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CBSE-XII

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Time Allowed : 3 Hours

Maximum Marks : 80

General Instructions :

1. The Question Paper contains THREE sections-READING, WRITING and LITERATURE.
2. Attempt questions based on specific instructions for each part.

SECTION-A

READING SKILLS (22 MARKS)

1. **Read the following text.** (12 m)
- (1) That large animals require luxuriant vegetation has been a general assumption which has passed from one work to another; but I do not hesitate to say that it is completely false, and that it has vitiated the reasoning of geologists on some points of great interest in the ancient history of the world. The prejudice has probably been derived from India, and the Indian islands, where troops of elephants, noble forests, and impenetrable jungles, are associated together in everyone's mind. If, however, we refer to any work of travels through the southern parts of Africa, we shall find allusions in almost every page either to the desert character of the country, or to the numbers of large animals inhabiting it. The same thing is rendered evident by the many engravings which have been published of various parts of the interior.
 - (2) Dr. Andrew Smith, who has lately succeeded in passing the Tropic of Capricorn, informs me that, taking into consideration the whole of the southern part of Africa, there can be no doubt of its being a sterile country. On the southern coasts there are some fine forests, but with these exceptions, the traveler may pass for days together through open plains, covered by a poor and scanty vegetation. Now, if we look at the animals inhabiting these wide plains, we shall find their numbers extraordinarily great, and their bulk immense.
 - (3) It may be supposed that although the species are numerous, the individuals of each kind are few. By the kindness of Dr. Smith, I am enabled to show that the case is very different. He informs me, that in lat. 24', in one day's march with the bullock-wagons, he saw, without wandering to any great distance on either side, between one hundred and one hundred and fifty rhinoceroses - the same day he saw several herds of giraffes, amounting together to nearly a hundred.
 - (4) At the distance of a little more than one hour's march from their place of encampment on the previous

night, his party actually killed at one spot eight hippopotamuses, and saw many more. In this same river there were likewise crocodiles. Of course it was a case quite extraordinary, to see so many great animals crowded together, but it evidently proves that they must exist in great numbers. Dr. Smith describes the country passed through that day, as 'being thinly covered with grass, and bushes about four feet high, and still more thinly with mimosa-trees.'

- (5) Besides these large animals, anyone the least acquainted with the natural history of the Cape has read of the herds of antelopes, which can be compared only with the flocks of migratory birds. The numbers indeed of the lion, panther, and hyena, and the multitude of birds of prey, plainly speak of the abundance of the smaller quadrupeds: one evening seven lions were counted at the same time prowling round Dr. Smith's encampment. As this able naturalist remarked to me, the carnage each day in Southern Africa must indeed be terrific! I confess it is truly surprising how such a number of animals can find support in a country producing so little food.
- (6) The larger quadrupeds no doubt roam over wide tracts in search of it; and their food chiefly consists of underwood, which probably contains much nutriment in a small bulk. Dr. Smith also informs me that the vegetation has a rapid growth; no sooner is a part consumed, than its place is supplied by a fresh stock. There can be no doubt, however, that our ideas respecting the apparent amount of food necessary for the support of large quadrupeds are much exaggerated. The belief that where large quadrupeds exist, the vegetation must necessarily be luxuriant, is more remarkable, because the converse is far from true.
- (7) Mr. Burchell observed to me that when entering Brazil, nothing struck him more forcibly than the splendour of the South American vegetation contrasted with that of South Africa, together with the absence of all large quadrupeds. In his travels, he has suggested that the comparison of the respective weights (if there were sufficient data) of an equal number of the largest herbivorous quadrupeds of each country would be extremely curious. If we take on the one side, the elephants, hippopotamus, giraffe, bos caffer, elan, five species of rhinoceros; and on the American side, two tapirs, the guanaco, three deer, the vicuna, peccari, capybara (after which we must choose from the monkeys to complete the number), and then place these two groups alongside each other it is not easy to conceive ranks more disproportionate in size.
- (8) After the above facts, we are compelled to conclude, against anterior probability that among the mammalia there exists no close relation between the bulk of the species, and the quantity of the vegetation, in the countries which they inhabit.

Answer the following questions, based on the passage above.

