

Sample Paper 4

Time allowed: 3 hours

Max. Marks: 80

General Instructions: Same as CBSE Sample Question Paper–2023 (Solved).

SECTION–A (Reading Skills)

(20 Marks)

I. Read the passage given below:

(10 marks)

- (1) “Who doesn’t know how to cook rice? Cooking rice hardly takes time,” said my father. So, I challenged myself. I switched from news to YouTube and typed, “How to cook rice?” I took one and a half cups of rice. Since I didn’t have access to a rice cooker, I put the rice in a big pot. Firstly, the rice has to be washed to get rid of dust and starch. I thought I won’t be able to drain the rice and that it will fall out of the pot. I observed the chef as I swirled the rice around and used my dexterous hands to drain it, not once, not twice, but three times. I looked down at the sink and saw less than 50 grains that made their way out of the pot. Suffice to say, I was up to the mark.
- (2) The video stated that the key to perfect rice is equal amounts of rice and water. I have heard that professionals don’t need to measure everything; they just know what the right amount is. But as this was my first time in the kitchen, I decided to experiment by not measuring the water needed for boiling the rice. I wanted the rice to be firm when bitten, just like pasta. I don’t enjoy the texture of mushy rice. It has to have that chutzpah; it has to resist my biting power just for a bit before disintegrating.
- (3) After what seemed like 10 minutes, all the water disappeared. I went in to give it a good stir. To my surprise, some of the rice got stuck to the pot. I tried to scrape it off but to no avail. At the same time, there was a burning smell coming from it. I quickly turned the stove off. “What have you done to the kitchen?”, shouted mother, while coming towards the kitchen. I managed to ward her off.
- (4) Finally, when the time came to taste my creation, I was surprised! It wasn’t bad at all. The rice had the desired consistency. Sure, a little more salt would’ve been better, but I just added that while eating. The experience was fairly rewarding and memorable. It taught me a new sense of respect for those who cook food on a regular basis at home or engage in gourmet creations professionally.

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

(1×10=10 marks)

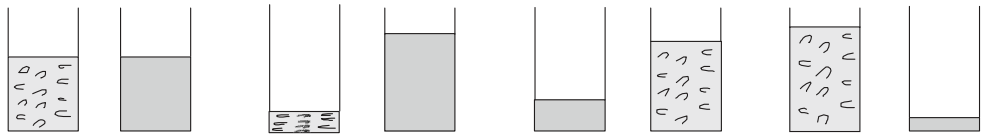
- (i) Father’s question to the narrator, about knowing how to cook rice, was intended to make the process sound simple.

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) “I switched from news to YouTube ...” Pick the option in which the meaning of ‘switch(ed)’ is NOT the same as it is in the passage.
- (a) He switched on the radio to listen to the news while having dinner.
 - (b) Forget these diet supplements and switch to yoga, if you want a true sense of well-being.
 - (c) Mom switched to reading fiction recently because she was bored with cook-books.
 - (d) The company will switch the trucks to other routes to bring down city pollution.
- (iii) Based on your understanding of the passage, choose the option that lists the correct sequence of the process.
- 1. Use water to wash the rice.
 - 2. Repeat the process three times.
 - 3. Drain the water off.
 - 4. Put rice in a utensil.
 - 5. Swirl the water in and around the rice.
- (a) 4, 2, 1, 3, 5
 - (b) 1, 3, 2, 5, 4
 - (c) 4, 1, 5, 3, 2
 - (d) 5, 1, 2, 4, 3
- (iv) The narrator says that he has dexterous hands. He would have had a problem had it been the opposite. NOT BEING dexterous means, being _____ .
- (v) Which option represents the correct ratio of water to rice for cooking ‘perfect rice’?



