

Solved Paper 2016

ENGLISH CORE

Class-XII

Time : 3 Hours

Max. Marks : 100

General Instructions :

- (i) This paper is divided into three sections : A, B and C. All the sections are *compulsory*.
- (ii) Separate instructions are given with each section and question, wherever necessary. Read these instructions very carefully and follow them faithfully.
- (iii) Do not exceed the prescribed word limit while answering the questions.

Delhi Set I

Code No. 1/1/1

SECTION -A (Reading)

30 marks

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, which 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 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 longstanding tradition sustained by several generations.

- (3) The life of the people of Mewar must have been peaceful and prosperous during a 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 Vijaya 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. Whereas, 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.

1.1 On the basis of your understanding of the passage, answer the following questions by choosing the most appropriate 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)

Ans. (ii) he added a lot of grandeur to Mewar /
(iii) of his valour, sacrifice and patriotism /
(iv) both (ii) and (iii) (Any one)

(b) Difficulties in the way of Mewar were:

- (i) lack of cooperation of the nobility
- (ii) ancient traditions of the kingdom
- (iii) its small area and small population
- (iv) the poverty of the subjects

Ans. (iii) its small area and small population

(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

Ans. (i) the flag of Mewar seemed to be lowered /
(iii) the people of Mewar showed gallantry

(Any one)

(d) Mewar was the 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

Ans. (ii) most of its people were competent
(iii) most of its rulers were competent
(iv) only a few of its people were incompetent

(Any one)

1.2 Answer the following questions briefly: (1 × 6 = 6)

(e) Who was the earliest king of Mewar mentioned in the passage ?

Ans. Bappa Rawal

(f) What was Rana Kumbha's contribution to the glory of Mewar ?

Ans. • gave new stature through victories and development work/literature and art progressed / his writing revered even today (Any one)

(g) What does the writer find worth admiration in the people of Mewar ?

Ans. • pleasant nature / cheerful / liberal character / gallant/brilliant (Any one)

(h) How could art and literature flourish in Mewar ?

Ans. • peace and prosperity over long period of time / liberal attitude of rulers / rulers inclined towards art and culture (Any one)

(i) How did the rulers show that they cared for their subjects ?

Ans. • cooperation existed between nobles and subjects / rulers built public utility buildings / people lived peacefully and had prosperous lives / built the Vijaya Stambha and Kirti Stambha (Any one)

(j) What does the erection of Vijaya Stambha and Kirti Stambha in the same fort signify ?

Ans. • proximity between King and subjects of Mewar / along with winning wars rulers patronised art (Any one)

1.3 Find words from the passage that mean the same as the following: (1 × 2 = 2)

- (k) (i) surprising (para 4)
- (ii) evidence (para 4)

Ans. (i) astonishing
(ii) testimony / sample

2. Read the passage given below: 10

(1) 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.

(2) 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.

(3) 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.

(4) 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.

(5) The mother carries its cubs about by holding them by the scruff of their neck 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.

(6) I have never had an opportunity to watch mother panther train its cubs. But in Pilibhit forests, I once saw a tigress giving some lessons to its little ones. I was sitting over its kill at Mala. As the sun set, the tigress materialized 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.

(7) 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 to its heels immediately. There after, 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 patient 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.

(8) The mother sat watching its cubs eat, and mounted guard on them. She did not partake of the meal.

2.1 On the basis of your understanding of the about passage, answer the following questions by choosing the most appropriate options. (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

Ans. (i) among rocks

(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

Ans. (iv) is impulsive and impatient

2.2 Answer the following questions briefly: (1 × 6 = 6)

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

Ans. • five

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

Ans. • may drift from the place of safety / expose themselves to danger (Any one)

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

Ans. • not to disturb the tigress / to be away from the sight of the panther (Any one)

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

Ans. • to make them come back to mother's heels / to train / discipline / teach them / was furious (Any one)

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

Ans. • she is patient / caring / protective / strict / mother on guard / disciplining / vigilant (Any one)

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

Ans. • enjoys wider distribution / procreates sufficiently / litters 4-5 cubs (Any one)

2.3 Find words from the passage that mean the same as each of the following: (1 × 2 = 2)

- (i) moving aimlessly (para 3)
- (ii) came down/fell (para 7)

Ans. (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 house 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 find. 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 sub-headings. Use recognizable abbreviations, (wherever necessary-minimum four) and a format you consider suitable. Also supply an appropriate title to it. 5

Ans. Title- Collecting: A Hobby

1. Reasons

- 1.1 a delightful surprise
- 1.2 old people lack energy
 - 1.2.1 phy.
 - 1.2.2 mental
- 1.3 sentimental values
- 1.4 mania

2. Advantages

- 2.1 avoid wastage
- 2.2 saves money
- 2.3 provides
 - 2.3.1 relxtn.
 - 2.3.2 joy
 - 2.3.3 amusement
- 2.4 educational value

3. Other Benefits

- 3.1 meet like-minded collectors to
 - 3.1.1 advise
 - 3.1.2 compare notes
 - 3.1.3 exch. articles
 - 3.1.4 show off latest find
- 3.2 socialist/make friends

3.3 become an authority

Suggested Abbreviations :

- Phy. — Physical
- relxtn. — relaxation
- exch. — exchange
- / - — or

(B) Write a summary of the passage in about 80 words. 3

Ans.

SUMMARY

People gather possessions for various reasons—deliberately or without even being aware. Some collect things as they don't change a house and so gather clutter. Some do it just by leaving things around.

Elderly people collect things due to sentimental attachment and the lack of energy. People also collect things with the intention to save and for some, it is just a mania. But collection as a hobby, is different. It provides relaxation. It also results in increasing a person's circle of friends. At the same time, it can also lead to one becoming an authority over the subject and can start addressing gatherings, if required. 3

SECTION -B
(Writing Skills)

30 marks

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.

Ans.

SITUATION VACANT

Sunrise Global School, Agra requires a young female receptionist, graduate with convent background, computer-friendly, having pleasing personality with 1 to 5 years experience. Attractive salary and perks. Interested candidates may apply within 7 days to the Principal. Ph. 9412500075.

OR

JANATA GROUP HOUSING SOCIETY, KURNOOR
NOTICE

March 5, 20xx

SUSPENDED WATER SUPPLY

This is to inform the residents of Janata Group Housing Society, Palam Vihar, Kurnool that water supply will be suspended for eight hours (10 a.m. to 6 p.m.) on 6th of March for the cleaning of the water tank. You are advised to make prior arrangements for the same. For further enquiries, please contact the undersigned. Karuna Bajaj (9842369010) (Secretary)

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 about 120-150 words to the Medical Superintendent. You are Karan/Karuna, M114, 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, M114, Mall Road, Delhi.

Ans. M114,

Mall Road

Delhi

March 5, 20XX

The Medical Superintendent

Sunrise Hospital

Market Road

New Delhi.

Sub: Chaotic Conditions in Casualty Department.

Sir

Yesterday I was shocked to see the real state of one of the most prestigious hospitals 'Sunrise Hospital' in the national capital, Delhi. Delhi is known as the heart of our country. But I witnessed heartless behaviour of our second 'Gods', i.e. the doctors.

It happened so that I went to the hospital, taking with me a victim of a 'hit and run' accident case. I pleaded with the doctors in the casualty department to attend to him on an urgent basis as he was bleeding profusely. But the doctors did not pay any heed to my hand folded requests. Instead of offering a helping hand to him, they preferred that the case should be first attended by the police. Moreover, I was asked to submit a handsome amount at the counter in order to get him admitted to the hospital. I was absolutely in a fix because the victim was not my acquaintance. I tried to help him just out of a sense of humanity. Fortunately, one of my friends, who was an advocate, came there. He asked the doctors to start the treatment immediately and warned that as per the law, the case would go against them if they showed any negligence or waited for police enquiry. Only then, the injured was attended to, but till then a lot of precious time had been lost.

I hope, that you'll look into this matter yourself so that such dreadful negligence that may defame this noble profession, may not take place in future.

Thanking you

Yours sincerely

Karuna

OR

M/114,

Mall Road

Delhi

March 5, 20xx

The Editor,

The Tribune

New Delhi

Sub: Miserable Life Conditions in Slums.

Sir

Through the columns of your esteemed newspaper, I would like to draw the attention of the readers towards the miserable life of the slum dwellers in big cities like ours.

People from rural areas come to cities in search of jobs. As a result, big cities have a large number of slums. These slums present a despaired, diseased and troubled state of people in relation to their education, accommodation, progress, advancement and future prospects. The slum-dwellers suffer from poor health, hygiene and lack of employment. Poverty looms on their withered and skinny faces. They dwell in cramped holes.

