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PRE-BOARD EXAMINATION

ENGLISH CORE (301)

(Answer Key)

1. Read the given passage carefully:-

(12)

1. b) It leads to superficial relationships and less real-life interaction **1**
2. c) It has democratized education by breaking geographic barriers. **1**
3. The passage suggests that societies should strive to balance the use of technology while addressing the challenges it brings, ensuring it doesn't compromise human connection and well-being. **1**
4. b) Improved access to specialists through telemedicine **1**
5. c) It can be expensive, leading to unequal access **1**
6. c) Societies should balance the use of technology while addressing its challenges. **1**
7. Technology, particularly social media has transformed communication by making it easier for people to stay connected and share experiences, but it has also led to concerns over superficial relationships and reduced face-to-face interactions. **2**
8. Technology has made education more accessible by breaking geographic barriers through online learning and digital platforms. However, it has also exposed the digital divide, where those without access to technology are at a disadvantage, increasing inequalities. **2**
9. Over-reliance on technology can lead to physical, social, and emotional issues. **2**

2. Answer the following questions.

1x10=10

1. c. There were lesser companies searching for intern profiles earlier, as compared to those in the recent five years
2. d. Management internships' popularity is more than twice that for Media.
3. b. I have real-time experience in managing a team and many companies consider it more meritorious than a degree in Management.
4. d. option a
5. Number of visitors to the portal per month
6. Stipend is the most instrumental factor in influencing the choices of internship.
7. c. Most interns were offered an average of 7000 rupees
8. d. I is true and 2 is the reason for 1
9. d. Picture d
10. Increasing trend of internship

Section B (Writing Section)

3. Notice Writing :- 4

Format 1 mark

Content 2 marks

Expression 1 mark

Francis Convent School, Chennai

NOTICE

20 October 20XX

Meeting of English Language Club

On the occasion of International Day of English Language, our school is organising its Annual English Week from 25 October to 31 October in the school campus. All executive members should join a meeting on 21 October 20XX at 10 am in the Conference Hall. Discussion regarding the detailed itinerary, the arrangements and duties for the week will also be on the agenda of the meeting.

For further information contact undersigned.

Jairam

Jairam Reddy

President, English Club

Or

XYZ Public School, New Delhi

NOTICE

15 April 20XX

Donations for Red Cross

All the students are informed that donations are invited for raising funds for lepers in the city. Funds collected will be sent to the Red Cross, New Delhi. Donors will be issued a formal receipt for the donation. A Red Cross will be awarded to the donor donating more than 500 rupees. Donations can be submitted to the undersigned as per the following schedule.

Date: 20 April-25 April 20XX

Time: 8 am

Place: Social Science Lab

Anju Puri

(School Secretary)

4. Reply to Invitations :- 4

Format 1 mark

Content 2 marks

Expression 1 mark

A.

N.J.Public

School New

Delhi

10 March 20XX

The Principal

S.M.International School

New Delhi

Subject: Accepting the invitation to be the guest speaker

Sir

I wish to convey my heartfelt thanks for inviting me to be the guest speaker on 15 March 20XX at 8 am in the school auditorium to address the students of class XII on Goal Setting and Time Management.

I assure you that I'll reach there on time and counsel the students.

Yours sincerely

Khushi/Kuman Singh

Or

B.

206, Kidwai Nagar

Delhi

10 July 20XX

Dear

Thank you for your cordial invitation to the occasion of your brother's wedding. I, however, regret my inability to attend this auspicious occasion as I am flying to Canada to join my sister's family. Please excuse my absence. Do convey my regards and best wishes to the newly wed.

Yours affectionately

Rohan

5. Letter Writing: Format : 1 mark Content : 2 marks Expression : 2 marks

A.

R.J. International

School New Delhi

10 March 20XX

The Editor

Delhi Times

New Delhi

Subject : Raising Awareness for Senior Citizens in Old Age Homes

Dear sir

Through the columns of your esteemed newspaper, I want to bring to the readers' attention the recent campaign organized by our school, which aimed to create awareness of the hardships faced by senior citizens living in old age homes. The week-long initiative sought to shed light on the emotional, physical, and social challenges that elderly residents encounter, often due to neglect and loneliness.

Our campaign included visits to local old age homes, distribution of hampers, interactive sessions with the residents, and fundraising activities to improve their living conditions. The cultural programme presented by the students brought a smile on their faces. Students also organized workshops and talks to foster empathy and understanding among the younger generation. The entire experience was both eye-opening and heart-wrenching, revealing how much support and companionship these seniors need.

