

CBSE EXAMINATION PAPER-2023

ENGLISH

(Solved)

Time allowed : 3 hours

Maximum Marks : 73

General Instructions :

Read the following instructions carefully and follow them :

- i. This question paper contains **25 questions**. All questions are **compulsory**.
- ii. This question paper is divided into **8 sections**.
- iii. **Section A** – questions number **1 to 5** are case based questions
- iv. **Section B** – questions number **6 to 14** are short answer
- v. **Section C** – questions number **15 to 15** are job application
- vi. **Section D** – questions number **16 to 19** are long answer
- vii. **Section E** – questions number **20 to 21** are notice
- viii. **Section F** – questions number **22 to 22** are report
- ix. **Section G** – questions number **23 to 24** are letter
- x. **Section H** – questions number **25 to 25** are article
- xi. There is no overall choice given in the question paper. However, an internal choice has been provided in few questions.
- xii. Use of calculator is NOT allowed.

Section A

Question 1.

Read the following extract and answer the questions that follow :

Now we will count to twelve

and we will all keep still.

For once on the face of the Earth

Let's not speak in any language,

Let's stop for one second,

and not move our arms so much.

It would be an exotic moment

without rush, without engines,

we would all be together.

(1)

The poet counts up to twelve as a countdown to:

- (a) lift arms.
- (b) speak in different languages.
- (c) stop all activities.
- (d) be without engines.

[1 Marks]

Answer: The poet counts up to twelve to stop all activities and be still.

Key Points: Counting to twelve symbolizes stopping all actions - to keep still - not moving arms or speaking - to create a peaceful moment - a pause from noise and rush

(2)

The benefits of 'Keeping Quiet' include

- I. harmony
- II. non-violence
- III. brotherhood

IV. meditation

Choose the most appropriate option :

- (a) I and II
- (b) II and IV
- (c) I, II and III
- (d) I, II, III and IV

[1 Marks]

Answer: The most appropriate option is (d) I, II, III and IV. Keeping quiet brings harmony, non-violence, brotherhood, and meditation as it helps us to stop and reflect, promoting peace and togetherness.

Key Points: Keeping quiet leads to harmony-Keeping quiet promotes non-violence-It helps develop brotherhood-Keeping quiet allows meditation and self-reflection

(3)

The poet appeals to the people to:

- I. keep quiet,
- II. not move,
- III. celebrate festivals,
- IV. not hibernate.

Choose the most appropriate option.

- (a) Only II
- (b) I and II
- (c) Only I
- (d) I and IV

[1 Marks]

Answer: The poet appeals to the people to keep quiet and not move for a moment. So, the correct answer is (b) I and II.

Key Points: The poet asks to keep still and quiet-The poet wants people to stop speaking for a moment-The poet emphasizes not moving arms or making noise-The options III and IV are not mentioned or implied in the extract

(4)

Complete the statement with reference to the extract:

The poet suggests we will all be together when _____.

[1 Marks]

Answer: The poet suggests we will all be together when we count to twelve and keep still.

Key Points: The poet mentions counting to twelve-The poet emphasizes keeping still-The poet suggests unity in silence and stillness-The poet imagines a moment without noise or rush-All together on the face of the Earth

(5)

Choose the option that displays the same poetic device as used in the third line of the extract:

- (a) lightning danced across the sky
- (b) greedy good doers
- (c) children spilling out of their homes
- (d) fight like cats and dogs

[1 Marks]

Answer: The third line 'For once on the face of the Earth' uses personification because the Earth is given human qualities. Among the given options, option (a) 'lightning danced across the sky' also uses personification as lightning is described as if it is dancing, which is a human action.

Key Points: Identify the poetic device used in the third line-personification-Option (a) shows personification-lightning 'danced' is a human action applied to lightning-option (a) is the correct choice

(6)

The word 'exotic' in the extract most nearly means

- a) unique,
- b) luxurious,
- c) rich,
- d) illusive.

[1 Marks]

Answer: The word 'exotic' in this extract most nearly means 'unique'. It refers to a rare and special moment that is different from everyday life.

Key Points: Meaning of 'exotic' as unique-Rarity and specialness of the moment-Context of the moment being without rush and togetherness

Question 2.

Read the following extract and answer the questions that follow :

"Because we are born into this community, We are never given any honour or dignity or respect; we are stripped of all that. But if we study and make progress, we can throw away these indignities. So study with care, learn all you can. If you are always ahead in your lessons, people will come to you of their own accord and attach themselves to you. Work hard and learn."

