

English 2016 (Outside Delhi)

SET I

Time allowed : 3 hours

Maximum marks : 100

SECTION - A

(READING)

30

1. Read the passage given below : [12]

1. Maharana Pratap ruled over Mewar only for 25 years. However, he accomplished so much grandeur during his reign that his glory surpassed the boundaries of countries and time turning him into an immortal personality. He along with his kingdom became a synonym for valour, sacrifice and patriotism. Mewar had been a leading Rajput kingdom even before Maharana Pratap occupied the throne. Kings of Mewar, with the

cooperation of their nobles and subjects, had established such traditions in the kingdom, as augmented their magnificence despite the hurdles of having a smaller area under their command and less population. There did come a few thorny occasions when the flag of the kingdom seemed sliding down. Their flag once again heaved high in the sky, thanks to the gallantry and brilliance of the people of Mewar.

2. The destiny of Mewar was good in the sense that barring a few kings, most of the rulers were competent and patriotic. This glorious tradition of the kingdom almost continued for 1500 years since its establishment, right from the reign of Bappa Rawal. In fact, only

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

60 years before Maharana Pratap, Rana Sanga drove the kingdom to the pinnacle of fame. His reputation went beyond Rajasthan and reached Delhi. Two generations before him, Rana Kumbha had given a new stature to the kingdom through victories and developmental work. During his reign, literature and art also progressed extraordinarily. Rana himself was inclined towards writing and his works are read with reverence even today. The ambience of his kingdom was conducive to the creation of high quality work of art and literature. These accomplishments were the outcome of a long standing tradition sustained by several generations.

3. The lives of the people of Mewar must have been peaceful and prosperous during the long span of time; otherwise such extraordinary accomplishment in these fields would not have been possible. This is reflected in their art and literature as well as their loving nature. They compensate for lack of admirable physique by their firm but pleasant nature. The ambience of Mewar remains lovely thanks to the cheerful and liberal character of its people.
4. One may observe astonishing pieces of workmanship not only in the forts and palaces of Mewar but also in public utility buildings. Ruins of many structures which are still standing tall in their grandeur are testimony to the fact that Mewar was not only the land of the brave but also a seat of art and culture. Amidst aggression and bloodshed, literature and art flourished and creative pursuits of literature and artists did not suffer. Imagine, how glorious the period must have been when the Vijaya Stambha which is the sample of our great ancient architecture even today, was constructed. In the same fort, Kirti Stambha is standing high, reflecting how liberal the then administration was which allowed people from other communities and kingdoms to come and carry out construction work. It is useless to indulge in the debate whether the Vijay Stambha was constructed first or the Kirti Stambha. The fact is that both the capitals are standing side by side and reveal the proximity between the king and the subjects of Mewar.
5. The cycle of time does not remain the same. Where the reign of Rana Sanga was crucial in raising the kingdom to the acme of glory, it also proved to be his nemesis. History took a turn the fortune of Mewar—the land of the

brave, started waning. Rana tried to save the day with his acumen which was running against the stream and the glorious traditions for some time.

On the basis of your understanding of the above passage, answer each of the questions given below with the help of the options that follow :

[1 × 4 = 4]

- (a) **Maharana Pratap became immortal because :**
 - (i) he ruled Mewar for 25 years
 - (ii) he added a lot of grandeur to Mewar
 - (iii) of his valour, sacrifice and patriotism
 - (iv) both (ii) and (iii)
- (b) **Difficulties in the way of Mewar were :**
 - (i) lack of cooperation the nobility
 - (ii) ancient traditions of the kingdom
 - (iii) its small area and small population
 - (iv) the poverty of the subjects
- (c) **During thorny occasions :**
 - (i) the flag of Mewar seemed to be lowered
 - (ii) the flag of Mewar was hoisted high
 - (iii) the people of Mewar showed gallantry
 - (iv) most of the rulers heaved a sigh of relief
- (d) **Mewar was lucky because :**
 - (i) all of its rulers were competent
 - (ii) most of its people were competent
 - (iii) most of its rulers were competent
 - (iv) only a few of its people were incompetent

Answer the following questions briefly : [1×6=6]

- (e) **Who is the earliest King of Mewar mentioned in the passage ?**
- (f) **What was Rana Kumbha's contribution to the glory of Mewar ?**
- (g) **What does the writer find worth admiration in the people of Mewar ?**
- (h) **How could art and literature flourish in Mewar ?**
- (i) **How did the rulers show that they cared for their subjects ?**
- (j) **What does the erection of Vijaya Stambha and Kirti Stambha in the same fort signify ?**
- (k) **Find words from the passage which mean the same as each of the following : [1×2=2]**
 - (i) surprising (para 4), (ii) evidence (para 4)

Answer :

- (a) (ii) he added a lot of grandeur to Mewar
- (b) (iii) its small area and small population
- (c) (i) the flag of Mewar seemed to be lowered
- (d) (iii) most of its rulers were competent
- (e) Bappa Rawal is the earliest king of Mewar.

- (f) Rana Kumbha had given a new stature to the kingdom through victories and development in work. During his reign, literature and art also progressed extraordinarily. Rana himself was inclined towards writing and his works are read with reverence even today.
- (g) The people of Mewar are loving, cheerful, liberal, peaceful, prosperous and have a pleasant nature. According to the writer, these are the qualities that make them worth admiration.
- (h) During Rana Kumbha's reign, literature and art progressed extraordinarily. The peaceful and prosperous atmosphere of his kingdom was suitable for the creation of high quality work of literature and art. The king himself contributed to literature. Even amidst wars and bloodshed, literature and art flourished.
- (i) By building Vijaya Stambha and Kirti Stambha side by side, rulers revealed the proximity between the king and subjects of Mewar.
- (j) Vijaya Stambha is the sample of our great ancient architecture even today. Kirti Stambha reflects how liberal the then administration was, which allowed people from other communities and kingdoms to come and carry out construction work in Mewar. Along with minning wars, the ruler patronised art.
- (k) (i) astonishing (ii) testimony

2. Read the passage given below : [10]

- To ensure its perpetuity, the ground is well held by the panther both in *space* and in *time*. It enjoys a much wider distribution over the globe than its bigger cousins, and procreates sufficiently profusely to ensure its continuity for all time to come.
- There seems to be no particular breeding season of the panther, although its sawing and caterwauling is more frequently heard during winter and summer. The gestation period is about ninety to hundred days (Whipsnade, ninety-two days). The litter normally consists of four cubs, rarely five. Of these, generally two survive and not more than one reaches maturity. I have never come across more than two cubs at the heels of the mother. Likewise, graziers in the forest have generally found only two cubs hidden away among rocks, hollows of trees, and other impossible places.
- Panther cubs are generally in evidence in March. They are born blind. This is a provision of Nature against their drifting away from the

place of safety in which they are lodged by their mother, and exposing themselves to the danger of their being devoured by hyenas, jackals, and other predators. They generally open their eyes in about three to four weeks.

- The mother alone rears its cubs in seclusion. It keeps them out of the reach of the impulsive and impatient male. As a matter of fact the mother separates from the male soon after mating and forgets all about their tumultuous union. The story that the male often looks in to find out how the mother is progressing with her cubs has no foundation except in what we wish it should do at least.
- The mother carries its cubs about by holding them by the scruff of their necks, in its mouth. It trains them to stalk, and teaches them how to deliver the bite of death to the prey. The cubs learn to treat all and sundry with suspicion at their mother's heels. Instinctively the cubs seek seclusion, keep to cover and protect their flanks by walking along the edge of the forest.
- I have never had an opportunity to watch a mother panther train its cubs. But in Pilibhit forests, I once saw a tigress giving some lessons to its little ones. I was its kill at Mala. As the sun set, the tigress materialised in the twilight behind my *machan*. For about an hour, it scanned and surveyed the entire area looking and listening with the gravest concern. It even went to the road where my elephant was awaiting my signal. The *mahout* spotted it from a distance and drove the elephant away.
- When darkness descended upon the scene and all was well and safe the tigress called its cubs by emitting a low *haa-oon*. The cubs, two in number and bigger than a full-grown cat, soon responded. They came trotting up to their mother and hurried straight to the kill in indecent haste. The mother spat at them so furiously that they doubled back its heels immediately. Thereafter, the mother and its cubs sat under cover about 50 feet (15 m) away from the kill to watch, wait, look, and listen. After about half an hour's patience and fidgetless vigil the mother seemed to say 'paid for'. At this signal, the cubs cautiously advanced, covering their flanks, towards the kill. No longer did they make a beeline for it, as they had done before.
- The mother sat watching its cubs eat, and mounted guard on them. She did not partake of the meal.

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

[1 × 2 = 2]

(a) To protect its cubs, the mother panther hides them :

- (i) among rocks
- (ii) in the branches of the trees
- (iii) behind the tree trunks
- (iv) at its heels

(b) The male panther :

- (i) is protective of its cubs
- (ii) trains its cubs
- (iii) watches the progress of the mother
- (iv) is impulsive and impatient

Answer the following questions briefly :

[1 × 6 = 6]

(c) How many cubs does the mother panther rarely deliver ?

(d) What may happen if the panther cubs are not born blind ?

(e) Why did the mahaut drive his elephant away ?

(f) Why did the tigress spit at its cubs ?

(g) From the narrator's observation, what do we learn about the nature of the tigress ?

(h) Why does the panther not face the risk of extinction ?

(i) Find words from the passage which mean the same as each of the following :

[1 × 2 = 2]

(i) moving aimlessly (para 3)

(ii) came down/fell (para 7)

Answer :

(a) (i) among rocks

(b) (iv) is impulsive and impatient

(c) The mother panther delivers litter of four cubs, rarely five.

