

## English 2014 (Outside Delhi)

## SET I

Time allowed : 3 hours

Maximum marks : 100

### SECTION – A (READING)

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1. Read the following passage and answer the questions that follow : [12]

1. Too many parents these days can't say no. As a result, they find themselves raising children who respond greedily to the advertisements aimed right at them. Even getting what they want doesn't satisfy some kids; they only want more. Now, a growing number of psychologists, educators and parents think it's time to stop the madness and start teaching kids about what's really important: values like hard work, contentment, honesty and compassion. The struggle to set limits has never been tougher – and the stakes have never been higher. One recent study of adults who were overindulged as children, paints a discouraging picture of their future : when given too much too soon, they grow up to be adults who have difficulty coping with life's disappointments. They also

have a distorted sense of entitlement that gets in the way of success in the work place and in relationships.

2. Psychologists say that parents who overindulge their kids, set them up to be more vulnerable to future anxiety and depression. Today's parents themselves raised on values of thrift and self-sacrifice, grew up in a culture where 'no' was a household word. Today's kids want much more, partly because there is so much more to want. The oldest members of this Generation Excess were born in the late 1980s, just as PCs and video games were making their assault on the family room. They think of MP3 players and flat-screen TVs as essential utilities, and they have developed strategies to get them. One survey of teenagers found that when they crave something new, most expect to ask nine times before their parents give in. By every measure, parents are shelling out record amounts. In the heat of this

buying blitz, even parents who desperately need to say no find themselves reaching for their credit cards.

3. Today's parents aren't equipped to deal with the problem. Many of them, raised in the 1960s and '70s, swore they'd act differently from their parents and have closer relationships with their own children. Many even wear the same designer clothes as their kids and listen to the same music. They even work more hours; so at the end of a long week, it's tempting to buy peace with a 'yes' and not mar precious family time with conflict. Anxiety about the future is another factor. How do well intentioned parents say no to all the sports gear and arts and language lessons they believe will help their kids thrive in an increasingly competitive world? Experts agree: too much love won't spoil a child. Too few limits will.
4. What parents need to find, is a balance between the advantages of an affluent society and the critical life lessons that come from waiting, saving and working hard to achieve goals. That search for balance has to start early. Children need limits because they feel better and more secure when they live within a secured structure. Older children learn self-control by watching how others, especially their parents act. Learning how to overcome challenges, is essential to becoming a successful adult. Few parents ask kids to do chores. They think their kids are already overburdened by social and academic pressures. Every individual can be of service to others, and life has meaning beyond one's own immediate happiness. That means parents eager to teach values have to take a long, hard look at their own.

(a) Answer the following:

- (i) What values do parents and teachers want children to learn? [2]
- (ii) What are the results of giving the children too much too soon? [2]
- (iii) Why do today's children want more? [2]
- (iv) What is the balance which the parents need to have in today's world? [2]
- (v) What is the necessity to set limits for children? [2]
- (b) Pick out words from the passage that mean the same as the following: [3]

(i) A feeling of satisfaction (para 1)

(ii) Valuable (para 3)

(iii) Important (para 4)

Answer: (a)

- (i) Teachers and parents want children to learn values like hard work, contentment, honesty and compassion.
- (ii) Giving children too much too soon brings its own ill-effects as they grow up to be adults who experience difficulty in coping up with life's disappointments. They also have a distorted sense of entitlement that hinders their success at work place and in relationships.
- (iii) Children of present time want more because of the increasing desire. and because there are so many things to want.
- (iv) In today's world, there is an exigent need for parents to strike a balance between the advantages of an affluent society and the critical life lessons that come from waiting, saving and working hard to achieve goals.
- (v) There is a necessity to set limits for children because they feel better and more assured when they live within a secured structure.
- (b) (i) Contentment  
(ii) Precious  
(iii) Essential.

2. Read the passage carefully. [8]

1. I remember my childhood as being generally happy and can recall experiencing some of the most carefree times of my life. But I can also remember, even more vividly, moments of being deeply frightened. As a child, I was truly terrified of the dark and getting lost. These fears were very real and caused me some extremely uncomfortable moments.
2. May be it was the strange way in which things looked and sounded familiar in my room at night that scared me so much. There was never total darkness, but a street light or passing car lights made clothes hung over a chair take on the shape of an unknown beast. Out of the corner of my eye, I saw curtains move when there was no breeze. A tiny creak in the floor would sound a hundred times louder than in the daylight and my imagination would take over, creating burglars and monsters. Darkness always made me feel helpless. My heart would pound and I would lie very still so that 'the enemy' wouldn't discover me.

3. Another childhood fear of mine was that I would get lost, especially on the way home from school. Every morning, I got on the school bus right near my home – that was no problem. After school, though, when all the buses were lined up along the curve, I was terrified that I would get on the wrong one and be taken to some unfamiliar neighbourhood. I would scan the bus for the faces of my friends, make sure that the bus driver was the same one that had been there in the morning, and even then ask the others over and over again to be sure I was in the right bus. On school or family trips to an amusement park or a museum, I wouldn't let the leaders out of my sight. And of course, I was never very adventurous when it came to taking walks or hikes because I would go only where I was sure I would never get lost.

4. Perhaps, one of the worst fears I had as a child was that of not being liked or accepted by others. First of all, I was quite shy. Secondly, I worried constantly about my looks, thinking people wouldn't like me because I was too fat or wore braces. I tried to wear 'the right clothes' and had intense arguments with my mother over the importance of wearing flats instead of saddled shoes to school. Being popular was very important to me then, and the fear of not being liked was a powerful one.

5. One of the processes of evolving from a child to an adult is being able to recognise and overcome our fears. I have learnt that darkness does not have to take on a life of its own, that others can help me when I am lost and that friendliness and sincerity will encourage people to like me. Understanding the things that scared us, as children helps to cope with our lives as adults.

(a) On the basis of your reading of the above passage, make notes using headings and sub-headings. Use recognisable abbreviations wherever necessary. [5]

(b) Make a summary of the passage in not more than 80 words using the notes made and also suggest a suitable title. [3]

Answer: (a)

### Childhood Nostalgia

#### 1. Recollection of childhood memories

- (i). Happy and carefree
- (ii) Terrified of darkness and getting lost

#### 2. Childhood fears or hallucinating vibes

- (i) Feeling helpless in the dark
- (ii). Strange shadows-an unknown beast
- (iii) Moving curtains
- (iii) Creaking sounds
- (iv) Imagining burglars and monsters
- (v) Lying still, with pounding heart
- (vi). Fear of getting lost (on the way back home)
- (vii) Scanning school bus searching familiar faces, same driver
- (viii) Re-confirming the bus
- (ix) Not letting leaders out of sight
- (x) Avoiding adventurous act
- (xi) Going only when sure of not being lost
- (xii) Fear of not being liked
- (xiii) Quite shy
- (xiv) Worried about fat-looks, having braces, right clothes
- (xv) Wearing the right clothes
- (xvi) Flats vs. saddled shoes for school
- (xvii) Imp. of popularity

#### 3. Coping with childhood fears as an adult

- (i) Undg. evolution process from a child to an adult
- (ii) Recog. and overcoming fears
- (iii) Accepting help from others
- (iv) Role of friendliness and sincerity
- (v) Undg. things that were scary

#### abbreviations used

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|--------------------------|------------------------|
| 1. &-and                 | 2. Act.-activities     |
| 3. Vs.-versus            | 4. Imp.-importance     |
| 5. Undg. – understanding | 6. Recog.- recognizing |

(b)

#### SUMMARY

The narrator had happy and carefree moments in his childhood. However, darkness scared him with its shadows, unexpected movement of curtains and blatant creaking sounds, made him imagine about monsters and burglars. He felt helpless and was scared of getting lost. Before boarding his school bus, he looked in for familiar faces. He was shy and afraid of not being liked by others which had been his biggest phobia. As he evolved from a child to an adult, he realised that understanding things that scare us as a child helps in coping with the challenges of life.

