

SECTION A – READING SKILLS

1.
 - i. (iv) Both trouble in concentrating and low output
 - ii. According to the writer, people think that they are not hungry in the morning, which becomes the commonest explanation.
 - iii.
 - i. Studies of school-children (aged 9-11) show that those who skip breakfast have a slower reaction time and more muscle fatigue in school sports.
 - ii. The average scores are lower on written tests, compared to breakfast eaters.
 - iv. (iv) Anxious
 - v. (ii) Only A and C
 - vi. Office workers who skip breakfast are usually big consumers of office tea and coffee- a means of staying alert and suppressing hunger.
 - vii. Children who skip breakfast have a slower reaction time and more muscle fatigue in school sports
 - viii. Fat
 - ix. Some nutrients like protein and calcium are better absorbed if they are taken in small quantities several times a day.
 - x. Schoolchildren who skip breakfast show slower reaction times, increased muscle fatigue in sports, and lower average scores on written tests compared to those who eat breakfast. They may appear listless due to a lack of protein that helps wake up the brain after an overnight fast.
2. i. (B) Newspaper
 - ii. (C) it is from a reliable site.
 - iii. According to the passage, people share the news with the intent that it might benefit others and help in their safety.
 - iv. Authentic background and evidence are crucial for journalists to prevent the spreading of misinformation. Without a background check of the evidence, it might spread false news even if done unintentionally.
 - v. The threat faced by the new entrants in social media is that they do not grasp the concept of fake information on these platforms.
 - vi. False information that circulates without intention is referred to as misinformation. It might be the consequence of being misled or inadvertent mistakes. Contrarily, fake news is purposefully produced and disseminated in order to trick or influence people, frequently in support of a political or personal agenda.
 - vii. Two categories of people fall victim to fake news: People below the age of 20 and above the age of 50. Also, those who are new to the use of the internet and those who are not aware of the concept of fake news. —
 - viii. The blame game that goes on in fixing the onus of identifying the fake news is between media and individuals. On one hand, it is believed that individuals should verify the information before spreading it whereas on the other hand, it is also said that the media should also be equally responsible in curbing the spread of fake news. It has also been mentioned that individuals have a lack of trust in the media.

SECTION B – CREATIVE WRITING SKILLS by QualCrypt

ABC Colony Welfare Association, Naveenbagh

NOTICE

Date: 13th September 2024

Dear Residents,

This is to inform you that there will be no water supply in our colony on **24th and 25th April 2024** due to essential maintenance work on the main water pipeline. The maintenance work will start at 8:00 AM on 24th April and is expected to be completed by 6:00 PM on 25th April.

We request all residents to kindly store sufficient water in advance to meet their needs during this period. We apologize for any inconvenience this may cause and appreciate your understanding and cooperation.

For any queries or assistance, please contact the undersigned.

Secretary

Rahul

3. Secretary, ABC Colony Welfare Association

OR

D.A.V. Public School

Notice

14 January 2023

Leadership camp

Students currently enrolled in classes IX and XI are invited to participate in a Leadership Camp scheduled to take place at the school premises from Wednesday, January 18, 2023, to Tuesday, February 20, 2023. Interested students should contact the undersigned.

Kailash

President

Student Council

4. 2475D Model Town,
Delhi.

25th March 2019.

Dear Uncle,

With God's grace and your blessings, I am diversifying my business concern. A new branch of our NEW LIGHT FURNISHINGS is going to be inaugurated at C-32, Ansal Plaza, Delhi on 30th March 2019 at 9.00 am. You are cordially invited with your family to attend the inauguration and lunch.

Please do come and join the ceremony with pleasure and shower your blessings on us.

Yours sincerely,

Atul Gupta

OR

Fashion Design Club
Greenwood High School
123 Elm Street,
Mumbai, Maharashtra

September 14, 2024

Mr. Piyush Bahl

Renowned Fashion Designer

456 Fashion Avenue,

Mumbai, Maharashtra

Subject: Invitation to be the Chief Guest at Greenwood High School's Fashion Show

Dear Mr. Bahl,

I hope this letter finds you well. On behalf of the Fashion Design Club at Greenwood High School, I am delighted to extend an invitation to you to be the Chief Guest at our annual fashion show, which will be held on October 5, 2024, at 5:00 PM in the school auditorium.

