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SECTION A – READING SKILLS

1. i. (b) were not aware of different forms of coffee.
   ii. The writer's reference to the coffee plant is simultaneously hilarious and sarcastic. By referring to plants as organisns with thought and showing coffee-drinkers as "pests", the author has successfully gained a few laughs from the audience.
   iii. The author refers humans as a great threat to coffee plants because the chemical that the plants had originally produced to ward off pests, is the same chemical that humans call coffee and chug happily. So, in the end, the real "threat" to the plants came not from the pests, but from humans, who mass-manafactured plants for coffee.
   iv. (d) stimulants
   v. the characteristic taste and aroma of the coffee bean
   vi. The writer does an excellent job of describing the interesting phenomenon of the green bean turning into a flavorful coffee bean. They explain that when the bean is exposed to heat, the fats and carbohydrates turn into essential oils, which give the characteristic flavor and aroma to the coffee bean. They also touch on the importance of uniform grinding so that all particles are of similar sizes in order to ensure equal extraction. This is a great explanation and well-referenced to the process of making coffee.
   vii. One method to get stronger coffee is to use more coffee powder. This will ensure that the water has enough time to extract all the flavours from the coffee beans, giving you a stronger cup of coffee.
   viii. (b) Less surface area makes extraction easier.
   ix. The right degree of extraction of coffee is important because it will determine the flavor, aroma and overall taste of the coffee. If the extraction is done incorrectly, the coffee will either taste sour and under-extracted or bitter and over-extracted. The right degree of extraction requires precise control over the amount of coffee and the time it is exposed to water. Only then can you create the perfectly balanced cup of coffee.
   x. The coffee plant's production of caffeine intended to keep pests away but instead attracted a greater threat: human beings, who became drawn to the plant for its stimulating effects.
2. i. Not Given - There is no information on this
   ii. No, the given information is not correct.
   Indian garbage has a low calorific content of about 800 cal/kg because it has high moisture and requires additional fuel to burn.
   iii. (ii) 2 and 3
   iv. Dioxin, an organochlorine, belonging to the family of Persistent Organic Pollutants (POPs) is released on burning plastic waste which causes cancer. The risk of getting cancer from dioxin is ten times higher than reported by the agency in 1994.
   v. d. 2 and 4
   vi. Converting garbage into energy to produce 25 megawatts of power and swallow 1,000 tonnes of garbage every day.
   vii. b. Hydrochloric acid
   viii. reproductive problems

SECTION B – CREATIVE WRITING SKILLS

3.

SPRINGFIELDS SCHOOL, PUNE

NOTICE

Wrist Watch Lost

1st November 20XX

Lost a Titan black-coloured wrist-watch with a silver dial and brown strap in the school auditorium on 30th October 20XX in the 4th period. If you find it, please return it to the undersigned. The person who returns the watch will be suitably rewarded. To return the watch, you can meet me in class XII-A or give the watch to the class teacher of your respective class.

Anirudh

XII-A

OR

Cultural Forum

ST. THOMAS PUBLIC SCHOOL, LUCKNOW

6th Aug 2019

NOTICE

INTER-SCHOOL ORCHESTRA COMPETITION

On the occasion of the Silver Jubilee celebrations, an Inter-School Orchestra Competition will be held.
Date: 14th July 2019
Time: 2 p.m. onwards
Venue: Vikram Auditorium
Participants: Maximum 9 in an item
Last date for submission of Entry Forms: 25th July 2019
Rachna/Ravi
President (Cultural Forum)

4. 27, Urban Estate,
   Sector 15,
   Karnal.
   29 March 2019.
   Dear Vineet,
   I cordially invite you to the house warming ceremony of our newly constructed house in Urban Estate. With God's grace, the Hawan Ceremony is scheduled to be at 10 a.m. followed by lunch at 1.00 p.m. Kindly join us with your family on this auspicious day. I'll introduce you to my parents and close relatives. My family will be glad by your presence.
   With regards,
   Kartik Verma

