

ENGLISH CORE

SECTION-A : READING SKILLS (22 Marks)

1.

- (i) (b) Because PM Modi believes in universal harmony and unity.
- (ii) (b) Chandrayaan-3.
- (iii) develop the software to capture 3-D images of the moon's surface.
- (iv) The Vikram lander was carrying the Pragyaan rover.
- (v) (d) Only I and VI
- (vi) As recent scientists did, was commendable. I would also do the same. At first we would review over the reasons of failures of Chandrayaan-2.

Learning from the past experiences, as we the space agency would work around the clock to deal with the complexities of the Moon's south pole landing which is said to have remained deprived of the sunlight for years. I will get the every minor detail about the goal and I would learn from failures, conquer them, go ahead and master them.

- (vii) After a historic soft landing by the Chandrayaan-3 on the southern polar region of the Moon, the Indian people erupted with joy in celebrations. The scientists and their family members were feeling so proud as they, themselves have reached over the moon. Because after the failure in landing of Chandrayaan-2, the success of Chandrayaan-3 was a moment of immense joy as the country became the first in the world to land on the lunar south face.
- (viii) The word 'navigate' means to direct the way that a ship, aircraft, etc. will travel. Pragyaan rover was operated to poise and to navigate on the surface of moon, its eyes to traverse the crater-filled lunar surface for its movement.
- (ix) In-situ methods of chemical analysis provide an ideal way to analyse precious, unadulterated sample specimens from both the geologic and non-geologic realms without introducing potential contaminants or interferences via acid digestion or wet-chemical procedures. According to ISRO rover Pragyaan will trace out wet-chemical components in lunar south pole's soil.

2.

- (i) False
- (ii) Patriarchy and caste determine the social, economic and political growth of a country.
- (iii) (a) Problems related to caste in India
- (iv) People who have faced discrimination refuse to raise their voices because of the fear of social boycott, physical violence or losing one's income.
- (v) (c) Article 15
- (vi) it has become the second-fastest growing economy in the world
- (vii) (c) The law enforcement and social sensitisation needs to work concurrently.
- (viii) The law enforcement or any other top authority is not concerned towards discrimination because they belong to upper caste who refuse to support any other castes.

SECTION-B : CREATIVE WRITING SKILLS (18 Marks)

3. (A)

Alankriti Convent School, Nagda

18 Oct., 2023

NOTICE**N.S.S. Volunteers Enrolment**

All the students of Class XI are informed that enrolment process for 25 N.S.S. volunteer seats in 2 years training programme during XI and XII Class will be done on 28 Oct. 2023 at 9am. on our school playground. Students will get a certificate of 5% marks weightage in college admissions besides it, the volunteers are moulded up as an ideal citizen who is always ready to help and support the humanity and render himself/herself in national service. Willing students may contact the undersigned before 26 Oct.

Mohit Yadav

Programme Officer, N.S.S.

OR

3 (B)

Madhava Awas Vikas Samiti, Mathura**12 Oct. 2023****NOTICE****DANDIYA MAHOTSAVA**

This is to inform all the residents of our colony that like every year our society is organising a 7 day Dandiya Mahotsava Programme from 19 Oct. 2023 to 25 Oct. 2023 in our park Madhava Uddyan. Mata ki Chowki and Prize Distribution Programme will also be conducted on last day ; 25 Oct. 2023. Regular participants will be awarded in different age groups.

Time- 07:00pm to 10pm (daily)

(Name)

Cultural Secretary

4 (A)

Principal, counsellor & all staff members
of
Alfred Winston International School, Patna
cordially invite you to attend
Health Seminar
on Saturday, 17 & Sunday, 18 March 20XX
in
School Auditorium
Time: 8:00 am to 11:00 am

Dr. Debjani Das
(MBBS, MRCP (Psychology) Consultant)
will discuss different Symptoms of depression and the remedies.

