

**CBSE Class 12 English Core**  
**Sample Paper 08 (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:**

A Schoolboy named PUGLOO wakes up one morning and finds that a circus troupe has pitched a tent in front of his house. It is summer vacations and Pugloo has planned to sleep late every morning. But the loud music played at the circus keeps him awake till late at night and the loud noise of rehearsals awakens him at dawn. Pugloo has been taught about freedom of speech and expression in school. He has understood it to mean that he cannot object to the noise of the circus. He is quite upset.

In a new comic series created by Ahmedabad-based lawyer sister—Kelly 27 and Kanan, Pugloo learns fundamental rights and fundamental duties. Law and legal cases are so hard for the general public to understand. We thought a graphic book series would help children become familiar, at least with the basics, say the two sisters. Kelly, an Oxford University student, and Kanan, a graduate of the London School of Economics, named their comic series LAWTOONS and put it up on a crowd-funding website for donations. In June this year, after a nail-biting wait of three months, they reached their target of Rs 2,75,000/-. The first volume in the series is now set for release soon.

With a comic series, the sisters realized that they could take some of the basic knowledge about the law to a wider audience. First, they created a ten-page prototype which they tested on two municipal and three private schools in Ahmedabad over six months. A total of two hundred students from the five schools attended sessions and the results were

positive. Students identified with the character Pugloo and seemed excited to learn about the law, says Krishna Panchal, an activist associated with the testing of Lawtoons.

In order to make the comic series effective and interesting, a group of legal experts and animation and design specialists helped structure the stories and their depiction. This team included Sekhar Mukherjee, head of animation film design at the National Institute of Design (NID), Ahmedabad and Margie Sastry, writer and former associate editor and Amar Chitra Katha. The law is complicated, even for professional lawyers sometimes. Lawtoons helps make it easier and more fun for children to understand basics at a very young age, says Bhadrish Raju, who is now working to have Lawtoons introduced as reading material at juvenile homes.

This is the best time to experiment with this form (using comic series) even for a serious subject like law, because youngsters these days are glued to visual media, comments Margie Sastry. A part of the work on the second volume which explains basic laws, legal clauses, and laws relating to children, the environment, and women's issues, has also begun.

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

- i. Why were the legal experts and animation specialists involved in the production of Lawtoons?
  - a. To entertain people
  - b. To help everyone learn about law
  - c. To help children learn the basics of the law
  - d. To make the law understandable
- ii. To educate children about law, the comic series is an effective tool these days. Why?
  - a. Children love reading comics
  - b. Children find it easy to relate and learn more
  - c. Comic series help in quick growth of the business
  - d. Using fun methods to explain serious subjects is a new experiment
- iii. What does the first volume of Lawtoons aim at?
  - a. Explain basic laws and legal clauses
  - b. Explain laws related to the environment
  - c. Explain fundamental rights and duties
  - d. Explain the rights of women in society

- iv. Why would youngsters love to watch Lawtoons according to Sastry?
  - a. It presents a serious subject in a fun way
  - b. Youngsters today are attracted more towards visual media
  - c. Both of these
  - d. None of these
- v. What is the content of the second volume of Lawtoons?
  - a. Laws related to women and children
  - b. Basic laws and legal duties
  - c. Environmental Laws
  - d. All of these
- vi. Though Pugloo feels disturbed by the circus troops, he does not complain. Why?
  - a. He likes circus
  - b. The circus was being organized by his friends
  - c. He believed they had freedom of speech and expression
  - d. He doesn't wish to enter into chaos
- vii. Who was the creator of Lawtoons?
  - a. Two sisters – Kelly and Kanan
  - b. Legal Experts
  - c. Animation and design specialists
  - d. All of these
- viii. What are Bhadrish Raju's views about Lawtoons?
  - a. It makes it easier for children to understand the law
  - b. It is difficult to learn the basics of the law
  - c. Professional lawyers do get confused at times
  - d. It must be introduced compulsorily at juvenile homes
- ix. Find the word similar in meaning to "flock" in paragraph 2.
  - a. Series
  - b. Graphic
  - c. Crowd
  - d. Release
- x. Find the word opposite in meaning to "dusk" in paragraph 1.
  - a. Object
  - b. Pitched

- c. Troupe
- d. Dawn

xi. Find the word similar in meaning to "minor" in paragraph 4.

