

## English 2017 (Outside Delhi)

## SET I

Time allowed : 3 hours

Maximum marks : 100

### SECTION – A

#### (READING)

30

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

1. We sit in the last row, bumped about but free of stares. The bus rolls out of the dull crossroads of the city, and we are soon in the open countryside, with fields of sunflowers as far as the eye can see, their heads all facing us. Where there is no water, the land reverts to the desert. While still on levelground, we see in the distance the tall range of the Mount Bogda, abrupt like a shining prism laid horizontally on the desert surface. It is over 5,000 metres high, and the peaks are under permanent snow, in powerful contrast to the flat desert all around. Heaven lake lies part of the way up this range, about 2,000 meters above sea level, at the foot of one of the highest snow-peaks.<sup>1</sup>
2. As the bus climbs, the sky, brilliant before, grows overcast. I have brought nothing warm to wear. It is all down at the hotel in Urumqi. Rain begins to fall. The man behind me is eating overpoweringly smelly goat's cheese. The bus window leaks inhospitably but reveals a beautiful view. We have passed quickly from the desert through arable land to pasture and the ground is now green with

grass, the slopes dark with pine. A few cattle drink at a clear stream flowing past moss-covered stones; it is a Constable landscape. The stream changes into a white torrent, and as we climb higher I wish more and more that I had brought with me something warmer than the pair of shorts that have served me so well in the desert. The stream (which, we are told, rises in Heaven Lake) disappears, and we continue our slow ascent. About noon, we arrive at Heaven Lake, and look for a place to stay at the foot, which is the resort area. We get a room in a small cottage, and I am happy to note that there are thick quilts on the bed.

3. Standing outside the cottage, we survey our surroundings. Heaven Lake is long, sardine-shaped and fed by snowmelt from a stream at its head. The lake is an intense blue, surrounded on all sides by green mountain walls, dotted with distant sheep. At the head of the lake, beyond the delta of the inflowing stream, is a massive snow-capped peak which dominates the vista; it is part of a series of peaks that culminate, a little out of view, in Mount Bogda itself.
4. For those who live in the resort, there is a small mess-hall by the shore. We eat here sometimes, and sometimes buy food from the vendors outside, who sell kabab and naan until the last buses leave. The kababs, cooked on skewers over charcoal braziers, are particularly good; highly spiced and well-done. Horse's milk is

<sup>1</sup>\*\*Answers are not given due to the change in syllabus

available too from the local Kazakh herdsmen, but I decline this. I am so affected by the cold that Mr. Cao, the relaxed young man who runs the mess, lends me a spare pair of trousers, several sizes too large but more than comfortable. Once I am warm again, I feel a pre-dinner spurt of energy—dinner will be long in coming—and I ask him whether the lake is good for swimming in.

5. "Swimming?" Mr. Cao says. "You aren't thinking of swimming, are you?"
6. "I thought I might," I confess, "What's the water like?"
7. He doesn't answer me immediately, turning instead to examine some receipts with exaggerated interest. Mr. Cao, with great off-handedness, addresses the air. "People are often drowned here," he says. After a pause, he continues. "When was the last one?" This question is directed at the cook, who is preparing a tray of mantou (squat, white steamed bread rolls), and who now appears, wiping his doughy hand across his forehead. "Was it the Beijing athlete?" asks Mr. Cao.

On the basis of your understanding of the above passage, answer the statements given below with the help of options that follow : [1 × 4 = 4]

- (a) One benefit of sitting in the last row of the bus was that :
  - (i) the narrator enjoyed the bumps.
  - (ii) no one stared at him.
  - (iii) he could see the sunflowers.
  - (iv) he avoided the dullness of the city.
- (b) The narrator was travelling to :
  - (i) Mount Bogda
  - (ii) Heaven Lake
  - (iii) a 200 metre high snow peak
  - (iv) Urumqi
- (c) On reaching the destination, the narrator felt relieved because :
  - (i) he had gotten away from the desert.
  - (ii) a difficult journey had come to an end.
  - (iii) he could watch the snow peak.
  - (iv) there were thick quilts on the bed.
- (d) Mount Bogda is compared to :
  - (i) a horizontal desert surface.
  - (ii) a shining prism.
  - (iii) a Constable landscape.
  - (iv) the overcast sky.

Answer the following questions briefly :

[1 × 6 = 6]

- (e) Which two things, in the bus, made the narrator feel uncomfortable?
- (f) What made the scene look like a Constable landscape?
- (g) What did he regret as the bus climbed higher?
- (h) Why did the narrator like to buy food from outside?
- (i) What is ironic about the pair of trousers lent by Mr. Cao?
- (j) Why did Mr. Cao not like the narrator's wish to swim in the lake?
- (k) Find words from the passage which mean the same as the following : [1 × 2 = 2]
  - (i) sellers (para 4)
  - (ii) increased (para 7)

Answer :

- (a) (ii) No one stared at him.
  - (b) (i) Mount Bogda
  - (c) (iv) There were thick quilts on the bed.
  - (d) (ii) A shining prism.
  - (e) As the bus climbs higher, the sky grows overcast and the narrator has not brought anything warm to wear. Also, the man sitting behind the narrator starts eating overpoweringly smelly goat's cheese which made the narrator uncomfortable.
  - (f) A few cattle were drinking at a clear stream flowing past moss-covered stones. It made the scene look like a Constable landscape.
  - (g) The narrator regretted that he didn't bring anything warm to wear other than of a pair of shorts.
  - (h) The narrator liked to buy food from outside because the kebabs cooked on skewers over charcoal braziers were particularly good, highly spiced and well done.
  - (i) Mr. Cao lends the narrator a spare pair of trousers and the irony about it was that those trousers were several sizes big.
  - (j) Mr. Cao did not like the narrator's wish to swim in the lake because he had seen people drown in the lake.
  - (k) (i) vendors (ii) exaggerated
2. Read the passage given below and answer the following questions that follow : [10]
1. Thackeray reached Kittur along with a small British army force and a few of his officers. He

thought that the very presence of the British on the outskirts of Kittur would terrorise the rulers and people of Kittur and that they would lay down their arms. He was quite confident that he would be able to crush the revolt in no time. He ordered that tents to be erected on the eastern side for the fighting forces, and a little away from the western slopes, tents be put up for the family members of the officers who had accompanied them. During the afternoon and evening of 20<sup>th</sup> October, the British soldiers were busy making arrangements for these camps.

2. On the 21<sup>st</sup> morning, Thackeray sent his political assistants to Kittur fort to obtain a written assurance from all the important officers of Kittur rendering them answerable for the security of the treasury of Kittur. They accordingly, met Sardar Gurusiddappa and other officers of Kittur and asked them to comply with the orders of Thackeray. They did not know that the people were in a defiant mood. The commanders of Kittur dismissed the agent's orders as no documents could be signed without sanction from Rani Chennamma.
3. Thackeray was enraged and sent for the commander of the Horse Artillery, which was about 100 strong, ordered him to rush his artillery into the fort and capture the commanders of the Desai's army. When the Horse Artillery stormed into the fort, Sardar Gurusiddappa, who had kept his men on full alert, promptly commanded his men to repel and chase them away. The Kittur forces made a bold front and overpowered the British soldiers.
4. Meanwhile, the Desai's guards had shut the gates of the fort and the British Horse Artillery men, being completely overrun and routed, had to get out through the escape window. Rani's soldiers chased them out of the fort, killing a few of them until they retreated to their camps on the outskirts.
5. A few of the Britishers had found refuge in some private residences, while some were hiding in their tents. The Kittur soldiers captured about forty persons and brought them to the palace. These included twelve children and a few women from the British officers' camp. When they were brought in the

presence of the Rani, she ordered the soldiers to be imprisoned. For the women and children she had only gentleness, and admonished her soldiers for taking them into custody. At her orders, these women and children were taken inside the palace and given food and shelter. Rani came down from her throne, patted the children lovingly and assured them that no harm would come to them.

6. She, then, sent word through a messenger to Thackeray that the British women and children were safe and could be taken back any time. Seeing this noble gesture of the Rani, he was moved. He wanted to meet this gracious lady and talk to her. He even thought of trying to persuade her to enter into an agreement with the British to stop all hostilities in lieu of an *inam* (prize) of eleven villages. His offer was dismissed with a gesture of contempt. She had no wish to meet Thackeray. That night she called Sardar Gurusiddappa and other leading Sardars and after discussing all the issues, they came to the conclusion that there was no point of meeting Thackeray who had come with an army to threaten Kittur into submission to British sovereignty.

**On the basis of your understanding of the above passage complete the statements given below with the help of options that follow:**

[1 × 2 = 2]

- (a) Thackeray was a/an :
  - (i) British tourist
  - (ii) army officer
  - (iii) adviser to Rani of Kittur
  - (iv) treasury officer
- (b) British women and children came to Kittur to :
  - (i) visit Kittur
  - (ii) enjoy life in tents
  - (iii) stay in the palace
  - (iv) give company to the army officers

**Answer the following questions briefly :**

[1 × 6 = 6]

- (c) Why did Thackeray come to Kittur ?
- (d) Why did the Kittur officials refuse to give the desired assurance to Thackeray ?
- (e) What happened to the Horse Artillery ?
- (f) How, do we know that the Rani was a noble queen ?

