

# Solved Paper 2017

## 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

<b>SECTION -A</b> <b>(Reading Skills)</b>	<b>30 marks</b>
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1. Read the passage given below and answer the questions that follow: 12
  1. We sit in the last row, bumped about but free of stares. The bus rolls out of the dull crossroads of the city, and we are soon in open countryside with fields of sunflowers as far as the eye can see, their heads all facing us. Where there is no water, the land reverts to desert. While still on level ground we see in the distance, the tall range of the Mount Bogda, abrupt like a shining prism laid horizontally on the desert surface. It is over 5,000 metres high, and the peaks are under permanent snow in powerful contrast to the flat desert all around. Heaven Lake lies part of the way of this range at about 2,000 metres above sea level, at the foot of one of the higher snow-peaks.
  2. As the bus climbs, the sky brilliant before, grows overcast. I have brought nothing warm to wear. It is all down at the hotel in Urumqi. Rain begins to fall. The man behind me is eating overpoweringly smelly goat's cheese. The bus window leaks inhospitably but reveals a beautiful view. We have passed quickly from desert through arable land to pasture and the ground is now green with grass, the slopes dark with pine. A few cattle drink at a clear stream flowing past moss-covered stones; it is a constable landscape. The stream changes into a white torrent, and as we climb higher, I wish more and more I had brought with me something warmer than the pair of shorts that have served me so well in the desert. The stream (which, we are told, rises in Heaven Lake) disappears, and we continue our slow ascent. About noon, we arrive at Heaven Lake, and look for a place to stay at the foot, which is the resort area. We get a room in a small cottage, and I am happy to note that there are thick quilts on the beds.
3. Standing outside the cottage we surveyed our surroundings. Heaven Lake is long and sardine-shaped and it is fed by the snow melting from a stream at its head. The lake is intense blue, surrounded on all sides by green mountain walls, dotted with distant sheep. At the head of the lake, beyond the delta of the inflowing stream, is a massive snow-capped peak which dominates the vista; it is part of a series of peaks that culminate, a little out of view, in Mount Bogda itself.
4. For those who live in the resort there is a small-hall by the shore. We eat here sometimes, and sometimes buy food from the vendors outside, who sell kabab and naan until the last buses leave. The kababs, cooked on skewers over charcoal braziers, are particularly good; highly spiced and well-done. Horse's milk is available too from the local Kazakh herdsmen, but I decline this. I am so affected by the cold that Mr. Cao, the relaxed young man who runs the mess, lends me a spare pair of trousers, several sizes too large but more than comfortable. Once, I am warm again, I feel a pre-dinner spurt of energy—dinner will be long in coming—and I ask him whether the lake is good for swimming in.
5. "Swimming?" Mr. Cao says, "You aren't thinking of swimming, are you?"
6. "I thought I might. "I confess. "What's the water like?"
7. He doesn't answer me immediately, turning instead to examine some receipts with exaggerated interest, Mr. Cao, with great off-handedness, addresses the air. "People are often drowned here", he says. After a pause, he continues. "When was the last one?" This question is directed at the cook, who is preparing a tray of mantou (squat white steamed bread rolls), and who now appears, wiping his

dough hand across his forehead. "Was it the Beijing athlete?" asks Mr. Cao.

On the basis of your understanding of the above passage, complete the statements given below with the help of options that follow: (1×4=4)

- (a) was that:
- The narrator enjoyed bumps
  - No one stared at him
  - He could see the sunflowers
  - He avoided the dullness of the city
- (b) The narrator was travelling to:
- Mount Bogda
  - Heaven Lake
  - A 2000 metre high snow peak
  - Urumqi
- (c) On reaching the destination the narrator felt relieved because:
- He had got away from the desert
  - A difficult journey had come to an end
  - He could watch the snow peak.
  - There were thick quilts on the bed
- (d) Mount Bogda is compared to:
- A horizontal desert surface
  - A shining prism
  - A constable landscape
  - The overcast sky

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

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

Ans. (a) (ii) no one stared at him.	1
(b) (ii) Heaven Lake / (i) Mount Bogda.	1
(c) (iv) there were thick quilts on the bed.	1
(d) (ii) a shining prism	1
(e) bumpy ride; man eating overpoweringly smelly goat's cheese; leaking windows	
(any two)	
1 [CBSE Marking Scheme 2017]	

- (f) green ground/ slopes dark with pines/ cattle/ clear steam, moss covered stones 1  
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Detailed Answer:

- (f) A few cattle drinking at a clear stream flowing past moss-covered stones made the scene look like a constable landscape.

- (g) he wished he had brought something warmer than a pair of shorts/ the narrator did not carry warm clothes.  
[CBSE Marking Scheme 2017] 1

- (h) kababs cooked on skewers over charcoal braziers, were particularly good / highly spiced / well done.  
[CBSE Marking Scheme 2017] 1

- (i) several sizes too large but more than comfortable. 1  
[CBSE Marking Scheme 2017]

- (j) because people often drowned there.  
[CBSE Marking Scheme 2017] 1

- (k) (i) vendors  
(ii) exaggerated  
[CBSE Marking Scheme 2017] 1

2. Read the passage given below and answer the questions that follow: 10

1. Thackeray reached Kittur along with a small British army force and a few of his officers. He thought that the very presence of the British on the outskirts of Kittur would terrorise the rulers and people of Kittur, and that they would lay down their arms. He was quite confident that he would be able to crush the revolt in no time. He ordered that tents be erected on the eastern side for the fighting forces, and a little away on the western slopes they need be put up for the family members of the officers who had accompanied them. During the afternoon and evening of 20<sup>th</sup> October, the British soldiers were busy making arrangements for these camps.
2. On the 21<sup>st</sup> morning, Thackeray sent his political assistant to Kittur fort to obtain a written assurance from all the important officers of Kittur rendering them answerable for the security of the treasury of Kittur. They, accordingly, met Sardar Gurusiddappa and other officers of Kittur and asked them to comply with the orders of Thackeray. They did not know that the people were in a defiant mood. The commanders of Kittur dismissed the agent's orders as no documents could be signed without sanction from Rani Chennamma.

3. Thackeray was enraged and sent for the commander of the Horse Artillery, which was about 100 strong and ordered him to rush his artillery into the Fort and capture the commanders of the Desai's army. When the Horse Artillery stormed into the fort, Sardar Gurusiddappa, who had kept his men on full alert, promptly commanded his men to repel and chase them away. The Kittur forces made a bold front and overpowered the British soldiers.
4. In the meanwhile, the Desai's guards had shut the gates of the fort and the British Horse Artillery men, being completely overrun and routed, had to get out through the escape window. Rani's soldiers chased them out of the fort, killing a few of them until they retreated to their camps on the outskirts.
5. A few of the British had found refuge in some private residences, while some were hiding in their tents. The Kittur soldiers captured about forty persons and brought them to the palace. These included twelve children and a few women from the British officer's camp. When they were brought in the presence of the Rani, she ordered the soldiers to be imprisoned. For the women and children she had only gentleness, and admonished her soldiers for taking them into custody. At her orders, these women and children were taken inside the palace and given food and shelter. Rani came down from her throne, patted the children lovingly and told them that no harm would come to them.
6. She, then, sent word through a messenger to Thackeray that the British women and children were safe and could be taken back any time. Seeing this noble gesture of the Rani, he was moved. He wanted to meet this gracious lady and talk to her. He even thought of trying to persuade her to enter into an agreement with the British to stop all hostilities in lieu of an *inam* (prize) of eleven villages. His offer was dismissed with a gesture of contempt. She had no wish to meet Thackeray. That night she called Sardar Gurusiddappa and other leading Sardars, and after discussing all the issues came to the conclusion that there was no point in meeting Thackeray who had come with an army to threaten Kittur into submission to British sovereignty.

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

(1×2 = 2)

- (a) Thackeray was a/an:
- british tourist
  - army officer
  - advisor to the Rani of Kittur
  - treasury officer

(b) British women and children came to Kittur to:

- visit Kittur
- enjoy life in tents
- stay in the palace
- give company to the army officers

Answer the following questions briefly:

(1×6 = 6)

- Why did Thackeray come to Kittur ?
- Why did Kittur officials refuse to give the desired assurance to Thackeray ?
- What happened to the Horse Artillery ?
- How do we know that the Rani was a noble queen ?
- How in your opinion would the British women have felt after meeting the Rani ?
- Why did the Rani refuse to meet Thackeray ?
- Find words from the passage which mean the same as the following: (1×2 = 2)
  - Entered forcibly (para 3)
  - Aggressive/refusing to obey (para 2)

Ans. (a) (ii) army officer. 1

(b) (iv) give company to army officers

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(c) to crush the revolt / to terrorise the rulers and people of Kittur / to make them lay down arms.

[CBSE Marking Scheme 2017] 1

Detailed Answer:

(c) Thackeray came to Kittur to terrorise the rulers and people so that they would lay down their arms.

(d) no documents could be signed without sanction from Rani Chennamma/people in a defiant mood.

[CBSE Marking Scheme 2017] 1

(e) repelled and chased / overpowered/ completely overrun and routed/ some were killed.

1 [CBSE Marking Scheme 2017]

Detailed Answer:

(e) When the Horse Artillery stormed into the fort, Sardar Gurusiddappa, who had kept his men on full alert, commanded his men to chase them away. The Kittur forces made a bold attack and overpowered the British forces.

(f) provided food / gave shelter / patted children lovingly /sent a word of their safety / had only gentleness. 1

[CBSE Marking Scheme 2017]

Detailed Answer:

(f) The Kittur soldiers had captured 40 persons, including 12 children and a few women. Rani had only gentleness for the women and children. She gave them food and shelter.

- (g) inspired gratitude/ feeling of respect / thankful / pleased/ relieved / surprised / impressed 1

(any other relevant answer)

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**Detailed Answer:**

- (g) The British women were very touched by the noble gesture of the Rani. They felt very safe and secure.

- (h) pointless to meet him as he had come with an army to threaten Kittur into submission. 1

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- (i) (i) stormed 1  
(ii) defiant 1

[CBSE Marking Scheme 2017]

**3. Read the passage given below and answer the questions that follow:**

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

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

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

of man's inventive mind, brewed in his laboratories, and having no counterparts in nature.

