

SECTION A – READING SKILLS

1.
 - i. (iv) It's better than watching the train leave in front of your eyes
 - ii.
 - Energetic, quick-minded people do not waste time.
 - They are often tempted to finish a job before setting out to keep an appointment.
 - If no accidents occur on the way, like punctured tires, diversion of traffic, sudden descent of fog, they will be on time.
 (any one)
 - iii. Accidents that occur on the way, like
 - a. punctured tires,
 - b. diversion of traffic,
 - c. sudden descent of fog, may obstruct a punctual person from being on time. (any two)
 - iv. (iii) adamant
 - v. (ii) abstruse
 - vi. Although being early may mean wasting a little time, this will be less than if you miss the train and have to wait an hour or so for the next one.
 - vii. To avoid chaos in the society and to reach conclusion.
 - viii. asking them to come half an hour later than the other guests.
 - ix. (iii) He is wasting as much time as the unpunctual ones
 - x. Some people who may be unpunctual are considered more industrious or useful because they tend to be energetic and quick-minded, often trying to complete tasks right up until the time of their appointment. If no unforeseen delays occur, they usually manage to be on time.
2.
 - i. True - The statement agrees with the information
 - ii. Yes. The 'pile-on effect' of the coronavirus is that, during the global COVID-19 pandemic, interruptions to education can have long-term implications — especially for the most vulnerable.
 - iii. d. Diminish equal opportunities
 - iv. 191 countries in the world (98% of the global student population) switched to online lessons.
 - v. c. Inconvenience
 - vi. When the pandemic hit, everyone had to switch from offline to online classes. This time, even the pragmatists and conservatives decided to switch to online learning methods because they were unable to offer on-site lessons.
 - vii. d. i, iii, iv
 - viii. Visionaries & Enthusiasts

SECTION B – CREATIVE WRITING SKILLS

SAV PUBLIC SCHOOL

JAIPUR

Notice

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Date: 11th September 2024

INVITATION FOR THE PLAY

SHAKUNTALAM

This is to inform all students and their parents that our school is staging the classic play "Shakuntalam". We invite everyone to come and enjoy this cultural event. The invitation card will be distributed by your respective class teacher.

Date: 25th September 2024

Time: 6:00 PM

Venue: City Theatre, Jaipur

We look forward to your presence and support in making this event a grand success.

Nitin/Nalini

Cultural Secretary

S.V.A. Public School, Jaipur

OR

NOTICE
Goodwill Public Schools

4th Feb 2020

There is an international book fair is being held at Pragati Maidan New Delhi from 7th to 14th February 2020 from 7:30 a.m to 6:00 p.m. Interested students are requested to come and check different books by different writers. It would be a good opportunity for all to see and suggest some books for library purpose.

Girish Singhania
Librarian

Mrs. and Mr. Krishnamurthi
solicit your gracious presence
at the pre-wedding party to celebrate
their son's marriage
on 25th July 20xx
at 7:30 PM
at INVITATION BANQUET HALL
Model Town, Delhi – 110009

R.S.V.P.

4. Vinit Krishnamurthi

OR

Message

Dear Suresh,
Thank you for inviting me to your 10th marriage anniversary celebration. Unfortunately, due to prior commitments, I won't be able to attend. I regret missing this special occasion and wish you both a wonderful celebration.
Best wishes,
Gitika/Ganesh
10, Pandit Nagar, Nashik

5. F112, Mall Road,
Delhi - 110007
7th September, 20XX
The Editor,
The Times of India,
Delhi - 110002

Sir,

Subject: Need to improve living conditions in slums

Through the columns of your esteemed newspaper, I wish to draw the attention of the municipal authorities of all big cities to the miserable living conditions in the slums.

India is growing by leaps and bounds in every sector. However, the mushrooming slums in the city provide an altogether different scenario. These slums are mostly inhabited by rural people who have migrated to cities for their livelihood due to lack of employment opportunities in rural areas. As the houses in these areas are devoid of basic amenities like piped water supply and sanitation, the residents, particularly the children, urinate and defecate in any open space they find. Living in such grim and horrible conditions leads to spread of various diseases like cholera, typhoid, dysentery etc. Further, there is no sweeping or cleaning of the streets done, leading to heaps of stinking garbage.