- (g) How in your opinion, would the British women have felt after meeting the Rani ?
- (h) Why did the Rani refuse to meet Thackeray?
- (i) Find words from the passage which mean the same as the following : [1 × 2 = 2]
- (i) entered forcibly (para 3)
- (ii) aggressive/refusing to obey (para 2)

Answer : (a) (ii) army officer .

- (b) (iv) give company to officers
- (c) Thackeray came to Kittur as he believed that the presence of the Britishers on the outskirts of Kittur would terrorise the rulers and people of Kittur due to which they would lay down their arms. He was quite confident that he would be able to crush the revolt in no time.
- (d) The Kittur officials refused to give the desired assurance because they were in a defiant mood. Moreover, no documents could be signed without sanction from Rani Chennamma.
- (e) When the Horse Artillery stormed into the fort, Sardar Gurusidappa, who kept his men on full alert, promptly commanded his men to repel and chase them away. The Kittur forces made a bold front and overpowered the British soldiers.
- (f) The Kittur soldiers captured about forty people and brought them to the palace. These included twelve children and a few women from the British officers' camp. The Rani ordered the soldiers to imprison all the men, whereas for the women and children, she was gentle and admonished her soldiers for taking them into custody. At her order, the women and children were taken inside the palace and given food and shelter. The Rani came down from her throne, patted the children lovingly and assured them that no harm would come to them.

So, this is how we come to know that the Rani was a noble queen.

- (g) The British women must have felt guilty as their husbands attacked the queen who was so humble and generous to them.
- (h) Rani refused to meet Thackeray because there wasn't any point in meeting a person who had come with an army to threaten Kittur and its people for submission to the British sovereignty.
- (i) (i) stormed (ii) defiant.

3. Read the passage given below and answer the questions that follow : [8]

The most alarming of man's assaults upon the environment is the contamination of air, earth, rivers, and sea with lethal materials. This pollution is for the most part irrevocable; the chain of evil it initiates is for the most part irreversible. In this contamination of the environment, chemicals are the sinister partners of radiation in changing the very nature of the world; radiation released through nuclear explosions into the air, comes to the earth in rain, lodges into the soil, enters the grass or corn, or wheat grown there and reaches the bones of a human being, there to remain until his death. Similarly, chemicals sprayed on crops lie long in soil, entering living organisms, passing from one to another in a chain of poisoning and death. Or they pass by underground streams until they emerge and combine into new forms that kill vegetation, sicken cattle and harm those who drink from once pure wells.

It took hundreds of millions of years to produce the life that now inhabits the earth and reached a stage of adjustment and balance with its surroundings. The environment contained elements that were hostile as well as supporting. Even within the light of the sun, there are short wave radiations with power to injure. Given time, life has adjusted and a balance reached. For time is the essential ingredient, but in the modern world there is no time.

The rapidity of change and the speed with which new situations are created follow the heedless pace of man rather than the deliberate pace of nature. Radiation is no longer the bombardment of cosmic rays; it is now the unnatural creation of man's tampering with the atom. The chemicals to which life is asked to make adjustments are no longer merely calcium and silica and copper and all the rest of the minerals washed out of the rocks and carried in the rivers to the sea; they are the synthetic creations of man's inventive mind, brewed in his laboratories, and having no counterparts in nature.

- (a) On the basis of your understanding of the above passage make notes on it using headings and sub-headings. Use recognizable abbreviations (wherever necessary-minimum four) and a format you consider suitable. Also supply a title to it. [5]

- (b) Write a summary of the passage in about 80 words. [3]

Answer : (a)

### THE DEGRADATION OF ENVIRONMENT

#### I. Contamination of the environment

1. Pollution is for most part irrevocable
  - i. Initiates an irreversible chain of evil.
2. Chemicals are the sinister partners of radiation
  - i. Radiations released through nuclear exp.
  - ii. Comes to Earth in F. O. rain.
  - iii. Enters the body of humans and remain till death.
3. Chemical & lying in soil
  - i. Passes from one to another in F. C.
  - ii. kills veg. sickens cattle etc.

#### II. Establishment of life on earth.

1. Took hundreds of millions of yrs.
2. The env. contained elements that were hostile and supporting.

#### III. Changes in life on earth

1. Life has adj. and reached balance.
2. i. Time is essential but modern world has no time.
3. The heedless pace of man
  - i. Radiation no longer the bombardment of cosmic rays.
  - ii. The chemicals are no longer natural.
  - iii. They have truned out to be synthetic.

#### Key :

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| (i) exp. - explosions    |
| (ii) F. O. - form of     |
| (iii) F. C. - food chain |
| (iv) veg. - vegetation   |
| (v) yrs. - years         |
| (vi) env. - environment  |
| (vii) adj. - adjusted    |

(b)

#### SUMMARY

The above passage tells us about the degradation of environment since the human life has evolved on this planet. The chain of evil initiated by pollution is for the most part, irreversible and irrevocable. The various chemicals that come to the Earth in the form of rain and are sprayed in the soil get transferred through the food chain and remain there till the death of the host organisms. The modern world does not have much time to spare as it is well-adjusted and balanced. But the rapidity in change follows the heedless pace of man rather than the deliberate pace of nature. The radiations and chemicals are no longer natural but, rather synthetic or man-made.

### SECTION - B

#### (WRITING SKILLS)

30

4. Your friend, PV. Sathish, has invited you to attend the wedding of his sister, Jaya. You find that you have an important paper of pre-board examination on the day of the wedding. Thus you cannot attend the event. Write in about 50 words a formal reply to the invitation expressing your regret. You are Puneet/Puneeta Vij, M-114, Fort Road, Chennai. [4]

OR

You are Vikram/Sonia, an electronics engineer, who has recently returned from the U.S., and are looking for a suitable job in the IT industry. Draft an advertisement in about 50 words for the Situations Wanted column of a national newspaper. Your contact number is 9193010203.

Answer :

M-114  
Fort Road  
Chennai

14 May 20XX

Subject : Reply to the invitation of the wedding

Dear Sathish,

Thank you for your kind invitation for the wedding of your sister Jaya. I am sorry to say that I shall not be able to attend the wedding as I have to appear in an important Pre-Board exam on the same day. I wish her all the best for the future.

Congratulations

With warm regards

Puneet/Puneeta.

OR

#### SITUATION WANTED

B.E. (Electronical Engineer), topper of university with a rich experience of working in the U.S., seeking a job in or around Mumbai in the IT industry. Familiar with Java and C++. Expected salary 1lac p.m. Contact : Vikram/Sonia, 342, Dadar Mumbai. Contact No. 9193010203

5. Mountview Public School, Kalka is run by an NGO to give quality education to the children of the deprived sections of society. The Principal of the school feels that blackboards in the classrooms need to be replaced. She decides to ask the chairperson of the NGO named, 'Education for All' for funds. Write her letter in 120-150 words. Her name is Shweta Pandit. [6]

**OR**

National Book Trust organised a week-long book fair at Anna Grounds, Chennai. You visited the fair and bought a few books, You were pleased with the arrangements, enthusiasm of the visitors and the fact that books have not yet lost their relevance in the world of the Internet. Write a letter in 120-150 words to the editor of a local newspaper to express your feelings. You are Lalit/Latha, 112, Mount Road, Chennai.

**Answer :**

Mountview Public School  
Kalka

6 May 20XX

The Chairperson  
Education for All  
New Delhi.

**Subject : Replacement of Blackboards in classrooms**

Sir,

Through this letter, I want to bring to your notice that the condition of the blackboards in the classrooms are very pathetic. Students are not able to read what is written on them properly. Hence, lessons in classrooms are not understood by the students effectively and quality teaching is hampered. Keeping in mind the inconvenience caused to the students, I request you to get them replaced. There are 25 classrooms in the school. so there is a need for 25 blackboards.

It will be very kind of you to do this before the commencement of the session.

Thanking you  
Yours sincerely  
Shweta Pandit

**OR**

112, Mount Road  
Chennai

6 May 20XX

The Editor  
The Hindustan Times  
Chennai

**Subject : Visit to the book fair**

Sir,

Through the column of your esteemed newspaper, I would like to share my pleasant feelings of visiting the book fair at Anna Grounds.

I, along with my friends went to the book fair and was thrilled and overjoyed to find among so many books that I love. There were many stalls with books on different subjects. There

was a rich collection of English Literature which I was looking forward to. The arrangement was superb. Though there was a big crowd of people, we could move around and search books of our interest smoothly. There was a lot of enthusiasm as well as discipline among the visitors. What was amazing is the fact that books have not yet lost their relevance in the world of internet. I bought a few books. It was a thrilling experience. I am looking forward to visit the fair again.

Yours truly  
Lalit.