Keeping these hard conditions in view, I appeal to all the citizens especially to the teachers, intellectuals as well as the concerned authorities to come forward to improve their poor living conditions and to work for the education of their children by putting aside different types of social inequalities as all human beings have the right to live and breathe equally.

Thanking you

Yours sincerely

Karuna

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.

Ans.

DEBATE

Format (opening address and conclusion) 1 mark

Content 4 marks

Expression 5 marks

grammatical accuracy, appropriate words and spellings [2½]

coherence and relevance of ideas and style [2½]

POLICY OF RESERVATION IN PROFESSIONAL COURSES

Note: Student's views to be expressed either for or against the topic.

Suggested Value Points

For

- inequality in society
- opportunities for the deprived
- country can progress only if all sections of society contribute
- must raise the weaker / marginalised communities

Against

- misuse of opportunities
- progress should be only on merit

- main reason for brain drain / injustice to the deserving
- increase in inequality / resentment in society
- disturbs communal harmony
- standards can't be lowered especially for doctors/engineers **(any other relevant point)**

[CBSE Marking Scheme 2016]

Detailed Answer:

Respected Chairperson, Honourable judges and all present.

I stand before you to express my views against the motion that the policy of reservation of seats for admission to the professional courses is good for the deprived sections of society. India is a country with dimensions and diversities. Accordingly, the Indian Constitution has adopted an egalitarian, secular and casteless society where injustice done to any class shall not be tolerated. But the report of the Mandal Commission reveals that millions of actual weaker sections of the society are still suffering from atrocities and caste-based inequalities. So, it is evident that some special privileges of reservation have proved to be a boon for some and bane for others. Even then the 'reserved' sections grumble that they have been made to suffer.

Here I want to ask whether reservation is fair to those of the general categories. In fact, it is a bane for those meritorious students. On the contrary, the so-called downtrodden or deprived sections enjoy the privilege. The non-deserving candidates are admitted into technical and professional colleges but the deserving candidates are unable to get admission because they belong to the 'higher classes' of society. In my opinion, it would be more suitable to provide opportunities for all the needy or deserving candidates without any discrimination and without the reservation of seats based on caste, creed, clan or colour. In fact, this reservation system creates division and fragmentation among the castes. It is nothing but a consolidation of vote-banks by the politicians at the expense of deserving candidates. Hope that you have all been convinced by my arguments.

Thank you.

OR

Format (opening address and conclusion) **1 mark****Content** **4 mark****Expression** **5 mark**grammatical accuracy, appropriate words and spellings **[2½]**coherence and relevance of ideas and style **[2½]****Suggested Value Points****BENEFITS OF EARLY RISING**

- energising - positive start
- better time management / increases productivity

- relieves stress and tension
- best time to study / meditate / exercise

(any other relevant point)**[CBSE Marking Scheme 2016]****Detailed Answer:**

Benefits of rising early in the morning

Good Morning, Honourable Principal, respected teachers and my dear friends. Today I, Karuna, Head Girl, stand before you to deliver a speech on the topic 'Benefits of Early Rising'. All of us are well aware of the benefits of rising early. Its great advantage is the head start that it gives us in doing our work for the day. The early riser can do a large amount of work before others get out of bed. In the early hours of the morning, the mind is fresh. As there are few sounds or other distractions, the work done at that time is generally well done. The early riser also finds time to take some exercise in the fresh morning air which supplies him with a fund of energy that will last until the evening. By beginning so early, he comes to know that he has plenty of time to do every work thoroughly and he need not hurry over any part of it. After completing his work on time, he can have a rest interval in afternoon. Also, he can fall asleep several hours before midnight and after a night's sound sleep, he rises early next morning in good health and spirits for carrying out the labours of a new day. Thank you.

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 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 common man'. You are Karan/ Karuna.

Ans.

Festivals of India**By- Karuna**

India is a land of diversity. Indians are diverse in their physical appearances, dresses, languages, and creed. Even then, it is really fascinating to witness how the Bengalis, the Marathas, the Gujaratis, the Tamils, the Andhras, the Oriyas, the Assamese, the Punjabis and the Kashmiris – have all retained their peculiar characteristics throughout the ages. The dwellers of any part of India still have more or less the same virtues. There is something living and dynamic about this heritage which manifests itself in the way of festivals. These festivals know no distinction either of age, community, faith or even nationality. Whether it is Holi or Diwali, Sankranti or Pongal, Id or Gurupurv, people of all ages and areas enjoy them alike. The rich and poor all celebrate these festivals in their

own way but the fact, that is to be noted is that these festivals cause everyone to be overwhelmed with joy. People forget all differences of caste, creed and faith and become one in their joy while celebrating these festivals. These festivals really unify the palaces and huts, the bare-bodied beggars and the crowned kings. They not only eat up our routine boredom, and tedium but also in return give us a freshness, chewing up all our worries, pumping in zeal and enthusiasm. Eradicating the differences of religions and regions, rich and poor, these festivals bring joy and spiritual serenity for all Indians in particular and the world in general.

OR

How to Provide Proper Health Care to Common Man

By- Karuna

Now-a-days, rising pollution, a fast and competitive lifestyle, lack of nutritious food, have caused health woes for a large section of our population. Providing health-care used to be a charitable and ethical activity. Our country is well-known in the world for selfless service and pure love. Sarojini Naidu, Mother Teresa served the sick people without any aspirations. They considered it to be their sacred duty. But today, such a feeling can be seen missing to a large extent, though not absolutely. On one hand, the techniques in the medical field have resulted in miraculous results; on the other hand, its backside shows us a horrible scene. Today perhaps, ethics have been lost. The health care industry has become more or less commercialised—an absolute money-spinning business. Most of the hospitals have contracts with the pathologies. Irrespective of the problems, patients are asked to go through many costly tests. After all, the doctors have to earn commission and generally there are no government dispensaries. In their absence, patients, especially from rural areas are put to many hardships. They are left to the mercy of some quacks or private practitioners who charge exorbitant fees. To provide proper health-care to the common man, more and more public health centers should be established where sufficient medical staff as well as helping staff should be appointed. Though the government is spending much money to improve this field yet certain greedy persons and groups try their best to make such policies fail. The authorities concerned along with some voluntary ones should come forward so that this industry can once again emerge as a life-giving charitable service, and not as a money-spinning business.

SECTION -C

(Literature : Textbooks and Long Reading Text)

40 marks

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? 1
 (b) Identify the phrase which says that 'it' is immortal. 1
 (c) What is a 'bower' ? 1
 (d) Why do we need sweet dreams, health and quiet breathing in our lives ? 1

Ans. (a) a thing of beauty

- (b) pass into nothingness
 (c) a pleasant shady place under a tree / a place that offers protection (Any one)
 (d) to bear the problems of life / remove the gloom / uplift the mood / remove the sufferings / refresh ourselves (Any one)

[CBSE Marking Scheme 2016]

Detailed Answer:

- (a) The loveliness of beautiful things will keep on increasing. 1
 (b) The phrase – “it will never pass into nothingness” says that ‘it’ is immortal. 1
 (c) A bower is a shady place under a tree to ponder and dream and also offers protection. 1
 (d) We need them in order to realize and bear the problems in life. 1

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 ? 1
 (b) What was the poet's childhood fear ? 1
 (c) What do the first two lines tell us about poet's feelings for her mother ? 1
 (d) What does the repeated use of the word, 'smile' mean ? 1

Ans. (a) pain / fear / pain that mother was growing old / fear of separation (Any one)

(b) her mother would get old / die / final separation from mother (Any one)

(c) loved her / pained at seeing the mother growing old / fear of losing her mother

(Any one)

(d) hides her feelings from her mother / reassures herself that mother will be fine (Any one)

[CBSE Marking Scheme 2016]

Detailed Answer :

- (a) It means that the sight of her mother revived the poet's old, childhood fear. 1
 (b) Her childhood fear was of being separated from her mother. 1

- (c) The first two lines tell us that she wanted to console herself. 1
- (d) In her smile, she hides her feelings from her mother. 1

9. Answer any four of the following questions in 30-40 words each: $3 \times 4 = 12$

- (a) Describe the irony in Saheb's name.
- (b) Why was Gandhiji opposed to C.F. Andrews helping him in Champaran ?
- (c) Aunt Jennifer's efforts to get rid of her fear proved to be futile. Comment.
- (d) What does Stephen Spender want to be done for the children of the school in a slum ?
- (e) When he was only ten-days-old, a prediction was made about the future of the Tiger King. What was ironic about it ?
- (f) What was his father's chief concern about Dr. Sadao ?

