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## SAMPLE PAPER SET - 02 (2024-25)

**SUBJECT : ENGLISH CORE (301)**

**TIME : 03:00 Hours**

**CLASS - XII**

**M.M. : 80**

### ANSWER KEY

- (a) The author has discussed regarding Narmada Bachao Andolan, initiated by Medha Patkar.

(b) The High Court of Jabalpur directed to stop the filling of the reservoir until land-based rehabilitation is done.

(c) (i) of the people was complete

(d) of non-compliance on rehabilitation and environmental measures.

(e) (iv) main promoters, strategists and mobilisers

(f) Medha Patkar played an active role in this movement wherein she faced regression, arrests, undertook Satyagrahas and fasts. In a confrontation with pro dam supporters and the establishment, Patkar who was on a 21-day fast for this cause nearly lost her life.

(g) Here, the word 'rehabilitation' means 'reestablishment'. The High Court of Jabalpur directed to reestablish the people or thing that is on the land.

(h) (iii) injustice

(i) (iv) spearheading the NBA

(j) Firstly, he felt that he had done his part in the care of the leprosy patients and the downtrodden, and secondly he wanted to be a part of the movement as he thought that the Narmada movement was the symbol of all struggles against social injustice.
- (a) wherewithal

(b) (ii) purchase of the NPAs

(c) Under the baseline scenario, the ratio may escalate to 14.8% under a severe stress scenario.

(d) Sentence 1 is travel and sentence 2 is 'tourism'.

(e) (iii) Neha commercial bank; Pallavi co-operative bank; Rahul small finance bank

(f) Yes, bad banks are institutions in themselves. The role of these is to purchase NPAs from banks, restructure them and then sell them. It can save the regular banks the trouble of dealing with toxic assets and help them focus their more important role of lending.

(g) No, these proposed bad banks are not the first entity in India. Several private asset reconstruction companies in India have already existed and they have acquired stressed assets worth 23.8 lakh crore as of June 2019, according to the RBI.

(h) (ii) productive

3. A.

**ABC School, Vikaspuri, New Delhi**

21 January 20XX

**NOTICE**

**Meeting of Cricket Association**

All the members of the school cricket team are requested to attend the meeting to be held to discuss plans and strategies for the coming zonal tournament in the end of February. The meeting will be conducted in the seminar hall on 24 January from 1:00 p.m. onwards. Members are requested to be on time. Attendance is compulsory.

Trilok Lahiri (12D)

(Secretary, ABC School, Cricket Association)

**OR**

B.

**National Public School, Ram Nagar**

**NOTICE**

22 January 20XX

**Stop Littering in School Premises**

All the students are advised to keep the school premises neat and clean. After the lunch break the school playground and verandas are littered with wrappers, paper/polythene bags, etc. This makes the school dirty. The students who litter here and there will be charged a fine of ₹50, if they do not mind their ways.

Rani Nigam (12D)

(Secretary, Health Club).

4. A. 25, Vasundhra Colony

Patna

21 January 20XX

Dear Manish

I am pleasantly surprised to receive your invitation of your wedding anniversary.

I would have loved to join you on this auspicious occasion, but on the same day I have a family get-together. Thus, it would not be possible for me to join.

Please accept my best wishes to you and your wife on this joyous occasion. May you have a blessed married life!

Your friend

Mahendra Juneja

OR

**B.** The Literary Club  
of  
Apeejay International School, NOIDA  
solicits the pleasure of your company on the occasion of  
the play, "Macbeth"  
at the School Auditorium  
at 5.00 p.m. on 10 May 20XX  
Mr Chetan Bhagat, the famous novelist  
will be the Guest of Honour,  
RSVP  
Gautam/Garvita  
Secretary  
Phone: 011-25352.xxxxx  
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**5. A.** B-20, Kavi Nagar

Ghaziabad

2<sup>nd</sup> April 20XX

The Editor National Herald New Delhi-110001

Sir

Subject: Water crisis in Kavi Nagar

Through the columns of your esteemed newspaper, I wish to draw the attention of the concerned authorities towards the problem of water scarcity in our area.

