

CBSE Class 12 English Core
Sample Paper 05 (2020-21)

Maximum Marks: 80

Time Allowed: 3 hours

General Instructions:

- i. This paper is divided into two parts: A and B. All questions are compulsory.
- ii. Separate instructions are given with each section and question, wherever necessary. Read these instructions very carefully and follow them.
- iii. Do not exceed the prescribed word limit while answering the questions.

Section A

1. Read the passage:

It is hard to think of an Indian snack that is not fried. However, we need to be aware of what happens to oil when it is heated. When oil begins to smoke, it is a good indicator that it has been heated too much. At this temperature, chemical changes begin to take place, which has many health risks. Of course, this is tricky. If the oil is not hot enough, then more of it is absorbed, and the resultant product is quite soggy and unfit to eat.

Further, prolonged heating of oil at high temperature, i.e. at its smoking point, leads to its degradation. A substance called acrolein is formed which can irritate the stomach lining. The oil that has decomposed to acrolein is dark and viscous. Normally this does not happen when food is fried at home. But as oil is expensive we are not willing to put it down the drain after having used it only once. The common tendency is to set aside any oil that is left over to use another time. And repeated use of the same oil guarantees the formation of acrolein with all its undesirable effects.

In fact, some experts suggest that oil should not be held at its smoking temperature for more than 15 minutes at a time. This time span, as everyone knows, is hardly sufficient to prepare food for even a small family of four. Sadly, olive and corn oils are not widely available in our markets. Both these oils can be heated to higher temperatures before they start smoking.

Even heart-friendly oils, like those made from sunflower, are also not spared from these

effects. Another problem arises when oil is stored under less than satisfactory conditions. If the oil is not stored in an airtight container which, additionally, allows light to pass through, then it will deteriorate further because of the effect of oxygen and light on the oil.

By and large, these undesirable effects result when food is deep-fried. So, eat deep-fried food occasionally. This does not mean we can no longer enjoy the flavour and palatability of fried foods. Some food like tikkis land themselves to both deep and shallow frying. Since every batch of frying requires fresh oil, there is no problem with leftover oil.

The practice of heating small amounts of mustard, black grams chillies and the like in a little oil, before they are added to vegetables and curries, is called tempering. Tempering is not meant solely for flavour but has a nutritional benefit as well.

On the basis of your understanding of the passage, answer ANY TEN questions from the eleven that follow.

- i. What happens to oil when it is heated?
 - A. It begins to smoke
 - B. Chemical Changes start taking place
 - C. If not heated enough, more of it is absorbed
 - D. Over-heating leads to its degradation
- ii. What happens when oil starts degrading?
 - A. Oil starts smoking
 - B. Acrolein is formed
 - C. Stomach lining could be irritated
 - D. Oil becomes dark and viscous
 - a. Only A and B
 - b. Only B and C
 - c. Only B, C and D
 - d. All of these
- iii. How is acrolein formed at oil used at home?
 - a. Use of cheap oil
 - b. Use of expensive oil
 - c. Burning of oil
 - d. Repeated use of same oil

- iv. Which oils out of the following develop acrolein at very early smoking temperatures?
- A. Oil used for frying at home
 - B. Sunflower oil
 - C. Olive oil
 - D. Corn oil
- a. Only A
 - b. Only A and B
 - c. Only C and D
 - d. Only B, C and D
- v. What is the other consequence of improper storage of oil?
- a. Oxidisation of Oil when left in open/improperly stored
 - b. Not storing it in air-tight container reduces freshness
 - c. Oil used for Deep-frying is super unhealthy
 - d. Light passes through it as Oil is transparent
- vi. What alternative can one opt for to delish the flavors of deep-fried foods?
- a. Eat tikkis since they are fresh
 - b. Temper oil before use
 - c. Shallow fry instead of deep fry
 - d. Prepare items in a limited quantity of oil
- vii. Tempering is done:
- A. To preserve oil for long
 - B. To add flavours to curries
 - C. To bring in nutritional benefits
 - D. To savor the taste in less oil
- a. Only A and B
 - b. Only B and C
 - c. Only A, C and D
 - d. Only A, B and C
- viii. What is the smoking temperature of some oils?
- a. Less than 15 minutes
 - b. More than 15 minutes
 - c. Exactly 15 minutes
 - d. None of these