(d) If the panther cubs are not blind they drift away from the place of safety in which they are lodged by their mother.

(e) The mahaut drove away his elephant to protect it from the tigress by avoiding to disturb it.

(f) The mother tigress spat at its cubs to call them back to its heels and watch the prey carefully, instead of running towards it in haste.

(g) The tigress is very protective about her cubs. She rears them alone without the help of the male. She trains them to hunt and guards them

while they eat.

(h) The panther does not face the risk of extinction because it procreates sufficiently and profusely to ensure its continuity for all time to come.

(i) drifting, (ii) descended

3. Read the passage given below : [8]

People tend to amass possessions, sometimes without being aware of doing so. They can have a delightful surprise when they find something useful which they did not know they owned. Those who never have to change houses become indiscriminate collectors of what can only be described as clutter. They leave unwanted objects in drawers, cupboards and attics for years in the belief that they may one day need them. Old people also accumulate belongings for two other reasons, lack of physical and mental energy, and sentiment. Things owned for a long time are full of associations with the past, perhaps with the relatives who are dead, and so they gradually acquire a sentimental value.

Some things are collected deliberately in an attempt to avoid wastage. Among these are string and brown paper, kept by thrifty people when a parcel has been opened. Collecting small items can be a mania. A lady cuts out from newspapers sketches of model clothes that she would like to buy if she had money. As she is not rich, the chances are that she will never be able to afford such purchases. It is a harmless habit, but it litters up her desk.

Collecting as a serious hobby is quite different and has many advantages. It provides relaxation for leisure hours, as just looking at one's treasure is always a joy. One doesn't have to go out for amusement as the collection is housed at home. Whatever it consists of- stamps, records, first editions of books, china- there is always something to do in connection with it; from finding the right place for the latest addition to verifying facts in reference books. This hobby educates one not only in the chosen subject, but also in general matters which have some bearing on it.

There are other benefits also. One gets to meet like-minded collectors to get advice, compare notes, exchange articles, to show off one's latest finds, etc.; so, one's circle of friends grows. Soon the hobby leads to travelling, perhaps a meeting in another town, possibly a trip abroad in search of a rare specimen, for collectors are not confined to one country. Over the years, one may well become an authority on one's hobby and will probably be asked to give informal talks to little gatherings and then, if successful, to larger audiences.

- (a) On the basis of your understanding of the above passage make notes on it, using headings and subheadings. Use recognisable abbreviations (wherever necessary - minimum four) and a format you consider suitable. Also supply an appropriate title to it. [5]
- (b) Write a summary of the passage in about 80 words. [3]

Answer :

(a) Collecting-A Hobby

1. Reasons

- (i) Ppl can have delightful surprises
- (ii) Become indiscriminate collectors
- (iii) Senti values
- (iv) Mania

2. Advantayes

- (i) Avoid wastage
- (ii) Saver money
- (iii) Educational values
- (iv) Relaxation
- (v) Doesn't have to go out for amusement

3. Other benefits

- (i) One may meet like-minded collectors
- (ii) Frnd circle grows
- (iii) Hbby leads to travelling

Abbreviations Used	
Ppl.	people
Senti.	sentimental
Frnd.	friend
hbby.	hobby

(b) Summary :

People sometimes collect things due to various reasons which may be related to their need, lack of energy or sentimental values. Sometimes collection may be done to avoid wastage which later becomes a mania. But it has many advantages too; it relaxes, amuses and educates. It has additional benefits where one may meet like-minded collectors to get advice, compare notes, exchange articles, to show off one's latest findings, etc. As a result, their friend circle grows bigger. In fact, hobby further leads to travelling.

SECTION — B

(WRITING SKILLS)

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4. You are Karan Kumar/Karuna Bajaj, a leading lawyer practising in Surat. You want to buy an independent house at City Light Road to be used as office-cum-residence. Draft an advertisement in about 50 words for the classified columns

of a local newspaper. You can be contacted at 45645678 [4]

OR

On 30th November your school is going to hold its annual sports day. You want Mr. Dhanraj Pillai, a noted hockey player to give away the prizes to the budding sportspersons of the school. Write a formal invitation in about 50 words requesting him to grace the occasion. You are Karuna/Karan, Sports Secretary, Sunrise Global School, Agra.

Answer.

FOR PURCHASE
An independent house at City Light Road to be used as office cum residence for purchase, good location, separate entrance and exit, spacious, 24-hour water and electricity supply, parking facility, security and power backup.
Contact : Karuna Bajaj Lawyer, Surat 45635678

OR

Sunrise Global School, Agra
15th November, 20XX

Mr. Dhanraj Pillai
Abhilasha Complex
Chennai

Subject : Invitation to preside over Annual Sports Day

Dear Sir,

Our school is going to hold its annual sports day on 30th November. A number of students are likely to participate in various sports events.

We shall be highly honored if you kindly give your consent to preside over the programme and to give away the prizes to the budding sportspersons of the school at 10 a.m. at the school playground.

With warm regards

Karuna/Karan
(Sports Secretary)

5. Along with air and water pollution, our cities are also under an attack of noise pollution. Marriage processions, DJs during wedding receptions, loud music from neighbourhood flats etc. are all sources of noise which is not good for the old, the ailing and students. Write a letter in 120-150 words to the editor of a local newspaper describing the problem and making a request

to the concerned authorities to solve it. You are Karuna/Karan, M-114, Mall Road, Delhi. [6]

OR

In all big cities road rage has become a serious problem. A minor scratch, a little push, or a small brushing past can lead to a scuffle sometimes resulting even in murder. Write a letter in 120-150 words to the Police Commissioner giving your views on the problem and its solutions. You are Karuna/Karan, M-114, Mall Road, Delhi.

Answer :

M-114, Mall Road
Delhi

20th March, 20XX

The Editor

The Times of India
New Delhi

Subject : Time to become aware of the hazards of noise pollution

Dear Sir,

Through the esteemed columns of your prestigious newspaper, I, a resident of New Delhi, want to bring forth the issue of increasing noise pollution to the notice of the general public and concerned authorities. In the metro cities, there has been a tremendous increase in the levels of noise pollution. It's not only the shrieking horns and roars of vehicles but also marriage processions, loud DJ's, aircrafts and machines in industrial areas which cause a lot of noise pollution.

The consequences are extremely hazardous. They lead to increasing cases of deafness, insomnia, palpitation of heart, mental fatigue, etc. Among the sufferers are the small babies and old people who can't sleep properly, there are patients who can't take rest and students who can't study. Then there are 'Jagrans' that force the public to keep awake the whole night. The problem further adds to the fact that noise control laws are neither followed properly nor implemented completely. The culprits bribe the police and other officials and get away easily.

So, I think that law alone is not sufficient until and unless we citizens take an oath to make the city noise-free and educate the people about its ill effects. Above all, everybody has a right to enjoy a noiseless, peaceful sleep at night. Hope your newspaper will take initiative in this regard and relieve us from the menace of noise pollution.

Yours Truly

Karuna/Karan

OR

M-114, Mall Road,

Delhi

20th March, 20XX

The Commissioner
Delhi Police

Sub : Increasing cases of Road Rage

Dear Sir,

I am writing this letter to bring to your kind notice, the problem of increasing cases of road rage. Day by day, it is becoming a serious problem which should be sorted out as quickly as possible. We often come across many incidents like minor scratch, a little push or a small brushing past, leading to scuffles which escalate quickly and sometimes even result in death. Everyday, there are many fatal accidents, happening and the number of hit and run cases are also rising. In Delhi alone, 532 people died in road accidents in the year 2014. It is observed that people are losing patience and tolerance due to their modern lifestyle. They begin to fight over minor issues. The feeling of ignorance, irresponsibility, lawlessness and indifference is prevailing. Everybody is taking undue advantage of the freedom provided to them by the democracy.

Now, it's high time to realize the need of the hour. I hope the concerned authorities would realize the gravity of the situation and put a check to these people and their activities either by imposing penalties or fines.

Yours Truly

Karuna/Karan

6. **'Brain drain is not a bane for a developing country like India'. Write a debate in 150-200 words either for or against the motion. [10]**

OR

Write a speech in 150-200 words on the topic, 'Discipline shapes the future of a student'. It is to be delivered in the morning assembly. You are Karuna/Karan.

Answer :

'BRAIN DRAIN IS NOT A BANE FOR A DEVELOPING COUNTRY LIKE INDIA'

Good morning, respected judges and the esteemed audience, I would like to speak against the motion-'Brain Drain is not a bane for a developing country like India'.

Brain Drain is a major problem of India that has been harmful for the country. Brain drain means

the intelligent minds that do not get desirable jobs or recognition in their own country thus they migrate to other countries for better prospective where they are provided with favorable working conditions. They prove their intelligence there and are recognized throughout the world. They also become the pride of the country. Every year a large number of people go abroad either for acquiring higher studies or getting good jobs. It is because their worth and intelligence is not acknowledged aptly in the country. Sometimes, the most brilliant people also leave India and prefer to stay in a well-developed country like America, England, Canada, etc. This is the most common thing in India as compared to other countries as the companies over here fail to provide necessary working conditions and acceptable salaries to their own countrymen.

But the question arises what if they show their worth in their own country? How can they be stopped from migrating or persuaded to return to India ?

It is a matter of serious concern for the government of India because it is a complete loss for India. The professional training that the students receive in India and for which the government spends lakhs of rupees, goes waste; plus it is a gain for receiving countries. They can be attracted to India if the conditions here are altered to their liking; if the merit and talent is given due consideration. Therefore, sincere efforts are required to bring them back by offering jobs according to their caliber, so as to make the country more efficient in all fields.

