

**CLASS-XII (2022-23)**  
**SAMPLE QUESTION PAPER - 1**  
**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**

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- (i) Complete the sentence by choosing an appropriate option.  
Friends play a more significant role today than ever before because \_\_\_\_\_.
  - i. In the modern world, people need someone to talk to
  - ii. People are distanced from families
  - iii. Pain caused by separation from families can be cured by friends
  - iv. Having friends is the only way to go ahead in life
- (ii) Comment on the writer's reference to friendship as essential human need in paragraph two.
- (iii) List the two ways how friendship is different from other relationship.  
**(Clue:** Think about the limitations of friendship)
- (iv) Select the option that conveys the opposite of 'distance', from words used in paragraph five.
  - i. Empathy
  - ii. Background
  - iii. Tolerance
  - iv. Rehearsal
- (v) Which communication skills help in building friendships?
  - i. Active listening skills
  - ii. Negotiation skills
  - iii. Reflecting emotion
  - iv. All of these

- (vi) Friendships offer a great opportunity to learn about yourself. Based on your understanding of paragraph seven, state how friends help in reflecting yourself.
- (vii) How does friendship brings out a positive side of you?
- (viii) Complete the given sentence with an appropriate inference, with respect to the following:  
We gain tolerance in our lives by \_\_\_\_\_.
- (ix) How do friendships grow as suggested in paragraph five?  
i. By revealing yourself  
ii. By being attentive  
iii. By showing empathy  
iv. All of these
- (x) Select the most suitable title for the above passage.  
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ii. Family and Friends  
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iv. Role of Friendship

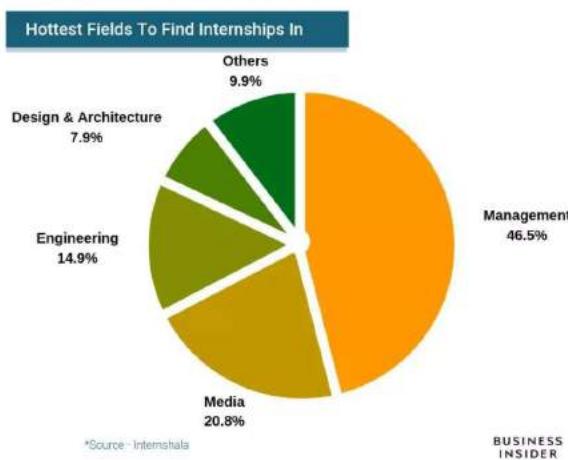
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- (i) Does the following statement agree with the information given in paragraph III?
- The survey statistics mention the average stipend, indicating that most interns were offered the highest stipend of Rs.85,000.

**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 there were lesser companies searching for intern profiles earlier, as compared to those in the recent five years?
- (iii) Choose the main idea of the paragraph that is likely to come before paragraph I.

- a. Process of registering for internships
  - b. Dos and Don'ts for an internship interview
  - c. Knowing more about internships
  - d. Startups and internships
- (iv) Complete the sentence based on the following statement.  
Virtual internships attracted three times more applications than in-office.  
We can say this because \_\_\_\_\_.
- (v) Based on your reading of paragraphs II-III, select the appropriate counter-argument to the given argument.  
**ARGUMENT:** I don't think you'll be considered for an internship just because you've been the student editor and Head of the Student Council.
  - a. I know that my stipend might be on the lower side but I think that it's a good 'earn while you learn' opportunity.
  - b. I think I have a fair chance because I'm applying for a virtual position than an in-office one.
  - c. Lot of metro-cities have a good percentage of positions open and I think I should definitely take a chance.
  - d. I have real-time experience in managing a team and many companies consider it more meritorious than a degree in Management.
- (vi) The phrase 'healthy traffic' in paragraph IV refers to the \_\_\_\_\_  
A. monthly data about the health of internship applicants.  
B. updates from portals about health and road safety.  
C. statistics about adherence to traffic rules by the portals.  
D. sizeable number of visitors to the portal per month.
- (vii) The majority of established companies are still hesitant to hire too many interns.  
Give one reason why the established companies are reluctant.
- (viii) Complete the given sentence by selecting the most appropriate option with reference to Fig 1.  
Management internships' \_\_\_\_\_ is more than twice that of Media.
  - A. importance
  - B. application
  - C. popularity
  - D. privacy
- (ix) Complete the sentence appropriately with one word  
The choice of internships has been significantly influenced by the \_\_\_\_\_.

