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CBSE-XII

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Sample Paper

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)

(20 Marks)

I. Read the passage given below:

(10 marks)

- (1) 'Birds of a feather flock together' is an old maxim. The teenagers too behave in a similar fashion, and are hence, more influenced by their peers than by elders. This is quite natural, for the teenager's mind is impressionable and is influenced by their peers in school or college. So great is this influence that there is a perceptible change in their behaviour and personality as soon as they enter college. The teenagers try to emulate their peers in the dress they wear, their hairstyle, clothes, language and behaviour so much that their personality gets completely transformed.
- (2) This happens because they directly relate with them, being in the same age group and class. Quite often, they idolize their peers and have them as their role model. The same is not the case with the adults, whom they perceive as old fashioned and irrelevant. This is on account of the ever-increasing generation gap, which exists between today's youth and elders.
- (3) The teenagers spend most of their time with their peer group and then with adults. It is therefore, quite natural for them to imbibe the values, culture and behaviour of the group. They often succumb to peer pressure and do things that they would not normally do like smoking, abusing, etc. Some under the influence of peer pressure improve their academic performance or sporting skills, while others take to drugs and crime for the momentary thrill and adventure it entails.
- (4) The influence of peers is also greater because they feel more comfortable and reassuring in their company. This is contrary to the awkwardness they feel, when interacting with adults, whom they perceive as old and stern.
- (5) Shrewd market men exploit this behavioural characteristic to promote the sale of products targeted for them. Thus, we find products like motorcycles, dresses, cosmetics and even lifestyle products being endorsed by peers. They soon become a craze with the teenagers. This in itself is an ample proof of the profound influence of the peers on the teenagers. This influence will increase, with increasing materialistic values permeating the society. It is because of this, parents ensure that they have the right peers in school and college, so that they do not remain distracted in their life.

Based on your understanding of the passage, answer the questions given below.

(1×10=10 marks)

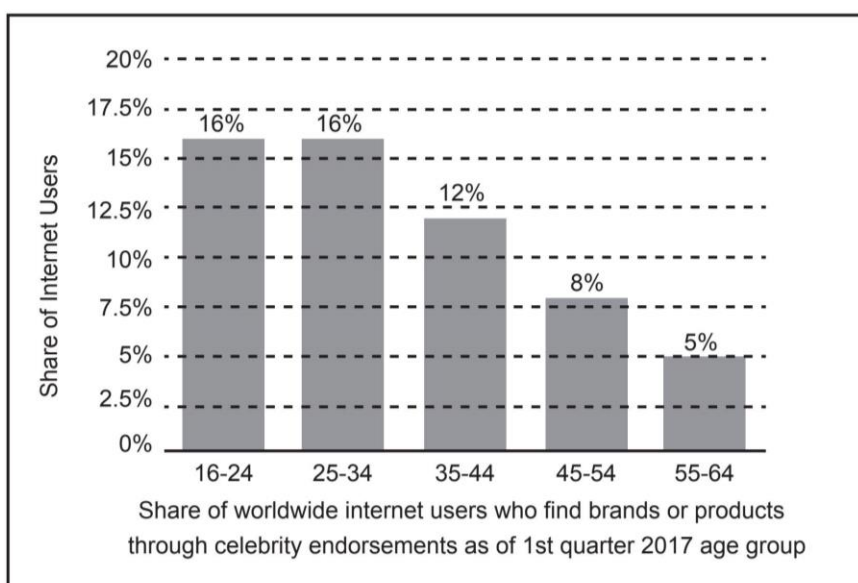
- (i) There is a perceptible change in the behaviour of the children. Here 'perceptible' means _____.
 (a) something in a huge amount (b) scarcely
 (c) extraordinary (d) noticeable
- (ii) Cite a point in evidence, from the text, to suggest that the teenagers' minds are impressionable.
- (iii) According to the passage, how do the teenagers behave?
 (a) They act sincerely.
 (b) They act irresponsibly.
 (c) They easily get influenced by their peers and act accordingly.
 (d) They remain self-conscious and try to represent accordingly.
- (iv) Choose the correct antonym of the word 'permanent' from paragraph 4.
 (a) permeate (b) succumb
 (c) emulate (d) momentary
- (v) Which of the following statements is NOT CORRECT, according to the passage?
 (a) Teenagers perceive the adults old fashioned and irrelevant.
 (b) Adults do not easily get influenced by the teenagers.
 (c) Peer pressure is an effect on an individual who gets encouraged and likes to imitate his age group.
 (d) All teenagers fall into a bad company and start smoking and taking drugs.
- (vi) List the two contradictory statements made by the author about the teenagers.
- (vii) Why do the teenagers feel uncomfortable while talking to the adults?
- (viii) Parents want to be sure that their teenagers have good peers. Why do they want so?
- (ix) 'Birds of a feather flock together', the old adage used in paragraph 1 means:
 (a) People feel depressed in a different environment.
 (b) People of the same sort will be found together.
 (c) Birds like to flock together.
 (d) Young children like to play with birds.
- (x) Which is the apt title for the passage?
 (a) The Positive and Negative Aspects of Peer Pressure
 (b) Influential Era
 (c) Phases of Life
 (d) Idols of Teenagers

