

NCT Examination Paper 2018

Time: 3 Hours]

[M.M.: 80

General Instructions:

- (i) The paper is divided into three sections: A, B and C. All the sections are compulsory.
- (ii) Separate instructions are given with each question, whenever necessary. Read and follow these instructions.
- (iii) Stick to the prescribed word limit.

SECTION – ‘A’ Reading (20 Marks)

1. Read the passage given below carefully.

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1. Dr. A. P. J. Abdul Kalam, the eleventh president of India, was a great scientist, teacher and writer. He has written many books like *Ignited Minds*, *India 2020*, *Mission India* and *Wings of Fire*. He was a source of inspiration for the young and old alike. Here is an extract from ‘*Wings of Fire*’ which depicts his early life in his own words.
2. My parents, Jainulabdeen and Ashiamma were widely regarded as an ideal couple. My mother’s lineage was the more distinguished, one of her forebears having been bestowed the title of ‘BAHUDUR’ by the British. I normally ate with my mother, sitting on the floor of the kitchen. She would place a banana leaf before me, on which she had ladled rice and aromatic sambhar, a variety of sharp home-made pickles and a dollop of fresh coconut chutney.
3. The famous Shiva temple, which made Rameshwaram so sacred to pilgrims was about a ten-minute walk from our house. Our locality was predominantly Muslim, but there were quite a few Hindu families too, living amicably with their Muslim neighbours. There was a very old mosque in our locality where my father would take me for evening prayers. I had not the faintest idea of the meaning of the Arabic prayers chanted, but I was totally convinced that they reached God. When my father came out of the mosque after the prayers, people of different religions would be sitting outside, waiting for him. Many of them offered bowls of water to my father who would dip his fingers in them and say a prayer. This water was then carried home for invalids. I also remember people visiting our home to offer thanks after being cured. My father always smiled and asked them to thank Allah, the benevolent and merciful.
4. The high priest of Rameswaram Temple, Pakshi Lakshmana, was a very ‘close friend of my father. One of the most vivid memories of my childhood is of the two men, each in his traditional attire, discussing spiritual matters.
5. When I was old enough to ask questions I asked my father about the relevance of prayer. “When you pray” he said “you transcend your body and become a part of the cosmos which knows no division of wealth, age caste or creed”.

1.1 On the basis of your reading of the passage answer the following questions by choosing the most appropriate of the choices given.

1×4=4

- (a) In early childhood, Abdul Kalam sang Arabic prayers because he
- (i) had no idea about their message.
 - (ii) his father would take him to old mosque.
 - (iii) was sure that prayers reached God.
 - (iv) was keen to learn them by heart.

2. Read the passage given below carefully.

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1. Flexibility and mobility are essential not only to reduce the risk of injuries but to generally feel better. Living a nine to five desk life can be demanding on health and wellness. Here is how you can keep the most common problems at bay.
 2. Even if you are not exercising you need to make sure that you maintain correct posture and sit at your desk in the right way. It is important that your chair is placed correctly and your legs are not left hanging. Proper alignment ensures that your neck and back are not strained. Exercises and abdominal crunches two to three times a week can strengthen the core. It will help take the pressure off your back and will make it easier to maintain good posture. Chairs with back that support your upper back are preferable for those who work long hours in front of screens.
 3. Constant typing, writing reports and answering e-mails can exert your wrists leading to long-term damage. The frequency of your use and how you position your wrists at your keyboard can be a reason. The telltale signs of exertion would be a tingling sensation or numbness. One should not ignore initial signs. Make sure that you rest your wrist at regular intervals. To relieve tension quickly fold your hands in a NAMASTE in front of your chest with elbows moving out and lower your hands till you feel a good stretch in your wrists. Also rotating your fists inside and outside provides much relief to strained wrists.
 4. Since those who work on desks spend a lot of time looking at computer screen, they are at a risk of straining their eyes. This may also lead to dry eyes and fatigue. Poor eyesight is the result of continued and improper exposure to screens. Keeping the computer screen at an optimal distance helps a lot in minimising strain to eyes. The screen shouldn't be too close or too far. To ease eye strain use good lighting and make it a point to look at a distance away from your screen every twenty to thirty minutes.
- (A) On the basis of your reading of the above passage make notes on it using headings and subheadings. Use recognisable abbreviations and a format you consider suitable. Also supply a title to it.
- (B) Write a summary of the passage in about 80 words.

Ans. (a) Health and Wellness for Desk users

1. Correct posture
 - 1.1 Place chair corr'ly for neck and back
 - 1.2 Don't hang legs
 - 1.3 Ex'cises & abdom'l crunches
 - 1.4 Choose chairs with support from upper back
2. Maintaining wrist flexibility
 - 2.1 Wrong position can cause wrist damg, cause tingling
 - 2.2. Relax wrists reg'ly in Namaste position and stretch
 - 2.3 Rotate wrists inside and outside
3. Preventing eye strain
 - 3.1 Eye strain can cause dry eyes and fatigue
 - 3.2 Keep comp. screen at optimal distance to prevent poor eyesight
 - 3.3 Use good light'g
 - 3.4 Look at a distant spot every 20–30 minutes.