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

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

**3. (a) NOTE MAKING 5 marks**

**Title 1 mark**

**Content** (minimum 3 headings and sub-headings, with proper indentation and notes)

**3 mark**

**Abbreviations / Symbols** (with /without key) any four

**1 mark**

**Suggested Notes:**

**NOTE:**

Accept the notes and summary in the third person

**Title:** Assault on Environment/ Environment Vs Man/ Environmental Pollution/ Man-made Pollutants or any other suitable title.

**1. Contaminants of Environment Environment Contaminated**

- 1.1. where  
1.1.1. air  
1.1.2. earth  
1.1.3. rivers & seas  
1.2. features  
1.2.1. irreversible  
1.2.2. irrevocable

**2. Role of Man**

- 2.1. tampering atoms- creating radiation  
2.2. creating synthetic material causing chemical pollution.  
3. Nuclear Pollutants  
3.1. rad. released through nuc explosions  
3.2. enter earth thru rain  
3.3. enter grass and crops  
3.4. reach human bones  
4. Chemical Pollutants  
4.1. sprayed on crops  
4.2. enter liv. org.  
4.3. kill vegetation  
4.4. sicken cattle  
4.5. harm those drinking from wells

**(b) Summary**

The summary should include all the important points given in the notes. 3

**Content 2**

**Expression 1**

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**Detailed Answer:**

(b) Our environment is being slowly destroyed by human activities, and the main culprits are chemicals and harmful nuclear radiations. We are exposed to them through a poison and death chain. The chemicals enter the soil through rain or repeated sprinkling on crops and there by enter our bodies. The environment has been exposed to these difficulties always. Everyone has fought and evolved to survive and adjust with nature, as these atrocities came from nature. The man-made challenges are more difficult to deal with.

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

4. You are Vikram/Sonia, an Hon's graduate in history with specialization in Medieval India. You are well acquainted with the places of historical interest in Delhi, Agra and Jaipur. You are looking for the job of a tourist guide. Write an advertisement in about 50 words for the situations wanted column of a local newspaper. Your contact no. is 99975XXXXX. 4

OR

While walking in a park in your neighbourhood you found a small plastic bag containing some documents and some cash. Write a notice in about 50 words to be put on the park notice board asking the owner to identify and collect it from you. You are Amar/Amrita, 93991XXXXX.

Ans.

**JOB WANTED**

I am Sonia Verma, an Honour's graduate in History with specialization in Medieval India. I am currently looking for a job of a tourist guide. I am very passionate about visiting historical places. This passion has made me well-acquainted with the places of interest in Delhi, Agra and Jaipur. If you are in search of candidates with this profile, please contact me on 99978XXXXX.

OR

Lodhi Garden, New Delhi

**NOTICE**  
**LOST AND FOUND**

March 09<sup>th</sup>, 20XX

A small plastic bag containing some documents and some cash has been found near gate no. 2 of Lodhi Garden. The documents consist of balance sheets and images. If anyone has lost such a bag, please get in touch with me. My contact number is 99775XXXXX.

Amrita,  
B-57, Lodhi Colony

5. In our society we do not give to our women the respect and status that they deserve. Women are stared at, stalked and even molested. We need to change the male mindset about women. Write a letter in 120-150 words to the editor of a national newspaper giving your views on the problem. You are Omar/Amna, A-114, Mall Road, Delhi. 6

OR

You want to spend a week-long holiday at Shimla in the month of October. You have decided to stay at Hotel Snowview. Write a letter in 120-150 words to the manager to book a room. Mention the dates, facilities in the room, food, sight-seeing facilities etc that you will need. You are Amar/Amrita, M-114, Lake Road, Karnal.

Ans. A-114, Mall Road

Delhi  
March 09, 2017  
To  
The Editor,  
The Times of India,  
New Delhi  
Sir

**Subject : Safety of Women**

Through the columns of your esteemed newspaper, I would like to draw the attention of all well-learned citizens of the nation towards the increasing incidents of eve-teasing in our society. Whether it is a small girl, an aged lady or a college-or office-going woman, such incidents are creating a great sense of fear in the minds of all.

We do talk about women empowerment on a regular basis and ask every citizen of this nation to be a part of it. But unfortunately, even after repetitive gender sensitization campaigns, the people are not learning. Women are still considered as the second gender in the society. We do not realise that this gender makes up half of the population of the nation, and still feel unsafe in the Indian society.

Women are still stared at, stalked and molested in market place, offices, public transport, isolated places etc. There is a need to change the male mindset. Parents should bring up boys and girls equally at home. There should be equal opportunity in sports at schools or colleges and even at the place of work. Moreover, a strict and fast punishment to the offenders should be given.

India is now developing at a rapid pace and its society should develop accordingly. The fight for women's safety is not the fight of an individual or of a particular gender, but it is the fight of all humans. If the society fails to serve half of its population, its end is not far.

Yours truly  
Amna

OR

M-114, Lake Road  
Karnal  
March 09, 2017  
The Manager,  
Hotel Snow View,  
Shimla  
Sir

**Subject : Room reservation request**

I am travelling to Shimla in the month of October with a group of fifteen people. My itinerary details are as follows :

Arrival : October 5, 2017

Rooms required : 5 rooms including 2 suites

Departure : October 10, 2017

You are requested to confirm the reservation and let me know about food specifications, sight-seeing facilities, different facilities available in the room.

If you have any enquiry the do let me know well in advance.

Yours truly

Amrita

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

OR

**Cultural Society Sunshine Public School, Nellore organised an adult literacy camp in its neighbourhood. Write a report in 150-200 words on the camp for your school newsletter. You are P.V. Sunitha, Secretary. Use the following clues :**

**No. of volunteers—hours spent in teaching—location of the class—chairs, blackboards—no. of people attending the camp—benefit.**

Ans. **Importance of Outdoor Games**

**By Sreeja**

Games like cricket, hockey, tennis, football and badminton are outdoor games that are played in the open. These are games that involve physical activity and also imbibe a spirit of healthy competition among the players.

The proverb says, "All work and no play makes Jack a dull boy" and outdoor games ensure all-round development of children in body, mind and spirit. This is a lesson learnt from performance in RIO Olympics.

In this age when children are suffering from obesity, outdoor activities form an important part of the curriculum. These games have a long-term benefit on health. They help kids stay fit and healthy while giving the country a few champions as well. Even children can reveal hidden talents which can be taken up as an alternative career.

The outdoor games help to develop a healthy spirit of competition and boost the level of competition and self-esteem. The children learn to interact with the team and also develop strategies to win.

In this era of technology, when children remain glued to screens, it is important for them to leave the TVs, laptops and mobile phones and go out and play. In fact playing outdoors should be a part of the daily routine.

OR

Adult Literacy Camp

P.V. Sunitha

Secretary, Cultural Society

Sunshine Public School

9 March 2016

An adult literacy camp was organized on 8<sup>th</sup> March 2017 in our neighbourhood. The activities of the camp were carried out by the cultural society of the school with a total of 20 volunteers. The chief guest for the occasion was Mrs. Kavita Naik, a renowned social worker. There were 500 participants in the camp that included many old men and women who could not get proper formal training in the school. There were some housewives too who wanted to learn spoken English. They were divided into different groups and free classes were given to them in the various classrooms from 10 am to 1 pm. The classes were mostly based on simple English and Hindi. A small session of mathematics where simple calculations were taught. In the end a half an hour session of spoken English was taken by the chief guest herself. They were taught how to write the points on blackboards with colourful chalks. A cleanliness drive was also organized with stress on the need to maintain cleanliness and hygiene. There were also talks on ethics, moral values, discipline and punctuality. Free books and stationery were distributed. Later, the chief guest presented the volunteers with appreciation certificates. She congratulated all for organizing such a noble event.

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

OR

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

<b>7. SPEECH</b>	<b>10 marks</b>
<b>Format (Opening address and conclusion)</b>	<b>1 mark</b>
<b>Content</b>	<b>4 marks</b>
<b>Expression :</b>	
Grammatical accuracy, appropriate words and spelling	<b>[2 ½ marks]</b>

Coherence and relevance of ideas and style  
[2 ½ marks]

[IN HONOUR OF Ms. GEETHA'S ACHIEVEMENT]

NOTE: accept even if the speech is by the principal or by a student.

**Suggested Value Points :**

- achievement of Ms. Geetha, PGT-English
- National Award for her book "SKY IS NOT FAR"-something about the book
- Short story writer-some other books written by her on different themes
- Her contribution to the school's literary society
- Congratulate her on her achievement/praising her (any other relevant point)

(any four points)

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**Detailed Answer:**

Honouring the Gem Amongst Us – Ms. Geetha

I feel honoured and privileged to have been given the opportunity to stand before you all and say a few words of appreciation for our very own and beloved Ms. Geetha-our English Teacher. What a person she is! She has not only inspired us to evolve as students and better humans but has also given us the courage to believe in our dreams and try to fulfil them.

Good morning one and all present here! I, Ragini Joshi, on behalf of the Bachelor's of English class am going to present a speech in honour of the author of a national winning book, 'Sky is Not Far'. The book is a collection of short stories penned by her. As the title suggests, the book is a set of stories which are not just tales but are an account of inspirational journeys, undertaken by common people for achieving not so common goals in life.

Ms. Geeta through her stories, not just the ones she has written in her book but also the ones that she has shared with us in class, has inspired each one of us and made us believe that the sky is the limit and is not so far. I am proud to say that I have been one of the students in her class, who has looked up to her and is a huge fan of her masterpieces.

Thank you Ma'am for mentoring us and making us believe that though life may not be a bed of roses, there is nothing which is impossible to achieve.

Thank you.

OR

**DEBATE** 10 marks

**Format -(Opening address and conclusion)**

1 mark

**Content** 4 marks

**Expression**

Grammatical accuracy, appropriate words and spelling [2 ½ marks]

Coherence and relevance of ideas and style  
[2 ½ marks]

[PRIVATE CARS TO BE BANNED IN CONGESTED COMMERCIAL AREAS]

NOTE: Students' views to be expressed either 'for' or 'against' the topic

**Suggested Value Points in favour :**

- cars biggest reason for congestion on roads
- every individual owns a car, no place to park
- problem for pedestrians, emergency services
- biggest cause of pollution/ a health hazard

**Against**

- not a long-term solution for pollution or congestion
- commercial vehicles not private cars responsible for pollution
- solution lies in looking for the real causes of congestion-mismanaged traffic, poor condition of roads, movement of commercial vehicles, non-operational traffic lights.
- more public transport needed

(any other relevant points)

(minimum two content points)

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**Detailed Answer:**

Respected judges and teachers,

Today, I stand before you to present my views for the motion on the topic ' Private cars should be banned in the congested commercial areas of the cities'.