- a. Juvenile
- b. Depiction
- c. Effective
- d. Associate

**2. Read the passage:**

1. Summer is upon us and the mango has made its appearance. Even as pickles, papads, preserves, pulp, and powder get prepared for the mango fewer days ahead, we only need to sink our teeth into the raw mango or the ripe sweet one for a taste of heaven on earth. So grab a fruit and let us unravel the marvellous mango mystery.
2. Legend has said it that the mango was not only the king of fruits but a fruit of kings. Once upon a time, personal orchards were heavily guarded symbols of status with exclusive varieties of their fruit cultivated especially for royalty and nobles though favoured folks were gifted baskets of the much-sought-after mangoes.
3. Mangoes trace their origin to India and Burma where they have been grown for over 5000 years. Buddhist monks transplanted it to Malaysia and other parts of South-east Asia, the Portuguese took it to Brazil and the West Indies, the Persians to the Gulf and Africa. It was only in the 1830s that mangoes first appeared in the United States.
4. The word mango originated from out Tamil 'make-kay' or 'man-gay' which the Portuguese pronounced as 'mange' till Anglicisation made it 'mango.'
5. Legends and fables bring glory to the fruit. Rama took the fruit and gave divinity to Shabari and mango leaves are hung on our doorways on auspicious days. Today, over 1200 varieties of mango trees are grown over the world in the warm and wet climate of the tropics and subtropics.
6. Among the many Indian varieties, the Alphanso or Hapus raised in a small stretch across the Ratnagiri district in Maharashtra is valued most for its lush sweetness, lack of fibres in the pulp, and long shelf-life. Mango trees are evergreen and grow about 60 feet tall taking up to 4-6 years to start producing fruit. World annual production totals 20 million metric tonnes. Of this, India tops the list of growers (we do export a small fraction to the Gulf region) while Mexico (the second largest producer) is the largest exporter.

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

- i. In which season does one get to savour mango fruit?
  - a. Winter
  - b. Autumn
  - c. Summer
  - d. Spring
- ii. How do we prepare ourselves for the mango-less days?
  - a. We make mango pickles
  - b. We make mango papads
  - c. We prepare mango pulp and/or powder
  - d. All of these
- iii. Mango was not only a king of fruits but a fruit of kings. Why?
  - a. Only the royalty could savour mango
  - b. Delicacy was exclusively reserved for the gentry
  - c. Not everyone could afford to buy mangoes
  - d. The poor were forbidden from even touching the fruit
- iv. In the earlier days, did anybody except the noble had access to the mystical fruit?
  - a. General Public
  - b. Soldiers
  - c. Courtiers and Ministers
  - d. Favoured Folks of the king
- v. Mangoes originated in:
  - A. India
  - B. Malaysia
  - C. Burma
  - D. Brazil
  - a. Only A and C
  - b. Only A, B and C
  - c. Only C and D
  - d. All of these
- vi. Who brought mangoes to the Gulf?
  - a. Buddhist Monks

- b. Portuguese
  - c. Persians
  - d. Africans
- vii. The word "mango" has its roots in the:
- a. Tamil word "make-kay"
  - b. Portuguese word "mange"
  - c. Anglicisation of "mange"
  - d. Carnatic word "man-gay"
- viii. What brings glory to the auspicious fruit?
- A. Rama giving the fruit to Shabari to attain divinity
  - B. Mango leaves hung on house doors on auspicious days
  - C. Capable of being made into pickles and papads
  - D. Rich and Savoury taste
- a. Only A and C
  - b. Only B and C
  - c. Only A and B
  - d. Only C and D
- ix. The largest producer and the largest exporter of mangoes in the world:
- a. India; Mexico
  - b. Mexico
  - c. India
  - d. Mexico; India
- x. Find the synonym of "diversity" in paragraph 6.
- a. stretch
  - b. sweetness
  - c. varieties
  - d. tonnes
- xi. Find the antonym of "non-fiction" in paragraph 2.
- a. Legend
  - b. orchard
  - c. exclusive
  - d. folk