Key to the Abbreviations Used		
1. corr'ly	–	correctly
2. ex'cises	–	exercises
3. aabdom'l	–	abdominal
4. damg	–	damage
5. reg'ly	–	regularly
6. light'g	–	lighting

(b) Summary

Desk users are at a risk of losing flexibility, mobility and wellness due to long working hours. Good selection of office chair and proper posture are essential for neck and back health. Damage to the wrists can be prevented by exercising them frequently. Eyes too are at a risk due to looking at the computer screen for long. Optimal distance from the screen will prevent fatigue, dry eyes and poor vision. Good lighting is essential. One should look away from the screen every 20–30 minutes.

SECTION – 'B' Writing and Grammar (20 Marks)

3. You are looking for a second hand car. Draft an advertisement for the classified columns of a newspaper, specifying your requirements in 50 words. You are Sumit/Sunita of A-40, Vinod Enclave, Delhi. 4

Or

Draft a notice in not more than 50 words for your school noticeboard, informing the students about the sale of old sports goods of your school. You are Rohini/Rohan, the secretary of sports club of Alka Public School, Indira Nagar, Faridabad.

Ans.

Wanted
Wanted a second hand car in good condition, should be not more than three years old. Medium Sedan with mileage less than one lakh km, preferably owner-driven without accidents. Honda, Hyundai, Tata, Ford, Toyota preferred. Documents should be in order. Please contact: Sumit, A-40, Vinod Enclave, Delhi.

Or

Alka Public School, Faridabad
20 April 2018
NOTICE
Sale
The Sports Department is offering old sports equipment for sale to the students of the school. Equipment related to cricket, tennis, badminton, table tennis, football, basketball and hockey is available.
The sale will be held on Sunday (22 April 2018) from 10 am to 1 pm. Students should bring their identity cards.
Rohan
Secretary, Sports Club

4. Your school, Vandana Public School, Dayanand Vihar, Chandigarh, requires some musical instruments. Write a letter to Saraswati Musical Pvt. Ltd., Shahadara, placing an order for the same, on behalf of the school principal. (120–150 words) 6

Or

You are Raj/Rani, living at 3, K.B. Road, Delhi. You read an advertisement about an online course in Accountancy, being run by Accounts Experts Institute, Patel Road, Delhi. Write a letter to the advertiser seeking all the relevant information about the course.

Ans. Vandana Public School

Dayanand Vihar

Chandigarh 1600XX

5 April 2018

To

The Director

Saraswati Musical Pvt. Ltd.

Shahdara

Delhi 110032

Dear Sir,

Subject: Order for musical instruments

I am pleased to inform you that our meeting with your representative proved to be most satisfactory. In consultation with our Music Department, I am placing an order for the purchase of the following musical instruments.

- | | |
|--------------|----------|
| 1. Harmonium | 2 pieces |
| 2. Tabla | 2 pairs |
| 3. Sitar | 1 piece |
| 4. Dholak | 2 pieces |

Kindly arrange to have the instruments delivered at the earliest in perfect condition. As per our conversation. I am enclosing a cheque for ₹5000 as advance payment. The balance will be paid on receipt of the instruments.

Yours faithfully

Namita Sinha

(Namita Sinha)

Encl. Cheque No. 23456789 for ₹5000

Or

3, K.B. Road

Delhi 1100XX

4 July 2018

The Director

Accounts Experts Institute

Patel Road

Delhi 1100XX

Dear Sir

Subject: Information about a course in Accountancy

This is with reference to your advertisement about an online short-term course in Accountancy offered by your institute.

Kindly let me know if your institute is recognised by any university. Further, what is the duration and the fee of this course? Please let me know if hard copies of the study material will be available along with the online subject matter. Also, if there is a contact programme and, if so, of what duration. I shall be extremely thankful for an early response.

Yours faithfully

Raj

(Raj)

5. **In almost all big cities in the country, there is a mushroom growth of slums. Here millions of people live in inhuman conditions. Write an article for your school magazine in 150–200 words about this problem and suggest steps to deal with it. You are Sneh/Bharat of class XID. 10**

Or

You are Samidha/ Ajay of Jan Kalyan School, Delhi. Your school organised an inter-school debate competition last month. Write a report of this event in 125 words for your school magazine giving details like schedule, venue, topic, winners, etc.

Ans.

Our Neglected Slums

The Hollywood movie ‘Slum Dog Millionaire’ brought India’s slums to the notice of the world as did the voluminous novel ‘Shantaram’, created by an American film maker and an Australian author. Slums are an ugly blot on the shining face of ‘New India’ and need urgent correction.

“Each city has its own slums, but their character is more or less the same. They all have narrow lanes, smaller than small dwellings, all pervasive foul stench, total absence of hygiene or regular supply of electricity and water. We can say, ‘If there is hell on earth, It is Here, It is Here, It is Here’.

The reasons for the mushroom growth of slums are easy to understand. Lack of livelihood in the villages, mass migration to the cities, lack of housing for the poor, apathy of administrators and lack of will among the politicians are some common reasons. This vicious mindset need to change, slums need to be replaced with decent dwelling clusters with essential basic facilities. There is no dearth of funds, only proper planning and honest implementation is needed.