- ix. Find the synonym of "pulpy" in paragraph 1.
 - a. smoke
 - b. soggy
 - c. unfit
 - d. risk
- x. Find the synonym of "elongated" in paragraph 2.
 - a. Prolonged
 - b. irritate
 - c. viscous
 - d. undesirable
- xi. Find the antonym of "unacceptability" in paragraph 5.
 - a. effect
 - b. occasionally
 - c. palatability
 - d. leftover

2. Read the passage below:

1. I've always held the belief that rationale or logic has no place in faith. If you have faith in the Supreme then you must also accept that you are not out there to defend your faith based on any scientific evidence. Those who don't share your belief have an equal right to their opinion. What matters is your personal stand. If you feel peaceful and joyous if you feel inspired to do good deeds by having your faith, then, by all means, keep it, there's no reason to abandon it.
2. Einstein once got a letter asking if he believed in the Supreme. Einstein sent a telegram in response stating, "I believe in Spinoza's idea of the Supreme who reveals himself in the orderly harmony of what exists, not in someone who concerns himself with the fates and actions of human beings." In case you are not familiar, Baruch Spinoza (1632 – 1677) was a Dutch philosopher (yes, not just brilliant engineers, they have philosophers too). An unorthodox and independent thinker, his views were revolutionary at the time. His philosophy is thought-provoking. So, where does that leave us in regards to faith?
3. To me, faith is a sentiment, it's an emotion. Just like you fall in love and you surrender in love and you find yourself willing to do anything for the person you love, the same is with faith. Faith is love. When you have faith, you let go off your worries of the

future, you let go of your guilt of the past because you have surrendered to the divine will. You remain committed to a life of goodness and action. But, you also recognize that there are other bigger forces, of immense scale, in play in the grand scheme of things and it'll do you much good to play along.

4. You gain this courage, zest and zeal to work hard, to excel, to serve. Life looks beautiful and everything looks priceless then because it truly is. Even our suffering is priceless. It gives you strength, it makes you reflect on you. It is priceless because you appreciate life more, it brings you closer to you, the real you. Don't limit yourself by asking petty things from the Supreme. Trust the immensity of nature. Faith does not mean all your dreams will come true, it simply means you look upon everything that's granted to you as a blessing. Just focus on your needs, and before long, you'll be filled beyond measure.
5. Accepting the transient nature of this world, and its eternal impermanence is the definitive path to inner peace. Either live in complete surrender or exercise total control. If your boat is neither anchored nor guided, it'll just drift then. It'll drift in the direction of your thoughts, desires and emotions. Here today, there tomorrow.
6. Cosmic intelligence is infinitely more subtle, smart, organized and selfless than individual intelligence. Anchor your ship if you are tired of rowing. Have faith.

On the basis of your understanding of the above passage, answer ANY TEN questions from the eleven given below.

- i. Faith
 - a. does not depend on rationale and logic
 - b. is a personal stand
 - c. fills us with joy and peace
 - d. All of these
- ii. 'Here today, there tomorrow' (Para 5) refers to
 - a. our thoughts
 - b. our faith
 - c. our emotions
 - d. our desires
- iii. What was Einstein's belief about faith?
 - a. Believed in the Supreme
 - b. Concerned himself with the fates and actions of humans

- c. Believed in the orderly harmony of what exists
 - d. Not had any belief
- iv. What does one gain from having faith?
- a. Courage
 - b. Hatred
 - c. Emotion
 - d. Guilt
- v. In what way does suffering become priceless?
- a. You start limiting yourself
 - b. You start appreciating yourself
 - c. You lose focus in life
 - d. You become disillusioned
- vi. Why does the writer say that logic has no place in faith?
- a. One can never be rational if having faith
 - b. Personal stand is all that matters
 - c. Everything can be scientifically proven
 - d. People have a right to their opinion
- vii. What is the definitive path to inner peace?
- a. Being afraid of the changing world
 - b. Realizing that life is permanent
 - c. Accepting the impermanence of life
 - d. Living in complete surrender
- viii. How is cosmic intelligence superior to individual intelligence?
- a. Smart and Organized
 - b. Less subtle
 - c. Selfish
 - d. All of these
- ix. The synonym of "give up" in paragraph 3 is:
- a. guilt
 - b. worries
 - c. surrender
 - d. immense
- x. The antonym of "permanent" in paragraph 5 is:

- a. drift
- b. definitive
- c. impermanence
- d. transient

xi. What object does the writer use to personify faith?