The living conditions of these slums can be improved if the municipal authorities bring these areas under their ambit, charging the residents house tax and providing the necessary water supply and sanitation services by using the house tax collected for this purpose. Only when the slum dwellers also get the basic necessities, can the nation be said to have truly progressed.

I hope my letter will find a suitable space in your newspaper and the concerned authorities will take the requisite steps to improve the conditions of the slums.

Thanking you.

Yours sincerely,

Aditi

OR

Amrendra Singh
2, Kailash Puri
Delhi
September 9, 2024
The HR Manager
Happy Times Industry
Kanpur

Subject: Application for the Post of Chartered Accountant

Dear Sir/Madam,

I am writing to apply for the position of Chartered Accountant at Happy Times Industry, as advertised in The National Times. With a Chartered Accountancy qualification and over five years of experience in accounting and financial management, I am confident in my ability to contribute effectively to your team.

I have a proven track record in managing financial statements, conducting audits, and ensuring compliance with tax regulations. My proficiency in accounting software and advanced MS Excel skills enable me to handle complex financial data efficiently. Additionally, my strong analytical and problem-solving abilities have consistently helped in optimize financial processes and reduce costs.

I am eager to bring my expertise and dedication to Happy Times Industry and contribute to its continued success. Please find my detailed biodata attached for your consideration.

Thank you for your time and consideration.

Yours sincerely,

Amrendra Singh

Biodata:

Name: Amrendra Singh

Address: 2, Kailash Puri, Delhi

Contact: [Phone Number]

Email: [Email Address]

Date of Birth: [Date of Birth]

Qualifications: Chartered Accountant (CA)

Experience:

5+ years in accounting and financial management

Expertise in financial statements, audits, and tax compliance

Proficient in accounting software and MS Excel

Skills: Analytical thinking, problem-solving, attention to detail, effective communication

Languages: English, Hindi

I look forward to the opportunity to discuss how my background, skills, and certifications will be beneficial to your company.

Yours sincerely,

Amrendra Singh

6. Our Metro-Our Pride

20 March 20XX

We as a race are very proud of our culture and many things that go into making our so-called culture. We Indians indeed have many things to be proud of no doubt, especially many beautiful things that have been handed over to us through generations and centuries. Can we with equal pride declare that we have a great civic sense too? Certainly not. We as a country are very poor followers of our civic duties and have very poor civic sense.

Let us get it clear what we mean by civic sense. Social ethics can exist only if the people of a society have a civic sense. Having civic sense makes a responsible citizen. The personality of a town or a city gets reflected through the civic sense of the people of that place. Respecting laws, good etiquette, paying taxes, and keeping our surroundings clean all go into making good civic sense. There are unwritten codes of conduct and rules too in each society, which should be followed in any civil society.

Respecting others' freedom and privacy is another aspect of civic virtue. We frequently witness people not using seat belts or helmets, automobiles parked in non-parking zones, dishonestly cutting into lines, and autos that ignore red lights. All of these are deeply rooted in the minds of our individuals as potential tiny errors that could be made in the absence of police or a supervisor. These are serious offences, and we will eventually run into problems as a result of our complacent attitude. It is said correctly to ask what you can do for your country rather than what your country can do for you.

Tanisha/Tanmay.

OR

36 Injured in Train and Tractor Trolley Collision
by Sanjeev Kumar, Times News Network

Uttar Pradesh, 18th February, 20XX : How many lives do we await to be lost before some strict measures are taken by the authorities? One more accident at an unmanned level crossing! Who else but the Railways are to be blamed? The railways do not have people posted at such crossings to prevent such accidents. The correspondent was travelling to Kanpur by the Lucknow Shatabdi, when it hit a tractor-trolley at an unmanned level crossing after Khurja station. The train driver could not do anything to prevent the situation as a result of the heavy fog prevailing in the morning hours. However, relief measures were undertaken by the passengers after the train had stopped. Apparently, the trolley was full of people returning to their village after solemnising a marriage.

