

**Sample Question Paper - 14**  
**English Core (301)**  
**Class- XII, Session: 2021-22**  
**TERM II**

*Time allowed : 2 hours*

*Maximum marks : 40*

**General Instructions :**

1. *The Question Paper contains THREE Sections-Reading, Writing and Literature.*
2. *Attempt questions based on specific instructions for each part.*

**SECTION-A (READING)**

**1. Read the passage given below.**

- (1) We are inching closer to the very first test flight of electric aircrafts that can carry passengers just like in taxis and just as cheaply as a taxi too.

Aircraft manufacturers are developing a flying taxi as part of an effort to alleviate congestion by taking commuting to the skies. An insider said that the cost may estimate between \$1.50 to \$2.50 per mile. So we can estimate globally and rates can be explained in local terms.

If the thought of flying around town isn't mad enough, developers want to make the machine fly autonomously and rely on eight rotors to take off vertically. The first prototype, which will have a range of 50 kilometres (31 miles), is undergoing testing and is expected to be ready by the end of 2017. The final version is set to fly for 100 kilometres (62 miles) and all the developers are satisfied that the range will continue to expand over time.

- (2) This transformation in city transit is set to start coming to reality across the world's major cities by 2021 with fierce competition from several manufacturers. UAE is one notable country that is looking to get there first. They expect to have people using the machines by the end of 2017. I am sure a lot will be learned from the teething problems they face. Others look set for a 2019 start in Germany perhaps and more cities are waiting until the systems are proved, so are looking beyond 2023. Naturally, trips in flying taxis are bound to last longer than the majority of quick cab rides. But if the price is not much higher and you need to do a longer cross town trip at rush hour you can't beat reaching for the skies. One manufacturer is saying that these machines are potentially safer as there will be a reduction in collisions. They will also be supplying the taxis with parachutes, just in case there is an emergency.
- (3) In principle, here's how it will work: a customer will use an app to summon a taxi at a nearby landing pad. While a passenger takes a taxi to the landing site, the aircraft will automatically conduct a pre-flight test to ensure it's ready for take-off as soon as the user arrives. It is easy to see two huge issues here and that is the driving to and from the landing pads – these will soon become the bottlenecks of the 21st century instead of traffic lights and signals, thankfully in most cities the range of the taxi won't be an issue. To help move the project forward governments have begun looking at and changing laws and regulations so the new machines can be licensed. At present, they are looking closely at the software required particularly in unmanned taxis with vertical take-off. What is important, is that they are trying their best not to stand in the way of progress and are working with developers instead of standing in their way. Whether or not these aircrafts will be effective at reducing city congestion remains to be seen, considering passengers will likely take single-occupancy vehicles to helipads or whether it's all just pie in the sky still remains to be seen.



**Based on your understanding of the passage, answer any eight of the given questions.**

**(1 × 8 = 8)**

- (i) What was one solution to the congested traffic conditions of the modern world?
- (ii) What was the “transformation in city transit” referred to in paragraph 2?
- (iii) Which country is the frontrunner in terms of making the ‘flying taxi’ a reality and public accessible?
- (iv) What is the basis on which the flying taxis will be operable for the common people?
- (v) “The first prototype is undergoing testing ....” What does the term “prototype” mean?
- (vi) What do you mean by the phrase “teething problems” used in paragraph 2?
- (vii) What changes does the government intend to make in order to accommodate flying taxis?
- (viii) “Unmanned taxis” means the taxis will be \_\_\_\_\_.
- (ix) What does the use of the expression “pie in the sky” mean or suggest about the whole passage?

**2. Read the passage given below.**

- (1) Almost all of us have suffered from a headache at some time or the other. For some a headache is a constant companion and life is a painful hell of wasted time.

The most important step to cope with headaches is to identify the type of headache one is suffering from. In tension headaches (two hand headache), a feeling of a tight band around the head exists along with the pain in the neck and shoulders. It usually follows activities such as long stretches driving, typing or sitting on the desks. They are usually short lived but can also last for days or weeks. A headache is usually caused due to the spinal misalignment of the head, due to the posture. Sleeping on the stomach with the head turn to one side and bending over positions for a long time make it worse.

- (2) In migraine headaches, the pain is usually on one side of the head and may be accompanied by nausea, vomiting irritability and bright spots or flashes of light. This headache is made worse by activities especially bending. The throbbing pain in the head worsens by noise and light. Certain triggers for migraines may be chocolate, caffeine, smoking or MSU in certain food items. The pain may last eight to twenty-four hours and there may be a hangover for two or three days. Migraines are often produced by an ‘aura’, which changes sight and sensation. There is usually a family migraine. In a headache, pain originates from the brain but in a migraine the pain originates from the irritated nerves of muscles, blood vessels and bones. These head pain sends signals to the brain which judges the degree of distress and relays it at appropriate sites. The pain sometimes may be referred to sights other than the problem areas. This is known as referred by pain and occurs due to sensation overload. Thus, though, most headache start at the base of the skull, referred pain is felt typically behind the eyes. Factors causing headache are understood but it is known that a shift in the level of body hormones, chemicals, certain foods and drinks and environmental stress can trigger them. If the headache troubles you often, visit the doctor, who will take a full health history relating to diet, life stresses, the type of headache, triggering factors and relief measures. You may be asked to keep a ‘headache diary’ which tells you to list – the time headache started and when it ended, emotional environmental and food and drinking factors which may contribute to it. The type and severity of pain and the medications used which provide much relief are also to be listed.