OR

'DISCIPLINE SHAPES THE FUTURE OF A STUDENT'

Good Morning, honorable Principal, respected Teachers and my dear friends. I am Karuna, student of class XII of your school. It is a great opportunity for me to share my views in today's assembly, on the topic, 'Discipline shapes the future of a student'.

The students of today are the leaders of tomorrow. They are the backbone of the society. They are going to be the future leaders, administrators and nation shapers. Student life is the time when their character is formed and takes shape. But nowadays, schools and colleges have become places of complete indiscipline. Whether it is the morning assembly, annual function, sports meet or examinations, one can see complete indiscipline in it. Man is a social being and he lives and dies

in a society. So, he has to follow the rules of the society for which he has to discipline himself and this begins from the school itself.

Aristotle said, " Discipline is obedience to rules formed by the society for the good of all". Without disciplines, one cannot acquire knowledge and as the schools and colleges are abodes of learning, it is required much over there. Students cannot gain much without discipline and the result can never be good. Thus, it is clear that the need of discipline is much required in the student life. Indiscipline leads to failure but discipline paves the road of success.

7. **Education has always been a noble profession. Our ancestors received their learning at gurukuls and ashrams. Even in the near past pathshalas (schools) were associated with places of worship. Today, education is fast becoming commercialised. Parents have to shell out a lot of money on coaching classes, tuition fees etc. Write an article in 150-200 words on 'The State of Education, Today'. You are Karan/Karuna. [10]**

OR

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

Answer :

THE STATE OF EDUCATION TODAY

By Karuna/Karan

Our ancestors have received their learning at gurukuls and ashrams. Pathshalas were regarded as the place of worship. But the scenario has completely changed now. Today, education has been totally commercialized. Whether its school or college, students have to rush to coaching classes and parents have to shell out a lot of money on them. They don't rely on classroom teaching. On the other hand, parents' expectations from their children have increased. They want them to secure highest marks so as to get the highest paid jobs. They want them to become doctors, administrative officers, engineers, etc. For this, they send their children to the most reputed schools; still they are not satisfied with their performance. They want their child to get some extra knowledge to excel in others fields. Thus, craze the for coaching classes has increased.

Another reason for joining the coaching classes is the inferiority complex which children face when they do not go for extra coaching. Although, these so called coaching classes are just like school classes because they too follow group teaching method is used but still parents as well as children think them to be far superior to classroom teaching. They should realize that these coaching classes are no better than a money-making business. The students must pay attention in class and must concentrate more on self-study in order to be successful.

OR

ROLE OF STUDENTS IN ERADICATING ILLITERACY

By Karuna/Karan

Youth plays a very important role in building the nation. With the increase in population, the responsibilities of students have also increased. They are the pivot on which the development of any nation depends. We know that India is a land of villages and most of its population is illiterate, In most of the villages, there are no schools or teaching facilities. Thus, villagers don't get any opportunity to learn. Poverty and ignorance have deprived them and the weaker section from becoming literate. Therefore, it becomes the duty of the youth to render their services to them by teaching them. They can share their valuable advice and guidance to educate them. We know that education helps in economic, social, spiritual and mental development. It broadens ones outlook towards society. Being illiterate or uneducated, is like a curse. Students can help these people by organizing evening classes and by adopting the motto 'each one, teach one'. Out of their twenty-four hours, the students can spare at least one hour for the unprivileged people. They can spread awareness among the illiterates regarding the hazards of overpopulation and recommend the need of having a small family. Many NGOs and governmental agencies are there to assist these youths in this regard. They can be encouraged to do so by giving them the incentive of gaining additional marks or extra grades.

Youth, therefore, can play a major role in making the country progressive and prosperous by bringing complete change in the attitude and thinking of the illiterate by educating them. So, let's join hands to eradicate illiteracy from our country.

SECTION — C

(LITERATURE : TEXT BOOKS AND LONG READING TEXT)

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

Now we will count to twelve
and we will all keep still.

For once on the face of the Earth
let's not speak in any language,
let's stop for one second,
and not move our arms so much.

- (a) What is the significance of the number 'twelve' ?
(b) Which two activities does the poet want us to stop ?
(c) What does the poet mean by let's not speak in any language' ?
(d) Describe the pun on the word, 'arms'.

OR

.....I saw my mother,
beside me,
doze, open mouthed, her face
ashen like that
of a corpse and realised with
pain.....

- (a) Who is 'I' ?
(b) What did 'I' realise with pain ?
(c) Why was the realisation painful ?
(d) Identify and name the figure of speech used in these lines.

Answer :

- (a) The significance of the number twelve is that at twelve O' Clock, the hands in the clock unite suggesting annity and unity.
(b) The two activities which the poet wants us to stop are speaking and moving our arms.
(c) By 'let's not speak language' the poet means that we should keep quiet for some time so that we can perform a self-analysis. It is necessary for creating a feeling of mutual understanding among ourselves.
(d) The pun on the word 'arms' is that if we won't move our arms then we will never lift 'arms' i.e. weapons. Symbolically by this he means no war or no violence.

OR

- (a) 'I' is used to refer to the poet Kamala Das.
(b) The poet realized in anguish that her mother had grown old and that her end was near. This expression was borne out of the fear of her separation.

- (c) The realization was painful as she knew that her mother might not live long and she might lose her some day. It brought forth her fear of separation.
- (d) The figure of speech that has been used here is simile in the lines 'her face ashen like that.....'.

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

- (a) What does the reference to chappals in 'Lost Spring' tell us about the economic condition of the rag pickers ?
- (b) What do we learn about the crofter's nature from the story, 'The Rattrap' ?
- (c) How is 'Shakespeare wicked and the map a bad example' for the children of the school in a slum ?
- (d) What picture of male chauvinism (tyranny) do we find in the poem, 'Aunt Jennifer's Tigers' ?
- (e) How did the Governor, Oxford Prison describe Evans to the Secretary, Examination Board ?
- (f) At the dining table why did Zitkala-Sa begin to cry when others started eating ?

Answer :

- (a) The reference to chappals in 'Lost Spring' tells about the miserable life of the rag pickers settled in Seemapuri. Most of the impoverished children busy in rag-picking, were not wearing footwear. The boys were barefeet as if it was a tradition to remain barefeet. It had become their habit not to wear chappals. But according to the writer-it was their excuse to conceal their poverty.
- (b) The crofter was a lonely old man who neither had a wife a child. He wanted someone to talk to, therefore, he allowed the peddler to spend the night at his house. He not only gave him shelter, but also gave him food to eat and tobacco to smoke. He started a conversation with him and told him everything about himself and his earnings.
- (c) The portrait of Shakespeare and the world map in the classroom of the slum children is far from the actual condition of the classroom. Shakespeare is the synonym of knowledge and excellence but the children of the slum school have no meaning for that. The map exhibits the world with all its bounties, whereas, for these children there is no world beyond poverty and hunger. Thus, Shakespeare is wicked and the map a bad example.
- (d) In the poem 'Aunt Jennifer's Tigers', we find

the picture of a woman oppressed by the male chauvinism. She needs freedom from her burdensome husband, whose ring on her finger is like a handcuff which has snatched all her freedom and happiness. She has a lot of constraints in her life because of her dominating husband and from whom she wants to get free.

- (e) The Governor of the Oxford Prison made a call to the Secretary of Examination Board telling him that a prisoner named Evans wanted to take the O-level examination in German. He told him that Evans is not a violent person but he is a congenital Kleptomaniac. The Governor then requested the Secretary to see whether the arrangements could be made in the prison itself.
- (f) At the dining table, Zitkala-Sa heard a man's voice and as she looked around to see him, she caught the eyes of a pale-faced woman upon her. She was so keenly watched by the strange woman. Moreover she wasn't used to eating by formula. So, as the third bell rang and everybody started eating, Zitkala began to cry as she could do nothing at that time and felt out of place.
10. Answer the following question in 120-150 words : [6]
Every teenager has a hero/heroine to admire. So many times they become role models for them. What is wrong if Sophie fantasizes about Danny Casey and is ambitious in life ?

OR

Our native language is a part of our culture and we are proud of it. How does the presence of village elders in the classroom and M. Hamel's last lesson show their love for French ?

Answers : It is a natural thing for teenagers to fantasize and dream. They don't have much liabilities and burden at this stage of life so they are free to dream which is sometimes impractical and non-realistic. It is a part of their lives but sometimes these dreams have disadvantages.

In the story 'Going Places', the author has described the feelings and dreams of such a girl. Sophie, who was a school going teenager, was a day dreamer who fantasized about her future life with Danny Casey, an acid football player from Ireland. She dreamt of having met him twice in the arcade. For her, he was the hero to be worshipped. Then, she thought of owning a boutique. She was blind to the bitter truth of life. She dreamt of an imaginary life, full of beautiful things. She also

dreamt of becoming an actress as there was a lot of money and fame in that profession. She wanted to be a fashion designer too. 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. Thus, we can say that she wanted to achieve the things which were quite impossible but there's nothing wrong in fantasizing.

OR

That Sunday morning, everything was quite normal. Franz's classmates and teacher were already in the class but there was no sound of opening and closing of desks. Even unison repetition of lessons and rapping of teacher's great ruler was absent. It was all due to the order from Berlin that from then onwards, only German would be taught in the schools of Alsace and Lorraine instead of French. Then only the people realized how precious their language was to them. That day, all the villagers occupied the back benches in the classroom to attend the last French lesson and to mark the respect for their French teacher, Mr. M. Hamel, who devoted his selfless service to the society. They felt very sad. They also regretted not learning French properly. Franz was shocked to hear this news and Hamel's words were like thunderclaps to him. He was so sorry French before and for having wasted his time. His books suddenly became his friends. Even Mr. Hamel talked a lot about the French language. According to him, it was the most beautiful language in the world. It was the most logical one too. He asked his students never to forget this language.