This year's fashion show is particularly special as it has been entirely conceptualized and choreographed by our talented students. The theme for the event is "Fusion of Tradition and Modernity," showcasing a unique blend of traditional and contemporary fashion. Our students have put in tremendous effort to create innovative designs and choreograph captivating sequences, and we believe your presence would greatly inspire and motivate them.

We would be honoured if you could grace the occasion with your esteemed presence and share your valuable insights with our budding designers. Your experience and expertise in the fashion industry would be immensely beneficial to our students, and we are confident that your participation would elevate the event to new heights.

We look forward to your positive response and hope to welcome you to our fashion show.

Thank you for considering our invitation.

Yours sincerely,

Arushi/Anand

Secretary, Fashion Design Club

Greenwood High School

5. 28, H-Block
Ashok Vihar
Delhi
12 July 2019
The Editor

The Statesman
New Delhi
Sub: Poor Maintenance of Monuments

Sir,

Through the columns of your esteemed newspaper, I would like to assert the fact that we Indians, particularly Delhiites do not value our heritage. We carelessly spoil our treasures. It can be seen in the attitude of our people towards the historical monuments. Delhi is rich in monuments. In Europe, such a legacy would be preserved and beautified but here it is spoiled and ruined by our own people through sheer ignorance, carelessness, laziness and disregard. In case you happen to visit the Red Fort, you will find not history but romantic messages.

We must be proud of our city and its heritage. Then only we will be motivated to preserve its beauty and elegance. I appeal to fellow citizens to open their eyes and fall in love with the beauty of our city and help in its proper maintenance.

Yours faithfully,

Ashita Sarin.

OR

56, Cross Street
Bhopal
11th February, 20XX
The Managing Director
MIB Designs
Lucknow

Sir,

Subject Application for the post of Senior Architect

This is in reference to your advertisement in 'The Hindu' dated 10th January, 20XX for the post of Senior Architect in your reputed company. I hereby wish to apply for the same.

Please find attached my resume. If I am considered for the above-mentioned position in your esteemed firm, I would devote my best towards the responsibilities entrusted to me. I assure you professionalism and hardwork on my part.

I would be readily available for a personal interview if selected. Awaiting a positive response!

Yours sincerely,

Mridul

Resume

Name: Mridul

Father's name: Suraj Singh

Date of birth: 5th April 1991

Address: 56, Cross Street, Bhopal

Academic Qualifications:

Degree	Board/ University	Year	Division
Graduation	CBSE	2008	First
Bachelor of Architecture	Institute of planning and Architecture	2012	First

Experience: Asstt. Architect, British Construction Company, Bhopal (December 2013 - Present)

Expected salary: Rs. 55,000 per month

Languages fluency: English, Hindi

Hobbies: Sports, traveling

Contact information: 8059XXXXXX / mridulXX@gmail.com

6.

Gender Equality: The Need of the Hour

By Sunil/Sunita

She, too, has a right. A right to live, to dream, to chase her aspirations. Denying girls the chance to education not only stifles their potential but also holds back the progress of our nation. It's disheartening that in some places and communities in India, girl children are still denied this fundamental right.

An educated girl child becomes an empowered woman, a contributing member of society, and a torchbearer for future generations. Educating girls fosters positive change, improves family well-being, and strengthens the social fabric. Let us strive for gender equality, where every child, regardless of gender, has equal access to education and opportunities. It's time to break the barriers

and prejudices that hold girls back and pave the way for a brighter, more equitable future for all. Let us invest in educating the girl child, for in her education lies the path to an informed, progressive, and prosperous India.

