

**CLASS-XII (2022-23)**  
**SAMPLE QUESTION PAPER - 2**  
**ENGLISH – CORE (301)**

**Time allowed: 3 Hrs.**

**Maximum Marks: 80**

**General Instructions:**

1. 15-minute prior reading time allotted for Q-paper reading.
2. The Question Paper contains THREE sections-READING, WRITING and LITERATURE.
3. Attempt questions based on specific instructions for each part. Write the correct question number in your answer sheet to indicate the option/s being attempted.

**SECTION A – READING SKILLS**

**1. Read the text carefully and answer the questions:**

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- (i) Complete the sentence by choosing an appropriate option.  
Dogs became man's best friend at an early age by \_\_\_\_\_.
  - i. hunting food for his master
  - ii. being a constant companion
  - iii. protecting man from mammoths
  - iv. not letting the man feel alone in dark caves
- (ii) Comment on any two theories about the origin of dogs as given in paragraph four.
- (iii) List the ways in which historians come to know that man and dog were historical companions.  
(**Clue:** Think about the evidences and findings)
- (iv) Select the option that conveys the opposite of 'unfasten', from words used in paragraph 8.
  - i. buckled
  - ii. taught
  - iii. curb
  - iv. master
- (v) What makes us believe that dogs have a wild ancestry?
  - A. Many varieties of dogs
  - B. Differences in the body built
  - C. Differences in strength and stamina
  - D. Sense of smell and hunting skills
  - i. Only A
  - ii. Only B and C
  - iii. Only B, C and D
  - iv. All of these
- (vi) Some records share that since recorded history began, there have been references to dogs in them. Based on your understanding of paragraph six, list



the importance of dogs in an Egyptian family.

- (vii) How can a dog be a "seeing-eye" for a blind man?
- (viii) Complete the given sentence with an appropriate inference, with respect to the following:  
\_\_\_\_\_ are considered to be ancestors of dogs (paragraph 4).
- (ix) Which of the following conclusions, suggested in paragraph five, can be inferred?
  - i. Wild ancestry of dogs
  - ii. Similarity in their size and appearance
  - iii. They are trained to be wild hunters
  - iv. Only a few breed has keen sense of smell
- (x) Select the most suitable title for the above passage.
  - i. History of Human Society
  - ii. Dogs - Their History and Ancestry
  - iii. Evolution of Dogs - A Brief History
  - iv. Ways to Handle Dogs

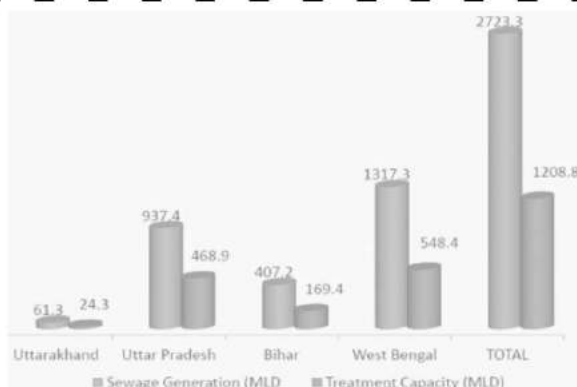
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- (i) Does the following statement agree with the information given in the passage?  
While India's population continues to grow, an increasing number of people are leaving the countryside and relocating to major cities along the Ganges.

**Select from the following:**

True - if the statement agrees with the information

False - if the statement contradicts the information

Not Given - if there is no information on this

- (ii) Do you think that the widespread pollution of the Ganga River is a contributing factor to the high prevalence of influenza?
- (iii) The bar graph shows that the River Ganges has got polluted badly. The sewage treatment plants had been established. Which of the following is true?  
A. The treatment capacity is equal to the sewage generation

- B. The sewage generation is less than the treatment plant.  
C. The sewage generation is more than the treatment capacity installed.  
D. The treatment plant is sufficient.
- (iv) Complete the sentence based on the following statement.  
The Ganges River is polluted by industries along the river.  
This is because of \_\_\_\_\_.
- (v) Which International organisation has agreed to give India a loan of a billion dollar to clean up the Ganges River?  
A. WB  
B. IMF  
C. ADB  
D. IDA
- (vi) Complete the given sentence by selecting the most appropriate option.  
\_\_\_\_\_, which eventually flows into the river.  
A. Fertilizers from the fields purify ground water  
B. Fertilizers from the fields cleanse ground water  
C. Fertilizers from the fields contaminate ground water  
D. Fertilizers from the fields reduce ground water
- (vii) Ganges river pollution has a wide range of causes.  
Give one cause responsible for the pollution in River Ganga.
- (viii) Complete the given sentence by selecting the most appropriate option.  
During religious ceremonies, up to a hundred million people wash their sins away in the Ganges River, believing that bathing in the river will \_\_\_\_\_ them.  
A. wash  
B. purify  
C. cure  
D. corrupt
- (ix) Complete the sentence appropriately with one word.  
A high level of \_\_\_\_\_ has been found in some fish, according to recent reports.
- (x) Along the holy river of India, more and more dams are being built.  
List the justification for creating dams.

