

**CLASS-XII (2022-23)**  
**SAMPLE QUESTION PAPER - 4**  
**ENGLISH – CORE (301)**

**Time allowed: 3 Hrs.**

**Maximum Marks: 80**

**General Instructions:**

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

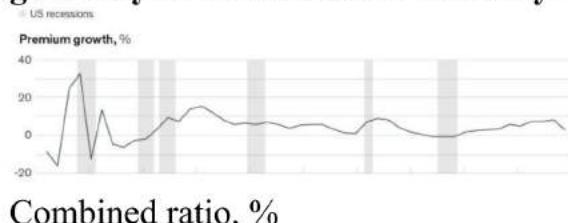
**SECTION A – READING SKILLS**

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

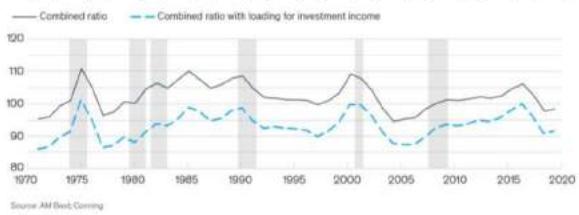
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But two worries stand out. One is a fear that insurees will go from being with to ones that watch your every move. The other, thornier problem is that insurees will cherry pick the good risks, leaving some people without safety net or to be taken care of by the state. Forgone privacy is the price the insured pay receiving personalised pricing. Many people are indeed willing to share the data, but individuals should always have to opt in to do so. Some worry that this safeguard may not be enough :the financial costs of not sharing data may be so great that people have no real choice over whether to sign up. The second concern is the worry that more precise underwriting will create a class of uninsurable people, selected out of insurers businesses because they are too high a risk.

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- (i) Does the following statement agree with the information given in the passage?  
The insurance industry faces challenges regarding the use of personal data  
**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) What do you think about the author's opinion about Progressive, an American car insurer company?
- (iii) Which of the following is/ are outcome(s) of smart insurance?  
i. Create awareness about one's behaviour

- ii. Infringes on a policy holder's privacy  
iii. Discriminates among consumers based on their behaviour
- A. Only iii  
B. Only ii & iii  
C. Only i & ii  
D. All i, ii & iii
- (iv) Complete the sentence based on the following statement.  
Insurers now have access to more data about the risks that people take.  
This is because of \_\_\_\_\_.
- (v) Which of the following is the central idea of the passage?  
A. Today, customers have plenty of innovative insurance products to choose from.  
B. Insurance companies access to and use of personal data is both promoting and risky.  
C. Of all the insurance products health insurance is the most innovative and controversial.  
D. Using genetic data to access a customer's insurance premium is immoral.
- (vi) Which of the following is true in the context of the passage?  
A. Technology has made it easier to commit insurance fraud.  
B. Insurance has been around for less than a century  
C. The American insurance industry is the largest in the world.  
D. None of the given statements is true in the context of the passage.
- (vii) Why do some health insurance companies give their customers digital fitness bands?
- (viii) Complete the given sentence by selecting the most appropriate option.  
Huge health \_\_\_\_\_ would result from encouraging people to eat better, exercise frequently, consume alcohol moderately, and give up smoking.  
A. dividends  
B. earnings  
C. insurance  
D. All of these
- (ix) Complete the sentence appropriately with one/ two words.  
Through the phrase, "But data can only go so far", The author wants to convey that a \_\_\_\_\_ can never be predicted by our algorithms.
- (x) Based on a statement by Analysts at Morgan Stanley, state a point to challenge the given statement.

If smart sensors are installed to monitor damage to insured homes will increase by 40-60%.

2. Morning assembly in the school gives a cool and calm start to the otherwise hectic schedule of the day. It can be a means of passing important information to the students. What are your views on this significant event of the day? Write an article in 150-200 words on 'Importance of morning assembly'. You are Navtej/Navita. [5]

OR

You are Deepak/Deepika, Secretary of Ahimsa Club, Parsva Public School, Delhi. On 2nd October, your school observed 'International Day for peace and non-violence', organising various activities such as visit to Raj Ghat, Charkha spinning, lectures by eminent Gandhians, etc. Write a report on the same in 100-125 words.

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

3. You are Manoj. You are going on a picnic with a group of your classmates to Kama Lake, near Karnal. Write an informal invitation to your friend Mohit to join you on that day. [5]

OR

You have received an invitation to be the judge for a Literary Competition at St. Ann's School. Send a reply in not more than 50 words, confirming your acceptance. You are Mohan/Mohini.