- (x) With reference to Figure 1, Management and engineering internships are the two most popular options.

Can you refute the assertion made in the above statement?

### **SECTION B – CREATIVE WRITING SKILLS**

3. You are Rahul and have been invited to the post-selection party of your friend [5] Anuj. Write a reply accepting the invitation you got.

**OR**

You are Navin/Neha, the Secretary of the Youth Club of your locality. You are organising an inter-school group-song competition. Invite a prominent musician to act as one of the judges.

4. As student editor, draft a notice in not more than 50 words for your school [5] notice board inviting articles from the students for your school magazine. You are Rohan / Rupini Gupta of Vasant Vihar School, Pune.

**OR**

The Principal, Sunshine Public School, Dindigul has invited the Inspector of Police (Traffic) to deliver a lecture on ‘Road Safety’ in her school. Draft a notice in about 50 words informing the students to assemble in the school auditorium.

5. Day by day lavish weddings are becoming more and more fashionable. Hotels, [5] farm houses and banquet halls are booked months in advance. Even lower middle class families are entertaining thousand plus guests. Write a letter to the editor of a national daily advocating simple weddings. You are Rani/Raj, 121 Bank street, Kanpur.

<b>Traditional wedding expenses</b> Expense Cost	 <b>Hotel or banquet for venue</b> ₹2 lakh	 <b>International cuisine</b> ₹4.8 lakh	 <b>Traditional decorations</b> ₹2.5 lakh
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**OR**

You are Ketan Pandey of 63, Civil Lines, Delhi. You saw an advertisement in ‘The Hindu’ for the post of Accountant in a reputed school. Write an application in 120-

150 words to the Jindal Public School, New Delhi, giving your detailed bio-data.

**ACCOUNTANT**

**Qualification:** B.Com. with 5-8 years experience of handling work of accounts Independently & having Knowledge of Tally.

Walk-in Interview from 18 to 24 Dec., 12 between 09:00 A.M. to 1:00 P.M. (except Sunday)

**JINDAL PUBLIC SCHOOL**

Dashrathpuri, Dwarka-Palam Road, New Delhi-110 045

6. There is a growing trend among the youth to participate in adventurous activities. Write an article in 150-200 words for your school magazine on the topic, 'Why would you prefer to have an adventurous life?' [5]

OR

An NGO, **Health for All** organized a health check-up camp in a slum at Amritsar. You are Ruchika/Raunak, and you visited the camp. Write a report in 150 - 200 words covering arrangements such as registration, check-up, tests carried out, etc.

### SECTION C - LITERATURE

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

"The little old house was out with a little new shed  
In front at the edge of the road where the traffic sped,  
A roadside stand that too pathetically pled,  
It would not be fair to say for a dole of bread,  
But for some of the money, the cash, whose flow supports  
The flower of cities from sinking and withering faint."

- (i) Where was the new shed put up?
- Behind the house
  - In front of the house
  - Besides the house
  - At the door of the house
- (ii) Who are referred to as **the power of cities**?
- The poor people
  - The elite class
  - Village people
  - People living in cities

- (iii) Find a synonym of the word **Decay** from the extract.
- (iv) Complete the following analogy correctly.  
A roadside stand that too pathetically pled: personification:: polished traffic:  
\_\_\_\_\_
- (v) On the basis of the extract, choose the correct option with reference to (1) and (2) given below.
- (1) The condition of the shed aroused one's pity.  
(2) The owner of the shed sought favours from the city people.
- a. (1) is true but (2) is false.  
b. (2) is true but (1) is false.  
c. (2) is the reason for (1).  
d. Both (1) and (2) cannot be inferred from the extract.
- (vi) Identify the phrase, from the extract, that suggests a similar meaning to that of the underlined:  
The villagers were striving to earn a square meal.