Imaginative government initiatives can harness the energies and talents of the slum dwellers. Dharavi of Mumbai produces fine leather goods, Macchi Mar Nagar supplies sea food to the city and outside. Only a joint effort of the authorities and the common people can solve the formidable problem.

Bharat

11D

Or

Inter-School Debate

Our school, Jan Kalyan School, was the venue for an inter-school debate. It was a very successful event with enthusiastic participation of ten leading schools.

The topic chosen was, ‘Nothing is Permanent Except Change’. The judges were known personalities from the fields of education, media and journalism. The debate started at 9 a.m. in the school auditorium. Intelligent and lively expressions of points and counterpoints by the speakers charged the atmosphere. There was rebuttal from the audience to test the speakers further. The judges had a tough job picking up the best from the best. The announcement of results brought great cheers and some disappointments. The best speaker was from SX school, and the best team was of AVS Vidyalaya.

After the debate the guests were served with refreshments, bringing the annual event to a happy end.

Samidha

11A

Grammar (10 Marks)

6. The following passage has not been edited. There is an error in each line. Write the incorrect word and the correction in your answer sheet against the correct blank number. ½×6=3

	Incorrect	Correct
Stick with regular meal timings	with	to
else your body is thrown of balance	(a) .....	.....
attempting to compensate. However, eat a	(b) .....	.....
good breakfast followed by a moderated lunch	(c) .....	.....
and light dinner. Highly fat meals are	(d) .....	.....
particularly to be avoided at dinner as there are	(e) .....	.....
little physical activity after consumption so excess	(f) .....	.....
calories are converted into fat.		

	Incorrect	Correct
Ans. (a) of		off
(b) However		Moreover
(c) moderated		moderate
(d) fat		fatty
(e) are		is
(f) so		and

7. Rearrange the following words/phrases into meaningful sentences. 1×3=3

- (a) You want! an industrial / and office / in / to let / area.
- (b) Draft / under the / an advertisement! 'To Let' / classified column.
- (c) Sameer / you are / of / a resident / New Virender Nagar.

- Ans.** (a) You want to let an office in an industrial area
 (b) Draft an advertisement under the 'To Let' classified column.
 (c) You are Sameer a resident of New Virender Nagar.

8. Do as directed. 1×4=4

- (a) We should plant trees on side of the road. [supply suitable 'determiner']
- (b) The court proclaimed him an offender [change the voice].
- (c) I fear the weather not improve soon. [supply suitable 'Modal']
- (d) He is rich. He is happy. [Join using 'Both and']

- Ans.** (a) One
 (b) He was proclaimed an offender by the court
 (c) might / may / will
 (d) He is both rich and happy

SECTION – ‘C’ Literature and Long Reading Text (30 Marks)

9. Read the extract and answer the questions that follow:

1×3=3

I am the poem of Earth, said the voice of the rain,
Eternal I rise impalpable out of the land and the bottomless sea.
Upward to heaven where vaguely form'd altogether changed and yet
the same.

- (i) Explain ‘I rise impalpable’
- (ii) What is the source of rain?
- (iii) Name the poetic device used in the last line of the extract.

Or

I do not understand this child
Though we have lived together now
In the same house for years. I know
Nothing of him, so try to build
up a relationship from how
He was when small

- (i) Which child is ‘I’ talking about?
- (ii) What type of relationship exists between ‘I’ and the ‘child’?
- (iii) What effort does ‘I’ make to understand the ‘child’?

- Ans.** (i) The rain says that water vapours rise into the sky in an imperceptible form.
(ii) The land and the sea are the source of rain.
(iii) ‘changed and yet the same’ contains oxymoron.

Or

- (i) ‘I’ is talking about his son.
- (ii) The relationship between the father and the son is estranged. There is no love or warmth between them.
- (iii) ‘I’ or the father is trying to build a relationship with his son based on the latter’s childhood.

10. Answer any three of the following in 30–40 words each.

3×3=9

- (a) What helped the author to recognize Mrs. Dorling during her first visit?
- (b) Why does Mr. Frank envy Mr. Crocker-Harris?
- (c) Why did the captain get no replies to his Mayday calls?
- (d) How does the changed Mrs Pearson behave with her daughter Doris?
- (e) Why did Mrs Morgan’s mother offer to make the doctor a cup of tea?

- Ans.** (a) The author recognised Mrs. Dorling by the green knitted cardigan of her mother which Mrs. D was wearing. Besides, she checked No. 46 for address. The name plate gave the name as Dorling.
(b) Frank envies Crocker-Harris because of the respect students have for him in spite of the harsh discipline he imposes on them. Though Taplow is given the punishment of coming to school even on the last day, he defends Crocker-Harris by saying *He’s not a sadist*. He says that he rather likes Crocker-Harris.
(c) The captian did not get any response to his Mayday calls as his boat was in a rather remote corner of the world.

