

CBSE EXAMINATION PAPER-2022

ENGLISH

(Solved)

Time allowed : 3 hours

Maximum Marks : 37

General Instructions :

Read the following instructions carefully and follow them :

- i. This question paper contains **14 questions**. All questions are **compulsory**.
- ii. This question paper is divided into **4 sections**.
- iii. **Section A** – questions number **1 to 6** are very short answer Each question carries **2 marks**.
- iv. **Section B** – questions number **7 to 7** are short answer Each question carries **3 marks**.
- v. **Section C** – questions number **8 to 9** are case based questions
- vi. **Section D** – questions number **10 to 11** are long answer Each question carries **5 marks**.
- vii. There is no overall choice given in the question paper. However, an internal choice has been provided in few questions.
- viii. Use of calculator is NOT allowed.

Section A

Question 1. What would be the impact of synthetic indigo on the prices of natural indigo?
[2 Marks]

Answer: The development of synthetic indigo in Germany had a significant impact on the prices of natural indigo. Synthetic indigo was cheaper and easier to produce, which led to a decrease in demand for natural indigo. As a result, the prices of natural indigo dropped sharply. This affected the peasants and landlords who depended on cultivating natural indigo as a commercial crop. Landlords had forced tenants to grow indigo as a form of rent, but with the arrival of synthetic indigo, this arrangement became less profitable.

Many peasants were released from the obligatory indigo cultivation by receiving compensation from landlords, although this process was often unfair and met with resistance. Overall, the synthetic indigo caused economic instability for farmers relying on natural indigo, reduced incomes for landlords, and contributed to a decline in the traditional indigo industry in India.

Question 2. What does Aunt Jennifer symbolize in the poem 'Aunt Jennifer's Tigers'?

[2 Marks]

Answer: In the poem 'Aunt Jennifer's Tigers' by Adrienne Rich, Aunt Jennifer symbolizes the struggles and constraints faced by women, especially within the institution of marriage. Her heavy hands, weighed down by the 'massive weight of Uncle's wedding band,' represent the oppressive and restrictive nature of her married life. Despite this, the tigers she creates in her embroidery are bold, fearless, and free, symbolizing her desire for strength, courage, and liberation from societal and marital constraints. The contrast between Aunt Jennifer's timid life and the fierce tigers highlights the gap between her lived reality and her inner aspirations. Through Aunt Jennifer, the poet suggests the silent resistance of women trapped in patriarchal societies and their longing for freedom and self-expression.

Question 3. Who is Mr. Lamb? How does Derry get into his garden?

[2 Marks]

Answer: Mr. Lamb is a kind, gentle man who owns a garden that children often visit. Though the local kids sometimes tease him by calling him 'Lamey-Lamb', they are not truly afraid of him and play in his garden. Derry, a boy intrigued by Mr. Lamb, is drawn towards him despite his own hesitation. One day, Derry decides to enter Mr. Lamb's garden. Mr. Lamb welcomes him warmly, mentioning how the children sometimes steal apples but he doesn't mind. Derry gains entry into the garden by simply expressing his desire to come in, and Mr. Lamb invites him inside, showing friendliness and acceptance.

Question 4.

Do you think Jack had the capability to tell good stories? Why/Why not?

[2 Marks]

Answer: Yes, Jack had the capability to tell good stories. This is evident because a good story-teller is one who can skillfully blend imagination with reality, creating tales that are both engaging and believable. Jack's stories illustrate this ability as they entertain the readers while also provoking deeper philosophical thoughts. His storytelling captures the imagination and holds the interest of the audience, making them fascinated. Thus, Jack's stories demonstrate that he was not only imaginative but also able to present his ideas in an appealing and thoughtful manner.

Question 5.

What made the peddler think that he had fallen into a trap? (The Rattrap)

[2 Marks]

Answer: The peddler thought that he had fallen into a trap when he realized that he had been caught by a bait, just like the rats caught in his rattraps. He reflected on his earlier thought that the whole world is like a big rattrap, which exists only to lure people with tempting baits. In that moment, he felt surrounded and trapped by the forest around him, which seemed like an impenetrable prison. This metaphor made him understand that just as rats are trapped by cheese in a rattrap, human beings too are caught by temptations in the world, leading them into difficult situations. This self-awareness made the peddler feel like he himself was trapped, and thus he believed he had fallen into a trap.

Question 6.

Explain " On every morrow are we wreathing.