OR

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

[6]

And

looked out at Young  
Trees sprinting, the merry children spilling  
out of their homes, but after the airport's  
security check, standing a few yards  
away, I looked again at her, wan, pale  
as a late winter's moon and felt that old  
familiar ache ...

- (i) What is the most likely reason the poet capitalised **Young Trees**?
- a. convey a clearer meaning.  
b. highlight the adj.-noun combination.  
c. enhance the contrast.  
d. draw a connection with the title.
- (ii) On the basis of the extract, choose the correct option with reference to the two statements given below.
- (1) The poet knows her mother has aged.  
(2) She is struck with the pain of separation.
- 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.

- (iii) Choose the option that completes the sentence given below.  
Just as the brightness of the winter's moon is veiled behind the haze and mist, similarly, \_\_\_\_\_.
- the pain of separation has shaded mother's expression.
  - age has fogged mother's youthful appearance.
  - growing up has developed a seasoned maturity in the poet.
  - memories warm the heart like the pale moon in winter.
- (iv) Choose the correct option out of the ones given below.
- Simile**- then merry children spilling  
**Metaphor**- old familiar ache
  - Metaphor**- pale as a late winter's moon  
**Imagery**- Young Trees sprinting
  - Imagery**- all I did was smile  
**Personification**- the merry children spilling
  - Personification**- Young Trees sprinting  
**Simile**- Pale as a late winter's moon
- Option (a)
  - Option (b)
  - Option (c)
  - Option (d)
- (v) What do young sprinting trees signify?
- Active
  - Cheerful
  - Bright
  - All of these
- (vi) **Familiar ache** refers the poet's \_\_\_\_\_ fear.

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

[4]

I cried aloud, shaking my head all the while until I felt the cold blades of the scissors against my neck, and heard them gnaw off one of my thick braids. Then I lost my spirit. Since the day I was taken from my mother I had suffered extreme indignities. People had stared at me. I had been tossed about in the air like a wooden puppet. And now my long hair was shingled like a coward's! In my anguish I moaned for my mother, but no one came to comfort me. Not a soul reasoned quietly with me, as my own mother used to do; for now I was only one of many little animals driven by a herder.

- (i) **Then I lost my spirit.** Choose the option that DOES NOT refer to **spirit**.
- resolve
  - energy

3. determination  
4. indifference  
5. enthusiasm  
6. will power
- a. 1, 2 and 5  
b. 2, 4 and 6  
c. 1, 3 and 6  
d. 3, 4 and 6
- (ii) Choose the correct option with reference to the two statements given below.
- Statement 1** The author had been subjected to humiliation when she was separated from her mother.
- Statement 2** Nobody was able to ease her distress and empathise with her.
- 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 cannot be inferred from the passage.  
d. Both Statement 1 and Statement 2 can be inferred from the passage.
- (iii) What is the tone of the given extract?
- (iv) Complete the sentence appropriately, with reference to the extract.  
In her community, \_\_\_\_\_ hair was worn by mourners and cowards wore \_\_\_\_\_.

OR

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[4]

I got to wishing that you were right. Then I got to believe you were right. And, Charley, it's true; I found the third level! I've been here two weeks, and right now, down the street at the Daly's, someone is playing the piano, and they're all out on the front porch singing 'Seeing Nelly Home.'

- (i) Who is **I** referred to?  
a. Sam  
b. Charley  
c. Charley's Grandfather  
d. Jack Finney
- (ii) Whom the **I** addressed **You**?
- (iii) Where has the **I** been for two weeks?
- (iv) Why **I** had to believe **You**?  
a. I had found the Third Level  
b. I had also lost the way

- c. I had never found the Third Level
- d. I was still trying to find a way out

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“I will learn to drive a car,” he answers, looking straight into my eyes. His dream looms like a mirage amidst the dust of streets that fill his town Firozabad, famous for its bangles. Every other family in Firozabad is engaged in making bangles. It is the centre of India's glass-blowing industry where families have spent generations working around furnaces, wielding glass, making bangles for all the women in the land it seems.

Mukesh's family is among them. None of them know that it is illegal for children like him to work in the glass furnaces with high temperatures, in dingy cells without air and light; that the law, if enforced, could get him and all those 20,000 children out of the hot furnaces where they slog their daylight hours, often losing the brightness of their eyes.