## SECTION B – CREATIVE WRITING SKILLS



3. You have received an invitation to preside over the annual function of Goodwill Public School, Noida. But due to some urgent prior engagement, you have to decline the invitation. Send a formal letter of reply. You are M. Mohan, Secretary, M.D.B. International School, Delhi. [5]

OR

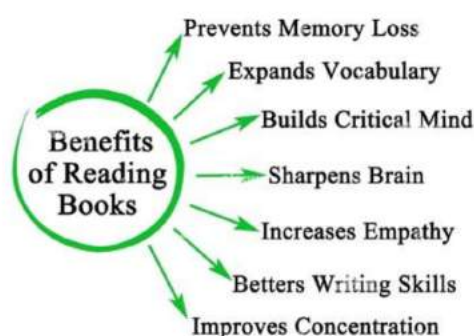
You are the Secretary of the Old Students' Association, Mayo School, Ajmer. The 20th Alumni Meet will be held on Sunday, 7 April 2019 at 8.00 p.m at the Palace Hotel. Write invitation letters to ail the old students of the school to attend the meet.

4. You are Dhruv/Nidhi, Student Editor of your school magazine, **The Buds**. Write a notice in not more than 50 words to be placed on your school notice board, inviting short stories, articles, poems, etc from students of all classes for the school magazine. Give all the necessary details. [5]

OR

You are Anoop / Arya, the Cultural Secretary of your school. As a part of National Heritage Programme, the school has decided to put up a show on ancient art forms. Write a notice to be put up on the school notice board inviting students to watch the show and encourage the artists. Write the notice in not more than 50 words.

5. National Book Trust organised a week-long book fair at Anna Grounds, Chennai. You visited the fair and bought a few books. You were pleased with the arrangements, enthusiasm of the visitors and the fact that books have not yet lost their relevance in the world of the Internet. Write a letter in 120-150 words to the editor of a local newspaper to express your feelings. You are Lalit/Latha, 112, Mount Road, Chennai. [5]



OR

You are Ram/Rajani, living at 1, Rana Pratap Marg, New Delhi. Read the advertisement given below and apply for the job that suits you giving your bio-data separately.

#### SITUATION VACANT

Sun University requires lecturers in English and demonstrators in Physics, Chemistry and Botany for their new Campus at Panipat. Only candidates with a minimum of a 5-year of experience can apply. Excellent command over



English is a must. Excellent package and compensation for experienced persons. Those interested may e-mail to [sununiversityjobs@gmail.com](mailto:sununiversityjobs@gmail.com) or mail their response to Box no 123, 'The Harbinger', New Delhi.

6. Hypocrisy exists in abundant measure in our society. People do not practise what they preach. They have double standards; are rude and dishonest but expect politeness and honesty from others. There are numerous examples of lack of sincerity in our daily experience. Write an article of 150-200 words showing how such behaviour causes disharmony at home, in the neighbourhood and at the work place. You are Harsha/Hrishit. [5]

OR

You have visited a book exhibition in you neighbourhood. Write a report in 125-150 words on the exhibition. You are Rohan/Rohini.

### SECTION C - LITERATURE

7. Read the text carefully and answer the questions: [6]

Therefore, on every morrow, are we wreathing  
A flowery band to bind us to the earth,  
Spite of despondence, of the inhuman dearth  
Of noble natures, of the gloomy days,  
Of all the unhealthy and o'er darkened ways  
Made for our searching: yes, in spite of all,  
Some shape of beauty moves away the pall  
From our dark spirits.