There is no end to the number of vehicles being driven around the city each day. Traffic jams have become a rather common problem and have only increased in the last ten years. In my opinion, allowing private cars in congested commercial areas only adds to the problem. more the number of private cars, more space is required for parking. This result in lesser space in commercial area to commute. The parking prices have also risen up in famous commercial places. Long traffic jams do not only mean consumption of extra fuel but also more number of people suffering from psychological and respiratory diseases due to pollution. If people take public transport to work or hire a cab or do a car-pool and drive vehicles which runs on CNG, the problem of constantly rising pollution and heavy traffic jams can be reduced drastically.

The earth belongs to all of us and it is our duty to safeguard it and keep it clean for our future generations. Thus, the first step towards protecting our environment would be to stop abusing the available amount of fuel and avoid creating pollution.

Thank you for listening to my view patiently.

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

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

*Far far from gusty waves these children's faces**Like rootless weeds, the hair torn round their pallor.**The tall girl with her weighed-down head.*

- (a) Who are these children ?
- (b) Which figure of speech has been used in the first two lines ?
- (c) Why is the tall girl's head weighed down ?
- (d) What does the word, 'pallor' mean ?

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

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

(a) from deprived and poor sections of society / slums/ elementary class room students. 1

(b) Simile(like rootless weeds)/ Alliteration(far from) /Metaphor (gusty waves)/ Repetition (far far)/ Imagery (gusty waves) 1

NOTE : Mark should be awarded if the student has written name of the literary device or quoted from the extract

(c) weighed down by poverty/ responsibilities/ burden of life/ miserable condition/mentally and physically exhausted.

(any other relevant point) 1

(d) pale face/ unhealthy pale appearance/ dull/ sickly (any other relevant point) 1

[CBSE Marking Scheme 2017]

**Detailed Answer:**

- (a) The poet is talking about the children who go to the elementary school in a slum.
- (b) The two figures of speech used in the two lines are-  
Alliteration – 'far from gusty waves'  
Simile – 'like rootless weeds'
- (c) The head of the tall girl is weighed down because she is ill and exhausted.
- (d) The word 'pallor' describes the pale and unhealthy appearance of the slum children.

**OR**

- (a) Aunt Jennifer's creation / Aunt Jennifer has embroidered them/representative of her hidden aspirations and desires. 1
- (b) bright/ golden like Topaz/ inhabitants of jungle/unafraid / confident/ elegant/ brave/ pacing/chivalric/ prancing 1
- (c) Tigers : fearless/ confident/chivalric (any one)  
Aunt Jennifer: oppressed/ meek/ timid/ fearful/ submissive (any one) 1
- (d) brave/ kind/ polite/ respectful towards women 1

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**Detailed Answer:**

- (a) The tigers are called Aunt Jennifer's tigers as they have been knitted by her. By making them chivalrous, ferocious, bright and carefree, she creates an alternate world for herself.
- (b) Aunt Jennifer's tigers are described as ferocious, fearless, always harmful, sleek and chivalrous.
- (c) The tigers are depicted as brave, strong, confident and happy. They are fearless beings and the presence of man does not scare them a bit. On the contrary, Aunt Jennifer is burdened by a life which, most probably, others chose for her.
- (d) The word 'chivalric' refers to the confidence of the tigers about their power and the brevity of their actions.

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

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

- Ans. (a) Franz did not wish to go to school that day because not only was he late for school but, he was also not prepared for the lesson on participles.
- (b) Sophie wishes to rise above her middle class status and obtain sophistication. She aspires to open a boutique or become an actress or fashion designer. Though, she belongs to a lower middle class family, she never misses taking plunges as she does not accept regrets in life. The dreams sometimes prove to be unachievable but still she takes refuge in them to fulfil her desires. She gracefully maintains the balance between reality and dreams.



- (c) When the poet looked at her mother's face, she found it had become pale and withered. She realized that her mother was on the edge of her life and that her end was near. The thought that her mother would soon be separated from her, caused her unbearable pain.
- (d) The grandeur of death lies in the promise of eternal sleep which continues undisturbed without the usual earthly concerns and strife that plague us daily. The dead also have power over us; they do not leave us free but instill themselves in our memory. The dead live on in those who are alive.
- (e) The Maharaja had not allowed the British officer to hunt tigers in his kingdom so there was a fear of losing his kingdom to the British. So, the King thought of a plan to lure the officer and his wife by offering a really expensive gift to them. So, he ordered a few rings worth three lakh rupees from a jeweller and sent them to Duraisaini. The bill raised was the price of the rings.
- (f) The basic plot of all the stories told by Jack deals with the idea whether the parents should always decide what their children should do or give the children the basic freedom to make their own choices. Roger was a different animal such as a fish, a squirrel, a chipmunk or a skunk. Also, all stories had a Wizard and a wise owl as its primary characters. Whenever Roger had a problem, it went to the owl who directed the creature to the Wizard. As payment for his services, the Wizard would always demand more money than Roger had to spare.

10. Answer the following question in 120-150 words : 6  
**Garbage to them is gold. How do ragpickers of Seemapuri survive ?**

OR

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

10. Distribution of marks:

Content :	3 marks
Expression :	3 marks
grammatical accuracy, appropriate words and spelling	[1½ marks]
coherence and relevance of ideas and style	[1½ marks]

- pitch their tents wherever they find food
- children grow up there, partners in survival
- rag-picking, a fine art
- garbage, daily bread, roof over their heads even if leakin

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**Detailed Answer:**

Seemapuri is a place on the outskirts of New Delhi. Those who live there are unlawful residents who came from Bangladesh in 1971. It is a place where about 10,000 ragpickers live. They pitch their tents wherever they find food. Their children grow up there work as partners in survival. For them, rag-picking is a fine art and garbage is the source of their daily bread. They live without identity and have no basic amenities, yet they are happy there because they can get food which is more important than identity to them. It is a slum where they can find many things as ragpicking is their only means of survival. According to the author, it is their 'daily bread, a roof over their heads, even if it is a leaking one'. Thus, it is equivalent to gold for them. Besides, for the children, it is 'wrapped in wonder' for they, at times, chance upon a rupee and even a ten-rupee note.

OR

- world is a rattrap- offers baits.
- peddler deprived of food, shelter and money, easily trapped
- others- Crofter, Edla and Ironmaster not tempted.
- in his own opinion only he suffers.

(any other relevant point)

(any three points)

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**Detailed Answer:**

The life of the peddler is bound with loneliness. This idea of being completely alone made the peddler a cynic. After stealing the money, the peddler tried to escape through the forest but soon got lost. Left in despair, he recollected his own thoughts on the world being a giant rat-trap. A sudden realization came to him that he had finally got himself caught in the rat-trap because he allowed himself to be tempted by the bait, the thirty kronor bills. Even the kindness of the ironmaster and especially his daughter failed to make the peddler optimistic about the world. The rat-trap seller expressed himself strongly realizing that the worldly bait had, once more, tempted and trapped him. Unlike the other characters in the story, the peddler is the only one who succumbed to loneliness and is far away from the human bonds of love and sympathy that made him a cynic and made him consider the world as a rat-trap.

11. Answer the following question in 120-150 words : 6  
**Untouchability is not only a crime, it is inhuman too. Why and how did Bama decide to fight against it ?**

OR

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

**Ans.** Bama first encountered untouchability when she saw an elder of her caste walking along the street from the direction of the bazaar. Initially the vision made her laugh but then she saw the elder walk up straight to the landlord, bowing low and extending the packet towards him, cupping the hand that held the string with his other hand. Bama's brother Annan explained the whole incident to her in details. He said that since they were born into the community of the marginalized, they were never given any honour, dignity or respect. They had all been stripped of the basic rights of a person. But if they studied and made progress then they could shake off all these indignities. So, he advised his sister to study with care and learn all she could. If she was always ahead in her lessons then people would come to her of their own accord and attach themselves to her. These words of Annan made a deep impression on Bama and spurred her to study hard with all her breath and being. She stood first in her class and many children from the 'upper caste' became her friends. In this way she rebelled against the injustice of untouchability.

OR

As a doctor Sadao knew the value of a human life. He risked his own life by saving the American sailor, even though he knew that he could go to prison for hiding a prisoner of war. He cleaned the American's wounds, fed him and nursed him back to health. When the American was feeling healthy again, he gave him provisions such as food and a boat, and allowed him to escape from Japan. As a Japanese citizen, he fulfilled his duty by telling the General about the American. As the General forgot to send his assassins, so Sadao cannot be blamed for the American's escape. Thus, we can say that Sadao carried out his responsibilities as a doctor and as a Japanese citizen.

\*12. Answer the following question in 120-150 words : 6  
Describe Marvel as an opportunist.

OR

George Eliot has portrayed Godfrey as a normally weak character. Comment.

\*13. Attempt the following question in 120-150 words : 6  
How does Dr. Cuss's encounter with Griffin end in a disaster ?

OR

What kind of life did Silas lead at Lantern Yard ?

## Delhi Set II

Code No. 1/1/2

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

**SECTION -B**  
**(Advanced Writing Skills)**

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

OR

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

Ans.

**Sunshine Public School**  
**Manu Vihar**

**NOTICE**

9 July 2016

**Changes in School Uniform**

Due to increase in the number of cases of dengue and chickungunya, the school management has decided to allow students to wear full sleeves white shirt and blue/black trousers from tomorrow onwards for until

10<sup>th</sup> August 2016. We hope this will help to protect them from mosquito bites. Students are requested not to wear coloured clothes and maintain the decorum of the school.

Naina Khanna  
Principal

OR

**Citizen Public School**  
**Ram Bagh, Varanasi**

**NOTICE**

15<sup>th</sup> September 2016

**Cleanliness Drive**

On the occasion of Gandhi Jayanti, the student council of Citizens Public School is organising a weeklong cleanliness drive in Block-A, Ram Bagh.

**Date :** 2<sup>nd</sup> October 2016

**Time :** 7 am to 8 am

**Meeting point :** School Gate No. 1

Interested students of Class-XI may register their names with the undersigned by 25<sup>th</sup> September 2016.