(1)

Who is the speaker ? Who is he speaking to ?

- (a) Appa; Bama
- (b) Bama; Amma

(c) Bama; The Zamindar

(d) Annan; Bama

[1 Marks]

Answer: The speaker is Appa, and he is speaking to Bama.

Key Points: The speaker advises about the importance of education to overcome social indignities - He is a father figure speaking to his daughter Bama - The correct option is (a) Appa; Bama

(2)

Which of the following summarizes the author's opinion about study?

(a) Childhood should be spent in experiential learning.

(b) Studying is better than playing.

(c) Studying is essential to the nation's development

(d) Studying leads to social reforms and progress.

[1 Marks]

Answer: The author believes that studying and making progress helps us overcome the lack of honour, dignity, and respect that we are born with in our community. Therefore, studying leads to social reforms and progress.

Key Points: Studying helps to overcome social indignities - Progress is linked with study - Study leads to respect and honour - Author emphasizes working hard and learning - Social change through education

(3)

Complete the following statement with reference to the community:

The treatment meted out to the community was _____.

[1 Marks]

Answer: The treatment meted out to the community was humiliating and disrespectful.

Key Points: Community faced humiliation–They were deprived of honour and dignity–They were not respected–Oppressed because of birth in that community

(4)

Select the option that best describes the speaker in the above extract :

I. marginalized

II. practical

III. idealistic

IV. curious

V. aggressive

Select the most appropriate option :

(a) I and II

(b) III and IV

(c) II and IV

(d) IV and V

[1 Marks]

Answer: The most appropriate option is (a) I and II. The speaker is marginalized because he talks about being born into a community that is never given honour or respect. He is practical because he advises studying hard and making progress to overcome indignities, showing a realistic approach to improving one's situation.

Key Points: The speaker belongs to a marginalized community–The speaker stresses the importance of studying and making progress–Practical advice given to improve one's status through education–Realistic and pragmatic approach rather than just idealism or curiosity

Question 3.

Read the following extract and answer the questions that follow :

You think ... ' here's a boy.' You look at me ... and then you see my face and you think. 'That's bad. That's a terrible thing. That's the ugliest thing I ever saw.' You think, 'Poor boy.' But I'm not. Not poor. Underneath, you are afraid. Anybody would be. I am. When I look in the mirror, and see it, I'm afraid of me.

(1)

Who is the speaker and who is he speaking to?

- (a) Derry; His mother
- (b) Derry; Mr. Lamb
- (c) Derry; Ladies at the bus stop
- (d) Mother; Mr. Lamb

[1 Marks]

Answer: The speaker is Derry and he is speaking to Mr. Lamb. So the correct option is (b) Derry; Mr. Lamb.

Key Points: The speaker identifies himself as a boy named Derry–Derry shares his thoughts about how people look at his face–Mr. Lamb is the listener as per the given conversation–Supported by the context where MR LAMB and DERRY are in dialogue

(2)

Complete the following statement with reference to the extract:

When I look in the mirror, and see it, I'm afraid of me _____.

[1 Marks]

Answer: When I look in the mirror, and see it, I'm afraid of me because of the terrible and ugly face I see.

Key Points: The speaker describes looking in the mirror and feeling afraid–The face they see is perceived as terrible and ugly–People think 'Poor boy' but he denies being poor–The fear comes from seeing his own face and how it appears

(3)

According to the speaker, what do people feel about him?

- (a) People are empathetic towards him.
- (b) People are repulsed by his appearance.
- (c) People are annoyed by his presence.
- (d) People are unhappy at his association with his neighbours.

[1 Marks]

Answer: According to the speaker, people are repulsed by his appearance. They see his face and think it is ugly and terrible. They are afraid or scared of him because of how he looks.

Key Points: People think his face is terrible and ugly—People feel fear or repulsion towards him—People are not empathetic or annoyed but scared of his appearance

(4)

Explain the statement with reference to the given extract :

'You think, Poor boy.' But I'm not.

[1 Marks]

Answer: The statement 'You think, Poor boy. But I'm not.' shows that although people might feel pity on the boy because of his burned face, he does not see himself as poor or pitiable. He expresses that underneath his appearance, he has strength and courage. Instead, the people around him are actually afraid of his face, which is the real feeling behind their reaction.