- a. Einstein's telegram
- b. Boat
- c. Anchor
- d. A sentiment

3. **Read the extracts given below and attempt ANY TWO of the three given by answering the questions that follow. (4+4=8)**

1. **Read the extract and answer the following questions:**

Together they have imposed the baggage on the child that he cannot put down. Before he is aware, he accepts it as naturally as his father. To do anything else would mean to dare.

- i. Who has imposed the baggage on the child?
 - a. The middlemen
 - b. The politicians
 - c. The bureaucrats
 - d. All of these
- ii. Which baggage is being referred to?
 - a. Baggage with laptops
 - b. Baggage with sports gear
 - c. Baggage of groceries
 - d. Baggage of working for the bangle industry
- iii. Like whom did he accept the baggage?
 - a. His mother
 - b. His father
 - c. His friend
 - d. His teacher
- iv. What hazard is associated with working for the bangle industry?
 - a. Losing eyesight
 - b. Becoming deaf

- c. Having twisted hands
- d. Scaling and numbness of skin

2. Read the extract and answer the following questions:

I have nothing else to do, he mutters, looking away.

"Go to school," I say glibly, realising immediately how hollow the advice must sound.

- i. Who does 'I' in the first line refer to?
 - a. Saheb
 - b. Mukesh
 - c. Savita
 - d. Saheb's father
- ii. What did Saheb do to earn a living?
 - a. Stealing
 - b. Washing clothes
 - c. Working as a domestic help
 - d. Rag picking
- iii. Why does the second speaker think his advice sounded hollow?
 - a. For it would never be accomplished
 - b. For it was senseless
 - c. For it was not trustworthy
 - d. For it was purposeless
- iv. Which word in the extract means 'insincere or superficial'?
 - a. Mutter
 - b. Advice
 - c. Glibly
 - d. Hollow

3. Read the given passage and answer the questions that follow:

Go to the end of the lane and turn around three times and look down the magic well and there you will find three pennies. Hurry up.

- i. Who is the speaker of these lines?
 - a. Jack
 - b. Roger Skunk
 - c. Wizard
 - d. Owl

- ii. Who has been instructed by the speaker?
 - a. Roger Skunk
 - b. Wizard
 - c. Owl
 - d. Jack
- iii. Who is referred to as "You"?
 - a. Jack
 - b. Owl
 - c. Roger skunk
 - d. Wizard
- iv. Why does "You" need three pennies?
 - a. He was less of three pennies
 - b. If he doesn't pay seven pennies, the magic spell will not be performed
 - c. He has to give them to his friends
 - d. The speaker has asked him to get three pennies

4. Read the extracts given below and attempt ANY ONE of the two given by answering the questions that follow. (1x4=4)

1. Read the extract given below and answer the following questions:

... and felt that old familiar ache, my childhood's fear, but all I said was, see you soon, Amma, all I did was smile and smile and smile...

- i. What was the childhood fear that now troubled the poet?
 - a. Fear of losing her mother
 - b. Examination fear
 - c. Fear of undergoing a surgery
 - d. Fear of leaving her home town
- ii. What do the poet's parting words suggest?
 - a. Optimism
 - b. Reassurance
 - c. Nostalgia
 - d. All of these
- iii. Why did the poet smile and smile?
 - a. To conceal her pain
 - b. She was very happy

- c. Her mother had asked her to smile
- d. She remembered something funny
- iv. Name the poetic device used in the line, "**all I did was smile and smile and smile**".
 - a. Simile
 - b. Alliteration
 - c. Metaphor
 - d. Transferred Epithet

2. **Read the extract and answer the following questions:**

What I want should not be confused with total inactivity.

Life is what it is about;

I want no truck with death.

