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SAMPLE QUESTION PAPER (2023- 2024)

ENGLISH CORE - CLASS XII

SECTION A : READING SKILLS (15 Marks)

Award 1 mark for the correct answer.

There is no partial credit

1 Unseen Passage (A) 10x1= 10

(i) (a) oppressing the Indians, Chinese and others

(ii) (c) In Transvaal

(iii) (a) I is true II is false

(iv) (b) biased

(v) (d) their crime was too obvious to be defended

(vi) Stamping out

(vii) Acquitted

(viii) Had no sufficient evidences against them (accept any other similar response)

(ix) Gandhi Ji met the Police Commissioner after collecting the evidence.

(x) According to the passage, it was difficult to convict a white offender against coloured man (any other similar response)

OR

Unseen Passage (B)

(i) (b) Caesar

(ii) (d) Julius was the guardian of gates and doors

(iii) (a) I is true II is false

(iv) (c) its traditions influence today's New Year celebration

(v) (a) Janus

(vi) traditionally

(vii) The Babylonians at around 2000 B.C. first started the New Year's celebration.

(viii) The two heads of Janus symbolizes good beginnings and endings.

(ix) inevitable

(x) The New Year's celebration was considered quite sensible as new life starts/begins to emerge in Spring.

2 Note Making **5 marks**

Title 1 mark, Abbreviation 1 mark, content 3 marks

Notes

Title : Man and Machine (Accept any other appropriate title also)

(1) Civilzn. & Sci.

1.1 Civilzn and defect

1.2 To do with knwl

1.3 Sci. power

(2) Man & Machine;

2.1 machn- servant of man

2.2 become his master

2.3 machine will rule

(3) Use of time & energy

3.1 make more better machn.

3.2 beautiful things

3.3 maintain justice and remove quarrels

3.4 everlasting civilzn.

Abbreviations		
1 Civilzn.	----------	civilization
2 Sci	----------	science
3 Machn	----------	machine
4 Knwl	----------	knowledge

SECTION B GRAMMAR 10x1 = 10

Award 1 mark for the correct answer.

There is no partial credit

3

3.1 Modals 2x1=2

(i) used to /would

(ii) might

(iii) (a) would

3.2 Change the narration 2x1 = 2

(i) The teacher told the students that where there is a will there is a way.

(ii) The priest wished/prayed for the newly married couple that God might bless them both.

(iii) (d) Priti asked Sumit how he was.

3.3 Articles 2x1= 2

(i) the

(ii) No article/x

(iii) (a) a

3.4 Change the Voice 2x1 =2

(i) Your hair needs to be cut.

(ii) It is time for the newspaper to be read.

(iii) (c) My pocket has been picked.

3.5 Tense/ correct form of verb 2x1 =2

(i) left

(ii) revolves

(iii) (b) was

SECTION C : CREATIVE WRITING SKILLS (15 marks)

4 NOTICE **5 marks**

Format – 1 mark

Box , NOTICE (centre), Heading (Centre), date of issue (aligned left), Signature with designation (bottom left)

- 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

GOVT. MODEL SANSKRITI SR. SEC. SCHOOL, M/GARH

NOTICE

DEBATE COMPETITION

Date: 15th July 2023

All the students are informed that the Cultural Club of our school is going to organize a ' Debate Competition' as per the details given below;

Topic : Should there be canteen in the school?

Date : 23rd July 2023

Time : 9 A.M.

Venue : School's auditorium

The students who want to participate in the above said competition must give their names to the undersigned latest by 21st July 2023. For more information contact the undersigned.

Sumit

(Secretary of Cultural Club)

OR

4 Advertisements **5 marks**

Format 1 mark

Box, Heading, content, contact no., address/ email

- 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

Model Answer

CAR FOR SALE

Available almost a new Ford Figo car(diesel) for sale. It is of white colour, model 2022, run 30,000 km, average 20 kilometer per liter, A.C., leather seat covers, Sony music system, power window, PUC, tubeless tyres, fully insured etc. Selling price – 500000/- . No bargaining!