- Ans. (a) Saheb's full name was Saheb e-Alam. It means the 'Lord of the Universe'. But the irony was that the poor boy was not even his own master. He was a rag-picker and a refugee from Bangladesh whose family had settled down in Seemapuri after their fields were destroyed by storms and floods. Instead of being a lord, he wandered on the roads along with other barefooted poor boys like him. 3
- (b) Mr. Charles Freer Andrews was an Englishman and Gandhiji did not want his help. He did not believe in seeking a prop in him. Since, the cause was good, he believed that their victory was certain. He wanted the peasants to be self-reliant. 3
- (c) Aunt Jennifer lived in constant fear of her husband. She was very weak and frail. She could never stand up boldly against her tyrannical husband. She revolted silently in her own way, i.e., by creating tigers on a panel to symbolize her wish to be strong, fierce and free like the tigers. There was no escape even after death. Her terrified hands will be ringed with ordeals that she was mastered with. 3
- (d) Stephen Spender wanted education to be related to the children's life. They should be break open from confined spaces and should be shown children green fields. He wanted to use nature as their teacher so that they can be rich and powerful to get involved to solve their problems. 3
- (e) When the Tiger King was only ten days old, an astrologer had proclaimed that a tiger would become the cause of his death. He must be particularly careful with the hundredth tiger. Ninety-nine tigers were killed. The irony, here was that the sliver of a wooden toy tiger became the cause of his death. 3
- (f) Dr. Sadao's father had a great concern for Sadao's career. His chief concern was his education. In

order to fulfill that requirement, he sent him to America at the age of twenty-two to learn surgery and medicine. 3

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

Our language is 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 ?

Ans. Distribution of marks:	3 marks
Content	
Expression	3 marks
grammatical accuracy, appropriate words and spellings	[1½]
coherence and relevance of ideas and style	[1½]

Value points:

Neglect of Native Language

- M. Hamel blamed himself and natives for neglecting French
- had given a holiday when he wanted to go fishing
- got his flowers watered
- parents sent children to work
- elders showed regret – sat quietly at back of class room
- M. Hamel appealed that they hold fast to their language a key to their freedom

[CBSE Marking Scheme 2016]

Detailed Answer :

One day Mr. Hamel told everyone that an order had come from Berlin that French would not be taught there anymore. Among the listeners were village people, the former Mayor, the former Post master, and the old Hauser. He further told them that instead of French, German was going to be taught. That day, they were going to have their last lesson in French. Those words struck Franz like a thunderbolt. He had hardly learnt to read and write. He was sorry to have wasted his time. The same thought was passing through the minds of other village elders. Then, he praised his mother tongue. He said that French was the most beautiful, most logical and the clearest language in the world. He exhorted the people to stick to it. He assured them that if they held fast to their language, they would be able to get rid of the Prussian rulers. Their language was the key to their freedom from slavery. When the clock struck twelve, he tried to say something but he couldn't. Then, he wrote in large letters on the blackboard, "Vive La France!". Mr Hamel reproached himself for his students' unsatisfactory progress.

OR

- Sophie belonged to weak socio-economic background escaped from boring working class existence to unrealistic fantasies
- reality – earmarked for biscuit factory – dreams of owning boutique / being a manager / actress / fashion designer
- dreams and disappointments all in her mind
- dream and reality merged when she went to meet Danny Casey
- no concrete steps taken to convert dream into reality
- lied / fooled everybody with her dreams
- dreams are not based on reality
- circumstances do not support her (Any three)

[CBSE Marking Scheme 2016]

Detailed Answer :

Sophie dreams of achieving things she has no access to. She belongs to a lower middle

Class family but dreams of owing a boutique, or becoming an actress or a manager. Moreover, instead of working towards her goals, she just dreams about them. Sophie needs to be practical and should be aware of the realities of life. She should be simple and down to earth and should know her limitations that she belongs to a lower middle-class family. She should possess a strong will to achieve her dreams. She needs to work hard to make her dreams and fantasies come true.

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 ?

Ans. Distribution of marks: 3 marks

Content

Expression

3 marks

grammatical accuracy, appropriate words and spellings [1½]

coherence and relevance of ideas and style [1½]

Value points:

- Derry bitter / hates world / isolates himself
- Mr. Lamb not scared or repulsed by his scarred face
- he understands Derry and his anguish and doesn't pity him
- doesn't get angry nor is put off by Derry's rudeness / doesn't force him to stay and listen
- Mr. Lamb's views different from those held by others
- makes him realise that being handicapped not a drawback

- beauty is relative people are important
- Mr. Lamb is positive
- Mr. Lamb opens the world to Derry by telling him to wait, watch, listen (Any two)

Turning point :

- Derry ready to face the world and overcome obstacles / returns to Mr. Lamb against his mother's advice
 - finds courage and strength to get what he wants
- (any other relevant point) (Any one)

[CBSE Marking Scheme 2016]

Detailed Answer:

Derry is a fourteen-year-old boy with a face burnt by acid. Mr. Lamb serves as an ideal for Derry. Mr. Lamb has a tin leg. But he never allows his disability to sour the joys of life. Derry, on the other hand, makes himself quite pitiable and miserable. His hypersensitivity is like an open wound. He can't stand people staring at him. Even cruel and uncharitable remarks upset him. He can't keep his ears shut. Nor does he possess a large and generous heart like that of Mr. Lamb, whom children called 'Lamey-Lamb' but Mr. Lamb does not mind it. He plays with them and gives them jelly and toffees. Derry, on the other hand, has developed a perverted mindset. The worst is that Derry distrusts the world and its people. We find a change in Derry towards the end. Mr. Lamb's ideas leave their imprint on him. He is free from that complex now. He doesn't care about his burnt face and it no more seems important to him.

OR

- Jo wanted wizard to hit mommy on head and skunk not to smell bad
- wanted stupid mommy to be punished
- insisted on changed ending next day
- Jo felt mother should not impose her will / her action robbed the son of acceptance of peers
- wanted Roger to be allowed to choose his own life / get rid of the stink
- story with the sad ending was unacceptable
- she was looking at the things from child's perception / friends were more important than family (Any three)

[CBSE Marking Scheme 2016]

Detailed Answer:

The world of children is quite different from that of adults. Their world is a dreamy and magical world. It is a world of fantasy and romance. There is no place for ugliness and stink in their world. Roger Skunk is the hero of the story. Jo never wanted her hero to be so ugly and stinky. It offends her fairness and justice. Therefore, Jo disapproves of Jack's ending of the story of Roger Skunk. She wants her father, Jack, to tell the same story in a different way. The wizard must take

his magic wand and hit Roger's mommy hard for not understanding Roger's feelings. Little Jo wants 'that stupid mommy' to be punished. Her crime is that she went to the wizard and compelled him to make her son smell bad again. Jo wants him to smell nice so that he can play with other little animals. She doesn't want Roger to feel sad and lonely for no fault of his.

- *12. Answer the following question in 120-150 words : 6
What do we learn about Mrs. Hall and Griffin 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 : 6
Everyone who comes into contact with Griffin suffers. Attempt a character sketch of Griffin in the light of this remark.

OR

Attempt a character sketch of Nancy Lammeter.

Delhi Set II

Code No. 1/1/2

Note : Except these, all other questions are from Set I.

SECTION -B (Advanced 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, M114, 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 artiste, Nalini to grace the occasion. Draft a formal invitation for her in about 50 words. You are Karuna/Karan, Cultural Secretary.

Ans.

ACCOMMODATION WANTED

Required a four-BHK flat in Tilak Nagar, New Delhi; ground floor, well-equipped with electricity and sanitary fittings, separate kitchen. Preference to two sides open and situated near the main market. Suitable cash payment in the court after site-seeing. Interested parties may contact Karuna/ M 114, Mall Road, Delhi or Call at 9412500015.

OR

Ans.

Sunrise Global School
Agra
March 5, 2016
Ms. Nalini
27, Kamla Nagar
Agra
Sub : Invitation
Dear Madam
Our school is going to organize a One-act play competition in our school auditorium on March 10, 20xx from 11 a.m. to 3 p.m.

We shall be highly obliged if you could spare some of your precious time to grace the occasion.

I hope that you will accept this humble request and will confirm your programme at the earliest.

Thanking you

Yours sincerely

Karuna

(Cultural Secretary)

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 students are put to a lot of inconvenience.

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. 6

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, M114, Mall Road, Pune, a graduate from SNTD University and have done a Secretarial Practice Course from YWCA, Mumbai.

Ans. INCONVENIENCE DUE TO HEAVY TRAFFIC

Suggested value points

Description of problem

- (heavy traffic / jam / inconvenience to students / coming late) suggestions to regulate traffic
- deputing volunteers to manage traffic
- signals to be installed
- construction of subways
- other suggestions

- request to Deputy Commissioner of Police to take adequate action
(any other relevant details)
(Any three points) [CBSE Marking Scheme 2016]

Detailed Answer:

Park Lane,
Chanakyapuram Mysore
March 7, 20xx
The Deputy Commissioner of Police (Traffic)
Mysore

Sub: Traffic Problem during the School Hours.

