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PRACTICE PAPER – II(2020-21)

ENGLISH CORE

A Highly Simulated Practice Questions Paper for
CBSE Class XII Examination

Time : 3 hrs

Max. Marks : 80

Instructions

1. This paper is divided into two parts: A and B. All questions are compulsory.
2. Separate instructions are given with each section and question, wherever necessary. Read these instructions very carefully and follow them.
3. Do not exceed the prescribed word limit while answering the questions.

PARTS A : Multiple Choice Questions

[40 Marks]

Reading Comprehension

[20 Marks]

1. Read the passage given below.

(10)

1. My father, the late Dr Gustav Bucky, was the physician to Einstein's two stepdaughters and this relationship had prompted the professor to invite us to dinner once. My father and he became friends and from then onwards I spent my summer vacations at his home for the next eight years.
2. To a boy, Einstein was a God. Even his appearance had a God-like distinctiveness – the massive head with its unruly mane of hair; the ragged moustache; the deep, gentle eyes that could twinkle with amusement; the droopy upper lids; and the soft, expressive wrinkles that creased his face.
3. One time, after I had known him for several years, I impulsively remarked that it might be time for him to abandon a frayed stretched sweater that was part of his daily uniform. His sudden, cool silence told me that I had stepped across the line.
4. Yet he had a good sense of humour. His only reading for fun was Emily Post's book on etiquette. He read the book in his bedroom and study in the evening and his sharp laugh rattled through the house.
5. Einstein's friends never expected him to behave in the conventional manner. Yet his regard for others often prompted him to do the conventional thing. When I was ill with tuberculosis at a veteran's hospital in the Bronx, Einstein created a sensation there by visiting me. I was

tremendously moved. I knew how much he disliked to leave his work, how much he was bored by the two-and-a-half hour automobile trip and how pained he felt under public scrutiny.

6. Since we knew how Einstein was tortured by formal occasions, we didn't invite him to my wedding in 1953 at the Plaza in New York. He showed up without being invited. He was dressed in a dark suit, with white shirt and tie – the perfect attire for the proceedings, according to his standards.
7. The problem of keeping an important secret may produce a sweaty conflict in most people, but not in Einstein. I was hardly a hundred feet from him during one of the most important meetings of this century and I never knew about it. During the summer of 1939, I was staying at Einstein's vacation house near Southold on the tip of Long Island. On 1st August, the housekeeper told me that a group of scientists were coming to visit the professor. When the visitors left, Einstein made no reference to the meeting. I only remember his expressing a vague fear in late 1944 that Germany might be making progress towards a new and terrible weapon.
8. After the United States exploded the first atomic bomb, the bits and pieces of the story behind its development began to sift out. Only then did I realise what had happened during the meeting on that August day. Fermi, Szilard and a few other physicists had persuaded Einstein to write to Roosevelt, the famous letter, now in the Library of Congress, that prompted the President to launch the Manhattan project for the production of the atomic bomb.
9. He won the Nobel Prize for his Photoelectric Theory – a series of equations that he considered relatively minor in importance – but he didn't have any curiosity in observing how his theory made television possible.
10. One puzzle that Einstein could never understand was his own fame. He had developed theories that were quite esoteric and capable of exciting comparatively few scientists. Yet his name was a household word across the civilised world. He was baffled by the phenomenon of himself. 'I've had good ideas and so have other men,' he once said. "But it's been my good fortune that my ideas have been accepted." He was bewildered by the deluge of public attention; people wanted to meet him, strangers stopped on the street to stare and smile at him, scientists, statesmen, students and housewives wrote him letters. He could never understand why he received this attention, why he was singled out as something special.

On the basis of the understanding of the passage, answer any ten of the questions given below with the help of the options that follow.

(1 × 10 = 10)

(i) The author was well-known to Einstein as

- (a) he was his friend.
- (b) he was his classmate.
- (c) he was his teacher.
- (d) his father was the physician to Einstein's two stepdaughters.

(ii) Einstein won the Nobel Prize for his

- (a) Equations.
- (b) Photoelectric Theory.
- (c) Inventions.
- (d) Genius.

(iii) Based on your understanding of the passage, choose the option that lists the correct sequence in which the given data is given.

1. Einstein often wondered about his fame.
2. Einstein was anti-social.
3. Einstein read only one book.
4. Einstein was very peculiar regarding his look.