**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 questions that follow:**

I jumped over the bench and sat down at my desk. Not till then, when I had got a little over my fright, did I see our teacher had on his beautiful green coat, his frilled shirt, and the little black silk cap, all embroidered, that he never wore except on inspection and prize days. Besides, the whole school seemed so strange and solemn. But the thing that surprised me most was to see, on the backbenches that were always empty, the village people sitting quietly like ourselves.

- i. Who is the teacher?
  - a. M.Hamel
  - b. Franz
  - c. Hauser
  - d. Alphonse Daudet
- ii. Why was he dressed in his formals?
  - a. For he had to attend a wedding
  - b. For it was his last lesson in French
  - c. For he had to attend an award ceremony
  - d. For he had to juggle an inter-school competition
- iii. How did the whole school seem?
  - a. Strange
  - b. Solemn
  - c. Quiet
  - d. All of these
- iv. Which subject did the teacher profess?
  - a. French
  - b. German
  - c. English
  - d. Spanish

**2. Read the extract given below and answer the questions that follow:**

Poor man! It was in honour of this last lesson that he had put on his fine Sunday clothes, and now I understood why the old men of the village were sitting there in the back of the room. It was because they were sorry, too, that they had not gone to school more. It was their way of thanking our master for his forty years of faithful service

and of showing their respect for the country that was theirs no more.

- i. Who is referred to as the poor man?
  - a. M. Hamel
  - b. Franz
  - c. Hauser
  - d. Alphonse Daudet
- ii. Why is the expression 'poor man' used for him?
  - a. For he was very poor
  - b. For he was injured
  - c. Because he was delivering his last lesson in French
  - d. Because he was wrongly accused of a crime
- iii. Why was the country theirs no more?
  - a. For it came under the dictatorship
  - b. For it was split
  - c. For it was captured by the Prussian army
  - d. For they left their country
- iv. For how long did the teacher teach?
  - a. A decade
  - b. Four decades
  - c. A fortnight
  - d. Five decades

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

This custom, begun when she was two, was itself now nearly two years old, and his head felt empty.

- i. Who is the author of the lesson, from which this excerpt has been taken?
  - a. John Updike
  - b. Colin Dexter
  - c. Jack Finney
  - d. Susan Hill
- ii. What does "custom" here refer to?
  - a. Taking naps on Saturday
  - b. Narrating a story on Saturday evenings
  - c. Writing a story



- d. To take care of the "she"
- iii. For how many years, this custom has been followed?
  - a. one
  - b. four
  - c. two
  - d. three
- iv. How old is "She" now?
  - a. Three
  - b. Four
  - c. One
  - d. Two

**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:**

.....I saw my mother,  
beside me,  
doze, open-mouthed, her face  
ashen like that  
of a corpse and realised with  
pain.....

- i. Who is "I"?
  - a. The poetess
  - b. A little girl
  - c. A young boy
  - d. A doctor
- ii. What did she realise with pain?
  - a. She had lost their bag
  - b. She suffered from an injury
  - c. She had to leave her house
  - d. Her mother had grown very old
- iii. How did the poetess feel on this realization?
  - a. Enraged
  - b. Delighted

- c. Sad
- d. Enthusiastic

iv. Name the poet of the given lines?

- a. Kamala Das
- b. Sarojini Naidu
- c. Ruskin Bond
- d. Vikram Seth

2. **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

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

i. What did the children hear as the church clock struck twelve in **The Last Lesson**?

