

# SAMPLE PAPER

<b>Class</b>	12
<b>Subject</b>	English (Core)
<b>Session</b>	2023-24
<b>Time Limit</b>	3 hours
<b>Maximum Marks</b>	80

## SECTION – A: UNSEEN COMPREHENSION

**[15]**

1. Read the passage given below and answer the questions that follow, according to the passage. Do any one.  $1 \times 10 = 10$

- (i) Cataract is the major cause of blindness, which is caused by damage to the cornea. It occurs more often in old age. As one starts growing old, the lens of the eye hardens, loses its transparency and becomes opaque. It obstructs the light rays from entering the eye.

The onset of cataract blurs the vision. Sometimes, the cataract patient sees multiple images instead of a single object image. Because of the gradual development of cataract, the afflicted person loses his/her vision, and the world becomes dark to him/her.

The development of cataract is a complex process. However, the following factors can be attributed to its formation. Cataract generally develops in old age but sometimes, children are born with cataract because of hereditary defect. Eye injuries too, can cause cataracts.

People exposed to sun rays for longer periods develop cataract earlier than others. Researchers opine that the smoke inhaled while smoking carries substances internally damaging the eyes.

Ultraviolet radiation, invisible to the human eye, is linked to skin cancer. The victim loses vision and the world becomes dark to him.

- (a) What is the major cause of blindness?  
 (A) Cataract  
 (B) Accident  
 (C) Injury  
 (D) Smoking
- (b) What does **NOT** happen in old age?  
 (A) The eye lens hardens.  
 (B) The eye lens loses its transparency.  
 (C) The eye lens becomes pink.  
 (D) The eye lens obstructs light rays from entering into the eye.
- (c) Which of the following symptoms can identify the onset of cataract?  
 (A) Blurry vision  
 (B) Seeing multiple images of single object  
 (C) Headache  
 (D) Both (A) and (B)
- (d) “People exposed to \_\_\_\_\_ rays for longer periods tend to develop cataract earlier.” Fill in the blank.  
 (A) Gamma  
 (B) Infrared  
 (C) Sun

(D) X

(e) What, according to you, eye injuries can **NOT** cause?

(A) Blindness

(B) Cataract

(C) Astigmatism

(D) Pain in joints

(f) Why do you think cataract happens in young children?

(g) How can smoking contribute to eye diseases?

(h) Should you stare at sunrays for long periods? Why or why not?

(i) Which type of cancer is caused by ultraviolet radiations?

(j) Give a suitable title to the passage.

(ii) Once upon a time, there was a wise old man who lived in a small village. He was known throughout the land for his wisdom and his ability to solve any problem that came his way.

One day, a young man came to the wise old man and said, "I have a problem. I have been wronged by someone and I want revenge. What should I do?"

The wise old man replied, "Before you seek revenge, you should ask yourself if it is worth it. Revenge may make you feel better in the short term but it will not bring you true happiness."

The young man thought about this for a moment and then asked, "But what if I don't seek revenge? Won't people think that I am weak?"

The wise old man replied, "True strength comes from within. It takes more courage to forgive than it does to seek revenge. If you can find it in your heart to forgive those who have wronged you, you will find true happiness."

The young man thought about this for a moment and then thanked the wise old man for his advice. He left the village feeling much better than he had before.

(a) Where did the wise man live?

(A) Palace

(B) Village

(C) Town

(D) City

(b) What does 'wronged' mean?

(A) ill-treated

(B) angered

(C) loved

(D) made happy

(c) What did the old man tell him to do?

(A) He told the man to meditate.

(B) He told the man to get revenge.

(C) He told the man to forgive the other person.

(D) He told the man to find ways to feel strong.

(d) From where does true strength come?

(A) From meditation

(B) From *yoga*

(C) From within

(D) From exercise

(e) Did the man thank the old man for his help?

- (A) Yes
- (B) No
- (C) Maybe
- (D) Not stated in the passage

- (f) What lesson do we learn from the story?
- (g) What was the quality of old man that led to his fame?
- (h) Why was the young man seeking revenge?
- (i) How can one find true happiness?
- (j) Give a suitable title to the story.

**2. Read the following passage carefully and make notes. Also, give a suitable title to the passage.**

4+1

You may never want to fly kites to keep away evil spirits, as the Chinese have done for centuries, or to make rain, as the Tibetans did, but some more modern and western uses may tempt you to try experimenting yourself along similar lines. Ancient and medieval Chinese sources describe kites being used for measuring distances, testing the wind, lifting men, signalling and communication for military operations.

The earliest known Chinese kites were flat (not bowed) and often rectangular. Later, tailless kites incorporated a stabilising bowline. Kites were decorated with mythological motifs and legendary figures; some were fitted with strings and whistles to make musical sounds while flying. From China, kites were introduced to Cambodia, India, Japan, Korea and the western world.