## SECTION – B

## (WRITING SKILLS)


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3. You were very upset about the reports on communal riots in various parts of the country. As a concerned social worker, design a poster in not more than 50 words, highlighting the importance of communal harmony. You are Vinay/Vineeta. [5]

OR

The Literary Club of your school is putting up the play 'Waiting for Godot'. As secretary of the club, draft an invitation inviting the famous writer Sudesh Gupta to be the guest of honour at the function. Write the invitation in not more than 50 words. You are Govind/Gauri.

Answer :

<b>COMMUNAL HARMONY</b>	
"The Need of The Hour"	
When Diwali ends with 'Ali' and 'Ramadan' starts with 'Ram' then why fight in the name of religion.	
	Live and Let Live Let's stop Communal Riots!
Issued in Public Interest by Vinay/Vineeta Social Worker	

OR

The Literary Club,  
 XYZ School  
 12<sup>th</sup> Feb, 20XX  
 The Writer  
 Sudesh Gupta,

**Subject : Invitation to be the guest of honor**

Dear Sir,

The literary Club of XYZ School requests the pleasure of your esteemed presence on the occasion of Annual Theatre Festival on Friday, 19th Feb, 20XX at 9.00 a.m. at the School Auditorium.

The students of the School are putting up the play 'Waiting for Godot'. Your presence will encourage the students thereby making the occasion more meaningful and attractive. Hope

our invitation will be accepted by you.

Thanks,

Gauri/Govind

Secretary

The literary Club

XYZ School

4. Last week the newly built auditorium of your school was inaugurated. As Deepak/Deepti Saha, the head boy/head girl of the school, write a factual description of the auditorium in 125-150 words. [10]

OR

You had attended a workshop on personality development for students. Many eminent personalities had been present. Write a report in 125-150 words on how the workshop proved to be beneficial. You are Rajesh/Rajshree.

**Answer: NEWLY BUILT AUDITORIUM**

By Deepak Saha / Head boy/Deepti Saha/  
 Head girl

The newly built auditorium of our school was inaugurated last week by Mr. Anand Seth, the MP. The auditorium is quite spacious and well-ventilated. It has five gates so as to avoid any chaos or mishap while entering or leaving the auditorium. Just after entering, one can see the exhibited portraits of educationists and artists on the walls. The seating space has been designed to accommodate about 5000 students. The roof is well-designed so as to give it a lively look. The seats are comfortable and arranged properly for a better visibility of the performances on the stage. Special care has been taken to build the stage of the auditorium. The dazzling lighting system, which constitutes dramatic lights, spot lights, etc., and the digital sound system have been installed by a leading company. The highly equipped auditorium has become an instant hit among the students and was even highly appreciated by Mr. Anand Seth, the guest of honour.

OR

**WORKSHOP ON PERSONALITY DEVELOPMENT**

By Rajesh / Rajshree

A workshop on personality development was organised by our school on last Thursday. Students of class XI and XII participated in the workshop. The purpose of the workshop was to prepare the students for their future in order to face bigger challenges in life. Students were

addressed on various topics like self-analysis, body language, life-skills and etiquettes. Several activities and group discussions were conducted in order to help the students to enhance their communication and public speaking skills. The workshop was also graced by the presence of eminent personalities like Sushmita Sen and Kiran Rao Kher. They interacted with the students and spoke about the importance of interpersonal skills. Students left the workshop beaming with confidence and optimism.

5. You are Anand/Arti of 14, Model Town, Delhi. You have seen an advertisement in The Hindu for the post of chief chef in a 5-Star hotel. Apply for the job with complete biodata. Write in 125-150 words. [10]

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 Mumbai. Write a letter to the Public Relations Officer, Chantac Enterprises, Mumbai, applying for the job. Write the letter in 125-150 words giving your biodata.

Answer:

14, Model Town  
Delhi  
June 15<sup>th</sup>, 20XX,  
The Chairman,  
The Hindu,  
Gurgaon.

**Subject : Job application for the position of Chief Chef**

Dear Sir/Madam,

With reference to your advertisement in the newspaper, 'The Hindu' dated June 8th, 201XX, for the post of Chief Chef, I wish to offer my services for the same.

I am Arti/Anand, a post-graduate in Hotel Management, from B.M College, Delhi.

Please find my attached bio-data for the purpose. I would like to connote that I am a hard working girl/boy with a keen sense of interest in different cuisines flavours, herbs and essential seasoning. I am adept at the culinary skills and have mastery in cooking. I have also undergone an industrial training of ten months at 'The Grand,' Gurgaon. If selected, I assure you that I shall work with utmost diligence and sincerity.

I thank you in anticipation of an early response.

Yours Faithfully,

Arti Anand Singh

**BIO-DATA**

Name: Arti/Anand Singh  
Father's Name: Mr. Dilip Singh  
Address: 14, Model Town, Delhi  
Phone: 91xxxxxxxxxx  
Date of Birth: 5th September, 19XX  
Marital Status: Unmarried  
Educational: M.Phil. in Chemistry, HM College, Delhi (20XX-1X)  
Qualification: Diploma in Hotel Administration, HM College, Delhi (20XX-XX)  
Experience: Trainee at The Grand, Gurgaon (July 201XX-April, 20XX)  
Skills: Excellent communication skills, knowledge of different cuisine, diligent, ability to manipulate things in need.  
Languages known: English, Hindi and Gujarati  
References: (1) Mr. Kapil Sharma  
Head of F Food Operations  
The Grand, Gurgaon  
(2) Malvika Ray  
Head of Department  
HM College, Delhi

OR

16, TT Nagar,  
Bhopal

February 20<sup>th</sup>, 20XX

The Public Relations Officer,  
Chantac Enterprises,  
Mumbai.

**Subject : Job application for the post of Marketing Manager.**

Dear Sir/Madam,

With reference to your advertisement in 'The Hindu' dated January 10th, 20XX, I, Parul/Prem take the opportunity to offer my services for the post of Marketing Manager in your prestigious firm.

I am a diligent and honest person who is passionate about marketing. I completed my MBA in 20XX, and since then, I have been working with RP Communications, as a Manager.

I am here with, enclosing my bio-data along with the photocopies of certificates and testimonials for your further perusal and query. If selected, I assure you that I shall work with utmost devotion and sincerity to your full satisfaction.

Hoping for a favourable response.

Thank You

Yours Sincerely,

Parul/Prem

Encl : Biodata

### BIO-DATA

Name: Parul/Prem Kumar  
 Father's Name: Mr. Rakesh Kumar  
 Address: 16, TT Nagar, Bhopal  
 Phone: 91xxxxxxxxx  
 Date of Birth: 27th September, 19XX  
 Marital Status: Unmarried  
 Educational: MBA in Finance, Management  
 DT Institute, Gurgaon  
 (20XX-XX)  
 Qualification: B.Com. in Accountancy, BU  
 (20XX-XX)  
 Experience : Manager at RP  
 Communications (Apr. 20XX-  
 February 20XX)  
 Skills: Excellent communication  
 skills, punctual, sincere,  
 lively, ability to convince and  
 influence people .  
 Languages known: English, Hindi and Spanish  
 References: (1) Mr. D.K. Paul  
 Chairman,  
 RP Communications,  
 Bhopal  
 (2) Mr. Subrata Das  
 Head of Department,  
 Commerce,  
 BU

6. Last week, as you were coming back from school you happened to see a huge plastic bag full of leftovers of food being flung into the middle of the road from a speeding car. You wondered how people can be so devoid of civic sense. Write an article in 125-150 words on why we lack civic sense and how civic sense can be inculcated in children at a very young age. You are Shiva/Shamini. [10]

OR

You saw a stray dog beaten to death by a group of boys. Their act infuriated you and you scolded them for their cruel act. You decided to write an article on cruelty to animals. Write the article in 125-150 words. You are Nikhil/Naina.