- (a) Image 1
 - (b) Image 2
 - (c) Image 3
 - (d) Image 4
- (vi) How did the mother react to the burning smell?
- (a) She commented on it.
 - (b) She brushed it aside.
 - (c) She enquired about it.
 - (d) She handled it.
- (vii) Can you infer that narrator is a professional cook? Give one reason.
- (viii) Pick the option showing the CORRECT use of the word ‘chutzpah’.
- (a) It is the court’s duty to dispense chutzpah to every one irrespective of caste or creed.
 - (b) The speaker may not have much of a stage presence, but you’ve got to admit she’s got chutzpah.
 - (c) I could crack the code easily which proved me to be a chutzpah and I was the only one who could do so.
 - (d) After his father’s demise, the daughter took over the family’s chutzpah to save it from disaster.
- (ix) Which word from paragraph 1 of the passage means ‘skilled’?
- (x) What happened when all the water disappeared?

II. Read the passage given below:**(10 marks)**

- (1) Nowadays, most students are less keen on developing their reading habits because students are under pressure for academic performance and the concept of intrinsic value addition is now a long-lost idea. In an age when browsing the internet, developing fads for electronic gadgets, playing with cell phones have become a new normal of their lives and reading a book in a peaceful corner of a library has become an archaic idea for most of the students.
- (2) The students which is the primary educational institution of the society has a crucial role to play in improving students' reading habits. The school library is one of the usual facilities found in a public school. The school should allocate some money to ameliorate the facilities of the school's library. Computers should be provided to enable the students to utilise the internet for research and also to locate online reading materials with a strict vigilance against the misuse. Reading habits should be promoted amongst the students as a pleasurable and continuing habit if they want to stay abreast with the world and have the competitive edge.
- (3) Habits of reading develop lively imagination, knowledge and vocabulary. Books are a rich source of knowledge and information. Reading books on various genres gives us information and a deep insight into the subject we read about. It would not be an exaggeration to say that all great and distinguished minds left their impression behind solely because of their reading habits.
- (4) Reading fiction helps build empathy and better relationships with others. Readers learn to become a part of the story and sympathise with characters naturally. Reading habit equips us with the most important tool which is known as expression. But the decline is alarming and to arrest the decline, reading habits have to be inculcated in all students for the infinite benefits that they reap for it will increase their confidence to face the exams, the exams, the interview panel, the job market and will also increase their social and community participation.

Based on your understanding of the passage, answer the questions given below.**(1×10 = 10 marks)**

- (i) Why are children not keen on developing their reading habits?
 - (a) Because parents do not let students read any other book
 - (b) Because students don't have any interest in reading books other than the academics

- (c) Because they are under extreme pressure for academic performance
- (d) Because they don't find books of their genre
- (ii) "The concept of intrinsic value addition is now a long-lost idea." What does this sentence mean?
- (iii) What, according to the passage, is the common craze among the students these days?
- (1) They are busy browsing on internet.
- (2) They are busy playing with cell phones.
- (3) They are busy reading books in the library.
- (4) They are busy with other electronic gadgets.
- (5) They are busy preparing for internal examinations.
- (a) (2), (4), (5) (b) All, except (4)
- (c) (1), (2), (4) (d) All, except (2)
- (iv) What should the schools do to develop reading habits in the students?
- (v) 'Stay abreast' in paragraph 2 means _____.
- (vi) Why are computers and internet installed in the school library?
- (vii) How does reading books on various genres help us?
- (viii) Pick out the sentence which you think is irrelevant, according to the passage.
- (1) Reading habit increases confidence to face the exams and the interview panel.
- (2) Reading habit helps us improve our pronunciation.
- (3) It enhances our creativity.
- (4) It increases our social and community participation.
- (5) It boosts our logical thinking.
- (a) (1) and (3) (b) (1) and (4)
- (c) (3) and (5) (d) (4) and (5)
- (ix) Which of the following corresponds to the word 'surveillance'?
- (a) Empathy (b) Ameliorate
- (c) Vigilance (d) Exaggeration
- (x) In which of the following statements, has the word 'alarming' been used in the same context as in the passage?
- (a) The forests are disappearing at an alarming rate.
- (b) The architectural style is designed and alarming in design and proportions.
- (c) This season is a bit more alarming to the eye.
- (d) A few mushrooms are an alarming addition.