OR

Relief Measures for Fire Victims
by Sweetie, Secretary,
Co-Curricular Activities Club

Ajmer, 10th March, 20XX: A frightening fire of great intensity hit a major area of the slums under the new over-bridge in the city in the morning hours of 8th March, 20XX. A sudden sound of a cylinder-blast caught the people unawared, and the whole area was engulfed in smoke within no time. People rushed out of their houses in great panic to save their lives but some got trapped in the blaze. In a bid to offer some relief, our school held its emergent meeting. The students of Co-Curricular Activities Club visited that area to transport and distribute relief care packages. Collection points were fixed and announced by the students to deposit their contribution. A special forum was set up to collect other necessary items such as clothes, blankets, tents etc. The funds collected will also be used effectively for rehabilitation purposes. Inspired by our school's efforts, many other government and private agencies too rushed to offer immediate help.

SECTION C - LITERATURE

7. i. In the above extract, the narrator feels fearful.
ii. Pale
iii. She sang like a bird: Simile
All I did was smile and smile and smile: Repetition
iv. (1) is true, but (2) is false.
v. Here the poetess refers to her fear as a child when she used to be anxious about getting separated from her mother.
vi. Pale as a winter's moon suggests dull face.

OR

- i. option (c)
ii. city money to feel in hand
iii. Trusting Sorrow
iv. option (b)
v. a. (1) is true but (2) is false.
vi. Moving pictures
8. i. 1, 4 and 6
ii. Option 2
iii. The fact behind the comic story changed the mood of the narrator.
iv. Bama

OR

1. b) She drops Dr. Sadao's arm.
2. c) They lean over the railing of the veranda.
3. The man was flung up out of the ocean, outlined against the mist.
4. The man's figure is obscured by the curled mists.
9. i. patriotic magnification
ii. Franz had realized that French was the clearest and most logical language.
iii. All he said seemed so easy, so easy.
iv. It was advised to **hold fast** to their mother tongue.
v. key,
vi. b. It was a widely spoken language in the world.

OR

- i. Tennis shoes
ii. they had a hole in one of them
iii. discoloured
iv. b. (1) cannot be inferred from the extract but (2) can.
v. Dreams
vi. He walked barefoot and to wear a shoe even with a hole was like a dream for him.
10. Answer any five of the following questions in 40-50 words each:

- (i) When he got rid of his fear of water that had been haunting him since childhood, Douglas realised that the only thing that one has to fear is the fear itself. If one can overcome his fear, then there is nothing that one cannot achieve.
- (ii) The poet says 'What I want should not be confused with total inactivity' though he tells us to keep quiet and stay still. He calls us to stop all activity and not speak in any language, to introspect and know our existence. He wants no rush, no engines, no harm to fish, no war, whether green war, war with gases and/or war with ammunition. He does not want us to indulge in any activity that is potentially destructive and imbalanced between human and nature. He wants us to introspect ourselves and find out our strengths and weaknesses. We should work not only for self-improvement but for the improvement of others so as to spread bonhomie (cheerfulness). The poet wants us to establish communication with our fellow beings at a spiritual level.
- (iii) 'Ringed with ordeal' implies to be surrounded by hardships and sufferings. Aunt Jennifer has been so victimized in her life that even after her death she remains trapped. We find her a victim of gender injustice and oppression.
- (iv) Sophie is jealous of the fact that her brother has access to the world outside. She fantasises about going to these places with him someday in the future wearing a yellow dress. She fantasises that the world would rise to greet them.
- (v) The Englishman who visited the Gemini Studios was a mysterious man as no one could decipher his identity, whether he was a poet or an editor. His accent was so different that no one at the studio could understand what he said and it became difficult to comprehend anything. Hence his visit to the studio was an unexplained mystery.
- (vi) Lewis Carroll considers interviews as an 'unwarranted intrusion' that is immoral and an offence against his person. He shunned interviews for fear of being projected as larger than life. His vehement refusal for interviews enabled him to keep his fans as well as interviews at arm's length.