The most widespread use of kites in modern times has been for meteorological investigations. Everybody knows about how Benjamin Franklin, the great American scholar and statesman, sent a kite up in 1752 during a thunderstorm to prove that lightning was caused by electricity. He produced sparks at ground level from a key hung on the wet line as the current flowed down it.

A second investigator repeated Franklin's experiment shortly afterwards and was killed. By sending up instruments on kites it has been possible to make readings of air pressure, temperature, speed, direction and humidity. Although thermometers had been sent up long before, it was not until 1894, that a self-reading thermometer, a thermograph, was sent up by a kite.

## SECTION – B: WRITING SKILLS

**[15]**

**3. Answer any *one* of the following questions in about 100 words.**

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- (i) Write a notice for your school notice-board inviting names for interested students for school trip to Agra for visiting the 'Taj Mahal'.
- (ii) Draft an advertisement on behalf of 'Saundarya Cosmetics Ltd.', as they have released their new 'Clean and Fair Soap'.
- (iii) Make an attractive poster for an NGO to raise awareness against female foeticide.

**4. Answer any *one* of the following questions in about 100 words.**

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- (i) Write a paragraph on the topic 'My favourite festival'.
- (ii) Your state government has banned the use of plastic bags. You are Amarjeet, a reporter of The National Herald. Write a report in 100 words on how the ban is being ignored and what damage the indiscriminate use of plastic bags is causing to the environment.

**5. Answer any *one* of the following questions in about 100 words.**

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- (i) Read the following advertisement for products using solar energy.

***Solar Power Systems for A Greener India***

- Excellent Offers
- Solar Cookers
- Solar Lanterns
- Solar Heating/Cooking Systems
- Solar Water Heater

*Raj Solar Sales and Service, 45-Panchkwan Road, New Delhi*

Write a letter to the editor of an English daily, making a plea to the common people to switch over to solar energy to conserve electricity and limit electricity bills.

- (ii) You are Ashish/Nimmi Dhar B – 94 Fort Road, Jamrhu. You have read the advertisement given below. You are qualified for the job. Write an application in 120 – 150 words along with resume.

**India Chemical Industries, Delhi**

<b>Requirement</b>	:	Accounts Officers
<b>Qualification</b>	:	B. Com.
<b>Experience</b>	:	Minimum 4 years
<b>Job requirement</b>	:	Maintaining books of accounts, preparation of Balance Sheet, etc
<b>Salary</b>	:	Best in the industry
<b>Apply to</b>	:	Managing Director, ICI, B – 12 Barakhamba Road, New Delhi

**SECTION –C: GRAMMAR****[10]**

6. Answer any 10 questions in all, choosing *two* from each sub-part.

 $2 \times 5 = 10$ 

(i) Fill in the blanks by choosing the *correct form of the verb*.

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(a) The patient \_\_\_\_\_ before the doctor came.

- (A) had died
- (B) had not die
- (C) have became dead
- (D) has dead

(b) I \_\_\_\_\_ a boy.

- (A) is
- (B) am
- (C) are
- (D) be

(c) You must \_\_\_\_\_ traffic rules.

- (A) obey
- (B) to obey
- (C) have obey
- (D) had obeyed

(ii) Fill in the blanks to make correct conversion to *indirect speech*.

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(a) **Direct Speech:** Anshu said, "I am a good student."

**Indirect Speech:** Anshu said that she \_\_\_\_\_ a good student.

- (A) was
- (B) is
- (C) am
- (D) are

(b) **Direct Speech:** Our teacher said, “The circumference of a circle is given by  $2\pi r$ .”

**Indirect Speech:** Our teacher told the class that the circumference of a circle \_\_\_\_\_ by  $2\pi r$ .

- (A) was given
- (B) were given
- (C) is given
- (D) will have been give

(c) **Direct Speech:** The hermit said to the panicking crowd, “What is your problem?”

**Indirect Speech:** The hermit asked the panicking crowd what \_\_\_\_\_ problem was.

- (A) his
- (B) her
- (C) there
- (D) their

(iii) Fill in the blanks with suitable *articles*, if necessary.

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(a) \_\_\_\_\_ Gold is a precious metal.

- (A) A
- (B) An
- (C) The
- (D) ×

(b) \_\_\_\_\_ B/boy, who had lost his parents, cried shrilly.

- (A) A
- (B) An
- (C) The
- (D) ×

(c) The Sun rises in \_\_\_\_\_ east and sets in \_\_\_\_\_ west.

- (A) the, the
- (B) an, a
- (C) the, a
- (D) an, the

(iv) Choose the correct conversion of given sentences in *active voice* into *passive voice*. 2

(a) The man was crying over the robbery.