- (d) The changed Mrs. Pearson talks to her daughter in a cool incisive manner. She has not kept tea ready for her and refuses to iron her yellow dress. She criticises her boy friend Charlie.
- (e) Mrs. Morgan's mother offered to make a cup of tea for the doctor, as she feared that he would not remain with them during the long wait for child birth. She knew her daughter's delivery would be difficult and did not want the doctor to go away.

11. Do you think Carter was justified in removing the hardened ritual resin deposits on Tut's mummy? Why/ Why not? (120 words) 6

Or

“Are we to leave our successors a planet of advancing deserts, impoverished landscapes and an ailing environment”. Explain (120 words)

Ans. Carter was investigating the tomb of King Tut in 1922. Amazingly, the tomb's contents were intact in spite of having been ransacked in antiquity. Carter found King Tut's Mummy in three nested coffins. It was the most important find of all. To Carter's dismay he found he could not study the mummy as it was stuck to the bottom of the coffin due the hardening of the funerary raisins applied on the mummy. Carter tried 'legitimate force' but could not dislodge the mummy.

So struggling with the hardened resins, he cut the mummy in several parts, removed its head and severed almost all the joints.

Carter's action was highly condemnable as he nearly destroyed the mummy. His defence was that if not he, the robbers and vandals would have done the same. Historians, however, have not forgiven Carter for this disfigurement.

Or

The question raised by an international commission on ecology and environment is very pertinent and is equally frightening. Man's so-called progress has taken a heavy toll on the earth's environment.

Deforestation on a large scale has led to a cycle of floods and droughts. This has affected the grasslands and the croplands and they are rapidly converting these into deserts. Their productivity is getting depleted year by year. They are fast becoming unsustainable. This means climate change and a hotter planet leading to the extinction of several species, low food production and scarcity of potable water.

Similarly, 'ailing environment' means polluted air, water and soil which will make survival difficult for the coming generations.

*** Attempt either Part A or Part B**

PART A

- 12. In 120–150 words describe various attempts made by the Canterville Ghost to frighten the Otis family. 6**
- 13. Give a character sketch of Mr. Hiram B. Otis in the light of the fact that he actively participates in the funeral of the Canterville Ghost. 6**

PART B

- 12. What does Booker T. Washington mean by 'Reconstruction period'? 6**
- 13. Give a character sketch of General Armstrong in 120–150 words. 6**

* Note : Out of Course for the forthcoming examination.

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General Instructions:

- (i) The paper is divided into three sections: A, B and C.
- (ii) Read all the instructions carefully.
- (iii) Do not exceed the word limit.

SECTION – ‘A’ Reading (20 Marks)

1. Read the passage carefully and answer the questions that follow:

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1. In my most frustrated moments of navigating chaotic Delhi traffic, I close my eyes in the back seat and imagine what it would be like if some day just a thought would transport me from one place to another.
2. At times, sitting relaxed on my terrace, I look at the green tree tops that I see every day and wonder if some day, just with the power of my thoughts I would be able to create the image of the most vivid blue ocean and a sandy beach in front of me? Then having had enough of that, could my thoughts switch the scene to that of snowy mountain peaks?
3. Just thinking of these seemingly impossible things gives me a sense of well-being, because I do believe that if you can think it, you can will it and achieve it. If it occurs as a thought, it is possible to fructify as reality. After all, everything big started with a thought. Looking at birds flying freely in the sky, humans must have thought of the possibility of flying centuries before the invention of aeroplanes. The tallest skyscraper, the longest bridge across the ocean, the fastest train, the internet, cellphones—all are the end result of one thought.
4. As technology advances and we become more confident in our abilities to transform thoughts to reality, the gap between the ideas and implementation keeps shrinking. Today one of the biggest thrills of living is watching impossible-seeming thoughts turn to reality within one’s lifetime!
5. If with the power of his ‘big thought’ Donald Trump becomes the President of the USA, what then is impossible? As he says in his book, ‘Think Like a Billionaire’, “I like thinking big. To me it is very simple. If you’re going to be thinking anyway, you might as well think big.”
6. True. None of the big achievements or discoveries in life happened by thinking small. To achieve big stuff, you have to think big. Most people avoid thinking big because of laziness, fear of extra work and the instinct to stay unnoticed — and hence out of trouble. A large part of the workforce just wants to do their designated work and get done with it.
7. And then there are those who let their own small success become the enemy of possible bigger success, later. Sitting back to celebrate a small achievement, they underestimate their own potential. Who ever said that aspirations or possibilities have any limitations? The most pleasurable moments can be spent imagining what seems the impossible — Come on, let your imagination run wild! Believe in yourself and your thoughts. Some of the tips Donald Trumps shares to mould yourself to think big are, “Walk softly but carry a big attitude, conquer your doubts and ditch them; be proud of your big ego, and get into the habit of speaking your mind.”
8. The power of thought is a form of energy that is impervious to time, space or present reality. It is important to hone and direct your thoughts towards bigger and better, impossible-to-imagine things. What you believe about yourself and what you believe about possibilities is crucial to not just what you become, but also critical to the world as we all experience it — now and in the future.
9. Dreams and thoughts must rule free without any limitations. Thoughts have to reach beyond and encompass the impossible, the unthinkable, the weird, the unheard of and the shocking. Think beyond

