

English (Lang. and Lit.) Delhi (set-3)

General Instructions :

Read the following instructions very carefully and strictly following them.

(i) Question paper comprises three section – A, B and C.

(ii)	Section A	–	Reading	20 marks
	Section B	–	Writing & Grammar	30 marks
	Section C	–	Literature	30 marks

(iii) There are **11** questions in the question paper. All questions are compulsory.

(iv) Answer should be brief and to the point.

(v) There is no overall choice in the question paper. However, an internal choice has been provided in Section B and Section C. Make your choices correctly.

(vi) In addition to this, separate instructions are given with each section and question, wherever necessary.

(vii) Do not exceed the prescribed word limit while answering the questions.

Question 1

1.1 On the basis of your reading of the above passage answer the following questions.

(a) The Dancing Girl belongs to:

- (i) Mohenjo-daro
- (ii) Greek culture
- (iii) Homo sapiens
- (iv) Tibet

(b) In the museum she's kept among:

- (i) dancing figures.
- (ii) bronze statues.
- (iii) terracotta animals.
- (iv) books.

(c) Which information is not given in the passage?

- (i) The girl is caged behind glass.
- (ii) She is a rare artefact.
- (iii) School books communicate the wealth of our heritage.
- (iv) She cannot be rediscovered as she's bronze.

(d) 'Great Art' has power because:



- (i) it appeals to us despite a passage of time.
- (ii) it is small and can be understood.
- (iii) it's seen in pictures and sketches.
- (iv) it's magnified a million times.

(e) The jewellery she wears:

- (i) consists of only bangles of shell or ivory or thin metal.
- (ii) is a necklace with two pendants.
- (iii) both (i) and (ii) are correct.
- (iv) neither (i) nor (ii) is correct.

(f) She reminds us:

- (i) of the never-say-die attitude of humans.
- (ii) why museums in our country are exciting.
- (iii) why she will make us come into money.
- (iv) of dancing figures.

(g) The synonym of the word "among" in para is 1 _____

(h) The size of the dancing girl is equal to the length of human palm. (True/ False)

Solution:

- 1.1 (a) (i) Mohenjo-daro
- (b) (iii) terracotta animals
- (c) (iv) She cannot be rediscovered as she's bronze.
- (d) (i) it appeals to us despite a passage of time.
- (e) (iv) neither (i) nor (ii) is correct.
- (f) (ii) why museums in our country are exciting.
- (g) amid
- (h) True

Question 2

2.1 On the basis of your reading of the above passage, answer the following questions in 30-40 words each.

- (a) Write one advantage and one disadvantage of allowing every family member to be part of the decision making process.
- (b) In today's world, what are parents asking their kids?
- (c) Which two pieces of advice does the writer give to the parents?
- (d) The passage supports the parents. How far do you agree with the author's views? Support your view with a reason.

2.2 On the basis of your reading of the above passage, answer the following:

- (a) The synonym of 'hurt' as given in paragraph 2 is
- (b) The word which means the same as 'a style or method of cooking in paragraph 4 is:
 - i. cuisine
 - ii. gourmet



- iii. gastric
- iv. science
- (c) The antonym of 'agreeable' as given in paragraph 5 is
- (d) The antonym of 'simple' as given in paragraph 6 is:
 - i. difficult
 - ii. complicated
 - iii. easy
 - iv. tricky

Solution:

2.1

(a) One advantage of allowing every family member to be part of the decision making is that it promotes a sense of togetherness and bonding. One disadvantage is that it might cause arguments and by the time a decision is arrived at, tempers rise.

(b) In today's world, parents ask their kids about everything. They ask them the cuisine they prefer, the movie they want to see, the holiday they wish to go on and the subjects they wish to study. This empowers the children.

(c) The author advises the parents to listen to their children and ensure that they keep some time aside for their children. This would ensure a good 'quality time' and strengthen the familial bond.

(d) I agree with the author as I too believe that it is very important to communicate within the family. Including children in the decision-making process empowers them. Also, the children today question choices and prefer to go with the flow. They must be given preference in the family decision-making process.