**Based on your understanding of the passage, answer any 6 of the following questions:**

**(1 × 6 = 6)**

- (i) What, according to the author, is the first most important step to cope with headaches?
- (ii) What are the common reasons for headache?
- (iii) What is the difference between migraine headaches and normal headaches?



- (iv) What are migraines triggered by?
- (v) Why is it necessary to keep a “headache diary”?
- (vi) The term “sensation overload” is used to refer to \_\_\_\_\_.
- (vii) What are some of the symptoms of a migraine?

### SECTION-B (WRITING)

3. You are Dr. Avinash Bhalla. You have received an invitation from the Director, Health Services, Haryana who has invited leading medical practitioners of the state to attend a workshop on ‘child care’ on 20 May, 20XX at 10 a.m. in Civil Hospital Ambala. Respond to the invitation. (3)

4. Answer any one of the following questions. (5)

You are Tapas/Tapasya of A-150, Mount Road, Chennai. You have seen an advertisement in the newspaper, ‘The Chennai Times’ for the post of Manager (Accounts) in Sundaram Westside, Chennai. Apply for the post with your complete biodata. (120-150 words)

OR

You are Roshan/Rohini, School Pupil Leader of Meerut Public School, Meerut. Your school joined a campaign organised by various agencies of your city to create awareness among people to conserve water. Write a report in 100-125 words highlighting the activities such as rain water harvesting etc

### SECTION-C (LITERATURE)

5. Attempt any five out of six given questions in 40 words. (2 × 5 = 10)

- (i) What are the difficulties that Aunt Jennifer faced in her life?
- (ii) What made the lieutenant-governor drop the case against Gandhiji?
- (iii) How does Jo want the story to end and why?
- (iv) Why does Mr Lamb leave his gate always open?
- (v) Why did the peddler sign himself as Captain von Stahle?
- (vi) Describe any three things of beauty mentioned in the poem, ‘A Thing of Beauty’.

6. Answer any two of the given questions in 120-150 words. (4 × 2 = 8)

- (i) How did the peddler betray the confidence reposed in him by the crofter in ‘The Rattrap’?
- (ii) Write the central idea of the poem ‘A Thing of Beauty’.
- (iii) How was ‘injured’ McLeery able to befool the prison officers?



**Solution**  
**ENGLISH CORE 301**  
**Class 12 - English Core**

1. (i) The one remedy for congested traffics in the modern world is the development of flying taxis for air commute.

(ii) The “transformation in city transit” is the development and manufacturing of taxis that can ply in the skies and help change the course and duration of travelling in taxis.

(iii) The UAE is one notable country that is the frontrunner in terms of making air transit, a reality.

(iv) The flying taxis can be booked through an app that will enable customers to access taxis as and whenever they require.

(v) The term “prototype” means a sample, a model of an original plan developed for testing before finalising the product(s).

(vi) “Teething problems” mostly mean the problems that may arise at the start of any plan or business idea. Such problems that initially arise at the beginning stages are generally referred to as “teething” problems.

(vii) To accommodate the flying taxis, the government plans to make changes to laws and regulations to enable the new machines to be licensed.

(viii) “Unmanned taxis” mean taxis without physical human drivers. In other words, it means taxis that are controlled or driven by computers or remote

controlled.

(ix) The expression “pie in the sky” suggests that the plan to ‘introduce’ and even use flying taxis is still a dream that isn’t reality yet, achievable but not easily.

2. (i) The first most important step to cope with headaches is to identify the type of headache one is suffering from.

(ii) Common reasons or sources of a headache can range from prolonged stretches of driving, sitting, typing or working on computer screens, etc.

(iii) Migraine headaches affect one side of the head whereas a normal headache affects the whole area of the head.

(iv) Migraines are triggered by chocolates, caffeine, smoking, or even by certain food items.

(v) A “headache diary” will provide the statistics of how often and what the headaches are about. It is a record of the headache and how often it emerges, and help the doctor in determining the best solution for it.

(vi) The term “sensation overload” is used to refer to the ‘extreme’ or excessive sensation that results in a headache.

(vii) Migraine symptoms may include nausea, vomiting, irritation, excruciating pain, and bright spots or flashes of light.

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**Avinash Bhalla**

It has been a great pleasure receiving the invitation from the Director, Health Services, Haryana to attend a workshop on ‘Child Care’ on 20 May, 20XX at 10 a.m. in Civil Hospital, Ambala.

He confirms his presence with thanks.