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

- (i) The world's geological history is trapped in Antarctica. This is because the modern world is battling with an increasing population and excessive burning of fossil fuels has created a blanket of carbon dioxide around the world which is increasing the average global temperature. The concretization of land has worsened the situation. But Antarctica is relatively untouched in this respect since it has never had a human population. Antarctica is a crucial element in the debate on climate change because it is relatively 'pristine'. More importantly, it holds in its ice-cores half-a million-year-old carbon records, trapped in its layers of ice. It embodies all that is prehistory: cordilleran folds, pre-Cambrian granite shields, ozone, and carbon; evolution and extinction. Hence, to study and examine the earth's past, present, and future, Antarctica is the best place to go. These are the factors that make Antarctica very important, geologically.
- (ii) The Tiger King actually did not shoot the hundredth tiger. The tiger was a weak one and fainted from the loud noise of the bullet that whizzed past him and the ignorant king celebrated his achievement. The unconscious tiger was killed by some other hunters who killed it to escape the king's wrath.
- (iii) Akademik Shokalskiy was a Russian research vessel that was heading towards Antarctica, the coldest, driest, windiest continent in the world to become a part of Geoff Green's 'Students on Ice' programme.

12. Shubhangi, all of us have made mistakes at one point or another in our lives. After all, to err is human. However, it is important to learn from our mistakes and evolve into better people. In "The Last Lesson" by Alphonse Daudet, Franz, the protagonist, regrets not taking his French lessons seriously until it was too late. He realizes the importance of his language and culture and how it connects him to his country. Similarly, in "The Rattrap" by Selma Lagerlöf, the peddler learns from his mistake of stealing and realizes that kindness and honesty are more important than material possessions. Both characters learn from their mistakes and evolve into better people. Shubhangi, it is never too late to start taking your academics seriously. Learn from your mistakes and work hard to achieve your goals. Remember, mistakes are opportunities to learn and grow.

OR

Dear Kamala,

I recently read your poem "My Mother at Sixty-Six," and I can understand the pain of separation that you are going through. Departure from a loved one is never easy, and it can leave us feeling lost and melancholic. However, I want to remind you of the beauty that surrounds us, even in moments of sorrow.

In my poem "A Thing of Beauty," I talk about how beauty has the power to take away our sorrows and provide us with a sense of peace and tranquility. I believe that beauty is not just about the external appearance of things, but it is also about the emotions and feelings that they evoke in us. Even in moments of sadness, we can find beauty in the memories we have shared with our loved ones.

I understand that it may be difficult to see the beauty in life right now, but I encourage you to keep looking. Remember that beauty is eternal and will never pass into nothingness. It will always be there to provide us with a bower quiet, full of sweet dreams, and quiet breathing.

I hope my words would comfort you and help in gulping the bitter reality of the transient life. As I have said earlier, nothing but a

thing of beauty can only be a perpetual source of joy.

Warmly,

John Keats

13. I found a reflection of myself in that lad who had landed in my garden today. I could feel a sense of bond with him as we both are victims of life's hard times. I lost a leg in war, while he burned a side of his face with acid. The only difference we have was in our perception of the world. What connected the young boy Derry with me was the feeling of comfort that he found in me as I did not treat him differently because of his disability. I could literally feel the pain he was undergoing and tried to inculcate a positive attitude in him. My effort was to apprise him that the confidence that our flaws become impediments to our success only if we allow them to be.

Since I have learnt to take things in my stride, I tried using my experiential knowledge to educate him for his revival. I made Derry believe that he had two arms, legs, ears, and eyes plus a tongue and brain which meant that he was no less than all the rest. And that if he chose and set his mind to it, then he could get on better than the rest. If he chose and set his mind to it, then he could get on better than the rest. Our difficulties or flaws should not become the governing factors of our life because then bitterness and disappointment would seep into everything.

OR

Most often I wonder whom I would have married if I had not met Hana. She has been such a great support to me through my thick and thins that words of thanks would not just be sufficient. The incident where she went against herself to stand by me was my decision to help the American prisoner of war. I could very well notice how she had to struggle to reconcile her loyalty to her country with her moral duty. Not only she went against her loyalty but also assisted me in the medical operations and the anesthetics while I was operating on Tom (the American prisoner) because Yumi, the nurse had refused to do so. She even managed all the chores herself when the servants left our home in protest. Despite being married for so many years, she is still the same loving wife. She has been my emotional anchor and has helped me navigate any moral dilemma that I have faced until now.



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