II. Read the passage given below:

(10 marks)

- (1) Advertising and promotion are essential elements of our total economic and social systems. All over the world, the large multinational corporations to medium and even small-firms recognise that there is no best alternative than promotion to communicate with consumers and promote them to purchase their products or services. Advertising directly exerts its influence on our lives, altering our thoughts and choices. So, no trade is ever imagined without promotional activities.

- (2) We have today different mediums of advertising that is through television, radio, hoarding, press advertisements, glow signs and leaflets. Amongst these, celebrity advertising is hard to ignore. Celebrity advertisement drives the sales of many products. They like to be in the public and seek attention through product endorsement and hence, enhance a brand. We, therefore, find firms hiring various techniques like distinctive advertising and other marketing gimmicks for making their advertisements stand out and get noticed.
- (3) This statistic illustrates the percentage of worldwide internet users who find brands or products through celebrity endorsements, sorted by age group. During the first quarter of 2017 survey period, it was found that 16 percent of all internet users aged 16 to 24 years discovered new brands through celebrity endorsements, whereas only 5 percent of internet users aged 55 to 64 get influenced through such practices.



- (4) When companies launch new products or increase their market share, they compete to be in the eyes of the consumers through endorsement. Be it in the brand of tea we drink, the bikes or cars we ride, the clothes and shoes we wear and many other products that we use or consume are endorsed and then they dominate the market and appeal the consumers' attention. Thus, advertising has become the lifeblood of business. Products not endorsed, remain neglected and buyers turn their ignorant eyes for such products. Endorsement of products creates top of the mind awareness in the customer.
- (5) No wonder why developed countries spend more money on advertising. Even in India, many MNCs spend crores of rupees on advertising their goods and services. The only hitch is that excessive advertising is distracting and at times irritating particularly when it is superimposed and becomes a nuisance. There is a need for enforcing some discipline in it by involving marketing ethics to prevent this powerful medium of degradation.

Based on your understanding of the passage, answer the questions given below.

(1 × 10 = 10 marks)

- (i) No trade is ever imagined without promotional activities.
True – if the statement agrees with the information