- (i) In which of the following options can the underlined words be replaced with **despondence**?
- a. The man paced about the room showing restlessness.
  - b. A chat with a close friend can take away our blues.
  - c. I was in jitters, seeing the boy trapped in the trench.
  - d. Being dogged is what led him to negotiate the challenges.
- (ii) Pick the option that is NOT an example of **unhealthy and o'er darkened ways**.
- a. A person who is egoistic and looks down upon others.
  - b. A person who seeks God's help for all his problems.
  - c. A person who uses evil ways to deceive others.
  - d. A person who is corrupt and manipulative.
- (iii) Pick the option that enumerates what **noble natures** would include
- 1. selflessness
  - 2. insensitivity
  - 3. enthusiasm



- 4. aggression
- 5. meticulousness
- 6. judiciousness
- a. 1, 4 and 5
- b. 2, 3 and 6
- c. 2, 4 and 5
- d. 1, 3 and 6

(iv) Based on the poem, choose the correct option with reference to the two statements given below.

**Statement 1** The earth without the beautiful things is a place full of despair and unpleasantness.

**Statement 2** The ornate band created by human beings; ushers hope in their lives.

- a. Statement 1 is true but Statement 2 is false.
- b. Statement 1 is false but Statement 2 is true.
- c. Both Statement 1 and Statement 2 can be inferred.
- d. Both Statement 1 and Statement 2 cannot be inferred.

(v) What is the message conveyed through the poem **A Thing of Beauty**?

- a. Nature is the best healer
- b. We should keep our surroundings clean and green
- c. Dark and gloomy shades of life
- d. We should love animals around us

(vi) Answer in one word:

The poet says that we wreath a flowery band that binds us to Earth.

He means to state that nature's beauty fills man with a spirit of \_\_\_\_\_.

OR

**Read the text carefully and answer the questions:**

[6]

Fisherman in the cold sea  
Would not harm whales  
And the man gathering salt  
Would not look at his hurt hands

(i) Which animal would not be harmed by the fisherman?

- a. Whale
- b. Dolphin
- c. Shark
- d. Tortoise

(ii) Who would not look at his hurt hands?

- a. The man cleaning the streets

- b. The man chopping the vegetables
  - c. The man gathering salt
  - d. The man cutting the rocks
- (iii) What is the central idea in the extract?
- a. All violent activities would cease
  - b. Humans love to be idle
  - c. Nature is beautiful
  - d. Humans don't like to kill whales
- (iv) How violence could be stopped?
- a. By imposing fines
  - b. By strict laws
  - c. By introspection
  - d. By worshipping
- (v) Answer in ONE word.  
Identify, from the given extract, a synonym of **muster**.
- (vi) On the basis of the extract, choose the correct option with reference to the two statements given below.
- (1) The poet wants people to calm down.  
(2) People working endlessly would get some time to look at their injuries.
- a. (1) can be inferred from the extract but (2) cannot.
  - b. (2) can be inferred from the extract but (1) cannot.
  - c. Both (1) and (2) can be inferred from the extract.
  - d. (2) is the reason for (1) and can be inferred from the extract.

8. **Read the text carefully and answer the questions:**

[4]

With Students on Ice, he offers the future generation of policy-makers a life-changing experience at an age when they're ready to absorb, learn, and most importantly, act.

The reason the program has been so successful is that it's impossible to go anywhere near the South Pole and not be affected by it.

- (i) With context to the given extract, who is "He" referred to?
- (ii) The **future generation of policy-makers** refers to
  - a. high school students
  - b. teenagers
  - c. college students
  - d. environmentalists

- (iii) Complete the sentence appropriately, with reference to the extract.  
Going to Antarctica is referred to as \_\_\_\_\_ experience in the above lines.
- (iv) Choose the ODD one out with reference to the last line of the given extract.
- a. It here refers to the Student on Ice programme
  - b. It shows the retreating glaciers to the students
  - c. It makes the students realise the prospective threat
  - d. It was successful because of the celebrities

OR

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**[4]**

Hana, working hard on unaccustomed labour, saw a messenger come to the door in official uniform. Her hands went weak and she could not draw her breath. The servants must have told already.

- (i) Why is Hana working hard on unaccustomed labour?
  - (ii) Why the messenger had come?
    - a. To arrest Dr. Sadao.
    - b. To check whether there is enemy or not.
    - c. To take Dr. Sadao, as General was in pain.
    - d. To help Hana at work.
  - (iii) Who is the author of the above-mentioned lines?
    - a. Anees Jung
    - b. Alphonse Daudet
    - c. Pearl S. Buck
    - d. John Updike
  - (iv) What turned Hana's hands weak and short of breath?
9. Answer any five of the following questions in 40-50 words each: **[10]**
- (i) How did the peddler earn his livelihood? What kind of life did he live?
  - (ii) How was the poet's mother affected by her daughter's departure? Answer in reference to the poem **My Mother at Sixty-Six**.
  - (iii) Why is it unfair to say that these people are begging for a dole of bread?
  - (iv) What did Douglas experience when he went down to the bottom of the pool for the first time?
  - (v) Why were all the people at the Gemini Studios averse to the term communism?
  - (vi) What does Umberto Eco remark about Lodge's observation about him?