Dr. Avinash Bhalla

16 March, 20XX

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A- 150, Mount Road

Chennai

24 March, 20××

The HR

Sundaram Westside

Chennai

**Subject:** Application for Accounts Manager post

Sir/Madam,

In response to your advertisement in The Chennai Times dated 20<sup>th</sup> March 20×× for the post of accounts manager I wish to offer my candidature. I have prior experience in working as assistant accounts



manager in SGH company for an accumulated experience of 5 plus years. I am enclosing my CV for your review and kind consideration. I am available for a face to face interview at your convenience. If given a chance to serve you, I assure you that I shall work with utmost sincerity and dedication up to your satisfaction.

Thank you

Yours faithfully

Tapas Rai

Encl.: Bio-data

#### Bio-data

Name : Tapas Rai  
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Nationality : Indian

#### Academic Qualification

Examination	Institution	Marks	Years
B.Com.	Chennai University	78%	2010
M.Com.	Chennai University	75%	2012
B. Ed	Chennai University	80%	2014

Hobbies : Fishing and reading

Work experience : Worked as Assist. Accounts Manager for 5+ years in SGH Company

Strengths : Good communication skills, computer literate, proficient in English, Hindi and Tamil

Name and addresses of references : Mr Iyer, Sales Head, SGH Company

Or

#### Water Conservation Campaign

*by Rohini, School Pupil leader*

Last week, on March 20, 20××, our school Meerut Public School, joined a campaign organised by various agencies of the city Meerut to create awareness among people to conserve water. Water is essential for every living being, the water table is decreasing day by day. Hence, the campaign was organised to urge people to save water as much as possible. The students, along with the agency representatives, visited the areas in the city where there is scarcity of water.

An impactful awareness was spread with the help of informative posters and thought provoking street plays.

Scientific demonstration of Rain Water Harvesting intrigued the audience and they vowed to use the technique to conserve water.

The efforts of the students were applauded by Principal of the school and the campaign organisers as well, who

presented them participation certificates to encourage such kind of activities in the future also.

5. (i) Aunt Jennifer was oppressed by rules laid down by her domineering husband. Her life was overburdened by the demands and duties of her married life and the patriarchal society. It lacked self-expression. Although old and weak, she had to face the ordeals of her oppressive marriage all her life, there was no escape from her husband.

(ii) Thousands of peasants came in support of Gandhiji. The authorities felt that they could not control them and the condition of law and order could deteriorate. The pressure of the peasants was increasing. On the other hand, Gandhiji refused to have any bail. Therefore, the lieutenant-general dropped the case against Gandhiji.

(iv) Mr Lamb always left his gate open because he did not mind strangers entering his house or garden. As he lived alone, he hoped someone would come inside

whom he could talk to if kept his gate open. It shows his undying optimism towards life.

(v) The peddler signed himself as Captain von Stahle because even though Edla knew the peddler was not really a captain, she treated him with equal respect and kindness. He felt honoured that the young woman made him feel important. Her behaviour and action brought a transformation in the peddler. He wanted to begin again as a man of dignity, as Captain von Stahle.

(vi) Everything in nature is a thing of beauty and a source of pleasure. Some of them are the sun, the moon, old and young trees, daffodil flowers, small streams with clear water, etc.

6. (i) The old crofter was a lonely man without wife or a child. He was generous and compassionate by nature, always in search of a good company. When the peddler came knocking on his door, the crofter welcomed him into his house, fed him and shared his tobacco. Having found a likable companion in the peddler, the crofter opened up to him. Since the peddler seemed incredulous, the crofter even showed him his possession, the leather pouch containing the thirty kronor notes. Next morning, the peddler thanked and said goodbye to his kind host and left only to come back once again half an hour later, after the crofter had left the house to milk his cow. The peddler did not try to enter the house. Instead, he smashed the windowpanes, got the pouch, took the money and

thrust it into his own pockets. Then, the peddler hung the leather pouch at its exact place and smartly walked away with the money. This is how the peddler betrayed the confidence reposed in him by the crofter.

(iii) An 'injured' McLeery was able to fool the prison officers easily because he was actually Evans dressed as parson, pretending to be Rev. McLeery. Evans was nicknamed 'Evans the Break' because earlier he had been able to escape prison thrice already. This time, he requested to appear for O-Level German Exam. The one who came to invigilate carried pig blood in a rubber tube. With the help of fake blood McLeery pretended to be bleeding profusely. He pretended to cover his 'bleeding wound' with a handkerchief. This was an opportunity for him to hide his face and since he was in so much pain he could not speak. To avoid being taken to the hospital, Evans (as McLeery) offered to help the officers track 'Evans', whom they thought had escaped. He even told them that 'Evans' had gone towards Elsfield Way. The Governor ordered McLeery to accompany Carter since he was the only one who knew everything that had happened. Thus, Evans (as McLeery) managed to leave the premises with Detective Superintendent Carter without anyone suspecting anything. An unsuspecting Detective Superintendent Carter dropped 'McLeery' at the Radcliffe hospital. However, when the Governor called the hospital, he was told that the injured McLeery had escaped.