Answer :

### LACK OF CIVIC SENSE

By Shiva/Shamini

Negligent attitude of the people seem to be the order of the day in today's harsh world. Modern society has given birth to indifferent and offensive individuals. People no longer think of the after effects of their negligent activities. They are driven more by their selfish needs.

People seldom follow traffic rules in India and are seen littering the streets with piles of trash. They show no respect for public property. Vandalism, road rage and intolerance are rampant on the streets. Perseverance and patience are rare virtues to be seen in people behind the wheels.

Inculcating a strong civic sense is the need of the hour. Parents must instill civic sense in children at an early age. They must be taught the values of cleanliness, discipline, patience and tolerance. Parents must encourage their children to keep their surroundings clean as well as should practice what they preach to their children. Children should be taught to respect and abide by the rules as they are the future of the country. Our country can progress only if we teach right values to our children. As a civilised citizen, it becomes the duty of a parent to fathom this dire need and start off this task at the earliest, as family is the first institution for a child to learn the right thing.

OR

### CRUELTY TO ANIMALS

By Naina/Nikhil

Animals should be treated with love and compassion. However, we often fail to perform this duty.

Instances of animal cruelty are on rise in our society. Poachers mercilessly kill animals for their skin, fur and teeth. This has led to the extinction of several species of animals which has affected the ecological balance of our planet. Several companies use animals for testing medicines and cosmetics. Similarly, animals are often ill-treated and also sometimes forced into performing circus tricks and other activities for our entertainment. Even 'the tiger', one of the



endangered species, is on the verge of being extinct.

We must understand that co-existence and harmony between humans and animals is essential for our planet's survival. We must be more responsible and protective towards animals. Ill-treatment with animals is the act of barbarism which is beyond the limit of one's conscientiousness. We must learn to love and treat them as living creatures. Animals lack in power of expression but they possess the feelings of pain and agony. It is time that we reform our ways towards the animals. Immediate steps should be taken by the government to ensure proper care, protection and shelter for these animals.

### SECTION-C

#### (LITERATURE : TEXT BOOKS) 45

7. Read the following extract and answer the questions that follow : [4]

Spite of despondence, of the inhuman dearth  
Of noble natures, of the gloomy days,  
Of all the unhealthy and o'er-darkened ways  
Made for our searching : yes in spite of all,  
Some shape of beauty moves away the pall  
From our dark spirits.

- (a) Name the poem and the poet. [1]  
(b) Why are we 'despondent' ? [2]  
(c) What removes 'the pall from our dark spirits'? [1]

OR

..... And yet, for these  
Children, these windows, not this map, their  
world.  
Where all their future's painted with a fog,  
A narrow street sealed in with a lead sky  
For far from rivers, capes, and stars of words.

- (a) Who are the 'children' referred to here ?  
(b) Which is their world ?  
(c) How is their life different from that of other children ?

Answer:

- (a) The lines have been taken from the poem 'A Thing of Beauty' by John Keats.

- (b) The world we live in is full of depression illness and despair as there is demisal of noble souls. These evil and dark emotions leave us despondent and despicable.  
(c) The poet says that even though the world is not a place worth living in because of the umpteen reasons which gloom and depress, the gusto to live a happy and content life can be derived from the sight of the beautiful bounties of nature around us. It is the thing of beauty which charms us and makes this world feel like heaven. These beautiful things remove the pall from our dark spirits.

OR

- (a) The children who study in an elementary school and live in the slum are referred to here.  
(b) Their world comprises of what they see from the window of their classroom. The view is full of despair and their future seems blurred and vague. They are confined to the narrow streets of the slum, far away from the open sky and rivers.  
(c) The children in the slums spend their whole life confined in 'cramped holes' like rodents. They lack the basic amenities of life like proper food, clothing, shelter and health benefits. In fact, they are also deprived of the freedom to leave the shackles of this life and enjoy the 'green fields' as other children do. As a result, their life is left on the bereft part of unpleasant chores, which is absolutely unlike the other children.

8. Answer any two of the following in about 30-40 words each : [2×2=4]

- (a) What was the poet's childhood fear ?  
(b) What is the sadness the poet refers to in the poem 'Keeping Quiet' ?  
(c) How are Aunt Jennifer's tigers different from her ?

Answer :

- (a) As a child, the poet always feared losing her mother.  
(b) The poet refers to the 'sadness' of failing to understand oneself in the monotonous every day existence. He also finds it sad that the humanity is moving towards its own ruins, owing to its unprecedented actions. He

regrets the rush of maneuvering others that has made one forget the values of humanity.

- (c) Aunt Jennifer's tigers are proud, free, dauntless and sure of themselves. Unlike them, Aunt Jennifer is terrified and oppressed by her chauvinist husband. She lived her life under constant pressure of duties and responsibilities of a married lady. Living a life on her own terms is a far-fetched dream for her.

9. Answer any six of the following in about 30-40 words each : [6 x 2=12]

- (a) Why did Sophie long for her brother's affection ?  
 (b) Why did Edla plead with her father not to send the vagabond away ?  
 (c) What job did Saheb take up ? Was he happy ?  
 (d) Why were the elders of the village sitting in the classroom ?  
 (e) Why did the Maharaja order the Diwan to double the land tax ?  
 (f) Why did Roger Skunk go to see the old owl ?  
 (g) Why was Zitkala-Sa in tears on the first day in the land of apples ?

Answer :

- (a) Geoff was reserved by nature and did not speak much which was envied by Sophie. She thought that he had access to a world which she had never got a chance to visit. She craved to be a part of her brother's world and ended up longing for his affection.  
 (b) Edla was a kind-hearted woman. She was disheartened by the plight of the poor peddler. She requested her father to allow him to spend one day with them in peace as a respite from the struggle that he had to endure round the year.  
 (c) Saheb took up a job at a tea-stall. He was not happy because he lost his freedom and his 'carefree look' which he had, when he scrounged the garbage for eight-hundred rupees.  
 (d) The elders of the village were present in the classroom to attend the last French lesson by Mr. Hamel. They not only paid their respects and tribute to Mr. Hamel but also showed their interest towards their own language that was perhaps being taught for the last time in the village.  
 (e) Having heard about the vanishing of sheeps, the Maharaja set out to find the hundredth tiger, that was the cause behind all the happenings. However, the

tiger could not be found. In his rage, the Maharaja ordered the Diwan to double the land tax.

- (f) Roger Skunk, alike his name was a nasty skunk who had a foul body odour because of which, other small animals avoided playing with him. He too wanted to have friends to play with. Hence, to get rid of the foul smell, he went to the wise owl and requested him to make him smell like roses.  
 (g) Zitkala-Sa was in tears because her hair was cut mercilessly. Relentlessly moaning for her mother, she kicked wildly and cried out loud, continuously shaking her head in resistance. At last, she gave up helplessly.
10. Answer any one of the following in 100-125 words : [5]  
 Why is the Champaran episode considered to be the beginning of the Indian struggle for Independence?