False – if the statement contradicts the information

Not Given – if there is no information given on this

- (ii) What is the given passage all about?
- (iii) What are the different mediums of advertising discussed in the passage?
- (1) television, radio, hoarding
 - (2) press advertisements
 - (3) placards and handbills
 - (4) glow signs and leaflets
- (a) (1) and (2) (b) (2) and (3)
- (c) (1) and (3) (d) (1), (2) and (4)
- (iv) Why is advertising deemed necessary for the product promotion?
- (v) According to the passage, which TWO statements from the following, can't be determined?
- (1) Advertising directly exerts its influence on our lives.
 - (2) Even underdeveloped countries spend more money on advertising.
 - (3) Advertising has become the lifeblood of business.
 - (4) Products unless endorsed, don't dominate the market.
- (a) (1) and (3) (b) (2) and (4)
- (c) (2) and (3) (d) (1) and (4)
- (vi) What does the survey of 2017 reveal?
- (a) 16 percent of all internet users aged 25 to 34 years discovered new brands through celebrity endorsements.
 - (b) 12 percent of internet users aged 55 to 64 years get influenced through such practices.
 - (c) 16 percent of all internet users aged 16 to 24 years discovered new brands through celebrity endorsements.
 - (d) 5 percent of internet users aged 45 to 54 years get influenced through such practices.
- (vii) Why are celebrities hired by the different firms?
- (viii) Find the word from the paragraph 3 which means the same as 'advocacy'.
- (a) influence (b) superimposed
 - (c) gimmick (d) endorsement
- (ix) What happens to the products if not endorsed?
- (x) What is the repercussion of excessive advertising?
- (a) Celebrities manage to mint hefty royalty.
 - (b) Product gets noticed and is sold incredibly.
 - (c) It becomes irritating and seems to be big nuisance.
 - (d) People don't trust that product.

SECTION-B
(Creative Writing Skills)

(20 Marks)

III. 1. Attempt ANY ONE from A and B of the following:

- (A) You are Pranjali/Pratima, Head Boy/Head Girl of Infant Jesus Public School, Bhubaneswar. Draft a notice, in not more than 50 words, for the school notice board, inviting the students to participate in the inter-school swimming competition.

(5 marks)

OR

- (B) Holy Scottish Secondary School, Sector IV, Bokaro is planning to organise 'Diwali Mela' in the school campus after school. Draft a notice to be put up on the school notice board inviting the students along with their parents to attend the same.

2. Attempt ANY ONE from A and B of the following:

- (A) As the Secretary of the Theatre Club of Wordsworth High School, Indore. Draft a formal invitation, in not more than 50 words, for the inauguration of the club in your school.

(5 marks)

OR

- (B) Dr Prabhakar Anand was invited to preside over the Inter-school One-act Play Competition to be held on 5 September, 20XX at 10:00 a.m. by Dr Sanjay Sachdewa, the President of the English Literary & Dramatics Club of Evergreen Public School, Bannerghatta Road, Bangalore. On behalf of Dr Prabhakar Anand, write a letter to Dr Sanjay Sachdewa accepting the invitation.

3. Attempt ANY ONE from A and B of the following:

- (A) The current pandemic, Covid-19 has disturbed almost all the domains and there is much hue and cry all around. You happened to pay a visit to a government hospital of Chennai where you are touched to see the pathetic condition and negligence on the part of the medical staff. Write a letter to the Editor of The Times of India complaining about the misery you have just experienced.

(5 marks)

OR

- (B) You are Anshuman/Anshika Mehrotra, D-94, Mall Road, Nainital. You have read the advertisement given below. Since you meet the eligibility criteria, you have decided to apply for the job. Write an application, in 120-150 words, along with a resume.

Sindhu Chemical Industries, Noida, Requires, Qualification: M.Com, Experience: minimum 4 years, Job Profile: Maintaining books of accounts, preparation of Balance sheet, etc. Salary: Best in the industry. Apply to : Managing Directors, SCI K-24, Sector 31, Noida.

4. Attempt ANY ONE any one from A and B of the following:

- (A) Yesterday while walking past a bangle factory site, you were taken aback to see the miserable state of children working there as labourers. On reaching home, you prepared a few points and decided to write an article to bring awareness against the menace. Write an article, in about 120-150 words, for publication in a newspaper against child labour.

(5 marks)



OR

- (B) You are Krishna/Kritika of Venkatesh Public School, Aravali. Your school has adopted a village as a social responsibility. Students are being taken to teach the children of that village on a regular basis. Write a report, for your school magazine, on the various other programmes organised there, in about 120-150 words.

SECTION-C
(Literature)

(40 Marks)

IV. Read the given extracts to attempt the questions with reference to context.

(1×6=6 marks)

1. Attempt ANY ONE of two extracts given.

- (A) When Aunt is dead, her terrified hands will lie
Still ringed with ordeals she was mastered by.
The tigers in the panel that she made
Will go on prancing, proud and unafraid.

