

Time : 3 Hours
Maximum Marks : 80

English Language & Literature

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Solutions of Question Paper (2020-21)

PART A [40 Marks]

READING [20 marks]

1. (i) (d) all of these
(ii) (d) differentiate between good and bad
(iii) (b) Options 1, 2 & 4
(iv) (b) mentor
(v) (b) Seeing as far as one can go
(vi) (d) all of these
(vii) (c) daily plan
(viii) (c) invention
(ix) (b) emails
(x) (c) mentor
(xi) (b) negative
(xii) (c) monthly

(10 × 1=10)

2. (i) (d) all the above
(ii) (b) both A & C
(iii) (b) 10-15 years
(iv) (d) Bengal tiger
(v) (c) poor
(vi) (a) white
(vii) (a) A big meal
(viii) (b) one third
(ix) (c) encouraging
(x) (c) lowest
(xi) (d) World Wildlife Federation
(xii) (c) endangered

(10 × 1=10)

LITERATURE [10 marks]

3. (i) (b) Mortals
(ii) (a) The wise
(iii) (d) option 1 & 5
(iv) (a) lamenting
(v) (c) Gautama Buddha

(5 × 1 = 5)

OR

- (i) (c) All the passengers
(ii) (a) Valli
(iii) (b) the inside of the bus was painted white and green.
(iv) (b) gleaming
(v) (a) city
4. (i) (b) Belinda is a little girl.
(ii) (d) Belinda
(iii) (c) in little red wagon
(iv) (a) unmerciful
(v) (d) Ogden Nash (5 × 1 = 5)

OR

- (i) (b) The speaker is not concerned about Amanda.
(ii) (d) Amanda
(iii) (a) anyone
(iv) (c) sulking
(v) (d) alliteration

GRAMMAR [10 marks]

5. (i) (b) be
(ii) (a) of
(iii) (d) learn (3 × 1 = 3)
6. (i) (b) she had wanted
(ii) (d) he had said
(iii) (a) he had started crying (3 × 1 = 3)
7. (i) (a) who
(ii) (b) would like to
(iii) (c) advice
(iv) (a) Everyone must carry their own bags at the airport.
(v) (a) apart from
(vi) (a) Many of us have been invited to the party. (4 × 1 = 4)

PART B [40 Marks]

WRITING [10 marks]

8.(A)C-424, Sector 18,
Green Park
New Delhi
27th May, 20××
The Sales Manager
Balaji Electricals Pvt. Ltd.
Lajpat Nagar
New Delhi

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Subject : Complaint about defective Washing Machine

Sir,

Through this letter of mine, I wish to inform you that I had purchased an "LG Washing Machine" from your outlet on the receipt no. 10579 on 24th May, 20××. Its been just 3-4 days and it has started giving trouble. It makes a loud noise and stops on its own all of a sudden. The machine does not wash the clothes properly. I am sure it has some manufacturing defect.

Since, it is within the guarantee period, I request you to get it repaired or better replace it at the earliest. I have been your regular customer and purchase articles in good faith. I will be thankful if the matter is attended to at the earliest.

Thanking you

Yours sincerely

Komal

(5 marks)

OR

(B) 26, Latouche Road

Kanpur

28th April, 20××

The Editor

The Times of India

Tuglaq Road

New Delhi

Subject : Need to improve miserable living conditions in slums

Sir,

Through the columns of your reputed newspaper, I would like to draw the kind attention of the concerned authorities towards the miserable living conditions in slums.

A country's growth depends on the growth of its people. The people living in slums do not have basic amenities like clean drinking water, proper power supply and healthy food. Many can be seen ravaging through dustbins to get food. Lack of proper sanitation and living among such dreadful conditions lead to spread of many diseases. They are illiterate and thus lack job opportunities. They live in congested spaces where proper breathing is also unavailable.

Only if the slum dwellers get the basic amenities, the nation can be said to have truly progressed.