OR

What was the General's plan to get rid of the American prisoner? Was it executed? What traits of the General's character are highlighted in the lesson 'The Enemy'?

Answer: The episode of Champaran was considered to be the beginning of the Indian struggle for Independence because, for the first time, the farmers and peasants rose against the Britishers. The peasants were oppressed by their British landlords, but they lacked the courage to protest. Under the leadership of Gandhiji, they became aware of their rights. A small farmer, Rajkumar Shukla, from a small district, Champaran, helped to bring about a very prominent change. He championed the cause of Champaran movement. Likewise, many other peasants from the villages fought courageously and contributed in their own way to the movement. Their combined effort eventually helped them to win the battle of Champaran and to finally free themselves from 'Share Cropping' arrangement. The success also proved, for the first time, the effectiveness of Gandhiji's method of non-violence and non-cooperation. Gandhiji exulted over them and made the villagers feel self-dependant and undaunted.

OR

The General planned to kill the American prisoner by sending his personal assassins and then removing his body from Sadao's house. The plan was not executed because the General forgot his promise to send the assassins.



The old General had a long expressionless face, which seemed to reflect the cold and calculated ruthlessness of the man as a General. He had an unusual sense of humour and seemed to generate fear in the hearts of others quite effortlessly. In his interaction with Sadao, he came across as a man who puts his self-interest above everything else. As Sadao was the only person whom he trusted with his operation, he lets Sadao off the hook. His cold and calculating streak was manifested in the meticulousness with which he latched out the plan of executing the American prisoner of war whom Sadao had given refuge.

11. Both Derry and Lamb are physically impaired and lonely. It is the responsibility of society to understand and support people with infirmities so that they do not suffer from a sense of alienation. As a responsible citizen, write in about 100 words

what you would do to bring about a change in the lives of such people. [5]

Answer : In the story, both Derry and Lamb are physically impaired and lonely. Such people can only live their lives with respect and honour, if they are not ridiculed and punished with heartless pity. These people expect empathy, rather than sympathy, from others. If everyone looks down at them with a pessimistic approach, they may never be able to come out of their sorrow; consequently, they may recline to their own secluded worlds. As responsible citizens, we should understand the tremendous mental and emotional pressure these people go through. Instead of reminding them of their disabilities, we should give them the chance to live a normal life.

## English 2014 (Outside 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

### SECTION - B

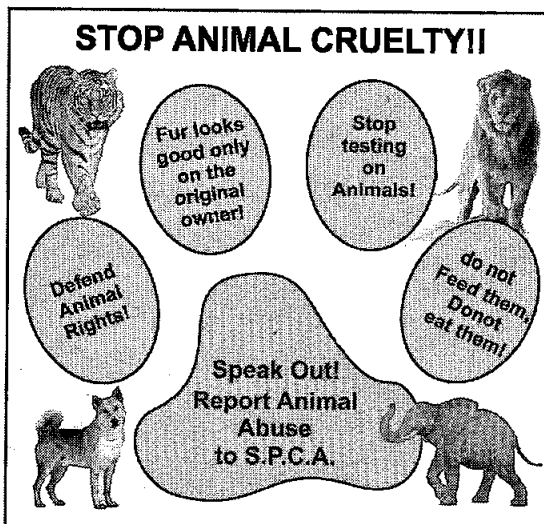
#### (WRITING SKILLS)

3. You are a member of the S.P.C.A. Draft a poster in not more than 50 words, to create awareness on the need to prevent cruelty to animals. You are Suhas/Suhasini. [5]

OR

As the principal of a reputed college, you have been invited to inaugurate a Book Exhibition in your neighborhood. Draft a reply to the invitation in not more than 50 words, expressing your inability to attend the function. You are Tarun/Tranvi.

Answer:



OR

PQ Colony,

New Delhi.

1<sup>st</sup> March, 20XX

Sub : Reply to the invitation

Dear Mr. XYZ,

Thank you for your thoughtful invitation for the inauguration of the Book Exhibition. However, I regret to inform you that I will not be able to attend it due to a prior engagement. I extend my warm wishes to you and all those involved with the event.

Best regards,

Yours sincerely,

Tarun/Tranvi

Principal, PQR College

6. A newspaper report on a recent terrorist attack in your locality shattered you. You decided to write an article in a local daily on terrorist attacks and the need to maintain peace and harmony in society. Write the article in 125-150 words. You are Madhav/Meena.

OR

India is a tourists' paradise. But we have not really exploited our tourism possibilities. Write an article in 125-150 words on 'Tourism in India'. You are Ravi/Rani. [10]

**Answer:**

**CURBING TERRORISM**

By Meena/Madhav

Terrorism is one of the major threats that is faced by our country. We live under constant fear of violence and death. Common man no longer feels safe. At every nook and corner, lurks the threat of an imminent terrorist attack. It is a giant threat which the world is confronted to. Activities of terrorists have created a horrendous grief in the hearts of the common masses.

Some of the factors that have given rise to terrorism are lack of education, unemployment, poor economy and religious differences. But, it is high time that we join hands to fight and combat terrorism. India has always boasted of its unity in diversity. Keeping this in view, we need to spread the message of peace and harmony across the nation.

Strengthening the intelligence network, proper policy formation and effective implementation of Prevention of Terrorism Act (POTA) are some of the steps that can be taken up to reduce terrorist attacks. It is also necessary to educate the masses and make them aware of the safety measures. It is the need of the hour to keep a constant vigil on

the safety of our very own nation.

**OR**  
**TOURISM IN INDIA**

By Ravi/Rani

India is known for its rich flora and fauna, beautiful landscapes, glorious past and varied cultural trends. All these make India a major attraction for tourists from all over the world. Tourists from far-away places visit our motherland and are influenced by its scintillating beauty. However, tourism in India has been constantly suffering setbacks due to the various factors.

Pot-holed and filthy roads, rickety buses, over-charged taxis and delayed trains make travelling a nightmare in India. Moreover, the absence of decent and hygienic accommodations at a reasonable cost adds to the distress of tourists visiting India. Besides, the growing menace of terrorism is a huge deterrent and hindrance for tourists.

The Government of India needs to put concerted efforts to revamp and rejuvenate tourism in the country. Utmost emphasis should be placed on infrastructure development and increasing the security. Such effects will certainly make India the leader in the world of tourism.

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**English 2014 (Outside 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

**SECTION – B**  
**(WRITING SKILLS)**

3. You are a fitness trainer in a health club. Design a poster in not more than 50 words, to emphasise the importance of exercise in maintaining mental and physical fitness. You are Prem/Priya. [5]

OR

You have received an invitation to be the judge for a literary competition in St. Ann’s School. Send a reply in not more than 50 words, confirming your acceptance. You are Mohan/Mohini.

Answer :

**EXERCISE MORE, LIVE MORE!**  
The first wealth is health!  
—Ralph Waldo Emerson

Skipping Jogging Yoga Swimming

**Regular Exercise**

- Physical Exercise
- Mental Exercise

OR

**Answer:**

22/4, PQ Puri,  
New Delhi  
23<sup>rd</sup> February, 20XX  
St. Ann's School  
New Delhi

**Subject : Acceptance of the invitation**

Dear Sir,

I acknowledge, with gratitude, the invitation extended to me to judge the literary competition which is to be held in St. Ann's School. I accept the invitation whole-heartedly and confirm my presence on that day and time. I will surely make it without fail.