- (g) Two wonderful results of seemingly impossible thoughts are big achievements like bridges across oceans and fastest trains.
- (h) Laziness, fear of extra work and the instinct to stay unnoticed, prevent big success from coming to some people.
- (i) The gap between ideas and their implementation has been shrinking because of advances in technology.
- (j) A large part of work force only wants to do the work they have been assigned to do.
- (k) potential
- (l) encompass

2. Read the passage given below and answer the questions that follow:

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1. Jahangir was born on 30 August 1569 to Akbar, the Mughal Emperor and his Hindu wife, Jodha Bai. He was crowned on 24 October 1605. In the twenty-two years he was Emperor, till his death on 28 October 1627, he had many battles to fight and many rebellions to suppress. But he always found time for his greatest hobby—the study of animals and plants. He was an avid bird watcher or an ornithologist as he would be called now, and a keen naturalist. The care and accuracy with which Jahangir described various characteristics of animals and birds, their geographical distribution and behaviour, would have done credit to a full-time naturalist. His observations are recorded in his memoirs, the *Tuzuk-i-Jahangiri*.
 2. Jahangir had a small zoo and he would spend hours—sometimes days and nights together—on his observations. For the first time in the history of ornithology, he noted how sarus cranes mate brood over their eggs in turn, and how chicks are hatched and taken care of. He also observed one human quality in this bird: the parents love not only their eggs and chicks but also each other.
 3. The Emperor had several famous painters in his court. When he came across a rare animal, bird or plant, he would instruct an artist to draw it. The painter who excelled in this art was Ustad Mansur. For modern ornithologists, Jahangir’s collection of paintings provides a strikingly accurate description of the natural history of the day. Unfortunately, most of these paintings are no longer to be found in India. With the disintegration of the Mughal Empire, foreign adventurers looted this treasure. Most of the paintings were thus lost.
 4. In 1958, a Russian researcher, A. Ivanoc, created a sensation when he discovered a rare portrait of the dodo, a large non-flying pigeon-like bird, which became extinct about three centuries ago. This portrait was found in a collection of paintings at the Institute of Orientalists of Soviet Academy of Sciences. There was no way of identifying the painter, but the style, without doubt, was that of Ustad Mansur. Now there is evidence to show that it was the portrait of Mauritian dodo that was presented to Emperor Jahangir around 1624. Over three centuries after their death, Jahangir and his dodo made a dramatic reappearance in the world of ornithology!
 5. Jahangir also loved gardens, but his dissertations in botany and horticulture were mostly confined to how a lotus traps hornets or how saffron sprouts from soil. However, he was responsible for the cultivation of high altitude trees such as the cypress, juniper, pine and Javanese sandal in plains.
 6. Jahangir had many other scientific interests. He once conducted an experiment to show that the air of Mahmudabad (in Gujrat) was healthier than that of Ahmedabad. He was fascinated by the movement of the stars and the planets and used to regularly record the occurrence of solar and lunar eclipses. When a comet made its appearance, he recorded the growth and decay of its tail.
- (A) On the basis of your reading of the above passage, make notes on it in points. Also suggest a suitable title. **5**
- (B) Write a summary of the passage in not more than 80 words using the notes made. **3**

Ans. (a) Emperor Jahangir : The Naturalist

1. An ornithologist & animal enthusiast

- (i) described characteristics, geographical and distribution of animals and birds.
- (ii) had a private zoo — observed sarus cranes' behaviour as families.

2. Documentation of observations

- (i) rare animals, birds, plants were painted by skilled artists—Ustad Mansur the outstanding artist.
- (ii) recorded observations in autobiography 'Tuzuk-i-Jahangiri.'
- (iii) Mughal paintings looted by foreign adventurers.
- (iv) Portrait of Mauritian Dodo (presented to Emperor Jahangir around in 1624) found by Russian researcher A. Ivanoc in 1958.

3. Other scientific interests

- (i) wrote dissertations on botany, horticulture.
- (ii) cultivation of high altitude trees in plains.
- (iii) experiments on air.
- (iv) movement of stars and planets, eclipses and comets

Key to abbreviation		
char'stics	—	characteristics
beh'ver	—	behaviour
obs'v'tn	—	observations
cultiv'tn	—	cultivation
adv'nters	—	adventures

(b) Summary

Emperor Jahangir: The Naturalist

Emperor Jahangir was a keen naturalist. He loved to observe birds and animals and got the rare ones painted by skilled artists like Ustad Mansur. A portrait of an extinct Mauritian dodo was discovered by A. Ivanoc, a Russian researcher.

Jahangir had a small zoo where he observed birds and animals particularly sarus crane. He noted his observations on the behaviour and geographical distribution in his autobiography *Tuzuk-i-Jahangiri*.

Besides, he had interest in horticulture, stars and planets, eclipses and even in the purity of air in various cities.

SECTION – 'B' Advanced Writing Skills and Grammar (30 Marks)

3. As Secretary of the Activity Club of your school, draft a notice for the school noticeboard, informing students of the Inter-class Quiz contest being organised by the school. You are Nafisa/Pankaj. [Word limit: 50] 4

OR

Abha/Abhay has a very good knowledge of all the tourist attractions in Delhi. (S)He wants to work as a Tourist Guide. Draft a suitable advertisement for publication in the classified columns of a local daily.