4. You are Sports Secretary of ABC School, Agra. Write a notice in not more than 50 words for the school notice board, asking the students interested in hockey to give their names for selection for your school hockey team. [5]

OR

You are the Secretary of the Residents' Welfare Association of Sahyog Colony, Delhi. Write a notice in not more than 50 words informing the residents of the colony that there will be no water supply in their area for about a day due to maintenance work.

5. **Read the text carefully and answer the questions:** [10]

1. My father has always been a passionate man. He has always been passionate about the people of the Everest region - so much so that in 1960 he began the first of the many projects aimed at improving their lives. In 1975 he had begun building his second hospital in the Himalayas when tragedy struck our family. My mother and my youngest sister Belinda were flying into the mountains to join him when their small aeroplane crashed soon after take-off from Kathmandu.

2. I was in Assam when I first heard of the accident. I flew straight to Kathmandu and met my father and oldest sister Sarah on a narrow lane on the outskirts of the city. Any hope I had clung to, that my mother and sister

were still alive, was extinguished the moment I saw father - bowed and broken. I knew then that Mum and Belinda would never return.

3. It was years before Dad fully came out of this period of darkness. Only by plunging himself into more adventures and ever more projects in Nepal, could he get through it. He has built 42 schools and hospitals there.

4. As I grew up, some of Dad's restlessness rubbed off on me. I know many people think there must be some compulsion for the son of Sir Edmund Hillary to climb mountains.

They assume that there was some imperative etched in stone that says, "Thou shalt climb mountains" - and in particular Everest, whether you like it or not. But for me, it's simpler than that. I think families are like factories: the Hillary family is a limited production mountaineering establishment.

5. Today, at the age of 48, I am an inveterate mountain man. I have been on more than 30 mountaineering expeditions, from the Himalayas to the Antarctic. And yes, I have climbed Everest - twice.

6. I treasure the same things that drew my father to climbing - the tremendous camaraderie involved, the intensity and adrenaline buzz especially in dangerous places where your life depends upon making the right call. I guess that I am luckier than most because I am able to fall back on all that my father has taught me.

(i) Complete the sentence by choosing an appropriate option.

The author's father was passionate about the people of the Everest region; so he \_\_\_\_\_.

- i. Climbed mountains
- ii. Worked on the improvement of their lives
- iii. Built schools and hospitals everywhere
- iv. Invited all the family to stay there

(ii) Comment on the effect of the plane crash in 1975 on the life Hillary family.

(iii) List the two ways how author's father came out of the dark phase in his life  
**(Clue:** Think about the type his engagements)

(iv) Select the option that conveys the opposite of 'lethargy', from words used in paragraph six.

- i. treasure
- ii. camaraderie
- iii. intensity
- iv. adrenaline

(v) How did the author prove to be the true son of his father?

- i. He proved to be an excellent mountaineer
- ii. He involved himself in social service

- iii. He scaled the Everest twice  
iv. All of these
- (vi) Based on your understanding of the last paragraph, list one major advantage that the author had which made him consider himself fortunate.
- (vii) Why did the author take up climbing like his father?
- (viii) Complete the given sentence with an appropriate inference, with respect to the following:  
The phrase "Thou shalt climb mountains" means \_\_\_\_\_.
- (ix) A word similar in meaning to "section" in paragraph two is  
i. narrow  
ii. outskirts  
iii. extinguished  
iv. broken
- (x) Select the most suitable title for the above passage.  
i. Mountaineering and Hillary family  
ii. Tragedy that Struck the Hillary family  
iii. Mountaineering - a passion of Hillary family  
iv. Plane Crash and Mountaineering
6. You are Ashutosh/Ashita Sarin, residing at 28, H-Block, Ashok Vihar, Delhi. [5]  
You love Delhi and its beautiful architecture. Recently you visited the Red Fort and were disturbed to see the poor maintenance of the monument by the authorities concerned as well as by the careless and negligent attitude of the visitors who spoil the buildings by writing names, messages on the walls, domes, etc. Write a letter to the Editor, The Statesman, expressing concern over this state and the need for awakening a sense of pride and love for such monuments among the common people.