I believe that increased community involvement can make a significant difference in the lives of these elderly individuals. By raising awareness city-wide, we can encourage families to stay connected with their senior relatives and foster a culture where the elderly feel valued and cared for.

Thank you for considering this important issue for publication. I hope this letter inspires readers to take action and support their local old age homes in any way possible.

Yours sincerely,
Deepak/Deepa

Or

B. M-114

Model town

New Delhi

10 March 20XX

The Principal

M.J. Model School

New Delhi

Subject: Application for the Post of PGT Political Science

Dear Sir/Madam

I am writing to apply for the position of Post Graduate Teacher (PGT) in Political Science at your esteemed institution, as advertised in 'The Times of India' dated 5 March 20XX.

I am post graduate in Political Science and also possess the degree of B.Ed. I have 2 years experience of teaching in a private school as PGT Political Science. With a strong academic background in Political Science and a passion for teaching, I am confident in my ability to contribute to the academic success and holistic development of your students. I have attached my bio-data for your kind consideration.

Hoping for a positive consideration.

Thank you

Yours sincerely Preeti Singh Enclosure:

Bio-Data

Bio-Data

1. Name : Preeti Singh

2. Father's Name : Mr. S.K.Singh

3. Date of Birth : 12 June 1990

4. Gender : Male

5. Marital Status : Married

6. Nationality : Indian

7. Contact Number : 9999XXXXXX

8. Address : M-114,Model Town, New Delhi

9.Email Address : preetsingh@gmail.com

10. Educational Qualifications:

Sr.No.	Class	Board/University	Year	%age
1	X	CBSE	2005	85%
2	XII	CBSE	2007	90%
3	B.A.	Delhi University	2010	76%
4	M.A.	Delhi University	2012	75%

11. Professional Qualification:

B.Ed.with English and Political Science from GJU University

1 year basic computer course from Clariton Software, Model Town, New Delhi

12. Teaching Experience:

2 years as PGT Political Science in S.K.Sr.Sec.School, New Delhi

13. Languages Known: English, Hindi

14. References:

a. Mr.R.K.Jain, the Principal, S.K.Sr.Sec.School, New Delhi.99XXXXXXXXXX

b. Mr. S.K.Singh, the Principal, Delhi Public School,Rohini.011-2345678

Place:

Date:

Signature of candidate

6. Article/Debate Writing: Format : 1 mark Content : 2 marks Expression :2 marks

A. Importance of Yoga to Students

(by Karan)

Yoga is a holistic method of fitness that aims at balancing the body through various poses and meditative techniques. It aims all-round health and improves all systems of the body. It is suitable for any age group.

Yoga can have great importance for students. Students these days have to face stiff competition. To reach the number one spot has become a priority for everyone. There is a mad rush among hundreds of candidates to get that one available seat in college. All this creates stress among students. This is where Yoga helps. The practice of yoga can make them feel calm and stress-free.

The benefits of yoga can be manifold. Yoga makes students flexible, helping them remain fit. Some asanas like surya namaskars increase the blood flow to the brain, helping the brain to function better. Regularly practicing yoga also helps students to concentrate better and train the body to do things unconsciously. Breathing exercises in yoga are also very helpful to students. They help in removing stress and tension from their mind and reducing behavioural problems. It keeps their mind healthy and decreases physical ailments. Yoga also helps in reducing depression, a by-product of stress.

Meditation skills also help students focus on important things. Seeing the benefits of Yoga, the United Nations has declared 21 June as the International Day of Yoga and it is celebrated worldwide since the year 2015. So, with these benefits rolled into one, let us make yoga a part of our life.

Or

B. Auto Mela

By Anil Pandit, Staff Reporter, The Daily Times

New Delhi, June 12, 20XX

The Ministry of Transport, New Delhi, organised a one day 'Auto Mela', at the Institute of Driving, Saket, to motivate women drivers to take up commercial driving. The day long event was inaugurated by the Commissioner of Police Mr.S.P.Mehra.

The event started with an introduction to commercial driving, and the rules and regulations were explained to the 175 participants. This was followed by a basic training session in self-defence, by qualified experts in the field. Thereafter, concerned officers explained the procedure pertaining to obtaining of commercial licence. This was followed by a sale of second hand cars that were provided by the government at subsidised rates of EMI. The cars were sponsored by Maruti Udyog Limited and Tata Automobiles Limited. A record sale of 100 cars took place on the spot.