SECTION-B
(Creative Writing Skills)

(20 Marks)

III. 1. Attempt ANY ONE from A and B given below.

- (A) You are Sameera/Sameer Pathak, Secretary of Star Society of Pune. Your Society is going to organize Diwali Fair. Draft a notice, within 50 words, informing all the members of the Society. **(5 marks)**

OR

- (B) You are Rachael/Rueben, President of the Wellness Cell of your school. You decide to organise a workshop, to raise awareness about the importance of mental health. This workshop would be conducted by the school counselor. Write a notice, in about 50 words, informing the students of class XI-XII about the workshop.

2. Attempt ANY ONE from A and B given below. (5 marks)

- (A) You are Dr Stanzin, a certified art therapist from Leh. You have been invited by G.D Public School, Jammu, to conduct a seminar for students on Art Therapy the Way Forward. This seminar is to introduce students to the usefulness of art in dealing with personal and social problems. Write your reply, in about 50 words, accepting the invitation.

OR

- (B) You are Rukmini/Raja of R-201, Fort Road, Chennai. You have just purchased a new house. You decide to have a house-warming ceremony and invite your cousin Balaji. Write the invitation, in about 50 words, giving all necessary details.

3. Attempt ANY ONE from A and B given below. (5 marks)

- (A) You are Shubha/Krishna Mohanty, residing in Subhadra Apartments, Bhuvneshwar, Odisha. You have observed, with increasing concern, that garbage collection continues to be done without segregation in your neighbourhood. Write a letter to the editor of The Real Times, Bhuvneshwar, in about 120-150 words, explaining your concern along with the rationale behind the importance of garbage segregation. Suggest ways in which the R.W.A can participate in this program.

OR

- (B) You are Aami Sarkar of 83, Model Town, Guwahati, Assam. You are a sports enthusiast. Rangshala School, Guwahati, has advertised the requirement of a Sports teacher, in the local newspaper. You are excited and decide to apply for the post. Write a letter, in 120-150 words, responding to the given advertisement, submitting your candidature with a detailed bio-data.

4. Attempt ANY ONE from A and B given below.

- (A) While reading about new places and searching for them online has its merits, the advantages of actually travelling to various destinations far exceed them. Write an article, in 120-150 words, for the magazine Travel Times, evaluating both these options. You are Amrit/Amrita. **(5 marks)**

OR

- (B) Ranikhet district, Uttarakhand, on the occasion of Basant Panchami celebrations, had organised a three-day cultural festival. You are Bhupinder/Priyanka Bhisht. Your newspaper had deputed you to cover the inaugural event of this festival. As a newspaper reporter write a report about the same in 120-150 words.

SECTION-C
(Literature)

(40 Marks)

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

1. Attempt ANY ONE of two extracts given. (1×6=6 marks)

- (A) The little old house was out with a little new shed
In front at the edge of the road where the traffic sped,
A roadside stand that too pathetically pled,
It would not be fair to say for a dole of bread,
But for some of the money, the cash, whose flow supports
The flower of cities from sinking and withering faint.

- (i) Why was 'a little new shed' extended out the edge of the road?
(a) To encroach the extended space
(b) To promote their products
(c) To grab the attention of the passers-by
(d) None of these
- (ii) Why was the roadside stand called 'pathetic'?
(a) Because it of the poor owners
(b) Because it was not attractive
(c) Because it was in the smooth sailing
(d) Because it was surrounded by dirt
- (iii) What is meant by 'a dole of bread'?
- (iv) Who made the roadside stand and where?
(a) The sarpanch made in the village
(b) The government made in the village
(c) Social agencies made in the village
(d) The poor rural people made in the village
- (v) Complete the analogy.
Piteously : pathetically :: _____ : scornful
- (vi) The rhyming scheme used in the given stanza is _____ .

OR

- (B) We have imagined for the mighty dead;
All lovely tales that we have heard or read;
An endless fountain of immortal drink,
Pouring unto us from the heaven's brink.