6. Every teenager has a dream to achieve something in life. What they are going to become tomorrow depends on what our youth dream today. Write an article in 150-200 words on 'What I want to be in life'. You are Simranjit/Smita. [10]

**OR**

History Society of Kendriya Vidyalaya, Krishna Nagar sent a group of students to visit a place of historical interest. You, Anant/Anita, were its leader. Write a report in 150-200 words for the school newsletter on the tour, describing the place, its history, how you reached there and all that you have learnt.

**Answer :**

### WHAT I WANT TO BE IN LIFE

By Simranjit/Smita

Ten years down the line, we will be reading books and admiring the people associated with them. I developed a habit of reading books and as a result, I happened to read about Kalpana Chawla, a girl from a small town, who touched the skies. In her message to the college students of Chandigarh, she said that it is always necessary to realise one's dream. One could get success provided he had the vision and the courage.

This germinated the seed of dream in my mind and I also aspired to soar high and achieve something big. Her struggles and achievements gave me courage to nurture my dream. I want to go into the fashion industry. I doubt whether my parents would approve my idea or not. But I have decided not to give up on my dream for any wrong reasons. I enjoy watching fashion shows and designing clothes. I am also very good at fine arts. It is my passion. I visualise myself as the most successful fashion designer in the future, designing dresses for the biggest celebrities. So, I will work hard to achieve it.

**OR**

## A VISIT TO THE TAJ MAHAL

By Anant/Anit

I, along with a group of ten students, visited the Taj Mahal last week. It was a trip of five days organised by the History Society of our school. It was done to enhance students' interest in History and historical places.

The place was a unique marvel. Shah Jahan gave India the gift that no one has given ever. His profuse love for his wife gave birth to his eternal beauty. Its captivating charm left us stunned. More than being the wonder of the world, it is a brand. It is built on emotion and drenched in it. It is the undying marble refusing to lose its shine. Rarest talent and unrestricted investment went into the making of it.

Its stunning symmetry and enticing inlay makes every Indian proud.

When the President of USA, Bill Clinton visited the Taj Mahal in the year 2000, he was spell bounded by its beauty. After visiting the Taj Mahal, he said that there are two types of people in the world—those who saw the Taj Mahal and those who didn't. It's immensely beautiful and that's why it is reckoned as one of the seven wonders of the world.

7. Holi is a festival of colours. It expresses pure and simple joy. Sometimes, we start throwing coloured water and that too on strangers. As the Head boy/girl of your school write a speech in 150-200 words that you will deliver in the morning assembly of your school, describing why Holi is played and how it should be played. [10]

OR

**"It is cruel to put stray dogs to sleep."** Write a debate in 150-200 words either for or against the motion.

Answer :

**HOLI**

Good Morning respected teachers and my dear friends.

Today, I am here to share my views on why Holi is played and how it should be played. Holi is a festival of colours. It is celebrated every year on a full-moon day in the month of March. It is also known as the festival of love, joy, happiness, unity, renewal and triumph. We celebrate it with vibrant colours indicating joy and happiness. There is a great reason, belief and significance behind celebrating this festival.

Long ago, there was a king Hiranyakashyap; he had a sister, Holika and a son, Prahlad. Prahlad was devoted to God. He was a holy spirit. His father, however, was keen on having everyone worship him. But, his son Prahlad did not worship him. He kept worshipping God. This enraged the king and he planned to kill him by burning him. He asked his sister to sit in the fire with Prahlad in her lap. Holika had a boon that fire could not harm her. So, she was ready to do so. But she died in the fire and Prahlad was saved by the Lord. This originated the celebration of Holi.

So, we should celebrate Holi to spread joy and happiness, to celebrate the triumph of good over evil. We can enjoy the day by playing with colours, meeting near and dear ones and having lots of fun throughout the day safely.

Thank you.

OR

## IT IS CRUEL TO PUT STRAY DOGS TO SLEEP

Honourable Chairperson, members of the Jury and my dear friends. I am Pulkrit and I am here to speak for the motion "It is cruel to put stray dogs to sleep."

It is rather perplexing to see humans torturing the poor and silent souls and putting them to permanent sleep. Is it because they cannot speak; express their pain and suffering ?

I want to ask who gives this right to them ? In fact, every living being has the right to survive on this planet. God has granted us the wisdom, but we steep down so low that we kill another living creature, that too for sheer pleasure. Is putting someone to sleep a pleasure ? It is a shameful thing. Such an act on our part is heinous and all living beings have the right to breathe in the open air.

Instead of killing them, we should find a different solution and relocate them to a place where stray dogs could be put together without causing anyone any problems. Dogs are very faithful and loyal by nature. If we take care of them, they respond very lovingly in their own manner. Putting them to sleep, either out of fear or out of joy, is not a sensible thing. It is high time that we take it seriously and punish the offenders adequately.

## SECTION – C

(LITERATURE : TEXTBOOKS AND  
LONG READING TEXT) 40

8. Read the extract given below and answer the questions that follow : [1 × 4 =4]

At back of the dim class

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

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

- (a) Why is the class dim ?  
(b) How is the young child different from others?  
(c) What is he doing ?  
(d) What is a tree room ?

OR

Aunt Jennifer's fingers fluttering through her wool  
Find even the ivory, needle hard to pull.

The massive weight of Uncle's wedding band  
Sits heavily upon Aunt Jennifer's hand.

- (a) What is Aunt Jennifer doing with her wool?  
(b) Why does she find it difficult to pull her ivory needle ?  
(c) What does 'wedding band' stand for ?  
(d) Describe the irony in the third line.

Answer :

- (a) The class is not maintained properly. It is dim-lighted and ill-equipped.  
(b) The young child is not sad or morbid like the other children.  
(c) He is lost in his dreams of having a bright future.  
(d) A tree room is the hiding place of the squirrel in the hollow of a tree trunk.

OR

- (a) Aunt Jennifer is weaving the image of tigers with her wool.  
(b) She finds it difficult to pull the ivory needle through the tapestry more because of mental suppression by her husband than because of her physical weakness.  
(c) Wedding band stands for male authority and power. She is trapped in gender oppression and feels burdened by the authority of her husband which is represented by her wedding band.  
(d) The irony is that the wedding band might be small and light but it has burdened her spirit. She seems to have lost her identity under its weight.

9. Answer any four of the following questions in 30-40 words each : [3 × 4 =12]

- (a) Why were some elderly persons occupying the back benches that day ?

- (b) Why did Jansie discourage Sophie from having dreams ?

- (c) Having looked at her mother, why does Kamala Das look at the young children ?

- (d) How would keeping quiet affect life in and around the sea ?

- (e) Why did the Maharaja decide to get married?

- (f) What is mother Skunk's role in the story ?

Answer :

- (a) After the announcement that German was to be taught in the schools of Alsace and Lorraine, the elderly people came to the school that day to attend the last French lesson. They, perhaps, wanted to thank M. Hamel for his valuable service of teaching, and it was also to pay homage to their country that was not theirs anymore.

- (b) Jansie discourages Sophie from dreaming because dreams are wild and unachievable. She feels that it is Sophie's immaturity, trying to pursue such dreams as they can lead her astray.

- (c) Kamala Das looks at the young children as they are in contrast to her mother's pale and old face. They are full of life, energy and vitality.

- (d) The fishermen cause harm to the whales and the men at sea hurt their hands in their effort to gather salt. Stopping these activities will allow whales to live a wholesome life without any fear of being trapped and it will bring peace, healing and tranquility to the lives of men at sea.

- (e) The Maharaja decided to get married because he had to kill 30 more tigers to complete his tally of a hundred tigers. So, he wanted to marry a girl in the royal family of a state with a large tiger population.

- (f) Mother Skunk's role in the story is to keep a balance. Her act indicates that what is natural is not ungraceful. Taking any deviation is the violation of nature. Moreover, parents are quite well known about what is best for their children.

10. Answer the following question in 120-150 words :

"For the children it is wrapped in wonder, for the elders it is a means of survival." What kind of life do the rag-pickers of Seemapuri lead ?

OR

The peddler believed that the whole world is a rattrap. How did he himself get caught in the same ? [6]

Answer : The children of slums like Seemapuri are the offsprings of homeless ragpickers. As they live in poverty and hunger, they start



picking rags at an early age. They grow up in shifting shacks, without drainage or running water. For elders, garbage is a means of survival but for children, it has surprises. Finding a coin or a currency note by chance, thrills them. This profession gives them a roof over their heads, even if it leaks.

OR

The peddler believed that the whole world was nothing but a big rattrap. It baited people in the form of riches and joys. The peddler could not make ends meet, so he had to indulge into begging and petty theft. As he got lured by the bait of thirty kronors, the world closed in on him and trapped him. He got lost in the forest. At that moment, he realised that his end was near.

11. Answer the following question in 120-150 words : [6]

In India, the so-called lower castes have been treated cruelly for a long time. Who advised Bama to fight, when and how, against this prejudice ?

OR

To choose between professional loyalty and patriotism was a dilemma for Dr. Sadao. How did he succeed in betraying neither ?