R.S.V.P.
Mridula Jain (Counsellor)
9414xxxxxx

Enrol online latest by 15 March 20XX
Kindly keep mobile phones switched off

OR

4 (B)

25, Geetanjali Enclave
Gurugram, U.P.

02 April, 20XX

Dear Divyam

It is a delightful surprise to receive your invitation to Inauguration Ceremony of your newly constructed house in Rajat Grah Colony, Udaipur on 17th April 20XX. I am keenly awaiting the auspicious date of function to visit your dream house. I would attend the ceremony with all family members.

I heartily congratulate you in advance for this grand accomplishment.

With best wishes.

Monika Sinha

5. (A)

54-D, A.P. Colony,
New Delhi

14th March 20xx

The Editor
The Indian Express
New Delhi

Subject: Suggestions to curb people from insanity of accidents' video making show-off.

Sir

Through the column of your esteemed newspaper I want to express my deep concern over the alarming rise in incidents of making videos of serious accidents. Some people think that they are giving a message to others through their videos to make others aware to be careful for such accidents. Either they want to become first news-sharer or they want to increase their viewers and followers on their social media channel. But how can a person be so callous to be tempted for making videos than to save that injured person! Have we lost all the sense of humanity? Shame on such people!

Besides, in blind influence of Social Media exposure, people have crossed all the limits of social barriers. They want to collect cheap popularity by exposing their body parts. They think that they will become a celebrity by this way. But in this insanity, do they think that the people like or comment on their videos through fake IDs? No respectable person appreciates them.

In conclusion, I want to urge the people that we shouldn't like, comment, subscribe or support such people. If we come across such people we should ignore them. Any anti-social activity shouldn't be appreciated by people.

Hence I request you to publish the article in your newspaper so that the ignorant people of our society must not support such elements.

Regards!

Yours faithfully
Nyati Sharma

OR

Ans. (B)

94-C, Ambedkar Colony,
Rajkot (Gujrat)

19 March 20XX

The HR Head (Mr. Sushil Madan)
Ambience Pvt. Ltd.
G-124, Pokhariput Industrial Area,
Hisar, Haryana

Subject: Job application for the position of Sales Executive

Sir

In response to your advertisement in The Times of India dated 11 March 20XX, I want to apply for the required post of Sales Executive in your prestigious company.

A brief review of my credentials will confirm my capabilities of achieving the objectives of the company through effective contributions. I am an M.B.A. Post Graduate with a specialization in Marketing & Finance with the experience of 4 years.

I have been associated with Excess E-Vehicles Company as Manager – Marketing & Finance in their Two Wheeler Business, based out of Noida.

I am enclosing my resume and photocopies of certificates and testimonials for your reference. If selected, I assure you that I shall work with utmost devotion and sincerity to your full satisfaction.

Yours sincerely
Nitin Sinha

Encl:- Resume

Resume**Nitin Sinha**

94-C, Ambedkar Colony, Rajkot (Gujrat)

Phone: 9460XXXXXX

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Father's Name :- Vikas Kumar**Date of Birth** :- 27th September 1991**Marital Status** :- Unmarried**Gender** :- Male**Educational Qualification:-**

B.B.A from St. Fransis University, (Gujrat) (2008)

M.B.A. from C.C.S. University, Meerut (2008–2010)

Experience:-

As Manager –Marketing & Finance Excess E-Vehicles Company, Noida since 2012.

Skills:-

Excellent communication skills, team player, sincerity, ability to convince and influence people

Languages known:- English and Hindi

- References:-**
1. Mr. M.K.Rajnath
Director, Marketing
Excess E-Vehicles Company, Noida
 2. Mr. Deepak Singh
Head of Department, Finance
Excess E-Vehicles Company, Noida

Date:

Nitin Sinha

Time:

6. (A)

General Netiquettes

By - Ranjana Mathur

Word 'netiquette' is a made-up word from the words *net* and *etiquette*. In cyberspace we don't meet people face to face and so new users may not know how to conduct themselves properly when interacting with others. This may give rise to mistakes and misunderstandings. Netiquettes or Online Etiquettes refer to the guidelines set to follow when communicating online or surfing on internet. Such mannerism proves us as an ideal citizen in this internet era and may avoid timely or untimely trouble.