Mukesh's eyes beam as he volunteers to take me home, which he proudly says is being rebuilt.

- (i) The line **dream looms like a mirage amidst the dust of streets** indicates that his dream was
  - a. a reality, yet seemed distant.
  - b. lost in the sea of dust.
  - c. illusory and indistinct.
  - d. hanging in the dusty air.
- (ii) **I will learn to drive a car**, he answers, looking straight into my eyes. This sentence highlights Mukesh was
  - 1. determined
  - 2. fearless
  - 3. hopeful
  - 4. valiant
  - 5. ambitious
  - 6. stern
  - 1. 1 and 5
  - 2. 2 and 4
  - 3. 2 and 5
  - 4. 3 and 6
- (iii) Identify the poetic device used in the underlined phrase with its inference. His dream looms like a mirage amidst the dust of streets that fill his town Firozabad.
- (iv) Rationalise, to support the given fact:  
Every other family in Firozabad is engaged in making bangles.

- (v) Complete the sentence with an appropriate explanation, as per the extract.  
Mukesh's \_\_\_\_\_ was being rebuilt.
- (vi) Based on the above extract, choose the statement that is TRUE about the people of Firozabad.
- The people of Firozabad were aware of the legalities of child labour.
  - Firozabad was the city of dreams for them.
  - Bangle-making was a leisure for the people of Firozabad.
  - They would be hauled up by the police if they complained.

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M. Hamel went on to talk of the French language, saying that it was the most beautiful language in the world — the clearest, the most logical; that we must guard it among us and never forget it, because when a people are enslaved, as long as they hold fast to their language it is as if they had the key to their prison. Then he opened a grammar book and read us our lesson. I was amazed to see how well I understood it. All he said seemed so easy, so easy

- (i) Which of the following can be attributed to M. Hamel's declaration about the French language?
- subject expertise
  - nostalgic pride
  - factual accuracy
  - patriotic magnification
- (ii) Based on the above extract, choose the statement that is a NOT TRUE explanation as to why Franz found the grammar lesson “easy”.
- Franz was paying careful attention in class this time
  - M. Hamel was being extremely patient and calm in his teaching.
  - Franz was inspired and had found a new meaning and purpose in learning.
  - Franz realized that French was the clearest and most logical language.
- (iii) Identify the textual clue that allows the reader to infer that Franz was receptive that day. (Clue: a sentence)
- (iv) Replace the underlined word with its antonym (phrase) from the extract.  
It was advised to disassociate from their mother tongue.
- (v) Language is like the \_\_\_\_\_ to the prison of enslavement.
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- It was the most beautiful language in the world.
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10. Answer any five of the following questions in 40-50 words each: [10]

- (i) From where did the peddler get the idea of the world being a rattrap? Write your answer in the context of The Rattrap.
- (ii) "Life is what it is all about"; ..... How is keeping quiet related to life?
- (iii) What spreads the pall of despondence over our dark spirits? How is it removed?
- (iv) Did Sophie really meet Danny Casey?
- (v) Subbu is described as a many-sided genius. List four of his special abilities.
- (vi) State the reason for the huge success of the novel, **The Name of the Rose**.

11. Answer any two of the following questions in 40-50 words each: [4]

- (i) How did Antarctica amaze the writer when he first saw it? (**Journey to the End of the Earth**)
- (ii) What led the Maharaja to start out on a tiger hunt?
- (iii) What were the writer's feelings on reaching Antarctica? (**Journey to the End of the Earth**)

12. A physical disability brings about a sense of alienation in the mind of a person more than it causes pain or inconvenience. Can he be treated in the same fashion as a normal person? Write your answer in the context of the chapter **On the Face of It**. [5]

OR

What will Dr. Sadao do to get rid of the man? (**The Enemy**)

13. How did Douglas' experience at the YMCA pool affect him and how did he overcome his fear of water? [5]

OR

Explain -'her terrified hands will lie; still ringed with the ordeals she was mastered by'. (**Aunt Jennifers Tigers**)