Sir

Mysore is proud to have four reputed public schools in close proximity to each other. But in the morning hours as well as in the afternoon, there is a heavy traffic jam along the road.

The traffic condition here becomes very chaotic. Hundreds of students face a lot of inconvenience. Accidents are very frequent and the safety of the children is at risk.

Sir, it is my humble request that a traffic point should be put here. There should be an arrangement for traffic police as well. A board indicating 'Schools Ahead' should also be put up there.

I am sure that if these steps along with some other positive changes are taken to regulate the traffic, it will surely prove to be a relief.

In anticipation of positive and quick action.

Yours truly

Karuna Shetty

(Principal, Sunrise Global School)

OR

JOB APPLICATION – POST OF RECEPTIONIST

Suggested Value Points

- reference to the advertisement
- post - receptionist
- request for consideration
- personal details
 - address
 - qualification
- achievements
- experience (optional)
- references (any other relevant points)

NOTE: the resume can be a part of the letter or as an enclosure.

[CBSE Marking Scheme 2016]

Detailed Answer:

M/114,
Mall Road
Pune
March 10, 20xx
The Manager,

JKL Publishers
Peshwa Road
Pune

Sub: Application for the Post of Receptionist.

Sir

With reference to your advertisement published in 'The Indian Express' dated 9 March 20xx, I'd like to submit my resume for the post of receptionist.

I am a graduate from SNTD University. I have also done Secretarial Practice Course from YWCA, Mumbai.

If given a chance, I'll leave no stone unturned in the fulfillment of my duties.

I hope this application of mine will get due consideration under your kind perusal.

My resume is furnished here below.

Thanking you

Yours faithfully

Karuna

RESUME	
Name	: Karuna
Father's Name	: Sh. J.K. Verma
Date of Birth	: 15 June, 1990
Address	: M/114, Mall Road, Pune
Educational qualification	: B.A. from SNTD university.
Professional qualification	: Secretarial Practice course from YWCA, Mumbai.
Experience	: 2 years
Marital Status	: Unmarried
Phone No.	: 94125XXXXX
E-mail id	: kkaruna@gamil.com
Language Known	: Hindi, English
Hobbies	: Reading, Painting

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.

Ans. DEBATE

Format (opening address and conclusion) **1 mark**

Content **4 marks**

Expression **5 marks**

grammatical accuracy, appropriate words and spellings [2½]

coherence and relevance of ideas and style [2½]

RISING PRICES CAN BE CONTROLLED ONLY BY THE GOVERNMENT**Note : Student's views to be expressed either for or against the topic.****Suggested Value Points**

In favour:

- laws made by the government
- government can control factors responsible for price hike
- infrastructure, relaxation, subsidies - in government hands Against
- natural causes like weather responsible
- government not solely responsible
- hoarding / black marketeering
- gap in demand and supply

(any other relevant point)**[CBSE Marking Scheme 2016]****Detailed Answer:**

Rising Prices Can be Controlled only by the Government

Respected Chairperson, honourable judges and my dear friends.

I am standing here before you today, to express my views for the motion - 'Rising prices can be controlled only by the government'. I also agree with the point that the year that has gone by has burnt a big hole in the common man's pocket. The reason is the uncontrollable inflation. The prices of items of daily consumption such as milk, vegetables, pulses, etc. have been sky-rocketing and it has become difficult for the common man to make both ends meet. Prices of food grain and pulses have also gone up and are expected to go even higher. Cooking gas has also become a luxury these days. Though the government has provided cheap grains to ration shops, they are hoarded by black-marketers and sometimes huge quantities of rations are just thrown away but they do not reach the common man. If necessary, action is not taken soon it will become difficult for the common man to survive.

It is high time that the government took some action instead of just announcing the price hike. Black marketing and hoarding should be controlled. Goods that are exported should be checked. First, the needs of our own people should be looked into before exporting goods to other countries.

Thank you.

OR**SPEECH****Format (opening address and conclusion) 1 mark****Content 4 marks****Expression 5 marks**

grammatical accuracy, appropriate words and spellings [2½]

coherence and relevance of ideas and style [2½]

LIBRARY PLAYS AN IMPORTANT ROLE AT SCHOOL**Suggested Value Points**

- important for students as buying books expensive
- source of reference
- a quiet place
- digital libraries – new trend

(any other relevant details)**[CBSE Marking Scheme 2016]****Detailed Answer:**

Library Plays an Important Role at School

Good morning to one and all present in this morning assembly.

Today, I, Karuna, Head Girl, have got a golden opportunity to share my views with you on the importance of libraries in schools. Today the internet has become a major source of information. We can get all the information we want-just by a click of a mouse. We can read, write and even play on the internet. But inspite of this information being easily available, the school libraries have retained their importance and that is because everyone does not have access to the internet. The average and economically poor students find the school library important and useful. They can sit and read there without paying a single rupee.

Definitely libraries cannot be replaced by computers. Books have their own importance. The beautiful illustrations make you fly on the wings of imagination. Libraries do not need electricity all the time. The books available there can be read easily during daylight, that also without any tension about electricity. So, libraries have and will ever retain their importance.

Thank you

SECTION -C**(Literature: Textbooks and Long Reading Text)****(40 Marks)**

9. Note: Except these, all other questions are from Set I. $3 \times 4 = 12$

(a) Why was the peddler amused at the idea of the world being a rattrap ?

- Ans.**
- others got entrapped, whereas he was not lured by temptation / free from the rattrap.
 - gave him joy to think ill of the world in this way.

(b) Why did Gandhiji agree to a settlement of mere 20 percent ?

- Ans.**
- amount less important than the fact that landlords had to surrender money and part of prestige.
 - breaking dead lock was more important than amount of money.

- lesson in self-reliance for Indians / showed Indians they had rights / Britishers not above the law / conquered fear / learnt courage.

(Any two)

(e) How did the ten-day-old baby (the future Tiger King) react to the prediction about his future made by the astrologers ?

- Ans. ● said all those who are born will one day have to die.
● they did not require the predictions of the astrologers for that.

- it would be some sense if the astrologers could tell the manner of that death.

- said let tigers beware.

(f) Why was Dr. Sadao not sent abroad along with troops ?

- Ans. ● there may be danger to old general's life; might need operation; so Sadao required to strong back.
● Sadao was perfecting a discovery which would render wounds entirely clean (Any one)

Delhi Set III

Code No. 1/1/3

Note : Except these, all other questions are from Set I & II.

SECTION -B
(Advanced 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.

- Ans. Honourable Chairperson, Respected judges and my dear friends.

Today, I am standing before you to express my arguments against the viewpoint that the policy of no detention till class VIII is not in the interest of students. Perhaps the main culprits behind all this propaganda are the ones who want to cash in on this idea by making the students to go for more and more tuition classes. The fact is that education is not a thing that should be bound up in the trap of examination; where students are made to sit for exams all the time in order to get the tag of 'Pass' or 'Fail'. As one of my friends presented his point that such a policy of no detention is making students careless, I'd like to tell my dear friend that it is better to be careless rather than to adopt unfair means to pass the exams – as we read about such incidents in the news every day. The tension of exams is making students mentally sick. I am afraid that the period/ time, that should be used in gaining pure knowledge without any pressure of detention may be lost in the tension about failing exams. There is also another advantage of this 'no detention policy' that more and more students without any such fear of failure will attend the school with full enthusiasm and will make themselves ready automatically for the period of maturity. There they will benefit from their feelings of confidence and

eagerness to go ahead, without any tension of passing or failing that will lead them towards a healthy and bright future.

Thank you.

OR

A Student Must Know How to Manage his Time
Respected Principal, worthy teachers and my dear friends. Today I, Karuna, Head Girl have the privilege of expressing my views on the importance of a time management for students. A student should surely know how to manage his precious time because a student-life is the most important part of one's life. And here time lost means everything lost. He/She should not be taken in by others' views. Rather he or she should be his or her own manager. And a good manager is one who does the right thing at the right time at the right place. So all of these three issues should be kept in mind by a student if he or she wants to establish good grounds for his or her future. The youth has to face neck- to-neck competition in all the fields, especially in the academic field. Instead of creating a mess to accomplish all his tasks, the student should manage all his choices that also without being frustrated. First of all, he should have a proper time- table for all his activities. To avoid unnecessary pressure of handling his studies as well as his other activities, eg. co-curricular activities, sports, etc., he should set his priorities for the period and act accordingly. The foremost thing is that he should not waste his time in any act of laziness, etc. by roaming around aimlessly. Parents have to play an important role in this direction. They may accompany students in their schedule for a morning walk, yoga, etc. By doing this, they will not only share their time and experience with them but also share the problems of their wards. This will, in turn, lead them towards a healthy and bright future.

7. **India is an emerging economy. We are rich in natural resources. Yet a significant proportion of our people are 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 fell 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.