Interested parties can contact : ½ Moti Nagar, Bhiwani.

Mob.- 98xxxxxx23

E.mail – gbhfyrghu@gmai.com

OR

Poster making

Format 1 content 3 Accuracy 1

Title / Topic, catchy slogan, message, Proper spacing, issuing authority etc.

Content 3

- Format
- Save Water Save life
- Importance of Water Harvesting
- 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

Model Answer

WATER IS LIFE

EVERY **IS**



DROP

PRECIOUS

MAKE YOUR DRY DAYS TENSION FREE
GO FOR RAIN WATER HARVESTING

SAVE IT *** Close the taps when not in use**
TO SAVE *** Repair the leaking pipes or taps**
YOUR LIFE *** Use water judicially**

Issued in public interest by : HARYANA JAL BOARD

5. Letter **5 marks**

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.

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

Sector-2
Rewari
1st July 2023

The Editor
The Tribune
Rohtak

Subject : open manholes

Sir

Through the columns of your esteemed newspaper, I wish to draw the kind attention of the general public and concerned authorities to the open manholes at sector -2, Rewari. There are three open manholes on the main road leading to our locality. They are posing a serious threat to the lives of the people. Despite several incidents in the past where people have fallen in these manholes and suffered injuries, The Rewari Nagar Nigam has never paid heeds to cover them up. These pits lead to accidents during daytime itself but they become all the more dangerous during the night time. During rainy season it is difficult to locate them. Therefore, on behalf of the residents of the locality I request you to make the authorities cover these open manholes immediately.

I hope the concerned authorities will take prompt action to cover these open manholes. Thanking you.
Yours faithfully
Jatin

OR

Content

- Reference to the advertisement
- Bio data
- Formal tone

Model Answer

132, Kayampura
Narnaul
1st October 2023

The Director
Brakes & Brakes Pvt. Ltd.
New Delhi

Subject : Application for the post of Sales Manager
Sir,

This is in response to your advertisement published in The Hindu dated 29th September 2023 for the subject vacancy in your esteemed organization. I wish to apply for the same. I am a young man of 25. I am active and smart. I possess good communication skills. I am well versed in English and Hindi. I am computer savvy also. I have done my MBA from KUK. I have two years' experience in sales. I assure you that if you give me an opportunity, I will not let you down. I am herewith enclosing my bio-data for your kind perusal and consideration. Thanking you.

Yours sincerely
Mohit

BIO-DATA

Name : Mohit
Father's name : Parveen Kumar
Mother's name : Sarla Devi

Date of Birth : 19 September 1999

Address : 132, Kayampura, Narnaul

Nationality : Indian

Category : General

Sex : Male

Marital status : Unmarried

Educational Qualification

Sr. no	Class	Board/ University	Percentage
1	X	B.S.E.H., Bhiwani	90%
2	XII	B.S.E.H., Bhiwani	94%
3	BBA	KUK	90%
4	MBA	KUK	93%

Experience : Two years as Assistant Sales Manager in D&V Pvt Ltd.

Language known : English and Hindi

References : 1 Mr. Devender Yadav

Senior Manager, HMLT, New Delhi

2. Mr. Vimal Sharma

Senior Manager L&T Pvt. Ltd., Mumbai

Date: 1st October 2023 **Place : Narnaul**

6 . Report **5 marks**

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

Block Level Science Exhibition

By Renu

Rewari: 5th May 2023

A Block Level Science Exhibition was organized in ABC school, Rewari on 4th May 2023 by DSE, Haryana. The motto of the exhibition was to provide an opportunity to the budding scientist to showcase their innovations. The B.E.O. Dr. Yogender Yadav was the chief guest on this occasion. He inaugurated the exhibition and motivated the participants. Twenty teams from different schools participated in the exhibition. Each team comprised three students. Each team demonstrated its model and explained its working very minutely. The visitors were bewitched by the innovations. Our school team also participated in the exhibition. It was very difficult for the jury members to decide which model/ innovation was the best . Finally, our school team's innovation was adjudged the best among them. M. A. K. school team got the second position and D.A.V. secured the third. The B.E.O. gave away the prizes to the winning teams and participation certificates to the rest of the teams. Thus the exhibition was a great success.

