

ENGLISH**BOARD PRACTICE TEST****ANSWER AND SOLUTIONS****SECTION-A : READING SKILLS (20 MARKS)**

1. (a) Option (4) Because he wanted to see which of the dogs in that cage were timid.
(b) Shaun mastered every command that the author taught him effortlessly and was a naturally well-behaved dog. He was extremely disciplined too. A dog like Shaun was the perfect companion anyone would like to have.
(c) he cried the day Shaun died.
(d) (1) unknown and distinct ancestry
(4) stayed behind and moved on
(e) Option (4) Author's mother had seen his father crying thrice in her life.
(f) The author's love for his dog is evident and so is his admiration for his father who taught him not only how to choose the perfect puppy but developed as deep a bond with Shaun as the author himself. He even cried at his pet's death as if he had lost a loved one.
(g) Option (1) He made his father succumb to his demand.
(h) Saint Shaun had stayed behind because the author, after his education, was out of college and working across the state in his first real job.
2. (a) The samples tested by FSSAI included milk and dairy products, spices, cereals, as well as branded food products. FSSAI carried out the testing following a spike in complaints from consumers over quality and adulteration. According to the data, 20,390 samples out of 85,729 sent to the agency were found to be non-conforming to prescribed standards.
(b) It shows that nearly 25% of samples of edible goods it tested this year were found to be adulterated or in violation of prescribed standards.
(c) Penalizing adulteration in India is challenging because legal procedure involved in penalizing violators provides an opportunity to the accused to keep doing business. Law enforcement is very poor. It takes years to finalise a case and by that time, sellers keep on making profits. Moreover, people are also not aware. Hardly anybody complains about adulteration.
(d) Lengthy legal procedure
(e) penalizing
(f) Option (4) Both (1) and (3)
(g) The panel, headed by former Supreme Court judge BS Chauhan, wanted amendments to Section 357 of the Criminal Procedure Code so that courts can order compensation for victims.
(h) regulate the food quality in India OR make adulteration a serious crime

SECTION-B : GRAMMAR**(10 MARKS)**

3. (i) give up

(ii)

Error	Correction
was	were

- (iii) Deepa asked Bhavik if he could tell her why he had declined the invitation to Divya's party.

(iv) Option (1) that what she wanted to know was even unknown to her

(v) glues/is glued

(vi)	Error	Correction
	muscle	muscles

(vii)	Error	Correction
	man	men

(viii) Option (2) digesting

(ix) The saint asked a man if he could get some water from his pitcher when he was done.

(x) Option (2) must be felt

(xi) Option (2) has grown

(xii)	Error	Correction
	are	is

SECTION-B : CREATIVE WRITING SKILLS (10 MARKS)

4.A. Adarsh Public School,

Nagal, Punjab

27 January 2024

The Director

Mount Travel and Tourism

Chandigarh

Subject: Complaint for the Inconvenience in the Tourist Package

Sir/Madam

We recently visited a location which was hosted by your travel agency. We are greatly disappointed in the quality and service of this hotel. The rooms were dusty, unclean and dirty. The food was horrible, and very difficult to eat due to the bad taste. The bathrooms didn't have working flushes or showers. We have not received the product and service we had been promised. This was far below substandard. We ask you to not give false promises to customers, as good advice for any business. Do not damage the image of the locals, which had given us better service than 'a world class five star resort'. They were very nice and understanding of our situation and were much better caterers than yours.

We will be leaving a very negative review in light of our disappointment. We hope to never do business with your firm again, at least until you can improve your standards.

Yours sincerely

Anita

OR

B. H. No. C-316

Jaswant Lane

New Delhi

27 January 2024

The Editor

The Times of India

Bahadur Shah Zafar Marg

New Delhi

Subject: Pollution as a threat to the rivers of our nation

Sir/Madam

This is to draw your attention to the grave concern that the pollutants from different industries and sewage from our houses are posing a serious threat to the rivers of our nation. The water has become unsuitable for drinking purposes. The water is not even suitable for growing crops as it is filled with harmful chemicals which are not at all good for the crops. It is the need of the hour to strengthen the water quality management and construct additional sewage lines.