- (i) Identify the poem and the poet.
- (ii) The given stanza reflects Aunt Jennifer's fear and presents a/an _____ institution within which she is trapped.

(a) awesome	(b) adorable
(c) lethargic	(d) oppressive
- (iii) What is the aunt's eventual feeling about her tigers?

(a) That they remain obedient	(b) That they remain fearless
(c) That they go on prancing and remain proud and unafraid	(d) That they lament over the loss of the Aunt
- (iv) How do you find Aunt's married life?

(a) blessed	(b) contented and prosperous
(c) full of hardships and troubles	(d) blooming
- (v) Find the word from the stanza which means same as 'skilled'.
- (vi) Complete the analogy.
scared : terrified :: tribulation : _____ .

OR

- (B)but after the airport's
Security check, standing a few yards
Away I looked again at her, wan pale as a late winter's moon

- (i) The above stanza has been extracted from _____
- (ii) What does the poet compare her mother's face with?
(a) A beautiful morning (b) The late winter's moon
(c) The darkness at night (d) A beautiful flower
- (iii) What did the poet observe?
(a) That her mother had grown old and looked pale and weak
(b) That her mother was not happy to see her daughter leave Cochin
(c) That her mother also wanted to come with her
(d) None of these
- (iv) Identify the poetic device used in the last two lines of the stanza?
(a) Alliteration (b) Metaphor
(c) Personification (d) Simile
- (v) Complete the analogy.
subtle : pale :: _____ : colourless
- (vi) Winter's moon appears very bright and charming. (True/False)

2. Attempt ANY ONE of two extracts given. (1×4=4)

- (A) To make sure, I walked over to a newsboy and glanced at the stack of papers at his feet. It was The World, and The World hasn't been published for years. The lead story said something about President Cleveland. I've found that front page since, in the Public Library files, and it was printed June 11, 1894.

- (i) What was the name of the newspaper?
(a) The Lead Story (b) The World
(c) The Public Library (d) None of these
- (ii) What does the speaker mean by 'stack of papers'?
- (iii) What does Charley want to make sure?
(a) That he is on the third level (b) That he is on the second level
(c) That he is on the first level (d) None of these
- (iv) The story mixes two centuries, they are _____ and _____.

OR

- (B) DERRY : They talk about me. Downstairs, When I'm not there. 'What'll he ever do? What's going to happen to him when we've gone? How ever will he get on in this world? Looking like that? With that on his face? That's what they say.

MR LAMB : Lord, boy, you've got two arms, two legs and eyes and ears, you've got a tongue and a brain. You'll get on the way you want, like all the rest. And if you chose, and set your mind to it, you could get on better than all the rest.

- (i) "What's going to happen to him when we've gone?" To whom do you think the word 'we' refers to in this sentence?
- (ii) Which of the following describes the main reason of worries about Derry?
- People estimate that Derry is afraid of the world.
 - People do not know if Derry can live without them.
 - People estimate that owing to his face Derry is not confident.
 - People imagine that there is no cure for Derry's face.
- (iii) Which of the following has not been implied by Mr Lamb?
- Your all the limbs are intact.
 - Similar to others, you too can lead a life of your choice.
 - If you decide you can be worse off than others.
 - If you choose you can get ahead of others.
- (iv) "How?" This question asked by Derry implies that _____.

3. Attempt ANY ONE of two extracts given.

(1×6=6)

- (A) "Let me never lose them." The goddess had granted his prayer. Young boys like the son of priest now wore shoes. But many others like the ragpickers in my neighbourhood remain shoeless.
- (i) Who is referred as 'them' in the above lines?
- Young boys
 - Priests
 - Shoes
 - Temples
- (ii) What was the prayer all about?
- A magnificent house
 - To own a tea-stall
 - To have a permanent job
 - For a pair of shoes
- (iii) 'Rag-pickers' in the above extract means:
- one who works in bangle factory
 - a person who picks up rags and other waste material from the streets
 - one who owns a garret
 - a paid servant
- (iv) Identify a name of the lesson from which the above extract has been taken.
- (v) Pick a line from the extract where simile has been used.
- (vi) The reference of temple and priest belong to _____ (place).