- a. The trumpets of the British
  - b. The trumpets of the Russians
  - c. The trumpets of the Prussians
  - d. The trumpets of the Africans
- ii. In the text **Deep Water**, why was William falling unconscious in the water at the pool as he went under it?
- a. He was dizzy and fell into the water
  - b. He was forced to be underwater
  - c. He was out of breath and tired
  - d. He was not well and fainted
- iii. What was Rajkumar Shukla's complaint against, in the prose **Indigo**?
- a. The injustice of the landlord system in Calcutta
  - b. The injustice of the landlord system in Bihar
  - c. The injustice of the landlord system in Ahmedabad
  - d. The injustice of the landlord system in Lucknow
- iv. Why did the poet Kamala Das call the trees as sprinting?
- a. The trees were huge and old
  - b. They seemed to be running
  - c. These were young trees
  - d. They appeared weak and bend
- v. The poet chooses \_\_\_\_\_ as a symbol from nature to depict that there can be life under apparent stillness.
- a. Earth
  - b. plants
  - c. forests
  - d. water
- vi. Which figure of speech has been used in the phrase terrified hands? (**Aunt Jennifer's Tigers**)
- a. Simile
  - b. Transferred epithet
  - c. Oxymoron
  - d. Alliteration
- vii. In **The Third Level**, why did Charley need to speak to his psychiatrist friend on

- discovering the third level of Grand Central?
- He felt it was an illusion
  - He informed him of his departure
  - Because Sam too had been there
  - He felt that it was a nightmare
- viii. Mr.Lamb tells Darry not to hate anyone because \_\_\_\_\_.
- hatred does more harm than anything else
  - hatred is with enemies only
  - it is a bad habit
  - it burns you from outside
- ix. Police help was sought and Detective Superintendent \_\_\_\_\_ approached McLeery, he told the Superintendent he knew where Evans was?
- Burn
  - Bell
  - Carter
  - Adams
- x. Who is Jo?
- Neighbour of Jack
  - Son of Jack
  - Wife of Jack
  - Daughter of Jack

### Section B

6. You are the manager of Indira Industries. Draft an advertisement to hire computer operator for your company in not more than 50 words. Invent necessary details

OR

You are Secretary of JP Narain Housing Society, RWA Meerut. Draft a notice in not more than 50 words stating that the second instalment of maintenance charges is due on 31st March 20XX and requesting the members to pay the same before the due date. Sign as Anil/Anita.

7. You are Dhruv/Deepa. Your father, Shri Dheeraj Garg of Gurugram wants you to draft an invitation to be sent to friends and relatives on the occasion of your elder sister's marriage. Prepare the invitation giving necessary details in not more than 50 words.

OR

You are Ankit Verma. Your friend from Malaysia is staying in the hostel. Invite him to join Diwali celebrations with you at your residence.

8. National Book Trust organised a week-long book fair at Anna Grounds, Chennai. You visited the fair and bought a few books. You were pleased with the arrangements, enthusiasm of the visitors and the fact that books have not yet lost their relevance in the world of the Internet. Write a letter in 120-150 words to the editor of a local newspaper to express your feelings. You are Lalit/Latha, 112, Mount Road, Chennai.



OR

You have a degree in architecture and you have worked for a British firm for 5 years. Write an application for the post of Senior Architect in 'Atul Constructions', 15, Gurgaon. You are Mridul/Mridula, 56, Cross Street, Bhopal.

9. Due to the globalisation of the food industry and fast food culture, traditional healthy diets are increasingly being replaced by unhealthy junk food containing artificial additives and preservative chemicals. Write an article in 150-200 words for a national daily on the need for inculcating healthy dietary habits.

OR

Recently your school held a Seminar on Conservation of Water as a part of World Water Day celebrations. As the School Pupil Leader of Maryland School, Gurgaon, write a report

in 100-125 words for a local daily. Sign as Pritham/Preeti.

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

**(2x5=10)**

- i. What symbol from Nature does the poet invoke to say that there can be life under apparent stillness? (Keeping Quiet)
- ii. According to the poet of A thing of beauty, How does the reading about the heroes affect us?
- iii. What explanation does the author give for the children not wearing footwear?
- iv. Why was Firozabad called a shanty town?
- v. Did the peddler respect the confidence reposed in him by the crofter?
- vi. Why did Gandhiji agree to a settlement of a mere 25%?