- (A) The robbery was being cried over by men.
- (B) The robbery was crying over the man.
- (C) The robbery was being cried over by the man.
- (D) The greedy man cried over petty robbery.

(b) Rescuers were saving the life of the drowning kid.

- (A) The life of the drowning kid was being save by the rescuers.
- (B) The rescuers have been saving lives.
- (C) The drowning kid was saved by life of the rescuers.
- (D) The life of the drowning kid was being saved by rescuers.

(c) Sharmila will take tea.

- (A) Tea will be taken by Sharmila.
- (B) Tea is taken by Sharmila.
- (C) Sharmila takes tea.
- (D) Tea will be taken from Sharmila.

(v) Fill in the blanks with suitable *modals*.

- (a) Drive fast lest we \_\_\_\_\_ miss the flight.  
 (A) would  
 (B) should  
 (C) could  
 (D) might
- (b) \_\_\_\_\_ you like to take tea, Ma'am?  
 (A) Would  
 (B) Might  
 (C) Need to  
 (D) Dare
- (c) You \_\_\_\_\_ stop drinking. You have liver cirrhosis.  
 (A) should  
 (B) might  
 (C) could  
 (D) must

## SECTION – D: LITERATURE

### [I. FLAMINGO (PROSE)]

7. Read the passages given below and answer the questions that follow by choosing the most suitable option from the given alternatives. Do any *one*.  $1 \times 5 = 5$

- (i) What a thunderclap these words were to me!

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

My last French lesson! Why, I hardly knew how to write! I should never learn any more! I must stop there, then! Oh, how sorry I was for not learning my lessons, for seeking birds' eggs, or going sliding on the Saar! My books, that had seemed such a nuisance a while ago, so heavy to carry, my grammar, and my history of the saints, were old friends now that I couldn't give up. And M. Hamel, too; the idea that he was going away, that I should never see him again, made me forget all about his ruler and how cranky he was.

#### **QUESTIONS:**

$1 \times 5 = 5$

- (a) What does 'thunderclap' mean, in the context of this passage?  
 (A) thunderbolt  
 (B) shock  
 (C) strike of lightning  
 (D) anger
- (b) Who is the author of the given passage?  
 (A) Kamala Das  
 (B) Alphonse Daudet  
 (C) Selma Lagerlöf  
 (D) Nelson Mandela
- (c) What is the name of the chapter from which this passage has been extracted?  
 (A) The Rattrap  
 (B) The Last Lesson  
 (C) Indigo  
 (D) The Interview
- (d) What was the behaviour of M Hamel before the announcement?  
 (A) Angry  
 (B) Cranky  
 (C) Sad

- (D) Terrorising
- (e) What had seemed as a nuisance to Franz a little while ago?
- (A) Books
- (B) Grammar
- (C) History of Old Saints
- (D) All of these
- (ii) 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 became one many years ago. She still has bangles on her wrist, but no light in her eyes. "*Ek waqt ser bhar khana bhi nahin khaya,*" she says, in a voice drained of joy. She has not enjoyed even one full meal in her entire lifetime — that's what she has reaped!

**QUESTIONS:**

1×5=5

- (a) What do bangles symbolize?
- (A) A man's *suhaag*
- (B) An Indian woman's *suhaag*
- (C) A girl's auspiciousness
- (D) A red veiled woman
- (b) Who is dressed in a drab pink dress?
- (A) A Young Lady
- (B) Savita
- (C) Old lady
- (D) Both (A) and (B)
- (c) Who has not enjoyed even one full meal in his/her life?
- (A) Old Lady
- (B) Savita
- (C) Old Man
- (D) Author
- (d) What does a bride **NOT** wear on her wedding day?
- (A) Red Veil
- (B) Red Bangles
- (C) Henna in her hands
- (D) Shirt
- (e) What is the name of the author of the given passage?
- (A) Anees Jung
- (B) Leslie Norris
- (C) Adrienne Rich
- (D) William Shakespeare

**8. Answer any one of the following questions in about 100 words.**

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- (i) What are the steps William Douglas takes throughout the story, in order to conquer his fear of water? *(Deep Water)*
- (ii) What socio-economic background did Sophie belong to? What are the indicators of her family's financial status? *(Going Places)*

**9. Answer any four of the following questions in about 30-40 words.**

2 × 4 = 8

- (i) 'The Rattrap' is a story, which presents the life of a miser peddler and how trust and kindness transformed him. How did this happen?
- (ii) How were Shukla and Gandhiji received in Rajendra Prasad's house? *(Indigo)*

- (iii) Why was Subbu considered No. 2 in Gemini Studios? (Poets and Pancakes)
- (iv) Do you think Umberto Eco likes being interviewed? Give reasons for your answer. (The Interview)
- (v) Why do celebrities not like getting interviewed? (The Interview)

