the van. The van moves, but as it turns on to the Oxford Road, the prison officer unlocks the handcuffs and they move to Newbury to freedom.

Obviously, the prison officers were Evans's friends. They had acquired the prison van in the morning on the pretext that it was needed by the Magistrate's office for a remand case.

The episode is entirely surprising. When it appears that Evans had at last been caught, his friends spring a surprise. The Governor, despite being aware that he was dealing with very cunning criminate did not try to make sure that the two prison officers were actually Evans's friends. Evans proved to be exceptionally cunning, crafty and delusive.

Q.12 Answer the following questions:

(i) Who is the Tiger King? Why does he get that name?

[2]

Ans. When the prince was only ten-day old, the chief astrologer predicted that death would come to him from the Tiger, as he was born in the hour of the Bull and the Bull and the Tiger were enemies. Hearing these words, the crown prince did not tremble. Instead, he gave a deep growl and terrifying words "Let tigers beware!" emerged from his lips. He even killed

around 99 tigers just to prove the predication wrong. That is why he got the name Tiger King.

(ii) What will Dr. Sadao do get rid of the man?

[2]

Ans. Dr. Sadao was a Doctor, it is clear that he does not want the man to die. He has operated upon him. He has made him recover and gain strength. If now Dr. Sadao hands him over to the police, he is sure to be killed, which Dr. Sadao does not want. So, he will help him to escape. He will provide him his boat, clothes, food and water and help him escape to safety. And that is what he what he really does.

(iii) Do you think Mr. Lamb's talk with Derry will change Derry's attitude towards Life?

[2]

Ans. All this refers to Lamb's encouragement to Derry. The encouragement given by Lamb to Derry will definitely change Derry's attitude towards Mr. Lamb. He will be attracted to Mr. Lamb. Mr. Lamb shows no fear or shock on seeing Derry's burnt face. He does not try to avoid Derry. He welcomes him to his garden and talks lovingly with him. He fills him with self confidence. He says to Derry that he has two arms, two legs, two eyes, two ears, a tongue and a brain. So, he can get on in life like all others. He could even do better. All this fills Derry with love an admiration for Mr. Lab. He no longer calls him a crazy old man.

(iv) Who was Bama?

[2]

Ans. Bama was a Tamil Dalit woman. Bama is the pen name. She suffered the discrimination of the society due to her lower caste. She fought against it. She wrote many articles and books on it.