   OR

   Sumita/Sanjay Gupta
   Anand Vihar,
   Maharashtra

   September 14, 2024
   The Principal
   Geetanjali Public School
   Prithvi Nagar, Maharashtra
   Subject: Acceptance of Invitation to be Guest of Honor
   Dear Sir/Madam,
   I hope this letter finds you well. I am delighted and honoured to accept your invitation to be the Guest of Honor at the upcoming performance of "Waiting for Godot" by the Literary Club of Geetanjali Public School.
   I would like to extend my heartfelt congratulations to the students and the entire team for their hard work and dedication in bringing this classic play to life. It is truly commendable to see young minds engaging with such profound literature and showcasing their talents through theatre.
   I am eagerly looking forward to the event and to witnessing the creativity and passion of your students. Please let me know if there are any specific details or preparations required from my end.
   Thank you once again for this wonderful opportunity. I am excited to be a part of this special occasion.
   Warm regards,
   Sumita/Sanjay Gupta
5. 48, Agra Fort
   Agra-282004
   9th March, 20XX
   The Editor
   The Times of India
   New Delhi
   Sir,
   Subject: Educational counsellors needed in schools
   Through the columns of your esteemed daily, I would like to raise an issue about the perplexitythat every student confronts after appearing for the secondary school examination. This is an important phase in a student's life as he has to decide what he aims at and how he would accomplish it. The students have to make a difficult choice from a number of streams available to them at the

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senior school level for further studies. Students appear to be totally helpless and sometimes even end up making the wrong choice, which they regret later. There is no valid mechanism to assess the suitability of a candidate for a particular stream. If there was, the process of stream selection would have been much easier for them. They must go for the stream they feel themselves to be good at and wherein they can have their utmost growth, personally as well as professionally. But the irony is that they take subjects forced by peer pressure or parental pressure without realising their own capabilities. Hence, I feel that there is a need for educational counsellors who can help the students to understand their hidden qualities. They are required in every school on a regular basis. Parents and teachers can also play a very important role in shaping young minds.

As it is a critical decision wherein the students need the utmost help, I request you to highlight this in your newspaper in order to spread awareness about it.

Yours sincerely

Vinita

OR

23 Raman Villa

Race Course Road

Bhopal

April 4, 2019

The Personnel Manager

Pioneers (Pvt.) Ltd. Co.

Qatar

Dear Sir,

Sub: Application for the post of Accountant

In response to your advertisement published in 'The Times of India' dated 1st April 2022, I wish to be considered for the position mentioned above.

I have an experience of 22 years working in some highly prestigious organisations and firms. I have had my education from reputed institutions of the country. I believe that my exponential growth in this work field makes me a suitable candidate for the post. I spare no pains in the rendering my duties honestly and devotedly.

I attach herewith attested copies of my certificates and my bio-data. If you find my profile suitable for the post you offer, I would be glad to come for a personal interview at any time suitable for you. If given a chance, I assure you, sir, that I will certainly win the confidence of my superiors.

Yours faithfully

Nipun

Encl: Bio-data

BIO-DATA

Name	Nipun Verma
Father's Name	Sh. Mohan Lal Verma
Address	23, Raman Villa, Race Course Road, Bhopal
Date of Birth	15 September 1970
Educational Qualifications	(i) ICWAI Passing year 1997 (ii) CA Passing year 1994 (iii) B.Com (Hons) Passing year 1990 (73%) (iv) CBSE (10+2) Passing year 1987 (83%)
Experience	TISCO 'Bhopal' since Nov. 1997
Salary Expected	Rs.30,000pm + perks
Marital Status	Married
Language Known	Hindi, English, Tamil, Telugu
References	(i) Dr V Anand, H.O.D Commerce, Holker University, Indore (ii) S. R.K. Sareen, Financial Advisor GRASIM (India) Banglore

6. The word “Father” is a verb that means sire of a child. The definition of the father has changed throughout the centuries. Still, one thing never changed: fathers are always considered the secondary caregivers of a family, which may include their parents as well.

Generally, the father is responsible for providing clothing, shelter, and bread and butter to their mouth. He is considered as the saviour and protector of the family. He stands against all the odds protects them from all the evils in the world.

He provides basic education for the child. Let it be schooling or social and personal development. The children are the by-product of what the parent has taught them throughout their life. The father has to maintain a proper balance between administration and affection to build the child's character.

Fathers are the essential part of the family as they lay out the foundation, which binds the family and its members in harmony. He teaches them how to live responsibly and respect others in society as well as in their family. Children have innocent minds that the father later moulds and makes them into a man who, in the future, will lead his family.

OR

Conserve Water Campaign

by Rohini, School Pupil Leader

Meerut, 26th March, 20XX: Students of Meerut Public School, Meerut participated in a campaign on 23rd March, 20XX. The campaign was organised by various agencies of city with an aim to create awareness among people about conservation of water. The approaching summer and the impending water scarcity were kept in view while organising the campaign. The students formed many groups and visited many places where reports of water shortage were prevalent. They presented many street plays, displayed posters and handed out booklets containing information about the need to conserve water and the methods to do the same.