# SOLUTION

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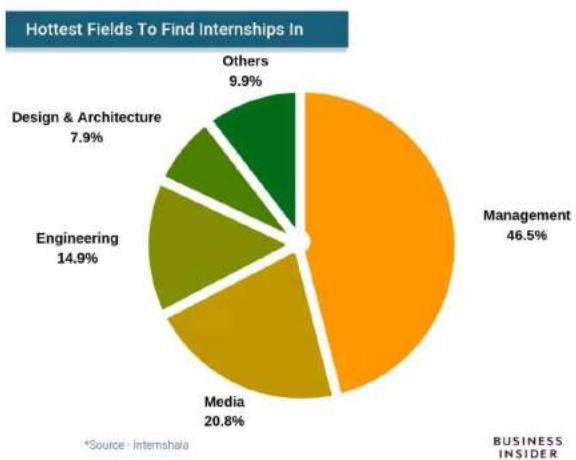
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(iii)c. Knowing more about internships

(iv)A large chunk of students were the ones already enrolled in various courses.

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(vi)D. sizeable number of visitors to the portal per month.

(vii)\$ince there is a high likelihood/probability that interns will leave the company, most reputable companies are still apprehensive/reluctant about hiring too many interns.

(viii)c. popularity

(ix)stipend

- (x) Yes. I do not agree with the given statement because as per figure 1, management internships are the most popular options. Next comes media. Internships in Engineering is only 14.9%

## SECTION B – CREATIVE WRITING SKILLS

### ACCEPTANCE

7-C, Yojna Vihar,

Delhi

10 May 2018

Dear Anuj

Many thanks for inviting me to attend your post selection party which will be held on 16th May 2018 at your home. I shall be highly delighted to attend the same and will enjoy the party with great fun.

Yours truly

3. Rahul Gupta

OR

Youth Club,

Nainital.

29th March 2019.

Dear Mr. Khanna,

We shall feel highly obliged if you can spare some time from your busy schedule. We will be motivated to have you as a judge for an inter-school group-song competition which is held on 10th April 2019 at 2 p.m. in the Community Centre, Dehradun Road.

Looking forward to having your gracious presence. kindly inform us by 5th of April.

Yours faithfully

Navin/Neha

Secretary

### VASANT VIHAR SCHOOL, PUNE NOTICE

#### Articles Invited for School Magazine

20th September 20XX

The school annual magazine "Sankalp" is due for publication by the end of this academic year. All students with a flair for writing are invited to submit original entries for publication in the magazine. All entries should be submitted in printed form on an A4 sized sheet by 30th September. You may contact the undersigned for any further clarification.

Rupini Gupta

4. (Student Editor)

OR

### SUNSHINE PUBLIC SCHOOL - DINDIGUL NOTICE

#### Lecture on Road Safety

18th March 20XX

All students are hereby informed that there will be a lecture on Road Safety by Inspector of Police (Traffic) on 21st March 20XX in the school auditorium from 9:30 AM to 10:30 AM. The lecture will focus on how to maintain road safety and how to spread awareness about the same in others. Attendance of all students is compulsory. Students must assemble in the auditorium and take their seats by 9:15 AM.

Swati Biswas  
Principal

5. 121, Bank street  
Kanpur  
10th December, 20XX  
The Editor  
The Times of India  
Kanpur

**Subject:** Simple weddings better than exuberant ones

Sir,

Through the medium of this letter, I would like to express my concern over the meaningless display of wealth during weddings these days. In the present day, lavish weddings have become a trend. Hotels, farmhouses and banquet halls are booked months in advance. Even lower-middle-class families are entertaining more than a thousand guests and consequently, they have to pay debts for months and sometimes for years too. No stone is left unturned to fulfill the desire of pretentiousness of being affluent in front of society. There is no denying of the fact that a wedding is indeed an important occasion but this moment of joy should not become a burden for families. We need to invite only our relatives and close friends for a wedding. An overcrowded gathering only leads to chaos and unnecessary expenditure. It is always better to have a simple wedding ceremony and an amount can be set aside to give to the couple to start their new life.

I hope my letter gets some space in your newspaper so that, through this trusted medium, people understand that money should not unnecessarily be wasted on exuberant wedding celebrations but should be used to invest in building the foundation of a happy married life.