Ans. HOW TO KEEP A CHECK ON POPULATION

Suggested value points:

Problem

- population explosion leading to
 - unemployment
 - poverty

Solution

- literacy for all
- job opportunities
- women empowerment
- government policies
- creating awareness about disadvantages

(any other relevant point) (Any 4 points)

[CBSE Marking Scheme 2016]

Detailed Answer:

How to Keep a Check on Population

By- Karan

India is an emerging economy. We are rich in natural resources. Yet a significant proportion of our people is living below the poverty line. One cause of this poverty is our rising population. The problem of population explosion is a serious one as fifty thousand children are being born every day, dangerously increasing the already existing Indian population and thereby posing a serious threat to the very existence of Indians. The population explosion entails undesirable repercussions, begetting one problem after another. Millions of infants are bare-headed, bare-footed and have no clothes to put on. Such progeny has no future and it also creates hurdles and bottlenecks towards the progress and development of the country. In order to curb population explosion, the Indian Government started the 'Family Planning' programme that seems to be the only effective measure to check this problem, a number of subsidiary devices were also popularized, such as contraceptives and tubectomy for women and vasectomy for men. The Government offered lucrative incentives to endear devices like 'loop', 'condom', 'oral pill' and such other contraceptives that were made available to the public free of cost. Family planning officers visited the far-off villages to help the villagers with useful counselling, advice and concerned assistance. The minimum matrimonial age was raised to twenty- one years for boys and eighteen for girls. Truly speaking, mere law will not suffice to achieve the goals of the family planning programme. A diagonal change in the attitude of people is needed, that over-population is not a divine blessing but rather a demonic curse, and that poverty

cannot be eradicated from India without lowering the population growth rate and enlightening people. If that is not done in time, then the day is not far when starvation and anarchy will reign and India will be in the doldrums.

OR

HOW TO MAKE WOMEN FEEL SAFE / any other suitable heading

Suggested value points:

Problem

- women unsafe
- domestic violence / rape / eve teasing / lack of safety in public places

Solution

- inculcate respect for women
- implementation of stringent laws
- policing should be vigilant and effective
- empower women

(any other relevant point) (Any 4 points)

[CBSE Marking Scheme 2016]

Detailed Answer:

How to Make Women Feel Safe

By- Karuna

It makes every-one shocked and sad that even after sixty- six years of independence, there is not much improvement in the condition of a woman in India. India is a country where the 'woman is worshipped' but perhaps only in books. If we see the real picture, women are unsafe not only on roads or at the place of their work but also at home. Superficially, it is said that the condition of today's woman has changed like anything but the reality states something different. Perhaps, a part of the society is unable to digest their upliftment.

Today, on one side, boys and girls are given equal education, equal opportunities in jobs, equal place at sports but on another side, this act of getting ahead costs them heavily e.g. If a well-educated girl gets married to a boy of the same standard, her parents have to give a heavy amount of dowry; if they don't do so, the girl may not get due respect. The cases of burning the bride for dowry demands are not uncommon. At workplace, she has to face harassment from the male co-workers. In order to make her feel safe, she herself has to become bold. She should stand up herself against such practices instead of being ashamed. Dowry system must be checked seriously. The educated boys should boycott such acts and stand up against their parents. And the most important thing is that there is an urgent need to change the male mindset in its attitude towards women. They shouldn't consider them playthings. It should be kept in mind that if a woman appears frail at one moment, then she can, at another moment, come out as 'Goddess Kali' who killed demons mercilessly. Learning self-defense and the safety programmes, organized by some social service

groups and government will help them a lot towards feeling safe.

SECTION -C
(Literature : Textbooks and Long Reading Text)
(40 Marks)

9. Note: Except these, all other questions are from Set I & II. 3 × 4 = 12

(a) How did his experience at the YMCA swimming pool affect Douglas ?

- Ans. Immediate effect
- weak and trembling; shook and cried as he lay on bed
 - couldn't eat
 - haunting fear
 - lightest exertion upset him
 - wobbly in the knees and sick in the stomach
- Subsequent effect
- could not go near water for years / strengthened the fear of water
 - deprived him of joy of canoeing, boating,

swimming and fishing (Any one)
(b) What hospitality did the peddler receive from the crofter ?

- Ans.
- received warm welcome / place to stay
 - porridge for supper
 - big slice of tobacco roll
 - played mjolis / cards
 - crofter confided in him (Any two)
- (e) What kind of life was enjoyed by crown prince Jung Bahadur till he reached the age of twenty ?

- Ans.
- drank milk of English cow / nursed by English nanny / had English tutor / watched English films
 - uneventful childhood just like any Indian prince during British rule

(f) Where, when and how did Dr. Sadao meet Hana ?

- Ans.
- in the US; at Professor Harley's house, by chance, Professor and wife anxious to do something for foreign students had invited them

Outside Delhi Set I **Code No. 1/1**

Refer Delhi Set I for Question 1, 2 & 3

SECTION -B
(Writing Skills) 30 marks

4. You are Karan Kumar/Karuna Bajaj, a leading lawyer practicing 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.

Ans.

REQUIRED FOR PURCHASE

Required an independent two-storeys house on City Light Road Surat. At least 4 BHK, to be used as office-cum-residence, proper parking area and electricity connection. Preferably on the main road.
Contact: Karan Kumar: 45645678

OR

Sunrise Global School
Agra
20 October 20xx
Mr. Dhanraj Pillai
311,
Shubham Enclave
Greater Kailash
Delhi
Sub: Invitation to the Annual Sports Day
Sir
We are glad to inform you that our school is celebrating its 20th Annual Sports Day on 2nd Nov, 20xx.
It would be our honour if you could join us on the occasion as the Chief Guest of the day.
Waiting for your confirmation,
Yours truly
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 Karan/Karuna, 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.

Ans. M114,

Mall Road
Delhi
24 November 20xx
The Editor
Times of India
New Delhi

Sub: Noise Pollution.

Sir

Through the column of your esteemed daily, I would like to draw the attention of the concerned authorities towards the problem of Noise Pollution.

Besides air and water pollution, the capital city is also struggling with noise pollution but no one is paying attention to it. DJs playing music during parties, marriage processions or just loud music from neighbouring flats cause a lot of disturbance to the people in the surrounding areas. What is fun to some is an unbearable disturbance for others.

Noise pollution not only leads to psychological problems like stress, anxiety, etc. but also to health problems. It is seen that the performance of school going children and the health of the senior citizens are also adversely affected by it.

We need to be aware of this fact and should do something about it. The authorities must take it up as a serious issue and do the needful to solve the problem. Besides this, in general, making legislation, educating and creating awareness among the people is required for the control of any kind of pollution.

Thanking you
Yours sincerely
Karan

OR

M114,
Mall Road
Delhi
24 Nov 20xx
The Police Commissioner
New Delhi

Sub: Control Over Road Rage.

Sir

Every year, thousands of people are injured or killed in car wrecks caused by road rage. Despite this fact many people still behave impatiently and become angry on the road. Driving is a curious display of public and private acts. The personal feeling of power

over a couple thousand-pound car is intoxicating.

Road rage/aggressive driving starts from things such as illegal or improper lane changes, failing to yield to the right way, and excessive speeding just to name a few.

Every day we deal with this type of driving. Weak enforcement of law, highway traffic, the growing congestion in cities and personal issues play a major role in the disposition of an aggressive driver. The angry driver may demonstrate his or her displeasure by speeding around the other vehicle, cutting the other car off, and/or with a number of verbal and non-verbal messages.

We must take the issue seriously and try to check it. Traffic on highways should be better managed. Besides, traffic rules should be enforced strictly so that people are not able to change lanes or overspeed. Traffic police should be available in proximity in case a misunderstanding happens between drivers. We must control this outrageous behavior before someone else gets hurt.

Thanking you

Yours sincerely

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.

Ans.

DEBATE

Format (opening address and conclusion) 1 mark

Content 4 marks

Expression 5 marks

grammatical accuracy, appropriate words and spellings [2½]

coherence and relevance of ideas and style [2½]

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

(Note : Student's views to be expressed either for or against the topic.)

