

English 2019

Delhi Set-1

General Instructions:

- (i) This paper is divided into three Section: A, B and C. All the sections are **compulsory**.
 - (ii) Separate instructions are given with each section and question, wherever necessary. Read these instructions very carefully and follow them faithfully.
 - (iii) Do not exceed the prescribed word limit while answering the questions.
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Question 1

Read the passage given below:

1. All of Earth's oceans share one thing in common: plastic pollution. Discarded plastic bags, cups, and bottles make their way into the sea. Today, it seems that no part of the ocean is safe from plastic trash. In recent years, oceanographers have searched in vain for a pristine marine environment. They have found plastic everywhere they have looked. " It is a common global problem, we can't point to a single habitat or location with no plastic."
2. Plastic harms wildlife and introduces dangerous chemicals into marine *ecosystems* –communities of organisms interacting with their surroundings. Once plastic enters the environment, it lasts a long time. Scientists are working to prevent plastic pollution from entering the sea.
3. When people litter, or when trash is not properly disposed of, things like plastic bags, bottles, straws, foam beverage cups get carried to the sea by winds and waterways. About 80 percent of ocean plastic originates on land. The rest comes from marine industries such as shipping and fishing.
4. In 2015, engineer Jenna Jambeck at the University of Georgia and other researchers calculated that at least 8 million tons of plastic trash is swept into the ocean from coasts every year. That's the equivalent of a full garbage truck of plastic being dumped into the sea every minute. If current trends in plastic production and disposal continue, that figure will double by 2025. A report published by the World Economic Forum last year predicts that by 2050, ocean plastic will outweigh all the fish in the sea.
5. In today's world, plastic is everywhere. It's found in shoes, clothing, household items, electronics, and more. There are different types of plastics, but one thing they all have in common is that they're made of *polymers* – large molecules made up of repeating units. Their chemical structure gives them a lot of advantages : they're cheap and easy to manufacture, lightweight, water-resistant, durable, and can be moulded into nearly

any shape.

6. Unfortunately, some of the properties that make plastics great for consumer goods also make them a problem pollutant. Plastic's durability comes in part from the fact that unlike paper or wood, it doesn't *biodegrade*, or break down naturally. Instead it just fragments, or breaks into tiny pieces over time. These tiny pieces, known as *microplastic*, can potentially stick around for hundreds or perhaps even thousands of years.

7. Another problem with plastics is the other chemicals they contain, like dyes and flame retardants. When plastic isn't disposed of properly, these additives end up in the environment. Plastic also tends to absorb harmful chemicals from its surroundings. "It's like a sponge for *persistent organic pollutants*". These long-lasting, toxic substances include pesticides and industrial chemicals. If plastic absorbs the chemicals, and marine organisms eat the plastic, they may be exposed to higher concentrations of these contaminants.

8. One of the biggest impacts of plastic pollution is its effect on sea life. Seals, sea turtles, and even whales can become entangled in plastic netting. They can starve to death if the plastic restricts their ability to move or eat. Or the plastic can cut into the animals' skin, causing wounds that develop severe infections.

9. Sea turtles eat plastic bags and soda-can rings, which resemble jellyfish, their favourite food. Seabirds eat bottle caps or chunks of foam cups. Plastic pieces may make an animal feel full, so it doesn't eat enough real food to get the nutrients it needs. Plastic can also block an animal's digestive system, making it unable to eat.

10. Plastic and its associated pollutants can even make it into our own food supply. Scientists recently examined fish and shell-fish bought at markets in California and Indonesia. They found plastic in the guts of more than a quarter of samples purchased at both locations. In organisms that people eat whole, such as sardines and oysters, that means we're eating plastic too. In larger fish, chemicals from plastic may seep into their muscles and other tissues that people consume.

11. One way to keep the ocean cleaner and healthier is through cleanup efforts. A lot of plastic waste caught in ocean currents eventually washes up on beaches. Removing it can prevent it from blowing out to sea again. Beach clean-up is ocean clean-up.

12. Cleanup efforts can't reach every corner of the ocean or track down every bit of microplastic. That means it's critical to cut down on the amount of plastic that reaches the sea in the first place. Scientists are working toward new materials that are safer for the environment. For example, Jambeck and her colleagues are currently testing a new polymer that breaks down more easily in seawater.

13. "Individual actions make a big difference," says Jambeck. Disposing of plastic properly for recycling or trash collection is a key step. "And simple things like reusable

water bottles, mugs, and bags really cut down on waste," she says. Skipping straws or using paper ones helps too. Ocean pollution can seem overwhelming, but it's something everyone can help address. This is a problem we can really do something about.