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

**(2x2=4)**

- i. What was Hana's role in Dr. Sadao's life when he brought home an injured American soldier?
- ii. What made Louisa, Charley's wife, believe that the third level was a reality?
- iii. Who is Jo? How did Jo behave in 'reality phase'?

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

- i. During 'The Last Lesson' everybody, including M Hamel, Franz and the villagers were filled with regret. Comment.
- ii. Why did the crofter repose confidence in the peddler? How did the peddler betray that and with what consequence?

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

- i. Mr. Lamb dealt with Derry in a very positive manner. Do you think Derry's brief association with Mr.Lamb brought about any change in his life?
- ii. Give a character sketch of the Governor of Oxford Prison based on your understanding of the story, 'Evans Tries an O-level'

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**Solutions**

**Section A**

1.
  - i. (a) To help children learn the basics of Law
  - ii. (b) Children find it easy to relate and learn more
  - iii. (c) Explain fundamental right and duties
  - iv. (c) Both of these
  - v. (d) All of these
  - vi. (c) He believed they had freedom of speech and expression
  - vii. (a) Two sisters- Kelly and Kanan
  - viii. (a) It makes it easier for children to understand the law
  - ix. (c) Crowd
  - x. (d) Dawn
  - xi. (a) Juvenile
2.
  - i. (c) summer
  - ii. (d) all of these
  - iii. (a) only the royalty could savour mango
  - iv. (d) favoured folks of the king
  - v. (a) only A and C
  - vi. (c) Persians
  - vii. (a) Tamil word "make-kay"
  - viii. (c) only A and B
  - ix. (a) India; Mexico
  - x. (c) varieties
  - xi. (a) legend
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. (a) M. Hamel
    - ii. (b) For it is his last lesson in French.
    - iii. (d) All of these

- iv. (a) French
2. i. (a) M. Hamel  
ii. (c) Because he was delivering his last lesson in French  
iii. (c) For it was captured by the Prussian army  
iv. (b) Four decades
3. i. (a) John Updike  
ii. (b) Narrating a story on Saturday Evenings  
iii. (c) Two  
iv. (b) Four
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) The poetess  
ii. (d) Her mother had grown very old  
iii. (c) Sad  
iv. (a) Kamala Das
2. i. (a) Fear of losing her mother  
ii. (d) All of these  
iii. (a) To conceal her pain  
iv. (b) Alliteration
5. **Attempt ANY EIGHT questions from the ten given below. (1x8=8)**
- i. (c) The trumpets of the Prussians  
**Explanation:** The church clock struck twelve and then the Angelus. At the same time, they heard the trumpets of the Prussians returning from the drill.
- ii. (c) He was out of breath and tired  
**Explanation:** William struggled hard to come out of the water after the drop but he could not come up to the surface to breathe. The third time he went down in the water after a continuous struggle, his body stopped responding and he was completely out of breath. Hence, he became unconscious in the water.
- iii. (b) The injustice of the landlord system in Bihar  
**Explanation:** Rajkumar Shukla was a sharecropper who had visited the annual convention of the Indian National Congress to complain about the injustice of the landlord system in Bihar. He wished Gandhi to visit his state and look into the conditions of the peasants there.



iv. (b) They seemed to be running

**Explanation:** The poet Kamala Das found that the youthful trees outside occurred to be fleeing with the speeding car.

v. (a) Earth

**Explanation:** The poet has depicted Earth as a symbol because when every creation of earth becomes still, then also it comes into life after some time.

vi. (b) Transferred epithet

**Explanation:** The transferred epithet is a figure of speech that uses adverbs or adjectives to change or modify a noun. Here, "terrified" has been used to modify "hands" while it is impossible for hands to be logically terrified. It gives out the effect of fear that had been expressed through the actions of the hands.

vii. (a) He felt it was an illusion

**Explanation:** The third level had never been spoken about by any of the railroads' authorities and there has been the mention of two levels only. Therefore, having visited the third level, Charley felt it was some kind of illusion that his mind was forcing him into and was so assured by his psychiatrist friend whom he had consulted about it.

viii. (a) hatred does more harm than anything else

**Explanation:** Mr.Lamb tells Darry not to hate anyone because he thinks that hatred is way more harmful than a bottle of acid. Acid only burns your skin but hatred can kill you from inside.

ix. (c) Carter

**Explanation:** Carter

x. (d) Daughter of Jack

**Explanation:** Jo is the four-year-old daughter of Jack and Clare. Her full name is Joanne.

## Section B

6.