OR

JB Academy, Ayodhya urgently requires a post-graduate teacher to teach Political Science for which they placed an advertisement in 'The Bhilai Express'. You are Sanjay/Sanjana Sharma from 21, Vasant Marg, Bhilai. Draft a letter including a

CV, applying for the advertised post (120-150 words)

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### SECTION C - LITERATURE

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

[6]

No, in country money, the country scale of gain,  
The requisite lift of spirit has never been found,  
Or so the voice of the country seems to complain,  
I can't help owning the great relief it would be  
To put these people at one stroke out of their pain.  
And then next day as  
I come back into the sane, I wonder how  
I should like you to come to me  
And offer to put me gently out of my pain.

- Identify the phrase from the extract, that suggests the following:  
Meagre income earned by the countryside people.
- Pick the option that mentions elements justifying monetary aspect as the **requisite lift of spirit**.
  - confidence
  - ego
  - self-esteem
  - status
  - fame
  - a. 1, 2, 4
  - b. 2, 4, 5
  - c. 1, 3, 4
  - d. 1, 3, 5

- (iii) On the basis of the extract, choose the correct option with reference to (1) and (2) given below.
- (1) The poet is agitated and depressed.  
(2) The poet realises the futility of his thought about giving up.
- 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.
- (iv) Identify the tone of the poet in the given line.  
**I can't help owning the great relief it would be To put these people at one stroke out of their pain.**
- (v) Choose the one which does NOT reflect the poet's ideas in the given extract.
- a. The poet blames the poor for their lack of spirit to scale new heights.  
b. He suggests that poor people should begin to sell gallons of gas.  
c. He is of the view that the poor have limited resources that can hardly help them.  
d. Their upliftment requires our/people's involvement.
- (vi) Answer in ONE word:  
The poet pleads his readers to get him out of his \_\_\_\_\_ by helping the poor.

OR

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

[6]

"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."

- (i) Why did the poet look her mother again?
- a. To see if she was sleeping  
b. To check if she was well  
c. To bid her good bye  
d. To say something to her
- (ii) Mother's face has been compared to
- a. the brightness of the full moon  
b. paleness of late winter's moon  
c. cheerfulness of young children  
d. the lifelessness of a drooping old tree
- (iii) The mother's face was pale because

- a. Mother's old age
  - b. Mother's depleting energy
  - c. Mother's illness
  - d. Both Mother's old age and Mother's depleting energy
- (iv) Identify the figure of speech employed in the last line of the given extract  
\_\_\_\_\_.
- (v) On the basis of the extract, choose the correct option with reference to the two statements given below.
- (1) Mother's face is highly-spirited.
  - (2) Late winter's moon is dull and lacks luster.
- 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.
- (vi) Choose the word which does not mean 'WAN'.
- a. Faint
  - b. Colourless
  - c. Anemic
  - d. Supple

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

[4]

When I heard this, I didn't want to laugh any more, I felt terribly sad. How could they believe that it was disgusting if one of us held that package in his hands, even though the vadai had been wrapped first in a banana leaf, and then parcelled in paper? I felt so provoked and angry that I wanted to touch those wretched vadais myself straightaway. Why should we fetch and carry for these people, I wondered. Such an important elder of ours goes meekly to the shops to fetch snacks and hands them reverently, bowing and shrinking, to this fellow who just sits there and stiffs them into his mouth. The thought of it infuriated me.

- (i) The elder handing snacks reverently, bowing and shrinking to the fellow indicates that the **fellow** was
- 1. condescending
  - 2. unassuming
  - 3. submissive
  - 4. disdainful
  - 5. aggressive
  - 6. domineering
- a. 2, 3 and 6

- b. 1, 4 and 5  
c. 1, 4 and 6  
d. 2, 3 and 4
- (ii) Based on the given context, choose the option that illustrates when a person can be provoked, out of the examples given below.
1. The employees organised a peaceful protest outside the firm.
  2. The manager ill-treated one of the employees and wrongfully terminated him.
  3. The employees wrote a letter of complaint against the manager.
  4. The director of the firm scheduled a meeting for reconciliation.
- a. Option 1
  - b. Option 2
  - c. Option 3
  - d. Option 4
- (iii) What changed the mood of the narrator?
- (iv) Complete the sentence appropriately, with reference to the extract.  
The narrator of the given extract is a Tamil Dalit woman whose penname is \_\_\_\_\_.

OR

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

[4]

He said I was unhappy. That made my wife kind of mad, but he explained that he meant the modern world is full of insecurity, fear, war, worry and all the rest of it, and that I just want to escape. Well, who doesn't?