Regards,

Mohini/Mohan

4. Your brother is going to Chennai to write an entrance exam. You have requested your friend to meet him at the railway station and arrange accommodation for him. As your brother has not seen your friend, give a detailed factual description of your friend in 125-150 words, so that your brother can recognise him easily. You are Parvesh/Parvati. [10]

OR

A few teachers and students from the Edwin University had visited your school on an exchange programme. You welcomed them grandly. Write a report in 125-150 words on the celebration. You are Brijesh/Benu.

**Answer:**

Dear Karan,

As you are leaving for Chennai to appear for your entrance examination, I have asked my friend Sunny to meet you at the railway station and he will be arranging accommodation for you. Since you have not seen Sunny, his factual description is as follows.

Sunny is about 22 years old and he is 6 feet tall. He has a wheatish complexion and has long hair, which he usually wears in a pony tail. He told me that he will be wearing a yellow T-shirt and a pair of navy blue jeans while picking you up at the station. He has big eyes and there is a scar above his left cheek. He keeps a french beard and there is a small wound on the left side of his forehead. He wears stone studded rings on

three of his fingers, one of which has a bright red colored ruby. Hope you will find him easily.

Yours lovingly,  
Parvesh/Parvati

OR

**EXCHANGE PROGRAMME**

By Brijesh/Benu

A group of teachers of Edwin University along with their students visited our school on a two-week long exchange programme. They were given a grand welcome by the students of our school. Many of the alumini were also invited to attend the programme. The grand event began with the inaugural speech by our Principal followed by the coordinator of the exchange programme. Their elaborate speeches focused on explaining the significance and characteristics of this exchange programme. This was followed by a cultural programme having one of the main attractions as the Rajasthani folk dance which was presented by the students of class sixth. Interestingly, the cultural programme started on a hilarious note and ended with a patriotic song. The music compelled the students of Edwin University to dance along with the cheerful crowd. The celebration ended with the Indian national anthem, sung by all the participants and the audience. It was a wonderful experience to be cherished.

5. You are Arman/Arpita of 14, MG Road, Pune. You had bought the text book. 'Vistas' for class XII from a neighbourhood bookstore. After skimming through the book, you realized that few of the pages were missing and the print overlapped on a few pages. Write a complaint letter in 125-150 words to the Manager, Dawn Books, Lawrence Road, Chennai requesting him for a replacement or refund. [10]

OR

You had bought an expensive wrist watch last week. Now you realize that it is not functioning properly. Write a letter in 125-150 words to the Manager, Edison Watch Works, New Delhi, complaining about it and requesting him to repair or replace it immediately. You are Gobind/Gopa of 68, Park Street, Kolkata.

**Answer :**

14, MG Road,  
Pune.

2<sup>nd</sup> February, 20XX

The Manager ,  
Dawn Books,  
Lawrence Road ,  
Chennai.

**Subject : Replacement of the book 'Vistas'/  
Refund for the purchase.**

Dear Sir,

I had bought the text book 'Vistas' from your bookstore against (bill No. 002223, dated 12/4/20XX). After going through the book, I found that few pages were missing. Moreover, on some pages, the print is overlapped which is making it difficult to read.

I have bought many books from your book store and have never encountered such problem before. My exams are approaching, therefore, I request you to replace the book as soon as possible or refund the money at the earliest. I have attached a copy of the bill for your reference.

Yours truly,  
Arman/Arpita

OR

68, Park Street,  
Kolkata.  
16<sup>th</sup> June, 20XX,  
The Manager,  
Edison Watch Works,  
New Delhi.

**Sub : Complaint regarding defective wrist  
watch.**

Dear Sir,

With reference to the bill no. 008453, dated 6-6-20XX, I apprise you that I bought a watch from your retail showroom. However, I regret to inform you that the watch has not been functioning properly from the day of purchase. The watch does not keep correct time and stops every few hours. I have tried resetting the time, but that was of no use. I work as a security guard and having a watch is important for my work, as I have to record the time when people are visiting or leaving my work place. The watch has turned out to be a big trouble rather than being useful to me. I request you to either repair or replace the watch at the earliest. I have enclosed a copy of the bill for your reference.

Regards,  
Gobind/Gopa

**SECTION – C  
(LITERATURE)**

10. Answer any one of the following in 100-125 words: [5]

**Gandhiji was not a loyalty to abstractions; it was a loyalty to living, human beings. Why did Gandhiji continue his stay in Champaran even after Indigo share cropping disappeared?**

OR

**Explain the reactions of the servants in Dr. Sadao's house when he decided to give shelter to an enemy in the house.**

**Answer:** Gandhiji was not satisfied with mere political and economic solution so he wanted to bring about a change in the social and cultural conditions of Champaran. He noticed the unhealthy living conditions and poor sanitation in the village. He also realised the need for literacy. He decided to stay in Champaran even after the disappearance of Indigo Share Cropping. A small farmer, Rajkumar Shukla, from a small district of Champaran, helped in bring about a very prominent change. Gandhiji opened up schools in six different villages; and several of his disciples and family members volunteered as teachers. Being a staunch believer of passive resistance, Gandhiji championed the cause of the Champaran movement. His wife, Kasturba, worked on the personal cleanliness and community sanitation of the place. Gandhiji also hired a doctor for the improvement of the health conditions. Thus, we can say that Gandhiji was not a loyalty to abstractions. It was loyalty to living, human beings. This also made him keen to eradicate social and cultural backwardness of Champaran. Gandhiji exulted over them and made the villagers feel self-dependent and undaunted.

OR

When Dr. Sadao decided to give shelter to the enemy, the servants at his house overtly expressed their disapproval. However, they did not disclose the secret to the world. For them, the white man was an enemy who did not deserve their help. Yumi, the nanny of the children, refused to wash the American who was bleeding profusely. The servants expressed this displeasure and they voiced their opinion loudly for Sadao and Hana to hear. The servants constantly pressurised the Hoki family to let out the secret and get the American caught by the police. Finally, their displeasure at their master's decision made them decide to leave his household.

**English 2014 (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

**SECTION – B****(WRITING SKILLS)**

3. An Inter-school Kabadi Competition is organized by your school. Write a notice, in not more than 50 words, requesting the students to be present at the venue to encourage the players. Invent all the necessary details. You are Arjun, the sports captain of your school. [5]

OR

You possess an acre of land in the heart of the city. You want to dispose of the property since you have decided to buy a flat. Write an advertisement to be published in a national daily, giving all the necessary details. You are Krishan of Moti Nagar, Delhi.

Answer :

ABC SCHOOL, DELHI  
NOTICE

13th February, 20XX

INTER-SCHOOL, KABADDI  
COMPETITION

Inter-school Kabaddi Competition will be held at our play ground on Friday, February 20, at 9 a.m. Students from different schools will be participating in the competition. All the students are requested to be present at the venue to motivate the participants. Refreshment will be provided by the school. Contact the undersigned for any query.

Arjun

(Sports Captain)

ABC School

OR

**FOR SALE**

Sale of 1-acre plot located in the heart of the city besides 100 ft. road with lush green surroundings suitable for building residential flats. Location adjacent to posh Friends colony and free from encumbrance. Interested parties can meet in person or can contact.

Kishan

Moti Nagar, Delhi

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4. Incessant rain has caused irrecoverable damage in your area. As an active participant in the flood relief programme, write a report in 125-150 words on the different flood relief measures carried out. You are Krishan/Krishna. [10]

OR

You have visited a book exhibition in your neighbourhood. Write a report in about 125-150 words on the exhibition. You are Rohan/Rohini.