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- (a) injured
- (b) cuisine
- (c) conflicting
- (d) complicated

Question 3

You go to your school travelling in a government bus. You notice the benefits of travelling by bus which is helpful in reducing pollution. Write an article in 100-150 words on the topic, "Use Public Conveyance: Control Pollution". You are Akshay/Akshita.

OR

You are Akshay/Akshita, 23, Rampur Road, Delhi, a responsible citizen of your country. When you go on the road, you see that the people are becoming more and more intolerant of others, and driving their vehicles recklessly which some times leads to road rage. Write a letter to the editor of a local newspaper advising people to follow rules while driving vehicles. (100 – 150 words)



Solution:

Use Public Conveyance: Control Pollution

By Akshay

I am a school student and travel by the public bus every morning to school. I have learnt that there are various benefits of travelling by public transport. It not only helps us save time, money and energy but also makes the environment cleaner and greener. Public transport has many advantages. It is a cheap means of travel, to begin with. Public transports cost you way less than your own vehicle or a private taxi. Public transport such as the metro is faster than other means of travel. Also, you do not have to worry about the traffic and can easily sit back and enjoy the ride.

However, that's not all. The main benefit of using public transport is that it helps in controlling pollution. Individual vehicles, where one person drives a car to work with a capacity of five, creates unnecessary congestion on roads as well as pollutes the environment. Thus, it is important to reduce the usage of fossil fuels and start taking public transport.

OR

Akshita

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Rampur Road

Delhi

24th February, 2020

The Editor

The Delhi Daily

Akbar Road

Delhi

Dear Sir/ Madam

Subject: Request to publish an article on road safety in your esteemed daily

Through the columns of your esteemed daily, I would like to share my opinion on the rising intolerance on the road amongst people and urge them to follow rules while driving vehicles to avoid crashes and road rage. I have been observing that people on road these days. They have become highly intolerant and even the slightest mistake by one person takes the face of a giant quarrel or deadly road rage.

The problem lies in the fact that people do not follow rules and drive as per their convenience. This leads to accidents and fights on roads. People need to



understand the importance of rules and maintaining peace and harmony by being tolerant of others' mistakes. Traffic rules have been made for our safety and they must be followed by us.

I hope you will publish my article in your newspaper and support my views.

Thanking you in anticipation!

Yours truly

Akshita

Question 4

Ahmad went to watch Diwali Mela with his parents. He wanted to enjoy a ride in the merry-go-round. His father_____

OR

Write a story in 150–200 words with the help of the following outline. Give it a suitable title also.

a cricket match _____ boys playing in the street _____ Ram hit the ball _____ a second floor window pane broken_____

Solution:

Riding in the Merry-go-round

Ahmad went to watch Diwali Mela with his parents. He wanted to enjoy a ride in the merry-go-round. His father, however, was against his wish to ride a scary-looking swing. He could see people moving frantically and shouting. Though they were having fun. But for Ahmad's father this wasn't the concept of having fun.

He warned Ahmad against it but Ahmad insisted on riding with his father. Ahmad's father had never before taken a joy ride but for the love of his son and his wish, he agreed to take the risk after a lot of convincing. As their turn arrived to climb in one of the seats, Ahmad's father started to feel the jitters. The security near the ride fastened their seat belts and they were ready to roll. Ahmad's father closed his eyes and started praying to God.

The ride began with a Jerk which made Ahmad's father open his eyes to check if Ahmad was fine and soon the ride started. Looking at Ahmad's happy face, his fear vanished and he started enjoying the ride. By the end of it, the two had decided to take the ride once again!

OR

Gully Cricket

It was a summer evening and all the school going boys were enjoying their holidays by playing a game of cricket in the neighborhood. It was now Ram's turn to bat and he was known for his long shots. All the other kids were scared of him because he used to bat the ball so hard that they used to often end up losing it.



Today was no different, Ram hit the ball and it broke a window pane on the second floor of the nearby building. All of us ran from the spot fearing that we would be given a nice scolding. But Ram did not move and he stood proudly with the bat in his hand. Five minutes later a young boy came down with the ball. He introduced himself as Shivam and gave the ball to Ram. As Shivam turned around, Ram said thank you to him but he did not respond.