OR

- (B) "You think that in this unequal fight it would be helpful if we have an Englishman on our side. This shows the weakness of your heart. The cause is just and you must rely upon yourselves to win the battle. You should not seek a prop in Mr Andrews because he happens to be an Englishman."
- (i) Who is the Englishman referred to in the above extract?
- The Counselor of the court
 - Charles Freer Andrews
 - Stephen Spender
 - Rajendra Prasad
- (ii) Who is the speaker talking to?
- The Englishman
 - The Magistrate
 - The crowd
 - His lawyer friends

- (iii) Which battle is the speaker talking about?
 (a) The Battle of Tirhut (b) The Battle of Champaran
 (c) The Battle of conscience (d) The Battle of Plassey
 (iv) Identify the name of the lesson from which the above extract has been taken.
 (v) What was the unequal fight all about?
 (vi) The speaker wishes to be dependent on others. (True/False)

V. Answer ANY FIVE of the following in about 40-50 words each: (5×2=10)

- (i) "The massive weight of Uncle's wedding band, Sits heavily upon Aunt Jennifer's hand." Describe the irony in the given line.
 (ii) What does the poet hope to achieve by keeping quiet?
 (iii) How did Douglas conquer the old terror?
 (iv) Describe the unusual morning when Mr Hamel was to deliver his last lesson.
 (v) Why doesn't Sophie's father believe her?
 (vi) Why is Subbu so popular among people?

VI. Answer ANY TWO of the following in about 40-50 words each. (2×2=4)

- (i) What was the impact of Mr Lamb's meeting with Derry?
 (ii) How did the Maharaja get the name "Tiger King"?
 (iii) How would you justify that the third level was a medium of escape for Charley?

VII. Answer ANY ONE of the following in about 120-150 words. (1×5=5)

- (i) Our language is our identity and we should always be proud of it. Discuss with reference to the scene of the classroom which M. Hamel was addressing and the emotions attached of the villagers.

OR

- (ii) Describe the peddler's meeting with the ironmaster. Why did he decline his invitation?

VIII. Answer ANY ONE of the following in about 120-150 words. (1×5 = 5)

- (i) Dr Sadao faced a dilemma. Should he use his surgical skills to save the life of a wounded American POW or should he hand him over to the Japanese police? How did he resolve the clash of values?

OR

- (ii) The feeling of loneliness and social ignorance are the common subject in the lesson 'On the Face of It'. Both Derry and Mr Lamb feel comfortable in each other's company. Discuss.

III

Answers

SECTION-A (Reading Skills)

(20 Marks)

- I. (i) (d) noticeable
(ii) It is quite natural for the teenagers to behave in a similar fashion and are more influenced by their peers in school and college than by elders.
(iii) (c) They easily get influenced by their peers and act accordingly.
(iv) (d) momentary
(v) (d) All teenagers fall into a bad company and start smoking and taking drugs.
(vi) Teenagers often succumb to peer pressure and do things that they would not normally do; some teenagers under the influence of peer pressure improve their academic performance.
(vii) Teenagers feel uncomfortable while talking to the adults because adults fail to offer comfort and reassurance.
(viii) Those who produce different products to attract the teenagers
(ix) (b) People of the same sort will be found together.
(x) (a) The Positive and Negative Aspects of Peer Pressure
- II. (i) True
(ii) This passage is all about advertising, product endorsement and impact of advertising.
(iii) (d) (1), (2) and (4)
(iv) Advertising is deemed necessary because it is considered to be the best medium of communication with consumers.
(v) (b) (2) and (4)
(vi) (c) 16 percent of all internet users aged 16 to 24 years discovered new brands through celebrity endorsements.
(vii) Celebrities are hired to endorse the products which enhance the brands.
(viii) (d) endorsement
(ix) The products remain neglected and buyers don't even pay heed to such products.
(x) (c) It becomes irritating and seems to be big nuisance.