It is just early summer and the residents are already facing acute water shortage in the area.

The supply is cut off at 8:30 a.m. in the morning and is restored only for half an hour in the evening between 6:00 p.m. to 7:00 p.m. Since the timings are erratic, especially, the working couples are unable to store water. Frequent complaints to the Jal Nigam, haven't yielded any result as the authorities express their helplessness saying that one of the tanks of the Hyderpur Water Treatment Plant is under repair, and has been shut down for a month or so thereby affecting the water supply in the area. But it is nearly one and a half months since the problem began, yet there is no respite to the residents.

The Jal Nigam should, in the meantime, make provisions for water tankers at different hours of the day. Also, measures must be taken to expedite the repair work.

Thanking you

Yours truly

Reema Rahul

OR

**B.** K-2300, A Block  
Chittaranjan Park  
New Delhi 1100XX  
10 January 20XX

The HRD Manager  
Glaxo Smith Kline  
Connaught Place  
New Delhi 1100XX

Dear Sir

Subject: Seeking job as Sr. Medical Representative

With reference to your advertisement in The Hindu, dated 8 January 20XX, inviting applications for the post of experienced medical representatives in your esteemed company, I wish to apply for the same.

Currently, I am working as Senior Medical Representative at Bausch & Lomb, an Italian Company at Green Park, New Delhi. I am seeking a change to enrich my work experience.

Thanking you

Yours faithfully

Varun Jain

Curriculum Vitae

Encl: \* Curriculum Vitae \* Photocopies of certificates

### Curriculum Vitae

Name	: Varun Jain
Father's Name	: Shri P.K. Jain
Date of Birth	: 4 February, 19XX
Address	: K-2300, A-Block Chittaranjan Park New Delhi
Nationality	: Indian
Educational Qualification	: 1. MBA, Delhi University, 19XX : 2. BSc from Chandigarh University, Chandigarh, 19XX
Experience	: Working as Medical Representative with Bausch & Lomb, New Delhi since 1998.
Languages known	: English, Hindi and French
Strength	: Excellent representative skills
References	: 1. Dr R.S. Gulati HOD (Ecological Economics) Institute of Economic Growth Delhi. M. No. 72534XXXXX 2. Mr S.K. Agarwal General Manager Alembic Pharmaceutical Pvt. Ltd. New Delhi, M. No. 95231XXXXX

6.A.

## **The Increasing Crime Rate in Today's Society**

**by Shravan Kumar**

The scenario in today's society as regards rising crimes is really shocking. For one good man, there are thousands of wicked men. IV, newspapers and other media are filled with the incidents of crimes such as murder, thefts, chain snatching, dowry deaths, drug trafficking and cyber crime. However, the crimes are motivated by extremely unjust thoughts, cruel intentions that worst sufferers are the common men in the society due to alarming increase in crimes. This is a society which has an assortment of people: good, bad, hypocritic and murderous. As a result, the rising crimes in the society have been a relentless menace to the society.

It is said that there is a nexus between some policemen and criminals. So, if the policemen are corrupt, how can they control crimes?

So, the crux of the problem of rising crimes is poverty and unemployment. There is a widening gap between the haves and the have-nots. This drama graphically shows how this gap makes common men criminal. This disparity should be curbed by economic measures.

In sum, the rising crime in the society today degrades the quality of life. It is perhaps due to the lack of proper supervision of the criminals and bringing them to book. Hence, night patrolling, security checks and public awareness can go a long way in curbing crimes.

**OR**

B.

## **A VISIT TO PARLIAMENT**

**by Anjali**

**Head. Youth Parliament**

New Delhi, 20 December 20XX: On 19 December 20XX, a batch of 37 students visited Parliament and witnessed how the two Houses (Rajya Sabha and Lok Sabha) conduct their proceedings. After the mandatory security check, we were let in and led to the guests' galleries to watch from there the day's proceedings.