Various scientific models, which caught the eye of the masses, were presented by the agencies involved. Moreover, the play on the theme of 'Rainwater Harvesting' remained the talk of the town and was hugely appreciated.

The efforts of the students were applauded by the Principal, who also announced that the school will continue to participate in such causes.

SECTION C - LITERATURE

7. i. Hands that shivered out of fear
   ii. Chained with responsibilities
   iii. (2) can be inferred from the extract but (1) cannot.
   iv. All of these
   v. Prancing
   vi. Alliteration

OR

   i. Both Shades of trees in forests and Clear water streams
   ii. Undergrowth of ferns or bush
   iii. Cooling shelter
   iv. Both (1) and (2) can be inferred from the extract.
   v. All of these
   vi. boon/blessings

8. i. (c) excitement
   ii. (a) acceptance
   iii. (c) I and III
   iv. Sam wrote the letter to Charley in order to <u>share his discovery of the third level and encourage Charley and Louisa to come back and experience it themselves at Galesburg.</u>

OR

   i. To indicate to the character to pause for thought/ to act showing gathering of thoughts.
   ii. Anxious
   iii. Shocked
   iv. Because Derry couldn't see anyone there.

9. i. Peaceful
   ii. (1) Can be inferred from the extract but (2) cannot.
   iii. At one moment the author thought that his <u>life came to an end</u>.
   iv.
   - To indicate to the character to pause for thought/ to act showing gathering of thoughts.
   - Ellipses create a weightier dramatic effect.

   v. 'I crossed to oblivion.'
   vi. the deadly experience convinced the author that he would embrace death for sure.

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OR

i. (d) There was a problem in Champaran which needed Gandhi's attention.
ii. emaciated
iii. (a) I is true but II is false.
iv. take Gandhi to Champaran
v. who looked poor/ starved/ emaciated
vi. A session at Lucknow

10. Answer any five of the following questions in 40-50 words each:

(i) The stranger didn't agree to go to the ironmaster's house because he was carrying the money he had stolen from the crofter. He knew that if the ironmaster found out his true identity, he would hand him over to the police. Thus, he didn't want to take any risk and declined the invitation.

(ii) The poet in the poem 'My Mother At Sixty-Six' smiled because she didn't want to show her emotions of anxiety and fear to her mother. It was a forced smile.

(iii)The people at the roadside stand talk crossly with the rich people as the latter refuse to buy the wild berries at a price demanded by them. They indulge in bargain and blame the berries and squash. The poor people grow angry at their unwillingness to help them by parting with little amount of their money.

(iv)Sophie had some unreal dreams. She dreamt of opening an amazing boutique in her hometown after schooling. She also dreamt of becoming a manager or an actress in order to earn a lot of money.

(v) The office boy of the make-up department had come with the hope of becoming a great actor or a writer, a director or a lyrics writer. His expectations were belied and he had to do the makeup of the crowd on the crowd shooting days. He used to close every pore on their faces. On free days, he used to barge into the writer's cubicle and grumble how his talent was being wasted in a department fit for barbers and perverts. This office boy had become a bore so the author was praying for crowd-shooting all the time to escape the office boy.

(vi)The evidence is that Kipling's own son was not allowed to read his works despite Kipling's public persona of advocating for children's literature and education. This contradiction between his public statements and private actions shows he did not practice what he preached.

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

(i) Antarctica is very much unique as well as specific than other parts of the globe. It is completely devoid of human markers and more than 90 per cent of the earth's total ice-volumes are stored on this sub-continent. In the beginning there was no life except flora and fauna. There are neither trees nor buildings. So we lose all earthly sense of perspective and time there. There is a day of 24 hours.

(ii) Sadao's father was a dedicated, father. He took great pains in taking care of his only son. He sent his son even to America for higher education. So, he was an ideal father.

(iii)The objective of the 'Students on Ice programme' was to take High School students to the limits of the world and provide them not only with inspiring opportunities in education but also enable them to understand and respect our planet. The idea was to provide them with a life-changing experience at an age when they are ready to absorb, learn and most importantly act.

12. Dear Ahmed,

I hope this letter finds you in good health and high spirits. I wanted to share my personal experience here in Mumbai, working as an office boy at Gemini Studio. It has been quite an eye-opening journey so far.