10. Read the text carefully and answer the questions:

[6]

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! Her husband, an old man with a flowing beard says, “I know nothing except bangles. All I have done is make a house for the family to live in.”

Hearing him one wonders if he has achieved what many have failed in their lifetime. He has a roof over his head!

The cry of not having money to do anything except carry on the business of making bangles, not even enough to eat, rings in every home. The young men echo the lament of the elders. Little has moved with time, it seems in Firozabad, years of mind-numbing toil have killed all initiative and the ability to dream.

- (i) Identify the textual clue that allows the reader to infer that the young men followed their elders. (Clue: a phrase)
- (ii) Select the option that completes the given sentence appropriately.  
**Years of mind-numbing toil have killed all initiative and the ability to dream.** This shows that:
  - a. the bangle makers are exhausted yet they are enterprising and have dreams.
  - b. the drudgery of work has destroyed their willingness to improve their lot.
  - c. the daily grind has stolen the dreams of the bangle makers and made them dull.
  - d. the bangle makers have been working so hard that there’s no time to dream.
- (iii) Based on the above extract, choose the statement that is TRUE about the elderly woman.
  - a. She was a senior in the factory and her hands were dyed red with henna.
  - b. Her head was covered with red-coloured veil.
  - c. She had not enjoyed even one full meal in her entire lifetime.
  - d. She was the owner of the bangle factory.
- (iv) Complete the sentence with an appropriate explanation, as per the extract.  
The writer through the line '**She still has bangles on her wrist, but no light in her eyes**' conveys that though she is married, \_\_\_\_\_.
- (v) Select the correct option to fill in the blank  
**He has a roof over his head!** The tone of the author is \_\_\_\_\_.
  - a. pessimistic
  - b. empathetic
  - c. sympathetic
  - d. optimistic



- (vi) Select the suitable word from the extract to complete the following analogy:  
As her hands move mechanically like the tongs of a machine : Simile ::  
Bangles on her wrist, but no light in her eyes : \_\_\_\_\_

OR

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Now I have become sad, she thought. And it is a hard burden to carry, this sadness. Sitting here waiting and knowing he will not come I can see the future and how I will have to live with this burden. They of course will doubt me, as they always doubted me, but I will have to hold up my head remembering how it was. already I envisage the slow walk home, and Geoff's disappointed face when I tell him, "He didn't come, that Danny." And then he'll fly out and slam the door.

- (i) What is hard for Sophie to carry?  
a. Jansie's friendship  
b. Casey's indifferent attitude  
c. The sadness of not meeting Danny  
d. Her father's anger
- (ii) Identify the textual clue that allows the reader to infer Geoff's disappointment. (Clue: an action)
- (iii) What does Sophie envisage?  
a. Danny's coming on a horse  
b. Jansie's playing real foil for her misadventures  
c. Her mother supporting her in her endeavour  
d. Geoff's disappointed face
- (iv) Replace the underlined word with its synonym from the extract.  
She had already predicted Geoff's reaction.
- (v) Based on the above extract, choose the statement that is TRUE with reference to the given extract.  
a. Sophie gives up her dream of meeting Danny.  
b. She was happy about the rendezvous.  
c. She felt happy that she would not have to face her father upon reaching home.  
d. She was sure that Danny would come.
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Sophie was worried because her friends and family \_\_\_\_\_.

11. Answer any two of the following questions in 40-50 words each:

**[4]**

- (i) What difficulties did Dr. Sadao face for the sake of the enemy?



(ii) When was the Tiger King in danger of losing his throne?

(iii) Who was Derry? Why had he come to Mr. Lamb's garden?

12. How did the scene she saw in the market place change Bama's life? [5]

OR

Sam's letter to Charley is a fine blend of reality and fantasy. Explain.

13. How did the court scene at Motihari change the course of India's struggle for freedom? [5]

OR

What impression do the things of beauty make on us? Is it temporary or permanent?



