

Solution

PREBOARD EXAM- 2 2025-26

Class 12 - English Core

SECTION A – READING SKILLS

1.
 - i. (i) A substance called acrolein is formed which can irritate the stomach lining.
 - ii. 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. A repeated use of the same oil guarantees the formation of acrolein with all its undesirable effects.
 - iii. (i) Prepare the items in a limited quantity of oil and (ii) eat deep-fried food occasionally.
 - iv. (iii) palatability
 - v. (i) Oxidisation of Oil when left in open/improperly stored
 - vi.
 - i. To add flavours to curries
 - ii. To bring in nutritional benefits (any one)
 - vii. Since 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.
 - viii. olive and corn oils
 - ix. (ii) Chemical Changes start taking place
 - x. When cooking oil is heated too much, chemical changes occur, posing health risks. However, if the oil is not hot enough, more of it is absorbed by the food, making it soggy and unfit to eat.
2.
 - i. True, the statement agrees with the information
 - ii. No, it is not true
It is given that many diseases are common, including cholera, hepatitis, and diarrhea due to the great amount of pollution being spread in the Ganges. 'Influenza' is not mentioned in the passage. Hence, according to the passage, influenza is not common due to the widespread pollution of the Ganga River
 - iii. C. The sewage generation is more than the treatment capacity installed.
 - iv. India's lax environmental regulations
 - v. A. WB
 - vi. Any 1 relevant cause
 1. About 2 million Hindus bathe in the river every day.
 2. During religious ceremonies, up to a hundred million people clean their sins away in the Ganges River.
 3. Thousands of bodies are cremated near the river, especially around the holy city, Varanasi. The ashes are often released into the Ganges.
 - vii. B. purify
 - viii. Mercury

SECTION B – CREATIVE WRITING SKILLS

Little Wood Library, Birpur NOTICE

August 14, 2024

Subject: Winter Timings and New Journal Service

Dear Members,

Please note the change in winter timings at Littlewood Library Centre, effective from April 1, 2024. The new timings are as follows:

Monday to Friday: 9:00 AM - 6:00 PM.

Saturday: 10:00 AM - 4:00 PM.

Sunday: Closed.

Kindly adjust your schedules accordingly. Thank you for your cooperation.

We are also introducing an **Electronic International Journal Support Service** with remote access. Members can now access journals online through our website with their credentials. For help, please contact the library desk.

Best regards,
Pawan
3. Chief Librarian

OR

Ganga Society, Pushp Nagar

Notice

Free Yoga Classes for Residents of Ganga Society, Pushp Nagar

Date: 16-08-2024

Dear Residents,

We are pleased to announce that the Resident Welfare Association (RWA) of Ganga Society, Pushp Nagar, has planned to start free yoga classes for all residents. This initiative aims to promote a healthy lifestyle and well-being within our community.

Details of the Yoga Classes:

- Start Date: August 25, 2024.
- Days: Monday, Wednesday, and Friday.
- Timings: 6:00 AM to 7:00 AM
- Venue: Community Hall, Ganga Society.

Highlights of the Yoga Classes:

- Professional yoga instructor.
- Suitable for all age groups
- Focus on physical and mental wellness.
- No prior experience required.

We encourage all residents to participate and take advantage of this wonderful opportunity. Please bring your own yoga mats and wear comfortable clothing.

For further information or any queries, please contact the undersigned.

Looking forward to your enthusiastic participation.

Warm regards,
Sharmila Tiwari
President, RWA
Ganga Society, Pushp Nagar

The Principal, Staff and Students
Of

Harmony Public School

Invite you to the

**Orientation Workshop on
Effective Parenting**

By

Dr. S. K. Hridhay

at 10:30 a.m. on Wednesday, 24 May 2023

In the School Auditorium

We look forward to your esteemed presence.

Instructions: You are requested to be seated by 10:00 a.m.

Warm regards,
Naina Gupta
Principal
4. Harmony Public School

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.

5. 8/35, MG Road,
Bengaluru-560001

9th March, 20XX

The Editor,

The Times of India,

Bengaluru

Sir,

Subject: Creating awareness about the need to improve the standard of sports and games in our country

Through the columns of your esteemed daily, I would like to draw the attention of people to the poor performance of India in sports in an international arena. The recent Olympic Games have proved yet again that India does not perform well in sports. It is such a pity that a country of more than 1.2 billion people can only collect an average of less than one medal per game. India has been taking part in Olympics since 1990 but has won just 22 medals. This win of India makes just 1 medal per 383 million Indians.