1.1 On the basis of your understanding of the above passage, answer each of the questions given below by choosing the most appropriate option:

(i) Percentage of ocean plastic that originates from land is:

- (a) 20%
- (b) 50%
- (c) 80%
- (d) 25%

(ii) In which year did Jenna Jambeck and others researchers calculate that at least 8 million tons of plastic trash is swept into ocean every year?

- (a) 2018
- (b) 2015
- (c) 2005
- (d) 2010

(iii) Plastic is not biodegradable because it is made up of:

- (a) low atomic particles
- (b) tiny particles
- (c) strong big particles
- (d) large molecule polymers

(iv) Sea turtles eat:

- (a) plastic bottles
- (b) plastic bags and soda-can rings,
- (c) bottle caps
- (d) chunks of foam cups

(v) Scientists bought fish and shell-fish for examination at markets in:

- (a) China and Russia
- (b) Pakistan and Afghanistan
- (c) California and Indonesia
- (d) Australia and Brazil

1.2 Answer the following questions briefly:

- (i) Which articles made of plastic generally cause pollution in the sea?
- (ii) How does plastic in oceans harm marine ecosystems?
- (iii) How is microplastic formed?
- (iv) Why is plastic compared to a sponge?
- (v) What is the biggest impact of plastic pollution on sea life?
- (vi) How are scientists trying to reduce the plastic pollutants?

1.3 Answer any **three** of the following questions in **25-30** words each:

- (i) How does plastic waste enter the oceans?

- (ii) How is it true to say that plastic is everywhere in today's world?
- (iii) Which property of plastic makes it a problem pollutant?
- (iv) What has scientists Jambeck suggested for having cleaner and healthier ocean?

1.4 Pick out the words/phrases from the passage which are similar in meaning to the following:

- (i) unspoiled (para 1)
- (ii) long lasting (para 5)
- (iii) people working together (para 12)

SOLUTION:

1. 1.1 (i) (c) Percentage of ocean plastic that originates from land is 80%.

(ii) (b) In 2018 Jenna Jambeck and the other researchers calculated that at least 8 million tons of plastic trash is swept into ocean every year.

(iii) (d) Plastic is not biodegradable because it is made up of large molecule polymers.

(iv) (b) Sea turtles eat plastic bags and soda-can rings.

(v) (c) Scientists bought fish and shell-fish for examination at markets in California and Indonesia.

1.2 (i) Discarded plastic bags, cups and bottles are the plastic articles that generally cause pollution in the sea.

(ii) Plastics in oceans last for a longer duration and hence introduces dangerous chemicals into marine ecosystem that result in harming the marine lives.

(iii) Plastic doesn't biodegrade or break down naturally. Instead, it just fragments, or breaks into tiny pieces over time. This way microplastic is formed which can potentially stick around for hundreds or perhaps even thousands of years.

(iv) Plastic is compared to a sponge because a sponge has absorbing qualities, similarly, a plastic can also tends to absorb harmful chemicals from its surroundings.

(v) The biggest impact of plastic pollution on sea life is that it can make Seals, turtles and even whales entangles in plastic netting. As a result, these animals can starve to death and moreover the plastic can cut into the animals' skin causing wounds that develop severe infections.

(vi) Scientists are trying on working towards new materials that are safer for the environment. They are testing a new polymer that breaks down more easily in seawater.

1.3 (i) When people litter, or when trash is not properly disposed of, things like plastic bags, bottles, straws, foam beverage cups get carried away to the sea by winds and waterways. This is how the plastic waste enters the ocean.

(ii) It is really true to say that plastic is everywhere in the world today as it can be found in basic accessories of life such as shoes, clothing, household items, electronics and even more.

(iii) The property of plastic which makes it a problem pollutant is that it doesn't biodegrade or break down naturally. Instead, it just fragments, or breaks into tiny pieces over time. These tiny pieces, known as microplastic, can potentially stick around for hundreds or perhaps even thousands of years.

(iv) Scientist Jambeck said that 'Individuals actions make a big difference'. She suggested that disposing of plastic properly for recycling or trash collection is a key step. And, simple things like reusable water bottles, mugs and bags really cut down on waste and skipping straws or using paper ones helps too. These are the things suggested for having a cleaner and healthier ocean.

1.4 (i) pristine

(ii) durable

(iii) colleagues

Question 2

Read the passage given below:

1. Getting enough sleep is as important as taking time out to relax. A good night's sleep is essential for preserving the health of your brain and gives you the best chance to meet the coming day with a razor sharp mind. An average person needs about six to eight hour sleep a night - although it is also true that you need slightly less than this, as you grow older-another advantage of aging stress and sleep deprivation often feed on each other, since stress tends to make it harder for you to fall asleep at night and sleep deprivation in itself causes stress.