### SITUATION VACANT

Indira Industries, Ferozpur Road, Ludhiana is looking for a computer operator. The person must be a graduate, having at least 3 years of experience in data entry. Age below 30 years. Salary commensurates with experience. Candidates fulfilling the above criteria may send in their detailed resume to xxx@gmail.com or attend Walk-In interview with

their latest CV and two passport size photographs on 30th August 2xxx. between 9:00 am and 12 Noon.

Contact

+91-XXXXXXXXXX

OR

**JP NARAIN HOUSING SOCIETY, RWA, MEERUT**

**NOTICE**

**Payment of Installment**

15th March 20XX

All the members of JP Narain Housing Society are hereby notified that the due date for the second instalment of maintenance charges is 31st March 20XX. All the residents are requested to kindly pay the instalment on or before the due date in RWA office of the society to avoid any inconvenience to RWA. You all are aware of the importance of these funds. We also seek your opinion regarding the further use of these funds for the betterment of society.

Anil

Secretary

JP Narain Housing Society

(Meerut)

7.

Mrs. & Mr. Dheeraj Garg

request the pleasure of your company on the auspicious occasion of the marriage of their daughter **SARIKA**

with

**RITESH**

as per the details given below:

Date: 14th April, 20XX

Time: 8 PM onwards

Venue: Hotel Silver Plaza, Gurugram

R.S.V.P.

Dhruv Garg

OR

231/2 Mayur Vihar,

New Delhi.

29th March 2019.

Dear Surunayak,

You know that Diwali, the festival of lights, is approaching. Diwali is of great importance for Indians. It gives me immense pleasure in inviting you to celebrate Diwali at my residence on 23rd Oct. at 7 pm. We all will have a great time together.

Do join us for the Puja, Diwali Celebration and Diwali party.

Your loving Friend,

Ankit.

8. 112, Mount Road

Chennai - 600001

11th February, 20XX

The Editor

The Deccan Herald

Chennai

Dear Sir,

**Subject: Relevance of book fairs**

Through your esteemed columns, I would like to praise people's love for books. National Book Trust organized a six-day book fair at Anna Grounds, Chennai recently. I was delighted to see many books being displayed on a variety of subjects.

Different publishers including some foreign publishers had set up their stalls. A variety of books on diverse subjects were available on heavy discounts. A large crowd visited the book fair and publishers were encouraging people to buy their books. It was really a pleasure to see people's enthusiasm to buy books.

Today there is a craze for e-books. Still, people buy books which they can read sitting anywhere in their house. This shows that books still hold their relevance and importance. Modern technology and the internet cannot stop people from buying books. People have realized that books are cheaper and require no maintenance, unlike a computer. In fact, many online stores like Amazon, Flipkart, etc. try to sell the latest books at the cheapest prices. I hope you will publish my letter in your esteemed newspaper so that the readers

never forget the value of books and the pleasure of reading.

Yours truly,

Lalit.

OR

56, Cross Street

Bhopal

11th February, 20XX

The Managing Director

Atul Constructions

15, Gurgaon

Sir,

**Subject: Application for the post of Senior Architect**

This is in reference to your advertisement in 'The Hindu' dated 10th January, 20XX for the post of Senior Architect in your reputed company. I hereby wish to apply for the same.

Please find attached my resume. If I am considered for the above-mentioned position in your esteemed firm, I would devote my best towards the responsibilities entrusted to me.

I assure you professionalism and hard work on my part.

I would be readily available for a personal interview if selected. Awaiting a positive response!