14 passengers of the trolley were seriously injured and were taken to Khurja Civil Hospital by ambulances. The tractor and trolley were smashed beyond repair. The local administration has announced suitable compensation to the injured; however, the loss cannot be measured in terms of money, especially when it is due to the authorities' carelessness. The train resumed its journey after 4 hours.

SECTION C - LITERATURE

7. i. Home to the Cochin airport
ii. The poetess
iii. Her mother had grown very old
iv. Sad
v. d. (2) is the reason for (1) and can be inferred from the extract.
vi. Simile,

OR

- i. Because they have something to sell
ii. Pathetically pled
iii. survival and betterment
iv. Metaphor
v. Pathetic
vi. (2) is the reason for (1).
8. i. 1, 3 and 6
ii. Both Statement 1 and Statement 2 can be inferred from the passage.
iii. Dismal/gloomy/depressing/sombre
iv. Short; Shingled

- i. to be in hot water
ii. worried about the consequences/result of being considerate.
iii. The manager complained about the employee's sluggishness.
iv. The manager complained about the employee's sluggishness
9. i. Call someone by his name
ii. Blacksmith
iii. Because he was late for school.
iv. He was making fun of the boy/he said so in a lighter vein/it was just a banter
v. Apprentice
vi. bulletin board,

OR

- i. (A) three
ii. These people have ration cards to get their names on voters' lists and enable them to buy grain.
iii. Their lifestyle is nomadic and transient, as they move frequently in search of food and shelter.
iv. They believe that finding food and feeding their families is more important than returning to their fields.
v. (D) practical.
vi. It indicates having enough food to eat and not going hungry.
10. Answer any five of the following questions in 40-50 words each:

- (i) When Douglas was tossed into the pool, he got terribly frightened. He planned to make a big jump when his feet hit the bottom, come to the surface, lie flat on it and paddle to the edge of the pool.
- (ii) The poem keeping quiet conveys a message of world peace and harmony. The poet wants us to keep quiet and still for a minute so that we can introspect. A moment's silence now could help us achieve a lot. The world could be saved from various atrocities during this time. All those people who harm the environment by cutting trees and by disturbing marine life, they all would cease for a while.
- (iii) Aunt Jennifer's character evokes sympathy from the reader due to her hardships and struggles, which deeply affect our emotions. The speaker in the poem also expresses compassion and empathy towards her. The speaker suggests that even in death, Aunt Jennifer will continue to experience fear and anxiety caused by her husband and the challenges she faced in her marriage.
- (iv) Sophie was very fascinated by the young Irish footballer, Danny Casey. She fantasized dating him and in reality knew that it was impossible. So she chose Royce's Arcade to make her story believable and hence, picked up an easily approachable place for a date.
- (v) The office boy was frustrated because he was not able to progress further than being a boy despite getting a good opening. He was educated and had a good formal education. He could write poetry also but his great literary talent never came to fore and it was allowed to go waste. Due to this, he would get angry and he showed his anger on Kothamangalam Subbu, the No. 2 at Gemini Studios.
- (vi) The American publisher believed that people like trash whereas 'The Name of the Rose' delved into metaphysics, theology and medieval history and people do not like these difficult reading experiences. Through his novel, which sold between 10 to 15 million copies, Umberto Eco reached only a small percentage of readers. But, according to him, it is that kind of readers who do not want easy experiences, or at least, do not always want this.

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

- (i) Burning of fossil fuel like petroleum products gives birth to carbon-dioxide and other poisonous gases. As a result, we see a blanket of carbon-dioxide around the world. It is slowly but surely increasing the average global temperature. This obviously contributes to the phenomenon of global warming.
- (ii) The reaction of the dewan is quite funny and amusing. He thinks that the Maharaja wants to marry him. He says that he has already two wives. The Maharaja clarifies that he does not want to marry him. He wants a tiger. The dewan interrupts him saying that his ancestors were married to the sword. He might marry the gun if he liked. He added that a Tiger King was more than enough for that state. It did not need a Tiger Queen as well.
- (iii) The study of Antarctica region can be helpful to us to understand the past, present and future of our planet. It can help to get a grasp of where we have come from and where we could possibly be heading. It can tell us the significance of cordilleran folds and pre-Cambrian granite shields; ozone and carbon; evolution and extinction.