Answer:

**FLOOD RELIEF PROGRAMME**

By Krishnan/Krishn Staff reporter

Xyz, 13th June, 20XX, The torrential rain in the past few days flooded our area causing irrecoverable damage to the properties. A relief camp was set up to aid the victims of the flood-affected areas. Everyone made generous contributions in the form of money, clothes, food and other basic requirements. Relief-treaties also emerged as helpful groups. The Chief Minister too announced a definite amount of relief for the victims affected. The devastating effect of the over-powering rain, played havoc with the city. The volunteers also helped the victims to be shifted to the relief camps, set up on the suburbs of the city. A huge amount of donations has come from the people of the city along with various N.G.O.s

OR

**BOOK EXHIBITION**

By Rohan/Rohani

13th June, 20XX, The Surya Nagar residents organised a book exhibition in the community centre of the locality. The exhibition started on June 10th and lasted for five days. The event attracted book lovers from all over Delhi. Renowned publishing houses participated in the fair. Books by well-known writers were displayed. The exhibition also offered heavy discounts on the books written by Indian authors. Apart from Hindi novels there were multifarious writers and bards dictions available like Shakespeare, Milton and John Keats. People were excited to get access to some of the rare books that were on display. The event was marked by the presence of the renowned writer and novelist Chetan Bhagat.

5. You are the librarian of Amla Public School. You had placed an order for text books with Dhanpati & Sons. Since the books did not



arrive on time, you have decided to cancel the order. Write a letter to the Manager, Dhanpati & Sons, Chennai, cancelling the order. (125-150 words) [10]

OR

You are interested in doing a short-term course in computer graphics during your holidays. Write a letter to the Director, Easy Computers, enquiring about their, short-term courses and asking for all the necessary details. You are Naresh/Nandini.

Answer:

Amla Public School,  
New Delhi-110018

13 June, 20XX

The Manager,  
Dhanpati & Sons,  
Chennai

Subject : Regarding cancellation of order number 43/20XX

Sir,

With reference to the order number 43/20XX placed with your publishing house on May 31st, 20XX, I would like to inform you that we have not received the delivery of 12 sets of Encyclopedia from you as promised by your company on June 10, 20XX. A cheque of five thousand was duly sent to you enclosed with the order. Since your company has failed to keep its commitment, therefore, we are cancelling the order. Kindly reimburse the money to the school account at the earliest.

Thanking you

Yours sincerely,

Librarian  
Amla Public School

OR

23, Defence Colony,  
New Delhi-110022

3<sup>rd</sup> March, 20XX

The Director,  
Easy Computers,  
New Delhi-110032

Subject: Request for details of the short-term courses provided

Dear Sir,

I came across an advertisement about your institute in today's newspaper. I would like to know the details of the short-term courses offered by your institute.

I am a student and I wish to pursue a course in computer programming/computer graphics during my holidays next month. Kindly mail me the details of all short-term courses, along with their duration, fee structure and the relevance of the course material. I would be thankful if you can dispatch the prospectus of the course too. Looking forward to your early response.

Your faithfully,

Nandini/Naresh

6. You are Rajendra Kumar, a social worker, You read an article in *The Hindu* on 'Health care for Indian Workers'. Write a speech in 125-150 words on the importance of health care to be delivered at a public function to create awareness among the workers. [10]

OR

Media has a strong hold on society. Write a speech in 125-150 words on how media influences public opinion to be delivered in the school assembly.

Answer:

#### HEALTH CARE FOR INDIAN WORKERS

Good morning to all. Today I, Rajendra Kumar, am going to deliver a speech on the topic 'Health care for Indian workers' Recently, I had read an article in the local newspaper *The Hindu* and wondered why we don't care for the health of the workers around us. We remain mute spectators to their misery trials and tribulations of life.

Often, the workers are found working in inhuman conditions, neglecting their health. They are exploited, as they are illiterate and lacking awareness of a hygienic way of life. The authorities must ensure clean and healthy working conditions for these people. It is the responsibility of the government to provide affordable healthcare services to workers and their families. Indian workers should be taught the importance of cleanliness and hygiene. Many non-governmental organizations can play a role in spreading awareness about health and hygiene.

Workers play a major role in our life. We must understand and appreciate their contribution towards society. Access to basic health facilities is their innate right. As responsible citizens, we should get together to make their lives healthy. However, we should not forget that it is the sweat and blood of these workers which has provided us with enormous comfort while we sit in our well-furnished homes.

Thank you

OR

#### IMPACT OF MEDIA

Good morning everybody. Today, I Xyz am here to voice my concerns on how Media influences public opinion ?

Media acts as a powerful weapon in democracy. It keeps people abreast with the recent changes and development in the society and the world. They also help people to understand the various developments and build their opinion about the same. With the development of better modes of communications, the influence of media has increased. Consequently, its responsibility of delivering correct information has also increased. If people blindly believe the biased news which the print and electronic media tell us, our democracy will suffer badly. Media has the power to showcase both the facets of a piece of information. It should work towards helping the common man and understand the pros and cons of any issue or event.

Thus, one can clearly say that it is the responsibility of media and the media personnel to ensure that they direct their efforts towards building a constructive and balanced society as well as a nation.

Thank you

### SECTION-C

#### (LITERATURE :TEXT BOOKS)

7. Read the following extract and answer the questions that follow : [4]

All lovely tales that we have heard or read;  
An endless fountain of immortal drink,  
Pouring onto us from the heaven's brink.

- (a) Name the poem and the poet. [1]  
(b) What is the thing of beauty mentioned in these lines ? [1]  
(c) What image does the poet use in these lines? [2]

OR

With ships and sun and love tempting them to steal.

For lives that slyly turn in their cramped holes  
From fog to endless night?

- (i) Who are 'them' referred to in the first line? [1]  
(ii) What tempts them? [1]  
(iii) What does the poet say about 'their' lives? [2]

Answer:

- (a) The above given lines are from the poem 'A thing of Beauty' by John Keats.  
(b) The tales of mighty men is the thing of beauty mentioned in the given lines.  
(c) The poet used the image of 'an endless fountain of immortal drink' to describe the beautiful bounty of the Earth. The Earth, like a fountain, gives us numerous beautiful sights like the sun, the moon, flowers, rivers and greenery.

OR

- (a) The children studying in the school are referred to as "them".

(b) The beauty, vastness and radiance of things tempt them.

(c) According to the poet, those children spent their whole lives like rodents confined in 'their cramped holes'. The undernourished bodies of those children looked almost like skeletons. Their steel-framed spectacles with repaired glasses made them look like, the broken pieces of a bottle scattered on stones. Since, their entire lives revolved around slums, their future also seemed blotted.

8. Answer any two of the following questions in about 30-40 words : [2 × 2 = 4]

- (a) How does Kamala Das try to put away the thoughts of her ageing mother?  
(b) Which is the exotic moment that the poet refers to in 'Keeping Quiet'?  
(c) What are the difficulties that Aunt Jennifer faced in her life?

Answer :

(a) Kamala Das is troubled by the thoughts of her ageing mother and tries to console herself by looking outside at the car. The sight is full of youthful whim and vigour. She watches the trees 'sprinting' past her speeding car and the children, full of life and activity, running out of their houses to play. Her ashen like mother irks her so much that for a moment she ponders over the past memories to feel solace.

(b) The exotic moment the author talks about is when everyone keeps quiet and still. The moment would be extraordinarily tranquil, with no hustle-bustle of the frenzied world. Although, it may seem a little strange in the beginning, it would eventually bring us all together. Ultimately, this is the introspection which makes one united with one's soul.