- (i) From which lesson, the following excerpt has been taken?
- a. The Enemy
  - b. Should Wizard hit Mommy
  - c. On the face of It
  - d. The Third level
- (ii) Who is the speaker of these lines?
- (iii) Who is **He** referred to here?
- (iv) What had made the speaker's wife kind of mad?
- a. Her husband had been escaping
  - b. Her husband had seen the third level of Grand Central Station
  - c. Her husband was very ill
  - d. Her husband had lost consciousness

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

[10]

- (i) Why did the peddler knock on the cottage by the roadside? How was he treated by the owner of the cottage?
- (ii) Which is the exotic moment that the poet refers to in 'Keeping Quiet'?
- (iii) What is the message of the poem, 'A Thing of Beauty'?
- (iv) Why didn't Sophie like to talk to Jansie about Danny Casey?
- (v) What made Asokamitran hope Stephen Spender too would be singing the same song at the same time when he sealed the envelope of his manuscript?
- (vi) When and how did Umberto Eco learn the technique of writing scholarly books?

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

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Saheb too is wearing tennis shoes that look strange over his discoloured shirt and shorts. "Someone gave them to me," he says in the manner of an explanation. The fact that they are discarded shoes of some rich boy, who perhaps refused to wear them because of a hole in one of them, does not bother him. For one who has walked barefoot, even shoes with a hole is a dream come true. But the game he is watching so intently is out of his reach.

- (i) What is Saheb wearing?
  - a. Jacket
  - b. Pants
  - c. Tennis shoes
  - d. None of these
- (ii) Complete the sentence with an appropriate explanation, as per the extract.  
The shoes were discarded because \_\_\_\_\_.
- (iii) Select the suitable word from the extract to complete the following analogy:  
worry: bother:: faded: \_\_\_\_\_
- (iv) On the basis of the extract, choose the correct option with reference to the two statements given below.
  - (1) Saheb was embarrassed to have torn shoes.
  - (2) The game of tennis was a distant dream for Saheb.
  - a. (1) Can be inferred from the extract but (2) cannot.
  - b. (1) cannot be inferred from the extract but (2) can.
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  - d. (2) is the reason for (1).
- (v) What are the writer's concerns about Saheb in the given extract?
  - a. Education
  - b. Dreams

- c. Career
  - d. All of these
- (vi) Rationalise, to support the given opinion:  
Having even shoes with a hole is a dream come true for Saheb.

OR

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

[6]

Then, as I hurried by as fast as I could go, the blacksmith, Watcher, who was there, with his apprentice, reading the bulletin, called after me, "Don't go so fast, bub; you'll get to your school in plenty of time!"

- (i) What does the phrasal verb **Call after** imply?
    - a. Call someone by his name
    - b. Call someone by his gender
    - c. Call someone by his surname
    - d. None of these
  - (ii) Who was reading the bulletin?
    - a. M. Hamel
    - b. Franz
    - c. Blacksmith
    - d. Soldier
  - (iii) Based on the above extract, choose the statement that is the TRUE reason for the boy being in a hurry.
    - a. Because he was late for school.
    - b. Because an order came from Berlin.
    - c. Because he was not prepared for the test.
    - d. Both (i) and (ii)
  - (iv) What was Blacksmith's intention when he said: "Don't go so fast, bub; you will get to your school in plenty of time!"
  - (v) Select the suitable word from the extract to complete the following analogy:  
Hurried: Hasty :: \_\_\_\_\_ : Amateur
  - (vi) Complete the sentence with the appropriate information, as per the extract.  
There was a crowd in front of the \_\_\_\_\_ in the town hall.
11. The actual pain or inconvenience caused by a physical impairment is often much less than the sense of alienation felt by the person with disabilities. What is the kind of behaviour that the person expects from others? [5]

OR

Dr. Sadao was more a dutiful doctor than a loyal citizen. Substantiate the statement.

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

- (i) What was the aim of the Student on Ice programme in the lesson Journey to the End of the Earth?
- (ii) How did the Tiger King celebrate his victory over killing of the hundredth tiger?
- (iii) How does one lose all earthly sense of perspective and time in Antarctica?

13. What misadventure did Douglas experience at the YMCA swimming pool? [5]

OR

Why do you think Aunt Jennifer's hands are fluttering through her wool? Why is she finding the needle so hard to pull?

