

PRACTICE PAPER-1**ENGLISH****SOLUTION****SECTION-A : READING SKILLS (20 Marks)**

1.
 - (i) (D) All of the above
 - (ii) (C) 1949; to preserve humanity during wars
 - (iii) (C) 2 and 3
 - (iv) (B) 4, 2, 1, 3
 - (v) (C) To respect and to ensure respect for the conventions
 - (vi) (C) Both (A) and (B)
 - (vii) (C) It is essential to lay down rules to prevent wars
 - (viii) (B) unchangeable
 - (ix) (D) All of the above
 - (x) (B) Suffer the worst
2.
 - (i) World's largest milk producer
 - (ii) India stopped importing and started exporting milk
 - (iii) UP, Rajasthan, Gujarat, Maharashtra
 - (iv) more than
 - (v) almost the same
 - (vi) Rajasthan
 - (vii) be maintained at a certain rate or level
 - (viii) Verghese Kurien, because the Operation Flood transformed India from a milk deficient nation into the world's largest milk producers based on the experimental pattern set up by Verghese Kurien.
 - (ix) By the end of this phase in 1981 there were 13,000 village dairy cooperatives covering 15,000 farmers.
 - (x) This phase emphasised on consolidating the gains of the earlier two phases by improving the productivity and efficiency of the dairy sectors for long term sustainability.

SECTION-B : CREATIVE WRITING SKILLS (20 Marks)

III.

1. (A)

J.D.P PUBLIC SCHOOL, AHMEDABAD**NOTICE**

3rd November, 20XX

SALE OF OLD SPORTS GOODS

This is to inform all the students that the sports section of the school is organising a sale for second hand sports goods. All the goods are in good condition. Details are as follows:

Date : 15 November, 20XX

Time: 10:00 a.m. - 12:00 p.m.

Venue: Volleyball ground

Articles: Gloves, Tennis shoes, Tennis balls, Wickets, Racquets, Footballs etc.

Charges : Reasonable

For further details contact the undersigned.

Naveen

NAVEEN

(Sports secretary)

OR

1.(B)

J.P SENIOR SECONDARY SCHOOL ,AGARTALA**NOTICE**

20th December, 20XX

DANCE AND MUSIC TALENT SEARCH

This is to inform all the students of the school that the school is organising a talent search in the fields of music and dance .The following are the necessary details:

Date: 5th-10th January,20XX

Time: 10: 00 a.m. to 2:00 p.m.

Venue : School Auditorium

Interested students can give their names to the class teacher by 25th December 20XX. Students of all the classes can participate. For more details contact the undersigned.

Umang

UMANG

(Cultural Coordinator)

2. (A)

Mrs Kiran Kapoor
thanks Millennium Public School
for inviting her as a judge
for the Debate Competition to be held on
28th January in the school premises.
However, she sincerely apologise that she will not be able
to come as she will be out of station.
She wishes best of luck to all the participants.

Best wishes
Kiran Kapoor

OR

2.(B)

The Principal, Staff and Students
of
Gyan Mandir School, Gurgaon
request your presence on the occasion of
Annual Day function
on Monday 29th December, 20XX at 5:00 p.m.
in the newly built auditorium of school
A-32, Sector 15 Gurgaon
Shri R.D Sharma, Chairman Gyan Mandir School
will grace the occasion as the Chief Guest.

RSVP
Principal
98925XXXXX

*Guests are requested to be seated by 4:30 p.m.

3. (A) BCM School

Delhi

26th October, 20XX

The Editor

The Times of India

New Delhi

Subject: Pressure faced by adolescents

Sir

Through the columns of your esteemed newspaper I would like to raise the issues of pressure faced by adolescents. In the absence of proper guidance or counselling an adolescent is likely to take to crime, get involved in fights, enter the world of drug or get engaged in verbal, physical or sexual abuse.

Crime by young people has become rampant in metropolitan cities. The adolescents are thrown in the criminal world at young age being oblivious to the path of being a criminal. Kids who start taking liquor or drugs before the age of 21 are more likely to be involved in fights, addictive to drugs and engage in verbal, physical or sexual violence.

