

SOLUTIONS

SAMPLE QUESTION PAPER - 1

Solved _____

Time : 3 Hours

Maximum Marks : 70

SECTION – A : READING

(20 marks)

1. (a) seeds. (8)
 (b) there are humans.
 (c) kinds.
 (d) rarely build their nests in high places.
 (e) Both parents.
 (f) dust, water or snow.
 (g) social activity.
 (h) preening and group singing. (CBSE Marking Scheme, 2014)
2. (A) (a) To be ready for a leap. (8)
 (b) Saw a man's cub holding a low branch.
 (c) Naked brown baby, soft and dimpled.
 (d) Pushed his way between the wolf cubs to get close to their warm hide.
 (B) (e) brave. (4)
 (f) jump.
 (g) completely.
 (h) downhill. (CBSE Marking Scheme, 2014)

SECTION – B : WRITING AND GRAMMAR

(25 marks)

3. 147 Mayur Vihar
 New Delhi
 11 April 20xx
 The Editor
 Hindustan Times
 New Delhi

Subject : Evoking Awareness Towards Solar Energy

Sir

Through the esteemed columns of your reputed newspaper, I wish to make the people aware of the growing need and demands of solar power. We all know that our earth is showing signs of a patient in declining health and it is due to excessive pollution on our planet. Man has a desire to live a luxurious life and for that, he is over-consuming electricity. He doesn't realise that overuse would exhaust the treasure. We must conserve electricity which is the need of the hour.

But this conservation can only be done if we start using solar power systems. Various kinds of solar systems like solar cookers, solar lanterns, solar heating and cooking system, solar water heater, etc., are available in the market.

These solar systems are non-polluting. They are economical and are available in different sizes. So, I request you to publish this letter in your newspaper to make people aware of the need of conserving electricity and limiting electricity bills. Public must pay attention to the dire need of switching over to solar energy.

Thanking you.

Yours sincerely

Divyansh

(5)

4.

A Dreadful Experience

Enjoying a cup of tea while sitting on my balcony on a Sunday morning, suddenly, I felt a deep pain in my chest. I thought that this was the last moment of my life. I wanted to call my daughter, my husband and everybody to say the final Good Bye, but couldn't do so. I was thinking of their life without me. I was just worried what would happen to them if I collapsed. I just prayed, "O God! Give me some more time." I thought about my daughter who was in the first year of her college life I had always thought of giving her a wonderful life in which she had all her dreams fulfilled. Then my thoughts shifted towards my husband who wouldn't be able to lead his life without me. He was so used to me around him all the time. Suddenly, a thought came to my mind 'You have to live. You can't die like this. Get up! Do something,' I tried to call my family again but it was as if I was dumb. No words came out of my mouth. I knew I should not lose my wits. I must do something to keep going till my family noticed me. Suddenly, my eyes fell on the mobile phone on the table nearby. I picked it up and dialled 102. I don't remember what happened after that when I awoke I found myself in a hospital room, with a team of doctors bending over me and watching me. Later, I was told that I had been carried in an ambulance to a multi-speciality hospital at the nick of time. Delay would have been fatal for me. I was happy. I could still see this wonderful world. I immediately decided to give my best to my family as life is short-lived.

(10)

5. (a) (ii) biggest
(b) (i) could
(c) (iv) must

(CBSE Marking Scheme, 2014) (1 × 3 = 3)

6.

Error	Correction
(a) being	be
(b) then	than
(c) showed	shown
(d) for	in

(CBSE Marking Scheme, 2014) (1 × 4 = 4)

7. (a) For many generations people have relied on dogs./People have relied on dogs for many generations.
(b) They have been used for hunting and companionship.
(c) A dog's nose and ears are very sensitive. (CBSE Marking Scheme, 2014) (1 × 3 = 3 marks)

SECTION — C : LITERATURE TEXTBOOK AND LONG READING TEXT (25 marks)

8. (a) statues and monuments. (1)
(b) the god of war. (1)
(c) His poetry describing his love for his friend. (CBSE Marking Scheme, 2013) (1)

OR

- (a) Nicola is speaking to the narrator. (1)
(b) Because he wanted to keep his secret about the treatment of his tuberculosis afflicted sister. (1)
(c) Soft spoken, polite, wishing to fight his battle independently, self-respect, responsible, doesn't share his problems (reserved). (CBSE Marking Scheme, 2013) (1)

9. (a) **Value Points :**

Understood the meaning of love and separation-gave up hunting partridges-could now understand the grief of parents of the hunted animals went through after getting separated from their young ones.