## [II. FLAMINGO (POETRY)]

**10. Read the extract given below and answer the questions that follow, choosing correct option from the given alternatives. Do any one.**  $1 \times 5 = 5$

- (i) *A thing of beauty is a joy forever  
Its loveliness increases, it will never  
Pass into nothingness; but will keep  
A bower quiet for us, and a sleep  
Full of sweet dreams, and health, and quiet breathing.*

**Questions:**

- (a) Who is the poet of these lines?  
 (A) William Shakespeare  
 (B) Pablo Neruda  
 (C) John Keats  
 (D) Leslie Norris
- (b) Name the poem from which this extract has been taken.  
 (A) Keeping Quiet  
 (B) A Thing of Beauty  
 (C) An Elementary School Classroom in a Slum  
 (D) My Mother at Sixty-Six
- (c) “Its loveliness increases,” – What does ‘its’ refer to?  
 (A) Beauty  
 (B) A Thing of Beauty  
 (C) A flower  
 (D) An animal
- (d) What does ‘bower’ mean?  
 (A) A shady place  
 (B) A place of fear  
 (C) A place of distress  
 (D) A place full of sadness
- (e) What will never pass into nothingness?  
 (A) A thing of beauty  
 (B) A man  
 (C) A woman  
 (D) A child’s tears
- (ii) *Those who prepare green wars,  
wars with gas, wars with fire,  
victory with no survivors,  
would put on clean clothes  
and walk about with their  
brothers  
in the shade, doing nothing.*
- (a) Who is the poet of these lines?  
 (A) William Shakespeare



- (B) Pablo Neruda  
 (C) John Keats  
 (D) Leslie Norris
- (b) Name the poem from which this extract has been taken.  
 (A) Keeping Quiet  
 (B) A Thing of Beauty  
 (C) An Elementary School Classroom in a Slum  
 (D) My Mother at Sixty-Six
- (c) What does 'victory with no survivors' underline?  
 (A) Inhumanity of war  
 (B) Cruelty of Humans  
 (C) Wars being baseless  
 (D) All of these
- (d) How are wars fought?  
 (A) With gas  
 (B) With fire  
 (C) With love  
 (D) Both (A) and (B)
- (e) What does the author want the people who prepare 'green wars' to do?  
 (A) Fight even more  
 (B) Destruct world peace  
 (C) Walk in shade with their enemies (brothers)  
 (D) To be revengeful

**11. Answer any two of the following in about 30-40 words each.**

$3 \times 2 = 6$

- (i) How does the poet 'Kamala Das' describe her mother in the poem 'My Mother at Sixty-Six'?
- (ii) Contrast Aunt Jennifer's tigers with her own character.
- (iii) What are the things sold by the owner of the roadside stand? (*A Roadside Stand*)

### [III. VISTAS (SUPPLEMENTARY READER)]

**12. Answer any one of the following questions in about 100 words.**

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- (i) Why did the tiger king vow to kill a hundred tigers? (*The Tiger King*)
- (ii) Describe Charley's experience at the third level. (*The Third Level*)

**13. Answer any three of the following questions in about 30-40 words each.**

$2 \times 3 = 6$

- (i) How did the hundredth tiger take revenge on the Tiger King? (*The Tiger King*)
- (ii) Why did the General spare the American soldier? (*The Enemy*)
- (iii) How did Derry overcome his shyness and insecurity? How did Mr Lamb help him? (*On the Face of It*)
- (iv) What kind of indications do we get while visiting Antarctica to save Earth? (*Journey to the End of the Earth*)

# MARKING INSTRUCTIONS AND MODEL ANSWERS

<b>Maximum Marks</b>	80
<b>Time Allowed</b>	3 hours
<b>Subject</b>	English (Core)
<b>Class</b>	XII

## SECTION – A: Reading Comprehension

1. (i)

- (a) (A) Cataract
- (b) (C) The eye lens becomes pink.
- (c) (D) Both (A) and (B)
- (d) (C) Sun
- (e) (D) Pain in joints
- (f) Because of hereditary defects.
- (g) Smoke inhaled carries substances that cause internal eye injuries.
- (h) No. It increases the risk of cataract.
- (i) Skin Cancer
- (j) Cataract

(ii)

- (a) (B) Village
- (b) (A) ill-treated
- (c) (C) He told the man to forgive the other person.
- (d) (C) From within
- (e) (A) Yes
- (f) It takes more courage to forgive than to seek revenge.
- (g) Wisdom and ability to solve any problem
- (h) Because he thought that people would think that he is weak/ Because someone has wronged him
- (i) By forgiving others
- (j) Power of Forgiveness

2.

**Title:** History of Kites

I. Origin

1. Chinese

1.1. flat

1.2. rectanglr.