- (a) 1,2,3,4
- (b) 4,3,2,1
- (c) 1,3,2,4
- (d) 3,2,1,4

- (iv) Einstein liked to read
 (a) Emily Post's book on etiquette. (b) suspense novels.
 (c) romantic novels. (d) thriller novels.
- (v) Where does the famous letter written by Einstein to Roosevelt lie now?
 (a) It is with Einstein. (b) It is in the Library of Congress.
 (c) It is with Roosevelt. (d) It is lost.
- (vi) Einstein was not pleased with the author's remark that
 (a) he should spend his summers at the author's home
 (b) he should abandon his frayed stretched sweater
 (c) he should read Emily Post's book on etiquette
 (d) None of the above
- (vii) Why did the author and his wife not invite Einstein for their wedding?
 (a) They knew he would insult them.
 (b) They were not on good terms with Einstein.
 (c) They knew he hated social attention.
 (d) None of the above
- (viii) The word in para 4 means 'echoed like a succession of short and sharp knocking sounds'.
 (a) Rattled (b) Etiquette (c) Sharp (d) Sense
- (ix) The other scientists mentioned in this passage are
 1. Fermi 2. Szilard
 3. Roosevelt 4. Dr Bucky
 (a) 1 and 4 (b) 1 and 2 (c) 3 and 4 (d) 1, 2 and 4
- (x) The word in para 10 means 'likely to be understood by only a small number of people with a specialised knowledge'.
 (a) Civilised (b) Phenomenon (c) Bewildered (d) Esoteric
- (xi) Pick the option that correctly lists the final feelings of the writer with reference to his experience with Einstein.
 1. Hatred 2. Sympathy
 3. Awe 4. Appreciation
 5. Love 6. Care
 (a) 1 and 2 (b) 3 and 6 (c) 4 and 5 (d) 3 and 4

2. Read the passage given below.

(10)

India is a major producer of several agricultural/food items in the world but only less than 10 per cent of that is processed. Demand for processed food items is set to increase in India in the coming years providing opportunities for greater value addition, lower wastages and alternative employment opportunities. Analysis of corporate data shows that food processing firms have been profitable, but the value addition component needs to increase significantly.

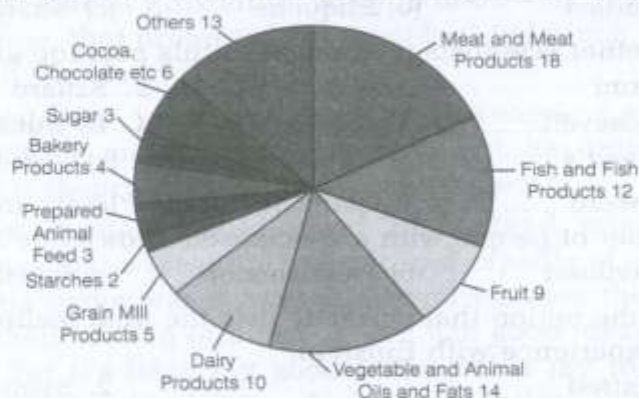
India has made vast progress overtime in providing food security for its people and has become largely self-reliant in agriculture. Accordingly, the policy focus has shifted from attaining self-sufficiency to generating higher and stable income for the farming population. Food processing industry (FPI) is one area which has the potential to add value to farm output, create alternate employment opportunities, improve exports and strengthen the domestic supply chain.

India, with about 11.2 per cent of total arable land in the world, is ranked first in the production of milk, pulses and jute, second in fruits and vegetables and third in cereals (Government of India, 2019). It is also the sixth largest food and grocery market in the world (Law, et al., 2019). Recognising the immense potential of FPI in promoting inclusive growth, it has been identified as one of the key thrust areas under the 'Make in India' Programme.

Food processing is defined as transforming agricultural products into food that are in consumable form or transforming one food item into another by adding value to it (Government of India, 2019). Based on physical properties of the final product, the Ministry of Food Processing Industries categorises food processing under two sub-categories, viz., (i) manufactured processes, whereby the original physical properties of the product undergo a change through a process involving employees, power, machines or money and the transformed product is edible and has a commercial value and (ii) other value-added processes where the product does not undergo any manufacturing process, but gains significant value addition like increased shelf life, shelled and ready for consumption, etc.

Depending on the type and extent of value addition, it is categorised as primary and secondary processing. Primary processing relates to conversion of raw commodity to one that is fit for consumption. It involves steps such as drying, threshing, cleaning, grading, sorting, packing, etc. Secondary processing involves creation of value added products like bread, wine, sausages, etc.

The importance of processed food items in the consumer basket has increased globally over time. With higher income, urbanisation, demographic shifts, improved transportation and changed consumer perceptions regarding quality and safety, food consumption patterns have changed over the years. Further, advertising through mass media/social media is also found to have resulted in a higher demand-led Food Processing Industry (FPI) growth in India.



Pattern of Processed Food Trade

The share of processed food in world especially Indian exports in value terms has remained stable over the years. In 2018, it accounted for 6.5 per cent of total world processed exports and 5.7 per cent of total world exports.

With the increasing importance of processed food in consumers' food basket, quality standards have also emerged as an important factor with new regulations. The food system is being regulated through a mix of private-public standards which provide the basis of competitive strategies while also proving to be entry barriers. The implementation of quality standards has been an issue of contention between developed and developing countries.