Ram pat on his shoulder and said thank you to him once again. This time the boy read his lips and replied welcome. He then told Ram that he had lost his power of listening when he was young. Ram asked him if he would like to play with them and he agreed happily. Since then, he has been giving tough competition to Ram in breaking window panes with his long shots.

Question 5

Fill in any four of the following blanks given below choosing the most appropriate options from the ones that follow. Write the answers in your answer sheet against the correct blank numbers. Communication __ (a) __ become very effective __ (b) __ instant due to smart phones. People are able __ (c) __ convey their messages all around the globe to __ (d) __ loved ones __ (e) __ spending hefty sums of money.

(a)	(i)	is	(ii)	has	(iii)	have	(iv)	had
(b)	(i)	but	(ii)	as	(iii)	or	(iv)	and
(c)	(i)	for	(ii)	in	(iii)	to	(iv)	of
(d)	(i)	his	(ii)	her	(iii)	their	(iv)	your
(e)	(i)	with	(ii)	without	(iii)	and	(iv)	to

Solution:

- (a) ii. has
- (b) iv. and
- (c) iii. to
- (d) iii. their
- (e) ii. without

Question 6

The following paragraph has not been edited. There is an error in each line. Write the error along with its correction in the space provided.

	Error	Correction
Tallam is situated in an	(a) ----- ---	----- --
altitude of about 550 feet on a southern	(b) ----- ---	----- --
arm of a deep bay of the Western Ghats.	(c) ----- ---	----- --
Tallam boasts of delight forest	(d) -----	-----

scenery.

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Solution:

Error	Correction
(a) in	at
(b) a	the
(c) of	in
(d) delight	delightful

Question 7

Look at the words and phrases given below. Rearrange them to form meaningful sentences.

- (a) easy/very/it/to open/it/was
- (b) to sleep/night/decided/every/they/a hotel/in
- (c) quickly/very/the clothes/they/and food/packed.
- (d) the/problems/bags/heavy/in carrying/had/they

Solution:

- (a) It was very easy to open it.
- (b) They decided to sleep in a hotel every night.
- (c) They packed the food and clothes very quickly.
- (d) They had problems in carrying the heavy bags.

Question 8

And as the light came on, Fowler had his first authentic thrill of the day. For halfway across the room, a small automatic pistol in his hand, stood a man.

Ausable blinked a few times.

- (a) Who was standing in the room with a pistol in his hand?
 - i. Ausable
 - ii. Fowler
 - iii. Max
 - iv. A waiter
- (b) Ausable blinked because he:
 - i. was getting adjusted to the light.
 - ii. got afraid of the man with a pistol.
 - iii. was thrilled to have reached his room.
 - iv. started thinking of how to get rid of the man.
- (c) Fowler was thrilled because what he saw looked like a
- (d) Which word in the extract means the same as 'genuine/real'?



OR

Read the extract given below and answer the questions that follow:

I stand and look at them long and long.

They do not sweat and whine about their condition.

(a) The poet who has written these lines is -----

- i. Robert Frost
- ii. Carolyn Wells
- iii. Walt Whitman
- iv. Ogden Nash

(b) Who are 'they' referred to here?

- i. Animals
- ii. Tigers
- iii. Ananda's friends
- iv. Wanda's dresses

(c) The poet looks at them long and long because he.....

(d) Which word in the extract means 'complain'?

Solution:

- (a) iii. Max
- (b) iv. started to think of how to get rid of the man.
- (c) looked like a real thriller scene finally. The kind of action and scene he had been expecting while he was on his way.
- (d) authentic

OR

- (a) iii. Walt Whitman
- (b) i. Animals
- (c) admires the behaviour of animals and wants to stay with them.
- (d) whine

Question 9

Answer any five of the following questions in 30 – 40 words each.

- (a) "The sight of the food maddened him." What does this suggest? (His First Flight)
- (b) Why does the poet not offer the boy money to buy another ball?
- (c) Why is Coorge called the land of rolling hills?
- (d) What made Hari Singh come back to Anil?
- (e) Why was Matilda unhappy in her early married life?
- (f) Why does Mrs. Hall and find the scientist (the new guest) eccentric?