## SOLUTION

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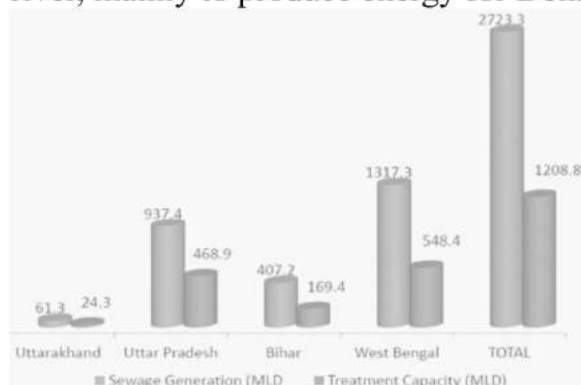


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- (viii). Jackals  
 ii. Wolves  
 iii. Foxes  
 iv. Coyote (any one)
- (ix) (i) Wild ancestry of dogs
- (x) (ii) Dogs - Their History and Ancestry

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(i) True, the statement agrees with the information

(ii) No, it is not true

It is given that many diseases are common, including cholera, hepatitis, and diarrhea due to the great amount of pollution being spread in the Ganges.

'Influenza' is not mentioned in the passage. Hence, according to the passage, influenza is not common due to the widespread pollution of the Ganga River

(iii) C. The sewage generation is more than the treatment capacity installed.

(iv) India's lax environmental regulations

(v) A. WB

(vi) C. Fertilizers from the fields contaminate ground water

(vii) Any 1 relevant cause

1. About 2 million Hindus bathe in the river every day.

2. During religious ceremonies, up to a hundred million people clean their sins away in the Ganges River.

3. Thousands of bodies are cremated near the river, especially around the holy city, Varanasi. The ashes are often released into Ganges.

(viii) B. purify

(ix) mercury

(x) More and more dams are being erected along India's holy river, mainly to produce energy for Delhi and other large cities in the area.

## SECTION B – CREATIVE WRITING SKILLS

Goodwill public school  
Noida

Sir,

It s an honour for me to be invited to your school for your annual day function as preside. Your school has an excellent honour to track academic, cultural and sports activities. But It is very sorry to say that I could not attend the school annual day function because of my father's sudden demise.

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Thank you  
M. Mohan  
Secretary, M.D.B International school,  
Delhi

OR

Old Students' Association  
Mayo School  
Ajmer

Dear Alumna/Alumnus,  
Sub: 20th Alumni Meet

The 20th Alumni Meet of Mayo School, Ajmer will be held on Sunday, the 7th of April 2019 at 8 p.m at The Palace Hotel Ajmer. Old students, along with their spouses will be our guests of honour.

Kindly assemble at 8.00 p.m. in the banquet hall for a get-together, dance and dinner party.

Please confirm your seats by sending Rs.500 to the undersigned.

Akash Sharma  
Secretary

**Girish Public SCHOOL  
DELHI  
NOTICE**

09 Sept. 2020

**INVITING ARTICLES FOR MAGAZINE**

All the students are informed that the next edition of the School Magazine will be published very soon. They are invited to make contributions for the same. Interested students are requested to hand over their articles to Rohan, Asst. Editor of the magazine, latest by 25 September 2020.

For further details, kindly contact:

Dhruv

4. Student Editor

OR

**SAMRIDHI PUBLIC SCHOOL  
NOTICE**

**Exhibition of Ancient Art Forms**

11th September 20XX

As a part of the National Heritage Programme, the school is planning to put up an exhibition of ancient art forms on 13<sup>th</sup> September in the Assembly Hall from 10 AM to 5 PM. Students are advised to visit the exhibition and encourage the artists present. This will be a wonderful opportunity for all art enthusiasts to understand the slowly disappearing ancient art forms.

Anoop  
(Cultural Secretary)

5. 112, Mount Road  
Chennai - 600001

11th February, 20XX

The Editor

The Deccan Herald

Chennai

Dear Sir,

**Subject:** Relevance of book fairs

Through your esteemed columns, I would like to praise people's love for books.

National Book Trust organized a six-day book fair at Anna Grounds, Chennai recently. I was delighted to see many books being displayed on a variety of subjects.

Different publishers including some foreign publishers had set up their stalls. A variety of books on diverse subjects were available on heavy discounts. A large crowd visited the book fair and publishers were encouraging people to buy their books. It was really a pleasure to see people's enthusiasm to buy books.

Today there is a craze for e-books. Still, people buy books which they can read sitting anywhere in their house. This shows that books still hold their relevance and importance. Modern technology and the internet cannot stop people from buying books. People have realized that books are cheaper and require no maintenance, unlike a computer. In fact, many online stores like Amazon, Flipkart, etc. try to sell the latest books at the cheapest prices. I hope you will publish my letter in your esteemed newspaper so that the readers never forget the value of books and the pleasure of reading.