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

Both Derry and Lamb are victims of physical impairment, but much more painful for them is the feeling of loneliness. Comment.

OR

How did Jack end the Roger Skunk story? How and why did Jo want to change it?

Answers : A disabled or a handicapped person is considered to be an outcaste. People sympathize with them but do not accompany them. They are excluded from the society. The feeling of loneliness and alienation is much more troublesome than the pain which disabled people experience due to their physical impairment. This is very well revealed in the story, 'On the face of it', where the character, Derry has an acid burnt face and people often sympathized with him but it was not a heart-felt one. This resulted in his

pessimistic approach towards life and people. Derry had no association with the outer world till he met Mr. Lamb who had. Mr. Lamb's attitude and outlook towards people and life uplifted him. He learnt to live a respectful life. Mr. Lamb inspired him to face the world in spite of his own disability. Mr. Lamb successfully infused in him the courage and self-determination. He advised him to ignore the comments made by people on his physical impairment and enjoy the beauty of life and nature. Although, the loneliness of Derry dominates the play but there are evident traces of Mr. Lamb's loneliness also. The old man had no one to be with. He spent his day in the sun, reading books. By the end of the first scene, it becomes clearer that he is lonely when he mutters that no one comes back to him after meeting him for the first time.

OR

Jack used to tell his little daughter, Jo, bedtime stories. When she grew older, she began to ask questions to her father. Once her father told her a story of a little animal called Roger Skunk who smelled awfully bad. He, therefore, met with a wizard who solved his problem with a magical wand and made him smell like roses. But, Skunk's mother did not like it and took him back to the wizard to make him smell originally bad once again. This ending was not acceptable to Jo as she wanted the story to have another end in which the wizard should hit the mommy by his magic wand and leave Roger skunk emitting the pleasant smell of roses. Jo thought that Roger was the hero of the story so he must not look ugly or stinky. Jo's perspective on life was different from her father's. She wanted to change the end of the story to assert her views on her father. She had her own ideals and views which she wanted to be pursued by her father.

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

How did Mrs. Hall show her excitement when Griffin came to stay at Coach and Horses ?

OR

How do William Dane's deceit and Sarah's desertion affect Silas ?

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

Marvel is the only character in 'The Invisible Man' who interacts with Griffin and gains something. Comment.

OR

Attempt a character sketch of Eppie.

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

English 2016 (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. You are Karan/Karuna of M 114, Mall Road, Delhi. You are a civil engineer and have recently returned from UAE. You are looking for a suitable job in India. Draft an advertisement for the same in about 50 words. Give details of your qualifications, experience, nature of job and expected remuneration. [4]

OR

Yesterday, during lunch break, you misplaced your notes on the chemistry lectures. You want to get them back. Write a notice in about 50 words for the school notice board. You are Karuna/Karan, a student of class XII A.

LOOKING FOR JOB

Recently returned from UAE, looking for a job in Civil Engineering.

Qualification : DAE Civil from IIT, Kanpur

Experience : Eight years in Flyover and building construction, Highway Construction in Dubai

Extra : Possess high level of verbal and written communication skills

Expected Remuneration : Basic Salary- ₹1,00,000/to ₹1,50,000/SR

Correspondence Address :

Karuna/Karan

M 114, Mall Road

Delhi

Answer.

OR

SUNRISE GLOBAL SCHOOL, AGRA NOTICE

12th February, 20XX

Lost ! Lost ! Lost

Yesterday during the lunch break, I lost my notes on chemistry lectures somewhere in the school around 11:30 a.m. They are very important as the exams are approaching and I don't have enough time to write them again. Anyone who finds it, kindly restore to the undersigned or to my class teacher Mr. Rajat Sharma. I shall be highly obliged.

Karuna/Karan

Student, XII A

5. It gives you a good feeling when you read in the newspapers how patients from abroad come to hospitals in India and get themselves treated at a fraction of expenses they will have incurred elsewhere. Write a letter in 120-150 words to the editor of a national daily describing the importance of medical tourism for India. You are Karan/Karuna M 114, Mall Road, Kanpur. [6]

OR

You bought a flat from PQR Builders, Sector 55, NOIDA. Within a period of two months you have started facing a lot of problems like seepage in the walls and ceilings, wall paint peeling off, leaking sanitary fittings, lift getting stalled, etc. Write a letter of complaint in 120-150 words to the Works Manager. You are Karuna/Karan, A9D Apoorva Apts., NOIDA.

Answer :

M-114, Mall Road, Kanpur

20th March, 20XX

The Editor,

The Times of India

New Delhi

Sub- Importance of medical tourism in India

Dear Sir,

Through the columns of your esteemed daily, I, Karuna/Karan would like to emphasis on the importance of medical tourism in India. As we know that India is the most popular tourist place people from all over the world come to India for their treatment by the most experienced and world class physicians. The medical facilities available in the high- end hospitals of India are excellent. They are equipped with the latest technologies and the doctors are super specialized in their respective fields. With the advent of globalization, the world has shrunk. The concept of medical tourism was devised to help global citizens to enjoy their tourist sojourns while being cost effective world class medical quality. Over the last decade, India has emerged as the preferred destination for medical tourism. The city of Chennai has been termed as 'India's health capital'. India's medical tourism sector is expected to experience an annual growth rate of 30% making it a \$2 Billion industry. Therefore, medical tourism should also be promoted by the government along with other tourist sectors.

Yours Sincerely
Karuna/Karan

OR

A9D, Apoorva Appartments
Noida

12 February, 20XX

Work Manager
PQR Builders,
Sector 55 Noida

Sub : Complaint against the poor condition of flat

Dear Sir,

On 20th December, 20XX, I purchased a flat from PQR Builders in 'Ashiana Apartments'. The flat is on the first floor of D-Wing in sector 55, Noida. Initially, when the flat was shown to us, it was in excellent condition with walls, doors, ceiling perfectly painted and well-furnished. The kitchen and bathroom were very well-equipped with attractive fittings, seeing it we were tempted to buy it immediately.

But now, I'm very hurt to inform you that the flat which I purchased only two months before is in a very poor condition and so I, hereby, lodge a complaint against the negligence and dereliction on your part. Within a period of two months I'm facing a lot of problems like seepage in the walls and ceilings, wall paint peeling off, leaking of sanitary fittings, lift getting stalled, etc. Even the service men do not turn up on time to rectify the problems.

Please ask your mechanic and service men to check the fittings and do the required repair work.

Yours faithfully
Karuna/Karan

7. **Increase in the number of private vehicles has caused problems like rising air pollution, traffic jams, lack of parking space, road rage etc. The solution lies in the use of public transport. Write an article in 150-200 words on 'The Importance of Public Transport'. You are Karan/Karuna. [10]**

OR

In certain states of India, there is a great imbalance in the male female ratio. This is the result of special treatment given to boys in the family. Why is it so ? How can we change this mindset ? Write an article in 150-200 words on 'Gender discrimination in society'. You are Karuna/Karan.

Answer :

'IMPORTANCE OF PUBLIC TRANSPORT'

By Karuna/Karan

Recently, I heard that traffic police has started a new drive against the pollution causing vehicles. Traffic police is stationed at the important intersections. Each and every vehicle is checked for 'No Pollution' certificates and they are fined ₹. 500 for the lapse. But, what is the use of all this and how long could it go because people find too many excuses for their negligence. Next, from every house, a minimum of two to three vehicles are used by the people for going to their working places. Sometimes, they are stuck with their vehicles for long hours due to heavy traffic jams. So, it would be far better if the government provides public transport facilities. It would create a lot of convenience for the public and daily commuters. It has many social, economic and environmental benefits. Social benefits of using public transport are multifold. It helps in developing a sense of unity among people. They feel a Social connection with those who are traveling with them. It encourages people to have a healthy lifestyle if they walk to their station, stand or stop. Moreover, it is less stressful as it saves a lot of time and fuel. Then economic benefits include less expenditure of money on buying cars or spending money on their maintenance. Traveling by public transport is much cheaper than private transport. It also reduces pollution and road congestion thus, helping in environmental conservation.

OR

'GENDER DISCRIMINATION IN SOCIETY'

By Karuna/Karan

In India, attitude towards men and women has been discriminating since generations. Although, the Constitution of India has provided equal rights to men and women, gender disparity prevails. Nature has also divided human-beings into two equal halves and both are given equal responsibilities according to their capacity, thus, stating the rights to both of them. But we humans have shown discrimination which has now become a practice in society. The powerful become aggressors and the others face the aggression. Usually women are considered to be weaker as compared to men and are considered to be incapable of doing everything just because of their fragile appearance. Gender discrimination prevails in many homes, it is generally seen in families where there are sisters and brothers and where brothers are favored over sisters. Female infanticide and female foeticide are still common in many regions of the country. Sexual harassments, eve teasing, bride burning, woman

trafficking, dowry deaths and many more evils are being perpetrated. Economically, females are less privileged as they do not have control on financial matters.

In the rural areas and villages the situation, is still bad. There has been no change in the social, economic and family status of the women. They are subjected to exploitation, domination and harassment by their male counterparts. But now it's time that women should be empowered and encouraged so that the gap between men and women may be reduced.

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 did the Crofter show the thirty kroner to the peddler ?
 - What deep meaning did his experience at the YMCA swimming pool have for Douglas ?
 - How Did Zitkala-Sa's first day in the land of apples begin ?

Answer :

- The crofter was very proud of his cow as it

used to give enough milk to support him in his old age. When the peddler came to him, he felt so excited that he told him about the thirty kroner from the creamery as the payment of the previous month's supply. He wanted to share his joy and moreover, he thought that peddler would not believe him, so he showed him the money to convince him.