12. In a strange dream, I encountered several individuals who enlightened me on their philosophies. Robert Frost, the poet of 'A Roadside Stand', agreed with my philosophy of the world being a rattrap. He cited the miserable condition of the poor people of the countryside who are ignored by the city people and the government. He highlights the innocence and ignorance of these poor people who expect from the rich and government agencies for support in vain. He believed that the truths like sympathy and humanity that he seeks, and presents are innate in the human heart and the common objects, which people may and often do know, but forget.

On the other hand, Pablo Neruda, the poet of Keeping Quiet, disagreed with Frost and emphasized the significance of mindfulness, introspection, and retrospection which leads to unity and brotherhood. He believed that we should take a moment to pause and reflect on our actions and thoughts to create a better world.

Lastly, Gandhi from Indigo dissuaded me from making wrong choices and explained to me the value of self-reliance even during tough times. He believed that we should not rely on others to solve our problems and should take responsibility for our own lives. This dream has taught me that there are different perspectives on life, and it is essential to consider them all before making any decisions. I have learned that it is important to reflect on my actions and thoughts and take responsibility for my own life. I will try to incorporate these lessons into my life and become a better person.

OR

Dreams, reality, and happiness are interconnected concepts that often influence and shape our lives. In Keats' poem "A Thing of Beauty," he describes beauty as a source of joy that never fades away. He emphasizes the importance of appreciating the beauty around us, even in the face of despondence and gloomy days. Keats suggests that beauty has the power to provide solace, sweet dreams, and a sense of well-being. This notion implies that finding beauty in the world can bring happiness and contentment. On the other hand, the character of Sophie in "Going Places" yearns for a life filled with colors and happiness, as exemplified by Geoff. She becomes fixated on her fantasies and ignores her reality. This highlights the conflict between dreams and reality. While

dreams can inspire and motivate us, they can also lead to dissatisfaction if they are not aligned with our actual circumstances. The relationship between dreams, reality, and happiness is complex. Dreams can provide us with aspirations and goals, driving us towards success and fulfillment. However, it is important to strike a balance between dreams and reality. Happiness can be found by appreciating the beauty in our everyday lives, as Keats suggests, and by aligning our dreams with achievable goals. It is the ability to find contentment in both our dreams and our reality that ultimately leads to lasting happiness.

In conclusion, dreams, reality, and happiness are intertwined aspects of our lives. While dreams can inspire and motivate us, it is important to appreciate the beauty in our present reality. By finding a balance between our dreams and our actual circumstances, we can cultivate happiness and fulfillment.

13. My childhood days were surrounded by negativity until I met Mr. Lamb who became my inspiration. I remember once he narrated to me a story of a man who locked himself up in his room as he was afraid of everything. The man thought that he would meet with an accident with a bus, he would catch an infection from someone, a donkey would kick him to death, the lightning may hit him or he may die because the girl whom he loved may leave him or he may even slip off a banana and people would laugh at him. In order to safeguard himself from all such incidents, he locked himself in his room. I was so surprised to hear this that I couldn't stop asking Mr. Lamb if he locked himself forever. He replied that no, he did so for a while. I was curious to know what happened next. Mr. Lamb replied that a picture fell on his head and he died. I burst into laughter as I found it strange. This story had a deep impact on my life when I realised its inherent meaning. It made me confident and helped me to lead a life full of happiness and positivity.

OR

I have been married to Sadao for many years now after falling in love with him in America and I have always known him to be a man of great intelligence with a complex emotional character. However, the state of dilemma that he faced because of the enemy American POW torn him between his loyalty to his country and his humanistic values. He was confused about whether he should follow his professional ethics and save the prisoner from dying or show his true patriotism and hand him over to the police. But I can say proudly that he rose above narrow prejudices and realised his duty as a doctor. I could sense that the surgeon in him instinctively inspired him to operate upon the dying soldier and save his life. Also, as a responsible and patriotic citizen, he informed a senior Japanese Army General about the prisoner's presence in the house and even agreed to have him killed by the General's assassins. But when the General's men didn't turn up, he arranged for a safe escape of the prisoner, which reinforced my belief of him being a great compassionate soul.



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