- i. What is it that should not be confused with total inactivity?
 - a. Silence
 - b. Lack of desires
 - c. Illness
 - d. Sufferings
- ii. What is life all about?
 - a. Moving forward
 - b. Introspecting deeply
 - c. Attaining our goals
 - d. All of these
- iii. Explain "no truck with death"?
 - a. Silence is not completely associated with death
 - b. No accident with a truck
 - c. Death caused by a truck
 - d. Death caused due to a silent disease
- iv. What should be the aim of our life?
 - a. To walk on a meaningful and purposeful path
 - b. To travel
 - c. To fight our foes
 - d. To reach heights

5. **Attempt ANY EIGHT questions from the ten given below. (1x8=8)**

- i. Why was Franz scared to go to the school that particular day?
 - a. Because he was prepared with his lesson but didn't know which teacher was going to ask it.
 - b. Because he knew that it would be M. Hamel's last day at school.
 - c. Because he was not prepared with his lesson on participles.
 - d. Because he knew that they would be taught German from the next day onwards.
- ii. In the prose **Deep Water**, where does the terror reside according to William?
 - a. In the fear of death
 - b. In the fear of failure
 - c. In our mind
 - d. In our heart
- iii. According to the prose **Indigo**, how many delegates were present in the annual convention?
 - a. 2,301 delegates
 - b. 2,631 delegates
 - c. 2,430 delegates
 - d. 2,500 delegates
- iv. Why did Kamala das compare her mother with a late winter's moon?
 - a. Her face was bright like a moon
 - b. She was pale and dull
 - c. Her face was wrinkled like the patches of the moon
 - d. She had a round face
- v. In the period of inactivity, the man gathering salt would look at his _____. (**Keeping quiet**)
 - a. torn clothes
 - b. hurt hands
 - c. lines on his face
 - d. bruises on his feet
- vi. What sits heavily upon Aunt Jennifer's hand in the poem **Aunt Jennifer's Tigers**?
 - a. The topaz tigers
 - b. The ivory needle
 - c. The bundle of wool
 - d. Her wedding band

- vii. In the prose, **The Third Level**, which war does Charley say awaits a couple of decades to occur if he were in 1894?
- The First World War
 - The Hundred Years War
 - The Cold War
 - The Second World War
- viii. Who was Derry?
- A fifteen year old boy
 - Mr. Lamb's servant
 - A Gardner
 - A fourteen year old boy
- ix. Why did Evans request not to take off his hat?
- To give a smart look
 - To cut hair with a blade
 - He loved to wear it
 - He was feeling cold
- x. How did Jo interrupt her father when he was telling a story?
- By saying good night to her father
 - By asking for water
 - She wanted to add her own imagination
 - By pointing out the error of Roger fish

Section B

6. You want to sell your newly built flat. Draft a suitable advertisement in not more than 50 words to be inserted in the classified columns of 'The Hindu' giving all necessary details. You are Niranjana, 247, JP Nagar, Bangalore.

OR

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.

7. Rohit has got success in CBSE-PMT. He wants to celebrate his admission to Shivaji Medical College, Nagpur by throwing a party to his friends. Write an informal invitation given detail of venue, time and date. Do not exceed 50 words.

OR

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.

8. The youth of the country are very vigilant these days and feel concerned about the problems being faced by the people. Write a letter to the Editor of a national daily urging him to highlight the role of the youth in eradicating the problems of poverty, unemployment and corruption. You are Rani/Rohit, 15 Gulbarga Society, Surat.

OR

You are Ashish/Nimmi Dhar, B-94 Fort Road, Jammu. You have read an advertisement in the Times of India for the position of accounts officer in ICI company. You are qualified for the job. Write an application in 120-150 words along with a resume.

9. Emotionally as well as intellectually, a woman is as good as a man if not better. Yet we don't allow her the same status as a man enjoys in society. Write an article in 150-200 words on 'Status of women in society'. You are Navtej/Navita.

OR

A major bus mishap which left several people seriously injured took place at Nicholas Road, Nungambakkam, Chennai. Luckily no life was lost. Collect the information from the eyewitnesses and send a report in 100-125 words to 'The Nungambakkam Times'. You are Vinod/Vinodhini, a reporter.

10. **Attempt ANY FIVE out of the six questions given below, in 30-40 words each.**
(2x5=10)

- i. How would keeping quiet affect life in and around the sea?
- ii. Why did Aunt Jennifer choose to embroider tigers on the panel?
- iii. Mention any two hazards of working in the bangle industry.
- iv. Why did the writer say " they got the ration cards"?
- v. What had the peddler left behind as a Christmas gift for Edla Willmanson? Why?
- vi. How were Shukla and Gandhiji received in Rajendra Prasad's house?