(c) Aunt Jennifer spent her life in accordance to the rules laid down by her husband. Her life was overburdened by the demands and duties and it lacked self-expression. She was feeble and it had to face oppression by her husband which depicted the age-old tribulations of women's lives.

11. Answer any six of the following questions in 30-40 words : [2 × 6 = 12]

- (a) Why did Gandhiji feel that taking the Champaran case to the court was useless?  
(b) Why did the peddler derive pleasure from his idea of the world as a rat trap?  
(c) How is Mukesh different from the other bangle makers of Firozabad?  
(d) What tempted Franz to stay away from school?

- (e) Why did the Maharaja ban tiger hunting in the state?
- (f) How was the skunk's story different from the other stories narrated by Jack?
- (g) Which words of her brother made a deep impression on Bama?

**Answer :**

- (a) Gandhiji believed that the peasants were under the grip of fear. He felt that taking the Champaran's case to the court would be useless because actual relief for the peasants would come when they would be free from fear. So, his ultimate motive was to kill the fear in them.
- (b) The peddler was never treated kindly by the world, which is why he was amused by the idea of the world to be a rat trap. He nurtured hard feelings towards the world by comparing it to a giant rat trap.
- (c) Mukesh who hailed from the city of Dhaka was different from other bangle makers of Firozabad because he liked to dream, unlike others who followed the family lineage of making bangles. He wanted to be a motor mechanic and drive cars.
- (d) Franz was not prepared for test on participles. The chirping birds and sight of the Prussian soldiers were far more interesting to him than his attending the school. That is why he stayed out of the doors of the school to bask in the nature's glory.
- (e) The Maharaja wanted to prove that the prediction of the State astrologer was wrong. For that purpose, he restricted the hunting of tigers in all the tiger-rich forests of Pratibandapuram, so that he could hunt them down.
- (f) Usually, the stories told by Jack were taken well by But she was not satisfied and convinced with the ending of the skunk's story. She believed that the wizard should have hit back the skunk's mommy for demanding skunk to get his bad smell back.
- (g) On narrating what happened while returning home, Bama's elder brother told her, that although, people did not get to decide the family they were born into, they could outwit the indignities inflicted upon them if they were well read and successful. It was by educating themselves that they could attain a feeling of individuality that left a deep impression on her.

10. Answer the following in about 100-125 words.

[5]

**Has Sophie met Danny Casey? What details of her meeting with Danny Casey did she narrate to her brother?**

**OR**

**Describe the precautions taken by the prison officers to prevent Evans from escaping.**

**Answer :** No, Sophie had not met Danny Casey in reality. One day, while drawing Geoff's attention, Sophie narrated an imaginary story about accidentally meeting Danny Casey at the Royce's. Geoff, however, refused to believe her. So, she describes Danny Casey's physical appearance to make her brother believe her story. She told Geoff that she was also willing to get an autograph for little Derek, but she did not have a pen or a paper for the same. Then, Sophie claimed that the two of them talked about clothes at Royce's. She ended her story by saying that Danny has promised to meet her again.

**OR**

Special precautions were taken by the prison staff to prevent Evan from escaping during his O-level German test. The test was to be taken where he was kept. A person from St. Mary Mags was called to invigilate and to keep the prisoner incommunicado during the exam. Evans was kept in the heavily guarded Recreational Block. There were two locked doors between his cell and the yard, which boasted of a high wall. All the prison officers were also on high alert. The Governor got a microphone installed in Evans' cell, while Stephens kept, an eagle eye on Evans. Two prison officers, Mr. Jackson and Mr. Stephens, thoroughly checked his cell for any sign of a possible escape. Even his razor, nail filer and male scissors were taken away.

11. Read the following and answer the question that follows: [5]

The story "Deep Waters" has made you realise that with determination and perseverance one can accomplish the impossible. Write a paragraph in about 100 words on how a positive attitude and courage will aid you to achieve success in life.

**Answer:** In the story "Deep waters", the author overcomes his childhood fear of water through determination, perseverance and hard work. Thus, the story sends the message that with positive attitude and strength of will, one can accomplish everything in life. All of us are in the grip of fear. But fear, when conquered with courage, becomes victory which has its own charm. It might appear to be a long and arduous journey, but it will definitely culminate in success. Douglas improved himself and was able to develop into a full-fledged swimmer. It gave him a feeling of victory and achievement in the end.

# English 2014 (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)

3. You are Smrithi Saran of Victoria Public School, Hyderabad. Your school has organised a Science Exhibition in connection with the death anniversary of Ramanujam. Write a notice in not more than 50 words inviting students to participate in it. Provide all the necessary details. [5]

OR

You want to sell off your motor bike which you have been using for five years, as you have decided to buy a car. Write an advertisement, in not more than 50 words, to be published under the classified columns of a national daily. Furnish all the necessary details.

Answer:

**VICTORIA PUBLIC SCHOOL, HYDERABAD  
NOTICE**

15th June, 20XX

#### SCIENCE EXHIBITION

A Science Exhibition is being organised by our school on June 18, 20XX in the school hall from 10 a.m. to 1 p.m. in order to commemorate the death anniversary of Ramanujam. Students from classes IX to XII are requested to prepare models on the theme 'India's foray into space research.' Interested students should give their names to the undersigned by 16th June, 20XX.

Smrithi Saran

Head girl

OR

#### FOR SALE

Available for sale a black coloured, 2010 model XYZ motor bike. in a good condition, scratch-less, giving a mileage of 50 km/L. It has hardly run 9000 km. Price negotiable. The Party is selling the motorcycle as it is buying a car.

Contact: 9123456XXX

4. You are Sampreet, an educationist. You have

noticed that the youth of today are often unable to cope with stress and become frustrated and bitter. Write a speech in 125-150 words to be delivered at a college function on 'Youth, their problems and solutions'. [10]

OR

After Independence, India has seen a steep upward trend in the graph of corruption. The public has often become disgusted and disappointed. As Venkat, a well known journalist, write a speech in 150-200 words on 'Corruption, its causes and solutions'.

Answer:

#### YOUTH, THEIR PROBLEMS AND SOLUTIONS

Good Morning! I am Sampreet an educationist and today I am going to deliver a speech on the topic youth their problems and solution

Aspirations are now high and with this the level of competition and peer pressure among the youth has been increasing with each passing day. The youth is either not yet matured or trained enough to handle so much stress and, therefore, they ultimately get frustrated, easily commit suicide get involve in, road-rage, hatred crimes, drug abuse, looting, rapes etc. At the slightest provocation, they hold out protests and demonstrations. The minimum desired level of tolerance is missing in them. They don't see any harm in violating the norms and fundamental rights.

The solution is a doddle one. The youth of today needs our untinted support, it needs to know that, irrespective of the situations they are in they are always loved by their parents, teachers and elders. They need to develop confidence in their capabilities. We need to remove the unnecessary pressure that our education system exerts on the young minds. It needs to be eased and, CCE is a positive step in this direction. Counsellors can help the young generation to understand and solve their problems. More job opportunities need to be created, better recruitment processes are need to be developed; and professional courses that equip them with necessary skills have to be designed.

The most important thing is to impart value-based education so that they achieve high self-esteem, tolerance and patience and more importantly the zeal to create a clean and civilised society and to be a good citizen.

OR

#### CORRUPTION, ITS CAUSES AND SOLUTIONS

Good morning, friends! I am Venkat. As a journalist and a responsible citizen of India, it is my duty to shed light and apprise you, that how corruption exists in almost every nook and corner of our country.