Simran Sharma  
Health Secretary

5. Last month you purchased a TV set from Ram Electronics, Pushp Vihar, Ambala. It is not working

properly (imagine a few defects). Write a letter of complaint in 120-150 words to the Manager asking for repair or replacement. You are Amar/Amrita, M-114 Model Town, Ambala. 6

OR

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

Ans. M-114

Model Town  
Ambala  
9 March 2017  
Ram Electronics  
Pushp Vihar  
Ambala  
Sir

**Subject : Replacement of a faulty television**

Last month I bought a Samsung TV from your shop-vide sale receipt number -0098760. It had a warranty of two years and I paid in full at the time of purchase. Now, I find that some features are not working properly. In fact there are shadows in the screen that come and go. Also some of the buttons of the set are not working properly.

I request you to arrange for replacement of the TV set at the earliest as it is causing inconvenience.

Thanking you in anticipation.

Yours sincerely

Amrita

OR

E-11, Gopalpur  
Dist. Ramnagar  
Uttarakhand  
9 March 2017  
The General Manager  
State Roadways  
Uttarakhand  
Sir

**Subject : Request to set up a bus stop in our village**

I would like to draw your attention to the requirement of a bus stop in our village. I am a resident of Gopalpur and at present we do not have a bus stop here. The villagers have to walk down almost 2 km from the nearest bus stop. The old people and small children find it very difficult whenever they need to travel. Even at the time of emergency, this becomes a real hurdle.

The setting up of a bus stop will make our lives more convenient as children can reach schools on time and adults can reach their offices on time. It will also provide quick transportation to patients who wish to go to the neighbouring hospital.

I request you to look into the matter and take the necessary action.

Yours sincerely

Amna

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

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

OR

**"Our large population is not a cause of poverty but an asset, a resource**

**Write a debate in 150-200 words either for or against the motion.**

7. SPEECH 10 marks

Format (Opening address and conclusion)

1 mark

Content

4 marks

Expression :

Grammatical accuracy, appropriate words and spelling [2 ½ marks]

Coherence and relevance of ideas and style

[2 ½ marks]

[ON SAKSHI MALIK'S ACHIEVEMENT ]

Suggested Value Points :

- highlighting Sakshi Malik's achievement – Bronze Medal in Rio Olympics
- matter of pride for every Indian
- wrestling -mostly a male sport
- Sakshi born in conservative surroundings
- most unfavourable gender ratio for females
- received parental encouragement
- one can't forget the look of determination on her face in the last three minutes of the bout.

(any other relevant points)

(any four points)

[CBSE Marking Scheme 2017]

Detailed Answer:

Good Morning everyone !

Respected Principal, teachers and my dear friends. This is Priya Malik and I am here to deliver a speech on Sakshi Malik, the pride of India.

On the day of Raksha Bandhan, far away in Rio de Janeiro, a 23-year old wrestler from India, made the nation proud by winning a bronze medal. She

was the first Indian wrestler to bag a medal in the Olympic Games.

Sakshi is the daughter of a bus conductor and comes from a small district in Haryana. Her biggest challenge was overcoming obstacles which included being a girl, to make it to the final rounds.

She started training at the age of 12. Her coach, Ishwar Dahiya, faced many problems during the training of the girl as the conservative Indian mentality considered wrestling to be a manly sport which is meant only for males.

Not only did Sakshi prove herself to be one of the best wrestlers in the world, she has also fought bureaucratic obstacles, lack of facilities and the mentality of the people of her country. She has taught the nation that women need support and not protection.

OR

**DEBATE** 10 marks

**Format -(Opening address and conclusion)** 1 mark

**Content** 4 marks

**Expression**

Grammatical accuracy, appropriate words and spelling 2 ½ marks

Coherence and relevance of ideas and style 2½ marks

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

**NOTE :** Students' views to be expressed either 'for' or 'against' the topic Suggested Value Points

**In favour :**

- population is an asset of a country
- more population means more human resources
- more working hands/easily available
- bigger market creates more demand, more jobs

**Against**

- more hands do not ensure more work
- more mouths to feed
- burden on natural resources
- major cause of poverty, pollution, unemployment
- quality compromised

**(any other relevant points)**

**(minimum two content points to be included )**

**[CBSE Marking Scheme 2017]**

**Detailed Answer:**

A very good morning to all jury members, friends and fellow opponents. Today I am going to speak on the topic 'Our large population is not a cause of poverty, but an asset.'

India has the youngest population in the world with a mean age of 24 years and also is the largest producer of skilled man power in the world. As more and more children are going to school now and getting educated, India provides maximum engineers and technical people to the world. It is also one of the largest markets for automobiles, high value items, etc.

A larger population means more people can be put to good use and the skilled people can draw more projects from foreign companies who outsource their work. This means an increase in revenue.

I therefore agree with the view that our large population is our strength and can be a strong instrument in raising our economy.

### SECTION -C

**(Literature : Textbooks and Long Reading Text)**

**9. Note: Except these, all other questions are from Set I.** (3 × 4 = 12 )

**Answer any four of the following questions in 30-40 words:**

- (a) Why was Franz not scolded for reaching the school late that day ?
- (b) Sophie was dreaming of so many things in her life. What were they ?
- (c) Why are the youngsters described as springing ? (My mother at sixty-six)
- (d) In the hot season, how do man and beast get comfort ? (A Thing of Beauty)
- (e) How did the Maharaja deal with a high ranking British officer who wanted to shoot a tiger ?
- (f) Having got rid of his stink, what problem did Roger Skunk face ?

**9. Short answer type questions**

**Distribution of marks:**

**Content:** 2 marks

**Expression:** 1 mark

**(deduct ½ a mark for two or more grammatical/spelling mistakes)**

- (a) ● last French lesson
  - teacher overwhelmed with emotions -not in a mood to scold
  - time limited-wanted to deliver all he knew at one stroke **(any two)** 3 marks
- (b) ● dreamt of becoming 3 marks
  - boutique owner
  - actress
  - manager
  - fashion designer

- part of sophisticated world wanted to visit exotic places she believed her brother went to  
(any two)
- (c) ● image of youthfulness
  - energy
  - vitality
  - full of life
  - contrast to mother's pale/old face  
(any two) 3 marks
- (d) ● relax in a bower
  - walk by a cooling covert made by the rills
  - sit under the shade of young and old trees  
(any two) 3 marks

- (e) ● offered any other kind of hunt apart from the tiger hunt
  - sent to the officer's wife fifty rings expecting she would choose one or two
  - she kept all
  - cost him three lacs of rupees      **3 marks**
- (f) ● did not have the seven pennies that he had to pay as fee
  - had to go to the well to get them
  - had to face mother's anger at his changed smell
  - was taken by the mother back to the wizard to get his old smell back  
(any two) 3  
[CBSE Marking Scheme 2017]

**Delhi Set III****Code No. 1/1/3****Note:** Except these, all other questions are from Set I & II.**Detailed Answer:**
**SECTION -B**  
**(Advanced Writing Skills)**

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

OR

An NGO has approached your school to offer book grants to the students. As Head Girl of Sunshine Public School, Aram Bagh, write a notice in about 50 words asking students who are in need to put their requests into the box kept outside the Principal's office.

**NOTICE**      **4 marks**  
**[FANCY DRESS SHOW]/** (any other appropriate heading)  
**Suggested value points:**

- **What:** fancy dress show
- **When:** 25<sup>th</sup> January
- **Where:** in school premises/ colony
- **details:** dresses of different regions
- to show cultural diversity of India
- inviting names of participants  
(any other relevant details)  
**[CBSE Marking Scheme 2017]**

**RJ Public School,**  
**Central Govt. Employees Residential Colony**

**NOTICE**

9 July 2016

**Fancy Dress Show**

This is to inform all the students that a Fancy Show is being organized by the Cultural Society of the school. The theme for the show is 'Regional Outfits'. The show aims at displaying the cultural diversity of India. The details of the event are as follow:

**Date:** 25<sup>th</sup> January, 2017  
**Time:** 11: 00 am onwards  
**Venue:** School Auditorium

Students who are willing to participate should contact the undersigned latest by 22<sup>nd</sup> January, 2017.

Ragini Joshi

OR

**NOTICE**      **4 marks**  
**[ BOOKS FOR NEEDY STUDENTS ]/** (any other appropriate heading)  
**Suggested value points :**

- **Who :** An NGO offering book grants to needy students
- **Where :** box outside the Principal's office
- request to be put in the box  
**any other relevant details**  
**[CBSE Marking Scheme 2017]**

**Detailed Answer :**

<b>Sunshine Public School, Aram Bagh</b>
<b><u>NOTICE</u></b>
15 <sup>th</sup> January 2017
<b><u>Book Grants for Students</u></b>
This is to inform the students that an NGO has approached the school authorities to offer Book Grants to the students who are unable to afford certain books. Students who wish to apply for grant can send their names to the details mentioned below :
<b>Date:</b> 25 <sup>th</sup> January 20XX and 5 <sup>th</sup> February 20XX
<b>Time:</b> 11:00 am to 1:00 pm
<b>Venue:</b> Drop-box, outside Principal's Office
For any other details, please contact the undersigned—
Ragini Joshi Head Girl

5. You are principal, Kendriya Vidyalaya, Ramnagar. The number of students in the computer class is increasing. Next year starting in April 20XX, you will need 25 more computers in your lab. Write a letter in 120-150 words to the Commissioner, K.V. Sangathan for funds. 6

OR

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

<b>India Chemical Industries, Delhi</b> Requires: Accounts Officers Qualification: B Com. Experience: Minimum 4 years
<b>Job requirement:</b> Maintaining books of accounts, preparation of Balance Sheet etc. Salary: Best in the industry Apply to: Managing Director, ICI, B-12 Barakhamba Road, New Delhi

- Ans.** Kendriya Vidyalaya  
Ramnagar – 110033  
25<sup>th</sup> January, 2017  
The Commissioner,  
Kendriya Vidyalaya Sangathan,  
Ramnagar – 110022  
Sir

**Subject: Request for funds to buy twenty-five new computers**

I, Ragini Joshi, the Principal of Kendriya Vidyalaya, Ramnagar, would like to bring to your notice that

the number of students in the computer class is set to increase in the upcoming academic year beginning April 20XX. The present number of computers is not enough and they are outdated. Due to this the inconvenience is caused and there is a lot of pressure from the parents too.

In order to cater to the rising demand of students, we will need to install twenty-five new computers in the lab. It is my humble request to kindly grant us a sum of 7 lakh INR so that the students can be tutored properly.

Thanking you in anticipation.