SECTION-B
(Creative Writing Skills)

(20 Marks)

III. 1. (A)

INFANT JESUS PUBLIC SCHOOL, BHUBANESWAR

NOTICE

12 September, 20XX

INTER-SCHOOL SWIMMING COMPETITION

All the students are hereby informed that the school is organising an 'Inter-school Swimming Competition' on 25 September, 20XX. Interested students can participate by obtaining a registration form from the school Head Boy/ Head Girl on the payment of ₹ 100/-. The last date of registration is 20 September, 20XX.

For further queries, please contact the undersigned.

Pratima Mehta

Head Girl

OR

(B)

HOLY SCOTTISH SECONDARY SCHOOL, BOKARO

NOTICE

20 October, 20XX

DIWALI MELA

All the students are hereby informed that our school is planning to organise 'Diwali Mela' in school playground on Oct 28 & Oct 29, 20XX. Students's creative handcrafts will be put on sale along with other fun stalls. All the students along with their parents are invited to attend the mela.

Philips Mathews

Principal

2. (A)

The Secretary
of
Theatre Club of Wordsworth High School, Indore
request the pleasure of your company
on the occasion
of
The Inauguration Ceremony
of the club
At 5:00 p.m. on 5 January 20XX
in the school auditorium
Sh. Manoj Vij
Secretary, Jim Philatte International School, Sohna
has kindly consented to be the Chief Guest

R.S.V.P.
Principal
Wordsworth High School, Indore

OR

(B)

11 A, Sector 16
Bangalore-62
21 December, 20XX
Dear Dr Sachdewa
Delighted to receive the invitation to preside over the Inter-school One-act Play Competition to be held on 5 September, 20XX at 10:00 a.m. It would be a matter of great honour to attend the function and witness the play to be staged by the students of different schools. It will be kind if I am provided with transport for the occasion.
Kindly accept my acceptance.
Yours truly
Dr Prabhakar Anand

3. (A) Albert Mansion
201 A, Electronic City Road
Chennai
22 September, 20XX
The Editor
The Times of India
Chennai

Subject: Complaint against the staffs of government hospital

Sir

I am writing this letter on behalf of the patients admitted to the government hospital of C.R. Park on September 18, this year. I entered the emergency room for treatment of a painful arm. It was really disheartening to see the plight of the Covid patients admitted to the government hospital. The shortage of medical aid and assistance was a matter of big concern. But at the same time, the staffs too should have been considerate about the needs and emotional support of the patients.

Since the pain subsided after an injection, I was discharged from the hospital. I would like to know whether the government is cognizant of the lapses and shortcomings which are prevalent in the government hospitals.

I would feel relieved if appropriate measures are taken to tackle with the problem.

Yours sincerely

ABC

OR

(B) D-94, Mall Road

Nainital

25 September, 20XX

The Managing Director

Sindhu Chemical Industries

Noida

Subject: Application for the post of Accounts Officer

Dear Sir

With reference to your advertisement published in 'The Hindu' dated 17 September, 20XX inviting applications for the position of Accounts Officer, I would like to offer my candidature for the same.

As far as my qualification and experience are concerned, I fulfil the mentioned eligibility criteria and wish to apply for the same. My CV along with this application is being enclosed for your kind consideration and perusal. Post screening, if my application is worth considered, I shall be available for subsequent interactions at any time suitable to you.

If shortlisted, I affirm that I shall abide by the rules of your organisation and would remain flexible for the time slots.

Thanking you in anticipation.

Yours sincerely

Anshika Mehrotra

BIO-DATA

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2. ABC Company, 2017 – till date
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4. (A) **CHILD LABOUR**

-By XYZ

India is a country of more than 130 crores of people. Here, child labour has been a major concern because it affects the children both mentally and physically, and it also destroys their bright future. Child labour is one the serious issues not only in India but also in other developing countries. It is widely prevalent in developing countries because of poverty. It is a great social problem since children are the builder of the nation. There were many laws enacted to prohibit child labour but they never came into force.