Suggested Value Points

FOR

- brings prestige
- opportunity for talented individuals
- work force gets recognised abroad
- forex remitted back helps family
- increases tourist income in India
- promotes globalisation
- promotes competition
- enhances socio-cultural-economic relationship

Against

- intelligent people drifting away
- foreign countries benefitted
- erosion of cultural values
- loss of talent
- national loss because of expenses incurred on their education **(any other relevant point)**

[CBSE Marking Scheme 2016]

Detailed answer

Good Morning everyone

I am standing before you to speak against the motion, 'Brain Drain is not a bane for a developing country like India'

I feel that Brain Drain is a barrier to the country's development. Talented and skilled people migrate to other countries for better salary and better lifestyle which they are deprived of in India. I am not saying that it's the fault of those people who abandon India to shift somewhere else. They do this because they don't get satisfactory facilities in India. But what has made India so- the political system, the black money, corruption, the reasons can be many. Well! Who is going to take the responsibility for this? Of course, we, the YOUNG INDIANS. We get an education in our country and then spend all that knowledge in some foreign country! Is it not a betrayal of our Motherland? Our country is the second largest producer of doctors, engineers and scientists. Having so much of potential, India is still under-developed! Isn't it the duty of every Indian to shoulder the responsibility of making it a developed country? The youth of India needs to bring about a change in the system. If the system is transparent, then India will develop. If India develops, then its People will get their requirements fulfilled. And if their requirements are fulfilled, then there will be no reason for Brain Drain.

Just think: If our home gets littered, are we going to leave it and settle in our neighbour's house? No, right? We will clean it up and continue living there. India is our home. If it's dirty, then every single Indian needs to clean it up, instead of moving out.

Thank you.

OR

SPEECH

Format (opening address and conclusion)	1 mark
Content	4 marks
Expression	5 marks
grammatical accuracy, appropriate words and spellings	[2½]
coherence and relevance of ideas and style	[2½]

DISCIPLINE SHAPES THE FUTURE OF A STUDENT**Suggested Value Points**

- discipline key to success
- inculcates sense of duty and obedience
- bedrock of character
- essential in all walks of life
- absence leads to chaos and confusion
- should be inculcated early in life
- promotes restraint
- builds self-confidence
- balances personality
- inculcates good work ethics

(any other relevant details) (Any four)

[CBSE Marking Scheme 2016]

Detailed answer

Good Morning respected teachers and my dear friends

Today I am going to talk about something that is very important in a student's life - Discipline.

'Discipline is the key to success' - this saying stands true for all times and for all people of all age groups. But especially for students, it holds great value. In contemporary times, there are so many temptations that can lure a student away from his basic objective in life. At a student's level, where there is a cut-throat competition and time is extremely precious, self-discipline is something that students should aim to achieve. It is not a commodity that one can buy from the market. It is a rare quality which one has to inculcate, nurture and cherish from early childhood. Self-discipline, concentration, in turn, help a student scale newer height of academic excellence. Success will be theirs, who value and practice self-discipline and abide by it at all times. Temptations are always there. Only the forms of temptations change. But those of us who learn the subtle art of self-discipline and self-constraint, cannot be prevented from attaining their goals in life. So, let all of us decide and aim to be a little more self-disciplined from now onwards.

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 commercialized. 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.

Ans. The State of Education Today

By- Karan

Education is no more a noble cause but it has become a business or we can say that it has become commercialized now. Now-a-days you can see educational institutions in every nook and corner of any urban city. All these changes are a result of the privatization of education. With the advent of a large no. of Pvt. Institutes in the mid-90s, the agenda of education was hijacked and educational institutes have now become a source of generating profit. Now, you can find hundreds of engineering and MBA institutes in each and every city. These institutes are making good money through capitation fees and are also charging very high fees. After spending lakhs of rupees on education, it's a major shock for today's youth, if they don't find a suitable job. There is family pressure because for family also it's a business i.e. parents want to recover whatever they have spent on the child's education. In short, education is now a business for everyone i.e. for the parents, students and institutes. In order to change the situation, the role of the state in higher education needs to be redefined. There is a need for careful planning, enhanced financing and evolving a policy framework to make higher education accessible, equitable and qualitative, not just a money-making project.

OR

Role of Students in Eradicating Illiteracy

By- Karan

Illiteracy is one of the biggest problems that the country is facing today. Students can play a very important role in removing illiteracy as they have plenty of time. During their summer vacation, they can devote a couple of hours to teach the illiterate adults and children in the localities or villages near their residence. They can instruct illiterate people about living skills, proper hygiene, child care and nutrition. They can also remove many of the social evils from the minds of illiterate people like blind faith in superstitions, religious bigotry, communalism and narrow -mindedness. Students can stage street plays that reveal the hollowness of the various beliefs of the illiterate people. They can be taught about the importance of being educated. They can be told if they are literate, they can access various schemes of the government for their upliftment and growth. Best of all, through literacy, illiterate people can fight against being cheated by unscrupulous and crafty people. The students being the future of the country, must take the initiative and spread the awareness in the society. They are young, energetic and full of new ideas. If they decide to fight this problem, we are sure that we will be able to root this problem out very soon.

SECTION -C

(Literature : Textbooks and Long Reading Text)

40 marks

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

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' ?

1

- Ans.**
- the twelve divisions in the clock / measure of time
 - twelve months in the year
 - at twelve o'clock the hands in the clock unite suggesting amity and unity
 - twelve zodiac signs cover all people

(Any one)

(b) Which two activities does the poet want us to stop ?

1

- Ans.**
- not to speak in any language and not to move our arms so much

(c) What does the poet mean by 'let's not speak in any language' ?

1

- Ans.**
- pleads to be silent and introspect
 - sudden silence an opportunity to introspect
 - different languages symbolise differences
 - silence would break barriers between communities
 - silence symbolic of amity and brotherhood

(Any one)

(d) Describe the pun on the word, 'arms'.

1

- Ans.**
- arms refer to weapons and the arms in the human body

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' ?

1

- Ans.**
- poet / Kamala Das / poetess / narrator / daughter

(Any one)

(b) What did 'I' realise with pain ?

1

- Ans.**
- realised with pain that mother nearing old age / mom's death / separation from mother

(Any one)

(c) Why was the realisation painful ?

1

- Ans.**
- the mother's approaching death was a hard fact for her to accept
 - thoughts of separation from her mother made the poet sad

(Any one)

(d) Identify and name the figure of speech used in these lines. 1

- Ans. • simile
• 'ashen like that of a corpse'

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 ?

- Ans. • no money to buy chappals
• poor and impoverished
• engaged as rag pickers
• hand-to-mouth existence
• exploited, have no work to do, no house to live in
• unhygienic conditions of the slum dwellers
• negligence and apathy of the affluent people in society (Any two)

(b) What do we learn about the crofter's nature from the story, 'The Rattrap' ?

- Ans. • generous
• loved company
• loved to talk
• hard working
• trusting
• gullible
• compassionate
• lonely

(any 2 with evidence from the lesson)

(c) How is 'Shakespeare wicked and the map a bad example' for the children of the school in a slum?

- Ans. • both represent a beautiful world and high values which slum children have never experienced
• slum children cannot relate to them
• tempt them to steal

(d) What picture of male chauvinism (tyranny) do we find in the poem, 'Aunt Jennifer's Tigers' ?

- Ans. • shows constraints of married life a woman experiences
• uncle's wedding band, sits heavily upon Aunt Jennifer's hand symbolises oppressive band of patriarchal society
• male dominated society seems to show no concern for Aunt's suffering or even her death, society seems in no way affected by it
• Aunt Jennifer forced to live in accordance with rules laid down by her husband
• shows lack of freedom

(e) How did the Governor, Oxford Prison describe Evans to the Secretary Examination Board ?

- Ans. • Evans not a violent person
• pleasant sort of chap
• one of the stars at Christmas concert
• good at imitations
• congenital kleptomaniac (Any two)

(f) At the dining table, why did Zitkala-Sa begin to cry when others started eating ?

- Ans. • not used to eating by formula (sat down when others stood up and vice versa)
• disturbed by noise and bedlam of languages
• Matron staring at her
• felt out of place / embarrassed

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 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 ?

- Ans. Teenage hood is the phase of life which constitutes the major changes in the life of an individual. During this phase, a person learns many things, sets his career goals, and deals with peer pressure and the pressure of adults' expectations. Hence, it is natural for teenagers to fantasize and to have unrealistic dreams. Fantasizing, based on realistic goals or the world around, provides a means to reach higher ambitions and dreams. Aspiring for higher career goals and working hard may ensure successful career prospects. Thus, it instills confidence and a spirit to achieve one's desire. In difficult situations of life, it helps instill positivity and optimism. It is a talent in those who are creative. But fantasizing also builds a gap between fantasy and reality. The realisation of the disparity between one's goals and capabilities may be painful. Nonachievement may also lead to disappointment, depression or suicidal tendencies. Moreover, it is a sheer wastage of time for many. This was the case with Sophie. Although she dreamt and fantasized, yet she made no efforts to achieve what she wanted and finally got so sucked up in her fantasy that she forgot her reality. This Caused her great disappointment and sorrows in life. She got disconnects with reality. She didn't take any to convert her dreams to reality. 6

OR

The imposition of German language over the French speaking population can't be justified at all. It is the worst kind of colonialism. The people of Alsace, particularly the village elders, suddenly realise how precious their language is to them. They come to attend the last class. Students like Franz too are not immune to patriotic feelings. Franz feels sorry for neglecting the learning of French. He hates the idea of German language being imposed on them. He remarks sarcastically: "Will they make them sing in German, even the pigeons" Mr. Hamel's love for French is genuine. The shocking order from Berlin arouses patriotic feelings in him. He loves French as the most beautiful language in the world. He calls it the clearest and the

most logical language too. He regrets that the people of Alsace have not paid much heed to the learning of this great language. He asks the people to safeguard it among themselves. It is the key to their unity and freedom.