OR

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

Content 2

Suggested value points

- Beginning, middle and end
- Makes healthy, strong, agile etc.
- Develops team spirit
- Make social,
- Prepare for the ups and downs of life
- Remedy for all

(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

Value of Outdoor Games

Outdoor games play a vital role in our life. They are not important just for kids but for adults as well. They make us physically as well as mentally fit. They develop coordination, team spirit, discipline and prepare us for the ups and downs of life. Outdoor games create a sense of brotherhood among players. They teach the players discipline and punctuality .They build muscle power and strength. They keep the players energetic and active all the time. They also help in building good character and develop the spirit of cooperation .They keep us away from diseases .They justify the saying "a healthy mind lives in a healthy body." With the help of outdoor games we can achieve our goals/aims in life. They provide a platform for skill development and the acquisition of new abilities. Many outdoor games have cultural significance and are played across different countries and regions. Participating in these games allows for cultural exchange, exposure to different traditions and the celebration of diversity.

In a nutshell ,we can say that outdoor games offer a wide range of values including physical fitness and social interaction.

SECTION D LITERATURE (40 MARKS)

7 A **5x1= 5**

Value Points

(I) (a) Quite introspection

(ii) (b) ‘ Victory with no survivors’

(iii) (b) death

(iv) (c) They will start working on humanitarian grounds

(v) (d) Pablo Neruda

OR

7 B **5x1 =5**

I) (b) She is not happy with her married life as her husband is a cruel man

(ii) (d) ringed

(iii) (c) Both I and II are true

(iv) (a) aabbcc

(v) (d) Alliteration

8 A **5x1= 5**

(i) (a) Autobiographical

(ii) (a) I is true II is false

(iii) (c) just for fun

(iv) (b) Y M C A

(v) (a) of the misadventure

OR

8 B **5x1 =5**

(I) (c) Calcutta

(ii) (c) pestered

(iii) (d) Both ‘a’ and ‘b’

(iv) (d) an untouchable

(v) (b) Biography

9 Answer in 40-50 words 4x2 =8 marks

Content 1 mark Expression 1 mark

(Deduct ½ mark for two or more grammatical/ spelling mistakes)

(a)Suggested value points

- Parents believed in the God given linage, believed in fate
- Caste stigma
- He was born in the family of bangle makers
- He did not want to carry on his parents profession
- He wants to become a motor mechanic

(any other relevant point)

Model Answer

Mukesh’s parents were bangle makers. They were fatalists as they believed in the god given linage. They were burdened by the stigma of caste in which they were born. They accepted their fate but Mukesh did not want to carry on his parents’ profession. He wanted to become a motor mechanic.

(b) Suggested value points

- Crofter had no wife or children
- He lived alone in his house

- Was happy to receive someone to talk to
- He was a man of words, friendly nature , an honest man,

(any other relevant point)

Model Answer

The crofter was an old man. He had no wife or children. He lived alone in his house. When the peddler knocked at his door and asked for shelter, he was happy to receive someone to talk to in his loneliness. So, he was so talkative and friendly with the peddler.

(c)

Model Answer

Today, people love to post their selfies, reels etc. on social media but in some primitive cultures it was believed that if one was taking photographic portrait of somebody then he was stealing that person's soul.

(any other relevant point)

(d) Suggested value points

- Misadventure happened at Y M C A pool,/, nearly drowned/ developed aversion to water

(any other relevant point)

Model Answer

When William Douglas was ten or eleven years old, a boy probably eighteen years old threw him into the pool. He was nearly drowned. He could not eat or sleep that night. That incident developed in him an aversion to water and made him hydrophobic.

(e) superb actor, writer, an asset for the director, had no ill will against anybody, amiable, social, Brahmin , etc.