Yours sincerely,

Mridul

**Resume**

**Name:** Mridul

**Father's name:** Suraj Singh

**Date of birth:** 5th April 1991

**Address:** 56, Cross Street, Bhopal

**Academic Qualifications:**

Degree	Board/ University	Year	Division
Graduation	CBSE	2008	First
		2012	First

Bachelor of Architecture	Institute of planning and Architecture		
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9. **Need to Inculcate Healthy Dietary Habits**  
**by XYZ**

Due to the globalisation of the food industry and fast food culture, traditional healthy diets are increasingly being replaced by unhealthy junk food containing artificial additives and preservative chemicals. Children and even adults have become quite fond of junk food, essentially because it is palatable and caters well to their taste buds. However, this kind of unhealthy junk food has no nutrition value. In fact, it is actually harmful to our health if we eat it on a regular basis though it does not come with a statutory warning. It is because it contains artificial additives and chemical preservatives. Hence, it is of utmost importance to inculcate healthy dietary habits. Childhood is the best stage to inculcate good food habits. Parents can ensure that their kids continue to eat healthy even when they are away from home through constant reinforcement and an emphasis on healthy eating choices when children are at home. Parents should remember that kids learn their eating habits from them; so they should lead by example and themselves eat healthily. This will encourage their kids to follow in their footsteps. Children's initial refusal to eat healthy food should not discourage the parents. Repeated exposure to healthy foods like fresh fruits and vegetables, nuts, milk etc. will ensure that the kids might want to try it out at some point. So, constant encouragement is needed to make them try out healthy food, but care must be taken not to force anything. We must aim at making good nutrition more a way of life than a rule, and healthy eating habits will come naturally without being enforced.

OR

**Seminar on Water Conservation**

**by Preeti, Pupil Leader**

**Gurgaon, 11th April, 20XX:** As a part of the World Water Day Celebrations, Maryland School, Gurgaon organised a seminar on 'Water Conservation' on 8th April, 20XX. The main objective of this seminar was to remind all of us about the need to save water. Water is the most precious resource imperative for our survival and hence, it needs to be conserved. Distinguished environmentalists and eminent personalities graced the seminar through their presence as the guest speakers. They not only reiterated the need for conserving water but also spoke at length about how to conserve water. They stressed the fact that each drop of water is precious.

Rainwater harvesting was suggested as one of the best ways to conserve water by Dr Yashraj, an eminent environmentalist. Using visual aids to highlight his discourse, Dr Yashraj suggested that to ensure the availability of water for the future generations, the withdrawal of freshwater from an ecosystem should not exceed its natural replacement rate. The seminar concluded on the note that water conservation is the most cost-effective and environmentally-sound way to reduce our demand for water. Hence, each one of us ought to do our bit towards improving water management to enhance optimum use of water.

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

**(2x5=10)**

- i. The poet takes the example of the Winter Season. In this season, everything becomes still and calm and death like atmosphere prevails. However, after this season comes the Spring and all the things are again filled with new energy and life. The momentary silence might appear deadly but it restores and replenishes the dead matters so that a new start could be made afresh. Thus elaborating the cycle of life and death.
- ii. The heroes/ancestors, who laid their lives for us, have created some very beautiful memories and monuments for us to cherish forever. The tales of their achievements and heroic deeds continue to inspire us in every possible way. Their stories, either printed in books or that stand in the form of monuments or passed on through word of mouth, are a source of inspiration. They will keep on motivating us to do good deeds. They leave behind a strong message for everyone to follow.
- iii. The author explains that it was a custom not to wear chappals or shoes for the

children and not the lack of money due to which they remained barefoot. Maybe it was also an excuse for their never ending condition of being poor.

- iv. Firozabad was called a shanty town because there were stinking lanes choked with garbage, homes that remain hovels with crumbling walls, wobbly doors, no windows, crowded with families of humans and animals coexisting in a primaeval state. In every nook and corner of the house and the whole city, one can only find heaps of colourful bangles kept on a four wheeled cart and being taken by young men around the shanty town.
- v. No, the peddler did not respect the confidence reposed in him by the crofter. He broke his trust by robbing his thirty kronor the next morning. The evil in him forced him to do so.
- vi. Gandhiji agreed to a settlement of a mere 25% because according to him, the amount of the refund was less important than the prestige of the farmers. The settlement gave a moral victory to the farmers.