2. Eventually, too little sleep can dramatically interfere with the performance of your memory - something you obviously want to prevent. If you are not getting enough sleep, try going to bed 30 to 60 minutes earlier than your normal bed time for a few days. Lie down on the bed and try to relax by dissociating yourself from your daily routine work. This is normally enough to catch up on any sleep deprivation.

3. If, however, you suffer from insomnia you should seek the advice of your doctor, The chances are it is already affecting your ability to remember recall information - and if you are struggling to improve your memory scores, this could be at the root of your problem. Prolonged periods of insufficient sleep can deplete your immune system, make you more accident prone and even cause depression - this can also reinforce a more negative outlook on life, which can contribute to your stress burden. The good news is that your memory and mood should automatically improve once you improve your sleep

patterns. Tackle your sleep issues and everything else should fall into place.

4. Because stress management is so essential to maximize your brain, power, if you are not in the habit of setting aside time to relax, make it a priority to do so. Even a minute or two of deep breathing can start to work wonders. Often the best ideas and memories can come to you when you are in a state of relaxation as it is during these moments that your brain stores, processes and plays with the information it has received.

5. Meditation has long been part of religious and spiritual life, specially in Asia. Today, more and more people are adopting it in Western countries also, for its value in developing peace of mind and lowering stress. There is some evidence that regular meditation can have real sleep gain and health benefits particularly in terms of protecting your brain against aging.

2.1 On the basis of your understanding of the above passage, make notes on it using headings and subheadings. Use recognizable abbreviations (wherever necessary - minimum four) and a format you consider suitable. Also supply an appropriate title to it.

2.2 Write a summary of the above passage in about 100 words.

SOLUTION:

2. 2.1

SLEEP AND ITS IMPORTANCE

1. NEED OF ENOUGH SLEEP

1.1 Good Night Sleep is Ess.

1.1.1 Preserves the health of brain

1.1.2 Best chance to meet the next day with pos. attitude

1.2 Six to eight hour sleep a night

1.2.1 Less than six to eight in older age

1.3 Sleep depr. causes stress.

2. SLEEP DEPRIVATION - AFFECTS MEMORY

2.1 Perf. of memory is affected

2.2 Prevent laying late in bed

2.2.1 Try to lay in bed 30-60 min. than normal time

2.2.2 Try to relax with no thoughts in mind

3. INSOMNIA

3.1 Cnslt. a doc. in case of insomnia

3.2 Affects ability to remember

3.3 Struggling to sleep for longer duration - root of insomnia

3.4 Prolonged Insufficient sleep

3.4.1 Deplete immune system

3.4.2 Makes one more accident prone

3.4.3 Causes depression

3.4.2 Gives a neg. outlook towards life.

4. STRESS MANAGEMENT - METHOD OF RELAXATION

4.1 Essential for maximizing brain pow.

4.2 Make it priority to relax

4.1.1 A minute or two of deep breathing

4.1.2 Best ideas and memories come during this relaxation time.

5. MEDITATE TO REGAIN SLEEP

5.1 Meditation - A part of rel. and spiritual life.

5.2 Adopted in Western Countries

5.2.1 Because it develops peace of mind

5.2.2 Helps in lowering stress

5.3 Evid. that sleep reg. meditation can restore sleeping problems

Abbreviations: Ess. - Essential nxt- Next pos. - positive depr. - deprivation Perf. - Performance cnslt. - Consult pow. - power rel. - religious Evid. Evidence reg. - regular
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2. 2.2

Summary

Sleep is important for health. It is essential to relax one's mind with good sleep to ensure proper working of mind and body. An average person should sleep around six to eight hours a night. Lack of sleep affects the working of brain as the brain responds slowly and remains stressed and brings in many other diseases. If one finds it difficult to sleep on time, then he or she can make an effort to sleep by lying in bed 30-60 minutes earlier than the usual timings and can try to relax for coping up the issue of sleep deprivation. Lying in bed to relax the mind is an essential thing because it helps in getting away from the tasks of daily routine. In case of insomnia, one should definitely take the advice of a doctor because prolonged periods of insufficient sleep can result in adverse effects such as improper functioning of immune system, more accident prone and negative outlook of life. Stress management is essential to enhance the working of brains and thus one can do it by inhaling and exhaling method for few minutes while facing stress issues. Moreover, meditation is one of the easiest ways to develop peace of mind and lowering the stress level. Many Asian countries have adopted this as it

helps in attaining the real sleep again and helps in protecting the brain against growing old and stresses up.