Corruption can be understood as misappropriation of government, public property or money. It is an unlawful and immoral act. Corruption has had a gradual growth in our country. How and why did corruption become so common in our country? India's colonial past has contributed in flourishing corrupt practices. It is said that corruption cannot survive long in this world. Although, with the increase in scientific technology and advancement of the nation, corruption still remains unbeatable. The corruption also has a relation with scarcity and exists especially because of the vested interests

and greed of the people in power.

It is the spasmodic snare of corruption which springs from all prodigality and dissipation. Whatever the reason may be, corruption is an ill practice that is seen as the major hindrance in the process of economic growth and modernisation of the nation. The need for an anti-corruption bill like Jan Lokpal has long been discerned now. But, in a democracy like India, the power of the common man should not be underestimated. Constant vigil and intervention by the civil society is also required to bring positive changes in the country. Punishment must be increased and illegally confiscated wealth must be recovered. As aware citizens and of course as in united whole, we must overcome our flaws and work towards bringing about a corruption free society.

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## English 2014 (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)

1. You are Anoop/Arya, the cultural secretary of your school. As part of national heritage programme the school has decided to put up a show on ancient art forms. Write a notice to be put up on the school notice board inviting students to watch the show and encourage the artists. Write the notice in not more than 50 words. [5]

OR

You would like to let out a portion of your independent house for office use. Write an advertisement for the classified columns of the local newspaper giving all the necessary details. Write the advertisement in not more than 50 words.

Answer :

**ABC School**  
**NOTICE**  
14th November, 20XX  
**SHOW ON ANCIENT ART FORMS**  
As a part of national heritage programme, the school has decided to put up a show on ancient art forms on 20th November, 20XX at 12 O'Clock in the school auditorium.

All the students are invited to watch the show and encourage the artists. For any queries, you may contact the undersigned.

Arya/Anoop  
The School Cultural Secretary

OR

### AVAILABLE OFFICE SPACE

For rent, good location, separate entrance and exit. Spacious, 24 hour water and electricity supply, parking facility, security and power backup.

Interested may Contact Mobile : 8XXXXXXXXXX

4. On Teacher's day, the badge holders of your school organized a grand celebration to honour the teachers of your school. As the head boy of the school, write a report on the celebration in 125-150 words. [10]

OR

As you were travelling by train. you happened to witness an accident at an unmanned level crossing. As the reporter of a newspaper, write a report on the accident, including details of the number of people injured and the extent of damage caused.

Answer:

### TEACHER'S DAY CELEBRATIONS

By Xyz Head boy



On the occasion of the birth anniversary of our former president, Dr. S. Radhakrishnan, the badge holders of our school had organised a grand celebration on 5th September to honour the teachers of our school. The celebration took place in the assembly hall. It began at around 9:30 a.m. In the morning, senior students greeted the teachers warmly in a traditional way by putting tilak on their forehead and giving them flowers. The senior students were dressed up as and played their role teachers. They counted on the teacher's efforts by praising them. After honouring all the teachers, the students performed activities like dance, drama, singing and speech. They also organised few games like musical chair, dodge ball, balloon game, etc. to make the day memorable. Teachers were made to dance and sing. In the end, teachers were provided a lavish lunch by the seniors. It was indeed a great celebration.

OR

**ACCIDENT AT AN UNMANNED LEVEL CROSSING**

By Xyz

A horrible sight of a train accident was witnessed at an unmanned level crossing at Udaipur, near Chittor. A bus was carrying nearly 45 people, happened to cross the railway track when suddenly the train arrived. It happened to collide with one of the bogies of the train and overturned badly. 23 people were seriously injured and they were immediately taken to a nearby hospital by the locals. The bogie was also derailed. The extent of damage caused is not yet estimated. Due to this accident, the train got delayed and the schedule of the other trains of that route was also disturbed. It resulted into a lot of inconvenience to the passengers. Government has set up an enquiry to probe into the matter. A sum of ₹50,000 was announced for all those injured.

5. You are the Physical Education Instructor of 'All Saints School'. You had placed an order for sports goods with Bat and Ball Enterprises. When the items arrived you found that some of them were defective. Write a letter to the Manager, Bat and Ball Enterprises, asking him to replace the defective items. [10]

OR

You live in a crowded area in Mumbai. Unauthorised parking of vehicles in your area is causing a lot of inconvenience to the locals. Write a letter to the Police Commissioner of the district complaining against the practice. You

are Rohan/Rohini of Sakinaka, Mumbai.

**Answer:**

All Saints School,

New Delhi

18th December, 20XX

The Manager,

Bat and Ball Enterprises,

**Subject : Replacement of the defective sports items**

Sir,

This is to bring to your kind notice that one month ago, our school placed an order for the following sports items:

5 Bats, 10 Balls, 3 Footballs, 3 Basketballs, 5 Badminton Racquets.

On the arrival of the goods, it was found that some of them were defective. The handle of the bats were cracked, the net of one of the badminton racquet was loose and the stitching of the football was not properly done. Therefore, I request you to replace the defective items as soon as possible as the sports week of the school is approaching and the children are required to do the practice. I would be obliged if you kindly understand my problem and arrange for the early delivery.

Thanking You,

Yours Sincerely,

Xyz Sharma

Physical Education Instructor

OR

123, Sakinaka,  
Mumbai.

24th August, 20XX

District Police Commissioner,  
Mumbai.

**Subject : Unauthorized Parking of Vehicles**

Dear Sir,

This is to draw your attention towards the problems faced due to unauthorized parking of the vehicles in our area. There is not a single day in our area when the place is without disorder or free from traffic jams. As it is a crowded place, there is inadequate parking space. It creates problems not only to the residents but also to the people who come to meet their relatives or for some other purpose. As it is a busy area, vehicles are parked all over in a haphazard manner. It often results in quarrel among the people who display the lack of civic sense in them also creating noise pollution. It

is therefore necessary to take some quick actions and provide the proper parking area to the residents as well as do some arrangements for the visitors too.

We all hope for an immediate action to get relief from this problem.

Thanking You,  
Yours Sincerely,  
Rohini/Rohan

### SECTION C

#### (LITERATURE : TEXT BOOK)

10. What were Sophie's plan for her future? Why would you call her dreams unrealistic? (100-125 words) [5]

OR

What benefits did Derry reap from his association with Mr. Lamb?

**Answer :** Sophie was a day dreamer although she belonged to a middle-class family. She was blind to the bitter truth of life. She dreamt of an imaginary life, in which she owned a boutique full of beautiful things. She also dreamt of becoming an actress as there was a lot of money and fame in the profession. She also wanted to be a fashion designer. It can be said that she wanted to lead

a lavish and grand life which was not possible. Her dreams were unrealistic in the sense that ultimately she would have to work in a biscuit factory. She only thought of impractical things. The house in which she lived was also not a very good one and her father used to work hard to earn bread for the family. They entertained themselves by watching the United team's matches. That's how she wanted to achieve the impossible dream.

OR

Derry had no association with the outer world till he met Mr. Lamb. His meeting with Mr. Lamb was a turning point in his life. He learnt to live a respectful life and also appreciated Mr. Lamb's attitude and outlook towards people and life. He realised his true worth. Mr. Lamb inspired him to face the world in spite of his disability. Derry's thinking towards people and life completely changed and he became self-confident. Mr. Lamb successfully infused in him courage and self-determination. He advised him to ignore the comments made by people on his physical impairment and enjoy beauty of life and nature. Derry went back to Mr. Lamb's garden in spite of his mother's refusal. Derry understood the importance and true meaning of life and understanding himself better than before. Only due to the association with Mr. Lamb.

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