The youth today is living in a modern world where they are having all the fun and games available at a particular place and because of this they are unable to have fun that they can have in playing football or any other games on the actual ground than playing it on a play station. It leads to obesity, the root cause of many medical problems. These issues can be handled with combined efforts of parents, society and social organisations. Also, the police and other law enforcing agencies should come forward and reach these adolescents and counsel them properly.

Awareness programmes must be organised in school and coaching institutes. I wish parents, teachers and society together should come forward and do something for better life of children who later will lead the nation and society.

Yours sincerely

Utkarsh

OR

3. (B) 22, Guru Nanak Apartments

Sector-20

Chandigarh

16th March, 20XX

The General Manager

Corporate House, Tata Motors

Gurgaon

Subject: Application for the post of Chief Marketing Officer

Sir

With reference to your advertisement in 'The Times' dated on 15th March 20XX, I wish to apply for the above mentioned post. I have the requisite qualification and rich experience with me and further I want to assure that I have the confidence and ability to fulfil your expectations. I hope you will find my bio-data befitting your requirements and subsequently call me for an interview.

Yours faithfully

Prateek

Enclosure: Biodata

BIO-DATA

Name : Prateek
Father's name : Mr. Manoj Sharma
Date of birth : 5th November, 1982
Address : 43, Anand Apartments Sector, 32
Email : PRT@gmail.com
Marital status : Married

Educational qualifications :

| S.No. | Class/Degree | Board/University | Year | Percentage |
|-------|--------------|---------------------------|------|------------|
| 1 | High School | CBSE | 2004 | 78% |
| 2 | SSC | CBSE | 2006 | 78% |
| 3 | B.E. | Vedant University, Meerut | 2010 | 68% |
| 4 | M.Tech | Vedant University, Meerut | 2012 | 65% |

Work Experience :

- Working as sales executive at Bhatia Enterprises Limited, Meerut for past 5 years.
- Worked as sales person at Honda Motors, Meerut for 3 years.

Languages known : Hindi and English

Other interest : Reading and Dancing

References : (i) Mr. Sammer Bisht, Senior executive officer, Mahindra
 (ii) Mr. Leelesh Lamba, Manager, Aditya Electronics

Date : 16 March ,20XX

Place : Meerut

Prateek

(Signature)

4. (A) Article

FAST FOOD-A HEALTH HAZARD**(By Mamta)**

Food is something that everyone needs every day and fast food is something fast to prepare and serve as well as so delicious and cheap that it becomes very hard to resist. Many people are fond of fast food such as French fries, burger, pasta, noodles etc.

Unfortunately fast food is one of the unhealthiest options when it comes to our health. Fast food success has drawn attention of one and all. Animal right advocates and health specialists feel that it has an adverse effect on health of the person who consumes it. Fast food not only leads to obesity among children and youth but also affects agricultural concern. Most fast food items have juices and enzymes which add up a lot of fat and calories in a diet. They lack in vitamins and fibre and other nutrients the body needs for proper functioning. Fast food eating leads to obesity, cardiovascular diseases and other physical problems.

The growing health hazards due to fast food, can only be reduced when more and more people take to healthy and balanced diet. There needs to be conscious attempt that people themselves take healthy dietary habits. Fast Food outlets needs to be regulated to enjoy quality food. The fast food products may seem a time saver and taste enhancer but they will never have the quality, benefit and love of the homemade items.

OR

4. (B) Report

WOMEN EMPOWERMENT DAY OBSERVED**(By - Karan, Staff Reporter)**

New Delhi, December 20th: The NGO, the Women Empowerment Organisation (WEO) in association with Child and Women Care Society (CWCS) observed the women empowerment day at community centre Block ,B -Rohini today. The main purpose was to create awareness of Women's right and to empower women. As many as 50 members of the self-help groups formed by WEO and CWCS in the area participated in the programme. The programme began with a welcome dance by the renowned dancer Mala Dey and followed by a talk by WEO members.

Mrs Aradhana Saxena, District Magistrate Rohini stressed upon the importance of education for girls. She also gave details about 'Sarv Shiksha Abhiyan' an initiative by the government under which students are given books free of cost. Ms. Rajni, director of WEO gave a speech detailing the various free classes organised by the society to teach young girls painting and soft toy making, which would be developed for self-employment. She also made audience aware about the need for women safety and the various free defence classes organised by the organisation.