Question 3

You are Principal of National Public School, Jaipur. You require a TGT (Maths) for your school. Draft a suitable advertisement in not more than **50** words for the 'Situations Vacant' column of 'The National Times' stating essential and desirable qualifications, experience etc of the candidates.

OR

Arts Club of your school is going to organize a drawing and painting competition. Write a notice in not more than **50** words, to be displayed on the school notice board, inviting students to participate in it. Give all the necessary details. You are Rishab/Ridhima, Secretary, Arts club, Sunrise Public School, Gurugram, Haryana.

SOLUTION:

SITUATIONS VACANT

National Public School, Jaipur invites applications for the post of TGT (maths). Candidates with a Masters/ Ph. D degree in Mathematics and at least 4 years of experience of teaching in a school affiliated to the CBSE Board can come for an interview on 7th and 8th March 2019 between 10:00 am and 3:00 pm. For further details contact the reception: 9800000000

or

SUNRISE PUBLIC SCHOOL, GURUGRAM

NOTICE

1st March 2019

DRAWING AND PAINTING COMPETITION

This is to inform all the students that the school is going to organise a Drawing & Painting Competition, as per the following schedule:

Date & Day: 8th March, 2019, Friday

Time: 11:00 am to 1:00 pm

Venue: School Auditorium

Interested students are requested to register their names with their respective class teacher latest by 6th March 2019. For further details, please contact undersigned.

Rishabh
(Secretary, Arts Club)

Question 4

You have realized the necessity of education and financial independence of women for their family, society and in turn for the nation. Write a letter to the Editor, "The National Times" highlighting your ideas on the importance of education of women leading to a better status for them. You are Tarun/Taruna, B-7/9, Mall Road, Delhi.
(100-125 words)

OR

You bought a refrigerator two months ago from Mohan Sales, Ashok Vihar, Bangalore. It has developed certain problems regarding its functioning. Cooling has stopped and it is making a lot of noise. Write a letter of complaint to the Manager asking him for immediate repair/replacement of the same. You are Sachin/Shashi, 61 Pratap Enclave, Bangalore. (100-125 words)

SOLUTION:

The Editor
The National Times
147, Lajpat Nagar
Delhi 110006

2nd March 2019

B-7/9, Mall Road,
Delhi - 110001

Dear Sir/Madam

Subject: Importance of education of women leading to a better status for them

Through the columns of your esteemed newspapers and as the voice of every woman, I would like to talk about the importance of education of women leading to a better status for them. In the present era, it is not only important for the women to be educated for the sake of gaining knowledge but it is also a means of providing them with better status in the society. Women today, are competent enough and are ready to work as equals with

men.

Educating women is just the first stepping stone towards their empowerment. Better status in the society means equal respect, income and standard of living. All of this has become of vital importance in a world like ours.

Thus, I would request you to please publish this letter and make the people aware of the importance of education for liberating the women of our generation so that they can stand as equals and conquer the world.

Thanking you in anticipation,

Yours Truly,
Taruna

OR

Sachin

61, Pratap Enclave
Bangalore – 560034

2nd March 2019

The Manager

Mohan Sales

Ashok Vihar

Bangalore – 560024

Dear Sir/ Madam

Subject: Complaint against order number 0000123456

Two months ago, I bought a Whirlpool Supercool-Self Defrost Refrigerator 550L from your shop. The purchase was made on 1st January, 2019 and a copy of the receipt is attached with the letter.

The refrigerator is not functioning properly: its cooling has stopped and it is making a lot of noise. Despite, the technician's visit last week to repair the product, the refrigerator failed to function properly.

As the refrigerator is under full warranty period, kindly replace it at the earliest.

Thanking you in anticipation,

Yours Truly
Sachin

Question 5

Write a debate in **150 - 200** words either for or against the motion : 'Capital Punishment should be abolished'.

OR

Regular practice of yoga is useful in maintaining good health. It is also important for good concentration and peace of mind. You are Shivam / Shabnam. Write a speech in **150 - 200** words to be delivered in the morning assembly of your school, highlighting the impact of yoga in our life.

SOLUTION:

For the motion -

Capital Punishment should be abolished. It mainly refers to the authorisation to kill someone for the crime that has been committed by him or her. In simple terms, 'Capital Punishment' is 'Death Penalty'. This punishment is not at all irreversible or irreparable unlike other punishments. It violates the right to live which is the ultimate right of every human. It violates the right not to be subjected to any tormenting or cruel punishment.