- Experience at the YMCA swimming pool had a deep meaning for William Douglas. He had nearly escaped from drowning in the pool when he was sitting alone on the edge of the pool and a strong young man picked him up and tossed him into the pool. The experience had a deeper meaning for Douglas; he had experienced the fear of dying but at the same time, he learned to be confident and determined to overcome his fear.
- The first day in the land of apples was a bitter cold one. The snow covered the ground and the trees were bare. The large metallic sound of the bell crashed through Zitkala's ears and then she heard an annoying clatter of shoes on bare floors. There was a harsh noise which was unknown to her. She found herself bound and her spirit struggled for its lost freedom.

English 2016 (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. 'The Internet cannot replace a classroom teacher'. Write a debate in 150-200 words either for or against the motion. [10]

OR

Write a speech in 150-200 words to be delivered in the morning assembly on the topic. Water, a valuable asset, conservation at home and at school'. You are Karuna/Karan.

Answer :

THE INTERNET CANNOT REPLACE A CLASSROOM TEACHER

Good morning, respected judges and the esteemed audience! Today, I have the privilege of speaking

in support of the motion: 'The Internet cannot replace a classroom teacher'.

It is indeed a truth that the internet can solve a bulk of problems and provide all the necessary answers with illustrations to students but it cannot replace a classroom teacher as it is devoid of any kind of emotion which is required while teaching children. While teaching, teachers have to face all types of students with different mental abilities and they have to adjust their teaching pattern according to them. They motivate their students accordingly and help the weaker students to excel. There are some queries which cannot be solved by the internet but only a teacher can resolve it. The teacher understands the emotions and sentiments of the children; they realize the positive as well as the negative feelings of the students. Teachers help us to remain alert and active in the classroom during teaching whereas a machine can never be. It's not necessary that all the information provided by the internet is genuine. The question is that where has all the information or knowledge on

the internet come from? It is us humans who have fed all of this information into the computers.

In the end, I would like to say that a machine can never replace a living and breathing knowledgeable person. i.e, a teacher

OR

**'WATER, A VALUABLE ASSET,
CONSERVATION AT HOME AND
AT SCHOOL'**

Honorable Principal, respected teachers and dear friends! Good Morning. I am Karuna/Karan, a student of class XII. It is a great opportunity for me to share my views on the topic 'Water, a valuable asset, conservation at home and at school' in today's assembly.

Water scarcity today has become a big issue which if not dealt with in time, will turn out to be a hazard. With the increasing population, people are facing the problem of acute water shortage. People waste water in many ways which include washing cars, bathing animals, construction work, leaving taps running, etc. Apart from this, we can see leaking water pipes at many places which should be repaired at once. Children and adults should be taught not to leave the taps running while brushing the teeth or washing utensils and clothes. At home, water used for washing fruits and vegetables can be reused for gardening purpose.

To make people aware conservation of water, importance of rain water harvesting and the method to recycle the water should be explained. There is no life without water. Public should be encouraged to improve water management practices that reduce the wastage of water and enhance the beneficial use of it. Some ancient methods of water conservation should also be practiced. In case the water is not used wisely by anyone, then a heavy fine should be imposed on them.

7. For admission to colleges, there is a lot of competition today. For one available seat there are hundreds of candidates. Such a situation leads to stress on the minds of students in the schools. However, the practice of Yoga can help them to feel calm and stress free. Write an article in 150-200 words on the topic, 'Importance of Yoga to students.' You are Karan/Karuna. [10]

OR

While watching TV what we generally dislike most are commercial breaks, yet, a number of

advertisements do add to our information. Write an article in 150-200 words on. 'Advertisements as a source of information'. You are Karuna/Karan.

Answer.

IMPORTANCE OF YOGA TO STUDENTS

By Karuna/Karan

Today's sedentary lifestyle has given invitation to many diseases as man has limited time to spare for his health. But practicing yoga helps to keep a person away from several health problems. It is the science that cures many serious diseases and helps the mind as well as body to remain sound. It helps in maintaining balance between mental and social status of a human being. With regular practice of yoga, we tend to become more sensitive to the kind of food our body demands. A few minutes of yoga helps in getting relief from stress. It helps detox the body and de-stress the mind. We all want to live in a peaceful atmosphere surrounded by nature, but we hardly realize that peace can be found within us. Yoga is the best way to calm a disturbed mind. On the other hand, yoga postures massage organs and strengthen muscles; breathing techniques and meditation release stress and improves the immune system. Yoga and meditation work on keeping the mind happy and peaceful. When we feel drained out of energy, a few minutes spend on yoga provides the freshness and energy. It also helps in improving body posture. Today, students face many problems due to the burden of studies and they feel depressed but yoga acts as a stress buster for them. In many schools, yoga has been practiced on a daily basis as a part of the curriculum. It is gaining popularity not only in India but also in European countries.

In the end, I would like to tell that yoga is a continuous process, so keep practicing!

OR

**ADVERTISEMENTS AS A SOURCE OF
INFORMATION**

By Karuna/Karan

Advertisements have become an inseparable part of our life. We can't get away from them as they have surrounded us from all sides. When we go out of the house, we see various hoardings displaying one or the other things, when we switch on the television, they start attacking us in between the serials and movies. Even news channels are interrupted by them. In all, we can say that we can't escape from the advertisements. But, there are certain things that can be said in favor of advertisements. The cost of production is lowered when the advertisers give money to

newspapers, magazines, radio and television for mass marketing. Advertising is a way of delivering proper message to the customers. This way, we get the information as well as knowledge of various products. Advertisements help in drawing customers to the business. It benefits the consumers also as there is a competition between the manufacturers and they try to sell their products at a lower cost than the others. Buyers, on the other hand, get wider choice to select the products according to their pocket and taste. They inform us about all the new products which are launched in the market. Without them, we would not be able to know about the new things and its benefits. Therefore, advertisements seek to generate increase in consumption of a product or a service by introducing it to the target consumers.

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]
- All we have to fear is fear itself. When did Douglas learn this lesson ?
 - Why did the iron master speak kindly to the peddler and invite him home ?
 - What was his German teacher's opinion of Evan's proficiency in German ?
 - According to Zitkala-Sa what does 'eating by formula' mean ?

Answer.

- Douglas had a 'near to death' experience of drowning and the fear of water took control of his physical and mental strength. Finally, he decided to overcome this fear because of

his interest in water activities like canoeing, swimming, fishing, boating etc. He decided to get an instructor and learn to swim. He practiced an hour daily for five days a week. He learnt to exhale in water and inhale after coming out of it. He swam two miles across the Lake Wentworth. Thus, he had experienced both the sensation of dying and the terror it can produce. He was finally able to learn the lesson that 'all we have to fear is the fear itself' and overcome his fear of water.

- The iron master took the peddler for an old regimental comrade, Nils Olof. He considered the peddler as an old acquaintance who had fallen on evil days so he talked to him kindly and invited him to come home to help him.
- Evans' German tutor started giving him tuitions for six months in night classes in the prison itself. Evans wanted to take the (O) level examination in German. When he was permitted by the Governor and the Board to take the examination, his tutor came to meet him the day before. He wished him good luck but said that he hardly had any 'chance of getting through'. But Evans gave an ironical twist by saying that he would surprise everybody.
- On the first day in the land of apples, Zitkala noticed a very unusual thing. All the girls were lined up who were marching into the dining room. These were Indian girls, in stiff shoes and clinging dresses. When the first bell rang, all pupils pulled out their chairs from under the table. On the second bell, everybody sat down and picked up their knife and fork and began eating. She called this method 'eating by formula.'

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English 2016 (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. Principal, Sunrise Global School, Agra requires a receptionist for her school. Draft a suitable advertisement in about 50 words to be published in the classified columns of a national newspaper

giving all the necessary details of qualifications and experience required in the receptionist. [4]

OR

Water supply will be suspended for eight hours (10 am to 6 pm) on 6th of March for cleaning of the water tank. Write a notice in about 50 words advising the residents to store water for a day. You are Karan Kumar/Karuna Bajaj, Secretary, Janata Group Housing Society, Palam Vihar, Kurnool.

Answer :

RECEPTIONIST REQUIRED

Smart, graduate, proficient in Hindi and English, having good communication skills, not more than 25 years of age, has two years of experience, can contact the principal with complete resume within seven days.

Attractive Salary

Contact : Principal

Sunrise Global School,

Agra.

OR

JANTA GROUP HOUSING SOCIETY

NOTICE

25thFeb, 20XX

WATER SUPPLY SUSPENDED

All the residents of Janta Group Housing Society are here by informed that on 6th Mar. 20XX of March from 10 am to 6 pm due to cleaning of the water tank. So, you are requested to store the water for the day.

Karuna Bajaj/Karan Bajaj.

(Secretary)

Janta Group Housing Society,

PalamVihar, Kurnool

5. Yesterday you went to Sunrise Hospital, Market Road, New Delhi taking with you the victim of a hit and run accident. There were chaotic conditions in the casualty department. The injured was attended to after a lot of precious time had been lost.

Write a letter of complaint in 120-150 words to the Medical Superintendent. You are Karan/Karuna, M-114, Mall Road, Delhi. [6]

OR

Lack of job opportunities in the rural areas is forcing people to migrate to cities. Every big city thus has a number of slums in it. Life in these slums is miserable.

Write a letter in 120-150 words to the editor of a national newspaper on how we can improve the living conditions in these slums. You are Karan/Karuna, M-114, Mall Road, Delhi.

Answer :

M-114, Mall Road

Delhi

20th March, 20XX

The Medical Superintendent,
Sunrise Hospital, Market Road,
New Delhi.