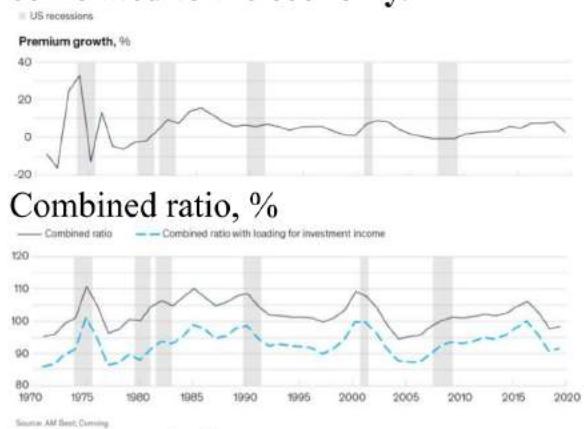
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(ii) These help consumers modify their behaviour for the better.

[Giving people better insights into how they are managing risk should help them change their behaviour for the better.]

(iii) D. All i, ii & iii

(iv) Availability of Technology

(v) B. Insurance companies access to and use of personal data is both promoting and risky.

(vi) D. None of the given statements is true in the context of the passage.

(vii) To monitor their vital signs and offer discounts if they adopt healthier lifestyles.

(viii) A. dividends

(ix) person's behaviour

(x) No, the given statement is not true.

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## 2.

### **Importance of Morning Assembly by Navita**

The morning assembly is a very important part of the school day for all the students. First of all, it instills discipline in all the students because they must all arrive in time to the school to ensure that they do not miss the assembly. Various small routine exercises and yoga can also be performed to further strengthen the discipline.

Morning assembly in the school gives a cool and calm start to the otherwise hectic schedule of the day. Very often, important information is passed to all attending (students and teachers) like special visitors to the school, examination-related information, details about the celebration of important days (for instance Teachers' Day) and events (for instance cultural events) and so on.

In some schools, this assembly is addressed by some students by presenting a variety of small presentations including thought for the day, speech, poem recitation, describing the implications of some recent national events etc. It, thus, increases the participation of the students. The morning assembly can lead to better awareness among the students about what is happening in the country and its effect on them. It

also develops a sense of unity among the students, so that they will develop into better citizens and serve the country as patriotic people.

OR

**International Day for Peace and Non-violence  
by Deepika, Secretary Ahimsa Club**

**Delhi, 5th October, 20XX:** Parsva Public School observed ‘International Day for Peace and Non-violence’ on 2nd October, 20XX to mark the birthday of the Father of the Nation. Many eminent Gandhians also graced the occasion with their presence. The day began with an Ahimsa oath in the morning assembly followed by a play on non-violence.

In his opening speech, the Principal highlighted the fact that brotherhood is needed more in today's times of global unrest than any other time in history. The Gandhians urged the students to follow the path of Ahimsa through their lectures. They demonstrated what is the right path with examples. They had also brought charkhas with them and the students were very happy to learn a new art.

The senior classes were taken for a visit to Raj Ghat and the day was concluded after observing a 2-minute silence.

**SECTION B – CREATIVE WRITING SKILLS**

3. 2436 Urban Estate,  
Sector-15,  
Karnal.

2 April 2019.

Dear Mohit,

You will be pleased to know that we have devised a way to beat the heat this summer. I, along with five of my classmates, have decided to go on a picnic to Kama Lake this Sunday, i.e. 7th April 2019. We'll assemble at my house at 8 a.m. We all will have a great time together. Do join us and carry some of the essentials with you like water bottle, cap or hat etc.

Yours truly,

Manoj

OR

47, Pandit Pant Marg  
New Delhi-110001

13th January 20XX

Respected Principal,

Having received your cordial invitation to be the judge at the Literary Competition in your school, I confirm to be present at the event on 22nd January at St Ann's school. It would indeed be a proud moment for the school and an equally pleasant experience for me to attend this literary extravaganza. I would be surely attending this event to motivate the children.

Yours faithfully,  
Mohan Pandey

**ABC SCHOOL, AGRA  
NOTICE  
Hockey Team Selection**

22 July 20XX

All students of classes VIII-XI are hereby informed that the selection process of our school hockey team will be done from 30th August to the 4th of September between 7 AM and 9 AM. All sports enthusiasts must get ready for the selection. You may contact the undersigned latest by the 28th of August, during the zero period in the sports room.

XYZ

(Sports Secretary)

OR

**RESIDENTS' WELFARE ASSOCIATION**

**SAHYOG COLONY, DELHI**

**NOTICE**

**One Day Disruption of Water Supply**

11<sup>th</sup> February 20XX

All residents are hereby informed that there will be no water supply in our area for one day, i.e. 15<sup>th</sup> February 20XX from 9 AM to 5 PM, due to maintenance work. Residents are requested to make necessary arrangements to store water and use it sparingly. The inconvenience caused is regretted by the Municipal Corporation.