Answer : Bama's brother Annan advised her to fight against the prejudice. One when Bama saw an elder person holding the packet of food with its string without touching its content, she

narrated the incident to her brother who told her that the person she saw, belonged to their community which doesn't get respect or honour. He asked Bama to study hard in order to prosper in life and shed all indignities as only then could lower caste community earn the honour and respect that it deserved.

OR

Dr. Sadao succeeded as a doctor as well as a true citizen. As a doctor, he took the enemy home and treated him. He even did an operation and gave a post-operative treatment to the prisoner. He did all this amidst the opposition of his servants and a risk of arrest. But as a patriot, he informed the General about the whole incident and did not allow himself to get emotionally involved with the prisoner.

12. Answer the following question in 120-150 words : \*\* [6]

Attempt a character sketch of Dr. Kemp as a law-abiding citizen.

OR

Lammeter sisters have money but not class or education. What do you think about them ?

13. Attempt the following question in 120-150 words : \*\* [6]

Why and how did Griffin burglarise the vicarage ?

OR

How did Silas' treatment of Sally Oates affect his life at Raveloe ?

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## English 2017 (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 sets.

### SECTION – B (WRITING SKILLS)

4. The Principal, Sunshine Public School, Dindigul has invited the Inspector of Police (Traffic) to deliver a lecture on 'Road Safety' in her school. Draft a notice in about 50 words informing the

students to assemble in the school auditorium. [4]

OR

Publicly we proclaim that dowry is an evil. Privately we want our sons to fetch good dowries. Right from our school days we should be taught that demanding and even giving dowry is not only illegal but immoral too. Draw a poster in about 50 words highlighting dowry as a curse. You are Vikram/Sonia.

\*\*Answers are not given due to the change in syllabus

Answer :

**SUNSHINE PUBLIC SCHOOL, DINDIGUL**  
**NOTICE**

10<sup>th</sup> MAY, 20XX

**ROAD SAFETY**

A lecture on 'Road Safety' has been organised by the school. It will be delivered by the Inspector of Police (traffic) on 20<sup>th</sup> May, 20XX at 9:00 AM. All the students have to assemble in the school auditorium.

**Xyz**  
Principal

OR

**DOWRY-AN EVIL**

Demanding dowry is :

- Illegal
- Immoral
- Unethical

In India, one woman is murdered for dowry every 20 minutes and hour

**SAY NO TO DOWRY**  
**BE A MAN, NOT A BEGGER!**

5. There is a senior secondary school running right in the middle of Manu Vihar, a middle class colony full of housing society flats. In the morning as well as in the afternoon, the road passing in front of the school is congested with school buses, mini buses, private cars, etc. Write a letter in 120-150 words to the Dy. Commissioner (Traffic) to provide at least two traffic police constables to regulate the traffic. You are Gautam/Gita, A-21. Akashdeep Apartments, Manu Vihar, Delhi. [6]

OR

Sunshine Public School, Pune requires two sports coaches (one male and one female). Each should be a degree holder in physical education as well as an SAI certified coach in athletics. You have seen their advertisement and you know that you have these qualifications. Write an application in 120-150 words along with your resume. You are Praveen/Praveena, M-114, Najafgarh. Delhi.

Answer :

A-21  
Akashdeep Apartments  
Manu Vihar  
Delhi

6 May 20XX

The Deputy Commissioner  
Traffic Police  
Gole Market  
New Delhi

**Subject : Monitoring the traffic**

Sir,

Our colony is full of housing society flats. I want to bring to your notice the inconvenience caused to the common man due to traffic jam in the area. There is a senior secondary school running right in the middle of Manu Vihar. In the morning as well as in the afternoon, the road passing in front of the school is congested with school buses, mini buses and private cars. At that time, it gets difficult to pass through the road. Nobody cares for the traffic signal.

Much of this nuisance will be dealt with if a traffic police officer is there at that time. It will be so kind of you if you could provide at least two traffic police constables to regulate the traffic during the morning and the afternoon hours.

Thank you

Yours sincerely  
Gautam/Gita

OR

M-114  
Najafgarh  
Delhi

10 May 20XX

The Principal  
Sunshine Public School  
Pune

**Subject : Application for the job of a sports coach.**

Sir,

This is with reference to your advertisement in The Times of India, dated 2<sup>nd</sup> May, 20XX, for the job of a sports coach.

I am, at present, working in a private school in Delhi. Since my family is stationed in Pune, I want to shift to the city. Hence, I am looking for a job in Pune.

I have 3 years of experience and can assure you of my best services, if given a chance.

I am enclosing my resume for your perusal.

Yours faithfully  
Praveen/Praveena  
Encl. Rssume

### RESUME

Name : Praveen/Praveena Sharma  
Address : 8, Gandhi Road, Pune  
Date of Birth : 30 Nov 19XX  
Marital Status : Unmarried  
Educational  
Qualifications : i. Degree in Physical Education from Mumbai,  
ii. SAI certification in athletics.  
Job experience : 3 years in a private school in Delhi  
Expected salary : ₹ 15000 p.m.  
References : i. Prof. B.M. Sharma  
Adarsh college, Ambala  
ii. Dr. Lal  
Civil hospital, Delhi

7. After the rainy season is over, mosquitoes start breeding. They cause malaria, dengue, chikungunya, etc. These diseases can sometimes prove to be fatal. As the Principal of your school, you have decided to deliver a speech on protection from mosquitoes. Write that speech in 150-200 words. [10]

OR

"A career counsellor (not you, yourself) is the best person to guide you in the choice of a career." Write a debate in 150-200 words either for or against the motion.

Answer :

### PROTECTION FROM MOSQUITOES

Good morning dear students, today I want to make you aware of the outspread of malaria, chikungunya and dengue. These may take a great toll on health if precautions are not taken. So, it is pertinent on our part, that we save ourselves by keeping the mosquitoes away.

For this, we should not allow water to stagnate at a place that becomes a breeding place for mosquitoes. We should be very alert and cautious to make sure that water is removed from our coolers, pots and from other such areas where there is a likelihood of water to stagnate. We should spray insecticides, use mosquito nets or repellents at night. We should also cover our bodies properly to avoid mosquito bites. Thus, we can avert the dengue, malaria and chikungunya menace by putting a very little effort on our part. In case, we feel any symptoms of the fever, we must immediately consult the doctor.

OR

Honourable Chairperson, Members of Jury and my dear friends, I am Pulkit and I am here to speak for the motion "A career counsellor is the best person to guide you in the choice of a career."

The world is changing at a fast pace. New avenues are coming up; but how the young children can be made aware of the opportunities For students, it is their moulding period. They focus mainly on studies. But not all students are bright academically and it does not mean that they can't do anything. They might be gifted with another type of talent or skill like : music, atheletics, visual intelligence. The good thing in it is that there are good opportunities out in the world for such talent. A Career Counsellor works as a guide to help them to understand and utilise those opportunities. Finding their worth, recognising their interests and choosing the right career path for themselves becomes too much of a burden for the students. So, the role of a career counsellor is to help them to find and acknowledge the area of their interest and guide them to the right career options. They provide career mapping support and motivation to the students and help to boost their morale. So, let us not be a parasite on the society. Let us make an intelligent and professional move and step ahead in the right direction with the help of those who are more aware and informed.

### SECTION – C

#### (LITERATURE : TEXT BOOKS AND LONG READING TEXT)

9. Answer any four of the following questions in 30-40 words each : [3 × 4 = 12]
- "What a thunderclap these words were to me!" (Franz). What were those words and what was their effect on Franz?
  - Why did Douglas fail to come to the surface of the pool as he hoped to ?
  - What was Kamala Das's childhood fear ?
  - How is the Earth a source of life when all seems dead on it ?
  - How does Mr. Lamb react when Derry enters his garden?
  - Which problem did the Maharaja face when he had killed sventy tigers ? How did he solve it ?

Answer :

- Franz was thunderstruck when Mr. Hamel announced that French will not be taught

any longer. He was there to teach his last lesson of French that day. They had received orders from Berlin that teaching French was being barred. Franz felt very sorry for not learning his French lessons. He felt very sad.

- (b) Douglas failed to come to the surface of the pool because when he reached the bottom, he felt his lungs were ready to burst. He tried to spring up, but came up slowly. He could see and feel nothing but water. He felt too suffocated. Fear gripped him and his legs seemed to have been paralyzed. Before he knew it, he was sinking back to the bottom.
- (c) Since her childhood, Kamala Das had a fear that she would lose her mother in some way or the other or she would be separated from her. Now that her mother was sixty-six years old and had a deteriorating health, the poet's fear returned with an even greater intensity.
- (d) When everything seems to be dead, the

Earth still remains alive. Stillness cannot be confused with total inactivity. The seed that lie dormant through the winters, come to life in the spring season. So, there is a life under apparent stillness.

- (e) Derry enters Mr. Lamb's garden by climbing over the wall. When Mr. Lamb saw him entering his garden, he was startled. Derry tried to explain that he didn't intend to steal anything, but Mr. Lamb welcomed Derry instead of getting angry and treated him as his friend. He also asked him to pick up the apples lying in the long grass.
- (f) After killing seventy tigers, the Maharaja found that the tigers had become extinct in his kingdom and thirty tigers were still remained to be killed. So, he decided to marry a girl in the royal family of a state which has a large tiger population.