Subject : Chaotic conditions in the casualty department

Dear Sir,

I, Karan/Karuna, a resident of New Delhi want to bring to your kind notice the conditions of the Sunrise hospital. Yesterday, while I was going to my office, I witnessed a person lying on the road in a pool of blood. There was a crowd around him. On enquiry I came to know that he was hit by an unidentified vehicle and nobody took the pain to take him to Sunrise hospital. So, I brought him to hospital where I was further shocked to see the pathetic condition a of the casualty ward. The corridors were full of people where the smell of medicines prevailed and cotton dabs were thrown away on the floor. I requested the doctor on duty to attend the patient immediately to avoid any mishap but was asked to file a police complaint first. The patient was left unattended for about an hour during which he lost ample amount of blood which could have been proved to be fatal. Later, when all the formalities were completed, the doctor came to see him and by God's grace his life was saved. Then, again drugs were administered in an inappropriate way by the staff who came only after being reminded. I think this negligence could cost anyone their life someday. So, I request you to be more vigilant towards the working of the hospital.

Yours truly,

Karuna/Karan

OR

M-114, Mall Road,
Delhi.

20th March, 20XX

The Editor,
Times of India,
New Delhi.

Sub : Improvisation of the living conditions in slums

Dear Sir,

Through the esteemed columns of your prestigious newspaper, I would like to highlight the quality of life of the people living in slums. Each family consists of six to seven members who share a single room. Their children can

be seen playing on the heaps of garbage and breeding grounds of flies, mosquitoes and cockroaches. Sincere efforts are required to improve the physical, social and economic conditions of these slum dwellers. Practical action should be taken by providing access to clean drinking water, proper health and sanitation facilities, waste management services and better housing facilities. Slum upgrading should be a major part of the government's agenda to alleviate the poor living standards of the people.

But unless government takes a quick action, there can be no sustainable solution to the housing challenges. The government is not doing much regarding this reasons which may include low incentives, less financial resources, lack of provision of any such reform due to their short-term electoral period. But NGOs, training institutes, local residents, community groups can join hands together with government to eradicate the miseries of slum dwellers.

Hope my letter would find a place in your newspaper.

Yours Truly,

Karuna/Karan

6. **The policy of reservation of seats for admission to the professional courses is good for the deprived sections of society.**

Write a debate in 150-200 words either for or against the motion. [10]

OR

Write a speech in 150-200 words on 'Benefits of early rising' to be delivered by you in the morning assembly of your school. You are Karuna/Karan, Head Girl/Head Boy.

Answer :

'POLICY OF RESERVATION OF SEATS' IN PROFESSIONAL COURSES

Good morning, respected judges and the esteemed audience! The topic of today's debate is 'Policy of reservation of seats for professional courses'. is good for the deprived section of the society, I stand before you to speak against the motion.

According to the Indian constitution, reservation in all the fields whether education, jobs or any other place, has been made to bring under-privileged classes at par with privileged or general ones. There are numerous reservations like reservation for women, reservation for physically challenged, reservation for economically backward class, reservation for scheduled castes, etc. But, I believe that this leads to further discrimination in the society. It had started with a very good objective

of uplifting the socially backward society to give them equal opportunities. But with time its meaning has been changed and the aim of starting it is lost. People have started taking undue advantage of it. This has resulted in widespread protests and counter protests as it has affected thousands of jobs and admissions opportunities. Students securing 80 or 90 percent sometimes lag behind the underprivileged who do secure only 40 or 50 percent for taking admission in the vocational or professional courses. It denies the equality of opportunity to those who do not belong to backward communities. They are denied admissions even though they have secured a good percentage. This would also perpetuate caste feeling among people and hamper national unity. Also the reservation systems in India is creating a manpower which is not able to compete at the global level. India needs people who can work for the growth and development but reservation is raising undeserving candidates at higher positions. Hence, I think reservation system should be demolished.

OR

'BENEFITS OF EARLY RISING'

Honorable Principal, respected teachers and my dear friends, Good Morning! I am Karan/Karuna, Head boy/Head Girl of the school; it is a great opportunity for me to share my views on the topic 'Benefits of rising early' in today's assembly.

We derive pleasure from many things, people, and places in our life. One such pleasure is when we get up early in the morning. It gives a good start to our mood. The air we breathe is so fresh that it refreshes our whole day. One should not miss the wonderful art of nature, rising of the sun from the dark color of midnight and gradually turning brighter, spreading its vibrant colors in the sky. This glory can't be explained in words. We come into close contact with nature when we hear the chirping of birds, see green trees, flowers and leaves dancing. There is no chaos in the early morning and we can easily concentrate on our studies. It is well said that whatever we study in the early hours of morning is learnt quickly and our mind retains it forever. Early morning meditation helps in keeping our body and soul fit. Breakfast, the most important meal of the day can be taken up timely. Besides, many other things, one may get enough time to exercise which keeps the body energetic and fit throughout the day. Then our productivity and capacity to work also increases. There is no distraction in the morning hours in case we want to indulge in some creative activities.

To sum up, I can say that I have full faith in the saying, "Early to bed, early to rise, makes a man healthy, wealthy and wise."

7. **India is a land of diversity. One way in which it makes us feel proud of it is the number of festivals we enjoy. Write an article in 150-200 words on 'Festivals of India'. You are Karuna/Karan.** [10]

OR

Rising pollution, fast and competitive lifestyle, lack of nutritious food etc. have caused health woes for a large section of our population. Providing health care used to be a charitable and ethical activity. Today it has become commercialized, a money spinning business. Write an article in 150-200 words on 'How to provide proper health care to the common man'. You are Karan/Karuna.

Answer : 'FESTIVALS OF INDIA'

By Karuna/Karan

India is a land of colors. It is a country populated by the people of many castes, religions, faiths, communities, languages and creeds. Therefore, many festivals, celebrations, social and cultural gatherings, fairs take place every year. India is said to be a country which is full of pleasures, joys and festivities. Throughout the year, we celebrate many festivals. They represent the grandeur of the country. These are the occasions when families gather at one place and celebrate happy moments. Festivals are celebrated throughout the year and people await these festivals with great enthusiasm. These have an important place in the hearts of Indians as they believe that fasting on these occasions purify their soul and help them to lead a problem free life. Some festivals are celebrated all over India and people celebrate them irrespective of their status and social position. These include Diwali, Holi and Dusshera. Each festival has its religious value and contains some mythology behind it. For example, Dusshera is celebrated on account of victory of good over evil and when Lord Ram killed Ravana. Similarly, Janmashtami has also a social and religious significance as Lord Krishna was born to kill all the demons on the earth. Thus, each and every festival has its own value which teaches people to come closer and forget all their differences.

OR

'HOW TO PROVIDE PROPER HEALTHCARE TO THE COMMON MAN'

By Karuna/Karan

A large section of our population is suffering from physical as well as mental problems like, fever, injury, epilepsy, learning disability, etc. Women have problems related to pregnancy and childbirth whereas children require immunization against common diseases. Most of these health woes have been the result of our changing life style, rising pollution, lack of nutritive value in food. Hence, they require access to health-care facilities and treatment. Unfortunately, health services are often planned without consulting the community members. To meet the necessities of the people for accessible and affordable services, community members should be consulted and involved in their planning. Health centers should be more vigilant. Most people prefer home remedial measures and go to the hospital or refer to a doctor only when the situation is beyond their control. But it's not necessary that they will go to a well-qualified doctor, they may approach local pharmacist or traditional healers. Therefore, it is necessary that the health sector must intervene and create awareness among the people.

Health care facilities should be within the reach of the common man. Government's investment in public health care is very low. As a result, many hospitals run by the government do not provide sufficient medical facilities. Therefore, improvements are required in this sector and it is a positive thing that the government is now planning to allocate more funds for the renovation of hospitals.

SECTION — C

(LITERATURE : TEXT BOOKS AND LONG READING TEXT)

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

Its loveliness increases, it will never
Pass into nothingness; but will keep
A bower quiet for us, and a sleep
Full of sweet dreams, and health, and quiet
breathing.

- (a) **Whose loveliness will keep on increasing ?**
(b) **Identify the phrase which says that 'it' is immortal.**
(c) **What is a 'bower' ?**
(d) **Why do we need sweet dreams, health and quiet breathing in our lives ?**

OR

Old
familiar ache, my childhood's fear,

but all I said was, see you soon,
 Amma,
 all I did was smile and smile and
 smile.....

- (a) What does the phrase, 'familiar ache' mean ?
- (b) What was the poet's childhood fear ?
- (c) What do the first two lines tell us about the poet's feelings for her mother ?
- (d) What does the repeated use of the word, 'smile' mean ?

Answer :

- (a) Loveliness of anything that is beautiful keeps on increasing. It gives us immense joy, unending and everlasting pleasure.
- (b) "It will never pass into nothingness" is the phrase which says that it is immortal.
- (c) 'Bower' literary means leafy shelter or a pleasant shady place under a tree.
- (d) We need sweet dreams, health and quiet breathing in our lives as they refresh us and give eternal joy and remove our sorrows and sufferings. Thus, we want to remain bound to the earth.

OR

- (a) By the phrase 'familiar ache' the poet means the pain which she had already felt in her childhood. The pain was due to the fear of getting separated from her mother and the realization that she had not cared enough for her. She suppressed it by smiling again and again at her and by promising to meet her soon.
- (b) The poet's childhood fear was that her mother was old and had a pale and colorless face, she might not live very long and the poet might lose her someday.
- (c) The poet had the childhood fear that she would lose her mother soon. She possessed the same fear while going away from her. But she did not say anything to her except the optimistic note 'see you soon Amma'. She gave her a cheerful farewell.
- (d) The word 'smile' has been repeated to show that in order to hide her fearful thought of separating from her mother, she puts on a false smile. Secondly, she gives moral support to her mother by promising to meet her soon. She tries to hide her feelings by smiling again and again.