Yours sincerely

Ram

OR

63, Civil Lines  
Delhi  
12th February, 2019  
Jindal Public School  
Dwarka, New Delhi

Dear Sir,

**Subject:** Application for the post of Accountant

This is in reference to your advertisement in The Hindu dated 10th February, 20XX for the post of accountant in your consultancy firm. I thereby wish to apply for the same.

Attached herewith is my resume. If I am considered for the above mentioned post, I

would whole-heartedly and honestly contribute towards the progress of your esteemed and reputed organisation. I assure you hardwork and professionalism on my part.

Thank you!

Yours sincerely,  
Ketan Pandey

### Resume

**Name:** Ketan Pandey

**Father's name:** Rampal Singh

**Date of birth:** 5th April 1993

**Address:** 63, Civil Lines, Delhi

#### Academic Qualifications:

Degree	Board/ University	Year	Division
Graduation	CBSE	2008	First
B.Com	Jammu University	2011	First
M.Com	Jammu University	2013	First

**Experience:** Accountant, ASD Pvt. Ltd. India, November 2013 - Present

**Expected salary:** Rs. 60,000 per month

**Languages fluency:** English, Hindi

**Hobbies:** Music and sports

**Marital status:** Unmarried

**Contact information:** 8059XXXXXX / ketanXX@gmail.com

## 6. Why Would You Prefer To Have An Adventurous Life?

### by XYZ

There is a growing trend among the youth to participate in adventurous activities. There has been a massive increase in adventure tourism as an adventurous life has become a trend. But why would one prefer to have an adventurous life? The youth is fascinated by it because it excites and rejuvenates an individual. Experiencing life in the lap of nature-rock climbing, river rafting, jungle safari, skiing etc. is a totally different and unforgettable experience.

People desire a vacation every now and then to relax as the lifestyle is getting more stressful these days. So, the adventure tour operators are already with exciting packages. Earlier, trekking and mountaineering were supposed to be done by the NCC Cadets only, but the boundaries are now broken and open for a common man. Adventure in life is a blend of holiday and joy in the midst of nature. It is a getaway from the tiresome life of the city.

Adventure travel has several physical health benefits as well as impressive advantages on mental wellness too. Research indicates that hiking adventures keep one mentally sharp. Adventure travel can also enlighten one's soul. Therefore, people, these days prefer to have an adventurous life.

OR

### HEALTH FOR ALL

By Raunak

A complete health check-up camp was organized by an NGO in a slum of Amritsar on 15<sup>th</sup> February 20XX. The camp aimed to make the slum-dwellers aware of their ailments or other health problems so as to come up as a healthy being. The program started at 9 am in a local school nearby. A team of five doctors, along with paramedical staff, reached the venue in time. They first started the registrations where the persons were supposed to tell their age and general health. There were different counters where normal medical check-up, eye-test, etc. were done. The main focus was on making the people aware of illnesses caused by not taking care of hygiene and sanitation. They provided information to individuals about any kind of diseases they might be suffering from. Free medicines were distributed among the people and they were also made aware of the importance of follow up. The program was a huge success as they were given information about healthy food habits, clean and healthy surroundings in a lecture by Dr. Gautam. The response of the slum dwellers was overwhelming and they promised to follow the health-safety points given by the team.

### SECTION C - LITERATURE

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

“The little old house was out with a little new shed  
In front at the edge of the road where the traffic sped,  
A roadside stand that too pathetically pled,  
It would not be fair to say for a dole of bread,  
But for some of the money, the cash, whose flow supports  
The flower of cities from sinking and withering faint.”

- (i) In front of the house
- (ii) The elite class
- (iii)withering
- (iv)Transferred Epithet
- (v) a. (1) is true but (2) is false.
- (vi)Dole of Bread

OR

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

And  
looked out at Young  
Trees sprinting, the merry children spilling  
out of their homes, but after the airport’s  
security check, standing a few yards  
away, I looked again at her, wan, pale  
as a late winter’s moon and felt that old  
familiar ache ...