Firstly, I must say that the way things are done here perplexes me. People work together despite having a dislike for each other. It's strange to witness how they put on a facade of cooperation and professionalism, even though their true feelings may be quite different. It's a stark contrast to the genuine camaraderie and support we had back in our hometown.

Moreover, the reel life that we often saw in movies is quite different from the real life here. The glamour and grandeur we witnessed on the silver screen are replaced by the harsh realities of long working hours, hierarchy, and the constant struggle to prove oneself. It's not as glamorous as we imagined, Ahmed.

However, despite the challenges, I have learned a great deal from this experience. It has taught me the importance of adaptability, perseverance, and the value of hard work. I have also been able to make some connections and learn from experienced individuals in the industry, which I believe will be beneficial for our future endeavors.

Ahmed, I understand your desire to come to Mumbai and work here. It can be a city of dreams, but it's important to have a realistic understanding.

Warmly

Saheb

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OR

The purpose of life should be Greater Goodness which demands us to cut across our personal interests and have a wider version of the Global Family. Mahatma Gandhi's quote, "The world has enough for everyone's need, but not enough for everyone's greed," is a reminder that we should strive for a world where everyone's basic needs are met, and we don't indulge in excessive consumption.

Indigo by Louis Fischer and Keeping Quiet by Pablo Neruda both highlight the importance of self-reflection and introspection. In Indigo, Gandhi's philosophy of self-reliance and non-violent resistance is emphasized, and the exploitation of the poor by the British is highlighted. In Keeping Quiet, Neruda urges us to take a moment of silence and introspection to connect with ourselves and the world around us.

In the context of Mahatma Gandhi's quote, both Indigo and Keeping Quiet emphasize the importance of cutting across personal interests and working towards the greater good. The excessive greed of the British in Indigo led to the exploitation of the poor, while in Keeping Quiet, Neruda urges us to take a moment of silence and introspection to connect with ourselves and the world around us.

Therefore, we should strive to live a life that is not driven by excessive greed and consumption. Instead, we should focus on the greater good and work towards creating a world where everyone's basic needs are met, and we live in harmony with nature. This requires us to cut across our personal interests and have a wider version of the global family, as the purpose of life should be Greater Goodness.

13. The Tiger King came to know of the prediction made by the chief astrologer that his death would come from a tiger. The king went hunting and killed a tiger. He called the chief astrologer and told him that his prediction had proved wrong. But the astrologer said that the king could kill ninety-nine tigers in the same manner, but he would have to be very careful with the hundredth. Now the Tiger King took a vow that he would attend to the state matters only after killing a hundred tigers. He also proclaimed that none, but the king could hunt tigers in his kingdom. In ten years, he was able to kill seventy tigers. But now no tigers were left in the forests of his kingdom. He married a girl from a royal family and started hunting tigers in the kingdom of his father-in-law. In this way, he killed ninety-nine tigers. When no tiger was left in that kingdom also, Somehow, the kingdom’s Dewan got a sickly tiger for the king. The king took a careful aim and fired. The tiger fell in a heap. Thus, the king thought that he had killed a hundred tigers. Actually, it was not the king’s shot that had killed the tiger, but the sharp sound of the bullet which the old tiger could not stand and fell down terrified. In a way, he did all he could to achieve his goal of killing a hundred tigers.

OR

My moment of happiness to visit my native village faded soon when I could still sense the lingering presence of discrimination. It pains me to see that despite all the progress I have made and the efforts I have put in to overcome caste discrimination and untouchability, the roots of prejudice still run deep in this place I once called home.

As I walked through the familiar streets, I couldn't help but notice the subtle glances and whispers that followed me. The walls of discrimination still stand tall, dividing people based on their caste and perpetuating the cycle of inequality. It breaks my heart to see my fellow Dalits still subjected to the same mistreatment and humiliation that I once endured.

I had hoped that my achievements and position in the administrative field would inspire change and break down these barriers. But it seems that the battle against discrimination is far from over. The fight for equality and respect is an ongoing struggle that requires constant vigilance and unwavering determination.

I feel a deep sense of agony and frustration, knowing that despite my best efforts, the village I once called home remains trapped in the clutches of prejudice. But this only fuels my resolve to continue fighting for justice and equality. I will not let the discrimination I witnessed dampen my spirit or deter me from my mission to be a role model for all Dalits. I will use my position and influence to raise awareness, challenge the status quo, and advocate for change. Every step forward, no matter how small, brings us closer to a society where caste discrimination is nothing but a distant memory. I will not rest until that day comes.