The house was already in progress. The members of the treasury benches were giving replies to the queries being forwarded by the members of the opposition benches. It was the Dy. Chairman and the Speaker who were conducting the business in the Rajya Sabha and the Lok Sabha respectively. They ensured decorum, discipline and order in the Houses so that the discussion could move smoothly. We gathered the first-hand information about how the elected representatives work in the interest of the nation. It was a very satisfying and enriching experience for all of us.

7. A. (a) It implies that the rural folk had marred the beauty of the landscape.

(b) (iii) For indicating directions

(c) are quite ignorant about the less attractive roadside stand.

(d) momentarily

(e) (i) Both the assertion and the reason are true, and the reason is the correct explanation of the assertion.

(f) The poet highlights the agony and pathetic condition of the roadside people.

**OR**

B. (a) The description of trees sprinting creates a vivid image of strength and happiness.

(b) (iii) Mother's ill health is symbolic of inevitability of old age whereas merry children symbolise youthfulness.

(c) trees seem to race away and the happy children run out of their house.

(d) personification

(e) (iv) The assertion is false, but the reason is true.

(f) The poet was trying to divert her mind by looking at the running young trees and watching the excitement of the children.

8. A. (a) the state of being unconscious

(b) When Sadao put his hand against the breast of the injured man, he felt his heart was still beating. This way Sadao was assured that the man would survive.

(c) (iii) take him to the hospital

(d) Pulse

**OR**

B. (a) coward's

(b) Zitkala-Sa is comparing herself with many animals driven by a herder.

(c) (i) 's hair were clipped short

(d) She wanted that someone should have explained to her the reason for shingling her hair.

9. A. (a) The old man was lonely because he was without wife or child. He longed for human company.

(b) happy

(c) unjust and hostile

(d) The peddler did not have the basic necessities of life. He wanted to take shelter for the night

(e) (iii) The world - a snare

(f)(ii) unkindness

B. (a) Franz was afraid of the bad news.

(b) in a hurry

(c) the blacksmith wanted Franz to go down slowly.

(d) Franz saw a crowd in front of the bulletin board which only displayed, the bad news i.e.: the lost battles, the draft, the orders of the commanding officer, etc.

(e) (iv) He told him not to go last.

(f) (ii) The Importance of Punctuality

10. (a) The mood in the classroom was solemn and serious. All faces looked gloomy and the children in the class were also silent. M. Hamel was very emotional and regretted that the children had neglected French, their national language.

(b) Due to his courage and determination, Douglas emerges as a true hero who overcomes all challenges and finally defeats 'fear. We should not die in the grip of fear but keep it away from us or crush it. As Roosevelt said. All we have to fear is fear itself'.

(c) No. Sophic never met Danny Casey. It was only her fantasy which would run wild and she would imagine meeting him at the arcade near the Royce's window. She was given to daydreaming.

(d) The poet says that deprivation, vulnerability and powerlessness are the characteristics of poverty that hampers people's well-being. Through this poem, he prays and appeals for the betterment of poor people by adopting certain ways. Economic growth cannot bring out any desirable result if there is unequal distribution. The economic well-being of a country depends on a balanced development of villages and cities.

(e) The poet appreciates the gifts of nature through various beautiful images in the poem. The beauty of evergreen trees and fountains is a source of utmost delight and pleasure. It acts as an elixir of life providing a constant source of happiness.

(f) The crofter greeted the peddler warmly because he had a sad and monotonous life. Moreover, he had no children, no family. The world had never been kind to him. So he was very happy to receive the peddler because he could talk to him to his loneliness.

11. (a) Derry avoids people's company and keeps to himself. When he finds Lamb's company, he gets a chance to open his heart and tells the world how he hates people pitying and sympathising with him. He feels sad at the way his mother deals with him and has a feeling that his mother kisses him as she has no other option.