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 ?

Ans. Distribution of marks:

Content 3 marks

Expression 3 marks

grammatical accuracy, appropriate words and spellings [1½]

coherence and relevance of ideas and style [1½]

Value points:

- Mr. Lamb and Derry – having different sorts of physical disabilities
- Mr. Lamb had a tin leg
- Derry – acid burnt face
- both suffered alienation from society
- not accepted by society
- loneliness caused constant pain for Derry but Mr. Lamb reconciled
- both expected a kind and considerate behaviour from others
- do not want sympathy
- Derry dislike being pointed at, nicknamed, mocked at or made fun of; Mr. Lamb reconciled
- Derry sensitive about mother kissing only on other cheek (Any three)

Detailed Answer:

Derry's main problem is his burnt face. One side of his face had been burnt by acid. He suffers from a tremendous sense of inferiority complex. He is always conscious of the fact that his face is "bad", "terrible" and "the ugliest thing". People are "afraid" of him. He tries to escape from people. He allows himself to be alienated from the world. On the other hand, Mr. Lamb doesn't allow his physical disability to come in his way. He accepts life as it comes. He has a positive attitude towards life, things and people. He doesn't find solace in escapism. Children tease him by calling him "Lamey-Lamb" but he doesn't mind it. One of his legs was blown off in the war. But he is full of life and enjoys it to his best. He enjoys sitting in the sun, reading books and growing weeds

and flowers. Derry is withdrawn and defiant. He doesn't trust people. He thinks that no one will ever love and kiss him except his own mother. He can't stand people staring at him or passing uncharitable remarks. He is touchy and hypersensitive. Mr. Lamb is open-minded and open-hearted. All are welcome. He loves everybody and everything. He teaches Derry how to handle people and things.

OR

- ended story by saying that Mommy Skunk took little skunk to the wizard and changed the smell back to its original stinky one
- mother knew what was right for Roger Skunk according to Jo
- it was a 'stupid mommy'
- couldn't digest the statement that little skunk's mother hit the wizard on his head and restored his original smell
- mother had no right to deprive skunk of its happiness
- was happy that skunk earned a lot of friends by changing smell
- suggested another ending where mother would be hit by the wizard
- wanted mother to be punished

Detailed Answer:

According to Jack's ending of the story, Roger's mother hit the wizard with an umbrella. He, then, acts as she wishes and Roger Skunk starts smelling bad again. Jo wants the ending of the story to be the other way. She wants the wizard to hit on the head of the 'stupid mommy'. She wants the wizard to refuse to make Roger smell bad again. Children look at this world from a different perspective. They look at people and things quite differently than the way adults do. Their perspective on life reflects simplicity and innocence. Jo has deep sympathy for Roger Skunk. Roger's bad smell kept all the little animals away from him. The little Skunk stood alone and wept. The wizard made Roger smell of roses. He was happy. Other little animals were now attracted towards him. They now played and danced with him. Jo's main anger is against the "stupid mommy" of Roger Skunk. It was she who forced the wizard to make Roger Skunk smell very bad again. The hero of the story is always a role model for children. The tender-hearted Jo is shocked at the attitude of that 'stupid' mommy. She wants Roger's mommy to be punished. The wizard must hit on her head hard with his magic wand.

*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

Outside Delhi Set II

Code No. 1/2

Note: Except these, all other questions are from Set-I

**SECTION -B
(Writing Skills) 30 marks**

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 chemistry lecture. 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.

Ans.

REQUIRED
SUITABLE JOB FOR A CIVIL ENGINEER, had a well-paid job in a well-known multinational in UAE in a good position, returned to India due to family circumstances, experience of more than 10 years. Expected salary 50,000 per month. Those interested can Contact: Karan: M 114, Mall Road, Delhi

OR

ABC PUBLIC SCHOOL NOTICE
June 5, 20xx LOST NOTEBOOK This is to inform all, that yesterday during the lunch break, the undersigned had misplaced his Chemistry notes. As they are very important, the finder is requested to submit them at the 'Lost and Found Department' of the School. Prior thanks for your cooperation. Karan XII A

5. It gives you a good feeling when you read in the newspapers about how patients from abroad come to hospitals in India and get themselves treated at a

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

OR

Attempt a character sketch of Eppie.

fraction of the expenses they would have incurred elsewhere. Write a letter in about 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.

Ans. M 114

Mall Road

Kanpur

24 February 20xx

The Editor

The Times of India

Delhi

Sub: Importance of Medical Tourism.

Sir

Medical tourism is a novel and trendy concept. By it we mean medical and surgical services availed by the tourists while vacationing or travelling in another country. India is the hottest and the most sought after emerging destination catering to the vastly flourishing medical tourism industry.

It is good to know that people from all walks of life cut across the entire span of the globe to travel to India for their treatment, in order to experience the most competent and world class medical services. India has some of the most highly qualified and experienced physicians in the world.

The medical facilities present in the high-end hospitals of India are at par with the facilities present in the hospitals in Western countries. Hospitals are equipped with the latest technology and the physicians have super-specialization in their respective specialties.

In addition to the allopathic and modern medicine, India boasts of several other traditional medicine options like Ayurveda, naturopathy, homeopathy, Unani and yoga-cure.

The cost saving on medical expenses is huge as compared to the Western countries and is one of the

biggest motivating factors for people who travel all the way to seek treatment in India. For example, the cost of an effective knee surgery is almost 40-60% lesser in India than that in the US, even if we include the stay in the hospital, tests, surgeon's fee and transportation costs to and fro from India.

We hope that this trend continues and Medical Tourism keeps flourishing in India in the times to come. Thanking you

Yours sincerely

Karan

OR

A9D

Apoorva Apts

Noida

24 Feb, 2016

The Works Manager

PQR Builders

Sector 55

Noida

Sub: Complaint Regarding the Flat.

Sir

I had bought a flat in the month of May from PQR Builders in ABC Apartments. But I am very disappointed that the quality that you had promised, has not been delivered. Not even a year has passed and we have already started facing a lot of problems.

There is seepage in the walls and ceilings. The wall paint is peeling off and even the sanitary fittings are leaking. But the greatest inconvenience is caused because of the lift. It gets stalled every now and then and we, especially the senior citizens, have to face a lot of problems.

We did not expect this kind of service from a renowned builder like you. Kindly look into the matter and do the needful.

Thanking you

Yours sincerely

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.

Ans.

The Importance of Public Transport

By- Karan

Public transportation is a crucial part of the solution to the nation's economic, energy, and environmental challenges - helping to bring about a better quality of life. In increasing numbers, people are using public transportation and local communities are expanding public transit services. Every segment of the society - individuals, families, communities, and businesses - benefits from public transportation. It has several advantages over private transport. It is beneficial for our health. Individuals who use public transportation get over three times the amount of physical activity per day than those who don't, by walking to stops and final destinations. Besides, it keeps the air clean and reduces pollution. It is safer and at the same time much cheaper as well. It also reduces stress. Public transportation improves access to education and employment, which in turn leads to better long-term economic opportunities. In fact, 12 percent of transit riders are traveling to schools and almost 60 percent are going to work. It also provides access to social and recreational activities, allowing individuals to participate in event which they otherwise couldn't have joined. Furthermore, public transport benefits community cohesion by promoting positive interactions between neighbours. The benefits of public transportation are enormous, ranging from public health to household finances.

OR

Gender Discrimination in Society

By - Karan

In India, discriminatory attitudes towards male and female have existed for generations and have affected the lives of both the genders. Although the constitution of India has granted men and women equal rights, gender disparity still remains. Gender discrimination violates human rights. The cultural construct of Indian society which reinforces gender bias against men and women, with varying degrees and variable contexts against the opposite sex, has led to the continuation of India's strong preference for male children. Practices like female infanticide and sex-selective abortion are adopted which strongly reflects the low status of Indian women. A decline in the child sex ratio, (0-6 years) was observed with India's 2011 census reporting that it stands at 914 females against 1,000 males, dropping from 927 in 2001 - the lowest since India's independence. We need to sensitize everyone to this important issue related to gender inequality. Educators should foster in student equality, promote and strengthen the constitutional culture and stability. To promote equality, it will be necessary to provide for equal opportunity to all not only in terms of access to education, but also in terms of the conditions for success. Everyone has to be reminded of the inherent equality of all through education. Discrimination may be latent or potent, open or subtle. It is in fact a mindset, that operates within a given situation. All efforts should be directed

towards influencing this mind set with the awareness of the principles of equality and justice.