You are requested to please bring this issue into the limelight so that more people could be made aware of all this. Hope to receive a positive response from you.

Thanking you in anticipation.

Yours truly

Parul Aggarwal

5.A.

Colour Therapy

Colours add joy to everyone's life. When infused properly into our lives, they can enhance our qualities. It is strange to know the properties each colour possesses. Green is responsible for creating balance and harmony in life. It represents love and communication and acceptance since it's nature's colour. The shades between blue and indigo stand for calmness, peace, love, honesty, kindness, emotional depth, truth and devotion.

Red can increase physical vitality and stamina. Orange stimulates creativity, productivity, pleasure, optimism, enthusiasm and emotional expression. Yellow is said to increase fun and humour. Violet stimulates intuition and imagination. So let us bring colour in our lives and reap its benefits. We all have our favourite colours and now that we know what characteristics they stand for we can hope to inculcate those qualities in our lives.

OR

B.

Survey of Boys' and Girls' Activities

The two pie charts presents a conclusion of "leisure" and "cultural" activities as preferred by boys and girls. Overall, equal percentage of boys and girls participated in music, with 10% of both genders choosing the activity. Similarly, while 11% of boys preferred skateboarding, equal number of girls chose gymnastics.

Taking a closer look at the first chart, computer games emerged the most preferred activity among boys (with 34% of the boys' population participating in the activity), this is followed by basketball with 26% participation rate, soccer was second to least preferred activity, only 17% of the boys took to soccer, while only 2% of boys took interest in reading. On the other hand, taking a careful look at the second chart, it reveals that dancing was the most popular activity among the girls with 27% of girls participating in the activity. Very much unlike boys, more number of girls showed interest in reading, making it the second most preferred activity with 21%. Netball was however not left out as 15% of girls fancied the activity, almost equal the percentage (16%) that played computer games.

SECTION-C : LITERATURE (40 MARKS)

6. A. (a) C. N and Jacques staking their entire holiday savings on their bet implies that they both think that the other one will pass.
- (b) Anne is being brutally honest. Many students in the class doubted if they would be promoted to the next class. They remained anxious and would discuss this all day. They would make bets on who would be promoted. C N and Jacques had even staked their entire holiday saving on the bet.
- (c) TRUE
- (d) Option (3) Anxious

OR

- B. (a) Option (2) being naive
- (b) Transitory freedoms for him meant staying out at night, reading what he liked and going where he chose. This was Mandela's concept of freedom when he was young and limited to personal liberty and enjoyment.
- (c) Option (1) The desire to lead a normal respectful life as a citizen.
- (d) in first person's point of view
- 7.A. (a) Option (4) Both (2) and (3)
- (b) The poet looks at fog as a living creature and compares it to a cat. The fog covers a place suddenly and disappears in the same manner just like the coming and going of a cat. The fog remains over any area like a cat sitting by folding its knees. Just like a cat cannot stay permanently at a place, the fog is also temporary visitor to a place.
- (c) Option (2) Metaphor
- (d) Fog is sitting silently and watching over the harbour and city.

OR

- B. (a) Option (4) assonance, 'i' sound
- (b) Custard, the cowardly dragon gobbled up the pirate who was threatening Belinda and her pets. It was the reason of their sudden show of affection. The words that indicate this change in the mood and behaviour in the extract are 'embraced', 'licked' and 'gyrate'.
- (c) Option (2) He snorted like an engine.
- (d) The poet, Ogden Nash has used the beautiful rhyme scheme (aabb) which makes the ballad musical with the underlying tale. It makes it musical to recite and ideally makes it a perfect ballad.
8. (a) It is absolutely true that optimism can bring about a spark of brightness even in adverse situations. It was Lencho's innocent optimism that eventually led to his getting seventy pesos. In fact, it was his positivity despite the hailstorm that he even wrote a letter to God in the first place. His hope finally triumphed.
- (b) Life on tower for Amanda would be very different from her reality. Just like Rapunzel, even she desires to live on top of a tower, away from everyday chaos. Amanda suffers due to the constant nagging from her parents. She seeks a place full of peace and serenity, where there is no one to disturb her.
- (c) The central idea of 'For Anne Gregory' is the difference between Human and Divine love. Human love is circumscribed by what can be seen, while Divine love goes deeper than that. A person's outward beauty has nothing to do with God's love. The poem dictates to a great extent the love that humans feel for one another.