Yours truly

Ragini Joshi

OR

B-94, Ford Road

Jammu

20<sup>th</sup> January, 2017

The Managing Director, ICI

B-12, Barakhamba Road,

New Delhi

Sir

**Subject: Application for the post of Accounts Officer**

I am Nammi Dhar, a post-graduate in Commerce from Jammu University. I wish to apply for the post of Accounts Officer in your reputed company. I came to know about the vacancy from a newspaper advertisement in 'The Times of India'.

Please find my resume attached for the purpose. I would like to add that I am a very hardworking person with a keen interest in accounting and finance. My academic qualification, age and other eligibility conditions agree to those specified by the company for the job. My Resume is attached below.

I thank you in anticipation of an early response.

Yours truly

Nimmi Dhar

**Curriculum Vitae**

Name: Nimmi Dhar

Telephone: 1122334455

Email-id: nimmidhar@gmail.com

Date of birth: 5<sup>th</sup> April, 1988

**Academic Qualifications:**

Examination	S.S.C.	Graduation	Post Grad.
Board/Uni.	CBSE	Jammu Uni.	Jammu Uni.
Course	Comm.	B.Com	M.Com
Year	2008	2011	2013
Division	1 <sup>st</sup>	1 <sup>st</sup>	1 <sup>st</sup>

**Experience: ABC Finances, August 2013 to Present**

- Preparing balance sheets
- Salary computation
- Fund management and cost projection
- Maintenance of account books

**Skills:** Good knowledge of MS Office and Tally

**Languages known:** English, Hindi, Punjabi

**Hobbies and Interests:** Writing, reading and travelling

**Reference:** Mr. Rohan Joshi,

*Deputy Manager,*  
ABC Finances

**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)

Answer any four of the following questions in 30-40 words each:

- What did Franz wonder about when he entered the class that day ?
- What shocking experience did Douglas have at the YMCA pool ?
- Why does Kamala Das compare her mother to a pale winter's moon' ?
- What rich bounty has the heaven given us ?  
(A Thing of Beauty)
- Why did the Maharaja have to pay a bill of three lakh rupees to the British jewellers ?
- What problem did Roger skunk face when he went to play with his friends. How did he solve it?

**Ans. (a)** That day when Franz entered the class, he wondered that something was not correct about the day. He feared that some bad news was awaiting him. He had all these thoughts because there was no usual hustle-bustle of the classroom which could be heard from the street like the opening and closing of desks, repetition of lessons in unison very loudly, teachers rapping the desk with rulers and so on. The teacher was wearing his beautiful green coat, his frilled shirt and his black silk cap all embroidered and on the back benches of the classroom, the villagers were sitting like students.

- Douglas refers to the incident at the YMCA swimming pool where he almost drowned as a misadventure. The author was about ten or eleven years old at the time and had barely begun to learn swimming primarily by aping others. As he was thrown suddenly into the

water by someone and he couldn't swim, he started drowning. The struggle to come to the surface and avoid getting drowned left him with a deep fear of water which deprived him from enjoying water-related activities for many years.

- With growing age, the poet's mother had started losing all her vitality and radiance. The poet uses the simile of 'late winter's moon' for her mother to indicate her approaching death. Winter, being the last season of the year, is synonymous with lifelessness and dormancy. Also, a winter's moon is pale white in colour bearing close resemblance to her mother who, having lost all her strength and beauty, looks faded and pale to the poet.
- The above line is taken from 'A Thing of Beauty' by John Keats. Through the poem, Keats reveals the immortality of nature. Beauty of nature is boundless and knows no limits. Heaven, which is known to be the most beautiful paradise, is the bounty of the earth. It is like an endless fountain that pours the beauty of nature over mankind. This beauty is called the heaven's immortal drink and is also eternal and washes away the malice from the soul and refreshes it with love and kindness. 3
- The Maharaja had not allowed the British Officer to hunt tigers in his kingdom so there was a fear of losing his kingdom to the British. So, he thought of a plan to lure the officer and his wife by giving them expensive gifts. Therefore, he ordered few rings worth three lakh rupees from a jeweller and sent them to Duraisaini. The bill raised was the price of the rings.
- Roger Skunk's problem was that he smelled foul. It was because of his stink that nobody mingled with him. Even his friends avoided him and did not play with him. For this reason Roger used to remain disturbed and even cry. To find a solution to this problem, he went to the wise owl who suggested him to meet the wizard. The wizard helped him by giving him a spell after which he started smelling like roses. The wizard asked him for seven pennies but Roger had only four.

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

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

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

OR

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

## Outside Delhi Set I

Code No. 1/1

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

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

OR

You are Vikram/Sonia, an electronics engineer who has recently returned from the U.S. and is looking for a suitable job in the IT industry. Draft an advertisement in about 50 words for the Situations Wanted column of a national newspaper. Your contact number is 91930XXXXX.

Ans. M-114, Fort Road  
Chennai  
9<sup>th</sup> March 2017

Dear P.V. Sathish,

Many thanks for inviting me to your sister's wedding. I would have loved to attend the wedding but I have my chemistry pre-board exam on the same day. As both the things clash I will not be able make it to her wedding.

Please wish your sister a long and happy married life on my behalf.

Yours truly,  
Puneeta

4

OR

**Situation Wanted**

I am an Electronic Engineer and I have graduated from IIT Gandhinagar. I am fluent in English. I have 6 years of of working in a software company in Ohio in United States. and am seeking a job in Ahmedabad.  
Expected pay – ₹ 30,000

Email ID : sonia12@gmail.com Ph. No. : 9193010203  
Sonia

4

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

OR

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

**LETTER** 6 marks

**Format**

- |                       |                     |        |
|-----------------------|---------------------|--------|
| 1. sender's address   | 2. date             |        |
| 3. receiver's address | 4. subject/ heading |        |
| 5. opening            | 6. closing          | 1 mark |

**Content** 3 marks

**Expression** 2 marks

**Suggested value points**

- increase in the number of students
- more offering Computer Science
- boards damaged
- black boards need replacement
- number of boards
- request to chairperson for funds

(any other relevant point)

[CBSE Marking Scheme 2017]

**Detailed Answer :**

Mountview Public School

Kalka

9<sup>th</sup> March 2017

To

Shweta Pandit

Chairperson

Education For All

Dear Ma'am,

**Subject : Funds for replacement of blackboards.**

Let me begin by thanking you for your past concerns for our school and students. You have given our children a chance to outshine in life. Now, we have more students getting a chance to be educated.

Since, we have so many children, I have a request for you, I was wondering if you could replace our Blackboards. As they have been in use for 5 years now, they are not in a great condition anymore.

It would be our pleasure if you can fulfil our request like always.

Yours sincerely,

Rima



OR

**LETTER TO EDITOR** **6 marks****Suggested value points**

- description of Book Fair
- participants
- visitors
- positive impact of the fair
- relevance of books in the words of internet  
(any other relevant point)

[CBSE Marking Scheme 2017]

**Detailed Answer:**

112, Mount Road  
Chennai  
9<sup>th</sup> March 2017  
To  
The Editor  
Divya Bhainik & Co.  
Sir,

**Subject : Relevance of books in today's world**

In the world where internet has conquered everyone, it is very surprising to find people still interested in books. Going to a book fair and showing enthusiasm is remarkable indeed.

I recently attended a book fair organised by National Book Trust which was a week long event in Chennai itself. When I first went there I did not expect there to be a crowd at the book fair as nowadays very few people still read books after the release of e-books. But as I entered I could still see the excitement in the people. The arrangements were all perfect. The people there were all well-read and knew exactly the books that I might want to read. There were different kinds of books talking about different things.

After seeing this I felt people should know that the essence of reading from a book in your hand has still not gone. The different smell of each book is one of its kind which is not available in an e-book. It would be very kind of you if you can publish this in your newspaper.

Yours Sincerely

Latha

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

OR

History Society of Kendriya Vidyalaya, Krishna Nagar sent a group of students to visit a place of historical interest. You, Anant/Anita, were its leader. Write a report in 150-200 words for the school newsletter on the tour, describing the place, its

**history, how you reached there and all that you have learnt.****ARTICLE** **10 marks****Format – Title and writer's name** **1 mark****Content** **4 marks****Expression** **5 marks**grammatical accuracy, appropriate words and spelling **[2½ marks]**coherence and relevance of ideas and style **[2½ marks]****WHAT I WANT TO BE IN LIFE / (Any other relevant title)****Suggested value points**

- dream (s) to be mentioned
- what they want to be in life
- efforts being made  
(any other relevant point)

[CBSE Marking Scheme 2017]

**Detailed Answer:****WHAT I WANT TO BE IN LIFE**

—By Smita

Every person has an aim in life. Some are able to achieve their aim but a few others don't. Everybody is born to serve a purpose and the aim needs to be linked to this. My aim in life is to be a teacher.

In an era of doctors and engineers, my wish to be a teacher is often frowned upon. But I wish to make a difference to my country. By becoming a teacher, I can touch the future of the country. Behind each doctor, engineer and lawyer, there is a teacher. Just like my teachers have influenced me, I want to influence others in the right direction.

The primary job of a teacher is to craft the mind of her pupil in a way to bring out the best of his qualities as a human being. A teacher realizes the potential of each and every child and guides him or her accordingly. A teacher's job is not easy and requires specific skills like knowledge and patience. She also needs to have very high moral values and good principles in life which she can imbibe in her students.

The work of a teacher is tough as not only does she also groom a student, she grooms the future of the nation. It is matter of great pride and honour to be a teacher and people respect this position more than anything else. There are special provisions for teachers because of the honourable job that she does.

Behind every successful person, there is a teacher. What can be more inspirational! I will not lose any opportunity to gather enough knowledge through degrees and experience and endeavor to be an excellent teacher in life.

OR

<b>REPORT</b>	<b>10 marks</b>
<b>Format – Title and writer’s name</b>	<b>1 marks</b>
<b>Content</b>	<b>4 marks</b>
<b>Expression</b>	<b>5 marks</b>
grammatical accuracy, appropriate words and spelling	[2½ marks]
coherence and relevance of ideas and style	[2½ marks]

**Suggested Value Points**

- date, time, how many participated
  - how you reached the place
  - learning experience of the visit.
  - historical importance of the place
- (any other relevant point)**

[CBSE Marking Scheme 2017]

**Detailed Answer:****Visit to Sanchi Stupa**

Anita,

Kendriya Vidyalaya

March 17<sup>th</sup>, 20XX

A trip was organized by the History Department of our school to one of the well-known historical places, the Sanchi Stupa in Madhya Pradesh on 7<sup>th</sup> March, 20XX. The trip included a group of twenty students. We went to the historical place by bus and during the journey our teacher, Mrs. Vijaya, explained the importance of the monument to us. Sanchi Stupa is an important centre for Buddhist pilgrimage. It is a world heritage site which has been well-preserved since centuries. Its nucleus is a simple hemispherical brick structure built over the relics of Lord Buddha. The place is noteworthy as contain ornamented depictions of incidents from the life of Gautama Buddha and his previous incarnations as Bodhisattvas. It is one of the most wonderful historical sites in India and is easily accessible. UNESCO has declared it as a heritage site as it is a fine example of Buddhist architecture. We clicked pictures of the site and enjoyed the museum exhibits. The trip was an amalgamation of knowledge and fun.