(CBSE Marking Scheme, 2013) (2)

Detailed Answer :

Ali was a skilled hunter. No animal could escape from his eyes. The moment he saw any rabbit or partridge it was as good as in his bag. But then suddenly his life changed. His daughter Miriam got married to a soldier and went to live in Punjab with him. Ali got no news of her after that. He became sensitive and realised the meaning of love and separation. He could no longer enjoy a sportman's pleasure because he felt that the animals and birds must also be having the same feelings and he stopped hunting. He could understand the grief of parents of the hunted animals which they went through after getting separated from their young ones.

(b) **Value Points :**

The woman searches for her lost beauty in the lake and mirror-her lost young age.

(CBSE Marking Scheme, 2014) (2)

Detailed Answer :

The woman stands in front of the mirror everyday and searches for her lost beauty in the lake and the mirror. She feels agitated of the loss of her young age as she's not able to accept the reality of her lost youth.

(c) (i) To go to the lawyer to alter his will.

(ii) Pay insurance premium

(iii) Get married at St. Phillips church to Mrs. Shorrocks

(CBSE Marking Scheme, 2014) (2)

Detailed Answer :

Grandfather plans to do three things on next Monday. He decides to consult a lawyer and alter his will in favour of Mrs. John Shorrocks. Secondly, he decides to marry Mrs. Shorrocks and third he has to pay his insurance premium which is due.

(d) This is a poem about time and immortalization. The poet claims that his poem will immortalize his dear one whereas, all monuments and statues will meet the dust.

(CBSE Marking Scheme, 2014) (2)

10. **Letter writing (Value Points) :**

Content-2 marks

- what I look in the mirror-do not want to believe it
- I'm really scared of losing my beauty as I'm growing older
- Still want to look magnificent
- The thought of growing old is killing
- Do you also have the same fears
- Please help me come out of this situation

Expression-2 marks

(CBSE Marking Scheme, 2014) (4)

Detailed Answer :

463, ABC Street

London

14th May 20xx

Dear Pam,

You were the first one to enter my thought when I wanted to share with someone my fear of ageing. I shudder at my reflection in the mirror. I do not want to believe that I am growing old with each passing day. I am losing my beauty and moving towards old age and that scares me. I want to look magnificent and gorgeous as ever. This ageing process is scaring the wits out of me. The thought of growing old is killing. I feel that I am losing my charm and brilliance which is not acceptable to me. I know that this is the reality of life and I should not be thinking this way but somehow I am unable to cope up with the thought. I feel dejected and frustrated. Is this dejection and frustration universal? Do you also feel the same way? Are you also scared of getting old?

Please help me to come out of this situation. I am concerned and don't want to get affected in such a terrifying manner.

Yours sincerely

Sylvia

(4)

OR

Value Points :

Postmaster very practical-thinks Ali to be a pest

Does not feel any sympathy

Ali dies-Postmaster 'sees' him and talks to him

Finds out about Ali's death

Personally goes to deliver the letter

Understands Ali's pain only when his own daughter is unwell and away-feels ashamed of his behaviour-One must try to empathize with others. (CBSE Marking Scheme, 2013) (4)

Detailed Answer :

The postmaster in the story 'The Letter' was a very practical man. He used to think Ali as a pest. He had no feeling of sympathy for him or his circumstances. But then times changed and his own daughter fell ill. She lived in another city. He wanted to know about her well-being but was fully dependent on the letter of his daughter that would inform him about it. It was at this moment that he realized Ali's pain as he himself felt it. He felt ashamed of his behaviour of calling Ali a pest. One day, while he was looking for his daughter's letter in the heap of latest arrival of letters, he found Miriam's letter in it. He decided to deliver it to Ali himself. Ali 'came' at the usual hour. He talked to him but was later informed that Ali was dead. He was shocked. He decided to go personally to his grave to deliver the letter. Thus, the story teaches us to empathise with others. (4)

NOVEL/LONG READING TEXT

(10 marks)