Secretary

RWA

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

1. My father has always been a passionate man. He has always been passionate about the people of the Everest region - so much so that in 1960 he began the first of the many projects aimed at improving their lives. In 1975 he had begun building his second hospital in the Himalayas when tragedy struck our family. My mother and my youngest sister Belinda were flying into the mountains to join him when their small aeroplane crashed soon after take-off from Kathmandu.
2. I was in Assam when I first heard of the accident. I flew straight to Kathmandu and met my father and oldest sister Sarah on a narrow lane on the outskirts of the city. Any hope I had clung to, that my mother and sister were still alive, was extinguished the moment I saw father - bowed and broken. I knew then that Mum and Belinda would never return.
3. It was years before Dad fully came out of this period of darkness. Only by plunging himself into more adventures and ever more projects in Nepal, could he get through it. He has built 42 schools and hospitals there.
4. As I grew up, some of Dad's restlessness rubbed off on me. I know many people think there must be some compulsion for the son of Sir Edmund Hillary to climb mountains.

They assume that there was some imperative etched in stone that says, "Thou shalt climb mountains" - and in particular Everest, whether you like it or not. But for me, it's simpler than that. I think families are like factories: the Hillary family is a limited production mountaineering establishment.

5. Today, at the age of 48, I am an inveterate mountain man. I have been on more than 30 mountaineering expeditions, from the Himalayas to the Antarctic. And yes, I have climbed Everest - twice.
6. I treasure the same things that drew my father to climbing - the tremendous camaraderie involved, the intensity and adrenaline buzz especially in dangerous places where your life depends upon making the right call. I guess that I am luckier than most because I am able to fall back on all that my father has taught me.
- (i) (ii) Worked on the improvement of their lives
- (ii) The plane crash in 1975 led to the turning point in the author and his father's life.  
Author's mother and my youngest sister Belinda were flying on that plane to join his father in the Himalayas.
- (iii) The author's father came out of the dark phase in his life by engaging himself in social service.
- (iv)(iii) intensity
- (v) (i) He proved to be an excellent mountaineer
- (vi) The author considered himself to be lucky because he could learn from his father's experiences.
- (vii) Because he was born in a family of mountaineers.
- (viii) You shall climb mountains
- (ix)(ii) outskirts
- (x) (i) Mountaineering and Hillary family

6. 28, H-Block

Ashok Vihar

Delhi

12 July 2019

The Editor

The Statesman

New Delhi

Sub: Poor Maintenance of Monuments

Sir,

Through the columns of your esteemed newspaper, I would like to assert the fact that we Indians, particularly Delhiites do not value our heritage. We carelessly spoil our treasures. It can be seen in the attitude of our people towards the historical monuments.

Delhi is rich in monuments. In Europe, such a legacy would be preserved and beautified but here it is spoiled and ruined by our own people through sheer ignorance, carelessness, laziness and disregard. In case you happen to visit the Red Fort, you will find not history but romantic messages.

We must be proud of our city and its heritage. Then only we will be motivated to preserve its beauty and elegance. I appeal to fellow citizens to open their eyes and fall in love with the beauty of our city and help in its proper maintenance.

Yours faithfully,

Ashita Sarin.

OR

21, Vasant Marg

Bhilai

01 April 2019

The Director

JB Academy, Ayodhya

Dear Sir/Madam

**Subject:** Application for the post of a post-graduate teacher

In response to your advertisement in 'The Bhilai Express', dated March 25, 2019, for the post of a postgraduate Political Science teacher in your renowned school, I wish to offer my candidature.

I have done B.Ed. I am an MA in English with 1st division. I have achieved many certificates for co-curricular activities in my school and college level. I am a dedicated and industrious person who can adjust in any condition and not let my work hamper in any way. With my knowledge, I will surely be able to add value to your school. I am available for an interview on any day of 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 for further growth and fame of the organisation.