Games and sports are not given much importance in the country. Our academic system is a grade-hungry machine. From students to teachers, all are focused on scoring the highest. It has been noticed that parents and kids are often interested in playing just renowned games but not athletics. Parents do not see a bright future in such games as well. The picture of insecurity does not let the players flourish and fulfil their dreams. As a result, our achievements in the international sports arena are poor.

Though the different academic boards have tried to make physical education a part of the school curriculum, more work in this area needs to be done. Parents and teachers must identify their child's inclination towards sports and the ability to perform well. Students should be encouraged to take an active part in sports along with studies. Sports facilities must be made available in cities as well as villages. There should be more parks and open spaces for children to play in. More and more sports competitions should be held at school levels. Government should provide funds to train budding sportspersons. There should not be any discrimination, reservation and biased opinion while selecting the sportsperson for Olympics or other such events. Awareness must be created among the pupils that games and sports can be a good career prospect.

I hope my letter will find a suitable space in your newspaper and a new India will emerge which not only excels in technology but in sports arena as well.

Yours sincerely,

Sunita

OR

16, TT Nagar

Bhopal - 462002

12th February, 20XX

The Public Relations Office

Sun Agro India

Nashik- 400052

Sir,

Subject Application for the post of Marketing Manager

This is in response to your advertisement in 'The Times of India' dated 10th January, 20XX. I hereby wish to apply for the post of Marketing Manager in your reputed firm. I have a post-graduate Diploma in Marketing (equivalent to MBA) from a reputed institution. In addition, I have a total of 7 years' experience in the Marketing function in the line similar to yours, i.e Automobile Marketing Currently. I am working as a Dy Marketing Manager in a well-known company.

I am enclosing my bio-data and attested copies of my certificates.

Thanking you!

Yours faithfully,

Prem

Bio-data

Name: Prem Pal Singh

Father's name: D.K Singh

Date of birth: 2nd March 1992

Address: 16, TT Nagar, Bhopal - 462002

Academic Qualifications:

Degree	Board/ University	Year	Division
Graduation	CBSE	2010	Second
B.Sc (PCM)	Barkatullah University, Bhopal	2013	First
PG Diploma in Marketing and Management	ITS, Delhi	2015	First

Experience:

Name of Employer	Post held	From	To	Nature of Duties
Bajaj Auto, Pune (Working in Regional office, Bhopal)	Dy Mktg Mgr	Dec 2017	Current	Managing a division of the MP region
Hero Motors, Dharuher (working in Zonal office, MP)	Mktg Officer	Mar 2016	Nov 2016	Marketing high-end bikes

Expected salary: Rs. 65,000 per month

Languages fluency: English, Hindi

Hobbies and Interests: Athletics, traveling

Marital Status: Unmarried

Contact information: 8059XXXXXX / premXX@gmail.com

6. **Supportive Parents and Stress-Free Students**
by Karuna

The stressed behaviour of both parents and students during the time of examination has become a very serious concern in modern times. Though it is parents' duty to reduce their children's stress and help them overcome it, most parents along with their children remain under constant pressure. They usually suffer from high levels of stress and this does them no good. Young students should not be left alone to struggle in the most difficult and significant period of their life. They need to get endless support from their parents. Better interaction between students and parents can help in creating a relaxed atmosphere during the time of examination and thus, settling various problems amicably.

Moreover, parents have to be practical and realistic in their expectations. They should always remain positive and acknowledge even minor achievements of their children. A healthy and meaningful parent-ward rapport can help a student overcome stress easily during examination time. Especially during academically stressful times, parents should give their child encouragement and support. Students who live in supportive environments develop a range of coping strategies and become more resilient and tend to perform better.

OR

CAMPAIGN AGAINST CRACKERS

(by Mayur, XI C)

Environment club is fairly active in our school. It organised a campaign to celebrate cracker-free Diwali. Posters, placards and banners were prepared. Posters were displayed in prominent places. Then a long march was organised. Teachers and students assembled at 9.00 a.m. All the students were in their school uniform. They carried banners and placards in their hands. They stopped near the posters and notices displayed along the road. The aim was to create awareness among the public in general and the young children in particular. Crackers create sound pollution. Being expensive, they are a wasteful luxury. The money ends in smoke and fire. Moreover, child labour is involved in cracker industry. Thus exploding crackers indirectly leads to exploitation of child labour. The response of the general public was good.