On the basis of the understanding of the passage, answer any ten of the questions given below with the help of the options that follow. (1 × 10 = 10)

- (i) What does the given passage highlight?
 - (a) The system of import and export.
 - (b) The growing demand of processed food.
 - (c) The food capacity of India.
 - (d) The share of Indian exports in food market.
- (ii) Processed foods provides for

(a) more food variety.	(b) alternate employment opportunities.
(c) lower wastage.	(d) Both (b) and (c)

- (iii) According to the passage, India has become self-reliant because of
- (a) agriculture. (b) stable income.
(c) employment opportunities. (d) import business.
- (iv) Which industry adds to the growth of the country?
- (a) Import-export (b) FPI
(c) Agriculture (d) Chocolate food industry
- (v) India is ranked first in the production of
- (a) milk, jute and pulses. (b) fruits and vegetables.
(c) cereals. (d) chocolate.
- (vi) Manufactured processing of food involves
- (a) no change
(b) mixing of spices to increase shelving time
(c) a change in the properties of raw material
(d) drying and spicing
- (vii) Drying, threshing, and grading are a part of
- (a) tertiary processing. (b) primary processing.
(c) secondary processing. (d) value added processing.
- (viii) What leads to a change in the food consumption pattern?
- (a) Urbanisation (b) Demographic shifts
(c) Improved transportation (d) All of these
- (ix) The passage states that the growth in the FPI can be credited to
- (a) globalisation. (b) urbanisation.
(c) higher incomes. (d) advertising .
- (x) Which of the following graphs represents the correct data presented by the government of India in 2019?

India's first Ranking



■ Milk, Pulses and Jute
■ Fruits and Vegetables
□ Cereals

(1)

India's first Ranking



■ Milk, Pulses and Jute
■ Fruits and Vegetables
□ Cereals

(2)

India's first Ranking



■ Milk, Pulses and Jute
■ Fruits and Vegetables
□ Cereals

(3)

India's first Ranking



■ Milk, Pulses and Jute
■ Fruits and Vegetables
□ Cereals

(4)

- (a) Option (1)
(c) Option (3)

- (b) Option (2)
(d) Option (4)

- (xi) Pick the options that lists the statements that are NOT TRUE according to the passage.

- India is ranked first in the production of fruits and vegetables.
- The demand for processed food items is set to increase in our country.
- Food processing is categorised under two sub-categories.
- Tertiary processing relates to the processing of raw commodity to one that is fit for consumption.

- (a) 1 and 4
(c) 2 and 3

- (b) 1 and 2
(d) 3 and 4

3. Read the extracts given below and answer the following questions. (Do any two.)
(1 × 8 = 8)

A. DERRY: They talk about me. Downstairs, When I'm not there. 'What'll he ever do? What's going to happen to him when we've gone? However will he get on in this world? Looking like that? With that on his face?' That's what they say.

MR LAMB: Lord, boy, you've got two arms, two legs and eyes and ears, you've got a tongue and a brain. You'll get on the way you want, like all the rest. And if you chose, and set your mind to it, you could get on better than all the rest.

- (i) Who does 'they' refer to?
- (a) Derry's family. (b) Derry's friends.
(c) All other people around Derry. (d) Derry's mom.
- (ii) What does the given lines tell us about Mr Lamb?
- (a) He was a social man. (b) He was wise.
(c) He had a positive outlook towards life. (d) All of these
- (iii) Why does Mr Lamb say the given lines to Derry?
- (a) To help him accept his fate. (b) To teach him how to ignore others.
(c) To teach him self-worth. (d) To make him his friend.
- (iv) 'set your mind to it' in the extract means
- (a) to be determined to do or have something.
(b) to be casual to do something.
(c) to be struggling and impatient to do something.
(d) to be indifferent to do something.

B. She entered, followed by a valet, carrying on his arm a big fur coat. She was not at all pretty, but seemed modest and quite shy. In the forge everything was just as it had been earlier in the evening. The master blacksmith and his apprentice still sat on their bench, and iron and charcoal still glowed in the furnace. The stranger had stretched himself out on the floor and lay with a piece of pig iron under his head and his hat pulled down over his eyes.

- (i) Who is 'She' in the given lines?
- (a) The stranger's estranged daughter. (b) A servant from the Captains house.
(c) Edla. (d) The old crooner's relative.
- (ii) Why does she come there?
- (a) To get the stranger arrested.
(b) To scold the stranger.
(c) To give the stranger some money and clothes.
(d) To invite the stranger for Christmas.
- (iii) The presence of the blacksmith and his apprentice tells us that
- (a) they were suspicious of the stranger.
(b) the stranger was still at the iron mill.
(c) they were waiting for the young female.
(d) they wanted to help the stranger.
- (iv) The term 'pig iron' in the extract refers to
- (a) hot iron (b) cold iron
(c) pure iron (d) impure iron

C. At 11:20 AM the receiver once more crackled across the silence of the Governor's office, and McLeery informed Evans that only five minutes remained. The examination was almost over now, but something still gnawed away quietly in the Governor's mind. He reached for the phone once more.