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

**(2x2=4)**

- i. Dr. Sadao's father was a very traditional and conventional man. His son's education was his chief concern. He sent his son to America for higher education where Dr. Sadao met Hana. He liked her but did not propose her till his father accepted her as someone 'pure in her race'. The room of Dr. Sadao also had furniture which was purely Japanese. There was not a trace of foreign elements in his room.
- ii. Louisa, like Charley's friends, believed whatever explanations the psychiatrist friend had given. But later, when she received a mail from Sam himself from the old Galesburg, Louisa believed that Charley was true to his claims and even began to search for the third level.
- iii. Jo is Jack's 4 year old daughter. She is not a patient listener. She does not take things for granted and tries to see things in her own way. Earlier she used to fall asleep while listening to the stories but as she grew old, she got more curious about how things happened.

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

- i. M Hamel regretted that he had not taken enough interest in teaching French by often sending students to water his flowers; besides he gave holidays to them whenever he wanted to go fishing. He should have had this realisation that this way he wasted a lot

of time. Franz, on the other hand, regretted missing school by remaining outdoors as he was more interested in chasing birds. He also regretted that he did not pay attention to the French classes of Hamel out of carelessness. He felt sorry that Hamel would be leaving school despite his strictness and crankiness because he was a wonderful teacher. The villagers regretted that they did not utilise opportunities given to them for learning French when it was possible and that is why they had all come to attend the last class given by the great French master. They all did not want to miss this rare opportunity as they did not know when they would be fortunate enough to do so again in the future.

- ii. The crofter reposed confidence in the peddler because he was lonely and wanted someone with whom he could share his feelings. He trusted the peddler to the extent of showing him where he had kept his money. He was really concerned to make him comfortable.

The peddler betrayed his trust by robbing the money and running away. He did not feel anything bad about cheating the old man. However, when the peddler went into the forest instead of taking the highway to avoid police, he got lost and kept returning to the same place again and again. Ultimately, the peddler realised that he was like a rat caught in a rattrap. The bait he had fallen for was the crofter's money and he could not escape with it. Thus, the consequence of falling for the bait was that he himself had fallen into the trap of the world and couldn't find any way to escape it. He was even sure that God would be punishing him; so he would be unable to come out of that forest ever again.

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

- i. Though Mr. Lamb dealt with Derry in a very positive manner, his brief association brought about a complete change in Derry's life. Derry had low-esteem but Mr. Lamb was very positive about everything. He did not care what people thought or spoke about him. In spite of having a tin leg, Mr. Lamb did not feel handicapped and did whatever he liked to do. He befriended Derry and encouraged him to love himself and accept himself as he was. Though Derry had a half burnt face but Mr Lamb advised him to consider himself better than the full faced people around him. Lamb made him realise that there were more important things in life than just appearance.

Mr. Lamb handed him over his philosophy of life and inspired him to find out what he wanted to be Derry, who was just carrying on an unhappy existence, was able to



add some meaning to his life after meeting Mr.Lamb.

- ii. The Governor of the HM Prison, Oxford, appears to be a kind-hearted and generous human being. He arranges for an O-level exam for a prisoner, who is renowned for his ability to escape. He was, though, quite sceptical of Evans and took every necessary precaution to make sure that Evans had no means to escape. He was just and a fair person. He complied with Evans' requests despite his misgivings. He was also very proud and self-conscious. He did not want Evans to disgrace him by escaping from his prison. He had a sharp presence of mind, which was clear from the fact that he cross-checked every call that was made to the prison that day. However, he got over-confident of his arrangements and somehow underestimated Evans. He was quite intelligent. he could trace Evans back again at Golden Lion hotel but he believed in others easily which gave Evans a chance to escape in front of him. Also, he was a person who does not mind showering praise on a prisoner. When Evans revealed his secret plan to him, he admired him. He was a simple man and didn't realize the extent of deception, However, at last, he proved to be just another gullible Governor when Evans tricked him again and successfully escaped. His overconfidence and self-praise let him down.