Ans.

St. Teresa Secondary School, Lucknow

4 August 20XX

NOTICE

Inter-class Quiz Contest

The annual Inter-class Quiz will be held on 4th September at two levels — classes 7 and 8, and 9 and 10. The teams will be selected on the basis of preliminary written tests.

Those interested should give their names to the undersigned by 8 August 20XX.

Nafisa Rehman

Secretary

Activity Club

Or

Ans.

Tourist Guide Available

A well-behaved, soft spoken, knowledgeable tourist guide is available. Has wonderful communication skills with proficiency in English, Hindi, French and Spanish. Well-versed with all the sight-seeing tourists attractions of Delhi. Expected salary as per the market rate. Contact: Abhay-26/F Kalyan Vihar. New Delhi Mo. 9810XXXXXX.

4. **You are Nishant/Nishita residing at K-44, Basant Enclave, New Delhi. You have seen an advertisement by Zeenat Marketing Research Company for two month summer jobs for those waiting their class XI results. Write a job application along with resume to the Director of the company. [120 words] 6**

OR

Despite much effort by the govt., heaps of garbage, choked and overflowing drains are a common right across Delhi. Some reasons being, ever rising number of people and lack of civic sense in the city dwellers. Write a letter to the editor of a national daily raising this issue and suggesting practical solutions. You are Farzana/Danish of 4/99, Urvashi Enclave, New Delhi.

Ans. K-44 Basant Enclave

Vasant Kunj

New Delhi 1100XX

20-04-2017

The Director

Zeenat Marketing Research Co.

16, F Block

Connaught Place

New Delhi 1100XX

Dear Sir

Subject: Application for the post of Research Assistant

This is with reference to your advertisement of 18 April 20XX in 'The Times of India', inviting applications for the post of Research Assistant from students. I wish to apply for the same.

I have appeared for Class XI examination in March-April this year and will get two months summer vacation. I am 17 years old and enjoy good health. I am willing to make a visit and conduct market research.

My detailed resume is enclosed. Hoping for your favourable consideration.

Yours faithfully

Nishant Thakur

Resume

Personal:

Name : Nishant Thakur
Father's Name : Utkarsh Singh Thakur
Date of Birth : 12-01-20XX
Permanent Address : K-44, Basant Enclave, New Delhi

Educational:

High School : Passed High School 20XX with 89% A Grade.
Presently : Appeared for Class XI exam.

Interests & Activities:

Sports : Football (School Team), Cricket, Tennis.
Music : Guitar, Western vocal
Academic : Debates

Reference:

— Dr. L. R. Srivastava, Principal, Modern Vikas School, Vasant Vihar, Delhi-1100XX.
Nishant Thakur
Urvashi Enclave,
New Delhi 1100XX

OR

The Editor
The Times of India
Bahadur Shah Zafar Road
New Delhi-1100XX

14-08-2017

Dear Sir

Subject: Garbage Problem in Our Neighbourhood

Through the columns of your esteemed daily, I wish to bring to your kind notice the fact, like most people of the city, about the uncontrolled problem of garbage and choked drains in our neighbourhood. We have approached civic authorities several times with disappointing results. I, therefore, suggest how we citizens can keep our neighbourhood clean. Firstly, we must segregate the garbage as advised several times and dispose it of accordingly. Secondly, we can get in touch with different government departments to learn how garbage can be recycled or turned into compost. Clean peels of vegetables and fruits can be sent as fodder to various cowsheds.

I welcome suggestions from fellow citizens on the above-mentioned subject. I also hope that Delhiites would find my suggestions useful.

Yours faithfully
Farzana Sheikh

5. Besides bringing foreign exchange, tourism promotes nationalism and internationalism. Write an article on 'Importance of Tourism'. You are Kaushiki/Ketan. [150-200 words] 10

OR

Write a report to be published in your school magazine, describing how the Annual Day was celebrated in your school this year. You are Puneet/Puneeta of XI E. [150-200 words]

Ans.

Importance of Tourism

by Kaushiki Sinha

In modern times, the importance of tourism has grown tremendously. Apart from leisure tourism, one hears of business and medical tourism too. Tourism has now become a global activity. All countries organise festivals that have special attractions to invite tourists. Dubai and Singapore host shopping festivals for the same purpose.

Our country is rich in tourist attractions. Apart from historical sights, there is rich art and culture to be sampled. The festivals organised by the government or private agencies showcase our arts and handicrafts, music and dance, food and beverages. These are immensely popular among foreigners and Indians. They bring in foreign exchange and play an important role in preserving our crafts and traditions.

Besides, in India, there is currently an upsurge in domestic tourism. Indians travel to distant parts of the country to taste the sights and enjoy the beauty of Goa, Jammu & Kashmir, Laddakh, Rajasthan, Kanya Kumari, etc. Tourism industry now provides expensive budget resorts and is a provider of jobs.

OR

Annual Day Celebration

Annual Day Celebration of our school is something to be seen and experienced. Parents and students await the day eagerly and teachers and students work tirelessly to make the celebration a success. The Annual Day Celebration of 20XX proved itself worth the labour in abundant measure.