1.3. used to keep away evil spirits

1.4. mythlgcl. and legendary figures

1.5. strings & whistles

2. Tibetan

1.1. to make rain

II. Modern Times

1. meteorlgcl. investigations

1.1. sending instruments on kites

1.2. taking readings of temp., speed, direction, humidity, ap.

2. Benjamin Franklin

2.1. American scholar & statesman

2.2. experiment done in 1752

a. sent kite up during thunderstorm

b. to prove – lightning caused by electcty.

c. produced sparks at ground level from key on wet line

2.3. Second investigator died

3. Military operations

III. Thermograph

1. 1894

2. self-reading thermometer

Key:

1. rectanglr. - Rectangular
2. Mythlgcl. - Mythological
3. Meteorlgcl. - Meteorological
4. Temp. - Temperature
5. A.p. - Air pressure
6. Electcty. - Electricity

**Title: History of Kites**

**3. (i)**

Points should be awarded in the following manner:

**Format – 1 mark**

**Name of the School**

**NOTICE**

**Date**

**Heading**

*[details]*

**Signature of Issuing Authority**

**Designation of Issuing Authority**

- Award full marks if all aspects included.
- Award ½ mark if more than one aspect is missing.
- Award zero mark if more than two aspects are missing.

**Content – 3 marks**

**Suggested value points**

- Correct format
- Drawing attention

- Date, time , venue
- inviting the students
- last date
- Line with reference to the undersigned

**Accuracy - 1 mark**

- Award full marks if there is one or two grammatical/ spelling mistake/ mistakes
- Deduct ½ mark if there are more than two grammatical/spelling mistakes

**Model Answer:**

**Government Senior Secondary School, Haluwas**

**NOTICE**

2 March 2024

**AN EXCURSION TO AGRA**

The school is organizing an excursion to Taj Mahal in the coming autumn holidays. Interested students must deposit Rupees two thousand per head to the undersigned latest by 10 March 2024. The school will meet all the travelling and hoarding expenses.

ABC

ABC

Head Boy / Head Girl

(ii)

Points should be awarded keeping the following instructions in mind:

**Format – 1 mark**

- Award full marks if all aspects included
- Award ½ mark if more than one aspect is missing.
- Award zero marks if more than two aspects are missing.

**Content – 3 marks**

**Suggested value points**

- Format
- Catchy phrase
- Details of vehicle- make, model, run etc.
- Selling price

**Accuracy - 1 mark**

- Award full marks if there is one or two grammatical/ spelling mistake/ mistakes
- Deduct ½ mark if there are more than two grammatical/spelling mistakes.


**Format:****Theme/Heading**

[details]

**Contact details****Details:**

- The advertisement should use only a few words.
- The advertisement must be bounded by a box having eye-catching headings.
- Pictures are not necessary.

**Model Answer:**

Saundarya Cosmetics Ltd.	
Clean and Fair Soap	
Available in <b>THREE</b> flavours!!!	
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>✓ Lovely fragrance of jasmine and lily.</li> <li>✓ Exquisite purity</li> <li>✓ Removes pimples and dirt.</li> <li>✓ For all skin type.</li> <li>✓ Remove other impurities of skin.</li> </ul>	
Clear and shining skin in one week, totally nourished and transformed your skin in one use.	
Lily Beauty Bath, clear skin pores, make your skin glow.	

**(iii)**

Points should be awarded keeping the following instructions in mind:

**Format – 1**

**Name of the Organisation**

*organizes*

**Theme/Heading**

*[contents with pictures and slogan]*

**Issuing Authority**

**Content - 3**

- ‘Save Girl Child’ or other slogans
- Highlight the importance of successful girls and women in the society
- Point out the detrimental effects of bad sex ratio and taboos and superstitions about girl child and biological structures
- Drawing  
(any other relevant point)

**Accuracy - 1 mark**

- Award full marks if there is one or two grammatical/ spelling mistake/ mistakes
- Deduct ½ mark if there are more than two grammatical/spelling mistakes

**4. (i)**

Points should be awarded keeping the following instructions in mind:

**Format 1** ( Heading/ Title, name of writer, class)

**Content 2**

**Suggested value points**

- Defining the diversity of India and upholding its Ethnic Diversity
- Importance of Festivals in any religion or tribal group
- Examinee’s favourite festival
- Any other relevant point

**Expression 1 mark**

**Award full marks if**

- Tense, tone and vocabulary are appropriate
- Coherence and relevance of ideas

**Award 0.5 marks if**

- There is a little deviation ( tense, tone , vocabulary)
- Almost relevant

**Accuracy - 1 mark**

- Award full marks if there is one or two grammatical/ spelling mistake/ mistakes

- Deduct ½ mark if there are more than two grammatical/spelling mistakes

## MODEL ANSWER

Diwali is my favourite festival. It is the festival of lights; it is celebrated in all parts of our country. A few days before Diwali, people clean their houses and shops and get them whitewashed. On Diwali day, people decorate their houses. On the night of Diwali, lamps are lit in every village, town and city. All the houses, shops and buildings are illuminated with earthen lamps, candles and electric bulbs. Children move about in their best clothes. People exchange sweets and gifts. Children spend money in buying sweets, toys and crackers. At night people worship 'Laxmi', the goddess of wealth. Diwali is a festival of joy. On this day everyone is happy.