- i. The author is primarily concerned with _____ . (1)
- A. discussing the relationship between the size of mammals and the nature of vegetation in their habitats
B. contrasting ecological conditions in India and Africa
C. proving that large animals do not require much food
D. describing the size of animals in various parts of the world

- ii. According to the author, the 'prejudice' (Para 1) has led to _____ . (1)
 A. errors in the reasoning of biologists
 B. false ideas about animals in Africa
 C. incorrect assumptions on the part of geologists
 D. doubt in the mind of the author
- iii. The flocks of migratory birds (Para 5) are mentioned to _____ . (1)
 A. describe an aspect of the fauna of South Africa
 B. illustrate a possible source of food for large carnivores
 C. contrast with the habits of the antelope
 D. suggest the size of antelope herds
- iv. Darwin quotes Burchell's observations in order to _____ . (1)
 A. counter a popular misconception
 B. describe a region of great splendor
 C. prove a hypothesis
 D. illustrate a well-known phenomenon
- v. Among the mammalia, there is no close relation between _____ . (1)
 A. bulk of the species
 B. quantity of the vegetation
 C. countries they inhabit
 D. all of these
- vi. What prejudice has vitiated the reasoning of geologists? (2)
- vii. Why does Dr. Smith refer to Africa as a sterile country? (2)
- viii. Select that option that is similar in meaning to Darwin's expression 'if there were sufficient data'. (1)
 A. Enough is enough.
 B. I wish there was enough data.
 C. There is not data.
 D. Let's gather more data.
- ix. To account for the 'surprising' number of animals in a 'country producing so little food', what partial explanation does Darwin suggest? (2)

2. Read the following text. (10 m)

- (1) Nuclear capability gives a status to the country in the community of nations. No nation can afford to make destructive use of the nuclear energy without risking a World War. That is why America did not make use of nuclear weapon in the Vietnam War though it had become a matter of prestige for her. Similarly Russia preferred to pull out her missile bases from Cuba instead of coming in direct conflict with a nuclear power, America. But India, since she started adopting nuclear technology, had decided to make only peaceful use of nuclear energy. The fear expressed by Pakistan and the comments made in the Chinese press are more for the sake of propaganda than for the projection of truth.

- (2) India needs nuclear energy in order to meet her power shortage. She has been depending upon hydroelectric power which is undependable because of the uncertainty of rainfall. Good quality of coal which is another source of energy cannot be extracted commercially because it lies very deep and the cost of extraction is very high. India is not producing much of oil, rather she has to import nearly 74 per cent of her total consumption. So the only alternative with India is to have a cheaper and more dependable source of energy. The known reserves of thorium in India are sufficient to last many hundred years. That is why India has already commissioned two nuclear power stations, one at Tarapur and the other at Rana Pratap Sagar. Each one has the installed capacity of producing 420 M.W. of electricity. Two other at Kalpakkam, are operational. This energy will be able to meet the power shortage throughout the country. If industries work at their full capacity, production will be higher and so per capita income will increase and inflation will be neutralized.
- (3) With the help of controlled nuclear explosions, artificial dams can be made. In fact, for building a dam there should be two huge mountain walls enclosing a deep valley just near the course of a river. These conditions are not available at all the places. So with the help of controlled nuclear explosions mountains can be blown up. This can also help in laying roads in the mountainous areas. In fact, some of the borders of India have mountainous terrain and the movement of the army is quite difficult. So even for the sake of national security it is necessary to have roads in those areas.
- (4) With the help of radiation the shelf life of vegetables and fruits can be increased. In the tropical countries like India, it is necessary that the perishable fruit stuffs are preserved for a long time. Radiation can check the sprouting of onions and potatoes which are much in demand in foreign countries. Similarly fruits like bananas and mangoes which have much export potential can be preserved for a very long time. The texture and taste of the fruit do not undergo any change.
- (5) Nuclear technology can also be harnessed for medical purposes. It is said that radioactive iodine is used for detecting the disease of the thyroid glands. Similarly, 'India of U.N. experts', radiated vaccine which can immunize sheep from lungworm disease, which used to take a heavy toll on sheep every year.
- (6) Properly processed nuclear fuel is also used for artificial satellite in space. Weather satellites can predict cyclones and the rainfall with extreme accuracy. Communication satellites can help in conveying the messages to very long distances. In a huge country like India, communication satellites are necessary.
- (7) Radiation is also used for preparing the mutant seeds. Many varieties of rice and some cereals have been prepared at Tarapur laboratory. This will increase our agricultural production and help India to become economically better off. So for India it is necessary to make peaceful uses of nuclear energy.

Answer the following questions, based on the passage above.

