

Class-XII

English Core(301)



SECTION A

Reading skills

- Ans 1. i) a) we are aimlessly using the natural resources and not replenishing them.
- ii) Primary natural resources include water, air, soil, trees, forests, oceans and rivers. Without these resources, our life is not possible.
- iii) We need to celebrate our progress, see how far we have come, and how advanced we have become, but at the same time, take action to save nature, replenish resources and give back to the environment.
- iv) b) Nature can affect man's emotional well-being.
- v) b) restore

vi) Forests and rivers are essential as forests provide us with the air we breathe, while rivers provide us with water to irrigate crops. They also improve our health and happiness. ✓

vii) c) practical ✓

viii) Due to rapid increase in population, the burden on natural resources and their consumption is increasing. However, resources are not being conserved which is why they are getting depleted rapidly. ✓

ix) create awareness about practicing a sustainable lifestyle to save nature. ✓

x) b) Save Nature Save Life. ✓

Ans 2. i) Not given ✓

ii) Companies demand exemplary performance from each of their employees as there is a lot of competition. Each enterprise wants to stay ahead which is why all companies want their employees to perform highly well. ✓

iii) c) when there are chances to get financial gratification. ✓

iv) The factors 'Team spirit' and 'Work environment' display equal work performance of both the categories. ✓

v) in six out of the ten factors (personal development, relaxed environment, job security, promotion prospects, job satisfaction and monetary incentives), the 18-30 age group has been affected more. ✓

vi) d) happy ✓

vii) 'respect from colleagues' as well as a competent boss. ✓

viii) Motivation in employees is also dependent upon team spirit, a relaxed work environment, a competent boss, respect from colleagues, job security, chance for personal development and promotion prospects, among other factors. Hence, it is not solely dependent upon increase in salary. ✓

(x) team spirit, competent boss, respect from colleagues and job satisfaction. ✓

x) c) happiness. ✓

SECTION BCreative Writing Skills

Ans 3.(A)

A. B. C. COLONY

1st June 2023

NOTICECleanliness Project

This is to inform the residents of the colony that the Social Service Club of the colony is organising a cleanliness service project to clean the parks. Residents are requested to send their children to the colony park, every Sunday, starting from 3rd June 2023, for two hours, from 9 a.m. to 11 a.m, with plastic gloves and bags. Since it is vacation time, it ~~help~~ will help the students in utilising their time, in addition to positively impacting the environment. For further details, contact the undersigned.

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Secretary - Social Service Club

Ans 4. (B)

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4th May 2023

Dear Neeta

Thank you for inviting me to spend some days at your village, Chomes, near Manali, during the summer vacation. It would be my pleasure to spend a week at your place, from Monday, 10th May 2023 to Sunday, 16th May 2023. Your family has always been very kind to me, and I am ^{excited} looking forward to spending a week of my summer vacation with you.

Yours lovingly

Neelam

Ans 5 (A) H.No. 238

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24th February 2023

The Editor

The Times of India

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Sir

Subject : Regarding Problems faced by Women

I am an avid reader of your newspaper and through its esteemed columns, I wish to express my agony at the problems faced by women on a regular basis. On one side, people talk about women's

rights and the importance of empowering them, whereas on the other side, the rate of crime against women is increasing day by day. This contradiction is truly disturbing.

Even today, women cannot walk around freely in their own country. Firstly, they feel unsafe to walk on the roads at night, as the rate of crime against women is on the rise. Secondly, women are still financially dependent on their male counterparts, and do not have financial freedom. Thirdly, there is a lack of educational opportunities for females, and they get fewer work opportunities even when they are equally skilled or talented as men. In addition, many women also fall prey to domestic violence.

This problem cannot be tackled in a lackadaisical manner. Women should be treated as equals to men, not as their inferiors. Equal opportunities must be provided to males and females for education as well as employment. Schemes such as 'Beti Bachao Beti Padhao' must be properly implemented. Moreover, women need to be given

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legal rights as well as financial independence. Apart from this, women must be encouraged to exercise their rights. Boys and girls must be taught to respect each other from a young age.