The programme ended with the handing over of the keys to the women drivers, with their commercial licenses and badges, by the Minister of Women's welfare. She wished all the participants a good future, and requested them to ensure safe and secure travel facilities for women and children.

Section C (Literature) 40 marks

7. Read the extracts carefully and answer ANY ONE of them: -

1x6=6 A.

- a. ii. Aunt Jennifer knits her desires, but is over powered by the wedding ring she wears.
- b. i. Aunt Jennifer's tigers will keep her alive in everyone's memory.
- c. They represent Aunt's repressed desires for freedom and power.
- d. iv. Shuffling
- e. Synecdoche
- f. ii. Aunt Jennifer's falling marriage

Or

B.

- a. iii. The immortality of art and literature
- b. True
- c. just as a fountain pours water, the tales of the mighty dead pour forth inspiration and wisdom for the living.
- d. The use of the word 'brink' in the extract suggests that the immortality that is being poured onto us is on the verge of **overflowing**. This creates a powerful image of **abundance**.
- e. iii. tombs
- f. iii. Create a sense of anticipation and expectation for the readers.

8. Read the extracts given below and answer ANY ONE of them: -

1x4=4

A.

- a. ii. Range of things one can see
- b. ii. Person 2
- c. iv. B,D
- d. It can cause flood.

Or

B.

- a. i. A kind and compassionate person
- b. It indicates that it will be easy for the white man to enter the island
- c. The tone of the speaker reflects fear and doubt.
- d. iii. To explain that it is necessary and good for both of them.

9. Read the extracts given below and answer ANY ONE of them: -

1x6=6 A.

- a. i. The Name of the Rose
- b. The narrator came across the book on the footpath in front of the Madras Mount Road Post Office.
- c. Stephen Spender
- d. iv. Both ii and iii

e. ii. It was special student edition due to the anniversary of Russian Revolution.

f. The Encounter.

or

B.

- a. iv. Excitement for the match.
- b. ii. Reason 1 can be inferred but reason 2 cannot be interfered from the assertion
- c. being an avid fan and her sense of closeness with Danny.
- d. ii. Scenario 2
- e. He was a blend of innocence and Irish genius
- f. United won two-nil and Casey drove in the second goal

10. Answer ANY FIVE of the following questions in about 40-50 words:-

2x5=10 Content: 1 mark

Expression : 1 mark

a. The poet blames the politicians of being the beneficent beasts of prey. The opposition party says that the party in power is not going to improve the plight of poor and claim that they will do so after coming to the power. However, the same opposition party would turn deaf ear to the problems of the sufferers after coming to the power. So these accusations and transfer of responsibilities will continue forever and the plight of the poor people will remain the same.

b. According to the poet, things of beauty like the immortal drink of the Gods that flow continuously and never come to nothingness. It is just as the endless fountain of immortality and remains constant in providing joy and perpetual motivation.

c. The merry children coming out of their homes in large numbers present an image of happiness and spontaneous overflow of life. The image is in stark contrast to the old mother, whose 'ashen' face looks lifeless and pale like a corpse. She is an image of ageing, decay and passivity. The contrast of the two images enhances the poetic effect.

d. Gandhi makes it very clear that money and finance are secondary aspect of his struggle in Champaran because he just wanted to break the deadlock. Gandhi felt that the amount was less important than the fact that the landlords had been obliged to surrender part of their prestige along with the money.

e. Umberto Eco reveals the secret of his working style. People have a lot of empty spaces in their lives. He calls them 'interstices' or 'intervals'. He utilizes and makes use of them. This is the secret of his success. He tells his interviewer that while he was waiting for his elevator to come up, he has already written an article.

f. Carrying pride in one's language too far leads to linguistic chauvinism'. We can analyse the order from Berlin in this light. It is nothing but a pure example of linguistic chauvinism. The imposition of German language over the French-speaking population can't be justified at all.

11. Answer ANY TWO of the following questions in about 40-50 words: - (2x2=4)

Content: 1 mark

Expression : 1 mark

a. 'Students on Ice' is an educational journey to Antarctica. It takes high school students to Antarctica to show them the terrifying impacts of human activities there so that, the students –the future policy makers of the earth may realise that the end of the earth is quite near and therefore, something should be done to save the planet.

b. 'Waking dream wish fulfilment' means in our reality we may see something that is not there but it is what we wish to see and want to happen.