- i. India needs nuclear energy in order to _____. (1)

A. gain status in the community of nations	B. meet her power shortage
C. increase her might	D. frighten the hostile countries
- ii. Coal, another source of energy, cannot be extracted commercially because _____. (1)

- A. it lies very deep
B. the cost of extraction is very high
C. it lies very deep and the cost of extraction is very high
D. it is risky for the miners to extract it
- iii. In India _____ are sufficient to last many years. (1)
A. nuclear power stations B. reserves of thorium
C. vegetables and fruits D. radioactive iodine
- iv. _____ is also used for preparing mutant seeds. (1)
A. Nuclear energy B. Artificial satellites
C. Radiation D. None of these
- v. Hydroelectric power is not dependable because _____. (1)
- vi. How can radiation be helpful? (2)
- vii. How does nuclear technology help in the field of medicine? (2)
- viii. State True or False. (1)
Nuclear energy can boost our communication by conveying the messages to very long distances.

SECTION-B

CREATIVE WRITING SKILLS (18 MARKS)

3. Attempt ANY ONE of the two, in about 50 words. (4)
A. You are the Secretary of your School Literary Association. Write a notice for your school notice board, giving details of the proposed inauguration of the Literary Association of your school. You are 'XYZ' of Jain Vidyashram, Cuddalore.
- OR
- B. Your school is organizing a SPICMACAY programme on the occasion of the World Dance Day wherein the renowned Bharatanatyam dancer, Geeta Chandran would be giving a lecture demonstration. As the President, Cultural Society of your school, draft a notice informing the students about the same. You are Rakhsita/Rohit of MVN Public School.
4. Attempt ANY ONE of the two, in about 50 words. (4)
A. Write a formal reply accepting an invitation to be present in the birthday celebrations of your friend, Suresh's daughter, who lives at 1231, Chattarpur, Delhi. You are Abhishek Khanna.
- OR
- B. As Secretary of the Literary Club of St. Anne's School, Ahmedabad, draft a formal invitation for the inauguration of the club in your school.

5. Attempt ANY ONE of the two, in about 120-150 words. (5)

A. Write a letter to the Editor, Deccan Times, Bangalore about the inadequate parking facilities in the Commercial Street, M.G. Road, which is causing a lot of inconvenience to the people. Offer your suggestions. You are Anoop/Ritu, 24 Hennis Road, Bangalore.

OR

B. You have seen an advertisement in a national newspaper for the post of Senior Teacher in English at Sunrise Global School, Noida. You are Karuna, M-114, Mall Road, Delhi. You are MA (English), B.Ed. from Delhi University and yet to have any teaching experience. Write a job application to the principal.

6. Attempt ANY ONE of the two, in 120-150 words. (5)

A. You are Mridul/Mridula, an HT correspondent. You witnessed a protest rally by a youth organisation. Mentioning the purpose of rally, places covered and reaction of public, write a report for your newspaper.

OR

B. It is very important to take significant actions to save our planet. Write an article for your school magazine on how can we save and protect our planet. You are Akshay/Akshita of Graham Public School, Indore.

SECTION-C

LITERATURE TEXTBOOK AND SUPPLEMENTARY READING TEXT (40 MARKS)

7. Read the given extracts and answer the question for ANY ONE of the two, given. (6)

A. What a thunderclap these words were to me!

Oh! the wretches; that was what they had put up at the town-hall!

i. What has been put up at the town-hall? (1)

ii. What does the word 'thunderclap' refer to? (1)

iii. The narrator mumbled- "Oh the wretches" – he said so because after the announcement he finds himself _____. (1)

A. inadequate B. unfortunate C. confident D. courageous

iv. State whether the given statement is TRUE or FALSE, with reference to the extract. (1)

Franz was excited to learn of the end of the French language class as he had always hated it.

v. Which figure of speech from those given below is being used by the author in the line, "What a thunderclap these words were to me!" (1)

A. Simile B. Personification C. Metaphor D. Hyperbole

vi. Pick out the option that correctly describes the author's feelings when he heard the news. (1)