Thanking you

Yours sincerely

Udit

- 9.(A) The bar graph given above depicts major exports from Medland. The export trends convey that Medland exported slightly less this year as compared to the last year. Concerning foodstuffs, bananas and rice showed a little less units than the previous year. On the other hand, the units of palm oil and peanuts exported were much more than last year. Almost the same amount of cocos were expected in both the years. As regards non-edible goods, the number of guns and iron ore was much more than the last year. However, the graph of cotton goods shows the same number in both the years. (5 marks)

OR

- (B) The above pie chart shows the result of the views of people where a survey was conducted whether smoking should be banned or not. There were only a few people i.e. 5% who were of the view that no restrictions should be imposed on cigarette smoking. Almost one fifth, 20% of the people opined that it should be banned at all public places so that passive smoking can also be taken care of. As many as 30% people were of the view that cigarette smoking should be banned but only at shopping malls or big stores. But there was another 45% of opinion i.e. majority of the people showed an interest in imposing blanket ban on cigarette, as it is hazardous to health. Overall, people are aware that smoking is injurious to health so it should be banned but everyone has different views.

LITERATURE [30 marks]

- 10.(A)(i) Custard, the dragon had a formidable appearance, with sharp teeth, toes like daggers, spikes on back and scales on the belly. Its mouth was a fireplace and the nose was always fuming like a chimney. However, in sharp contrast to the appearance, his temperament was extremely timid. (2 marks)
- (ii) The season of joy that commences from September and continues till March is the best to visit Coorg as some showers make the weather perfect and the air becomes fragrant with the aroma of coffee. (2 marks)
- (iii) When Valli saw the dead cow by the roadside, she became very sad. She was now in pensive mood as it was shocking to her that the animal, she'd been laughing at just a while ago, was lying in the stillness of death. (2 marks)
- (B) (i) Griffin, the scientist removed his clothes, became invisible and got away without being seen. He became a homeless wanderer without clothes, without money and quite invisible. (2 marks)
- (ii) Oliver Lutkins was a middle-aged person from New Mullion town. He was the prime witness in a law case. When the lawyer was sent to his town to serve the summons, he fooled him by befriending him as such a hack driver who was willing to help him. He takes him all around the town but they were unable to find Lutkins. (2 marks)
- (iii) Hari Singh was grateful to Anil because Anil taught him to read and write whole sentences and to add numbers. Soon, he would become an educated man and would be able to achieve anything in life. (2 marks)
- 11.(A)(i) Kisa Gotami's only son had died. She went to Buddha to seek some medicine to revive her son. The Buddha asked her to bring some mustard seeds, from the house where there had been no death ever, but Gotami could not find any such house. Thus, she realised that death is inevitable for every mortal being. Cycle of life and death is a normal process. (3 marks)
- (ii) Young Anne was a very intelligent and courageous girl. She had a flair for writing essays. She had the courage to accept that the trait of talkativeness was her birthright and she should have the freedom to enjoy it. When Mr. Keesing punished Anne for her talkativeness again and asked her to write essay, one after the other, she composed a poem on "The incorrigible Chatterbox" and gave a message through it to the teacher. The teacher got so impressed by her little poem that he decided not to punish her. It also reflects her fearlessness, critical thinking, humility and unbiased approach as well as her creativity and humorous approach to deal with her strict teacher. We should also learn such trait from her character and should have the courage to raise voice against injustice. (3 marks)
- (iii) A drawing and colouring contest had been organised in the school. For girls, the contest consisted of designing dresses and for boys it was of designing motorboats. Everyone felt that Peggy would win the girls' medal as she drew better than anyone else in the room. But when the results were announced, it was not Peggy but Wanda who had won the prize for the girls and Jack Beggles had won it for boys for an outboard motor which was on exhibition in Room Twelve. Wanda Petronski had drawn one hundred designs, all different and all beautiful. The judges opined that all the dresses were worthy of winning the prize. (3 marks)
- (B) (i) Ebright had all the qualities necessary for making a scientist. He possessed a first rate mind, curiosity and the will to win for the right reasons. 'The Travels of Monarch X' opened the world of science to him. He never lost his scientific curiosity. Ebright was a straight 'A' grade student. He had other interests also. His social studies teacher Richard A. Weiherer opened his mind to new ideas. He also became a champion debater and public speaker. He was also a good canoeist and an all round outdoor person. He was also an expert photographer of nature and scientific exhibits. (3 marks)
- (ii) Tricki was Mrs. Pumphrey's favourite dog. No doubt, she loved him very much and so, pampered him. But then, it was Tricki's fault also. He was a greedy dog who wanted to eat anything and everything which was served to him. He never refused to eat food and used to have meal at any hour of the day or night. He had become a glutton. He changed his system very easily according to the luxuries he got. Apart from all that, he never believed in going for exercises or walk. He rather tried to please his mistress by eating all the time, be it sweets or eggs. So, he was also to be

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blamed for his present condition. His digestion was disturbed due to overeating. He should have missed some meals. (3 marks)

Commonly Made Error

- Students generally get confused in the various experiments done by Richard Ebright thus giving wrong answers to most of the questions.