Yours truly,

Lalit.

OR

1, Rana Pratap Marg

New Delhi

01 April 2019

The Principal, Sun University

Box no 123, 'The Harbinger'

New Delhi

Sir/Madam,

**Subject:** Application for the post of lecturer in English

In response to your advertisement published in The Times of India, dated February 25, 2019, I got to know that the post of English Lecture is vacant in your acclaimed institution and I wish to offer my candidature for the same.

I would like to bring to your notice that I possess all the aforementioned qualities required for the post. I hold experience of 7 years of teaching in a designated organisation. I received my post-graduate and graduate degrees from a well-renowned university and completed my school education from the CBSE board. I have a passion for teaching and a hunger to learn. I assure you that my dedication to work would add more value to your institution.

I am enclosing a copy of my bio-data for your perusal and kind consideration. I am available for an interview on any day of your convenience. If given a chance to serve you, I assure you to render the best of my services for the utmost growth of the organisation.



In anticipation of an early response.

Yours faithfully

Ram/Rajani

Encl. : (i) Bio-data

#### BIO-DATA

|                                 |                                                                                                                                                               |
|---------------------------------|---------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------|
| Name                            | Rajani                                                                                                                                                        |
| Father's Name                   | Mr Rajan                                                                                                                                                      |
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| Academic Qualifications         | (i) BA (Hons) in English                                                                                                                                      |
|                                 | (ii) MA in English                                                                                                                                            |
| Hobbies                         | Reading, travelling and net-surfing                                                                                                                           |
| Strengths                       | Proficiency in English and Hindi, computer literate                                                                                                           |
| Experience                      | 7 years as English Lecture University of Delhi                                                                                                                |
| Names and Address of References | (i) Mr Vijay Mathur, Principal<br>GD Goenka Public School, Pitampura, Delhi<br>(ii) Mr Satish Ohri<br>Head of Department: Commerce Delhi University,<br>Delhi |

6.

#### HYPOCRISY

(by Harsha/Hrishit)

My neighbour shows great concern for the poor but beats his fourteen-year-old servant black and blue. Mr. Seth, the rich man living in that palatial house expects the government to do everything for him, but he evades paying taxes. The pious old woman upstairs feed the sacred cow, the ants, and the birds but is merciless to her neighbour's pet dog and kicks, shoos away and beats the poor pup whenever it strays over to her path. Thus in small matters and big ones, we find people lacking sincerity in their dealings with others. The consequences of such hypocritical and discriminatory behaviour are quite damaging and harmful. These cause a breach in the family. Love is lost between brothers and family ties are weakened. Our neighbours begin to lose faith in us. Suspicion and selfishness replace trust and dedicated service. Thus good neighbourliness is broken and community living is vitiated by the virus of hypocrisy. In the workplace dishonesty can bring ruin to the flourishing business. Hence people should control their selfishness and be truthful in their dealings.

OR

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## Book Exhibition

by Rohini

**Delhi, 16th Feb, 20XX:** Recently, a three day Book Exhibition was successfully organised in our neighbourhood by The National Book Trust. It was organised in the India International Centre. Many reputed national and international publishers increased the gravitas of the event through their presence and participation. The fair was inaugurated by Professor Kumar, the Vice Chancellor of Indira Gandhi National Open University. He appreciated all the arrangements made at the book fair and also visited many stalls and applauded the efforts. He also thanked the publishers for making the book fair such a huge success.

Many people enthusiastically visited the book fair as it hosted a varied and good collection of academic, fiction, research and general books. This book fair is likely to play a pivotal role in reiterating the importance of books. It is likely to be recognised as a huge annual cultural event of the book bonanza. It would thus be keenly awaited by students, teachers, scholars, intellectuals, authors and book lovers.

### SECTION C - LITERATURE

#### 7. Read the text carefully and answer the questions:

Therefore, on every morrow, are we wreathing  
A flowery band to bind us to the earth,  
Spite of despondence, of the inhuman dearth  
Of noble natures, of the gloomy days,  
Of all the unhealthy and o'er darkened ways  
Made for our searching: yes, in spite of all,  
Some shape of beauty moves away the pall  
From our dark spirits.