Capital Punishment also undermines the human dignity which is actually inherent to every human being. The main idea behind capital punishment is to stop the crime and instil a fear in the criminals about the punishment but that hardly affects their mentality because capital punishments really lack its deterrent effect which is commonly and usually referred by its advocates.

There are evidences that Capital Punishment is being supported by the masses, but it doesn't mean that putting a break to God gifted life is correct. The support of the public for the capital punishment is mainly their keen desire to be free from crime or to build a crime-free nation. And, there exists more effective and powerful ways to stop crime. The government should take decisions to highlight the incompatibility of the capital punishment with proper human rights and dignity.

OR

Good morning teachers and my dear friends, I am Shivam and today I stand in front of you all to speak about the impact of yoga in our life. According to the Vedas, the literal meaning of the word 'Yoga' is 'Union'. It provides an ultimate reward by getting united with the Universe which unfolds infinite benefits for our mental and physical health.

Regular practice of yoga is really important to maintain good health. There are numerous benefits of practising yoga on a daily basis. It is important for good

concentration and peace of mind. It helps in stabilising the emotions. Yoga helps in keeping body fit and fine. It increases the flexibility in the body and also helps in building muscle strength. Yoga provides a kind of relief from all the physical illnesses. The regular following or practice of different postures, that is *asans* strengthens the body and keeps one happy and well.

The practice of breathing methods, that is, *pranayama* provides a serenity to the mind and keeps one calm and composed. By doing it correctly, one experiences an increased ability to understand things clearly and perfectly. The practice of meditation helps in attaining inner peace. Hence, yoga is required in every aspect of one's life. It definitely helps in the development of self-discipline and self-awareness. Thus, everybody should practice yoga irrespective of his or her age, health, or any other issues of life.

Question 6

Hard work and punctuality are essential for a happy and successful life. They help in meeting the desired targets of our life. You are kavya/kanha. Write an article in **150 - 200** words highlighting the importance of hard work and punctuality in a student's life.

OR

In your locality a blood donation camp was organized by an NGO - 'For Your Health'. Many people visited the camp and donated blood. Write a report in **150 - 200** words for a local newspaper covering the arrangements, doctors' team, refreshment served etc.

SOLUTION:

'Punctuality is not just limited to arriving at a place at right time, it is also about taking actions at right time'- this famous quote by author Amit Kalantri sums up the importance of punctuality.

A student has to gain knowledge, learn new skills, and finally prove what he has learnt in the various assessments. Time is of the essence; assignments to be submitted and projects to be done in a particular time frame. Only, if the child is punctual in getting to school and attending his classes, will he learn all that the school curriculum has to offer. 'Time and tide wait for none'- be punctual and extract the maximum from each moment of your student life!

Just like punctuality there is no alternative to hard work. Talent is natural aptitude for something, it could be a talent for singing or painting, etc. But, talent is of no use until hard work accompanies it. We could have a skill, but its usefulness is proved only when it is utilised. To hone a natural skill or aptitude, a lot of hard work and diligence is required.

It has been seen that extremely talented individuals are unable to succeed as they lacked the drive and determination to realise their dreams. There are others who are able to highlight their talent as they slog and struggle to achieve success!

OR

Blood Donation Camp in ABC Colony

-By the correspondent

A blood donation camp was organized in the community hall of ABC Colony by the NGO – 'For Your Health' on 24th February 2019 between 10:00 am and 2:00 pm. The camp was a great success as people from all age groups above 18 came forward and participated in the camp. Even the staff members of the RWA came forward to donate blood.

The doctors gave knowledgeable various aspects related to blood which are not commonly known by people apart from it being a vital fluid in the human body. They told that blood is the life line of human existence and loss of large quantity of blood may cause death. A healthy human being can donate blood once in eight weeks. Many lives can be saved through voluntary donation of blood in the blood donation camp. The blood collected in such camps is useful at the times of medical emergency.

We regularly read about several accidents, earth quakes and natural calamities in the newspapers. If we donate blood today, it may be useful for not only others but, our own family and friends too in future. Donating blood is a noble cause and hence, gives us inner satisfaction. Blood donation should be carried out keeping in mind the safety measures and the health conditions of the donor and such camps must be arranged more often.

Question 7

Read the extract given below and answer the questions that follow:

I looked again at her, wan, pale
as a late winter's moon 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) Name the poet and the poem.
- (ii) What was the poet's childhood fear?
- (iii) What is the poetic device used in lines 1-2?
- (iv) Explain : 'late winter's moon'.