With everything currently moved to the digital platform, one may work from home or attend online classes etc. netiquette or online manners for netizens are highly recommended and required.

Following general rules may be helpful to us:-

- We should respect people's opinions and shouldn't think that we are not speaking face to face. Avoid offensive things to others.
- Avoid group discussion or liking gangsters' posts, communal hate creating posts or cheap content which is not acceptable in society. One should not challenge the basic rules of society and cyberspace, thinking that one will not get caught.
- One should employ prudence in online interactions by adjusting our responses or behaviour according to the type of people.
- When one enters a new domain in cyberspace, one should take some time to look around and listen to the chat or read archives to get a feel of the people who are already there. Once we feel comfortable enough to participate we can reveal our presence.
- Nowadays people have less time than before so we shouldn't waste it needlessly by sending messages, emails and posts, may be they are not interested in. It is unwise / rude to forward messages unthinkingly.
- We should be polite and should pay attention to grammar, spellings and use of block letters to be decent netizen.
- When we post a question, unanimously adopted answers should be shared.

6. (B)

Prevention of Dengue

By - Nishtha Kanwar

(Member of Media Coverage Committee, Alps International School, Indore)

Indore, 29 Feb.:- The dengue awareness camp was organized in Alps International School, Indore with the aim of raising awareness about the deadly disease, dengue and its prevention. In the camp, healthcare professionals, community leaders, and volunteers were demonstrating the causes, sources, symptoms and preventive ways of dengue to the students and teachers.

The activities included in camp as group discussions, distribution of informational materials, and practical demonstrations by exhibitions on how to prevent dengue transmission. Ayurvedic healthcare professionals were also providing information for primary domestic treatment of dengue fever. The informational materials were distributed to the participants to help them understand the importance of dengue prevention. The practical demonstrations showed the participants as how to keep their surroundings clean, eliminate mosquito breeding sites, and use mosquito nets.

The camp was successful in reaching a large number of participants; not only the students and teachers but the people from different communities as well. The feedback received from the participants was overwhelmingly positive, with many expressing gratitude for the opportunity to learn about dengue prevention.

In conclusion, the dengue awareness camp was a successful initiative that helped raise awareness about the deadly disease and its prevention.

SECTION-C**LITERATURE TEXTBOOK AND SUPPLEMENTARY READING TEXT (40 Marks)**

- 7.(A) (i) Dearth
(ii) (b) Person who seeks God's help for all his problems.
(iii) (d) 1, 3 and 6
(iv) (d) Both Statement 1 and Statement 2 cannot be inferred.
(v) Nature and things of beauty
(vi) Lack of virtues and inhuman acts

OR

- (B) (i) (d) All of these
(ii) (d) shuffling
(iii) (c) Sympathy
(iv) (c) They represent Aunt's repressed desires for freedom and power
(v) (a) Aunt Jennifer's tigers will keep her alive in everyone's memory.
(vi) (b) Aunt Jennifer knits her desires, but is overpowered by the wedding ring she wears.

8. (A) (i) (Any one)
▪ ...because the writer presents information in a straight forward and objective manner
▪ ...because the writer applies a third-person point of view and avoids the use of personal opinion or emotional language
▪ ...because the writer uses a logical structure to present his argument
(ii) ... just like a time machine would allow us to move back and forth in time, carbon records allow us to observe past, to understand present and build on future.
(iii) (c)...are differing views on the causes and implications of climate change.
(iv) This makes it an important reference point for understanding the effects of human activities on the environment and the potential impacts of climate change.