### Report

#### **Format 1 mark**

Box, Title/ heading, place, date, name of reporter

- Award full marks if all aspects included.
- Award 0.5 marks if more than one aspect is missing.
- Award zero marks if more than two aspects are missing.

#### **Content - 2 marks**

##### **Suggested value points**

**A Report should answer the questions**

- What
- Where
- When
- How

#### **Expression 1 mark**

Award full marks if

- Tense, tone and vocabulary are appropriate
- Coherence and relevance of ideas

Award 0.5 marks if

- There is a little deviation ( tense, tone , vocabulary)
- Almost relevant

#### **Accuracy - 1 mark**

- Award full marks if there is one or two grammatical/ spelling mistake/ mistakes
- Deduct ½ mark if there are more than two grammatical/spelling mistakes

### **Model answer**

## Environment Unfriendly Polybags

By: Amarjeet, Staff Reporter

The National Herald

Bhiwani, 24 October 2023: The government had banned the production and use of plastic bags in our state. But unfortunately, these are now being widely used again everywhere. Not only are we using a huge number of polybags daily but we are also discarding them in our drains uncaring about the fact that they will block the flow of drain water. Polybags are also a threat to our environment. They cause pollution, kill wildlife and are responsible for using up the natural resources of the earth. They are one of the main factors that litter the landscape. If burnt, they will infuse the surrounding air with toxic fumes.

The main problem of plastic bags is that they are non-biodegradable. The decomposition of plastic takes around a thousand years, so with the plastic rubbish produced each day it is likely that this problem will never be solved. While the government works out ways to lessen the impact of polybags on the environment each one of us too should shoulder some responsibility for this problem that ultimately harms us all.

**5.(i)**

Points should be awarded keeping the following instructions in mind:

**Format 1 mark**

Sender's address, date, Receiver's address, subject and salutation/ salutation and subject, complimentary close

Award full marks if all aspects included.

Award 0.5 marks if more than one aspect is missing.

Award zero marks if more than two aspects are missing.

Sender's Address

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Date [Format of date: {Name of Month} DD, YYYY or DD {Name of Month} YYYY]

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**Content 2**

**Award full marks if**



- All points included (Format , tense , formal tone, vocabulary etc.)
- Well developed with sustained clarity

**Award 1.5 marks if**

- Almost all points included
- Reasonably well developed

**Award 1 mark if**

- Some points included
- Fair attempt at developing the ideas

**Award 0.5 marks if**

- Most of the points not included
- Limited awareness about the task given

**Expression 1 mark**

**Award full marks if**

- Tense, tone and vocabulary are appropriate
- Coherence and relevance of ideas

**Award 0.5 marks if**

- There is little deviation ( tense, tone , vocabulary)
- Almost relevant

**Accuracy - 1 mark**

- Award full marks if there is one or two grammatical/ spelling mistake/ mistake
- Deduct ½ mark if there are more than two grammatical/spelling mistakes

**Model Answer:**

147 Mayur Vihar  
New Delhi

11 April 20xx

The Editor  
Hindustan Times  
New Delhi

**Subject: Evoking Awareness towards Solar Energy**

Respected Sir

Through the columns of your reputed newspaper, I wish to make the people aware of the growing need and demands of solar power. We all know that our earth is showing signs of a patient in declining health and it is due to excessive pollution on our planet. Man has a desire to live a luxurious life and for that, he is over consuming electricity. He doesn't realize that overuse would exhaust the treasure. We must conserve electricity which is the need of the hour.

But this conservation can only be done if we start using solar power systems. Various kinds of solar systems like solar cookers, solar lanterns, solar heating and cooking system, solar water heater, etc., are available in the market.

These solar systems are non-polluting. They are economical and are available in different sizes. So, I request you to publish this letter in your newspaper to make people aware of the need of conserving electricity and limiting electricity bills. Public must pay attention to the dire need of switching over to solar energy.

Thanking you.