The Annual Day Celebration was planned meticulously. The Primary section presented Art and Science Exhibitions throughout the day for parents. Junior School had their Sports Day in the afternoon from 3 p.m. to 5 p.m. Senior school presented a two-hour long dance drama. Meera Bai in the school auditorium from 7 p.m. to 8 p.m. Some parents had children in all three sections, most had in two.

The Director of the Primary Department, the Head Master of Junior School and the Principal of Senior School looked after their chief guest. Many guests and parents congratulated the children, teachers and the management on their performance and arrangements.

Puneet Khare (11 E)

6. There is an error in each of the following lines. Write the incorrect word and the correct word in the given space. The first one has been done as an example: ½ × 8 = 4

		Incorrect	Correct
Intelligence is praised to one and all.		<u>to</u>	<u>by</u>
We say that intelligence mean	(a)	.....	.....
being able to solve problems. Some animal	(b)	.....	.....
seem abled to do this. For ex. cats often	(c)	.....	.....
find her way home from long distances.	(d)	.....	.....
To do this they had to remember and think.	(e)	.....	.....
Young birds are also able to made long	(f)	.....	.....
journeys. They are borne with this ability.	(g)	.....	.....
This is not intelligence. We call these	(h)	.....	.....
instinct.			

Ans.	Incorrect	Correct
	(a) mean	means
	(b) animal	animals
	(c) abled	able
	(d) her	their
	(e) had	have
	(f) made	make
	(g) borne	born
	(h) these	this

7. Do as directed:

1×4=4

- (a) You will not eat fast food. (Change into Passive Voice)
- (b) You cannot do this. Your brother cannot do this. (Join using ‘Neither..... nor’)
- (c) You are late. You.....take a taxi to reach in time. (Supply suitable ‘modal’)
- (d) Narrating a story.....(be) a big fun. (Supply correct form of the verb given in the bracket)

Ans.

- (a) Fast food will not be eaten by you.
- (b) Neither you nor brother can do this.
- (c) You are late. You should / must / can take a taxi to reach in time.
- (d) Narrating a story is a big fun.

8. Rearrange the following jumbled up words to form meaningful sentences:

1×2=2

- (a) Do / believe in / ghosts / you / of / the existence?
- (b) No, / at all / don’t / do not / I / exist / they / do.

Ans.

- (a) Do you believe in the existence of ghosts?
- (b) No, I don’t (do). They do not exist at all.

SECTION – ‘C’ Literature and Long Reading Text (30 Marks)

9. Read the given stanza and answer the questions that follow:

1×3=3

Though we have lived together now
 In the same house for years, I know
 Nothing of him, so try to build
 Up a relationship from how
 He was when small.

- (i) How are ‘I’ and ‘him’ related?
- (ii) What pains ‘I’?
- (iii) Name the poet.

OR

Was it the day I ceased to be eleven
 Was it the time I realised that Hell and Heaven
 Could not be found in Geography

and therefore could not be.

Was that the day!

- (i) What is the poet pondering about?
- (ii) What does the poet learn about hell and heaven?
- (iii) Name the poem and the poet.

Ans. (i) They are father and son.

(ii) As no relationship exists between the father and his son, so this miscommunication or psychological gap pains 'I', i.e. 'father' in the context.

(iii) The poet is Elizabeth Jennings.

OR

(i) The poet is pondering about the end of his childhood. He wonders when he ceased to be a child.

(ii) The poet as a child learns that heaven and hell do not exist as real places that can be found in geography books.

(iii) The poem is 'Childhood' by Markus Natten.

10. Answer the following questions in 30-40 words each. (Attempt any three only)

3×3=9

- (a) What efforts did Andrew make to revive the new-born baby ?
- (b) What do you mean by 'sustainable development'?
- (c) Why did Crocker Harris not disclose Taplow's result?
- (d) What does the poet realise about the adults?
- (e) How is George Pearson treated at the club?

Ans. (a) Andrew found the baby apparently lifeless. He rubbed the child with a rough towel and pumped his chest. He immersed the child in steaming hot and icy water alternately. He was able to relieve the child of asphyxia and bring him back to life.

(b) 'Sustainable development' is the only way to save the planet earth. It means that development should not be at the cost of environment. The resources of the earth should be used with restraint so that they are available for future generations too.

(c) Crocker Harris did not disclose Taplow's result because he wanted the latter to come to school even on the last day of school. Taplow had missed some classes and needed to come to school to make up for the missed classes.

(d) The poet realised that adults were hypocrites. They did not always mean what they said. He wonders if his childhood ended when he realised this truth about adults.

(e) George Pearson is made fun of at his club. His friends tease him and mock him. They call him by derogatory names for his plumpness.

11. What impression of Andrew Manson do you form on the basis of the story 'Birth'? [120-150 words]6

OR

The story 'We are not afraid to die' has a lesson 'optimism helps to endure direst stress'. Do you agree? Why/Why not?

Ans. Andrew Manson was a young doctor trying to establish his practice in a village. Andrew was dedicated to his profession and wished to restore his patients to health.