At 11:22 AM Jackson shouted along the corridor to Stephens. The Governor wanted to speak with him – "Hurry, man!" Stephens picked up the phone apprehensively and listened to the rapidly spoken orders.

- (i) What examination was Evans giving?
(a) French (b) German (c) Spanish (d) Italian
- (ii) Who was McLeery?
(a) Evan's friend (b) Policeman (c) Inspector (d) The invigilator
- (iii) The Governor reached for the phone twice indicates his apprehensions. Pick the option that correctly states them.
1. Somebody was helping Evans.
 2. Evans had tried to kill the invigilator.
 3. Evans had run away.
 4. Evans was going to do something to hurt the invigilator.
 5. The city could be in extreme danger because of Evans.
- (a) Only 1 (b) Only 3 (c) 2 and 5 (d) 3 and 4
- (iv) The Phrase 'once more' signifies that
(a) the Governor had received two calls earlier.
(b) the Governor was keeping check on Evans.
(c) the Governor was constantly receiving calls of major crimes.
(d) the Governor kept an eye for any news related to Evans.

4. Read the extracts given below and answer the following questions. (Do any one.) (1×4 = 4)

A. *Driving from my parent's home to Cochin last Friday
morning, I saw my mother, beside me,
doze, open mouthed, her face ashen like that
of a corpse and realised with pain
that she was as old as she looked*

- (i) Who is the 'poet' of this poem?
(a) John Keats (b) Rudyard Kipling
(c) William Wordsworth (d) Kamala Das
- (ii) What does 'ashen face' signify?
(a) To show the poet's fears. (b) To tell aging is painful.
(c) Pale and lifeless face of poet's mother. (d) To show old age.
- (iii) What is the tone of the poem towards the end?
(a) Sad (b) Hopeless (c) Cheerful (d) Resignation
- (iv) Which figure of speech is used in the above lines?
(a) Alliteration (b) Simile (c) Personification (d) Metaphor

B. *Rich with a sprinkling of fair musk-rose blooms;
And such too is the grandeur of the dooms
We have imagined for the mighty dead;
All lovely tales that we have heard or read;
An endless fountain of immortal drink,
Pouring unto us from the heaven's brink*

- (i) What is the name of the poem?
(a) Keeping Quiet (b) A Thing of Beauty
(c) Endymion (d) The Roadside Stand
- (ii) How do we know about the 'mighty dead'?
(a) Oral songs (b) Tales (c) Myths (d) Statues

- (iii) What is the effect of immortal drink?
 (a) No one is thirsty. (b) Everyone is happy.
 (c) Immense joy and happiness. (d) Beauty never moves away.
- (iv) The rhyme scheme of the extract is
 (a) abcabc (b) aabbcc (c) abccba (d) aaabbb

5. Attempt any eight questions from the ten given below.

(1×8 = 8)

- (i) What had the narrator counted on to enter the school, unnoticed?
 (a) He counted the leaves of a plant outside the classroom.
 (b) He counted the blessing of God.
 (c) He counted the number of people he met on his way.
 (d) He counted on the hustle and bustle that was usual in the school.
- (ii) Why does the poet say "And yet, for these children, these windows, not this map, their world"?
 (a) The world of the middle class is not accessible to the slum children.
 (b) The world of the rich is not accessible to the slum children.
 (c) The world of the good people is not accessible to the slum children.
 (d) The world of the literate is not accessible to the slum children.
- (iii) How has Aunt Jennifer created her tigers?
 (a) She created them with wool.
 (b) She created them with ivory needles.
 (c) She created them with cotton threads.
 (d) Both (a) and (b)
- (iv) Which of the following is TRUE about Mukesh's dream?
 (a) Car driver (b) Astrologer (c) Teacher (d) Motor Mechanic
- (v) What symbol from nature does the poet use to prove that 'Keeping Quiet' is not total inactivity?
 (a) Symbol of a broken car.
 (b) Symbol of a picture on the wall.
 (c) Symbol of nature.
 (d) Symbol of a switched off camera.
- (vi) Which of the following factors is NOT TRUE about the decision of Douglas in favour of the YMCA pool?
 (a) It was safe.
 (b) It was only 2 miles away from his house.
 (c) It was only 2 or 3 feet deep at the shallow end.
 (d) The drop of the pool to the nine feet at the other end was gradual.
- (vii) Why did Gandhiji demand 50% refund from the British landlords?
 (a) Because they had legally procured it from the sharecroppers.
 (b) Because they had illegally and deceitfully extorted it from the poor sharecroppers.
 (c) Because they had illegally and deceitfully extorted it from the rich sharecroppers.
 (d) Because he wanted to appease the landlords.
- (viii) How did the old gardener react when Dr Sadao gave shelter to the enemy soldier?
 (a) He reacted happily.
 (b) He did not show any reaction.
 (c) He reacted negatively by pulling his hair from his head.
 (d) He reacted negatively by pulling a few hairs on his upper lip.
- (ix) What does the third level refer to?
 (a) It is a medium of treatment for sick patients.
 (b) It is a medium of escape through which a man yearns to be away from life's harsh realities.
 (c) It is a medium of transforming oneself.
 (d) It is a medium of educating oneself.