SECTION C - LITERATURE

7. i. Aunt Jennifer knits her desires, but is overpowered by the wedding ring she wears.
ii. Aunt Jennifer's tigers will keep her alive in everyone's memory.
iii. They represent Aunt's repressed desires for freedom and power.
iv. prancing
v. Alive
vi. a. (1) can be inferred from the extract but (2) cannot.

OR

- i. A thing of beauty increases loveliness.
 - ii. All of these
 - iii. A shady place
 - iv. never fade away
 - v. Nature
 - vi. Nature/Thing of beauty
8. i. (c) The World
- ii. The narrator wanted to buy tickets to Galesburg, Illionios.
 - iii. (a) glance
 - iv. (c) Louisa

OR

- i. Derry thought that he would never look different because even if turns old as Mr. Lamb then also he will have only half a face (as half of his face would remain burned).
 - ii. (b) That he would look the same forever
 - iii. The given line is Derry's rational retort to Mr. Lamb when he tries to convince Derry that the world has many things to look at. Here Derry questions its possibilities. Since Mr. Lamb has a garden and always sits there, Derry rationalizes that the garden is a part of his world when he is present in it. It isn't the only world as every person has their own world meaning every person has a place in this world.
 - iv. (d) He believed in living in the present and observing the natural world
9. i. Peaceful
- ii. (1) Can be inferred from the extract but (2) cannot.
 - iii. At one moment the author thought that his life came to an end.
 - iv.
 - To indicate to the character to pause for thought/ to act showing gathering of thoughts.
 - Ellipses create a weightier dramatic effect.
 - v. 'I crossed to oblivion.'
 - vi. the deadly experience convinced the author that he would embrace death for sure.

OR

- i. Gandhi agreed to the settlement to demonstrate that the landlords were not above the law and to restore the peasants' rights and self-respect.
 - ii. unanimously.
 - iii. The settlement forced the landlords to surrender part of their money and prestige, making them acknowledge the peasants' rights and reducing their dominance.
 - iv. (C) The landlords had to refund the money.
 - v. The peasants realized that they had rights and defenders and that they could challenge unjust practices and demand fair treatment.
 - vi. The landlords considered themselves superior and not accountable to legal or ethical standards.
10. Answer any five of the following questions in 40-50 words each:
- (i) The peddler kept to the woods after stealing the money from the crofter due to the fear of getting identified and caught. Soon he got lost into the forest. He felt guilty and realised that he himself had been fooled by a bait and caught in the trap.
 - (ii) The significance of the prolonged smile that the poet gives her mother, is to mask her pain and give reassurance, hope and happiness to her mother that they would soon meet again.
 - (iii) The city money is considerably huge in comparison to the meagre amount of money possessed by the poor villager. The city money is expected by the poor villager not only to alleviate his wretched state of poverty but also to give him a considerable financial rise in life.
 - (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) Fiery misery refers to the time that the actors had to spend in the makeup room and they had to bear the scorching heat. The reason was that the make-up room had many kinds of incandescent lights. It had the look of a hair-cutting salon

with lights at all angles, around half a dozen large mirrors which used to heat up the room and this made the actors miserable.

- (vi) Umberto Eco considered himself an academic scholar first and then a novelist. He wrote more scholarly articles as compared to novels; and he attended academic conferences over meetings of Pen Clubs and writers. According to him, he was a university professor who wrote novels on Sundays.

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

- (i) The objective of the 'Students on Ice programme' was to take High School students to the limits of the world and provide them not only with inspiring opportunities in education but also enable them to understand and respect our planet. The idea was to provide them with a life-changing experience at an age when they are ready to absorb, learn and most importantly act.
- (ii) When Hana noticed the deep red scars on the American soldier's neck, she worriedly hoped that he had not been tortured by the Japanese. She knew it was a common practice for the Japanese to torture their prisoners of war in the most brutal manner. This also reminded her of General Takima, who used to beat his wife. The thought of General Takima, who was cruel to his wife, torturing the prisoner made her shudder with fear.
- (iii) The geological phenomenon of separating various continents and water bodies from one compact landmass tells us about the age of existence of the human race on the earth. Six hundred and fifty million years ago, no human race existed on the earth because the environment was not favourable. After the time when the dinosaurs were wiped out, the Mammals started existing and after the separation of landmass, the human race started flourishing on the earth.