Key Points: People feel pity for the boy because of his burnt face - The boy rejects the idea of being 'poor' or pitiable - The boy acknowledges the fear that his appearance causes in others - The boy feels afraid of his own reflection, showing his inner struggle

Question 4.

Read the following extract and answer the questions that follow :

The make-up department was first headed by a Bengali who became too big for a studio and left. He was succeeded by a Maharashtrian who was assisted by a Dharwar Kannadiga, an Andhra, a Madras Indian Christian, an Anglo-Burmese and the usual local Tamils. All this shows that there was a great deal of national integration long before A.I.R. and Doordarshan began broadcasting programmes on national integration.. This gang of nationally integrated make-up men could turn any decent-looking person into a hideous crimson hued monster with the help of truck-loads of pancake and a number of other locally made potions and lotions.

(1)

Select a suitable word from the extract to complete the analogy:

front : rear :: ravishing : _____

[1 Marks]

Answer: The word that completes the analogy is 'hideous'. Just as 'rear' is the opposite of 'front', 'hideous' is the opposite of 'ravishing'.

Key Points: Understand analogy pairs - front and rear are opposites - identify opposite of ravishing from extract - hideous is used in extract and means very ugly - hideous is the correct answer

(2) What is the significance of the diverse backgrounds of the make-up artists?

[1 Marks]

Answer: The diverse backgrounds of the make-up artists highlight the presence of national integration long before it was promoted by official media like A.I.R. and Doordarshan. This team of people from different regions and communities working together shows unity in diversity. Their collaboration helped create memorable make-up effects, demonstrating harmony and cooperation among individuals from various parts of India.

Key Points: Representation of different regions and communities–National integration before media promotion–Teamwork and unity–Diversity leading to collaboration and creativity

(3)

Select the correct option to fill in the blanks:

The make-up artists could turn _____ looking people into _____ looking men and women.

- (a) ordinary; pleasant
- (b) ugly; good
- (c) pleasant; ugly
- (d) monstrous; beautiful

[1 Marks]

Answer: The correct option is (c) pleasant; ugly. The make-up artists could turn any decent-looking or pleasant looking person into hideous crimson hued monsters using pancake and other potions.

Key Points: The make-up artists transformed decent or pleasant looking people into hideous or ugly looking men and women – The passage explicitly states they could turn any decent-looking person into a hideous crimson hued monster – Option (c) best fits the description given in the extract

(4) Bring out the irony in the above given extract.

[1 Marks]

Answer: The irony in the extract lies in the fact that although the make-up department showed great national integration by having members from different regions and communities working together harmoniously, their job was to make good-looking actors ugly. So, while they embodied unity, their work was to create ugliness, which is a humorous contradiction.

Key Points: National integration was shown through the diverse makeup team- They worked together harmoniously despite their different backgrounds-Their job was ironically to make beautiful actors look ugly-This contradicts the idea of something positive like integration resulting in something negative like ugliness

(5)

Based on the above extract, choose the statement that is true for the make-up department.

- (a) The make-up artists were welcomed by the actors.
- (b) The make-up artists were poorly paid.
- (c) The work done by the make-up artists was not appreciated.
- (d) The department exhibited national integration.

[1 Marks]

Answer: The correct statement is (d) The department exhibited national integration.

Key Points: The make-up department included people from different regions and communities - Bengali, Maharashtrian, Dharwar Kannadiga, Andhra, Madras Indian Christian, Anglo-Burmese, and Tamils.- This shows a great deal of national integration within the department.- Their teamwork was highlighted long before national integration programmes started on radio and television.

(6)

How was there national integration long before A.I.R. and Doordarshan in the make-up department?

- (a) The staff consisted of a Bengali, a Maharashtrian, a Dharwar Kannadiga, an Andhra, a Madras Indian Christian, an Anglo-Burmese and Tamils.
- (b) They recited slogans of national integration.
- (c) The staff studied make-up techniques of various states.
- (d) Their clients were from various states.

[1 Marks]

Answer: There was national integration in the make-up department because the staff was made up of people from different parts of India and different communities, such as a Bengali, a Maharashtrian, a Dharwar Kannadiga, an Andhra, a Madras Indian Christian, an Anglo-Burmese, and Tamils, all working together.