1. Shocked 2. Surprised 3. Guilty 4. Jealousy

5. Elated 6. Disapproval

A. 2, 4, and 5 B. 1, 3, and 6 C. 1, 2, and 3 D. 4, 5, and 6

OR

- B.** Savita, a young girl in a drab pink dress, sits alongside an elderly woman soldering pieces of glass. As her hands move mechanically like the tongs of a machine, I wonder if she knows the sanctity of the bangles she helps make. It symbolises an Indian woman's suhaag, auspiciousness in marriage. It will dawn on her suddenly one day when her head is draped with a red veil, her hands dyed red with henna, and red bangles rolled onto her wrists. She will then become a bride. Like the old woman beside her who become one many years ago.
- i.** Pick out the option that best describes Savita. (1)
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| A. Young and innocent | B. Old and patient |
| C. Young and irritable | D. Old and confused |
- ii.** "Savita, a young girl ..., sits alongside an elderly woman, soldering pieces of glass." This means that Savita was _____. (1)
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| A. trying to make the bangles all by herself |
| B. trying to help the old woman |
| C. hungry and disturbing the old woman in doing the work |
| D. getting anxious and thus scolding the old woman |
- iii.** The line, "As her hands move mechanically like the tongs of a machine, ..." is an example of (1)
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| A. hyperbole | B. parody |
| C. simile | D. symbolism |
- iv.** Choose the option that best demonstrates the significance of red colour in Indian Hindu culture. (1)
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| A. Aridity and boredom | B. Energetic and vibrant |
| C. Auspiciousness and purity | D. Calmness and caution |
- v.** What does "soldering" mean? (1)
- vi.** What is the figure of speech used in the line "Like the old woman beside her"? (1)
- 8. Read the given extracts and answer the questions for ANY ONE of the two, given. (4)**
- A.** The presidents of the New York Central and the New York, New Haven and Hartford railroads will swear on a stack of timetables that there are only two. But I say there are three, because I've been on the third level of the Grand Central Station. Yes, I've taken the obvious step : I talked to a psychiatrist friend of mine, among others. I told him about the third level at Grand Central Station, and he said it was a waking-dream wish fulfillment. He said I was unhappy. That made my wife kind of mad, but he explained that he meant the modern world is full of insecurity, fear, war, worry and all the rest of it, and that I just want to escape.
- i.** Pick out the option which is a correct description of the phrase "waking-dream wish fulfillment". (1)
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| A. A pleasant wish that makes one forget the past's terrible experiences |
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- B. A pleasant wish that takes one to the future
 C. A pleasant wish that encourages to work
 D. A pleasant wish that makes one forget the present
- ii. What does the 'third level' signify? (1)
- iii. Pick out the option that best describes the mental tendency of the narrator. (1)
 (1) Disappointed (2) Escapism (3) Calm (4) Satisfied
 A. 1 and 3 B. 1 and 2 C. 3 and 4 D. 2 and 4
- iv. "The modern world is full of insecurity, fear, war, worry..." signifies that : (1)
 A. the world is full of chaos but at the same time means of happiness also for the narrator.
 B. the narrator is not at all satisfied with his life.
 C. the narrator wanted to explore more about the modern world.
 D. the narrator enjoys the feeling of pain and insecurities in his life.

OR

- B. Derry : I thought it was empty an empty house.
 Mr. Lamb : So it is. Since I'm out here in the garden. It is empty. Until I go back inside. In the meantime, I'm out here and likely to stop. A day like this. Beautiful day. Not a day to be indoors.
- i. Why do you think Derry entered the garden knowing or thinking it was empty? (1)
- ii. The old man's response "Since I'm out here in the garden, [the house] is empty" shows _____. (1)
 A. his rudeness
 B. his annoyance at the unwelcomed guest
 C. his anger at the boy
 D. the truth that the house is indeed empty as he's not inside it
- iii. "In the meantime, I'm out here and likely to stop." What do you think this sentence means? (1)
- iv. Assertion (A) : Mr. Lamb states it's a beautiful day to be outdoors. (1)
 Reason (R) : Derry was trying to steal his crab apples.
 A. Both A and R are true, and R is the correct explanation of A.
 B. Both A and R are true but R is not the correct explanation of A.
 C. A is true but R is false.
 D. A is false but R is true.
9. Read the given extracts and answer the questions for ANY ONE of the two, given. (6)
- A. looked out at Young
 Trees sprinting, the merry children spilling
 out of their homes, but after the airport's
 security check, standing a few yards

away, I looked again at her, wan, pale
 as a late winters moon and felt that old
 familiar ache,

- i. The phrase 'Trees sprinting' refers to _____. (1)
- ii. The poet's another glance at her mother's face filled her with the feeling of _____. (1)
 - A. anxiety and fear
 - B. only fear
 - C. sadness and guilt
 - D. only guilt
- iii. The mother's pale face is compared to the _____. (1)
- iv. The literary device used by the poet in the following line is _____. (1)

"... as a late winter's moon and felt that old familiar ache, ... "

 - A. personification
 - B. allegory
 - C. simile
 - D. onomatopoeia
- v. What did the poet do after the security check? (1)
- vi. Which option lists the statement that is not true according to the extract? (1)
 - A. When the poet looks at the passing green trees and young children, the world around her appears young and energetic.
 - B. The poet describes the youthful scenery of the world to underscore the nature years of her mother.
 - C. The beautiful scenery outside distracted the poet from her thoughts for a while.
 - D. Looking at the sprinting trees, the poet desires for the long life of her mother.