A flowery band to bind us to the earth...". (A Thing of Beauty)

[2 Marks]

Answer: The lines "On every morrow are we wreathing a flowery band to bind us to the earth" from the poem 'A Thing of Beauty' mean that every new day brings beauty into our lives, which acts as a symbolic garland or wreath. This beauty helps us stay connected to life and the earth despite the sufferings, hardships, and disheartening events we face. The "flowery band" represents moments of happiness, inspiration, and the positive things in nature and life which comfort and uplift us. It binds us to the earth and gives us hope and strength to continue living. Thus, the poet suggests that beauty in the world is a sustaining force that helps us cope with pain and despair, encouraging us to appreciate life and remain optimistic.

Section B

Question 7.

You are Avantika, residing in Jamshedpur. Your friend from the same city is hosting her parents' 50th marriage anniversary and has extended an invitation to you. Draft a letter of reply of acceptance not more than 50 words mentioning the date, venue and time.

[3 Marks]

Answer:

Dear Aarti,

Thank you so much for inviting me to your parents' 50th marriage anniversary on 15th July at your residence, 12 Park Street, Jamshedpur, at 6 pm. I am delighted to accept the invitation and look forward to celebrating this special occasion with you all.

Warm regards,
Avantika

Section C

Question 8. Read the passage given below : (1) Ratan, a global brand in Dairy products, works on a business model popularly known as, 'The Ratan Model'. This model aims to provide value for money to the customers and protect the interests of farmers simultaneously. (2) The Ratan Model is a three-tiered structure that is implemented in its Dairy production : Firstly, Ratan acts as a direct link between milk producers and consumers that removes the middlemen. Secondly, farmers (milk producers) control procurement, processing and marketing. Thirdly, it is a professionally managed organization. (3) One can understand the Ratan Model better by taking cognizance of 'Ratan's Target Audience', where it has targeted the mass market of India with no premium offerings and works on providing the best quality products at affordable prices. (4) So Ratan formulates its pricing policy on the low cost price strategy which has attracted a lot of customers in the past and it continues to do so. (5) Another stance used by Ratan's Target Audience is based on customer-wise targeting and industry wise targeting. This strategy divides the target audience on the following two bases : (7) Industry Based Target Audience : Ratan has segmented milk for various industries such as ice-cream manufacturers, restaurants, coffee shops, and many similar industries. Further, it has segmented butter, ghee and cheese for bakeries, snack retailers, confectioneries, and many more. (8) The target audience study tells us that Ratan has a strong presence in both Business to Business and Business-to-Customers. (9) Ratan's marketing campaigns and strategies are implemented in a very attractive way. For example, the story of the 'Ratan Girl' is a popular 'ad' icon. It is a hand drawn cartoon of a young girl. Based on your understanding of the passage answer any six out of the seven questions given below : 1x6=6

Question 9. sss

Section D

Question 10. You are Akshita/Akshay, staff correspondent for the BRIGHT STAR newspaper. A day-long seminar was organized by Nirmaan Public School on the "Benefits of Yoga – A Healthy Heart". Students from 20 schools participated in the event. Renowned yoga

exponent Guru Shivang addressed the students on the benefits of yoga. Students of the Yoga Club demonstrated basic 'asanas' and breathing exercises. Write a report on it for the newspaper in about 120–150 words mentioning date, venue, Chief Guest, activities and response of the participants.

[5 Marks]

Answer: A day-long seminar on "Benefits of Yoga – A Healthy Heart" was organized by Nirmaan Public School on 12th March 2024 at the school auditorium. Renowned yoga expert, Guru Shivang, was the Chief Guest and addressed the students on how yoga helps maintain a healthy heart and overall well-being. Students from 20 schools enthusiastically participated in the seminar. The Yoga Club demonstrated basic asanas like Tadasana and Bhujangasana along with breathing exercises, highlighting their benefits for heart health and mental calmness. The session was interactive, and students showed great interest in learning how to incorporate yoga into their daily routine. The event concluded with appreciation for the importance of yoga in promoting a healthy lifestyle.

Question 11.

You are Samera / Sameer. Write a letter of application for the above-mentioned post in 120–130 words. Include a detailed bio-data.

[5 Marks]

Answer:

24 April 2022

To

The Manager,
ABC Company,
500 016.

Subject: Application for the post of [Job Title]

Respected Sir/Madam,

I, Sameer, am writing to apply for the post of [Job Title] advertised by your company. I hold a Bachelor's degree in [Your Field] and have two years of work experience in [related field]. I possess excellent communication and organizational skills. Enclosed is my resume along with a passport size photograph.

Bio-data:

Name: Sameer

Address: [Your address]

Educational Qualification: [Your qualifications]

Experience: [Your experience]

Contact No.: [Your contact number]

I look forward to the opportunity to discuss my application with you.

Thank you for considering my application.

Yours sincerely,

Sameer

Prepzy