OR

- (B) (i) (c) One man's freedom fighter is another man's terrorist.
(ii) (b) Options (i) and (iv)
(iii) (c) gloomy
(iv) (c) To highlight that labels are arbitrary and essentially reflect a common life experience.
9. (A)(i) (b) Option 2
(ii) (a) details of the daily problems faced by human beings.
(iii) In Champaran, Gandhi taught Indians a lesson of self-reliance and helped sharecroppers in being self-dependent, thus he tried to mould a new free Indian
(iv) (d) Her mother tried to stop her several times but she went ahead nevertheless
(v) (c) to unite by twining one with another.
(vi) (c) Statement 2 can be inferred from Statement 1.

OR

- (B) (i) (b) Scenario 2
(ii) (d) being an avid fan and her sense of closeness with Danny.
(iii) (b) Reason 1 can be inferred but Reason 2 cannot be inferred from the assertion.
(iv) (c) similar feelings of devotion.
(v) (c) 3, 4
(vi) Danny Casey.

10. Answer ANY FIVE of the following SIX questions in about 40-50 words. [2 × 5 = 10]

- (i) In the story 'Lost Spring' Saheb, on one hand, has lost his freedom and chooses a life of responsibility, poverty, and exploitation. While Mukesh, on the other hand, dreams to break out of the circle of poverty and wants to become a car mechanic one day. He is ambitious and is even willing to walk all the way to the garage to achieve his dream.
- (ii) Office bearers are expected to be hard working like Kothamanglam Subbu. The person must be multi-tasking like Subbu. He was always ready with fourteen alternatives of a shot and turned his entire creativity to the advantage of his boss. He never aspired to the lead roles - but whatever subsidiary role he played in any of the films, he performed better than the supposed main players. Like Subbu, an office bearer shouldn't aspire for any position and whatever work profile is assigned should be done with dedication, marvelous skill and performance
- (iii) Umberto Eco was a regular academic scholar. Since he was pursuing scholarly pursuits through academic writings in a narrative way up-to the age of 50, he wrote about forty non-fictional writings. But he realised that he shouldn't feel the frustration for not do fictional writing like his friend Ronald Barthes and novels satisfied his taste of narrative. So he started writing novels by accident.
- (iv) The lesson gives us an autobiographical account of William Douglas, the process of overcoming fear after three failures. We should believe that failure is a part of life. Sometimes, we get knocked down by life, but how we react, matters.
In every process of reaching up-to a goal, we encounter challenges. Sometimes, not all challenges lead to success, but when we accept failure as part of the process, we will be encouraged never to give up. Besides, a back-up plan always supports us and doesn't let us be depressed by any failure.
- (v) The poem My Mother at Sixty Six gives a subtle message that ups and downs are essential part of life. In the vehicle when the poet notices her mother's opened mouth which gives her a glimpse like dead body, she became gloomy. But when she looks out the vehicle she sees that young trees were sprinting, overjoyed children were there. Still, at airport she remembers her childhood's fear of separation from her mother. She was sad and upset yet she has to smile to make feel her mother a hope. Above mentioned things show that ups and downs are part of life one shouldn't worry about it.