- (i) The phrase, immortal drink, refers to:
 - (a) blessings of our ancestors
 - (b) the teachings of nature
 - (c) a life-giving force
 - (d) the beauty of heaven
- (ii) 'All lovely tales' evoke the feeling of:
 - (a) sadness and nostalgia
 - (b) only nostalgia
 - (c) inspiration and pride
 - (d) only pride
- (iii) The rhyme scheme of the above extract is _____.
- (iv) Complete the analogy, endless : perennial :: eternal :
- (v) What are the things of beauty mentioned in these lines?
- (vi) Identify the poetic device used by the poet in the following lines,

*An endless fountain of immortal drink,
Pouring unto us from the heaven's brink.*

 - (a) Personification
 - (b) Allegory
 - (c) Imagery
 - (d) Synecdoche

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

- (A) When Hana got up in the morning nothing was done, the house not cleaned and the food not prepared, and she knew what it meant. She was dismayed and even terrified, but her pride as a mistress would not allow her to show it. Instead, she inclined her head gracefully when they appeared before her in the kitchen, and she paid them off and thanked them for all that they had done for her. They were crying, but she did not cry. The cook and the gardener had served Sadao since he was a little boy in his father's house, and Yumi cried because of the children. She was so grieving that after she had gone she ran back to Hana.

"If the baby misses me too much tonight, send for me. I am going to my own house and you know where it is."

- (i) "She knew what it meant." What did Hana understand?
- (ii) Read the following statements and choose the correct option.

Assertion : Yumi had an emotional attachment with children.

Statement 1: Yumi informed Hana where she was going.

Statement 2: Yumi was ready to come back if children cried a lot

 - (a) None of the statements can be inferred.
 - (b) Assertion only can be inferred.
 - (c) Assertion can be inferred and both statements support the assertion.
 - (d) Each statement is dependent of each other.
- (iii) Arrange the following events in ascending order of their occurrence.
 - (1) Hana noticed that routine house work was not done.
 - (2) Hana paid servants and thanked them.
 - (3) Hana got up in the morning.
 - (4) Servants came to Hana in the kitchen.
 - (a) 1, 2, 3, 4
 - (b) 4, 3, 2, 1
 - (c) 2, 1, 4, 3
 - (d) 3, 1, 4, 2

- (iv) During turn of the events described in the extract, Hana is likely to feel annoyed.
(True/False)

OR

- (B) Late in the morning, my friend Judewin gave me a terrible warning. Judewin knew a few words of English; and she had overheard the pale face woman talk about cutting our long, heavy hair.
- (i) Here, 'my' refers to _____ .
- (ii) Why was the speaker so averse of having her hair cut?
- (a) Because she believed that the mourners get their hair shingled.
(b) Because she believed short hair was worn by the cowards.
(c) Because she believed that only the warriors get their hair shingled
(d) All of these
- (iii) The speaker belongs to America. (True/False)
- (iv) What was the terrible warning?
- (a) Assaulting physically
(b) Punishment of solitary confinement
(c) Cutting of long hair
(d) All of these

3. Attempt ANY ONE of two extracts given. (1×6=6 marks)

- (A) They had merely heard that a Mahatma who wanted to help them was in trouble with the authorities. Their spontaneous demonstration, in thousands, around the courthouse was the beginning of their liberation from fear of the British. The officials felt powerless without Gandhi's cooperation. He helped them regulate the crowd. He was polite and friendly. He was giving them concrete proof that their might, hitherto dreaded and unquestioned, could be challenged by Indians. The government was baffled. The prosecutor requested the judge to postpone the trial. Apparently, the authorities wished to consult their superiors.
- (i) Complete the given statement.
The officials felt powerless because _____ .
- (ii) The demonstration proved that the:
- (a) policies of the British had failed.
(b) dread instilled in the hearts of Indians had begun to lessen.
(c) dealings with the Indian citizens had been unsuccessful.
(d) might of the British had not been understood by Indians.
- (iii) Which style, from those given below, is being used by the author, when he says, "Apparently, the authorities wished to consult their superiors."?
- (a) humorous (b) dramatic
(c) sarcastic (d) persuasive
- (iv) Gandhiji's behaviour towards the British prior to the proposal of postponement of the trial was that of :
- (a) indifference (b) calm acceptance
(c) ignorance of consequences (d) polite helpfulness

- (v) 'They' in the above extract refer to _____ .
(vi) What was the reason behind their 'spontaneous demonstration'?