Key Points: Staff consisted of members from different regions and communities- Worked together showing unity-Existed before national integration broadcasts by A.I.R. and Doordarshan

(7)

The word 'pancake' in the extract most nearly means

- (a) brand name
- (b) lemon cake
- (c) savoury
- (d) preservative

[1 Marks]

Answer: The word 'pancake' in the extract refers to a type of make-up, a cosmetic product used to change the appearance of a person's face. It is a thick, creamy foundation applied to the skin by the make-up artists to create the required effects.

Key Points: The word 'pancake' refers to a cosmetic product - It is used by make-up artists to alter a person's appearance - It is not a food item in this context - Helps in creating the 'hideous crimson hued monster' look described

(8)

The word 'pancake' in the extract most nearly means

- (a) brand name
- (b) lemon cake
- (c) savoury

(d) preservative

[1 Marks]

Answer: The word 'pancake' in the extract refers to a type of makeup used to change the appearance of actors, especially to make them look ugly or monstrous. Therefore, among the given options, none exactly match this meaning, but the closest understanding is that 'pancake' here means a cosmetic product. It is not a brand name, lemon cake, savoury food, or a preservative. It is a type of makeup used in the studio.

Key Points: The word 'pancake' refers to makeup-used to alter appearances-
pancake is a cosmetic product-not food or preservative-used in theatre/film
makeup

(9)

The word 'pancake' in the extract most nearly means

- (a) brand name
- (b) lemon cake
- (c) savoury
- (d) preservative

[1 Marks]

Answer: The word 'pancake' in the extract refers to a type of make-up or cosmetic used to turn actors ugly. So, it is not a brand name, lemon cake, savoury, or preservative. It is a make-up product. Thus, the correct meaning here is a cosmetic used by the make-up team.

Key Points: Pancake refers to make-up cosmetic-Pancake used to change
appearance-Not a cake or food item-Used by make-up artists to create effects

(10)

The word 'pancake' in the extract most nearly means

- (a) brand name

(b) lemon cake

(c) savoury

(d) preservative

[1 Marks]

Answer: The word 'pancake' in the extract refers to a type of make-up product used to change the appearance of a person. It is not related to food but is a cosmetic used by make-up artists, so the correct meaning is none of the food-related options. In the context, 'pancake' means a type of make-up base.

Key Points: The word 'pancake' refers to a make-up product used by artists - It is used to transform appearances - It is not a food item or preservative - The context shows it is a cosmetic item used to create effects on actors

(11)

The word 'pancake' in the extract most nearly means

(a) brand name

(b) lemon cake

(c) savoury

(d) preservative

[1 Marks]

Answer: The word 'pancake' in the extract means a type of make-up cream used to cover the face and give a certain effect. It is not related to food. Hence, the correct meaning is a make-up product.

Key Points: The word 'pancake' refers to a make-up cream used by the make-up department-It was used along with other potions and lotions to create make-up effects-It is not related to brand name, lemon cake, savoury or preservative

Question 5.

Read the following extract and answer the questions that follow :

Similarly, we have a lot of empty spaces in our lives. I call them interstices. Say you are coming over to my place. You are in the elevator and while you are coming up, I am waiting for you. This is an interstice, an empty space. I work in empty spaces. While waiting for your elevator to come up from the first to the third floor, I have already written an article !

(1)

Umberto Eco, was

- (a) a professor of semiotics, an author
- (b) an interviewer, a novelist
- (c) a journalist, a professor
- (d) a publisher, an author

[1 Marks]

Answer: Umberto Eco was a professor of semiotics and an author.

Key Points: Umberto Eco was a professor at the University of Bologna- He was a scholar of semiotics (study of signs)- He gained reputation for ideas on literary interpretation and medieval aesthetics- He also wrote novels- Correct option is (a) professor of semiotics, an author

(2)

Rationalise, to support the given statement:

'Similarly, we have a lot of empty spaces in our lives.'

[1 Marks]

Answer: We have many empty moments or gaps in our daily lives, like waiting for an elevator or standing in a queue. These empty spaces, called interstices, can be used productively. For example, while waiting for an elevator, one can utilize that time to write or think. Thus, empty spaces exist in our lives and can be used efficiently.

Key Points: Meaning of empty spaces in life - Examples of empty spaces like waiting time - Concept of interstices - Using empty spaces productively

(3)

Rewrite the sentence by replacing the underlined phrase with its inference:

'I call them interstices.'