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

- (a) Describe the irony in Saheb's name.

- (b) Why was Gandhiji opposed to C.F. Andrews helping him in Champaran ?
- (c) When he was only ten days old, a prediction was made about the future of the Tiger King. What was ironic about it ?
- (d) What was his father's chief concern about Dr. Sadao ?

Answer :

- (a) Saheb's full name was Saheb-E-Alam which means the 'Lord of the Universe'. The irony in his name was that he was a poor rag picker who did not even have chappals to wear. He walked on the streets barefoot to earn his living and looked into the garbage for gold coins or something to survive.
- (b) Gandhiji was opposed to C.F. Andrews helping him in Champaran because he wanted the Indians to be self-dependent and self-reliant in their struggle against injustice. He told him that Indians were strong enough to fight their own battle and had the capability to win it. Therefore, Gandhiji refused his help.
- (c) When The Tiger King was only ten days old, the chief astrologer predicted that the death of the prince would result from a tiger. So when he grew up, he killed hundred tigers without knowing that the hundredth tiger didn't die by his bullet. Ironically, the King died because of a wooden toy tiger.
- (d) Sadao's education had been his father's chief concern. At the age of twenty-two, he sent his son to America to learn about surgery and medicine. He lived up to his father's expectations. By the time his father died, Sadao had established himself as a famous surgeon as well as a scientist.

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

Our language is a part of our culture and we are proud of it. Describe how regretful M. Hamel and the village elders are for having neglected their native language, French.

OR

Teachers always advise their students to dream big. Yet, the same teachers in your classrooms find fault with Sophie when she dreams. What is wrong with Sophie's dreams ?

Answer : There is no doubt that our language is a part of our culture and we feel proud of it. But the true value of it can be realized only when the freedom of speaking it, is taken away from us. The story 'The Last Lesson' depicts the pathos of the whole situation, how people feel in not

learning their language and losing an asset. One day Franz, one of the students came unwillingly to the school and noticed that everything was still and as quiet as a Sunday morning and there were elder people sitting quietly at the back of the classroom. There was an order from Berlin that French would not be taught any further in the schools and instead German was to be taught. This news shocked everyone. All the villagers gathered in the classroom to attend their last French lesson and to pay their respect for the French teacher, M. Hamel, who was going to deliver his last speech in French. The adults felt sorry that they had not attended the school and thanked Hamel for his faithful service.

To honor his French lesson, M. Hamel also put on his fine Sunday clothes. His behavior changed to kindness. He even blamed himself for neglecting French as he used to give holidays when he wanted to go fishing or for watering his flowers. He told his students that it was the most beautiful and logical language and they should not forget it.

OR

It is a natural thing for teenagers to dream. They don't have much liabilities and burden at that stage of life so they are free to dream. It is a part of their life but sometimes these dreams are impractical and non-realistic and when they are shattered, they cause a lot of pain.

In the story 'Going Places', the author has described the feelings and dreams of a girl, a school-going teenager Sophie. She was a day dreamer and fantasized that she had met with Danny Casey, a football player from Ireland. She dreamt of having met him twice in the arcade. For her, he was a hero to be worshipped. She went to the place where she thought he would meet her and when he didn't turn up, she felt disappointed. Then she thought of owning a boutique, becoming a manager, a fashion designer or an actress irrespective of her weak socio-economic status. She had not thought about where the money would come from for opening a boutique. She was blind to the bitter truth of life. She dreamt of an imaginary life, full of beautiful things. It can be said that she wanted to lead a lavish and grand life which was not possible. She was over ambitious. Her dreams were unrealistic in the sense that ultimately she would have to work in a biscuit factory.

11. Answer the following question in 120-150 words : [6]
Derry sneaked into Mr. Lamb's garden and it

became a turning point in his life. Comment.

OR

How did Jo want the Roger Skunk story to end? Why?

Answer : Derry sneaked into Mr. Lamb's garden and it became a turning point in his life. Before that, Derry used to live an isolated life. He did not like meeting people or socializing. The reason was his acid-burnt face, seeing which people often got terrified. He began leading a secluded life.

Meeting Mr. Lamb brought a change in his life. His attitude towards life was completely changed. Mr. Lamb gave him confidence and supported him morally as he was too physically impaired like him. He had a tin leg because the original one was blown off in the war. He told Derry that he was not affected by people's sarcastic remarks. He motivated Derry to face the challenges of life and not to lament over his burnt face. According to him, he was lucky to have two arms, two legs, ears, eyes and tongue. He could do far better than others.

All these preachings left an impression on Derry and then he started looking at things and the world differently. He began to help Mr. Lamb with crab apples and developed a positive attitude towards life.

OR

Jack used to tell his little daughter Jo, bedtime stories. As soon as she grew a bit older, she began to ask questions from her father. Once her father told her a story of a little animal called Skunk who smelled bad. He therefore, met with a wizard who solved his problem a magic wand and made him smell like roses. But the Skunk's mother did not like it and took him back to the wizard to smell bad once again.

This ending was not acceptable to Jo as she wanted the story to have another ending where the wizard would hit the mommy with his magic wand and chop off her arms 'forcibly.' Jo thought that Roger was the hero of the story so he must not look ugly or stinky. Jo's perspective on life was different from her father's. She wanted the wizard to hit mommy on head as a punishment as she imposed her will on her son unnecessarily. According to Jo, Roger should be allowed to choose his own life. Moreover, she didn't want the story to end sadly.

She wanted to change the end of the story to assert her views on her father. She had her own ideals and views which she wanted to pursue.

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

What do we learn about Mrs. Hall and Griffin

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

from their first interaction at Coach and Horses inn ?

OR

What kind of life did Silas lead before coming to Raveloe ?

13. Answer the following question in 120-150

words :**

Everyone who comes into contact with Griffin suffers. Attempt a character sketch of Griffin in the light of this remark. [6]

OR

Attempt a character sketch of Nancy Lammeter.

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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. You need to buy a flat. Draft a suitable advertisement in about 50 words to be published in the classified columns of a local newspaper giving all the necessary details of your requirement. You are Karan/Karuna, M 114, Mall Road, Delhi. [4]

OR

Sunrise Global School, Agra is going to organize a one-act play competition in the school auditorium. You have decided to invite noted stage artist, Nalini to grace the occasion. Draft a formal invitation for her in about 50 words. You are Karuna/Karan, Cultural Secretary.

Answer :

FLAT WANTED

A 2 or 3 BHK flat covering in the area of Mall Road, Delhi. Covering area 800-1500 sq. ft. required should be newly-built, ventilated and centrally located: Car parking is preferred. Should be accessible to market and metro station. Cost negotiable

Please contact.

Karan,
M114, Mall Road,
Delhi Ph : xxx xxx xxx

OR

Sunrise Global School

Agra

15th May, 20XX

Nalini

Abhilasha Vihar,

Delhi.

Subject : Invitation to preside over one-act play competition.

Dear Ma'am,

Our school is going to organize a one-act play competition in the school auditorium. A large number of students from classes XI and XII are likely to participate in this inter school competition. We shall be highly honored if you will grace the occasion with your presence on the 30th of June, 20XX at 2 pm. Kindly confirm your appearance in time.

Regards

Karan/Karuna

(Cultural Secretary)

Sunrise Global School

Agra

5. Park Lane, Chanakyapuram, Mysore is proud of having four reputed public schools in close proximity to each other. In the morning and afternoon there is a heavy traffic along the road and hundreds of student are put to a lot of inconvenience. [6]

Write a letter in 120-150 words to the Deputy Commissioner of Police (Traffic) describing the problem. Suggest a few measures to regulate the traffic. You are Karuna Shetty/Karan Kumar, Principal, Sunrise Global School.

OR

Write an application (including a resume) in 120-150 words for the post of receptionist advertised in a national newspaper by JKL Publishers, Peshwa Road, Pune. You are Karuna, M-114 Mall Road, Pune, a graduate from SNTD University and have done a Secretarial Practice Course from YWCA, Mumbai.

Answer :

Sunrise Global School,

Park Lane, Chanakyapuram,

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

Mysore

1st March, 20XX

The Deputy Commissioner of Police (Traffic)
Chanakyapuram,
Mysore

Dear Sir/Madam,

Subject : Traffic congestion on the road surrounding the schools.

This letter intends to bring to your kind the serious problem of traffic mess near the school's surrounding which has caused great inconvenience. There are four reputed public schools in the ambit of the area. In the morning, the movement of the school transport, staff vehicles and the vehicles of the parents, who come to drop their children, along with the general traffic, creates a huge chaos on the road. The same chaos could be witnessed in the afternoon when the school gets off. The situation gets worse when the traffic lights don't work. The children, who come from the nearby areas, find it difficult to cross the roads and face a huge risk. The safety of the children is of utmost importance for the schools. Therefore I would request you to appoint traffic police on different points of the roads around the schools, so as to avoid traffic jams. Also, a regular check of the traffic lights would help in reducing inconvenience. The schools are also planning to arrange traffic rules awareness workshop for their respective staff, parents and children. I request you to look into the matter and solve the issue at the earliest.

Yours Sincerely

Karan Kumar/Karuna shetty

Principal

Sunrise Global School

OR

M-114, Mall Road
Pune

1st March, 20XX

JKL Publishers
Peshwa Road,
Pune.

Subject: Application for the post of Receptionist.