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## English 2017 (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 sets.

### SECTION – B (WRITING SKILLS)

6. To have a fair complexion is an obsession in our society. Demand for fair brides in matrimonial columns and sale of fairness creams are evidence enough. Write an article in 150-200 words giving your views on 'Beautiful mind, better than a fair complexion.' You are Natwar/Nimmi. Use the following clues : [10]
- The west, people like to be tanned
  - Fair complexion, only skin deep
  - Beautiful mind
  - Attitude to life
  - Behaviour in society, etc.

OR

Your school is situated near a road intersection. Last week, in the morning, a bus coming at a great speed overturned when it braked suddenly. Senior students of your school rushed out and did everything to save the passengers. You were part of the rescue efforts. Write a

report in 150-200 words on the accident and your friends' role, for your school newsletter. You are George/Mary.

Answer :

### BEAUTIFUL MIND, BETTER THAN A FAIR COMPLEXION

By Natwar/Nimmi

Beauty is not in the face but is a light in the heart. There is much difference between looking beautiful and feeling beautiful. Fair complexion is about visual and superficial beauty. Complexion preference varies from person to person. For instance, people in the west like to get tanned voluntarily. The term 'beauty' refers to the inner beauty. Inner beauty is based on personality traits such as attitude and behaviour.

But, demand for brides in matrimonial columns and sale of fairness creams make it clear that to have a fair complexion is an obsession in our society. There is a clear discrimination being carried out across our country and society. It is shocking that such trend is not only ruling our mind but is being shamelessly marketed across our TV screens as well.

Our real progress will occur when we get rid of such racist mindset within the general masses of our society.

OR

**A GHASTLY BUS ACCIDENT**

By George/Mary

Death and disasters come uninvited. They have no time-table. Last week, dated 6<sup>th</sup> May, 20XX. I was at my school gate in the morning when I heard a loud screeching of brakes. A blue line bus was approaching at a dangerously fast speed while the students of our school were crossing the road intersection. The bus was moving so rapidly that the driver could not stop it and it overturned when he applied the brakes suddenly. The scene became a havoc. Passengers were badly injured. Some senior students and I rushed out and tried to save the passengers. The bus driver fled from the scene. There were people with multiple fractures and injuries. Many people came to help. Injured people were rushed to Safdar Jung Hospital where as two people died on the spot. It was a tragic sight. Rash driving of a driver took away the lives of the innocent people. I wonder how long will this recklessness continue!

SECTION – C

**(LITERATURE : TEXT BOOKS  
AND LONG READING TEXT)**

9. Answer any four of the following questions in 30-40 words each : [3 × 4 = 12]
- How were the parents and M. Hamel responsible for the children's neglect of the French language ?
  - How did Douglas' introduction to YMCA pool revive his childhood fear of water ?
  - In the last line of the poem, 'My Mother at Sixty-six', why does the poet use the word 'smile' repeatedly ?
  - How is total inactivity on the Earth in the winter months full of life ?
  - When did the Maharaja decide to double the land tax for a village ?
  - What kind of garden does Mr. Lamb have ? Why does he like it ?

Answer :

- (a) M. Hamel feels that the parents and he himself

\*\*Answers are not given due to the change in syllabus

are responsible for the children's neglect of the French language. Parents preferred to have their children work on their farms or in the mills. Even Hamel used to send the children on petty errands for his convenience or would dismiss the classes when he wanted to go fishing, thus, making them miss their lessons of french language.

- The YMCA pool revived unpleasant memories of Douglas' childhood. He recollected the experience on the beach in California when he was three or four years old. He remembered how waves overpowered him despite his father's presence. He had nearly drowned and felt his limbs got paralysed. But, he was determined to learn swimming. So, he decided to learn it by imitating.
  - The poet uses the word smile repeatedly to cover up her pain and fear of losing her mother. She tries to put on a brave front by hiding her fear behind a smile.
  - Total inactivity on Earth does not mean that everything is dead. The Earth is still alive. Life goes on as usual. The seeds that lie dormant through winter come to life in the spring. So, there is a life under apparent stillness.
  - The Maharaja decided to double the land tax for a village when he was not able to locate the tiger in the forest suggested by the villagers. This had infuriated and frustrated the Maharaja as he was just left with one more tiger to complete his target of killing hundred of them, but he missed it.
  - Mr. Lamb's garden is a place where there is an occasional round of birdsongs and rustling of tree leaves. There are crab apple trees and Mr. Lamb shares the apples with the children who come to his garden. His philosophy is to love all the creatures of God so he likes his garden as it gives him a chance to be in contact with the nature and people
13. Attempt the following question in 120-150 words : \*\* [6]  
Describe the circumstances that led to the unveiling of Griffin's invisibility.

OR

How did Dunstan Cass meet his end ?

**English 2017 (Delhi)****SET I**

Time allowed : 3 hours

Maximum marks : 100

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

**SECTION – B****(WRITING SKILLS)**

4. You are Vikram/Sonia, an Hon's graduate in history with specialization in Medieval India. You are well acquainted with places of historical interest in Delhi, Agra and Jaipur. You are looking for the job of a tourist guide. Write an advertisement in about 50 words for the situations wanted column of a local newspaper. Your contact no. is 999751234. [4]

OR

While walking in a park in your neighbourhood you found a small plastic bag containing some documents and some cash. Write a notice in about 50 words to be put on the park notice board asking the owner to identify and collect it from you. You are Amar/Amrita 9399123456.

Answer :

**SITUATION WANTED**

An Hon's graduate in history, specialization in Medieval India, well acquainted tourist guide available to give service. Expert in historical places like Delhi, Agra and Jaipur. Good in communication skills, knows Hindi, English and French/Sonia. Nominal charges. Please contact Vikram. Contact No. 999751234 Janakpuri, Delhi.

OR

**SHIV VATIKA PARK, JANAKPURI  
NOTICE**

5 Feb, 20XX

**LOST ! LOST ! LOST**

This is to inform you all that a small black plastic bag containing some documents and cash was found in the park premises on 2nd Feb., 20XX around 10 a.m. The genuine owner who can claim it is requested to collect it from the undersigned by giving proper identification.

Amar

The Secretary

5. In our society we do not give to our women the respect and status that they deserve. Women are stared at, stalked and even molested. We need to

change the male mindset about women. Write a letter in 120-150 words to the editor of a national newspaper giving your views on the problem. You are Omar/Amna, A 114 Mall Road, Delhi.

[6]

OR

You want to spend a week-long holiday at Shimla in the month of October decided to stay at Hotel Snow view. Write a letter in 120-150 words to the manager to book a room. Mention the dates, facilities in the room, food, sight-seeing facilities that you will need. You are Amar/Amrita M114, Lake Road, Karnal.

Answer :

A - 114

Mall Road

Delhi,

12th Feb, 20XX

The Editor

The Times of India

Bahadurshah Zafar Marg, Delhi

**Subject : Respecting the Dignity of women.**

Sir,

I shall feel highly obliged if you publish the following views in the valuable columns of your esteemed paper.

Women have always been the most vulnerable in any age, time, place and society. It has been observed over quite a long time that women are humiliated, tortured, harassed, stalked and molested. The other problems include sexual harassment, domestic violence and marital discord which cause a lot of embarrassment. Though strict measures are taken to improve the status of women in the society, the problem remains where it was.

As we all know, in modern India, women are playing a major role and have significant contribution in the welfare of democratic values. So, it is necessary to change the male mindset towards women. It is only possible by spreading awareness among women and the society at large. Also, the bringing up of boys and girls should be done equally at home. This growing rate of violence against women can be stopped. Strict measures should be adopted by the society and the government in order to do so. Moreover, we should take a pledge to start campaigns

against women violence and other such issues in order to increase the status and social standing of women, economically and politically.

Your Sincerely

Omar/Amna

OR

M-114

Lake Road,

Karnal

12th Feb., 20XX

The Manager

Snow View Hotel

Shimla

**Subject : Booking a Room in Hotel**

Sir,

It gives me an immense pleasure to inform you that I shall be visiting Shimla during the autumn break. I intend to reach there on 15th Oct., 20XX for a week-long vacation. During the stay at Shimla, you are requested to reserve a room for me in your hotel from 15<sup>th</sup> Oct. to 21<sup>st</sup> Oct., 20XX. Please see to it that the room should be well-equipped with all the modern facilities. I am enclosing a bank draft of ₹ 5000/- as an advance for reservation charges. It would be highly appreciated if you can provide me with a guide to show me around Shimla. Please confirm the booking so that the remaining amount shall be sent to you. I shall also need a chauffeur driven car to take me in and around Shimla.