OR

- B. Aunt Jennifer's tigers prance 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.
- i. Why are the tigers called 'Aunt Jennifer's Tigers'? (1)
- ii. Match the following correctly : (1)

(i) Prance	(a) to walk with long steps in a direction.
(ii) Pace	(b) move about in a predatory manner.
(iii) Stride	(c) to move quickly with exaggerated steps.
(iv) Prowl	(d) to walk up and down in a small area many times.

 - A. (i)-c, (ii)-d, (iii)-a, (iv)-b
 - B. (i)-d, (ii)-a, (iii)-b, (iv)-c
 - C. (i)-b, (ii)-a, (iii)-d, (iv)-c
 - D. (i)-a, (ii)-c, (iii)-b, (iv)-d

- iii. Why are Aunt Jennifer's tigers prancing across the screen? (1)
 A. Because they are showing their actions.
 B. Because they love her.
 C. Because they are real animals.
 D. Because they are the product of her imagination.
- iv. Name the poem and the poet of the given extract. (1)
- v. Match the following stones with their colour characteristics. (1)
 (i) Diamond (a) Yellow and orange
 (ii) Topaz (b) Green
 (iii) Emerald (c) Colourless
 (iv) Ruby (d) Red
 A. (i)-b, (ii)-c, (iii)-a, (iv)-d
 B. (i)-c, (ii)-a, (iii)-b, (iv)-d
 C. (i)-a, (ii)-b, (iii)-c, (iv)-d
 D. (i)-d, (ii)-c, (iii)-a, (iv)-b
- vi. What is the meaning of the word 'denizens'? (1)
10. Answer ANY FIVE of the following six questions, in about 40-50 words. (5 × 2 = 10)
 i. How is the bangle industry of Firozabad a curse for the bangle makers?
 ii. What did the gift of the rattrap signify?
 iii. The poem 'Aunt Jennifer's Tigers' is replete with symbols. Interpret any two symbols used in the poem.
 iv. What different images does the poet use to convey the idea of her mother's old age?
 v. What tempted Franz to stay away from school?
 vi. Mention any two long term consequences of the drowning incident on Douglas.
11. Answer ANY TWO of the following three questions, in about 40-50 words. (2 × 2 = 4)
 i. Why are the youngsters called the future policy makers of the earth?
 ii. How did 'The World' help Charley to confirm his doubts regarding the existence of a third level?
 iii. What considerations influenced the Tiger King to get married?
12. Answer ANY ONE of the following two questions, in 120-150 words. (5)
 A. 'We too are Human Beings' highlights high caste - low caste discrimination in society. How do low caste people suffer on account of this? What advice is given to Bama to overcome this problem?

OR

B. Discuss the qualities of Mr. Lamb which made him overlook the deformity of Derry.

13. Answer ANY ONE of the following two questions, in 120-150 words.

(5)

A. Why do you think Gandhiji considered the Champaran episode to be a turning-point in his life?

OR

B. What did the French teacher tell his students in his last French lesson? What impact did it have on them? Why?

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SOLUTIONS

1. i. A. discussing the relationship between the size of mammals and the nature of vegetation in their habitats
- ii. C. incorrect assumptions on the part of geologists
- iii. D. suggest the size of antelope herds
- iv. C. prove a hypothesis
- v. D. all of these
- vi. The prejudice that vitiated the reasoning of geologists is their belief that large animals require dense jungles as their habitat. The prejudice probably originates from India and the Indian islands where troops of elephants are associated with impenetrable jungles and noble forests in everybody's minds.
- vii. Dr. Smith calls Africa a sterile country because a large part of it lack any type of vegetation. Only on the southern coasts there are some fine forests. But apart from these, a traveller may pass for days through open plains, covered by a poor and scanty vegetation. However, the animals inhabiting these wide plains is great.
- viii. B. I wish there was enough data.
- ix. The partial explanation suggested by Darwin states

that the underwood vegetation probably are very nutritious and re-grow quickly. He indicates that these may be adequate to feed the large herbivores.