- (i) A chat with a close friend can take away our blues.
- (ii) A person who seeks God's help for all his problems.
- (iii) 1, 3 and 6
- (iv) Both Statement 1 and Statement 2 can be inferred.
- (v) Nature is the best healer
- (vi) living/life

OR

#### Read the text carefully and answer the questions:

Fisherman in the cold sea  
Would not harm whales  
And the man gathering salt  
Would not look at his hurt hands

- (i) Whale
- (ii) The man gathering salt
- (iii) All violent activities would cease
- (iv) By introspection
- (v) Gathering
- (vi) d. (2) is the reason for (1) and can be inferred from the extract

#### 8. Read the text carefully and answer the questions:



With Students on Ice, he offers the future generation of policy-makers a life-changing experience at an age when they're ready to absorb, learn, and most importantly, act. The reason the program has been so successful is that it's impossible to go anywhere near the South Pole and not be affected by it.

- (i) 'He' is a Canadian man, Geoff Green
- (ii) high school students
- (iii) life-changing
- (iv) It was successful because of the celebrities

OR

**Read the text carefully and answer the questions:**

Hana, working hard on unaccustomed labour, saw a messenger come to the door in official uniform. Her hands went weak and she could not draw her breath. The servants must have told already.

- (i) Because all the servants had left the job.
- (ii) To take Dr. Sadao, as General was in pain.
- (iii) Pearl S. Buck
- (iv) As Hana saw the messenger, her hands went weak and she was unable to breathe. This was because she felt that the servants must have told the authorities that they were sheltering an enemy.

9. Answer any five of the following questions in 40-50 words each:

- (i) The peddler earned his livelihood by selling small rattraps of wire, which he used to make himself from the material got by begging in the stores or at big farms. But this was not so profitable, so he had to beg or even steal. He roamed about like a vagabond all alone. He lived a sad and monotonous life with no one to welcome him.
- (ii) The poet's mother turned pale and wan at the departure her daughter. She seemed unsure that she would be able to meet her again before her death. She didn't express her emotions explicitly as to not disturb her daughter on her departure.
- (iii) Unlike the beggars who beg unconditionally, shamelessly and sometimes unreasonably, the people at the roadside stand have something to sell, some information to share and a noble reason behind their begging. That's why it is unfair to say that these people are begging for a dole of bread.
- (iv) When Douglas went down to the bottom of the pool for the first time, he got terribly frightened. Those nine feet felt almost like ninety feet to him. His lungs ached and were ready to burst.
- (v) Gemini Studios was a studio where most of the people had no praise for any political thought except that they worshipped Gandhiji. They had no affiliation to any kind of political thought nor did they support any ideology. They were all averse to 'communism.' as according to them, a communist was a godless man who had no love for his son or wife. He had no regret about killing his own parents. He was always out to cause and spread violence and unrest among the innocent and ignorant people. Thus, the exact reason is not known but all were collective against the ideology of communism.

(vi) Eco is of the opinion that he only gives the impression of doing many things but he is doing the same thing. Through his academic work and novel, he is pursuing his philosophical interests and so he is able to do many things at the same time. Also his ability to use empty spaces enhances his creative writing.

**10. Read the text carefully and answer the questions:**

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! Her husband, an old man with a flowing beard says, "I know nothing except bangles. All I have done is make a house for the family to live in."

Hearing him one wonders if he has achieved what many have failed in their lifetime. He has a roof over his head!

The cry of not having money to do anything except carry on the business of making bangles, not even enough to eat, rings in every home. The young men echo the lament of the elders. Little has moved with time, it seems in Firozabad, years of mind-numbing toil have killed all initiative and the ability to dream.

- (i) young men echo the lament of their elders.
- (ii) b. the drudgery of work has destroyed their willingness to improve their lot.
- (iii) c. She had not enjoyed even one full meal in her entire lifetime.
- (iv) her eyes are devoid of happiness
- (v) optimistic
- (vi) Paradox/Contrast

OR

**Read the text carefully and answer the questions:**

Now I have become sad, she thought. And it is a hard burden to carry, this sadness. Sitting here waiting and knowing he will not come I can see the future and how I will have to live with this burden. They of course will doubt me, as they always doubted me, but I will have to hold up my head remembering how it was. already I envisage the slow walk home, and Geoff's disappointed face when I tell him, "He didn't come, that Danny." And then he'll fly out and slam the door.

- (i) The sadness of not meeting Danny
- (ii) fly out and slam the door
- (iii) Geoff's disappointed face
- (iv) envisaged
- (v) c. She felt happy that she would not have to face her father upon reaching home.
- (vi) would doubt her and disbelieve what she said.