Yours Sincerely

Amar/Amrita

6. Our performance in the Rio Olympics has told us that we do not pay enough attention to athletics and outdoor games. It is the time we revise our attitude. Sports should be an important part of every school's daily routine. Write an article in 150-200 words on 'Importance of Outdoor Games'. You are Sreeja/Thomas. [10]

OR

Cultural Society, Sunshine Public School, Nellore organised an adult literacy camp in its neighbourhood. Write a report in 150-200 words on the camp for your school newsletter. You are P. V. Sunitha, Secretary. Use the following clues : no. of volunteers—hours spent in teaching—location of the class—chairs, blackboards—no. of people attending the camp—benefit.

**Answer :**

### IMPORTANCE OF OUTDOOR GAMES

By Sreeja/Thomas

As in the words of Muhammad Ali :

"Champions are made from something they have deep inside them, — a desire, a dream, a vision".

But our performance in Rio olympics tells a different story. A nation of more than 125 crores has not been able to produce a sportsperson, or an athlete of International standards even after 76 years of independence! What really is the reason behind the adverse condition of Indian sports? Growing craze of cellphones and video games among children are the official apathy and the lack of facilities are like an additional handicap. Also, at present, there is a lot of emphasis on academics which leads to the lack of time for the students to get indulge in sports activities. So, to brighten up the image of sports and games, indoor and outdoor games are equally important—one for relaxation and the other for physical exercise. Games such as Volleyball, Hockey, Cricket, Basketball, Football and Lawn Tennis provide recreation, develop sportsmanship and broaden the base of sports. There is no doubt that these outdoor games develop good habits, skills, knowledge and other social qualities required in a sportsperson. Sports personalities and players should be given proper training for them to be properly motivated. If we really want to revive our sports, the Govt. and sports authorities of India must put serious efforts into the matter. Proper facilities should be provided to the athletes and new talent should be encouraged. In order to enhance the performance, we should chalk out weekly plans, meso-cycle plans, micro-cycle and yearly plans for the sports person. Sports play an intergal part in education. So we should motivate all the students of an institution to take parts in games and sports. 'A game for each and each for a game' may be considered the motto of sports.

OR

### AN ADULT LITERACY CAMP

By P. V. Sunitha, Secretary

In order to enlighten the fruits of education, an adult literacy campaign was conducted by Cultural Society, Sunshine Public School, Nellore from 2nd Feb., to 5th Feb. 20XX in our neighbourhood. The campaign was held with

the motive of ensuring education for adults and helping them to become literate. During the campaign, 50 volunteers participated and spent 4 hours in teaching them. For this noble task, the community hall was selected at Janakpuri. Both males and females were engaged and given a taste of education. They had arranged chairs, desks and blackboards for teaching them. More than 200 people attended the camp. They were provided with free copies, pencils and other necessary items. Every illiterate person was given special attention. It was hoped not only to achieve our target, but also to exceed the same. It was positively determined to make the campaign grand success. The chief-co-ordinator, Mr. Joshi, thanked all the volunteers, teachers and all the members who motivated the adults for gaining education, and for making the campaign a grand success.

7. Your PGT English Ms. Geetha is a short story writer also. 'Sky is not Far' is a collection of her latest short stories. This book has won a national award. Write a speech in 150-200 words you will deliver in her honour in the morning assembly. [10]

OR

'Private cars should be banned in the congested commercial areas of the cities.' Write a debate in 150-200 words either for or against the motion.

Answer :

#### IN HONOUR OF MS GEETHA'S ACHIEVEMENT

It is rightly said that :

'Surprises render more pleasure, especially when they are totally unexpected.'

A very good morning to one and all. Respected Principal, teachers and my dear friends !

I, Vinod, a student of class, XII feel extremely proud and honoured to speak about my loving teacher, Ms. Geeta P.G.T. (Eng.), who wrote the short story, 'Sky is Not far', which has won a national award. It is really a matter of pride for our school. Each one of us wants to touch the sky but only a few of us dare to chase our dreams and our English teacher fulfilled her dream with a strong determination and a keen hobby of writing stories. Her easy style of writing along with the issues linking to the everyday problems was well received by readers, particularly the youth. This short story deals with women's struggles and essentially their attainment of the desired goals and the more women relate

to it, it goes on and comes up with some other 'newer issues'. This is really a great achievement for her and our school. Her story is ultimate, unmatched and an excelled one. I feel extremely honoured for her service to the society and her excellent work. She will continue to be a source of inspiration to one and all.

Thank you.

OR

#### PRIVATE CARS TO BE BANNED IN CONGESTED AREAS

A very good morning to all of you here.

Respected panel of jury members, teachers and my friends !

I, Raja, stand before you today to express my views regarding; 'Should private cars be banned in the congested commercial areas of cities' ?

I am in favour of the motion. It is causing a lot of inconvenience to the people who are forced to be stuck in congested areas. We must think unconventionally and alternatively to solve this problem. The roads leading to the commercial areas should be made one way roads during the peak traffic hours, i.e., between 8 am to 10 am and 5 pm to 8pm respectively. Heavy fine should be levied on people who wait inside their vehicles in the 'No waiting' area. More underground parking facilities need to be provided as there is a lack of parking lots. The officials should keep strict vigilance on this issue. It is noted, that a lot of cars generally hinders the efficiency of the commercial areas, because it creates traffic jams and they are the main cause of pollution. The Govt. should ban cars to force the people to use the public transportation provided and to reinforce the efficiency of commerce.

#### SECTION - C

#### (LITERATURE : TEXT BOOKS AND LONG READING TEXT)

8. Read the extract given below and answer the questions that follow : [1 × 4 = 4]

Far far from gusty waves these children's faces.  
Like rootless weeds, the hair torn round their pallor;

The tall girl with her weighed-down head.

(a) Who are these children ?

(b) Which figure of speech has been used in the first two lines ?

(c) Why is the tall girl's head weighed down?

(d) What does the word, 'pallor' mean ?



OR

Aunt Jennifer's tigers prance across a screen,  
Bright topaz denizens of a world of green.  
They do not fear the men beneath the tree;  
They pace in sleek chivalric certainty.

- (a) Why are the tigers called Aunt Jennifer's tigers ?  
(b) How are they described here ?  
(c) How are they different from Aunt Jennifer ?  
(d) What does the word, 'chivalric' mean ?

Answer :

- (a) These children are the victims of social injustice and acute poverty.  
(b) Simile and Alliteration have been used in the first two lines of the poem,  
(c) The tall girl is malnourished and depressed. That's why she has her head weighed down.  
(d) Pallor means 'an unhealthy pale appearance.'

OR

- (a) The tigers are called Aunt Jennifer's tigers because they represent her hidden aspirations and desires.  
(b) They are described as the inhabitant of a dense green forest, prancing unafraid with bright eyed.  
(c) They are different from Aunt Jennifer, as the animals created by her displayed chivalry and fearlessness, though, she herself is oppressed and fearful  
(d) Chivalric means brave.

9. Answer any four of the following questions in 30-40 words each : [3 × 4 = 12]

- (a) Why did Franz not want to go school that day ?  
(b) What was Sophie's ambition in life ? How did she hope to achieve that ?  
(c) What kind of pain does Kamala Das feel in 'My Mother at Sixty-six' ?  
(d) How can 'mighty dead' be things of beauty?  
(e) Why was the Maharaja once in danger of losing his kingdom ?  
(f) What was the basic plot of each story told by Jack ?

Answer :

- (a) Franz did not want to go to school that day because the weather was very tempting. The bright day, chirping of birds, woods and fields, free environment outside along with the drilling by Prussian soldiers all restricted him

from going to school. Moreover, he did not prepare his lesson and feared Mr. M. Hamel's scolding on that day.

- (b) Sophie's ambition in life was to set-up a boutique or becoming a manager or an actress. Moreover, she wanted to be a fashion designer for earning money.  
(c) The failing health of the old mother upset and haunts the poetess. She feels that her mother is swiftly nearing the death. She is leaving her mother for sometime and going abroad; she fears that she would not find her alive upon her return.  
(d) John Keats was the youngest of all Romantic Poets. He was famous for sensuousness, describing the mighty dead as the magnificent warrior who selflessly sacrificed his life for his nation and won grandeur or greatness. So, achieving this is equal to achieving a thing of beauty.  
(e) The Maharaja had annoyed a senior British officer by refusing him the permission to hunt tigers in Pratibandapuram and even refusing to allow him to get photographed with a dead tiger. As a result, he was in danger of losing his throne. Later, to amend, he sent about fifty samples of expensive diamond rings to the officer's wife as a bribe.  
(f) Jack always used to tell a story to his little daughter, Jo, about Roger. Usually, every story had a small creature named Roger fish, Roger squirrel or Roger chipmunk. who always had a problem, so he went to the wise owl for advice and then the wise owl directed him to go to the wizard who solved the problem for a fee. then Roger would go to the well to get some pennies to pay the fee. The wizard used his magical spell to solve the problem after which, he went home and had a family dinner.

10. Answer the following question in 120-150 words: [6]

Garbage to them is gold. How do ragpickers of Seemipuri survive ?

OR

The peddler thinks that the whole world is a rattrap. This view of life is true only of himself and of no one else in the story. Comment.