I request you to kindly publish an article on this issue in your newspaper, to draw the attention of the concerned authorities as well as spread awareness among the public. Only when women are treated as equals to men, India will be called a free country in the true sense.

Thank you

Yours sincerely

Suhina Jain

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A concerned citizen.

Ans 6. (B)

Help the Elderly

- by Radhika Khanna

All parents care for their children when they are young. However, when their parents grow old, what do their children do? They send them to 'old age homes', to escape from their duties and responsibilities. Is this an ethical decision? The elderly people are an asset to the nation: they have gained experiences throughout their lives, and their ^{learnings} ~~hearings~~ can positively impact the newer generations.

In this era, senior citizens face many problems. In later stages of their lives, apart from their physical health, their emotional and mental health is also impacted. Firstly, they face many health issues as problems such as hypertension, back ache and joint pain become common in old-age. Secondly, they feel socially isolated. Most of them do not have any one to talk to, as either they have been left alone, or their children and grandchildren are too busy to spend time with them. They feel lonely, which negatively impacts their emotional

well-being. Lastly, they feel financially dependent on others, and are unable to enjoy ^{and} ~~active~~ live their lives to the fullest.

The society and the government can play a major role in empowering the elderly. Financial support must be provided to the senior citizens who require it. Furthermore, efforts must be made to provide them with timely medical support. They must be encouraged to live an active life, and centres must be opened for the elderly where they can exercise, stay fit as well as socialise. Moreover, children must to be taught to respect and care for the elders.

In conclusion, the senior citizens of any country ~~are an~~ must be viewed as assets, not as liabilities. There is so much to be learned from them, and their experiences, struggles and advices can prove to be highly useful for the coming generations. The elderly must be respected and cared for. The time to think has long gone, it is time to act. Now!

SECTION-CLiterature

- Ans 7. (B)
- i) Young Trees sprinting, the merry children spilling out ✓
 - ii) b) fear of losing her mother. ✓
 - iii) d) she was dozing ✓
 - iv) Young trees sprinting
 - v) distract herself from the fear of losing her mother, and being separated from her.
 - vi) a) anxiety ✓

Ans 8. (B)

i) was close to nature, and liked reading, listening and thinking. He did not like shutting things out, and welcomed nature. ✓

ii) a) welcoming nature ✓

iii) a) I and IV. ✓

iv) c) Both I and II can be inferred from the extract. ✓

Ans 9. (A)

i) d) it is an unwanted intrusion into their lives. ✓

ii) consented

iii) b) soul has been stolen

iv) a) Lewis Carroll

v) c) lessons

vi) d) despised

Ans 10. a) The writer, Anees Jung, described Seemapuri as a place on the border of Delhi, but miles away from it, metaphorically. She described that the people of Seemapuri lived in houses made of mud, and roofs made of tin or tarpaulin. These were temporary houses, and the entire place was devoid of sewage or drainage systems. Hence, this description creates a dismal picture as it shows the stark and unhygienic conditions in which the people of Seemapuri live.

b) The peddler had stolen thirty kroners from the crofter and had somehow escaped. However, he felt that if he went to the

Ironmaster's house with him, his true identity would be revealed and he might get caught. The peddler felt guilty and afraid as he had stolen money, and ^{had} accepted the bait that the world offered him. Hence, he was hesitant to accompany the ironmaster as he was scared of getting caught and he knew that the ironmaster would recognise his fake act if he went with him.

c) In the poem 'A Thing of Beauty', John Keats talks about the grandeur of the mighty dead. For him, the tales and stories of our ancestors are beautiful, as they inspire people and motivate them to stay brave. These tales are grand and majestic, and are like an immortal drink from heaven. Their beauty is endless, as they provide joy to people.

d) M. Hamel was dressed in formal clothes: the clothes he wore on inspection or prize days. He was wearing his green coat, a frilled white shirt and a black silk cap as it was his last day in the school in which he had taught for forty years. He was wearing his

formal clothes in honour of the last French lesson. It was his way of showing his respect towards the French language and his country.