According to 2017 statistics, India is one of the leading countries in Asia and it has a whopping 33 million children employed in various forms of child labour. Children are forced to work in completely unregulated condition without adequate food, proper wages and rest. They are subjected to physical and emotional abuse. Factors such as poverty, lack of social security, the increasing gap between the rich and the poor have adversely affected children more than any other group. Unfortunately, due to the socio-economic problems, children are forced to do the labour work.

In order to eliminate child labour, first we should focus on socio-economic issues of the society. Government authorities and civil society organisations need to work in tandem to free children engaged in labour under terrible conditions. They need to be rescued from exploitative working conditions and supported with adequate education.

OR

(B) **VENKATESH PUBLIC SCHOOL, ARAVALI ADOPTS A VILLAGE**

-By Krishna

2 June, 20XX: The cultural society along with the school management of Venkatesh Public School, Aravali adopted a village. It was certainly a nice experience. Our aim

got fulfilled in the village because we went with a clear plan and mindset to teach the kids in the poor village and also with a plan to conduct various programs during the visit. We conducted a sports event for small kids where more than 50 kids actively participated in the competitions.

Games like cricket, running race and lemon in the spoon were conducted, and prizes were distributed to the winning kids in order to embrace their enthusiasm. We encouraged the kids to dance by playing the pieces of music. We found many kids with the great skill to dance, and encouraged them to polish their skill. Also, we found kids with good talent in the field of singing too. We set the stage, and many young talents were appreciated with the special gifts during the programme.

SECTION-C
(Literature)

(40 Marks)

- IV.** 1. (A) (i) Poem: Aunt Jennifer's Tigers; Poet: Adrienne Rich
 (ii) (d) oppressive
 (iii) (c) That they go on prancing and remain proud and unafraid
 (iv) (c) full of hardships and troubles
 (v) Mastered
 (vi) ordeals

OR

1. (B) (i) My Mother at Sixty-Six
 (ii) (b) The late winter's moon
 (iii) (a) That her mother had grown old and looked pale and weak
 (iv) (b) Metaphor
 (v) wan
 (vi) False
2. (A) (i) (b) The World
 (ii) By 'stack of papers' the speaker means 'pile of papers'.
 (iii) (a) That he is on the third level
 (iv) 19th, 20th

OR

2. (B) (i) The word 'we' refers to the parents of Derry
 (ii) (c) People estimate that owing to his face Derry is not confident.
 (iii) (c) If you decide you can be worse off than others.
 (iv) he does not know the path of his life
3. (A) (i) (c) Shoes
 (ii) (d) For a pair of shoes
 (iii) (b) a person who picks up rags and other waste material from the streets
 (iv) Lost Spring

- (v) "young boys like the son of priest"
- (vi) Udupi

OR

3. (B) (i) (b) Charles Freer Andrews
- (ii) (d) His lawyer friends
- (iii) (b) The Battle of Champaran
- (iv) Indigo
- (v) The fight was against the Britisher for compelling the peasants of Champaran to grow indigo on 15% of the land and give it to them as rent.
- (vi) False
- V. (i) The irony in the given line is that Aunt Jennifer's marriage instead of proving contented, has surrounded her with responsibilities. Her wedding band symbolises her honest commitment to her husband and his dominating nature.
- (ii) The poet hopes that by keeping quiet humans will get an opportunity to introspect. The strange stillness will give a feeling of universal togetherness. There will be no futile wars and everyone will learn to live in mutual agreement.
- (iii) With the rigorous training and determination, Douglas realised that he had succeeded to conquer his old terror. He went to Lake Wentworth and swam all by himself and did not seek anybody's assistance.
- (iv) That day, Franz noticed the absence of the routine commotion caused by the opening and closing of desks, repeating of lessons in unison and rapping of the teacher's ruler on the table. The usual hustle-bustle was replaced by a strange stillness that was the characteristic of a school on a 'Sunday morning'.
- (v) When Geoff tells him that Sophie met Danny Casey, his father looks at Sophie with disdain. He ignores her totally. He thinks that it is yet another 'wild story'.
- (vi) Subbu was very humble, benevolent, kind and loyal to his work. He was generous and charitable. His creative ideas and readiness to say 'yes' for all situations made him extraordinary. His sweet and compassionate nature made him so popular.
- VI. (i) Derry appears to be an optimistic child post meeting with Mr Lamb. His outlook towards life was totally changed and he becomes more confident and learns to confront the adverse situation of life confidently.
- (ii) The Maharaja of Pratibandapuram was popularly known as the Tiger King as tiger dominated his life. After knowing the prediction declared by the chief astrologer, he started killing the tigers to avert his death. He banned tiger hunting for others and did an exemplary work of killing tigers. Tiger ruled his life, so he got the name as the Tiger King.
- (iii) In reality, the third level was a medium of escape for Charley from the unhappy modern world that is full of insecurity, fear, war and worry. Charley, the protagonist of the story, feels helpless and frustrated, and wants to get rid of the insecurities of modern life.