(b) It was at the third level station that Charley wanted two tickets for Galesburg, Illinois. The clerk told him the amount for two coach tickets, one way, but when Charley handed him the amount, the clerk started staring at him and said, "That ain't money, mister, and if you're trying to skin me, you won't get very far." The reason was Charley's money was different looking. As he realized it, he turned away and got out fast thinking there is nothing nice about jail, even in 1894.

(c) The Dewan managed to get the 100th tiger for him to complete the predicted number of tigers to be killed. The Maharaja was very happy. He took a careful aim at the tiger. The tiger fell down in a heap. It was announced that he had killed the 100th tiger. But the reality was that he had missed his aim and the tiger had just fainted. It was the hunters who took aim and killed the tiger. However, the truth was not revealed as they would have to lose their jobs..

12. A. Salwan Public School

Mayur Vihar New Delhi 1100XX

The Editor

The Times of India

Bahadurshah Zafar Marg

New Delhi 110002

23 October 20XX

Dear Sir

Subject: Overcrowded cities

Today people from rural areas are moving to towns and cities in search of better education, job prospects and better medical facilities. This has led to cities and towns getting overcrowded and problems like strained infrastructure and traffic jams besides the dire need for housing. The declining standards of living in cities and towns need to be addressed by the government. More houses need to be made available to the burgeoning population and the satellite towns need to be developed.

We hope that the government takes a serious note of this and the living conditions in towns and cities are improved.

Thanking you

Yours faithfully

Nisha Gupta

**OR**

**If only Money Grew on Trees!**

**by XYZ**

Do we fault the parents or the children of today who spend money recklessly and unnecessarily? Children today aspire to buy the top of the line mobile phones, the most expensive laptops, visit the most exclusive gyms and eat at some of the most expensive restaurants. This would not have been

possible if the parents had not provided the funds. There is a debate raging about this situation but, to my mind, parents should be teaching young people to value money. We live in a society where there are many who live below the poverty line and cannot afford a square meal. It is important to draw the attention of young people to the plight of the less fortunate in our society and encourage them to share the bounties that they enjoy. Such awareness can help the youth to become less selfish and learn to value money.

13.A. The story, "Memories of Childhood" shows two accounts of different cultures, yet they are united in a common bond. Now let us look into what this common bond is.

Zitkala-Sa, the protagonist of the story 'The Cutting of My Long Hair' is a native American student. The second is Bama, the leading character of 'We too are human beings'. She belongs to the Tamil Dalits. Both the narratives are not simple cases of oppression. They reveal how the oppression was resisted by two young school-going children in their own ways. Although their cultures were vastly different, they realized the injustice as to how they were exploited and ill-treated. Zitkala was the victim of racial discrimination, whereas Bama suffered from caste discrimination. Zitkala-Sa revolted against the school authorities because she did not want her hair to be shingled out like that of a coward's. Bama, on the other hand, was a victim of untouchability, and casteism.

Thus both Zitkala-Sa and Bama were victims of the oppression. Their bitter childhood experiences sowed the seeds of rebellion in them early in life.

**OR**

**B.** Dr Sadao played a master stroke to get out of a potentially dangerous situation that could have shown him as a traitor to his country. In fact, Sadao was drawn by the sheer feeling of humaneness and compassion towards Tom, the American prisoner of war. For harbouring an enemy, he had to face a lot of problems. The servants left the house in defiance and he was under perpetual threat of being branded as a traitor of the country.

Dr Sadao also told the General diplomatically how the American Prisoner of War was washed ashore, and the circumstances, under which he was granted refuge in Sadao's house. He made him understand the precarious condition of Tom without any fear.

He proved that even if two countries were at war, the religion of humanity did not alter. He was proud of saving Tom's life and finally planned to let Tom, escape safely.

The given statement conveys the message of universal brotherhood. Through Dr Sadao, the author conveys his views against the war and hatred against man and man.