- (i) enhance the contrast.
- (ii) d. (2) is the reason for (1) and can be inferred from the extract.
- (iii)age has fogged mother’s youthful appearance.age has fogged mother’s youthful appearance.
- (iv)Option (d)

(v) All of these

The young sprinting trees signify the active, cheerful bright, and energetic youth.  
(vi)childhood,

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

I cried aloud, shaking my head all the while until I felt the cold blades of the scissors against my neck, and heard them gnaw off one of my thick braids. Then I lost my spirit. Since the day I was taken from my mother I had suffered extreme indignities. People had stared at me. I had been tossed about in the air like a wooden puppet. And now my long hair was shingled like a coward's! In my anguish I moaned for my mother, but no one came to comfort me. Not a soul reasoned quietly with me, as my own mother used to do; for now I was only one of many little animals driven by a herder.

(i) 1, 3 and 6

(ii) Both Statement 1 and Statement 2 can be inferred from the passage.

(iii)Dismal/gloomy/depressing/sombre

(iv)Short; Shingled

OR

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

I got to wishing that you were right. Then I got to believe you were right. And, Charley, it's true; I found the third level! I've been here two weeks, and right now, down the street at the Daly's, someone is playing the piano, and they're all out on the front porch singing 'Seeing Nelly Home.'

(i) Sam

(ii) Charley

(iii)I was in Galesburg for Two weeks.

(iv)I had found the Third Level.

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

"I will learn to drive a car," he answers, looking straight into my eyes. His dream looms like a mirage amidst the dust of streets that fill his town Firozabad, famous for its bangles. Every other family in Firozabad is engaged in making bangles. It is the centre of India's glass-blowing industry where families have spent generations working around furnaces, wielding glass, making bangles for all the women in the land it seems.

Mukesh's family is among them. None of them know that it is illegal for children like him to work in the glass furnaces with high temperatures, in dingy cells without air and light; that the law, if enforced, could get him and all those 20,000 children out of the hot furnaces where they slog their daylight hours, often losing the brightness of their eyes.

Mukesh's eyes beam as he volunteers to take me home, which he proudly says is being rebuilt.

(i) c. illusory and indistinct.

(ii) a. 1 and 5

(iii)Simile

- (iv) The majority of the population in Firozabad is involved in bangle-making.  
(v) house/home  
(vi)d. They would be hauled up by the police if they complained.

OR

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

M. Hamel went on to talk of the French language, saying that it was the most beautiful language in the world — the clearest, the most logical; that we must guard it among us and never forget it, because when a people are enslaved, as long as they hold fast to their language it is as if they had the key to their prison. Then he opened a grammar book and read us our lesson. I was amazed to see how well I understood it. All he said seemed so easy, so easy

- (i) patriotic magnification  
(ii) Franz had realized that French was the clearest and most logical language.  
(iii)All he said seemed so easy, so easy.  
(iv)It was advised to **hold fast** to their mother tongue.  
(v) key,  
(vi)b. It was a widely spoken language in the world.

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

- (i) During one of his usual plodding, the peddler thought on the subject of rattraps. It presented him with the idea of the world being a rattrap and he grew fond of thinking this way.
- (ii) Life is all about living and let others live. Life should not have any associations with death. We fail to understand that world peace and harmony are hampered by our activities and it is time we think of some solution for the problems existing in the world. We have created a threat to humanity. Our life depends on our activities so we should just do constructive things by indulging in self-introspection.
- (iii) Man makes his life miserable and full of suffering because of his own actions. The pall of despondency is the sadness that is a result of what he does. A thing of beauty works wonders by removing the cover of gloom that engulfs man. We weave a flowery wreath to remind us of our connection to nature. But one often forgets this connection in the turmoil of life. Beauty lies in the lap of nature that can replenish our soul.
- (iv) Sophie did not meet Danny Casey in reality. She made up the story of her encounter with Danny Casey only to seek the attention of her brother, Geoff. She had to continue with her false story in front of Jansie as well. She was a day dreamer and kept on fantasizing about having a date with Danny Casey.
- (v) Subbu had many abilities. His four special abilities were as follows:  
i. Subbu was a happy soul and he had the ability to look cheerful at all times.  
ii. He was loyal and loyalty made him turn his entire creativity to his principal's advantage. Film-making was quite easy with Subbu around due to his nature.  
iii. Subbu's literary talent ran to being a poet and novelist too. Apart from this, he was an amazing actor.  
iv. He had a charitable and loving nature.