- (x) Choose the statement that is/are NOT TRUE with reference to Roger Skunk.
- Roger Skunk lived in the deep dark woods.
 - Roger smelled so bad that none of the creatures would play with him.
 - The creatures called him 'Roger Sinky Skunk'.
 - Roger went to the wise owl and requested him to make him smell like roses.

PART B : Subjective Questions

[40 Marks]

Writing Skills

[16 Marks]

6. You are Dr Madhu, MBBS. You want to take on rent an independent house in Ghaziabad at a reasonable cost for a residence-cum-clinic. Draft a suitable advertisement to be published in 'Hindustan Times', New Delhi. (50 words) (3)

or

You are Arun/Anita, a member of Residents Welfare Association, Saraswati Vihar, Delhi. You wish to help the children of your housing society with oral communication skills. For the same, you have planned a one month course. Draft a notice for your society Bulletin Board giving all the necessary details. (50 words) (3)

7. You are the secretary of Haryana Civil Medical Doctors' Association, 2345 Sector 15, Panchkula. You have organised a seminar on AIDS for the members of the association and invited a specialist guest speaker. Draft an invitation for publication in the newspapers. (50 words) (3)

or

Your parents have completed 25 years of happy married life. Invite your aunt, living in Hyderabad, to join you in the Silver Jubilee Celebration of their marriage at your residence. (50 words) (3)

8. Write a letter to the Editor of a National Daily suggesting possible ways to eliminate the 'Menace of Dowry' which has led to many deaths and suffering of women. You are Kamal/Komal. You can use the following clues. (120-150 words) (5)

Clues

- Atrocities committed on women
- Multi-dimensional strategy required
- Mechanism of effective reporting
- In case of offence, strict action to be taken

or

You saw the following advertisement in a National Daily. You think you are eligible to apply for the post mentioned. Write an application in response to the advertisement. (5)

Applications are invited by Sundaram Business Services, a division of Sundaram Finance Limited, for the post of Head HR, a middle management position, reporting to the Head of the Division in Chennai. The applicant should be around 37 years of age with a postgraduate qualification in HR from a reputed institution. He/She should have a minimum of five years of experience in HR functions. Should be conversant with the best HR practices in the industry and should have implemented a robust performance monitoring/appraisal system and productivity linked incentive schemes. Apply, with full particulars within a week to chief HR Manager, Sundaram Business Services, No. 05, Shanti Colony, Anna Nagar, Chennai-04.

9. The sports field is said to be a minifield of life. Whatever we experience or learn here serves as an invaluable experience to us for life. Write an article on 'More Lessons are Learnt on the Sports Field than in the Classroom' in 120-150 words. You are Sarika/Sandeep. You can use the following clues. (5)

Clues

- Cooperation, teamwork, leadership
- Tolerance and understanding
- No caste and religious prejudice
- Healthy life

or

A glittering musical concert was held in your city during the Diwali season. Many noted and budding musicians were present to grace the occasion. Write a report covering the event in 120-150 words. You are Yash Khullar, Staff Correspondent for 'The Indian Express'. You can use the following clues. (5)

Clues

- Idea behind organising the concert
- Describe the venue and artists performing in the concert
- Celebrities attending and performing in the concert
- Teaches how Diwali can be celebrated without bursting crackers.

Literature Textbooks

[24 Marks]

10. Answer any five of the following questions in 30-40 words. (2 × 5 = 10)

- What do the slum children inherit from their parents?
- Franz was surprised when he entered his class. Why?
- How did Douglas feel when he sank into the water the second time?
- What was Kamala Das fear as a child? Why did it surface when she is going to the airport?
- What does the title, 'Lost Spring' convey?
- Elaborate some of the ordeals faced by Aunt Jennifer.

11. Answer any two of the following questions in 30-40 words. (2 × 2 = 4)

- What part of the story did Jack himself enjoy the most and why?
- The modern world is full of insecurity, fear, war, worry and stress. What are the ways in which we attempt to overcome them? (*The Third Level*)
- Discuss the bond that unites Derry and Mr Lamb.