OR

- (B)** The next day both men got up in good season. The crofter was in a hurry to milk his cow, and the other man probably thought he should not stay in bed when the head of the house had gotten up. They left the cottage at the same time. The crofter locked the door and put the key in his pocket.
- (i) Who is the 'other man' here?
(ii) Why was crofter in a hurry?
(a) Because he had to go to sow his field.
(b) Because he had to milk his cow
(c) Because he had to go to shop
(d) None of these
(iii) What did the other man think?
(a) He thought that it would be inappropriate to stay in bed when the head of the house has gotten up.
(b) He thought to steal thirty kronors from the crofter.
(c) He thought it would be inappropriate to steal crofter's money.
(d) None of these
(iv) 'In good season' means the opposite of:
(a) in a timely manner
(b) when the time was right
(c) when the season was conducive
(d) at the appropriate time
(v) Did the locked door prevent the mishap?
(vi) The other man always remained grateful to the crofter. (True/False)

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

- (i) What does Neruda mean by 'an exotic moment without rush' in his poem, 'Keeping Quiet'?
- (ii) Explain the metaphor of the rattrap in context of the story by Selma Lagerlöf.
- (iii) Umberto Eco says, "I am always doing the same thing but that is more difficult to explain." Why does he say so?
- (iv) Comment on the significance of the villagers sitting at the back in M. Hamel's classroom.
- (v) "Little has moved with time, it seems, in Firozabad." State any one reason why the writer says this.
- (vi) Sophie is overambitious. Do you agree?

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

- (i) In his letter to Charley, Sam writes, "...then I got to believing you were right." What could have made Sam begin to believe?
- (ii) Why did Derry go back to Mr Lamb's garden even after opposition?
- (iii) Sadao's acceptance of the General's plan to assassinate Tom was counter-productive to having put him on the path of recovery. Substantiate with reason/s.

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

- (i) The story 'Deep Water' talks about Douglas' attempts to overcome his fear of water. The story can also be viewed as a figurative manifestation of life's many challenges. Elaborate with reference to the text.

OR

- (ii) How does the story, 'Rattrap' highlight the importance of community over isolation? Support your rationale with textual evidence.

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

- (i) Mr Lamb calls Derry his friend while Derry refuses his affirmation. Would you consider their relationship with each other as friendship? Support your answer with reference to the instance(s) from the text.

OR

- (ii) How is man blamed for despoiling the Earth and climate changes? How can you see the effect of these changes in Antarctica?

III

SECTION-A
(Reading Skills)**(20 marks)**

- I.** (i) True
(ii) (a) He switched on the radio to listen to the news while having dinner.
(iii) (c) 4, 1, 5, 3, 2
(iv) clumsy
(v) (a) Image 1
(vi) (c) She enquired about it.
(vii) No, he took the help of YouTube for cooking rice.
(viii) (b) The speaker may not have much of a stage presence, but you've got to admit she's got chutzpah.
(ix) Dexterous
(x) The rice got stuck to the pot.
- II.** (i) (c) Because they are under extreme pressure for academic performance
(ii) It means 'value-based learning for life' is not significant today.
(iii) (c) (1), (2), (4)
(iv) Schools should allocate some funds to ameliorate the facilities of the school's library.
(v) to stay updated about the current affairs
(vi) To utilise the computers and internet to locate online reading materials
(vii) It helps build empathy and better relationships with others, teaches us to sympathise with characters naturally and help us in reading expressions.
(viii) (b) (1) and (4)
(ix) (c) Vigilance
(x) (a) The forests are disappearing at an alarming rate.

Section – B
(Creative Writing Skills)**(20 Marks)****III. 1. (A)****STAR SOCIETY, PUNE****NOTICE**

1 October, 20XX

DIWALI FAIR

All the members of our renowned society are hereby informed that like every year we are planning to organize 'Diwali Fair' on 18th and 19th October in our society premises.