SECTION -C
(Literature : Textbooks and Long Reading Text)
40 marks

9. **Note: Except these, all other questions are from Set-I** (3 × 4 = 12)
- Why did the Crofter show the thirty kronor to the peddler ?
 - What deep meaning did his experience at the YMCA swimming pool have for Douglas ?
 - What opinion of Evans did the prison authorities convey to the Secretary, Education Board ?
 - How did Zitkala-Sa's first day in the land of apples begin ?

Detailed Answer:

- The crofter had a cow which he was proud of because it gave him enough milk to support him. Since he never had any guests and lived alone in his house, he was happy to share his confidence of getting thirty kroners by selling the milk of his cow. But he saw that the peddler was not convinced, he got up and took out the three ten-kroner bills and showed them to the peddler.
- After the experience, Douglas started fearing

water. As and when he tried to enter water, stark fear would seize him. His legs would become paralyzed and icy terror would grab his heart. He could not enjoy sports like canoeing, boating and swimming. This experience of fear and death and its conquest made him live intensely. He realised the true value of life and finally learnt that 'all we have to fear is fear itself'. Thus, he came out of the fear as a confident and determined person.

- The Governor gave quite a satisfactory report about Evans to the Secretary of the Board. It was stated that Evans had no record of violence and he was quite a 'pleasant sort of chap'. Evans was one of the stars at the Christmas concert but he suffered from a weakness. He was a congenital kleptomaniac. On the other hand, he was good at imitations.
- Her first day in the land of apples was full of embarrassment and indignities. It was a bitter cold day and the ground was covered with snow. A large bell rang for breakfast and everybody moved towards the dining hall. The annoying clatter of shoes disturbed the place. Before entering the dining room, she was given tight fitting clothes which she found immodest. They took away the blanket wrapped around her and Zitkala-Sa felt embarrassed.

Outside Delhi Set III

Code No. 1/3

Note : Except these, all other questions are from Set-I & II.

SECTION -B
(Writing Skills) 30 marks

6. **'The Internet cannot replace a classroom teacher'. Write a debate in about 150-200 words either for or against the motion.** 10

OR

Write a speech in about 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.

Ans. Good Morning everyone!

I am Amrita and I am in favour of the motion. 'The Internet cannot replace a classroom teacher'. How does one bridge the gap between the chalk and blackboard, and the computer and internet? While teachers, principals, counsellors and even parents admit that it would be a futile exercise to ignore technology in the classroom, there is a very real fear that it will be misused by easily distracted students who have got to understand the pitfalls of the internet. According to a survey, instead of raising the standard of learning, computers were actually negating the healthy development of young students. But with technology and social media, the educational landscape has changed dramatically over the last decade; and the classrooms are filled with students who were born with a smartphone in their

hands. By the time they enter kindergarten, words like 'apps', 'mp3', etc., are part of their lexicon. But even the latest gadgets and the best internet websites, however, cannot replace a good teacher. Children today lead complicated lives ruled by technology. Instead of adding to the information overload, it is the teacher's job to simplify the lesson plan. Children today need to be in touch with the real world, and the school teacher is the person who can draw the lines and decide how much is too much. It's all about moderation. If the educator fails to engage with his or her students, no amount of technology will help. The teacher's job then is to break down information into bite-sized pieces, and ensure that their children have understood the covered topic. This can even be achieved with the aid of a simple blackboard and chalk.

Thank you.

OR

Water Conservation Good morning everyone, I am Karan and I am going to talk about the topic which concerns each one of us - 'Water a valuable asset, conservation at home and at school'. Water covers two-thirds of our planet. Having said this, only about two-and-a-half percent of our water stock is fresh water, only one percent of which is available for use by humans. By 2050, we will need to provide with

clean drinking water and food to more than nine billion people. But the alternatives for obtaining fresh water are limited. Thus, it is extremely essential that we should not waste it at home or at school and use it judiciously. Here are some tips which will really help us to save water. We should not waste water by draining it without purpose. All the taps should be closed properly in order to avoid unnecessary water drainage. Do not waste water by irrigating lawns unnecessarily. Lawns need water every 5 to 7 days in the summer whereas every 10 to 14 days in winter. All the dripping taps should be repaired soon by replacing washers as they may lead to a loss of around 2,700 gallons of water per year. Toilet tank leaks should be checked from time to time by using food coloring in the tank (if there is leakage it will appear within a few minutes). Never flush a toilet or use showers for a long time unnecessarily because there may be huge water loss. People should use only the required amount of water while bathing or washing clothes. Do not waste water while washing hands and face, or brushing teeth in the basin, it is good to use mug water or keep the tap closed while rubbing hands with soap, cleaning teeth or while washing our faces. If we are a little careful, we will be able to save this wonderful elixir of life. All it takes is will and attention.

Thank you

7. **For admission in 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 about 150-200 words on the topic, 'Importance of Yoga to Students'. You are Karan/Karuna.** 10

OR

While watching T.V. what we generally dislike most are commercial breaks, yet, a number of advertisements do add to our information. Write an article in about 150-120 words on 'Advertisement as a source of information'. You are Karuna/Karan.

Ans.

Importance of Yoga to Students

By- Karan

The ancient practice of yoga offers a multitude of benefits to modern-day students at almost every grade level. Yoga's combination of breath and movement can help alleviate social and academic stress, clear the mind and soothe cramped bodies, which are jammed behind desks and hunched over computers. One of yoga's primary benefits for adults is the alleviation of stress. Students may be young, but they aren't immune to stress. Family pressure, financial fears, academic performance standards and peer groups

can all take a toll on a student's psyche and success in school. A study performed by Harvard Medical School researchers found that high-school students who participated in yoga instead of traditional physical education offerings for a semester, exhibited improvements in mood, anxiety, perceived stress and resilience. Yoga offers time for the body and mind to relax from the rigors of learning. This may help students to be better at applying themselves when studying or learning in a classroom. Medical students who practiced yoga for just one month reported better sleep and improved concentration.

OR

Advertisement as a Source of Information

By- Karuna

Advertisements have invaded every aspect of our day-to-day dealings, our conversations, our thoughts and to a certain extent they control our behaviour as customers and consumers of goods and services. Advertisements stare and scream at us from every street corner, every newspaper, every magazine, every hoarding, every stall or shop or showroom to the walls of every public building, vehicle, radio and television. They don't even spare our computer screens. The world has suddenly become advertisement conscious so much, that at night, the city lights up with thousands of neon glow signs proclaiming, capturing and demanding our attention. It seems that the corporate world was not enough for them and that advertisements have crept even into the smaller and insignificant things of our life. For everything from education to career-building, buying soap or a mobile, one has to rely upon advertisements. It seems nothing can be achieved without advertisements. An effective advertisement can increase the sale of even a third-rate and useless commodity. It also makes the viewers aware of the products available and widens their choices. Though not free from demerits, we cannot imagine today's world without advertisements. They are a wonderful source of information and play a huge role in the choices that we make for significant and insignificant things.

SECTION -C

(Literature : Textbooks and Long Reading Text)

40 marks

9. **Note : Except these, all other questions are from Set-I & II** **3 × 4 = 12**
- (a) **'All we have to fear is fear itself'. When did Douglas learn this lesson ?**
- (b) **Why did the ironmaster speak kindly to the peddler and invite him home ?**
- (c) **What was his German teacher's opinion of Evan's proficiency in German ?**
- (f) **According to Zitkala-Sa, what does 'eating to formula' mean ?**

Ans.

- (a) Douglas learn this lesson after overcoming his fear of water by hiring a trainer and learning how to swim. He tried swimming in Lake Wentworth and Warm Lake. Both the attempts were successful. He became confident and understood 'all we have to fear is fear itself'. He realised that all obstacles, fears and terrors can be conquered. We must have the determination and courage to face them.
- (b) The ironmaster spoke kindly to the peddler and invited him home because he thought that he was an old acquaintance of his. Due to the dim light and the peddler's unkempt appearance, he mistook him for Nils Olof, someone he had known a long time back. He thought he could spend Christmas Eve with him. Moreover, he felt

that his comrade had not been keeping well, after resigning, so he invited him to his home.

- (e) The German teacher did not have a good opinion about Evan's proficiency in German. He was doubtful about whether he would pass the exam as Evans could not understand even the basic pleasantries in German. So, the was doubtful of Evans' language ability.
- (f) When Zitkala-Sa was admitted in the Carlisle Indian School, she faced a number of rules that the students had to follow. One of them was the manner of eating. There were three bells which were rung before the students were allowed to start eating. Being a natural being, Zitkala-Sa could not digest the meaning of these polished manners which were alien to her culture.