- VII. (i)** The feeling of great remorse for neglecting their native language comes alive to the French teacher as well as the village elders. They realise that their true identity which was solely their language is at stake and is on the verge of extinction. The people were never serious about learning their language, until the day came when only German was to be taught in the schools of Alsace and Lorraine. The villagers are left with nothing they would feel proud of. It has been generally experienced that the greatness of something is felt in its absence. The innocent words of Franz shakes the hearts of the readers when he says, "Will they make them sing in German, even the pigeons?" The pain and anguish of the students and the teacher is evident and successfully indicates their sorrow. The back benches that were usually always empty, were occupied by the village people who were sitting quietly. Students in the class were quiet and were inquisitive to make the best of the last opportunity to learn their mother tongue.

OR

- (ii)** It was by chance that the peddler found himself at the Ramsjo Ironworks. It was a dark evening before Christmas. The peddler opened the gate and stood close to the furnace. It was nothing unusual for poor vagabond to have night shelter in the winter in front of the fire. The ironmaster noticed the peddler. He walked close up to him and looked him over very carefully. He mistook him for Captain Nils Olof, an old comrade of his regiment. He felt sorry that he had resigned from the regiment long ago. The ironmaster invited the peddler home as their special guest on Christmas. The peddler was not amused. He didn't want to get in any more trouble. He looked quite alarmed and declined the invitation.

Going to the manor house appeared like throwing himself voluntarily into the lion's den. He didn't want to go there. He only wanted to spend the night in the forge. He wanted to sneak away in the morning unnoticed. Then he thought of the thirty kronors. They were a bait and he couldn't resist the temptation and decline the invitation. The ironmaster only assumed that the peddler felt embarrassed because of his miserable clothing.

- VIII. (i)** As a doctor, Sadao was taught that he should never let a person die if he could help. One evening, he finds a badly injured enemy soldier on the sea beach near his house. The man could die if not given proper medical aid. Now, Dr Sadao used his surgical skills and performed an operation on the man though he was enemy soldier. He tends him well and takes great care of him. In this way, Dr Sadao maintains his professional loyalty and he is able to save the life of the POW with his surgical skills. But Dr Sadao is a patriotic person also. Therefore, he informs everything to the old General. The General ensures him to send his private assassins to kill the man. However, Dr Sadao has saved that man with great effort. Naturally, he does not want any harm to come to that man. Therefore, he helps the man escape in a boat in the end of the story.

OR

- (ii) Mr Lamb and Derry both were victims of physical disability. Mr Lamb had a tin leg and Derry had a burnt face. Both of them had to face social ignorance on account of their blemishes.

However, loneliness and a sense of estrangement were also experienced by Derry and Mr Lamb because of their disability. They were discarded in the society. Derry, who felt low because of his disability, was a victim of inferiority complex. He always thought people would have been criticising his burnt face. He became cynical as people got scared of him and didn't like to mingle with him. The acceptance that he received from Mr Lamb gives him a feeling of new beginning and soothing effect. Mr Lamb, on the other hand, was a person who craved for company and acceptance, and looked at the positive side of life.

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