Yours sincerely  
Divyansh

(ii)

B – 94  
Fort Road  
Jammu XXXXXX  
22 March 2017  
The Managing Director(ICI)  
B – 12.  
Barakhamba Road  
New Delhi 1100XX

Dear Sir,  
Subject: Application for the post of Accounts Officer

This is in response to your advertisement in The Times of India of 21 March. I wish to apply for the same as I have the requisite qualification and experience. My resume is enclosed herewith for your kind perusal and consideration. I can assure you that if selected, I shall prove to be an asset to your company.

Yours faithfully  
Nimmi Dhar

### RESUME

Name : Nimmi Dhar  
Mother's Name : Sheela Dhar  
Father's Name : Ashok Dhar  
Date of Birth : 10th April 1990  
Sex : Female  
Marital Status : Married  
Permanent Address : B – 94, Fort Road. Jammu  
Address for Correspondence : C2/8 Janak Pun, New Delhi 1100XX  
Educational Qualifications : B. Com. (Hons), Kalinga University, Jammu  
Job Experience : 5 years in Alcove Chemical Industries New Delhi  
Reference : Ranvir Mehta, In-charge, Accounts Division, Alcove chemical Industries New Delhi

## SECTION – C: GRAMMAR

6.(i)

- (a) (A) had died
- (b) (B) am
- (c) (A) obey

(ii)

- (a) (A) was
- (b) (C) is given
- (c) (D) their

(iii)

- (a) (D) ×
- (b) (C) The
- (c) (A) the, the

(iv)

- (a) (C) The robbery was being cried over by the man.
- (b) (D) The life of the drowning kid was being saved by the rescuers.
- (c) (A) Tea will be taken by Sharmila.

(v)

- (a) (B) should
- (b) (A) Would
- (c) (D) must

[Liver Cirrhosis or Cirrhosis of Liver is a life-threatening condition in which liver has scar tissues leading to permanent damage to liver. This leads to liver failure.]

7.(i)

- (a) (B) shock
- (b) (B) Alphonse Daudet
- (c) (B) The Last Lesson
- (d) (C) Sad
- (e) (D) All of these

(ii)

- (a) (B) An Indian Woman's *Suhaag*
- (b) (D) Both (A) and (B)
- (c) (A) Old Lady
- (d) (D) Shirt
- (e) (A) Anees Jung

**8.(i)** When Douglas grew up, he took the help of an instructor to learn swimming. His training went on from October to April. For three months he was taken across the pool with the help of a rope. As he went under, terror filled him and his legs froze. The instructor taught him to exhale under water and inhale through raised nose. He made him kick his legs to make them relax. Then he asked him to swim. He continued swimming from April to July. Still all terror had not left. He swam two miles across Lake Wentworth and the whole length to the shore and back of Warm Lake. Then he overcame his fear of water.

**(ii)** Sophie belongs to a lower middle class family. She is an escapist and has wild dreams. She dreams of things she can't have in real life. Jansie tells her that boutique needs a lot of money. Sophie knows that the family doesn't have money. She says, "If ever I came into money, I'll buy a boutique." Even little Derek understands her unrealistic nature.

Geoff's occupation reflects their socio-economic background. He is an apprentice mechanic. He travels to his work each day to the far side of the city. His jacket is shapeless. Her father lacks sophistication. He is a heavy breathing man. He sits in his vest at the table. He grunts and tosses one of little Derek's shoes from his chair on to the sofa. There is stove in the same room where dirty washing is piled in a corner. Sophie's father goes to pub on his bicycle. All these indicators confirm their lower middle-class family background.

**9.(i)** The story begins with Lagerlöf describing the general circumstances of the vagabond. He is a man who wanders from farm to farm, through towns and along country roads, begging, stealing, and bartering to meet his basic needs. When he is able to scrounge the materials, he makes rat traps out of wire and attempts

to sell them. Edla speaks on behalf of the vagabond, she says to her father, "I don't think we ought to chase away a human being whom we have asked to come here, and to whom we have promised Christmas cheer" It is this very hospitality that gives the vagabond the confidence to return the money.

(ii) In Patna, Shukla led Gandhiji to the house of a lawyer, Rajendra Prasad. He was out of town but his servants knew Shukla as a poor peasant who pestered Rajendra Prasad (their master) to help the indigo sharecroppers. So he was allowed to stay there with his companion. But Gandhiji was not permitted to draw water from the well lest he be an untouchable and some drops of water from his bucket pollute the entire source.

(iii) Kothamangalam Subbu succeeded in securing the place closest to The Boss by means of flattery. He was not brilliant but a rather cheerful person and exceedingly loyal to The Boss. He offered solutions whenever The Boss was in a fix. Thus, the other employees considered him No.2 in Gemini Studios.

(iv) Yes, Umberto Eco, in all possibilities, likes being interviewed. He readily answers every question asked by Mukund Padmanabhan in an energetic and lively manner. He does not seem apprehensive about sharing his secrets, experiences and opinions with the interviewer, and consequently, the world. There is no indication throughout the interview that he dislikes being interviewed.