12. Answer any one of the following questions in 120-150 words. (5)

The poet hopes for a change in the lives of slum children. Explain.

or

With reference to the big boy who pushed Douglas into the pool, we realise that many a time we fail to understand others fears and weaknesses and make fun of them without realising how much harm we are doing to the psyche of the person. Elaborate with reference to the chapter 'Deep water'. (5)

13. Answer any one of the following questions in 120-150 words. (5)

Why was Dr Sadao's final decision is the best possible one in such circumstances? Explain with reference to the story, 'The Enemy'.

or

How did Charley reach the third level of Grand Central? How was it different from the other levels? (5)

ANSWERS

1. (i) (d) his father was the physician to Einstein's two stepdaughters.
(ii) (b) Photoelectric Theory.
(iii) (b) 4,3,2,1
(iv) (a) Emily Post's book on etiquette.
(v) (b) It is in the Library of Congress.
(vi) (b) he should abandon his frayed stretched sweater
(vii) (c) They knew he hated social attention.
(viii) (a) Rattled (ix) (c) 3 and 4
(x) (d) Esoteric (xi) (d) 3 and 4
2. (i) (b) The growing demand of processed food.
(ii) (d) Both (b) and (c) (iii) (a) agriculture.
(iv) (b) FPI (v) (a) milk, jute and pulses.
(vi) (c) a change in the properties of raw material (vii) (b) primary processing.
(viii) (d) All of these (ix) (d) advertising.
(x) (c) Option (3) (xi) (a) 1 and 4
3. A. (i) (a) Derry's family. (ii) (d) All of these
(iii) (c) To teach him self-worth.
(iv) (a) to be determined to do or have something.
- B. (i) (c) Edla. (ii) (d) To invite the stranger for Christmas.
(iii) (b) the stranger was still at the iron mill. (iv) (d) impure iron
- C. (i) (b) German (ii) (d) The invigilator.
(iii) (d) 3 and 4
(iv) (a) the Governor had received two calls earlier.
4. A. (i) (d) Kamala Das
(ii) (c) Pale and lifeless face of poet's mother.
(iii) (a) Sad (iv) (b) Simile
- B. (i) (b) A Thing of Beauty (ii) (b) Tales
(iii) (c) Immense joy and happiness. (iv) (b) aabbcc
5. (i) (d) He counted on the hustle and bustle that was usual in the school.
(ii) (b) The world of the rich is not accessible to the slum children.
(iii) (d) Both (a) and (b)
(iv) (d) Motor Mechanic
(v) (c) Symbol of nature.
(vi) (b) It was only 2 miles away from his house.
(vii) (b) Because they had illegally and deceitfully extorted it from the poor sharecroppers.
(viii) (d) He reacted negatively by pulling a few hairs on his upper lip.
(ix) (b) It is a medium of escape through which a man yearns to be away from life's harsh realities.
(x) (d) Roger went to the wise owl and requested him to make him smell like roses.
- 6.

Wanted a House on Rent for Doctor's Clinic

Wanted a corner independent building with a basement at a prime location on the main road of Ghaziabad for a doctor's residence-cum-clinic, preferably with servant quarters and garage. Separate entry preferred for clinic, 24 hrs water supply and power backup is must. Reasonable rent.

Contact : Dr Madhu, MBBS at 93123XXXX

or

Residents Welfare Association, Saraswati Vihar, Delhi

NOTICE

4th July, 20XX

Enhance Your Child's Communication Skills

This is to inform that a one month course to enhance the oral communication skills of children is being organised in our housing society. The course would start from 15th July and the timings would be from 6:00 PM to 7:00 PM daily at Community Centre, Saraswati Vihar. The fee for the course is ₹ 500 per child.

For any queries, please contact the undersigned.

Anita/Arun

(9910452XXX)

7.



Medical Seminar

We take immense pleasure in inviting
all the members of the
Haryana Civil Medical Doctors' Association
to a talk on
AIDS – A Global Concern

On
17th August, 20XX at 11:30 AM

at
Hotel Ranjit, Panchkula-7
Guest Speaker Dr PS Ahluwalia
(HOD Medicine, PGIMS Chandigarh)

Note: The programme will be followed by lunch.

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245, Rose Gardens
Hyderabad

25th May, 20XX

Respected Aunt

You will be glad to know that my parents will be completing 25 years, of their happy, prosperous and eventful married life next month. We are going to celebrate the Silver Jubilee of their married life on 28th June, 20XX. It will be a simple ceremony. Only family members and close friends are invited.

Do join us on this auspicious day.

Yours sincerely
Srishti

8. 83/7, Shastri Square, Karol Bagh
New Delhi - 110005

6th October, 20XX

The Editor
National Daily
KG Marg, New Delhi

Subject Fight Against the Social Evil of Dowry

Sir

Through the column of your esteemed Newspaper, I would like to suggest some possible ways to eliminate the menace of dowry in our society.

Every day virtually all types of media are full of stories of atrocities committed on women in the name of tradition. One such atrocity is dowry, a social evil prevalent in both urban as well as rural areas of our country.