12. **Owner of a roadside stand:** Your bangles are pretty. Tell me about your experience in this business.

Bangle Maker: Thank you. I have been making bangles for as long as I can remember. It's a family business, and we have been doing it for generations. But it's not an easy business. The cry of not having money to do anything except carry on the business of making bangles, not even enough to eat, rings in every home. We barely make enough to survive.

Owner of a roadside stand: I understand. It's tough out here for small businesses. But I have to say, your bangles are beautiful. Have you ever thought about expanding your business?

Bangle Maker: We have tried, but it's not easy. We don't have the resources to expand, and we don't have the connections to get our products to the city. It's a struggle just to make ends meet.

Owner of a roadside stand: I know what you mean. I come from a small village too. But I started this roadside stand, and it's been doing well. Far from the city, we make our roadside stand and ask for some city money to feel in hand. It's not much, but it's enough to survive.

Bangle Maker: That's impressive. Maybe I should try something like that.

Owner of a roadside stand: You should. You have a great product, and people would love to buy it. You just need to find a way to get it out there. Don't give up on your dreams.

Bangle Maker: Thank you for the encouragement. I will think about it.

OR

Dear Frost,

You seem very pained at the plight of the roadside stand owners, and I would like to advise you on how to find solace and perhaps a way forward in this situation.

In my poem "Keeping Quiet," I advocate for a moment of silence and introspection. This pause allows us to reflect on our actions and their impact on others. I believe that by taking a step back and observing the world around us with a quiet mind, we can gain a deeper understanding of the suffering and injustices faced by those like the roadside stand owners.

Take a moment to be still and quiet. In this silence, you may find clarity and a renewed sense of purpose. Reflect on the plight of the roadside stand owners and consider how your words and actions can bring attention to their struggles.

Use your powerful voice and poetic talent to advocate for the roadside stand owners. Poetry can touch hearts and inspire change. By highlighting their plight in your work, you can raise awareness and encourage others to take action.

Encourage your readers to empathize with the roadside stand owners. Help them see the world through their eyes and understand their daily struggles. Empathy is a powerful tool for fostering compassion and driving social change.

While it is important to acknowledge the harsh realities faced by the roadside stand owners, it is equally important to offer hope. Inspire your readers to believe that change is possible and that their actions, no matter how small, can make a difference.

In conclusion, dear Frost, through quiet reflection and purposeful action, we can help alleviate the suffering of those who are often overlooked.

Yours in solidarity,

Pablo Neruda

13. Being in an administrative position, I could be held equally responsible for the wrong done to the tigers and the people of Pratibandapuram by the most conceited king. The Tiger King had resolved to kill one hundred tigers. During ten years he killed seventy tigers in his kingdom.

Once the king rejected a request that I had brought to him on behalf of a high-ranking British officer Durai who wished to hunt tigers. He then requested for getting a photograph with a tiger killed by Maharaja and he disapproved even this request. We had to hold deliberations over this issue to prevent losing our kingdom to them.

Then the tigers became extinct in the forests of Pratibandapuram. But nothing could stop the king from killing one hundred tigers. He then delegated me the duty of finding the right girl based on the statistics of the state which had the highest tiger population. I complied with the orders of the Maharaja, as a mute bystander.

After successfully killing ninety-nine tigers, King was unable to find the one last tiger. The king doubled the tax of the villagers wherefrom he had got the news of the tiger being there. When I tried to dissuade him, he in a fit of craziness, warned me to find the hundredth tiger if I wanted to save my job. Since I did not want to lose my job, I did even that.

I along with my wife, somehow managed to find a tiger in Madras and brought it to the king's kingdom. He then informed the king about it and fulfilled the king's pledge to kill the hundredth tiger.

I could see that he did nothing for the sake of the people in the capacity of a king but I was bound by my duties towards the throne.

OR

I tried really hard today, but I couldn't prevent this from happening. They forced me to cut my hair, and I feel like I have lost a part of myself. My hair was a symbol of my identity, and now it's gone. I feel like I have submitted to my herders like a tamed animal. I miss my mother badly. I wish she was here to comfort me and tell me that everything will be alright. But I know that's not possible. I have to be strong and face the reality of my situation. I have to find a way to reclaim my identity and show the world that I am not just a tamed animal. I am a proud Native American woman, and I will not let anyone take that away from me.