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

10

OR

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

**Ans. Holi the Festival of Colours**

Good morning to all of you, today I, the head girl, here to express my views on the topic why Holi is played and how it should be played. Holi is a festival of joy in India played by people of different ages and castes together. It brings people together and makes them forget their past bad memories together.

It is also known as the festival of colours. It falls in the spring season after the winter season. It is celebrated in two days - the first day is the Holika Dahan and the second is the colourful Holi. It is known as Phagua or festival of colours or Dol Purnima (in West Bengal).

There is a big story behind the celebration of the Holi festival. Prahlad (son of Hiranyakashyap) used to worship Lord Vishnu. Although, he was forced to worship his own father, he refused to do so. His father became very angry and decided to kill his own son by various means. One of the means was killing his son through his aunt, Holika, by placing them both in fire as she was given a boon to remain unharmed from fire. Fortunately, due to the blessings of Lord Vishnu, Prahlad was saved. However, Holika (his aunt) was burnt. From that day, people celebrate Holika Dahan to remain healthy and happy by burning their sins. And, the next MORNING, they celebrate colourful Holi to show their happiness.

During the early days, natural colours were used to play Holi. People used to play Holi with home based herbs such as haldi (turmeric), chandan (sandalwood), etc. In modern times, the use of artificial colors and dyes has caused several health related issues. We need to make sure we do not use harmful colours on us and others as it might get stuck to the skin or might cause a burning sensation. Before playing Holi we should apply oil on our skin and hair so that no colour affects us badly. We should wear old clothes and should avoid jeans and short clothes as they will be hard to handle.

I hope all of you have a happy and a safe Holi with your family and friends.

Thank You

OR

Honourable Judges, Teachers and my dear friends, I, Varshika Arora, am here today to speak on the topic, 'It is cruel to put stray dogs to sleep'. God is the only creator and only He has the power to destroy or inflict death. All creatures have been made by him and we are cohabiting the earth together as one huge ecosystem. Hence, we do not have the right to take the lives of humans and animals no matter how harmful they are. In India one can find stray dogs

in each and every nook and corner. They usually throng the streets and may or may not be dangerous to mankind. I agree that a few of them are likely to bite and hence they are labelled as unsafe. It would be advisable to trap them and take them to homes for stray dogs. The municipal corporation can send their officials to different areas of the city and take these dogs to animal shelters. This is a much better alternative than putting them to sleep.

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

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

*At back of the dim class*

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

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

- Why is the class dim ?
- How is the young child different from others ?
- What is he doing ?
- What is a tree room ?

OR

*Aunt Jennifer's fingers fluttering through her wool*

*Find even the ivory needle hard to pull.*

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

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

8. [This question has been designed to test the students' understanding of the text and their ability to interpret, evaluate and respond to the questions based on the given extract. In other words, it attempts to test their reading comprehension ONLY.] 4 marks

- pathetic condition of classroom (in slums)/ symbolic of dullness / slum drudgery/ lack of light/ electricity. (any one) 1 mark
- sweet/ loving / lost in his dreams/ no visible impact of poverty/ hope in his eyes/ escaping the grim reality/ positive (any one) 1 mark
- dreaming (of beautiful world / of squirrel's game) 1 mark
- squirrel's hole/ a dwelling place in the tree, a plaything 1 mark

[CBSE Marking Scheme 2017]

**Detailed Answer:**

- The class is dim because there is no availability of electricity there.
- The young child is different from others because he is physically ill and is indifferent towards the class and the chaos in it.

- The child is dreaming of the game that a squirrel could be playing in its tree room.
- Unlike the classroom in a dingy slum, a tree room is in a lovely wood.

OR

- creating/ embroidering tigers/ working on a panel 1 mark
- leading a life of fear/unhappy married life/ terrified/lost confidence in herself. 1 mark
- oppressive control of her husband/cruel bond of an unhappy marriage/ an example of metonymy, stands for the institution of marriage 1 mark
- wedding ring is symbol of conjugal happiness, here it is a burden 1 mark

[CBSE Marking Scheme 2017]

**Detailed Answer:**

- Aunt Jennifer is embroidering some tigers with her wool.
- She finds it difficult to pull her ivory needle as she is burdened by the massive weight of Uncle's wedding band.
- Uncles' wedding band symbolizes all the duties and constraints that have been put on her after her marriage.
- The irony lies in the fact that although Aunt Jennifer is trying to knit tigers symbolizing freedom, her life has been a continuous tale of slavery endowed on her by her marriage.

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

- Why were some elderly persons occupying the back benches that day ? (The Last Lesson)
- Why did Jansie discourage Sophie from having dreams ?
- Having looked at her mother, why does Kamala Das look at the young children ?
- How would keeping quiet affect life in and around the sea ?
- Why did the Maharaja decide to get married ?
- What is Mother Skunk's role in the story ?

Ans. (a) Some of the elderly people from the village were sitting on the back benches during M. Hamel's last lesson. The villagers had come there to attend his last lesson as it was their way of paying respect to the master, who had given forty years of faithful service to the school.

- Sophie dreamt of opening a boutique or becoming an actress or a fashion designer. She thought that she would be offered the position of a manager and that she would work there till the time she saved enough money for her boutique.

Keeping in mind their lower middle class family background, Jansie discourages Sophie

to have such dreams. Jansie is more realistic and practical in life, and hence, knows that big ambitions cost heavy investments, something their working-class status could not afford.

- (c) The very thought of separation from her mother upsets and depresses the poet. She experiences the fear that she may never meet her mother again. In order to drive away such negative thoughts, she looks out of the window and her mind gets diverted when she sees trees moving rapidly and children playing merrily.
- (d) In the exotic moment of silence and introspection, fishermen will become conscious of the fact that they are causing harm to the whales. The poet expects this because he feels that at this opportune moment all evil will come to an end. The man gathering salt will stop for a while at that quiet moment and look at his wounded hands. In this moment of silence, man will not harm nature, and both human beings and nature will get some time to attend to and recover from their wounds.
- (e) He wanted to marry a girl from the ranks of human beings. He asked the Dewan to collect the statistics of tiger population in different native states. Then he should find out if there was a girl he could marry in the royal family of the state with a larger tiger population. Evidently his first priority was the tiger population.
- (f) Jack has the typical parental attitude. He is of the opinion that the parents know what is best for their children. He defends the attitude of Roger Skunk's mother. She does not approve of the unnatural, unskunk like smell that Roger has. She calls the sweet smell of the roses an awful smell. Earlier the little skunk smelled the way a little skunk should. She wants the natural characteristic-the foul smell-restored. He says that she knew what was right. Secondly, the little skunk loved his mommy more than he loved all the other animals. That is why, he took his mommy to the wizard. She hit the wizard and forced him to change the smell of roses to his earlier bad odour. He insisted on this ending to emphasise the concern of the parents for children and their role in bringing them up on proper lines.

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

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

OR

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

#### Distribution of marks:

**Content:** 3 marks

**Expression:** 3 marks

grammatical accuracy, appropriate words and spelling [1½marks]

coherence and relevance of ideas and style

[1½marks]

- life of misery and perpetual poverty
- live in structures of mud with roofs of tin and tarpaulin
- lack of opportunities like education
- devoid of sewage, drainage or running water
- ration cards that get their names on voters' list and enable them to buy grain.
- food is more important than identity
- rag picking is prime occupation/their daily bread
- one rupee note or coin in garbage sustains hopes/happiness/thrill

(any other relevant point)

(any three) 6 marks

[CBSE Marking Scheme 2017]

#### Detailed Answer :

Seemapuri is a place on the outskirts of New Delhi. Those who live there are unlawful residents who came from Bangladesh in 1971. It is a place where about 10,000 rag pickers live. They live without identity and have no basic amenities, yet they are happy there because they can get food which is more important than identity to them. It is a slum where they can find many things, as rag-picking is their only means of survival. According to the author, it is their 'daily bread, a roof over their heads, even if it is a leaking one'. Thus, it is equivalent to gold for them. Besides, for the children, it is 'wrapped in wonder' for they, at times, chance upon a rupee and even a ten-rupee note.

OR

- peddler gets tempted and trapped when he gets easy access to crofter's money
- realizes he is in the trap when loses his way in the forest with the few kronor in his pocket
- again gets caught into the trap with Edla's assurance of Christmas cheer (optional)
- repeatedly surrenders to worldly temptations
- realises, the world is a rattrap with all its worldly temptations like riches, joys, shelter etc.

(any other relevant point) (any three)

(6 marks)

[CBSE Marking Scheme 2017]

**Detailed Answer:**

The life of the peddler is bound with loneliness. This idea of being completely alone made the peddler a cynic. After stealing the money, the peddler tried to escape through the forest but soon got lost. Left in despair, he recollected his own thoughts of the world being a giant rat-trap. A sudden realization came to him that he had finally got himself caught in the rat-trap because he allowed himself to be tempted by the bait, the thirty kronor bills. Even the kindness of the ironmaster and especially his daughter failed to make the peddler optimistic about the world. The rat-trap seller expressed himself strongly realizing that the worldly bait had, once more, tempted and trapped him. Unlike the other characters in the story, the peddler is the only one who succumbed to loneliness and is far away from the human bonds of love and sympathy that made him a cynic and consider the world as a rat trap.

11. Answer the following question in 120-150 words : 6  
In India, the so-called lower castes have been treated cruelly for a long time. Who advised Bama to fight against this prejudice, when and how ?