To stop it, a multi-dimensional strategy has to be adopted by the government and people alike. The government on their part should make dowry laws more stringent and should hold the police and district level officials accountable for their implementation. Also a mechanism of effective reporting without affecting the image of the girl's family should be devised.

The public should, on their part, be educated and empathised towards the cause. They must take a pledge against demanding or giving dowry. Moreover, if they see anyone asking for it, the matter should be immediately brought to the notice of the relevant authorities. Only when we take strict and holistic action will this menace be rooted out completely. The defaulter should be punished and no bail should be allowed. The offence can be reduced only by good education and strict penalty or punishment.

Thank you

Yours sincerely
Komal

or

32/4, XYZ colony
Chennai

11th June, 20XX

The Chief HR Manager
Sundaram Business Services
No. 05, Shanti Colony,
Anna Nagar,
Chennai-04

Subject Application for the Post of Head HR

Sir

This is in response to your advertisement in 'National Daily' dated 9th June, 20XX for the post of the Head HR position in your company. I wish to apply for the same.

I possess requisite qualifications and experience. Having my Management Degree from FMS, Delhi University, I have 15 years of experience in all HR functions. I possess complete knowledge of best HR practices in the industry and have also implemented an appraisal system for the company.

I am enclosing my detailed resume for your perusal. You may call me for an interview on any date as per your convenience. I shall be able to join my duties at one month's notice if appointed. I hope of a positive reply.

Yours sincerely
Abhishek Kumar
Enclosure: Resume

Resume

Name Abhishek Kumar
Father's Name Mr Rajneesh Kumar
Date of Birth 29th July, 1983
Age 37 Years
Address 32/4, XYZ colony, Chennai
E-mail abhi1234@gmail.com
Nationality Indian

Educational Qualification

Name of the Exam	Name of the Institute	Year	Percentage/GPA
MBA	FMS, Delhi University	2006	65%
B.Com	Delhi University	2004	73%

Hobbies Music, Net Surfing, Photography, Sports.

Languages Known Hindi, English, Tamil, Telugu

Experience

- Currently working as a HR in ABC enterprises for the past 10 years
- Worked as an HR attendant for 5 years in PQR industries

References

- Mr Ashok Kumar, Director, PQR Industries
- Mr Rajesh Veraapalli, Chief HR, ABC Enterprises

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More Lessons are Learnt on the Sports Field than in the Classroom

by Sarika

'All work, no play makes Jack a dull boy'. This age old saying holds true in the present world wherein extracurricular activities are becoming central to an individual's personality growth. One such co-curricular activity taking a prominent position is sports. Sports is not just a field of learning techniques of playing a sport. It is also about learning cooperation, teamwork, tolerance, understanding, time management and leadership.

While playing a sport an individual grows and learns teamwork. Irrespective of any difference between the culture of an individual, students fight for a common goal. The caste and religious prejudices are forgotten as students learn compassion and understand each other. Not just a cognitive mental learning, it also teaches one to live a healthy life.

One of the most essential things that sports teaches is the never giving up attitude. It teaches that even though one may lose at a time, one can also win at numerous. So never lose hope. Hence, it is true that more lessons of life can be learnt on the sports field than in the classroom.

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A Glittering Musical Concert

by Yash Khullar, Staff Correspondent, The Indian Express

Bengaluru, 20th November, 20XX

A unique musical concert was held on Sunday which was organised by Sri Vidya Kala Kendra at the Padmnabha Auditorium on MG Road. The Deepotsava concert took off by lighting lamps all over the auditorium. The ambience transported the audience back to the older days, before the advent of electricity. The radiant ambience set the perfect mood for the musicians to perform. The concert was organised with an intention to impart education among the young artists and art lovers. The rendition of the concert was vibrant and left the audience craving for more.

The concert saw the performance of singer RK Padmanabha who was accompanied by Mysore Manjunath on Violin, Arjun Kumar on Mridangam, Guru Prasanna on Khanjira and Giridhar Udupa on Ghatam. Bollywood celebrities Rekha, Lata Mangeshkar, Nasiruddin Shah, Javed Akhtar and many others were present to grace the occasion. But what brought the house down was a superlative performance by the comedian Johnny Lever, which was added as a diversion from the main musical programme to keep the younger generation of the audience happy.

Music enthusiasts savoured the music in silence and applauded the performances of the Bollywood stars as a sign of appreciation. Besides imparting knowledge about music, the idea about organising the concert was to illustrate how to celebrate Diwali without bursting crackers.