- (d) Anne Frank and her friend were both nervous before the declaration of the exam results. Anne wrote in her diary that the whole class was nervous about the exam results including herself. She wasn't too sure about her mathematics results. Half the class was making bets.
- (e) Maxwell said that the air hostess was "the very queen of her kind" because she was extremely friendly and helpful. He took her into confidence about the incident with the box. She very generously suggested him to put the otter on his knees.
9. (a) Ebright's new theory of cell life could solve how a cell can read the blueprint of its DNA. If this theory proves correct, it will be a big step toward understanding the processes of life since DNA is the substance that controls the heredity, form, and function of the cell.
- (b) The two boys were surprised to see the fresh muddy imprints of a pair of bare feet. They wondered what a barefoot man was doing on the steps of a house, in the middle of London. They even observed that the footprints were appearing from out of nowhere as they could not see a person. The prints were disappeared soon.
- (c) The subtle ways in which the lady manages to deceive Horace Danby into thinking she is the lady of the house are the steadiness in her voice, her way of dressing, the way she walks to the fireplace and arranges the things and her way of petting to the dog sherry.
10. (a) Mandela: I could feel the change in weather of South Africa's political environment when our voice became united against apartheid.
Sandburg: And I could sense the literal change in weather with the arrival of fog. Some things have way of announcing their coming.
Mandela: It is the result of the sacrifice of my comrades and many patriots. They have paid their lives for it.
Sandburg: The change in Chicago is temporary. It is as swift as the movement of a cat.
Mandela: I have seen many seasons but craved only for the season of democracy. The white caused many atrocities but the new constitution will take everyone together.
Sandburg: Life is really short for grudges. We should appreciate what we have around us.
Mandela: You are right. [More relevant dialogues can be added]

OR

- (b) The lesson on death and suffering that Buddha taught Kisa Gotami through an activity is that death and suffering are common to all. Buddha said that death is common to all mortals. Those who are born must die one day. You cannot avoid it. Death is certain. As ripe fruits fall off the trees and meet an end so do the lives of the mortals. Life of a man is like an earthen pot that breaks and meets its end. No amount of weeping and lamenting can bring a dead back to life. So, wise men don't grieve. They understand that it is the law of nature. Also, weeping and lamenting bring no gains. It rather spoils one's health and gives more pain. If only you take out the arrow of lamentation and get composed, you will get peace of mind. You overcome sorrow, become free of sorrow.
11. A. A path of truthfulness and honesty is always better than an easy path of deceit. Horace Danby was a thief, he robbed safe every year. But, in the end, he was befooled by another thief and was arrested by the police. Danby's meticulous planning failed when it came about his sins. Stealing or lying cannot bring happiness or success. A truthful and honest person always leads a happy and peaceful life. He does not have to live with any kind of guilt. Stealing or lying robs one of peace. Those who are honest do not live a life of tension and are able to get peace of mind too.

OR

- B. Noodle avoids offending Think-Tank but at the same time he very cleverly tries to correct his mistakes also. Think Tank was arrogant and always filled with a sense of pride. Whenever Noodle had to say something contrary to what Think- Tank said, he would present his thoughts by referring to them as being of no particular importance. Moreover, his words of courtesy and respect make him susceptible for Think Tank.

Think Tank's opinions were also affected by the ideas presented by Noodle. It was Noodle who suggested that the books were used for eye communication. In this way, he would correct Think-Tank's errors without making him feel that he was being corrected. Noodle appears to be quite an expert in handling these kinds of people.