Your co-ordination is expected to make this fair a grand success.

Creative and innovative ideas are appreciated.

Sameer Pathak
Secretary

OR

(B)

ABC SCHOOL, DELHI

NOTICE

20 September, 20XX

WORKSHOP ON MENTAL HEALTH

All the students of class XI-XII are hereby informed that our school is organising a workshop to be conducted with the intention to raise awareness about the importance of mental health. The workshop will focus on how to improve our relationship, and reduce tension and stress from our life.

Venue: School Auditorium

Time: 10:30 a.m.

Date: 29 September 20XX

For any query, please contact the undersigned.

Rachael

President

(Wellness Cell)

2. (A)

117-K Block

B.N. Marg,

Leh

27 December, 20XX

The Principal

G.D Public School

Jammu

Dear Ma'am

It's certainly a matter of great honour for me to be invited to conduct a seminar for students on 'Art Therapy the Way Forward'. I shall be delighted to address the gathering and discuss the usefulness of art in dealing with personal and social problems and listening from you in return. It'll be kind if I am provided with transport for the occasion.

Yours truly

Dr Stanzin

(Art Therapist)

OR

(B)

R-201, Fort Road

Chennai

7 July, 20XX

Dear Bala

You'll be pleased to know that we have just purchased a new house. Therefore, we invite you to bless the House Warming Ceremony on 29 July, 20XX at 6:00 p.m.

Hope to see you on the occasion.

Yours affectionately

Raja

3. (A)

201, Subhadra Apartments

Bhubaneswar

Odisha

21 October, 20XX

The Editor

The Real Times

K.G. Marg

Bhubaneswar

Subject: Regarding garbage collection without segregation

Sir

Through the columns of your widely circulated daily and being a responsible citizen, I would like to draw the attention of the concerned authorities towards the negligent attitude of the residents of Subhadra Apartments who do not even bother to segregate the garbage according to its kind. The society has provided two containers meant for dry waste and wet waste. Still there is hardly anyone with enough concern to use the same accordingly.

It's a pity to say that several complaints registered in the society office have remained unheeded and this practice is in full force. The Resident Welfare Association should acknowledge and come forward to deal with the issue, and do the needful. You are requested to highlight the issue and bring it to the notice of the authority.

Yours sincerely

Krushna Mohanty

OR

(B) 83, Model Town

Guwahati

Assam

30 September, 20XX

The Principal

Rangshala School

Guwahati

Subject: Application for the post of Sports teacher

Sir

With reference to your advertisement published in The Times of India dated 28 September for the position of a Sports teacher, I would like to apply for the same. I am currently working with one of the most reputed schools of Patna but just because of the unprecedented transfer of my father to Guwahati, I am forced to switch over and seek this position in your reputed school. My rich experience and qualification makes me a suitable candidate for the said post. My updated bio-data/ CV along with the required documents is being enclosed with this application for your kind consideration and perusal.

Looking forward to hear from you soon.

Yours sincerely

Aami Sarkar

BIO-DATA

Name	:	Aami Sarkar
Father's Name	:	Mr V. K. Sarkar
Gender	:	Female
Date of Birth	:	3 February 19XX
Address	:	83, Model Town, Guwahati, Assam
Marital Status	:	Single
Educational Qualification	:	B. P. Ed, Patna University
Professional Association	:	1. St. Andrews Scott, Patna 20XX-20XX 2. St. Michael's School, Patna
Expected Salary	:	30k (Negotiable)
Reference	:	Mr J. Shailja, 302, Model Town
Contact No	:	98717XXXXX

4. (A) **TRAVELLING AND EXPLORING NEW PLACES**

—By Amrit/Amrita, Travel Times

With the invention of internet and technology, the world has become a smaller place. Popular places are just a click away. But travelling to the distant and far off places leaves a different and everlasting impression. Travelling provides a learning

experience like no other. It inspires people to seek out new places, keeping their pool of knowledge constantly topped up. It's a great way to learn new things and immerse yourself in a new culture. Rather, it wouldn't be impractical to say that one gets to know when he/she exposes himself/herself to a new culture or tradition.