10. (i) The slum children inherit poverty and disease from their parents. According to the poet, a boy has twisted bones like his father and other one is not able to speak properly like his father. They are also subjected to inhuman, dirty, cramped conditions with no sun or greenery just like their parents.
- (ii) Franz was surprised when he entered the class that day. First it was because of his teacher's soft attitude towards him in spite of him being late. The other reasons for it were his teacher's formal attire and the villagers sitting at the back benches of the class.
- (iii) When Douglas sank into the water the second time he felt a great force pulling him under water. He screamed, but no one heard him. He seemed to go down endlessly. When he opened his eyes, he saw nothing but water. He was seized by terror because of his fear of water.
- (iv) As a child, the poet Kamala Das always had a fear of separation from her mother. There was a sense of insecurity and fear of losing her mother. This childhood fear reappeared while going to the airport when she looked at the pale and wrinkled face of the mother. She realised that her mother was ageing and that she might lose her soon.
- (v) The title 'Lost Spring' conveys how millions of children in India lose out on living the 'spring' of their lives that is their childhood. The best phase of life is lost in the hardships involved to earn their livelihood. Poverty forces these young children to work in the most inhuman conditions as a result of which they miss out of the fun in childhood.
- (vi) The ordeals faced by Aunt Jennifer are the ordeals of keeping her husband and family happy. She can never get out of her working routine. Her life lacks expression and she is overburdened by the demands and duties of her married life. Although old and weak, she still has to face oppression by her husband. Her daily chores will not leave her even when she is dead.
11. (i) Jack enjoyed narrating the part of the story where Roger goes to the Wizard's house. He imitated the Wizard's voice by scrunching up his face and somehow whining through his eyes. He felt being an old man suited him. He also enjoyed mixing his own childhood humiliations and experiences with the narration of the story.
- (ii) The modern world is very competitive and instills within a person the feelings of insecurity, fear, war, worry, etc. We tend to escape them by using a defense mechanism like hallucinating just like Charley. We enter the world of fantasy and imagination forgetting the harsh realities of life. This world of fantasy is the ideal world that differs for every individual just like for Charley it was Galesburg.
- (iii) Derry and Mr Lamb both share a common characteristic. They both are physically impaired. This disability, makes both of them isolated and lonely. Hence, when Derry tells Mr Lamb about his attitude, Mr Lamb could identify with it leading to a development of a bond that united both of them.
12. The poet hopes for a better future for the slum children. For him the slum children are devoid of all the privileges. They suffer from ill health, malnutrition and poverty. They lead a miserable life living in slum which are full of darkness and hopelessness. Their classroom also presents a bleak future where walls of the room have not been painted for a long time.

He believes that if eminent personalities like Governors or Teachers help these people to come out of their slums and get exposed to a far developed world, they can get free from their miserable surroundings. These slum children should be given countless opportunities to explore the world outside of their Tyrolean valley and leave their Catacombs type existence. The bright blue sky and warm sand of the beaches will certainly instill a hunger for knowledge in their minds. The poet wants these children to live in a healthier, hygienic and beautiful environment.

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It is true that many a times we fail to understand others fears and weaknesses and make fun of them without realising how much harm we are doing to the psyche of the person. In the story 'Deep Water', a similar thing happened with the narrator who had to undergo a misadventure because of a big boy.

Douglas was about ten or eleven years old when he was trying to learn swimming with the help of his waterwings in the water-pool of YMCA in Yakima. One day while he was sitting on the side of the pool, a big boy suddenly picked him up and threw him into the nine feet deep water. Douglas was frightened when he was thrown into the pool. He was terrified of the aspect of drowning. He was filled with a sense of panic. He survived somehow but the incident haunted him till many days afterwards. In fact it increased his fear of water so much so that it affected his social life.

13. Dr Sadao's final decision was the best possible one in such circumstances because he had fulfilled his duties as a surgeon and as a patriot, besides being humanitarian, when he helped the American to escape.

When Dr Sadao came across the escaped prisoner of war, the first thing Sadao did was to save his life. As a doctor, he fulfilled the moral obligation of saving a human life. Next, he proved himself patriotic to his country by informing the General about the presence of the enemy soldier in his house. When the General assured Sadao of sending his private assassins to kill the American, Dr Sadao felt restless and perhaps guilty of betraying the same person whose life he had saved. So, he finally decided on a flawless plan to let Tom, the American prisoner of war, escape.

By letting him escape, Dr Sadao echoes the author's views against war and the hatred that it generates between men. Through Dr Sadao, the author conveys the message of universal brotherhood, peace and amity, which is the best possible decision in the circumstances.

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One night Charley worked till late at the office. As he was in a hurry to get back to his apartment, he decided to take the subway from Grand Central. He went down the steps and came to the first level. Then he walked down to the second level from where the suburban trains left. He ducked into an arched doorway that headed to the subway. However, he got lost. Knowing that he was going wrong he continued to walk downward. The tunnel turned a sharp left and then taking a short flight of stairs he came out on the third level at the Grand Central Station.

This was different from other levels. It was old and romantic world. So, he was convinced that he was actually standing at the third level. There were fewer ticket windows which were made of wood and were old-looking. There were open flame gaslights. He saw people with beards, sideburns and fancy moustaches. Then he caught a glimpse of an old locomotive and also 'The World' the leading newspaper which was printed on 11th June, 1894.