- (vi) Frost is upset with the attitude of urban people for rural people. He says that thousands of selfish cars pass in front of the roadside stand but not a single one stops to buy their products. The situation shows despondency for the poor rural folk. He pleads to urban people for help and support to these rural people. He says that if ever a car stops it is only to enquire about the farmer's price or to use his yard to back and turn around. One of the cars stops for a gallon of gas. This demonstrates the sense of alienation of urban people towards the rural people.
11. (i) The phrase 'penny-wise, pound foolish' is used to such a person who is careful about small amounts of money but not about large amounts. The Maharaja insisted on restricting tiger-killing in his state. He did not allow the British officer for tiger hunting, even refused to take photograph with dead tiger. He had to send a gift of fifty diamond rings to the British officer's good lady to placate the injured feelings of the man and to retain his kingdom. It illustrates that he was penny-wise, pound foolish.
- (ii) At the beginning of the story, Sam is sceptical of Charley's discovery of the third level. By the end of the story, the reader is told that he found the third level and travelled back in time. How would Sam diagnose himself?
- (iii) Yes, children who have a difficult childhood to grow up, become resilient adults than children who are protected from all troubles. Bama's experience of caste discrimination as a child when Annan described her about it would have played a pivotal role in making her a strong and resilient Tamil Dalit feminist, teacher, novelist and author as she is today.
12. (A) The peddler's actions in relation to the crofter and Edla highlight the complexities of human behaviour and the transformative power of kindness. While the peddler initially approaches the crofter with dishonest intentions, trying to deceive him, the crofter shows kindness by offering him shelter and treating him with compassion. However, the peddler steals the crofter's money and escapes, demonstrating that his initial experiences of kindness did not lead to a transformation in his behaviour.
- On the other hand, when the peddler encounters Edla, she treats him with genuine kindness and offers him a safe haven. She shows trust in him and believes in his potential for goodness. This act of kindness has a profound impact on the peddler, leading to a change in his attitude and actions. He feels remorse for his past behaviour and decides to return the stolen money.
- This suggests that while kindness has the potential to transform people, the conditions for receiving that kindness are crucial. Edla's unconditional kindness, trust, and belief in the peddler's goodness create an environment where he feels genuinely valued and worthy of redemption. In contrast, the crofter's kindness, although well-intentioned, is not enough to evoke a lasting change in the peddler.

OR

- (B) Pablo Neruda imagines a beautiful world in which silence and stillness with deep pondering of one's activities becomes a regular part of his/her life and which increases understanding of oneself and reduces environmental conflict and war. Neruda's vision can be adopted into a social, political and cultural context in the following ways.
- The first is Neruda's suggestion of keeping quiet can be adopted into the social context of a school curriculum. Students can devote 30 minutes of silence in a week after prayer as meditation activity to introspect or review their whole week's activities or in a library. They would be taught to be still and silent and to review their actions and to prepare future planning.
 - Second, Neruda's suggestion of stillness can be suggested to political parties who can incorporate them into their political doctrine. They can stop **allegations on each-others and should focus on their acts.**
 - Third, at a cultural level of mutual understanding for can be adopted at a grassroots level movement starting with Stillness Clubs (where people go to stay still and be silent) for the public which can then be replicated in companies and neighbourhoods. Ideally, stillness and silence should be taught at home and from there, it should spread all over the world.

13.

- (A) The story 'The Tiger King' is a satire on the pride and stubbornness of those in power. The writer takes us to the days of autocratic and eccentric kings. These kings intoxicated with power and position ill-treat with the innocent people even they hunt the animals too. They had forgotten that animals are also shareholders of this earth. At the name of maintaining eco-balance or self-defence they kill the innocent animals but they have forgotten that they are on the verge of perishing entire nature. While the story 'Memories of Childhood part II - We too are Human Beings' exposes the bitter truth of ancient landlord's system they exploit the marginalised people. Sometimes they take hard work from poor people and don't pay for that because they consider that 'beggar' work without payment. Sometimes these hard working people appear ridiculous in showing excessive respect to these landlords. Hence the past ruling system is condemned in these stories.

OR

- (B) As a character of Sam, I would initially express scepticism and doubt about Charley's belief that the third level of the Grand Central Station is in existence. I would diagnose that Charley has considered third level as a portal to the past and his escape from fear, war, worry, stress, and insecurity of the modern world. I would quickly judge Charley's claims and would offer rational explanations for the seemingly impossible phenomenon as the stress and fear had urged him to find an escape to a world that was peaceful and would have plenty of leisure. I would also tell him that this is a kind of waking dream, his hobby of philately (stamp collection) was also responsible for this unusual experience.

However, as the story progresses, as, a psychiatrist I would perceive Charley's obsession of the third level and would begin to make him realise that I would be trusting on him. I would try to convince him with reason of escaping. Next, in the process of his cure, I would withdraw the money from bank and would mail a letter on his grandfather's name and address. Then may be Charley would ponder over the reality of time travelling because of which he was imagining the third level.