Merely reading a book or a travelogue doesn't serve the purpose. Visiting the place and enjoying the delicacies give intellectual understanding. Visiting and accepting the practices of strange culture sometimes leave us spellbound. Cultural and regional differences explore the uniqueness of the individual. It gives the traveller a rejuvenating experience on returning from the destination and proves to be a stress buster.

There are many ways of travelling that can help a person grow such as physical, mental and emotional development. By travelling, people are broadening their outlook on life. They are also developing themselves mentally and discovering new aspects of their own personalities. And finally, by broadening their outlook on life, they are allowing themselves to grow into better and more complete individuals.

OR

(B)

BASANT PANCHAMI CELEBRATIONS

– *Bhupinder Bisht*

Ranikhet, Uttarakhand, 19 January, 20XX: Ranikhet witnessed Basant Panchami Celebration on 18 January, 20XX from 11 a.m. when the main market place was decorated with colourful ticker tape and the entire area was covered with a huge crowd. The celebration was followed by the lighting of inaugural lamp which took place in the presence of the distinguished guests and panchayat members of the village.

Folk dance, songs and other cultural activities were some of the eye-catching performances that were planned by the management committee. Most of the students from reputed public schools and government schools participated in it. The winners were awarded with badges and honours. The event also witnessed different stalls that exhibited the cultural reflections of the village. The deity of Goddess Saraswati was garlanded who is believed to be the deity of learning, music and art. The vote of thanks was proposed by Mr ABC, the Secretary of managing committee who urged the people to be a persistent visitor of such events.

SECTION – C

(Literature)

(40 Marks)

- IV.** 1. (A) (i) (c) To grab the attention of the passers-by
(ii) (b) Because it was not attractive
(iii) It means a small quantity of food.
(iv) (d) The poor people made in the village.
(v) withering
(vi) aaaabc

OR

- (B) (i) (c) a life-giving force
(ii) (a) sadness and nostalgia
(iii) aabb
(iv) immortal
(v) The things of beauty mentioned in the given lines are the lovely tales of mighty men.
(vi) (c) Imagery
2. (A) (i) Hana understood that servants had decided to leave the house.
(ii) (c) Assertion can be inferred and both statements support the assertion.
(iii) (d) 3, 1, 4, 2
(iv) True

OR

- (B) (i) Zitkala Sa
(ii) (d) All of these
(iii) True
(iv) (c) Cutting of long hair
3. (A) (i) the crowd was getting violent
(ii) (b) the dread instilled in the hearts of Indians has begun to lessen
(iii) (c) sarcastic
(iv) (b) calm acceptance
(v) the peasants of Champaran
(vi) The peasants immediately decided to peacefully gather in support of Gandhiji around the courthouse to challenge the authority.

OR

- (B) (i) Peddler is the other man.
(ii) (b) Because he had to milk his cow
(iii) (a) He thought it would be inappropriate to stay in bed when the head of the house has gotten up.
(iv) (c) when the season was conducive
(v) No, despite the door being locked, the peddler stole the money.
(vi) False
- V. (i) The poet, Pablo Neruda, aspires for the exotic moment when the people on the surface of this earth are free from any sort of material gain, cruelty and harmful actions. He wants everyone to introspect and ensure universal brotherhood.
(ii) Selma Lagerlof has used the metaphor of a rattrap to emphasize the quandary of the peddler. Evidently, the author has tried to compare the bait with that of materialistic which attract humans and hence, they are trapped due to their greed which results in their never-ending misery.