Answer : Garbage provides the rag-pickers a means to survive. It is their daily bread. Sometimes, they find currency notes or even silver coins in the heaps of garbage. For them, it is wrapped in wonder and this garbage is nothing less than gold for them.

Poor Ragpicker like saheb spend their lives looking for gold in garbage dumps. The ragpickers of Seemapuri lived in structures of mud, tin and tarpaulin with no sewage or drainage system for running water. Their parents have no fixed income. They wage war against poverty and hunger. They have no dream except finding the means of survival. These people have lived there for more than thirty years without an identity or permit. They have got ration cards that enable them to buy grains and get names on the voter list. For them, food is more important for survival than an identity, rag picking is the means of their survival.

**OR**

This view of life is universal. It relates to everyone who was ever a victim of circumstances. The Peddler, a poor vagabond, makes and sells rattraps to make both ends meet. He even found a parable between the world and the rattrap. He had been living a despicable life of misery, poverty and frustration, visualising the whole world to be a rattrap ready to engorge anyone who succumbed to the bots of its riches and joy. The world had been rather unkind to only him as others like Crofter, Edla and Ironmaster were not tempted with anything as they already had everything, so he felt happy to think ill about it. Despite the Crofter's kindness and hospitality, he betrayed his trust and stole his money. But Edla's compassion and understanding finally brought about a transformation in his nature. So, in his own opinion, only he suffers.

11. Answer the following question in 120-150 words : [6]

**Untouchability is not only a crime, it is inhuman too. Why and how did Bama decide to fight against it ?**

**OR**

**Good human values are far above any other value system. How did Dr. Sadao succeed as a doctor as well as a patriot?**

**Answer :** When Bama acquainted her elder brother with that 'funny episode' about an elderly man from low caste carrying a food packet by a string without touching it, those comic details

**\*\*Answer are not given due to the change in syllabus**

could not make him laugh. He guided her properly. He explained to her the social stigma of untouchability. He told her that they were the victim of social prejudice. Bama was highly inspired by the words of her elder brother.

She fought against untouchability by outclassing the achievements of the higher class, thus, proving that she is no less than the higher classes. Filled with anger and revolt, she said, 'We too are Human Beings; our people should never do these humiliating things for them. She fought against this oppression, prejudice, stigma, superstition and ignorance. She studied hard and earned a name for herself. She used writing as a tool in her struggle against the discrimination that constraints and binds the free flow of the spirit.

**OR**

The story, The Enemy, set during the World War, deals with a dilemma. When man faces difficult choices to be a patriotic or to be a professional, he acts impatiently in both the situations. Dr. Sadao is thoroughly professional and when it comes to his patients, he becomes oblivious to other facts. So, despite the fact that the injured man is an American Soldier, and an enemy, Dr. Sadao gives top priority to save the life of the dying soldier. As a doctor, he performed his first and foremost duty which is towards the sick and the injured who needs, his immediate attention, irrespective of his nationality. But later on, being a true patriotic nationalist and a loyal citizen of Japan, he handed him over to the police by informing the General about him. But the General is totally governed by self-absorption. This ultimately set Dr. Sadao to comply with the plan for him to escape. Thus, Dr. Sadao managed to serve as a doctor as well as a patriot.

12. Answer the following question in 120-150 words :\*\* [6]

**Describe Marvel as an opportunist.**

**OR**

**George Eliot has portrayed Godfrey as a morally weak character. Comment.**

13. Answer the following question in 120-150 words :\*\* [6]

**How does Dr. Cuss's encounter with Griffin end in a disaster?**

**OR**

**What kind of life did Silas lead at Lantern Yard?**

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**English 2017 (Delhi)****SET II**

Time allowed : 3 hours

Maximum marks : 100

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

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

4. After the rains, cases of dengue, chikungunya etc., are on the rise in your city. As the Principal of Sunshine Public School, Manu Vihar, you have decided to allow your students to wear full sleeve shirts and trousers in the school for a period of one month. Write the notice in about 50 words. [4]

OR

You are Health Secretary, Students Council Citizens Public School, Ram Bagh, Varanasi. The Council has decided to start from the second of October a week-long cleanliness drive around the school. Draft a notice in about 50 words asking the Class XI students to enrol for the drive.

Answer :

**SUNSHINE PUBLIC SCHOOL, MANU VIHAR**  
**NOTICE**

16th March, 20XX

**RELAXATION IN UNIFORM**

This is to inform all the parents that after incessant rains, cases of dengue and chikungunya have been noticed, concluding this, the school management has swung into action and decided to allow the students to wear full sleeve shirts and trousers in school for a period of one month, i.e., from July to August, 20XX. Parents are requested to co-operate in this matter.

Principal  
A.K. Sharma

OR

**CITIZEN PUBLIC SCHOOL, RAMBAGH**  
**NOTICE**

16th Oct, 20XX

**CLEANLINESS DRIVE**

The student's council of our school is launching a week long Cleanliness Drive from 2nd October to 8th October, 201XX.

The Students of class XI are requested to join this mission by enrolling for the drive and make it a great success at large.

XYZ.  
Health Secretary

5. Last month you purchased a TV set from Ram Electronics, Pusp Vihar, Ambala. It is not working properly (imagine a few defects). Write a letter of complaint in 120-150 words to the Manager asking for repair or replacement. You are Amar/Amrita, M114 Model Town, Ambala.

[6]

OR

You are living in a village along a national highway. The state roadways bus does not stop near your village. Write a letter in 120-150 words to the General Manager, State Railways requesting a bus stop for your village. Give all the reasons why you need a bus stop there. You are Omar/Amna, Gopalpur, Dist. Ramnagar.

Answer :

M 114, Model Town,  
Ambala

24th January, 20XX

The Manager

Ram Electronics

Pusp Vihar  
Ambala

**Subject : Complaint against defective T. V. Set.**

Sir,

I bought a L.G. 21" colour T.V. set from your showroom against cash memo no. 3212 dated 15th Jan, 20XX. You assured me that your T.V. sets were far superior in function than that of other companies.

Last week, it started showing major defects like blurred vision and sound. I thought that the sound problem was due to weak signals and that it will rectify shortly but it stayed with a more stronger frequency. Now, the situation is that the sound is not clear at all. It is jarring and, the colours are fading away suddenly. Since the T.V. set is within the guarantee period of two years, you are requested to get the defects rectified by your service engineers. In case, if the set is beyond repair, kindly get it replaced.

Thank you,

Your sincerely

Amar/Amrita

OR

Gopalpur,  
Dist. Ramnagar

16th March, 20XX

The General Manager

The State Roadways Authority

Ramnager

**Subject : Request for a bus stop.**

Sir,

I beg to draw your kind attention to the problem of transport in our village, Gopalpur. As you are aware, Gopalpur is situated along the national highway but the villagers are facing the brunt of isolation as there is no bus stop within a radius of 2 km. Since the state buses are unavailable, the autos and taxis also don't have a stand nearby. It becomes extremely difficult to commute from the place except in one's own vehicle.

I request you to start the bus service in our village at the earliest so that the inconvenience being caused to the villagers is permanently eradicated.

Looking forward to an early action by the concerned authorities

Your truly

Omar/Anna

7. **Sakshi Malik won a bronze medal in the Rio Olympics; every Indian felt proud of her. You, Head girl of your school, want to deliver a speech in order to express your feelings. Write the speech in 150-200 words. Apart from your own ideas, use the following clues :**

**Wrestling mostly a male sport-Sakshi born in conservative surroundings-most unfavourable gender ratio for females-parental encouragement-one can't forget the look of determination on her face in the last three minutes of the bout. [10]**

**OR**

**'Our large population is not a cause of poverty but an asset, a resource'. Write a debate in 150-200 words, either for or against the motion.**

**Answer :**

**SAKSHI MALIK'S ACHIEVEMENT**

Good morning everyone !

Respected Principal, teachers and my dear friends. I, xyz the head girl of the school, am going to deliver a speech on Sakshi Malik. In India, where all the sisters were celebrating the day with their brothers on Raksha Bandhan, far away in Rio de Janeiro, a 23-year-old wrestler, Sakshi Malik, made the nation proud by winning a bronze medal.

Malik became the first female Indian wrestler who has bagged a medal in the Olympics.

Sakshi Malik, the daughter of a bus conductor, comes from a small district in Haryana. She started her training at the age of 12. Malik and her coach, Ishwar Dahiya, faced many problems during the initial stages of the former's career as the mentality of the conservative society thought that wrestling was not meant for girls; it was thought to be a male sport. There are still so many people who are living with such male-dominant thinking.

Not only has she proved to be one of the best wrestlers in the world but also fought off long odds, bureaucratic obstacles, lack of facilities, and the conservative Indian society. Sakshi taught the nation that women in the country need support more than protection. We are proud to be the citizens of the nation where women like Sakshi Malik are born.

**OR**

**LARGE POPULATION NOT A CAUSE OF POVERTY BUT AN ASSET**

A very good morning to the jury members, all my dear friends and my fellow participants. Today, I am going to speak for the topic 'our large population is not a cause of poverty but an asset, a resource'.