OR

..... The stunted, unlucky heir
Of twisted bones, reciting a father's gnarled disease,

His lesson, from his desk. At back of the dim class
One unnoted, sweet and young. His eyes live in a dream,
Of squirrel's game, in tree room, other than this.

- (i) Who is the unlucky heir?
- (ii) What has he inherited?
- (iii) Who is sitting at the back of the dim class?
- (iv) How is he different from rest of the class?

SOLUTION:

- (i) The poem is 'My Mother at Sixty Six' and the poet is 'Kamala Das'.
- ii) The poet's childhood fear was that she would lose her mother some day. Like all other children she too had the fear of being apart from her mother and not being able to see her. While she sat behind her mother in the car and looked at her pale face, she could see her childhood fear turning into reality. She sensed that she might not be able to see her mother alive at her next visit and thus, she stood silently at the airport waving to her mother without uttering a word other than her only desire to see her soon in proper health.
- iii) The poetic device used is a simile.
- (iv) With the growing age, the poet's mother has started losing all her vitality and radiance. The poet uses the simile of 'late winter's moon' for her mother to indicate her approaching death.

Winter, being the last season of the year, is synonymous with lifelessness and dormancy. And, a winter's moon is also pale-white in colour bearing close resemblance with her mother who, having lost all her strength and beauty, looks 'wan' and 'pale' to the poet. Her mother, too, is in the last phase of her life.

OR

- (i) The 'unlucky heir' refers to the student coming to the elementary classrooms.
- (ii) He inherited destiny, twisted bones, illnesses, malnutrition and sunken eyes.
- (iii) At the back of the dim class one small child is sitting at the back who is referred to as unnoted, sweet and young.
- (iv) He is different because his eyes were full of dreams like a squirrel.

Question 8

Answer **any four** of the following questions in **30-40** words each:

- (i) Who did M. Hamel blame for the neglect of learning on the part of boys like Franz?
- (ii) How did the instructor turn Douglas into a swimmer?
- (iii) Why do you think Gandhiji considered the Champaran episode to be a turning point in his life?
- (iv) What made the chief astrologer place his finger on his nose?
- (v) How did the writer indicate that Dr. Sadao's father was a very traditional and

conventional man?

(vi) How does Jo want the story to end? why?

SOLUTION:

(i) M. Hamel believed that students alone were not responsible for not being well-versed in their native language. Neither students nor parents understood the significance of knowing their language. The students were busy in playing and their parents somehow wanted to make more money by putting their children on farms. Even he himself did not give as much importance to learning as it demanded. He took a leave whenever he wanted to go fishing without caring about the class. Nobody was anxious about learning French when it was readily available. That is why he argued that they all have a great deal to reproach themselves with.

(ii) The instructor worked gradually on Douglas' psychology, moved on to his physical movements and then integrated each part to build a swimmer out of him. Initially, he made Douglas swim back and forth across the swimming pool so that he could get used to it. He used an elaborate mechanism with a rope, belt, pulley, and an overhead cable to help them stay connected while Douglas was in the pool. Then, one-by-one, he made Douglas master the individual techniques of swimming, like putting his head in the water, exhaling and inhaling while in water, movements of his hands, body, legs, etc. Finally, he integrated these perfected steps into a whole experience of swimming for Douglas.

(iii) Gandhi considered the Champaran episode to be a turning point in his life because he realized that civil disobedience, which had triumphed for the first time, could go a long way in the freedom struggle. Moreover, he had succeeded in making the peasants aware of their rights and becoming confident. This success, thus, proved the effectiveness of Gandhi's method of non-violence and non-cooperation.

(iv) He placed his finger on his nose as he was amused to see a 10-year-old child speaking so clearly and asking about the cause of his death as he knew 'All humans have to die one day'. This shows that the raja was courageous and brave. The gesture of placing a finger on his nose was due to the fact that the astrologer was surprised to the core as he had never heard a ten days old child speak.

(v) He was a conventional Japanese and was very traditional in his ways, firstly, he made sure that Hana was purely Japanese before he allows Sadao to marry her, secondly, their marriage was done in the traditional Japanese manner and thirdly, everything in his room ranging from the furniture to the quilts with the flowery designs and the thick carpet, everything was Japanese.

(vi) Jo was not convinced with the ending of the story and coaxed her father to retell the story the next day giving the story a predetermined path that she had set. According to her, neither Roger Skunk nor the wizard was wrong in the story. Jo refused to accept the end where Roger Skunk's mother hits the wizard and that too without being hit back. She wanted the story to end with the wizard hitting back the mother skunk with his magic wand and chopping off her arms 'forcibly'.