The Story of My Life

11. (a) **Value Points :**

- acute congestion of the stomach and brain
- doctors thought she would not live
- fever was over, but she was blind and deaf for life
- light became dimmer by the day
- she got used to the silence and darkness

(CBSE Marking Scheme, 2013) (10)

Detailed Answer :

Helen was an eager and assertive child during her childhood. The beginning of her life was simple and much like every other little life. She received all the privileges as the first baby in the family does. She was having a wonderful time as a baby but 'happy days did not last long'. In the month of February, she fell ill. The doctors called it 'acute congestion of the stomach and brain'. They thought she would not live. However, one day the fever left her as suddenly and mysteriously as it had come. Everyone rejoiced on her well being. After getting well, she could feel her eyes turning dry and hot. Gradually, the light became dimmer by the day. It was like a nightmare as she turned blind and deaf for life. Not even the doctors realised that she would never see or hear again. It was terrible but with the passage of time she got used to the silence and darkness that surrounded her and forgot that life had, at some stage, been different and wonderful. (10)

OR

11. (a) **Value Points :**

- Regarded her as an intruder initially.
- Jealous of her—she ceased to be mother's only darling.
- Discovered Mildred sleeping in her doll's cradle—overtured it—Luckily mother caught her in time.
- Later signs of bonding
- Couldn't understand her not could she understand finger language. Yet grew in understanding and love.

(CBSE Marking Scheme, 2013) (10)

Detailed Answer :

Mildred Keller was Helen's younger sister. Before she was born Helen used to get all the attention of her parents but with Mildred's birth, things changed a bit and Helen became jealous of her but at later stages both of them became very close to each other. Mildred was an alert and observant child. Once they were at Fern Quarry. They went out to gather persimmons and got lost in woods. It started getting dark but they were unable to find their way back home. On the way, Mildred observed a trestle and realised that it was a short cut to their home. So, they all started walking on that path. Suddenly, she saw a train moving towards them. She alerted Helen and both of them were lucky enough to climb down in time. The train zoomed past time. It was only Mildred's alertness which averted something horrible. (10)

The Diary of a Young Girl

11. (b) Value Points :

Hanukkah and St. Nicholas Day celebrated with enthusiasm, Anne's father quietly made some arrangements with the help of his employees, each character manages to snatch some moments of hope and happiness, Mr. Van Daan made a menorah out of wood, gifts were exchanged and candles were lighted. (CBSE Marking Scheme, 2014) (10)

Detailed Answer :

Amongst all the tension and stress, arrived the Hanukkah and St. Nicholas Day. These were celebrated with great enthusiasm. Both the festivals fell on the same day. Anne's father quietly made some arrangements with the help of his employees. They all had fun on that day and each character managed to snatch some moments of hope and happiness. Mr. Van Daan made a menorah out of wood. Everyone exchanged gifts. Candles were lighted but only for ten minutes as the candles were in short supply. In the evening, at a quarter to eight everyone trooped upstairs carrying the big laundry basket, which had been decorated with cutouts and bows paper. Everyone was rather amazed at the sheer size of the gift. There was a roar of laughter. Inside each shoe in the basket there was a little wrapped package addressed to its owner. To sum up, each and every member participated in the celebration of Hanukkah and St. Nicholas Day in his own way. (10)

OR

11. (b) Value Points :

26th July full of tension and fright, sirens wailed, planes came and dropped bombs, guns booming loudly, smell of fire everywhere, columns of smoke rising, the house shook, everyone in the Annexe full of fright, nobody slept for the large part of night. (CBSE Marking Scheme, 2014) (10)

Detailed Answer :

26th July was a tumultuous day. It was full of tension and fright. The first warning siren sent off in the morning but nobody paid any attention to it because it only meant that the planes were crossing the coast. It was only around two in the afternoon when the sirens waited again. Both the sisters went upstairs. After five minutes they heard the gun-shots which were very loud. Their house shook and the bombs kept falling. After half an hour the drone of engines faded and life became normal. When they looked outside it seemed as if the city were enveloped in thick fog. At dinner time, there was another air raid alarm. Nothing happened after that but after dinner, there was another air raid warning, gun-fire and swarms of planes. The bombs rained down. Schilphol Airport was bombed. The planes dived and climbed. The air was abuzz with the drone of engines. Nobody slept for the large part of the night as it started again at midnight. (10)



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