India has the second highest population in the world with 125 crore people and also is the biggest provider of skilled manpower in the world, currently India provides the maximum number of engineers to the world. It is also one of the largest markets for automobiles, high-value foods, etc.

Large population means more intelligence that can be put to good effect and also skilled population draws more projects from foreign companies as well.

I, therefore, agree with the view that our large population is not a cause of poverty but an asset as every hand can become an earning hand for the economy and not a cause of poverty.

**SECTION - C**

**(LITERATURE : TEXT BOOKS AND LONG READING TEXT)**

9. **Answer any four of the following questions in 30-40 words each : [3 × 4 = 12]**
- Why was Franz not scolded for reaching the school late that day ?**
  - Sophie was dreaming of so many things in her life. What were they ?**
  - Why are the youngsters described as springing ? (My Mother at Sixty-Six).**

- (d) In the hot season, how do man and beast get comfort? (A thing of Beauty)
- (e) How did the Maharaja deal with a high ranking British officer who wanted to shoot a tiger?
- (f) Having got rid of his stink, what problem did Roger Skunk face?

Answer :

- (a) Mr. H. Hamel did not scold Franz. He only said that it is not good to put off learning. He was overwhelmed with emotions as it was his last French lesson. So, he asked him to sit in his place quickly.
- (b) Sophie dreamt of becoming as boutique owner, and actress, a manager or a fashion designer. She wanted to be a part of the sophisticated world so that she could visit exotic places that she believed her brother wanted to.
- (c) While driving to the airport, in an effort to distract herself from the thoughts of her ageing mother, the poet looks at the young trees, 'sprinting'. The trees seem to be running past the moving car. The sprinting of the

trees symbolises the rapidly passing years of a human's life from childhood to old age. This image, showing activity and strength, is contrasted with that of her old and weak mother who seems pale and dormant, sleeping in the car. The 'young' trees represent life in contrast to her mother's approaching death.

- (d) In the hot season, both men and beast relax in a bower and walk by a cooling covert made by the rills
- (e) The British Officer told the Maharaja that he wanted to hunt tigers in his kingdom but the Maharaja refused to give him his permission. The Maharaja himself wanted to kill a hundred tigers, so he had to refuse to give permission to the British Officer. Instead, he told the officer that if he wants to hunt boars, rats or even mosquitoes, there will be no problem. But hunting tigers could never be allowed.
- (f) He faced the problem from his mother who felt extremely annoyed. She could not stand that smell. She decided to take him right back to that 'awful' wizard and ask him to give the original smell back to her boy.

## English 2017 (Delhi)

## SET III

Time allowed : 3 hours

Maximum marks : 100

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

### SECTION – B (WRITING SKILLS)

4. RJ Public School is located in a Central Government employees' residential colony. Cultural Society of the School has decided to organise a fancy dress show on 25<sup>th</sup> of January in which each participant will wear the dress particular to his/her region. The aim is to show the cultural diversity of India. As Secretary, write a notice in about 50 words the names of those who want to participate. [4]

OR

An NGO has approached your school to offer book grants to the needy students. As Head Girl of Sunshine Public School, Aram Bagh, write a notice in about 50 words asking students, who

are in need, to put their requests into the box kept outside the Principal's office.

Answer :

R.J. PUBLIC SCHOOL

NOTICE

16<sup>th</sup> Dec. 20XX

"FANCY DRESS SHOW"

School Cultural Society is holding a fancy dress show to portray the cultural diversity of India on 24<sup>th</sup> Jan., 20XX in the school auditorium at 2 p.m. To make this gala a roaring success, the participants are advised to wear the dress particular to their region. The interested students should give their names to the undersigned for the show positively by 15<sup>th</sup> Jan., 20XX.

xyz

The Secretary  
Cultural Society

OR

**SUNSHINE PUBLIC SCHOOL, ARAM BAGH  
NOTICE**

16th March, 20XX

**BOOK CONTRIBUTION BY NGO**

The students should feel glad to know that an NGO has offered book grants to support the students in need. Those who are in need of the help regarding the purchase of books are advised to put their requests in the box kept outside the Principal's office as soon as possible.

xyz

Head Girl

5. You are Principal of Kendriya Vidyalaya, Ramnagar. The number of students in the computer class is increasing. Next year, starting in April 2017, you will need 25 more computers in your lab. Write a letter in 120-150 words to the Commissioner, K. V. Sangathan for funds. [6]

OR

You are Aslisha/Nimmi Dhar B-94 fort Road, Jammu. You have read the advertisement given below. You are qualified for the job. Write an application in 120-150 words along with a resume.

India Chemical Industries, Delhi  
requires

Accounts Officers

Qualification : B. Com.

Experience : Minimum 4 years

Job requirement : Maintaining books of accounts,  
preparation of Balance Sheet, etc.

Salary : Best in the Industry

Apply to : Managing Director, ICI,  
B-12 Barakhamba Road, New Delhi

Answer :

Kendriya Vidyalaya  
Ramnagar

16th March, 20XX

The Commissioner,

K.V. Sangathan

**Subject : Request for funds regarding purchase of new computers**

Sir,

I am writing this letter in regard with the upgradation of the computer lab. The number of students in the computer class is increasing rapidly but the number of computers is not enough. Most of the computers are outdated which causes inconvenience to the students. The lab has to be renovated. More desktop computers

and an adequate seating arrangement is needed. Therefore, I request for a grant of sufficient funds in order to purchase 25 more computer for the new session of the school. Kindly take a quick decision so that there no inconvenience is caused to the students.

Thank you,

Your's sincerely,

R. K. Sharma

Principal

OR

B-94

Fort Road

Jammu.0.1

The Managing Director, ICI,

B-12 Barakhamba Road.

New Delhi.

**Subject : Application for the post of Accounts officer.**

Sir,

With reference to your advertisement published in the Times of India, dated 15th Feb., 20XX, I would like to apply for the post of accounts officer in your company.

Since, I have a keen interest in the subject, I found your offer quite alluring. I am enclosing my Bio Data to enable you to assess my suitability for the post.

So please consider my application and favour me with an interview.

Thanking you,

Yours Truly,

Aslisha/Nimmi Dhar

End : Bio Data.

**BIO DATA**

1. NAME : Aslisha/Nimmi Dhar
2. FATHER'S NAME : Om Prakash Sharma.
3. DATE OF BIRTH : 6th Sept., 1976
4. ADDRESS : A Block, Vikasapur.  
New Delhi.
5. EDUCATIONAL QUALIFICATION :
  - (i) B. Com. from D.U.
  - (ii) C.A. from Institute of Chartered Accountants.  
N. D.
  - (iii) ICWAI
6. EXPERIENCE : 4 year experience as an accountant in Sims Pvt. Ltd.
7. SALARY EXPECTED : Negotiable

8. REFERENCES : (i) Adv. Lal Singh  
31-B, Civil Line  
Delhi  
(ii) Mr. Arun Goyal  
Accountant  
40-C, Rambagh,  
Delhi.

**SECTION – C**  
**(LITERATURE : TEXT BOOKS AND**  
**LONG READING TEXT)**

9. Answer any four of the following questions in 30-40 words each : [3 × 4 = 12]
- (a) What did Franz wonder about when he entered the class that day ?
  - (b) What shocking experience did Douglas have at YMCA pool ?
  - (c) Why does Kamala Das compare her mother to 'a pale winter's moon' ?
  - (d) What rich bounty has the heaven given us ? (A Thing of Beauty)
  - (e) Why did the Maharaja have to pay a bill of three lakh rupees to the British jewellers ?
  - (f) What problem did Roger Skunk face he went to play with his friends. How did he solve it ?

**Answer :**

- (a) Franz had a bundle of surprises when he entered the class room. The village people were sitting quietly on the back benches. Mr. Hamel did not get angry with Franz, rather he requested him very kindly to go to his place and sit quietly. Mr. Hamel was dressed in his

best formal clothes. Everybody in the class looked very sad.

- (b) William Douglas had a very shocking experience at the YMCA pool. A bully threw him into the deeper end of the pool. He hit the water surface in a sitting position and swallowed a lot of water, all at once. He nearly died in this misadventure.
- (c) The poet's mother is sixty-six years old. She is fast approaching her death. Her shrunken pale face resembles that of a corpse. She has lost her charm and the strength of youth. Similarly, the pale winter moon looks hazy and dull.
- (d) The heaven has given us innumerable things of beauty. They all give us a joy forever. They are like endless fountains of immortal drink, pouring in from the heaven's brink.
- (f) Roger Skunk smelled very bad. Whenever he would go to play, all the other little animals would run away from him. Then he went to the wise old owl. Who told him to go to see the wizard. The wizard solved Roger's problem with some magic spell and he got the smell of roses.

12. Answer the following question in 120-150 words :\*\* [6]

**Mrs. Hall is greedy but efficient in her business.**

**Attempt a character sketch of Mrs. Hall.**

**OR**

**Nancy Lammeter is a typical country girl. Comment.**



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