Answering Tip

- Students must be guided to read the text and make notes of different experiments conducted by Richard Ebright in order to get a clear idea.

(iii) After borrowing money, a lot of changes came in the life of the Loiseles. They had to do away with the maid and Matilda had to do all the household chores. She had to carry down the garbage to the street and carry water upstairs. She had to do all the shopping from the market after a lot of haggling. Her husband also had to work hard. He worked in the evenings and sometimes even at night. Thus, their life changed drastically. (3 marks)

12.(A) The young seagull is scared to fly. He is afraid of the vast exposure of the sea beneath him. His parents cajole him to fly but he is too scared to fly. At the same time, he is desperate with hunger. He expects his parents to feed him. But he is left alone without food. They threaten him that he'll die of hunger if he doesn't fly. Then the mother persuades him with a fish within his reach, but not closer to him. He ultimately falls to temptation and dives into the sea and finally succeeds. All the parents should follow such type of strategy to make their children learn. They should not pamper their children by spoon feeding. They should make them independent. Parental strictness in making a child learn a skill shouldn't be taken as a threat. It is in favour of the child as without threat, the seagull won't have learnt to fly; he would be starved to death. (5 marks)

OR

(B) The poet has compared fire to the dark side of humanity i.e., hatred and lust. According to the poet, lust is a greater evil. Desire or lust is the cause of war. Hatred is also harmful. So, the poem 'Fire and Ice' represents the two evils hatred and lust which lead to the destruction of the world. According to the poet fire stands for desire, greed and avarice. The more you try to satisfy them, the more they grow. There is no end to it. They spread rapidly like fire and ruin your whole life. On the other hand, 'ice' according to the poet, stands for hatred, coldness and rigidity. One becomes insensitive and indifferent towards the feelings of others. One becomes selfish and sometimes cruel also. The poet says that both fire and ice are growing with such a rapid speed that the world would soon perish either way, in fire or in ice.

Commonly Made Error

- Sometimes students fail to understand the symbolic meaning of Fire and Ice and write the summary of the poem.

Answering Tip

- Do not merely read a poem but also try to understand the poem. They should try to understand the poet's purpose in the poem.
- Students should learn how the poet's use of vocabulary or imagery adds to the effect of the poem.
- Develop a personal response to a poem.

13.(A) Mme Forestier was Matilda Loisel's childhood friend. When there was a party at the education minister's house, Matilda went to her to borrow some jewels. She quite generously asked Matilda to choose any jewel. Matilda chose a superb diamond necklace. Mme Forestier immediately agreed to lend it to Matilda. Unfortunately, the necklace was lost. Mme Forestier was considerate when Matilda could not return the jewels on time.

At the end of the story, when she learns that Matilda had given her real jewels in place of the jewels she had lost, Mme Forestier did not hide the truth from her friend. She immediately told Matilda that

her jewels were fake. She did not bother about the fact that she would have to return them. Thus, we can say that Mme Forestier was a true friend of Matilda. (5 marks)

OR

- (B) For some people, deception is a way to lead life easily, i.e., by changing name, by making excuses, by making new way of making money etc. Anil was the most trusting person Hari Singh had ever met. But he took undue advantage of his trust. He was a thief and couldn't be expected to be honest with Anil. He came to Anil with a false identity. Anil had a blind faith in human nature. He employed him just out of sympathy and compassion for him. He trusted him and ignored his misdeed. He handed over all the financial transactions without any verification. In a way, he gave him a chance to improve. Hari stole money and then came back with a change of mind. Anil knew even that fact also but said nothing. It made Hari Singh to decide to leave the style of deception as a way of life. Living a simple and straight life over-powered Hari's deceptive life. Finally, he opted for the simple life by educating himself and becoming a clever, big and respectable man in future. It was a good decision of Hari Singh.

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