OR

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

- Ans. Bama first encountered untouchability when she saw an elder of her caste walking along the street from the direction of the bazaar. Initially the vision made her laugh but then she saw the elder walk up straight to the landlord, bowing low and extending the packet towards him, cupping the hand that held the string with his other hand. Bama's brother Annan explained the whole incident to her in details. He said that since they were born into the community of the marginalized, they were never given any honour, dignity or respect. They had all been stripped of the basic rights of a person. But if

they studied and made progress then they could shake off all these indignities. So he advised his sister to study with care and learn all she could. If she was always ahead in her lessons then people would come to her of their own accord and attach themselves to her. These words of Annan made a deep impression on Bama and spurred her to study hard with all her breath and being. She stood first in her class and many children from the 'upper caste' became her friends. In this way she rebelled against the injustice of untouchability.

OR

As doctor Sadao knew the value of a human life, he risked his own life by saving the American sailor, even though he knew that he could go to prison for hiding a prisoner of war. He cleaned the American's wounds, fed him and nursed him back to health. When the American was feeling healthy again, he gave him provisions such as food and a boat, and allowed him to escape from Japan. As a Japanese citizen, he fulfilled his duty by telling the General about the American. As the General forgot to send his assassins, so Sadao could not be blamed for the American's escape. Thus, we can say that Sadao carried out his responsibilities as a doctor and as a Japanese citizen.

- \*12. Answer the following question in 120-150 words : 6  
Attempt a character sketch of Dr. Kemp as a law-abiding citizen.

OR

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

- \*13. Attempt the following question in 120-150 words : 6  
Why and how did Griffin burglarise the vicarage ?

OR

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

**Outside Delhi Set II**

Code No. 1/2

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

**SECTION -B**  
(Advanced Writing Skills)

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

OR

Publicly we proclaim that dowry is an evil. Privately we want our sons to fetch good dowries. Right from our school days we should be taught that demanding

and even giving dowry is not only illegal but immoral too. Draw a poster in about 50 words highlighting dowry as a curse. You are Vikram / Sonia.

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|---|---------|
| 4. NOTICE   | 4 marks |
| Format - should include ISSUING AUTHORITY, the word NOTICE, TITLE, DATE and WRITER'S NAME WITH DESIGNATION            |         |
| The candidate should not be penalized if she/he has used capital letters for writing a notice within or without a box |         |
| Content   | 1 mark  |
| Content   | 2 marks |
| Expression  | 1 mark  |

**Suggested value points**

- date, venue, time
- lecture on 'Road Safety'
- resource person-Inspector of Police(Traffic)
- all students to assemble in the school auditorium

[CBSE Marking Scheme 2017]

**Detailed Answer:**

<b>SUNSHINE PUBLIC SCHOOL</b>
<b><u>NOTICE</u></b>
March 10 <sup>th</sup> , 2017
<b><u>Lecture on Road Safety</u></b>
Our school has invited Mr. Dinesh Saxena, the Inspector of Police (Traffic), to deliver a lecture on 'Road Safety'. The seminar will take place in the school auditorium at 11:00 am on March 14 <sup>th</sup> , 20XX.
All students are requested to assemble in the school auditorium on time.
Radhika Sharma,
Class XII <span style="float: right;">4</span>

OR

<b>POSTER</b>	<b>4 marks</b>
<b>Format</b>	<b>1 mark</b>
<b>Content</b>	<b>2 mark</b>
<b>Expression</b>	<b>1 mark</b>
<b>Heading and Issuing Authority</b>	
<b>Suggested value points</b>	
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>● topic and purpose</li> <li>● slogans against dowry</li> <li>● awareness at school level</li> </ul>	
<b>(any other relevant point)</b>	
<b>NOTE : Also accept names (Vikram/Sonia/ ABC) as issuing authority.</b>	
<b>No marks should be deducted in absence of issuing authority.</b>	
<b>[CBSE Marking Scheme 2017]</b>	

**Detailed Answer:**

<b>THE DOWRY EVIL</b>
<b>WHAT IS IT ?</b>
An evil practice of giving gifts and cash to the bridegroom's family by the bride's family at the time of marriage.
<b>WHY IS IT EVIL ?</b>
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>● Unnecessary mental pressure on the bride and her family.</li> <li>● Dowry deaths</li> <li>● Ill-treatment of bride and her family at the hands of the groom and his family.</li> </ul>

*WHAT WE NEED TO UNDERSTAND AND ACCEPT*

- Taking and giving dowry are both criminal offences
- Brides, walk away from a marriage where there is a demand for money
- Marriage is an institution, not a deal.

*DOWRY IS ILLEGAL AND IMMORAL!!!*

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

OR

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

**5. FORMAL LETTER**

**Suggested value points**

- noise and air pollution
- plight due to congested road
- suffering of residents and public
- consequences of unregulated traffic
- request for 2 traffic constables
- ensuring of safety rules

**(minimum three points to be included)**

**[CBSE Marking Scheme 2017] 6 marks**

**Detailed Answer:**

A – 21  
 Manu Vihar  
 Delhi  
 March 14, 2017  
 The Deputy Commissioner (Traffic)  
 New Delhi  
 Sir

**Subject: Growing problem of traffic jams and chaos in the city roads**

This is to bring to your notice the increased situation of traffic jams and congestion in the residential area of Manu Vihar. Due to the presence of Accolades Senior Secondary School in the middle of Manu Vihar, a colony full of housing society flats, the road in front of the school always remains congested

with school buses, vans and private cars. The situation worsens during morning and afternoon hours when the school begins and gets over. It is on the main road which connects the society gates to the main market and the nearby nursing home. At the time of emergency, this congestion becomes a menace.

I, a resident of that area, on behalf of the other sufferers, request you to please appoint at least two police constables to regulate the traffic in the mentioned area.

Thanking you in anticipation.

Yours truly,

Gita

OR

### JOB APPLICATION

#### Suggested value points

- personal details
- educational qualifications- degree holder in Physical Education
- professional training -SAI certified coach in athletics
- experience
- references (two) with name, designation and contact details

**NOTE : The resume can be part of the letter or an enclosure**

**6 marks**

[CBSE Marking Scheme 2017]

#### Detailed Answer:

M- 114, Najafgarh  
Sunshine Public School  
New Delhi

Dear Sir/Madam,

#### Subject: Application for the post of Sports Coach

I am Praveena, a SAI certified coach in athletics. I wish to apply for the position of 'sports coach' in your reputed school. I came to know about the vacancy through the newspaper advertisement in 'The Times of India'.

Please find my resume attached for the purpose. I would like to add that I am a very hardworking person with an aim of excelling in the field of athletics. My academic qualifications, age and other eligibility conditions agree to those specified by the job requirements.

I thank you in anticipation of an early response.

Yours truly,

Praveena Patel

#### Curriculum Vitae

Name : Praveena Patel

Telephone : 1122334455

Email id : nimmidhar@gmail.com

Date of birth : 5<sup>th</sup> April, 1988

#### Academic Qualifications:

Examination	S.S.C.	Graduation	Post Grad.
Board/Uni.	CBSE	Jammu Uni.	Jammu Uni.
Course	Comm.	B.A. Physical Education	M.A. Physical Education
Year	2008	2011	2013
Division	1 <sup>st</sup>	1 <sup>st</sup>	1 <sup>st</sup>

**Experience :** St. Albans School, August 2013 to Present

- Preparing students for state and national level tournaments
- Organising Annual Sports events

**Skills:** Gymnastics

**Languages known:** English, Hindi, Punjabi

**Hobbies and Interests :** Writing, reading and travelling

**Achievements:** Gold medalist in national level gymnastics

**Reference:** Mr. Rohan Joshi, Principal, St. Albans School

7. **After the rainy season is over, mosquitoes start breeding. They cause malaria, dengue, chikungunya etc. These diseases can sometimes prove to be fatal. As principal of your school you have decided to deliver a speech on protection from mosquitoes. Write that speech in 150-120 words.** **10**

OR

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

7. **SPEECH** **10 marks**

#### Protection from Mosquitoes

#### Suggested Value Points

- mosquitoes dangerous
- transmit a host of diseases
- ways to protect against mosquitoes :
  - use of mosquito repellents
  - using mosquito nets
  - avoiding water stagnation
  - wearing trousers and long sleeved shirts
  - dressing in light colours.

**(minimum three points to be mentioned)**

[CBSE Marking Scheme 2017]

#### Detailed Answer:

Good afternoon everybody. I take this opportunity to express my views on protection from mosquitoes.

Rain is fun and brings joy as it reduces the the heat of the summer. But it also brings mosquitoes that suck blood and cause diseases. These tiny

creatures are so powerful all day that you need to keep yourself protected all the time. dengue causing mosquitoes bite during the day time and since they cannot fly above an adult's knee height, small children can be easily bitten by them. They breed in water that accumulates after the rains and within no time they multiply in numbers. They cause dreaded diseases like malaria, dengue and chickungunya. If left untreated these diseases, that are difficult to diagnose, can be fatal. Since vaccines are yet to be developed, we need to take care against these dreadful creatures. The best option is to wear covered clothing so that we are not susceptible to their bites. Next would be to avoid water from stagnating so that we can prevent them from breeding. So proper hygiene needs to be maintained in and around the house. The final option is to use mosquito repellants and sprays but in moderation as these can be harmful to humans in the long run.

OR

DEBATE 10 marks

GUIDANCE – CAREER COUNSELLOR

NOTE: Students' views to be expressed either 'for' or 'against' the topic

Suggested Value Points

In favour

- an objective guide
- provides career mapping
- explores and identifies potential and aptitude
- provides support and motivation
- helps boost morale
- provides analytical vision

Against

- passion for career important
- may fail in identifying interest
- no guarantee of desired outcome
- multiple career options confusing
- professional counselling commercialized
- may not understand students' psychology and individual capabilities

(any other relevant points) (minimum two content points)

[CBSE Marking Scheme 2017]

Detailed Answer:

Good morning judges, teachers and students. I take this opportunity to present my position in favour of the topic. In my view a career counsellor is the best person to guide you in the choice of a career.

Whether it is a choice between the streams in Class XI or choosing from the many diverse subjects in college, we all get a lot of advice from friends, family and well-wishers. But then too much advice means more confusion. A person who has a thorough knowledge of all available options and can guide us best through experience is the career counsellor. He or she is best equipped to give us advice and

information about the best course or career to pursue according to our skills and aptitude. The world is developing at a very rapid rate and this is generating multiple choices of diverse courses and careers. This is also creating plenty of confusion. To solve the doubts one needs to approach a person who is familiar with all the changes and is up to date with the most modern developments. A career counselor not only provides multiple options to choose from, but also guides us according to our inclinations and capabilities. They also conduct self-assessment tests to understand the aptitude of the candidates. This goes a long way in guiding us to choose our dream career.