Question 9

Answer **any one** of the following in **120-150** words:

- (i) "Seemapuri, a place on the periphery of Delhi yet miles away from it, metaphorically." Explain.
- (ii) 'The Rattrap' focuses on human loneliness and the need to bond with others. Comment.
- (iii) Attempt a character sketch of Sophie as a girl who lives in her dreams.

SOLUTION:

(i) Seemapuri was a place on the periphery of Delhi yet miles away, metaphorically speaking. Those who lived there were squatters who had come from Bangladesh back in 1971. Saheb, a barefoot ragpicker, and his family were one of them. Seemapuri had been a wilderness back then but that was not the case anymore. Mud structures with roofs of tin and tarpaulin, devoid of sewage, drainage or running water had been turned into a colony of ten thousand ragpickers. They had lived here for more than thirty years without an identity or permits but with ration cards such that the politicians could get their names on voters' lists. It also got them grain from ration shops considering food was more important for survival than identity. The politicians exploited the weakness of the refugees, playing to the gallery and giving them just enough to survive such that they got their work done, which was to add to their vote bank. These people had left their beautiful land of green fields and rivers to set up a shack in faraway Seemapuri because here they got something to eat and feed their families, there was no work back home.

(ii) The story runs around the life of peddler. He suffers from loneliness and wanders all alone getting bad treatment from people. His life was dull and disappointing. No one tried to understand his suffering and poverty. He needed to bond with someone and share his feelings. The story brings out this aspect of human life. The Rattrap deals with the issues of human loneliness and the need to bond with others. Not only the peddler but also other characters like the crofter, the ironmaster and Edla emphasize this fact. The peddler's conscience had left him because he had been lonely in his predicament, for a long time. But Edla's kindness and hospitality changed him. The crofter, on the other hand, is a lonely fellow whose craving for company leads him to give shelter to a vagabond, and he ends up getting robbed. Even, the ironmaster and his daughter suffer from loneliness. They crave company on Christmas Eve and are excited when they get the opportunity to serve a guest.

(iii) Coming from a weak socio-economic background, Sophie had an unrealistic ambition and dreams. Sophie was in the last year of high school and knew very well that she was destined to work in the biscuit factory because she belonged to a working-class family. Yet, she dreamt of big and beautiful things, glamour and glory, which she wanted to achieve by becoming a manager, an actress or even a fashion designer. Sophie

wanted attention from her father and brother hence, she told them about her assumed meeting with Danny Casey, the popular Irish footballer, thereby carrying her fantasies too far. She is a dreamer who enjoyed creating her own fantasy world using her imagination- gets so much engrossed in it that she starts to live the fantasy.

Question 10

Answer **any one** of the following in **120 – 150** words :

- (i) Derry and Mr. Lamb both are victims of physical impairment, but their attitudes towards life are completely different. Elaborate.
- (ii) Write a character sketch of the Governor of Oxford Prison based on the story, 'Evans Tries an O-Level'.
- (iii) Why did Bama stroll in the market place instead of hurrying back home? Describe the sights she enjoyed seeing there.

Question 11

Answer **any one** of the following question in **120-150** words :

- (i) Why Was Mrs. Hall happy to have a guest at 'Coach and Horses' Inn? How did the stranger behave at the inn?
- (ii) Describe Mr. Marvel's meeting with the mariner at Port Stowe. What kind of person was the mariner?
- (iii) How did Dunstan Cass meet his end?
- (iv) Describe the circumstances under which Silas Marner had to leave Lantern Yard.

SOLUTION:

(i) Mrs. Hall felt that it was a stroke of luck that she had a guest at Iping during the winter time. Moreover, the stranger was no haggler, and paid for his room up front. Thus she decided that she would take him in as a guest at her inn. The stranger behaved in a suspicious manner as he was covered from head to toe when he arrived at the inn in Bramblehurst. The brim of his soft felt hat hid every inch of his face except the shiny tip of his nose. His shoulder and chest were covered with snow and a white crest of snow had formed on the luggage that he carried. He asked not to be disturbed by anyone because he did not want his secret to be revealed.

(ii) Mr Marvel met a Mariner at Port Stowe. He was an elderly gentleman who had stepped out of the inn carrying a newspaper. He Mr Marvel met a Mariner at Port Stowe. He was an elderly gentleman who had stepped out of the inn carrying a newspaper. he observed Mr Marvel carefully, with an observant eye and then started discussing the weather with him. he then spoke about the extraordinary events and anecdotes of an invisible man mentioned in the paper. Mr Marvel was about to spill the

beans about the invisible man when he was stopped abruptly by Griffin. When Marvel told him that the tales about the invisible man were all a hoax, the Mariner was upset with Marvel for letting him believe that there was an invisible man and ranting about him!