Dr. Ankit, State Coordinator, CWCS, made the gathering about various governmental schemes to help and empower them. Later, a play named Narishakti was staged. A total of 1000 people participated in the function and expressed that they were now better informed.

SECTION-C : LITERATURE (40 Marks)

IV.

- 1.(A) (i) Name of the poet of the above stanza is Kamala Das.
 (ii) (C) The mother's face looks like a corpse.
 (iii) The poet is willing to put away the thought of her mother's death.
 (iv) Literary device used is personification.
 (v) Two contrast used is first, mother is old and tress are young ,second, sad and monotonous environment of car is in contrast to merry children playing outside.
 (vi) she was standing a few yards away as after security check she has to board a plane.

OR

- 1.(B) (i) Thing of beauty gives us everlasting joy as its loveliness increases and it never passes into nothingness.
 (ii) Everlasting
 (iii) "Bower" literally means orchard which has been employed by the poet to convey the sense of peace; just as we find peace in a garden similarly, the proximity with beauty imparts as sense of peace.
 (iv) Finding beauty and peace results into quiet breathing and good health.
 (v) The need of sweet dreams, health and quiet breathing in our lives is to counter the depression brought by negative elements in our lives.
 (vi) Metaphor – a bower quiet.
- 2.(A) (i) (B) three
 (ii) the speaker of the above line is Charley.
 (iii) (C) Sam
 (iv) (C) Grand Central Station

OR

2. (B) (i) (C) Zitkala-Sa
 (ii) (C) she doesn't want her hair to be shingled
 (iii) She was not willing to give up, she was determined that she would struggle.
 (iv) She compares herself to little animals driven by a herder.
3. (A) (i) attracting : tempting
 (ii) (D) big rattrap of the world
 (iii) (C) got joy in thinking like this
 (iv) (B) he thought correctly about world
 (v) all the worldly things are like cheese and pork
 (vi) he finds a striking similarity between the world and rattrap.

OR

- 3.(B) (i) (B) he was a poor peasant asking for help
- (ii) he alone came from far place i.e. Champaran and did not leave Gandhi until he gave him date for meeting.
- (iii) (D) (1) is the reason for (2)
- (iv) Rajkumar Shukla never left Gandhi's side because he was determined to take Gandhi to Champaran for getting help against injustice to landlord system in Bihar.
- (v) Illiterate
- (vi) (C) he was firm to take Gandhi to Champaran
- V. (i) The ragpickers of Seemapuri live in perpetual poverty. They do not have any means of livelihood and have to scrounge garbage to find something useful which might fetch them some money. Such people are more concerned about satisfying their hunger than an identity.
- (ii) The poet realises with pain that her mother is looking so sick, that she appears to be on the verge of death. She feels guilty for bidding farewell to her mother at this age. She is aware about the reality of life but she tries to keep away a thought that gives her pain and fear.
- (iii) Sophie's father tells Sophie to buy them a decent house when she expresses her desire to open a boutique. Her little brother Derek mocked at her by saying that 'money grows on trees'. Her mother sighed to convey that her dream was unapproachable.
- (iv) The poet didn't bother about the clumsy paint that marred the landscape. It was not his complaint. His real worry was about those unsaid sorrows and sufferings that the rural poor faced or suffered from. Their pitiable condition moved his heart. He also complains about the people who pass from there and have money but they mean towards the suburban people.
- (v) This statement did not prove to be true. The peddler, though he had stolen the thirty kroners of the crofter, could not betray the trust of Edla who had been very kind and considerate to him. He stood up to the honourable name of the Captain for which he was mistaken and reformed himself.
- (vi) A thing of beauty gives eternal joy. Its happiness remains new and appealing. It leaves such an imprint in our mind that we can live that experience again and again. It relieves us from being weighed down by worldly worries.
- VI. (i) Doctor Sadao had been reluctant to go to the American professor's house that day. The food was bad, the rooms were very small and the professor's wife was so talkative. When he went there, he met Hana and from that day his life changed. So going to professor's house proved to be lucky for him and this became a turning point of his life as he found the better half of his life.