In my opinion one should always rely on a career counsellor to take the most important decision of their life.

## SECTION -C

(Literature : Textbooks and Long Reading Text)

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

Answer any four of the following questions in

30-40 words:

(3 × 4 = 12)

- "What a thunderclap these words were to me !" (Franz). What were those words and what was their effect on Franz ?
- Why did Douglas fail to come to the surface of the pool as he hoped to ?
- What was Kamala Das's childhood fear ?
- How is the Earth a source of life when all seems dead on it ? (Keeping Quiet)
- How does Mr. Lamb react when Derry enters his garden ?
- Which problem did the Maharaja face when he had killed seventy tigers ? How did he solve it ?

Ans. (a) Franz was shocked when M.Hamel told the students about the order from Berlin and that it will be their last French lesson. He forgot about his teacher's rules and crankiness. He developed a fondness for M.Hamel at the troubling idea of being separated from him forever. He understood the pain and agony his teacher was undergoing. As a result he became more sympathetic towards his teacher.

- The sudden realization of being thrown into the pool does not make him lose his wits immediately. Although frightened, he thought of a trick to come up to the surface but couldn't execute it successfully. He panicked and felt suffocated by the water. His sense-perceptions gave way, his heart pounded loudly, his limbs became paralysed with fear, his mind became dizzy and his lungs ached as he gulped water while making desperate attempts to come out of the water. Finally, he lost all his strength and willingness to keep struggling and backed out.



- (c) The poet's childhood fear was that she would lose her mother someday. Like all other children she too had the fear of being apart from her mother and not being able to see her. While she sat behind her mother in the car and looked at her pale face, she could see her childhood featuring into reality. She sensed that she might not be able to see her mother alive on her next visit and thus, she stood silently at the airport waving to her mother without uttering a word other than her only desire to see her soon in good health.
- (d) The poet tells us that the earth under apparent stillness is productive, i.e., it remains very still and yet nurtures life into it. For example, in autumn all the trees and leaves are dead but when spring starts, new trees and new flowers are seen around us and a new life begins.
- (e) Unlike Derry's thought that Mr. Lamb would be angry at him if he sees him entering stealthily into the garden, Mr. Lamb treated Derry very gently. Like a father, he even gave Derry advice to be careful while fetching apples as he might slip and get hurt physically.
- (f) The tiger population became extinct in the forests of Pratibandapuram after the king had killed seventy tigers. To find the population to kill the rest of thirty tigers, the Maharaja married a girl from a kingdom having the biggest population of tigers. He used to kill five to six tigers every time he visited his father-in-law.

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

**SECTION -B**  
**(Advanced Writing Skills)**

6. To have a fair complexion is an obsession in our society. Demand for fair brides in matrimonial columns and sale of fairness creams are evidence enough. Write an article in 150-200 words giving your views on "Beautiful mind, better than a fair complexion." You are Natwar/Nimmi. Use the following clues: 10

- the West, people like to be tanned
- fair complexion, only skin deep
- Beautiful mind
- Attitude to life
- Behaviour in society etc.

OR

Your school is situated near a road intersection. Last week, in the morning, a bus coming at a great speed overtuned when it braked suddenly. Senior students of your school rushed out and did everything to save the passengers. You were part of the rescue efforts. Write a report in 150-200 words on the accident and your friends' role, for your school newsletter. You are George/Mary.

6. ARTICLE 10 marks  
BEAUTIFUL MIND, BETTER THAN A FAIR COMPLEXION/(any other relevant heading)  
Suggested Value Points

- in the West people like to be tanned
- fair complexion, only skin deep
- beautiful mind
- attitude to life
- behaviour in society, etc.

(any other relevant point)

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**Detailed Answer:****Beautiful mind, better than a fairer complexion**

—By Nimmi

The mind and heart does not take its complexion from the skin. There is nothing like the perfect colour. We are the ones who have brought the notion into people's minds that having a fairer skin is what everyone needs. Is it the looks that should matter or should it be the heart too?

In India there is a craze for fair people. Everyone wants to have a fair and clear skin. There are products used by people to make their skin fairer. These products are sold in tons on a daily basis. For once we should notice that we indirectly give profits to the company manufacturing such harmful and fake products which lighten our complexion.

In the West the people are crazy about getting tanned skin in summers and they pay to get all this, then from where do Indians feel the urge to do all this. as we know, beauty lies in the eyes of the beholder. A beautiful heart is loved and respected by all. External beauty is short-lived and can be achieved by make-up and cosmetic surgeries but what matters most is the beauty of character and behaviour.

God had made all human beings as beautiful. We must never disrespect God's creation by discriminating people on the basis of their complexion. It is an unfair practice. neither should one consider oneself inferior to others based on the complexion. It is an insult to oneself.

We should be proud of what we are and always try to be humble and kind because these two qualities can make anyone more beautiful than any other person on earth.

In any accident we should always be helpful also make sure that there is a speed limit in that area as

there is a school there too. People should always be this helpful and we should not think twice before helping people in danger.

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

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

Answer any four of the following questions in 30-40 words each: (3 × 4 = 12)

- (a) How were the parents and M. Hamel responsible for the children's neglect of the French ?
- (b) How did Douglas' introduction to YMCA pool revive his childhood fear of water ?
- (c) In the last line of the poem, 'My mother at sixty-six', why does the poet use the word 'smile' repeatedly ?
- (d) How is total inactivity on the Earth in the winter months full of life ? (Keeping Quiet)
- (e) When did the Maharaja decide to double the land tax for village ?
- (f) What kind of garden does Mr. Lamb have ? Why does he like it ?

Ans. (a) M. Hamel believed that students alone were not responsible for not being well-versed in their native language. The students were busy playing and their parents somehow wanted to make more money by putting their children on farms. Even he himself did not give as much importance to learning as it demanded. He took a leave whenever he wanted to go fishing without caring about the class. Nobody wanted to learn French when it was available easily.

- (b) His introduction to the Y.M.C.A. swimming pool revived unpleasant memories and stirred childish fears. But in a little while he gathered confidence. He paddled with his new water wings, watching the other boys and trying to learn by aping them. He did this two or three times on different days and was just beginning to feel at ease. This all happened because when he was three or four years old, father had taken him to a beach in California. His father and he stood together in the surf. He hung on his father, yet the waves knocked him down and swept over him. He was buried in water. His breath was gone. He was frightened. Father laughed, but there was terror in his heart at the overpowering force of the waves.

- (c) The poet uses the word 'smile' repeatedly as she uses a fake smile to cover her tears over her mother's old age and approaching death.
- (d) The poet does not advocate total inactivity and death, but he does advise that we should introspect deeply and not indulge in activity that is mindless and potentially destructive for human beings. He advises this for the balance that should exist between man and nature.
- (e) The Maharaja called the Dewan and ordered him to immediately double the tax of the villagers who had informed him of the tiger in the forest because despite his best efforts he was unable to locate the beast. This infuriated the Maharaja.
- (f) Mr Lamb is an old man with a tin leg. His real leg was blown off years ago during the war. He lives all alone in his house. There is a garden near the house. It has ripe crab apples looking orange and golden in colour. It is a place which welcomes different kinds of people and lets them do what they want. Mr Lamb wanted kids and all to visit him as he couldn't move much.

\*13. Attempt the following questions in 120-150 words: 6  
Describe the circumstances that led to the unveiling of Griffin's invisibility ?

OR

How did Dunstan Cass meet his end ?

- Ans. ● news of burglary at the vicarage spreads  
● Mrs. and Mr. Hall find Griffin missing  
● find clothes/ bandages lying in the room  
● furniture behaves strangely, attacks Mrs. Hall  
● petrified Mrs. Hall and Mr. Hall escape  
● suddenly Griffin emerges, asks for food  
● Mrs. Hall reminds him about the bill and wants explanation  
● uncontrollable rage of Griffin, removes artificial nose, spectacles, whiskers and bandages  
● appears headless - reality unveiled  
● Mr. Jaffers, village constable, comes to arrest  
● leads to fight  
● Griffin removes remaining clothes  
● Griffin escapes taking advantage of his invisibility (any other relevant point)

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**Detailed Answer:**

Griffin was filled with murderous rage. His confidant, Dr. Kemp, had cheated him. He decided to murder Dr. Kemp to set an example. He laid siege on his house. However, Dr. Kemp was saved

by two policemen and Griffin was hurt. Dr. Kemp ran towards the village and Griffin followed. Dr. Kemp kept running, but he couldn't make up his mind about where to seek shelter. Meanwhile, many people saw him and hearing his shouts came out to help him. They started running towards him and tried to provide him with some cover. As others were trying to defend Dr. Kemp, Griffin started beating him. Dr. Kemp held his broken arm and Griffin cried. Suddenly, a labourer hit him with a spade. Griffin started to bleed. They all held him down and he started crying for mercy. Dr. Kemp asked everybody to leave him. However, it was too late and Griffin had died in the struggle. The 'gifted physicist' met a tragic end.

**OR**

- Ans.**
- kills Godfrey's horse Wild Fire at stake
  - plans to borrow money from Silas
  - finds the cottage of Silas empty
  - steals Silas's gold, goes out
  - falls into the Stone Pit, drowns and dies
  - when water drained from Stone Pit skeleton found wedged between stones
- (any other relevant point)**

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**Detailed Answer:**

Squire Cass's lewd younger son, Dunstan prioritizes drinking and gambling. He is unconcerned for others' interests. He manipulates his brother, Godfrey, into giving him money to pursue his various pastimes. He sells Wildfire, Godfrey's horse, only to later kill the horse while riding it through a difficult jumping course. He is unconcerned with the horse's death and Godfrey's fate, and walks home, only to pass by Silas Marner's cottage. He is struck by a memory of talk of the weaver's wealth and decides to rob him. Dunstan has a very negative character. Almost all of his actions in the novel actively hurt someone else. Psychologically, he refuses to take responsibility for any of his actions and his personality does not improve throughout the novel. It is his role in stealing Silas' money which brings Silas closer to the Raveloe community. This is a key turning point in the novel.

Although, it seems as though he has chance on his side and that his actions have no consequences, this back fires on him later. His life ends in misery as he is cold, starving and impoverished. We are shown how little the community actually cared about him as no one notices his death. Years later, Dunstan's body, along with the stolen gold, is found at the bottom of the stone pit by Silas Marner's cottage.