11. **Attempt ANY TWO out of the three questions given below in 30-40 words each.**

(2x2=4)

- i. What did the General promise Dr Sadao when he asked him about giving away the prisoner to the police?
- ii. What does Charley, the narrator, say about the Third Level at Grand Central Station? How does his psychiatrist friend respond?
- iii. We can't approve of Jack's attitude towards his wife. Comment.

12. Attempt ANY ONE of the following questions in 120-150 words (1x5=5)

- i. What do you think is the theme of the story 'The Last Lesson'? What is the reason behind its universal appeal?
- ii. Given his temperament, Edla's father fails in reforming the peddler. How does Edla succeed?

13. Attempt ANY ONE of the following questions in 120-150 words (1x5=5)

- i. Do you think Derry's chance meeting with Mr Lamb proved meaningful to him?
- ii. "The Governor was good for a giggle". Do you think he really deserved Evans smile?
(Evans Tries an O-Level)

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Solutions

Section A

1.
 - i. (b) Chemical changes start taking place
 - ii. (c) Only B, C and D
 - iii. (d) Repeated use of same oil
 - iv. (b) Only A and B
 - v. (a) Oxidisation of oil, when left in open/improperly, stored
 - vi. (d) Prepare items in a limited quantity of oil
 - vii. (b) Only B and C
 - viii. (a) Less than 15 minutes
 - ix. (b) Soggy
 - x. (a) Prolonged
 - xi. (c) Palatability
2.
 - i. (d) all of these
 - ii. (b) Our faith
 - iii. (c) Believed in the orderly harmony of what exists
 - iv. (a) Courage
 - v. (b) You start appreciating yourself
 - vi. (b) The personal stand is all that matters
 - vii. (c) Accepting the impermanence of life
 - viii. (a) Smart and organized
 - ix. (c) Surrender
 - x. (d) Transient
 - xi. (b) Boat
3. **Read the extracts given below and attempt ANY TWO of the three given by answering the questions that follow. (4+4=8)**
 1.
 - i. (d) All of these
 - ii. (d) Baggage of working for the bangle industry
 - iii. (F) His father

- iv. (a) Losing eyesight
- 2. i. (a) Saheb
- ii. (d) Rag picking
- iii. (a) For it would never be accomplished
- iv. (c) Glibly
- 3. i. (c) Wizard
- ii. (a) Roger Skunk
- iii. (c) Roger Skunk
- iv. (b) If he doesn't pay seven pennies, the magic spell will not be performed

4. **Read the extracts given below and attempt ANY ONE of the two given by answering the questions that follow. (1x4=4)**

- 1. i. (a) Fear of losing her mother
- ii. (d) All of these
- iii. (a) To conceal her pain
- iv. (b) Alliteration
- 2. i. (a) Silence
- ii. (d) All of these
- iii. (a) Silence is not completely associated with death
- iv. (a) To walk on a meaningful and purposeful path

5. **Attempt ANY EIGHT questions from the ten given below. (1x8=8)**

- i. (c) Because he was not prepared with his lesson on participles.

Explanation: Franz was in great dread of a scolding as he hurried towards his school because M. Hamel had said that he would ask them questions on participles and he was not prepared with it at all.

- ii. (a) In the fear of death

Explanation: William Douglas in his prose, 'Deep Water' stated that there is peace in death. There is terror only in the fear of death.

- iii. (a) 2,301 delegates

Explanation: The December 1916 annual convention of the Indian National Congress was attended by 2,301 delegates and many visitors.

- iv. (b) She was pale and dull

Explanation: When the poet Kamala das glanced at her mother in the moving car. She realised her mother looked pale and wan. Her beauty and charm had been

forfeited like the late winter's moon.

v. (b) hurt hands

Explanation: The poet highlighted that in the period of inactivity, the salt gatherers would get time to heal their rough and scarred hands which metaphorically refers to the wounds that humans have incurred as a result of their reckless and insensitive actions.

vi. (d) Her wedding band

Explanation: Her wedding ring sits heavily on Aunt Jennifer's hand which symbolizes the burden of marital constraints that she bears.

vii. (a) The First World War

Explanation: Charley imagined his life in 1894 Galesburg which would be quite peaceful and happy with the First World War still twenty years away.

viii. (d) A fourteen year old boy

Explanation: Derry was a complex-ridden fourteen-year-old boy. He was a victim of the inferiority complex after acid accidentally spilt and burnt one side of his face.

ix. (b) To cut hair with a blade

Explanation: Evans had cut his hair short with the help of a razor blade as he had planned to escape from the prison in the guise of Reverend McLeery. So, he refused to remove his hat as it would foil his plan.

x. (d) By pointing out the error of Roger fish

Explanation: While narrating the story of Roger Skunk, Jack by chance said Roger Fish. Jo was quick to interrupt him and point out the error. She repeated twice that he had said Roger Fish and asked if that wasn't silly.