2. i. B. meet her power shortage
- ii. C. it lies very deep and the cost of extraction is very high
- iii. B. reserves of thorium
- iv. C. Radiation
- v. there is uncertainty in rainfall.
- vi. Radiation can increase the shelf life of vegetables and fruits. It can check the sprouting of onions and potatoes. In tropical countries like India, it is essential to preserve the perishable food items for a long time. Radiation can do it without changing the texture or taste of the fruit.
- vii. Nuclear technology can be very helpful in the field of medicine. Radioactive iodine is said to be used for detecting the disease of the thyroid glands. Radiated vaccine can immunize sheep from lungworm disease.
- viii. True

A.

JAIN VIDYASHRAM, CUDDALORE

NOTICE

1 March, 20xx

School Literary Association Inauguration

All students and staff are cordially invited to the inauguration of the school's Literary Association on Monday, 10 March 20xx in the school library, 11 a.m. onwards. Our Chief Guest, renowned writer, Ms. Arundhati Roy, shall speak to the students on the importance of reading and writing.

XYZ

(Secretary, Literary Association)

OR

B.

MVN PUBLIC SCHOOL

NOTICE

24 March, 20xx

SPICMACAY Presentation by Geeta Chandran

On the occasion of World Dance Day, our school is organising a SPICMACAY programme, where Geeta Chandran would be giving lecture demonstration. You all are hereby invited to attend the same and make the occasion memorable.

When : 27 March, 20xx

Where : School Auditorium

Rohit

(President, Cultural Society)

4. A.

1231, Aashirwad Apartment, Chattarpur,
Delhi.

15 Sept. 20xx

Dear Suresh

I have received your invitation for your daughter's birthday celebration on 30 Sept. 20xx at 7 p.m. at Hotel Treebo. I am extremely happy to know that all our old friends are likely to be there.

I would like to confirm my participation, looking forward to the momentous occasion.

With love

Abhishek

OR

B.

St. Anne's School, Ahmedabad
Invites the students, teachers, and staff members to the
Inauguration
of
Literary Club on
Monday, 18 March, 20xx
10:30 A.M. – 1:00 P.M.
School Library

Famous writer and poet **Mr. Vikram Seth** shall grace the occasion with his presence.
Secretary, Literary Club

(Please be seated by 10:00 A.M.)

5. A.

24, Hennis Road

Bangalore-37

10 February, 20xx

The Editor,

Deccan Times

Bangalore -42

Subject: Inadequate Parking Facility

Sir,

With due respect, I wish to say that I Anoop, own an electronic shop in the Commercial Street, M.G. Road. There is a good number of shops on both sides of the street. Every day, huge crowds gather here for shopping. Many shopkeepers and people come by their car in the area. Many visitors also come by their car. But the main problem is that the parking facility is inadequate, space is less, the vehicles are more. This causes great inconvenience to the people. Shopping in this area has become very difficult, as the passages and by-lanes get jammed by vehicles. Besides, too many vehicles cause too much traffic, which further worsens the situation, sometimes causing accidents even. An open field adjacent to the commercial area, is lying vacant. This can be used as an authorised parking place, which will reduce the problem of parking in the area.

I hope the concerned authorities will take this matter into consideration without further delay and take immediate action.

Thank you

Yours faithfully

Anoop Jalota

B.

M-114,
 Mall Road,
 Delhi
 1 March, 20xx
 The Principal
 Sunrise Global School
 Noida

Subject : Job Application for English Teacher

This refers to your advertisement in the Hindustan Times, dated 28 February 20xx for the vacancy of Senior English Teacher post in your school. I wish to apply for the same. I have done M.A. (English) and B.Ed. from Delhi University. I have enclosed my detailed bio-data with this letter.

Although I do not have prior work experience, I assure you that I shall give my hundred percent to my profession and work to your full satisfaction.

I hope you shall consider my application for interview.

Thank you

Yours faithfully

Karuna Singh

Encl. Bio-data

BIO-DATA

Name : Karuna Singh
 Gender : Female
 Father's Name : Mr. Jayant Singh
 Date of Birth : 20 March 19XX
 Marital Status : Unmarried
 Current Add. : M-114, Mall Road, Delhi
 Contact No. : 919144xxxx

Academic Record:

Examination	Institution	Board/Uni.	Marks
B.Ed.	Miranda House	Delhi University	65%
M.A. (English)	L.S.R.	Delhi University	60%
B.A. (English)	L.S.R.	Delhi University	60%
XII (Hum.)	St. Joseph School	CBSE	96%
X	St. Joseph School	CBSE	90%

Scholarship Awarded – Have been a Scholarship holder in XII.