(vi) There is no one reason for the huge success of the novel 'The Name of the Rose'.

Umberto Eco himself calls its success a mystery. It is possible that this detective story that delved into metaphysics, theology and medieval history, interested the readers because the time in which it was written was most appropriate, neither a decade earlier nor a decade later.

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

- (i) When the writer first saw Antarctica he was amazed by its vastness and immense white landscape. It was an endless blue horizon and the fact that it was isolated from the rest of the world created an added sense of wonder and mystery about the continent.
- (ii) It was the prediction made by the State astrologer at the time of his birth that led the Maharaja to hunt for a tiger. The Maharaja knew the old saying that killing even a cow in self-defence was no sin. So, in order to save his own life and prove the astrologer's prediction wrong, he started shooting the tigers he found in the forests of his state.
- (iii) The writer's first emotion on reaching Antarctica was that of relief. He felt relieved to have set foot on the Antarctic continent after over 100 hours. Then he experienced a sense of amazement on seeing its vastness and immense white landscape which dazzled his eyes.

12. A physical disability brings about a sense of alienation in the mind of a person more than it causes pain or inconvenience. The play 'On The Face Of It' focuses our attention on the physical pain and mental anguish of the persons suffering from some physical impairment. The playwright, Susan Hill, presents the two leading characters—an old man and a small boy—having different sorts of physical disabilities.

The old man, Mr. Lamb, has a tin leg. It does hurt him when it comes off. Then he gets used to it. He feels pain now and then, in wet weather. He finds it inconvenient to run, to climb a tree or a ladder. He lives all alone in a big house with a garden. The boy, Derry, has one side of his face badly burnt by acid. He feels physical pain. After discharge from the hospital, he feels hurt at the attitude of the people. They regard his face as horrible and ugly, show signs of being scared and avoid his presence. In short, he is disliked, if not hated. He is not accepted as an ordinary member of society. So, he does not like people to look at him.

It is clear that the sense of alienation that these disabled persons feel causes them constant pain. Such persons expect kind and considerate behaviour from others. They do not want tears, sympathy or pity. They dislike being pointed at, nicknamed, mocked at or made fun of. They only demand reasonable behaviour from others, full of appreciation of their difficulties.

OR

With the injured American's health gradually improving, Dr. Sadao and Hana were in a fix as to what should be done with him. Their loyal servants had left them and keeping him in their house could pose a threat to their lives. As Hana's impatience and distress grew, Dr. Sadao revealed the matter to the General who decided to send assassins to kill the young American in his sleep. Keen on getting rid of the escaped

war prisoner, Dr. Sadao agreed. However, the matter could not be resolved because the assassins never came.

Dr. Sadao then planned another way to get rid of him which was overpowered with sympathy and distant gratitude towards the people he had been linked to in America. He decided to save his patient one more time. He secretly sent him to an isolated island with food, bottled water, clothes, a blanket, and his own flashlight on a boat from where he boarded a Korean ship to freedom and safety.

13. Douglas' experience at the YMCA pool had a far reaching effect on him. It left him weak and terrified. It haunted him till later in life. It ruined his fishing trips and deprived him of the joy of canoeing, boating, and swimming. He was never able to go back into water again. He tried to avoid it whenever he could, but whenever he went to a pool, the terror that seized him in the pool would come back. His legs would become paralysed. Icy horror would grab his heart. This handicap stayed with Douglas for years.

Finally, one October, he decided to employ an instructor and learn to swim. The instructor gradually built a swimmer out of Douglas by making him practice five days a week, an hour each day. He taught him the techniques with the help of a cable and also taught him to breath underwater. To remove his residual doubts about his fear of water, Douglas went up the Conrad Creek Trail to Meade Glacier and swam across to the other shore and back. He then shouted with joy after finally having conquered his fear.

OR

These lines convey Aunt's complete submission to the oppressive authority of her husband. The fear of her husband has gone so deep into her being that even death cannot liberate her from the chains of her mental suppression. Memories of her husband's tortures and atrocities which led her into a humiliating slavery continues to haunt her even after her death.