(iii) Dunstan Cass and his brother Godfrey were left carefree by their father Squire Cass which made Dunstan's idle mind to think about evil things. He has a negative character and kept going with his evil thoughts. It was like he got away doing bad everytime which basically encouraged him to do more. He persuaded his brother to marry Molly, blackmailed him for money and told him to sell the horse. The more and more he demanded, the more it worked out for him and kept it going. He killed the horse with his cowardice and eventually stole Silas gold. But with all this, he had unfortunately landed in his own death by falling into the stone pit. He didn't let others lead a life nor could he live long to live his.

(iv) Lantern Yard and Raveloe were two different towns, both religiously and socially. People in Lantern Yard were more inclined toward religiousness but not friendly whereas people in Raveloe were more friendly but not that religious. When Silas lived in Lantern Yard, he was happy. He had many friends and he was preparing to marry a beautiful girl. He was hard working and courteous. He moved out of Lantern Yard and went to Raveloe when Dane tossed him out of the village. In Raveloe, his life was completely different. He had no friends, he stayed alone at his home full day. In a course of time he turned into a cold and bitter man who was focused on saving money and hoarding it. He lost interest in socialising. He enjoyed only in one thing, i.e. Counting his money. In the Middle of the story, Lantern Yard grew in size and people worked even harder, but there was pollution as well which grew and no one bothered about that. On the other hand, Raveloe was not growing in terms of industrialization but they were more careful about their personal joy and well-being. Silas was the only person who was into industry work and was earning a lot of money. The change came in Silas's life when Eppie came in his life, she brought back the concern of human relationships in his life.

Question 12

Answer **any one** of the following questions in **120-150** words:

(i) How does the novel, 'The Invisible Man' highlight the theme of corruption of morals in the absence of social restrictions?

(ii) Compare and contrast Griffin (the invisible man) and Dr. Kemp as scientists and also as members of society.

(iii) George Eliot has portrayed Godfrey as a morally weak character. Comment.

(iv) In 'Silas Marner', describe the role of Dolly Winthrop.

SOLUTION:

(i) Griffin is a brilliant scientist who does many experiments. He uses his invention to turn himself invisible. During the course of his experiments, he displays no compassion for the cat who suffers miserably as Griffin does experiments on it. He kills his father and instead of feeling guilty, he justifies his actions by calling his father a sentimental fool! He flouts all social restrictions and norms by stealing, cheating and even killing people. He attacks Kemp and anyone else who refuses to assist him to realise his evil intentions. His actions exhibit how morally degraded and self-centred he has become. "The invisible man " truly highlights the theme of corruption of morals in the absence of social restriction.

(ii) Griffin was alienated from his peers as a child both because he was abjectly poor and because he was an albino whose very physical appearance marked him out as different. However, he was also a brilliant chemist who had won the medal for that subject at school. On the one hand, Griffin was extremely talented and had the ambition to match his talent. On the other hand, his physical and social circumstances were strongly against his chances of success. In his words - "You have only to think! And I, a shabby, poverty-struck, hemmed-in demonstrator, teaching fools in a provincial college, might suddenly become - this." While it was impossible for Griffin to resist that temptation, Kemp never came across such a temptation, not only because he had not made the same scientific breakthrough, but also because his success came to him easily. If not the hero in the conventional sense of the word, Griffin is definitely the protagonist of the novel, something that is evidenced by its title.

(iii) Godfrey is a kind man but is weak and flawed. He has no strength or courage when it comes to standing up to his brother and his father and is easily dominated by them. When his wife dies, he allows his child to be taken by Silas and does not claim responsibility for her. However, he still sees Eppie as his daughter and wants to make her life as comfortable as possible. He helped in expanding Silas's cottage, gave them beds to sleep on and later on even promised a new garden for Eppie. He feels a constant guilt for not acting as a father figure for Eppie.

(iv) Dolly Winthrop is a kind and helpful woman, she was the wife of Ben Winthrop, a wheelwright. She helps Silas and treats Eppie like her God-mother. She brings Cakes for them and requests him to eat and also pleads him not to do weaving on Sundays. She also guides Silas about how to take care of a child when he starts taking care of Eppie. She remains like a trusted advisor for Silas for life. Silas also trusts her and takes her advice whenever he needs, whether for himself or for Eppie. She also helps Silas to trust the world.