[1 Marks]

Answer: I call these empty spaces in our lives interstices.

Key Points: The phrase 'interstices' means empty spaces or intervals-The sentence refers to these empty or waiting times in daily life-The inference is that these are empty spaces or gaps between actions

(4)

Replace the underlined word with its antonym from the extract:

'Umberto Eco does not like to waste time. He writes an article while he is proceeding to the elevator.'

[1 Marks]

Answer: The underlined word 'proceeding' should be replaced with its antonym 'waiting' from the extract.

Key Points: Identify the underlined word - 'proceeding'-Find its antonym in the passage - 'waiting'-Use the word from the extract as required by the question

(5)

On the basis of the extract, study the two statements, I and II given below

I. Umberto Eco works even in the spare time between activities.

II. Umberto Eco does not like to be interviewed.

Choose the most appropriate option.

(a) I can be inferred from the extract, but II cannot

(b) I cannot be inferred from the extract, but II can

(c) I and II are true

(d) II is the reason for I

[1 Marks]

Answer: The correct option is (a) I can be inferred from the extract, but II cannot. From the extract, it is clear that Umberto Eco works during empty spaces or spare time. However, nothing in the extract suggests that he does not like being interviewed.

Key Points: Umberto Eco works in spare time or 'interstices' - eco writes an article while waiting for elevator- No information in the extract about his attitude towards interviews- Statement I is supported by the extract- Statement II cannot be inferred from the given passage

(6)

Umberto Eco's views on his manner of work are based on _____.

(a) facts

(b) an interview

(c) his blog

(d) hypothesis

[1 Marks]

Answer: Umberto Eco's views on his manner of work are based on an interview.

Key Points: Umberto Eco's explanation comes from a conversation with Mukund-It is an extract from an interview-The passage presents Eco's own words about how he uses empty spaces to work

Section B

Question 6.

What were Franz's feelings as he set out for school and why?

[2 Marks]

Answer: As Franz set out for school, he felt very sad and guilty. He realized that he had wasted a lot of time postponing his lessons, thinking he had plenty of time to learn. However, on this particular day, the school atmosphere was unusual because it was M. Hamel's last day of teaching French before the Prussians took over Alsace. Franz saw that M. Hamel was upset, and the school walls had notices about the change. Franz regretted not learning earlier and now understood the importance of his teacher and his lessons. This made him feel remorseful and determined to learn.

Question 7.

What vicious circle are the bangle-makers trapped in?

[2 Marks]

Answer: The bangle-makers of Firozabad are trapped in a vicious circle of poverty and hardship. Born into families that have been making bangles for generations, they inherit the same skills but also the same struggles. Despite working hard with glass and furnaces, the income they earn is meager because of low wages and lack of alternative employment. Health problems, such as blindness caused by glass dust, and poor living conditions add to their suffering. They are stuck in this cycle because they lack education and opportunities to break free from their caste-based occupation, which forces them to continue this harsh lifestyle for generations.

Question 8.

What were Douglas's initial thoughts when he was pushed into the pool?

[2 Marks]

Answer: When Douglas was suddenly pushed into the pool, his first reaction was immediate panic and fear. He experienced a strong terror of drowning, which overwhelmed him. Despite his fright, he quickly realized he needed to calm his mind and plan his movements. He decided to hold his breath and rise slowly to the surface to avoid inhaling water. These initial thoughts reflected his instinctive fight against the overwhelming fear and helped him focus on survival.

Question 9.

Who was Edla Williamson ? Why did she visit the forge at night ?

[2 Marks]

Answer: Edla Williamson was the daughter of the ironmaster. She visited the forge at night because her father had sent her, hoping that she would have better powers of persuasion than he himself had. Her visit took place during one of the long dark evenings just before Christmas. When she arrived, the forge was just as it had been earlier, with the master blacksmith and his apprentice sitting by the furnace. Although she was not very pretty, Edla was modest and shy, and she came accompanied by a valet who carried a big fur

coat. Her visit was important as it showed the concern of her father and his hope for resolving the issue through her intervention.

Question 10.

Why did Sophie wish to delve more deeply in 'her brother's affections?

[2 Marks]

Answer: Sophie wished to delve more deeply into her brother Geoff's affections because she admired him greatly and felt a special bond with him. Geoff symbolized freedom and the future to Sophie, as she saw in him a person who represented independence and adventure, qualities she longed to experience. Although their father forbade close companionship and Geoff thought Sophie was too young, she was impatient to understand him better and to be included in his world. She fantasized that someday Geoff might take her along, which showed her deep desire to be accepted and loved by him.