Section B

6.

FLAT FOR SALE

A newly built, 1500sqft flat is available for immediate sale on GT Road. The flat has spacious three bedrooms, with attached washrooms, huge drawing-cum-dining room, modular kitchen and study. Parking facility for 2 cars. Barely 10 minutes drive from the Community centre. In close vicinity to reputed schools and multi-speciality hospital. Expected price Rs.45 Lacs.

Contact Niranjana, 247, JP Nagar, Bangalore. 98765XXXXX

OR

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 periods in the sports room.

XYZ

(Sports Secretary)

7. 33/427 Priya Vihar,

New Delhi.

2nd April 2019.

Dear Varan,

You will be surprised and glad to know that I have secured 80th rank in the CBSE-PMT competition. I have got admission in a prestigious institution - Shivaji College, Nagpur. This is like my dream come true. I am so thankful for my well-wishers. I want to share this happy moment of my life in the company of my old Mends at a dinner. You are cordially invited to Kanishka at 9.00 p.m. on 8th April 2019. Please join the celebration.

Yours truly,

Rohit

OR

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

8. 15, Gulbarga Society,
Surat-395004

16th August, 20XX

The Editor,
The Indian Express,
Delhi-110002

Sir,

Subject: Need to harness youth power

Through the columns of your esteemed daily, I would like to draw your attention towards the strength of our nation, which, sadly, has not been harnessed properly. 65% of India's population is under 35 years of age. Nearly 150 million Indians are between the age group of 15 to 25. Yet, every sector suffers from corruption. We have low HDI, low life expectancy, poor quality of education system, worst healthcare services, unemployment and poor sex ratio.

I believe youth in every country can prove to be an effective counter to corruption. Since they are young and full of fresh ideas, they can surely help to reduce malpractices and increase transparency. Recently youth have held protests, demonstrations and candlelight marches to fight injustice and to fight for their rights. Their involvement in tackling issues like poverty, illiteracy and corruption has been magnificent. They have showcased their energy and urged to set things right. Yet, a lot needs to be done. Young people should themselves become honest and not susceptible to "benefits". If they themselves do not display integrity, the entire initiative is bound to fail. They must also be politically aware and spiritually conscious.

Hence, I request all the youth to come forward and shoulder the responsibility of nation-building and for the welfare of humanity. I hope this letter will be read by our youngsters and act as a wake-up call for the youth.

Yours truly,

Rohit

OR

B-94, Ford Road

Jammu

20th January 2017

The Managing Director, ICI

B-12, Barakhamba Road

New Delhi

Dear Sir/ Madam

Subject: Job Application for the position of accounts officer

This is in reference to your advertisement in The Times of India dated January 19, 2017, for an accounts officer in your reputed company. I hereby wish to apply for the same. Please find my resume attached for the purpose. I would also like you to know that I am a very hardworking woman with a keen interest in accounting and finance. My academic qualification, age and other eligibility conditions adhere to the ones specified by the company for the job.

I thank you in anticipation for an early response!

Yours truly,

Nimmi Dhar

Resume

Name: Nimmi Dhar

Father's name: Ram Dhar

Date of birth: April 1988

Address: B-94 Fort Road, Jammu

Academic Qualifications:

Examination	Board/ University	Course	Year	Division
S.S.C	CBSE	Commerce	2008	First
Graduation	Jammu University	B.Comm	2011	First
Post-Graduation	Jammu University	M.Comm	2013	First

Experience: ABC Finances (August 2013 – Present)

(Preparing balance sheets, Salary computation, Fund management and cost projection, Maintaining account books)

Expected Salary: Rs 60,000 per month

Computer Proficiency: M.S. Office

Languages known: English, Hindi, Punjabi

Hobbies and Interests: Writing, reading, travelling

Achievements: Awarded with the 'Employee of The Year' for two consecutive years (2015 and 2016)

Telephone number: 11223344

E-mail ID: nimmidhar@abc.com

Reference: Mr. Rohan Joshi, (Deputy Manager, ABC Finances)

9.