**11. Answer any two of the following questions in 40-50 words each:**

- (i) The story is set around World War II, America and Japan were rivals. First of all, Dr. Sadao faced reluctance of his wife, who was initially apprehensive to keep an American in their house, also the servants refused to help Dr. Sadao with the operation and left him. Dr. Sadao was himself in a dilemma because of the inner conflict going on in his mind: whether to be patriotic or to save the "enemy's life" for the sake of humanity and his duties as a doctor. Dr. Sadao resolved this



dilemma by helping the soldier escape safely. He risked his life and his family's well-being by keeping an American soldier in the house. He had to face the dilemma all by himself, as he could not ask for help from anyone around him. His wife Hana was against the idea of keeping the American soldier in his house. She was in opposition to support him. Moreover, the General's promise of help proved to be futile. Therefore, Dr. Sadao took the risk of letting the soldier escape.

- (ii) Once a high-ranking British officer who was very fond of hunting tigers visited Pratibandapuram. The Maharaja had already put a ban on killing the tigers in his kingdom, so he refused to give him permission to hunt tigers because he himself wanted to kill them. The British officer even asked for permission to get photographed with the dead tiger but was not allowed to do that also. So, the Maharaja stood in danger of losing his kingdom.
- (iii) Derry was a boy of fourteen who was a victim of inferiority complex, owing to accidental spilling of acid on one side of his face. He had come to Mr. Lamb's garden out of curiosity. He wanted to explore it at a time when it was empty.

12. Bama usually reached home late from school as she walked along leisurely watching and enjoying the sights in the bazaar. One day on her way back, she saw the harvest being threshed. The landlord stood watching the work being done while the untouchables were working. It was then that Bama saw one of the elders coming down the street holding a packet by a string. The packet contained vadais for the landlord. At first, Bama thought that the elder man was being funny. He held the packet in a funny manner. But later her brother told her that the elder man was of a low caste so he was not allowed to touch the vadais brought for the landlord. Bama became sad about listening to how the upper caste people behaved towards low caste persons like them. She felt provoked and angry. She wanted to touch those vadais herself. She wondered why their elders should run errands for the miserly rich upper caste landlords and hand them over things reverently, bowing and shrinking all the while. That scene infuriated Bama and brought about a change in her life wherein she decided to study well, make a position for herself and rebel against caste inequalities. Annan her brother told her about the importance of education.

OR

The psychiatrist of Charley called him having a waking-dream-wish-fulfilment. Since the Third Level was all his fantasy, his wife Louisa too asked him not to look for the Third Level anymore. The narrator took to stamp collecting. One day while looking through his worthy collection, Charley noticed a first-day cover which he believed not to have seen before. This cover was addressed to his grandfather and mailed to him at his home in Galesburg. It was on July 18, 1894. Definitely, his grandfather must have put it in his collection and the same must be lying there since long. Since it was a first-day cover, consequently, it was not opened.

There was a blank paper in it. By chance, Charley opened it. On opening, it was found that it had a letter from Sam. He had reached Galesburg and was living very happily. He had found the place very charming, peaceful and serene. It was also written in the letter that Charley should come to Galesburg and look for the Third Level. In other words, the letter appeared to be Charley's imagination like his escape



into the Third Level. The psychiatrist too had warned him that his stamp collection was a mode of escaping into the past.

13. In Champaran, the peasants were greatly in fear of the British government. The cause of the problem was indigo and the greed of the landlords. They had forced the tenants to plant 15% of their holdings with indigo and surrender the entire production to the landlords.

Later, when the peasants came to know about synthetic indigo, they asked for their money back. The British hired thugs to oppose them. Gandhiji realized that there was no need for lawyers. He realized that it was necessary to release them of their fear which was difficult to achieve as they were uneducated.

However, with his determination, he championed their cause. Soon, he led a movement of non-violence and Satyagraha. Many farmers demonstrated around the courtroom where Gandhiji was summoned. He had simply told the Britishers that they could not order him in his own country. Gandhiji tried to mould new free Indians who could stand on their own feet.

This new realization gave him a direction to lead the freedom struggle and thus, proved to be a turning point in the course of India's struggle for freedom. This was the first time Gandhiji realised that India was capable of mass movements and it was after this episode that he started the national struggle for freedom across the country.

OR

Nature provides us with things of beauty .The poet believes that the bond between nature and man is immortal . beauty is a source of constant pleasure,joy and motivation and an eternal source of motivation, an elixir of life and a precious gift from heaven. It gives us infinite pleasure and delight, and motivates us to continue our journey of life.