Question 11.

Why do Aunt Jennifer's tigers not fear the men beneath the tree ?

[2 Marks]

Answer: Aunt Jennifer's tigers do not fear the men beneath the tree because they symbolize strength, freedom, and fearlessness, which sharply contrasts with Aunt Jennifer's own oppressed and constrained life. The tigers are described as pacing in "sleek chivalric certainty," demonstrating their fearless and confident nature. Unlike Aunt Jennifer, who is burdened by her heavy wedding bands and societal pressures, the tigers are bold and untouchable, living in a realm of imagination and art where they are free from fear and oppression. This contrast highlights Aunt Jennifer's desire to escape her restricted circumstances through her needlework, creating a powerful symbol of courage and independence in her embroidered tigers.

Question 12.

In what way did the infant Tiger King surprise the astrologer?

[2 Marks]

Answer: The infant Tiger King surprised the chief astrologer by speaking in a clear, confident voice, which was unexpected for a newborn. After the king had killed and buried a dead tiger, he called the astrologer to question the prophecy that he would die at the hands of a tiger. The astrologer insisted that the prophecy was true but vague about how the death would occur. Then, to everyone's astonishment, the infant prince asked the astrologer to explain the manner of his death, demonstrating wisdom beyond his age. This unexpected display of intelligence and the ability to question the astrologer left the chief astrologer amazed and speechless.

Question 13.

How does Mr. Lamb try to put Derek at ease when he entered Mr. Lamb's garden?

[2 Marks]

Answer: When Derek enters Mr. Lamb's garden, Mr. Lamb immediately tries to make him comfortable by speaking in a gentle and reassuring manner. He tells Derek not to be afraid and explains calmly that it is just a garden and he is just a person, trying to remove any fear or tension Derek might feel. Mr. Lamb also uses light humor by warning Derek to 'mind the apples,' which helps to lighten the mood. This friendly and non-threatening approach helps Derek feel safer and more at ease despite his initial surprise.

Question 14.

What did Charley find in his collection of first day covers ?

[2 Marks]

Answer: Charley discovered something unusual in his collection of first day covers while sorting through them one night. First day covers are envelopes with stamps that are postmarked on the very first day the stamp is issued. Charley found an envelope that contained not blank paper as expected but a piece of paper with something written on it. This finding was surprising because first day covers usually remain unopened and only contain blank paper to preserve the stamp and postmark. This unexpected discovery sparked Charley's curiosity.

Section C

Question 15.

Mansi/Manu of Viewside Road, Kanpur, sees the following advertisement in 'The Everyday News' and decides to apply for the job of a Marketing Executive. Write a letter of application along with the biodata in 120–150 words to the Personnel Manager, India Book House, Mall Road, Kanpur.

[5 Marks]

Answer:

To
The Personnel Manager,
India Book House,
Mall Road,
Kanpur.

Date: 20 June 2024

Subject: Application for the post of Marketing Executive

Dear Sir/Madam,

I am Mansi (or Manu) residing at Viewside Road, Kanpur. I am writing to apply for the post of Marketing Executive as advertised in 'The Everyday News'. I have completed my graduation in Business Administration and have one year of experience in marketing. I am confident that my skills in communication, promotion, and sales will help me perform well in this role.

Please find below my biodata:

Name: Mansi (or Manu)

Address: Viewside Road, Kanpur

Qualification: Graduate in Business Administration

Experience: One year in marketing

Skills: Communication, sales promotion, team working

I look forward to the opportunity to contribute to India Book House. Kindly consider my application.

Thanking you,

Yours faithfully,
Mansi (or Manu)

Section D

Question 16. Dr. Sadao is torn between his duty as a doctor and his responsibility as a patriotic citizen. Elaborate.