Status of Women in Society

by Navtej

There is no denying the fact that a woman is as good as a man, both emotionally as well as intellectually. Despite this, women have been treated as 'objects' by the patriarchal society in India and elsewhere. However, there is no uniform pattern in social, cultural and economic distinctions between men and women. Gender-based consciousness has its origin in the emergence of the middle class and its problems in contemporary India.

Despite the several movements for the empowerment of women launched by women's organisations during the pre and the post-independence periods, the strongly embedded patriarchy was never abolished in India.

Even today, women are treated as inferior in their own families, by their parents-in-law and even by their husbands. Though it is more often observed among the groups which are still under the influence of feudalism or have feudalists lifestyles and values, this is generally true for families belonging to all castes and classes.

The Government of India has taken up the problems of divorce, dowry, rape etc. with a view to finding solutions which will ensure equality of women with men. Not only the latest legislation and actions are stringent and effective, but also court decisions and police actions are also in favour of the women victims.

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Bus Mishap in Chennai
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Chennai, 14th February, 20XX: The lives of 25 people were at risk yesterday when a major bus mishap took place at Nicholas Road in Nungambakkam, Chennai. The horrifying incident took place at about 10 AM. It resulted in serious injuries to 10 of the 25 passengers who were travelling on the bus. Fortunately, there was no loss of life. An eyewitness recounts how, in an attempt to avert a collision with a car that was heading towards it from the wrong direction, the high speeding bus suddenly overturned while taking a sharp turn. The authorities have arrested the car driver for his negligence. The bus driver could not be taken into custody for over-speeding as he has grievous injuries and is admitted in the hospital.

The state government has announced a compensation of Rs.30,000 for those seriously injured and Rs.10,000 for those suffering minor injuries. A state-level inquiry has also been ordered into the mishap.

10. Attempt ANY FIVE out of the six questions given below, in 30-40 words each.

(2x5=10)

- i. Keeping quiet would affect life in and around the sea in two ways. By keeping quiet, the fisherman will not kill whales and realise how they are harming a species for their own materialistic gains. Also, the salt gatherers will get some time to look at their own wounds which they have incurred in their quest to gather salt.
- ii. Aunt Jennifer chose to embroider tigers on the panel to represent her silent revolt against her husband's authoritative behaviour. For her, the tigers were the symbols of bravery, fearlessness and strength. Unlike her, they were not afraid of men around them.
- iii. People working in the bangle industry are prone to many diseases as they work in suffocating and unhygienic conditions. They work in dingy cells without light and air. They also lose their eyesight due to the dust of glass. They work at high temperatures.
- iv. The writer said that the politicians provided them with ration cards and voter identity cards. They got grocery for the family from these ration cards and politicians would get their votes in return.
- v. Edla was happy to see the gift left by the peddler because he had left behind a little package containing a rattrap, thirty kronor notes and a letter. He had given evidence

of the fact that humanity is a beautiful gesture. He had left behind a Christmas gift for Edla as he was really thankful to her for her kindness. He wanted to thank Edla for treating him like a gentleman and also for the trust she had shown on him.

- vi. The servants at Rajendra Prasad's house knew Shukla as he was a frequent visitor. However, Gandhiji, who was dressed casually and looked just like another peasant, was allowed to stay in the garden. But he was not allowed to draw water from the well because the servants took him to be an untouchable peasant.

11. Attempt ANY TWO out of the three questions given below in 30-40 words each.

(2x2=4)

- i. When Dr Sadao asked the General about giving away the prisoner to the police he promised that he would send his private assassins instead to kill the white man and take away his dead body so as to save Sadao from getting arrested. However, he did not fulfil his promise as he was self-absorbed and forgot the same. The General was an ailing man, who wanted Dr. Sadao for his treatment. He believed that Sadao only could help him survive another attack. Sadao waited three nights for the assassins to come, but he was greeted by Tom's presence every morning. Each morning Tom showed signs of improved health.
- ii. Charley asserts that there are three levels at Grand Central Station. His assertion is based on his personal experience. He has been on the third level. Among others, he talked to a psychiatrist friend about it. The psychiatrist said that it was a waking dream and wish fulfilment. He was unhappy and just wanted to escape.
- iii. In the end, Jo wants the wizard to hit mommy on her head and refuse to change Skunk's smell of roses as then he would be accepted by his friends happily. Jo wanted a happy ending. Roger's happiness was of extreme happiness for her.