References : 1. Mrs. J.S. Sharma, Principal, Miranda House, Delhi, 981871xxxx

2. Dr. Sutapa Banerjee, (H.O.D.) English Literature L.S.R. Delhi, 991071xxxx

6. A. Protest Rally Against Rampant Corruption

— By Mridul Gupta, HT Reporter

New Delhi, 24 May, 20xx : Members of the Young Urban Volunteers Association (YUVA), a youth organisation, held a protest rally on 23 May, 20xx. Young boys and girls of YUVA organised the rally to raise their voice against rampant corruption in the society. The four hours long

rally saw participants from various age groups who took to the road at 11:00 a.m. sharp. The rally started from Connaught Circus and moved further to Janpath. From there, the rally group walked to various iconic places of capital city, singing patriotic songs and shouting slogans on anti-corruption. The rally finally stopped at Qutub Minar where the youth representatives of YUVA performed a

street play on corruption and how to curb it. The attempt to spread the message of protest against corruption proved quite successful with general public joining in and vowing to fight against it.

OR

B. Save the planet Earth

– By Akshita

This is a cause of complete concern across the globe today. The global warming has accelerated the rise of temperature on Earth which is said to have risen by 40° C. The sea level is also rising. The glaciers are also melting away, resulting in massive floods causing huge losses. On the other hand, there has been very less rainfall in the recent years resulting in the scarcity of food around the world. The death rate due to starvation has increased immensely. We, human beings, are solely responsible for bringing this calamity upon us. We pollute our planet in many ways. Deforestation, industrial pollution, toxic wastes, vehicular pollution and lack of greenery are the chief causes of imbalance in the ecosystem. The urgent need of the hour is that each one of us take steps to save the planet in every possible way. We should protect our forests, save fuel, plant trees, take care of toxic pollutants, conserve water and change our lifestyle.

Awareness programmes must be launched by the students and NGOs to make people aware of environmental problems. The public should avoid the use of polythene bags. All of us must strive hard to save our beautiful planet for the future generations.

7. A. i. The order from Berlin to teach only German in all schools of Alsace and Lorraine had been put up at the town hall.

ii. Thunderclap refers to something startling or unexpected.

iii. B. unfortunate

iv. FALSE

v. C. Metaphor

vi. C. 1, 2 and 3

OR

B. i. A. Young and innocent

ii. B. trying to help the old woman

iii. C. simile

iv. C. Auspiciousness and purity

v. It is a process of joining metals by heating them.

vi. Simile

8. A. i. D. A pleasant wish that makes one forget the present

ii. Human tendencies to escape from the harsh realities of the present time.

iii. B. 1 and 2

iv. B. the narrator is not at all satisfied with his life.

OR

B. i. Because he doesn't like being seen.

ii. D. the truth that the house is indeed empty as he's not inside it

iii. The old man intends to stay in the garden for some time.

iv. C. A is true but R is false.

9. A. i. fast pace of trees

ii. A. anxiety and fear

iii. paleness of the winter moon

iv. C. simile

v. She looked at her mother's pale face again.

vi. D. Looking at the sprinting trees, the poet desires for the long life of her mother.

OR

B. i. Because Aunt Jennifer is embroidering pictures of tigers on the tapestry and they represent her hidden desires.

ii. A. (i)-c, (ii)-d, (iii)-a, (iv)-b

iii. D. Because they are the product of her imagination.

iv. Aunt Jennifer's Tigers by Adrienne Rich.

v. B. (i)-c, (ii)-a, (iii)-b, (iv)-d

vi. A person, an animal or a plant that lives & grows in a particular place.

10. i. Lack of proper infrastructure and basic amenities make the Firozabad bangle industry a curse for bangle makers. The work places are ill-lit, glass blowing furnaces have high temperatures where children and women work. Long working hours, lack of protective eye gear affects their health adversely.

ii. The gift of the rattrap signified a change in the attitude of the peddler. He was filled with gratitude and was thankful to Edla for treating him like a captain. In the end, the peddler's heart had completely changed as he left three ten kronor notes, a letter of gratitude and a gift of rattrap for Edla. He signed the letter with his name as Captain von Stahle because this name gave him the power to clear his conscience.

iii. (1) The wedding band symbolises the oppression of women by slavery in marriage. Marriage binds a woman, suppressing her to be in an imposed marriage.