My waking dream wish fulfillment would be to live somewhere where there are only books.
(The varied responses of the students can be considered.)

c. Derry found Mr.Lamb's talking motivating. He had inspired Derry to overcome his disability by adopting an optimistic outlook on life. Mr. Lamb's teachings and advice impacted Derry to tread the path showed by him, and thus, he returned to Mr. Lamb even after opposition.

12. Answer ANY ONE of the following questions in about 120-150 words. 5

Content: 3 mark

Expression : 2 mark

A. Good morning .students!

We all know what it's like to be afraid. Fear is our body's natural response to a perceived threat or danger. Fear immobilizes us and prevents us from progressing, as in the case of William Douglas, a misadventure at the YMCA pool developed an aversion of water in him and he suffered from hydrophobia. Due to his fear of water, he could not lead a normal life-could not go fishing, canoeing etc. Similarly, due to their fear of the British, the peasants of Champaran could not take a stand for their rights.

Before we try to overcome our fear, we need to believe in ourselves and find its root cause. William Douglas worked through his fear rather than giving into it. When the peasants gathered around the court in Motihari, it was a step towards overcoming their fear.

We require determination and persistence. It took Douglas months to overcome his fear of water and learn swimming. He not only took training from the instructor but also practised himself in many lakes and rivers. It took nearly a year to get justice for the peasants in Champaran. When people in Champaran were able to overcome their fear, they could fight for justice and ultimately succeed. So we need to be stronger than our fear and handle the situation in a calm manner.

Thank You.

Or

B.

During his stay at Ironmaster's house, the tramp had an opportunity to steal any thing there, but he stole nothing. Rather, he presented a Christmas gift to the ironmaster's daughter.

Although the ironmaster never wanted the tramp to stay at his house, his daughter was compassionate and wanted him to have some peace and happiness on Christmas eve. The tramp was so touched by her behaviour that he could no more practice his deceiving ways which had become so much a part of him. He not only returned the stolen money but also left a small rattrap as a gift. Thus the tramp displayed the beauty of his heart by presenting a gift, while Edla displayed it by giving shelter to the tramp.

13. Answer NY ONE of the following questions in about 120-150 words:- (1x5=5)

Content: 3 mark

Expression : 2 mark

A.

Sunday

10th November 20XX

Dear Diary

I find myself reflecting on an event that happened many years ago. That incident haunts me forever. It is the incident when my long hair was forcefully cut off at the Carlisle Indian School. As I sit here today, I cannot help but feel conflicted about my actions that day. Long back now, I feel bad why they didn't want to listen to me. My mother had already told me that the chopped hair is the symbol of cowards, so I didn't want to get my hair cut. Although, I stood up for myself and refused to submit to their demands at first. I tried to hide myself in a room, under the bed, but they found me there and cut my hair forcefully. Looking back now, I feel that I gave in too easily, that I did not do enough to resist. I could have done differently; I realize that there might have been other options. Perhaps I could have sought help from my fellow students. I could have tried to escape or find another way out of the situation.

I feel that I became victim of a system that sought to strip away my identity and forced me to assimilate.

But now, I feel myself confident and will never remain quiet if my rights are violated.

Zitkala-Sa

Or

B.

Good morning, dear students, Today's world is full of hypocrite and selfish people. Books and stories are some of the ways by which we can highlight the vices present in the society. The purpose of presenting such follies in the stories is to bring a reformation. Through some examples, I would like to make you familiar with one such technique used by the writers i.e. satire.

In the chapter, 'The Enemy', the general didn't allow Sadao Hoki to go to the border with other doctors to help the injured soldiers. Actually, he himself was not keeping well and could need the treatment any time. He didn't trust anyone except Dr. Sadao Hoki. So he thought about himself only and didn't bother about the soldiers. Dr. Sadao Hoki was expert in curing the wounds completely and that skill could be a great help for the soldiers on the front.

On the other hand, to save his own life, the Tiger King, preferred killing the tigers first before taking up any other work. He had to bribe a British officer to save his kingdom and his life.

Both the stories are perfect example of satire because the king and the general belong to aristocratic side of society. Both are selfish and to save their own lives, they can go to any extent. They do not think about the welfare of others. So through these stories, you should learn a message that you should think about others without being concerned for yourself only.

Thank you