Dear Sir, With reference to your advertisement of the job in the newspaper. I want to apply for post of a receptionist I am a graduate from SNTD University and have completed a Secretarial Practice Course from YWCA, Mumbai. I have been working as a receptionist with Gupta & Sons Textiles Ltd. since March, 201XX. I have a proven record of meeting my goals by accepting

all challenges throughout my professional career.

My resume has been attached herewith. Please let me know, if any further information regarding my background and qualifications, is needed.

Looking forward to hear from you soon.

Yours faithfully,

Karuna

Enclosure : Resume and two passport-size photographs

RESUME

Name : Karuna

Father's Name : Om Prakash Chauhan

Date of Birth : 11-07-1989

Residential Address : M-14, Mall Road, Pune

Contact Number : +91-xxxxxxxxxx

Educational Qualifications : (i) Graduation (SNTD University) (ii) Secretarial Practice Course (YWCA, Mumbai)

Computer Proficiency :

MS Office and Adobe Photoshop

Experience : Working as Receptionist with Gupta & Sons Textiles Ltd. since March 20XX

Salary Expected : ₹ 15,000

Marital Status : Unmarried

Hobbies : Travelling, reading and socializing

Languages Known : Hindi and English

References : (i) Mr. Anil Thackrey Marketing Head Mumbai

(ii) Mrs. Shabha Rana HRM, Surat

6. 'Rising prices can be controlled only by the government.' Write a debate in 150-200 words either for or against the motion. [10]

OR

Write a speech in 150-200 words on the topic, 'Library plays an important role at school'. It is to be delivered in the morning assembly. You are Karuna/Karan, Head Girl/Head Boy.

Answer :

'RISING PRICES CAN BE CONTROLLED ONLY BY THE GOVERNMENT'

A very good morning to jury members, friends and my fellow opponents! I am Karan/Karuna of Head boy/Head girl. Today, I am going to speak against the motion 'Rising prices can be controlled only by the government.' The role of government in an economy is to announce measures of regulation and control. A government can impose restrictions on hoarding, the export of some items and track prices of limited commodities. However, the execution vests in the custody of the people residing in the nation.

It would not be correct to put the blame wholly

on the government. The consumer is no less to be blamed for inflation. Some consumers allow themselves to be robbed due to the fear of insufficient good supply and adverse price trends. Also, some consumers indulge themselves into hoarding and black marketing of the products. Such practices not only deprive the country of much-needed resources but also serve as bad examples for those who cannot afford to pay such high prices. By reducing the demand of a good, its price can be controlled by the consumers. Thus, I believe, the rising prices or inflation can be controlled by the combined effort of the government and consumers.

Thank you.

OR

LIBRARY PLAYS AN IMPORTANT ROLE AT SCHOOL

Good morning everyone!

Respected Principal, teachers and my dear friends, I am Karan/Karuna, the head boy/ Head Girl of your school, and I am going to give a short speech on how 'Library plays an important role

at school.' A school library is a place that plays an important role in encouraging innovation and thirst for knowledge. It provides support for learning and teaching throughout the school. The school library exhibits positive impact on the academic achievement of the student, as it helps in developing the mind of the student. It is integral to the teaching and learning process.

A library at school not only provides academic references but a wide range of fiction, non-fiction, digital and print resources. It develops the habit of reading in students and helps to enhance students' intellectual, cultural and emotional growth. The school library also provides opportunities for teachers to plan, implement and evaluate new learning programs. It also plays a critical role in assisting the students in compiling, critically analysing and organising information, and then presenting their findings.

A school library provides a safe environment that encourages curiosity and imagination. The students become users of information and start to develop a better understanding of the world.

Thank you

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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. 'The policy of no detention till class VIII is not in the interest of students.' Write a debate in 150-200 words either in favour of or against the motion. [10]

OR

Write a speech in 150-200 words on the topic, 'A student must know how to manage his time.' It is to be delivered in the morning assembly. You are Karan/Karuna, Head Boy/Head Girl of the school.

Answer :

THE POLICY OF NO DETENTION TILL CLASS VIII IS NOT IN THE INTEREST OF STUDENTS

A very good morning to jury members, friends, and my fellow opponents. Today, I am going to speak for the motion 'The policy of no detention

till class VIII is not in the interest of the students.' Firstly, let me tell you what the no-detention policy states. The policy states that no child shall be held back in any class or expelled from the school till the completion of elementary education. The step was taken to reduce stress and pressure among students, but the policy has led to poor outcomes, as there has hardly been any improvement in the academic standard. It has encouraged negligence and reluctance in children to study. The student develops a carefree and an easy going attitude, due to an automatic promotion system up to class VIII, and in class IX, he is unable to change his attitude. Suddenly, they fail to cope up with the academic pressure and end up performing badly in board exams.

I, therefore, firmly agree that the policy of no detention till class VIII is not in the interest of students, as it gives then the security of making it to the next class, regardless of a child's competence to learn higher concepts.

OR

A STUDENT MUST KNOW HOW TO MANAGE HIS TIME

Good morning everyone!

Respected principal, teachers and all my dear friends, I, Karan/Karuna, the head boy/head girl of your school, am going to give a short speech on the topic, 'A student must know how to manage his time'.

When life takes a highway and everything seems to be going out of control, the only thing that can bring back the required pace in life is time management because a student's time is so valuable, it is important to use it wisely. This can be done by taking advantage of an idle time that could be spent studying. This could happen during lunch, on the bus ride to and fro from school or before a class starts.

A student must prioritize what comes first in his life.

Spending time with friends, family and having fun is important to provide a healthy balance. To successfully satisfy their personal life and meet education obligations, students must learn to juggle the two effectively by managing their time well.

When you get into the habit of procrastinating as a student, you tend to do the same as an adult. Habits that are learned at an early age are hard to change when you become old. Therefore, develop a sense of responsibility towards your task at an early age.

Thank you.

7. **India is an emerging economy, we are rich in natural resources. Yet a significant proportion of our people is living below poverty line. One cause of this poverty is our rising population. Write an article in 150-200 words on 'How to keep a check on population.' You are Karuna/Karan.**

[10]

OR

Women feel unsafe on the road, at their place of work and even at home. There is an urgent need to change the male mindset in its attitude towards women.

Write an article in 150-200 words on 'How to make women feel safe'. You are Karan/Karuna. Answer :

HOW TO KEEP A CHECK ON POPULATION

By Karan/Karuna

An economy requires the support of its population to function smoothly. The fact remains intact that India is extremely rich in its natural resources, yet incapable of sustaining its population. We often ponder over the question. Who is responsible for the imbalance? Is it the current government? Is it the lack of facility? Or is it just ignorance?

The disproportionate distribution of wealth in the country is mostly an outcome of the humongous population, hyperbolically termed as the 'Population Explosion'. The government, at regular intervals, has introduced birth control schemes and programmes, such as 'Hum Do Hamare Do'.

Such programs have failed tremendously because of the illiteracy and religiously guided notions of the people. The only way possible to curb the population is to educate the Indian population. The beliefs and desirability of having a male child also increases the population, which can be checked by making people understand that it is better to facilitate the children in a manner to empower them without being gender biased.

The government can work effectively only when the population understands the fragility and the need of the moment.

OR

'HOW TO MAKE WOMEN FEEL SAFE'

By : Karan/Karuna

The safety of women in the modern society is increasingly becoming a grave concern by each passing day. It is no longer an issue of morals but of criminalist mentality of a majority of the male sector of our society. Ensuring security of women can never be possible by restraining them to their houses. It can never be the solution. It is said, that to solve a problem effectively and efficiently, its root needs to be targeted' and in the same way, we need to put efforts into educating our boys and quite evidently, men as well, to respect the women. Rather than teaching a girl how to live with restrictions, we should teach a boy how to respect and accept the girl's wishes. This will help to reduce the cause a lot, but in order to eradicate the problem, severe legal measures are needed to be taken. The criminals should be punished severely and the legal procedures should be shortened. Domestic violence against women should not be tolerated and programs should be set-up to support women suffering in these scenarios. The aggressors in such cases need to be adequately penalized. The women should be trained the basic self-defense at an early age. Besides, taking these measures, special forces need to be posted at all places where crimes against women are more frequent, like tourist sites and secluded places. Special help-line numbers need to be set-up and effective and quick aid should be provided to women whenever and wherever required.

SECTION — C

(LITERATURE : TEXT BOOKS AND LONG READING TEXT)

9. **Answer any four of the following in 30-40 words each:**

[12]

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- (a) How did his experience at the YMCA swimming pool affect Douglas ?
- (b) What hospitality did the peddler receive from the crofter ?
- (e) What kind of life was enjoyed by crown prince Jung Bahadur till he reached the age of twenty ?
- (f) Where, when and how did Dr. Sadao meet Hana ?

Answer : (a) The experience created a terrible fear in the heart of Douglas for a long time, after his YMCA swimming pool experience when Douglas hit the pool, he started drowning when he was saved, he became weak and rembled badly. He couldn't even eat for many days as he felt sick in the stomach. This made Douglas more afraid of water. The very sight of water made him ill. Douglas decided not to play any water sports.

- (b) Unlike the indifferent attitude of the others towards him, the peddler was whole heartedly welcomed by the crofter in his cottage. The crofter, at once, put the porridge pot on fire and gave him supper. He gave him a roll of tobacco for his pipe. He also played a game of cards with him.
- (e) The British dominance and its effect on the Indian royalty is evident in the upbringing of the crown prince Jung Bahadur. He was brought up by an English nanny, drank the milk of an English cow, taught English by an Englishman and watched English films.
- (f) Dr. Sadao met Hana in America at the house of a professor Harley where some foreign students were living. He liked her but waited to fall in love with her untill he was sure she was a pure Japanese.

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