Yours faithfully

Sanjana Sharma

Encl. : Bio-data

#### BIO-DATA

|                                 |   |
|---------------------------------|---|
| Name                            | Sanjay/Sanjana Sharma   |
| Father's Name                   | Mithun Sharma   |
| Date of Birth                   | 25 July 1984  |
| Address                         | 21, Vasant Marg, Bhilai   |
| Phone                           | 9810085694  |
| E-Mail                          | sanjsharma@gmail.com  |
| Marital Status                  | Unmarried   |
| Age                             | 28 years  |
| Nationality                     | Indian  |
| Professional Experience         | (i) Have been working as a PGT political science in Modern School, Bhilai since April 2018 till date. |
| Academic Qualifications         | (i) B.ED<br>(ii) M.A. in Political Science<br>(iii) B.An in Political Science                         |
| Hobbies                         | Trekking and reading  |
| Strengths                       | Good communication skills, computer literate, proficient in English, Hindi and German                 |
| Names and Address of References | (i) Mr Vijay Mathur, Principal<br>D.A.V School, Gurudwara Rd. Delhi<br>(ii) Mr Satish Ohri            |

### SECTION C - LITERATURE

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

No, in country money, the country scale of gain,  
The requisite lift of spirit has never been found,  
Or so the voice of the country seems to complain,  
I can't help owning the great relief it would be  
To put these people at one stroke out of their pain.  
And then next day as

I come back into the sane, I wonder how  
I should like you to come to me  
And offer to put me gently out of my pain.

- (i) country money
- (ii) 1, 3, 5
- (iii)(2) is true but (1) is false.
- (iv)resigned/resignation
- (v) He suggests that poor people should begin to sell gallons of gas.
- (vi)Pain

OR

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

"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."

- (i) To bid her good bye
- (ii) paleness of late winter's moon  
late winter's moon and its paleness
- (iii)Both Mother's old age and Mother's depleting energy
- (iv)Simile,
- (v) b. (2) can be inferred from the extract but (1) cannot.
- (vi)Supple

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

When I heard this, I didn't want to laugh any more, I felt terribly sad. How could they believe that it was disgusting if one of us held that package in his hands, even though the vadai had been wrapped first in a banana leaf, and then parcelled in paper? I felt so provoked and angry that I wanted to touch those wretched vadais myself straightaway. Why should we fetch and carry for these people, I wondered. Such an important elder of ours goes meekly to the shops to fetch snacks and hands them reverently, bowing and shrinking, to this fellow who just sits there and stiffs them into his mouth. The thought of it infuriated me.

- (i) 1, 4 and 6
- (ii) Option 2
- (iii)The fact behind the comic story changed the mood of the narrator.

(iv)Bama

OR

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

He said I was unhappy. That made my wife kind of mad, but he explained that he meant the modern world is full of insecurity, fear, war, worry and all the rest of it, and that I just want to escape. Well, who doesn't?

- (i) The Third level
- (ii) Charley
- (iii) He is referred to Sam.
- (iv) Her husband had seen the third level of Grand Central Station

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

- (i) The peddler knocked on the cottage by the roadside to seek shelter for the night.  
The owner of the cottage received him warmly. He offered him not only shelter for the night but also food and tobacco. They played cards also.
- (ii) The poet refers to the moment of stillness and quietness as an exotic moment. It would be an exotic moment as such tranquillity will initiate peace and brotherhood and consequently, no violence. The moment would also be unique as there would be an absence of hustle and bustle of life.
- (iii) John Keats has given a very clear message in the poem 'A Thing of Beauty' that every beautiful thing that surrounds us, is a source of constant joy and inspiration. They give us eternal pleasure and leave an indelible mark on our minds and, therefore, every beautiful thing is worth being treasured. It never passes into nothingness. Our earth is replete with innumerable natural objects full of beauty. These enliven our spirits and remove the pall of despondency, misery, sadness and sufferings.
- (iv) Sophie didn't want to talk to Jansie about Danny Casey because she knew that Jansie was mostly interested in others affairs. She liked to spread the rumors about people in the neighborhood. Sophie knew that she could not hold anybody's secret and would reveal it to everyone.
- (v) Asokamitran was struggling to establish himself as a writer when he came across the magazine, 'The Encounter'. He saw that the editor of 'The Encounter' was Stephen Spender, who was the same poet who had come to Gemini Studios and had talked about his struggles to become a poet, Asokamitran felt as if he had found a long lost brother who would be able to relate with Asokamitran's struggles and be sympathetic towards his story.
- (vi) At the age of 22, Umberto Eco presented his first Doctoral dissertation. He told the story of his research, even including his trials and errors. At that point, he realised that scholarly books should be written the way he had done - by telling the story of the research. That is why his essays always had a narrative aspect.

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

Saheb too is wearing tennis shoes that look strange over his discoloured shirt and shorts. "Someone gave them to me," he says in the manner of an explanation. The fact that they are discarded shoes of some rich boy, who perhaps refused to wear

them because of a hole in one of them, does not bother him. For one who has walked barefoot, even shoes with a hole is a dream come true. But the game he is watching so intently is out of his reach.