[5 Marks]

Answer: Dr. Sadao Hoki faces a profound moral dilemma between his professional duty as a doctor and his patriotic responsibility towards his country. When he finds an enemy soldier wounded on the Japanese coast near his home, Dr. Sadao's compassion and medical ethics compel him to save the soldier's life, despite the soldier being his country's enemy. This decision conflicts with his loyalty as a Japanese citizen during wartime, where harboring an enemy could be seen as betraying his nation. Dr. Sadao understands the potential consequences, including arrest and accusations of treason, but his duty as a doctor transcends national boundaries. His wife, Hana, supports his decision, showing

empathy and understanding despite the risks. The story highlights the conflict between humanitarian ideals and nationalistic sentiments. Ultimately, Dr. Sadao chooses humanity and fulfills his medical duty, demonstrating the universal value of saving life regardless of nationality. This inner conflict illustrates the challenges faced when ethical obligations clash with patriotic duties, making Dr. Sadao's character a symbol of moral courage and professional integrity.

Question 17.

How has human civilization impacted our environment ? Comment with reference to the lesson "Journey to the End of the Earth."

[5 Marks]

Answer:

Human civilization, though relatively recent with only about 12,000 years of existence, has significantly impacted the environment. In the lesson 'Journey to the End of the Earth,' it is highlighted that human activities have strained the natural balance, leading to ecological challenges. Pollution, deforestation, and habitat destruction contribute to the damage of natural resources, making the earth vulnerable to advancing deserts and impoverished landscapes. The lesson urges us to realize that we have borrowed the earth from future generations, and it is our responsibility to protect and preserve it. The environmental problems we face today are warning signs but also an opportunity to adopt a holistic and ecological vision. This new era, called the Era of Responsibility, encourages us to see the world as an integrated whole and take collective actions to safeguard the environment so that future generations inherit a healthy and sustainable planet. Ultimately, human civilization's impact has been profound but reversible with awareness and responsible stewardship of nature.

Question 18.

"Civil disobedience had triumphed for the first time in modern India." When and how did it happen?

[5 Marks]

Answer:

The first significant triumph of civil disobedience in modern India occurred during the Champaran Satyagraha in 1917, led by Mahatma Gandhi. This movement began when Gandhi was approached by indigo farmers in Champaran, Bihar, who were suffering under oppressive plantation laws forced by British landlords. Gandhi and a group of lawyers conducted an extensive inquiry, collecting statements from around ten thousand peasants to document their grievances.

After presenting the evidence, the British authorities initially resisted but finally, the Lieutenant-Governor ordered the case against the farmers to be dropped. This marked the first major success of the civil disobedience movement, as it showed that peaceful protest and non-violent resistance could effectively challenge unjust laws imposed by the British government.

Gandhi's leadership in Champaran set a precedent for future movements, demonstrating the power of collective action based on non-violence and truth. The victory was celebrated by many, as it gave new hope and confidence to Indians fighting for their rights and freedom from colonial rule.

Question 19.

In the chapter 'Poets and Pancakes', the author has used gentle humour to point out human foibles. Pick out instances of this to show how it served to make the extract engaging.

[5 Marks]

Answer: In the chapter 'Poets and Pancakes' by Kamala Das, gentle humour is employed effectively to highlight the human weaknesses and idiosyncrasies, making the narrative engaging and relatable. One instance is when the poet describes his meetings with Sri Sankaran Nair, where the poet enjoys various types of pancakes, and these light moments draw out the human element behind the creative mind. The humorous anecdotes about the poet's insistence on trying different pancakes reveal the quirks and simplicity of people. Another example of humour is when the poet reflects on his own tastes and habits, showing how even intellectuals have small, amusing foibles. This use of gentle humour softens the tone, making the chapter more conversational and appealing to readers. Overall, the humour helps emphasize traits like modesty, simplicity, and human vulnerabilities in a light-hearted manner, thereby engaging readers and bringing warmth and charm to the narrative.

Section E

Question 20. A sea storm is expected to hit the states on the East Coast of the country within 72 hours. As Rohit/Reema, Director General, Coast Guard, Odisha, write a notice in 50 words to warn fishermen, tourists and general public to take all safety precautions and not venture into the sea. Mention relevant details.

[5 Marks]

Answer: NOTICE

Issued by: Director General, Coast Guard, Odisha

Date: _____

Due to an impending severe sea storm expected in the next 72 hours on the East Coast, all fishermen, tourists, and public are strictly advised to avoid venturing into the sea. Please follow safety guidelines and stay indoors to prevent any accidents.

Stay tuned to official announcements for updates.

Director General, Coast Guard, Odisha

Question 21. You are Anuj/Anu, Secretary of Saket Kunj, Saket, Navi Mumbai, Resident Welfare Association. Write a notice in 50 words to be circulated to all the residents informing them that there will be no water supply in your colony for two days due to necessary repair and maintenance work. Mention dates, and the timings that tankers will be available in the R.W.A. premises.