12) Sophie's brother, Geoff, was the only one in the entire house who listened to Sophie's tales. Sophie trusted Geoff and used to confide in him. However, he was very silent and used to stay in a world of his own, as he never spoke much. Sophie was jealous of his silence, and wanted to be admitted into his world. Hence, she longed for her brother's affection as she enjoyed sharing her feelings with him, and also wanted to know more about his world.

Ans 11. a) The Maharaja had banned the killing of tigers in his kingdom by anyone except him. Once, he stood at the risk of losing his kingdom when he disallowed a British officer from hunting tigers in his kingdom, Pratibandhapuram. Hence, to pacify the British officer and please his wife, he tried to bribe the officer by sending a sample of fifty diamond rings to the officer's wife. He had expected

that the lady would select a couple of rings and return the rest. However, being greedy, she kept all fifty rings and the Maharaja was forced to pay a bill of three lakh rupees to the British jewellers.

- b) Derry entered Mr. Lamb's garden as he had thought that it was empty. However, as soon as he entered the garden, he heard a voice, "Mind the apples!". He got startled as he had expected the house to be empty. He did not like being around people, as he felt that they were afraid of him. Moreover, he did not want to come across as a thief, as he had not come to steal the apples. Hence, Derry got startled when he realised that the house was not empty, and that someone was already there.

Ans. b) Edla was completely different from her father, the ironmaster. The ironmaster was a proud man whose main aim was to ship out good quality iron. He had previously been a part of the regiment.

He was not a very kind man, and when he mistook the peddler to be his old regimental comrade, he invited him to his house solely because of his pride. As soon as he got to know about the rattrap peddler's true identity, he threatened to call the sheriff. On the other hand, Edla was kind and compassionate. When the peddler refused the ironmaster's request to come to his manor, Edla was able to convince the peddler through her polite and loving manners. Even when she got to know of the peddler's true identity, she did not want to send him away, as they had already promised Christmas cheer to him. Edla was a kind soul.

On Christmas morning, when the ironmaster and his daughter, Edla, came to know that the peddler was a thief, they got worried for different reasons. While the ironmaster doubted the peddler and was worried about his silverware, Edla was unhappy as she thought that the peddler had betrayed her trust. However, they soon realised that the peddler had not stolen anything and had also returned the Crofter's money. Moreover, Edla was observant and knew from the beginning that her father mistook

the peddler to be his comrade, whereas the ironmaster was ignorant and did not pay attention to details. Thus, Edla was a contrast to her father, and had a heart of gold. It was her compassion, care and kindness which transformed the life of the peddler.

~~Ques 13~~ b) Bama and Zittkala-la were victims of discrimination. They were discriminated against on the basis of their caste and nationality, very early in life. They were victims of a system that crushed their aspirations. Bama had been treated poorly as she belonged to the lower caste, and was treated as an 'untouchable'. Similarly, Zittkala-la was also mistreated in her Indian Carlisle School. ~~She~~ Her hair was forcefully shingled, and she had no rights of her own. She had faced humiliation after being separated from her mother. Thus, both, Bama and Zittkala-la were victims of discrimination. However, both of them were determined to break out and did not resign to fate. their fate. Bama studied hard, and came first in class which

helped her gain respect and make friends. ~~time~~ Likewise, Zitkala-Sa also rebelled against the cutting of her long hair. She did not consent so easily, and tried to break free. Hence, both, Boma and Zitkala-Sa were highly determined and resolute. They did not let difficult situations take over their lives. They fought for their rights, and became successful writers. They prove that if one is determined and has the will to succeed, he/she can succeed inspite of all difficulties and circumstances.

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