- (i) Tennis shoes
- (ii) they had a hole in one of them
- (iii) discoloured
- (iv) b. (1) cannot be inferred from the extract but (2) can.
- (v) Dreams
- (vi) He walked barefoot and to wear a shoe even with a hole was like a dream for him.

OR

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

Then, as I hurried by as fast as I could go, the blacksmith, Watcher, who was there, with his apprentice, reading the bulletin, called after me, "Don't go so fast, bub; you'll get to your school in plenty of time!"

- (i) Call someone by his name
- (ii) Blacksmith
- (iii) Because he was late for school.
- (iv) He was making fun of the boy/he said so in a lighter vein/it was just a banter
- (v) Apprentice
- (vi) bulletin board,

11. A person with any physical impairment can live life with respect and honour if he is not ridiculed and punished with heartless pity. He expects empathy rather than sympathy. If everyone looks down at him with a pessimistic approach, he may never be able to come out of his sorrow, and consequently, recline to his own secluded world. He is already under tremendous mental and emotional pressure. So, he expects others to be understanding rather than remind him of his disability.

In the play, Derry and Mr. Lamb, both are caught in a similar situation. Mr. Lamb, as an adult, is able to cope with such problems, but Derry, being a child, is not able to untangle this web alone. He develops a strong liking for this old man because he spoke the words a person, with such a problem, would want to hear.

OR

Dr. Sadao was a dutiful doctor and when it came to commitment towards his profession even his obligation towards his country became secondary to him. He brought back to life a man who was on the verge of death without caring about the fact that the person whose life he was saving was a soldier of the enemy camp. It was Dr. Sadao's conscience and professional ethics that super ceded his patriotism and so he saved the American soldier. He risked his own life to save the American sailor even though he was aware of the fact that he could be arrested for this act. He cleaned his wounds, fed him and nursed him back to health. When he was good enough to leave, Dr. Sadao helped him to escape from Japan with proper arrangements. He rose above narrow prejudices as he realised that his job as a doctor was to save a life and not to take it away. Even after he told the General everything about the American soldier, he felt restless for three consecutive nights at the thought that he was actually waiting for someone to be killed. Finally, he decided to help the

soldier to escape so that he could be at peace with himself and put his body and his mind to rest. But that in any ways did not mean that he was betraying his country. He informed the General about it and thus showed his loyalty towards his country too.

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

- (i) Geoff Green is a Canadian explorer. He has started a programme of taking the young school students on Ice i.e. to the ends of the world. There they could get inspiring educational opportunities with the help of their experiences, they can develop a new understanding and respect for their own planet. As policymakers, they can help save the planet from the present dangers.
  - (ii) When the Maharaja thought that he had killed the hundredth tiger, his joy knew no bounds. The elated king returned to his capital and ordered his staff to bring the dead tiger in a grand procession and take it throughout the town. Following a grand parade, the tiger was buried and a tomb was erected over it.
  - (iii) Antarctica is very much unique as well as specific than other parts of the globe. It is completely devoid of human markers and more than 90 per cent of the earth's total ice-volumes are stored on this sub-continent. In the beginning there was no life except flora and fauna. There are neither trees nor buildings. So we lose all earthly sense of perspective and time there. There is a day of 24 hours.
13. Douglas had decided to overcome his old aversion to water by learning swimming at the YMCA pool. When he was waiting at the pool, he was tossed into the deep end of the pool by a bully. He vividly describes each and every moment of his experience when he was thrown into the pool. He landed in the pool in a sitting position, swallowed water and went quickly to the bottom of the pool. He got frightened but was still not out of his wits. On the way down, he made a plan. He planned to make a big jump when his feet hit the bottom, rise up like a cork to the surface, lie flat on it and paddle to the edge of the pool. But the jump made no difference. He came up very slowly. He panicked and felt suffocated. He tried to shout but only ended up engulfing more water. His legs didn't support him. Complete terror had seized him. Though he jumped again with all his might, it made no difference. He went down the third time. Soon his body gave up and he stopped all his efforts. He felt relaxed while drowning. There was no more panic. But luckily, before he was dead, he was taken out of the pool and saved.

OR

Aunt Jennifer's fluttering fingers indicate her terrorized state of mind . She had lived an overburdened life throughout and faced gender inequality .She could not come out of it and still felt traumatized. The uncle's wedding ring which she is still wearing on her finger , has burdened her soul and personality so much that she even finds it hard to pull an ivory needle through the cloth.