(any other relevant point)

Model Answer

Subbu was no 2 at Gemini studio. He was a superb actor, writer, poet and above all he was an amiable person. He had no ill-will against anybody. He was an asset for the director.

10 Answer in 40-50 words 2x3 = 6

Content 2 mark Expression 1 mark

(Deduct ½ mark for two or more grammatical/ spelling mistakes)

(A) Suggested value points

- Sixty six years Old, weak, near death yet goes with her to bid her good bye to the airport

(any other relevant point)

Model Answer

Kamla Das' mother was sixty six years old. She was weak ,sick and near her death yet she accompanied her daughter to the airport to bid her good bye. This clearly shows that she loved her daughter very much.

(b) Suggested value points

- World is full of miseries, illness, a thing of beauty teaches us to live for all, trees gives shade to everyone, flowers fragrance, sun its sunshine etc.

  (any other relevant point)

Model Answer

According to Keats the world is full of miseries, sickness and inhumanity. It is very hard to live in it. In spite of all these miseries, sickness and inhumanity, a thing of beauty teaches us to live for all. For example, trees give shade to everyone, flowers give their fragrance without discrimination, Sun gives its sunshine to each and every one. Thus, a thing of beauty gives us reason to live and love the life.

(c) Suggested value points

- That the city people should be more sympathetic and helpful towards them/ should buy their products /people in power should fulfil their promise etc.

  (any other relevant point)

  (any other relevant point)

Model Answer

The folk plea was that the city people should be more sympathetic and helpful towards them. They should buy their products so that they might earn some cash and live life with honour. They also pleaded that the people in power should fulfil the promise they made to them.

11 Answer in 40-50 words 3x2 = 6 marks

Content 1 mark Expression 1 mark

(Deduct ½ mark for two or more grammatical/ spelling mistakes)

(a)Suggested value points

- Had to kill hundred tigers
- tiger population was less in his kingdom
- if allowed would attract others to follow,

(any other relevant point)

Model Answer

The Tiger King vowed to kill hundred tigers but the population of tigers was decreasing in his kingdom. Moreover, if he allowed the British officer to hunt tigers in his kingdom ,it would attract the others to follow and would create hindrance in his mission. So ,he did not allow the British officer to hunt the tigers in his kingdom.

(b) Suggested value points

- Sea and gods would take revenge
- Left the house till Tom stayed there

(any other relevant point)

Model Answer

The servants believed that if Dr. Sadao harbour the American soldier, the sea god would avenge on him. So, they left the house till Tom ,the American soldier, stayed there.

(c) Suggested value points

- Told her to work hard to win honour and dignity
- Got inspiration to fight back through hard work and study
- Studied hard and stood first in the class

(any other relevant point)

Model Answer

Annan advised Bama to work hard to win the honour and dignity. He inspired her to fight back through hard work and study. She got the inspiration and studied hard. As a result she topped the class.

(d) providing them inspiring educational opportunities/ foster new understanding of our planet/ to make them realize the real danger of global warming/ they can pay back to environment etc.

(any other relevant point)

Model Answer

Green started the Student on Ice programme to provide the students an inspiring educational opportunity and to make them realize the real danger of global warming. He wanted to foster in them a new understanding of our planet. He was sure that students can pay back to the environment more than anyone else.

12 Answer in 120-150 words 1x5 =5 marks

Content 3 marks Expression 2 marks (Fluency 1 Grammar 1)

(a)Suggested value points

- Franco Prussian war
- Order from Berlin to teach only German in Alsace and Lorrain
- Linguistic chauvinism
- M Hamel, Franz and villagers response

(any other relevant points)

Model Answer

'The Last Lesson' is set against the background of Franco-Prussian war. French people were defeated by the Prussian people. The districts Alsace and Lorraine passed into the hands of Prussians. Immediately, a change came into the classroom. M. Hamel , the French teacher, was ordered to leave as per the changes. The German was going to be taught in the classroom. After losing freedom, they also lost their right to study their own language. They were imposed with the foreign language with which they were not acquainted. They were forced to abandon their own language, the most beautiful and logical language in the world.