Andrew was called to assist in a childbirth. Mrs. Morgan was to deliver her first child after twenty years of marriage. It was a difficult case. Mrs. Morgan started sinking after giving birth to an apparently lifeless child. Andrew revived her with great difficulty. Then he turned to the newborn and to his horror found him on the ground almost lifeless. Andrew understood that the baby was asphyxiated. He rubbed him with a towel, thumped his chest, but to no avail. Then he tried something unconventional. He immersed the baby alternately in steaming hot and icy cold water. With great effort he revived the baby.

Thus, he saved both lives and established his reputation as a doctor who cared for his patients.

OR

The real life account of survival against impossible odds in ‘We’re not afraid to die...’ is a story of courage, determination and optimism.

The narrator, his wife and two children were on the ‘Wavewalker’ on a round the world voyage. In the Indian Ocean, they encountered bad weather and their boat was badly battered. The narrator was thrown overboard, but managed to get back on the boat. The children too were injured. The boat was getting flooded, but nobody gave up. The narrator kept trying to save the boat. The children had faith in their father.

They pumped out water from the boat, but more water came in. Gradually, the fury of the storm eased, but the boat was still leaking. The narrator was able to steer the boat to the Amsterdam 165 kms. away.

Throughout this ordeal, all the members on the boat including the children remained hopeful and cheerful. Never did anyone show despair. Their optimism was a source of strength to the narrator.

Attempt both the questions from either Part A or Part B

PART A

12. The novel ‘The Canterville Ghost’ celebrates and promotes love and sympathy, Do you agree? Why/Why not? **6**

Ans. Though ‘The Canterville Ghost’ is a humorous story at one level, the real message is of love and sympathy. The message is conveyed through Virginia, the fifteen-year-old daughter of Mr. Otis. Her heart overflows with kindness and sympathy for the sinner and murderer Lord Canterville’s tormented ghost.

Virginia’s heart goes out to the ghost when her twin brothers play their cruel pranks on him. When she comes to know of his crime and his suffering, her sympathy grows. Then the ghost reveals to her that if some pure soul prays for him, his soul can be redeemed and liberated from its present hellish state. The message of love comes out strongly when Virginia, putting her life in danger, accompanies the ghost to his death chamber to pray for him. The prophecy comes true at his funeral when his soul receives heaven’s blessings shown by the flowering almond tree.

Thus, even a criminal and sinner gets love and sympathy and finally receives redemption through God’s grace.

13. Give a character sketch of Virginia.

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Ans. Virginia is the most beautiful character in the novel ‘The Canterville Ghost’. She is the charming fifteen-year-old daughter of Mr. and Mrs. Otis. She is beautiful, gentle and loving and has a tender heart.

Her love and compassion is unconditional. Even the wicked Ghost gets a share of her sympathy. She does not approve of the twin brothers tormenting him by their pranks. When she learns that the ghost is hungry, she offers him a sandwich.

Though she considers the ghost wicked, her heart melts when she senses his suffering, inability to sleep and hellish existence. Without caring for her life, she follows him to his death chamber and wins redemption for his soul.

Thus, even though so young, Virginia is a noble character.

PART B

12. What motivated Booker T. Washington to set up the Tuskegee Institute? What were the challenges that he came across? 6

Ans. Booker T. Washington understood the importance of education for his race. On making a tour of the plantation districts of Alabama, the extreme poverty of coloured people deeply saddened Booker. The people were directionless and ignorant due to lack of education. So, Booker braced himself for the Herculean task of educating and improving the lot of his Black race. He felt that education would benefit his neglected race if they were able to earn their living. So, he followed the example set by the Hampton Academy and ensured that education did comprise not only book-learning but also included one industrial trade like farming, carpentry, brick-making, etc. These things in his mind motivated Booker to set up Tuskegee Institute.

Booker had to face a great challenge in setting up a school at Tuskegee at the age of twenty-five. The school had initially no money for setting up a building or purchasing equipment. Undaunted Booker started the school in a dilapidated shanty near church. In his efforts to collect money for the school, he decided never to ‘beg’ but to introduce his school and the work done in it to organizations and generous individuals. However, he felt that the failure of his institution would be regarded as the failure of the abilities of the entire Negro race. However, Booker was successful to collect funds for the institution of his excellent works.

13. “Olivia Davidson was a right match for Booker T. Washington.” In the light of the above statement, discuss the character of Olivia A. Davidson. 6

Ans. Oliver Davidson was a right match for Booker Washington. Both of them had been great fighters and dedicated individuals. Oliver’s dedication to the cause of Black education was extraordinary. It was no wonder when these two minds got together, some great revolutionary ideas came into being. Shakespeare, in his sonnet 116, says, “The marriage of true minds is perfect and unchanging.” Oliver is projected as a lady with strong moral character, innovative ideas and dignity highly spoken of. She had a great potential for being a leader to masses like Booker Washington. She was instrumental in raising funds and working for establishing Tuskegee school. Olivia was a lady of strong character and worked selflessly for the uplift of black education. She strikes us as a lady of grit and did her best in laying the foundation of the Tuskegee school.