[5 Marks]

Answer: SAKET KUNJ R.W.A.

Notice

Date: 25th June 2024

All residents are informed that water supply will be suspended on 28th and 29th June 2024 due to repair and maintenance work. Water tankers will be available from 8 a.m. to 8 p.m. at the R.W.A. premises. Your cooperation is requested.

Secretary,

Anuj

Saket Kunj R.W.A.

Section F

Question 22.

The primary wing of your Global Public School is putting up a special assembly to celebrate National Integration Day. Mr. Gopal Chand, Secretary, Education Department, will be the Guest of Honour. You are Mira/Majid, student reporter of the school magazine. Write a report in 120–150 words to be published in the school magazine. You may use the following cues for the report.

[5 Marks]

Answer: A special assembly was held at the primary wing of Global Public School to celebrate National Integration Day. The assembly began with a patriotic song that created a feeling of unity among students and teachers. Various students performed dances and recited poems highlighting the importance of unity in diversity. Mr. Gopal Chand, Secretary of the Education Department, was the Guest of Honour and he addressed the gathering.

He spoke about the significance of national integration and urged everyone to respect different cultures and traditions. The students also took a pledge to promote harmony and brotherhood in the country. The event was successful in spreading the message of love and unity among the young minds. The school magazine will proudly feature this day to inspire other students to uphold national integration.

Section G

Question 23. You are Vineeta/Vinay Sharma. Draft a formal letter of reply in about 50 words, declining the invitation to a dinner on 28th February at Army Parade Grounds being hosted by Major J.P. Gautam. Mention day, date, time and venue.

[5 Marks]

Answer: Vinay Sharma 123, Green Park New Delhi Date: 20 February 2024 Major J.P. Gautam
Army Parade Grounds New Delhi Subject: Regret to Dinner Invitation Dear Major Gautam,
Thank you for your kind invitation to dinner on Wednesday, 28th February at 7 PM at the
Army Parade Grounds. Regrettably, I will be unable to attend due to prior commitments.
Thanking you, Yours sincerely, Vinay Sharma

Question 24.

A survey reveals that advertisements impact both young and old. They are lured by the discounted prices and the promises made by the product manufacturers. Write a letter to the editor of a national daily expressing your views in 120 -150 words on how advertisements may mislead the consumers and give suggestions on how they can make informed decisions. You are Carol/Philip. You may use the given input.

[5 Marks]

Answer:

To
The Editor,
The National Daily,
New Delhi.

Subject: Misleading Advertisements and Consumer Awareness

Dear Sir/Madam,

I am Philip, a concerned citizen who has observed that advertisements heavily influence both the young and old, often misleading consumers with attractive discounts and exaggerated claims. Many get lured into buying products without verifying their

authenticity or quality. Such misleading advertisements may promote unhealthy consumption or wasteful spending.

Consumers should be cautious and critical while viewing advertisements. They must check product reviews, compare prices, and seek genuine recommendations before making purchases. The government and media should also take responsibility in regulating deceptive advertisements and spreading awareness about consumer rights.

This will help protect consumers from false promises and enable them to make informed decisions.

Yours sincerely,
Philip

Section H

Question 25.

Your school held a Pollution Awareness Drive during which students made presentations on factors and solutions. As the President of the Environment Club, you analyzed the presentations and prepared notes. Using the following notes and your own ideas, write an article in about 120–150 words to be published in an e-magazine. You are Bela/Bharat.

[5 Marks]

Answer:

Pollution Awareness: Our Responsibility

As the President of the Environment Club, I had the privilege to analyze various presentations during our school's Pollution Awareness Drive. The main causes of pollution highlighted were industrial emissions, vehicular smoke, deforestation, and improper waste disposal. These not only affect air, water, and soil quality but also harm human health and biodiversity.

The solutions discussed included planting more trees, promoting the Green Movement, reducing the use of plastic, and encouraging the use of public transport. Students also suggested creating awareness through posters and community programs.

It is vital for every individual to act responsibly to protect our environment. Maintaining records of trees cut and parks demolished can help us understand local environmental loss. We must all contribute to a cleaner, greener planet for future generations.

Let us pledge to preserve nature and fight pollution together.

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