- (ii) "This eating by formula was not the hardest trial" because she could cope with that but there were worse trials that awaited her such as- People stared at her; she was tossed like a wooden puppet and finally her long hair was cut.
- (iii) Beauty lies in the eye of the beholder and many look at the inside beauty of man. But Derry believes that this happens only in stories, for the beautiful princess loved the beast whole heartedly and the beast changed into a handsome prince, which can never happen to Derry.

VII. (i) The Lesson 'Lost Spring' describes the pathetic condition of the bangle makers. On the one hand it is the plight of the street children forced into labour early in life and denied the opportunity of studying in schools. The glass industry has its own hazards. The illegal employment of very young children and the pathetic working conditions lead to many children becoming blind. They work in glass furnaces with high temperatures. Their dingy cells have no light, no ventilation. Boys and girls work under these conditions while welding pieces of coloured glasses to make bangles. Their eyes are more adjusted to the dark than to the light outside. They thus often lose their eyesight at a very young age. Over and above this, it is the apathy and callousness of society and the political class to the sufferings of the poor that makes us feel sympathetic towards these bangle makers. The poverty stricken bangle makers also suffer because of the exploitation at the hands of the middlemen and politicians. They did not improve their lot and instead get only beaten up by the police. They are unable to organise themselves. So, their life is full of suffering that is physical and emotional.

OR

- (ii) In the poem 'Roadside Stand' Robert Frost presents the lives of the disadvantaged poor and in the process shows the rich urban as being indifferent. The poor lead a pathetic life, beg for financial assistance by selling some home made products in order to sustain themselves. On the other side, the rich move in sophisticated vehicles insensitive to the plight of the poor that begs for attention. These absorbed city dwellers have the money but do not want to spend it on poor country side people. Frost points out that city people just do not pay attention to these poor people. They say nothing but their ugly facial expressions and even their silence speaks a lot about their apathy and indifference towards rural people. Moreover, city dwellers want to take away the rural people's source of livelihood but pretend to be helpful. Men in power enforce such benefits on country folk which in reality are meant for their own benefit. Like flies these so-called rich city dwellers swarm over the lives of rural folk to cheat them for their selfish gains. The poet Robert Frost sympathises with these rural folks and would like to do something to relieve these poor people of misery and poverty.

- VIII. (i) The Tiger King spent most of his time in killing the innocent animals just to disprove the prediction of an astrologer. He was selfish, self-centred and cruel. He ignored all the duties of a ruler. He did not do anything for the welfare of his state. He could even bribe the British officers to save his Kingdom and to appease them. He was a vain and obstinate ruler whose only purpose of life revolved around his own conceit and power. The Tiger King does not deserve to be called Maharaja because he doubled the taxes for no fault of the villagers rather because things didn't work as per his wishes. He misused his power and authority to serve his own personal motives. His dewan and minions obeyed him out of fear, not respect. His attitude towards his people was no different from his attitude toward the tiger. The Tiger King married because he wanted to complete his target of killing hundred tigers. A girl from the royal family whose state had the maximum number of tigers was selected for marriage. He had no time for his family or for any other concern. The gift that he bought for his son on his birthday did not have any emotional appeal. His obsession for tigers did satisfy even after the killing of the hundredth tiger.

OR

- (ii) Antarctica is the coldest driest and windiest continent in the world. About 650 million years ago, it was a part of a supercontinent named Gondwana. India and Antarctica were parts of the same land mass. Then the supercontinent disintegrated into many parts. It is a place where ninety percent of the Earth's total ice volumes are stored. We lose all earthly sense of perspective and time here. There are no billboards and buildings. We can see from midges and mites to blue whales and icebergs. Antarctica is the perfect place to study how little change in the environment can have big repercussions. It is the only place in the world which has never sustained a human population. It remains relatively pristine in this respect. It has a very simple ecosystem. It lacks biodiversity. Scientists warn that a further depletion in the ozone layer will affect the food chain. It will also affect the lives of all marine animals and birds of the region. Similarly, if global warming makes Antarctica a little warmer than it will have disastrous consequences.