(2) Aunt Jennifer's death is symbolic of her complete surrender and submission to her suppression. It also emphasises her state of complete helplessness.

iv. The poet compared her mother to the late winter's moon to convey the idea of her old age. She looks devoid of energy and enthusiasm of youth. She appears as lackluster as the winter moon.

v. Franz was running late, he had not revised his lessons on participles and was dreading a scolding from his teacher, M. Hamel. Moreover, it was a warm, bright day, the birds were chirping at the edge of the woods. The Prussian soldiers were drilling in the open field at the back of the sawmill. Altogether, the outdoor seemed more interesting to Franz than going to school.

vi. As a child, Douglas has two near drowning experiences which left two long term consequences on him. He developed a phobia of water because of which he didn't learn swimming. The fear of water also resulted in him missing out on a lot of water fun activities like fishing, boating and canoeing, etc. He felt handicapped and deprived of all fun for a very long time.

11. i. The youngsters, according to Geoff Green, are the future policy-makers because it is them who will bring substantial changes as they grow up. More than that, the more educated youth of today is the hope for the earth as many students are more informed and more aware of the weakening strength of the planet.

ii. The World was a popular newspaper which stopped its publication before 1894. Having reached the third level of the Grand Central Station, Charley noticed The World and the date, June 11, 1894 and confirmed that he was back in 1894. In the beginning, when he reached the third level, Charley was confused. Whatever he saw in the third level told him that he had travelled back to the past. This was confirmed when he saw The World. The lead story said something about President Cleveland and it was printed June 11, 1894.

iii. So far, the Maharaja had succeeded in killing only seventy tigers when they became extinct in Pratibandapuram. In order to fulfil his vow of killing one hundred tigers, the Maharaja decided to get married to a girl from a royal family of a kingdom with a large tiger population.

12. A. In 'We Too are Human Beings,' Bama highlights the high caste-low caste discrimination prevailing in the society. The high caste people have a firm social standing and enjoy every benefit they can derive because of it. On the other hand, having been segregated and marginalised, the low caste people have to suffer in every walk of their life.

They have to face prejudices and social stigma of being born in a low caste community. Whether a child or an adult, man or woman belonging to the backward sections of the society, has to suffer humiliation in some way or the other.

In her childhood, when Bama felt the indignation caused by learning about untouchability and discrimination, her elder brother advised her to work hard and learn as much as possible because only education can uplift her. It would help her in establishing an identity and thus, a position in the society.

OR

B. So far, Derry had always been stared at and made conscious of his deformity by the people around him. Mr. Lamb however, talked to Derry and viewed him from a totally different angle. His sympathetic understanding, compassion, a considerate attitude and positivity didn't attach any importance to the outburst of Derry about his handicap because he knew that he was drowned in self-pity

and self-rejection and was paying undue attention to this deformity. Mr Lamb didn't want Derry to dwell unduly on the issue of his ugly looks, so he changed the topic the moment the boy started elaborating it. He also wanted to impress upon Derry that in order to lead a healthy life one must accept one's lot. Life affords us so many bounties which merit appreciation. Mr Lamb's special mention of healthy and ripe apples and jelly he was going to make out of them was an indirect reflection on the sweetness that life is full of, and that is available for the asking. His indifference to Derry's outburst indirectly aimed at helping him learn the lesson of positivity in life.

13. A. Gandhiji considered the Champaran episode to be a turning point in his life perhaps because he declared that the British could not order him in his own country. It was for the first time that Gandhiji introduced a non-violent resistance, which came to be known as Satyagraha, against the Britishers. During this struggle, Gandhiji decided to urge the departure of the Britishers for the first time. The Champaran episode grew out of an attempt to alleviate the distress of large number of poor peasants and farmers and became the first civil disobedience movement led by Gandhiji. He, with local support, convinced poor farmers that they too had rights. When his lawyer friends suggested that having Mr. Andrews around would prove to be beneficial for them, Gandhiji told them taking help from a Britisher only shows the weakness in the hearts of the Indians. Gandhiji taught self reliance to his fellow Indians. The Champaran episode proved that if the cause was just, there was nothing to fear, not even the Britishers; the victory was inevitable.

OR

B. On the day of his last French lesson, M.Hamel told his students and village elders present in the classroom that the order had come from Berlin to teach only German in the schools of Alsace and Lorraine. He also told them that the new master was supposed to be arriving the next day. As the last lesson progressed, M. Hamel told the class that French is the most beautiful language in the world. He asked them to preserve it because it was the key to their freedom.

The whole classroom seemed so strange and solemn. On the back benches that were always empty, some of the elderly village people sat, crying. That day, the students paid a great deal of attention, even the elder ones. The news of the last French lesson sounded like a thunderclap in the ears of little Franz. He was shocked, at first, but soon he was overcome with a feeling of remorse and regret. Most of all, it was M. Hamel who was saddened by the news. He regretted not giving French language its due importance and now, their mother tongue was being taken away from them.