12. Attempt ANY ONE of the following questions in 120-150 words (1x5=5)

- i. The story of 'The Last Lesson' by Alphonse Daudet discussed is located in a particular village of the classroom in Alsace district of France which had passed into Prussian hands, the story definitely has a universal appeal. It highlights the penchant of the coloniser to steamroll the culture of colonised, to ruin their existence, to stomp their identity. The people of Alsace and Lorraine were denied from the freedom to learn their own language by Prussians. The story is based on the themes of patriotism, freedom of language and affection towards one's mother tongue. Taking away one's mother tongue and forcing others to accept a foreign tongue is the first step of such

colonial aggression. To combat such advancement, one needs to embrace his own mother tongue.

M.Hamel, the French teacher of the school conducting his last class, passes this advice to his young students. New rulers cancel all the French classes and introduce German classes to the school. But even before such constant pressure from rulers, French people can uphold their flag if they remember their mother tongue which is the bulwark of their culture. The theme definitely does not remain confined to the classroom in Alsace district; rather it gathers a universal significance as a root map to battle colonial aggression. One's mother tongue is the only key to the prison of slavery.

- ii. Unlike her father, Edla is a compassionate, sympathetic and understanding girl and because of these virtues, she succeeds in reforming the peddler. The ironmaster, on the other hand, is impulsive and whimsical. He commits a mistake by getting the peddler confused with an old acquaintance of his and invites him to his house. As soon as the peddler's true identity is revealed, he decides to refer the whole matter to the sheriff. He does not even consider it for a while that he must let the man stay till Christmas. He has not convinced of Edla's decision of helping the tramp. Edla continues to be nice and hospitable to him and does not turn him out of her house on Christmas Eve. She treats the peddler like a real captain and he too behaves like one. She, thus, awakens the potential goodness of his heart. Before leaving the manor house, the peddler leaves a packet as a Christmas gift for Edla. The packet consists of a rattrap, the crofter's stolen money and a letter, in which he confesses his gratitude and crime and requests Edla to return the thirty kronors to the old crofter. It is evident that he becomes a totally positive character and all his flaws are gone.

13. Attempt ANY ONE of the following questions in 120-150 words (1x5=5)

- i. When Derry met Mr Lamb, he was a fourteen-year-old boy who had lost all zest for life. Mr. Lamb had become a worldly wise man but his one leg was blown off in the war. Derry had lost his self-regard and suffered from a terrible inferiority complex due to his scarred face. Derry noticed that children called him 'Lamey - Lamb' when he went down the streets.

After meeting Mr Lamb, Derry was filled with enthusiasm for life. Mr. Lamb told Derry the way to overcome his physical deformity. Mr Lamb's words had a profound effect on him and he changed drastically. He pointed out that Derry should consider

himself blessed, because he had two arms, two legs, ears, a brain and a tongue etc., expect the burnt face. We got a reflection of Derry's transformation in Scene two when he reached his house after a brief encounter with Mr Lamb.

He told his mother, "You shouldn't believe all you hear." He categorically told her that he wanted to go back to Mr Lamb to listen to bees singing and him talking.

In the end, he rushed to meet his mentor to keep his promise to the old man. With all these developments, one is bound to conclude that Derry, hopefully, would not become secluded once again. He would certainly be confident and happy in the future.

- ii. The Governor thought that he had taken all the precautions in order to fail Evans' plan. He was the person who had taken the responsibility to fail Evans' plan. He had appointed two of his most trustworthy employees to keep an eye on them. Moreover, the installation of a sound device in the cell was also a great initiative to listen to the conversation between Mc Leery and Evans. But, all his effort ceased when Evans escape right under his nose in the end. There were many mistakes committed by him throughout the day. He never cross-checked on the teacher whether he was genuinely the same teacher who had been appointed. Moreover, he allowed the fake Mc Leery to carry a semi-inflated rubber ring which contained pig's blood in it. More importantly, he did not check at the end whether the policemen were real or fake. These mistakes of the Governor made him fail in his mission. Seeing all this, we can say that he was really good for a giggle and truly deserved Evans's smile in the end.