- (iii) Umberto Eco feels elevated on being called a professor. People think that he is doing many things, but himself concludes of doing the same thing. He had some philosophical interest which he has highlighted in his literary and other academic works.
 - (iv) The village elders were sitting on the back benches during M. Hamel's last lesson because they realised that they were absolutely ignorant about their own language. The villagers wanted to thank Mr Hamel for his forty years of faithful service and to show their respect as he was going to be replaced by a new teacher.
 - (v) Though there has been a sea change in the world and strict laws have been implemented to eradicate the menace of child labour, but the scene of Firozabad remains the same. The children like Mukesh and Saheb are still under the shackles of rag-picking and slavery.
 - (vi) Yes, I agree that Sophie is overambitious. She has very rosy dreams related to her future. Despite knowing the harsh realities of her financial constraints, she dreams of opening a boutique, becoming an actress or working as a manager. She is a big dreamer who loves to be in her imaginative and illusionary world.
- VI.** (i) Sam's letter to Charley suggests that he believed in the existence of the third level which was a medium of escape from the insecure world. The letter reveals that Sam had found the third level and it proves that Charley was right about its existence.
- (ii) Derry was very much inspired by the optimistic outlook of Mr. Lamb. Mr. Lamb's open-mindedness, his positive approach, his motivating references captivated him as for the first time, Derry was being not judged by his face rather by his personality. He wanted to be with Mr Lamb and wished to help him in plucking the fruits, so he returned to Mr Lamb even after opposition from his mother.
- (iii) The General was actually not a well-wisher of Dr Sadao. It was his health that compelled him to be a little considerate with him as he did not trust anybody but him. Sadao's acceptance of the General's plan and performing a surgery to save Tom's life shows that he was loyal to both his country as well as his profession
- VII.** (i) Hardships and challenges are the part and parcel of everyone's life. So, we should always gird up our loin and face the situation manfully. In his attempt to overcome his fear, Douglas did not give up because giving up is not life, but to accept the challenges with strong will and determination is the only remedy to all the problems prevalent in the world. It is that innate quality which comes to surface when we volunteer ourselves to face the hardships and challenges.
- Douglas mustered his courage and volunteered to overcome the domineering dread of swimming into the lake. He was so terror-stricken that the sight of water made him sick. Consequently, he hired an instructor for himself who worked on his fear very methodically. With his help, Douglas began by learning to be at ease in water. Nothing is impossible in this world. All it takes is our grit and determination to sail smooth with our destiny.

OR

- (ii) 'Man is a social animal' is an old maxim, but when the tramp tried to live in the society, he was discarded and had to face humiliations of the society. He too could

have been identified as a man with dignity and honour in the society, had he been promoted and embraced with a little affection and compassion. The rattrap seller undergoes change in his personality the moment he experiences the shift from isolation to community. The ironmaster at once bonded with the peddler without confirming his identity. Edla Willmanson, the daughter of the ironmaster, when insisted her father not to turn him out of his house, touched the innocent soul's heart that compelled him to repay her good treatment with a gesture of true gratitude. He left a note expressing his sorrow for he felt he had embarrassed her. So, we can see that the peddler had never experienced social living and gathering. He was devoid of the sense of affection and love.

- VIII.** (i) Physically impaired people are aware of the fact that they are challenged and that there are certain things they cannot do. They seek sympathy and are over-occupied with the thought that people are good to them because of their condition. In the story, Derry, the little boy, feels dejected and was under the influence of inferiority complex. His association with the elderly man, Mr. Lamb, brings a new life though not very evident but the change we could sense in the character of Derry was all just because of Mr. Lamb. Friendship is not only about discussing love or interests at length or completing each other's sentences or chilling out together. The friendship that prospered between Mr. Lamb and Derry was beyond that. Mr Lamb's optimism helped the boy come out of his trauma and made him realise that he was his true friend.

OR

- (ii) Human civilisation is relatively new. However, during the short period we have created confusion and disruption. Humans have gained dominance over nature by building cities, towns and villages. Since human population is ever increasing, the need of natural resources is also increasing. Man has been conflicting with other species to grab these exhaustible resources. He has burnt fossil fuels. This has led to a blanket of carbon dioxide around the Earth, which has raised the average global temperature, causing global warming.

The rise in temperature has led to climatic changes. We cannot fully appreciate the effect of these changes. If you go to the Antarctica, it has not been inhabited by man. Its ecosystem is simple. Any change easily affects it, and is easily visible. In Antarctica, one can see the ice caps retreating and melting rapidly. The sight of calving ice-sheets makes one realise how serious the problem of global warming is.

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