Solution:



(a) The young seagull was very hungry. It was this hunger that ultimately compelled it to fly. Its hunger only intensified when it saw its mother tearing at a piece of fish that lay at her feet. It cried to her, begging her to get some food. When its mother came towards it with food in her beak, it screamed with joy and anticipation. However, she stopped midway. It wondered why she did not come nearer. Not being able to resist or control its hunger any longer, it dived at the food in its mother's beak. At that moment, his hunger overpowered his fear of the great expanse of sea beneath the cliff. Finally, this plunge was followed by the natural reaction of its body, i.e., to fly.

(b) The poet does not offer him money to buy another ball because according to him, money or another ball is worthless. The boy was trying to understand his first responsibility as he had lost something, which could not be brought back.

(c) Coorg is called the land of rolling hills as it has a lot of hills and also it is a hill station. It is a beautiful place and seems to have drifted from the kingdom of God. The entire area is situated among gentle sloping hills that seem to roll down in a panoramic view.

(d) Hari Singh returned to Anil because he felt guilty about robbing him. He thought that people have different responses to being robbed. Some people show fear, some show anger, and some show acceptance. But, Hari knew that Anil would be sad, not for the loss of money but for the loss of trust. Hari did not have inner peace by robbing Anil. So, he returned back to him along with the money.

(e) Matilda was always unhappy in her early married life because she was born in a family of clerks which seemed to be an error of destiny. She had high aspirations. She felt grieved at her miserable condition. She thought that she was born for all delicacies and luxuries of the world. Her petty economic and social status tortured and angered her. She had a liking for marvellous dishes, nice frocks, and jewels. But she could not attain them.

(f) The arrival of a stranger at an inn in winter was in itself a strange occurrence. In addition, the stranger had an uncommon appearance. In spite of Mrs. Hall's attempts to be friendly, he would respond in a cold manner. He told her that he had no desire to talk and that all he wanted was solitude. He did not wish to be disturbed in his work. For all these reasons she regarded him as an eccentric scientist.

Question 10

Attempt the following question in 100 – 150 words.

Describe the scene in which Wanda's dress drawings are displayed. Who won the drawing contest for the girls?

OR

What message does Adrienne Rich want to convey through the poem, 'The Trees'?

Solution:

Wanda's drawings were displayed all over the classroom and the children were awestruck by the colorful dresses painted on sheets of paper. There were a hundred different dresses, just what Wanda had always said to have possessed. Wanda was then announced the winner of the competition, however, she was not present to receive the honour. Maddie and Peggy were awestruck and felt guilty of teasing and bullying Wanda. They even wanted to apologize to her but they never saw her in school again.

OR

'The Trees' is a nature poem. Here, the poet provides a visual picture of an alternative space where 'trees' have managed to escape from the artificial house gardens of the people. In our obliviousness, we have forgotten that mankind and nature go hand in hand. The ever increasing rate of deforestation has emptied the forests. Therefore, in providing a spectacle of the exodus of trees, the poet gives a political message against deforestation.

Question 11

Attempt the following question in 100–150 words.

Mrs. Pumphrey, the overindulgent and caring mistress of Tricki, pampers her pet dog like a spoiled child. Comment.

OR

What were Horace Danby's plans for his latest robbery?

Solution:

It is true that Mrs. Pumphrey, the overindulgent and caring mistress of Tricki pampered her dog like a spoiled child. She would feed him frequently with all fatty stuff and would not let it exercise. She provided him all the comfort and made him drink wine. All of this led to a bigger problem for Tricki as he became fat and lethargic. It could not move much and thus, he had become extremely ill.

OR

Horace Danby had planned to break open the safe of his neighbours, who he knew were not in the country for months. He had thought of buying the book he had been eyeing with all that he earns from the robbery and take a break again just like he had been doing. However, his plans failed when a lady caught him red-handed and made him break open the safe for her claiming that she was the owner of the house. Later, Horace was caught by the police as his fingerprints were all over the place and he had to spend his time in the jail library.