#### 10. (i)

- (a) (C) John Keats
- (b) (B) A Thing of Beauty
- (c) (B) A Thing of Beauty
- (d) (A) A shady place
- (e) (A) A Thing of Beauty

#### (ii)

- (a) (B) Pablo Neruda
- (b) (A) Keeping Quiet
- (c) (D) All of these
- (d) (D) Both (A) and (B)
- (e) (C) Walk in shade with their enemies (brothers)

11.(i) The poet describes her mother's ageing face and her reaction to it without the slightest bit of hesitation. She compares her mother's face to that of a corpse. She compares her mother's face with that of the moon on a winter night. This image is not morbid but pleasant. However, both images are used to signal the end of something. The corpse more directly addresses the issue of human life coming to an end.

(ii) Aunt Jennifer has led her life like a slave under the cruel dominance of her husband. She has no liberty. She has to continue to her slavish routine of embroidery. On the other hand, the tigers painted by her look very chivalric, sleek and brave. They are not afraid of human beings. The tigers will go on prancing across the screen even after Aunt Jennifer's death. Thus the tigers created by her are immortal.

#### (iii)

The roadside stand was set up by the rural folks for selling some ordinary things of daily use. Among them they offered wild berries in wooden quarts. There were crooked-necked gourds with silvery hard lumps but the city folk did not stop to purchase these items.

12. (i) The Maharaja of Pratibandapuram's name was Jung Jung Bahadur. But he came to be known as the Tiger King. When he was born, the Chief astrologer made a prophecy that his death would be caused by a tiger. He should remain very careful of the hundredth tiger. So the Maharaja was forced to start the

campaign of killing tigers in self-defence. He started hunting tigers at the age of twenty. His campaign was a great success. Within ten years, he killed seventy tigers. As a result of it, the jungles of his own state left no tiger at all. Then he married a girl from a royal family, in whose state had a large number of tigers. Then he started hunting tigers in the forests of his father-in-law's state. Very soon he killed ninety nine tigers, just one short of the required one hundred. The hundredth tiger was the wooden tiger toy that the king had given to his son on his third birthday present. It caused his death.

(ii) Charley saw on the third level that there were fewer ticket windows. The rooms were there smaller. There the lights were dim. They flickered because they were open flame gas lights. There were lying brass spittons on the floor. Everyone on the third level dressed like 1890's. Man had beards, side whiskers, and fancy man moustaches. The locomotives stood there were very small. A news boy had copies of a newspaper 'The World' that had not been published for years. It was a June 11, 1894 edition. Charley turned towards the ticket windows. From there he could know that he could buy tickets for any where in the United States. He decided to buy two tickets for Galesburg. But he found that only old style currency were accepted to buy tickets. Charley had to come back from there in order to have old style currency. But the next day he could not find the Third Level.

**13. (i)** The Tiger King got a wooden toy-tiger as a birthday present for his son. The father and the s played with the wooden tiger. Its surface was rough. One of the silvers pierced the Maharaja's right hand. After a few days, infection spread over his arm. He was operated by three exper surgeons, but it could not save the king. At last the king died. Thus, the hundredth tiger (Wooden tiger) took revenge upon the king.

(ii) The General had his own selfish interest in sparing the American soldier. He knew Dr. Sadao was indispensable to him and did not want him to be arrested. He did not trust other surgeons. In his capacity as a General he should have had the American soldier arrested but he refrained from it in his personal self-interest.

(iii) Derry's brief association with Mr. Lamb changed him from a bitter, pessimistic and complete ridden boy to a mature and a confident person. His attitude towards life underwent a transformation. He got encouraged by Mr. Lamb's unending enthusiasm and unceasing zeal to live life. Thus, Mr. Lamb's unfalling optimism helped transform Derek completely. Mr. Lamb's conversation with him about everything and everybody being essentially the same, his notion of beauty being relative, his talk about pretty girls and love, his concept of the world and friendship and the incident of the timid man, all fascinated and inspired Derek. Gradually he was able to shed his old self and rediscover life. He was able to experience the joy of little thing of life like rain drops falling pitter-patter on the roof. He even told his mother, "You shouldn't believe all you hear." Thus, Derek's brief association with Mr. Lamb changed Derry's life.

(iv) Tishani Doshi's entire experience of visiting Antarctica was nothing short of a revelation. It made her wonder about the "beauty of balance in play on our planet". She hopes the new generation will understand their planet better and save it from annihilation. The planet's ecosystem and its balance that took millions of years to form can be soon destroyed. Scientists warn that a further depletion in the ozone layer will affect the activities of the phytoplankton. The lives of the marine animals and birds of the region will be affected. But the school students' visit to the Antarctica may make human beings handle their planet in a better way.