With the snatching of the language the patriotic feelings were aroused creating a love for the lost era. Franz, the little boy, all of a sudden developed love for his teacher and language to which he hardly paid attention earlier. The villager came to the classroom to honour M Hamel for his forty years of loyal service and to pay respect to the language which was theirs no more. M Hamel wore his fine Sunday clothes in honour of the French language. He praised the language and inspired the villagers to guard it among themselves. Thus, the story depicts and exemplifies linguistic chauvinism , and the pangs inflicted on the people of Alsace and Lorraine.

OR

(b) Suggested value points

- Serious novel, dealing with mystery, metaphysics, theology, and medieval history
- Readers will not be able to relate
- 3000 copies were published
- Two or three million sold in U.S. alone, total 10-15 million all over the world
- Published at appropriate time
- Success is mystery
- Detective yarn mixed with metaphysics, theology and medieval history

(any other relevant points)

Model Answer

Eco's 'The Name of the Rose' is a serious novel. It deals with mystery, metaphysics, theology and medieval history. When Eco took his novel to the American publisher, she told him that she

loved the book but in the same breath, she also added that she did not expect to sell more than 3000 copies in a country where nobody has seen a cathedral or studied Latin. Moreover, the readers would not be able to relate the story. But in the end, it sold two or three million copies in America alone and ten to fifteen million in the world. When asked about the huge success of the novel, Eco gave its credit to the time. He said that if he had written it ten years earlier or ten years later the result would not have been the same. His readers did not want easy experience. To him the success of the novel is still a mystery.

13 Answer in 120-150 words 1x5 =5

Content 3 marks Expression 2 marks (Fluency 1 Grammar 1)

(A) Suggested value points

- Present world rat race
- Everybody running after power, money ,success
- One gets stressed out
- Feeling of failure develops
- Starts imagining
- Charley wants to escape from modern world
- He imagines the third level

(any other relevant point)

Model Answer

The modern world is full of fear, insecurities, stress and wars. Everybody is a participant in the modern world's rat race. People are running after money, power and success. In this blind race one gets stressed out and develops the feeling of failure. The feeling of failure makes the life a living hell. To escape from the harsh realities of the world people adopt many ways. Stamp collecting, gardening, listening to the music, going for picnic, watching moves, creative writing, painting etc. are some ways. Charley also wants to escape from the harsh realities of the world and slip into the past. So, he imagines the third level at the Grand central Station. He wants to go back in 1894's Galesburg through this level to live a peaceful life there. He even convinces his wife about the existence of the third level . But in reality, there was no third level. It was just a product of Charley's imagination.

OR

(B) Suggested value points

- Derry is a small boy
- Acid burn on one cheek/ ugly appearance
- His parents' views
- People's views regarding him
- Develops sense of alienation
- Hates people

- Looks out for escapism
- Attitude towards Mr. Lamb (in the beginning and end)

(any other relevant point)

Model Answer

In the one act play ' On the Face of it" the harsh reality that the actual pain or inconvenience caused by a physical impairment is often much less than the sense of alienation felt by the person with disabilities, has been exemplified through the character of Derry. Derry is a boy of fourteen . Half of his face was burnt by acid. He looked ugly. His parents thought that he would not be able to cope up with the world after their demise. People either moved away from him or sympathized with him. None gave him confidence. Derry quotes a woman saying " only a mother could love this face." In this world some accept their plight with grace and overcome the hardships related to it by developing tastes and habits. But Derry could not find a way out of his disability of burned face. Gradually ,he developed a sense of alienation. He wanted to escape from the world. His sneaking into Mr. Lamb's garden when he saw none around is an example of escapism. He had harsh and unwelcomed attitude towards Mr. Lamb who tried his best to inspire him to overcome his handicap. The lack of confidence and embarrassment caused by handicap alienated him from people. One can imagine how cumbersome life appears to such persons.